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GREETINGS FROM

Dear supporters,

There's a fantastic mood in camp as we extended our excellent run with three wins in three game. The 3-O win against Blackburn was particularly satisfying to see the goals roll in and nothing beats a last-minute winner like ours versus Lewes. Those types of results had been coming for a few weeks. Everyone is taking notice of us going six games unbeaten and five without conceding before Lewes – something which we as a club are very proud of.

But these spells of games, with positive results, are just the tip of the iceberg of what we're doing here at London City Lionesses. Building an identity is something we can be really proud of and take forward into the seasons ahead. The setup here is built with the intention of breeding success and we're delighted to see that coming to fruition on and off the pitch. The staff and the players are truly buying into the vision that the club was built on and I think the model is proving to be one that we hope can be sustainable and provide long-term success.

The coaching staff have transformed the team and I can see marked improvement in individual players which gives everyone involved such a rewarding feeling. The squad we have is proving its quality week in week out. The January transfer window did give us an opportunity to build on that quality we are developing, and I'm delighted we were able to bring in Nina Wilson. Her career so far is impressive, and we're excited to see her contribute to the squad and hopefully we can help her continue to develop as a footballer. We've set ourselves up for an exciting run-in to the end of the league season now and it's great to see us in the right half of the table. As I've said before, this league is unpredictable to say the least and I don't think anyone could call the title winners or relegated sides just yet. I think it's a classic situation of anyone can beat anyone here so we take that mantra into every game thinking we can win it.

I was delighted that Melissa was awarded The FR Women's Championship Manager of the Month in January. It's a well-deserved accolade, a testament to her leadership and the hard work of everyone involved, players, coaching and administration staff. This will be the first of many I'm sure.

Finally, I'd just like to thank you all for your unwavering support. The announcements early this week of lockdown easing are encouraging and shows there is light at the end of the tunnel in this pandemic – and hopefully it won't be long until we can see football played in front of fans. I feel very privileged to be here at Prince's Park today and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Diane Culligan

Diane Culligan





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MESSAGE FROM MELISSA PHILLIPS

Hello everyone,

We arrive back here at Prince's Park today in great form. We're so pleased with how we've started the year. Our 2O21 run extends our unbeaten record to six games, with three straight wins coming into this game. The players continue to show a high level of energy and commitment on the pitch and we're making a real stamp on the league. We're showcasing who we are and what our identity is, but I truly believe we're only just scratching the surface of what our potential is.

We've celebrated two great road wins versus Charlton and Lewes recently, those are really important results for us as we prove that we can take that winning form out into our away matches. We truly had to dig deep and show character to protect the lead in the Charlton game, whilst fighting until the end versus Lewes.

The details on the pitch are being fine-tuned with every match as we take lessons from every game and look to how we can build on them in the next game. We'll continue to play with heart and tenacity on the defensive side of things but we're also beginning to now develop an attacking edge.

As a group, we're clearly excited by our recent form but we know it's as a result of the hard work we've been putting in together over the past months. We'll look to take this form into today's game versus a side competing at the top of the league. Durham will be going into this game with just as much momentum and belief as we will. At the start of the season, we fell to a narrow 1-O loss away to Durham, but we all know that we are now miles ahead of the team we were when we lost that game. Like every game, the girls are really up for this one and we have prepared accordingly. The focus is on the performance and going out there to get three points.

It's my first chance to welcome Nina Wilson to London City Lionesses, who we signed at the end of the January transfer window. Our approach to recruitment is to always find the right fit, on and off the pitch. When we bring someone in, they have to match our ambitions and complement the existing squad. Our focus is on developing the players holistically but the opportunity to bring Nina in was one we had to take up.

I was also delighted to see Juliette Kemppi play for her country Finland this week. It's always a proud moment when our players get to go away and play on the international stage and excited to see Juliette get herself on the scoresheet as it's a testament of her consistent hard work.

Thank you again for all your support.

Melissa Phillips

Fixtures & Results

September 2020

6th London CityLionesses 1-4 Sheffield United 12th Crystal Palace 1-1 London City Lionesses 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 18th Blackburn Rovers 1-0 London City Lionesses London City Lionesses 4-1 Leicester City 31st

November 2020

4th London CityLionesses 0-4 Rrsenal* Charlton Athletic P-P London City Lionesses 15th 18th London City Lionesses P-P Chelsea*

December 2020

London CityLionesses 2-0 Coventry United 6th London City Lionesses O-1 Liverpool 13th 20th Sheffield United o-o London City Lionesses

FR Women's Continental League Cup

January 2021

10th London CityLionesses O-O Crystal Palace 17th London Bees O-O London City Lionesses 24th London City Lionesses 3-O Blackburn Roves 28th London City Lionesses 1-0 Charlton Atheltic

February 2021

Lewes 2 - 3 London City Lionesses 14th London City Lionesses V Durham 28TH

March 2021

Coventry United V London City Lionesses 7th 28th London City Lionesses V Charlton Athletic

