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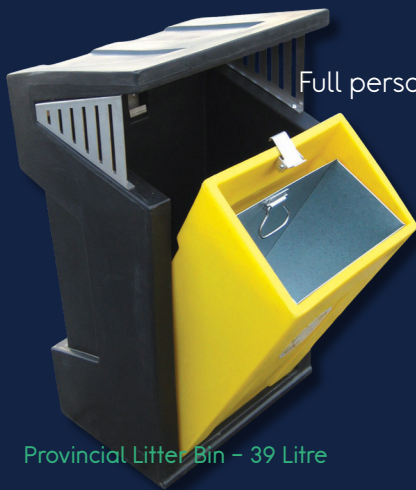


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12:30PM

The turnstiles open.

1:00PM

The team news will be announced via social media.

2:00PM

Kick-off!

2:45PM

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

3:45PM

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

MATCH DAY TIMETABLE



THE SKIPPER

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game with Birmingham City.

We can take so much out of last weekend's game at Reading. The girls left absolutely everything out there and on another day that game goes our way. It kind of sums our season in one sense, but it always shows the character and fight we have in the dressing room - and that's something we'll continue showing until the final whistle today.

There was a lot of controversy in the game and things went against us. When that happens your head can go - and for a couple of minutes it might have for a couple of us - but we had to come around quickly and we understood what we were setting out to do and how important it was that we stuck together. Again, that's been a story of the season - how much we have stuck together. This league is relentless and when things go against you it can be unforgiving. You have to stick together and keep pushing forward.

Today marks the end of the season and there have been a lot of highs this year. It's frustrating when you have a couple more lows, and it's important we stick together. The results haven't gone our way in terms of the first-team, but we have to look at the success of the club - where we're growing, where we're

striving and pushing towards. It's about the club and we are making massive steps forward. We'll keep pushing until the very end today and we know you'll all back us today.

Today we face Birmingham which will be another tough game. That's something we're used to and we're ready for the challenge. The girls have been working as hard as they ever have been and we'll continue to do that. We know Birmingham will be difficult - they have fantastic footballers and a new coach coming in which will give them a boost - but we need to keep focusing on us.

We're really looking forward to having our last game of the season at home. The last couple of seasons we've been away - travelling to Lewes last season on the final day was tough! It's even more special when you're at home and we can't wait to see everyone and personally thank them for the support both home and away this season.

It's been incredible. Even when times have been tough, the fans have always been there and they've been the common theme throughout the season. It's going to be nice to see everyone on Sunday and thank them for everything.

SARAH WILSON



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The charity supports young people to follow their dreams in sports or performance as this was something both Chloe & Liam loved to do. Chloe was studying Music at Newcastle College as she used to dance, qct, sing and play piano.

Liam was studying Sport at Northumbria University, he was a very talented cricketer and loved all sports.

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The Trust has a board of ten trustees who sit three times a year to review the applications.

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30 **TATIANA SAUNDERS**
POSITION: GOALKEEPER
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POSITION: MIDFIELDER
JOINED DURHAM: 2017
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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
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POSITION: FORWARD
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POSITION: DEFENDER
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HOW IT STARTED...

"I started playing at my local health centre in Sunderland at a football class called Coever Coaching when I was around 4."

MY FIRST TEAM...

"Ashbrooke Angels - it was a brand new team that was set up when I was 7 by two amazing people in Sunderland who I still keep in touch with now called Jimmy & Donna."

SENIOR STEP-UP & TURNING PRO...

It was with Cestria who I came through the ranks with and then Durham when we got into the Women's Championship! It was very tough as first as the club and myself were very inexperienced but was also amazing to have the opportunity at such a young age. I went full-time with Durham last season, it was amazing but also a big change on and off the pitch, a lot of learning curves but an incredible opportunity."

