



Good afternoon,

Welcome to the SEAH Stadium for today's league fixture against Halifax. Welcome to Rob and his squad and hope you've had a safe journey.

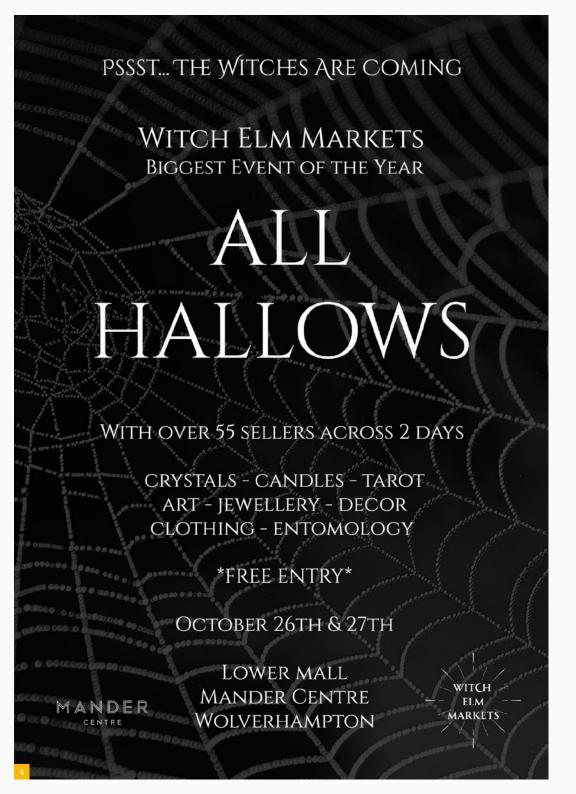
After what was a hugely disappointing weekend last week which saw us exit the FA Women's National League Plate competition, today offers us an opportunity to get ourselves back to winning ways. A game which saw us far from the standards we have set ourselves in recent weeks, I thought Cheltenham fully deserved their victory. The most disappointing thing was we all felt that was a great opportunity for us as a group to enjoy a good cup run and felt we could have gone far in the competition.

Today will be no easy game as we look to right the wrongs of last week. With some familiar faces including Lexie Harrison in the Halifax starting 11, we know how tough Rob's Halifax sides are to beat. The players will have to be ready to fight and win their duels if we are to come away with a victory. We can't underestimate this group as we did last season when they ended our long unbeaten run.

After a superb start in the league this season, let's get behind the players and bounce back with three points ahead of the start of another cup competition next weekend.

Dan McNamara Manager





WOLVES 2 V RUGBY O

GOALSCORERS:

Sunday 6th October

KO 2pm

TEAM

Thomas

Morphet

George

Hughes (Loydon 80)

Greengrass (J. Cross 90+2)

Johnson

Anderson

Toussaint

Roberts

Jenner

Merrick

"I think off the back of last season, losing in the County Cup final, winning today was a motive. I am delighted with the performance, and I thought we deserved it"

~ Dan McNamarra

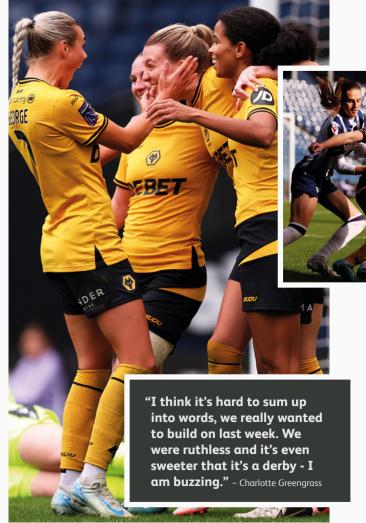
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Clarke, Banaras, Quigley, Fryer, Denham.









