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## **HEAD COACH REMI ALLEN**

Hello and welcome to Princes Park for the final matchday of the Barclays Women's Championship season. Throughout the week, I've made it clear that this game matters really to our fans – we're playing for you today.

I'd like to start by welcoming our guests from Lewes, including head coach Scott Booth, his coaching staff and players, and the Rooks' supporters.

Lewes' relegation to the National League was confirmed last week, but we're under no illusions about how tough they will be to play against today.

In all of our preparation meetings, I've made a point of telling the players that the worst time to play an opponent is when they are wounded.

Lewes will be hurting this weekend and they're going to want to put in a performance to be proud of for their fans

It's also worth remembering that they caused the team problems this season, beating us in the league in November.

Rest assured, we're taking this extremely seriously.

Despite losing at St. Mary's, last weekend's results guaranteed our place in the league for next season.

There were obviously mixed feelings at the end of the game because we don't like losing.

However, looking at the bigger picture, if you told me when I came in that there would be a chance to get

twelve points from six games, which we can achieve with a win today, I would have snapped your hands off.

I'm really proud of the staff and the players – it's been a collective effort to get where we are and I'm really happy for the Club.

Paige Culver announced that she is retiring from her playing career earlier this week.

Plenty has been said about Paige, but I just want to reiterate that she has been the ultimate professional during my time with her.

She was massive on and off the field during our run of three consecutive wins.

Paige's professionalism struck me from day one, turning up for us despite playing through pain. She's a wonderful human and there's no doubt that she'll do great things in her life after football.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support since I joined. I've learned so much about life as a head coach and hope that we're able to sign off for the season in style.

Enjoy today's match, make loads of noise, and thank you for everything,



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Lewes' relegation to the FA Women's National League was confirmed last week, with Scott Booth's side falling into the third division alongside Watford.

"I told the girls that it's possibly the worst time to play Lewes because they are hurt and wounded," said London City head coach Remi Allen,

"Lewes will want to bounce back. We've profiled them, I think they're a good side and that they do things well.

"We've done everything right in terms of our preparation this week and we're going to give them the respect that they deserve."

Grace Riglar (six), Hollie Olding (four), and Maria Farrugia (three) lead Lewes in goals scored this term, with Farrugia tied with Amelia Hazard and Aimee Claypole (all two) in the assists chart.

Lois Heuchan will return to Princes Park for the first time since her January departure.

Today's clash is the third meeting of the season between London City and Lewes, with the teams splitting the series one apiece across league and Continental Tyres League Cup play.

Lewes started the season on the front foot, beating London City 2-1 in the Barclays Women's Championship on Sunday 19 November.

However, the Pride bounced back just three days later, overcoming the Rooks 1-0 on the same ground in the Conti Cup.

Looking ahead to the match, Allen said: "I think it'll be great because everyone wants to finish the season at home and hopefully on a high.

"I've told the girls that this isn't a nothing game – this means something to the fans and we want to put on a performance to make them proud of us."

Added defender Leanne Cowan: "I always like playing at home. It's nice to finish at Princes Park because I've been the away team on the final day of the last couple of seasons.

"It'll be nice to have our fans there, we're excited for it."

With kick-off fast approaching, today's match promises excitement and intrigue in equal measures – will it be the Pride or the Rooks who prevail?

## PLAYER SPONSORS



#### Grace Neville, sponsored by Adrian Lloyd & Anisha Perera

New Zealand international Grace Neville has been with the Pride since day one, scoring our maiden goal in a 2-0 win over London Bees. The 23-year-old is sponsored by Adrian Lloyd and Anisha Perera.



#### Paige Satchell, sponsored by Waiariki Women's Football

Paige Satchell, who produced standout performances for New Zealand at the FIFA Women's World Cup, joined London City from Wellington Phoenix in July 2023. Waiariki Women's Football is the proud sponsor of our No. 13.



#### Danielle Carter, sponsored by Dutemänn UK Ltd

With six goals in four appearances for England, Danielle Carter is an icon of the women's game. Dutemänn, a leading supplier of aluminium doors and windows across the United Kingdom, is proud to sponsor the London-born forward.



#### Maddi Wilde, sponsored by Dan Smith

On loan from Barclays Women's Super League outfit Bristol City, Maddi Wilde is already a fan favourite amongst the Pride. The promising defender is supported by passionate sponsor Dan Smith.



#### Ruesha Littlejohn, sponsored by Dutemann UK Ltd

After starring at the FIFA Women's World Cup, Republic of Ireland international Ruesha Littlejohn quickly put pen to paper at Princes Park. The fiery midfielder is sponsored by Dutemänn, the Kent-based bi-folding door specialists.



#### Grace Moloney, sponsored by J. Balcomb & M. Cilia

Republic of Ireland international Grace Moloney joined the Pride from Reading in the offseason and has already cemented her status as a fan favourite at Princes Park. The shot-stopper is proudly sponsored by Joanne Balcomb and Maxine Cilia.



### Lois Joel, sponsored by Laura-Marie Kohlhaas

Wales international Lois Joel has been on a journey since her NCAA days at the University of North Carolina. Appointed as the second captain in London City Lionesses' history, long-term supporter Laura-Marie Kohlhaas proudly sponsors Lois.





#### LONDON CITY LIONESSES

- 1 Grace Molonev (GK)
- 2 Grace Neville
- 3 Emma Mukandi
- 4 Georgia Brougham
- 6 Megan Campbell
- 7 Lois Joel (C)
- **8 Connie Scofield**
- 9 Nicole Douglas
- 10 Izzv Groves
- 11 Tinaya Alexander
- 12 Hermione Cull (GK)
- 13 Paige Satchell
- 17 Lucy Fitzgerald
- **18 Danielle Carter**
- 19 Lotta Lindström
- 20 Maddi Wilde
- 22 Paige Culver
- 25 Jade Bailev
- **27 Corinne Henson**
- 28 Sophie Hillverd (GK)
- 31 Ruesha Littleiohn
- 32 Leanne Cowan
- 33 Chantelle Bove-Hlorkah
- 71 Niamh Farrelly

#### **LEWES WOMEN** THE ROOKS

- 1 Sophie Whitehouse
- 2 Grace Riglar
- 3 Rhian Cleverly
- 4 Amelia Hazard
- 5 Grace Garrad
- 6 Ellie Hack
  - 7 Caragh Hamilton
- 8 Grace Palmer
- 9 Valentine Pursev
- 10 Maria Farrugia
- 11 Anna Grey
- 12 Shauna Vassell
- **14 Reanna Blades**
- 15 Hollie Olding
- 16 Katie Oakley
- 18 Lois Roche
- **19 Kate Mooney**
- 20 Eve Clarkson
- 21 Sarah Brasero-Carreira
- 25 Jacqui Hand
- **26 Emily Moore**
- **36 Chelsea Ferguson**

Referee: **Ruby Sykes** 

**Assistant Referees:** 

**Joseph Karram** 

Dasa Griffin

Fourth Official:

**Chloe-Ann Small** 



**Next Home Fixture:** 

To Be Announced

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