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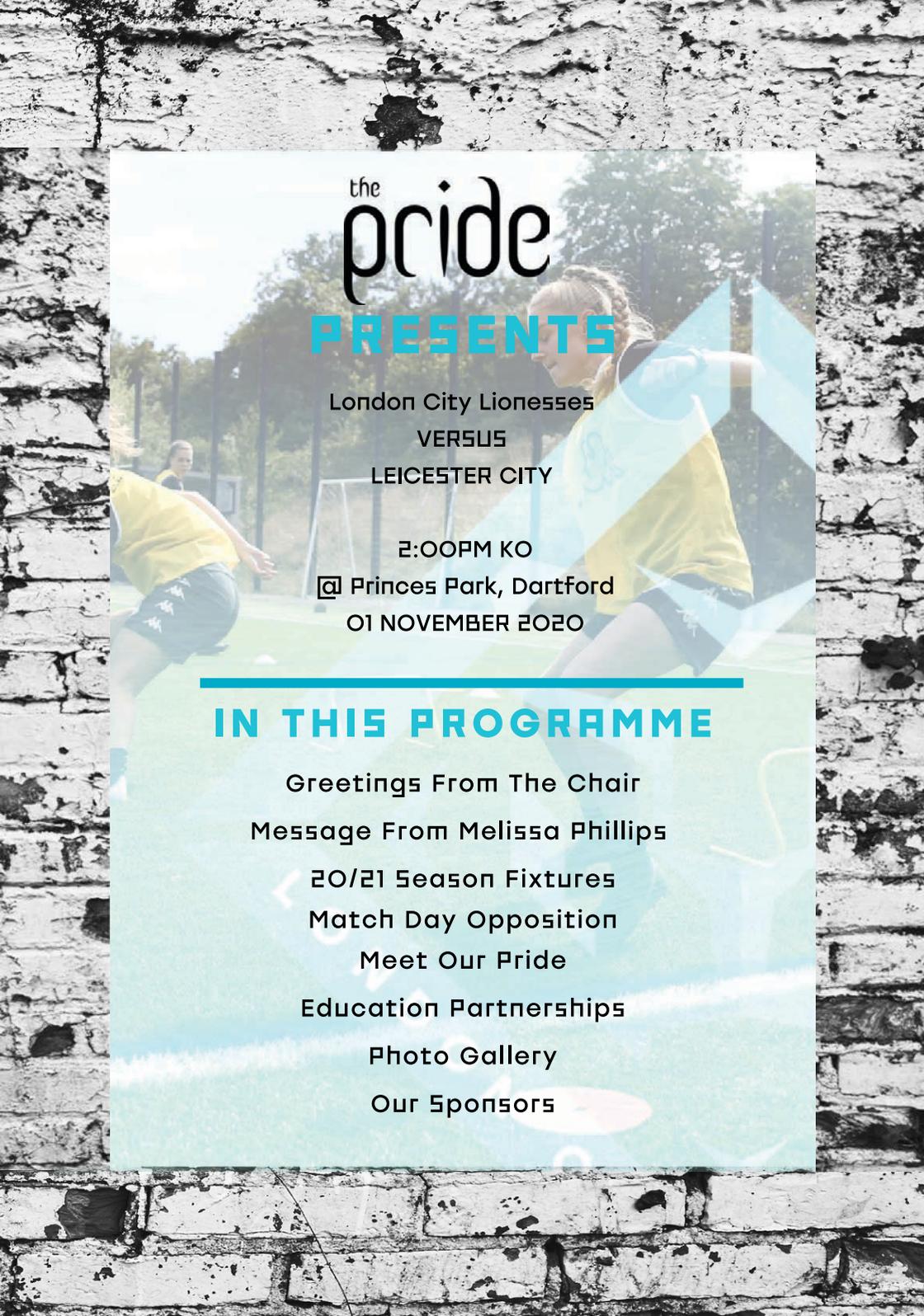
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# GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear supporters,

I'd like to start by once again thanking you for your support in these difficult times. We are missing having you here at Prince's Park, but I know the players and coaching staff appreciate and are stirred on by your support from a distance.

I'm looking forward to another exciting game here today against stern opposition in Leicester City. I'd like to welcome everyone from the club today and hope you had a pleasant journey. The league has proven itself to have been even stronger so far this season, with everyone highly competitive. We arrive into a busy November period where we have some huge games coming up, starting with today. We're going to be up against some of the world's best in the mid-week cup ties and we're all relishing those challenges.

An exciting piece of news off the pitch this week is that we announced our higher education partnership with the University of East London (UEL). This exciting partnership means both our club and the university can work together and make use of each other's areas of expertise to both continue to develop at the highest levels.

We're excited to give students the opportunity to work with elite athletes in the Lionesses squad and in-turn our players will get to work with up and coming sports professionals in areas such as psychology, strength and conditioning and video performance. It's a brilliant platform for all and we're delighted to be working together, we're extremely proud of what we are sure will prove to be a really innovative partnership.

