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Abingdon United Womens Football Club vs Warsash Wasps Womens Football Club

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Sunday 15th September 2019

2pm Kick Off

The Northcourt, Abingdon FREE ADMISSION



### Welcome to the Northcourt from Thorpy

Afternoon all and welcome back to The Northcourt.

I would like to welcome the players and officials of Warsash Wasps to Abingdon.

We have had a really busy summer and the staff and players have been working really hard both on and off the pitch to prepare for the new season. We had a number of players move on over the summer and we wish them all well for the future, this gave me the opportunity to bring in some new players and we are all very happy with the new look squad.

The season has started well with 2 good wins against Brentford in the FA Cup and Warsash in the league who we face again today we expect a massive response from them after last weeks defeat so will need to be firing on all cylinders to get another 3 points.

We as a club have been blown away with the support of sponsors this season from our kit sponsors Slade Legal to all our player sponsors I personally want to say a massive thank you and welcome you to the AUWFC family.

Myself and the team are also massively grateful for the support we receive so please keep coming to the Northcourt and cheering the team on. Enjoy the game. **Thorpy** 

# Captains Log: Abbie Smith

Welcome to our first league home game of the season against Warsash Wasps.

What a beautiful day to have a game on the Abingdon carpet.

Unfortunately I was unable to make the away game last Sunday due to family commitments. I was watching twitter every second though to see the team score six goals. Is there a better way to start the season?

We have trained so hard this pre-season. We have had to adapt to squad changes, player signings etc and I feel we are really going to have a special season. Every player and the management team have put in 100% effort in preseason and the effort rate is only going up.

We are continuing to build as a team week in, week out.

Putting our league games aside, we made history at the Northcourt where Abingdon United Women's had our first ever FA Cup win against Brentford Women's FC. Winning 7-0 for our first competitive game just shows what we have been working on and how much we have all progressed as a team. We welcome Aylesford LFC to the Northcourt on 22 September, we don't know anything about this team so we will prepare like every Sunday and be us out there on the field.

We have had an amazing turnaround of sponsorships this season. I believe the best it's ever been, we are only in the 3rd week of competitive football and nearly all the players are covered with a sponsor and we even have a new team sponsor 'Slade'.

With such a quick turnaround, we have got all new training and match day kit also a new home and away kit. All the girls are appreciating the short sleeves! Just want to take the opportunity to thank you all for the continued support to all the sponsorships we have received, thank you all so much. We wouldn't be in this position if it wasn't for you guys.

Would just like to say another big thank you to our fans and of course the Northcourt staff. We seem to be getting more supporters each week, which is only a positive.

I hope you enjoy the game today, let's try and get these important 3 points.



## AUWFC Start Season With Win Warsah Wasps 1 – AUWFC 6

United take all three points and score six goals in league opener

What started off as a chilly morning turned into a very pleasant afternoon as #AUWFC took their first ever trip to Warsash near the River Hamble in Hampshire.

Warsash hadn't played a competitive fixture yet and their pitch suggested that as United were greeted with possibly one of the most well maintained pitches they will play on this season, albeit slightly heavy there were no complaints ahead of what would be a thrilling tie.

The homeside nearly took an early lead as left winger Danielle Cheyney took a chance outside the area which had supposedly beaten Sophie Kirby however cannoned the top right of the woodwork. United responded with an instant counter attack which saw Molly Lygo and Kiera Isaac link up before Nell Boxall finished sweetly from just inside 18 yards, 1-0 Abingdon.

Despite the goal Warsash maintained a lot of possession and continued to attack had it not been for some good defending from Carrick they would have equalised less than 30 seconds later however the defending resulted with the ball at Warsash's Rachel Wilson who could only find the woodwork again! Against the run of play United attacked again as Charlie Deeley played a pin point cross to the 'levitating' Kiera Isaac who headed in to make it 2-0 within the first five minutes.

It was relatively end to end for the next ten minutes as Osborne-Ricketts long range effort went wide whereas Issac hit the post after rounding the keeper then Carrick blocked Warsash's Kelly-Anne Baker's effort. Sophie Kirby was called into action as Baker broke through the defence but Kirby's fantastic high positioning allowed her to time her tackle perfectly. Moments later Charlie Deeley made a great run taking on two players however didn't get her head her up to see the square options in Lygo and Isaac and instead saw her eventual shot off target.

