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Interviewer: Can you tell me, first of all, your name?

Jenny Harris: Jenny Harris.

Interviewer: Harris, H, A, R, R, I, S?

Jenny Harris: It is, yes.

Interviewer: Yes. You see, you're smiling already. It's not so difficult to be interviewed. Where do you come from Jenny?

Jenny Harris: Stevenage.

Interviewer: Good. Do you mind telling us your age?

Jenny Harris: Yes. No, I'm 46.

Interviewer: Jolly good. How long have you been supporting Stevenage Football Club in its various guises?

Jenny Harris: About the last 10 years.

Interviewer: Excellent. Now, today, we're just trying to get people's memories of the Tottenham game. Boro Bear is now interfering here.

Jenny Harris: Hello Boro Bear.

Interviewer: It must be explained. Boro Bear is now hugging Jenny. Thank you Boro Bear, off you go. Right, now, as I was trying to say, what we're trying to get are people's snapshot memories of the cup game this season against Tottenham. Where were you when the draw was made? Were you down here, or were you at home, or...?

Jenny Harris: No, we were at home.

Interviewer: Yes. Watching it on television?

Jenny Harris: We were.

Interviewer: Excellent. Who did you really secretly want to draw in the cup that round?

Jenny Harris: I think another big London team would have been nice. I think an Arsenal away would have been nice.

Interviewer: What, you mean another team other than Tottenham?

Jenny Harris: Yes, yes.

Interviewer: Does this suggest that you are perhaps a closet supporter as well?

Jenny Harris: Oh, no, not at all.

Interviewer: No?

Jenny Harris: Not at all, no, no, no.

Interviewer: Are you sure?

Jenny Harris: No.

Interviewer: Are you telling me porkies here?

Jenny Harris: No. My son's a Gooner, so it would have been nice to have Arsenal.

Interviewer: Yes, or perhaps a Chelsea?

Jenny Harris: Or perhaps a Chelsea.

Interviewer: Which did you think would have been the easiest to play against out of those three, Tottenham, Chelsea and Arsenal?

Jenny Harris: I think any premiership club, or any opposition at all on the day. I think we've shown against Newcastle, for example, in past seasons, that actually it is 11 men against 11 men. On the day, I think we raise our game very well, and any of those would have been okay. I think we did a fantastic job against Spurs and very proud of the boys.

Interviewer: Good. Certainly, people I've spoken to were looking for the home draw, because we have got that capability of upsetting teams here. Is that the way you figured it?

Jenny Harris: Yes. It was lovely to get the home draw. I'm aware that if we are to progress and go to the championship, which I'm sure we are, we will do, that having all those big gate receipts are also very nice, and something that we need. Yes, it was lovely to have them at home.

Interviewer: The draw was made. Stevenage get drawn at home to Tottenham. What did you do immediately that name came out of the hat? Did you leap around? Did you sit there in disbelief? What did you do? Tell it.

Jenny Harris: I did. I leapt off the sofa and jumped around, a bit of screaming and shouting going on, saying how fantastic it was, and just looking forward to it really.

Interviewer: Good. You're season ticket holders at Stevenage?

Jenny Harris: I am, yes.

Interviewer: That means that you managed to get tickets for the home leg alright?

Jenny Harris: Yes.

Interviewer: What was your reaction to the game in general, down here at the Lamex?

Jenny Harris: I thought it was fantastic. I think we matched the boys man to man. It's lovely to see big names that you see on TV, having them 20ft in front of you, and looking very much just like our boys. Yes, very good.

Interviewer: Of course, the result was a draw.

Jenny Harris: Fantastic.

Interviewer: That meant going to White Hart Lane, a place where we don't get to visit that often. You went, did you, to the replay?

Jenny Harris: I certainly did.

Interviewer: Of course. How did you get down to White Hart Lane?

Jenny Harris: We went on the Support Association coach, like we always do for away games.

Interviewer: Excellent. You travel to all the games that way, do you?

Jenny Harris: We do, yes.

Interviewer: Is it a good crack?

Jenny Harris: It's fantastic. That's part of it really, especially in the long haul journeys up to Carlisle. No, fantastic. We've got all the regulars and John Carroll does a fantastic job.

Interviewer: Right. You went down on the supporters' coach. You got into ground, and what was your impression when you actually got into the stadium proper and saw this vast arena?

Jenny Harris: Everything was fantastic about it. I thought it was a great stadium. The stewards were fantastic as well. They were really good. Just everything about it was really lovely, apart from the final result really.

Interviewer: Did you think we were perhaps a little bit hard done by with the overall result, or was it just sheer quality that took the day?

Jenny Harris: I must admit, after jumping up and down, and nearly losing my voice about three minutes in, after Joel scored the goal, I thought we did extremely well. Towards the end of the second half, I thought, "Oh, no," and lost the faith a little bit, especially every time Jermain Defoe got the ball. I think on the whole, 3-1 is a pretty decent result, and probably a fair result as well.

Interviewer: How did you feel as you left White Hart Lane at the end of the game?

Jenny Harris: Still ecstatic just to be there really, and to have pitted our wits against premiership opposition, and had a really good account of ourselves.

Interviewer: Yes, and a good journey back home?

Jenny Harris: Yes, yes. No-one too despondent.

Interviewer: Still full of good spirits?

Jenny Harris: Indeed.

Interviewer: Excellent.

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