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FA WOMEN'S CUP FINAL, in partnership with Nationwide

Eighteen year-old England striker Eniola Aluko hit a fairy tale winner as Charlton made it third time lucky in their quest for a first ever FA Cup triumph.

"It was the best feeling I've ever had in my life," said Aluko as she celebrated her 13th and most important goal of the season.

The feeling throughout the Charlton camp was likewise highly emotional as they savoured success after losing first to Fulham then to Arsenal in the previous two FA Cup finals.

"There's a great sign in the home dressing room here," noted manager Keith Boanas. "It says 'forget the memories of the past and focus on the future' – I told the girls to read it and it certainly seemed to sink in.

"I'm immensely proud of the players. I couldn't have asked for any more from any of them. In the last two finals we didn't do ourselves justice but today we did – it's been a massive collective effort and we really showed how we can play."

Ecstasy for Charlton was agony for Everton, who failed to break London's domination of the FA Cup. Not since Doncaster Belles lifted the trophy in 1994 has a club from outside the capital won the competition.

And manager Mo Marley admitted: "Charlton were by far the better team on the day. We were only at ten per cent of what we can offer and I'm more disappointed in the way we played than the fact that we lost.

"It was a lesson for us though, and hopefully we'll come back stronger next season. We've certainly come on as a team – 18 months ago we were relegation material, but this season we've gained a lot of credibility."

For a full match report and a post-match video interview with Charlton skipper Casey Stoney, log onto: www.TheFA.com/TheFAWomensCup .

NATIONAL DIVISION

POS		P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS	
1	Arsenal LFC	17	14	3	0	40	45	
2	Charlton Athletic WFC	18	13	2	3	26	41	
3	Everton LFC	18	11	4	3	21	37	
4	Birmingham City LFC	18	9	3	6	9	30	
5	Bristol Rovers WFC	18	9	1	8	7	28	
6	Leeds United LFC	18	8	2	8	-3	26	
7	Fulham LFC	17	3	5	9	-17	14	
8	Doncaster Rovers Belles LFC	18	3	3	12	-28	12	
9	Liverpool LFC	18	3	2	13	-28	10	*
10	Bristol City WFC	18	2	3	13	-27	9	

* ONE POINT DEDUCTED

NORTHERN DIVISION

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Coventry City LFC	2	-	2	Wolverhampton Wanderers WFC
Tranmere Rovers LFC	2	-	1	Oldham Curzon LFC

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Tranmere Rovers LFC	1	-	2	Sheffield Wednesday LFC
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The Northern Division relegation battle went down to the wire but despite a last-day win for Sheffield Wednesday at Tranmere, Tranmere's earlier win over Oldham Curzon condemned the Owls to relegation, with four teams just one point above them.

POS		P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS
1	Sunderland AFC Women	22	17	2	3	40	53
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers WFC	22	14	5	3	27	47
3	Blackburn Rovers LFC	22	10	9	3	20	39
4	Stockport County LFC	22	7	9	6	-2	30
5	Lincoln City LFC	22	8	5	9	-5	29
6	Aston Villa LFC	22	8	4	10	-7	28
7	Middlesbrough LFC	22	6	6	10	-7	24
8	Tranmere Rovers LFC	22	7	3	12	-7	24
9	Oldham Curzon LFC	22	6	6	10	-8	24
10	Manchester City LFC	22	7	3	12	-16	24
11	Sheffield Wednesday LFC	22	5	8	9	-14	23
12	Coventry City LFC	22	4	6	12	-21	18

SOUTHERN DIVISION

POS		P	W	D	L	DIFF	PTS
1	Chelsea LFC	22	16	4	2	47	52
2	Portsmouth LFC	22	13	5	4	16	44
3	Brighton & Hove Albion WFC	22	11	3	8	16	36
4	Crystal Palace LFC	22	10	6	6	11	36
5	AFC Wimbledon LFC	22	11	2	9	19	35
6	Millwall Lionesses LFC	22	9	8	5	4	35
7	Cardiff City LFC	22	9	7	6	11	34
8	Southampton Saints WFC	22	7	6	9	-1	27
9	Watford LFC	22	7	6	9	-2	27
10	Langford LFC	22	6	5	11	-24	23
11	Enfield Town LFC	22	1	6	15	-41	9
12	Ipswich Town LFC	22	2	2	18	-56	8

WOMEN'S EURO 2005 TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the WOMEN'S EURO 2005 are priced £5 adults and £2.50 concessions (under-16s, OAPs)

There will also be a Special group rate: £1 per ticket for groups of 15 or more (must include three adults per group of 15 to supervise children). These prices will also remain the same for the Semi Finals and Finals.

