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Good afternoon all,

Welcome to the SEAH Stadium for one of the highlights of our journey together so far.

Firstly, I would like to welcome Marc Skinner and all his staff and players. What a huge privilege it is to be here today hosting another Women's Super League side for the third time in three years - and this time the FA Cup holders and a global brand in Manchester United. It's also the second consecutive season we've reached the fifth round, and it's not very often a tier three side makes it this far. I'm so proud of the players, staff, and the fans for everything we've achieved together.

Off the back of a 1-1 draw in a tricky away tie last week in the league at Rugby Borough we come into the game after getting seven out of nine points to start off 2025. A fantastic return after two tricky away games including one of the early title favourites. As we continue to battle for top spot with eight games remaining, I think it's important we manage expectations. We all know we have no right to be competing at the top of the table but it's credit to everything the players and staff are putting into this season. We must keep smiling and enjoying the ride.

Today promises to be the toughest test we have ever faced as a group. Arguably the most in form team in the country at the minute who don't concede many goals. The players understand the magnitude of the task but haven't hidden away and are looking forward to the challenge.

I'm also delighted that last week we were able to complete the signing of Lily Simkin. I've known Lily since she was a youth player and she brings just what we need to the squad with her youth and experience. She's a Wolves fan through and through, following in the footsteps of her dad Darren Simkin who played for the club in the 90s.

Today really is another David and Goliath tie, but we must believe we can compete. The players have been fantastic, and they deserve this opportunity to test themselves against the very best in the world.

My message to them and everyone associated has been to enjoy it and embrace the moment as we make more amazing memories - for themselves and for the club.

For me it's about some thanks. Seven years ago, I joined the club with no understanding of what success looked like. After winning trophies and being on the brink of the ultimate goal of professional football we also need to understand success in a different light. We hosted Manchester United Under-19s in my first pre-season and seven years on to be hosting their women's team in a competitive cup tie is testament to everyone who's played a part in this journey. To the chairman, Matt Hobbs, Matt Jackson, Jon Hunter-Barrett, John Bowater, Jenna Burke-Martin, Jenny Wilkes, Pete Myatt, all the players, staff and volunteers who have played a part over the years, my family and friends, the Royal Air Force and all the service personnel who made days like today possible for myself and the team I say a massive thank you. I hope you look back on today and understand the part you played in this unbelievable journey.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to someone for whom today will probably be the last big occasion we share together. Laura Nicholls will move onto pastures new next month but her drive, commitment, and motivation to take the women's section to the levels it's at now is testament to her as a person. You will no doubt leave as a Wolves Women legend and the foundations you have helped us put in place will see the club in the best place it's ever been and ready to go onto the next level. Thank you for everything Laura.

Thank you to everyone who's come along today. We really appreciate your support. Be loud and proud. Let's get the stadium rocking and do the city of Wolverhampton proud.

Dan McNamara
Manager



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socials   on Friday 14th
February from 10am for
all the clues!

Good afternoon,

As we welcome Manchester United to the SEAH Stadium on this momentous occasion for our senior team, what a perfect opportunity to highlight the foundations of the playing structure and the youth talent we have here at Wolves. I'm really proud of the hard work that goes on within the girls' programmes which people often don't see.

Last year Wolves were granted a licence for an ETC (Emerging Talent Club) - the programme that succeeded the RTC (Regional Talent Club) licence which we held for a number of years. We currently have three ETC age groups and four Academy squads for ages eight to 16.

This year we have had a number of new staff come into the programme to join our hard working existing cohort:

Dan McNamara

Player Development Lead

Merrick Will

Operations and admin

Dean Craven and Jean Mansosa

Under-16s coaches

Lee Evans and Rich Wild

Under-14s coaches

Jack Bolger and Chloe Birch

Under-12s coaches

Elle Gough, Alix O'Donnell & Louis Gutteridge

Under-10s coaches

Lukas Bailey

Goalkeeper coach

Nath Maxfield

Physical Performance Coach

Over the past five years we have adapted our youth programme and changed elements each year to try and give our talented female players a stronger programme with extensive opportunities and experiences. We now have the Under-14 and Under-16 age groups completing all training sessions at Compton, with access to gym, analysis suites and sessions alongside a improved strength and conditioning programme.

One of the biggest changes has been the input of our day release programme. We have a selection process within our Under-14 and Under-16 age groups for 18 players to attend Compton midweek for a full 8am-5pm day which includes breakfast, education, analysis, two pitch sessions, lunch, an S&C session and a gym session. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to continue to develop the players whilst still allowing the girls to experience other things outside of the football field.

Macca and Merrick have been working hard to provide opportunities in half terms too, with Wolves Cup competitions, participation in the Norwich Cup and Cardiff Cup, and additional friendlies with other local teams. Last year's Under-16 age group took part in the Northern Ireland Super Cup last July, which was a five-night tour with some fantastic experiences of tournament football.

This year our Under-12s and Under-16s are extending their experiences, with cup victories taking them far in competitions. The Under-12s have an upcoming round of 16 tie in the National Girls' Cup and also a final to play in the Boys' League Cup, while the Under-16s have a quarter-final cup game against Donny Belles at the end of the month following a successful trip up north to face Bedlington.

