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Manager's Notes

GLEN PRESTON

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to the Graham Lesley Arena for today's FAWNL Premier North fixture. I would also like to extend a welcome to the players, staff, and travelling supporters of Derby County.

It has been an incredibly focused and productive week on the training pitch. Coming off the back of last season's double-winning campaign, the standard we demand from the squad remains exceptionally high, and I cannot fault the application the players have shown during the campaign so far, which has seen us pick up seven points from our opening three games.

We are under no illusions about the challenge Derby will pose this afternoon. They are a well-drilled, structurally disciplined side who defend with a real aggressive edge.

I've always been impressed with how Derby try to be unique in their approach and do things in their own way, you never play the same Derby team twice; they are a side who suffocate the middle of the pitch well, force teams wide, and then look to transition in behind with electric pace, as a result they always present a tough/interesting battle.

To break this down and hold firm at the opposite end we will need to be at our best. I believe the players are ready, our preparation is done, and now it's all about execution.

Your support from the sidelines is, as always, our driving force. We need you to be loud, get right behind the team from the very first whistle, and help us make it a very difficult afternoon for the visitors.

Thank you for your valued support, enjoy the game.

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Glen Preston

Manager,
Huddersfield Town



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GETTING TO KNOW...
BETH IBBOTSON

AGE: 26

POSITION: Centre Back

STRONG FOOT: Right Foot

FROM: Sheffield, Enfland.

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALLING MEMORIES?
My first footballing memory off the pitch is watching the Sheffield derby at Bramall Lane and being right in front of a Sheffield Wednesday handball with all the fans around us screaming.

On the pitch, my first memory is scoring the winning goal in my last game for Millhouses Juniors with the boys – back when I used to be a striker!

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN DRIVES?
Right now, my main drive is to get Huddersfield Town Women back where we were before our relegation to Tier 4 and individually, I want to start performing consistently each week and become a player the team can rely on.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER?
I would say I am a ball playing centre-back who likes to drive forward to feed through to attackers, whilst also being defensively solid in 1v1s and heading.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON?
I have quite a loud personality where I joke around, but I also take things seriously, especially when it comes to training drills – I'm known as the ref!

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR TOWN WOMEN?
I think being a part of the growth of the team is especially special to me as I've been here since we were one of the best teams to beat, then to rock bottom and relegation to now being in a team back in Tier 3 with the investment we have, competing at the highest level.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
IThe greatest achievement for me would be winning the FA WNL Division One North league last year – that was my first piece of major silverware in women's football.

Outside of football, my greatest achievement is my degree and all of the countries I have travelled to.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AWAY FROM FOOTBALL?
I am well known for my travelling – I love visiting new countries! I have visited six out of the seven continents and I'm 50% of the way through Europe.

LEEDS UNITED WOMEN 3 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 0

06.09.2026 | FA WNL CUP GROUP STAGE



IMAGE | JEFF BENNETT

Huddersfield Town Women suffered their first defeat of the season after a 3-0 loss away from home to West Yorkshire rivals Leeds United in the second group stage fixture of the FA WNL Cup campaign.

The heat was on within the first two minutes of the game, our hosts won the first corner of the game and Alice Hughes sent Town their first warning as she volleyed the corner ball high over the bar.

Despite a good block to deny a low cross from Leeds United into the box from Town, Isobel Dean scored the first goal in the 10th minute.

Struggling to get any real runs of possession from Town, they tried to do everything they could to stop the hosts from making too many passes - we won throw-ins thanks to Rebecca Beresford putting the defence under pressure and were awarded a free-kick just inside the attacking half on the left after Tamira Livingston was fouled by Drew Greene, but we were unable to capitalise with these advantages.

Just on the half hour mark, Neve Birtwistle got an important touch on the ball just in front of Kacey Bolton-Woollam's goal to create the block and snuff out any chance of a second goal against us, as well as move forward and set Town Women up on the counter attack. This movement saw Louise Biggins show her strength and hold the ball well moving down the middle before she sent the ball to Kate Mallin, who had made the run down the left. Mallin took one touch too many but did well to try and create a chance as she squared the ball towards the middle of the box, but this was smothered by Leeds 'keeper Carrie Simpson.

This mean that we trailed as we went into the break, with a good save from Bolton-Woollam in the dying minutes of the first half to prevent a second goal after a powerful shot from range on target from Darcie Greene.

We had a positive start to the second half, coming out unchanged, with the chance to equalise just after 50 minutes. Mallin sent a good ball to Livingston running down the left and she carried it right towards the by-line before she sent it back into the box for Jess Lightfoot to slot home from close range and the near post, but Simpson reacted well and made a good save to deny this chance.

Still on the hunt for an equaliser, Biggins once again showed composure as she took on two players from our opposition and was really unlucky to have not found the back of the net to get Town back in the game as the ball was stolen off her and cleared for a Town throw in.

Amy Woodruff doubled the advantage for Leeds in the 63rd minute after she was able to jump onto a pass that was too short from Bolton-Woollam to Beth Stanfield and lob it over the 'keeper.

In the 75th minute, after being on the pitch for less than 10 minutes, Rhema Lord-Mears had a great shot from range. Kelly got a deflection on Simpson's goal clearance, which meant that the ball landed at the feet of our midfielder, however, Simpson recovered well and was able to get a touch on the shot and send it just wide for a Town corner.

