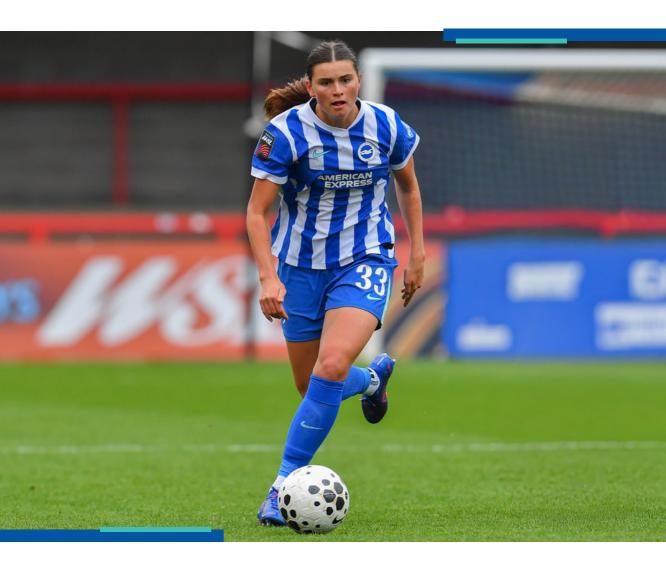
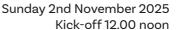




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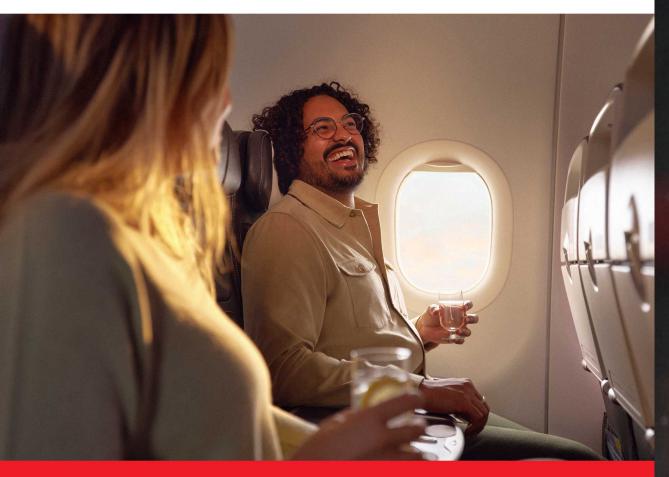




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# DARIO VIDOSIC

Good afternoon, everyone. It seems like a while since we were in WSL action here at the Broadfield Stadium, for what we know will be a difficult game against Manchester United. We welcome Marc Skinner, his players and staff.

I'll start by wishing Michelle Agyemang all the best as she starts her recovery from the ACL injury she suffered playing for the Lionesses on Tuesday. It goes without saying that everyone at Brighton was devastated to hear the news and we will be fully behind her in the next few months as she goes through her rehab. Knowing Michelle, I'm sure she will come back stronger than ever before.

We now won't have Michelle for the rest of her season-long loan, but that will give opportunities to other players in the squad to step up.

Apart from Michelle, all our other players came back fit and healthy after international duty and it was good to see so many of them getting minutes for their countries.

Our last game against Southampton in the League Cup presented the girls with a different challenge to what they are used to. Southampton set up in a low block and were happy for us to dominate possession and close the spaces when we threatened their goal.

So to come out of it with a 3-0 win said a lot about the perseverance of the players to find solutions and, of course, the quality we had coming off the bench. It was a very professional performance, in difficult conditions.

Today will be just as tough. United have started the season very well and, of course, their squad contains players familiar to everyone at Brighton in Maya Le Tissier, Julia Zigiotti Olme and Elisabeth Terland.

We will need to produce our very best, but we will go into the game thinking we can get a positive result. We have made ourselves hard to beat so far this season with our defensive organisation and structure all over the pitch and I know when the chances arrive in their box that we have the players to take advantage.

As always, our fans can make the difference. So be loud and proud and get behind your team.

Enjoy the game,

Dario

"We have made ourselves hard to beat so far this season with our defensive organisation and structure all over the pitch"









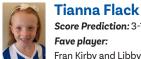
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**Chloe Phinbow** Score Prediction: 3-2 Fave player: Maelys Mpome



**James Coe Neve Kirby** Score Prediction: 1-1 Fave player: Fave player: Fran Kirby Fran Kirby



Score Prediction: 3-1



**Margo Summer Edwards** Score Prediction: 2-0 Fave player: Michelle Agyemang











# Albion action!

Albion overcame a stubborn Southampton side 3-0 in our last home game to keep alive our hopes of reaching the knockout stages of the Subway League Cup.

