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GREETINGS FROM

THE CHAIR

Happy New Year to all our supporters,

Welcome to the players and staff from Crystal Palace today. We're looking forward to seeing another intriguing tie between the two sides.

I hope everyone managed to enjoy the festive period in the safest way possible and that you all keep your physical and mental health as we head into another national lockdown. It of course means that we may be further away from welcoming you back to enjoy our games in person, but we continue to fully appreciate your support from afar.

We have started this year by announcing the appointments of Cori Daniels and Sophie Bone. Cori will work directly with Melissa Phillips as our Assistant Coach, whilst Sophie takes up the role as our First Team Performance Analyst. This is an exciting development for the club as we continue to build on our progress so far. Cori joins with a stellar playing career behind her, having won almost everything possible in football. I am excited to see Cori offer her experience and winning mentality to the players; they will learn a lot from her, and I am looking forward to seeing her and Mel work closely together.

My hope for 2021 is that the club continues to grow at the rate it has been doing so far in our journey. All the signs tell me we are heading in the right direction and that this is a time to really get excited as a supporter of London City Lionesses. And of course, I truly wish that 2021 will also mark the return of fans to our stands.

The games do continue to thankfully go on and today will be another exciting game versus Crystal Palace. Our away fixture earlier in the season was a tight game and demonstrated our battling side. We've been unfortunate not to come away with more points in our most recent games, but the mentality of the squad is strong enough to not allow results alone to negatively affect them. Anyone watching our recent games will be able to see the high level of quality on show and how the team is improving exponentially.

It's a fantastic feeling to be able to be here today, one that I hope to share with you all again sooner rather than later. We must thank you all once again for your continued words of encouragement as the season goes on and we hope that in the coming months we can continue to deliver progress on the pitch.

Diane Culligan

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MESSAGE FROM MELISSA PHILLIPS

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I'd like to wish all our supporters a Happy New Year. We hope that 2021 will mark the return of you all to Prince's Park, when it is safe to do so. It was a unique holiday period for everyone, our players took great responsibility in making sure our team bubble was protected while away. Everyone here has been exemplary in their approach to the pandemic, both whilst at the club, travelling to games or in their personal lives away from football.

We are incredibly grateful that we are able to continue to play in these unprecedented circumstances. Elite football is in a unique and privileged position, to be able to have some level of community, so I hope we can continue to keep our supporters inspired, albeit from a distance for now.

The group was able to enjoy a two week break over the festive period, so we arrive back re-charged and in a positive place to start the new year and the second half of the season. We want to continue to build on what we achieved in 2020 and build on that growth from the start of the season. I'm proud of how far we've come as a team and I believe we're only scratching the surface on what we're capable of.

We welcome today's opponents from Crystal Palace to Prince's Park. Last time out, it was a really hard-fought match. They scored early on with a goal from a set piece, but we managed to wrestle the game back and get a well-earned point.

Like us, they have improved from the start of the season, so we know today will be an interesting match.

Like so many of our recent games, we know that it will be close, and we'll need to perform to a high level on the day to get the win.

When we assess our two most recent games, versus Liverpool and Sheffield United, we walked away eager for more – but we are taking the positives from those performances and look to convert them to get three points today. Every game is about challenging ourselves to go one notch higher, to continue to climb up the league table.

I'm delighted to welcome Cori Daniels, our new Assistant Coach and Sophie Bone, our new Performance Analyst to London City Lionesses. As a club, we're constantly evaluating where we can improve and bringing in high quality coaching staff is a huge element of that. Cori brings a wealth of experience from playing and the top level of the game and I'm really looking forward to having her on and Sophie on board.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Phillips

Fixtures & Results

September 2020

6th London CityLionesses 1-4 Sheffield United Crystal Palace 1-1 London City Lionesses 12th Durham 1-O London City Lionesses 27th

October 2020

4th London City Lionesses O-1 Lewes 7th Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 London City Lionesses 11th London City Lionesses 2-1 London Bees

Blackburn Rovers 1-0 London City Lionesses 18th London City Lionesses 4-1 Leicester City

November 2020

4th London CityLionesses O-4 Arsenal* Charlton Athletic P-P London City Lionesses 18th London City Lionesses P-P Chelsea*