I'd like to thank the parents and guardians too for all their support with the players. They give up a lot of time to get the girls to training and matches, and it's very much appreciated. The coaches, the off-field staff and additional specialists in their own areas dedicate a lot of time and effort to continue to drive the programme forward. We are all aware that what we have at Wolves is exciting to be part of and I'm proud of the structure we've built.

Good luck today to Macca, Lee, Josh B, Josh D, Christos, Nath, Haydn, Lukas, Roy, Perksy and Claire and the entire squad. Everyone has worked incredibly hard leading up to today and I'm right behind you.

Jenna Burke-Martin

Head of Women's
and Girls' Football





“I didn’t actually know about it being my 175th goal until I got told just now but I mean it’s a great achievement and I never thought I would get to that number.”

~ Jade Cross

TEAM
 Thomas
 Morphet
 George (Loydon 81)
 J.Cross (Quigley 70)
 Hughes (Hiscox 75)
 Greengrass
 Johnson
 Anderson (Holmes 81)
 Roberts
 Jenner
 Merrick (Smith 70)

Subs not used:
 Clarke, Denham

WOLVES 4 V DERBY COUNTY 0

GOALSCORERS:
 Hughes 9, Greengrass 19,
 Morphet pen 29, J.Cross 45

Saturday 26th January KO 3pm



RUGBY BOROUGH 1 V WOLVES 1

GOALSCORERS:
 Nixon 45

GOALSCORER:
 Merrick 75

Sunday 2nd February

KO 3pm

TEAM
 Thomas
 Morphet
 George
 Hughes
 Greengrass
 Johnson
 Anderson
 Toussaint (Quigley 85)
 Roberts (Smith 85)
 Jenner
 Merrick

“This is a really tough place to come. It’s a really good point on the road. On another day we maybe could have pushed for a little bit more.”

~ Beth Merrick



Subs not used:
 Clarke
 Simkin
 J. Cross
 Loydon
 Fryer



I'm really excited to welcome fans old and new to the SEAH Stadium on this special occasion, which seems particularly poignant as we celebrate Wolves Women's 50th season.

It's been a long journey, which started for me in 1999 when John Richards, then managing director of Wolves, asked me if I was interested in helping the women's team to develop and grow. But I was just taking the baton from the pioneering founder members who came before me – Jane Hill, Jackie Pickup and Gill Spillsbury – the women who laid the foundations for the flourishing club you see today.

Over the past few months I've been privileged to be working with Wolves club historian Peter Crump and Wolves Women historian Mike Capewell on a new, expanded Wolves Women section in the museum. Mike has spent over 30 years documenting the women's team's history and his records have been invaluable. The new museum exhibition is due to open next month for International Women's Day.

We've also been indebted to those women who started playing together in 1974 after Jane Hill answered an advert in the Express & Star, asking if there were any girls interested in playing football. Their team would become Heathfield Rovers, formed in 1975 and named simply because Heathfield School was just down the road from the parks pitch where they played their early matches.

After winning their league in that first season, Jane and Jackie managed to persuade their bosses at Wednesbury Tube to allow them to use the company's excellent sports ground.

Once permission was granted, the club's name was changed to Wolverhampton & Wednesbury Tube Ladies.

In 1977 they became Wolverhampton Ladies, with the team now faring well in the league. Those women did everything - running the club, washing the kit, driving the minibus, and of course playing!

The 1991/92 season was a watershed moment in the club's history. Twenty years after the FA lifted its ban on women playing on FA-affiliated pitches, the Women's Football Association set up the first nationwide league for women's football – The WFA National League – and Wolverhampton Ladies were invited to join.

The players were keen to progress but unfortunately didn't have the stadium facilities or financial resources required to meet the league's criteria. Undaunted, they contacted Wolves and were offered a meeting with (vice-president) Rachael Heyhoe-Flint and (club chairman) Jonathan Hayward, who asked for a business plan.

They were impressed when the women returned with plans to start Under-12s, Under-14s and Intermediate teams to encourage young girls in the area to play football and to strengthen the club. Their proposal was accepted and, with £10,000 to spend over several seasons, Wolves Ladies were put into the Northern Division of the new league and started using Bilston Town as their home ground.

In the 1993/94 season they were Northern Division champions, winning promotion to the National Division. This was the top flight of what was now the FA Premier League, the FA having taken over the running of the League from the WFA. During this landmark campaign the club also had its final name change to Wolves Women.

They were playing against teams packed with international players – among them Liverpool, Arsenal and the iconic Doncaster Belles. But competing at that level proved too mighty a task and after two seasons they were back in the second tier and the money was running out.

This is where I come into the story – thanks to John Richards, and once again Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, who helped me to set up a board and attract a club sponsor.

With a new cash injection we expanded the youth teams, with 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 2001 we appointed Aston Villa's European Cup winning captain Dennis Mortimer as manager and he led the team for three years, narrowly missing out on promotion to the top flight.

