

# goals NATIONAL LEAGUE

Carlisle.....2  
Crawley.....0

**CARLISLE** ended a three-game losing streak with a convincing win.

The Cumbrians were in contention for promotion before a drastic dip in form which saw them win once in 13 games.

Joe Riley's stunner in the 17th minute bounced awkwardly in front of keeper Glenn Morris.

And Omari Patrick produced a super strike to double the lead in the 33rd minute.

Crawley's Morris made a fine double save to keep out Offrande Zanzala and Riley.

Jack Powell went close for the visitors, with two efforts flying over the bar.

## LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Camb Utd	38	20	7	11	57	35	67
Cheltenham	37	19	8	10	48	34	65
Tranmere	37	18	9	10	51	42	63
Bolton	37	18	9	10	48	43	63
Forest Green	37	17	11	9	49	38	62
Maccambs	37	18	8	11	52	49	62
Newport Co	36	16	9	11	46	37	57
Exeter	36	15	11	10	60	42	56
Leyton Orient	37	15	8	14	42	40	53
Salford City	36	15	12	11	41	30	51
Carlisle	36	15	6	15	49	44	51
Crawley	37	14	9	14	48	49	51
Bradford	36	14	9	13	40	41	51
Stevensage	38	11	16	11	35	33	49
Harrogate	37	14	6	17	40	42	48
Scunthorpe	36	15	6	17	38	45	45
Oldham	38	12	9	17	35	64	45
Port Vale	38	12	8	18	49	52	44
Mansfield	38	9	17	12	45	49	44
Walsall	37	8	17	12	39	46	41
Colchester	38	8	15	15	36	53	39
Barrow	36	10	8	18	42	46	38
Southend	38	8	11	19	29	50	35
Grimsby	37	7	11	19	28	55	32

# Hollywood sign

## WREXHAM SCREEN IDOLS' ODD MESSAGES



**STARBOARD...** Hollywood actors send messages to Wrexham

**WREXHAM'S** Hollywood owners have been trying out a bizarre screenplay... on the club's LED boards.

**By ROB CROSSAN**

allergic to shellfish", which is not exactly an issue with Wrexham 30 miles from the sea.

And they followed that with "We're watching! But not in a creepy stalker kind of way".

The pair added: "We are with you in spirit! But not the bad haunting horror movie kind."

They finished with a plea to "Save us some Wrexham Lager". Not the kind of message you expect from your average boardroom executives.

But coming on top of a series of YouTube videos where Reynolds and McElhenney decided to explain their love of horse boxes to Wrexham fans rather than sell any stony-faced 'visions' for the club, it seems pretty much par for the Racecourse.

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WREXHAM have not played in the Football League for 13 years, having been relegated from League Two at the end of the 2007-08 campaign.



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# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

**W**olfsburg v Chelsea  
1pm, BT Sport 2 (Chelsea lead 2-1 after 1st leg)

By SANDRA BROBBEY

**VIC AKERS** says seeing Emma Hayes' "look of pressure" brought back memories of his rollercoaster Champions League triumph at Arsenal.

And the former Gunners Ladies chief believes Hayes' Chelsea can conquer Europe, just as his side did 14 years ago.

Akers, who founded Arsenal Ladies in 1987, is widely regarded as a trailblazer for women's football.

His North London outfit - who notched up five domestic and league cup doubles - are still the only English side to have won the top contest for Europe's elite clubs. Ireland pair Emma Byrne and Ciara Grant were part of Akers' side for that 2007 Champions League win against Sweden's Umea, with Hayes in the dugout.

And Akers believes this could be Chelsea's year.

Kingsmeadow gaffer Hayes worked as Arsenal assistant manager from 2006-08 before moving to US giants Chicago Redstars and then to Chelsea in 2012.

Akers, 74, said: "That was a special year with special memories, in terms of winning the trophy."

"I felt a little bit of those memories come back when I was watching Chelsea against Wolfsburg."

It felt like was I back in time and experiencing the same feelings as I was feeling back then on the touchline.

"And I'm sure Emma was going through those feelings too, because I looked at her face and I could see that look of pressure."

"It reminded me of Arsenal and that moment when we played the final because that's exactly what it was like."

"Our goalkeeper Emma Byrne making fantastic saves like Ann-Katrin Berger, balls hitting the crossbar and posts and we still hung on to the lead that Alex Scott gave us in the away leg because it was two-legged."

"I do a little bit of scouting for Emma as we're still good friends."

"If anybody can match what we achieved that year it's Emma with Chelsea. It would be nice if she's the manager that goes on to win it."

"If it's not this year, it will be in the coming years because she is an outstanding coach."

Akers now runs a property sales firm after his role as Arsenal Ladies boss ended in 2009.

He thinks Berger's performance between the sticks will be vital in the quarter-final second leg today.

He said: "I watched the Wolfsburg and Atletico Madrid games and she was outstanding. The saves she made were world class. It's going to be tough this week."

# HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF

## Vic tips Emma to repeat past glory



**TOP GUNNS...** Arsenal Ladies team from 2007 with boss Akers and Hayes



**PER-FECT...** Pernille Harder celebrates in first leg



**EU GOT THIS...** Hayes looks focused as Chelsea beat Wolfsburg last week



## Hannah email timing wrong

By ISABELLE BARKER

**HEGE RIISE** admitted the Team GB shortlist controversy was 'a big mistake'.

FA chiefs were forced to apologise after telling stars they were not on the 35-player shortlist for the Olympics just hours before a WSL match.

Birmingham boss Carla Ward slammed the 'ridiculous' timing, which left her 20-year-old keeper Hannah Hampton (above) in tears before facing Everton.

It is understood that England boss Riise did not send the emails.

She said: "The timing was not my call - but it was not how we want to work."

"That was a big mistake. As soon as we found out, I called both the coaches and Hannah to apologise for the process."

"That was a mistake that we now don't want to happen again."

"It was sent out a few hours before the game and that shouldn't have happened."

"I apologised to the clubs for the timing of the email sent to them."

Riise now turns her eye to England's friendlies against France and Canada in April - for which she named a 24-player squad yesterday.

Lyun have yet again refused to allow star striker Nikita Parris to link up with the camp, after a string of their players returned positive coronavirus tests.

And skipper Steph Houghton has been ruled out for the first time since November 2019 due to an Achilles injury.

Riise said: "It's an opportunity for others to step up and show they want to be part of this."

"We can't replace Steph - but it is also a chance for a younger player to step up."

**GARETH TAYLOR** reckons Manchester City can mount a miraculous Champions League comeback against Barcelona - having watched Liverpool do it in 2019.

City are left with a mountain to climb tonight after losing 3-0 away to the Catalan giants in the quarter-final first leg.

Boss Taylor was at the Nou Camp when Jurgen Klopp's side lost by the same margin two years ago, before they scored four without reply in a jaw-dropping Anfield fightback.

Taylor said: "We've not seen many comebacks in the women's Champions League. Let's be the ones to buck the trend."

"I don't want the players to come off thinking we were cautious. We have to be brave."

**Man City v Barcelona**  
4pm, BT Sport 2 (Barca lead 3-0 after 1st leg)

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