



# ARGYLE v MK DONS



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TheFA Women's  
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# Ryan Perks

## HEAD COACH NOTES

**Good afternoon, all, and welcome to Home Park for our FA Women's National League Southern Premier Division match against Milton Keynes Dons.**

I hope you've had a great Christmas and New Year break. We're delighted that you're back in the stands at the Theatre of Greens supporting us in our opening match of 2025.

We also extend our welcome to the players, staff, officials, and supporters of MK Dons to PL2 this afternoon.

It's been a long break since our last game, but the squad and staff have been putting in the work to ensure that the fitness and focus are in place to try to give us the best possible chance to get a strong result and start the New Year in the correct manner this afternoon.

We've got a busy month ahead, with important league fixtures and an exciting FAWNL Cup semi-final at Home Park against Stoke City, so we know what needs to be done throughout January.

Once again, thank you for coming along today. Your support this season has been terrific, and does not go unnoticed. It gives us the spark on the pitch that we need

in tight games, so make sure to make noise and get behind the girls when we make our way out onto the pitch.

Enjoy the game, as well as events in Club Argyle prior to kick-off. We can't wait to see and hear from you in the Beacon Electrical Mayflower Grandstand this afternoon,

Ryan

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**Milton Keynes Dons have been a mainstay in the third tier of the English women's football pyramid since the 2018/19 season, whilst also having success in the Berks & Bucks Senior Women's Cup.**

Formerly MK Dons Ladies, the Buckinghamshire side are yet to win a game this season in the league but have picked up a point with an important 3-3 draw with Billericay Town.

Abdoullah Kheir was announced as the club's first-team head coach in November 2024 following a poor run of form, but the former FA coach was hopeful of turning the form in the New Year.

He said: "The team before me have done a fantastic job of keeping this squad together. I'm coming

in hopefully with a bit more experience and understanding of the women's game. I'll try to tap into the contacts I've got for some support as well, and hopefully, we can finish the season really strong."

Since their arrival in the FA Women's National League Southern Premier Division, the Dons have had years of success and safety. A fifth-place finish in the 2022/23 season was the best the club have achieved in their seven seasons in the league.

This season, Sydney Wooton and Annaliese Jacovides lead the Dons' scoring charts, with three goals apiece, whilst Mollie Knox and T'yana Nee-Chambers have added a goal each through 13 games.





# Match ACTION FLASHBACK

Argyle claimed their first victory of the season in fine fashion against MK Dons with a 5-1 win away from home in September.

Goals from Charlotte Whitmore (two), Lulu Jarvis, Katie Dickson and Taya Pomfret handed the Greens three points at Stadium MK.

Argyle dominated the game in chances and possession, with the Dons' only goal of the game coming from a defensive error. Annalise Jacovides

pounced onto a loose pass and placed the ball into an open goal. This made the game 2-1 at the time, but Argyle powered away to win the game comfortably.

Starting immediately on the front foot, it took only three minutes for Whitmore to score her first of the game. The forward pressed high, picking off a loose pass from the MK Dons defence and slotted home after rounding Anna Draper in goal.





Chance after chance continued to flow, alongside the pressure on the Dons' back four, and a bit of magic from Jarvis extended Argyle's lead before the 40th minute. The attacking midfielder cut onto her favoured right foot and released a curling effort to the far post, beating Draper and bouncing in off the woodwork.

After the break, Jacovides grabbed that goal back for the hosts, but the one-goal difference lasted for only four minutes, as two in quick succession put Argyle in prime position for the remainder of the tie.

A composed Dickson finish from a cross and a tidy strike from Whitmore pushed the Greens' lead to four, prior to Pomfret's header marking the fifth goal of the game for Argyle.





# How Foulston Park will support Argyle

**Foulston Park will be home to the Plymouth Argyle Academy, Plymouth Argyle Women's team, Plymouth Albion and the Argyle Community Trust, alongside extensive community and sporting facilities for the city when it opens its doors.**

The major redevelopment is a critical asset for the club as part of its wider mission and vision for success, and long-term financial sustainability.

Argyle Women play in the third tier of English football, and it has been a significant achievement to reach that level, and to sustain a presence there. Now, it is time for the next steps in the evolution in women's football in Plymouth, and the South West.

The 2024/25 season has already been a history-making one for Argyle Women. The team officially came under the club's umbrella in the summer preceding the campaign and have played the majority of their home games at Home Park this season.

