

# ARGYLE v LEWES



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**The FA Women's  
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Argyle's special FA Women's National League Cup run ended with a 3-0 defeat against Stoke City at Home Park.

In Sunday's semi-final, the Potters' domination of possession and chance creation was too much for the home side, despite a positive end to the tie in varying weather conditions at the Theatre of Greens.

Goals from Shannon Stamps and Tamara Wilcock, after a Katie Dickson own goal, handed the

Staffordshire side passage to the competition's final, where they will face Nottingham Forest.

Head Coach Ryan Perks was forced to make two changes to his starting 11 against Watford the week before due to minor injuries. Ellie Sara and Georgia Knott came into the side for Imy Crawford and Georgia Wilson.

Stoke City started the game on the front foot, pressing high and forcing Argyle to play long which, in turn, won them possession back on multiple



occasions. Within two minutes, Molly Holder's headed effort had already bounced off the bar and luckily out of play, but the early attacking phases showed Stoke's intent from the get-go.

Argyle did manage to hold strong, however. Attacking wave after wave crashed into the defensive line but quick feet, confident tackling and strong saves from Lily Felgate halted the visitors from finding the back of the net.

Stoke won several corners, but Argyle managed to hold on and clear the ball away, even after the second, third or fourth crosses into the box on some occasions.

Just before the half-hour mark, Stoke took the lead following a miscommunication between Dickson and Felgate. The defender's pass back to the goalkeeper was misplaced and slowly rolled into the back of Argyle's net.

For the remainder of the half, Stoke continued to pile the pressure onto the home side but gaps soon started appearing, allowing Argyle to play forward and worry the visitors as the interval loomed.

Chances fell to both Ella Stephens and Ellie Sara in the 45th minute but quick defending and blocks stopped the attacking opportunity before the whistle was blown for the break.

Immediately after the restart, Argyle pushed forward and won their first corner of the game after some strong link-up play between Charlotte Whitmore and Ava Kuyken.

Whitmore's ball towards the back post was headed back into the area but a free-kick was awarded to Stoke for a supposed foul in the six-yard box, ending Argyle's hopes of finding an equaliser.

Soon enough, Stoke had their second goal of the game. A ball over the top of the Greens' defensive line caught everyone out, with Stamps latching onto the pass and slotting home.

Perks turned to his bench, bringing on Crawford and Wilson for inspiration, but a third goal for the visitors soon followed. Argyle gave away a free-kick in their defensive third, with the ball from Stamps being forced home by Wilcock, all but sealing victory for the Potters.

The Greens did not drop their heads, however, playing some nice, attacking football for the remainder of the tie after Roxy Thomas, Erin O'Shea and Grace Smith, making her return from a lengthy spell away through injury, entered the field of play.





# LEWES

**Lewes FC are a community-owned football club based in East Sussex (just east of Brighton). They are the only football club in the world to set equal budgets for their men's and women's teams. Lewes are owned by around 2,500 fans, who can each buy one share in the community club.**

The Rooks moved into community ownership back in 2010, but Lewes has been around for much longer than that. The club has existed since 1885, with its women's team officially launching in the early 2000s. In 2017, the club launched its pioneering Equality FC campaign to encourage better representation and treatment of women and girls in football – and society.

Part of that campaign has challenged the Football Association to increase prize money in the Women's FA Cup to sit on par with the men's competition. The argument has been made that, as guardians of the national game, the FA should be at the forefront of delivering equality in football.

Much of the discussion around Lewes' Equal FA Cup campaign – and its equality stance in general – is about how the football world can improve conditions and facilities for women and girls, whether they're

players, coaches, staff, volunteers, or fans. Lewes also has an anti-gambling sponsorship stance that has been welcomed across both the men's and women's football pyramids. Whilst also running an award-winning sustainability model that strives to reduce its impact on the local and global environment.

Perhaps more notably, though, are the companies who partner with Lewes FC and help to drive their ambitions for social change. Money is tight at a community-owned club but that doesn't mean the enthusiasm to deliver for local and global communities is diminished. With partners like Xero and Who Gives A Crap, the Rooks can create a genuine impact when addressing the social disadvantages faced by women and girls in sports.

This season, Lewes have restructured under manager Nat Lawrence and assistant Tim Heal, following relegation from the Women's Championship over the summer. Through the hard work of their head of football Lynne Burrell and operations manager Ryan Sullivan, a new-look Rooks side sits in seventh place on 21 points from 14 games.



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mind of...*

# Grace Smith



GROWING UP...

**Was football in your family growing up?**

My older brother used to play football, and I used to go to all his games, and realised I wanted to play as well. When I got into football, he'd always have a kickabout with me in the park or garden and then he came to watch my matches as well.

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

I've always played lots of different sports anyway so either a professional in another sport or science! I've always been really interested in that side of things, and if it wasn't for football, I think I would've gone down the medicine route instead.

**If someone was making a one-minute Grace Smith Mix Tape, with two or three moments, goals, etc., what would it feature?**

One that stands out for me was my penalty for Bristol City Under-23s against Liverpool in the cup semi-final, which I of course scored! Then, scoring in the semi-final and making the final of the BUCS Cup for the University of Exeter.

BEFORE...

**My time**

**Who is your favourite footballer that you never got to see play in person?**

David Beckham, because I'm a Manchester United fan!

**Who is your favourite band who had a hit before you were born?**

ABBA.

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

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

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

Ancient Egypt.

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

Albert Einstein.





## RIGHT HERE, **Right now**

**What is your biggest strength, currently?**

My determination on the pitch, I think!

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

Decision making.

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

Ella Toone, for Manchester United and England.

**What is the last sport you played other than football?**

Padel.

**What other sports have you recently watched?**

Cricket, England playing against Australia.



## MYSTIC **Grace**



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

Liverpool.

**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] because she's a really good talker and eloquent! Also, Ava [Kuyken] because of her knowledge of the game and experience as well.

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

Lamine Yamal.

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

Australia, because I'd love to visit the country but also be able to go and watch all the games at the same time!





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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 W 2-1
-  Sun 12 Hashtag United L 2-0
-  Sun 19 Watford L 0-4
-  Sun 26 Stoke City WNL Cup L 0-3

## FEBRUARY

-  Sun 2 Lewes H
-  Sun 9 AFC Wimbledon A
-  Sun 16 Oxford United 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



- 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



- 1** Emily Moore 🍀
- 2** Rebecca Teale
- 3** Maddie Brant
- 4** Sydney Schreimaier
- 5** Izzy Glass-Oliver
- 6** Hannah Godfrey
- 7** Kayla Ginger
- 8** Layla Proctor
- 9** Muna Eze
- 10** Olivia Carpenter
- 11** Adekite Fatuga-Dada
- 13** Ella Hunkin 🍀
- 14** Paula Howells
- 15** Lucy Connolly-Brame
- 16** Sarah Harvey
- 17** Sammy Quayle
- 18** Lois Roche
- 21** Katie Gilligan
- 22** Skye Bacon
- 77** Leah Lane