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Hello and a very warm welcome to a sell-out Team Bath Arena for our first Vitality Netball Superleague home game of the 2020 season!

This is a night we have been eagerly looking forward to for months and, given how quickly the game sold out, it is clear to see that you share our passion and excitement too.

It is always so inspiring and motivating to us as players and coaches to see that level of support from our incredible fans. Season after season you come out and back us in all tonight and during the rest of the season.

Wasps are our first opponents at the Team Bath Arena and we have already had some cracking contests against them during their three Superleague seasons. I'm expecting tonight's match to be no different.

We are going into the game on the back of pleasing victories and performances in our opening two matches. The Season Opener at Arena Birmingham was certainly a day to remember, with 9,200 spectators providing an amazing atmosphere, and I was proud that we were able to put out a team performance against Loughborough Lightning worthy of the occasion

Last week's physical contest in Cardiff
against Celtic Dragons provided a different
type of challenge but, after a slow start,
we rose to it well and were able to come
through with another win

It has been particularly pleasing to see all of the players - the starting seven and replacements - have a big impact on the results and we've also been able to expose different combinations both in attack and defence.

There have been plenty of positives to take so far and we are determined to put on another performance to be proud of tonight. You can help us by making as much noise as possible – I know it is clichéd but you really support tonight.

Enjoy the game!

Anna Stembridge Head Superleague Coach









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It's a big night at the Team Bath Arena - our first home game of 2020 and, for me personally, my first home match as captain of Team Bath Netball.

To be named captain of such a talented group of strong, inspirational women is such an honour, not to mention the fierce leaders who came before - I can only hope that I uphold the high standards of the mighty Blue & Gold! I can't wait to lead the team out with pride in front of a sold-out home crowd tonight.

Nervous, excited and terrified are some words I'd use to describe my feelings before our first match against Loughborough Lightning. I normally don't get nervous for matches these days but seeing as it was my first time as captain, I felt a little more under the pump than usual.

I knew I needed to create a good positive vibe from the start of the warm-up, so I pulled in our full squad and asked them to take a deep breath in and exhale to try and calm some nerves. What I was really trying to do was relax and reassure myself that I could do this.

I knew our first game was going to be tough. Lightning are an elite team with international caps throughout

the whole court and we HAD to come out firing if we were to shut them down early.

That's exactly what we did! I was so incredibly proud of my girls that night - the ball speed in attack, brilliant defence and full team effort was magic to watch. What a way to start the season - look out world, Team Bath are here!

However, that was only Game 1 done and dusted. We needed to back that performance up the following week against a young, fierce Celtic Dragons side.

Having narrowly missed out on a win the week before, we knew Dragons would bring the heat. From the very first whistle,

it was a very physical match challenge accepted! We've played physical matches before and we rose to the occasion yet again to bank another three points.

We face another big occasion tonight against Wasps and we can't wait to see and hear you all - thanks for your support!

Kimx

Kim Commane







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Iestyn Lewis, CEO of Team Bath
partners Rengen Developments,
paid a visit to the University of Bath
Sports Training Village this week to
Wish the Blue & Gold good luck ahead
of their first home game of the 2020
Vitality Superleague season.

He was joined by Rengen Managing
Director Peter James and Stephen
Baddeley, Director of Sport at the
University of Bath, as he met Team
Bath captain Kim Commane and fellow
attacking stars Rachel Shaw and Sophie
Drakeford-Lewis.

"It's great to meet the players today and I'm looking forward to supporting them during the season," said Iestyn, a former Bath Rugby player.

"We are delighted to be involved with such a strong netball brand, one that has national and international recognition, and we are proud to be supporting women's sport. I have nine-year-old

twin daughters and players like Kim, Rachel and Sophie are real role models."

Iestyn also spoke to Sophie about their
shared experience as engineering students
and sporting scholars at the University
of Bath - he is a Structural Engineering
graduate who combined study and rugby,
while England international Sophie is in
the third year of an Integrated Mechanical
& Electrical Engineering degree where
she is supported by a Bill Whiteley
Scholarship.

