



# 2023-24 SEASON GUIDE

# BREAKING NEW GROUND

Last season began with us all feeling that tangible shift in momentum that the Lionesses' UEFA Women's Euro win brought to women's football.

More than a year on from that pivotal moment and with an electric summer of FIFA Women's World Cup action to add to the anticipation, we're set to enter another year fresh from celebrating tumbling records and landmark achievements across our domestic leagues.

With each season that goes by, we – you – continue to step the leagues up to new heights.

Last season saw 170% more fans attending Barclays Women's Super League games than the year before, while Barclays Women's Championship matches achieved a 75% uplift in spectators heading through the gates. Meanwhile, away from the stands, the Barclays WSL became the most followed women's professional football league in the world with over two million social media followers, with 36% more watching broadcasts across 188 international markets worldwide.

We're entering an exciting period of evolution for the top tiers of the women's domestic game as we transition the leagues towards a new and independent structure.

As that work continues throughout this season, we're looking forward to your input and collaboration as we continue to grow some of the most ambitious, compelling, and competitive leagues in football.

We are pleased to introduce you to our season guide for 2023-24.

Inside, you'll find a host of key facts and helpful stats about each of the 2023-24 campaign's competing clubs, including squad lists, contact details, and plenty of background on the league's rich history.

Our players, clubs, partners, media, and fans all continue to contribute in extraordinary ways to the growth of the Barclays Women's Super League and Barclays Women's Championship, and whatever part you have to play, we hope you find this guide useful.

Here's to another brilliant season.


















**Women's Professional Game Team**





Matchday photography from 22-23 season

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# CHAMPIONS

2022-23



## 2022-23 STATS



### GOALS 2022-23

<b>12</b> MELISSA JOHNSON CHARLTON ATHLETIC	<b>12</b> SARAH EWENS LONDON CITY LIONESSES
<b>11</b> JADE PENNOCK BIRMINGHAM CITY	<b>11</b> SHANIA HAYLES BRISTOL CITY
<b>10</b> SAFFRON JORDAN BLACKBURN ROVERS	



### ASSISTS 2022-23

<b>8</b> ABIGAIL HARRISON BRISTOL CITY		
<b>7</b> SHANADE HOPCROFT LONDON CITY LIONESSES		
<b>5</b> ATLANTA PRIMUS LONDON CITY LIONESSES	<b>5</b> AIMEE PALMER BRISTOL CITY	<b>5</b> ABBEY JOICE SUNDERLAND



### CLEAN SHEETS 2022-23

<b>13</b> FRANCESCA BENTLEY BRISTOL CITY	
<b>10</b> SHAE YAÑEZ LONDON CITY LIONESSES	
<b>9</b> KAYLA RENDELL SOUTHAMPTON F.C.	<b>9</b> LUCY THOMAS BIRMINGHAM CITY

### TOTAL GOALS BY CLUBS 2022-23

<b>49</b>  LONDON CITY LIONESSES	<b>39</b>  BIRMINGHAM CITY	<b>39</b>  BRISTOL CITY	<b>34</b>  CHARLTON ATHLETIC	<b>32</b>  SHEFFIELD UNITED
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### LAST SEASON

 **271** PLAYERS WITH  
**14** DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES

## KEY DATES

<b>17 JULY</b> FIXTURE LAUNCH	<b>26-27 AUGUST</b> SEASON LAUNCH	<b>14 SEPTEMBER</b> SUMMER TRANSFER WINDOW CLOSES	<b>OCTOBER</b> BLACK HISTORY MONTH	<b>26 NOV – 9 DEC</b> RAINBOW LACES	<b>1-31 JANUARY</b> WINTER TRANSFER WINDOW	<b>23-24 MARCH</b> WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WEEKEND	<b>28 APRIL</b> END OF SEASON
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## ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS

TOP 5 MOST GOALS					TOP 5 MOST WINS					TOP 5 MOST CLEAN SHEETS				
														
295	255	189	184	184	88	68	50	50	48	63	39	32	29	28

**26**

NUMBER OF CLUBS WHO HAVE PLAYED IN THE BARCLAYS WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

**FIRST EVER MATCH**

14 APRIL 2014

OXFORD UTD **0 - 3** LONDON BEES

**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE**

**11,137**

SHEFFIELD UNITED V LONDON CITY LIONESSES

BRAMALL LANE, 20 NOVEMBER 2022

## PREVIOUS LEAGUE WINNERS & TOP GOALSCORERS

2014	2015	2016	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
SUNDERLAND	READING	YEOVIL TOWN	DONCASTER ROVERS BELLES	MANCHESTER UNITED	ASTON VILLA	LEICESTER CITY	LIVERPOOL	BRISTOL CITY
<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
FRAN KIRBY READING	COURTNEY SWEETMAN-KIRK DONCASTER ROVERS BELLES	INI-ABASI U MOTONG OXFORD UNITED JO WILSON LONDON BEES	JESSICA SIGSWORTH DONCASTER ROVERS BELLES	JESSICA SIGSWORTH MANCHESTER UNITED	KATIE WILKINSON SHEFFIELD UNITED	KATIE WILKINSON SHEFFIELD UNITED	ABI HARRISON BRISTOL CITY	MELISSA JOHNSON CHARLTON ATHLETIC SARAH EWENS LONDON CITY LIONESSES

# THE CLUBS



# BIRMINGHAM CITY

Founded: 1968

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## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Darren Carter



**Stadium**  
St. Andrew's  
Stadium  
Birmingham  
B9 4RL

**Capacity**  
29,409

**Seasons in the league**  
2

**Nickname**  
Blues

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Women's FA Cup winners

Birmingham City Women won the Women's FA Cup for the first time in 2012, beating Chelsea 3-2 on penalties at Ashton Gate.

#### Club legend

Head Coach Darren Carter wrote his name into the Club's history books as a player, scoring the winning penalty that sent the Men's First Team to the Premier League in 2002.

**Jade Pennock won the Barclays Women's Championship Player of the Season award in 2022-23, becoming the first Blues player to do so.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

1	Lucy Thomas (GK)	
2	Martha Harris	
3	Ellie Mason	
4	Louise Quinn	
6	Gemma Lawley	
7	Jade Pennock	
8	Jamie Finn	
9	Libby Smith	
10	Christie Murray	
11	Katie Dungate	
12	Lily Agg	
14	Siobhan Wilson	
17	Lucy Quinn	
18	Louanne Worsley	
22	Remi Allen	
23	Charlie Devlin	
27	Abbi Jenner	
28	Charlotte Clarke	
29	Lucy Jones (GK)	
30	Neve Herron	
32	Abi Cowie	
40	Delphi Cole	
42	Layla Banaras	



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Royal Blue/Royal Blue/White

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Black/Black/Black



**Away**  
Crimson/Black/Crimson

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Yellow/Yellow/Yellow

# BLACKBURN ROVERS

Founded: 1991

-  @RoversWFC
-  @RoversLadies
-  @RoversWFC
-  @RoversWFC



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Simon Parker



**Stadium**  
Lancashire FA  
The County Ground  
Leyland  
PR25 2LF

**Capacity**  
2,300

**Seasons in the league**  
3

**Nickname**  
Rovers

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Our pride

Ella Toone, Georgia Stanway and Keira Walsh all came through the Blackburn Rovers Academy system.






















#### A club for the community

Blackburn were formed in 1991 as part of the Blackburn Rovers community programme and have been called Rovers "Ladies" up until this season, now having changed their name to Blackburn Rovers Women.

**Blackburn won the National League North title three years in a row 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Alex Brooks (GK) 
- 2 Niamh Murphy 
- 3 Hannah Coan 
- 4 Tyler Toland 
- 5 Helen Seed 
- 6 Jade Richards 
- 7 Farah Crompton 
- 8 Emma Doyle 
- 10 Chloe Williams 
- 11 Meg Hornby 
- 12 Emma Taylor 
- 14 Lucy Shepherd 
- 15 Hannah Silcock 
- 17 Millie Chandarana 
- 19 Evie Smith 
- 21 Lauren Thomas 
- 22 Milly Robertson 
- 23 Georgia Walters 
- 25 Nicola Worthington 
- 29 Faith Nokuthula 
- 99 Shanell Salgado (GK) 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Blue & White/Blue/Blue

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Black/Black/Black



**Away**  
Black/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Red/Red/Red



**3rd Choice**  
Green/Green/ Green

# CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Founded: 1905

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 @CAFCWomen  
 @CAFCWomen  
 @charltonathleticw



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Karen Hills



**Stadium**  
The Valley  
London, SE7 8AN  
The Oakwood  
Dartford, DA1 4DN

**Capacity**  
27,111 / 1,000

**Seasons in the league**  
6

**Nickname**  
The Addicks

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Third time lucky

It took the Addicks three times until they could lift the FA Cup, losing to Fulham and Arsenal in the years prior. The Addicks claimed the biggest prize in women's football in 2005 when they beat Everton 1-0 in the FA Cup final at Upton Park.

