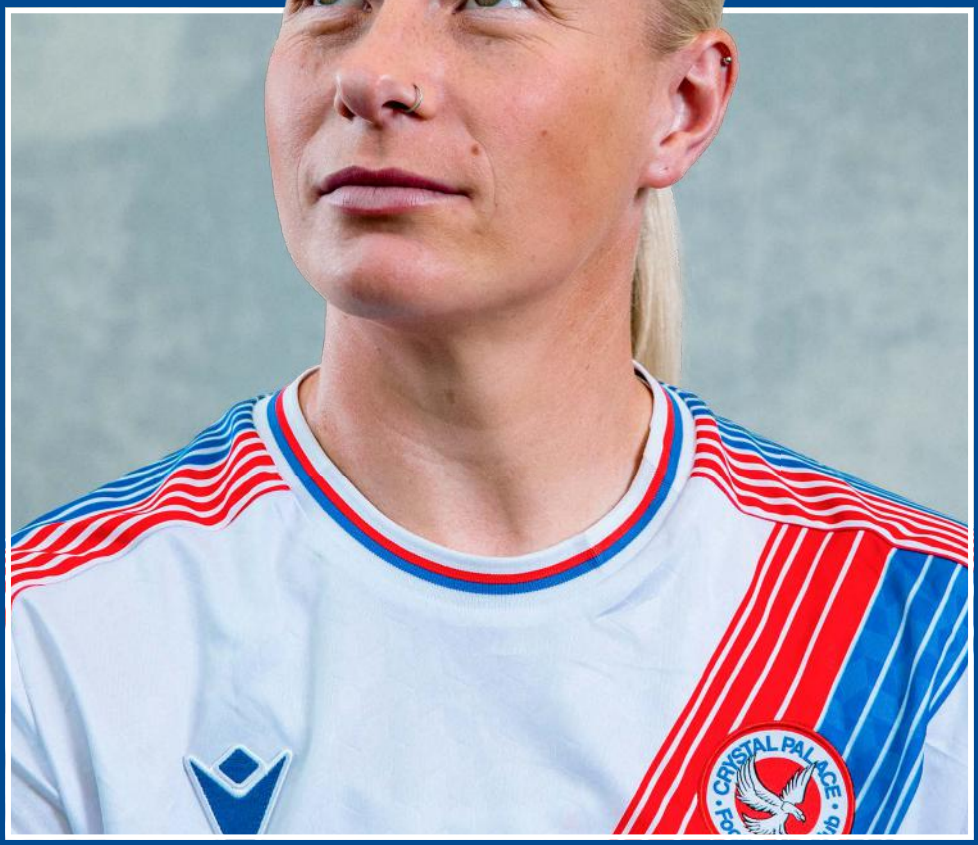
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MATCH BRIEFING

ISSUE 04

Welcome back to Sutton United again, as Crystal Palace Women take on Chelsea in the Barclays Women's Super League!

Today we welcome the Blues to The 360 Engage Stadium, who currently sit undefeated in second-place.

Like last week - it's an earlier kick-off today (12:00 GMT) so make sure you head down to the stadium nice and early!

Situated just beyond the Collingwood Road Stand at the far side of the stadium, our Fanzone opens at 10:30 GMT (90 minutes before kick-off).

With Halloween around the corner, head to the Fanzone for some special spooky activations. Make your Halloween creation at our Arts and Crafts table or get your face painted with a scary design. We will also have a special balloon maker, so make sure you're there early!

Just like last year, you can also enjoy an alcoholic beverage in their seat and watch the match unfold.

As always, show your support for the team and get behind the Eagles!



AGE: 11

ANZHOU

PREDICTION: 2-1

FAVOURITE PLAYERS

1. BETHANY ENGLAND
2. KIRSTY HOWAT



AGE: 6

FREYA

PREDICTION: 2-1

FAVOURITE PLAYERS

1. ANNABEL BLANCHARD
2. BETHANY ENGLAND



AGE: 8

CASPAR

PREDICTION: 3-2

FAVOURITE PLAYERS

1. BETHANY ENGLAND
2. AIMEE EVERETT

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WE WILL NEED YOU. ALL OF YOU BEHIND US



JO POTTER

A warm welcome to everyone joining us at The 360 Engage Stadium today for our Women's Super League clash against Chelsea.

WE HAVE TO BE DISCIPLINED, AND WE HAVE TO BE BRAVE

We are now two games into a very busy period for the team, with seven more games to play in the next few weeks. The fixtures are coming thick and fast, but we feel prepared for the challenges to come.

