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FA WNL PLATE SECOND ROUND DRAW

The draw for the second round of the WNL Plate was made recently and 2024 winners, Derby County, will take on the winner of today's first round tie.

Sporting Khalsa and Chester Le Street will also meet to decide who travels to Lye Town, while Halifax will host Manchester United PGA. Aston Villa PGA will take on Manchester City PGA to complete the Northern draw.

In the Southern draw, Dulwich Hamlet welcome Queens Park Rangers south of the river in the capital, while Lewes take on Dartford at the Dripping Pan.

Stevenage will take on Torquay United in a meeting between Division One South East and West sides, while Gwalia United host Arsenal PGA.

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Northern
Lye Town v Sporting Khalsa or Chester Le Street Town
Halifax v Manchester United PGA
Aston Villa PGA v Manchester City PGA
Huddersfield Town or Wythenshawe v Derby County

Southern
Gwalia United v Arsenal PGA
Stevenage v Torquay United
Lewes v Dartford
Dulwich Hamlet v QPR


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GETTING TO KNOW... BETHAN DAVIES

AGE: 28

POSITION: Goalkeeper

STRONG FOOT: Right Foot

FROM: Grew up in Cambridgeshire but has lived in Leeds for the last 10 years

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALLING MEMORIES?
My earliest football memories are from playing for a local grassroots boys team and being the only girl, starting off as an outfielder and not in net!

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN DRIVES?
Football has always been my passion, and I've sacrificed a lot to get to where I am today.

It's now a big part of my career, and I'm still driven to keep improving, competing and achieving as much as I can.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER?
As a player, I'd describe myself as confident, commanding and proactive. I've got a lot of experience, and I naturally take on a leadership role.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON?
Like in football I'm driven and competitive, but I'm also outgoing, energetic and someone who likes to have a laugh.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR TOWN WOMEN?
Definitely the people and the friendships I've made.

Going into my fourth year at the Club, across two spells, I've already made so many great memories and shared plenty of laughs along the way.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
I'm very proud of the work I do both in school and as a coach – helping young people achieve their full potential.

In football, either winning WSL2 in 2018 or saving Karen Carney's and defeating Chelsea in 2016 – throwbacks!

And, of course, winning the title and promotion to the FAWNL Northern Premier Division with Town last season!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AWAY FROM FOOTBALL?
I've been juggling life as a teacher, football, coach and player – so I'm definitely kept busy!

Away from football and work, I'm all about good food, seeing friends and doing anything fun and active.

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS?
Long term, I would love for my future to be in coaching in the women's professional game.

LIVERPOOL FEDS 1
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 1

28/10/2026 | FA WNL NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION



Huddersfield Town Women saw the points shared this evening after their 1-1 draw on the road against Liverpool Feds in FAWNL Northern Premier Division action.

Our midweek evening fixture against Liverpool Feds at Walton Hall Park saw Olivia Page's goal in the fourth minute equalised by Georgia Walters in the 74th minute and the points shared between the two sides.

Opening the scoreline for the Terriers, Page found the back of the net in the fourth minute after brilliant press from the team. Starting from an intercepted clearance by Lauren Griffiths in midfield, the ball was laid off to Page by Louise Biggins, who couldn't turn her defender, before she lobbed the 'keeper broke the deadlock before the five-minute mark.

Not satisfied with the one goal lead, Biggins forced a save from Naoisha McAloon in the 10th minute. In the lead up to the chance, Tamira Livingston sent a brilliant cross into the box to find the feet of Biggins, but her shot down the middle was stopped brilliantly by the Feds' 'keeper.

In the hunt for an equaliser, our hosts pushed forwards with Jess Brady driving into the Town box, however, she sliced her cross and it went well high and wide of the net and out for a Town goal kick.

Lois Cartmell looked dangerous in midfield this evening and was fouled in the 25th minute just inside our attacking half, with Seren Carrington shown the yellow card for this challenge. Just after this, we saw Bethan Davies make a comfortable save from an on-target header from the centre of the box, denying Liverpool Feds the equaliser.

Seven minutes later, Feds had another good chance at levelling the score with an on-target shot from range from Holly McEvoy - this was also read well by Davies and she was able to deny the chance that headed towards the centre of the goal.