In addition, for the first time, several players have signed contracts, legitimising their participation and offering protection for both player and club.

Foulston Park will soon become home for the Women's team. Over recent seasons, the team have lived a somewhat nomadic lifestyle, trying to find suitable venues to not only play fixtures, but to train. The search for venues which are not only available, but fit league requirements, has seen Argyle Women playing as far away as Newton Abbot, 35 miles away.

Everyone needs a sense of belonging; somewhere you call 'home'. While Argyle Women's players are undoubtedly proud to play at Home Park, the chance to be part of a development that from day one can be considered their own is an exciting one.

The up-to-date facilities present the squad with a chance to further develop their stance as part of the FA Women's National League pyramid, as women's football continues to grow across the whole UK. Foulston Park will offer a place to train, prepare, play and develop.

Manchester City, Chelsea and an array of other clubs have a true home for their women's side and now, Argyle will have the same.

Women's captain Giota Papaioannou said: "As a squad, we are extremely excited to call Foulston

Park our home for the future. We'd like to send our thanks to everyone at the club for allowing us to have all the opportunities at Home Park, as we've all created strong memories and developed as players, but to now have somewhere to call home, is something we're all extremely grateful for.

"This a great opportunity for us as the women's team as a whole, but it also highlights the club's commitment to progress and equality. We've seen some of the steps already take place in the last six months, after coming under the umbrella, but this is another step in the right direction.

"Not only is it great for us, but it's great for everyone involved – the club, Academy, Argyle Community Trust, Plymouth Albion and more – and we're extremely proud and excited to be a part of it."

Following our update last month, work has continued to progress with the COPAC equipment container relocated successfully to the new area adjacent to the running track. The car park has been prepared for works to commence in mid-January. Also, excavation work for the access road into the site is underway and is approximately one-third complete. The site will close on 20 December, and works will recommence on 6 January. If there is an emergency during this period, please contact Adam Crichton, Whitebox Construction Director, on 07710 704336.

Looking ahead to next month (January 2025), temporary welfare facilities for site workers, including offices, will arrive on 6 January, with the utilities being installed on the same day.

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*inside the  
mind of...*

# Charlotte Whitmore





## GROWING UP...

### Was football in your family growing up?

Yes, it was! My dad was into football, and lots of my family was as well, so I was around it.

### Was there ever a point where you could have done something else other than football?

Not really, to be honest. I played lots of sports growing up, but football was the one I ended up playing the most and being good at.

### If someone was making a one-minute Charlotte Whitmore Mix Tape, with three or four moments, goals, etc., what would it feature?

Scoring four hat-tricks in a row and winning the league with St Austell; my first goal for Argyle when I scored against Cheltenham just past the halfway line; and definitely scoring the penalty against Oxford in the FA Cup last season!

## BEFORE...

## My time

### Who is your favourite musician who had a hit before you were born?

ABBA, for sure!

### What is your favourite film released before you were born?

Footloose, I think it was released before I was born at least.

### What year(s) from history would you most like to have lived through?

Probably the 80s because that seemed pretty cool.

### Who is a figure from history you would most like to have met?

Has to be George Best!





## RIGHT HERE, **Right now**

### What is your biggest strength, currently?

My pace, because it's definitely a big help to my game.

### What do you need to learn the most?

When to keep quiet on the pitch!

### Which current player do you most like to watch?

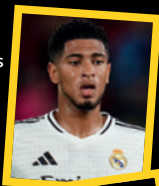
Jude Bellingham, because he makes it look very easy and smooth.

### What is the last other sport you played?

I think tennis.

### What other sports have you watched recently?

Darts and probably athletics at the Olympics.



## MYSTIC **Char**



### Who will win the Premier League this season?

As much as it pains me to say it as a United fan, I think Liverpool can.

### Who will be England captain at Euro 2025 and Euro 2028?

Leah Williamson and Jude Bellingham.

### Name two of your teammates that will make good pundits one day and why.

Katie Dickson, everyone just loves her accent so she'll be able to talk and it'll be fine! And Caitlin Smith because she's a great talker.

### Name someone you think could win a future Ballon D'Or.

Got to be Jude Bellingham.

### Where would you like a future World Cup to be held?

Ireland, because then I can see all my family and watch the football.

