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Manager's message

Post-Match Reaction to Crystal Palace

"It was a dominant performance. It was one where we didn't take our chances enough to kill the game, and we see so many times when you don't take your chances the opposition will always have the confidence that they can get back into the game.

"But look we wanted to get three points from the game as the minimum, to continue our momentum that we have at the moment and that's the most important thing.

Reflections on November

"I think it's been great – it has also been tough, in terms of having a lot of games within a short space of time with the size of the squad I've got available at the moment.

"But, I have to say fair play to the girls, they've embraced every challenge and what's been nice is I've seen a different side of the players over all different games.

"You start with the Birmingham game, a dominant and controlling performance for the majority of it. The next game being West Ham, it's completely different, as we went 2-0 down by half-time. But the resilience, fight, grit, determination, the girls showed to get that game back was fantastic.

"We know heading into Brighton, it'll be tough, third game of the week. I think it's also important to take the confidence of the last few weeks; the results, the goals we've scored, and put it all together in a good all around performance in front of our home fans.





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“Celebrating with my family!”

Academy graduate, Emma Harries, on her first goal of the season and the team's character vs West Ham

“For me, it's a really special and proud day, for getting on the scoresheet and I'm just glad I could help my team secure a point today away from home.

“We knew that we needed to start building some momentum going into games, and picking up points consistently to finish where we want to in the league this season. But I do think we are getting to that place now.

“We are now three unbeaten in the league, scoring a good amount of goals, and you saw the dedication from the team at the back which allowed us to go on and score when we did. It's now a case of reviewing the game today, the good and the bad, and building on what was a positive second-half display.

“At Reading, we have a lot of character and pride in performance, it was something I believe Grace spoke about a few games in, and we are starting to show people what we are about.

“To get a point today when at half-time many would have said we were down and out, it was a special moment and special goal for the team and for me personally.



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IT'S ALL KICKING OFF



1 Crystal Palace

3 Reading

Following on from a disappointing matchday one result against Bristol City, Reading had to get a positive result against Crystal Palace to have any chance of going through to the later stages.

Tia Primmer almost got on the scoresheet in her first senior start, as an indirect freekick from 30 yards out almost picked out her run at the back post, but was just a little too much to get anything on it.

The breakthrough came just after the half an hour mark. Woodham was at it again with another brilliant delivery from a corner, picking out Evans who rose highest to win the header and direct her header towards the far post!

Half time: Crystal Palace 0-1 Reading

Reading looked to continue their fast start from the get-go, with as Eikeland's dummy drew the defenders, for Vanhaevermaet to shoot from the edge of the box, but her sweeping effort went over.

The scores were level moments later as Barton for the hosts turned into space and her shot called on Moloney who did well to parry, however, Sharpe was there to turn it home.

Chambers introduced Deanne Rose and Brooke Chaplen 10 minutes into the half, who made an instant impact as Chaplen scored two in two minutes. The first is all down to Rose whose turn of pace was frightening! To knock the ball past Johnson and get into the box and square it to Chaplen.

Moments later, Harries was the provider with a drilled ball into the box which found Chaplen at near post and knocked it past Morgan.

Full time: Crystal Palace 1-3 Reading



Chaplain's Chat

Looking Ahead.

We are approaching the time of year we call Advent. Chocolate calendars are in the shops and Christmas planning has started – for some anyway.

At Reading, as in other clubs, the day after a game has been played, Kelly and her staff are planning for the next game, analysing the opposition and preparing the players for their next challenge. We have had several staff changes this season plus the transfer window opens again in January so there is little time to rest in the present without having to be constantly planning for the future.

Looking ahead is a necessity in life but the danger is that we don't enjoy the current moment because we are constantly looking into or even worrying about the future. Alternatively, we may be so taken up with day to day living that we fail to think about the future. There has to be a healthy balance here somewhere!

The word 'advent' means the arrival of a notable person or thing. Often the 'thing', the festival itself, crowds out the 'person' from the celebrations. Today, people celebrate the birth of Jesus in many different ways. Will your advent include a way to consider him in some way this year?

All of us here today are definitely looking forward to the game so let's give the players lots of support.

C'mon URzzz!

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Seagulls Flying High!

Maisie Symonds' match winner at the Amex against Leicester last weekend left Hope Powell's side in 3rd place in the table. With five wins from 7 WSL games, and just 5 goals conceded, it has been an impressive start to the season after finishing 6th last season. The club are ambitious and a crowd of 3,566 saw the win over The Foxes, the club's biggest home gate in the WSL for 2 years. This season's success is due to some fine player performances, including –

Megan Walsh (1) – Reliable keeper who joined the club in 2019 and who has recently signed a new contract until June 2023. Megan has made more saves than any other goalkeeper in the ten-year history of the WSL and has kept 5 clean sheets already this season. She has featured for England up to U-23 level.

Maya Le Tissier (6) – 19-year-old defender born in Guernsey who has gone from strength to strength since arriving at Brighton in 2018. With over 40 appearances in the top-flight she is a dependable member of Hope Powell's backline. After captaining England at the UEFA Women's U17 Championship, Maya went on to play for the Under-19s age group and last month played for the England Under-23s.

Inessa Kaagman (10) – 25-year-old attacking Dutch midfielder who joined from Everton in July 2020. Previously with Ajax, she made her international debut in 2019. Was the Seagulls' top scorer with nine goals last season, including 5 from the penalty spot. Was quickly off the mark this season converting penalties in the WSL wins over West Ham and Birmingham.

Danielle Carter (18) – the striker returns to the Madejski having netted 4 goals for Kelly Chambers' side last season before moving to Brighton in July. Previously spent 11 years at Arsenal making over 100 appearances (28 goals). She has a remarkable international record – four England caps and two hattricks home and away against Estonia. Has netted for the Seagulls against Birmingham and Chelsea this season.



Megan Walsh



Maya Le Tissier



Inessa Kaagman



Danielle Carter



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- Faye Bryson 2
- Emma Mitchell 3
- Chloe Peplow 4
- Gemma Evans 5
- Deanne Rose 6
- Jeon Ga-Eul 7
- Amalie Eikeland 9
- Natasha Dowie 10
- Natasha Harding 11
- Emma Harries 12
- Deanna Cooper 14
- Brooke Chaplen 19
- Rhiannon Stewart (GK) 21
- Rachel Rowe 23
- Justine Vanhaevermaet 27
- Lily Woodham 28
- Bethan Roberts 31

Brighton

- 1 Megan Walsh (GK)
- 2 Emma Koivisto
- 3 Fliss Gibbons
- 4 Dani Bowman
- 5 Danique Kerkdijk
- 6 Maya Le Tissier
- 7 Aileen Whelan
- 8 Megan Connolly
- 9 Geummin Lee
- 10 Inessa Kaagman
- 11 Rinsola Babajide
- 12 Libby Bance
- 13 Fran Stenson
- 15 Kayleigh Green
- 16 Ellie Brazil
- 18 Danielle Carter
- 19 Emily Simpkins
- 20 Victoria Williams
- 22 Katie Robinson
- 24 Maisie Symonds
- 25 Frankie Angel (WU21)
- 32 Juliet Arimoro (WU21)
- 33 Faith Nokuthula (WU21)
- 34 Lea Cordier (WU21)
- 36 Josie Longhurst (WU21)
- 37 Cerys Jones (WU21)

On Loan (out):

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