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Good afternoon,

Welcome back to New Bucks Head for today's FA Cup Second Round versus Northampton.

After a number of weeks away from home due to various reasons out of our control, it's brilliant to be back for such a big cup game. Myself and the players are determined to create more great memories in this year's FA Cup and that continues today against Northampton.

After last weekend's late reversal, the game was held behind closed doors at Compton. I know fans were disappointed but the late notice to reverse, added to the logistics involved in making a fixture happen, it was too tight to make anything work.

Thankfully we return home today in front of the fans and we are hoping to put in a great performance for you all. Last week was a tough fixture to be involved in and one I feel needs addressing ASAP.

There is a very fine line between disrespecting an opposition and playing the game that's been put in front of us. We got plenty of minutes into players and came through the game unscathed which now puts us into the last 16 of the County Cup. There were also senior debuts for Amy Hare, Grace Gregory and Hannah Sparkes which was pleasing for all involved.

Next weekend also promises to be a great occasion as we host Durham Cestria in the League Cup last 16 at the Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground. We hope plenty of you will turn out to support the players over the coming weeks and once again thank you for your valued support.

Let's try and get into the hat.

Macca



MANAGER
DAN McNAMARA

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CAPTAIN ANNA PRICE

“WE DIDN'T HAVE THE BEST RUN IN THE FA CUP LAST YEAR SO IT IS ONE OF OUR TARGETS THIS SEASON...”



Thank you for coming to support us today in the FA Cup v Northampton.

We are looking forward to the occasion and will be doing all we can to get our names in the hat for the next round. We didn't have the best run in the FA Cup last year so it is one of our targets this season to progress into the latter rounds and hopefully have the opportunity to play higher opposition to test where we are at.

We have been preparing in training this week for what we might come up against and how we are going to play to hopefully overcome any challenges we may face.

Northampton have been on a good run as of late so they are going to be coming into the game confident and with a point to prove after our previous encounter in the league cup at the start of the season.

We are in the middle of a string of cup games going all the way into the Christmas break if we keep progressing, and that's our aim. We want to be involved in all cup competitions post Christmas.

We hope you enjoy the game today and hopefully you will be back to see us in the cup and league games coming up ahead of the Christmas break.

Anna Price



RESERVES MANAGER TOM WARREN

“DERBIES ARE SPECIAL AT ANY LEVEL SO HERE'S HOPING FOR A STRONG PERFORMANCE...”



Good afternoon everyone,

There's no other place to start than by saying a huge congratulations to Hannah Sparkes, Amy Hare and Grace Gregory who made their first team debuts last weekend. They are all deserving of the opportunity and impressed during their time. I've written about all of them in previous notes this season as ones to watch so it was great to see.

As many will have seen on social media, Grace has progressed into the first team squad full time. She was described by the Newcastle United women's manager earlier this season as 'special' and that's certainly something I agree with. She's been very patient to wait for an opportunity, including spending a period out on loan, so I'm delighted for her. She's dedicated herself to football over the last 12 months and is being rewarded for it.

The pathway doesn't just stop there, with Bethan Marriott and Darcy Cartwright stepping up from the Under 16s into the reserves recently. It's testament to the hard work of lots of people, led by Macca and Jenna to see so many progressions.

We are away at West Bromwich Albion today aiming to do the league double over them after a win earlier this season. Derbies are special at any level so here's hoping for a strong performance and three points.

Best of luck to Macca, his players and staff for today's game.

Tom



MATCH REPORT

By Tom Alston

Shrewsbury Town 2 (Jones 24, Rimmer 72)

Wolves 8 (Gauntlett 10, Merrick 20, Dermody 28, Hughes 30, 70, 89, Morphet 42, 74)

FA Cup: First Round | Sunday 13th November 2022

Wolves Women progressed through to the second round of the Women's FA Cup in style with a ten-goal thriller as they beat Shrewsbury Town Women 8-2 at Montgomery Waters Meadow.

Shrewsbury, who sit two tiers below Wolves in the pyramid, had a bright start to the game, forcing Bec Thomas into an early save.

Dan McNamara's side were soon on the score sheet though, as Maz Gauntlett brought down a Beth Merrick cross inside the area and bullied her way through several defenders before smashing in from close range.

Merrick would then turn from provider to scorer as she struck a trademark right-footed effort from the left wing – her shot, from outside the area, curled into the bottom right corner following some intricate play between Gauntlett and Tammi George.

