

West Riding Women's Cup

Leeds United Ladies v Huddersfield Town Ladies

Sunday 20 November 2011, 1pm

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Formed in 1989, Leeds United Ladies has been one of the country's top women's sides for most of the last decade.

After seven years playing in the Yorkshire & Humberside league, the season 1997/98 saw the first team gain promotion to the AXA FA Northern Premier League. After consolidating and adjusting to National league football for a couple of seasons they then achieved promotion as champions of the Northern Premier League, the same season also saw them play in the semi finals of the Women's FA Cup for the first time. They then gained promotion in 2001/02 to the FA National League where they finished a very credible fourth.

2003/04 saw the team once again in fourth place, and the highest placed team outside London. In 2004/05 the team finished fifth, while 2005/06 saw the team achieve its first appearance in the Women's FA Cup final.

2006/07 was an up and down season with Leeds topping the table over the Christmas period and getting through to the Premier League Cup Final, when they narrowly lost 1-0 in the 90th minute against Arsenal and eventually finished fifth in the league.

Over the summer of 2007 the youth teams amalgamated with the Leeds United Girls Centre of Excellence to form one organisation feeding into the open age team.

The club had several members of the first squad who had progressed through from the youth teams, including England regulars Gemma Bonner and Jess Clarke, Sophie Walton, Olivia Thackray and Mel Sutcliffe.

Rick Passmoor was appointed Manager in July 2007, and brought in new signings including Steph Houghton, Carly Telford, Katie Holtham and Jade Moore, while the partnership with Leeds Metropolitan University brought in players such as Emma Higgins from Northern Ireland.

In 2008, Carla Cantrell and Ellen White arrived, while the summer of 2009 saw the arrival of Nat Staneff, Laura Bassett and Remi Allen.

The blend of home-grown talent with regular England internationals saw the club have its most successful period ever. As well as the Premier League Cup win against Everton in 2010, and a second FA Cup Final appearance in 2008, the club was made Club of the Year in the 2010 Leeds Sports Federation Awards and finished fourth, just three points and a few goals away from Europe. Rick Passmoor deservedly collected the Premier League Manager of the Season award from the FA.

But the successes of 2009-10 came against the backdrop of the end of the partnership with Leeds Metropolitan University, the club having its funding and Super League application withdrawn in January 2010, just two weeks before that Premier League Cup Final win.

In July 2010, the club re-adopted the Leeds United Ladies name when it was taken under the wing of the Leeds United Foundation, but is now independently funded by local businesses and people - such as our Chairman, Steve Russell - with a genuine interest in women's football. Reserves manager Gemma Grainger stepped up to run the first team, but with results going against the club Rick Passmoor came back for the second half of a difficult transitional season.

Despite having a young and inexperienced squad, the club eventually finished fourth in the eight-team league and won the County Cup for the sixth time in the past ten years.

One of the people Rick brought to the bench was former coach Chris Welburn, and in the summer of 2011 he was appointed manager. His work in building up the squad and taking it to greater heights has already begun, with key signings in Sarah Danby, Emma Johnson, Billie Murphy, Amy Turner and Vanessa Holmes - and more to follow.

Major Honours

FA Women's Premier League Northern Division

Champions 2000-01

FA Women's Cup

Runners-up 2005-06

Runners-up 2007-08

FA Women's Premier League Cup

Champions 2009-10

Runners-up 2006-07

FA Women's Reserves Premier League Cup

Runners-up 2008-09

West Riding County Cup

Champions 2007-08, 2008-09, 2010-11

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Firstly may I welcome officials, spectators and players from Huddersfield Town WFC and of course welcome those who support Leeds United LFC to Throstle Nest today.

This afternoon we take a break from the FA National Women's Premier League to play our WRCFA Women's County Cup Second Round tie against Huddersfield Town. Playing against the Terriers today, we face a team who are working their way through the league pyramid tiers with conviction and style. They currently sit in 4th position in the Northern Combination league and have scored an impressive 45 goals in 13 league games so far this season.

I am fully aware of the qualities within their group having worked with a number of their players over the years with my involvement at University level, so it will be pleasing for

me to see a few familiar faces before the game gets underway today, but also be conscious and understand the threat they will provide us for the full 90 minutes.