Last weekend's defeat to West Ham was a tough result to take. We felt that we didn't show the best side of ourselves in a game where three points were up for grabs. I said at full-time that we have to eliminate those mistakes from our game, because at this level – teams can and will punish you. We managed to control large parts of the game last Sunday but failed to take advantage of our opportunities. It's a frustrating one, but we have to move on quickly to our game today.



Wednesday's game against Southampton was similarly frustrating. It marked our first defeat in the Players Cup, and our first defeat on the road this season. There were some positives though – we started the game in the right way and it was good to see Annabel [Blanchard] get two goals. It was also great to see Hayley Ladd return to the pitch after her time on the sidelines. Ultimately, we must move on from these two games and concentrate entirely on Chelsea today.

We all know the threat that our visitors today possess. They have world-class players all across the pitch who can hurt you in so many different ways. We have to be disciplined, and we have to be brave. We have already proven that we can go toe-to-toe with these top teams this season, and we will need that spirit and desire that we showed at the Emirates in September. Chelsea are undefeated so far and come here in good form.

Today will be a tough test, but these teams are not invincible, and I know we can hurt them if we stick to our game plan. I know the girls will turn up today, but we need your support to be loud from that first whistle. Sutton United needs to be rocking from minute one. The team heard you last Sunday, and we heard you in the Silverlake Stadium on Wednesday - we really do appreciate your support. We will need you all of you behind us again today.

Enjoy the game ■



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AIMEE EVERETT



TO PULL OFF A RESULT, WE NEED YOU IN THE STANDS TO BE OUR 12TH PLAYER

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us here at The 360 Engage Stadium today for our Women's Super League clash against Chelsea.

We all know the quality and threat that our visitors bring today. Chelsea come here undefeated and in good form, with world-class talent right across the pitch and players who can hurt you if you give them time and space. We've already proven this season that we can go toe-to-toe with the very best we need to tap straight back into that spirit that we showed at the Emirates. To get a result today, every single one of us in a Palace shirt needs to be disciplined, focused, and above all, brave on the ball. If we stick strictly to our game plan and take our chances - we know we have the quality in this squad to cause them real problems.

We are currently two games into what is an incredibly intense, busy period for the squad, with another seven matches packed into the next few weeks. The fixtures are coming thick and fast at the moment, but as players, this is exactly what we live for. We've worked hard in training, we feel physically and mentally prepared, and we're ready to embrace every single challenge coming our way.

Looking back at our last two outings, there's no denying it's been a frustrating few days. The defeat against West Ham last weekend was a tough one for us to take as a group. Walking off that pitch, the overwhelming feeling in the dressing room was that we hadn't shown the best version of ourselves. At this level, the margins are razor-thin; if you make small mistakes or lose focus for a second, any team can punish you. We managed to control large periods of the game and built some fantastic passages of play, but we ultimately failed to capitalise on our opportunities. It hurt, but as players, you have to process it quickly, learn the lessons, and move on.

Wednesday evening's game away at Southampton was similarly frustrating, marking our first defeat in the Players Cup and our first loss on the road this season. We started the match with real intent and played with the right intensity from the opening whistle. It was brilliant to see Annabel show her quality with two great goals, and it was a massive boost for all of us to see Hayley Ladd back out on the pitch after her time on the sidelines. Having Hayley's experience back in the group gives everyone a lift.

To pull off a result today, we need you in the stands to be our 12th player. We need your support to be loud and relentless from the very first whistle. The team felt your energy last Sunday, and we heard you singing loud and clear in Eastleigh on Wednesday - we truly appreciate every single one of you who travels to support us.

Let's make sure Sutton United is rocking from minute one today.

