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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Broadfield Stadium for our final home match of the season

Today we're up against a very good Arsenal team, and I'd like to congratulate their coach Renee Slegers, her players and staff for their achievement in reaching the Champions League final. To pull off such a fantastic victory against as strong a team as Lyon in the semifinals speaks volumes for the quality of their squad and their resilience. Arsenal heavily rotated their team when they lost to Aston Villa last Wednesday, but we can expect a really tough game, just as it was at the Emirates earlier in the season.

It's hard to believe that the season is nearly over, it only seems like yesterday that I was coming to England to take up the role as head coach here at Brighton! The last ten months have flown by, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work in a high-performance environment with a great set of players and staff. With two games to go we still have the chance of achieving the highest WSL finish in the club's history, which would be nice but is only the next stage in our journey. The ambition of Tony Bloom, the board and everyone at Brighton & Hove Albion is to compete in the top four of the WSL and win trophies and the staff and I won't stop until that has been achieved.

I'd like to thank everyone behind the scenes for their support this season, in particular Tony Bloom, Paul Barber, David Weir and Zoe Johnson. I couldn't have wished for a more supportive

and hard-working coaching, medical and backroom team either and, of course, there are the players, I wanted to implement a playing style which was different to what a lot of them had experienced before, but they enjoyed the challenge from the first day of pre-season training and when performances and results came they grew in confidence. We've had setbacks and there are things we can do better, so this summer is about improving the areas we're good at and working even harder on the things where we can get better ahead of the new season, which will come around guicker than we think. Inevitably, some of our players will be moving on to new challenges in the summer and I'd like to thank all of the squad for their efforts this season.

Finally, a word of thanks to you our supporters. Your passion for

the women's team is unmatched in this league and has made such a difference this season. We have made the Broadfield Stadium a tough place for the opposition and away from home you have travelled in increasing numbers to get behind the players and support them regardless of the result, rain or shine.

All I would ask is for one more effort from everyone today and at Aston Villa on Saturday. We have never beaten Arsenal in the WSL so that is a massive incentive for us. as is trying to finish in the top five for the first time. So there is a lot to play for in these last two games, and your encouragement could make the difference.

Enjoy the game, enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.



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There was disappointment for our under-19s on Tuesday when they were beaten on penalties in the final of the Sussex Challenge Cup by Lewes.

Lewes had the better chances in a goalless 90 minutes and hit the woodwork twice before winning the shoot-out 4-2.

Coach Dani Bowman said: "Against a tier-three team with a lot of experience, some of whom have played in the Championship, I am hugely proud of how they showcased themselves.

"Losing on penalties is the worst way to lose and the girls are disappointed, but I thought it was an entertaining game and hopefully the fans enjoyed it. We didn't leave anything in the changing room.

"We're a young group with some high-level players coming through, so the future in terms of next season is bright and there is no limit to what we can achieve."

















Renee Slegers has sparked a real Gunners revival in the second half of the season, with her side now eyeing the ultimate prize as the season draws to a close...

With coach Jonas Eidevall losing his job in October, following a 2-1 home defeat against Chelsea, Slegers, his assistant, took the reins initially on an interim basis. It proved to be a masterstroke with the Gunners losing just twice since in 16

WSL games – against the champions Chelsea in January and on Wednesday night against Aston Villa.

The impressive run also included a seven-game, free-scoring winning streak, which included an impressive 4-3 victory

at Manchester City and **Emirates Stadium defeats** of Tottenham Hotspur (5-0) and Liverpool (4-0).

Villa ended the sequence with a resounding 5-2 win during the week, yet with their Champions League place assured for next season

it could be forgiven if Arsenal minds were elsewhere, given their incredible exploits in the Champions League.

Topping Group Cahead of Bayern Munich, the Gunners faced Real Madrid at the quarterfinal stage and following

a 2-0 first-leg defeat in Spain, they responded with a fantastic 3-0 victory at home, thanks to goals from Alessia Russo (2) and Maria Caldentey.

Arsenal faced an ominous task at the semifinal stage against eighttime Champions League winners Lyon. A 2-1 defeat in north London did not augur well, but Slegers' side put in one of the finest performances in the club's history, winning 4-1 in France – an early Christiane Endler goal setting the tone for a game in which Caldentey,

Russo and Caitlin Foord also found the target.

in a high-pressure moment against a top opponent," said the Gunners' coach. "I'm so happy and we need to celebrate these special moments but also stay the next one."