From our side, we are the defending champions of the WRCFA Women's County Cup and the players selected today will have to be confident, assured and full of energy to ensure we get ourselves into the next round as we look to bring our positive league form into the cup setting.

I really hope you enjoy the match today and you continue to support Leeds United Ladies through the 'ups and downs' as we go through this campaign.

**Enjoy the game,
Chris**



*Front cover: Millie Bright v Bradford Park Avenue
Photo by Steve Gaunt.*

Player profiles

1. Jules Draycott

Goalkeeper
Born 15 July 1992
Jules stepped into the first team having helped the reserves retain both league and county cup titles in 2008-09. She has represented England at Under-17 level, including at the World Cup in 2008 and is a Centre of Excellence graduate.



2. Emma Coates

Defender
Born 29 April 1991
Emma is another Leeds player who came through from the reserves. Sadly she spent most of the last 12 months recovering from an injury but she's now working her way back into contention.



3. Stacey Emmonds

Defender
Born 28 November 1986
Stacey is one of the many graduates from Leeds United who move away to gain experience elsewhere, and has already made that experience count since rejoining Leeds last summer. Her season was curtailed by injury but she is once again back in contention.



4. Hayley Sharp

Defender
Born: 12 November 1990
Hayley is another 'prodigal daughter', part of the winning reserves side in 2007-08 and who made a big impact last season.



5. Faye Birkby

Defender
Born 30 November 1992
Faye was one of the breakthrough players from the 2009-2010 season's reserves side, when she was voted Reserves Player of the Year.



7. Emma Lipman

Midfielder
Born 23 February 1989
Emma signed towards the end of 2010 from cross-city rivals Vixens. and has quickly settled in to the heart of the Leeds back four or midfield.



8. Clare Sykes - Captain

Midfielder
Born 14 December 1984
Captain Clare also joined Leeds in the summer of 2010, and brings experience to the central midfield and, when needed, into the back four.



9. Carey Huegett

Forward
Born 23 July 1991
'Kez' joined the Centre of Excellence at the age of 8, eventually joining the successful reserves side when only 15 years old. A stylish and skilful player, Kez was a key member of the reserves league and County Cup-winning teams of 2007-08 and 2008-09.



10. Tanya Rich

Forward
Born 5 December 1984
Last season's top scorer, Tanya came through the ranks at Leeds and was a member of the all-conquering reserves team in 2007-08 before leaving to gain experience elsewhere. She has now revived her partnership with Huegett at the front of the Leeds formation.



11. Leah Galton

Midfielder
Born 24 May 1994
Leah is the youngest member of the squad, but still has a wealth of footballing experience under her belt, having become an England regular while still at Leeds Girl's Centre of Excellence.



12. Bekki Bass

Midfielder
Born 16 May 1994
Bekki was one of three 16 year olds who joined the squad last year, having graduated from North Yorkshire's Centre of Excellence.



14. Sarah Danby

Midfielder
Born 7 April 1991
A tricky left winger who joined Leeds from Manchester City in the summer of 2011. A former Sunderland WFC Player, Sarah will be another good addition to the squad. Sarah studies at Leeds Metropolitan University and has represented England Universities in 2010 and also Great Britain at the World University Games in China in 2011.



15. Vanessa Holmes

Defender
Born 29 September 1984
Vanessa was another of Chris Welburn's first signings in July 2011. She brings with her a wealth of Premier League experience, having played top-flight football for most of her career.



16. Emma Johnson

Midfielder
Born 12 October 1991
Emma was one of Chris Welburn's first signings in July 2011. A fast, versatile and pacy player.



17. Amy Turner

Defender
Born 4 July 1991
Amy joined Leeds in August 2011 from Super League side Doncaster Rovers Belles, before which she had played in the US while a student at Hofstra University. She has been involved with the England U15 and U17 squads and will now be looking to continue her development while now playing at a higher level.



18. Billie Murphy

Defender
Born 27 January 1993
Billie is a summer signing for Leeds, having previously played for and captained Arsenal Ladies Reserves.



19. Millie Bright

Forward
Born 21 August 1993
Millie joins Leeds from Doncaster Rovers Belles as one of two dual signings. a strong, athletic forward who is dual signed with ourselves and FAWSL side Doncaster Belles. A product of the Sheffield United Centre of Excellence, Millie will be looking to make an impact with us over the next couple of months.