#### Back in the Championship

Charlton secured promotion back to the Barclays Women's Championship in 2018 following a 2-1 win over Blackburn Rovers at Bramall Lane in the WPL play-off final.





















#### Golden boot winner

Melissa Johnson was awarded the 2022-23 golden boot after netting 12 times in the Championship, tied with London City Lionesses' Sarah Ewens.

**The women's team turned professional in the summer of 2021.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Sian Rogers (GK) 
- 2 Rebecca McKenna 
- 4 Mia Ross 
- 5 Elisha N'Dow 
- 6 Melissa Johnson 
- 7 Angela Addison 
- 8 Carla Humphrey 
- 9 Freda Ayisi 
- 10 Kate Longhurst 
- 11 Tegan McGowan 
- 12 Jessica Gray (GK) 
- 14 Freya Godfrey 
- 15 Kayleigh Green 
- 16 Karin Muya 
- 17 Kiera Skeels 
- 18 Lois Roche 
- 19 Ella Rutherford 
- 20 Mary Bashford 
- 21 Sophie O'Rourke 
- 22 Beth Roe 
- 25 Hannah Godfrey 
- 30 Poppy Soper (GK) 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Red/Black/Red

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Light Blue/Light Blue/Light Blue



**Away**  
Black/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Acid Lime/Acid Lime/Acid Lime



**3rd Choice**  
White/Black/White

**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Yellow/Yellow/Yellow

# CRYSTAL PALACE

Founded: 1961

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 @crystalpalacewomen  
 @cpfc\_w  
 @cpfc



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Laura Kaminski



**Stadium**  
The VBS Community  
Stadium  
Sutton  
SM1 2EY

**Capacity**  
5,000

**Seasons in the league**  
5

**Nickname**  
The Eagles

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### World class

Paige Bailey-Gayle made history in July 2023 as the first women's CPFC squad member to make a FIFA Women's World Cup.

#### Building on history

Crystal Palace can draw an established link back to the Crystal Palace football team founded in 1861, which played its first match in March 1862.

**The connection makes Palace the oldest league club in existence still playing professional football, and founding members of both the Football Association and FA Cup.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- |    |                    |  |
|----|--------------------|--|
| 1  | Fran Kitching (GK) |  |
| 2  | Annabel Johnson    |  |
| 3  | Fliss Gibbons      |  |
| 4  | Chloe Arthur       |  |
| 5  | Anna Filbey        |  |
| 6  | Aimee Everett      |  |
| 8  | Molly-Mae Sharpe   |  |
| 9  | Elise Hughes       |  |
| 10 | Annabel Blanchard  |  |
| 11 | Kirsten Reilly     |  |
| 12 | Lia Cataldo        |  |
| 13 | Natalia Negri (GK) |  |
| 14 | Paige Bailey-Gayle |  |
| 15 | Hayley Nolan       |  |
| 16 | Ellie Noble        |  |
| 19 | Keira Barry        |  |
| 20 | Polly Doran        |  |
| 21 | Shauna Guyatt      |  |
| 24 | Shanade Hopcroft   |  |



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Red & Blue/Blue/Blue

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Green/Green/Green



**Away**  
White/Sky Blue/White

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Purple/Purple/Purple



**3rd Choice**  
Black/Black/Black

# DURHAM

Founded: 2007

-  @DurhamWFC
-  @DurhamWomenFC
-  @DurhamWFC
-  @DurhamWFC



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Claire Ditchburn



**Stadium**  
Maiden Castle  
Durham  
DH1 3SE

**Capacity**  
1,800

**Seasons in the league**  
11

**Nickname**  
The Wildcats

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### A fast evolving club

Durham were initially formed in 2007 as a single grassroots team but rapidly evolved - and the club were accepted into the second tier of women's football ahead of the 2014 season.



#### Lionesses legend

The Wildcats have a Lionesses Legend in their ranks, with forward Jess Clarke having made 52 international appearances for England. She scored 11 times, including at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup.