Which is another ominous task, given fellow finalists Barcelona dismantled Chelsea 8-2 on aggregate in the other semi-final. We wish Arsenal well in Porto later this month as they

"We were unbelievable humble and get ready for

though, is a chance to on a high in these final

appearances and 15 goals scored for the Netherlands by current Arsenal coach Renee Slegers

CLUB CONNECTION

Alessia Russo started her career at Chelsea, but having made just one appearance in the Conti Cup for the Blues, she moved to the Albion in January 2017, with the Seagulls having

won promotion to FA WSL 2. The striker made her debut in an FA Cup tie against AFC Wimbledon the following month and also went on to feature in the Spring Series that year. Becoming an England U20 international in the process, she moved to the United States to play college football for North Carolina Tar Heels that autumn

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was Arsenal's average attendance last season

15 league titles won by the club, the most recent being in 2018/19

look to lift the trophy for a second time, having defeated Swedish side Umea IK 1-0 on aggregate back in 2007.

More immediately, end the domestic season two games of the league season against the Albion and Manchester United, with Slegers looking for her side to bounce back following midweek defeat. appearances for the Gunners made by Michelle Agyemang

goals scored during Arsenal's Champions League-winning campaign of 2006/07

1992 saw the club first lift silverware, defeating Millwall Lionesses 1-0 in the League Cup Final

"There's so many learnings from this (Villa) game; how you prepare, how you execute, how you recover, and we want to bring all the learnings because we want to be on the highest level, playing the biggest games," she said.

"So, for us, all the learnings, we want to start applying them against Brighton on Monday."

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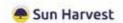












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Dario Vidosic's team heads into their eighth successive season in the Barclay's Women's Super League and we look forward to continuing our journey with you

Fans be able to buy new or additional season tickets from Monday 26 May but the renewal window for existing season ticket holders is now open.

There will be updates to season ticket pricing and perks, as well as the seating plan at Broadfield Stadium for the 2025/26 season, with all change endorsed by the Fan Advisory Board.

We're aware of financial pressures many of our fans are under, with no one immune to the effects of cost-ofliving increases. We continue to see cost rises across the business and have done everything we can to minimise the impact this has on you, while keeping our focus of growing the women's game.

Therefore, current adult season ticket holders can renew their ticket at a cost of £77. This is an £11 increase on renewal price from last year and equates to £1 per league game more than 2024/25.

General sale adult season tickets can be purchased at £93, which equals a ticket price of £8.60 per league match. More information at:

brightonandhovealbion.com/pages/en/ media-article/womens-super-leagueseason-ticket-renewals-now-open



Good luck to the players from Horsham Sparrows Under 15 Girls Team who are helping raise money for the Lobular Moon Shot Project by kicking a ball from Southwater to the coast at Shoreham - a journey of almost 20 miles, mostly along the Downs Link disused railway line

The challenge will raise funds to support the Lobular Moon Shot Project, which was set up in 2023 by Dr Susan Michaelis to raise money for research into lobular breast cancer.

The event will take place on 17 May 2025, starting at 9am at Southwater

country park, and all proceeds will go to researchers of the Lobular Moon Shot Project at the Manchester Breast To support the young ladies or to

obtain more details, visit: justgiving.com/page/simon-king-1



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Fave player: Maisie Symonds

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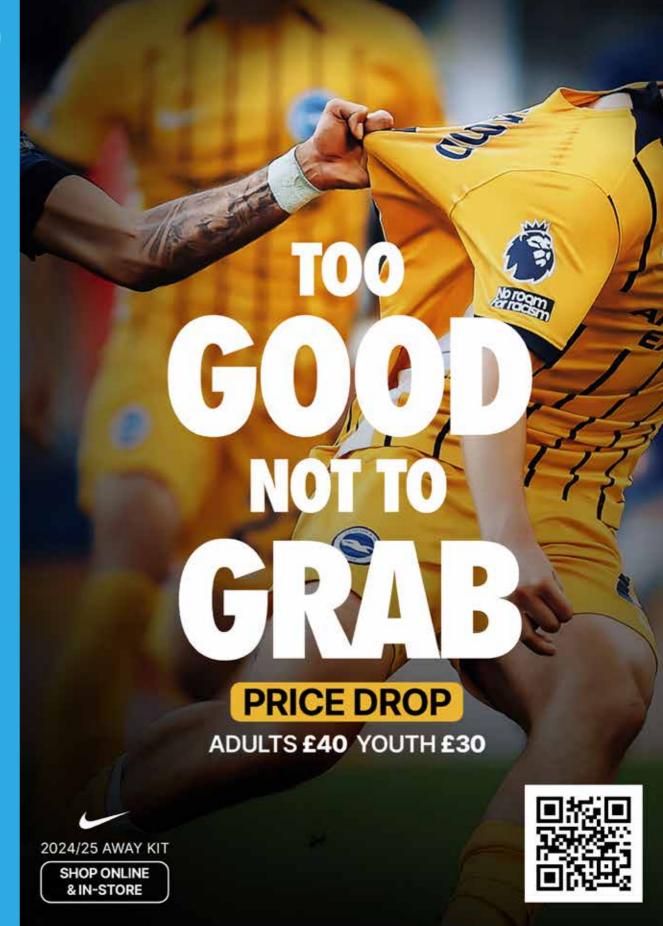
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