With just one more chance to double our lead before the break, Biggins was on the attack. She took her chance and shot from the edge of the box, but with the difficult angle it went wide of the hosts' goal and we led by a goal at half-time.

We started how we left off in the second half as Neve Birtwistle made a great run for the through ball that was played, she drove down the left side of the pitch and towards the box, but her shot from a tricky angle to the left of the goal meant that McAloon was able to react well to deny this chance.

At the other end of the pitch, Davies made a similar save to keep Town in front as she also blocked a shot from a difficult angle.

Our hosts found their equaliser in the 74th minute as Georgia Walters received a good ball to the edge of the box and was able to fire home to steal a point for the home side.

The Terriers reacted well with a good chance blocked in the 83rd minute. A brilliant link up between Cartmell and Biggins set up a Town counter-attack and ran into space as Liverpool Feds were pressing quite high, the ball was then sent through for Livingston to get tout her attempted cross towards the box for Biggins was blocked and cleared away.

Despite a late corner as we headed into added time after Emma Taylor's cross was blocked by the by-line, Town couldn't pull back the lead, which meant that the points were shared on the road.

TOWN WOMEN | Bethan Davies; Emma Taylor, Autumn Housley, Beth Stanfield; Olivia Page, Ella Duffield (Brierley Keane, 69'), Lauren Griffiths, Neve Birtwistle (Francesca Brown, 90+5'); Lois Cartmell, Tamira Livingston, Louise Biggins.

SUBS NOT USED | Kacey Bolton-Woollam; Tia McDonagh, Sienna Hitchings.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 1 MIDDLESBROUGH WOMEN 2

1/11/2026 | ADOBE WOMEN'S FA CUP



Huddersfield Town Women were knocked out of the Adobe Women's FA Cup at the first hurdle after losing 2-1 to Middlesbrough.

Tamira Livingston pulled a goal back in the second half after Bridget Galloway and Ellen Turnbull had given Boro a commanding lead.

It'll be a game Town will be disappointed to not get something from after enjoying the better of the chances throughout.

Olivia Page almost replicated her goal from the draw with Liverpool Feds when she saw an early chance saved by Megan Borthwick.

And Town had a golden chance to take the lead after 20 minutes. Rhema Lord-Mears jinked her way into the box and was taken out by a Boro defender. Much to the surprise over everyone at the Fantastic Media Welfare Ground, the referee pointed for a free kick on the edge of the box.

However, after being called over by his assistant, he pointed to the spot. Louise Biggins stepped up but Borthwick saved well down to her right.

The visitors made Town pay for their wasted chances when Lauren Robson squared the ball to an unmarked Galloway to tap home at the back post.

Borthwick was again to the rescue when Page ghosted in at the back post to shoot from close range but the Boro 'keeper once again denied Town.

After the break, Town couldn't have wished for a worse start. A minute after the restart they switched off at a corner and after a scramble, Turnbull back heeled past Davies to double the advantage.

It felt like a game of nearly moments for Glen Preston's side when Biggins did brilliantly well to get a ball across the face of the goal but no Terriers attacker was on hand to score.

And then flashpoint. A corner caused chaos on the Boro defence and the ball bounced up and clearly hit the outstretched arm of Sarah Robson but the referee waved away the protests.

Town finally got one back on the hour mark. Lord-Mears' tempting ball over the top allowed Livingston to race onto it. This time Borthwick was caught in two minds whether to come or sit back and did neither, allowing Livingston to lob the ball into the back of the net.

Whilst Town pushed for an equaliser, Boro were looking dangerous on the counter and should have put the game to bed. Galloway found herself one-on-one with Davies but seemed to hesitate letting Beth Stanfield complete an incredible last ditch tackle.

It went right to the death as Preston's side pressed for penalties and possibly would have levelled when Livingston smashed an effort off the underside of the bar which looked like it could have bounced behind the line but it wasn't to be.

TOWN WOMEN | Bethan Davies; Beth Stanfield (C), Autumn Housley, Emma Taylor; Tamira Livingston, Lauren Griffiths (Mallin, 85'), Neve Birtwistle, Lois Cartmell (Ella Duffield, 70'), Olivia Page (Rebecca Beresford, 70'); Rhema Lord-Mears; Louise Biggins.

