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10:30AM

The turnstiles open.

11:00AM

The team news will be announced via social media.

12:00PM

Kick-off!

12:45PM

Half-time. Listen out for details of our half-time activity!

1:45PM

Full-time. Our players will be available for autographs!

MATCH DAY TIMETABLE



THE SKIPPER

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game with Southampton.

In our last home game, it was great to come away with the win against Sheffield United in the Conti Cup. We knew it was going to be a tough game, especially after playing them so recently in the league. It was also good to see some of the younger players get their well earned minutes as that's what it is all about. Midweek Conti Cup games at Maiden Castle in front of our fans are always special too!

It was great to see the win out with a penalty shootout. All credit to Naoisha, she was once again amazing! It's quite a high pressure situation and something that is difficult to replicate in training.

We followed that with a professional performance against West Brom in the FA Cup. They were a well-organised team and we found it difficult to break them down. We knew it was going to be a tough afternoon so it was great to come away with the win and get into the draw for the next round.

I was delighted to get a goal too. It's always nice to get on the scoresheet as it doesn't happen often! It was a special one for me personally and it was great to get a goal and a clean sheet!

Today we face Southampton and we were really unlucky earlier in the season not to come away with anything when we played them away. We thought we deserved more and it was a gritty performance. We are expecting the same again today. Southampton are a great team with some fantastic players, as are we. It is important that we focus on our own strengths and our own game plan.

This afternoon also marks our final home game of 2023, and we are continuing to build as a team and as a club. The progress the club is making off the pitch is unbelievable to see and it's very exciting. How we have evolved over the past 10 years is just incredible and we continue to grow. On reflection, this time last year I was recovering from a serious injury. I just want to continue to help this team build and grow as much as I can.

The fans have been unbelievable all year. We are so lucky to have an amazing fan base that not only support us at home in their numbers but on the away days too. They've pushed us all the way so far and we know they will continue to do the same today and for the second half of the season.

Thanks as always for your support, and I hope to see you back here on January 28 when we play Watford.

SARAH WILSON



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2023 KATEM LOGISTICS CUP

Durham Women have teamed-up with Katem Logistics to host a junior tournament ahead of today's fixture!

The two organisations have worked together since the summer of 2022 and have teamed-up to provide players with an enjoyable football festival ahead of Christmas.

Teams from across the North East and Cumbria will converge on 3G2 (the furthest artificial pitch from the main building at Maiden Castle) from 9am this morning as they prepare for a fun and friendly few hours of football fixtures!

The players, parents and coaches will then head along to the main stadium to cheer on the Wildcats in a big game in the Barclays Women's Championship.

Every participant will receive a certificate on the pitch at half-time during the Durham v Southampton game, while the winning teams will also be presented with their trophies!

A full list of the the teams participating at each age group is below:

U9

Shincliffe Juniors
Jarrow FC Tigers
Deerness Valley
Whickham FC
CLS Amazons Gems
Workington Reds

U11

Blyth Spartans
CLS Amazons Amigos

Seaham Roseberry Park
Workington Reds
Shincliffe Juniors
Middlesbrough Girls

U14

Durham County Girls
Middlesbrough Girls
Newton Aycliffe Youth
Middleton Rangers
Washington Athletic
Workington Reds

Commenting on the tournament, James Walker - Commercial Director at Katem Logistics - said: "We are all incredibly honoured to be hosting the Katem Logistics Cup.

"Congratulations must go to Durham Women FC to put on an event to allow so many local teams to compete for the Katem Logistics Cup.

"Good luck to all the teams and more than anything we hope everyone enjoys being part of a wonderful tournament."

Mark Donnelly of Durham Women added: "We're delighted to be working with Katem Logistics to host this tournament - and provide a host of junior teams with the opportunity to play a lot of football at a time of year where that can sometimes be difficult.

"We've all loved working with Katem Logistics since partnering with them last year and this is such an exciting way to continue this partnership."