MY FOOTBALL JOURNEY

WITH BETH HEPPLE



A TO Z



**FEATURING
ELEANOR RYAN-DOYLE**

A**Analysis. What are you three best attributes as player?**Positioning
Scoring Ability
Strength**B****Best Friend. Who is your best friend in football?**

Tara Bourne

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

Bend it like Beckham

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

Leprechaun

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

Beef in black bean sauce with rice

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

Manchester United

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

Geography

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

Anything outdoors

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

Ruud Van Nistelrooy

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

Lucy Quinn

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

I'm Gonna Be (500 miles)

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

Being able to play football every single day

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

I have a Masters in Business

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

My granny

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

Pernille Harder or Leah Galton

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

An action man

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

Saoirse Noonan

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

My debut in the WSL with Birmingham City

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

Better Days- Dermot Kennedy

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

Prison Break

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

BBQ sauce is better than ketchup

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

Spain

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

Work hard and take any opportunity that comes your way

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

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

Cockroaches

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

Elephants, monkeys or penguins

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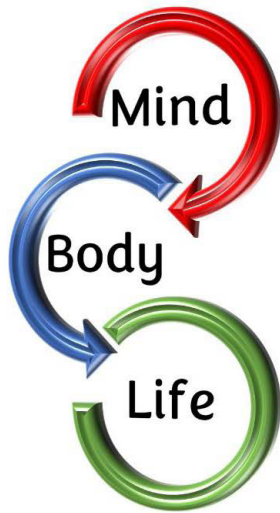
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Greetings from the Back of The Stand!

The end of a long, hard, rollercoaster of a Season. We can all agree that, if nothing else, it hasn't been boring! Entertaining, lots of great Football, with many memorable moments.

We can look back on three local-derbies, two appearances on the BBC (Man City and 5Live - nice one Cheryl!) and several last-gasp winners.

A season where attendances grew, drums doubled and chants ended in "woo"!

Of course, it hasn't always turned-out well, and we could point at several reasons why, but I hope we can all agree we don't deserve our finishing position. It could have been worse; we must take it as a learning experience and strive and hope that next season will be better.

Today will be a day of celebration of what we have - those on and off the pitch giving back to each other.

I've said many times (and I'm not the only one!), this Club is like a good family - when times have been bad, support and encouragement has easily been forthcoming and has been very welcome. The "Blue Army" hasn't turned on itself or onto its own. Sport is full of fine-margins, which we have been on the wrong end of many times this season, but we've stuck together.

Our reward will be another crack at Promotion next season. One which will begin with some changes, no doubt. And what a season we have to look forward to - at least six local-derbies! But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves!

Birmingham will be looking to spoil the day, and we know from earlier the season they have the ability to do so, but our team will want to come out, prove a point and thank the fans - last week showed many signs that that will be the case.

From my viewpoint, there have been changes and growth too. Ever increasing access for interviews have led to better coverage, and hopefully a better "Durham Roarcast" (still available from wherever you download such things!). Listenership to our coverage continues to grow and we have had some nice comments via email and, more recently, in person from regular listeners from Ireland and America! Our Club's reach goes further and further.....

It being the end of the season, it would be wrong of me not to put many votes of thanks on record. Mark, Dawn and Lee at the Club have, as always, been very kind and generous with allowing many, many things; the players, without whom we'd have nothing to talk about or talk to; Colin my co-commentator, who causes many a "Walt Disney" but also brings some sense to the commentary; Jess, Shorty and Tom who have also joined me; my two young producers, Luke and Bethany; Fat Frank's, who continue fuel the podcast. Thank you all!

Most importantly, I must thank the listeners, Durham fans and those of opposition clubs, who tune-in around the UK and the world and are very kind with their feedback; and all those who are nice enough to download the podcast too! Without you.....

I hope you can join us one last time this season (inside and outside the ground) via www.dhradio.org.uk

See you at the Awards! (Hopefully you got your vote in for the Supporters' Player of The Year!)

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

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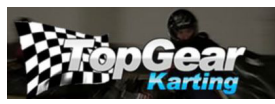
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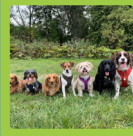
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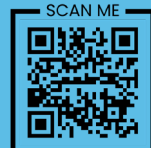