The hosts replied with a long-range goal of their own, as Maddie Jones smashed the ball in off the far-right post, reducing the deficit to one goal.

Two quick goals from Helen Dermody and Hughes would soon put Wolves back in control and Dermody would be the first to add her name to the score sheet by ending some penalty box pinball and bagging from close range. Then, two minutes later, Hughes hit another point-blank effort past Carter in goal.

Finally, Morphet would finish an emphatic half for Wolves by scoring directly from a corner, bringing an impressive 45 minutes to an end.

Half-time | Shrewsbury Town 1 – 5 Wolves

Hughes opened the scoring in the second half, ghosting past the goalkeeper to create an angle for herself and slotting into an open net.

Wolves continued to pile on the pressure but not before the hosts gained a goal back for themselves. Former Wolves defender, Leanne Rimmer, collected the ball inside the opposing half and hit an audacious strike, which looped high in the air and caught Thomas off her line to give the Shrews their second.

However, the visitors were quick to cancel out the goal, this time from the penalty spot. Hughes, jinxing around in the area once more, was brought to the ground. Morphet stepped up and placed her penalty down the middle sending Carter the wrong way.

Just before the full-time whistle, Hughes finished off the game by getting her hat-trick. Jade Cross, who had been an outlet all afternoon down the right wing, drilled a ball across the box to find Hughes darting toward the near post. In her stride, she slotted the ball in to finish off a dominant afternoon for Wolves.

Full-time | Shrewsbury Town 2-8 Wolves

Shrews | Carter, Rimmer, Owen, Layton, Potter, Jones, Lowden, Veitch, Child, Schofield, Fletcher.

Wolves | Thomas, Morphet, E. Cross, Elsmore, George, Gauntlett (Dickens 66), J. Cross, Dermody (Price 73), Hughes, Holmes (Cooper 46), Merrick.

After receiving the manager of the month award, McNamara was pleased for his side progressing through to the next round of the Women's FA Cup but believed there are improvements they can make.

He said: "The positive is we are into the next round. It would be easy for me to stand here and say I thought we were good but I thought Shrewsbury gave a really good account of themselves, they looked really lively in moments and got a really good goal in the first half and a great finish in the second half. I was disappointed in our performance but take nothing away from Shrewsbury I thought they were really good today."

On having five different goal scorers

"We say it all the time, we want goals to come from across the pitch and that's happened today. Amber did what Amber does and scored three, Maz popped up with one, Anna Morphet's got a couple so it was fantastic. I think there were a few people who should've added to the tally but it doesn't go your way all the time."

On upcoming games

Following this game and last week's County Cup game against Chelmsley Colts, Wolves have a handful more cup fixtures in the upcoming weeks and with a busy schedule ahead, McNamara was keen to get his whole squad involved. He said: "We'll approach it the same as we always do. It gives us an opportunity to rotate, there are players who need minutes. The ones who didn't come on will be disappointed, but they'll get their opportunity in the upcoming weeks. We've got cup games coming thick and fast so we'll keep going and we'll keep finding a way."



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Former London Bees and MK Dons striker Marianne joined Wolves in the summer, scoring a hat-trick in her first start in last Sunday's County Cup fixture.



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THE INTERVIEW SUMMER HOLMES



Exciting midfielder Summer Holmes is currently a firm favourite in Dan McNamara's starting XI and with a lot more to give, already has a wealth of experience at this level and only hopes to climb the ladder.

After missing the end of last season through suspension, Holmes is already proving herself this campaign as she has become a regular name on Dan McNamara's starting line-up and will be looking to impress.

Following 10 years at the club between the ages of 7-17, Holmes left the Old Gold to gain experience at local rivals West Bromwich Albion for five years before joining Nottingham Forest, returning to Wolves seven years later.

What are your ambitions as an individual and as a team this season?

"Individually, I just want to play to the highest I can, whether that's the league above or higher. As a team, obviously off the back of last season, we want to win the league again but also hoping to win the play-off game. Obviously I'm hoping to stay with Wolves and progress with them."

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time when you're not playing football/ what do you do for a job?

"I go to the gym a lot, but other than that just work and socialising with friends at the pub. I work at DPD, so just in an office, creating and setting up accounts."

Do you have any pre/post match rituals?

"Everything on the right has to go on first, right boot and right shin pad on first, that's it really."