"I understand what Sophie is going through, juggling high-performance sport with an engineering degree which has a high time commitment," he said.

"She is obviously managing it extremely well, given her performances for Team Bath and England."

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Imogen Allison

24.04.1998 | 180cm | WD/C

Imogen has established herself as one of the country's most outstanding young prospects since joining Team Bath in September 2016 and is part of the England Futures squad for 2019-20, captaining the Roses A team in behind-closed-doors matches ahead of the Vitality Netball Nations Cup in January. She was also shortlisted for the 2019 Superleague Young Player of the Year award after an excellent season that saw her captain the Blue & Gold to victory at Strathclyde Sirens. Imogen, who helped England U21s win bronze at the 2017 Netball World Youth Cup in Botswana, combines netball with studying Sports & Exercise Science at the University of Bath where she is supported by a King Scholarship.

Twitter/IG: @imoallison

Summer Artman

24.07.1997 | 188cm | GK/GD

England defender Summer – our vice-captain for 2020 – is in her second spell with Team
Bath having returned for the 2019 season, five years after gaining her first Superleague
experience with the Blue & Gold. After coming through the Team Bath Talent Development
Centre, Summer broke into the Superleague squad in 2014 at the age of just 16. She
then spent three seasons combining her studies at Brunel University with starring in
the Superleague with Saracens Mavericks before returning to her West Country
roots following her graduation in Psychology. Summer is a full international
with the Vitality Roses and is part of the current England squad. She also
helped England U21s win bronze at the 2017 Netball World Youth Cup in Botswana.

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Khanyisa Chawane

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16.01.1996 | 163cm | C/WD

Khanyisa is competing in first Superleague season having established a reputation as an exciting, dynamic young mid-courter during an excellent 2019 Netball World Cup campaign with South Africa. The Geography student from the University of the Free State had previously captained her country's U21 team at the 2017 Netball World Youth Cup in Botswana.

She was named as Varsity Netball Player of the Tournament in 2018 and also scooped the Most Valuable Player award in the Brutal Fruit Netball Premier League that year.

IG: chawanekacev

Kim Commane

15.09.1998 | 180cm | GS/GA

Australian shooter Kim, our captain for 2020, has quickly established herself as a Blue & Gold favourite and was named as players', coaches' and fans' Player of the Year following an outstanding debut season in 2019. She has brought plenty of experience to the Team Bath attack having played for NSW Swifts in the ANZ Championships and Melbourne Vixens in Suncorp Super Netball.

Kim is sharing her netball expertise with local youngsters as coach at Prior Park College in Bath and is sponsored by Abbey Ales.



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10.08.1996 | 191cm | GS/GA

Betsy Creak

Betsy is enjoying her debut Superleague campaign in 2020 after impressing with Wales during their summer series of internationals in 2019. It continues a rapid rise for the talented shooter, who played student netball for the University of Bristol and for Premier Romans in National League Premier 1 before deciding to trial - successfully - for Wales.

> A former track and field athlete, Betsy teaches Biology at Badminton School near Bristol.

Twitter: @betsy_creak | IG: betsycreak



10.12.1998 | 179cm | GA/GS Sophie Drakeford-Lewis

Sophie confirmed her status as one of the country's most exciting attacking talents during 2019 when, during her second season in Blue & Gold, she was named as Superleague Young Player of the Year. She had previously been shortlisted for the honour in 2017 having scored 284 goals for Hertfordshire Mavericks and her fantastic form has secured Sophie a place in the England squad for the 2019-20 season.

A county-level tennis player, Sophie combines netball with studying Integrated Mechanical & Electrical Engineering at the University of Bath and is supported by a Whiteley Sports Scholarship.

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Talented young defender Rachael is the latest homegrown talent to progress through the Team Bath Futures Pathway to the senior ranks having previously represented the Blue & Gold at U17, U19 and U21 level.

A student at Exeter College, Rachael also has age-group experience with England and is currently part of the U21 squad working towards the 2021 Netball World Youth Cup. She toured Australia and New Zealand with the Roses' U19s in the summer of 2019.

