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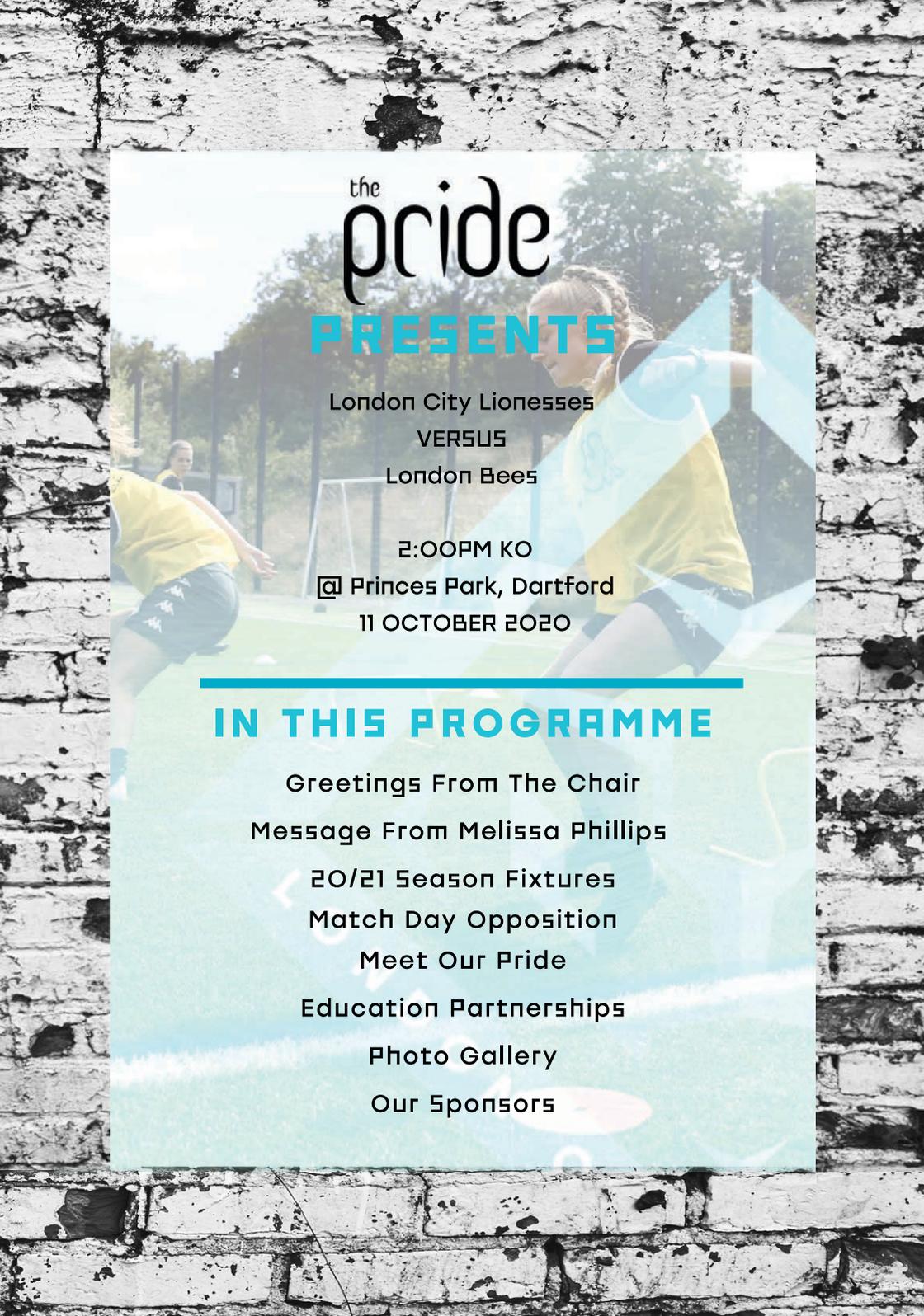
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'We walk like a lioness,
waiting patiently for the right opportune
moment,
to hunt success from the jaws of defeat'



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear supporters,

Thank you all for your unwavering support so far this season. It is once again a shame we cannot welcome you all to Princes Park, but I would like to extend a welcome to everyone here today from London Bees.

I of course wanted to start today by thanking Lisa Fallon for her work with the club. On Friday we confirmed her departure due to family reasons. Lisa is an outstanding football coach. Despite being with the club for only a few months, the positive impact she has had on and off the pitch is immeasurable.