The WSL2 side kept us at bay for more than an hour in the rain at the Broadfield Stadium before substitute Kiko Seike made the breakthrough with a close-range finish.

Fran Kirby made sure there would be no Southampton fightback with a typically composed finish to make it 2-0, before Seike rounded off the scoring in the closing stages.

We face Charlton Athletic here at the Broadfield Stadium on 12 November in our final group game, but we may need West Ham to drop points to progress from Group C.







BARCLAY

1 Kiko Seike rounds off the scoring with her second goal 2 Fran Kirby points the way after scoring our second

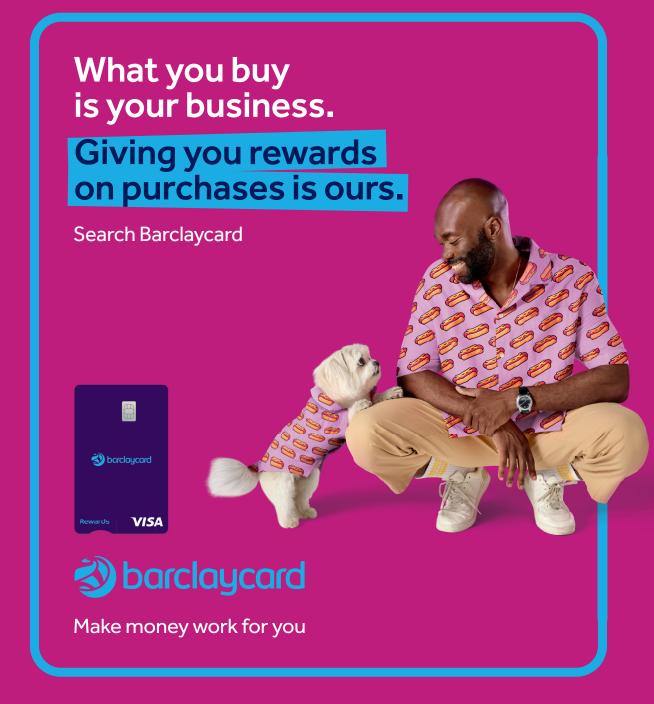
- 3 Kiko slides in to break the deadlock in the second half
- 4 Moeka Minami pushes forward during the first half
- **5** Rosa Kafaji shields the ball from an opponent
- 6 Our line-up before kick-off on a wet afternoon at the Broadfield Stadium

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#### Charlie Rule speaks to Olivia Jackson about the huge impact the 2023 Women's World Cup had in her native Australia and life at the Albion

## What fired your love for football in the early days?

"My older brother Bailey played, so I wanted to play like him. He has been a big inspiration, always there for me. He wanted to be a professional footballer himself, so it feels like I am living the dream for both of us, which is cool. Bailey is a big part of my career and how I got here.

"My mum (Jacinta) was a track athlete, and my dad (Greg) is a cyclist. Sport runs in the family; they know what it takes to be an athlete. They have always sacrificed so much for me. It is probably hard for them having me so far away from home, but they are definitely watching from afar."

# What are the main differences between living in Brighton and back at home in Australia?

"Definitely the weather, there is not as much sun! The football is just a different level over here; the league is amazing. Football is everything in this country, the fans are crazy about it and that drives you on that extra bit.

"When I was playing in Australia, I was studying and had a job as well, so to come here and play full-time has been a big step. It is definitely something I have always wanted, and I am super grateful.

"It is a beautiful country, and I had such an amazing childhood, but coming over here was that extra step. It was always a dream of mine to play in England, it feels like the home of football. I didn't know it would come this soon, when I was 19, but when I found out (Albion were interested), I was over the moon and couldn't say no."

# The 2023 World Cup in Australia changed how the sport was viewed in the country. What was it like to witness that growth of the game?

"I went to two games and then I moved over here, but it was a massive change for women's football in Australia. From watching in the crowd to joining the Matildas in camps after that tournament, it is crazy to see the amount of fans. To see how popular that team is now because of the tournament is similar to when England won the Euros and changed so much over here. It is getting a lot more popular, which is really exciting!"

"I have not played as a centre-back until now, but I really like it. I don't mind where I play..."

