

SEATTLE REIGN FC MIDFIELDER ANGHARAD JAMES-TURNER CALLED UP TO WALES

Welsh captain joins Cymru for two 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup European play-off final matches against Norway as nation looks to secure first-ever World Cup berth

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RENTON, WASH. – Seattle Reign FC midfielder Angharad James-Turner has been called up to the Welsh Women's National Team for the final round of the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup European play-offs during the December international window. Wales will face Norway in a two-leg series, hosting the opening match on December 1 before traveling to Norway for the second leg on December 5, with a historic first-ever World Cup berth on the line.

Wales advanced to the final round after defeating Albania in both legs of its October play-off series. Cymru earned a 1-0 victory on the road before securing a 3-0 win at home in front of a record crowd at Parc y Scarlets. James-Turner captained and started both matches, totaling 165 minutes across the international window.

A longtime leader for Wales, James-Turner will once again anchor the midfield as Cymru looks to reach its first FIFA Women's World Cup. Wales and Norway last met during UEFA Women's EURO qualifying in 2020, when Norway won both matches.

In Seattle, James-Turner made 26 appearances (12 starts) during the 2026 NWSL regular season, totaling 1,123 minutes in her third season with Reign FC. The veteran midfielder also reached 50 career regular season appearances for the club and scored her lone goal of the campaign in Seattle's 3-0 victory over the Kansas City Current at ONE Spokane Stadium on March 25.

The seven highest-ranked winners from the final round of European play-offs will qualify directly for the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup in Brazil, while the remaining two winners will advance to the inter-confederation play-off tournament. Wales enters the December window seeking to make history with its first appearance at the competition.

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