December 2020

6th London CityLionesses 2-0 Coventry United London City Lionesses O-1 Liverpool

Sheffield United 0-0 London City Lionesses 20th

• FR Women's Continental League Cup

January 2021

10th London CityLionesses V Crystal Palace **London City Lionesses** London Bees V

24th London City Lionesses V Blackburn Roves

February 2021

7th London CityLionesses V Durham Lewes V London City Lionesses

March 2021

Coventry United V London City Lionesses 28th London City Lionesses V Charlton Athletic

April 2021

4th Leicester City V London City Lionesses

May 2021

2nd Liverpool V London City Lionesses

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MATCH DAY **OPPOSITION**



- 1. CHLOE MORGAN
- 2. ANNABLE JOHNSON 14. SIOBHAN WILSON
- 4. HMY GODDARD
- 5. GEORGIA CLIFFORD 17. AMY TAYLOR
- 6. LEIGH NICOL
- 7. AMBER STOBBS
- Н.
- 9. KATE NATKIEL

- 13. CHERELLE KHR55AL
- 15. HNDRIH GFORGIOLL
- **20. EMMR GIBBON**
- 21. LEETH RUTHERFORD
- AMBER GAYLOR 22. CORAL-JADE HAINES
 - 23. ASHLEIGH GODDARD
- 10. R5HLEE HINCKS 24. FFION MORGAN
- 11. BIANCA BAPTISTE 25. HANNAH CHURCHILL
- 12. LIZZE WALDIE 26. HOIFE HURLEY

MANAGER: DEAN DAVENPORT

History



Crystal Palace Ladies was formed in its current guise in 1992. From its inception the club has looked to push forward within the women's game, although it is only in the last five to ten years with the wider growth of the sport, that the hard work put in has been noticeable.

Five years ago the current committee and management formed a plan to push the Eagles to the highest possible levels. This effort started with Palace Ladies playing at south east regional level, looking to establish themselves over a period of two seasons whilst they waited for an identified group of the junior players to break through into the first team environment.

The signs were promising when in the first season of the plan Palace beat Chelsea in the Surrey FR County Cup Final with a last minute winner. The Following season Palace almost repeated the feat when they were only just edged out by the Blues in a game that saw half of the Palace starting 11 aged 18 or under.

The plan continued to develop with strong league performances over the first two seasons and included unprecedented performances in the Women's FR Cup during which Palace reached the third round beating top tier clubs two seasons running.

As with many plans there were the occasional setbacks, one of which was a hugely disappointing relegation following two years of solid growth. Whilst disappointing at the time, this situation galvanised the club and made everybody more determined than ever and saw Dean Davenport take the reins as head coach.

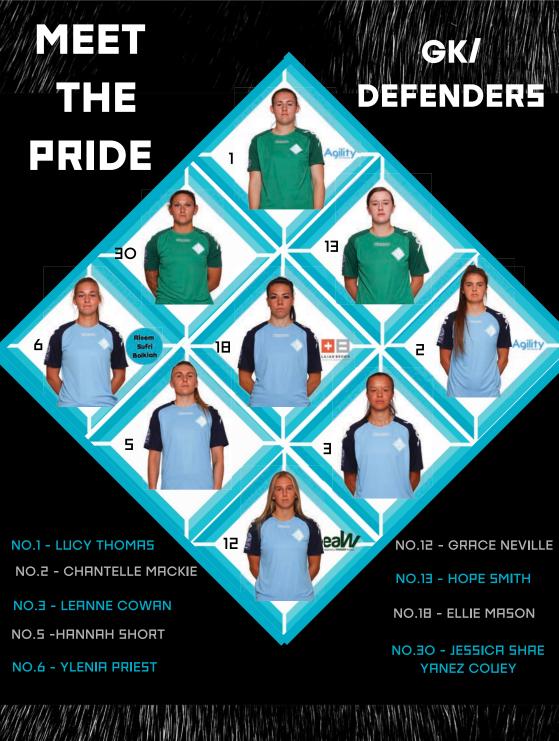
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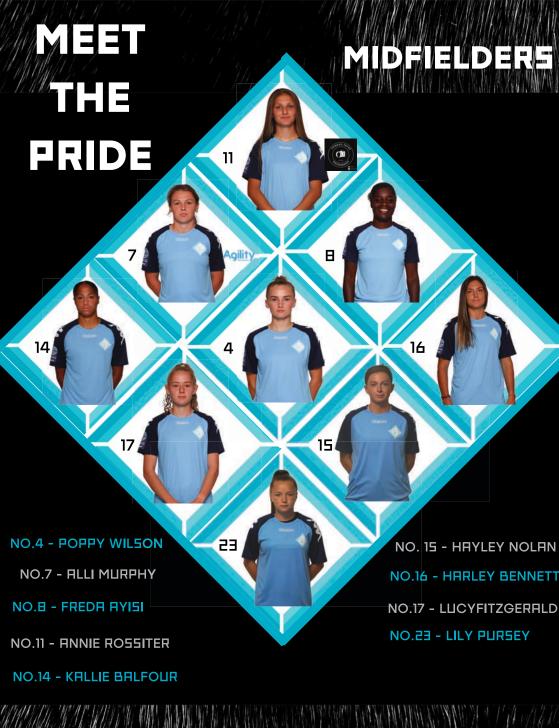