The hotline numbers you will require are:

TICKET HOTLINES

Blackburn: 08701 123 456

Blackpool: 0870 443 1953
MCFC: 0870 062 1894 option 1
Preston: 0870 442 1966
Warrington: 01925 248888

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ENGLAND V NORWAY

Former England international goalkeeper, David Seaman, is urging football fans from South Yorkshire to get behind the England Women's team when they take on Norway at Barnsley FC's Oakwell Stadium tomorrow night, kick off 7.45pm.

The international match, in partnership with Nationwide, sees Hope Powell's squad playing its penultimate game before the start of the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship, in which Norway will also compete.

David Seaman, said: "Being a South Yorkshireman myself, I know just what a football hotbed the region is and it's not very often people get the opportunity to watch an international on their doorstep.

"I know from experience what a boost it can be playing in front of local supporters and urge as many people as possible to get themselves to the match this Friday. I'm sure it will be a cracking game!"

Tickets for the match on sale from the Barnsley FC ticket office or by calling the ticket hotline on 01226 211211.

Tickets are priced at £3 for adults/£1 concessions in advance and £5/£2 on match day. Group booking forms can be downloaded from www.TheFA.com/women or www.barnsleyfc.co.uk

The views of Hope Powell and Mary Phillip can be heard on exclusive video clip at:

http://www.thefa.com/Womens/EnglandSenior/NewsAndFeatures/Postings/2005/05/Euro_final_countdown.htm

FA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AWARDS – TUESDAY 10 MAY

The 7th FA Women's Football Awards, in partnership with Nationwide will be held on Tuesday 10 May at the Sheraton Park Lane Hotel.

In all there are 15 Awards up for grabs, details all of which will be featured on TheFA.com next Monday.

A post-Awards Press Conference will be held at the Balcony Suite of the Sheraton Park Lane Hotel at 3.30pm, but media are invited to watch the Awards from the Suite from 2.30pm.

To register for accreditation, which will be required for this event, please email: Alex.Stone@TheFA.com and a list of all Awards will also be sent out in next Monday's newsletter.

ENGLAND HEAD TO WALSALL FOR FINAL EURO CZECH UP

International football is returning to Walsall FC's Bescot Stadium when England's women round off their preparations for WOMEN'S EURO 2005 with a tough match against the Czech Republic on Thursday 26th May 2005 (kick off 7.45pm).

The match, in partnership with Nationwide, will be England's final game before Hope Powell's team kick off the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship with a Group A clash against Finland at the City of Manchester Stadium on 5th June 2005.

The Czech Republic, who narrowly missed out on qualifying for WOMEN'S EURO 2005 finishing as runners-up to Germany in their group before losing to Italy in the play off round, will be tough opposition for an England team hoping to make it three wins in row ahead of the tournament.

England go into the game against the Czech Republic on the back of last week's 2-1 win against Scotland and a strong performance in the Algarve Cup which took place in March. England also face another team hoping to lift the WOMEN'S EURO 2005 trophy, Norway, when they meet at Barnsley FC on 6th May.

Walsall's Bescot Stadium is no stranger to international football having recently hosted England in an U17s match against the Republic of Ireland over the Easter weekend, a game England won 3-1.

England National Coach Hope Powell OBE said: "This is a crucial game for the team as it's our last chance to play 90 minutes together before WOMEN'S EURO 2005 begins. It was good to get a victory against Scotland last week and hopefully we can build on that performance and go into the games against Norway at Barnsley and the Czech Republic at Walsall full of confidence. We're into the final stage of our preparations for the tournament and everyone

involved in the England women's team has been working very hard for the last year to ensure we are in the best possible shape ahead of the big kick off."

