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Good afternoon everyone, and a very warm welcome back to all of our supporters, as well as to Joe Lillie, his staff, and the Middlesbrough players for the second encounter of a back-to-back double-header between our two clubs.

Playing the same opposition two weeks running in two different competitions is always a fascinating tactical and mental challenge. Last Sunday's 3-1 victory in the league was a massive result for us and a real testament to the character inside our dressing room.

It is no secret that we have been tested heavily on the injury front recently, losing Hannah, and AK in a very short space of time has stretched our depth at the top end of the pitch and forced our hand into making a few structural tweaks.

What pleased me most last weekend was how quickly and seamlessly the girls took that new information on board. We started on the front-foot, executed our game plan really well in the first half, and deservedly went into the break two goals to the good thanks to clinical finishes from T Livingston and Laura Elford.

Full credit to Middlesbrough, though, they are a good footballing side who want to get on the ball, and they came out in the second half, changed their shape, and went all in, in the press. When they pulled a goal back in the 53rd minute we knew we were going to be in for a game, thankfully, Elford was able to go down the other end and restore our two-goal cushion showing real composure and a ruthless mentality.

From there, our defensive unit stood tall, and the impact from the substitutes with Ell and Biggs allowed us to stand tall. However, nobody in our changing room is under any illusions that today will be a repeat of last Sunday just because we won the first encounter. In many ways, beating a team the week before makes the second game even tougher.

Boro will have reviewed the footage, they will make adjustments, and they will arrive today with a point to prove. Knockout football has a completely different edge to it. The FA Cup is a special competition for this club, and a strong cup run is something we all want to build alongside our league campaign.

We have worked hard on the training pitch this week to anticipate the new puzzles Boro might throw at us today, and the challenge for our players is to show that same tactical flexibility, discipline out of possession, and bravery on the ball from the first whistle to the last.

Thank you, as always, for your brilliant support on the touchline.

Enjoy the game, get right behind the girls, and hopefully we can put our name into the hat for the next round.

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Glen Preston

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NEW FACES

We have recently added to our options with the arrival of two new faces as front-runner, Lios Cartmell, brings additional firepower to our attack, whilst Emma Taylor is a determined defender.

Wales youth international and Liverpool forward Cartmell, has joined the Terriers on loan for the remainder of the 2026/27 FA WNL Northern Premier Division season.

She is a young and promising forward who continues to develop her skillset and gain valuable experience in competitive senior football.

She has been involved in youth international football with Wales under 17s, featuring in UEFA Women's Under 17 Championship qualifying matches, facing off against the likes of France and Portugal.
At club level, Cartmell has come through Liverpool's development pathway, playing for their women's development side. In the 2025/26 season, she made an appearance in the FA Women's National League Cup.

She now links up with Glen Preston and the Terriers, adding to our already stacked forward line.
Huddersfield Town Women forward Lois Cartmell commented: "It's a new challenge, and I'm really excited to be here. The team are all really nice, and I get along with them well, so it's been really easy to settle in. I knew Liv Turner from Manchester United, back when I was there.

"Being at Liverpool has improved me a lot over the years, especially with my technical ability, so I am now ready for a new challenge of being more athletic. Also, being a part of the Welsh set up has been great — there has been lots of challenges, and I have a lot of memories of going away.

Meanwhile, we are delighted to announce the signing of defender, Emma Taylor, who joins the Club from Women's Super League 2 side Sheffield United.

Emma began her senior career with Burnley in 2023, where she played alongside current Town forwards Laura Elford and Aimee Kelly, before making the short trip down the road to join Blackburn Rovers.

Whilst with Blackburn, she progressed into a regular first team defender, making important contributions to the team's defensive performances. Her consistent displays earned her Blackburn's Player of the Year award at the end of the 2024/25 season.

In July 2025, Taylor made the move to Yorkshire, as she signed for Sheffield United. Whilst playing in the Women's Super League 2, she has developed and demonstrated her defensive ability, composure, and determination.

The centre back continues to build on the strong foundations of her career, as she joins Glen Preston's Town Women side. Entering the prime years, she is ready to help build on the Terriers' strong start to the season.

"I'm really pleased to be here, and I'm looking forward to helping on the good start that Huddersfield have already had at the start of the season," she said. "It's a really good group of staff and players here, which has made it really easy, and obviously knowing quite a lot of the team before coming in has made the move simple. I'm just looking forward to getting started.

"Obviously, I can take a lot of learnings through the different experiences I've had with the academies I've been at, and playing in WSL2 over the last two years means that I definitely can help some of the girls this year, as we progress forward and hopefully compete for the top of the league."

We welcome both players to the Club.



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN WOMEN 3 MIDDLESBROUGH WOMEN 1

18/10/2026 | FA WNL NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION



Huddersfield Town Women returned to winning ways in their first game at the Fantastic Media Welfare Ground with a 3-1 win over this afternoon's opponents, Middlesbrough, last weekend.

Tamira Livingston's second goal of the season put Town in front before Laura Elford's strike gave Glen Preston's side a commanding half time lead. Bridget Galloway pulled a goal back after the break but Elford's second of the game sealed all three points in the second half.

After the disappointment of their first defeat of the season last weekend, the Terriers looked keen to put things right as the Teessiders visited Emley.

However, the visitors started the quickest of the two sides. Becky Ferguson tested Bethan Davies from range early on but the Town 'keeper was equal to it and pulled off a brilliant save to tip it round the post.

