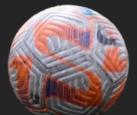
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RUGBY BOROUGH WOMEN FC

WELCOME







31/03/24

Welcome everyone to Rugby Borough FC for today's FAWNL game against Ipswich Town. I would also like to welcome all the Ipswich Town staff, players and fans. This is my final programme notes of the season with this being our last home game.

I would firstly like to thank everybody for their support this season. The staff and players have really enjoyed this first year as Rugby Borough Women working alongside all the staff in the wider club. I personally would like to thank all of my staff - Sian, Mikey, Ryan, Oliver, Grace, Andy, Conor, Andre, James, Ahmed, Finn, Jaicee, Vainius, Jack as well as Lewis and the board for their hard work and support this season.

In a year when we have had to rebuild a whole squad and create the right culture and environment to compete in the FA National League, I am really pleased with performances of everybody across the year. We have been in the top three of this division all season and seen excellent individual and collective development. We still have a couple of away games left to finish off the league, as well as the County Cup final against Wolves which we are massively looking forward to. It gives us a good chance to finish the season on a real high

Last game against Portsmouth was a real tough one to take, and anyone that was at the game saw how much of the game we actually dominated, with nearly 30 attempts on goal and their goalkeeper getting Player of the Match. It's strange for me as a manager to sit here talking about a dominant and good performance when you lose 4-0! Ultimately, it shows why Portsmouth will go onto win this League as they shown their ruthlessness and quality in moments and it was a good learning tool for next season.

Squad wise we are in a really good place with the return of Mia Malone being a big plus recently after a period out. The competition for places is really strong and the players know that they have to continue to work hard to keep their shirt.

Lastly again, a big thank you to all the supporters that have been supporting us throughout this year, either by watching the VEO cam or at home and away games. It has been really appreciated. Hope to see you at the final and all again next season. Enjoy today's game.