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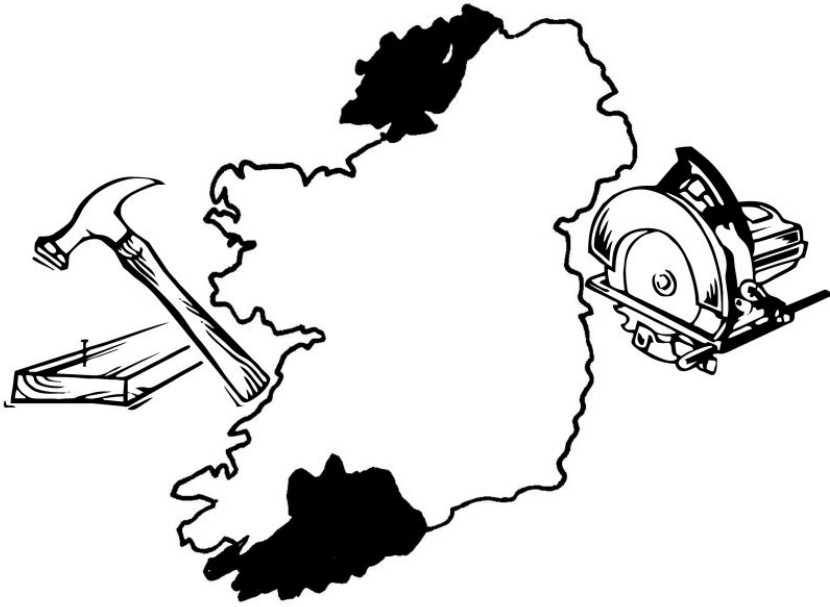


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BIRMINGHAM CITY

TOP SCORER

Lily Agg netted her fifth of the season in the win over Sheffield United last weekend - in the Irish international's first season at the club.

THE CAPTAIN

Scottish international and former WSL star Christie Harrison-Murray was named as the Blues' skipper ahead of the 2023/24 Championship campaign.

THE SEASON SO FAR

Birmingham currently sit fifth in the Championship and, until a fortnight ago, remained in contention for the title. The Blues recently appointed Amy Merricks as their new Head Coach - and she got off to a winning start last weekend.



THE ONES TO WATCH

Centre back **Louise Quinn** has plenty of WSL experience and is also a regular for the Republic of Ireland - with her presence in both boxes an asset for the Blues. Fellow Irish international **Lily Agg** has also become a key component of the side since joining from London City Lionesses in the summer - contributing both goals and assists to the cause.





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THE TEAMS





WRITE YOUR THOUGHTS ON
THE GAME...

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

Always enjoy playing the game!

TIP 2

Be humble and never forget where you started!

TIP 3

Work hard as there's always someone working harder than you!

TOP TIPS!
WITH SARAH ROBSON



STATS & LEAGUE TABLE

| | TEAM | PLD | PTS | GD |
|----|-----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | CRYSTAL PALACE | 21 | 45 | +35 |
| 2 | CHARLTON ATHLETIC | 21 | 42 | +13 |
| 3 | SUNDERLAND | 21 | 40 | +13 |
| 4 | SOUTHAMPTON | 21 | 39 | +16 |
| 5 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | 21 | 36 | +15 |
| 6 | BLACKBURN ROVERS | 21 | 33 | -5 |
| 7 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | 21 | 29 | 3 |
| 8 | LONDON CITY LIONESSES | 21 | 22 | -11 |
| 9 | READING | 21 | 22 | -19 |
| 10 | DURHAM | 21 | 20 | -21 |
| 11 | LEWES (R) | 21 | 16 | -16 |
| 12 | WATFORD (R) | 18 | 12 | -23 |

TOP SCORERS

| | PLAYER | CLUB | GLS |
|---|---------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | E HUGHES | PALACE | 16 |
| 2 | I GOODWIN | SHEFF UTD | 15 |
| 3 | A BLANCHARD | PALACE | 11 |
| 3 | K WILKINSON | SOTON | 8 |
| | S PHAROAH | SOTON | 8 |
| | M SHARPE | PALACE | 8 |
| 4 | M PIKE | SOTON | 7 |
| | M HORNBY | BLACKBURN | 7 |

GAMES THIS WEEKEND

Charlton v Southampton
 Crystal Palace v Sunderland
 London City Lionesses v Lewes
 Sheffield United v Blackburn Rovers
 Watford v Reading



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 | L 1-5 |
| 17/12 | SOUTHAMPTON | H | BWC | 12PM | W 1-0 |
| 14/1 | MANCHESTER CITY | H | FAC R4 | 12:30PM | L 0-4 |
| 21/1 | LEWES | A | BWC | 12PM | D 1-1 |
| 28/1 | WATFORD | H | BWC | 12PM | L 0-2 |
| 4/2 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | H | BWC | 12PM | L 2-5 |
| 18/2 | LONDON CITY | A | BWC | 12PM | D 2-2 |
| 3/3 | BLACKBURN | A | BWC | 2PM | D 2-2 |
| 17/3 | CHARLTON | H | BWC | 12PM | L 0-1 |
| 24/3 | SUNDERLAND | A | BWC | 2PM | L 3-5 |
| 31/3 | CRYSTAL PALACE | H | BWC | 12PM | L 1-5 |
| 21/4 | READING | A | BWC | 12PM | L 0-1 |
| 28/4 | BIRMINGHAM | H | BWC | 1PM | |

