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vs Gillingham Women



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WHAT A WEEK!

We left Portsmouth last Sunday, after 120 minutes of nail-biting football following a long layoff. Full credit to both teams for putting on such a performance within just six days of returning to training. Then on to Easter Monday, news broke of Pompey's admin error, and later their removal from the Cup.

So, we found ourselves making hasty preparations to host Gillingham Women in Round Three. We are absolutely delighted to have obtained permission from the board of Cheltenham Town FC to use the Jonny-Rocks Stadium at very short notice. In particular, huge thanks to their Chairman, Andy Wilcox, who has become a true supporter of the Ladies since becoming Chair.

Also, to a huge thank you to Andy Dalgetty for moving mountains to make this happen, not easy given the current Covid rules, and finally to Michael Duff, whose side are so close to achieving promotion, we wish the men the absolute best for a successful run in.

Gillingham play in the league above us, Tier Three of the women's football pyramid and we welcome their players and management to Whaddon Road for what promises to be another exciting Women's FA Cup tie. It's a real East meets West affair, and a first meeting for us.

Sadly, this one is behind closed doors, but you can follow the match live on our YouTube page. Hopefully, we'll be able to see our families' friends and our supporters very soon.

A big thank you too, to our sponsors for today. Our match sponsor, the Cheltenham Radio Podcast and our match ball sponsor, Burlow Engineering Ltd, as well as all of our other club sponsors and player sponsors who have all offered tremendous support this season.

Stay safe and enjoy the game today. Watch the YouTube livestream and cheer on the girls from the comfort of your home. Come on The Robinesses!

**Andy Little,
Chairman**

FROM THE DUGOUT



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Good afternoon and welcome to today's Vitality Women's FA Cup Third Round fixture vs Gillingham Women.

It's been amazing to see the number of viewers from last week's fixture and the support we've received in the build ups to both of our FA Cup fixtures since the restart. It's something that players thrive off and I'm delighted that the club continues to build on and off the field even through these difficult times we face.

We're very fortunate to be playing this afternoon and I'd like to take the opportunity to sympathise and send my best wishes to Jay Sadler, his players, and his club after last week. Jay and I spoke on the phone after the decision had been made and with everything going on, he took the time out to wish us the best of luck.

We have an opportunity to continue playing competitive football for another week and I'm delighted we've been able to play this game at Whaddon Road, complete with a livestream so we can share this journey with our friends, families, and supporters.

Last week's tie with Portsmouth showed everyone outside of our circle, what we already knew within. We played a difficult opponent, who've had a strong start to their league campaign in the tier above and took them all the way to extra time. We worked tirelessly, continuing to fight for each other and leave everything on the field.

More importantly, we left proud knowing that we'd tried to impose ourselves in the game and show on the field, the time, effort, and commitment that we've shown to each other off it in recent months.

This week has been a whirlwind from the come down of Sunday's result, to the scramble to get everything prepared, organised, and completed prior to today's game. I'd like to share my gratitude to the board who have backed us with everything we've needed, the coaching staff who've worked tirelessly and late into the night having discussions to get all the necessary work completed, and to this fantastic group of players that despite everything that's been thrown at them, have taken everything on board, remained professional throughout the lockdowns and trained fantastically both weeks with great attitude.

I'd like to welcome Gillingham manager, Josh Oatham, his staff and players, and their supporters watching at home. Today's opposition, who are also in the tier above us, are in a similar journey with their building project taking place and results and performances starting to show from these efforts. They've been unlucky, playing strong sides but have shown great resilience to continue and prosper against a strong Crawley Wasps side to enter this Third Round tie.

Don't forget to tune in on YouTube and enjoy the game.

Tom

IN THE HOTSEAT

LAUREN KAYLL



Nickname: "Loz"

Age: I'm 18

Position: Out wide or centre forward.

How did you get into football? My dad got me into it. He got me into like tiny tots' sessions.

Any pre-match superstitions? I like to eat a big breakfast before a match!

Hobbies outside of football? I love watching sports documentaries!

Favourite Club? Chelsea

Favourite Player? Cristiano Ronaldo

Favourite film? The Blind Side

Favourite band/artist? I like a bit of everything. I like all music really.

Favourite television show/series? The 'All or Nothing' series on Amazon Prime!

Favourite karaoke song choice? Probably Adele or maybe Whitney Houston

What's your most embarrassing moment in football? Probably would be when I smashed it over the bar from about six yards out for Hartpury. That was a bit embarrassing!

What's the most ridiculous fact you know? ... I think... Cows have four stomachs!

Pineapple on pizza – yes or no? Definitely not!

Funniest member of the club? Jade Grove's laugh is contagious, she makes everyone laugh. Harriet Lambe has some hilarious one-liners too!

If all CTLFC players were involved, who would win Big Brother and who would be voted out first? Probably Ruby Scahill, cause she's so quiet. Or it'd be Sammy for arguing with the producers or something.