Twitter: @feerachael | IG: rachael feel

Rachael Fee



11.12.2000 | 188cm | GS/GA

19.09.2001 | 183cm | GK/GD

Hannah Passmore

Teenage shooting star Hannah is the first Team Bath Superleague player to have been born in the current millennium. She has been part of the Blue & Gold's talent development pathway for a number of years and, after impressing with the U21s in NPL competition in 2018, was invited to be a Superleague training partner for 2019.

However, her maturity and desire to learn quickly led to Hannah - a former student at Millfield School in Somerset - being promoted to the full Superleague squad and she will be looking to continue that development after retaining her place for the 2020 season.

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Tash Pavelin

22.04.1998 | 183cm | GD/WD

Defender Tash is back for a second season in the Team Bath Superleague squad having previously worn the Blue & Gold in 2018. The Natural Sciences student at the University of Bath, who is supported by a Santander Sports Scholarship, spent 2019 on work placement with pharmaceutical giants Pfizer.

She trained with Saracens Mavericks during that time and represented their U21s in NPL competition, having captained Team Bath at that level in 2017. Tash has represented England at the U17 and U21 Netball Europe events, winning the later title with the Roses in 2017.

Twitter/IG: @tashpavelin ak

Mia Ritchie

17.02.1990 | 168cm | C/WA

Dynamic mid-courter Mia – dubbed the Pocket Rocket by her team-mates – is one of Team Bath's longest-serving players, with 2020 her tenth Superleague season in the Blue and Gold. A former World University Championships winner, Superleague champion with Team Bath (2013) and U19 national club champion, Mia's proudest moment in netball came in 2012 when she won the first of her six senior England caps against Barbados as the Sports Training Village. Mia is a Sports Performance graduate from the University of Bath and won the British Universities & Colleges Sport [BUCS] title as a student in 2012. She is head of girls' games at Monkton Combe School in Bath.

Twitter: @mia_ritchie | IG: miaritchie

Abi Robson

15.09.1998 | 180cm | WD/C

Defender Abi is now in her third season in the Team Bath Superleague squad having progressed through the Blue & Gold youth ranks. She first wore the famous Blue and Gold colours in the 2012/13 season and represented the franchise in both the U19 and U21 NPL competitions before being rewarded for her excellent performances in both with a place at the highest level of the domestic game.

Abi, a Geography student at the University of the West of England in Bristol, has also helped England win the Netball Europe title at both U17 and U21 level.

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Laura Rudland

06.11.1994 | 174cm | GA/WA

Versatile attacker Laura returned to the Blue & Gold for the 2019 Vitality Superleague season having spent the previous year with fellow South West franchise Severn Stars.

The University of Bath Sports Performance graduate had also represented Team Bath at the highest level of the domestic game in both 2016 and 2017.

Away from the court, Laura is Performance Netball Coach for Millfield School in Somerset.

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Rachel Shaw

29.04.1992 | 178cm | WA/GA

Rachel has firmly established herself as one of Team Bath's key attacking talents and is lining up for her seventh season in Blue & Gold in 2020. She made her Superleague debut aged just 16 with previous club Yorkshire Jets before moving to Bath, where she was voted as Player of the Season by her team-mates in 2017. She has also represented England at U17, U19, U21 and senior level. A former netballcoach at the Royal High School for Girls in Bath, Rachel is now a member of the Team Bath coaching set-up with primary responsibility for the University of Bath student squad in the national BUCS [British Universities &

Twitter: @rachshaw123 | IG: rachelshaw1



Fionnuala Toner

06.03.1990 | 175cm | GD/WD

Colleges Sport] competition.

Defender Fi arrives for her first season at Team Bath with plenty of Superleague and international experience, having won 81 caps for Northern Ireland. She played in both the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games, and was vice-captain of her country at the 2019 Netball World Cup in Liverpool.

Fi, who has previously played in the Superleague for Team Northumbria and London Pulse, combines netball with a career as a financial services manager with Deloitte Ireland.

