



**Matchday**  
**LONDON BEES**  
**vs NORWICH CITY**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Bees Stadium**

# 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

# LONDON BEES vs. CHATHAM TOWN 0-0



**London Bees extended their unbeaten run in the league but had to settle for a point after a hard fought 0-0 draw against Chatham Town at The Bees Stadium.**

The Bees almost made a dream start in the opening minutes as Lily Whitelock curled a dangerous effort in from the left, which the Chatham goalkeeper failed to hold.

The loose ball fell to Betty Larkin, who looked set to capitalise from close range, but the keeper recovered quickly to smother the chance.

Chatham responded with an early opportunity of their own, breaking through on goal. However, Cheyenne Flynn's superb recovery run and last ditch defending kept the visitors at bay.

Moments later, Tia Ginn came off her line with confidence, sliding in to collect the ball and halt another Chatham attack.

As the half progressed, the Bees began to grow into the game, settling into their rhythm and finding spaces to exploit in Chatham's defence.

Despite some promising build-up play from both sides, neither team could find the breakthrough in a competitive and evenly matched first half.

Around the 30-minute mark, Shamoy Campbell came close to breaking the deadlock as she lobbed the ball over the onrushing keeper on the right flank and chased down her effort, but the Chatham defence recovered in time to clear the danger.

Just before the interval, Chatham launched a hopeful long ball into the box, but it had too much power and rolled out for a goal kick.

Half-Time: London Bees 0-0 Chatham Town

The Bees came out firing in the second half but Whitelock was fouled on the left after a driving run and stepped up to take the resulting free kick.

She delivered a pinpoint ball to the back post, where Brionne Fowle was waiting. Fowle got a touch on it, but her effort skimmed the outside of the post and went wide.

Flynn continued her defensive masterclass, sprinting back to chase down a Chatham attacker and executing a perfectly timed slide tackle to thwart another dangerous run.

Manager Dan McKimm made his first changes of the match shortly after, bringing on Sandra Martins and Bees captain Aimee Durn, making her return from a pre-season injury, in place of Fran Vigo and Betty Larkin.

Campbell showcased her quick feet on the right, sending a teasing ball across the face of goal.

Rebekah Wozniak came flying in at the centre but was just inches away from making contact, as the ball narrowly evaded her and rolled out for a goal kick.

As the rain began to pour over The Bees Stadium, the home side continued to press with intensity.

With just minutes remaining, Martins won possession on the left and surged forward, cutting the ball back into the box.

Sam Lanza met it sweetly, but her strike was met by a stunning save from the Chatham keeper.

The rebound fell to Durn on the edge of the area, and she rifled a shot towards goal, only to see it sail just over the crossbar.

Despite the Bees dominating large spells of the second half and creating several chances, the game ended goalless with both sides sharing the points.

Full-Time: London Bees 0-0 Chatham Town

Line-Up: Ginn, Hoteit, Heil, Flynn, Lanza, Fowle, Vigo (Durn 62'), Larkin (Martins 62'), Wozniak, Campbell, Whitelock.

The London Bees host Norwich City next Sunday at The Bees Stadium, for a 2pm kick off in another tough clash for the Bees in the Division One South East League.





# NORWICH CITY

**Norwich City Women FC, founded in 1982 by Maureen Martin, have grown from a local side into a structured and ambitious part of the Norwich City Football Club.**

They made early waves by winning the Women's FA Cup in 1986, defeating Doncaster Rovers Belles 4-3 at Carrow Road. Over the years, they competed in regional leagues before being fully integrated into the main Norwich City F.C. setup in 2022, marking a significant step in their professional development.

The club now plays home matches at The Nest, a modern community sports facility, and has built a comprehensive pathway for female players through the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. In recent seasons, the team has shown strong form in the FA Women's National League Division One South East, finishing second consecutively and winning the Norfolk County Cup three years in a row.

A major milestone came in 2023 when they returned to Carrow Road, attracting over 7,500 fans for a 5-3 win over Ashford Town. In 2025, the club began offering professional contracts, with Ellie Bishop becoming the first player to sign.

The current head coach, Andy Cook, appointed in July 2024, is leading the charge for promotion, supported by General Manager Flo Allen, a former professional player herself. With increasing fan support, growing infrastructure, and a clear ambition to rise through the tiers, Norwich City Women FC are steadily positioning themselves as a rising force in English women's football.

# SQUAD LIST

Manager

**Dan McKimm**

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(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

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## Match Officials

**Referee:** Rohan Chotai

**Assistant 1:** Mimsen Calvin-Onwuka

**Assistant 2:** Nigel Owen