**Durham's best-ever season came in the 2020-21 campaign, in which they finished second in the Barclays Women's Championship - only narrowly missing out on promotion.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 **Naoisha McAloon (GK)**  *(Nee-sha)*
- 2 **Georgia Robert** 
- 3 **Lauren Briggs** 
- 5 **Sarah Wilson** 
- 6 **Sarah Robson** 
- 7 **Beth Hepple** 
- 8 **Mollie Lambert** 
- 9 **Amy Andrews** 
- 12 **Lily Crosthwaite** 
- 13 **Anna King (GK)** 
- 14 **Becky Salicki** 
- 15 **Dee Bradley** 
- 17 **Poppy Pritchard** 
- 18 **Grace Ayre** 
- 19 **Ella Wilson** 
- 20 **Saoirse Noonan**  *(Sir-sha)*
- 21 **Erin Nicholson** 
- 22 **Eleanor Ryan-Doyle** 
- 23 **Jess Clarke** 
- 24 **Abby Holmes** 
- 30 **Tatiana Saunders (GK)** 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Blue/Blue/Blue

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Black/Black/Black



**Away**  
Black/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Green/Green/Green



**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Yellow/Black/Yellow

## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Scott Booth



**Stadium**  
The Dripping Pan  
Lewes  
BN7 2XA

**Capacity**  
2,801

**Seasons in the league**  
6

**Nickname**  
The Rooks

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### The gaffer

Scott Booth won 22 caps for Scotland, and later managed youth sides in the national set-ups before joining Glasgow City in the Scottish Women's Premier league where he led the team to six consecutive league titles, two Scottish Cups and one Scottish League Cup. He was awarded a place in the top 10 UEFA Women's Coach of the year in 2019.

#### The Dripping Pan

With picturesque white chalk cliffs of the South Downs at one end, the stadium has some stunning views, recently being voted No.1 in the "British Football's Greatest Grounds" book.

#### 100% fan owned

Anyone can own a share in the club for as little as £50 per year. Lewes is the first semi-professional / professional football club in the world to have equal playing budget and resources across the men's and women's team.

**In 2023, Lewes women's team reached their first ever FA cup quarter finals which was played in front of a club record attendance of 2,801.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

1	Sophie Whitehouse (GK)	
2	Grace Riglar	
3	Rhian Cleverly	
4	Amelia Hazard	
5	Grace Garrad	
6	Ellie Hack	
7	Caragh Hamilton	
8	Grace Palmer	
9	Valentine Pursey	
10	Maria Farrugia	
11	Anna Grey	
12	Shauna Vassell	
14	Reanna Blades	
15	Hollie Olding	
16	Kate Oakley	
21	Sarah Brasero-Carreira	
26	Emily Moore (GK)	



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Red with Black Stripes/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Blue/Blue/Black



**Away**  
White/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Grey/Grey/Black



**3rd Choice**  
Green/Green/Green

**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Yellow/Yellow/Black

# LONDON CITY LIONESSES

Founded: 2019

-  @LondonCityLionesses
-  @LondonCityLionesses
-  @LC\_Lionesses
-  @LondonCityLionesses



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Carolina Morace



**Stadium**  
Princes Park  
Dartford  
DA1 1RT

**Capacity**  
4,100

**Seasons in the league**  
4

**Nickname**  
The Lionesses

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Golden Boot winner

Sarah Ewens (2022-23) is the first London City Lioness to win the Barclays Women's Championship Golden Boot, tied with Charlton Athletic's Melissa Johnson (12).

#### Record crowds

London City broke its attendance record three times in 2022-23, most recently against South London rivals Charlton Athletic on 2 April (424).


















#### International class

London City Lionesses head coach Carolina Morace was the first woman to be inducted into the Italian Football Hall of Fame, after scoring 105 goals in 150 appearances for the Azzure. Carolina enjoyed a prolific career as a player, winning the Serie A title 12 times and scoring more than 550 goals for her numerous clubs. Carolina became the first woman to manage a professional men's football team in June 1999, leading Viterbese of Serie C.

**London City Lionesses is the capital's only independent professional women's football club.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Grace Moloney (GK) 
- 2 Grace Neville 
- 3 Emma Mukandi 
- 4 Georgia Brougham 
- 6 Sonia O'Neill 
- 7 Lois Joel 
- 8 Connie Scofield 
- 11 Tinaya Alexander 
- 12 Hermione Cull (GK) 
- 13 Paige Satchell 
- 17 Lucy Fitzgerald 
- 18 Danielle Carter 
- 20 Maddi Wilde 
- 25 Lois Heuchan 
- 28 Sophie Hillyerd (GK) 
- 31 Ruesha Littlejohn 
- 71 Niamh Farrelly 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Light Blue/Dark Blue/Dark Blue

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Pink/Black/Pink



**Away**  
Pink/Black/Pink

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Green/Black/Green

## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Liam Gilbert



**Stadium**  
Select Car  
Leasing Stadium  
Reading  
RG2 0FL

**Capacity**  
24,161

**Seasons in the league**  
1

**Nickname**  
The Royals

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### A swift return?

