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Manager's Notes

GLEN PRESTON

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Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to everyone joining us today, including the players, staff, and travelling supporters from Hull City Ladies.

I want to start by extending my genuine compliments to today's opposition. I had the opportunity to watch a couple of Hull's fixtures during pre-season, and I was thoroughly impressed. They put in some incredibly strong performances, showing excellent structure and clear intent. We know exactly the level of challenge they will bring to the pitch today, and we are preparing for a side that is well-organised, highly competitive, and capable of punishing any lapse in concentration.

Looking back at last weekend, I was exceptionally proud of the squad's performance in our victory against Derby. We knew going in that it was going to be a highly tactical battle. Derby are a deeply stubborn side to break down, and it required us to play incredibly smart football. The players showed immense patience and maturity in our phase-of-play structures, probing for the right openings in the final third without forcing the issue or leaving ourselves vulnerable in transition. Finding a way to win a game like that speaks volumes about the character and tactical intelligence developing within this group.



That result brings us to ten points from our opening four fixtures, keeping our unbeaten start to the season intact. It is a fantastic foundation and a direct testament to the relentless physical and analytical work the players and coaching staff have put in on the training ground over the past few months.

However, football is a game that never lets you rest on your laurels. All of that early momentum, the points on the board, and the unbeaten run mean absolutely nothing if we do not show up and execute our game plan today. We have to earn the right to dictate the game every single week.

That is exactly why we need you, the fans, more than ever. Your voice on the touchline provides that critical surge of energy when the players are digging deep to sustain a press or secure a result late in the game. Let's make our home advantage count, keep the intensity high, and drive the team forward.

Enjoy the match, and thank you for your incredible support.

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Manager,
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REBECCA BERESFORD

AGE: 22

NICKNAME: Bex

POSITION: Wing-back

STRONG FOOT: Right Foot

FROM: Rossendale, Lancashire.

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALLING MEMORIES?
My first footballing memories come from going to watch Burnley with my dad and brothers every Saturday and always having a football under my arm wherever I went.

On the pitch, I used to play in a tournament in Blackpool every year with my first football team, Haslingden Girls FC, and some of my favourite times there were going on the bouncy castle and having ice lollies between games with my teammates (getting a stitch was the least of anyone's worries).

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN DRIVES?
My main drive is always wanting to improve and be the best version of myself, both on and off the pitch. I love setting myself goals and working hard to achieve them.

A big motivation for me is also making my family proud in whatever I do, they support me in absolutely everything I do and seeing them smile makes all the hard work worth it.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER?
I'd describe myself as fast, strong, determined, passionate and versatile.

I like to work hard for the team and give everything I can on the pitch.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON?
I would say I'm funny, caring, driven, easy going, and passionate.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR TOWN WOMEN?
The people and the environment. Being part of a team where everyone works hard for each other and shares the same ambition makes it special.

I love being able to represent a Club like Town and hopefully we can work together to help the team progress further.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
Signing my first football contract is definitely one of my proudest achievements.

I'd also say graduating as a physiotherapist after four years of studying is a huge milestone of mine.

Just The Ticket

BE PART OF OUR PROGRESSION



Huddersfield Town fans are urged to show their support for our Women's First Team for their 2026/27 FA Women's National League Northern Premier Division season, with the side pushing to prove their status within Tier 3!

Having enjoyed an excellent season last year, winning both the FA WNL Division One North title, and promotion to the Northern Premier Division, and the Sheffield & Hallamshire FA County Cup, our Town Women are now competing at a higher level.

Still to welcome teams such as West Bromwich Albion, Norwich City, Middlesbrough, Rugby Borough and Stoke City, Town fans are urged to join us at the Graham Leslie Arena and show their support for our Terriers.

HOW TO JOIN US

Attending our Women's First Team fixtures at home is a brilliant and affordable experience for Town fans and families. With prices at £7 **Adults**, £5 **Seniors**, £5 **15 and Overs**, and £3 for **Under 14s**, the friendly, welcoming atmosphere in HD8 is perfect for supporters of all ages.

Card and cash are both accepted on the turnstiles on match days at the Graham Leslie Arena, with tickets for each fixture available to purchase on the day. This season, supporters can also purchase tickets in advance via our online ticket website with all of our home fixtures now on sale!

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Online - **eticketing.co.uk/huddersfieldtown**

Over the Phone - Call our Ticket Office on **01484 960 606** during open hours.

In Person - Visit our Ticket Office at the Accu Stadium during open hours.

The majority of fixtures take place on Sunday afternoon's, perfect for the football loving families, with a few midweek fixtures also scheduled. See elsewhere in this issue for a Fixture List.

The full address of our Women's First Team home stadium is: Graham Leslie Arena, Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0WA.

Come and join us!

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 2 DERBY COUNTY WOMEN 1

13.09.2026 | FA WNL NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION



Huddersfield Town Women's unbeaten start to the FA WNL Northern Premier Division continued with a 2-1 win over Derby County last weekend.

Aimee Kelly's stunning first half strike gave Town the lead before Eleanor Ashton slotted home a penalty to level proceedings just before the break, but Laura Elford found the winner midway through the second half to maintain Town's unbeaten start to the league season.