Twitter: @tonerf | IG: fionnualatoner



Team Bath Netball 2020 matchday roles:

Head Coach: Anna Stembridge Assistant Coach: Jo Vann Technical Coach: Amanda Varey Team Manager: Tracey Phillips Performance Analysts: Pippa Baldrey, Lauren Webb Physiotherapist: Leanne Lovejoy Strength & Conditioning: Ricky Massiah







Alexia Baker GA



Sophie Candappa C/WA



Iona Christian C/GA/WA



Jade Clarke C/WD



Bethany Dix C/WA



Rachel Dunn GA/GS



Amy Flanagan C/WD



Katie Harris GA/GS



Ally Housley GD/WD



Josie Huckle GD/GK



Hannah Knights GD/GK



Hannah Leighton GD/GK



Tamsin Moala GA/GS



Sienna Rushton GA/GS



Francesca Williams GD/GK/WD

Wasps Netball 2020 Vitality Netball Superleague squad





Betsy Creak

Netball hero: Gretel Tippett

Tell us something about yourself we didn't know: I'm a Biology teacher

> Favourite match: Team Bath v Loughborough Lightning, the 2020 Season Opener and my Superleague debut

> > Favourite warm-up exercise: Hit the post

Favourite film: Parent Trap

Favourite TV show: One Tree Hill

Favourite book: Any Harry Potter

Favourite song: Good Luck, Basement Jaxx

Favourite food: Scrambled eggs,

avocado and ketchup

Pre-match snack: Banana

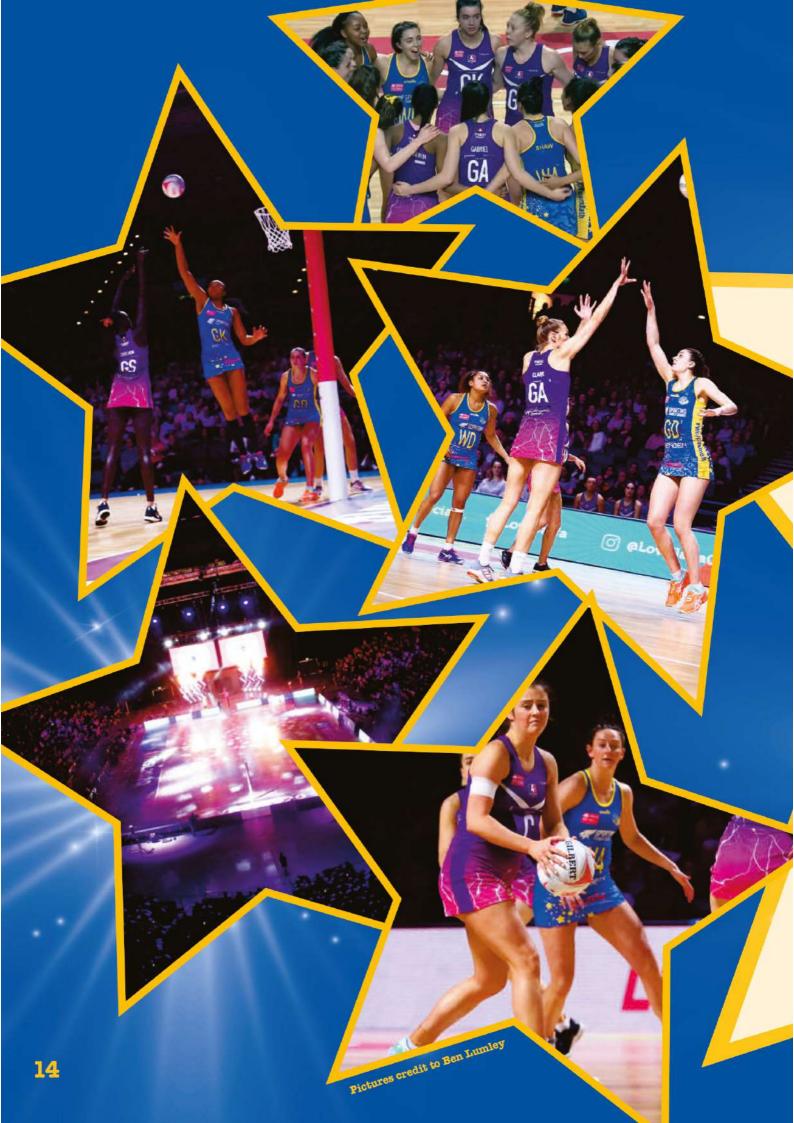
Post-match snack: Grapes

Best advice you received:

Be an opportunist

My advice to aspiring netballers:

Set smaller, achievable goals that will help you build and reach your ultimate goal







Two wins and 143 goals scored have given Team Bath Netball an encouraging start to the 2020 Vitality Superleague season.

They began their campaign in front of 9,200 spectators - a record crowd for a netball event in the UK - at an unforgettable Season Opener event at Arena Birmingham.

The crowd, featuring a healthy contingent of Blue & Gold fans, saw Team Bath produce a tremendous team performance right across the court to record an impressive 72-58 victory over Loughborough Lightning in a repeat of last season's third-placed play-off.

The exciting young trio of Summer Artman and University of Bath students Tash Pavelin and Imogen Allison - supported by Santander and King Sporting Scholarships respectively - applied plenty of defensive pressure from the off.

Mia Ritchie was outstanding at centre, linking defence and attack with tireless energy and flair, while Rachel Shaw and Sophie Drakeford-Lewis provided a constant supply of high-quality ball to deadly shooter Kim Commane whose movement and unflappable shooting saw her notch 55 goals.

Team Bath led 19-14 at the end of an eventful first quarter, that saw Lightning lose influential England player Natalie Panagarry to injury, but a tight second period saw the gap close to two.

A strong final five minutes ensured the Blue & Gold regained the initiative and were able to open up a 33-27 lead at half-time, which they increased to 54-41 during a dominant third quarter.

Northern Ireland international Fi Toner came on for her Team Bath Superleague debut during that quarter and Betsy Creak was also introduced for her first-ever Superleague appearance in the final period, while Laura Rudland made agood impact at wing-attack as the Blue & Gold saw out an excellent victory.

The following weekend saw Team Bath make the short journey to Cardiff to face a Celtic Dragons side who had been edged out by just one goal when they faced Surrey Storm at the Season Opener.

A very physical contest saw the home side start strongly before Team Bath gradually worked their way into the game, the sides level at 13-13 after the first quarter.

The introduction of Toner and South African mid-courter Khanyisa Chawane for her Superleague debut helped the visitors find more pace and confidence in attack and, scoring in clusters of two and three, they went on to open up a 32-25 lead at half-time.

Persistent contact and infringements by Dragons goal-keeper Latanya Wilson saw her sin-binned for two minutes in the third quarter and, after minimal adjustments on her re-entry into the game along with a big hit on a visiting player, she was sent off.

That meant Dragons had to play the final quarter with six players and Team Bath took full advantage to build up a 71-52 winning margin, with Welsh international shooter Creak converting

all of her attempts during another impressive

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IN NUMBERS



Tonight's Superleague match is one of three contests between Team Bath Netball and Wasps in less than 24 hours, with the clubs' rising stars also meeting in the Netball Performance League (NPL).

The U19s are providing a curtain raiser for the Superleague showdown as they meet at the Team Bath Arena at 4.30pm today (Friday), with the Blue & Gold – coached by Lois Rideout and Natalie Roddy – looking to build on their good recent results.

They learnt plenty of lessons from three tough opening matches before recording a well-deserved home win against Surrey Storm. Severn Stars took the honours when the teams met at Worcester but Team Bath responded brilliantly to that defeat by winning 62-46 at North East and 49-46 at Leeds Rhinos last weekend.

It has been a similar story for Team Bath's U21s, coached by Nikki Lloyd, who lost their first three matches of the season but go into tomorrow's home match against Wasps on the back of successive victories.

A brilliant contest against Surrey Storm saw the Blue & Gold show great skill, spirit and determination to turnaround a half-time deficit and win 49-46. That gave them plenty of confidence for the following week's derby at Severn Stars, which the visitors won impressively 59-38.