DURHAM WOMEN

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1 **NAISHA**
MCALOON

POSITION: GOALKEEPER
JOINED DURHAM: 2022
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AUTOGRAPH



30 **TATIANA**
SAUNDERS

POSITION: GOALKEEPER
JOINED DURHAM: 2023
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3 **LAUREN**
BRIGGS

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2017
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5 **SARAH**
WILSON

POSITION: DEFENDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2014
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6 **SARAH**
ROBSON

POSITION: DEFENDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2016
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7 **BETH**
HEPPLE

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2014
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8 **MOLLIE**
LAMBERT

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
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9 **AMY**
ANDREWS

POSITION: FORWARD
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12 LILY CROSTHWAITE
POSITION: FORWARD
JOINED DURHAM: 2020
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14 BECKY SALICKI
POSITION: DEFENDER
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15 DEE BRADLEY
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
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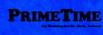
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18 GRACE AYRE
POSITION: DEFENDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2020
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POSITION: FORWARD
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22 ELEANOR RYAN-DOYLE
POSITION: FORWARD
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23 JESS CLARKE
POSITION: FORWARD
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HOW IT STARTED...

"My sister was a big influence! I started to go to her training sessions with her team - even though she was older - and joined in where I could."

MY FIRST TEAM...

"Bedale Juniors FC - after going to some of my sisters training sessions, I got asked to go to one of the junior boys team training sessions where some of my friends played and joined them not long after."

SENIOR STEP-UP & TURNING PRO...

"After leaving York RTC, I joined Durham and played for the Cestria squad where I made my first appearance in senior football. At the start it was a bit daunting to go into a new environment but I was excited to just get playing again after settling into a few sessions!

"I got asked to step up into the first team squad after playing for Cestria. I was very excited to get the opportunity to play professionally as it was something I'd always dreamt of!"

MY FOOTBALL JOURNEY

WITH LILY CROSTHWAITE...



A TO Z

FEATURING
SAOIRSE NOONAN



A**Analysis. What are you three best attributes as player?**My feet
Awareness
Technical ability**B****Best Friend. Who is your best friend in football?**

Naisha our goalie - she's my home away from home and made it so much easier to settle in when I moved over.

C**Cinema. What's your favourite ever film?**

Home Alone

D**Disguise. What's your go-to fancy dress outfit?**

Don't have one!

E**Eat. What's your favourite food?**

Chicken

F**Fan. What football team do you support?**

Liverpool

G**Grades. What was your favourite subject in school**

Maths

H**Hobbies. What do you do when you're not playing football?**

Watch football and go for coffees with the girls.

I**Idol. Who was your favourite player growing up?**

Steven Gerrard

J**Joker. Who's the funniest person you've met in football?**

Ruesha Littlejohn

K**Karaoke. What's your karaoke song of choice?**

Whiskey in a Jar

L**Love. What do you love most about playing professional football?**

Playing in big games and doing it with your best friends.

M**Mystery. Tell us something about you that we may not know!**

I've got a birthmark in my eye.

N**Notable. Who's the most famous person in your phone contacts?**

Edozie Ogbene

O**Opponent. Who's the best player you've ever played against?**

Alessia Russo

P**Present. What's the best gift you've ever received?**

My dog

Q**Quality. Who's the best player you've ever played with?**

Katie McCabe

R**Relive. If you could relive one moment from your football career, which would it be?**

Scoring against England U17 in my home county, Cork where. We won 2-0 and qualified for the Euro finals

S**Song. What song can't you stop listening to at the moment?**

Tom Grennan- What's Ifs and Maybes

T**TV. What series can you watch over and over?**

I'm not a fan of doing this!

U**Unpopular - Give us your unpopular opinion...**

Irish accents are the best accents.

V**Vacation - What's your favourite holiday destination?**

Anywhere hot.

W**Wisdom. What advice would you give to a child looking to become a professional athlete?**

Dream big - enjoy the highs and learn from the lows.

X**Xylophone. Can you play any musical instruments?**

No

Y**Yikes. What's your biggest fear?**

Simon's 1k test!

Z**Zoo. What's your favourite animal?**

Monkey

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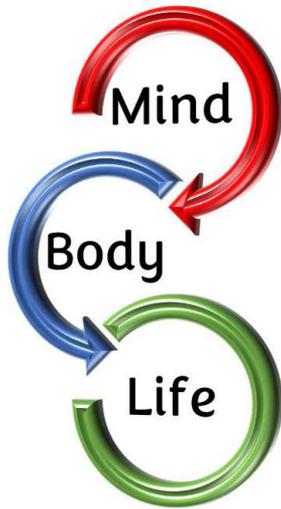
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Greetings from The Back of The Stand!