In what was arguably Town's best performance of the season, the game burst to life instantly with a couple of early chances for the Ewes.

Bethan Davies excellently denied Dolcie O'Connor before Glen Preston's side began to take control.

The chances started flowing when Tamira Livingston thundered a shot off the crossbar before Jones in the Derby goal denied Elford on the rebound.

Rhema Lord-Mears then almost gave Town the lead but the woodwork saved the visitors again when her ball into the box evaded everyone and came back off the foot of the post.

The Terriers' dominance finally paid off after 18 minutes through brilliance from Aimee Kelly's fourth goal of the season. The striker picked the ball up 25 yards from goal and unleashed an unstoppable effort in the bottom corner.

Birtwistle then tested Jones with a stinging effort that looked destined for the top corner before Elford fired over from the edge of the box after a poor clearance from the Derby stopper.

Just as it looked like Town would go into half time in the lead, the referee pointed to the spot. Olivia Page was adjudged to have handled in the box after a cross was smashed into her arm from close range - despite going the right way, Davies couldn't keep out Ashton's spot-kick.

After the break, Town's relationship with the woodwork continued to be one of annoyance. Autumn Housley turned Lord-Mears' free kick onto the bar before Page hooked an effort wide.

Town, and in particular Elford, weren't in the mood to settle for a point. Beth Stanfield picked the ball up out on the left and delivered a sensational pinpoint cross into the path of Elford who had acres of space to volley it past Jones.

The home side's dominance continued, as did the constant involvement of the woodwork when Lord-Mears looked destined to have made it 3-1 but her shot again came back off the post.

TOWN WOMEN | Bethan Davies; Rebecca Beresford, Beth Stanfield (C), Autumn Housley, Olivia Page, Tamira Livingston; Neve Birtwistle, Lauren Griffiths, Rhema Lord-Mears (Olivia Turner, 85'); Aimee Kelly (Louise Biggins, 82'), Laura Elford (Jess Lightfoot, 82').

SUBS NOT USED | Kacey Bolton-Woollam; Kate Mallin, Ella Duffield.

GOALS | Aimee Kelly (18'), Laura Elford (68')

BOOKINGS | Beresford (45'), Kelly (45')

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Visitors And Fixtures

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

HULL CITY | PLAYER STATS

	PLAYER	GLS	PENS	APPS	MINS	SUB APP	UNUSED
1	Ellie Tanser	2	1	6	540	0	0
2	Sian Gibrill-Keating	2	0	3	270	0	0
3	Evie-Mae Wilkinson	1	0	4	289	1	0
4	Helen Lynskey	1	0	6	496	0	0
5	Jessica Andrew	1	1	6	540	0	0
6	Abigail May Wallace	0	0	3	270	0	0
7	Catherine Hamill	0	0	4	360	0	0
8	Chelsea Callander	0	0	1	44	1	0
9	Erin Nicholson	0	0	6	529	0	0
10	Erin Nelson	0	0	1	44	1	0
11	Eva Spencer	0	0	3	270	0	0
12	Isabelle Gigg	0	0	6	540	0	0
13	Isobel Elliott	0	0	2	180	0	0
14	Kirstie Hunt	0	0	6	496	0	0
15	Macy Ellis	0	0	6	522	0	0
16	Maiya Akrill	0	0	1	18	1	0
17	Paige Williams	0	0	3	147	1	0
18	Rachael Ackroyd	0	0	1	25	1	0
19	Ruby Pitter	0	0	4	360	0	0





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)**	
Sun 27	Halifax (FA WNL Cup) (A)	
OCTOBER 2026		
Sun 4	Stoke City (A)	
Sun 11	Peterborough United (A)	
Sun 18	**Middlesbrough (H)**	
Sun 25	Adobe Women's FA Cup Round One (TBC)	
Thu 29	Liverpool Feds (A)	
NOVEMBER 2026		
Sun 8	**West Bromwich Albion (H)**	
Sun 22	Rugby Borough (A)	
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	4	4	0	0	9	12
2	Huddersfield Town	4	3	1	0	7	10
3	Stoke City	4	3	0	1	8	9
4	Liverpool Feds WFC	4	2	0	2	5	6
5	West Bromwich Albion	4	2	0	2	0	6
6	Loughborough Lightning	4	2	0	2	-3	6
7	Norwich City	4	1	2	1	1	5
8	Boldmere St Michaels	4	1	1	2	-5	4
9	Middlesbrough	4	1	0	3	-3	3
10	Derby County	4	1	0	3	-5	3
11	Peterborough United	4	1	0	3	-7	3
12	Hull City	4	1	0	3	-7	3

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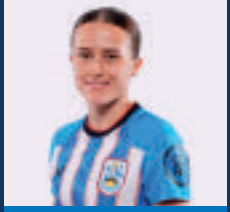
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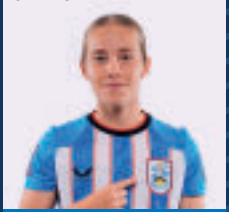
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22	Francesca **BROWN**
23	Serena **FLETCHER**
24	Tamira **LIVINGSTON**
25	Aimee **KELLY**
26	Neve **BIRTWISTLE**
28	Mia **GOSLING**
29	Thea **BUDDEN**
33	Bethan **DAVIES**
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