Enjoy the game!■

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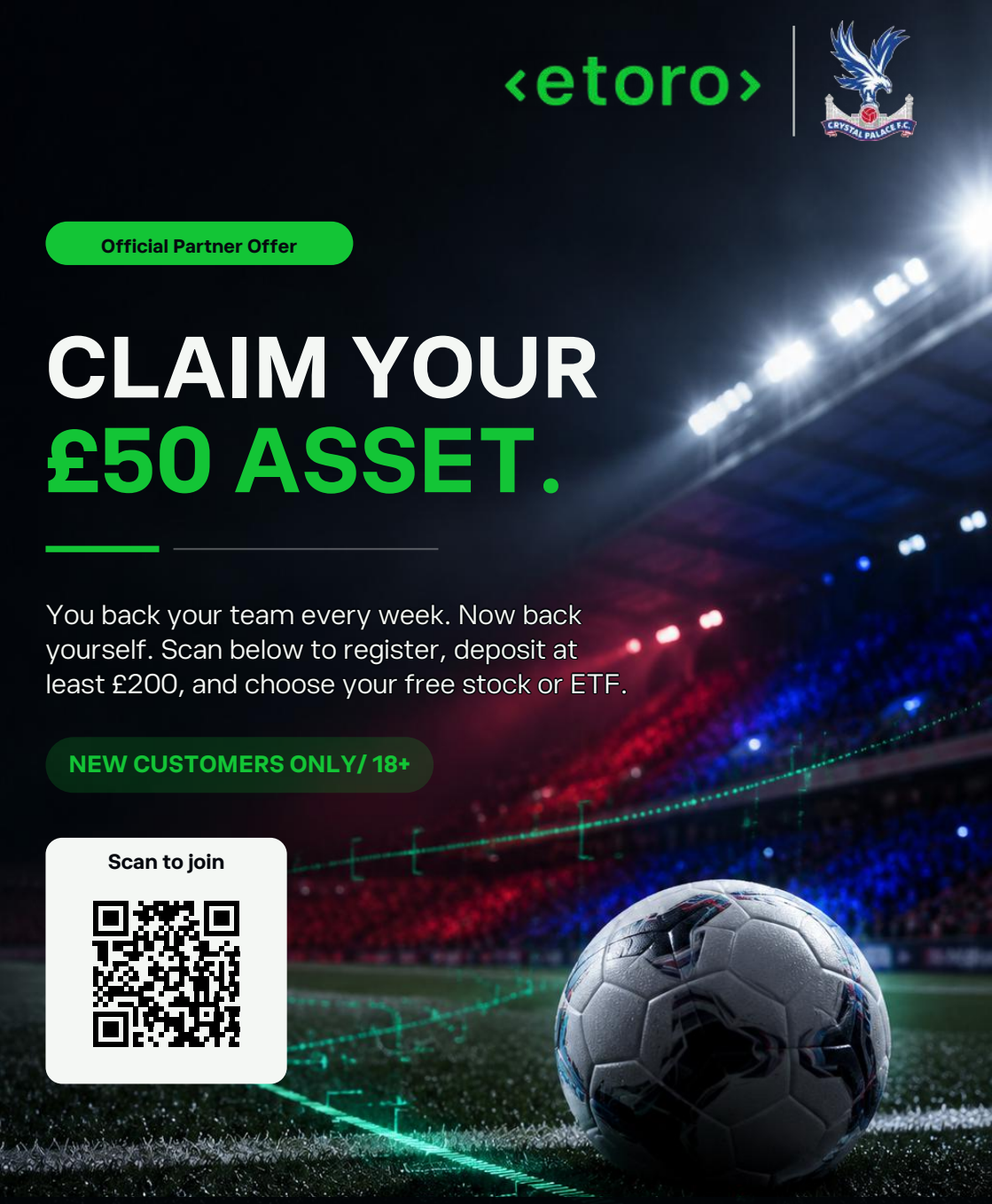
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LAST TIME OUT

SUBWAY PLAYERS CUP

Palace's unbeaten start to the Players Cup campaign came to an end against Southampton, with the hosts winning 3-2 at Silverlake Stadium.

The first-half had plenty of action, with all five goals scored in the opening 45.

Palace got off to the perfect start, as Annabel Blanchard bagged the opener on eight minutes.

Molly-Mae Sharpe nicked the ball from her defender and picked out Blanchard in the box, who took a touch and calmly passed the ball into the bottom left corner.



Southampton responded nine minutes later, as Freya Jupp finished well from a counter-attack.

Just seconds after the restart, Kirsty Howat was fouled in the Saints box and Palace had a penalty.

Blanchard stepped up and converted from the spot, bagging her second of the game and putting the Eagles 2-1 up.

Palace were losing at the break though, as a quickfire double from Ellie Brazil and Megan Collett had the Saints in a 3-2 lead at half-time.

Potter rang the changes at half-time, with Bethany England, Abbie Larkin and Sierra Enge replacing Shannon O'Brien, Blanchard and Hayley Ladd.

Palace began the second-half well, with both Larkin and Sharpe going close with efforts from inside the box.

Southampton defended well though, with Palace creating few clear cut chances in Eastleigh.

Sharpe had the best opportunity of the second-half after she had worked her way into a very dangerous position, but she made a mess of the cutback and the ball was scrambled away.

