



FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER



MATCHDAY PROGRAMME
LONDON BEES vs CHATHAM TOWN
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CLUB HISTORY



There are many ancestral spirits behind the London Bees, but its earliest roots date back to a group of ladies working at Transport for London's District Line.

In the 1970s the women, looking for a team to play football, banded together and entered the Hounslow & District League - forming the platform for a remarkable rise.

Named in honour of their workplace, District Line Ladies FC appeared in leagues across Greater London before tasting promotion to the Women's FA National League Southern Division in the early 1990s.

It did not take long afterwards before the squad merged with Wembley FC - becoming Wembley Ladies FC and reaching their zenith in an FA Cup final defeat to Millwall Lionesses in 1997.

Meanwhile Barnet Ladies FC, established by Barnet director Graham Slyper in the mid-80s, had become officially affiliated with the men's club.

It prompted another merger in 1998 after Wembley's FA Cup finalists began to leave the club, including teenager and eventual England legend Kelly Smith.

Barnet FC Ladies have been a virtual mainstay in English football's top tier ever since before London Bees, a brand new franchise, was welcomed into the Women's Super League fold for 2014.

London Bees first ever fixture in WSL2 resulted in a 3-0 victory over Oxford United Ladies, with 16-year old Lucy Loomes scoring their first ever goal.

In 2016, the Bees experienced their best season to date, taking home a record points haul for the season as well as a historic run to the semi-finals of the Continental Cup, knocking out Chelsea en route. The 2017 Spring Series saw the Bees get off to a great start and top the league in the early stages.

This season marks the second year of Dan McKimm's tenure as manager of the London Bees. The Bees currently sit top of the FA Women's National League Division One South East, the fourth tier of women's football in England, after a perfect start with three wins from three matches. With promotion the clear goal, the Bees will be hoping to build on this early momentum and turn a strong start into a truly memorable season.



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Match Report

HASHTAG UNITED vs. LONDON BEES

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London Bees produced a spirited second-half comeback to earn a valuable point against Hashtag United in a thrilling FAWNLCup group stage clash.

It was Layla Kenly who sparked the game into life early on, darting past her marker down the right before firing a shot just wide of the target.

Moments later, goalkeeper Tia Ginn was called into action at the other end, standing tall in a one-on-one situation to deny the Hashtag forward, before swiftly gathering the loose ball to keep the score level.

Millie Isherwood unleashed a powerful effort from outside the box that was destined for the top left corner, only to be denied by a stunning save from the Hashtag keeper.

Ginn continued her strong performance, rushing out again to stop an attack following a well-timed through ball from the opposition midfield.

Midway through the half, Lily Whitelock lit up the midfield with a dazzling solo run, driving to the edge of the box before unleashing a fierce strike that unfortunately sailed just over the crossbar.

The Bees came close again following a deflected effort from Kenly that earned a corner.

Though the initial delivery was cleared, the ball fell to Sandra Martins, who struck a powerful rebound effort, only to see it blocked once more by the resolute Hashtag defence.

Despite the Bees' pressure, it was the hosts who broke the deadlock in the 34th minute.

A low ball across the box was met by Adesan, who tapped home to give Hashtag United the lead.

Just minutes later, the Bees were forced into a change, with Sam Lanza replacing the injured Kenly.

As the game edged towards half-time, Hashtag doubled their advantage through Tomlin, who picked up the ball well before the halfway line, charged forward through midfield, and coolly slotted it into the net to make it 2-0 at the break.

Half-Time: Hashtag United 2-0 London Bees

The second half began with the Bees looking to take control, pushing the hosts back and trying to break down their defensive line.

Manager Dan McKimm made tactical changes to energize the team, bringing on Betty Larkin and Megan Burrows in place of Millie Isherwood and Brionne Fowle.

The changes paid off, as the Bees began moving the ball with greater speed and purpose, exploiting space and creating more opportunities in the final third.