2019-20 Team Bath Netball NPL squads

U21s: Amelia Baker, Gemma Dawson, Ceri Evans, Rachael Fee, Isabel Highstead, Georgia Jenkins, Bethan Johnson, Emily Lacy, Anna Lebe, Jo Leslie, Maya Meredith, Elisha New, Hannah Passmore, Emma Payne, Caitlin Rowley.

Training partners: Kemi Afolayan, Niamh Love. Head coach: Nikki Lloyd.

Assistant coaches: Sara Bell, Denise Ellis.

Team manager: Roni Peck.

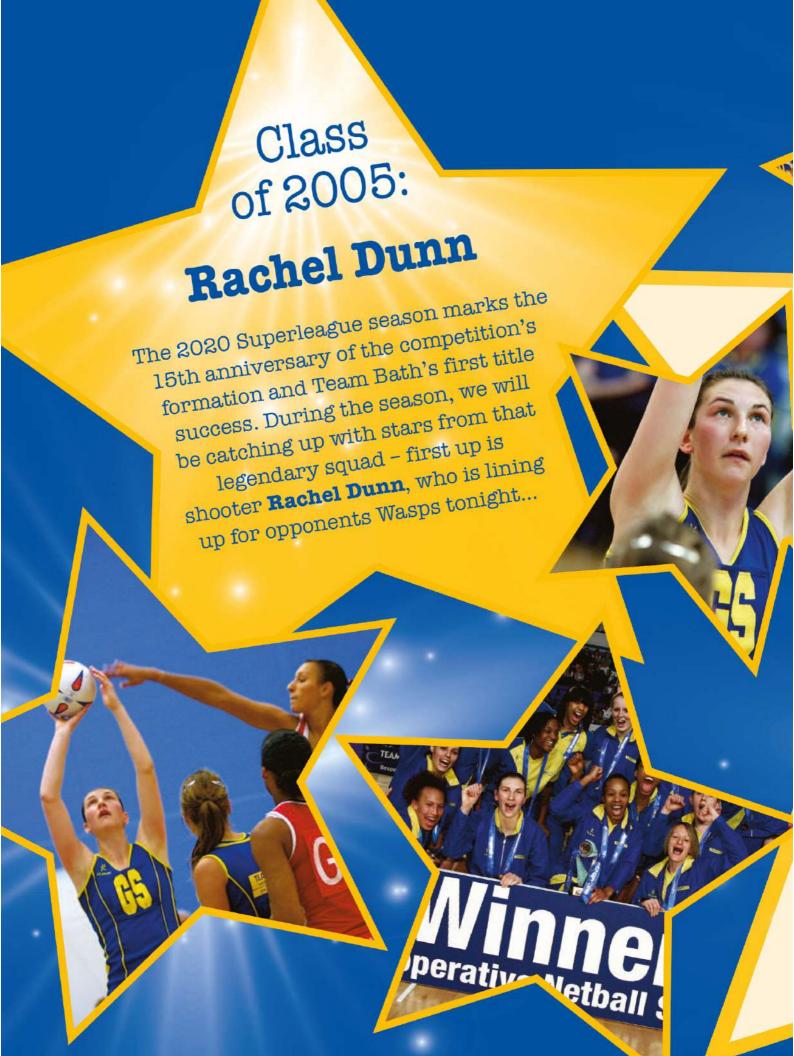
U19s: Rosie Bartlett, Emily Becconsall, Megan Conabeare, Sophie Ewin, Georgina Ford, Sophie Hamilton, Molly Hole, Lily Jones, Ellie Jupp, Isla May, Millie Pearce, Mia Regan, Lucy Taylor-Hunt.

Training partners: Fabienne Bull, Liberty Hartley, India Monllor, Sophie Orchard.

Head coach: Lois Jackson.

Assistant coach: Natalie Roddy.

Team manager: Vicky Carnall.





if it wasn't for the time spent at Bath," says Rachel Dunn.