It ended 3-2, with the Eagles suffering their first defeat in the Players Cup this season.

LAST MATCH

	3 – 2	

21 OCT 2026 - SILVERLAKE STADIUM

STARTING LINE-UP

30	YAÑEZ
3	NAPIER
12	COSME
15	NOLAN
11	WEERDEN
16	LADD
24	HOPCROFT
8	SHARPE
17	BLANCHARD
10	HOWAT
27	O'BRIEN

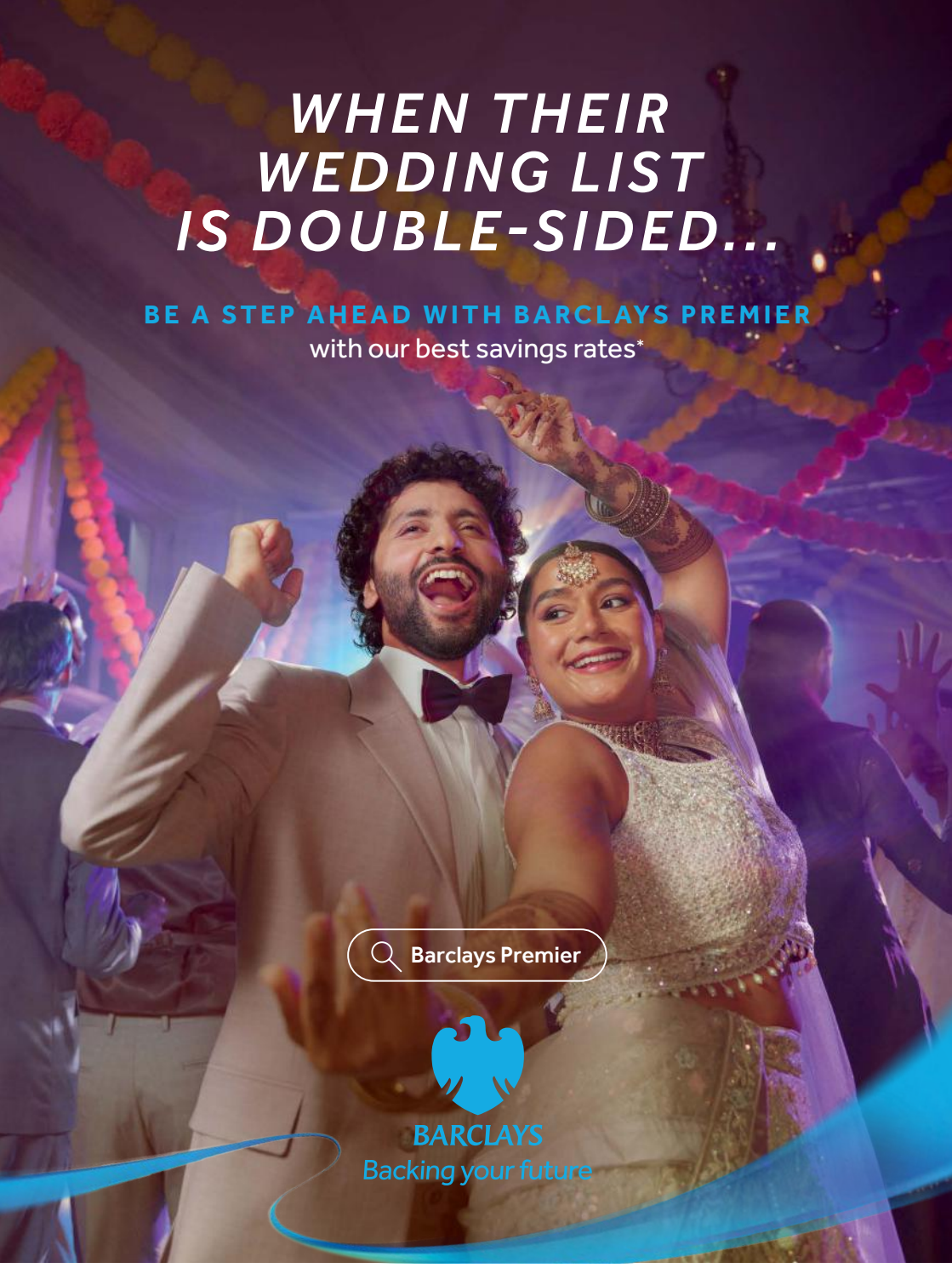
GOAL SCORERS

BLANCHARD 9' BLANCHARD 18'

MATCH STATS

80	POSSESSION%	20
2	CORNERS	3
9	TOTAL SHOTS	10
4	ON TARGET	5
5	FOULS	6





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CHELSEA PREVIEW

The Serial Champions

Chelsea have been the dominant force in English Women's football for well over a decade. Since the inception of the Women's Super League in 2010, the Blues have set the standard for the division. The Blues have won eight WSL titles, seven of which were lifted by legendary manager Emma Hayes, who now coaches the United States women's national team.



