

# Women's games watched by record crowds

**The Scottish Women's Premier League (SWPL) has announced a record breaking 2022/23 season for spectator numbers.**

It's the first time in the history of the Scottish women's game that the figure of 100,000 has been surpassed in a single season and a total of 106,781 fans went to an SWPL, SWPL 2, or Sky Sports Cup games last season.

The domestic record attendance was broken on three occasions last season. It was first set at Easter Road in November with 8,066 watching the Edinburgh derby with Hearts, before Celtic Park hosted 9,553 fans for Celtic v Glasgow City in May.

Celtic broke the record again on the final day of the 2022/23 season with 15,822 in attendance to watch their 2-0 win over Hearts.

A number of clubs also set record club attendances including Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle Park and Rangers at Ibrox. Montrose also recorded the highest SWPL 2 attendance of the season for their trophy presentation at Links Park.

A record crowd was also at the Sky Sports Cup final with 3,727 watching Rangers v Hibernian at Tynecastle in December.

Fiona McIntyre, SWPL Managing Director, said: "The idea of having over 100,000 people in one season watching the women's game was unimaginable only a few seasons ago, so these numbers

are a testament to the growth of the game and the work of our clubs.

“These figures illustrate the increasing awareness and appetite for women’s football in Scotland and I hope we can continue to see attendances increase season after season.

“The women’s game is affordable, family-friendly, competitive and provides an opportunity to watch top-level, elite athletes across communities in Scotland.

“Playing inside main club stadiums also helps and this is best-illustrated in the matches where we saw attendance records broken last season. We hope this is something that can become more common in Scotland and, as a league, we can support this where possible.”

And not on to next season and the ScottishPower Women’s Premier League (SPWPL) and ScottishPower WPL 2 get underway on Sunday, August 13, and the competition finishes concludes on May 19 next year.

PICTURE: Hearts women v Glasgow City courtesy of SPWPL