Reading were promoted to the Barclays Women's Super League in 2015, winning the WSL 2 title after coming from behind to beat Aston Villa 3-2 on the final day. Since then, the Royals have been in the Barclays WSL (8 years) until they were relegated last season on the final day.
















#### Farewell to a club legend

Kelly Chambers, now Cousins, is the club's longest servant having represented the Royals as a Player, Manager and Director of Women's Football for more than 20 years. This season will be the first season without Kelly at the helm since 2012.

**Last season was a record-breaking year from the fans, setting & breaking four attendance records which now currently stands at just over 6,000. As well as seeing a record number of Season Ticket Holders, which grew by 700% from the previous year.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Emily Orman (GK) 
- 5 Deanna Cooper 
- 7 Charlie Wellings 
- 8 Tia Primmer 
- 9 Madison Perry 
- 10 Ava Kuyken 
- 11 Lauren Wade 
- 15 Brooke Hendrix 
- 16 Easter Mayi Kith 
- 17 Charlie Estcourt 
- 18 Freya Meadows-Tuson 
- 22 Millie Elwood 
- 25 Jacqueline Burns (GK) 
- 27 Rose Kite (GK) 
- 28 Lily Woodham 
- 31 Bethan Roberts 
- 41 Eve Annets (GK) 
- 51 Sanne Troelsgaard Nielsen 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Blue & White Hoops/Blue/Blue

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Yellow/Yellow/Yellow



**Away**  
Grey/Dark Grey/Grey

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Green/Green/Green



**3rd Choice**  
Purple/Purple/Purple

**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Black/Black/Black

# SHEFFIELD UNITED

Founded: 1889

 @sufc\_women  
 @SUFcWomen  
 @sufc\_women  
 @SUFcWomen



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Jonathan Morgan



**Stadium**  
Bramall Lane  
Sheffield  
S2 4SU

**Capacity**  
32,000

**Seasons in the league**  
5

**Nickname**  
The Blades / United

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Forged in steel

Sheffield United was originally formed as 'Sheffield United Community Ladies' by Blades legend Tony Currie in the 1990s as part of the 'United in the Community' project.




















#### Championship record crowd

Sheffield United set the Barclays Women's Championship attendance record in November 2022 as 11,137 people watched the Blades face London City Lionesses at Bramall Lane.

**Charlotte Newsham didn't miss a minute in the Barclays Women's Championship in 2022-23, winning Sheffield United's Player of the Season award.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Fran Stenson (GK) 
- 2 Charley Docherty 
- 3 Charlotte Newsham 
- 4 Sophie Barker 
- 5 Molly Graham 
- 6 Tara Bourne 
- 7 Jess Sigsworth 
- 8 Maddy Cusack 
- 9 Bex Rayner 
- 10 Isobel Goodwin 
- 11 Ashley Hodson 
- 12 Jodie Hutton 
- 13 Olivia Page 
- 14 Ellie May 
- 15 Tamara Wilcock 
- 16 Chene Muir 
- 17 Sophie Haywood 
- 18 Ella Kinzett 
- 19 Alanta Brown 
- 22 Darcie Sugden-Brook 
- 24 Rachel Brown 
- 29 Fallon Connolly-Jackson 
- 32 Juliet Adebowale-Arimoro 
- 33 Bethan Davies (GK) 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Red & White Stripes/Black/Black

**Goalkeeper Home**  
White/White/White



**Away**  
Teal & Navy Blue/Navy Blue/Navy Blue

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Teal/Teal/Teal



**3rd Choice**  
Gold/Gold/Gold

**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Black/Black/Red

# SOUTHAMPTON

Founded: 2017

 @SaintsFCWomen  
 @southamptonfc  
 @SaintsFCWomen  
 @southamptonfc



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Marianne Spacey-Cale



**Stadium**  
St Mary's Stadium  
Southampton  
SO14 5FP

**Capacity**  
32,000

**Seasons in the league**  
2

**Nickname**  
Saints Women

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### The Saints go marching in

Saints Women's FC was formed in the 2017-18 season and started off in the Hampshire County Women's Football League - back-to-back promotions brought them to the Championship in 2022.