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Thomas

Morphet

George

Hughes (Quigley 75)

Greengrass (Denham 75)

Johnson

Anderson (Banaras 67)

Toussaint (J. Cross 67)

Roberts

Jenner

Merrick (Loydon 59)

Subs not used:

Clarke

Fryer

GOALSCORERS:

George 27, 78, Greengrass 36, 45, 64, 66,

Sunday 13th October KO 2pm

FA WNL Plate

CHELTENHAM 2 GOALSCORERS: Collis 14, Owen 20 **V WOLVES**

GOALSCORERS:

Sunday 20th October

KO 2pm

TEAM

Clarke

Morphet

J. Cross (Toussaint 60) Loydon (Merrick 60)

Hughes

Banaras (Hiscox 70)

Fryer (Johnson 75)

Anderson

Denham (Greengrass 60)

Roberts

Jenner

Subs not used:

Thomas

E. Cross

"It's disappointing to lose today in a competition that I would have thought we could go all the way in and certainly go far in. I said to the girls before we came out, you get what you deserve in football – and today we deserved to get **beat."** ~ Dan McNamara









ANNA MORPHET

Wolves Women captain Anna Morphet is next to sit in the programme hot seat this season and answer a few quirky questions.

WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE PLACE YOU'VE PLAYED FOOTBALL?

Molineux is definitely up there because it's such a great place to play football, but I remember when I was really young, when I was in year seven or eight, I played in a five-a-side tournament at Wembley. I won't ever forget that. It's got to be the most memorable, definitely. It was pretty surreal at the time, but because I was quite young, I don't think I really appreciated it as much as I should have done now I look back at it, but it was pretty amazing.

WHAT ARE THE STRANGEST SUPERSTITIONS YOU'VE SEEN FROM TEAMMATES?

I've just recently learned about AJ [Abbi Jenner] that the last thing she's got to eat just as she goes out onto the pitch is a squares bar. That was a bit of a random one. Before the game, the last thing she's got to eat is the squares bar, even if it's just a bite – I've not seen anything like that before.

WHAT IS THE GREATEST COMEBACK YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN?

I don't think I've ever been involved in one like we did when we were 3-0 down to Forest last season. That was quite something. But it wasn't just fighting back like we did, but also all of the goals we scored that afternoon were quite special. I'm trying to think of any more I've had like that, but I don't think anything else I've been involved in comes close, and that's got to be the standout. Whenever I think of crazy games, I think of that one. Considering how quickly it changed, and the goals that we scored, as well as being against Forest who are a top team and we've formed a big rivalry over the years, so it's got to be that one.

WHICH OF YOUR WOLVES TEAMMATES HAS THE WORST TASTE IN MUSIC?

I wouldn't say anyone has really rogue taste in music, to be honest. I've got quite an eclectic taste in music, so I'll happily listen to anything. Hannah Fryer always puts on some good old-school tunes, but they're good tunes, even if they're rogue ones that we've forgotten about, and they always seem to have a good reaction in the changing room.

WHAT IS THE STRANGEST MOMENT YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IN A GAME?

Halfway through a game a couple of years ago, I think it might have been Stoke away, we had our first corner of the game and realised that we didn't have any corner flags. I remember me and Beth Merrick were taking one corner each and it was a bit strange because it took me back to the days when you had to do it yourself. It's odd that we'd got 30 minutes into the game and nobody had noticed, then we were setting it up ourselves.

WHO IS THE BIGGEST CHARACTER IN A DRESSING ROOM YOU'VE BEEN IN?

In the last few seasons, Sophie
Bramford is someone who would
always come out with something
random or something funny. She was
always a big character in the group
and would always be making everyone
laugh. She would be on a completely different
wavelength to people at times and was a big character
but a great one. We've missed having her around this
season. She would always lift the mood and be a great
person to have around.

WHAT IS THE ODDEST THING YOU'VE HEARD SAID DURING A MATCH?

That's a difficult one. You hear some interesting things said by refs, which you don't quite understand why, but apart from that, there's not been anything really rogue which sticks out to me.

WHICH OF YOUR WOLVES TEAMMATES HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE?

That's a mean one! I can't pick anybody else, so I'm going to go myself for this one. It's too mean to pick on anyone, because no-one has bad dress sense.

WHAT IS THE MOST UNEXPECTED RESULT YOU'VE HAD?

It can remember back to quite a few years ago now and we were in peak Covid times and our league had been null and voided, as had every league tier four and below, but the FA Cup was still going on. We travelled away to Watford and beat them 4-1. I think they were at the top of tier three at the time and got promoted to the Championship that season, so to not only beat them, but to beat them away from home 4-1, that was pretty special and very unexpected.