Defensively, the Bees remained solid, with the backline doing well to keep the hosts from extending their lead. And their perseverance finally paid off.

Martins once again found joy on the right, sending in a pinpoint cross that was met by Larkin, who found herself completely unmarked in the box.

She made no mistake, calmly slotting the ball home to bring the Bees back into the game.

Just two minutes later, the comeback was complete.

Whitelock delivered a dangerous free kick into the box, causing chaos for the defence. The ball eventually fell to Cheyenne Flynn, who fired it into the net to level the score at 2-2.

As the game entered the final ten minutes, both sides pressed for a winner.

At the other end, Larkin found space for a final effort, but her shot flew just over the bar.

The final whistle confirmed a well-earned point for the Bees, who showed great resilience to fight back from two goals down and secure their first point in the FAWNLCup group stage.

Full-Time: Hashtag United 2-2 London Bees

Line-Up: Ginn, Heil, Clement, Flynn, Martins, Isherwood (61' Larkin), Fowle (Burrows 61'), Vigo, Wozniak, Kenly (Lanza 35'), Whitelock.

Goals: Larkin (72'), Flynn (74'),



CHATHAM TOWN

The club was founded in 1969, and in 1970 joined the new Home Counties League.

Chatham Town Women, formerly known as Gillingham Women and before that Borstal '88, are a rising force in Southern English women's football. Founded in 1988 as Borstal '88, the club was adopted by Gillingham FC in 1995, becoming Gillingham Ladies and later Gillingham Women. In 2022 ownership was taken up by Kevin Hake alongside the men's Chatham Town setup, and from the 2023-24 season the club officially rebranded as Chatham Town Women.

Home matches are played at the Bauvill Stadium in Chatham, Kent, giving the side a solid home base and community backing. The team competes in the FA Women's National League, Southern Premier Division, one of the higher echelons of the Women's National League structure.

Under their interim management, the squad has developed a reputation for resilience, attacking flair, and strong performances against tough opposition. Key players such as Jessica King bring experience and leadership, having played at professional levels abroad and domestically before joining the Chats.

The current roster includes youth and home-grown talent alongside seasoned players, blending energy and maturity across the pitch.

In recent seasons Chatham Town Women have delivered impressive results, especially at home, with several commanding wins and strong cup runs. The team's upward trajectory is evident — both in terms of performance and profile — as they establish themselves as genuine contenders in the Southern Premier.

Off the pitch, the club is deeply rooted in community engagement. The women's section plays a key role in the club's academy and youth setup, supporting girls' football development locally and fostering the next generation.

We welcome today's visitors, confident that Chatham Town Women will give their all. Expect intensity, skill, and passion from every player, as the club continues its exciting journey.

SQUAD LIST

LONDON BEES



Manager

Dan McKimm

(GK) Tia Ginn
(GK) Emma Roberts
Mira Hoteit
Aria Heil
Olivia Clement
Rebekah Wozniak
Sandra Martin
Aimee Durn
Millie Isherwood
Sam Lanza
Megan Burrows
Brionne Fowle
Francesca Vigo
Betty Larkin
Sophie Davidson
Shamoy Campbell
Layla Kenly
Destiny Rosier-Welsh
Ronnie Richards
Lily Whitelock
Isla Callinson



CHATHAM TOWN

Manager

Keith Boanas

Simone Eligon
Grace Coombs
Ellie Jeffkins
Lottie Sharp
Jasmine August
Ellie Perkins
Ciara Hynes
Otesha Charles
Darcy Wells
Madison Woodgate
Amelia Woodgate
Megan Maslak
Lucy Jones
Grace Laverick
Faith Gilson
Salena Sareen
Romany Wellington
Amy Russ
Charlotte O'Shea
Billy Burgess
Madelen Wright
Karesha Iton
Sisi Hunt
Summer Wiffen
Parker Dunn

Match Officials

Referee: Harley Webster

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Assistant 2: Luke Thorogood