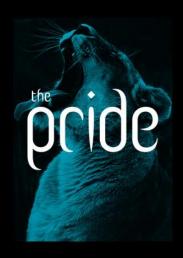


**VERSUS** 

LONDON CITY LIONESSES



H NEW ERH FOR FOOTBALL. H NEW CLUB FOR LONDON. FOLLOW THE PRIDE. LONDON CITY LIONESSES



### **PRESENTS**

#### London City Lionesses Versus London Bees

Sunday, January 12, 2020 KICK-OFF 2PM Dartford | Princes Park

### IN THIS PROGRAMME

- 🙎 Greetings From The Chair
- ⋭ 🖊 Меรรаде From John Bayer
- 🙎 Match Day Opposition: London Bees
- 🙎 Meet Our Pride



# THE CHAIR

Dear supporters,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to Prince's Park for today's game versus London Bees. We've had an enjoyable break; we're refreshed and raring to go again in 2020. I've been looking forward to watching the girls in action and hoping for a positive result today.

I'd like to welcome everyone from London Bees who have travelled over for today's game. It's the reverse of our season opener, where we were victorious away at Bees. We've come a long way since then and although it was just a few months ago we've come on leaps and bounds in all aspects. The team is building day by day and I'm glad to see the progress continue over the winter break.

We are confident that our preparations and training regimes will really come to fruition over the next few weeks. What can often be a gruelling second half of the season is where we hope to be entering one of the most enjoyable parts of the season. We know that as a result of having a full-time squad and a professional management and coaching infrastructure that our players will be able to run faster and harder for longer. We hope that will give us the edge as we approach the crunch points at the end of the season.

We have an awful lot at stake in 2020, not least fighting until the end in the FA Women's Championship. We have also been drawn an exciting tie at home to Reading in the FR Cup. We are relishing that one in particular. **as** ап оррогиппіту demonstrate the level at which we can play at. We have had similar test up against the likes of Arsenal, Brighton and Bristol City in the League Cup this season and I felt that on each of those occasions we gave a really good account of ourselves and showed that we can stand shoulder to shoulder with WSL sides.

Our focus remains on finishing as strongly as possible in the league and with just over half of the season played, there are many permutations remaining, but we will focus on each game as it comes. There has been a clear 'top four' emerge in the league and we want to make sure that we push our closest rivals all the way, starting with three points here today.

Finally, I would like to thank all our amazing staff here at London City Lionesses for their continual hard work over the recent weeks.

Thank you once again for all your support and here's to a successful 2020 for London City Lionesses.

Diane Culligan





BUY TICKETS: LONDONCITYLIONESSES.COM/TICKETS

## MESSAGE FROM JOHN BAYER

"We've had contrasting results against Bees this year, with our opening day win in the league followed by a disappointing day here in the League Cup."



Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

We have had an extended break since we were last out on the pitch at Prince's Park and we're excited to be back in front of you today. The break has allowed us all to recharge our batteries and the squad is refreshed and ready for the second half of the season. The players have been through a full range of fitness tests after returning from their break and the Performance Team led by Rli Monajati has done a brilliant job of making sure all our players are up to match fitness and primed to get back into action.

We start the New Year with a local derby against London Bees today. We've had contrasting results against Bees this year, with our opening day win in the league followed by a disappointing day here in the League Cup. Today is our chance to put that result right and get our season back underway with a win.

As well as being physically ready for today, we as a group sat down for a review meeting after the winter break to assess our season so far. The agreed conclusion amongst players and staff is that we could and should be higher up in the league table, based on the level that we are capable of playing at. Ultimately, the aspect of our game that needs to improve our decision making and management at key moments in the game. There have been important games this season, that we know we could have won, where our players need to learn how to make sure we get a result as well as putting in a strong technical performance. That is one of our goals in the second half of the season.