WHAT IS THE BEST GOAL YOU'VE EVER SEEN SCORED?

I can't pick my own, but one that's jumping out to me — which I was talking to someone about the other day — was by Laura Cooper. She used to play for us a couple of seasons ago, the year we won the league, and we played away at Nottingham Forest and she hit a sliced-shot volley, pure as anything from about 30 yards out. I was right behind it and it was a perfect finish on the volley. It's got to be one of the best I've had a great view of.





As she celebrates her 41st birthday this weekend, former Wolves Women and Northern Ireland striker Amy McCann skips back the years to recall her "bittersweet" 2004/05 season as a 21-year-old.

On a personal level the campaign couldn't have gone better, McCann's 21 League goals earning her the Northern Division's Golden Boot award. But on a team level it was agony as Wolves were pipped for promotion by Sunderland.

"We had an excellent team that season," says McCann, "including Emily Westwood who got into the England squad for the 2005 Euros and my strike partner Becky Hall who set up so many goals for me.

"I was buzzing as the goals kept going in, but then when we missed out on promotion I was absolutely gutted. We'd worked so hard all season to finish top and it was a terrible feeling when we knew we couldn't achieve our aim.

"I was presented with my Golden Boot award at the FA Women's Awards in London and I was proud of the achievement – and I've still got the champagne bottle from the Awards! But I still have a bittersweet feeling about that season."

That campaign marked a decade of being at Wolves for McCann, who had joined the club as a young schoolgirl from Bentley Girls along with left back Rachel Unitt, who like Westwood became an England international.

Old Gold'uns

by Tony Leighton

The two were re-united in the close season following McCann's Golden Boot heroics, McCann this time joining Unitt at Everton, where Westwood also landed after the Euros – and where another ex-Wolves player, Jody Handley, was already a key player in one of the country's top National Division clubs.

But after just one season with the Toffees McCann switched to Birmingham City, who were also by this time an established top flight team. "I enjoyed my time at Everton," she says, "and they're a great club.

"But travelling up there from the Midlands for training was often difficult, and in any case I wasn't getting enough game time – I just wanted to be playing. "So when Birmingham came in for me I was happy to sign for them and it was a good move for me." So good a move that, a couple of years later at the age of 24, McCann reached international status and played in her second Northern Ireland match against England — whose squad included Unitt, Westwood and Handley!

"That game against England was a surreal experience," remembers McCann, "playing in a game where I had more friends and players I'd played with in the opposition squad than I had in the team I was playing for.

"It was also an unusual way that I'd become an international player – the Birmingham City programme editor had told the Northern Ireland authorities that I qualified to play for them because I had a Northern Irish grandad."

McCann's international career was short-lived, not because she fell out of favour but due to a life-changing event – the birth of her first child, Grace.

"My life up to having Grace was completely about football," confesses McCann. "I was obsessed with the game, I loved it as a player and as a fan.

"I had a season ticket at Walsall and that's where I met my partner, Alex (Nicholls, professional footballer with the Saddlers then several other clubs, including Northampton Town and Exeter City, before his retirement in 2020).

"Having Grace changed my life. My conversation changed from football training and tactics and to talking babies, and eventually I became a fulltime mum.

"I did go back to football for a while. I had a dual registration with Birmingham and Wolves, trying to get back to full fitness, and I also had a few games for Leicester City and Barnet. But the spark had gone.

"I could have had a few more years playing and I sometimes wish I'd done that. But in 2013 I had a son, Theo, and then six years ago I joined the ambulance service and so now I have a demanding career and I'm also studying at Wolverhampton University for a degree to bring me up to paramedic status.

"So my life's as full as ever. Not with football anymore, but I've got so many great memories from my playing days, especially those first 10 years or so at Wolves."







Halifax FC Women are one of the youngest teams in the Women's National League. They were formed in 2013 as Brighouse Town Ladies and were associated with the men's team of the same name. Current manager Rob Mitchell helped set up the club and guided them from Tier Six to Tier Three where they now play in the FA Women's National League Northern Premier Division.