European Ambitions

Chelsea's pedigree extends beyond domestic borders, as they remain regular contenders on the European stage. They reached the UEFA Women's Champions League final in 2021 and regularly make deep runs to the semi-finals. That European trophy remains to be the ultimate missing piece in their cabinet.

Bompastor at the Helm

Head Coach Sonia Bompastor took charge of the Blues following the end of Emma Hayes' iconic reign. The former France midfielder was the first person to win the UEFA Women's Champions League as both a player and a head coach during her successful stint at Lyon. She has continued her success in West London, guiding Chelsea to an unbeaten domestic treble in her first season.

James pulling the strings

Attacker Lauren James continues to be one of the most exciting talents in world football. Blessed with world-class dribbling, vision, and long-range shooting ability, the England international can turn a match on its head in a split second. Supported by a star-studded midfield featuring Keira Walsh and Erin Cuthbert, James provides the creative magic that makes Chelsea's frontline so lethal.

STADIUM	STAMFORD BRIDGE
LAST SEASON	3RD (WSL)
CLUB CAPTAIN	ERIN CUTHBERT
TOP SCORER	ALYSSA THOMPSON & SAM KERR



PROJECTED LINE-UP





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SONIA BOMPASTOR

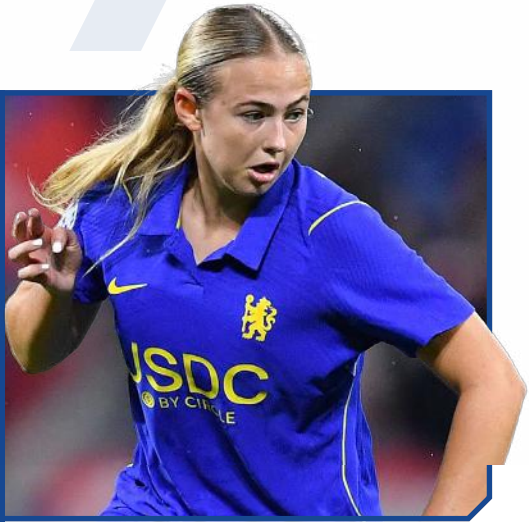
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LAST 5 GAMES

AUSTRIA WIEN (H) WHEATSHEAF PARK	1-0
ARSENAL (H) STAMFORD BRIDGE	1-0
OL LYONNES (A) GROUPAMA STADIUM	0-0
WEST HAM (A) CHIGWELL CONSTRUCTION STADIUM	0-3
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (H) STAMFORD BRIDGE	6-2

ONE TO WATCH
LEXI POTTER

Palace fans will remember 20-year-old midfielder Lexi Potter, who was on loan at the club from 2023-25. Potter was a key part of Palace's promotion-winning side in the 2023/24 season and stayed with the team during our maiden campaign in the WSL. Potter is an all-action midfielder that can do it all, and recently made her debut for the Lionesses, starting against Greece in October.



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NAME	APPS	GOALS
MOLLY **BARTRIP**	8	
ANNABEL **BLANCHARD**	8	2
MY **CATO**		
CAITLIN **COSME**	3	
SIERRA **ENGE**	7	
BETHANY **ENGLAND**	8	1
COMFORT **ERHABOR** (GK)		
AIMEE **EVERETT**	7	
JOSIE **GREEN**		
TEYAH **GOLDIE**	8	
KIRSTY **HOWAT**	7	
HAYLEY **LADD**	1	
ABBIE **LARKIN**	9	1
AMY **MOYNIHAN**	1	
JAMIE-LEE **NAPIER**	7	
HAYLEY **NOLAN**	3	
SHANNON **O'BRIEN**	9	2
PAULINE **PEYRAUD-MAGNIN** (GK)	6	
MOLLY-MAE **SHARPE**	6	
LEXI **LLOYD-SMITH**	8	3
ALLYSON **SWABY**	7	
FUKA **TSUNODA**	7	
JUSTINE **VANHAEVERMAET**		
ASHLEIGH **WEERDEN**	5	
SHAE **YAÑEZ** (GK)	3	