Already, we have seen teams in our league strengthen during in this transfer window and we have to be aware of how all our rivals are developing. We have a great group of players that are always progressing under the infrastructure we have set up here at London City Lionesses, but we are always on the look for additional players to come in and add to the squad. I think we have shown already in our relatively short lifetime that if players are ready to take the next step and become full-time, then we are set up in a way that can facilitate a new level of development for them.

The run-in to the end of the season is packed full of important games for us, starting with today and then followed by a long trip to Durham next weekend. When we return here for our exciting FR Cup tie against W5L Reading on the 26th January, we hope to have had a good return from those two league games so we give Reading a real fight.

Thanks again for your support and please enjoy today's game.

John Bayer
Head of Player Development



## WATCH FA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES LIVE. FOR FREE.





## MATCH DAY OPPOSITION

2019



5050

- 1.5arah Quantrill (GK)
- 2. Ellie Wilson
- 3. Megan Alexander (Captain)
- 4. Hayley West
- 5. Georgia Roberts
- 6. Billie Brooks
- 7. Lauren Pickett
- **В. Воппіе Horwood**
- 9.Lucy Loomes
- 10. Brooke Nunn
- 11. Rosie Kmita

12.Courtnay Ward-Chambers

13. Taylor O'Leary

14. Georgie Giddings

15. Megen Lynch (GK)

14. Nicola Gibson

17. Nikita Whinnett

19. Mollie Dench

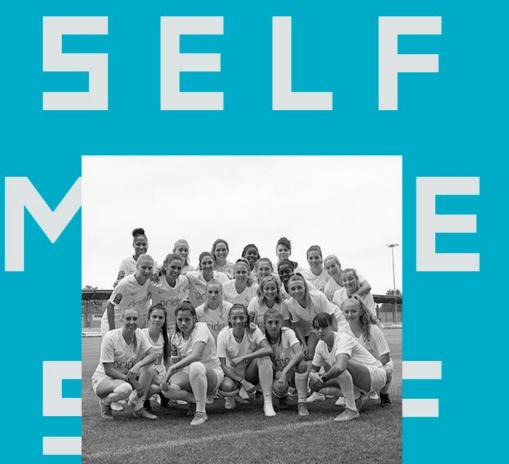
21.Flo Gamby

22.Amelia Hazard

23.Merrick Will



LDN



# MADE

H NEW ERH FOR FOOTBILL.
H NEW CLUB FOR LONDON.
FOLLOW THE PRIDE.

### MEET OUR





### 5050

- Lucy Thomas 1.
- Chantelle Mackie 2.
- Leanne Cowan 3.
- Poppy Wilson 4.
- 5. Hannah Short
- 6. Ylenia Priest
- Liz Ejupi
- **B.** Freda Ryisi
- 9. Gabby Ravenscroft 21. Flo Fyfe
- 10. Juliette Kemppi
- **Evie Clarke** 11.
- 12. Grace Neville

- 13. TBC
- 14. Kallie Balfour
- **15.** Vyan 5ampson
- 16. Harley Bennett
- 17. Lucy Fitzgerald
- 18. Ellie Mason
- 19. Lily Agg
- 20. Annie Rossiter
- 22. Eden Bailey
- 23. Amber Gaylor
- 24. Ellie Arnold





## NEXT GAME: COVENTRY UNITED

- FEBRUARY 2, 2020



GET 50% OFF YOUR TICKETS, WHEN YOU BOOK ONLINE BEFORE JANUARY 29TH, USE CODE:

**COVENTRY50** 

**BOOK TICKETS** 

LONDON CITY LIONESSES VS COVENTRY LINITED



## Change the conversation on mental health

#headsup

thefa.com/headsup









SSE Wildcats provide girls aged 5-11 the opportunity to have fun, make friends and play football.

With over 1,000 centres nationwide, find a centre near you and join the fun!



Find your nearest centre at **TheFA.com/SSEWildcats** 

## WE ARE



proudly sponsored by

