

BETH MEAD FORWARD



Beth Mead is a clinical striker who contributed 22 goals in all competitions in Arsenal's 2018/19 title-winning season. But more impressively, Beth broke the record for the most assists in a single season with 12.

Beth has made more than 50 appearances since joining from Sunderland in January 2017. She had won the Golden Boot, for scoring the most goals, in the Women's Super League 2 in 2014. Beth then followed it up by winning the same trophy in WSL 1 in 2015!

Mead has been involved in international football for many years, representing England at every age

level from U15 upwards. She made the step up to become a full England international against Wales, in April 2018. Beth was part of the She Believes Cup-winning team of March 2019. Her powerful, match-winning strike against Brazil in the opening game was one of the highlights of the tournament.

She also played a key role in England's progress to the semi-finals of the 2019 World Cup. England were unfortunate to lose out to the eventual winners, the USA. The forward made five tournament appearances, assisting three times.

She won the PFA Young Player of the Year award in 2016. Arsenal made several approaches for Beth before they finally won her signature in early 2017. Beth joined Arsenal as an out and out striker but has spent much of the last couple of seasons playing from wider positions. Under the management of Joe Montemurro, Beth has been given the freedom to express herself in the final third. With Vivianne Miedema as the central striker, Beth is allowed to swap sides and cut inside to find space.

Beth's delivery from set pieces has been another huge benefit to Arsenal in recent years. Striking the ball cleanly, Beth puts plenty of pace on her crosses. This technique helped her break the assists record. Hopefully the trophies, goals and assists will continue to flow over the next few seasons!



BETH MEAD FORWARD

1. What record did Beth break in the 2018/19 WSL season?
Most goals
Most assists
Most yellow card
Most completed passes
2. How many assists did Beth make at the 2019 World Cup?
2
3
4
5
3. "...before they finally won her signature in early 2017." What type of word is **signature** in this sentence?
Noun
Adjective
Adverb
Verb
4. "England were unfortunate to lose out..." Which of these is a synonym of **unfortunate**?
Surprised
Fortunate
Unlucky
Disappointed
5. Put these events from Beth's career in order.
Number from 1 for the earliest event to 4 for the most recent event.
 Won PFA Young Player of the Season
 Won the WSL 2 Golden Boot
 Reached the World Cup semi-final
 Signed for Arsenal



ANSWERS: 1) Most assists 2) 3 3) Noun 4) Unlucky 5) From top: 2, 1, 4, 3.