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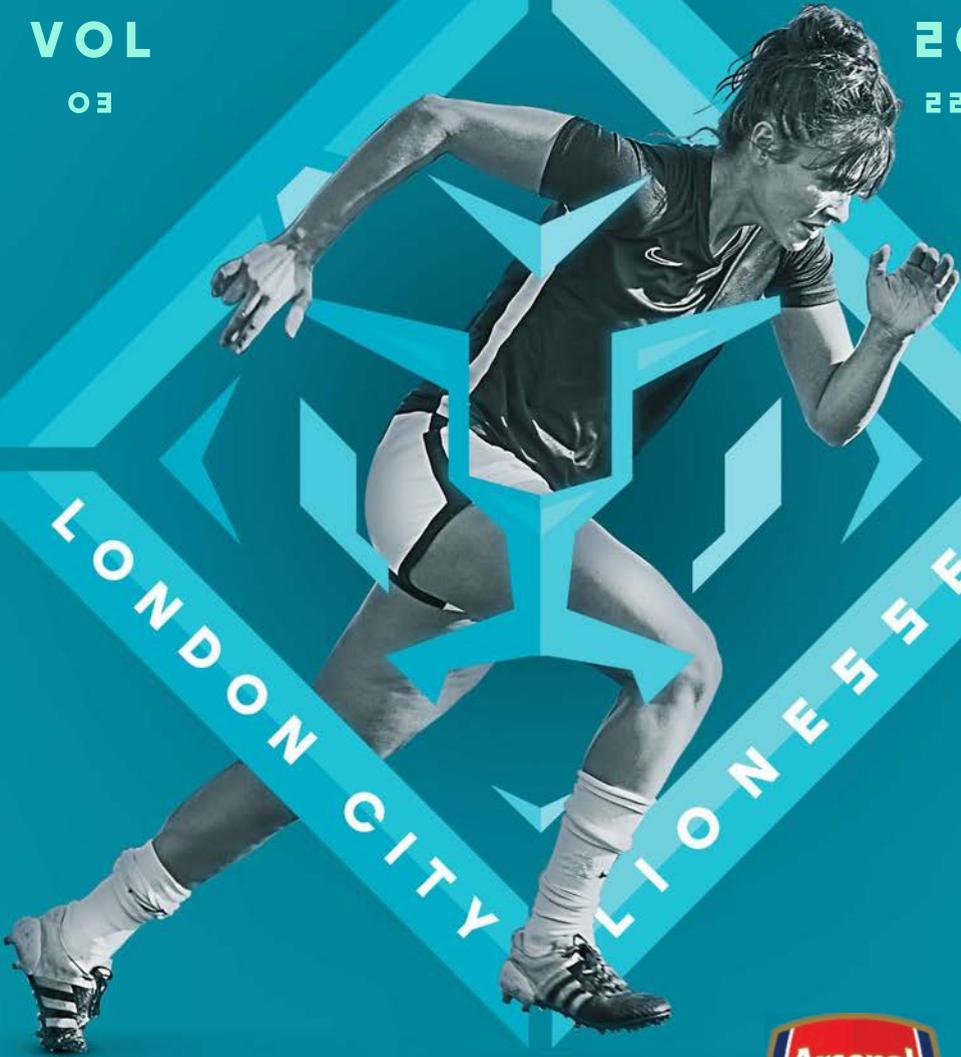
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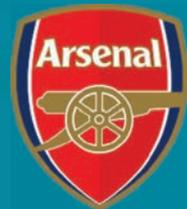
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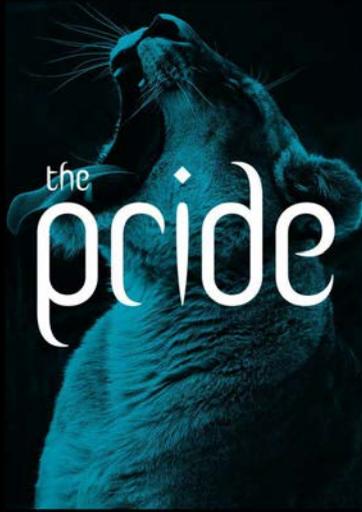
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London City Lionesses Versus Arsenal W.F.C
Sunday, September 22, 2019
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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to Prince's Park today for an exciting Women's League Cup clash with WSL champions Arsenal. I'd like to welcome everyone from Arsenal today and hope everyone enjoys the occasion.

The break from our FA Women's Championship campaign gives us a chance to assess the start of our season, which we've been delighted with. Not only have we won three out of our four opening league games, but the players and staff have performed excellently in all areas, and we could have easily won four out of four.

We have built a squad that will compete, so our strong start wasn't necessarily a surprise as we have an optimistic feel throughout the club. We have backed the management team to implement a philosophy and work to get the best out of every player and so far, that is what we are seeing on the pitch and in terms of results. It's also proving that having a big squad full of talented and hard-working players is invaluable.

The games against Aston Villa and Charlton, in particular, required the team to show that they can hold up physically against these kinds of teams. Those games were stop-start and the play was very direct, but we managed well and demonstrated our strength. Today is going to be another real test of those attributes, with a quick and very technical Arsenal side to deal with.



You expect that the WSL champions will test us and I'm sure many will be watching with intrigue to see how we get on against what could be considered the benchmark for women's football.

Today is another part of our journey so far. Our long-term vision is to build something similar to what our opponents today have. They are a couple of decades in, we are a few weeks old, but I believe we are on track for success and sustainability.