Players still paid subs and we had to work hard to find the funding for coaches, pitches, kit and transport. Fortunes ebbed and flowed, and we relied on volunteer support, but in the 2008/09 season the women's section was officially taken on board by Wolves as part of the Community Trust (now the Foundation).

Laura Nicholls has also played a huge role in the development of the women's section. Starting as a coach at the Community Trust, she went on to spearhead the move to the Academy and to ensure the women's section is now completely integrated into the club.

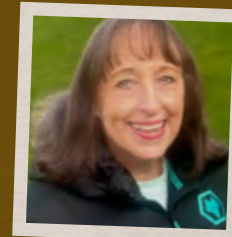
Dan 'Macca' McNamara joined as manager in early 2018 and has led the club through incredible highs and lows, including winning the Northern Division, the County Cup twice and some prodigious FA Cup runs, agonisingly missing out on promotion to the Championship in a play-off, and supporting the squad through Covid.

This season he became the club's first ever full-time manager, three years after Jenna Burke-Martin became our first full-time member of staff as Head of Women's and Girls' Football.

What a journey we've been on, bringing us to today where we sit second in the Premier League's Northern Division table and about to take on Super League side and FA Cup holders Manchester United.

Here's to the future.

Jenny Wilkes
Chair





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LILY SIMKIN

Welcome to the pack

Dan McNamara has strengthened his Wolves Women squad with the signing of midfielder Lily Simkin.

Hailing from Great Wyrley, Simkin came through the system at Birmingham City and strong form with the Blues earned her recognition within the England youth groups.

The now 21-year-old represented Birmingham in the Super League as a teenager, but a serious anterior cruciate ligament injury has kept her sidelined for the past 14 months.

However, now back to full fitness, Simkin joined her new team on the bench for last Sunday's league game away at Rugby Borough.

Simkin follows in her father's footsteps in playing for the Old Gold, with Darren Simkin representing the club in the 1990s, and both father and daughter are relishing a new Wolves chapter for the family.

McNamara said: We're delighted to get it over the line. Lily's a fantastic signing for the club. She's exactly what we're after, young, hungry and here to succeed. I've known of her qualities since she was a youth player and now is the right time for her and for us to bring her in.

"She's a professional and wants to do things properly. She's a winner, so she'll fit into the group really well and has worked with a few of the girls before. She'll be a good fit and has the respect of the group from her first few days of training."

Simkin said: "I've been recovering from injury and this is the right time for me. Wolves' ambitions and drive match where I want to be, because I'm still growing in the game. It lines up well at the start of 2025.

"The conversations with Macca have been really positive. I've known him for a while and he's wanted to work with me, so to finally get it over the line is exciting. I hope the fans can see that I have a passion for the club, knowing my dad was here, and we both wanted to play for the badge."



DESTINEY TOUSSAINT

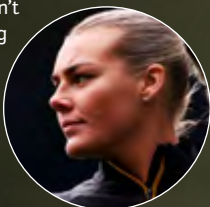
Wolves Women forward Destiney Toussaint is next to sit in the programme hot seat this season and answer a few quirky questions.

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

In terms of overall place to play, I would say the most memorable would probably be playing at Villa Park when I was at Birmingham City and we beat Villa 1-0. I can't remember if it was a league game or if we knocked them out of the FA Cup, but it was an important win for us anyway, plus it was at Villa Park as well, and there's quite a rivalry between the two clubs.

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

A lot of our team don't really have any. I don't know if Tammi knows it's a superstition, but every time we're ready to go out onto the pitch, she needs the toilet. Every single matchday, it makes us late for the referee. I know Beth Merrick likes to go at the end of the line, but other than that, I haven't really seen any that are strange. I used to have a superstition where I would undo and retie my laces just before we start kick-off, but I don't do it anymore. I knew I was doing it, but I always felt I wasn't ready if the laces weren't tight enough, so if I undid them and retied them, then I knew I was ready to start.



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

It's probably the Forest game last season. They took the lead early on, went 3-0 up, and then we ended up beating them 4-3. If we go down in a game, obviously it's frustrating, but I always believe that we can get back into it. It's just about being calm and keep trying to do what you do. At Wolves, it's never easy when we

concede and we do feel the pressure, but you've got to then step it up the extra 20 per cent and we know we can get the goals you need to win the game. Plus, it's always good to do it against Forest as it's always a feisty game against them, always battling against them at the top of the league and in cup competitions. That's probably the fixture I most look forward to each season.

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

Beth Merrick. This will probably be an unpopular opinion, but I can't be listening to a Celine Dion power ballad and all these kinds of things before I go out for a football match! It's got to be Beth Merrick for this one. It's not my cup of tea before a match. There's a place and a time for a power ballad, but not before we're about to kick off a game.



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

When I was at London Bees, there was a girl called Taylor O'Leary, and she was just a live wire. She would walk in, be funny, a joker, but would get in trouble quite a lot. She was a big character in that team.

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

It might not have been the oddest thing said, but in one of our matches, the referee repeated the player's accent – which didn't go down too well with the player it was said to! It was strange for a referee to do that.



