

The Greater London Women's Football League : History (70s)



1972-1973



KICK OFF...

Sunday 17th September

- Originally named the **HOUNSLOW AND DISTRICT LADIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
- Kingston Grasshoppers** are named winners of **Division A** and **Gallaher Ladies**, later known as Barnet Copthall win **Division B**
- A League Doctor is voted in (Dr Yhapp)

- In 1974 the League fees were **£3** with an additional **£1.50** to enter the Cup competitions.

375 players are now registered to play in the league in 1974.

- In 1975, A young Spurs and England **STEVE PERRYMAN** was made president of the League.
- There is now a **3rd Division** added to the League.

1973-1976



1977-1978



- League Membership rises to **28**
- Four Divisions** now make up the League.
- Divisional Winners are **Kensure, Amersham Angels, Gallaher.**
- Millwall Ladies, Fulham, and Ashford all join the League.

- A **25 mile radius rule** from Marble Arch (London) is implemented resulting in the withdrawal of Amersham Angels after a 3 years unbeaten run.
- Ron Springett (England goalkeeper and World Cup medalist) takes on the job as GLWF League Squad Manager.
- MARIANNE SPACEY**, a future England legend plays in the league's U16 squad.

1979-1980



MARIANNE SPACEY
Midfielder Arsenal
Born 13/2/66
Seven goals in the European Championships. Scored the winning goal for Arsenal in this year's FA Cup Final. Works in a Sports Centre.



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- Spurs, Watford and West Ham all come into the League as the South East Of England League folds.
- With Spurs 1st team now in the League, Spurs Reserves rename themselves Tottenham and play in Division 1.
- To celebrate the Leagues 10th Anniversary, the League Rep team play an **ENGLAND International XI**.
The League Rep team wins **2-1**.

1980 - 1982



1983 - 1985

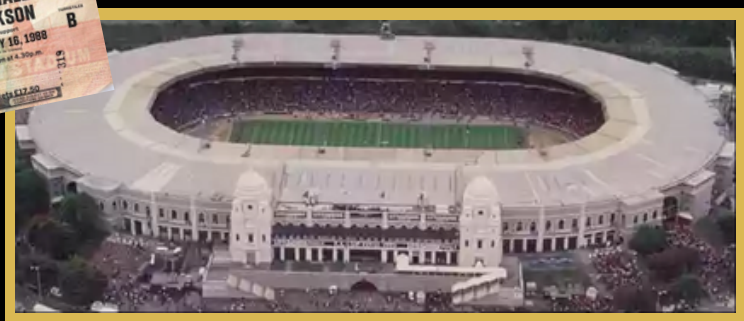


- A **NEW** League name and one that we know of today '**GREATER LONDON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE**'
- West Ham** becomes the first Women's team to use **Astro-Turf** (at Newham Leisure Centre, but it doesn't help. They come bottom of Division 1.
- Tottenham** previously named **Spurs Reserves** beat their ex 1st team to the number one slot by two points in Division 1

- Gallahers, the most Promoted/Relegated team in the history of the League once again suffer relegation from Division Two.
- It's wasn't only **MICHAEL JACKSON** playing at Wembley in 1988. On the 30th May, the **Greater London League Team**, consisting of league players took on the Brent League at **Wembley Stadium**.

The Referee was Jill Morgan with her linespersons as Sharon Harrison-Barker and Val Anderson.

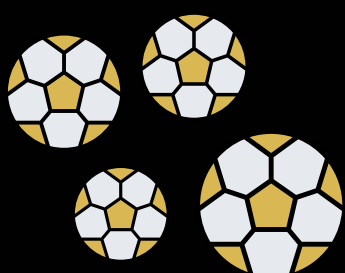
1986 - 1988



1989 - 1990



- Millwall Lionesses Reserves** beat Romford in the first Greater London League match to take place at a 1st Division ground "**THE DEN**" on the 19th April 1989 to take an unassailable lead in Division two.
- Chingford who change their name to Leyton Orient the following year lifted the League Cup in 89/90.
- Brentford scores the highest amount of goals (**43**), though **Southwark striker** 'Sarah Finlay' (Division 4) scored an **impressive 27 goals** from the **33** her team scored in total.



GOLDEN BOOT

The Greater London Women's Football League : History (90s)



1990-1991



IT'S ALL CHANGE AGAIN...

- The League adds in the additional word '**Regional**'
- The League now feeds into the **WOMEN FA NATIONAL LEAGUE**
- League membership increases from 28 teams to **37**
- A Premier Division is created.
- **Arsenal and Chelsea** enter their first teams into the League.
- Millwall Lionesses win the Womens FA Cup

- District Line pip **Chelsea** to the Premier Division title, but both get elected up into the National set-up.
- **League Membership** is now at an all time high of **57 teams**
- The Women's Football Association (WFA) ceased to exist. It is taken over by The Football Association. Women's Clubs now affiliated to their local County FA instead of the WFA.