It seems so long ago since we last altogether, but here we are for the last fixture of the calendar year.

Looking back, as usual, it has been a rollercoaster of a time following and covering our team; I must say a very enjoyable ride!

We've seen a great many changes, some gradually like the style of play and personnel, others as events or beginnings; but all have been positive.

We've seen the launch of the Supporters' Club who have held events, organised Away travel and have many more things to come. The support hasn't gone un-noticed; out-cheering/singing/shouting/supporting the opposition fans wherever they go, even silencing the BBC! Now with two drums, the Championship and the Media have been warned and are readying themselves!

The first Supporters' Player Of The Year Award was voted for and given to Dee Bradley, as part of 'The End Of Season Awards' at The Ramside; what a great

occasion that was!

All aspects, levels and age-groups of the Club have progressed and continue to flourish; celebrated at the Awards but also from the sidelines.

Topped-off with a win in the FA Cup last weekend (this was written before the 4th Round Draw was made) and the return to the starting line-up of #BH7! Followed by another trip to the Midlands in the League Cup (result not yet in!). Early Christmas presents all round!

Let's hope we can finish this year with another victory against Southampton; which, I know, is no easy task but when that we'll face head-on.

It has been a privilege, as always, to cover another calendar year at the Club that I love. As we hurtle towards completing 10 years together, on DHR (via www.dhradio.org.uk), I'm thankful of the opportunities and the welcome I, personally, always receive.

Thank you and have a Happy Christmas!

Enjoy the game and let's hear "The Wildcat Roar"!

JOHN MIDDLETON





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LATEST PATHWAY NEWS

Professional Game Academy graduate Ella Wilson has put pen to paper on a professional contract at Durham Women.

The 18-year-old has signed a long-term contract at Maiden Castle!



Our under-21 side claimed a memorable victory over Manchester United last month!

And topping off the triumph was the fact that three U16 players - Daisy Clarke, Freya Sinclair and Ellen Atkinson - all stepped up to feature!

Our under-21 Professional Game Academy team welcomed Arsenal this week in the Quarter Final of the PGA Cup.

Meanwhile, our under-16 side have been drawn against either Birmingham City or Bristol City in the Semi Final of the PGA Plate!

That home tie is scheduled to take place on January 20!