#### Fans flock to St Mary's Stadium

In their first season of the Barclays Women's Championship, Southampton had the highest average attendance in the league for the 2022-23 season with a phenomenal 539% increase in attendance from the 2021-22 season.

**Their manager Marianne Spacey-Cale was a prolific footballer, finishing her career with 94 caps and 30 goals for England.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- |    |                    |  |
|----|--------------------|--|
| 1  | Kayla Rendell (GK) |  |
| 2  | Ella Morris        |  |
| 3  | Milly Mott         |  |
| 4  | Lucia Kendall      |  |
| 5  | Rosanna Parnell    |  |
| 6  | Laura Rafferty     |  |
| 7  | Lexi Lloyd-Smith   |  |
| 8  | Chloe Peplow       |  |
| 9  | Katie Wilkinson    |  |
| 10 | Rianna Dean        |  |
| 11 | Megan Wynne        |  |
| 12 | Sophia Pharoah     |  |
| 14 | Molly Pike         |  |
| 16 | Emma Thompson      |  |
| 17 | Emily Kraft        |  |
| 18 | Isabel Milne       |  |
| 19 | Alice Griffiths    |  |
| 20 | Atlanta Primus     |  |
| 21 | Jemma Purfield     |  |
| 22 | Beth Howard (GK)   |  |
| 23 | Megan Collett      |  |
| 24 | Paige Peake        |  |



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



#### Home

Red & White/Black/White

#### Goalkeeper Home

Black & Yellow/Black/Black



#### Away

White/Teal/Teal

#### Goalkeeper Away

Pink/Pink/Pink



#### 3rd Choice

Black/Grey/Black

#### Goalkeeper 3rd Choice

Teal/Teal/Teal

# SUNDERLAND AFC

Founded: 1879

 @safcwomen  
 @safcwomen  
 @SAFCWomen



## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Melanie Reay



**Stadium**  
Eppleton Colliery  
Welfare Ground  
Houghton le Spring  
DH5 9NA

**Capacity**  
1,810

**Seasons in the league**  
3

**Nickname**  
Black Cats, Lassies

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts



#### Lionesses history

The team has a long-standing history of producing England internationals, with Jill Scott, Steph Houghton, Demi Stokes, Jordan Nobbs, Beth Mead and Lucy Bronze the notable alumni from the Black Cats.





















#### Inaugural champions

Sunderland Women were crowned the inaugural champions of the WSL 2 in 2014, now known as the Barclays Women's Championship.

**Sunderland Women were founded in 1989, with the team originally being named the Kestrels.**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Claudia Moan (GK) 
- 4 Faye Mullen 
- 5 Grace McCatty 
- 6 Louise Griffiths 
- 7 Keira Ramshaw 
- 8 Emily Scarr 
- 9 Mary McAteer 
- 10 Katie Kitching 
- 11 Jessica Brown 
- 14 Natasha Fenton 
- 15 Amy Goddard 
- 16 Grace Ede 
- 18 Libbi McInnes 
- 19 Megan Beer 
- 20 Ellen Jones 
- 22 Megan Borthwick (GK) 
- 23 Jenna Dear 
- 25 Katy Watson 
- 27 Brianna Westrup 
- 37 Liz Ejupi 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Red & White/Black/Red

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Yellow/Yellow/Yellow



**Away**  
Pink/Purple/Purple

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Peach/Orange/Orange



**3rd Choice**  
Lime/Lime/Lime

**Goalkeeper 3rd Choice**  
Blue/Blue/Blue

# WATFORD

Founded: 1881

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## OVERVIEW

### Key Information



**Head Coach**  
Damon Lathrope



**Stadium**  
Grosvenor Vale  
Ruislip, HA4 6JQ  
Vicarage Road  
Watford, WD18 0ER

**Capacity**  
4,085 / 22,200

**Seasons in the league**  
2

**Nickname**  
The Hornets, The Golden Girls

## STATISTICS

### Key Club Facts











**Promoted**  
Following their 1-0 victory over Nottingham Forest in May 2023's play-off final and subsequent changes to promotion from the third-tier, Watford were the final side to achieve promotion from the FA Women's National League via the play-offs.