## What is it like seeing so many Australians playing football in England in the WSL?

"It is nice to have fellow Australians in the WSL, a nice reminder of home. They are obviously the best players for Australia, so to be playing in the same league against them is a great challenge for me to keep pushing to try to get into that Australian team."

## You missed much of last season with injury, how did you cope?

"It was a long time not playing and the injury was tough, but I learnt a lot in that time. I have learnt to be grateful because of the period I had out, even in the good times. It is really important to look back and see how far I have come; it was maybe one of the lowest points in my career. So I am really enjoying playing and getting back to expressing myself on the pitch."

#### How are you finding playing as a centreback this year?

"I have not played as a centre-back until now, but I really like it. I don't mind where I play, but it has been a new challenge. I have learnt a lot from Dario (Vidosic), I am in the perfect place to learn how to play good football and the role of a centre-back from an experienced coach like him. I am really enjoying it and hopefully I can help us keep even more clean sheets."

# Albion have been very solid at the back this season, how have the squad prepared for Manchester United, a team in great form right now?

"They are a good team, but I believe in us so much. I think we can win any game; we are getting that consistency and building on every performance. The team is becoming more confident and hopefully we can beat them if we just play our way."

# What is it going to be like facing former teammate Elisabeth Terland?

"She is an amazing player, but we have trained with her a lot, which could be good preparation. It will be tough, but I'm really looking forward to the battle and being in front of the fans again at Crawley. It doesn't really matter the opponent; we will play our way and make sure we have her covered."



# United looking up

Unbeaten Manchester United arrive at Broadfield Stadium today looking to cement their top-three position in the WSL table

Marc Skinner's side have made an impressive start to their league campaign, winning four of their six encounters. They currently sit in third position following victories against Leicester City (4-0), London City Lionesses (5-1), Liverpool (2-0) and Everton (4-1), while their only dropped points have come in home games against Arsenal (0-0) and Chelsea (1-1).

With Champions League football also to contend with this season, United brought in ex-Seagull Julia Zigiotti Olme from Bayern Munich in the summer, along with experienced fellow Sweden international Fridolina Rolfo from Barcelona. Jess Park also made the short journey from Manchester City, with Grace Clinton heading in the opposition direction.

United finished third in the table last season, some 16 points behind champions Chelsea, but their form and statistics suggest they

are far better equipped to challenge the Blues this time out. Having netted 16 goals already this term and conceded a measly three times, Skinner's side look strong at both ends of the pitch - epitomised last time out at Everton.

Having fallen behind in the game, all four United goals came in the final half-hour, with Park sealing the deal with a five-minute brace in the closing stages. The game was played in front of 18,000 fans at Goodison Park and Skinner felt his players rose to the occasion.

"They're big-time players now," he said after the game. "They play like it's just another pitch in another surrounding and I think that's healthy because it doesn't distract from your job then. We're (also) going to need that if we want to keep on progressing in the Champions League."

Playing in Europe's elite competition this season has so far been a welcome distraction for Skinner's side - and it has been the domain for another ex-Seagull, Elisabeth Terland, who has already scored seven goals, including hat-tricks in the qualifying rounds against Brann and PSV Eindhoven.

The league phase got underway last month, with United boasting a 100 per cent record following victory against Valerenga at home - another ex-Albion player, Maya Le Tissier, scoring the only goal of the game from the penalty spot. United then followed up with another 1-0 win, at Atletico Madrid, with Rolfo netting her first goal for the

"I was super-happy with the win," the Swede said of a game that saw United centre-back Dominique Janssen sent off towards the end of the first half before Atleti's Alexia Fernandez followed her down the tunnel with 16 minutes remaining. "A lot was happening in the

game and the way we played changed, but I was so proud of the team. We fought really hard to win and if there's any team who can do that it's us. We stayed compact, we won our duels and we didn't concede a goal. Belief is what we have in each other."

United are next in European action against Paris Saint-Germain on 12 November, so the focus remains on the WSL for now, with Skinner refusing to look beyond the next three points.

"We always take each game (as it comes). Chelsea have given themselves a healthy lead and we need to try to chop away at that as best we can," he said. "We want to try to win titles. But, right now, all we can do is focus on trying to get these points and banking them. It's a challenge, but that's why we're here."

#### **ONE TO WATCH**

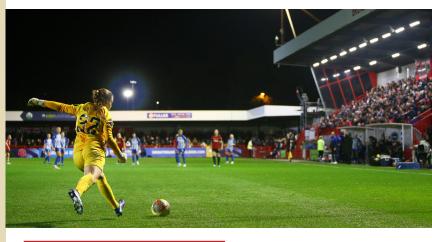
#### **Jess Park**

The current WSL and Manchester United Player of the Month started her senior career with Manchester City, where she won two WSL titles and the Women's FA Cup.

