# SPURS LADIES WA

v ASTON VILLA FA Women's Championship Sunday 28 October, 2018 Kick-Off:1:00pm | Official Matchday Programme | £2.00



# **WELCOME**

Welcome back to Cheshunt Football Ground for this afternoon's game against Aston Villa Ladies. Today's opponents are coming into this game after what appears to have been quite a tough start to the season for them.

However, we know that every single game is always a big challenge and we are not expecting anything less from our opponents this afternoon. We've started October in a similar fashion to how we finished September – with a very good professional performance against Lewes FC Women.

Again, we had to come from behind and I think we showed a level of maturity in that game to go on and get the three points. The players are working really hard within their training sessions on a weekly bases and the staff and I are always looking to help and provide them with the tools to go out on the pitch to be ready to perform. Our players will be ready and are confident in what we have been working on, but the most important thing for us as coaches is that our players go onto the pitch and enjoy the game.

We thank you for all your ongoing support at each and every game and I'm certain the team will always put in a performance we can all be proud of.

### Karen Hills

First Team Manager

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# Programme

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Left back Ashleigh Neville made an incredible start to her career at Spurs Ladies last season and was rewarded for her consistent stand out performances by being named the Players' Player of the Season and winning Player of the Season, as voted for by our supporters. Neville has picked up from where she left off last season, having started in every game so far this season.

- **Q:** What items can't you live without when travelling to an away game?
- A: My main priority is my hairspray, of course.
  That's a must and I definitely can't be without it!
  And of course my phone.
- **Q:** If you had an opportunity to take a celebrity out to dinner who would you pick and why?
- A: I would have to go with Beyonce. I think I've always found her interesting and would like to know if her life really is that perfect.
- **Q:** Do you have any rituals or superstitions that you do before or after a game?

A: I always have a few moments to myself in the

# SUPER STATS



Born **29 April 1993** 

Position **Defender** 

Joined Spurs
July 2017

Previous Clubs Coventry United West Bromwich Albion

Squad number 19

changing room going through different situations that could come up in the game.

# **Q:** If you could play in any stadium in the world against any team where would it be and who would you play against?

A: It would have to be Wembley. I would love to play there against Manchester City Women.

# **Q:** What do you have for your pre-match meal and your 'go to' cheat day meal?

A: I love to have poached eggs with bacon on a muffin for breakfast and then chicken pasta before the game. My cheat day meal would have to be Nandos or Chinese.

# **Q:** What's the best piece of advice anyone has given you?

**A:** If you live without dreams, without hope, you will move through life in a very hollow way.

# **Q:** What's the best way to spend a day off?

**A:** Curled up on the sofa with the duvet, watching films and eating chocolate.

# Q: If you had to try a sport that you've never played before what would it be and why?

A: I'd love to be able to play volleyball. It's a sport I loved playing on holiday with the family so I would definitely like to try it one day.

# **Q:** What's the best football match you've watched and why?

A: I find this question really hard as I've watched so many football games, but the best football match I've played in for Spurs would have to be either the win against Yeovil Town or when we played Brighton & Hove Albion and beat them on penalties this season.

# **Q:** Have you had any embarrassing moments on the pitch?

A: There was one time where I was running backwards after an attack and I ended up falling over the referee! That definitely put me in his bad books for the rest of the game!



WE'D LIKE TO WISH ASHI FIGH AND THE TEAM GOOD LUCK FOR TODAY'S GAME!



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# **LATEST NEWS**

# Hills presented with Manager of the Month award...

Manager Karen Hills was crowned the inaugural FA Women's Championship Manager of the Month for September.

Three domestic wins out of three in September – at home to London Bees (2-1) and away to Leicester City (3-0) and Crystal Palace (2-1) – saw Spurs Ladies climb to second in the table with a game in hand.

As a result, Karen's efforts at the helm were recognised with the first in a new set of monthly awards in the revamped women's second tier, voted for by a panel of four highly experienced individuals with specialist knowledge of the women's game – Marieanne Spacey-Cale (League Managers Association member and Southampton FC Head of Girls and Women's Football), Alex Scott (ex-England international and football broadcaster), Jen O'Neill (Editor of She Kicks magazine) and Alan Curbishley (LMA board member and LMA Manager of the Year 1999/2000).