I can't remember who we were playing against, but Summer [Holmes] had got annoyed at the ref and they were saying something, and whatever his decision was, he said it back to her in her accent, which she did not appreciate at all. She didn't take it well. But he actually apologised to her afterwards.



WHICH OF YOUR WOLVES TEAMMATES HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE?

This is a hard one. I've only seen a limited amount of players in their normal clothes, but I reckon Thommo [Bec Thomas] – as my shot in the dark – would be the person to be worst dressed. She'll kill me for this, but I think Bec is quite a straightforward, standard dresser. I can't explain it. I think a lot of the girls will bring their own personality to what they wear but Thommo would pull out the first thing she sees in her wardrobe and it would work for any situation, whether it was dressing up or dressing down.

WHAT IS THE MOST UNEXPECTED RESULT YOU'VE HAD?

There's a good one and a bad one. The bad one was when we were 3-0 up at half time against Newcastle at home last season and ended up losing 4-3. I don't know how that happened in the space of 45 minutes, but it did. A game that we were expected to lose was against Reading in the FA Cup last year, and we won it 2-1 in the dying minutes, and I happened to get a nice little header to get us into the next round.



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

I think it has to be Mollie Green's free-kick when I was at Coventry United. Coventry were going through quite a tough time at that moment, and I think we had to win or draw seven out of our last eight games to stay up in the Championship, and it came to the last game of the season against Watford, away at Vicarage Road. It was between those two teams to see who would go down, and Watford were winning 1-0 and we needed at least a draw to not go down, and Mollie Green scored a 40-yard free-kick right into the top bin in the 97th minute. I know we were fighting relegation but that was one of the highlights of my time playing there because the togetherness we had to have to stay in the Championship and to do it away at Watford in the 97th minute was just surreal.

WOLVES V MANCHESTER UNITED

ADOBE WFA CUP 5TH ROUND : SEAH STADIUM 8TH FEBRUARY 2025



As we prepare to face Manchester United in the biggest FA Cup tie in our women's team's history, ex-Wolves and England midfielder Emily 'Woody' Westwood looks back on a playing career that included big cup successes with Everton and Birmingham City as well as happy earlier days with Wolves.

Westwood won both the FA and League Cup with Everton and the FA Cup while at Birmingham City. By stark contrast, in her current job as head of kit at Tottenham Hotspur Women, she watched from the bench as Spurs lost 4-0 to Manchester United in last season's FA Cup final at Wembley.

"That day at Wembley was a great experience, but at the same time it was obviously a big disappointment," recalls Westwood. "We were so proud to have reached the final and we'd prepared as well as we possibly could in every detail for the game; but on the day United were the better team."

While Wolves fans will be hoping for a better outcome against United this afternoon, Westwood can reflect on FA Cup final triumphs for Everton against Arsenal in 2009 and for Birmingham against Chelsea in 2012.

"Both FA Cup finals I got winners' medals in were fantastic matches," she says. "The Everton win against Arsenal was very special because we'd finished runners-up to them in the league so many times (five successive seasons) that I started to think my name was 'Runner-Up Westwood!'"

Old Gold'uns

by Tony Leighton

"Arsenal had also won every FA Cup final they'd ever been in (10), so they were the clear favourites. But we came through with a goal in the last minute of extra time to win (3-2) after we'd twice taken the lead only for them to equalise.

"The Birmingham win was also extra special, for me personally because I'm a local girl. That game was even tighter than the Arsenal final because it went to extra time and then penalties after we'd come from behind twice to draw (2-2).

"I didn't take one of the penalties myself, but my old Wolves and Everton team mate Rachel Unitt scored hers. It was nerve-racking to stand and watch the shoot-out, but when we finally won it – what a feeling!"

Dudley-born Westwood spent eight years at Blues before her 2018 retirement, having earlier had five seasons with Everton after 10 years at Wolves – initially as an 11-year-old in the club's youth system then seven seasons at senior level.

At Wolves she never scaled the FA Cup heights she was to reach with the Toffees or Blues, though in three successive seasons up to 2002/03 the fifth round was reached before our Northern Division side was knocked out by top flight teams.

It was also a case of what might have been in the league, most notably in 2004/05 when Wolves were pipped by Sunderland to promotion and Westwood regretfully bid farewell to the club in a landmark season of her illustrious career.

Aged 20 at the time, she made her international debut in April 2005 and three months later – still as a Wolves player in the Northern Division – she was part of the national team's squad at the 2005 Euros held here in England.

"That year was an absolute whirlwind," says Westwood. "I'd come back from an ACL injury and I was loving my football again. We were doing great in the league, battering teams at times, and I was sure we were going to get promotion.

"And when I got my call-up it was such a thrill, not just for me and my family but the club as well. To have a player selected from a club outside the top flight was quite something, but (England head coach) Hope Powell picked me for my footballing abilities and I think I justified her faith in me."

Westwood was also a member of the England squad that reached the Euro 2009 final in Finland, going on to make a total of 32 international appearances.

All of the caps apart from her debut as a Wolves player, a 4-1 victory over Italy at Milton Keynes, were won while she was at Everton – a club she may not have joined if Wolves had gained promotion in that fateful 2004/05 campaign.