They commenced competitive football in the North East Regional League Southern Division and took to it like a duck to water, waltzing straight to the title, dropping only two points and gaining promotion to the North East Regional Premier League. Again they performed well, and at the season's end they finished second to Hull City and also won the League Cup.

Undaunted, they went one better in 2015/16 and clinched the title, again completing the campaign without a league defeat. With it came promotion to the FA Women's Premier League.

They adapted to life at Tier Four very well, managing a comfortable mid-table position in that first season and progressing through to the third round of the Women's FA Cup where they lost to Super League side Everton.

The next two seasons saw consecutive second place finishes to Hull City and then Burnley which saw the club establish themselves as one of the stronger teams in the league.

Two Covid-affected seasons followed when Brighouse were poised well to challenge for honours. Suitably ambitious, they applied to be promoted to the Northern Division at the resumption of the league and, like Wolves, were granted an elevation to Tier Three.

Two County Cup wins in successive seasons as well as a very respectable seventh place finish was followed up by a fifth-place finish in 2022/23.

In the summer of 2023, the club rebranded as Halifax FC Women and became completely independent and self-funded. A strong second half of the 2023/24 season saw wins against Wolves and Nottingham Forest and a point against Champions Newcastle United, helping them finish in a respectable sixth place as well as claiming another County Cup victory over Leeds Mods.

LEAGUE TABLE 2024/25

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1 Nottingham Forest	9	3	1	0	25	1	4	1	0	16 3	7	2	0	41	4	37 23
2 Wolverhampton Wanderers	9	3	0	1	11	6	4	1	0	18 5	7	1	1	29	11	18 22
3 Rugby Borough	9	3	1	1	11	4	3	0	1	20 3	6	1	2	31	7	24 19
4 Burnley	8	3	0	1	12	1	3	1	0	11 4	6	1	1	23	5	18 19
5 Stoke City	8	1	1	2	9	10	4	0	0	13 3	5	1	2	22	13	9 16
6 Liverpool Feds	9	2	1	2	9	11	3	0	1	13 5	5	1	3	22	16	6 16
7 West Bromwich Albion	9	3	0	2	13	13	0	1	3	3 6	3	1	5	16	19	-3 10
8 Hull City	9	1	0	3	4	10	2	0	3	8 20	3	0	6	12	30	-18 9
9 Derby County	9	1	0	4	6	15	1	1	2	4 7	2	1	6	10	22	-12 7
10 Stourbridge	8	0	0	3	3	9	1	0	4	3 20	1	0	7	6	29	-23 3
11 Sporting Khalsa	8	1	0	3	8	14	0	0	4	1 22	1	0	7	9	36	-27 3
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PLAYER STATS 2024/25

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4	Summer Holmes	3	0			1	0			4	0	86	3	
5	Emma Cross					1 + 1	0			1 + 1	0	251	3	
7	Tammi George	9	4			0 + 1	0			9 + 1	4	147	45	
8	Merrick Will											23	1	
9	Jade Cross	3 + 6	1			3	0			6 + 6	1	277	170	
10	Abi Loydon	1 + 7	0			3	1			4 + 7	1	11	1	
11	Amber Hughes	8	9			1 + 1	0			9 + 1	9	88	76	
12	Charlotte Greengrass	9	7			1 + 2	1			10 + 2	8	12	8	
13	Bec Thomas	9	0			1	0			10	0	115	0	
14	Martha MacPhail	0 + 1	0			1	0			1 + 1	0	2	0	
15	Layla Banaras	1 + 3	0			2	0			3 + 3	0	16	0	
16	Racheal Quigley	0 + 2	0			0 + 1	0			0 + 3	0	3	0	
17	Katie Johnson	9	1			1 + 2	0			10 + 2	1	82	9	
18	Hannah Fryer	1 + 2	0			3	0			4 + 2	0	29	1	
19	Becky Anderson	7 + 1	0			2 + 1	0			9 + 2	0	11	0	
20	Ania Denham	0 + 5	1			3	0			3 + 5	1	16	2	
21	Destiney Toussaint	6 + 1	0			0 + 1				6 + 2	0	53	24	
22	Beth Roberts	9	0			2	0			11	0	54	5	
23	Josie Smith	2 + 3	0			1	0			3 + 3	0	14	0	
25	Amelia Hiscox	0 + 1	0			0 + 2	0			0 + 3	0	4	0	
27	Abbi Jenner	8	0			2 + 1	0			10 + 1	0	11	0	
28	Beth Merrick	6 + 1	3			1 + 1	2			7 + 2	5	111	41	
30	Charlotte Clarke					2	0			2	0	2	0	
31	Skye Owen											4	0	

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And in Other News...