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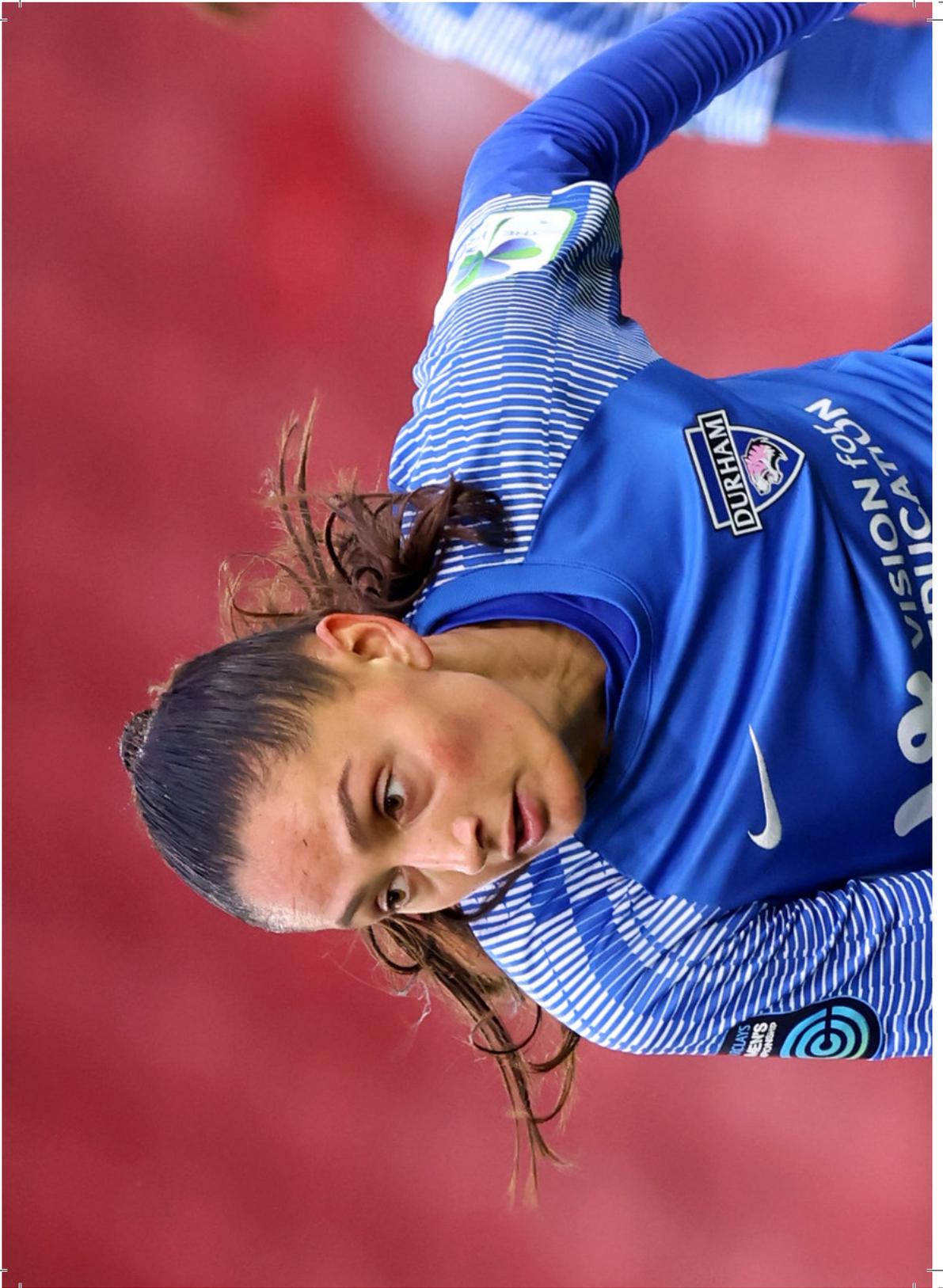
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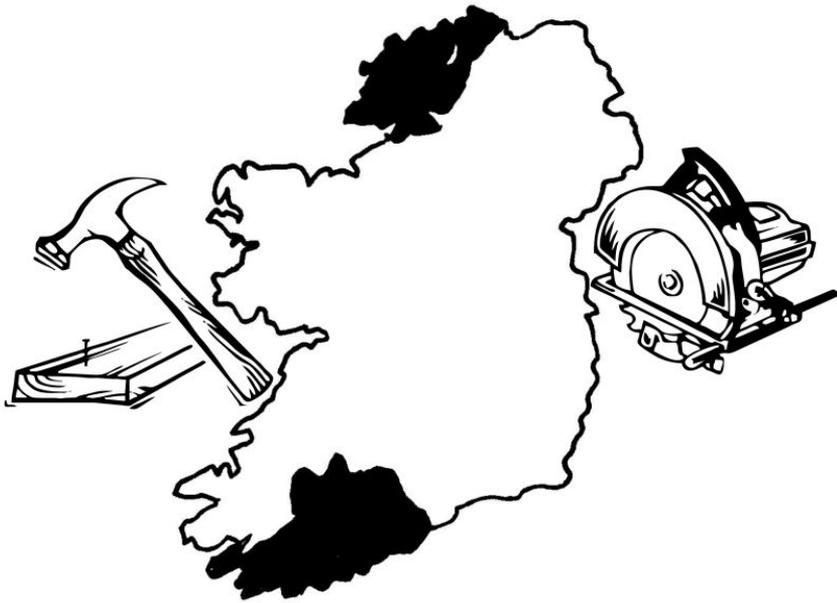