England star Rachel Unitt, who hails from the Midlands, commented: "It is great to be playing an England game in the Midlands. This is a massive game for the team and we'll be looking for a good performance to take into the tournament. I hope that fans from across the Midlands will come and support the England team, a big crowd makes a big difference to the team and they can really give you a boost."

Former England International and Walsall's current player-manager, Paul Merson, added: "It is a massive honour to play for your Country, I was capped 23 times by England and it is something I am immensely proud of. For these players to be recognised as the best 20 in England is a major achievement. I wish them the best of luck for WOMEN'S EURO 2005 and hope that their final warm-up game here at Bescot helps their preparations."

Tickets for the match are on sale now from the Walsall ticket office or by calling the ticket hotline on 0870 442 0111. Tickets are priced at £3 for adults/£1 concessions in advance and £5/£2 on match day. There are special discounts available for schools and football clubs, on application by completing a group booking form. Booking forms can be downloaded from www.TheFA.com/women or www.walsallfc.co.uk

Media Accreditation:

Media requests should be made to Walsall FC Press Officer Daniel Mole at: daniel.mole@walsallfc.co.uk

ENGLAND U19's QUALIFY FOR FINALS

England Women's Under-19 Team played in at the 2nd Qualifying Round Tournament of the UEFA U19 Women's Championships for 2004/05 held in Italy last week:

Tuesday 26th April 2005, Stadio Azzano

England 4 Moldova 0

Goal Scorers: Amy Kane 26mins, Danni Bird 41min, Stephanie Hough 58mins, Heather Scheuber 89mins

Thursday 28th April 2005, Stadio Tiezzo

Italy 2 England 1

Goal Scorer: Danni Bird 90mins

Saturday 30th April 2005, Stadio Vaiont

England 2 Norway 0

Goal Scorers: Danni Bird 5mins & Lianne Sanderson 44mins

The other results from the group were as follows:

Norway	3	Italy	1
Norway	7	Moldova	1
Moldova	0	Italy	5

England, Norway and Italy all ended up finishing the group level with 6 points. Therefore, the position of group winner was decided by the goal difference resulting from the matches among the teams in question, which meant England had won the group with a +1 goal difference.

The Final Tournament of these championships will be played in Hungary from 20 to 31 July.

The Finals Draw will take place on 24th May in Budapest, followed by an U19 Women's Friendly Match between Hungary and Slovenia and then a Senior Women's National match between Hungary and Slovenia.

TheFA.com will bring you news and reaction from Head Coach Mo Marley from Budapest.

U19 SQUAD NAMED TO FACE SWEDEN

After qualifying for the 2005 UEFA European U19 Women's Championship, Mo Marley's squad travel to Sweden for an international friendly at Guldkroksvallen, kick-off 5.30pm on Wednesday May 18th.

The squad is:

Carly TELFORD (Sunderland AFC), Danielle HILL (Everton), Fern WHELAN (Liverpool), Michelle EVANS (Everton), Sophie CLOUGH (Stockport County), Kylie DAVIES (Fulham), Nicole EMMANUEL (Leeds United), Heather SCHEUBER (Birmingham City), Katie HOLTHAM (Bristol Rovers), Amy KANE (Everton), Danielle BIRD (Fulham) Jill SCOTT (Sunderland AFC), Rachel WILLIAMS (Leicester City), Chantelle PARRY (Everton), Lianne SANDERSON (Arsenal), Stephanie HOUGHTON (Sunderland AFC), Becky HALL (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Gemma DAVISON (Arsenal)

OPEN AGE TEAMS REQUIRED FOR COUNTY LEAGUE IN LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

Any Club, new or already formed, local to Leicestershire & Rutland who would like to enter a team in the Leicestershire Womens' County League for the season 2005/06, should contact Chris Parkin, league secretary 01664 852014 or alternatively Leicestershire & Rutland County FA's Women & Girls Football Development Officer, Marion Hayton 0116 2845937

For help and advice to set up a women's team or become a Charter Standard Adult Club, please contact Marion at Leicestershire & Rutland County FA

WOMEN'S EURO 2005 MARKETING CAMPAIGN

With just 32 days until the kick-off of WOMEN'S EURO 2005, The Local Organising Committee's Marketing Campaign continues to gather speed.

