

# THE ROBINS REVIEW

Official Matchday Programme



Vs PORTISHEAD TOWN LADIES | Wednesday 29 September 2021 | 7:45PM Kick-off | FA Women's National League



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



**We are top of the league, Said we are top of the league, We are top of the league, Said we are top of the league!**

Ok, so we're only 6 games in, but it sounds great, doesn't it?! Tonight's game will be another cracker under the lights, with Portishead having had a fantastic start to the season. We welcome their players, management, and supporters for the short trip North.

Bournemouth represent another challenge at the weekend, they remain the only unbeaten team in the league, and have games in hand.

The tempo and spirit we showed against Southampton demonstrated we wouldn't look out of place in tier 3, and that is our clear

objective over the next couple of years. With just one team promoted, we're in the mix with five other teams who no doubt have exactly the same objective, which makes this league a very exciting place to be this season.

Our Development Team's South-West Regional Women's Football League campaign is up and running with a win and a draw in their opening 2 games. Congratulations to Simon and the players. We are looking to strengthen our management team at tier 6. If you're looking to develop your coaching or physio skill set, please do get in touch!

In upcoming games, we'd advise fans to keep an eye on our website ([www.ctlfc.com](http://www.ctlfc.com)) for more news on this weekend's fixture, which is subject to change.

Anyway, back to today's game! Get behind the team this evening, make loads of noise, cheer the girls on and have yourself a fantastic time!

Enjoy the game.

**Andy Liddle,**  
Chairman

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# MANAGER'S MUSINGS

**Good evening and welcome back to The Corinium Stadium as we host local rivals Portishead Town Ladies FC.**

Recent performances against Southampton FC and Maidenhead United Women highlight the progression we're making this season and the adaptability we have within individual players, units and as a whole squad.

Southern Premier league toppers Southampton FC tested us with their dominance and ability to find spaces and combinations in areas where we haven't been tested before. I'm delighted in how we grew into the task, defended the goal with such pride, but also in possession how we built our play through the thirds, creating opportunities and causing Southampton problems.

Switch to Maidenhead (after a week off and a social outing, which was enjoyed by all) and we took the game by the scruff of the neck, started quickly and punished mistakes from the opposition. Once again, players and staff stuck to the plan we created and although it wasn't necessarily a pretty game of football, we limited Maidenhead to a few opportunities and took ours when they came.

Additionally, it is also pleasing to see numerous players on the scoresheet for goals and assists, this has been a theme for us this season and I'm hoping it continues

I'd also like to welcome our newest signings Laura McGlone and Kate Bowden to the squad. Laura is currently injured and we're hopeful that she can

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have a part to play on the field as well as off of it as soon as possible, while Kate was able to make her debut from the bench last weekend having joined from Larkhall Athletic.

A warm welcome too, to Portishead Town Ladies, Chip Wright and his staff, players, and supporters to the home of Cheltenham Town Ladies.

Portishead have had a fantastic start to the league campaign, which is no surprise to some. They have a fantastic togetherness and each time we've played them they've caused problems and I have no doubt now that with the step up in league and their recruitment this season, that tonight's game will be the toughest yet.

**Make some noise tonight, back the girls and enjoy the game!**

**Tom.**

# MATCH REPORT

**Maidenhead United Ladies 1 - 4 Cheltenham Town Ladies**

September 26, 2021 – FAWNL Division 1 South West



Pollard (Harvey 46), Barrett, Halfacree, Saunders, Thompson, Bloor, Malhotra (Vanden 46), Nazif (Duhane 46), Carvill (Gordon 78), Mathews, Barnes (Chhokar 83).

Watson, Walecki, Barbour-Gresham, Butler, Jones (Colley 75), Haynes (Hayward 81), Liggett (Rogers 76), Criddle, Bevan, Wathan (Bowden 71), Grove.



A convincing win at Maidenhead saw Cheltenham Town Ladies go top of the Women's National League Division One South-West table.

In their first league game for three weeks, the Robins carried on where they left off to make it five unbeaten in the league, four of those wins.

Lacy-Jai Liggett and Jade Grove had given Cheltenham a 2-0 half-time advantage, before Amy Wathan added a third midway through the second half.