Congratulations to Abbi Jenner who was named Player of the Match in Wolves' 2-0 win over Rugby Borough. The award, sponsored by Purcell Branding, was presented by Wolves director John Bowater.

Wolves' impressive 8-0 win over local rivals West Bromwich Albion marked several milestones for the club:

The **biggest ever** Black Country derby win

11 game unbeaten run against Albion

Summer signing Charlotte Greengrass's **first Wolves hat-trick** – plus one!

Captain Anna Morphet's **150th** game

Jade Cross's **170th** Wolves goal!

Congratulations to Ania Denham who's been in Portugal this week with the Welsh Under-19 squad, playing two friendly games against the home side.

Today's other FA WNL fixtures

Burnley v Rugby Borough

Hull City v Derby County

Nottingham Forest v Liverpool Feds

Stoke City v West Bromwich Albion

Stourbridge v Sporting Khalsa



Upcoming fixtures

We've been drawn away to Asfordby Amateurs in the first round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup. The game will be played next Sunday 3rd November at Holwell Sports, LE14 3RD with a 1pm kick-off.

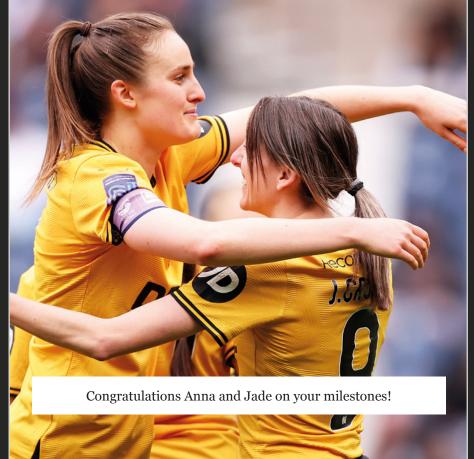
Then we're back in league action on Sunday 10th November when we travel to Leisure United, L17 5AR to take on Liverpool Feds at 2pm.

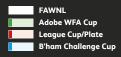
We return to the SEAH Stadium on Sunday 15th December when we host Derby County Women at 2pm in the league.











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Admission to Wolves Women league games at SEAH Stadium is free for Wolves and Telford United season ticket holders.

For non-season ticket holders, tickets can be purchased online in advance from the Telford United website for a reduced price of £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £1 for 3-16s. Payment is also accepted on the gate via card or cash with admission costing £6 for adults and £5 for concessions.

Thank you for your support.



SEAH STADIUM SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024

WOLVES HALIFAX Jamie-Lee Bamford 3 Anna Morphet 4 Summer Holmes Jess Melrose 2 5 Emma Cross 3 7 Tammi George□ Danielle Whitham Merrick Will Lucy Walsh 8 5 Emilia Nuttall Jade Cross П 6 Minnie Wilson Abi Loydon 7 10 Annabelle Cass 11 Amber Hughes 8 Charlotte Greenarass 9 Chloe Fisher 12 13 Bec Thomas 10 Lexie Harrison Martha MacPhail Maddie Stout 14 11 15 Layla Banaras 12 Casi Evans Racheal Quigley 16 13 Eloise Bywater 17 Katie Johnson 14 Sienna Limbert Evie Franks 18 Hannah Fryer 15 19 Becky Anderson Izzy Armson 16 Megan Cardenas Ania Denham 20 17 21 Destiney Toussaint 20 Kayleigh Bamforth Beth RobertsП Megan Dykes 22 21 23 Josie Smith Amelia Hiscox 25 Abbi Jenner 27 Beth Merrick 28 30 Charlotte Clarke



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Stephen Brown | Assistant referees: Kyle Mowbray, David White

NEXT UP AT SEAH STADIUM

Derby County Sunday 15th December 2024, 2.00pm | FA WNL



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Skye Owen





