

= Katie Chapman =

Katie Sarah Chapman (born 15 June 1982) is an English footballer who plays for English FA WSL club Chelsea Ladies and is a member of the England women 's national team . She primarily plays as a central midfielder , although she has also been deployed in central defence while playing for England . Chapman is known for her strength , fierce tackling and heading ability . A mother of three , Chapman is described as " a physical player who handles a brunt of the dirty work in the middle of the pitch . She also can produce on the offensive end in a big game . " Her playing ability , profile and influence have drawn comparisons to former England captain and fellow Londoner David Beckham .

Chapman began her football career playing at primary school in her hometown of Bermondsey . At the age of ten , she joined leading women 's club Millwall Lionesses . In the 1996 ? 97 season , Chapman made her senior team debut at the age of 14 . She became a regular starter in the team and also participated in the 1997 FA Women 's Premier League Cup and FA Women 's Cup final wins . In the 1998 ? 99 campaign , Chapman won FA Young Player of the Year award . Already a full England international , she left Millwall in 2000 to sign a professional contract with Fulham . She played on the teams that won back @-@ to @-@ back promotions , as well as the 2001 ? 02 Premier League Cup and FA Women 's Cup . In June 2001 Chapman was again named FA Young Player of the Year . After two years with Charlton Athletic from 2004 , Chapman joined Arsenal Ladies and reached prominence with the team in her first season , winning a domestic treble as well as the UEFA Women 's Cup . She had missed significant sections of the 2002 ? 03 and 2007 ? 08 seasons through pregnancy , and spent a single season with WPS team Chicago Red Stars in 2010 , before returning to Arsenal Ladies . After another pregnancy truncated her 2013 season , Chapman moved across London to sign for Chelsea Ladies in January 2014 .

Chapman is a former England U ? 18 captain . She made her senior international debut aged 17 in May 2000 in a 2001 UEFA Women 's Championship qualification match against Switzerland . The following month , she made her first start against Norway . In March 2002 she netted her first senior international goal in a 4 ? 1 2003 FIFA Women 's World Cup qualification win in the Netherlands . In her first spell with the national team , Chapman represented England at four major international tournaments ; UEFA Euro 2001 , UEFA Euro 2005 , 2007 FIFA World Cup and UEFA Euro 2009 . A two @-@ time winner of the FA International Player of the Year in 2002 and 2010 , Chapman took a break from the national team in March 2011 with a total of 82 caps and eight goals . She was recalled to the England squad in February 2014 by new manager Mark Sampson and helped them finish third at the 2015 FIFA World Cup .

= = Club career = =

= = = Millwall = = =

Chapman joined Millwall Lionesses as a ten @-@ year @-@ old , and made her first team debut at 14 in 1996 ? 97 . That season she helped the Lionesses win an FA Women 's Cup and Premier League Cup double . Lou Waller , who scored Millwall 's winning goal in the FA Women 's Cup final victory over Wembley , had been Chapman 's coach in the club 's youth teams . In 1998 ? 99 Chapman was named Young Player of the Year in the first ever FA Women 's Football Awards .

= = = Fulham = = =

In June 2000 Chapman signed a contract with newly professional Fulham to become one of the first full @-@ time professional female players in England . It was reported that Chapman was one of the most highly paid players in the team , on an annual salary of about £ 20 @, @ 000 . In her first season with The Cottagers Chapman won the South West Combination Women 's Football League , the third level of women 's football , and was again named FA Young Player of the Year . She also

played in Fulham 's 1 ? 0 FA Women 's Cup final defeat to Arsenal .

In 2001 ? 02 Chapman helped Fulham win the FA Women 's Premier League Southern Division and promotion to the top flight . She also scored two goals in the 7 ? 1 Premier League Cup final win over Birmingham City , after which Fulham 's manager Gaute Haugen claimed Chapman was good enough to play in any national side in the world . Chapman then scored the winning goal in the 2 ? 1 FA Women 's Cup final victory over Doncaster Belles , a volley from 20 yards . In Conclusion to the 2001 @-@ 02 season , Chapman went on to be awarded the Ladies Player of the Season , as well as , winning the Nationwide International Player of the Year award .

Chapman sat out most of the following season due to pregnancy , as Fulham won a treble of FA Women 's Premier League National Division , FA Women 's Cup and Premier League Cup . She made the announcement during half @-@ time of a match against Tranmere Rovers , and was promptly substituted by Haugen ? who quipped that he was not permitted to have 12 players on the pitch at once . When Chapman returned to action , in the FA Women 's Community Shield in August 2003 , Fulham were no longer a professional outfit . She represented Fulham in that season 's Uefa Women 's Cup campaign . In March 2004 Chapman played in Fulham 's Premier League Cup final defeat to Charlton Athletic .

