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SECOND ROUND

**1PM | JANUARY 3RD 2021
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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



If you've been following the club for a while now, you'll know today's fixture is the first I look for when they are announced as I'm a Southampton men's club fan.

I moved to Southampton when I was 10 and grew up and worked around The New Forest. The Old Dell was a tight knit ground, where you could literally reach out and touch the players at throw ins!

Yes, "Them were the days", back in the 80's we played on pitches that rarely included a blade of grass, every kit was mud coloured come the end of the 90, and 3G was just being thought about, perhaps QPR and Luton were the pioneers from memory?

We've played some good football this year and although we go into our final game of 2020 thinking it's a year to forget, I'm pleased to report another year of growth on and off the pitch. Despite new levels of professionalism, we can't match the resources of our visitors today, but we will match them for endeavour on the pitch.

The fact that Southampton were denied a Championship license when Man Utd and Spurs were, will remain a mystery, and their results to date including regularly beating higher league opposition in the cups, suggest they would have been a welcome addition at that level. We welcome their players and staff, but not fans sadly, due to the global pandemic.

Thank you for your support this season, it means so much to the players. With the vaccine roll out gathering momentum, I'm hoping the weather is kind to us in the New Year and that we will get to finish this campaign. I haven't been to Pompey since the 1984 FA Cup game with Saints, so I'm hopeful fans will be allowed on the 3rd, and that I see many of you there!

Stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Andy Little
Chairman

FROM THE DUGOUT



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Good afternoon and welcome to today's game and our sixth game of the season.

Although you'll be watching from home today, it was lovely for all the players and staff to hear how many of you were watching the livestream and so many families all watching together last week. It cascades the core values of this club and it's heart-warming to hear that you're all so invested in this team as much as anyone here.

Last week's success was something that's been in the making for a while now. Everyone's been working hard over the lockdown period and the togetherness was evident throughout the fixture on Sunday, something that was highlighted within the celebrations at the end and in the dressing room. We're under no illusions that we've cracked it, or we've achieved what we've set out for, however it provided a key milestone in the journey we're on together and that was felt by everyone. Both Southampton today and Portsmouth in January provide the toughest tests we have faced this season and we go into those games with the same togetherness and unity as always and relishing testing ourselves against two sides that are currently in positions we strive to be in.

This week we've been able to welcome the signing of Holly Rogers "back home" from Boldmere St. Michaels. Although Holly is currently injured, we agreed that it was important to include her in the development we're going through and give her the best possible opportunity to hit the ground running next season. While at Boldmere, she's developed massively and has been one of the standout stars of the FA WNL Midland division, so I'm delighted she's agreed to join.

I'd like to welcome Marieanne, her staff, their players, and their supporters watching at home. Today's opposition are a fantastic outfit, who have shown a relentless attitude towards every game throughout last season and the beginning of this one. We look forward to welcoming them and testing ourselves against the strongest side in this tier.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, it's been a difficult one from all angles this year, so let's hope for a more productive and happier 2021!

Enjoy the game today, wherever you're following from.

Tom

IN THE HOTSEAT

ROBYN LEVETT



Nickname: *"Bobs"*

Age: *No comment!*

Position: *I'm a Goalkeeper*

How did you get into football? *I used to play with my brother and his friends. They'd chuck me in goal!*

Any pre-match superstitions? *Not pre-match, but my water bottle does have to be bottom right of my goal.*

Hobbies outside of football? *Eating chocolate*

Favourite Club? *Spurs!*

Favourite Player? *Ederson*

Favourite film? *Gladiator, or Dumb and Dumber.*

Favourite band/artist? *Spotify told me today that it's Tom Walker.*

Favourite television show/series? *I prefer a Netflix binge. Ozark, Queen of the South, Breaking Bad.*

Favourite karaoke song choice? *You'll never ever ever ever see me doing Karaoke!*

What's your most embarrassing moment in football? *When I was younger, I couldn't wear contact lenses, and one referee didn't like my glasses, so he taped them to my head. Actual Sellotape! It ripped out so much hair after, omg!*

Pineapple on pizza – yes or no? *NO!*

Funniest member of the club? *Ruby! She doesn't even mean to be I don't think. Makes me laugh with all her accidents and gets embarrassed so easily. She'd probably red reading this now, aww!*

If all CTLFC players were involved, who would win Big Brother and who would be voted out first? *What an awful question but I'll answer it anyway. Jade would win I reckon; you just know it. And Tom would be out first. He'd probably get bored and would annoy people on purpose just for a bit of a scrap!*

What's the best bit of advice you've ever received? *"Do whatever makes you happy"*

What's your favourite part of being a CTLFC player? *It's just such a cute little family here. There's such a nice bond between all the players!*

THE CHELTENHAM TOWN LADIES 2020/21 SQUAD



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IN THE HOTSEAT

JENNA LEPORE



Nickname: Frankie

Age: *Second question and this is already savage! I'll just say "Trente-Cinq"*

Position: Centre-Back or Central Midfielder

How did you get into football? *Playing outside with the boys that lived down the road when I was about four years old. Street kid!*

Any pre-match superstitions? *Always to eat a snack at 11am. Trainer socks under my match socks. Left sock on first and touch the back of my boots just before kick-off.*

Hobbies outside of football? *Running, cycling, HIIT, walking, cooking, and even a bit of DIY!*