"I wanted to play for Wolves in the National Division," says Westwood, "and if we'd got promotion in 2005 I would definitely have stayed.

"But I'd been approached by Everton and after we'd missed out on promotion, I had conversations with Hope about my situation. She advised me that I needed to be playing in the top division to boost my international career and so I made the decision to move, reluctant as I was to leave Wolves."

Twenty years later Westwood will doubtless be keeping an eye on her first club's progress this afternoon, Tottenham's hopes of reaching Wembley again having been dashed through defeat by her second club Everton in the fourth round.



The road to the FA Cup Fifth Round

By Matt Ponter

“A commendable performance from Wolverhampton Wanderers, who fought right until the end. Three late goals from Emma Kullberg, an eight minute hat-trick. But Dan McNamara’s side have played so well this afternoon.”



Round 1 / November 3

Asfordby Amateurs (A) W 7-1

Round 2 / November 24

Sporting Khalsa (H) W 8-1

Round 3 / December 8

Shrewsbury Town (H) W 14-0

Round 4 / January 12

Cheltenham Town (A) W 2-0



The quarter-finals of the Women's FA Cup were a step too far for Wolves Women last season, yet a superb performance including a Beth Merrick equaliser from the spot left all supporters feeling proud of every single player that afternoon.

Perhaps it is quite fitting that the side have made the fifth round once again this season, following a fairly similar pattern of results to create today's tie against WSL side Manchester United.

We started our FA Cup adventure on 3rd November, with a trip to Asfordby Amateurs from the sixth tier of women's football. Upon arrival we were welcomed with friendly smiles, and there was a real buzz of excitement from those already there.

Even once the scoreline had hit 7-1 to Wolves, Asfordby supporters were continuing to cheer for every tackle, throw in and piece of possession just as they did from the first whistle of the game. It created a brilliant atmosphere and made the day very enjoyable for all who were there.

Dan McNamara will always mention that his side creates memories, and this first round tie was one for the memory books. Following the win, it was all eyes on the draw for the next round ... and we were selected to play Sporting Khalsa at the SEAH Stadium.

Like last season, the goals were coming from all over the pitch. Amber Hughes and Destiney Toussaint both found the net twice, and there were also goals from impact substitutes Jade Cross and Ania Denham.

McNamara's side were growing in confidence, reflecting in their league results too, fighting things out with Nottingham Forest at the top of the National League North.

In his post-match interview McNamara mentioned that it would be nice to play Shrewsbury Town in the next round, which is exactly what the draw gave us. I don't think anyone however saw the scoreline from that game coming.

Four goals in the opening 20 minutes of the game had already put Wolves in a firm position to reach the fourth round, and once Charlotte Greengrass had found her fifth of the afternoon it was just the final whistle needed to confirm progression. The Old Gold had already scored 15 goals in the previous two games before kick-off, and come full time had added another 14 to this year's tally.

Cheltenham Town away would be next, a side that knocked Wolves out of the National League Plate competition earlier on in 2024. It was a clear case of seeking revenge on a very cold afternoon in Bishops Cleeve. Perhaps some added pressure as well, with the FA cameras poised on a makeshift gantry and Opta stats being recorded from this round onwards.



Safe to say the girls embraced the pressure, and goals from Beth Merrick and Amber Hughes put Wolves into the fifth round of the FA Cup for the second year in a row. A remarkable achievement, and with Beth's goal at Cheltenham meaning that she has scored in every single round of the competition.

It was Beth's penalty against Brighton last season that so nearly forced extra time, but can we go one better this year and beat the current holders Manchester United at a packed out SEAH Stadium?



Manchester United Women

The original Manchester United Women were formed in 1977 and subsequently played their football in the North West Women's League until the club was disbanded in 2005.

They first played in the WFA Cup in 1979/80, their best campaign being in 2002/03 when they won four ties before falling to National Division Charlton Athletic in the last 16.

The restructuring of the Women's Super League in 2018 saw Manchester United announce their intention to reintroduce a women's team for which they were awarded a licence. The team was formed in May 2018 with Casey Stoney being appointed manager as they entered the FA Women's Championship. Leigh Sports Village was announced as their home venue.

Their first season saw them comfortably win the league title, losing only one game and scoring 98 goals with five players netting double figures. They also fought their way through to the League Cup Semi-

Final where they lost by the odd goal in three to Arsenal.

Their first season in the Super League was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and when the season was terminated they finished fourth and again made the semi-finals of the League Cup.

The next campaign they again finished fourth, missing out on qualification for the Champions League by a single point. At the end of the season Casey Stoney stepped down as manager, with current manager Marc Skinner being appointed in the summer.

Skinner's first season saw United again finish fourth, some five points adrift of the European places, however 2022/23 was their best campaign. Throughout the season they pushed eventual champions Chelsea all the way with the 'Red Devils' eventually finishing runners-up and qualifying for the Champions League.

They also made their way through to the WFA Cup Final at Wembley where they lost by the only goal of the game to Chelsea.

