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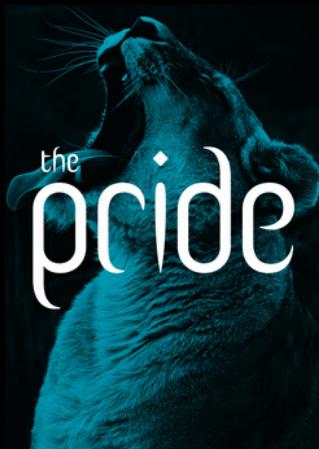
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# PRESENTS

London City Lionesses Versus Brighton & Hove  
Albion Women

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

KICK-OFF 7.30PM

Dartford | Princes Park

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# GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Supporters,

Welcome back to Prince's Park for what we hope will be yet another exciting game in the Continental Cup. Firstly, I'd like to welcome our visitors tonight from Brighton along with their travelling supporters.

There is no hiding from the fact we have had differing fortunes in this competition so far, but it has been a very useful campaign in allowing us to better understand our players and test ourselves against some really strong opposition. That continues this evening against Hope Powell's Brighton side. They have recently made the step up to the WSL and we must take the chance to learn from going up against a side like this. It will undoubtedly be another tough test for us, but we need to relish challenges like this.

We are back at home today off the back of extending our excellent away record at Blackburn, meaning we have won 100% of our league matches on the road this season. In those matches, we have shown excellent levels of commitment and everyone has dug deep for the entire 90 minutes. That aspect in particular means that it's no coincidence that we have been scoring so many late goals. The players are able to excel for longer thanks to the work they put in during the week in training and the detailed preparation they are put through from the coaching staff.

The win against Blackburn was a good bounce-back from our last home game against Sheffield United. Although I was obviously disappointed that we came away from that game with a loss, I was encouraged by our fight and ultimately the level of football that was on display. As we know, women's football has come on leaps and bounds in this country and this league in particular has developed into a really strong level. The top four in this league, ourselves included, have all shown during this season that they are capable of playing up to a standard expected in the WSL and that's what Sheffield United were able to do last time here.

Albeit results were different, but in both our recent games we have seen a sustained level of performance with lots of possession and plenty of character shown on the pitch. If we can maintain that then positive results will come even more frequently.

We are now firmly at the halfway point of the season and tonight also marks our final home game of the year. 2019 has been a hugely important year for London City Lionesses. Not only has it seen the birth of our club but also the fruition of tireless work for most of the year and lots of players putting their faith in what we are setting out to achieve. Lots of the players we recruited could have played it 'safe' by going elsewhere, but I am confident that they have been proven right by coming to join us on this journey.

**Anthony & I are proud  
of every single player that  
has embarked on this journey, no matter  
what number of goals they  
have scored, minutes they have played  
or starts made.**

**It is clear to us that LCL is born of  
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**Looking forward to the game.**

*Diane Culligan*



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# MESSAGE FROM JOHN BAYER

*"Tonight's game comes during a huge week for us, as we head into the final weekend of 2019 before the Christmas break where we will face league-leading Aston Villa."*

Hello again everyone and welcome back to Dartford for this evening's game as we host Brighton and Hove Albion Women at Prince's Park in the Continental Cup.

Although it is always great to return home, last week cemented the already fantastic away record we have this season. Our win at Blackburn means we have won every league game away from home to date. That really is something for us all to be proud of and it will undoubtedly inspire us to better our home form, hopefully starting from this evening.

Tonight's game comes during a huge week for us, as we head into the final weekend of 2019 before the Christmas break, where we will face league-leading Aston Villa. That being said, tonight is an important test for us up against a strong side from the WSL. I'm also looking forward to welcoming Hope Powell tonight. I worked with her many years ago when I was at Arsenal and she was in a key role at The FA. Obviously she then went on to achieve great things with our national side, so she is someone we respect immensely.

Last time here at Prince's Park we played out a hard-fought clash against Sheffield United. The game was defined by some really fine margins and two such instances cost us the result. I was pleased particularly in that game by the way we adapted after a tough opening 20 minutes. After we did re-organise we were certainly on top for periods of the game, particularly in the second half, but those couple of key moments took the game from us and cost us points!



As I mentioned before, our away record was made furtherly impressive after the result last weekend at Blackburn. It was in fact our first 'overnight stay' game and it gave us a chance to bond off the pitch before the game. Little things like that help us to understand each other a bit better and it also gave us a chance to relax our minds before the game. This paid off massively as we came away with another vital three points. The game was another test of our physical strength and while we had to adapt to a pitch that had endured a lot of rain, we came through the test and a late Flo Fye winner kept our away record intact.

That gives us great momentum going into tonight and I hope we can put on a bit of a show for all of you who have come down to show your support.

Finally, I just want to say a thank you to all the staff here at London City Lionesses. They are the team behind the team and we couldn't have got to where we are now without such a strong collective effort.

If you can't join us on Sunday at Villa, then please have an enjoyable Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thank you all so much for your support in 2019.