**Full circle**  
Winger Gemma Davison returned to the Hornets in 2022 as a 10-time FA WSL winner, UEFA Cup winner and England international. The 36-year-old began her career in the Golden Girls' youth setup.

**Watford's all-time top goalscorer Helen Ward is also Wales' highest-ever goalscorer, netting 44 times for the Dragons!**

## SQUAD LIST

### 2023-24 Season

- 1 Olivia Clark (GK) 
- 2 Lucía León 
- 3 Abbie Lafayette 
- 4 Charlotte Fleming 
- 5 Anne Meiwald 
- 6 Sophie McLean 
- 7 Gemma Davison 
- 8 Bianca Baptiste 
- 9 Carly Johns 
- 10 Annie Rossiter 
- 11 Michelle Agyemang 
- 12 Ellie Head 
- 13 Jacqui Goldsmid (GK) 
- 14 Harley Bennett 
- 15 Drè Georgiou 
- 16 Laila Harbert 
- 17 Megan Chandler 
- 18 Poppy Wilson 
- 19 Alli Palisch 
- 20 Kalani Peart 
- 21 Flo Fyfe 
- 22 Jade Bradley 
- 23 Coral Haines 
- 24 Lois Edwards 
- 25 Melis Mehmet 
- 26 Katie Reid 
- 27 Corinne Henson 



## OVERVIEW

### Kit



**Home**  
Black & Yellow/Black/Yellow

**Goalkeeper Home**  
Purple/Purple/Purple



**Away**  
White/Maroon/Maroon

**Goalkeeper Away**  
Crimson/Crimson/Crimson



## TITLE PARTNER



Barclays has been providing banking services around the world for more than 330 years. For almost a third of that time, the bank has supported football, starting with its role as banker to The FA, and is still a partner of the Premier League, a partnership which has been in place for 22 years. Four years ago Barclays expanded its support when it became title sponsor of the Women's Super League.

Having recently renewed its sponsorship, the bank has doubled its original investment, breaking its own record for investment in UK women's sport. Barclays also became the first title sponsor of the Women's Championship last season, further strengthening the bank's support of the women's game.

Alongside its backing of the top flight leagues, Barclays is lead partner of Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships and Barclays 'Game On'. Both of these initiatives will deliver the bank's goal of giving girls in England equal access to football in schools by 2024.

Outside of schools, the Barclays Community Football Fund helps make football more accessible in communities across the UK, and brings more equality to grassroots football. In its inaugural year, it supported 2000 community groups across the UK, engaging over 268,000 young people in inclusive football activities.

Barclays is a British universal bank, diversified by business, by different types of customer and client, and by geography. The businesses include consumer banking and payments operations around the world, as well as a top-tier, full service, global corporate and investment bank.

All are supported by the bank's service company, which provides technology, operations and functional services across the Group. Over the coming years Barclays will continue to support football through its partnership with The FA and Premier League and by providing services to the football industry as a whole, building on relationships fostered over many years.

For more information on Barclays, please visit [home.barclays/football](https://home.barclays/football)

# OFFICIAL BALL SUPPLIER



The FA is delighted to announce the continuation of Nike as the Official Ball Supplier of the Barclays Women's Super League (WSL), Barclays Women's Championship (BWC) and The FA Women's Continental Tyres League Cup for the 2023-24 season.

The agreement sees the Nike Flight ball technology continue to be used when the Barclays Women's Super League and the Barclays Women's Championship kicks off.

Each competition has its own branded ball, while The FA Women's Continental Tyres League Cup will have a competition branded ball for the Final in March.

Breakthrough Aerowsculpt technology uses features on the surface of the ball to help air move around it more easily. That means less wobble in the air and a more stable, predictable flight path.

This 2023-24 season sees the first time Nike will bring the opportunity for the Barclays Women's Super League ball to be purchased at retail.

For further information about Nike, please visit [www.nike.com/gb](http://www.nike.com/gb)



## BROADCASTERS

### GRAVITY MEDIA

Gravity Media is The FA's production partner; Gravity is present at every Barclays Women's Championship match to capture footage. All highlights and full match replays are made available on The FA Player.

### TheFA **PLAYER**

All matches in the first two rounds of the season are shown live; for every other round one match is shown live on The FA Player.

### sky **sports**

The Barclays Women's Championship Show is shown on both Sky Sports and The FA Player.

## WEBSITE

 [womensleagues.thefa.com](https://womensleagues.thefa.com)

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