1992-1993



1994-1995



Sue Sharples Memorial Trophy

- Sue Sharples, League's Assistant Secretary and Tottenham Hotspur Reserves Player, tragically died on the 19th of April 1994 at the age of 32 whilst training with her team mates at Tottenham Hotspur LFC.
- In memory of Sue's service, and the Women's game, the League felt it was fitting that a cup competition for the lower League teams would be introduced and named the '**Sue Sharples Memorial Trophy**'
- Clubs flooded in the donations to purchase a Cup to bear Sue's name.
- Sue's beloved Tottenham Hotspur Reserves were the first team to lift this new trophy-which seemed very fitting.

- The League celebrates **25 YEARS** with a **match** between a strong England XI managed by **HOPE POWELL**
- There are now **SIX Divisions**

83 teams compete in the League

- Greg Pope took charge of Disciplinary matters and Ann Mason starts her 11th year as the League Secretary.

1996-1997



HOPE POWELL



- **Southend** win Division One and once again **Redbridge Raiders** win their Division. **Clapton Orient** and **Old Uxonians** win Division 3 East & 3 West.

1998-1999

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- The weather dominates season 2001/02
40% of all fixtures are postponed due to the rain.

- FULHAM** becomes the first **Professional Women's Club** in England.

- One of the Leagues oldest clubs, Romford LFC folded mid-season due to a lack of players.

- In 2000/2001, It's a right **knees-up** over in East London. **West Ham, Dagenham & Redbridge** and **Leyton Orient** all finishing as divisional winners.



2000-2002



2003-2005



ANOTHER NAME CHANGE TO THE LEAGUE...

- The League drops the word '**Regional**'
- In 2003/04, **Leyton Orient** win the Premier Division, **Carshalton A** win Division 1 and **Acton Sports** Division 3
- 2004/05 **Luton Town** join the League and **WIN** Division 4 East
- The **Women's Football Association** have a restructure in 2005 resulting in the League losing its top **18 teams** to the League above.

- All divisions excluding the top division are split regionally.
- BBC** renamed to **London Utd** and **Holmsdale** renamed to **Bromleian**.
- Fulham Deaf** are accepted into the League.
- Staines Town, Harpenden, Corinthian-Casuals, Garston, and Westside** all win their divisions.
- The League continues to administer two tiers of the Women's Football Pyramid.

2006-2007

2008-2010

Fulham Deaf ladies make historic treble



- Clapton Orient** renamed to **Tower Hamlets**.
- Fulham Deaf **WIN** the **TREBLE**: Division 4, The Sue Sharples Memorial Trophy & The Russell Cup.
- Division 2 **Leyton** beat Division 1 winners **Enfield** to secure the **League Cup**.
- 2008 Clubs vote in the use of **PHOTO ID CARDS**.
- Fixture Secretary of 10 Years and Honourary President West Ham Ladies **John Greenacre** passes away following an illness. The League pay tribute to John and rename the League Cup to the **John Greenacre Memorial Trophy**.

The Greater London Women's Football League : History (10s)



2010 - 2012



- The League continues to **grow** with a **membership of 58**
- The FA implement that Divisions must be split regionally.
- **Islington Borough** win Division 3 North and Division 2 North in **consecutive seasons**.
- **Ann Mason**, League Officer finally retires after a **MASSIVE 31 YEARS** serving the league across many different roles.

- An updated modern contemporary **GLWFL LOGO** is revealed.
- The **League** moves all its administration over to the new FA online system called **FA Full-Time**. It also includes online Players Registrations.
- **Kay Lovelock** League Officer also officially retires from the league having given **25 YEARS** of service.
- **Joybabe** renamed to **Alexandra Park**.
- **Repeat Substitutions** are voted in.

2013 - 2015



25
YEARS
LEAGUE SERVICE
Thank you
Kay Lovelock

2016 - 2017



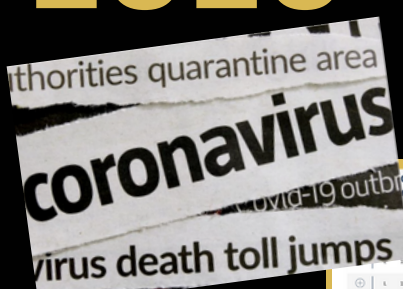
- Cup Final day moves to a new venue **Hampton and Richmond FC Stadium**.
- **AFC Wimbledon** secure a second winning season and win the **Premier Division**.
- **Ashford Town & New London Lionesses** join the League. Both teams spend the next two seasons winning their divisions and battling it out in the **Premier Division** to secure **Tier 6 promotion**.

- In 2018, the base divisions reach maximum of 12 teams each.
- Clapham Common finally gets its own Ladies toilets and a **TINY, TINY** changing room.
- In 2019, another new venue for the **LEAGUE CUP FINAL** day is found (BEDFONT FC and its 3G!)

2018 - 2019



2020 - 2021



- A **PANDEMIC** (Covid19) hits the world. All Football is suspended and declared a **VOID** season in 2019/20.
- The 2020/21 season starts badly, with all football still suspended but with the assistance and help of **ALL THE GLWFL CLUBS** the league rescues the competition and champions are crowned.
- The League hands back the **administration duties** of its Tier 6 Division and says goodbye to **9 Teams** to the London and South East Regional League.
- **Gill Taylor** (Jones) enters her **30th** League season as a **League Committee Volunteer**

2021-2022

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Greater London Women's Football League



A PAST TO BE PROUD OF



BROXBORNE 1989-1990



BRENTFORD 1995-1996