Last season their league form faltered and they finished fifth whilst their

first European campaign saw them fall at the first hurdle as they lost to Paris Saint-Germain. The season, however, ended in triumph as they captured the WFA Cup for the first time beating Tottenham Hotspur 4-0.

Over the last six years a number of internationals have appeared in the famous red of United with Ella Toone having featured in over a half century of games for England. She is also the club's record appearance holder and the only player to have netted over 50 goals.

The current campaign sees them sitting second in the table and they recently won 4-2 at the Etihad Stadium against Manchester rivals City where Ella Toone grabbed a hat-trick.

Their WFA Cup campaign kicked-off with a 7-0 win over West Bromwich Albion which brought them to the SEAH Stadium today.



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at Molineux

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Wolves v West Bromwich Albion

FA WNL

3.00pm kick-off

TICKETS:



FEAR NOTHING

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	Nottingham Forest	13	4	1	0	29	1	7	1	0	21	3	11	2	0	50	4	46	35
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	14	5	0	1	21	6	6	2	0	28	9	11	2	1	49	15	34	35
3	Burnley	12	4	0	1	21	1	6	1	0	20	5	10	1	1	41	6	35	31
4	Stoke City	13	3	1	2	15	10	6	0	1	21	7	9	1	3	36	17	19	28
5	Rugby Borough	13	5	2	1	19	6	3	1	1	20	3	8	3	2	39	9	30	27
6	Liverpool Feds	13	3	2	3	12	13	4	0	1	16	6	7	2	4	28	19	9	23
7	Derby County	14	2	1	5	9	19	2	1	3	8	13	4	2	8	17	32	-15	14
8	West Bromwich Albion	14	3	0	5	14	20	1	1	4	6	11	4	1	9	20	31	-11	13
9	Hull City	14	1	0	5	6	16	3	0	5	10	27	4	0	10	16	43	-27	12
10	Sporting Khalsa	14	2	0	6	15	23	0	1	5	2	24	2	1	11	17	47	-30	7
11	Stourbridge	13	1	0	4	7	17	1	0	7	3	34	2	0	11	10	51	-41	6
12	Halifax	13	0	1	6	3	26	0	0	6	3	29	0	1	12	6	55	-49	1

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
3	Anna Morphet	13	3	4	1	2	1	2	0	21	5	162	52
4	Summer Holmes	3+2	0			1	0			4+2	0	88	3
5	Emma Cross			1	0	1+1	0			2+1	0	252	3
6	Lily Simkin											0	0
7	Tammi George	14	4	4	4	0+1	0	2	2	20+1	10	158	51
8	Merrick Will											23	1
9	Jade Cross	4+8	2	2+2	3	3	0	1+1	1	10+11	6	286	175
10	Abi Loydon	1+10	0	1+2	1	3	1	0+2	0	5+14	2	19	2
11	Amber Hughes	13	16	2	3	1+1	0	1	3	17+1	22	96	89
12	Charlotte Greengrass	14	12	3+1	6	1+2	1	2	3	20+3	22	23	22
13	Bec Thomas	14	0	4	0	1	0			19	0	124	0
14	Martha MacPhail	0+1	0			1	0			1+1	0	2	0
15	Layla Banaras	1+4	0	0+1	0	2	0			3+5	0	18	0
16	Racheal Quigley	0+7	3	1+1	2	0+1	0	0+1	0	1+10	5	11	5
17	Katie Johnson	14	1	4	0	1+2	0	1	0	20+2	1	92	9
18	Hannah Fryer	1+2	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	6+2	1	31	2
19	Becky Anderson	12+1	0	3	1	2+1	0	2	0	19+2	1	21	1
20	Ania Denham	0+7	2	0+3	2	3	0	0+2	0	3+12	4	23	5
21	Destiney Toussaint	10+1	0	3+1	3	0+1	0	2	3	15+3	6	63	30
22	Beth Roberts	14	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	21	0	64	5
23	Josie Smith	3+5	0	1+2	0	1	0			5+7	0	20	0
25	Amelia Hiscox	0+2	0	1+3	0	0+2	0	0+1	0	1+8	0	10	0
26	Madison Calder			0+2	0			0+1	2	0+3	2	3	2
27	Abbi Jenner	12+1	0	2	0	2+1	0	2	1	18+2	1	20	1
28	Beth Merrick	11+1	5	4	5	1+1	2	2	1	18+2	13	122	49
30	Charlotte Clarke					2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0
31	Skye Owen											4	0
39	Sophie Woodward			0+1						0+1	0	1	0

All stats correct at time of going to print.

And in Other News...

Congratulations to **Becky Anderson** who was named Player of the Match in Wolves' 4-0 win over Derby County in our last game here at the SEAH Stadium. The award, sponsored by Purcell Branding, was presented by Wolves director John Bowater.

And a special thank you to **Dave Purcell** of Purcell Branding for all his support towards today's fixture, and for sponsoring the brilliant clappers!

Congratulations to **Beth Marriott** who captained England Colleges in their 5-1 win over Wales Colleges. Beth is currently impressing on loan at Worcester City.