Although we wanted Lisa to continue as our Head Coach, I accept that is simply not possible for her in the current circumstances.

It is hugely regretful for all parties that the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic are such that Lisa's travelling between the club and her family in Ireland have become problematic. Sadly, that arrangement is no longer practical for Lisa. The club completely understand this and support Lisa in making the best decision for her family.

We know that Lisa will remain a close friend of our club and I have nothing but the warmest wishes for Lisa and her family. When she is ready, I have no doubt that Lisa will return to a dugout soon – and be extremely successful when she does.

Our Assistant Coach Melissa Phillips will take charge of all First Team duties until Lisa's successor is appointed. Melissa is a very talented coach in her own right and will have the full support of the club going into today's match.



This season's FA Women's Championship looks as exciting as ever and although our results have not been what we would like, I am encouraged by how competitive we have been in our league games so far and we certainly know that we can challenge again this season. I also felt that we made a good account of ourselves in the Continental Cup, in our tie against Tottenham Hotspur from the WSL. The competition is a useful barometer for us to be able to assess our level against top players, from a great club from the league above. It was a game of two halves so to speak, but the mental and physical workout for our players will be hugely valuable as they look to develop, and we continue to progress as a team and a club.

Our work doesn't stop at the final whistle and as I discussed last week, we have worked tirelessly to continue developing off the pitch in our youth and community programmes. The club has only been going one way since we started, and long may that continue. This has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging periods for football ever, but we know that the plans we have in place will allow us to continue to grow and come out of this time as strong as we were when we went into it.

Thank you again for your support and we hope to see you all soon.

Diane Culligan



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MESSAGE FROM MELISSA PHILLIPS



Hello everyone,

We're back to Prince's Park again today, with the games coming thick and fast. I'd like to welcome everyone from London Bees for today's match.

Our players arrive here today fresh off the back of hugely testing but productive game against Tottenham Hotspur in the FA WSL Cup. Despite the result, we can take some momentum from a really encouraging second half performance. The players were receptive to the adjustments we made and began to create chances against what is a really top side. Games like that are about testing ourselves against quality players and enjoying the occasion. We will take what we learned from that game and apply it here in this game versus London Bees.

The Bees, like us, have had a difficult start to the league. For us, results have not what we would have expected and I'm sure today's opposition will feel similarly. Today's performance will be focused on making sure we go out there and apply the maximum effort. If we stick together and continue to work for each other, the results will come.

Our start to the season has shown that this group of players is extremely committed to what we are trying to achieve and the process we are putting in place. Their development in the last month alone, as well as pre-season has been really encouraging. We've spoken a lot about how if we do the right things, focus on what we can control, and the players continue to show real commitment – we'll begin to see that translate into positive results on the pitch.

I think it's testament to how this league and the teams in it have developed, just how incredibly competitive it is. Just from our opening few matches you can see how each match will be a physical battle. Often the results will be simply down to which side performs better on the day, as the level from top to bottom in league position will be very close. I think this will make for a really fun and exciting championship this season. The standard of this league and the WSL is always improving, and you can now see each team pushing each other even higher.

Here's to another exciting match and thanks once again for all of your incredible support.

Melissa Phillips
Interim Head Coach

Fixtures & Results

September 2020

6th	London CityLionesses	1-4	Sheffield United
12th	Crystal Palace	1-1	London City Lionesses
27th	Durham	1-0	London City Lionesses

October 2020

4th	London City Lionesses	0-1	Lewes
7th	Tottenham Hotspur	4-0	London City Lionesses*
11th	London City Lionesses	V	London Bees
18th	Blackburn Rovers	V	London City Lionesses
31st	London City Lionesses	V	Leicester City

November 2020

4th	London CityLionesses	V	Arsenal*
15th	Charlton Athletic	V	London City Lionesses
18th	London City Lionesses	V	Chelsea*

December 2020

6th	London CityLionesses	V	Coventry United
13th	London City Lionesses	V	Liverpool
20th	Sheffield United	V	London City Lionesses

January 2021

10th	London CityLionesses	V	Crystal Palace
17th	London Bees	V	London City Lionesses
24th	London City Lionesses	V	Blackburn Roves

February 2021

7th	London CityLionesses	V	Durham
14th	Lewes	V	London City Lionesses

March 2021

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

April 2021

4th	Leicester City	V	London City Lionesses
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May 2021