Next Up Sunday 21st April



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London Bees

FA Women's National League

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Lee Burch Manager

KILSBY LANE, RUGBY, CV21 4PN



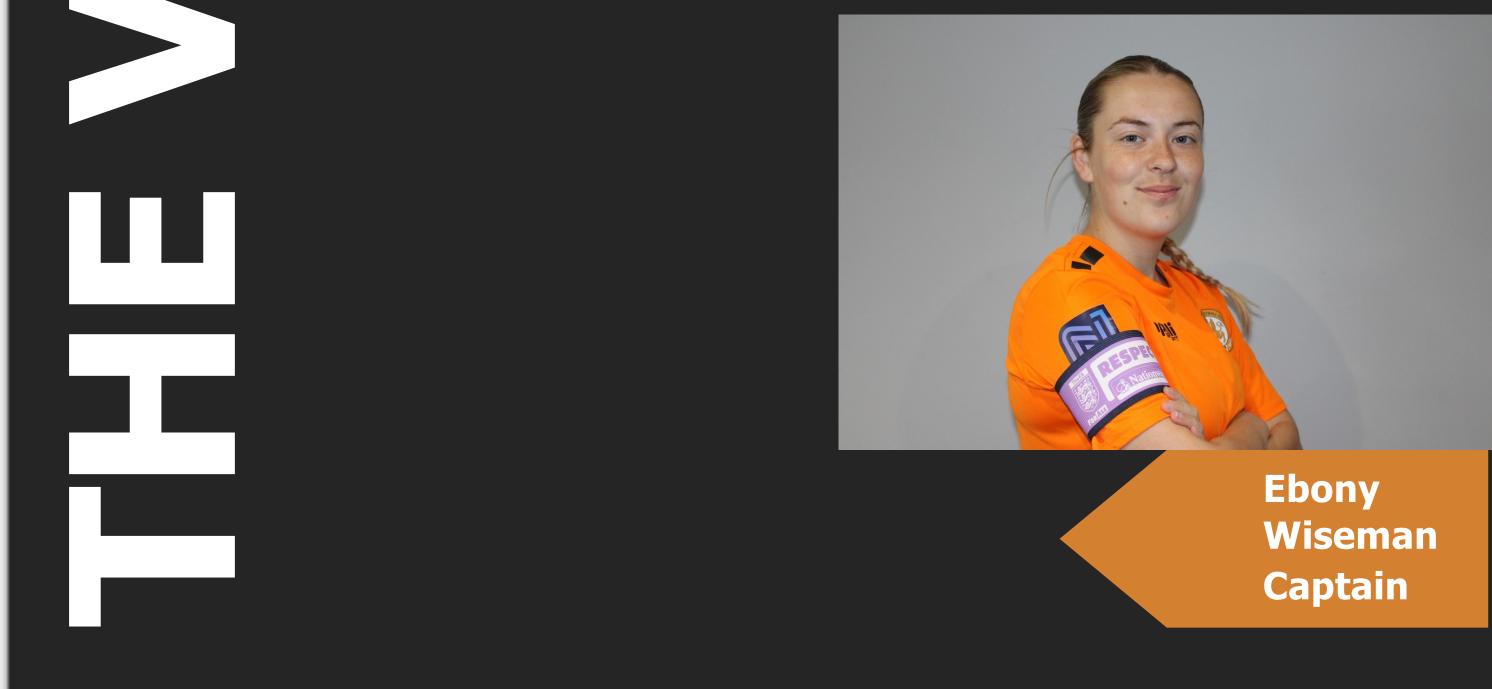


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Us as a group are feeling good to be back at home this weekend after a disappointing loss against Portsmouth. It was a tough one to take as we fully believed we could go to Fratton Park and come away with the win. The scoreline didn't reflect how we actually played, we showed some real positives and had the league leaders on the back foot for large portions of the game. It was an amazing experience to play in front of 2,400 fans and I thought the girls really embraced the occasion.

It's been a busy week in training for us as we continue to push and solidify our place in this league. Ipswich being below us makes it known that we need a victory against them and get a win for our final game at home. Ipswich pose a lot of attacking threat and showed that the last time we played them. It wasn't the result we would have hoped for when we played them away but we've reflected and analyed the positives and negatives of that game and are ready to put in a good team performance today that ourselves and the fans can be proud of.

The support from the fans hasn't gone unnoticed and we can't thank them enough for there time, travel and unwavering support throughout this whole season. We hope you enjoy our last home game of the season and us as a group can go out and put on a performance that you all will be proud of and finish of our last home game in style.











31/03/24 LATEST NEWS















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Founded as Ipswich Town Ladies in the mid 2000s, the club rebranded to Ipswich Town FC Women in 2018 after officially going under the umbrella of Ipswich Town FC.

Since the rebrand, the Tractor Girls have been on an upward curve. They made history during the 2019/20 season by becoming the first fourth-tier side to reach the fifth-round of the Women's FA Cup before being knocked out by eventual winners Manchester City.

Following the disruption of the pandemic, Ipswich Town were finally promoted to the Southern Premier Division having led Division One South East prior to the two curtailed seasons. Since their promotion, Ipswich Town challenged for promotion to the Barclays Women's Championship in back-toback seasons, finishing as runners-up on goal difference in the last campaign.

They also bettered their previous Women's FA Cup achievement in February 2022 by knocking Southampton out at the fifth-round stage on penalties to reach the quarter-finals of the competition for the first time ever. Ipswich eventually bowed out of the competition after a narrow 1-0 defeat to Women's Super League side West Ham United in front of a sold-out crowd of 2000 and live on the BBC.

Last weekend, the Tractor Girls set a club and divisional attendance record when 10,173 supporters packed into Portman Road for the first ever women's league fixture to be played at the home of Ipswich Town Football Club.









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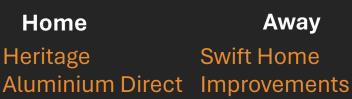
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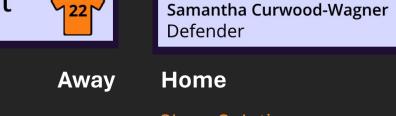
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Hear from the fans-Andy Fraulo

My wife and I were season ticket holders at Leicester City W.F.C but due to my wife's deteriorating health issues she wanted to watch a club closer to home. So, the newly renamed Rugby Borough Women were adopted for the 2023/24 season.

Sadly, my wife passed away just before the season started but she still wanted me to support the Borough as was always intended. Due to my own health issues, I am unable to drive long distances and so planned to follow Borough at every away game using public transport. There have been a few challenges and it's not been particularly cheap on the pockets either costing me $\pounds147$ for a return to Plymouth for example.

I didn't attend every game as intended missing 4:

- MK Dons after they moved the evening game to Wootton, so I was unable to get home by bus
 or train
- Hashtag united as I had a family gathering
- Ipswich- I was stuck in central London after a fatality on the railway so I couldn't make it in time.
- Oxford United-I was 1 and a half miles from the ground when a family emergency meant I had to return home

Three of those games we lost so maybe it was my fault! Next season I plan to travel on the Saturday and stay overnight so I can get to the games on time.

My longest journey was Doncaster taking 7 and a half hours each way. I left at four in the morning and had to leave 5 minutes before the end of the game or I would have missed the last bus. I got home just before midnight. The journey involved: a taxi to Rugby, A national express coach from Rugby to Coventry, a bus from Coventry to Birmingham, a walk to New Street, a train from there to Sheffield, a train from Sheffield to Doncaster, a train from there to Thorne North, and finally a bus to Moorends.

My quickest journey was to Cheltenham, taking just under 3 hours each way.

My luckiest fixture was against Plymouth as the match was switched venues on the Saturday night. Thankfully, Ebony's dad offered to take me from the hotel to the ground. The last train from Plymouth to Birmingham was also cancelled but once again Ebony's dad kindly offered to bring me home by car.

