

Arsenal's strong win in the North London Derby pushes them into joint points with Chelsea, creating an immense title challenge.

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The Gunners win 1-0 at the Emirates which seals the victory and cements them as a strong title challenger for Manchester City in the final stretch of the Womens Super League.

A sold-out Emirates Stadium, with over 60,000 tickets being sold, created an electrifying matchup and atmosphere between heated rivals, Arsenal and Tottenham.

Within the build-up Tottenham Manager, Robert Vilahamn stated how his side understands they are ["in for a tough game"](#) and they are ["taking steps"](#) in order to secure another victory against the Gunners. Prior to this fixture, on December 16th, Spurs had gotten the upper hand against their rivals as a 1-0 victory at White Hart Lane sealed a victory for Spurs.

Early shots from both sides, as Arsenal see 3 corners in the space of 5 minutes. However later Tottenham saw a great strike on the right side but ultimately was comfortable enough for the keeper to lay her hands on it.

Throughout this game, Arsenal was seeing major possession, with a lot of their build up coming from the wings, looking towards that final corner to seal the goal. However, the Tottenham's strong defence was leading as they were looking for a strong counterattack towards Arsenal immense pressure.

At half-time, a big chance from both sides with Tottenham's winger, Jessica Naz having a beautiful chance that hit the crossbar. Towards the end of the first half a great opportunity fell for Arsenal but was well defended by Spurs and ended all square at the 45-minute mark.

Throughout this entire first half, the majority possession was seen from Arsenal, but Spurs throughout the entire match kept their heads high, trying to create something with their counter-attacking football. Former England midfielder, Fara Williams stated in between the break how "Arsenal are over-committing" with also Ex-England Goalkeeper explaining how "Arsenal needed to change something."

The second half was just as good. Within the first 4 minutes of the second half, Arsenal did change something, and it paid-off. Initial shot from Beth Mead was saved, but an open shot laced off to Russo where it was instantly put into the back of the net, making it 1-0 at the 49' to the Gunners in the North London derby.

As the latter half was continuing, Arsenal was looking powerful, as a great change from Eidevall was made that kept them within the game. Beth Mead and Kim Little were the driving points of this game, as they were both having strong impacts towards Arsenal's victory. Tottenham's defensive awareness began to weaken with a near penalty decision which was looking to be given.

Three changes had to be made by Tottenham to find something but as time passed and with Arsenal knocking on the door, controlling the midfield and the wings, it was looking more and more unlikely for Tottenham to create something that would have Arsenal worrying.

Time was ticking and a victory for Arsenal was looking to be imminent. Number 10 and Arsenal Captain Kim Little received player of the match. Straight after another chance for the Gunners was made, making that their 14th shot, with 62% possession.

With 7 added minutes, Robert Vilahamn's side were pushing for an equaliser to stop Arsenal's challenge towards the title. Major opportunities from Tottenham were being created in added time, however, the defensive combination of Leah Williamson and Wubben-Moy were not letting anything pass through.

The final whistle blows and at a sold-out Emirates Stadium, Arsenal sees victory over their long-time rivals, putting the Gunners on 34 points, joint with Chelsea in 2nd place, pushing for the title with their next fixture against the Blues away at Stamford Bridge.

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