Lygo, Chivers and Deeley all had shots denied or off target before Sophie Kirby and her back four kept out a flurry of shots from Baker and Cheyney of Warsash before pulling off a great save against Kirsty Boyce. The last ten minutes belonged to Abingdon with no less than eight shots before the break but no goal, including a bit of showboating from Lygo who flicked the ball up for herself but saw the resulting volley go over. The two sides went in with #AUWFC leading 2-0.

One change at half time for Thorpe's side as Beth Hawtin, who was a real attacking threat in the first half, made way for Kelly Talbot.

United picked up where they left off as Boxall and Isaac forced two brilliant save from Warsash's keeper, Rebecca Gardiner but it was Molly Lygo who earned the first goal of the second half to make it 3-0.

Another change for Abingdon as Heather Young entered the field in place of Tee Koudoua.

Moments later Baker managed to time her run well to split the Abingdon defence before allegedly being tripped by Osborne-Ricketts which saw the defender yellow carded. Questionable free kick however the resulting shot was saved superbly by Kirby as she got a strong right hand to tip it over.

Warsash's pressure paid off though as Frances Lanham took advantage of some lacklustre defending before rounding Kirby to coolly slot away to make it 3-1. Adam Wood

Thorpe could not ask for a better response as 30 seconds from the restart Chivers played a

ball through to Isaac who notched her second of the game, 4-1.

United's pressure stepped up a bit as Deeley and Pipe both had good efforts saved by Gardiner and there was a slight increase in the offside positioning of the front line. However just after the hour mark Charlie Deeley cleverly flicked on Osborne-Ricketts pass and Isaac was through on goal before calmly slotting away to complete her hattrick and her fourth of the season in two games, 5-1.

Substitutes Sadie Timbs and Katie Totton both had efforts on goal in search for Abingdon's sixth but it was the brilliance of another sub, Rosie McCabe whose pinpoint pass found Isaac who in turn allowed Totton to get her first goal of the season to make it 6-1.

There were a further five shots on goal to see out the game however no additional score so the final whistle blew with Abingdon walking away from Hampshire with a 6-1 win. James Thorpe saw his side attempt on goal 38 times with 20 of them on target so credit to a fantastic goalkeeper in Warsash's Rebecca Gardiner but it was Sophie Kirby who earned Thorpe's player of the match with some vital saves and the play from her feet.





# Today's Referee: Coby Woodley.

Coby has been a qualified referee for six seasons and currently qualified to level 5. He referees for the North Berkshire Football League on a Saturday league and is also referee secretary for the Oxford Mail Girl's Football League. As well as refereeing the Southernn Region, Coby also referees youth leagues on a Sunday and one his most enjoyable games was a Reading FC Women preseason game.

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ABINGDON UNITED WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB 6



#### Abingon United WFC

Colours: Yellow and Blue

Sophie Kirby Heather Young Bethany Hawtin Steph Carrick Touria Koudoua Kelly Talbot Sahara Osborne-Ricketts Abbie Smith Nell Boxall Amy Chivers Rosie McCabe Charlotte Deeley Molly Lygo-Jackson Kiera Isaac Amy Pipe Katie Totton Karima Flouath Sadie Timbs Olivia Day Suzie Maton

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#### Warsash Wasps

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1 Rebecca Gardiner
3 Casey Keenan
4 Niamh Williamson
5 Shannon Daniel-Eade
6 Emily Osborne
7 Frankie Lanham
8 Rachel Wilson
9 Emily Marsland
10 Kirsty Boyce
11 Danielle Cheyney
17 Nicole Keen (c)
20 Levern Oloro
21 Hayley Crisp
22 Jess Timbrell
24 Fran Gaap

Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club (Wasps) was formed in 1977 to provide local children with a football team that would help them develop their football ability fully. This season we will have 28 teams, and players from mini to adult. There are 6 girls teams, 21 boys teams, an adult mens and adult ladies team in our line-up, playing in 8 different leagues on Saturdays and Sundays. A total of almost 400 players, making Warsash Wasps SFC one of the largest community football clubs in Hampshire.