Who are you closest to in the Wolves squad?

"Dicko [Amy Dicken] is my best mate; I've known her nine years. We work together as well; she works in the office next door. She lives five minutes away from me as well and we go to the gym together. We're like sisters to be fair."

What is it about Macca that makes him stand out from other managers?

"He gives everything, literally everything. You can see on the sideline his emotions. The guy's football mad, he gives everything to us, tries to get the best for us."





How would you sum up your time at Wolves so far?

“A really enjoyable one actually, I’ve really enjoyed it. Obviously, I didn’t play much last season, I’ve had a lot of injuries as well, but I’m really enjoying it, probably the most I’ve ever enjoyed my football at the minute.”

How would your teammates describe you in the dressing room?

“They’d probably describe me as an angry person. They all take the mick out of me because I get angry easily.”

What advice would you give to young girls wanting to follow in your footsteps?

“Work the hardest you will ever work. Keep working hard, get your recovery in as that’s just as important, maybe even more important. Get your eating right, that’s a big thing. If it’s something you’ve always dreamed of, the opportunities are there now, and women’s football is massive. There are more opportunities now compared to when I was little.”

By Megan Garbutt

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

NORTHAMPTON TOWN



The 2022/23 season is Northampton Town Women's first campaign in the fourth tier. It comes after the Cobblers' unbeaten East Midlands Women's Regional Football League Premier Division title winning campaign, which included a Northamptonshire FA Women's Cup final victory over Peterborough United.

Northampton's historic FA Women's National League Division One Midlands campaign began at home to Wem Town. A healthy crowd were in attendance at Harpole FC for the Cobblers' first fixture at this level, but they were left disappointed by an uncharacteristic performance which saw their team beaten 4-1.

The result was a wake-up call for the Cobblers, who realised they would need to adapt quickly to their new surroundings in a higher division. They put in a much-improved performance away to Leek Town the following week, but were unable to take their chances and came away with a 2-0 defeat.

Northampton earned their first FA WNL point in a 3-3 draw at Leafeld Athletic just three days later, but any celebrations were cut short at the weekend as Stourbridge visited Harpole FC and came away with a 2-1 win.

After a two-week break, the Cobblers welcomed Sheffield FC to Northamptonshire, still in search of their first victory in the fourth tier. They were dominant throughout, hitting the woodwork multiple times, but the visitors took one of their limited chances to snatch a narrow 1-0 win.

Things did not get any easier for Northampton as they came up against Wolves in the FA WNL Cup determining round the following week. The visitors

were ruthless in the first half at Spencer Community Trust FC, going in at the break with a 5-0 lead, but the Cobblers showed great resilience to create numerous opportunities and restrict their opponents to non-threatening half-chances in the second period.

It has finally started to click for Northampton in the last two months, a dominant and thoroughly deserved 7-0 win over Long Eaton United in a fourth consecutive home game securing a long-awaited first three points at level four.

The Cobblers went into a midweek derby against Peterborough United full of confidence on the back of a comfortable 3-0 win in the FA WNL Plate preliminary round away to Sheffield. Omenazu, Dicks and Farrow bagged for the Teyn as they made up for their recent loss against the same opponents. It was a similar match to the league defeat, but this time they were clinical and gave Sheffield no chance to cause an upset.

Dicks scored her 50th first team goal in the 1-1 draw with rivals Posh. The forward was on the scoresheet alongside Beth Artemiou and Omenazu as her side secured a dramatic 3-2 win over Lincoln City in front of a club record 1,011 supporters at Sixfields in the first round of the Plate three weeks later.

Two more cup ties have led up to this afternoon's Vitality Women's FA Cup second round proper fixture, a 6-2 win over Dronfield Town and last Sunday's 13-0 win over local side Bugbrooke St. Michaels in the Northamptonshire FA Women's Cup, meaning joint-managers Josh Oldfield and Liam Williams take their team into today's game on a three-match winning streak.

FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINE-UPS 2022/23

Home fixtures in CAPS
● Used substitute ○ Unused
● Goal scored * Own goal

WFA Cup
FA WNL Cup
Birmingham County Cup
Yellow card Red card

August

	RES	POS	ATT	REFEREE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	23	24	28	30	31
21 Liverpool Feds	1-1	6	180	Z Ahmed	●		●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○		●	●			●		●	●		
28 Huddersfield Town	5-0	3	89	B Brighton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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September

4 LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING	4-0	1	484	M Wilson		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
18 Nottingham Forest	4-2	1	418	Z Cunningham	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
25 Northampton Town	5-0	-	112	A Clarke	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

October

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30 BRIGHOUSE TOWN	1-0	-	220	M Merriman	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

November

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13 Shrewsbury Town	8-2	-	250	H Hetherington	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
20 Chelmsley Colts*	19-0	-	-	M Aujla	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
27 NORTHAMPTON TOWN																												

December

4 DURHAM CESTRIA																													
18 County Cup 3rd Round																													

January

8 LIVERPOOL FEDS																													
29 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN																													

February

5 Loughborough Lightning																													
12 NOTTINGHAM FOREST																													
22 STOKE CITY																													

March

5 AFC FYLDE																													
15 West Bromwich Albion																													
19 Burnley																													

April

2 Boldmere St Michael's																													
16 DERBY COUNTY																													
30 Brighouse Town																													

*Additional appearances v Chelmsley Colts: Hannah Sparkes, Amy Hare & Phoebe Hill



Scan here for the latest fixtures, results and match reports.

League apps	2	9	9	4	10	2	10	10	10	10	10	8	6	3																
League goals	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	10	0	1	0																
WFA Cup apps	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																
WFA Cup goals	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0																
League Cup apps	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	0	2	1																
League Cup goals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0																
B'ham County Cup apps	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0																
B'ham County Cup goals	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2																
Season total apps	5	12	12	8	13	6	14	11	13	12	13	9	10	4																
Season total goals	0	0	4	3	0	1	2	4	2	1	14	0	3	1																
Career total apps	35	43	87	340	207	28	87	27	212	30	42	79	47	41																
Career total goals	0	2	30	64	3	1	24	13	154	6	39	0	12	5																
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	16	17	19	20	21	23	24	28	30	31																				

LEAGUE TABLE 2022/23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wolves	10	8	1	1	21	25
2	Nottingham Forest	9	7	1	1	20	22
3	Burnley	10	6	4	0	14	22
4	Huddersfield Town	9	5	2	2	6	17
5	Derby County	9	4	1	4	6	13
6	Stoke City	10	4	1	5	-7	13
7	Liverpool Feds	10	3	3	4	-7	12
8	AFC Fylde	10	2	5	3	-3	11
9	Boldmere St Michaels	9	3	0	6	-9	9
10	West Bromwich Albion	10	2	3	5	-9	9
11	Brighouse Town	10	1	4	5	-5	7
12	Loughborough Lightning	10	0	1	9	-27	1

Correct at time of going to print.

OTHER FA CUP FIXTURES

Fylde v Middlesbrough
Cheadle Town Stingers v Burnley
Huddersfield Town v Durham Cestria
Lichfield City v West Bromwich Albion
Loughborough Lightning v Stoke City
Wem Town v Nottingham Forest
Liverpool Feds v Merseyrail
Boldmere St Michaels v Derby County (FA WNL)

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WOLVES

Manager Dan McNamara

1. Shan Turner	
2. Laura Cooper	
3. Anna Morphet	
4. Anna Price	
5. Emma Cross	
6. Ria Elsmore	
7. Tammi George	
8. Maz Gauntlett	
9. Jade Cross	
10. Helen Dermody	
11. Amber Hughes	
13. Bec Thomas	
14. Amy Dicken	
15. Kelly Darby	
16. Summer Holmes	
17. Katie Johnson	
19. Ali Miller	
20. Lowri Walker	
21. Destiney Toussaint	
24. Grace Gregory	
28. Beth Merrick	
30. Marianne Taho	
31. Skye Owen	



NORTHAMPTON

Managers Josh Oldfield and Liam Williams

Jo Daniel	1.
Bianca Luttman	2.
Vicky Barrett	3.
Fay Noble	4.
Sara Wait	5.
Eden Brown	6.
Abbie Brewin	7.
Favour Omenazu	8.
Jade Bell	10.
Abbie Reboul	11.
Kim Farrow	12.
Georgia Tear	14.
TJ Warren	16.
Gracie Williams	17.
Beth Artemiou	18.
Alex Dicks	19.
Mia Richards	20.
Rachael Mumford	22.
Chloe Martin	27.
Holly Mayfield	30.
Zoe Boote	66.



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Katherine Allen

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NEXT UP

FA WNL Cup

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