20 Jess Holbrook

Midfielder
Born 1 August 1992
Jess started her career at Everton Centre of Excellence where she competed in both the Under-14s and Under-16s age groups. She then went on to make her full debut in the 2008/2009 season against Millwall. She ruptured her ACL while playing for England Under-20s in 2010, and is making a return to fitness after 8 months out.



Today's opponents

The club was originally founded on 15 June 1988 as Huddersfield Ladies FC and joined the North-East Regional League Division 2 where, in their first season, they won the league Cup and were promoted to Division one as champions.

Over the next few seasons there were signs that an exciting team was beginning to emerge and season 1992-3 saw them 3rd in the league and runners-up in the League Cup to a very experienced Doncaster Town. Rumours of town's exciting style of play began to attract players from elsewhere during the close season and the 1993-4 season began with a 2-1 victory over Doncaster Belles whose side included at least eight players who were to go on to win the WFA Cup that year. The average age of the side was 20 and the team were recognised across the region with several players winning representative honours at Open age and under 21 levels.

At the end of 1992-3 season, Huddersfield ladies merged with Huddersfield Town Juniors, becoming Huddersfield Town Ladies FC. The immediate benefit was that the new club boasted competitive teams at Open age (2), Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12 levels.

Season 1993-94 saw the 1st team carry all before them, losing only once all season and winning the League championship, the league cup, the Yorkshire cup, Arco 7-a-side cup, the regional 5-a-side trophy and at Woking they were crowned National 5-a-side champions. Leading scorer was Tina Brammar whose 103 goals earned her an entry in the Guinness Book of records. With strike partner Jacky Knight also chipping in with over 50 goals, both girls were duly

called up for England during the season and went on to win their first International caps.

The following season saw the 1st team retain the league championship, winning all 16 league matches and scoring 101 goals in the process, only conceding 14. Although failing to retain the Knock-out cup, Town held on to the Yorkshire Cup, beating a strong Newcastle side 5-3 in the final. In the W.F.A. Cup, the club reached the quarter finals, only to go out to Bristol City by the odd goal in seven in injury time. However the club were elected to the Womens Premier League through success in the play-offs.

In the following season Town were runners up in the division to Tranmere. However, in subsequent seasons we were never able to mount a sustained challenge although this was in part offset by good runs in the W.F.A. Cup.

Eventually Town were relegated twice over successive seasons to the Yorkshire and Humberside Premier League. However, in the same period a lot of time and effort was invested in producing a new crop of talented young players from within our own junior ranks. Last season saw the team, containing several teenagers; qualify for the more prestigious North East Premier League. As the juniors gained experience, under the guidance of former England World Cup Player, Clare Taylor, so the

results improved, with the team going on long unbeaten runs over the second half to the season and reaching 3 semi finals.

During the 2006/7 season Town's first team finished in second place in the first season of the North East Premier League and reached the final of the West Riding Women's Cup, losing 2-1 to a controversial Bradford City goal.

For the last two or three years Town Ladies have been re-building. Managed for the last 10 years by Micky Booth, he commented recently that this is the strongest squad of players that he has managed, with many more to come through the junior ranks.

The first team squad of 2010/2011 had an average age of only 21 and celebrated their best season for many years.

They lost narrowly to Rotherham United in the final of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County cup.

From there they went on to win the league and cup double, beating Whitley Bay in the league cup final and coming from 17 points behind Barnsley to snatch the league title in the last game of the season gaining promotion from the North East Regional Women's Premier Division to the Northern Women's Combination league.

Town Ladies became officially linked with Huddersfield Town AFC in March 2010 and today wear the official Town kit.

In Round One...

Bradford PA 0-13 Leeds
Sunday 16 October

Leeds United Ladies began their defence of the West Riding Women's Cup with a 13-0 win at Bradford Park Avenue Ladies.

Second-half substitute Leah Galton scored four, Tanya Rich got a hat-trick, Millie Bright two with the others coming from Emma Lipman, Carey Huegett, Sarah Danby and a Clare Sykes penalty.