Kathryn Smith scored our hosts' third and final goal in the 82nd minute and Town suffered their first defeat of the 2026/27 campaign.

TOWN WOMEN |
Kacey Bolton-Woollam; Neve Birtwistle, Beth Stanfield, Olivia Page; Rebecca Beresford (Autumn Housley, 68'), Ella Duffield (Brierley Keane, 68'), Lauren Griffiths, Kate Mallin (Rhema Lord-Mears, 68'), Tamira Livingston; Jess Lightfoot (Laura Elford, 68'), Louise Biggins (Aimee Kelly, 68').

SUBS NOT USED | Bethan Davies.



BOLDMERE ST. MICHAELS WOMEN 2 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 4

30.08.2026 | FA WNL NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION



Huddersfield Town Women continued their unbeaten League start with a 4-2 win at Boldmere St Michaels in the FA WNL Northern Premier Division.

Town started in dominant fashion and hit the woodwork in the second minute, when Lord-Mears' strike from the edge of the box came back off the Mikes' post.

Boldmere were keen to play out from the back but struggled to handle the pressure from Glen Preston's side. Town moved the ball with confidence on the artificial surface and enjoyed the best of the possession in the first half.

They looked a constant threat when they attacked with speed and the breakthrough arrived after 19 minutes. Lord-Mears tried another long shot, this time with her right foot, and it floated over stand-in goalkeeper Tilly Astell.

The assistant referee ruled that the ball had crossed the line and the same decision was made five minutes before half time after Aimee Kelly forced a firm shot through the grasp of the Boldmere stopper from a couple of yards out to double the lead.

Lord-Mears went close again, making Astell work with a low left-footer after a short corner from the visitors.

Elford spotted an opportunity to go long early in the second half. Goalkeeper Bethan Davies sent a pass into the channel and Elford gathered, showing some lovely footwork in the box before poking a cool finish into the bottom corner to make it 3-0.

Astell tipped over a venomous Neve Birtwistle drive in the middle of the second half. She was the busier of the goalkeepers but Davies was soon in action, saving well to keep out a shot from the edge of the box shortly before substitute Skye Owen prodded in the first goal for a determined Boldmere team.

Astell was tested again by a clever chip from Tamira Livingston, diverting the shot over and then dealing with a header from the subsequent corner too, but she could do nothing to keep out a confident penalty from Town substitute Louise Biggins as the visitors made it 4-1.

The Mikes grabbed a consolation goal in the first minute of stoppage time but Huddersfield took their tally to seven points from a possible nine after a terrific start to the new season.

TOWN WOMEN | Bethan Davies; Beth Stanfield ©, Autumn Housley, Olivia Page, Rebecca Beresford; Lauren Griffiths (Ella Duffield 85'), Neve Birtwistle (Jess Lightfoot 82'); Rhema Lord-Mears (Olivia Turner 85'); Laura Elford (Louise Biggins 82'), Aimee Kelly (Kate Mallin 87'), Tamira Livingston

GOALS | Rhema Lord-Mears '20, Aimee Kelly '41, Laura Elford '52, Louise Biggins (pen) '84



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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.

DERBY COUNTY | PLAYER STATS

PLAYER	GLS	PENS	APPS	MINS	SUB APP	UNUSED
Dolcie Bri O'connor	2	0	4	295	1	0
Eleanor Ashton	1	0	4	353	0	0
Georgia Stevens	1	0	2	110	1	0
Madison Norton	1	0	4	235	2	0
Ash Naismith	0	0	1	90	0	0
Bryony Donnison	0	0	4	290	0	0
Emily Joyce	0	0	4	280	1	0
Hannah Ward	0	0	1	90	0	0
Hannah Sparkes	0	0	4	360	0	0
Jessica Melrose	0	0	3	270	0	0
Layla Kennerley	0	0	2	151	0	0
Lucy Jones	0	0	3	270	0	0
Marnie Drake	0	0	1	90	0	0
Mia Wheeler	0	0	1	20	1	0
Minnie Scarlet Wilson	0	0	2	135	0	0
Rebecca May	0	0	4	304	1	0
Samantha Sharrocks	0	0	3	270	0	0
Tamsin Russell	0	0	2	77	1	0
Yasmin Mason	0	0	3	270	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)**	
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	3	3	0	0	7	9
2	Huddersfield Town	3	2	1	0	6	7
3	Liverpool Feds WFC	3	2	0	1	6	6
4	Stoke City	3	2	0	1	5	6
5	Norwich City	3	1	1	1	1	4
6	West Bromwich Albion	3	1	0	2	-1	3
7	Middlesbrough	3	1	0	2	-1	3
8	Hull City	3	1	0	2	-4	3
9	Loughborough Lightning	3	1	0	2	-4	3
10	Derby County	3	1	0	2	-4	3
11	Boldmere St Michaels	3	1	0	2	-5	3
12	Peterborough United	3	1	0	2	-6	3

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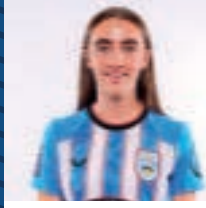


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23	Rebecca **MAY**
31	Ash **NAISMITH**
34	Dolcie **O'CONNOR**

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