Favourite Club? *The mighty Tottenham!*

Favourite Player? *Firmino. I know he plays for Liverpool but I really like him as a player!*

Favourite film? *Anything with Julia Roberts or Tom Hanks in!*

Favourite band/artist? *Bastille and Pink*

Favourite television show/series? *Friends*

Most embarrassing moment in football? *When the opposition striker turns you and scores from halfway. Zero fun.*

What's the most ridiculous fact you know? *You are as tall as your arm span!*

Pineapple on pizza – yes or no? *Oh yes!*

Funniest member of the club? *Oh Hannah Dix. She is the life of the changing room, mostly on tik-tok though!*

If all CTLFC players were involved, who would win Big Brother and who would be voted out first? *Shannon would win because she's nice and happy to everyone. Grace would be voted out first as she would keep getting the tasks wrong!*

What's the best bit of advice you've ever received? *"Expect nothing, appreciate everything"*

What's your favourite part of being a CTLFC player? *The set-up we have. The professionalism of the coaches and managers. The commitment each player shows on and off the pitch. The amazing support we get from the fans. The time and effort our backroom staff put in week in and week out that nobody sees but are there for us every step of the way. I've never been so proud to captain the Development Team as I am this year. Each player gives their best and is able to ask for help when they are not feeling their best. We are a growing family and always looking out for each other!*

THE ROBINESSES' RESERVES

It's been a quiet period for us stretching back to almost two months now and the players are itching to return.

We've maintained a steady program over lockdown to keep the players mentally and physically sharp and healthy. We returned to training last week in emphatic fashion and it's great to see how much every single player has been missing the team and the camaraderie that we have within the group.

The team spirit was as strong as it was the last day we saw each other and that's fantastic to see. The New Year will be with us soon enough and I expect the girls to come back with a bang.

I'm sure our opposition have worked just as hard and are excited to return, so it should add up to be a fantastic day of football when we return on January 10th. In the meantime, the Development team have split for the Christmas period, and from all of us in the team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Enjoy the game and we'll see you in 2021!

Matt Bedford,
Development Team Manager



SECOND ROUND

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THE ROBINESSES' YOUTH

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Although the youth section has been given the green light to resume training and competitive football, there are still a few hurdles to overcome and it looks as though a January restart is more likely.

It is reassuring to see over 100 players back at training each Tuesday evening, either at All Saints Academy or Brockworth and even better that all the red CTLFC Youth hoodies have been distributed across all of the age groups.

Obviously, the coaches and managers take every step possible to ensure all COVID guidelines are followed, cleaning equipment, temperature checks, tracking of individuals etc. It is just so tempting to capture small group photos!

All the youth section would like to wish the senior section a very Happy and Safe Christmas and let's hope for more shared success in 2021!

Enjoy today's game,
Guy Stirling Lee



THE

2020/21 FIXTURES



FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Score
Sep 20	A Brislington	P-P
SEP 27	H CHESHAM UNITED	1-0W
Oct 1	A Swindon Town	3-2L
Oct 4	A Larkhall Athletic	3-3D
OCT 11	H MAIDENHEAD UNITED	2-1L
OCT 18	H BRISLINGTON [FA CUP]	3-0W
Oct 25	A Poole Town	0-5W
NOV 1	H PORTISHEAD TOWN [FA CUP]	3-1W
Dec 13	A Exeter City Women [FA CUP]	1-1pW
DEC 20	H SOUTHAMPTON FC	
Jan 3	A Portsmouth Women [FA CUP]	
JAN 10	H EXETER CITY WOMEN	
Jan 17	A Southampton Women	
JAN 27	H SWINDON TOWN (7:45pm)	
Jan 31	A Buckland Athletic	
FEB 1	H BRISLINGTON	
Feb 14	A Chesham United	
FEB 21	H LARKHALL ATHLETIC	
Feb 28	A Maidenhead United	
MAR 7	H POOLE TOWN	
Mar 14	A Exeter City	
MAR 7	H SOUTHAMPTON WOMEN	
Apr 11	A Southampton FC	
APR 18	H BUCKLAND ATHLETIC	

DEVELOPMENT TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Score
Sep 13	A Frampton Rangers	3-1L
SEP 20	H BRISTOL LADIES UNION	6-1L
Sep 27	A Weston Mendip	2-2D
OCT 11	H ALMONDSBURY	1-1D
OCT 18	H FRAMPTON RANGERS	2-1W
Oct 25	A Oldland Abbotonians	2-0L
JAN 10	H DOWNEND FLYERS	
JAN 17	H OLDLAND ABBOTONIAN	
Jan 24	A Bristol Ladies Union	
JAN 31	H WESTON MENDIP	
Feb 7	A Weston-super-Mare	
FEB 14	H WESTON-SUPER-MARE	
Feb 21	A Downend Flyers	
Mar 7	A Almondsbury	

TODAY'S TEAMS



Cheltenham Town LFC

Robyn Levett
Molly Ripley
Sammy Hallsworth
Rebecca Halford
Sam Morris
Cerys Dolloway
Mai Butler
Kirsten Rendall
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Jess Hood
Sophie Griffiths
Sarah King
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Lauren Kayll
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Manager: Tom Davies

Coaches: Morgan Hallett,
Ross Fawcett, Philip Pimlott and
Dene Field



Southampton FC

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