

## **Lightning Match Report – 21/08/22**

### **The Big Kick Off**

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> brought a real showcase of women's football to the Loughborough University stadium. We are proud to plan and deliver the first Barclays Women's Super League and FA Women's National League collaboration which came to fruition in a double header event on campus. We had a preseason friendly match between Westham Women v Liverpool Women at 1pm and the Loughborough Lightning team's first match of the season followed at 4pm.

On the day the fans witnessed two excellent, high-energy games of football with eight goals in total across both games. Westham Women v Liverpool Women ended 0-5, to Liverpool and visiting Stoke City Women started their campaign with the 3pts with a 0-3 victory against Lightning. Stoke City's goals were scored by Carra Jones 33' Beth Roberts 57' and Rosie Axten 77'.

The game was highly combative, full of quick transitions from attack to defensive from both teams and lots of goal mouth action in both boxes.

Loughborough Lightning did well in parts of the match hitting the cross bar and missing a penalty in key moments in the game. Lightning will be hoping to take key learnings from this game into the fixture on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> against Westbrom Women.

Lightning's player of the match was Emily Gunn for an outstanding performance as a makeshift fullback.

We had an attendance of 623 fans on the day which we are pleased to report was a Loughborough Lightning attendance record.