= = = Charlton Athletic = = =

July 2004 saw Chapman depart Fulham to sign for Charlton , making her debut in a 1 ? 0 Community Shield win over Arsenal at Broadhall Way . She played in The Addicks ' 3 ? 0 defeat to Arsenal in the Premier League Cup final in March 2005 . She then missed the conclusion of the 2004 ? 05 season , including Charlton 's FA Women 's Cup win , with a broken hand sustained on international duty . In March 2006 Chapman played in her third successive Premier League Cup final , as Charlton beat Arsenal 2 ? 1 .

= = = Arsenal = = =

Chapman signed for league champions Arsenal in July 2006 . She marked her Gunners debut with the opening goal in a 3 ? 0 Community Shield win over Everton at Gresty Road . In Chapman 's first season at the club , Arsenal claimed an unprecedented quadruple , winning the FA Premier League Cup , FA Women 's Cup , FA Women 's Premier League and the UEFA Women 's Cup . Arsenal 's assistant coach Emma Hayes described Chapman as " a rock that makes everything around her better . She was the engine and heartbeat of the successful quadruple @-@ winning team . " Midway through the 2007 ? 08 season , Chapman 's second pregnancy ruled her out of the rest of the campaign .

During 2008 ? 09 Chapman returned to help Arsenal retain the league title ; she also scored the opening goal in the 2009 FA Women 's Cup final at Pride Park against Sunderland Ladies , in a game which ended 2 ? 1 to Arsenal . She had also featured in Arsenal 's 5 ? 0 Premier League Cup final win over Doncaster Rovers Belles .

= = = Chicago Red Stars = = =

In December 2009 WPS club Chicago Red Stars signed Chapman , who cited the need for a new challenge . The Red Stars announced that Chapman would join the club in time for the 2010 WPS season , joining up with former Arsenal coach Emma Hayes and England team @-@ mate Karen Carney . After making 21 appearances during the campaign , Chapman negotiated a mutual release from her contract and returned to Arsenal . It was reported that Chapman 's husband had difficulty finding employment in America , so she returned home for the sake of her family .

= = = Back to Arsenal = = =

Chapman rejoined Arsenal in October 2010 , with the club on domestic hiatus before the launch of

the FA WSL . She was praised by manager Laura Harvey after scoring late , decisive goals against Rayo Vallecano Femenino and Linköpings FC which helped to take Arsenal through to a UEFA Women 's Champions League semi @-@ final against eventual winners Lyon . In May 2011 , following injuries to Faye White and Jayne Ludlow , Chapman captained the Arsenal team which beat Bristol Academy 2 ? 0 at the Ricoh Arena to reclaim the FA Women 's Cup .

Arsenal and Chapman won the first two editions of the FA WSL in 2011 and 2012 . In March 2013 Arsenal announced that Chapman was seven months pregnant and would miss the first half of the 2013 campaign . She returned to the team in a friendly win over Coventry City in July 2013 , following the birth of her third son .

On 3 August 2013 , Chapman made a substitute appearance in Arsenal 's 3 ? 0 FA WSL win over Liverpool . The FA decreed she had not been properly registered and Arsenal were deducted three points . The blunder meant that Arsenal ? champions for the last nine consecutive seasons ? could not finish higher than third and would not qualify for the 2014 ? 15 UEFA Women 's Champions League , unless they won the 2013 ? 14 competition .

= = = Chelsea = = =

In January 2014 , Chelsea announced the double transfer of Chapman and Gilly Flaherty from Arsenal . The move reunited Chapman with Emma Hayes , her coach from Arsenal and Chicago . She hoped that training more regularly with Chelsea would kick start her international career . In August 2015 Chapman captained Chelsea in their FA Women 's Cup final against Notts County , the first time the event had been staged at Wembley Stadium . She described the experience as " overwhelming " . Chelsea 's 1 ? 0 win before a Cup final record 30 @,@ 710 crowd secured the club 's first major trophy . It was the ninth FA Women 's Cup winner 's medal of Chapman 's career . In October 2015 she played in Chelsea 's 4 ? 0 win over Sunderland which secured the club 's first FA WSL title and a League and Cup " double " .

= = International career = =

As a 16 @-@ year @-@ old , Chapman was called into the England U ? 18 team , and captained her country at that level . Chapman made her senior debut for England at 17 , during the 2001 UEFA Women 's Championship qualification tournament , replacing Samantha Britton after 73 minutes of a 1 ? 0 win over Switzerland in Bristol on 6 May 2000 . Chapman 's first senior start came in an 8 ? 0 reverse to Norway in June 2000 . Despite the heavy defeat she was praised for her performance by national coach Hope Powell . England qualified for the final tournament with Chapman named Player of the Match in the away leg of the play @-@ off win over Ukraine .

At the 2001 UEFA Women 's Championship finals , Chapman played in all three of England 's games and was praised for her performances by UEFA and the victorious German coach Tina Theune @-@ Meyer .

In March 2002 Chapman headed her first goal for England in a 4 ? 1 2003 FIFA Women 's World Cup qualification win in the Netherlands . She was named FA International Player of the Year for 2002 . Without Chapman ? pregnant with her first child ? England eventually failed to reach the 2003 FIFA Women 's World Cup after a play @-@ off defeat to France .