* DURHAM WIN 3-1 ON PENALTIES
 ** DURHAM WIN 8-7 ON PENALTIES

PLAYER STATS

| PLAYER | START | SUB ON | GOAL | ASSIST | YC | RC |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Naoisha McALOON | 16 | | | | 1 | |
| Lauren BRIGGS | 24 | 1 | | | 6 | |
| Sarah WILSON | 26 | | 1 | 1 | 6 | |
| Sarah ROBSON | 19 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | |
| Beth HEPPLER | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | |
| Mollie LAMBERT | 26 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Amy ANDREWS | 19 | 8 | 8 | 1 | | |
| Lily CROSTHWAITE | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | |
| Becky SALICKI | 24 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Dee BRADLEY | 22 | 1 | | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Poppy PRITCHARD | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Grace AYRE | 12 | 5 | | | 2 | |
| Ella WILSON | 6 | 10 | | | 2 | |
| Saoirse NOONAN | 23 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 4 | |
| Eleanor RYAN-DOYLE | 10 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 2 | |
| Jess CLARKE | 6 | 5 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Abby HOLMES | 9 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | |
| Tatiana SAUNDERS | 11 | | | | 2 | |
| Erin NICHOLSON | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | |
| Anna KING | | | | | | |
| Olivia BRAMLEY | 1 | 1 | | | | |

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END OF SEASON CELEBRATION!

Today we're welcoming a host of local junior clubs and teams - as we celebrate their successes in the 2023/24 season!

We'll be celebrating these club's achievements this season - whether that's a trophy win, a first victory as a team, or just a season of progress from everyone involved!

We'll be holding a half-time parade for local junior clubs and teams, where they will be the stars of the show and paraded on the pitch in front of the home support!

Here's the teams and clubs we'll be welcoming today:

- Jarrow Lionesses U10s
- Heaton Hawks
- Bewley Primary School
- Burradon Juniors Girls Yellows U12s
- CLS Amazons FC
- Chester Le Street Town U10 Girls
- Newker Primary
- FC Darlington Locomotives
- Washington AFC U8 Lionesses
- New Durham AFC U10 Girls
- Bedale Juniors U12

- Ribbon Academy
- Belmont United

We'll also be celebrating our 2023/24 Sister Clubs, who are:

- Durham County Girls
- Belmont United
- Newton Aycliffe Youth FC
- FC Darlington Locomotives
- Crook Town Youth Ravens
- Pirelli FC
- South Tyneside, Harton & Westoe
- Brandon Community FC
- Roseberry Park Girls
- Jarrow FC
- Chester-le-Street Amazons
- South Shields FC
- Hetton Juniors
- Shincliffe Juniors
- Washington Athletic
- Deerness Valley
- Durham United
- New Durham AFC
- King James Academy
- Whickham Fellside

To find out more about becoming a Sister Club for the 2024/25 season, email mark.donnelly@durhamwfc.co.uk



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- 4 Olivia BRAMLEY
- 5 Sarah WILSON
- 6 Sarah ROBSON
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- 21 Erin NICHOLSON
- 22 Eleanor RYAN-DOYLE
- 24 Abby HOLMES
- 30 Tatiana SAUNDERS



BIRMINGHAM

- 1 Lucy THOMAS
- 2 Martha HARRIS
- 3 Ellie MASON
- 4 Louise QUINN
- 6 Gemma LAWLEY
- 7 Jade PENNOCK
- 8 Jamie FINN
- 9 Libby SMITH
- 10 Christie HARRISON-MURRAY
- 11 Katie DUNGATE
- 12 Lily AGG
- 13 Ivana FUSO
- 14 Siobhan WILSON
- 15 Rebecca HOLLOWAY
- 17 Lucy QUINN
- 20 Cho SO-HYUN
- 21 Claudia WALKER
- 23 Charlie DEVLIN
- 24 Jade MOORE
- 26 Choe YU-RI
- 28 Charlotte CLARKE
- 30 Neve HERRON
- 36 Ebonie LOCKE
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