2nd	Liverpool	V	London City Lionesses
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* FR Women's Continental League Cup

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MATCH DAY OPPOSITION



1. Sarah Quantrill
2. Olivia Smith
3. Megan Alexander (C)
4. Hayley West
5. Georgia Robert
6. Billie Brooks
7. Lauren Pickett
8. Bonnie Horwood
9. Marianne Taho
10. Brooke Nunn
11. Melissa Filis
12. Courtney Ward-Chambers

13. Sophie McLean
14. Georgie Giddings
15. Millie Constantine
16. Nicola Gibson
17. Charlie Estcourt
18. Mathilda Finburgh
19. Mollie Dench
20. Nikita Whinnett
21. Florence Gamby
22. Amelia Hazard
23. Merrick Will
24. Faye Hazelton
25. Evie Gane

MANAGER: Lee Burch





History

There are many ancestral spirits behind the London Bees, but its earliest roots date back to a group of ladies working at Transport for London's District Line.

In the 1970s the women, looking for a team to play football, banded together and entered the Hounslow & District League – forming the platform for a remarkable rise.

Named in honour of their workplace, District Line Ladies FC appeared in leagues across Greater London before tasting promotion to the Women's FA National League Southern Division in the early 1990s.

It did not take long afterwards before the squad merged with Wembley FC – becoming Wembley Ladies FC and reaching their zenith in an FA Cup final defeat to Millwall Lionesses in 1997.

Meanwhile, Barnet Ladies FC, established by Barnet director Graham Slyper in the mid-80s, had become officially affiliated with the men's club.

It prompted another merger in 1998 after Wembley's FA Cup finalists began to leave the club, including teenager and eventual England legend Kelly Smith.

Barnet FC Ladies have been a virtual mainstay in English football's top tier ever since before London Bees, a brand new franchise, was welcomed into the Women's Super League fold for 2014.





History

London Bees first-ever fixture in WSL2 resulted in a 3-0 victory over Oxford United Ladies, with 16-year old Lucy Loomes scoring their first ever goal.

In 2016, the Bees experienced their best season to date, taking home a record points haul for the season as well as a historic run to the semi-finals of the Continental Cup, knocking out Chelsea en route.

The 2017 Spring Series saw the Bees get off to a great start and top the league in the early stages. A move to a winter season has seen changes both on and off the pitch.

Luke Swindlehurst's first season at the club saw him secure their highest placed finish as London Bees and the future of the club was secured with a license extension into 2018 and beyond.

Currently, the Club is managed by Lee Burch, after he joined the Bees in the summer of 2019. Burch brought in almost an entirely new squad as the Bees enter into a new era in the FA Women's Championship.

The 2019/20 season saw the Bees finish in their highest ever position in the FAWC, as they came 5th in the table. The season was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but on the pitch, it was a season to be proud of!





Tuesday 6 October 2020

Open Letter to Supporters: Together We Will Get Fans Safely Back into Grounds

The Premier League, EFL, The FA, Women's Super League and Women's Championship want to assure all fans that together we are fully committed to your safe return to football grounds as soon as possible.

The health of the nation remains our overriding priority, and for many months we have been working with experts to make our grounds as safe as, if not safer than, any other public activity currently allowed. And we are consulting with the Football Supporters' Association to keep supporters updated every step of the way.

We know attendance at matches can play a positive role in people's lives during these challenging times. And the past few months have shown how clubs can still feel the support of their fans. Even when you have been unable to get together, you and your clubs have found ways to make a difference in your communities, with clubs delivering food parcels, taking part in phone calls and online conversations with fans, the elderly and vulnerable and moving services and programmes online to make a difference in unprecedented and challenging circumstances.

But we all know football is not the same without fans. Every player and manager is missing the direct connection with you and the impact that you have on our games. With the EFL, Premier League, Women's Super League and Women's Championship already staging 11 successful test events recently, we have demonstrated that we can deliver matches safely. The sooner we can return, the sooner we can reunite communities and support local jobs, livelihoods, regional businesses and also the national economy.

We will continue to urge Government to allow us to return fans safely to stadiums. It is positive progress that major arts and music venues have been told they can run socially-distanced events indoors. And now football should be allowed to do the same - in highly regulated and stewarded outdoor environments.

