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# PYRAMID PLAY-OFFS



## WELCOME TO THE PROMOTION AND RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS FOR THE SENIOR 2025/26 SEASON

The Scottish Women's Football pyramid has had unprecedented development in the last few years, and this weekend's games illustrate that beautifully.

These playoffs will potentially see the thirteenth team promoted from the regional leagues into the Barclays national leagues in just four seasons, which is incredible to see.

Of course, life in the Barclays Championship and League One comes with additional challenges, not least the additional travel costs, but it's impressive how clubs have taken up the mantle of the increased visibility and responsibility placed on fixtures, and frequently needing to rely on drawing on their pathways.

That's why it has been important to build a robust pyramid that not only creates routes to the top for the best, but is also cognisant that sustainability and resilience is still an active struggle for many clubs in the women's game.

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As well as congratulating champions Renfrew Ladies and Elgin City, sadly, this season we saw Glasgow Girls and Hutchison Vale fold their senior teams entirely.

That's why as we celebrate the successes, resilience remains a huge focus and priority for SWF and ensuring our clubs are supported with that through good governance, structures and capacity to avoid volunteer burnout.

It is no accident that the teams who most publicly value their players and sponsors, and who promote their games in their local communities are the ones who are increasingly enjoying success in the women's game. This was exemplified by the impressive crowds at our recent senior finals weekend in Alloa.

The backing shown to Penicuik Athletic, Alloa Athletic, Huntly, Bishopton, Bonnyrigg Rose and Dryburgh Athletic was some of the most positive and enthusiastic I've witnessed in the grassroots game, and really goes to show what can be achieved when clubs promote their success.

Let's hope we see some of that colour at Ochilview over these weekends, a venue we are very thankful for the use of.

I'd like also to thank Barclays, who through title sponsorship have elevated our national leagues in both visibility and investment. Good luck to all teams, and let's create a positive atmosphere.



# PLAY-OFF

WINNER SECURES A PLACE IN THE BARCLAYS SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

## ARMADALE THISTLE

The decision of the former Livingston Development team to relocate to nearby Armadale certainly bore fruit for the West Lothian side, gaining new interest and supporters along the way. Having gained back-to-back promotions through last season's play-offs, this year was always going to be transitional, and despite picking up points towards the end of the season, a final-day defeat to Greenock Morton put them into the relegation play-off position



**“Our aim is obviously to stay in the Championship” Megan Williamson**

## DUNPACE

Affectionately known as “The Pace,” the team was formed in 2021 from a core of former Falkirk players and have since gone from strength to strength, finishing in the top six in their first season in Barclays League One, then taking the title race to the final day this season.



**“We’re proud of what we’ve built, but we know the job isn’t finished yet” Carolanne Cullen**





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# PLAY-OFF

WINNER SECURES A PLACE IN BARCLAYS SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE ONE

## HUNTLY

After pipping Arbroath to the title on the final day, SWFL North Champions Huntly are in only their third year, yet are already attracting good crowds to Stairlift Christie Park. This was exemplified by an impressive and vocal travelling support brought to the ScottishPower Regional League Cup Final. Support like that can go a long way to making the step up to the National Leagues more sustainable, and Huntly will be looking to make amends for the cup final result.



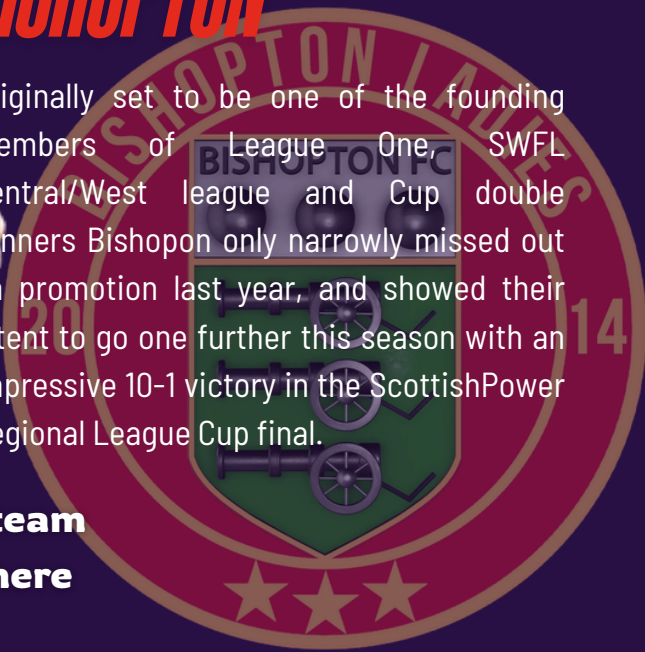
**“We know we’re capable of much more than we showed in the cup final” Ailsa Harper**



## BISHOPTON

Originally set to be one of the founding members of League One, SWFL Central/West league and Cup double winners Bishopon only narrowly missed out on promotion last year, and showed their intent to go one further this season with an impressive 10-1 victory in the ScottishPower Regional League Cup final.

**“The girls, coaches and the background team have worked extremely hard to get to where we are” Jen McMahon**





# PLAY-OFF

WINNER SECURES A PLACE IN BARCLAYS SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE ONE

## EDINBURGH SOUTH

South have made no secret of their ambitions for promotion, and having been pipped to the SWFL East title on the final day last year, made no mistake this season to finally earn that opportunity, securing their first ever title on the final day.

**“This is what we’ve worked for all season” Emily Reynolds**



## GIFFNOCK SC

The first SWFL winners this season, Giffnock Soccer Centre, were inaugural members of the national League One division, supported by a strong pathway that regularly competes well in youth competitions. Having dropped down to the SWFL via the playoffs last season, they will be desperate for a quick return to national league football next season after winning SWFL South.



**“We approach the play-off full of belief, hunger, and a shared determination to make it count”  
Natasha Reid**

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SCOTTISH WOMEN'S  
FOOTBALL

26/27 PYRAMID

WINNER PROMOTED TO SWPL2  
RUNNER-UP ENTERS PLAY-OFF WITH 7TH IN SWPL2

12 TEAMS



SCOTTISHPOWER  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
CUP

\* WINNER PROMOTED TO CHAMPIONSHIP  
BOTTOM TWO RELEGATED TO LOCAL SWFL  
PLAY-OFFS BETWEEN RUNNER-UP & SECOND BOTTOM OF CHAMPIONSHIP

12 TEAMS



\* FOUR WINNERS ENTER PROMOTION  
PLAY OFFS



NORTH: 12 TEAMS

SOUTH: 12 TEAMS

EAST: 12 TEAMS

CENTRAL/WEST: 12 TEAMS



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