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POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	MCI	6	6	0	0	11	18
2	CHE	6	5	1	0	15	16
3	LCL	6	5	0	1	11	15
4	TOT	6	3	1	2	4	10
5	MUN	6	3	1	2	-2	10
6	EVE	6	3	0	3	-1	9
7	LIV	6	2	1	3	2	7
8	ARS	6	1	3	2	-2	6
9	WHU	6	2	0	4	-5	6
10	AVL	6	1	3	2	-6	6
11	CRY	6	1	3	2	-7	6
12	BRI	6	1	2	3	0	5
13	BIR	6	0	3	3	-5	3
14	CHA	6	0	0	6	-15	0

FIXTURES & RESULTS

HOME AWAY | FA CUP | LEAGUE CUP

SEPTEMBER			
Sun 6	**Everton**	W	1-0
Sun 13	Arsenal	D	0-0
Sun 20	**Tottenham Hotspur**	L	0-7
Wed 23	**Watford**	W	1-0
Sun 27	Birmingham City	D	3-3
Wed 30	**Charlton Athletic**	W	3-0
OCTOBER			
Sun 4	Aston Villa	D	1-1
Sun 18	**West Ham United**	L	0-1
Wed 21	Southampton	L	3-2
Sun 25	**Chelsea**		
Wed 28	London City Lionesses		
NOVEMBER			
Sun 1	Brighton & Hove Albion		
Sun 8	**Charlton Athletic**		
Wed 11	Tottenham Hotspur		
Sat 14	Manchester United		
Sat 21	London City Lionesses		
DECEMBER			
Sun 13	**Manchester City**		
Wed 16	**Wolves**		
Sun 20	Liverpool		
JANUARY			
Sun 10	**Manchester United**		
Wed 20	**Aston Villa**		
Sun 24	Chelsea		
Sun 31	Charlton Athletic		
FEBRUARY			
Sun 7	**London City Lionesses**		
Sun 14	**Arsenal**		
MARCH			
Sun 14	Everton		
Wed 17	**Birmingham City**		
Sat 27	Manchester City		
APRIL			
Sun 4	Tottenham Hotspur		
MAY			
Sun 2	**Brighton & Hove Albion**		
Sun 9	**Liverpool**		
TBC	West Ham United		

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CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB

	Jamie-Lee **NAPIER**	3
	Sierra **ENGE**	4
	My **CATO**	5
	Aimee **EVERETT**	6
	Lexi **LLOYD-SMITH**	7
	Molly-Mae **SHARPE**	8
	Bethany **ENGLAND**	9
	Kirsty **HOWAT**	10
	Ashleigh **WEERDEN**	11
	Caitlin **COSME**	12
	Josie **GREEN**	14
	Hayley **NOLAN**	15
	Hayley **LADD**	16
	Annabel **BLANCHARD**	17
	Justine **VANHAEVERMAET**	18
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	Shanade **HOPCROFT**	24
	Fuka **TSUNODA**	25
	Pauline **PEYRAUD-MAGNIN** (GK)	26
	Shannon **O'BRIEN**	27
	Allyson **SWABY**	29
	Shae **YAÑEZ** (GK)	30
	Molly **BARTRIP**	32
	Comfort **ERHABOR** (GK)	61
	Amy **MOYNIHAN**	

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

1	Livia **PENG** (GK)	
2	Ellie **CARPENTER**	
4	Naomi **GIRMA**	
5	Veerle **BUURMAN**	
6	Sjoeke **NÜSKEN**	
7	Mayra **RAMIREZ**	
8	Erin **CUTHBERT**	
9	Melvine **MALARD**	
10	Lauren **JAMES**	
11	Sandy **BALTIMORE**	
12	Alyssa **THOMPSON**	
14	Nathalie **BJORN**	
15	Katie **McCABE**	
16	Giulia **DRAGONI**	
17	Nelly **LAS**	
19	Wieke **KAPTEIN**	
21	Keira **WALSH**	
22	Lucy **BRONZE**	
23	Maika **HAMANO**	
24	Hannah **HAMPTON** (GK)	
25	Lola **BROWN**	
26	Kadeisha **BUCHANAN**	
29	Manaka **MATSUKUBO**	
31	Rachael **ADEDINI**	
32	Lexi **POTTER**	
33	Aggie **BEEVER-JONES**	
38	Becky **SPENCER** (GK)	
42	Chloe **SARWIE**	

SHIRTS **WHITE** (RED/BLUE SASH)
SHORTS **WHITE**



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