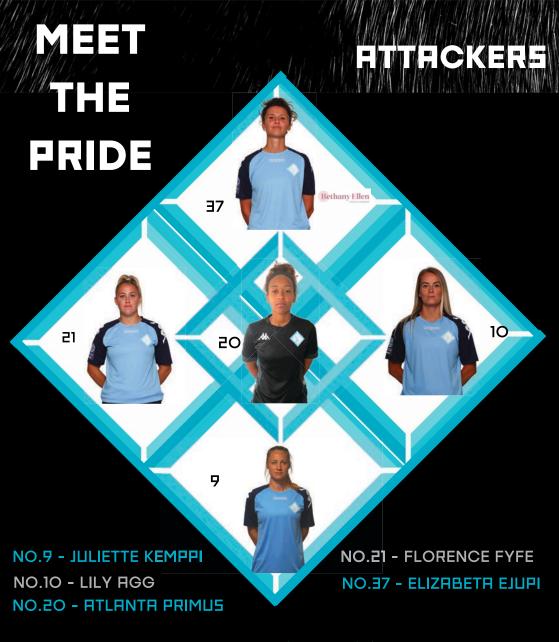
With the inception of the FR Women's Premier League that supported the new elite Women's Super League the sport now had a structure and pathway for aspiring clubs. It was therefore essential that Palace established themselves within this system.

Success was soon achieved when Palace were promoted to the FH Women's Premier League Division One in 2013/14 season. This success started to attract new players as did the move to a training and matchday venue at Bromley FC. The 2014/15 season saw Palace really make their mark on the FH Women's Premier League finishing a credible third in their debut season. With the growth of the club both on and off the field now attracting the support and attention of not only their parent club but many more within the sport, Palace set about the 2015/16 season with one aim, promotion.







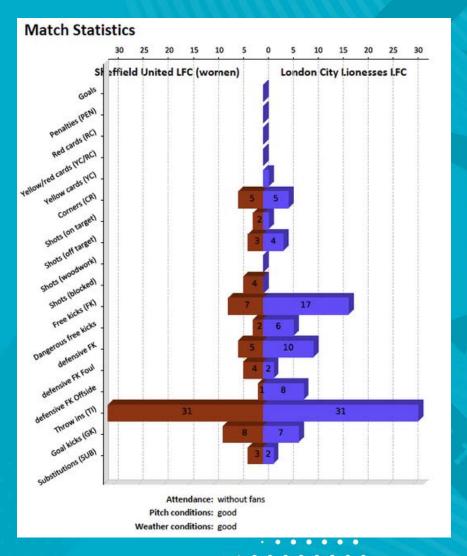


MANAGER: Melissa Phillips

Match Stats & Facts

London City Lionesses v Sheffield United

FR Women's Championship 20th December 2020



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Sheffield United LFC 90 min London City Lionesses LFC

1st half





2nd half





Full time





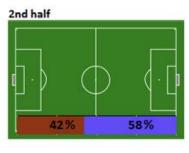
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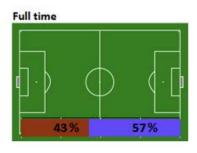
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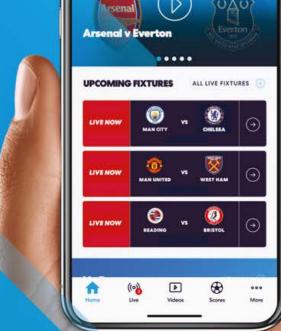
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