

SHEFFIELD FC WOMEN

**CKW Stadium** Sunday 10th April 2pm kick-off





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# MANAGER Dan menamara

# Good afternoon all.

Welcome to the CKW Stadium for what we hope will be a very memorable day for everyone associated with Wolves Women. I'd also like to extend the welcome to everyone from Sheffield FC.

Today we have the opportunity to achieve something far beyond our dreams at the start of the season. When we first assembled the squad over the summer, we knew we'd have a great group ready to compete with the additions to an already talented bunch. But what the girls have achieved is remarkable.

Every one of them has my upmost respect for the dedication they've shown to get the club back fighting amongst the top teams and looking to break into the elite game. After picking it up three and a half years ago in the same division with only one point, I'm extremely proud of what we have accomplished. To all the players past and present, you have all been a part of the journey and I hope you'll look back and feel a sense of pride at contributing to such an achievement.

To all the staff I've worked with along the way I say thank you. You've been there through some of the darkest moments and without you all we wouldn't have provided a platform for the players to perform.

But ultimately before any celebrations we still need to get another point and that will be tricky with Sheffield fighting for their lives.



We hope all the fans will get behind the girls today to try and help them over the line and make this one of those moments we've waited so long for. You've been unbelievable this season and you're a big part of what we've done this year.

Sing loud, sing proud, and those who've dared to dream over the last few months, we may just see it become reality over the next 90 minutes.

Wolves ay we Macca #dreamingisforfree

# LATEST NORTHERN DIVISION League Table 2021–22

	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Wolves	20	16	3	1	39	51
2	Derby County	22	14	3	5	26	45
3	Fylde	21	12	5	4	19	41
4	Nottingham Forest	21	12	3	6	16	39
5	Huddersfield Town	20	12	2	6	22	38
6	Burnley	20	11	3	6	26	36
7	Brighouse Town	18	9	3	6	16	30
8	West Bromwich Albion	20	7	5	8	-5	26
9	Stoke City	21	6	1	14	-22	19
10	Loughborough Lightning	19	5	3	11	-23	18
11	Middlesbrough	20	5	1	14	-28	16
12	Sheffield FC	18	2	1	15	-40	7
13	Hull City	20	1	3	16	-46	6

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# RESERVE TEAM MANAGER TOM WARREN

# Unbeaten.

Last week brought a close to our competitive season with a win away at Lincoln, meaning a final record of 22 wins, 2 draws and 0 losses. I'm proud of the group and staff for all they have put in to what is a fantastic achievement. I want to say a special thanks to Josh (Darlo) my assistant who has been a rock for us all season. He's not only a top coach but an incredible person who I've worked with for a long time – thank you mate!

We carry on for another six weeks or so with training and friendlies to ensure we can do the most important thing for us and support the firsts in any way needed - shown lately by Phoebe Hill making her debut in the last few weeks. I actually spotted Phoebe as a 10-year-old playing for her school so was delighted for her and her family who are lovely people.

Today is a huge day for the club in taking the next step but one fully deserved. Good luck to Macca, his staff and players.

Enjoy the game.

Tom



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# SHEFFIELD FC WOMEN HISTORY

The club was formed in 2003 when Norton Ladies affiliated with the world's oldest football team Sheffield FC. They quickly commenced competitive football as Sheffield FC Ladies, joining the Yorkshire & Humberside League.

Building from their humble beginnings, they initially established themselves and gradually worked their way up. In 2007/08 they won their first league honours when capturing the Division One (South) title in the Yorkshire & Humberside League and were soon lifting silverware again only two years later. In 2009/10 they won the Premier Division title on the final day of the season, some 12 months after falling at the final hurdle the previous season.

Winning the league saw Sheffield promoted to the Northern Women's Combination for the 2010/11 term. And what a season it turned out to be as they carried on their winning ways and went straight through the league to join the FA Women's Premier League in 2011/12.