With more than 200 appearances in the Superleague, seven titles with three different clubs and three Netball World Cups with England, the goal-shooter has enjoyed - and continues to enjoy - a stellar netball career but the memories of her first Superleague season in Blue & Gold remain fresh, writes Mark Stillman.

"Winning that first title was a special moment," said Rachel, who scored 29 goals in the 43-35 victory over Mavericks in the inaugural Grand Final. "It was a really good group of people and there's quite an iconic list of people who are still playing or coaching.

"The Superleague was a much better model. The Super Cup which preceded it was exciting but the fact that we could do that for an entire season was great. It was moving with the times.

"We started getting TV involved and things like that. It was a product we could build on and look how it has progressed, as a competition and the sport itself."

Rachel's first experience of the then-fledging highperformance netball programme at the University of Bath came while she was studying Biology.

"It took time to build," she recalled. "We started off as a training programme but within a few years we were winning titles.

"We were surrounded by everything we needed to become elite athletes at the university.

When I arrived in 2001, the Sports Training Village only had an athletics track and swimming pool. We trained over in the Founders Hall complex by the Student Union.

"We didn't even have a wooden floor, it was a concrete-type blue one and there were a lot of lines on it for different sports. We had a couple of sessions where we had to run to every single line, taking your body to places you never

"Being part of the dominant force we became was definitely memorable, as was going unbeaten twice. Trying to win a title is hard enough, let alone going unbeaten, so they were tremendous achievements."

Rachel left Team Bath in 2009 to work as a genetic technologist in London, switching franchises to Surrey Storm where she again won a title. She then joined Wasps in 2017, helping them to overall victory in their first two seasons and to another final last season.

She is looking forward to being back at the Team Bath Arena for tonight's game, where she will be cheered on by her parents in the capacity crowd.

"I was warned that the match could sell-out months ago, which is great but not when you're trying to get your family tickets!" she laughed.

"I'll have a bit of a catch-up with the players and I'll be meeting up with Jo Vann after the game, I'm one of the Godperents for her son.

"I still see the players that are in the country regularly and I'm in touch with most of them, especially from that first cohort of players."

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	RESULT				
Sat Feb 22	16.15	A	Loughborough Lightning	W 72-58				
Sat Feb 29	18.30	A	Celtic Dragons W 52-71					
Fri Mar 6	19.30	H	Wasps Netball	36				
Mon Mar 16	19.30	H	London Pulse					
Fri Mar 20	19.00	A	Strathclyde Sirens					
Mon Mar 30	19.00	H	Manchester Thunder					
Mon Apr 6	19.00	A	Saracens Mavericks	100				
Sat Apr 11	17.00	H	Severn Stars					
Sat Apr 18	18.00	A	Loughborough Lightning					
Fri Apr 24	19.30	H	Surrey Storm					
Wed Apr 29	19.30	H	Celtic Dragons					
Mon May 4	19.30	A	Wasps Netball					
Sun May 10	15.00	A	London Pulse					
Fri May 15	19.30	H	Strathclyde Sirens					
Mon May 25	19.00	A	Manchester Thunder					
Mon Jun 1	19.00	H	Saracens Mavericks					
Wed Jun 3	19.00	A	Severn Stars					
Mon Jun 8	19.00	H	Loughborough Lightning					
Mon Jun 15	19.00	A	Surrey Storm					

Vitality Netball Superleague table as of March 5, 2020									
Pos	Team	P	W	L	GF	G.A	Pts		
1	Team Bath	2	2	0	143	110	6		
2	Manchester Thunder	2	2	0	127	111	6		
3	London Pulse	2	2	0	104	101	6		
4	Saracens Mavericks	2	1	1	123	106	3		
5	Surrey Storm	2	1	1	94	94	3		
6	Wasps Netball	2	1	1	112	115	3		
7	Loughborough Lightning	2	1	1	117	125	3		
8	Strathclyde Sirens	2	0	2	104	112	0		
9	Celtic Dragons	2	0	2	95	115	0		
10	Severn Stars	2	0	2	105	135	0		

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