Galloway then went close, heading over a cross from the left but Town then took control and showed signs of things to come when Olivia Page played a ball across the box that should have been easily dealt with but Livingston's persistence, and the defence falling asleep, allowed the winger to nip in and force a corner.

Before long, Livingston did get the better of her full back. A switched pass over the top saw the winger race onto the ball, breeze past the defender and slot home at the near post to give Town the lead.

Chances started to flow. Lois Cartmell, making her full debut for the Club, went close, firing over from close range after good work from Elford in the box.

As chances came and went, Elford found the quality to double her side's advantage. Rhema Lord-Mears whipped a ball into the box that eventually settled at the feet of Elford who managed to work herself away from the defender and powered into the top corner on the turn.

After the break, Page almost extended Town's lead when the ball fell to her inside the box after a corner but she sliced an effort over the bar.

Our visitors came out looking for a route back into the game and got a lifeline through Galloway. Town switched off and Ellen Turnbull's cross was expertly swept home by the Middlesbrough striker.

However, the visitors' hope only lasted a matter of minutes. The impressive Cartmell won the ball in midfield and split the Boro defence with a great pass. Livingston latched onto it, got to the byline and squared the ball to a grateful Elford who tapped home for Town's third.

Elford could have had herself a hat trick as Boro pushed forward. The striker picked the ball up on half way and drove towards goal, riding a couple of challenges before getting a shot away but Borthwick was equal to it.

Despite a late rally from the visitors, Town held firm to pick up another three points to sit third place in the FA WNL Northern Premier Division as we turn our attention to the Adobe Women's FA Cup as we repeat today's fixture at the Fantastic Media Welfare Ground this afternoon.

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

TOWN WOMEN | Kacey Bolton-Woollam, Rebecca Beresford, Kate Mallin, Beth Ibbotson.



GETTING TO KNOW... RHEMA LORD-MEARS

POSITION: 10/Attacking Midfielder

STRONG FOOT: Left Foot (wonder wand)

FROM: Grew up in Oldham, Greater Manchester.

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALLING MEMORIES?
My first footballing memory is probably training at The Cliff with Manchester United – it wasn't long after the Men's Team moved to Carrington, so everything seemed incredible.

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN DRIVES?
I think my main drives now are centred around helping other players develop and succeed (even if I do shout at everyone) and just being able to perform at a decent level given that age and health are now factors I have to consider.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER?
At my best, I'll play with freedom, creativity and flair. I'd rather dance around a defender than go through them. And, who doesn't love a 20-yard+ top bins?!

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON?
I would say I am misunderstood. I'm unique. I have my own quirks but I'm becoming comfortable with that. I'm a soft person at heart, soft at nature, but strong in character.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR TOWN WOMEN?
The people. It's nice to be around just genuinely nice person. There's obviously competition, but people aren't bitter, we're here to win.

We're also supported well by the Club. There's work to do but the Club believes in us and wants us around for the long run.

I'd like to see us competing in higher leagues still.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
Either playing for Team GB or completing my Undergrad and Masters in Law.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AWAY FROM FOOTBALL?
I'm lucky enough to have a career that I'm passionate about. I enjoy socialising with friends, spending time with family and participating in all kinds of other sports.

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS?
Just to be healthy and happy. Career-wise, I'd love to work in HR in football, but opportunities are hard to come by.

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As this tie was postponed last Sunday, the draw for the second round proper of the Women's FA Cup has already been made, so we know that a trip to Durham Cestria awaits the winner of this afternoon's rearranged tie.

It will take place on Sunday 15 November 2026 with the winners receiving £9,000 and the losers collecting £4,000.

The draw was split into a North and South section, with the draw for the northern section shown here:

1 Chesterfield v Leafield Athletic

2 Derby County v Bolton Wanderers

3 Loughborough Lightning v Preston North End or i2i International Soccer Academy

4 Lye Town or Peterborough United v Rugby Borough

5 Leeds United or Rotherham United v Norton & Stockton Ancients

6 Durham Cestria v Huddersfield Town or Middlesbrough

7 Thornaby v Crewe Alexandra

8 Stoke City v Liverpool Feds

9 Kidderminster Harriers v Wigan Athletic Women or Chester-Le-Street Town

10 Notts County v Workington Town or Mancunian Unity

11 Boldmere St Michaels v Stockport County

12 South Shields or SJR Worksop v Halifax

In one of those quirks of football fate, we face opponents who we met only a fortnight ago in League action as we ran out 3-1 winners on that occasion.

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)**	
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	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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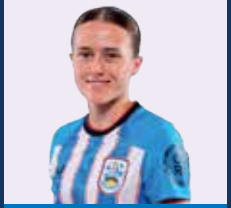

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AWARD WINNER!

We are delighted to announce that our Women's First Team Manager Glen Preston has collected the FA WNL Manager of the Month Award for September, after winning three fixtures across the month.

"Receiving this award offers a nice opportunity for us all to reflect on our fantastic start to the season," he said. "All of the players and the staff have worked tirelessly since the first day of pre-season to ensure that we have been in the right place physically and mentally to compete and deliver performances like we have done over the first couple of months of the campaign.

"To be able to step up and show a resilient mindset in a new division has been crucial to our strong start, and this gives us real encouragement as we feel like we are still at the start of this journey. This group of players will keep improving, and that's a testament to their dedication to the process on and off the field.

"Personally, I'm obviously proud to collect this award on behalf of the whole team. I'd also like to credit my Assistant James Horner, who is equally as deserving of winning this award. Thank you to our supporters, the players, the staff, and the Club."

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