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Good afternoon,

For the final time this year, welcome back to the New Bucks Head Stadium for a tough encounter versus Derby County. I would like to extend the welcome to Sam and her team.

Well, what a season it has been, full of highs, lows and many more memories made. From the Hawthorns win to the history-making FA Cup Fourth Round tie versus West Ham United, it has been a pleasure to have you all part of this incredible year.

Although we have games left to play, this weekend will probably be pivotal in the league campaign. However, no matter what happens, the players deserve huge credit for the consistency they have shown over the past two seasons. We have developed both on and off the pitch and to still be competing for the title with three games left to play is a real achievement for this group. The future is very bright here at Wolves and we will keep driving the club forward until we achieve our ultimate goal of taking the club into the elite game.

Today will be a really tough game against a side who I know have their own ambitions of getting into the Championship. After a very close affair last time out, we must be on our game today to get something from it.

What can help us through today will be the crowd. We have seen the attendance grow so much over this season and today you will be joined by Swede Wolves who I know will be singing loud and proud. Once again thank you to Swede Wolves and to all our fans for your support over the season. You have been incredible and I hope we've given you moments to be proud along the way.

I would also like to thank the players and staff for their commitment over the season. You are a credit to the club and I am proud to have had the privilege to lead you during another fantastic campaign.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone associated with the club for their support this season. They have provided another solid platform for the players to perform and the commitment to continuing that support into the new season is amazing to hear. Jeff Shi, Matt Hobbs, Laura Nicholls and Jenna Burke-Martin are a few to name, but the list is extensive.

So for one last time this year...
Sing loud and proud and keep dreaming.

Macca

MANAGER
DAN McNAMARA

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Good afternoon to all of you who have been able to join us today for our final home game of the season!

Today is going to be another tough game against Derby who we always have great contests with, particularly over these last couple of seasons. We need to be at our best to get something out of the game and we have been preparing well after Tuesday night's game versus Boldmere.

Tuesday was a difficult game, in tough conditions with the wind and rain. It was a solid performance by us, ensuring we came away with a clean sheet and two goals for Beth Roberts off two set pieces.

We will take our resilience and determination into today's game and we are lucky to have Swede Wolves amongst the fans today. We always love having Swede Wolves come and watch us, the noise and support we receive when they are here is fantastic and we hope you enjoy the game after making your long trip here.

We want to say thank you to all our fans who have been able to join us this season. We are so appreciative of all your support, both home and away. It has been a great season for us so far. We are still in contention to compete for the league and we also have a County Cup Final to look forward to. We would like to thank all of you who have played their part in us being in the position we are today, your support means so much and really does give us that extra push when we need it.

We really hope you enjoy today's game and we look forward to seeing you at our remaining games this season. We will continue to give it our all out there on the pitch in these final game and we will see what happens! We won't be giving up until the last kick of the season.

Anna Price



Good afternoon all,

In what feels like the blink of an eye we're at the twilight of the season. The term 'rollercoaster' is probably overused in football, however I think it describes perfectly what the season has been for the reserve squad. We've had a number of players make first-team debuts and some successful outings with players moving out on loan, so from a development perspective there have been individuals within the group who have made good progress.

On the pitch, inconsistent would be the best description. We've found it difficult to get into a rhythm by having an unsettled squad, but when I took the job on I was very aware of the external factors that can affect us at training and matchdays. We've been really unlucky with injuries; losing three what I would call key players to serious knee injuries will always affect us. However, there's much more to the reserves than simply results. We've given good opportunities for Under 16s to make appearances which will stand them in good stead when it comes to next season.

We have four games left which will be more of the same. Making the best of the squad and players available to represent themselves and the club to the best we can, starting at home to Nottingham Forest today. Over the summer it's then re-assessing the reserves set up to improve on what has been a mixed season.

As it's my last notes, I want to say a big thanks to the team of staff I've had with me this season, Josh, Kurran, Aaron and Vad who have been incredibly committed and gone over and above in the way they support the players.

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

Tom

MATCH REPORT

by Megan Garbutt

Wolves 2 (Morphet 6, Bedeau 33) - 1 Liverpool Feds (Cole 46)

FA WNL | Sunday 9th April 2023

Wolves Women ground out another important win in front of 426 fans at the New Bucks Head on Easter Sunday.

A sharp start was rewarded in the sixth minute for the old gold. A Beth Merrick corner came floating into the box and after a scramble involving multiple players and a toe from Destiney Toussaint who attempted to get the ball over the line, it was fumbled into the back of the net by Anna Morphet at the back post to give Dan McNamara's side the early lead.

Wolves continued to play on the front foot throughout the first 45, with a lot of balls being played over the visitors' defence, but the positioning of keeper Rachel Darbyshire was enough to deny any effort from a lofted ball over her back line, much to Wolves' frustration who couldn't quite get the connections they wanted from those balls.