April 2021

Leicester City V London City Lionesses

May 2021

Liverpool V London City Lionesses

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 MOLLY SHARPE
 NICKI GEARS
 IRIS ACHTERHOF
 BRIDGET GALLOWAY
 LILY CROSTHWAITE
- **13. MEGAN BOTHWICK**
- 14. BECKY SHLICKI
- **15. DEE BRADLEY**
- **16. ELLIE CHRISTON**
- 17. EMILY ROBERTS
- 18. DANIELLE BROWN
- **21. HANNAH GREENWOOD**
- 24. ABBY HOLMES
- **25. GRACE AYRE**
- **30. BROOKE MACKAIN**
- **96. RACHEL LEE**

MANAGER: LEE SANDERS

History



Durham WFC were formed in 2014 as a merger between South Durham & Cestria Girls and Durham University, competing in their first ever Women's Super League season during 2014.

Cestria was founded during 2006 by Lee Sanders and the North East side became perennial achievers in the women's game. The girls played teams as far-reaching as Portugal, Ghana and America before winning the prestigious World Peace Cup in Oslo in 2010. A year later, they finished runners-up at the Gothia World Youth Cup.

Their first season as a senior football side finished in a Northern Women's Combination League trophy before the merger came about with Sanders and Quentin Sloper, head of sport at Durham University, heading up the idea. This led to the Wildcats competing in their first WSL2 campaign during 2014. The side took a while to find their feet but finished strongly and eventually finished 6th, a magnificent achievement for a side formed just months before the League began.

R successful second season followed with Durham finishing 7th despite an injury-ravaged campaign, giving the Wildcats plenty of confidence heading into 2016.

And that confidence was well-founded, with Durham enjoying an even more successful season in their third year with a fourth-placed finish in FR W5L2, with the Wildcats well in the promotion hunt until the end of the season. Records were broken off the field, too, with crowds flocking to New Ferens Park across the season.

This laid the foundations for the one-off FR WSL Spring Series. With the vast majority of the squad retained, the side were looking forward with optimism into 2017.

A fifth place finish followed in the Spring Series as the club continued to develop both on and off the pitch. And that growth was rewarded at the 2017 FA Women's Football Awards, where the Wildcats were awarded the prestigious FA Women's Super League 2 Club of the Year prize for their excellent progress as a club.

The Wildcats have continued their progress ever since and have consistently featured in the top half of the second tier in recent years.

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NO.5 -HANNAH SHORT

NO.6 - YLENIR PRIEST

NO.12 - GRACE NEVILLE

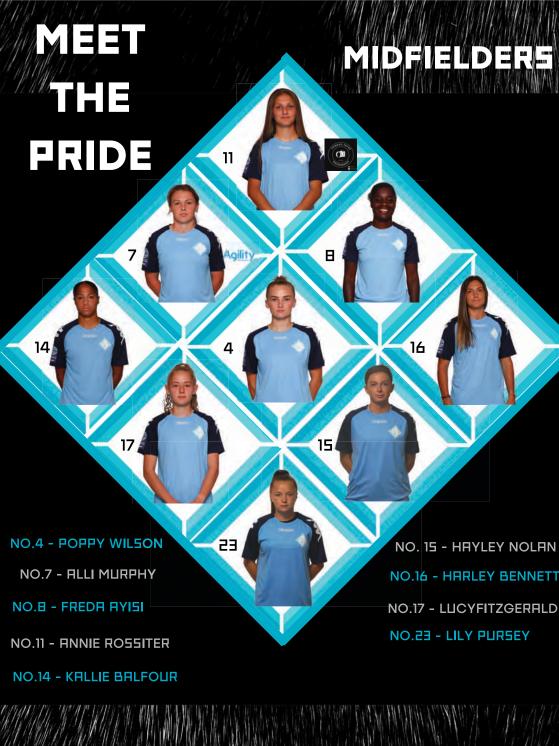
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NO.13 - HOPE SMITH

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NO.30 - JESSICH SHRE YRNEZ COLLEY

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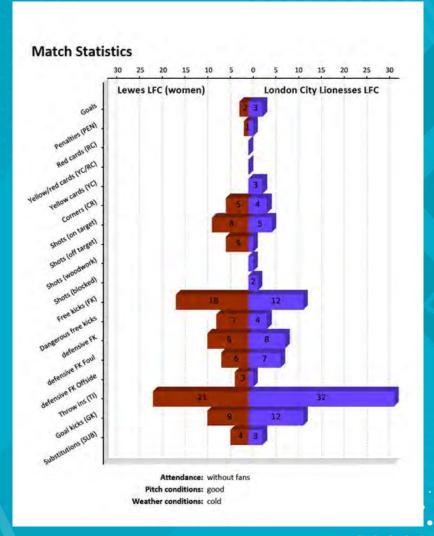
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Ball Possession Lewes LFC (women) 90 min London City Lionesses LFC 1st half 58% 2nd half 45% 55% **Full time**

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