What's the best bit of advice you've ever received? "Hard work beats talent"

What's your favourite part of being a CTLFC player? I love that the squad is like one big family. Everyone works hard for each other and looks out for each other.

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IN THE HOTSEAT

GRACE DAY



Nickname: *I actually don't have one...*

Age: *16*

Position: *Right back or right wingback.*

How did you get into football? *I started out playing for my older brother's team.*

Any pre-match superstitions? *I don't actually...*

Hobbies outside of football? *Surfing!*

Favourite Club? *Big Man City fan!*

Favourite Player? *either Neco Williams or Georgia Stanway*

Favourite film? *Nativity... even though it's a Christmas movie.*

Favourite band/artist? *Billie Eilish.*

Favourite television show/series? *I love a bit of Ackley Bridge.*

Favourite joke? *I can't think of one off the top of my head... sorry.*

Pineapple on pizza – yes or no? *No way.*

Favourite Karaoke song choice? *When I was little, I loved One Direction. So probably one of their songs.*

Funniest member of the club? *Has to be Tamzin. Or Dixie. She's hilarious.*

What's the best bit of advice you've ever received? *"No dream is too big if you have the right attitude."*

What's your favourite part of being a CTLFC player? *Everyone's really supportive and want you to do well, and the coaches want what's best for you and try to push you, which is great.*

THE ROBINESSES' RESERVES

It's an exciting time for the club, and naturally that excitement extends to the Development Team.

We're building a great bond between the two teams and seeing some of the Development Team players progressing into the FA Cup squad is absolutely fantastic. I know a lot of them were tuned to the game on Sunday to cheer on their teammates and club mates.

At the moment our full training is on hold while we all pull together to give the First Team the best chance of preparing well and progressing through the competition.

We're itching to get back as a whole group, but those individuals getting First Team exposure through training and games is invaluable at the moment and for me, working so closely with the First Team coaching staff is equally beneficial for my development as a coach. It has been a fantastic couple of weeks, and we hope it continues for as long as possible.

We're delighted to have this game streamed, so all the incredible fans who took time to send their support on social media can tune in, and hopefully we can put on an equally entertaining show today.

Again, thank you all so much for your support and enjoy the game!

Matt Bedford,
Development Team Manager



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We were able to #ReturnToPlay with our first training session on Monday March 30th, when we were blessed with a warm evening and able to welcome back 120 players along with 20+ club coaches and volunteers. To say lots of smiling happy faces would be the understatement of the year!

This week was somewhat different with snow and icy winds during the weekly slot of 6 – 8PM!

The eight teams (U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U15 AND U17's) are all hoping to conclude their respective league seasons from April 18th onwards, playing through until mid-June potentially.

We are pleased to be able to announce our Weetabix Wildcats session will also be restarting from April 20th too, perfect for girls aged 5 – 11 wanting to join in the fun, make friends and play football. It goes without saying lots of nervous footballers are hoping to make up for lost time!

All of us at Cheltenham Town Ladies Youth would like to wish CT Ladies all the best for their Women's FA Cup game and we'll be following along on all the channels. A big thank you to all the backroom staff for being able to make this happen.

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 [FA CUP]	1-1pW
DEC 20	H SOUTHAMPTON FC	P-P
JAN 10	H EXETER CITY WOMEN	P-P
Jan 17	A Southampton Women	P-P
JAN 27	H SWINDON TOWN (7:45pm)	P-P
Jan 31	A Buckland Athletic	P-P
FEB 7	H BRISLINGTON	P-P
Feb 14	A Chesham United	P-P
FEB 21	H LARKHALL ATHLETIC	P-P
Feb 28	A Maidenhead United	P-P
MAR 7	H POOLE TOWN	P-P
Mar 14	A Exeter City	P-P
MAR 28	H SOUTHAMPTON WOMEN	P-P
APR 4	A Portsmouth [FA CUP]	0-2L (AET)
APR 11	H GILLINGHAM [FA Cup]	
APR 18	H BUCKLAND ATHLETIC	P-P
-	A Southampton FC	P-P

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 Abbottonians	2-0L
JAN 10	H DOWNEND FLYERS	P-P
JAN 17	H OLDLAND ABBOTTONIANS	P-P
Jan 24	A Bristol Ladies Union	P-P
JAN 31	H WESTON MENDIP	P-P
Feb 7	A Weston-super-Mare	P-P
FEB 14	H WESTON-SUPER-MARE	P-P
Feb 21	A Downend Flyers	P-P
Mar 7	A Almondsbury	P-P

TODAY'S TEAMS



Cheltenham Town LFC

Robyn Levett
Molly Ripley
Sammy Hallsworth
Rebecca Halford
Sam Morris
Cerys Dolloway
Mai Butler
Kirsten Rendall
Lauren Ellis
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Billie Haynes
Lauren Kayll
Holly Rogers
Jade Grove

Manager: Tom Davies

Coaches: Morgan Hallett, Philip
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Gillingham WFC

Vicky Ashton-Jones
Jasmine Auguste
Trinity Barden
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