Making her debut on 6 December 2017 against Doncaster Belles in the League Cup, the midfielder's breakthrough season came in 2021/22 when she made 13 WSL appearances and picked up City's Rising Star award.

While the 2022/23 campaign was spent on loan at Everton, Park made a total of 119 appearances for City, scoring an impressive 22 goals, before moving to neighbouring United on 4 September 2025. Penning a four-year deal, she netted in her second game, against London City Lionesses, and twice in the win against Everton on 12 October.

Having played for England from U17 to U23 level. she has also made 20 appearances for the Lionesses, scoring three times - two of them coming this year in the wins against Spain and Belgium.



#### PREVIOUS MEETING

#### **Albion 2 Manchester United 2**

Sunday 5 November, 2023

Rachel Williams scored a dramatic 98th-minute equaliser as United took a point from their visit to Broadfield Stadium.

The Seagulls had taken the lead on 30 minutes when Maisie Symonds picked out Elisabeth Terland, who coolly tucked the ball beyond keeper

Albion keeper Sophie Baggaley had a fantastic game, producing a superb double save to keep out Hannah Blundell and Millie Turner, but the visitors netted a deserved equaliser 12 minutes from time through Ella Toone's

Albion, who had also hit the crossbar through Pauline Bremer, looked to have secured an impressive three points when Guro Bergsvand headed home from a corner in the 89th minute.

However, as the game entered its final moments after ten minutes of added time had been called, Katie Zelem's corner was flicked on and Williams poked home at the far post.

"It's becoming a bit of a habit for me," said Williams, who had scored four times from the bench that season. "I'm itching to get off the bench and help the team and it's paid off."

"There has to be clarity. It went from seven minutes to ten minutes," bemoaned Albion coach Melissa Phillips at the amount of added-on time. "There has to be clarity so we can make changes at appropriate times as





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INTERVIEW

THE YOUNG ONES

Dario Vidosic hasn't been afraid to give opportunities to Academy players this season, including Evie, Milner, although the midfielder's association with the club goes back a long way, writes Olivia Johnson.

Milner has been at Albion for ten years and says she is "Brighton through and through".

"It feels like I'm in a dream half the time. Wearing the (Albion) badge every day, walking around with it. It's just an unreal feeling, especially when you see everyone," Evie explained.

"I walk in the building, and I have a chat with Fran Kirby. My mum Louise asks, 'How was today?' Yeah, I had lunch with Fran Kirby, that doesn't sound real. I go into school, and I sometimes realise how lucky I am when I say stuff like that. Michelle (Agyemang) was brilliant in the Euros, and I say, 'I saw her the other day' and everyone goes 'no way!'

"I try not to take it for granted; every day is something fun and hopefully it will just keep going."

Evie's family lives and breathes football, especially her grandpa, who has been extremely supportive during her footballing journey.

"He used to be a football coach for Wick Dynamos. A lot of people in my family played a lot of football growing up. He drove me to London last week just for a football session; it's a five-hour drive just to take me to an hour-long session. That shows everything about his commitment – the love I feel for my family is huge."

The 18-year-old made her debut for the Albion last season against Bristol City in the Subway League Cup.

"The dream since I was a little girl was to step on that pitch and then I was on that pitch. Watching back the videos afterwards and seeing my mum's face was a special moment," she added. "Then all the fans are clapping for you after the game when I used to be a fan watching on."

"My mum is my biggest supporter, no matter if I've had a good or a bad game. She encourages and criticises because



she knows me best so she can tell me what I've done wrong."

"I think she cried when I made my debut and my grandpa had quite a nice moment between them. She just kept telling me how proud she was and tells me that when the moment to play comes again, to be calm and take it."

Another source of inspiration for Evie is her older brother (Alfie) who plays disability football in a team coached by her uncle.

"Some have had head injuries and others struggle to run, but they are still kicking a ball. It's beautiful to watch. I go every Thursday and see the challenges the team face to play football, but every one of them just loves it. It's a joy to see their faces light up.

"He says he's a better player than me and I believe him! The courage they have is crazy. I've had to help him a lot, but he's also helped me a lot in the way that he deals with everything."