In Manchester City Centre, local people will have seen 45 6-sheet advertising sites launched over the last week and later this month the city will have 7 billboard sites and lamp post banners celebrating the tournament.

In Blackpool on Saturday, Goalkeeper Rachel Brown will be introduced at half-time with the Euro Trophy at Bloomfield Road at the club's final home game of the season.

In Blackburn this Saturday, The LOC together with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council launch lamp post banners in the city centre and on the route to Ewood Park.

WOMEN, FOOTBALL AND EUROPE - International Football Institute Conference 2005

Women's football is one of the fastest growing sports in Britain. There has been a parallel growth in the number of people interested and involved in various aspects of the game, including supporting, coaching, football development, organising, officiating, fundraising, and media representation. Women's football has also become an emerging and exciting area of study at a global level and attracts a growing body of scholars from across various disciplines.

By providing a forum for both those involved at a practical level and scholarly engagement into women's football, this conference recognises the importance, depth and variety of such activity. Subsequently those who contribute to the conference will enhance the knowledge base regarding women's football in Europe for those operating in all areas relating to the game.

The International Football Institute (IFI) as part of the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship will host 'Women, Football and Europe', the first ever international conference of its kind.

Conference Delegate Packages – booking and prices:

The total cost of the full conference attendance including tour of the National Football Museum on the evening of Monday 13th June, ticket to 'Football's Coming Home' Celebration Dinner on Tuesday 14th June, ticket to semi-final match at Deepdale on Wednesday 15th June and all conference documentation is £250 plus VAT (£293.75).

Day rates and Student rates are available. Please contact the Conference Office.

Accommodation is available at £35 (inc. VAT) per night, breakfast included.

Venues: University of Central Lancashire, Preston Sports Arena and the National Football Museum, Preston, Lancashire

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LAUNCH OF WOMEN'S EURO 2005 SCHOOLS PACK

The WOMEN'S EURO 2005 Schools Pack, a FREE resource for 18,000 Primary Schools is now available. If you would like a copy, please email: nick@ptarmiganpr.co.uk along with your full postal address.

WOMEN'S EURO 2005 - Media accreditation online via uefa.com

Media correspondents wishing to apply for accreditation for the WOMEN'S EURO 2005 Championship will be able to do so online at www.UEFA.com between 18 April – 13 May 2005.

In order to use the UEFA online media accreditation service for the first time, you must register with your personal information in the UEFA media database and accept the terms and conditions. You can register via <http://www.uefa.com/uefa/MediaServices/Accreditation/index.html>

Once you have received a confirmation of your registration via e-mail, you are able to log in with the username and password you defined in your personal information and request your accreditation for a specific UEFA event.

Log in

Once you have successfully registered you can log in with your username and password in the accreditation part of uefa.com. Select the event you want to apply for. In "Media Booking" you can make your request.

Request accreditation

Select the type of media you are working for. And select the event(s)/match(es) and the material needed. Once you have saved and therefore submitted your request, you will get confirmation by e-mail. This does not mean that your request has been accepted, but confirms receipt by UEFA only.

Modify your request

You may modify your request or withdraw it at any point up until the deadline for accreditation applications. You may also check the status of your request after the deadline. Your status will either be 'pending', 'accepted' or 'rejected'.

Accreditation confirmation

You will receive an e-mail confirming your status after the accreditation request deadline, indicating whether your request has been accepted or not. Please print this official confirmation e-mail and bring it with you to pick up your accreditation at the event.

Keep UEFA updated continually

Please keep UEFA updated on the personal information you registered with in the media database, especially contact details such as e-mail, phone number and address or changes regarding the media you are working for. Please indicate any modifications to accreditations@uefa.ch

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

NATIONAL DIVISION

SAT 07 MAY 2005 15:00

Arsenal LFC v Fulham LFC

To be played at Wingate & Finchley FC