It could have been more, had not Faye Birkby and Bekki Bass wasted good opportunities early in the second half, and Rich will

count herself unlucky that the referee didn't spot that one of her shots was saved from behind the goal line. Bradford keeper Rachel Graham pulled off a series of good saves to deny Leeds, but ultimately Bradford could do nothing about a strong and confident Premier League side looking to put last weekend's disappointing loss in the league to Sunderland behind them.

"I was pleased with the way the players performed today," said coach Claire Robinson,

taking change of the team in manager Chris Welburn's absence owing to his attendance on a UEFA 'A' Licence coaching course. "It was always going to be important to keep our concentration over the full 90 minutes and they did that today. We're the defending champions, and it was important we played in that manner.

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FA Women's Premier League National Division 2011-2012							
POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sunderland Women	11	7	2	2	18	23
2	Leeds United Ladies	11	7	2	2	14	23
3	Coventry City Ladies	13	6	3	4	2	21
4	Barnet FC Ladies	11	5	1	5	7	16
5	Reading FC Women	12	5	1	6	-7	16
6	Charlton Athletic Women	11	4	3	4	2	15
7	Aston Villa Ladies	10	4	2	4	2	14
8	Cardiff City Ladies	7	3	3	1	3	12
9	Nottingham Forest Ladies	11	3	2	6	-11	11
10	Watford Ladies	11	0	1	10	-30	1

Our fixtures & results

FA Women's Premier League National Division

All fixtures are subject to change owing to international competitions, cup ties and the weather!
Check www.leedsunitedladies.com or twitter.com/LeedsUnitedLFC for the latest fixture news.

Sunday 21 August 2011	Watford Ladies (home)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 28 August 2011	Barnet FC Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 1-0
Sunday 4 September 2011	Coventry City Ladies (home)	FA WPL	L 1-0
Sunday 11 September 2011	Nottingham Forest Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 18 September 2011	Reading FC Women (away) POSTPONED	FA WPL	
Sunday 25 September 2011	Charlton Athletic Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 2 October	Aston Villa Ladies (home)	FA WPL	W 5-0
Sunday 9 October 2011	Sunderland Women (home)	FA WPL	L 1-0
Sunday 16 October 2011	Bradford Park Avenue (away)	County Cup 1	W 13-0
Sunday 23 October 2011	Watford Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 3-0
Sunday 30 October 2011	Barnet FC Ladies (home)	FA WPL	D 2-2
Sunday 6 November 2011	Coventry City Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 1-0
Sunday 13 November 2011	Nottingham Forest Ladies (home)	FA WPL	D 1-1
Sunday 20 November 2011	Huddersfield Town Ladies	County Cup 2	
Sunday 27 November 2011	Charlton Athletic Ladies (home)	FA WPL	
Sunday 4 December 2011	Aston Villa Ladies (home)	FA WPL	
Sunday 11 December 2011	Sunderland Women (away)	FA WPL	
Sunday 18 December 2011	Cardiff City Ladies (home)	FA WPL	
Sunday 5 February 2012	Third Round	FA Women's Cup	
To be arranged	Reading FC Women (home)	FA WPL	
	Reading FC Women (away)	FA WPL	
	Cardiff City Ladies (away)	FA WPL	
This season's Premier League Cup games are yet to be arranged.			

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Leeds United Ladies

- 1 Jules DRAYCOTT
- 2 Emma COATES
- 3 Stacey EMMONDS
- 4 Hayley SHARP
- 5 Faye BIRKBY
- 6
- 7 Emma LIPMAN
- 8 Clare SYKES (Captain)
- 9 Carey HUEGETT
- 10 Tanya RICH
- 11 Leah GALTON
- 12 Bekki BASS
- 13
- 14 Sarah DANBY
- 15 Vanessa HOLMES
- 16 Emma JOHNSON
- 17 Amy TURNER
- 18 Billie MURPHY
- 19 Millie BRIGHT
- 20 Jess HOLBROOK
- 21 Nat STANEFF

Manager: Chris Welburn
Coaches: Claire Robinson,
Nick Dingwall
Physio: Alan Scorfield

Huddersfield Town Ladies



- Laura CARTER
- Victoria ABBOTT
- Becky DAVIES
- Kate MALLIN
- Aleathia SMITH
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- Ruby GREAVES
- Becky SHAW
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