# Honouring the past, inspiring the future

Albion U12s Embrace Premier League Truce Cup with Veterans-Themed Community Project

This season, Brighton & Hove Albion's Under-12 squad has proudly taken part in the Premier League Truce Cup Initiative - a powerful programme that uses the legacy of the First World War to educate and unite young people through football. With "Veterans" as this year's theme, the young Seagulls have been on an incredible journey of learning, remembrance and connection, both on and off the pitch.

In the lead-up to today's game, the U12s embarked on a series of community-focused activities designed to honour those who served in the armed forces, particularly the veterans who once wore the Albion shirt.

Their first stop was a visit to a local care home in Shoreham, where the players spent a heartfelt afternoon sharing tea, chats and homemade treats with the residents. Armed with scones, sandwiches and warm smiles, the squad listened to moving stories of wartime Britain, gaining a deeper appreciation for the lives and sacrifices of the older generation.

The learning didn't stop there.

The team also visited a local school, where they led a special presentation about veterans. Working alongside the pupils, the players helped create thoughtful and colourful posters, sparking conversations about bravery, service and remembrance. The experience was as enriching for the young players as it was for the children they worked with; a true meeting of minds and hearts.

To deepen their understanding of the realities faced during wartime, the squad also made a trip to Shoreham Fort. There, they immersed themselves in the history of the First World War, gaining insight into the experiences of soldiers on the front lines. Inspired by what they learned, the players took part in creative workshops, producing raps, poetry and posters, powerful expressions of what remembrance means to a new generation.

Their journey culminates today, as part of Albion's Remembrance Day tribute. Before kick-off against Manchester United, we will be proudly in the centre circle holding a poppy, honouring the veterans

who served and played for Brighton & Hove Albion during the First and Second World Wars. It's a poignant reminder that the beautiful game can be a force for education, empathy and unity.

From scones to stories, posters to poetry, Albion's U12s have shown that remembrance isn't just about looking back but about carrying lessons forward with pride and purpose.

Well done, lads. You've done the badge proud.









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### WSL latest table 2025/26

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4	Tottenham Hotspur	6	4	0	2	7	7	0	12
5	Arsenal	6	3	2	1	13	6	+7	11
6	London City Lionesses	6	3	0	3	7	14	-7	9
	<b>Brighton and Hove Albion</b>							+1	
8	Aston Villa	5	1	3	1	4	4	0	6
9	Leicester City	6	1	2	3	3	8	-5	5
10	Everton	6	1	1	4	7	11	-4	4
11	Liverpool	5	0	0	5	2	10	-8	0
12	West Ham United	6	0	0	6	2	17	-15	0

#### **Fixtures**

SATURDAY: Chelsea v London City Lionesses, Manchester City v West Ham SUNDAY: Aston Villa v Everton, Leicester City v Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool

## Albion statistics 2025/26

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32	Sophie Baggaley			3				38	
33	Charlie Rule	6		0+1				11+9	2
48	Tahriah Heron	0+2		2				2+2	
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64	Emilie Gay			1+1				1+1	
	Evie Milner							0+1	
	Mia Balmer							0+1	
	Olivia Johnson							0+2	

### **Birthday wishes**



Happy Birthday to both of our daughters

Amelie and Ginny! Hope to see you playing here one day – keep enjoying your passion!

Much love Mummy and Daddy xx

Belated happy 7th Birthday **Tianna**. Lots of love, Mummy & Daddy xxx

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### **Albion**

- 1 Chiamaka Nnadozie
- 2 Manuela Vanegas
- 3 Moeka Minami
- 5 Maelys Mpome
- 6 Rosa **Kafaji**
- 7 Aisha Masaka
- 8 Maisie Symonds
- 9 Michelle Agyemang
- 10 Jelena Cankovic
- 11 Kiko Seike
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## Manchester United

- 1 Kayla Rendell
- 2 Anna Sandberg
- 3 Gabby George
- 4 Maya Le Tissier
- 6 Hannah Blundell
- 7 Ella Toone
- 8 Jess Park
- 9 Melvine Malard
- 10 Elisabeth Terland
- 11 Leah Galton
- 12 Fridolina Rolfo
- 13 Simi Awujo
- 14 Jayde Riviere
- 15 Celin Bizet Donnum
- 16 Lisa Naalsund
- 17 Dominique Janssen
- 18 Julia Zigiotti Olme
- 20 Hinata Miyazawa
- 21 Millie Turner
- 28 Rachel Williams
- 36 Mared Griffiths
- 39 Safia Middleton-Patel
- 91 Phallon Tullis-Joyce

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