My trickiest fixture will be Chatham as there are engineering works which means there are no trains between Milton Keynes and London or from London to Chatham. It will involve a coach journey and another 6 buses. I have booked my ticket on the 11:30pm coach from London to Rugby so should be home by 3am on Monday.







Before Christmas performances were sometimes disjointed as well as injuries not helping at crucial times. Since the New Year the new signings have added extra options, and the team are working harder - although a couple of players still need to work harder !! There is a great team spirit even when losing, they keep playing and their heads don't drop which is all as spectators we can ask of a team.

My favourite game was the home game against Milton Keynes. It was a fantastic all-round performance.

When talking about the best performance there have been a few to choose from but probably the best was the away cup game against Aston Villa. To put in that sort of performance and result on a big pitch after a long trip to Plymouth just 3 days earlier is very impressive.

When talking about who has impressed me personally, I would choose 3 players rather than just one.

The most consistent player would be Ebony, who rarely does much wrong on the field, controls midfield and has so many assists.

My most improved player would be Alanah, and finally, my most promising player, although long injury has not helped, would be Mia.

If Lee can hold onto the majority of the players for next season, I see no reason why we cannot get promotion.

I hope my season's saga will inspire more fans to travel to away matches by taking the easy option of driving there to support the Borough.

I'd also like to add a personal thank you to all the players, staff and people behind the scenes at Borough. Finally, a special thank you to David Wiseman who has helped me out this season.

Andy



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DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Georgia Poole



Amy Thurkettle



Phoebe Annals



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Maddi Brown



Maddie Brown



Evie Carey



Milly Cole



Evie Conway



Chloe Cumberbatch















Faith Mann

Maddison Norton

Lauren Read

Kenzi Thompson







FIXTURES



August

| 20/08 | London Bees (H) | FAWNL | 3-0 |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| 27/08 | Haywards Heath (A)NL Cup | | 0-4 |

September

| 03/09 Billericay Town (A) | FAWNL | 2-3 |
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- 06/09 Oxford United (H) FAWNL 1-0
- 10/09 Cardiff City (A) FAWNL 2-3
- 17/09 Hashtag United (H) FAWNL 1-3
- 24/09 Plymouth Argyle (H)FAWNL 6-2

October

01/10 Swindon Town (H) NL Cup 3-0

December

| 03/12 | Chatham Town (H) | FAWNL | - | 2-1 |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| 10/12 | Sheffield United (H) FA | Cup | 2-3 | |
| 17/12 | Hashtag United (A) FA | WNL | 1-0 | |

January

- 07/01 Cheltenham Town (A) FAWNL 0-4
- 14/01 Cardiff City (H) FAWNL 3-0

February

| 11/02 | Plymouth Argyle (A) |) FAWNL | 2-4 |
|-------|---------------------|------------|-----|
| 07/02 | Aston Villa U21 (A) | County Cup | 1-6 |
| 21/02 | Oxford United (A) | FAWNL | 0-2 |

| 08/10 | Cheltenham Town (I | H) | FAWNL | | 3-1 |
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| 11/10 | MK Dons (A) | FAV | /NL | 1-0 | |
| 15/10 | Lye Town (H) | Cou | nty Cup | 5-2 | |
| 22/10 | Portsmouth (A) | FAV | /NL | 0-1 | |
| 29/10 | Hashtag United (A) | NL | Cup | 2-1 | |

November

- 5/11 Ipswich Town (A) FAWNL P-P
- 12/11 Doncaster Belles (A) FA Cup 0-2
- 19/11 Stourbridge (H) County Cup 4-3
- 26/11 Solihull Moors (H) FA Cup 7-1

March

- 10/03Billericay Town (H)FAWNL4-2
- 13/03 MK Dons (H) FAWNL 5-1
- 24/03 Portsmouth (A) FAWNL 4-0
- 31/03 Ipswich Town (H) FAWNL -

April

21/04 London Bees (A) FAWNL

May

05/05 Chatham Town (A) FAWNL -

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- **2 ALANAH MANN**
- **3 SASKIA MORRIS**
- **4 MACY WINTERS**
- **5 MIA MALONE**
- **6 LIV MILNER**
- **7 ANGELINA NIXON**
- **8 CHARLOTTE WILKIE**
- **9 LILY GREENSLADE**
- **10 EBONY WISEMAN** ©
- **11 EVA CASSIDY**
- **12 DEMI WALKER**
- **14 NICKY POTTS**
- **15 EVIE BROOKS**



Manager - Joe Sheehan

- **2** Maria Boswell (c)
- **3** Summer Hughes
- **5** Bonnie Horwood
- **6** Leah Mitchell
- **7** Natasha Thomas
- 8 Kyra Robertson
- **10** Eloise King
- **11** Lucy O'Brien
- **12 Issy Bryant**
- **13** Nina Meollo
- **16** Elkie Bowyer
- **17** Sophie Peskett



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18 Ruby Doe Lenna Gunning-Williams Megan Wearing Maisy Barker Evie Williams Laura Hartley