With confidence high, the team carried on their winning ways and finished runners-up that first season before going one better the next season when capturing the Northern Division title. Unfortunately for Sheffield there was no promotion at the season's end as the formation of the Women's Super League saw the Premier League split into Northern and Southern sections for the first time.



Undaunted, Sheffield proved to be the top team in the title race the following season, leading to a hat-trick of Northern Division titles. To add to that they won the League Cup Final in 2013/14 and defeated Portsmouth in the end of season Championship play-off in 2014/15.

That play-off win saw Sheffield become the first team to secure promotion to the WSL2 for the 2016 season where they finished comfortably in mid-table in their first campaign. They established themselves at this level until the restructuring of the league in 2018. They were initially granted a licence to remain in the Super League but had to decline the offer due to a lack of finances. This saw them relegated back to the FA Women's Premier League Northern Division.

Back at this level they lost a number of key players and struggled in their first season, only finishing one place and three points above the relegation zone in 2018/19. The following campaign saw them bottom of the pile when the season was cut short early due to the pandemic, whilst last season was little better as they had only two victories to their name when Covid struck again.

They have again struggled this term and currently sit in the relegation zone, 12 points from safety but having played only 18 games. When they hosted Wolves a fortnight ago it was the visitors who triumphed and brought all three points back to the Midlands.





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# LOWRI WALKER

For Lowri Walker to become a footballer has been a challenge, not only for her, but for her family too. Having been born and bred in the Welsh seaside town of Aberystwyth, she had to travel a distance to play football at a decent level, her parents ferrying her around to training and games.

She began as a youngster with Bow Street Boys and locally with Aberystwyth Town Girls. From there she joined Shrewsbury Town, a 120mile round trip from home to training and matches. Having graduated to the Welsh Under 17s, she moved to the Aston Villa Academy to further her career, a move which was aided when Lowri commenced studying at Wolverhampton University in 2016.

Her time at Villa was beset by injuries, but she did enjoy a stint at neighbours West Bromwich Albion in 2016/17 where she netted a trio of goals in 13 appearances. At Villa however, she wasn't able to break into the first team and prior to the 2018/19 season she had words with manager Gemma Davies who suggested she join Wolves Women, advice she took to gain first team football.

She certainly hit the ground running in her debut in the old gold and black, grabbing four goals as Wolves trounced Steel City Wanderers 11-0. She followed this with a further four goals in the next six games as Wolves battled at the top of the table with West Brom. As the season progressed a move from central striker to a wide position saw her goal output reduced, however, her assist record increased. At the season's conclusion she had scored 11 goals in 20 appearances. That first season with Wolves Lowri also captained the Wolverhampton University team and was selected for the English Universities team for the Home International Championships. At the tournament she faced her home country, Wales Universities, a team which included several girls she played alongside when she represented Wales at Under 17s level. Walker had the better of the encounter, netting a hat-trick as England ran out 5-0 winners.

The 2019/20 season was again a successful one for Wolves and Walker. Once more she notched up a double figure goal haul, this time from 19 games before the season was wiped out by the Covid pandemic. Last season had a similar conclusion, but for Lowri it was again a triumph. She grabbed her second Wolves hat-trick under the lights at Sporting Khalsa and ended the term with nine goals in nine games.

Unfortunately for Lowri injury struck again when she suffered patella tendinopathy in her right knee. Having gone through the rehab which follows a serious injury she has recently returned to the first team at Wolves and is providing Dan McNamara a different option out wide or up top as the club closes in on the Northern Division title.



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# FIXTURES | RESULTS | LINE-UPS

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26	West Bromwich Albion	0-3	3	480	Turner	Morphet	Darby	E Cross	Price	Cooper	George 🗨	Merrick	Miller	] Cross 🗨	Hughes	Elsmore	Dicken	Holmes	Butler	Gauntlett			A Kier
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# WOLVES WOMEN V SHEFFIELD EC WOMEN

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