Despite a hand injury , Chapman also played every minute of all three games for England at the 2005 UEFA Women 's Championship , now featuring in midfield as she did at club level . Her initial appearances for the national team had come in central defence . At the 2007 FIFA Women 's World Cup Chapman started three matches , missing the group game against Argentina after picking up her second booking of the tournament during an impressive performance against Germany .

On Chapman 's return to the team she scored two goals in a Cyprus Cup win over South Africa in March 2009 . It was her first appearance for England since October 2007 , due to the birth of her second child . In May 2009 , Chapman was one of the first 17 female players to be given central contracts by The Football Association . She was an ever @-@ present in midfield during England 's run to the 2009 UEFA Women 's Championship final . In 2010 Chapman was named FA

International Player of the Year for the second time .

Ahead of a March 2011 friendly against United States , Chapman unexpectedly withdrew from the England squad and quit international football . The decision , related to Chapman 's family commitments , was reported to have left England 's World Cup preparations in disarray . Hope Powell praised Chapman as " a wonderful servant to England over the years " . Chapman later confirmed she had been unhappy about a perceived lack of support with childcare costs and arrangements while on international duty . At the 2011 World Cup , Powell stressed that the FA had tried hard to accommodate Chapman 's requirements : " Katie was away with us in 2009 when we paid for her family to come along but at the end of the day there is not a bottomless pit of money in the women 's game . "

In September 2013 , after Powell had been sacked , Chapman gave an interview to BBC Radio 5 Live in which she lamented her treatment . Chapman recalled that she asked for time off to look after her children in a brief conversation with Powell , only to receive an e @-@ mail cancelling her central contract three hours later . She clarified that she had never retired from international football and that she still wanted to return and win 100 caps .

Powell 's successor Mark Sampson eventually recalled Chapman to the national team squad in February 2015 , for a friendly against the United States in Milton Keynes . In May 2015 Sampson confirmed Chapman in his final squad for the 2015 FIFA Women 's World Cup , to be hosted in Canada . During the tournament Chapman celebrated her 33rd birthday and her husband and three sons flew out for a surprise visit . England eventually finished in third place after Chapman , starting her fifth match of the tournament , helped them beat Germany 1 ? 0 in the bronze medal play @-@ off .

= = = International goals = = =

Scores and results list England 's goal tally first .

= = = Great Britain Olympic = = =

In June 2012 Chapman was not included in the final 18 ? player Great Britain squad for the 2012 London Olympics . She had made the 35 ? player longlist but was hurt and disappointed to be overlooked for the event in her home city . Chapman felt that her decision to withdraw from the England squad had caused Hope Powell ? who managed Great Britain as well as England ? to leave her out .

= = Personal life = =

Chapman has three sons with husband Mark . During the pregnancies Chapman trained until two weeks before the birth , then resumed training six weeks afterwards . In 2002 ? 03 Chapman sat out Fulham 's treble winning season while pregnant with Harvey , but returned in August 2003 and played in the FA Women 's Community Shield win over Doncaster Belles .

As of January 2008 , Chapman announced she was pregnant with Riley , and as a result played no further part in Arsenal 's 2007 ? 08 season . Riley was born on 8 July . Chapman returned to Arsenal for the 2008 ? 09 season and assisted in their 5 ? 1 victory over Nottingham Forest Ladies , in Carlton , on 18 September .

Chapman is a lifelong supporter of Millwall , and has trained as a beautician . Katie has a twin , Sophie , who she played alongside at Millwall Lionesses .

= = Honours = =

= = = Club = = =

Millwall Lionesses

FA Women 's Cup : 1996 ? 97

FA Women 's Premier League Cup : 1996 ? 97

Fulham

FA Women 's Premier League National Division : 2002 ? 03

FA Women 's Premier League Southern Division : 2001 ? 02

South East Combination Women 's Football League : 2000 ? 01

FA Women 's Cup : 2001 ? 02 , 2002 ? 03

FA Women 's Premier League Cup : 2001 ? 02 , 2002 ? 03

Charlton

FA Women 's Cup : 2004 ? 05

FA Women 's Premier League Cup : 2005 ? 06

Arsenal

FA WSL : 2011 , 2012

FA Women 's Premier League National Division : 2006 ? 07 , 2007 ? 08 , 2008 ? 09

UEFA Women 's Cup : 2006 ? 07

FA Women 's Cup : 2006 ? 07 , 2007 ? 08 , 2008 ? 09 , 2010 ? 11

FA Women 's Premier League Cup : 2006 ? 07 , 2008 ? 09

FA WSL Continental Cup : 2011

FA Women 's Community Shield : 2006

Chelsea

FA WSL : 2015

FA Women 's Cup : 2014 ? 15

= = = International = = =

England

Cyprus Cup : 2009 , 2015

= = = Individual = = =

FA Women 's Young Player of the Year : 1998 ? 99 , 2000 ? 01

FA Women 's International Player of the Year : 2001 ? 02 , 2009 ? 10