A big thank you to the gang from **Viking Wolves and West Norway Wolves** who showed their support at Rugby Borough last Sunday. We always enjoy welcoming supporter groups from around the globe.

We know the on-field team and coaching staff have been working hard this week in preparation for today's game, but so have the off-field team.

A special thank you to everyone who's worked so hard behind the scenes to get the game in place, including the Academy operations team - Laura Nicholls, Luke Shelley, Claire Hakeman, Emma Rowley, Merrick Will and Ivan Cash, the kit team - Haydn Hamilton and Steve Hooper, the programme team - Jenny Wilkes, Mike Capewell, Tony Leighton, James Orotayo and Simon Pagett of Synaxis, and all our stewarding team. A big thank you to Telford and their staff for enabling us to host such a historic fixture at the stadium, part of our ongoing partnership, and to Wayne Lumbard and the Telford ground staff for all their hard work. It's a massive team effort and we couldn't have done it without you all.

FEAR NOTHING®

Fixture update

There's a quick turnaround between games this week as we'll be back here at the SEAH Stadium this Wednesday evening 12th February to host **Sporting Khalsa in the league** with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Admission 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.

Then on Sunday 16th February we travel to the City Ground for the **top of the table clash with Nottingham Forest**.

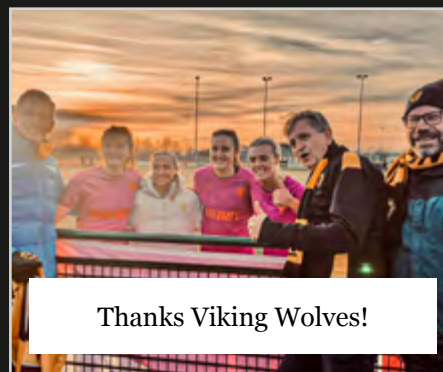
Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £6 for 4-13s and are available from the Nottingham Forest website. We're hoping to see plenty of travelling Wolves supporters there to get behind the girls.

We're also looking forward to the **Black Country derby** when we host West Bromwich Albion at Molineux on Sunday 23rd March with a 3pm kick-off. Tickets for that game are available from the Wolves website.

If this is your first experience of a Wolves Women game, thank you for coming. We'd love to see you again soon.



Congratulations Becky!



Thanks Viking Wolves!



Well done Beth!