Kirsty Mathews got one back for the hosts, but the Robins quickly responded with a fourth through Abby Bevan to overtake Chesham United on goal difference and go top.

Manager Tom Davies selected a strong side for the trip to Berkshire, handing Ellie Walecki a start at wing-back and playing a front two of Grove and Liggett.

Of Saturday's two new signings,

Kate Bowden was on the bench, while Laura McGlone travelled but wasn't named in the squad.

The first real chance of the game found the net as a great ball over the top from the ever-composed Georgie-Marie Barbour-Gresham was latched on to by Liggett. She had to stretch but got enough on it to poke home for her fourth of the season.

Cheltenham continued to threaten as Amy Wathan couldn't quite get a touch on a ball across the area from Grove, and Barbour-Gresham had a header cleared off the line.

Billie Haynes was getting plenty of joy down the left and came close on a couple of occasions before striker Grove got her first goal since returning to the club from Oxford United.

A free-kick wasn't cleared by the Magpies, and Grove was on hand to powerfully fire in.

Maidenhead got a foothold in the game after the break and

prevented Davies' side from creating many chances, but the three points were all but wrapped up on 65 minutes.

A high ball proved difficult for the hosts' 'keeper, who could only watch it onto the crossbar. The ball dropped straight to Liggett, who squared it for Wathan to tap in.

The Robins then brought on all four of their substitutes in quick succession, with Holly Rogers and new signing Bowden among those to enter the fray.

Mathews' header from a corner ended hopes of another clean sheet, but Bevan soon joined her teammates Liggett and Wathan on four goals for the campaign.

Rogers did excellently to work an opening and put the ball on a plate for the midfielder, who made no mistake, sealing the third away win in three in the process.

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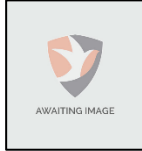
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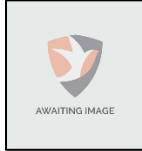
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# MATCH REPORT

## Cheltenham Town Ladies 2 - 3 Southampton FC Women

September 12, 2021 – FAWNL League Cup



Watson, Hallsworth (Walecki 89), Butler, Barbour-Gresham, Jones, Criddle, Bevan, Haynes, Hayward (Donnelly 85), Grove, Wathan.

Luce, E. Morris, Parnell, Freeland, Williams (Whitton 83), Pusey, Sievwright, C. Morris, Kendall (Pharoah 57), Mott (Ware 70), Rutherford



Cheltenham Town Ladies fell to a narrow defeat against Southampton FC Women but gave the Southern Premier Division leaders a stern test at the Corinium Stadium.

The Saints had scored 26 goals and conceded just one so far in the tier above the Robins and had won 9-0 in both of their last two outings.

Despite Cheltenham's strong start to the season, they were underdogs for this National League Cup tie, but took the lead via a sensational lob from Abby Bevan.

Southampton then showed their class, scoring either side of half-time to lead 2-1, and making it three on 75 minutes.

Although Mai Butler's first goal of the season reduced the deficit back to one, it was too late, with Cheltenham now going into the National League Plate.

Tom Davies gave a start to Jade Grove after the number nine returned to the club from a short spell at Oxford United. Courtney Jones was also handed her first

start of the campaign.

The Robins immediately asserted themselves on the game in what was a physical performance, a strategy which certainly limited the visitors.

Southampton still managed to create chances early on, though, as goalkeeper Aimee Watson made the first of a number of saves, and a visiting forward headed over from close range.

More good defending meant Cheltenham kept the Saints at bay, before Bevan became the latest Robins player to score from distance this season.

She spotted the 'keeper off her line from 30 yards and lobbed the ball into the net with perfect precision.

That clearly shook Southampton, and they almost handed Cheltenham another goal when a defender headed back towards her own net and the ball trickled narrowly past the post after a miscommunication.

It took the Saints a while to start threatening again, but the final 15 minutes of the first-half were an onslaught of pressure.

They levelled on 43 minutes when Lucia Kendall found the bottom-right corner from inside the area.

That proved a catalyst for the tier three side, as they went 2-1 ahead six minutes after half-time via Georgie Freeland's low strike.