While collecting the crystal trophy at Hotspur Way, Karen was quick to praise her staff and players for the role they've played in the games that have led to her receiving the prestigious prize: "I feel completely honoured and proud," she beamed. "I think it goes to show just how far we've come and credit to the staff and the players because it wouldn't have been possible for me to stand here and collect this award without them, so I collect this on behalf of everyone at Spurs Ladies.

"The girls have been doing a really good job and working exceptionally hard and we'll continue working in every single training session and every time we come in. The girls are going to work in the day and coming here in the evening and putting in a fantastic shift. We're all enjoying this experience and we're all enjoying this journey. There's still a long, long way to go but this month has been fantastic."

Panel chair Spacey-Cale added: "An entertaining and very competitive start to the Women's season has seen a number of strong performances across both leagues (FA Women's Super League and FA Women's Championship). Karen Hills has shown how important her experience of the league is, knowing how to get results in tight matches with three wins in three highly competitive

games."





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n behalf of the players, I'd like to welcome you and thank you for your continued support – it doesn't go unnoticed. As I'm writing this we're back in training after the international break. Several of our players were on International duty; Jess & Rhianna representing England and Josie & Megan representing Wales. The whole club are very proud of the girls and are happy they've all returned in one piece! Their selection is one example of how far this club has come and the direction that we are going in.

All in all, it's been an eventful start to the season, one which we can all be proud off. It's important we continue with the hard work at training, focus on the next match and continue our good form as we all know nothing in football is ever won in September!

Reneé, Karen, Juan and I were invited to the FIFA Best Awards last month which was a night to remember. We found ourselves brushing shoulders with some of the best players in world including Eden Hazard, Sergio Ramos, David De Gea, Zinedine Zidane and Luca Modric to name a few.

That's enough from me for now. Thank you as always for your support! #COYS

Jenna Schillaci ©







# THE VISITORS **ASTON VILLA**

Villa currently sit 11th in the league following three defeats to Manchester United Women, Charlton Athletic Women and Sheffield United Women in September. The visitors did pick up their first point of the season in a 0-0 draw against Durham Women at home, but they are yet to take three points from a game in the league this season.

# Last five games...

09.09.18, FA Women's Championship Aston Villa 4 Manchester United 12

16.09.18, FA Women's Championship Leicester City Women 0 Aston Villa 1

19.09.18, FA Women's Championship Charlton Athletic Women 2 Aston Villa 0

30.09.18, FA Women's Championship Sheffield United 4 Aston Villa 1

14.10.18, FA Women's Championship Aston Villa 0 Durham Women 0

Founded: 1973 as Solihull FC **Ground:** Boldmere St Michaels Position 2017-18: 9th

# Last time out... 13 May 2018



Back in May the points were shared in Tamworth. A first half goal from our captain Jenna Schillaci sent Spurs in with a one goal lead at the break.

However, the hosts came back in the second half to equalise through Elisha N'Dow and both sides had to settle with a draw.

### ONE TO WATCH...



# Manager: Gemma Davies

Gemma Davies, a UEFA A license coach, was appointed manager of Aston Villa in June 2018. At 26 years old, she is one of the youngest managers in the women's game. She came into the role with experience as Assistant Manager at Birmingham LFC, Derby County LFC and Coventry United LFC. Davies. who combines the role alongside her job as Head of Women's Football at the University of Birmingham, has spent the majority of her career coaching in the Midlands, starting out at Erdington Ladies before coaching in Birmingham City Ladies' C of E for four years.

### Kerri Welsh





One of Aston Villa Ladies' academy graduates, Welsh was named club captain for the 2018/19 season. She has hit the ground running after nearly a year out with her third ACL injury. The forward has netted twice in six appearances and has been the side's talisman so far this season.

This is the place for you, our supporters to share your greetings, wishes, messages and photo though our matchday programme.

If you want something to be included, please email us at marketing@spursladies.co.uk and we will do our best to feature it.

# **WELCOME**

We want to give a big shout out to our mascots today:























# **BECOME A PLAYER MASCOT**

We are looking for junior fans to accompany our Spurs Ladies' players when they walk out on a matchday.

Please email us at mascots@spursladies.co.uk to get involved.





# PRO JOY!

# Amoros completes Pro License!

Head coach and one of our own, Juan Carlos Amoros has successfully completed his UEFA Pro License and is now a fully qualified coach as of 8th October 2018.

Amoros' journey to achieving his Pro License started at the age of 15 when he realised that coaching was his passion – he was awarded his first coaching certificate at the age of 21.