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**SAOIRSE NOONAN
6 GOALS**

TOP
SCORER

**MOLLY PIKE &
SOPHIA PHAROAH
5 GOALS**

4

CLEAN
SHEETS

3

**WEST BROM 0
DURHAM 5**

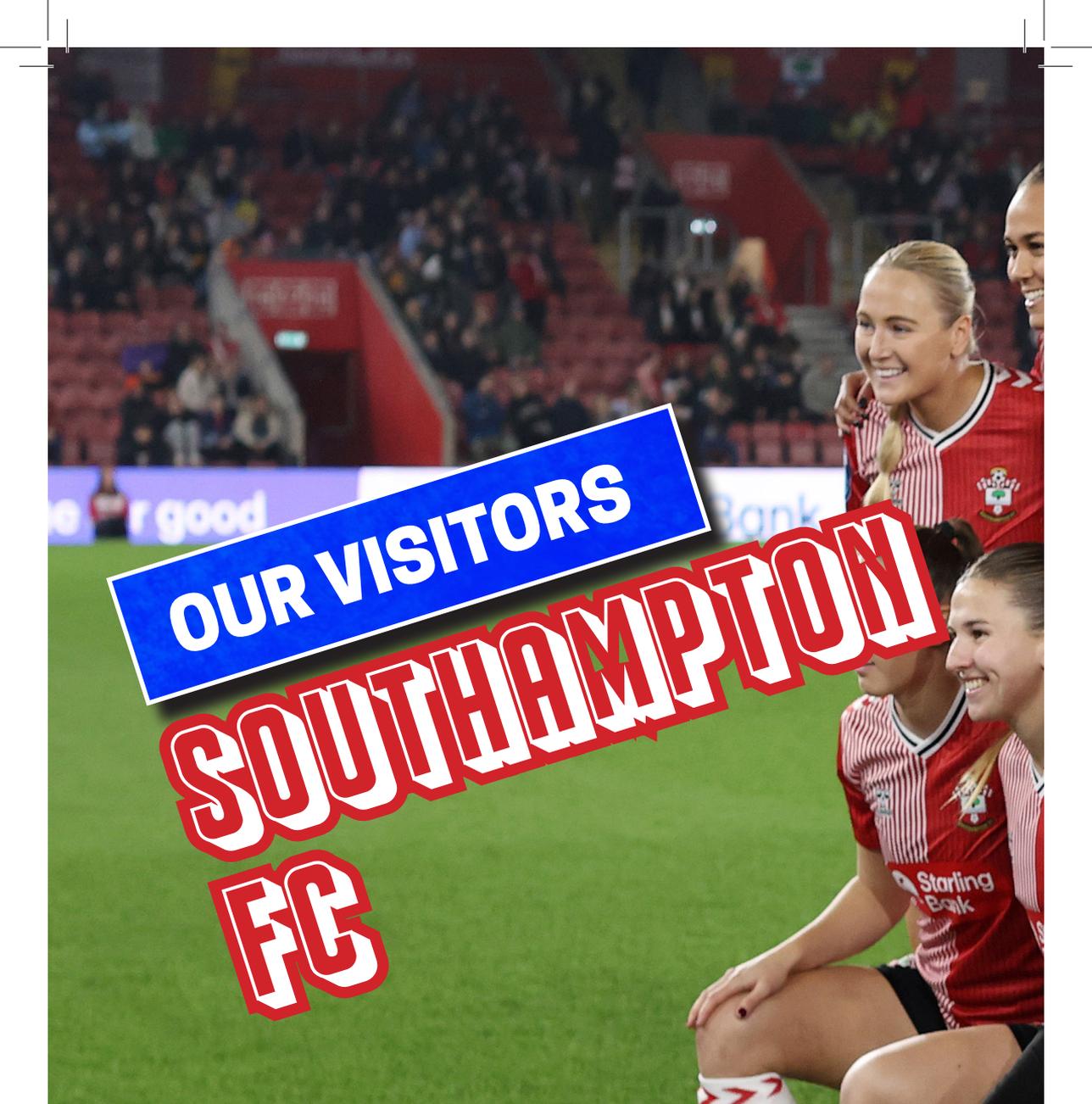
LAST
RESULT

**PORTSMOUTH 1
SOUTHAMPTON 2**

22

GOALS
SCORED

26



OUR VISITORS

SOUTHAMPTON FC

TOP SCORER

The Saints have shared the goals around this season - but **Molly Pike and Sophia Pharoah** both sit top of the scoring charts with five goals in all competitions.

THE CAPTAIN

The armband has been worn by centre back **Rosie Parnell** this season - with the long-serving defender a regular in the Southampton backline.

THE SEASON SO FAR

One of the early favourites for promotion, Southampton have started the season well and currently sit third in the Barclays Women's Championship - just one point off the summit. They have lost just four times - and are yet to draw a league game this season!