	FAWNL	Name	1st sub	TEAM	Home fixture	+	Own goal
	Adobe WFA Cup	Name	2nd sub	Team	Away fixture	●	Yellow card
	League Cup/Plate	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	Jenner	Holmes	Smith	George	J Cross	Greengrass	Anderson	Loydon	Elbro	Fryer	E Cross	MacPhail	Banaras	Denham
28	STOKE CITY	L 1-3	-	297	D Chappell	Thomas	Fryer	Roberts	Morphet	MacPhail	Holmes	Loydon	Smith	J Cross	Greengrass 1	Denham	E Cross	Anderson	Johnson	Jenner	Elbro	George	Toussaint
SEPTEMBER																							
1	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	L 1-6	5	449	A Kennedy																		
8	Burnley	W 1-0	4	543	L Harland	Thomas	Smith	Roberts	Johnson	Jenner	Holmes	Anderson	George	J Cross	Greengrass	Hughes 1	Loydon	Merrick	Toussaint	Fryer	Banaras	Elbro	Denham
15	HULL CITY	W 4-0*	3	387	S Brown	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes 1	Smith	J Cross	Elbro	Fryer	Banaras	Hiscox	Denham
22	Stoke City	D 2-2	5	306	L Gill	Thomas	Morphet	George	Hughes 2	Greengrass	Johnson	Anderson	Toussaint	Roberts	Jenner	Merrick 1	Smith	Loydon	Banaras	J Cross	Denham	Elbro	Fryer
25	Sporting Khalsa	W 5-2	4	210	S Hale	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes 2	Denham	J Cross	Loydon	Clarke	E Cross	Fryer	Banaras
28	AFC FYLDE	W 3-0	-	253	S Hale	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet 1	Fryer	Merrick 1	Banaras	George 1	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes 2	Anderson	Loydon	Denham	J Cross	Quigley	Clarke	E Cross
						Clarke	Johnson	Fryer	E Cross	Jenner	Banaras	Anderson	Loydon 1	J Cross	Merrick 2	Denham	Hughes	Hiscox	George	Greengrass	Quigley	Morphet	Calder
OCTOBER																							
6	RUGBY BOROUGH	W 2-0	3	526	M Karia	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass 2	Hughes	Loydon	J Cross	Clarke	Fryer	Banaras	Quigley	Denham
13	West Bromwich Albion	W 8-0	2	1,968	L Catchpole	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick 1	Anderson	George 2	Toussaint	Greengrass 4	Hughes	Loydon	J Cross 1	Banaras	Quigley	Denham	Clarke	Fryer
20	Cheltenham Town	L 1-2	-		I Hooper	Clarke	Fryer	Roberts	Morphet 1	Jenner	Loydon	Anderson	Banaras	J Cross	Denham	Hughes	Greengrass	Merrick	Toussaint	Hiscox	Johnson	Thomas	E Cross
27	HALIFAX	W 6-0	1	304	S Brown	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick 1	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass 1	Hughes 1	Loydon	Banaras	Quigley 2	J Cross	Denham 1	Clarke	Fryer
NOVEMBER																							
3	Asfordby Amateurs	W 7-1	-	517	J Johnson	Thomas	Johnson	E Cross	Morphet	Fryer	Merrick 1	Loydon 1	George 3	J Cross	Hiscox	Quigley 2	Smith	Banaras	Calder	Greengrass	Toussaint	Roberts	Anderson
10	Liverpool Feds	W 2-1	1	172	L Jell	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes 1	J Cross	Quigley 1	Clarke	Fryer	Banaras	Loydon	Denham
17	Coventry Sphinx	W 16-0	-		N Love	Clarke	Fryer 1	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner 1	Merrick 1	Anderson	George 2	Toussaint 3	Greengrass 2	Hughes 3	Hiscox	Calder 2	Loydon	J Cross 1	Denham		
24	SPORTING KHALSA	W 8-1	-	386	S Hale	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick 1	Anderson	George	Toussaint 2	Greengrass 1	Hughes 2	Denham 1	J Cross 1	Smith	Hiscox	Loydon	Fryer	Quigley
DECEMBER																							
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN	W 14-0	-	568	A Kennedy	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet 1	Jenner	Merrick 2	Anderson 1	George 1	Toussaint 1	Greengrass 5	J Cross 2	Loydon	Denham 1	Hiscox	Calder	Woodward		
15	West Bromwich Albion	D 1-1**	-		R Jennings	Clarke	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass 1	J Cross	Quigley	Loydon	Denham	Fryer	Hiscox		
JANUARY																							
12	Cheltenham Town	W 2-0	-	576	A Freulett	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Smith	Merrick 1	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes 1	J Cross	Hiscox	Quigley	Denham			
19	Stourbridge	W 7-2	2	258	L Hurst	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Smith	Merrick	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass 3	Hughes 4	Jenner	Holmes	Loydon	Quigley	Denham	Clarke	Hiscox
26	DERBY COUNTY	W 4-0	1	427	A Greenwood	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet 1	Jenner	Merrick	Anderson	George	J Cross 1	Greengrass 1	Hughes 1	Quigley	Smith	Loydon	Holmes	Clarke	Denham	Hiscox
FEBRUARY																							
2	Rugby Borough	D 1-1	2	392	J Hunter	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Merrick 1	Anderson	George	Toussaint	Greengrass	Hughes	Smith	Quigley	Clarke	Fryer	Simkin	Loydon	J Cross
9	MANCHESTER UNITED																						
12	SPORTING KHALSA																						
16	Nottingham Forest																						
23	STOKE CITY																						
MARCH																							
9	Hull City																						
16	BURNLEY																						
23	WEST BROMWICH ALBION																						
APRIL																							
13	Halifax																						
27	LIVERPOOL FEDS																						

* own goals - Hunt (Hull City)
 ** Lost 2-4 on penalties (WBA)

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WOLVES

MANCHESTER UNITED

- 3 Anna Morphet
- 4 Summer Holmes
- 5 Emma Cross
- 6 Lily Simkin
- 7 Tammi George
- 8 Merrick Will
- 9 Jade Cross
- 10 Abi Loydon
- 11 Amber Hughes
- 12 Charlotte Greengrass
- 13 Bec Thomas
- 14 Martha MacPhail
- 16 Racheal Quigley
- 17 Katie Johnson
- 18 Hannah Fryer
- 19 Becky Anderson
- 20 Ania Denham
- 21 Destiney Toussaint
- 22 Beth Roberts
- 23 Josie Smith
- 25 Amelia Hiscox
- 26 Maddie Calder
- 27 Abbi Jenner
- 28 Beth Merrick
- 30 Charlotte Clarke
- 31 Skye Owen
- 39 Sophie Woodward

- 1 Kayla Rendell
- 2 Anna Sandberg
- 3 Gabby George
- 4 Maya Le Tissier
- 5 Aoife Mannion
- 6 Hannah Blundell
- 7 Ella Toone
- 8 Grace Clinton
- 9 Melvine Malard
- 11 Leah Galton
- 13 Simi Awujo
- 14 Jayde Riviere
- 15 Celin Bizet
- 16 Lisa Naalsund
- 17 Dominique Janssen
- 19 Elisabeth Terland
- 20 Hinata Miyazawa
- 21 Millie Turner
- 23 Geyse
- 25 Evie Rabjohn
- 28 Rachel Williams
- 37 Keira Barry
- 39 Safia Middleton-Patel
- 48 Mared Griffiths
- 91 Phallon Tullis-Joyce



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Lucy May | **Assistant referees:** Ruby Sykes & Charlotte Sparling Haythornthwaite
Fourth Official: Joanne Horwood

NEXT UP AT SEAH STADIUM

Sporting Khalsa
Wednesday 12th February 2025, 7.45pm | FA WNL