*John Bayer*

Head of Player Development

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| 1. Megan Walsh (GK)  | 12. Matilde Lundorf Skovsen |
| 2. Bethan Roe        | 13. Sophie Harris (GK)      |
| 3. Felicity Gibbons  | 14. Danique Kerkdijk        |
| 4. Danielle Bowman   | 15. Kayleigh Green          |
| 5. Fern Whelan       | 16. Ellie Brazil            |
| 6. Laura Rafferty    | 17. Megan Connolly          |
| 7. Rileen Whelan     | 18. Jodie Brett             |
| 8. Kirsty Barton     | 19. Emily Simpkins          |
| 9. Ini-Abasi Umotong | 20. Victoria Williams       |
| 10. Kate Natkiel     | 21. Léa Le Garrec           |
| 11. Amanda Nildén    |                             |



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| 1. Lucy Thomas       | 13. TBC             |
| 2. Chantelle Mackie  | 14. Kallie Balfour  |
| 3. Leanne Cowan      | 15. Vyan Sampson    |
| 4. Poppy Wilson      | 16. Harley Bennett  |
| 5. Hannah Short      | 17. Lucy Fitzgerald |
| 6. Ylenia Priest     | 18. Ellie Mason     |
| 7. Liz Ejupi         | 19. Lily Rigg       |
| 8. Freda Ayisi       | 20. Annie Rossiter  |
| 9. Gabby Ravenscroft | 21. Flo Fyfe        |
| 10. Juliette Kemppi  | 22. Eden Bailey     |
| 11. Evie Clarke      | 23. Amber Gaylor    |
| 12. Grace Neville    | 24. Ellie Arnold    |





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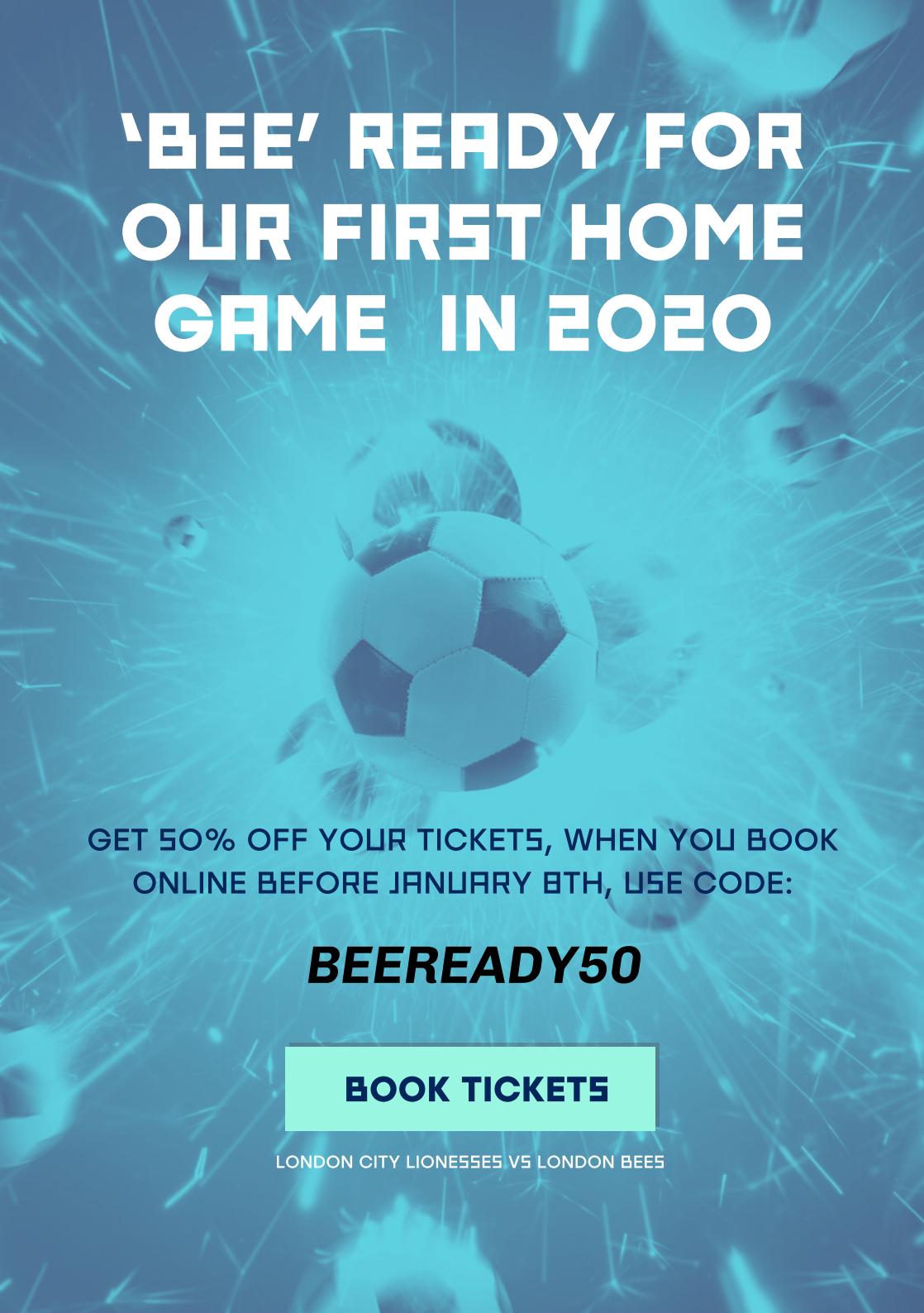
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