THE ONES TO WATCH

Southampton stopper **Kayla Rendell** has quickly established herself as one of the most reliable goalkeepers in the second tier - and has also earned international recognition with regular call-ups to the England U23 side. **Katie Wilkinson**, meanwhile, is well-known to Championship defences having been a regular score in the league since its inception.



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THE TEAMS





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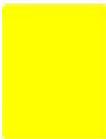
HINTS!
Think about these things if you're
struggling to write your report: who
scored goals? were they any chances?
what about yellow and red cards?

MY PLAYER OF THE MATCH IS...

WRITE A REPORT!

FOOTBALL BINGO!

How many of these things can you spot during today's game?
Keep your eyes peeled!

 <p>DURHAM SCORE A GOAL</p>	 <p>DURHAM SCORE A GOAL</p>	 <p>SPOT CANDY</p>	 <p>THE REFEREE GIVES A CORNER</p>
 <p>DURHAM SCORE A GOAL</p>	 <p>A PLAYER GETS A YELLOW CARD</p>	 <p>THE REFEREE GIVES A GOAL KICK</p>	 <p>A GOALKEEPER MAKES A SAVE</p>
 <p>THE REFEREE GIVES A FREE KICK</p>	 <p>DURHAM HAVE A SHOT</p>	 <p>DURHAM MAKE A SUBSTITUTION</p>	 <p>DURHAM SCORE A GOAL</p>
 <p>DURHAM SCORE A GOAL</p>	 <p>THE REFEREE GIVES A THROW IN</p>	 <p>A GOALKEEPER CATCHES THE BALL</p>	 <p>OFFSIDE!</p>



TIP 1

Practice as much as you can!

TIP 2

Try and watch as much football as you can and bring things into your game!

TIP 3

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something!

TOP TIPS!

WITH BETH HEPPLER



STATS & LEAGUE TABLE

	TEAM	PLD	PTS	GD
1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	11	22	+7
2	SUNDERLAND	11	22	+7
3	SOUTHAMPTON	11	21	+7
4	CRYSTAL PALACE	10	20	+20
5	BIRMINGHAM CITY	11	20	+10
6	BLACKBURN ROVERS	10	15	-5
7	DURHAM	11	14	-9
8	SHEFFIELD UNITED	10	13	-1
9	LONDON CITY LIONESSES	11	11	-7
10	READING	10	10	-5
11	LEWES	11	7	-11
12	WATFORD	11	5	-13

TOP SCORERS

	PLAYER	CLUB	GLS
1	E HUGHES	PALACE	11
2	A BLANCHARD	PALACE	7
	I GOODWIN	SHEFF UTD	7
3	K GREEN	CHARLTON	6
4	CARLY JOHNS	WATFORD	5
5	K WILKINSON	SOTON	4
	M PIKE	SOTON	4
	S PHAROAH	SOTON	4

GAMES THIS WEEKEND

Blackburn v Lewes (Sunday, 12pm)
 Reading v Crystal Palace (Sunday, 1pm)
 Sunderland v Birmingham (Sunday, 2pm)
 Sheffield United v Charlton (Sunday, 2pm)
 Watford v London City (Sunday, 2pm)



FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	COMP	KO	SCORE
27/8	WATFORD	A	BWC	12PM	D 1-1
3/9	LEWES	H	BWC	12PM	W 2-0
10/9	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	BWC	12PM	L 1-9
17/9	LONDON CITY	H	BWC	12PM	W 1-0
1/10	READING	H	BWC	12PM	L 2-0
8/10	CHARLTON	A	BWC	12PM	D 1-1
11/10	BLACKBURN	H	CC	7PM	W 3-2
15/10	SOUTHAMPTON	A	BWC	12PM	L 1-2
22/10	BLACKBURN	H	BWC	12PM	W 2-1
5/11	SUNDERLAND	H	BWC	12PM	L 0-1
8/11	SUNDERLAND	A	CC	7:30PM	D 2-2*
12/11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	BWC	2PM	W 1-0
19/11	BIRMINGHAM	A	BWC	1PM	L 1-3
23/11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	CC	7PM	D 1-1**
10/12	WEST BROM	A	FAC R3	3PM	W 5-0
13/12	ASTON VILLA	A	CC	6:15PM	
17/12	SOUTHAMPTON	H	BWC	12PM	
TBC	MANCHESTER CITY	H	FAC R4	TBC	
21/1	LEWES	A	BWC	12PM	
28/1	WATFORD	H	BWC	12PM	
4/2	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	BWC	12PM	
18/2	LONDON CITY	A	BWC	12PM	
3/3	BLACKBURN	A	BWC	2PM	
17/3	CHARLTON	H	BWC	12PM	
24/3	SUNDERLAND	A	BWC	2PM	
31/3	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	BWC	12PM	
21/4	READING	A	BWC	12PM	
28/4	BIRMINGHAM	H	BWC	1PM	