As I mentioned, the results so far this season have been great, but I have also been delighted with everything that the supporters may not see. In training, the players' attitudes have been exemplary. The collective group have had to take a real step up over the summer and they have absorbed that well and we are seeing the positive results of that in all areas. The expectations of the players and the expectations they have of how they should be treated have had to be raised and the reaction to that is what is really encouraging. The wide goal of developing the women's game is not a part-time project, we have to put everything in and give the players every bit of support you can.



My expectation of the players and the staff is to perform to their best and maintain professionalism in everything they do. That could mean chasing the ball down into the corner in the 90th minute of every game, whatever the situation. That approach will be what brings us the success – that might come this year, it might come next and hopefully across the next 20 years.

Here's to continuing a great start to life for London City Lionesses! I hope you enjoy today's game.

Diane Culligan



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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

"Today's opponents are undoubtedly the best team in the country and one of the strongest in Europe. Arsenal implement a brand of football that is to be desired across the globe, with lots of intricate, one and two-touch play."



Hello everyone and welcome to Prince's Park for today's FA Continental Tyres Cup match vs. Arsenal. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to the players, staff and supporters of our visitors and hope they had a nice journey over to Dartford.

The last two weeks have been incredibly pleasing, with two wins in as many games. I felt that we dominated both games and were deserving of the six points we came away with. Our work in pre-season has paid off and we've had a really strong start to the season which gives us a great springboard for the rest of the campaign.

I mentioned previously that we were looking to make additions to the squad and last week saw Vanessa Susanna, who has played for the Netherlands Under-21s side, come on against Charlton for her debut for the Lionesses. This week we also added Charlotte Gurr to the squad, so I hope every will join me in welcoming her to London City Lionesses. Charlotte brings valuable experience to the club, having a long career under her belt already. I'm looking forward to seeing both develop this season and help the team continue to progress.

Today's opponents are undoubtedly the best team in the country and one of the strongest in Europe. Arsenal implement a brand of football that is to be desired across the globe, with lots of intricate, one and two-touch play. We're really looking forward to testing ourselves against such a strong side, we'll need to be highly focused to rise up to this challenge.

For me personally, I was delighted to see Arsenal win the league last season. The club is close to my heart. I spent nine years working there and I was a Gunners supporter growing up. I am familiar with a number of the players in the squad. Daniëlle van de Donk, in particular, is a player I admire watching with a certain pride having worked with her during my time there. She doesn't get enough credit and I believe she is the best number 10 in the world. We admire and respect players such as her, but we also certainly do our homework and we want to make sure we can handle players of this calibre on the pitch.

In terms of updates from the squad, we had some good news on Lilly Rigg's fitness. Once the swelling went down, she was taken for an MRI where fortunately, it revealed there was no ligament damage. Her rehabilitation has begun, and we look forward to welcoming her back to the squad soon.

As I say, we've had a strong start in the FA Women's Championship so we can look at the cup as a great opportunity to play against one of the best teams around. This competition has proved very hard for Championship clubs to compete, with Manchester City and Arsenal themselves the only winners in the past eight years, but we will come with a plan and see what today brings.

Enjoy the game.

CHRIS PHILLIPS



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MATCH REPORT

LONDON CITY LIONESSES 0-2 CHARLTON ATHLETIC WOMEN



London City Lionesses made it three wins out of the opening four league games with an impressive 2-0 victory away at Charlton Athletic last weekend.

Flo Fyfe and Evie Clark's second half strikes were the difference for the Chris Phillips' side, who came out on top in physically challenging game, and were able to show their strength and ability to grind out a result. The home side were eventually reduced to 10 later on, after Charlton's Charlie Devlin received a red card.

Despite being goalless, the first half saw a dominant display from the visiting Lionesses, who carved out a number of opportunities in front of goal – demonstrating their attacking flair once more.

The Lionesses were close to taking the lead early on through Leanne Cowan, who hit the post from a ball out wide. Liz Ejupi caused problems for the Charlton backline and was denied what appeared a strong shout for a penalty after being brought down by Grace Coombs inside the area.

The second half saw the Lionesses continue to control the game, however Poppy Wilson was forced to meet a goal-bound effort on the line. The visitors reacted well and finally broke the deadlock just before the hour mark. Flo Fyfe netted following great play by Ejupi, who squared the ball in front of goal.

The Lionesses then doubled their lead within a few minutes – Ejupi again involved, whose shot was dropped by the Charlton 'keeper and Evie Clarke was able to pounce and make it 2-0. The Lionesses continued to grip control of the game and held their clean sheet. Charlton's Devlin received a second yellow in the games last knockings. The result marks a strong start to the season for Chris Phillips' side, who take confidence into a tough test in the League Cup against Arsenal next.



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1. Manuela Zinsberger (GK)
2. Katrine Veje
3. Emma Mitchell
5. Jennifer Beattie
6. Leah Williamson
7. Danielle Van de Donk
8. Jordan Nobbs
9. Danielle Carter
10. Kim Little
11. Vivianne Miedema

13. Lia Wälti
14. Jill Roord
15. Katie McCabe
16. Louise Quinn
17. Lisa Evans
18. Pauline Peyraud-Magnin (GK)
20. Leonie Maier
21. Tabea Kemme
22. Viktoria Schnaderbeck
23. Beth Mead



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| 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 Egg |
| 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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