# Christmas Cracker

In the week before Christmas, children from all over the area were excited to join in with this season's Christmas Cracker events, with Argyle's men's and women's teams on hand to join in with game-related training sessions.

Later, with Father Christmas and Pilgrim Pete in attendance as well, excited youngsters had their chance to grab autographs and selfies with their heroes.

Here is a gallery of the fun, annual events which continue to be some of the most looked-forward to in the Argyle Community Trust's calendar.







# FOUNDING MEMBERS



# 2024/25

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Women's  
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## AUGUST

-  Sun 18 Cheltenham Town L 0-4
-  Sun 25 Oxford United L 1-3
-  Thur 29 Bridgwater United WNL CUP W 4-2

## SEPTEMBER

-  Sun 1 Milton Keynes Dons W 5-1
-  Sun 8 Hashtag United L 1-5
-  Sun 15 London Bees WNL CUP W 3-0
-  Sun 22 Billericay Town L 1-2
-  Sun 29 Maidenhead United WNL CUP W 4-1

## OCTOBER

-  Sun 6 Lewes L 0-2
-  Thu 9 Exeter City L 0-3
-  Sun 13 Ipswich Town L 1-5
-  Sun 20 Billericay Town WNL CUP W 2-1

## NOVEMBER

-  Sun 3 Poole Town FA Cup W 6-0
-  Sun 10 Gwalia United W 4-3
-  Sun 17 Cheltenham Town L 0-2
-  Sun 24 - Exeter City H FA Cup L 1-5

## DECEMBER

-  Sun 1 Watford H WNL CUP W 1-0

## JANUARY

-  Sun 5 Milton Keynes Dons H
-  Sun 12 Hashtag United A
-  Sun 19 Watford H
-  Sun 26 Stoke City H WNL Cup

## FEBRUARY

-  Sun 2 Lewes H
-  Sun 9 AFC Wimbledon A
-  Sun 23 Billericay Town H

## MARCH

-  Sun 9 Watford A
-  Wed 12 Exeter City A
-  Sun 23 Ipswich Town A

## APRIL

-  Sun 13 AFC Wimbledon H
-  Sun 27 Gwalia United A

Green = Home games Black = Away games

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# THE TEAMS

## Match Officials

Referee: Jordan Lee

Assistant Referee:

Mark Dobrijevic

Assistant Referee:

Jamie Sayer



- 1** Lily Felgate 🍀
- 2** Katie Dickson
- 3** Roxy Thomas
- 4** Amii Kearley
- 5** Giota Papaioannou
- 6** Taya Pomfret
- 7** Charlotte Whitmore
- 8** Imy Crawford
- 9** Ellie Sara
- 10** Georgia Wilson
- 11** Jade Berrow
- 13** Grace Smith
- 15** Georgie Knott
- 16** Ella Stephens
- 17** Lulu Jarvis
- 18** Katie Grigg
- 19** Erin O'Shea
- 20** Fern Orchard
- 21** Chloe McMahon
- 24** Ava Kuyken
- 25** Jess Geach
- 26** Caitlin Smith
- 56** Comfort Erhabor 🍀



- 1** Anna Draper 🍀
- 2** Tara Appleton
- 3** Olivia Welham
- 4** Amelie Timon
- 5** Isabelle Rimington
- 6** Lily Dalton
- 7** Caitlin Stewart
- 8** Favour Omenazu
- 9** Sophie Byrom
- 10** Tyana Nee-Chambers
- 11** Annaliza Jacovides
- 12** Leoni Miceli
- 13** Jaskeerat Taggar
- 14** Madeline Welham
- 15** Mia Reid
- 16** Becky Tinnelly
- 17** Cayleigh Jackson
- 18** Henrietta Cunnison
- 19** Katie Chellenbron
- 21** Freya Stichbury
- 22** Mia Gregory
- 23** Sydney Wootton
- 24** Ruby Bishop-Jones
- 26** Ugomma Ekendu-obi
- 27** Cerys Davies
- 28** Ella Nesbitt
- 29** Megan Paul-Thomas
- 30** Zara Labastide
- 31** Tate Bullen
- 32** Connie Medri
- 33** Alice Holder
- 34** Lauren Anslow
- 35** Izabella Bruci 🍀
- 39** Alex Gronert
- 40** Amelie Sarll
- 41** Olivia Oshodi
- 77** Amelie Le-Tallec