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PLAYER STATS

PLAYER	START	SUB ON	GOAL	ASSIST	YC	RC
Naoisha McALOON	9					
Lauren BRIGGS	12	1			3	
Sarah WILSON	15		1	1	3	
Sarah ROBSON	12		1		1	
Beth HEPPLÉ	1	3		1	1	
Mollie LAMBERT	14	1	2	3	1	
Amy ANDREWS	11	4	3			
Lily CROSTHWAITE	7	4	1	1		
Becky SALICKI	13	2	1	1	1	
Dee BRADLEY	15			1	6	
Poppy PRITCHARD	8	6	2	2		
Grace AYRE	3	4			1	
Ella WILSON	4	6			2	
Saoirse NOONAN	12	3	6	4	4	
Eleanor RYAN-DOYLE	7	8	5	4	1	
Jess CLARKE	6	5		1	1	
Abby HOLMES	9	3		1	2	
Tatiana SAUNDERS	6				2	
Erin NICHOLSON	2	4				
Anna KING						

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Durham Women sealed their place in the Fourth Round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup with victory at West Brom.

Skipper Sarah Wilson opened the scoring with a first half header before Eleanor Ryan-Doyle, Lily Crosthwaite, Saoirse Noonan and Becky Salicki extended the advantage after the interval.

It was the Blues' first game in a fortnight but that showed no signs of rustiness as they began brightly.

Indeed, Durham could have taken the lead within the opening minute as Abby Holmes clipped a fine ball into the path of Beth Hepple whose lobbed strike was eventually gathered by the home goalkeeper before it crossed the line.

West Brom then twice came close through Fran Orthodoxou as the midfielder twice let fly from range – first sending a half-volley narrowly wide before forcing Naoisha McAloon into a fingertip stop.

But as the half progressed, the Blues began to dominate the ball and were creating the better of the chances.

Saoirse Noonan saw a free-kick tipped wide by Lucy Jones before the resultant corner was fired narrowly over by Abby Holmes.

Amy Andrews then saw a shot hacked away by a home defender after her strike beat the stopper – but Durham wouldn't be denied for much longer.

A teasing Hepple corner was met by skipper Wilson whose glancing header found its way in via the woodwork.

It was almost two before the break, with Poppy

Pritchard denied by Lucy Jones before seeing a goal chalked out for offside.

And Durham continued to hold most of the momentum after the break – with Mollie Lambert fizzing a strike wide just moments after the restart after latching on to a fine pass from Hepple.

Noonan curled wide from the edge of the area before Hepple came even closer as her powerful strike from 25 yards came back off the inside of the post.

The visitors would be denied by the woodwork again moments later, Noonan this time sending a shot against hit the outer edge of the upright.

But a deserved second would eventually come just after the hour mark, with two substitutes combining.

Crosthwaite weaved her way into the box from the left flank before squaring the ball for Ryan-Doyle, who applied the simple finish from six yards.

The forward almost doubled her tally shortly after but her 25-yard drive flashed just the wrong side of the post, as Durham continued to ask all the questions.

And a third goal would arrive to top-off that pressure – Noonan feeding Crosthwaite who kept her cool to slot home when one-on-one with Jones.

Andrews was then thwarted by Jones after muscling her way through on goal, but Salicki would add a fifth in injury time as she bundled home from a corner.



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- 1** Kayla RENDELL
- 2** Ella MORRIS
- 3** Milly MOTT
- 4** Lucia KENDALL
- 5** Rosie PARNELL
- 6** Laura RAFFERTY
- 7** Lexi LLOYD-SMITH
- 8** Chloe PELOW
- 9** Katie WILKINSON
- 10** Rianna DEAN
- 11** Megan WYNNE
- 12** Sophia PHAROAH
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