It was a dream first start for youngster Naomi Bedeau who doubled the lead shortly after the half hour mark. Toussaint laid the ball out to the defender following a goal-mouth scramble, and she hit it powerfully into the roof of the net to open her account for the club.

The visitors upped the tempo as half-time loomed, testing Shan Turner in between the sticks, but their efforts couldn't find the back of the net and Wolves went into the break two goals to the good.

Half-time | Wolves 2-0 Liverpool Feds

Teams:

Wolves | Turner, Morphet, E. Cross, George, J. Cross, Dermody, Holmes (Cooper 70), Bedeau, Toussaint (Dickens 89), Roberts, Merrick (Miller 70).

Liverpool Feds | Darbyshire, Fletcher, Jukes, Kinvig, Smith, Pope, Thompson, Parry (Seagraves 80), Cole, Donoghue, Thomas.

The start of the second half was one to forget for Wolves as they conceded straight from kick-off. Paige Cole scored for the visitors to help them find a way back into the game; a goal that changed the dynamic for the rest of the afternoon.

Wolves didn't look the same fiery side seen in the first half and they set out more to defend the higher line of Liverpool Feds rather than trying to increase the gap in the score-line.

However, Toussaint almost got her name on the scoresheet, capitalising on some poor defending from Feds, but her effort glided past the front of goal, with no one around the area to retrieve the ball and take a shot.

The team from Merseyside were unlucky not to get an equaliser when Katie Thomas struck an effort towards goal that came back to her from keeper Turner and she tried her luck again, but her second attempt went wide.

Wolves still had chances which they could have capitalised on towards the end of the game, but their efforts weren't enough to trouble Darbyshire and the home side were able to see out the 90 minutes for another important three points.

Full-time | Wolves 2-1 Liverpool Feds

Despite it not being the best performance by Wolves' and McNamara's standards, especially in the second half, the Wolves boss knew the three points was all that mattered in the end.

"I think we started quite lively, moving the ball well," he said. "It's always easy to stand here and say we weren't at our best, but I think Liverpool Feds were one of the best footballing sides we've played this year; the way they moved the ball, it was fantastic, and they caused us some real problems with a 3-5-2.

"Disappointed by our own performance, and certainly after the break we didn't match our own standards. I don't think we came out after half-time, and we conceded within 25 seconds, and that's not the Wolves we've come to know and love, but it's three points on the board and at this stage in the season that's important."

On the importance of the fans at this stage of the season

"Anything can happen, and football is football. The league is all but done with Forest now, they've got a commanding position with their goal difference and there's not a lot we can do to control that, but what we can control, is that if they slip up, we're there to capitalise.

"The fans helped us through difficult moments. With five minutes to play, Tammi got onto the ball and the fans roared to give her that extra energy to get us up the pitch and that's the difference.

"It's great to hear them when you're winning, but in the tough moments when you really need them, that's when they're really important and it was great to see so many here, and hopefully we see many more at the County Cup Final."





MORPHET

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Former Aston Villa full-back Anna switched to Wolves as a teenager and slotted straight into Dan McNamara's side where she has made her mark as the team's dead ball specialist.

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THE INTERVIEW SHAN TURNER

By Megan Garbutt

Solihull-born Shan Turner joined the old gold in the summer of 2021 from Boldmere St Michaels and kept 13 clean sheets as she helped Wolves to collect two pieces of silverware in her first season at the club.

A physical presence between the sticks, Turner's footballing journey goes beyond Wolves to the international stage. She was part of Northern Ireland's first ever Women's Euros squad last summer and on Thursday 6th April this year, opened a new chapter as she made her first senior international appearance.

Read on to find out how she's enjoying this new strand of her footballing life...

Going back to the Euros, what was your initial reaction when you found out you were being selected?

"The initial reaction was shock. I had only been involved three or four weeks before, so it was pure shock, but excitement too because I was going to such a big tournament and it was also Northern Ireland's first one, so it was a good feeling."

How supportive was everyone at Wolves when they found out, especially Hugh and the goalkeeping staff?

"They absolutely loved it. Obviously, Hugh is from Northern Ireland himself, so for him it was massive and when I joined Wolves, I said it's what I wanted to do. I wanted to get back in their set-up and the team, so it was massive for him and for the club."

Most people dream about representing their country when they start out, was that a dream you had?

"Yeah 100%. You always want to get as far as you can when you play football. My dream was to be a professional footballer, but going into the international set-up, I was there in the under 19s, to then get re-called up for the seniors, it's huge for me."

Did you know any of the girls when you joined last year and if not, how welcoming were they all?