SUBS NOT USED | Kacey Bolton-Woollam, Francesca Brown.

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WYTHENSHAWE | OUR OPPOSITION

In 2009 a Women's team was formed, managed by Paula Mercer, and two years later, that team became champions of the Cheshire & Manchester Women's League Division Two East and finalist in their respective cup.

They then transferred to the Cheshire Women's & Youth League and in 2018 finished runner-up to secure promotion into the North West Women's Regional Football League, also entering the Women's FA Cup for the first time, where they beat Accrington Stanley at home 5-1 in the Preliminary Round

In 2023 James Mulvihill became manager, bringing immediate success as they won the quadruple; NWWRFL Division One South champions, winners of Division One Champions Super Cup, Lancashire FA Challenge Cup and Altrincham & District FA Senior Cup.

Following NWWRFL Premier Division success in 2025, the club embarked on their maiden season in the FA Women's National League last term where they finished fourth.

They sit in the middle of the table with three wins from their eight League games so far.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone connected to our opponents before wishing them a safe journey home afterwards.



2026/27 HTAFC WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM FIXTURE LIST

DATE	OPPOSITION	
AUGUST 2026		
Sun 16	Norwich City (A)	1-1
Sun 23	**Loughborough Lightning (H)**	**5-1**
Wed 26	**Bradford City (FA WNL Cup) (H)**	**3-0**
Sun 30	Boldmere St Michaels (A)	4-2
SEPTEMBER 2026		
Sun 6	Leeds United (FA WNL Cup) (A)	0-3
Sun 13	**Derby County (H)**	**2-1**
Sun 20	**Hull City (H)**	**2-1**
Sun 27	Halifax (FA WNL Cup) (A)	2-1
OCTOBER 2026		
Sun 4	Stoke City (A)	2-2
Sun 11	Peterborough United (A)	2-3
Sun 18	**Middlesbrough (H)**	**3-1**
Thu 29	Liverpool Feds (A)	1-1
NOVEMBER 2026		
Sun 1	**Middlesbrough (Adobe Women's FA Cup) (H)**	**1-2**
Sun 8	**Wythenshawe (FA WNL Plate 1) (H)**	
Sun 22	Rugby Borough (A)	
Sun 29	**West Bromwich Albion (H)**	
DECEMBER 2026		
Sun 6	**Norwich City (H)**	
JANUARY 2027		
Sun 10	Loughborough Lightning (A)	
Sun 24	**Boldmere St Michaels (H)**	
FEBRUARY 2027		
Sun 7	Derby County (A)	
Wed 10	**Liverpool Feds (H)**	
Sun 28	West Bromwich Albion (A)	
MARCH 2027		
Sun 14	Hull City (A)	
Sun 28	**Stoke City (H)**	
APRIL 2027		
Sun 4	**Peterborough United (H)**	
Sun 18	Middlesbrough (A)	
MAY 2027		
Sun 2	**Rugby Borough (H)**	

PLEASE NOTE: fixtures are subject to change, so always check our media channels. Home games kick off at 2pm and take place at the Stafflex Arena.

THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION NORTH | LATEST TABLE 2026/27

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Rugby Borough	9	7	1	1	18	22
2	West Bromwich Albion	9	7	0	2	11	21
3	Huddersfield Town	9	5	3	1	9	18
4	Stoke City	9	5	2	2	9	17
5	Liverpool Feds WFC	9	4	1	4	2	13
6	Peterborough United	9	4	1	4	-7	13
7	Derby County	9	4	0	5	-4	12
8	Norwich City	9	2	5	2	0	11
9	Loughborough Lightning	9	2	2	5	-8	8
10	Middlesbrough	9	2	1	6	-6	7
11	Boldmere St Michaels	9	1	3	5	-13	6
12	Hull City	9	1	1	7	-11	4

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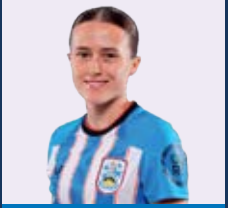
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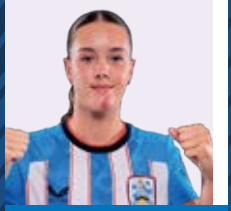
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