Connections outside of the club such as the above will only strengthen our standing in the community. Something which is so important as we look to grow the club and make an impact on the lives of our players and followers.

Our players have also been making an impact on the international stage recently. We are immensely proud whenever one of our own gets to go away to represent their country. Juliette, Hayley and Alli will come back stronger through the experience and we hope that their international careers continue to grow – along with other members of the squad.

The reaction from the team to recent results has been exemplary and I cannot fault the attitude shown on or off the pitch from players and staff. We are looking forward to seeing that continue in the coming weeks.

Diane Culligan

*Diane Culligan*



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# MESSAGE FROM MELISSA PHILLIPS



Hello everyone,

We're delighted to all be back at Prince's Park once again – ahead of a busy couple of weeks in a hectic November schedule. Starting today, we play an in-form Leicester City side and then we have some challenging cup and league games soon after.

We've had a small break in fixtures since the Blackburn Rovers game owing to the international window – we're ecstatic for our players, Juliette Kemppi, Alli Murphy and Hayley Nolan who have been away representing their countries. We look forward to welcoming them back and bringing the lessons they learnt into the squad. Here on the ground, our focus is always on development, we've been making things really competitive and fun on the training pitch which will help us to continue improving.

Leicester have started strongly with some really good results since the start of the season and we're looking forward to the challenge today. We've already come up against some of the stronger teams in this division, so that has helped us grow and learn a lot about ourselves quickly. You learn the most when you play against high quality opposition and we'll take those lessons into another tough game here today.

We've spoken a lot about our mindset defensively and how we can improve but also working on the hardest part of the game, which is putting the ball in the net.

We feel that the results so far are not indicative of where the team is right now and a lot of our games have been narrowly lost with penalties and set pieces, so it is about refining our attacking identity and challenging ourselves to improve in that area. Every training session or game, we continue to set ourselves the goal of raising the level every time.

My priority remains the players themselves and their development. In the past few weeks, my efforts have been wholeheartedly dedicated to that, making sure they have the support and the resource to grow and that I am challenging them in that process. Two words come to mind when describing our team; resilient and committed. Results sting for a short while and then we pick ourselves up and we grind it out in the next training session and focus on the next game.

Thank you one again for your incredible support so far this season.

Melissa Phillips

# Fixtures & Results

## September 2020

6th London City Lionesses 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 2-1 London Bees  
18th Blackburn Rovers 1-0 London City Lionesses  
31st London City Lionesses v Leicester City

## November 2020

4th London City Lionesses v Arsenal\*  
15th Charlton Athletic v London City Lionesses  
18th London City Lionesses v Chelsea\*

## December 2020

6th London City Lionesses v Coventry United  
13th London City Lionesses v Liverpool  
20th Sheffield United v London City Lionesses

## January 2021

10th London City Lionesses v Crystal Palace  
17th London Bees v London City Lionesses  
24th London City Lionesses v Blackburn Rovers

## February 2021

7th London City Lionesses 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

## May 2021

2nd Liverpool v London City Lionesses

\* FA Women's Continental League Cup

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# MATCH DAY OPPOSITION



1. DEMI LAMBOURNE
3. SAM TIERNEY
4. AMIEE EVERTT
5. HOLLY MORGAN
6. LIA CATALDO
7. Charlie Devlin
8. Remi Allen
9. LIBBY SMITH
10. ANNABEL BLANCHARD
11. LACHANTE PAUL
14. ESMEE DE GRAAF

15. SOPHIE HOWARD
16. FREYA THOMAS
17. PRIGE BAILEY-GAYLE
18. SOPHIE BARKER
19. MILLIE FARROW
20. NATASHA FLINT
21. HANNAH CAIN
22. ASHLEIGH PLUMPTRE
23. LIVE FERGUSSON
24. RUESHA LITTLEJOHN
28. KIRSTIE LEVELL

**MANAGER:** Jonathan Morgan



# History

Leicester City Women Football Club is based in Quorn, Leicestershire. Founded in 2004 as an independent club, Leicester City Women were acquired in 2020 by King Power, the parent company of men's affiliate Leicester City FC.

Leicester City Women won promotion back into the FA Women's Premier League Northern Division in 2016 winning a record 22 games out of 22. After finishing third and second in the Northern Division in 2017 and 2018 respectively, Leicester City Women applied to take part in the inaugural FA Women's Championship season (2018-19). Nicknamed The Foxes, the Club had their bid accepted as announced by the Football Association in May 2018.

Achieving four successive promotions since they were founded in 2004, they gained promotion into the FA Women's Premier League in 2008. They finished 5th in their first season in the Northern Division before three consecutive third-place finishes. In 2013, Leicester City WFC were relegated from the Northern Division having picked up just four points from their 16 matches.