The Robins continued to defend excellently and stayed well in the game until Sophia Pharoah volleyed home emphatically to make it three on 75 minutes.

Ella Pusey struck the outside of the post as the Saints continued to push, but Cheltenham captain Butler had the last say, poking home after the ball dropped down from a cross.

That was the final action of an entertaining game, and despite going out of the National League Cup, it's another performance to be proud of, giving one of the best sides outside of the top two tiers a real examination.

# DEVELOPMENT TEAM

## Cheltenham Town Ladies Development hosted their first home league game at Petersfield Park against Almondsbury ladies on Sunday.

At first, both teams matched each other, cancelling one another out. But as the game drew on, Almondsbury gained the upper hand by creating better chances.

At 27 minutes in, Almondsbury secured their first goal, all be it very fortuitous, rebounding back off a player as Cheltenham cleared their lines.

But Cheltenham did not let that deter them,

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and for the next fifteen minutes, they pushed the line until the equalising goal came.

Touched home by an onrushing Cat Sutherland-Watkins, it was only moments later that Lauren Wyatt broke the oppositions defensive line. She battled the keeper one on one, with the keeper producing a good save.

The second half mirrored that of the first, with both teams keeping on the tail of the other. Though Betsy Mangan had played terrific throughout in goal, during the second half, she saved two good goal bound shots.

As the manager, I am very content with the team performance. We are showing a steady improvement, and I have no doubt that we will perform excellently in the season to come!

Enjoy the game this evening.

**Simon Galpin,**  
Development Team Manager

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# 2021/22 FIXTURES

## FIRST TEAM

## DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Date	Opposition	Score
15 Aug	H Southampton Women	1-3L
22 Aug	A Poole Town	0-4W
25 Aug	H Swindon Town*	1-1D
29 Aug	A Exeter City	1-2W
5 Sept	H Larkhall Athletic	3-0W
12 Sept	H Southampton FC (LC)	2-3L
26 Sept	A Maidenhead United	1-4W
29 Sept	H Portishead Town*	-
3 Oct	H AFC Bournemouth	-
24 Oct	WFAC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qual. Round	
31 Oct	A Chesham United	-
21 Nov	H Buckland Athletic	-
12 Dec	A Southampton Women	-
9 Jan	H Poole Town	-
19 Jan	A Swindon Town*	-
30 Jan	H Exeter City	-
6 Feb	A Larkhall Athletic	-
20 Feb	H Maidenhead United	-
23 Feb	A Portishead Town*	-
27 Feb	H Chesham United	-
13 Mar	A AFC Bournemouth	-
20 Mar	A Buckland Athletic	-

Date	Opposition	Score
19 Sept	A Weston-super-Mare	0-5W
26 Sept	H Almondsbury	1-1D
10 Oct	H Bristol Rovers	-
24 Oct	A Downend Flyers	-
31 Oct	H Frampton Rangers	-
7 Nov	A Oldland Abbotonians	-
14 Nov	A Weston Mendip	-
21 Nov	H Weston-super-Mare	-
TBC	H Olveston United (LC)	-
28 Nov	A Almondsbury	-
5 Dec	H Bristol Ladies Union	-
12 Dec	A Bristol Rovers	-
9 Jan	H Downend Flyers	-
16 Jan	A Frampton Rangers	-
30 Jan	A Bristol Ladies Union	-
TBA	H Oldland Abbotonians	-
TBA	H Weston Mendip	-

\*7:45pm kick-off.

(LC)/(LP) = League Cup/Plate | (FAC) = FA Cup

Development Team home fixtures to be played at Petersfield Park.

Home score always comes first on results. Fixture details subject to change.



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## Cheltenham Town Ladies

**Manager:** Tom DAVIES

Aimee WATSON  
Lauren ELLIS  
Sammy HALLSWORTH  
Mai BUTLER  
Cerys DOLLOWAY  
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## Portishead Town Ladies

**Manager:** Chip WRIGHT

Laura BARRETT  
Jodie BARTON  
Adele BROWN  
Kiera BULL  
Katie BURGESS  
Millie CHAPLIN  
Ella COOPER  
Emily DAWE  
Grace DAY  
Emily EDWARDS  
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