"When I first came in, I knew a couple from when I was younger, but I didn't know anyone really well. I spent two weeks over there full-time and then we were at the Euros for two weeks, so the more I was there and the more I was involved, the more I got to know people and become part of their little bubble during that time."

What was it like being in that professional environment and experiencing the buzz of the tournament?

"The overall experience was just incredible. The buzz around Southampton, where we were based, was crazy. We had England in our group and there were around 30,000 people in the stadium, which even when you're not playing, is an amazing experience. It was a massive learning curve for me, but the experience topped it all."

Northern Ireland fans are known for their passion, so what was it like seeing that first hand?

"They were brilliant. No matter what game we were at, they were the ones you could hear, even in the England game with all the England fans, they were still the ones you could hear. They had a big drum with them that you heard at every game and the support from them is just immense."



You've now been selected for a couple of camps since then and made your debut against Wales; talk me through those feelings.

“It was very nerve-racking. It was my first start and my first cap against Wales, who are a good country. Despite the result (Wales 4 Northern Ireland 1) it was a great experience, and I was honoured to get that chance. The result wasn't what we wanted, but hopefully it's something I can build on now and hopefully get more caps in the future.”

Wolves is a professional set up, but what's the biggest thing you've learnt from being in an international set-up?

“The international stage is massive. When you go to different countries and play against different teams and everything that comes with it, you see the level of difference. Playing against Wales, we played against WSL players and professional footballers, and you realise how much of a step-up it is. The speed and tempo of the game also makes me want to get to that level and be quicker and better.”



SHAN'S STATS

	LEAGUE		WFA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		B'HAM CC		TOTAL	
	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals
2021-22	25	0	1	0	-	-	4	0	30	0
2022-23	7	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	15	0
Total	32	0	3	0	2	0	8	0	45	0

SQUAD STATS

	Shan Turner	Laura Cooper	Anna Morphet	Anna Price	Emma Cross	Ria Elsmore	Tamimi George	Maz Gauntlett	Jade Cross	Helen Dermody	Amber Hughes	Bec Thomas	Amy Dicken	Kelly Darby	Summer Holmes	Katie Johnson	Ali Miller	Naomi Bedeau	Destiney Toussaint	Beth Roberts	Josie Smith	Beth Merrick	Marianne Taho	Amy Hare	Nina Wilson
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	24	28	30	34	44
League apps	7	18	18	10	19	5	18	11	19	18	10	9	12	3	15	15	14	2	13	8	3	18	2	1	3
League goals	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	7	2	10	0	2	0	0	5	3	1	9	3	0	6	0	0	0
WFA Cup apps	2	4	4	2	4	1	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	0	4	3	3	0	3	0	0	4	2	0	0
WFA Cup goals	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
League Cup apps	2	3	5	5	5	3	5	2	5	4	3	1	5	1	5	4	5	0	3	0	0	5	5	0	2
League Cup goals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
B'ham County Cup apps	4	4	2	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	3	4	0	2	2	2	4	1	4	0
B'ham County Cup goals	0	0	1	4	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	4	3	0	0
Season total apps	15	29	29	20	31	11	30	17	31	28	17	12	24	5	27	25	26	2	21	10	5	31	10	5	5
Season total goals	0	0	9	4	0	1	7	7	9	3	17	0	7	1	1	5	8	1	17	3	0	14	4	0	0
Career total apps	45	60	104	352	225	33	103	33	230	46	46	82	61	42	65	34	59	2	21	10	5	65	10	5	5
Career total goals	0	2	35	65	3	1	29	16	161	8	42	0	16	5	2	7	15	1	17	3	0	24	4	0	0

TODAY'S OPPONENTS
DERBY COUNTY



The club was formed in 1990 and since that time has grown organically from just a single senior team to be the largest girls' and women's club in the Derbyshire area, with teams at every age level from Under 8s upwards.

In 2014 they were chosen as the Charter Standard Development Club of the year by the Derbyshire County FA and in 2015 and 2018 became FA Women's Premier League Club of the year.

It was in 2008/09 that the first team completed a league and cup double to win the Midland Combination League and gain promotion to the FA Women's Premier League for the first time in their history.

They have achieved a number of top four finishes in the newly branded FA Women's National League Northern Premier Division since its launch, their best finishing position being last year when they narrowly missed out on top place, finishing second to our own Wolves Women.

Sam Griffiths became head coach in 2018/19 after a long association with the club as a player.

A closer association with the men's club has also led to Derby County Women playing some fixtures at Pride Park against Nottingham Forest, with attendances regularly around the 3,000 mark. Late last month an impressive 5,243 people watched this season's encounter.

The club makes excellent provision for junior players to move through the ranks to open age football with over 60% of the current senior squad starting their Derby County careers in the academy.

Every team within the club has a partner rather than a sponsor, and the relationships they have with these partners saw them through a difficult period when the men's club went into administration recently. With new owners now openly backing the women's arm of the club, they remain focused on the Championship as their next goal.