Leicester City Women applied to join the FA Women's Super League in December 2009. But in March 2010 they were announced as a losing bidder for the inaugural 2011 season.

After relegation in 2013, Leicester City WFC dropped into the Midlands Women's Combination League - which due to the introduction of the FA Women's Super League meant they were now playing 4th tier football. Having gone through a succession of Managers in the 2012-13 season, the Club appointed a Licensed coach Stuart Wilson in the Summer of 2013 with the ambition of getting the club back into the Northern Division at the first time of asking.



# Inspiring Positive Change

The Football Association has recently launched Inspiring Positive Change its new four-year strategy (2020-2024) create a sustainable future for women's and girls' football in England.



The strategy centres around the delivery eight main objectives:

- Early Participation - Every primary school-aged girl to have equal access to football in school and in clubs
- Development Participation - Every girl to have equal access to participate, compete and excel in the game
- Football For All - A motivated, diverse range of local leaders organising football for their communities
- Club Player Pathway - An effective high-performance, inclusive player-centred pathway
- Elite Women's Leagues and Competitions - The best professional women's sports leagues and competitions in the world
- England - Win a major tournament
- Coaching - Exceptional coaches at every level of the game who are representative of our society
- Refereeing - Every female referee afforded high-quality bespoke learning new and development opportunities from grassroots through to the elite game

The FA has set the following measures for success with regards to delivering the 5th objective around Elite Women's Leagues and Competitions and here at London City Lionesses we are committed to working with The FA, our fellow clubs and football stakeholders to achieve this 2024 goal. The best professional women's sports leagues and competitions in the world.

By 2024 we want to see

- Clubs – and England – winning major international trophies;
- Increased average attendances at domestic league and cup matches;
- Higher viewing figures domestically;
- Increased broadcast reach of the domestic competition;
- New and bigger commercial partnerships across all competitions;
- A world-class workforce to meet the needs of the professional women's game;
- Improved stadiums and training facilities;
- The best levels of player welfare and wellbeing in a women's sports league in the world.



To find out more about The FA's new Inspiring Positive Change strategy please go to;

<https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/oct/19/new-fa-womens-strategy-launched-191020>

# MEET THE PRIDE

# 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

# MEET THE PRIDE

# MIDFIELDERS

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Agility

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14



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23



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

# MEET THE PRIDE

# ATTACKERS

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NO.9 - JULIETTE KEMPMI

NO.10 - LILY FGG

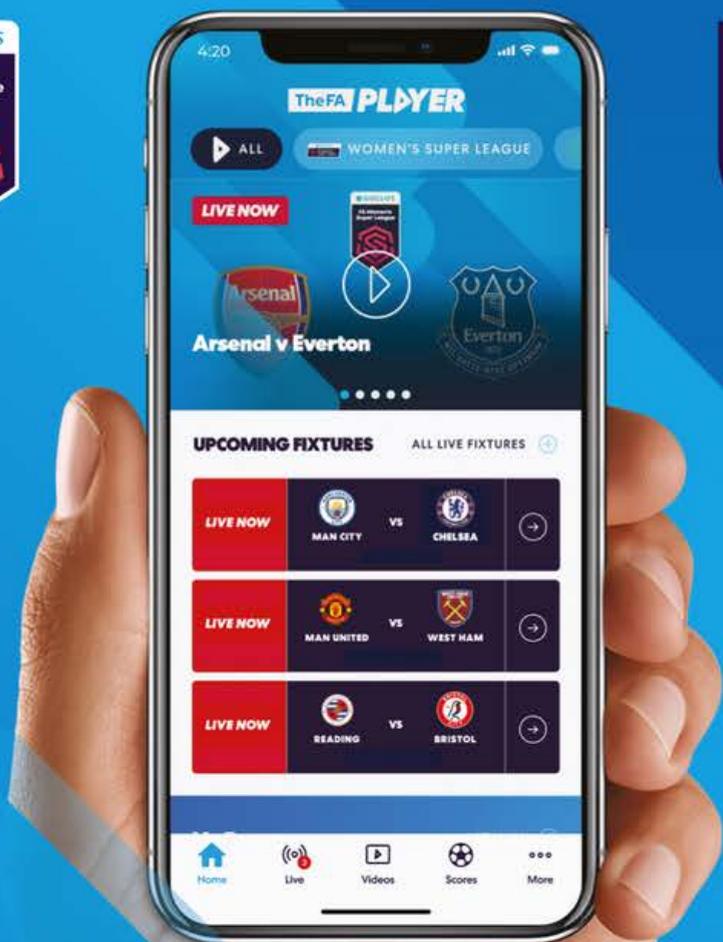
NO.20 - ATLANTA PRIMUS

NO.21 - FLORENCE FYFE

NO.37 - ELIZABETA EJUPI

**MANAGER: Melissa Phillips**

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