Amoros has coached Spurs Ladies since 2011 and the club has played a key part in his development as has he in the team's progression and success in recent years.

"Coaching will always be my passion and I am lucky and fortunate enough that it is now my job." Amoros said. "I did what I had to do to get the certificates and now that I have them I am very happy. It has been fantastic from day one at Spurs Ladies. Everyone involved with the club has been a massive influence on my career. It is completely different now to how it was back then. I am happy because the club has developed and we (the team) have developed along with it."

Following a period in America in 2011 coaching girls and boys he joined Spurs Ladies – a club that he holds very close to his heart.

"I enjoy being around good people and here I am around those kind of people, and when you have targets together you can achieve, develop and progress," he continued. "I have fun doing what I love, building relations and if you can win games like we're doing then it's much better."

Amoros met many coaches while working towards his Pro License, to which they have aided his knowledge of the game on a much deeper level, without solely focusing on the physical side of football.

"These people really help you as it's not only about what you do on the pitch," he added. "It's a matter of what you do off the pitch and you need to remember you are managing people and it's not only about sticking the ball in the back of the net. You learn about other areas



linked to the game, not just specifically coaching but psychology and other departments such as professional development, team management and leadership skills.

From his 18 years of coaching, Amoros has learnt the importance of having people skills and that there are always opportunities to improve.

"You can't and should never think that you know it all," he finished. "There is always a learning experience and I think that you can play football in a lot of different ways. You are managing people, and at the end of the day they are people whether they are at the professional level or young kids, you have to understand that you have an impact on them and they have an impact on you so you need to make sure you can get the best out of them."

Everyone at Spurs ladies would like to congratulate Juan on achieving his UEFA Pro License!



# TODAY'S TEAMS

Sian Rogers

18 \_ Aja Aguirre

**∃ Asmita Ale** 

4 \_\_ Ria Elsmore

5 \_ Elisha N'Dow

7 \_\_ Alice Hassall

8 \_ Aoife Hurley

Alison Hall

10 \_ Kerri Welsh

11 \_ Amy West

12 \_ Jodie Hutton

14 \_ Hollie Gibson

16 \_ Tanisha Smith

17 \_ Sophie Haywood

19 \_\_ Natasha Baptiste

20 \_ Phoebe Warner

23 \_\_ Nadine Hanssen 24 \_\_ Ashlee Brown

22 \_\_ Evie Gane

6 \_ Jade Richards (C)

2 \_ Hayley Crackle

### SPURS I ADIFS v **ASTON VILLA**

First Team Manager Karen Hills

First Team Head Coach

Juan Carlos Amoros

Goalkeeper Coach Miles Leighton

Asst. Goalkeeper Coach

Jamal Rose

S&C Coach David Martinez

Sports Therapist

Sarah Budd

Club Doctor Dr Ravi Gill

Colours

White shirts. navv shorts and white socks

Chloe Morgan \_\_ 1 Emma Gibbon \_\_ 13

Lucia Leon \_ 2

Anne Meiwald 3 Josie Green \_\_ 4

Sophie Mclean — 5 Renee Hector 6

Sarah Wiltshire \_\_ 7 Bianca Baptiste — 8

Rianna Dean — 9 Wendy Martin \_\_ 10

Jenna Schillaci (C) \_ 11

Megan Wynne — 12

Angela Addison \_\_ 14 Anna Filbev \_ 15

Maya Vio \_ 16 Jessica Naz \_\_ 17

Ryah Vyse -18

Ashleigh Neville — 19 Coral-Jade Haines \_\_ 20

Assistant Referee

**Andrew Tregoning** 

Assistant Referee

Ceri Williams

Manager

Coach

Physio

Gemma Davies

Carly Davies

**Assistant Coach** 

Corinne Mitchell

**Beth Watkins** 

S&C Coach

Colours

Ned Partridge

Claret shirts.

blue socks

white shorts and

# UPCOMING FIXTURES

**MANCHESTER UNITED** FA Women's Championship

Referee

Lisa Benn

Sunday 4 November, 2018 Leigh Sports Village Kick-Off: 12:00pm

**CHARLTON ATHLETIC** FA Women's Championship

Sunday 18 November, 2018 Cheshunt Football Ground Kick-Off: 1:00pm

**DURHAM WOMEN** FA Women's Championship

Sunday 2 December, 2018 Cheshunt Football Ground Kick-Off: 12:00pm





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