

Bet type: Home_Away_Draw

Arsenal Women vs Chelsea Women

Arsenal Women look to continue red-hot form and notch 10th successive win.

TEAM NEWS

It's highly unlikely the Arsenal Women's trio of Kyra Cooney-Cross, Caitlin Foord and Steph Catley will be able to feature in this match, given they will arrive back from playing at the Asian Cup final in Australia just two days prior. Only the latter is a regular starter, but it does test the side's depth, and monitor Catley's inclusion in particular. Co-captain Leah Williamson missed the side's win on the weekend with a minor hamstring concern, but it was likely precautionary so she is fit for this clash.

Chelsea Women's pair Ellie Carpenter and Sam Kerr were also in Australia playing in the Asian Cup final, so it is likely they will only feature from the bench if at all. Kerr's potential absence is a massive blow given fellow striker Aggie Beever-Jones hobbled off in tears after suffering what appears to be a nasty ankle injury on the weekend. The long-term injury list features five players, with a number of others like Lauren James, Naomi Girma, Kadeisha Buchanan and Lucy Bronze needing to have minutes managed over ongoing concerns. If captain Millie Bright misses once again that is another massive blow for the club.

Arsenal Women

Suspended: None

Doubtful: Leah Williamson (hamstring), Frida Maanum (illness); Kyra Cooney-Cross, Steph Catley and Caitlin Foord (all Asian Cup)

Injured/unavailable: Manuela Zinsberger (ACL), Katie Reid (ACL), Michelle Agyemang (ACL)

Chelsea Women

Suspended: None

Doubtful: Millie Bright (shin), Aggie Beever-Jones (ankle); Ellie Carpenter and Sam Kerr (both Asian Cup)

Injured/unavailable: Mayra Ramirez (leg), Brooke Aspin (ACL), Niamh Charles (ankle), Catarina Macario (leg), Nathalie Bjorn (calf)

MATCH PREVIEW

MAIN PREDICTION: HOME WIN

Arsenal Women are back to the form that won them the Champions League last season, winning their last nine matches across all competitions with dominant displays in attack. They've scored 29 goals and conceded just three in that time, while beating their two biggest rivals on the WSL table (Chelsea and Manchester City) as well as winning the inaugural FIFA Women's Champions Cup. But that form goes to another level at home at the Emirates, where they have huge crowds and one of the world's best home ground advantages. They are unbeaten in their last 10 matches at the ground across all competitions; and have lost just once in their last 20 matches there while scoring 60 goals and conceding just 16. That spells danger for a struggling Chelsea Women's side that may well not even be playing in this competition next season; such has their poor form been in the WSL. They are struggling to keep players fit, and manager Sonia Bompastor seems to have no idea what her best side is. Since they were comprehensively beaten by Manchester City Women and Arsenal Women in successive league matches, they've then managed a few lucky wins before a highly disappointing 1-1 draw against London City Lionesses Women on the weekend that may prove crucial (for the wrong reasons) in the battle for Champions League qualification places. Even with more players available potentially, they have shown no reason to trust them of late. Trust the home team in the home-away-draw market at good value, while they also appeal in the First to Score market as well – something they've done in all of their last nine games.

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These two clubs have probably the fiercest rivalry in WSL history and have had many closely fought battles over the last few seasons. Each club has managed two wins in their last five clashes. The remaining match came earlier this season, finishing in a highly controversial 1-1 draw with two Arsenal Women's goals mistakenly disallowed by the referee. Arsenal Women comfortably won their most recent encounter 2-0 in January away at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea Women could only manage a single shot on target and it was the fourth time in their last five clashes that a game finished in under 2.5 total goals.

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Bet type: First_Team_To_Score

Real Madrid Women vs Barcelona Women

Barcelona Women set to get off to yet another fast start against fierce rivals.

TEAM NEWS

Real Madrid Women confirmed striker Signe Bruun has gone home to her native Norway and she deals with serious ongoing concussion issues. Lotte Kuekelaar and Teresea Abelleira will likely miss this match as they continue recovering from their respective long-term injuries.

Barcelona Women's superstar, the three-time reigning Ballon d'Or winner Aitana Bonmati won't be fit for this match as she continues her rehab from a broken leg – but she likely will be able to play in the semi finals if they make it. Given Laia Aleixandri is out for the rest of the season with an ACL injury, Mapi Leon's ongoing knee issues stretch the centre-back stocks. Huge boost for the side if she can play in this given her standing as one of the world's best in her position.

Real Madrid Women

Suspended: None

Doubtful: Lotte Keukelaar (back), Teresa Abelleira (ACL)

Injured/unavailable: Signe Bruun (concussion)

Barcelona Women

Suspended: None

Doubtful: Mapi Leon (knee)

Injured/unavailable: Laia Aleixandri (ACL), Aitana Bonmati (broken leg)

MATCH PREVIEW

MAIN PREDICTION: First to Score - AWAY

It's the fourth El Clásico for the season for these two, and the rivalry is as fierce as ever – and this time a spot in the Champions League semi finals is now on the line. The first leg will be played at Real Madrid Women's home (unlike Barcelona's leg, which will be played at the men's famous home ground, Camp Nou), but there is no reason to have confidence that will make a difference for the home side. On the weekend in the Spanish league, Barcelona Women incredibly scored their 100th league goal of the season in just their 23rd game; putting in another scintillating performance to thrash Athletic Club 7-1. Real Madrid, on the other hand, could only manage one shot on target in a highly disappointing 1-0 win against lowly 13th placed Eibar. Given they have also been far from impressive in the Champions League thus far, including a loss to Arsenal Women and draws to minnows Paris FC and Twente, that spells danger against the three-time Champions League winners, who step it up another level when it comes to their hated rivals. The market to target for them at slightly better value than home-away-draw is First to Score, given Barcelona Women's propensity for lightning-fast starts. In their last 10 games, Barcelona Women have scored first in nine of them, scoring eight goals in the opening 30 minutes. Their dominance on the most high-profile stage, this Champions League, is even more pronounced. They scored the first goal in five of six matches, with seven coming in the opening 30 minutes. Take the option with great confidence.

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Barcelona Women have a very dominant record against fierce rivals Real Madrid Women, having beaten them in 23 of their 24 clashes dating back to 2019; with the latter's sole victory coming under controversial circumstances in the Spanish league last season. They have already played each other three times across all competitions this season, with Barcelona Women not conceding a single goal against them while scoring 10 of their own.

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