In 2021 the club became a stakeholder in Mickleover FC, giving them a permanent home where they now play their home games.

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
21 Liverpool Feds	1-1	6	180	Z Ahmed	●		●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	
28 Huddersfield Town	5-0	3	89	B Brighton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30 Stoke City	5-0	1	225	M Korpal	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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

2 BURNLEY	1-3	2	582	C Parke	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9 BOLDMERE ST MICHAEL'S	1-0	2	582	H Gardner	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12 WEST BROMWICH ALBION	3-1	1	823	R Dobson	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
23 Derby County	3-1	1	359	E Chamberlain	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30 BRIGHOUSE TOWN	1-0	-	220	M Merriman	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

November

6 BRIGHOUSE TOWN	2-0	1	342	B Brighton	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13 Shrewsbury Town	8-2	-	250	H Hetherington	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
20 Chelmsley Colts*	19-0	-	-	M Aujla	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
27 NORTHAMPTON TOWN	5-0	-	276	J Alliband	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

December

4 DURHAM CESTRIA	7-0	-	235	R Dobson	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
11 Newcastle United	5-1	-	1386	D Wade	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
18 Boldmere St Michael's	3-1	-	-	G Thrower	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

January

8 AFC FYLDE	0-2	2	307	R Dobson	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
29 WEST HAM UNITED	0-2	-	1692	N Bria	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

February

5 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3-2	-	282	L Corns	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3-1	2	551	P Lindsey	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
19 Knowle	5-0	-	-	-	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
22 STOKE CITY	2-2	2	394	J Ashworth-Sears	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
26 Loughborough Lightning	6-0	2	136	B Brighton	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

March

5 Watford	0-2	-	266	C Howes	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12 AFC Fylde	4-1	2	78	Z Ahmed	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
16 West Bromwich Albion	3-1	2	1,275	P Lindsey	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
26 West Bromwich Albion	3-2	-	-	S Lane	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

April

2 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	5-0	2	3,834	J Shepherd	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9 LIVERPOOL FEDS	2-1	2	426	J Kings	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
11 Boldmere St Michaels	2-0	2	127	C Thompson	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
16 DERBY COUNTY																		
23 Burnley																		
30 Brighouse Town																		
TBC Birmingham County Cup Final																		

Additional appearances: Lizzie Bennett-Steele – 4 apps 0 goals, Phoebe Hill – 1 app 0 goals, Skye Owen – 1 app 0 goals, Hannah Sparkes – 1 app, 0 goals

LEAGUE TABLE 2022/23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Nottingham Forest	20	16	2	2	60	50
2	Wolves	19	15	2	2	40	47
3	Burnley	19	14	4	1	37	46
4	Derby County	19	10	3	6	13	33
5	Brighouse Town	20	8	6	6	4	30
6	Stoke City	20	7	2	11	-14	23
7	AFC Fylde	20	6	5	9	-30	23
8	Huddersfield Town	19	6	3	10	-9	21
9	Liverpool Feds	20	6	3	11	-11	21
10	West Bromwich Albion	18	5	4	9	-14	19
11	Boldmere St Michaels	20	5	1	14	-30	16
12	Loughborough Lightning	20	0	3	17	-46	3

Correct at time of going to print.

OTHER FIXTURES

FA WNL

Brighouse Town v Nottingham Forest

Stoke City v Huddersfield Town

West Bromwich Albion v Burnley

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE GROWING WOLVES WOMEN FANBASE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS SEASON – WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

We hope to see you at our Birmingham County Cup Final game against Stourbridge. Keep an eye on social media for the date and venue.



A special mention to the large contingent from Swede Wolves who are joining us today all the way from Sweden. We love having you here!



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





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.	Naomi Bedeau
21.	Destiney Toussaint
22.	Beth Roberts
23.	Josie Smith
24.	Grace Gregory
28.	Beth Merrick
31.	Skye Owen
34.	Amy Hare
40.	Darcy Cartwright
44.	Nina Wilson



COUNTY

Manager Sam Griffiths

Imogen Maguire	1.
Amy Sims	2.
Megan Tinsley	3.
Megan Clarkson	4.
Sarah Jackson	5.
Ella Hilliard	6.
Emelia Wilson	7.
Emily Joyce	8.
Anita Gaspar	9.
Hannah Ward	10.
Keira Barry	11.
Camille Jenkins	12.
Sarah Morgan	13.
Becky McGrother	14.
Kira Rai	15.
Marli Rhodes-Andrews	16.
Jess Camwell	17.
Iesha Rollins	19.
Isabel Sheridan	21.
Molly Sutherland	24.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Maya Korpai
Assistant referees: Antonia Smith & Stuart Hale