Additionally, representatives from football are active members of the Government's Sports Technology and Innovation Group, as well as being involved with their 'Moonshot' mass-testing project to open up the economy.

And in light of the postponement of test events we will intensify our efforts to pioneer new approaches - working with epidemiologists, scientists and medical experts in areas such as public health, clinical processes and occupational hygiene.

This will make sure stadiums are COVID-safe by considering best practice screening and hygiene methods to ensure that fans and the general public will be safe and drive the Government's sporting plans to move faster.

Stadium environments can be modified and carefully managed. Measures could include screening spectators before they enter the ground, installing temperature checks, requiring masks to be worn, one-way systems and providing a code of conduct for all those attending on a matchday. This will all be bolstered by deep-cleaning practices to help further reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Clubs want to be pro-active on this matter and willing to consider measures both in the stadium and on the approach that will allay any concerns as to fans' safety. From a travel perspective, clubs will work closely with experts and local authorities to model solutions relevant for each stadium to ease pressure on public transport, while extra parking facilities could be available so a greater proportion of you can travel by private car or bicycle.

We are determined to identify a path forward with Government. We need clarity for our clubs and for you as supporters as to what the roadmap for change in this area looks like. We all know why caution is needed, and we ask Government for consistency in their policy so sport is treated as fairly as other activities currently allowed to welcome spectators.

So, we will continue to urge the relevant authorities to let us, together, use innovative ways to bring fans safely back into football grounds, starting with a return of the test event programme. If we do so, then the benefits will be felt not just by fans but throughout society and the economy.



Richard Masters, Premier League Chief Executive



David Baldwin, EFL Chief Executive



Mark Bullingham, FA Chief Executive



Kelly Simmons, FA Director of Women's Professional Game

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GK/ DEFENDERS



NO.1 - LUCY THOMAS

NO.2 - CHANTELE MACKIE

NO.3 - LEANNE COWAN

NO.5 - HANNAH SHORT

NO.6 - YLENIA PRIEST

NO.12 - GRACE NEVILLE

NO.13 - HOPE SMITH

NO.18 - ELLIE MASON

NO.30 - JESSICA SHRE
YANEZ COLLEY

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MIDFIELDERS

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Agility

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NO.4 - POPPY WILSON

NO.7 - ALLI MURPHY

NO.8 - FREDA NYISI

NO.11 - ANNIE ROSSITER

NO.14 - KALLIE BALFOUR

NO.15 - HAYLEY NOLAN

NO.16 - HARLEY BENNETT

NO.17 - LUCY FITZGERALD

NO.23 - LILY PURSEY

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ATTACKERS

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Bethany Ellen

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NO.9 - JULIETTE KEMPFI

NO.10 - LILY FGG

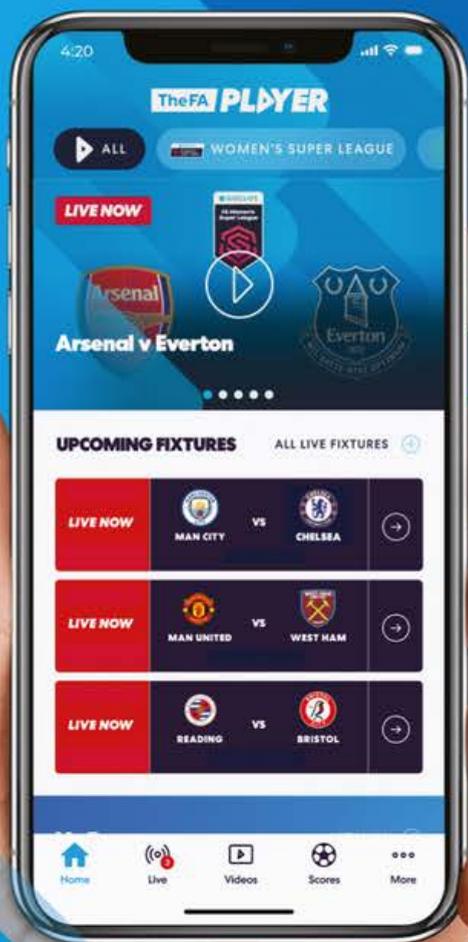
NO.20 - ATLANTA PRIMUS

NO.21 - FLORENCE FYFE

NO.37 - ELIZABETA EJUPI

MANAGER: LISA FALLON

ASSISTANT MANAGER: MELISSA PHILLIPS



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