

THE ROBINS REVIEW

Official Matchday Programme



Vs SOUTHAMPTON WOMEN | Sunday 15 August 2021 | 2:00PM Kick-off | FA Women's National League



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



Welcome to the Corinium Stadium for the first home game of the new season, and the first at our new home in Cirencester.

The facility offers the club many new benefits, not least a state of the art playing surface and clubhouse. We didn't take the decision to move out of Cheltenham lightly and hope to return to the Town in the not too distant future. Petersfield Park is awaiting planning permission for their ground development.

If you can't make the odd game, then matches will be streamed via Joymo.tv this season (also available via ctffc.com/livestream), and if you can make it to games, make sure you grab yourself a season ticket – which includes an annual saving if you intend to watch cup games too. The price is just £40!

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Following a couple of horrendous years, we are hoping to complete a full season this year, accepting we are not yet out of the woods. I'm sure there will be some bumps along the road as we go given the pandemic is far from over. I hope everyone has stayed safe and healthy as possible and stayed active during lockdowns.

You'll notice lots of new names on the back page. Tom has again recruited well, and an exciting season lies ahead. On this opening day of the season, we are, as always at this time of year, looking for additional help. If you have some time during the week or on match days, do please get in touch by e-mail or any social media channel. Of course, additional funds help us provide better training facilities etc. so if you are a willing sponsor – or know someone who might be – again... please do get in touch!

Turning to our Development Team then, Matt Bedford is moving to America and the team will be headed by Simon Galpin this coming season, who makes a welcome return to the club having managed at youth level. The Development Team will continue to play their games at Petersfield Park.

Thanks for your support today. Let's get behind the ladies for a winning start to the campaign!

**Andy Liddle,
Chairman**

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MANAGER'S MUSINGS

END OF LAST SEASON...

Good afternoon and welcome to the Corinium Stadium for our opening fixture of the 2021/22 FA WNL Division One South West season.

It's an occasion we've all been looking forward to, especially with all the hardships encountered over the last 18 months. Hopefully we can enjoy a full, exciting, and most importantly safe season, one of which I know we won't take for granted!

I'd like to thank everyone at the club for all their efforts during this difficult time. It hasn't been easy, and we've hit many roadblocks which have been made easier with everyone pulling together to ensure that we're in a position today to host our first fixture at our new ground. Our new facility highlights the direction we want the club to go in, by providing players the platform to succeed on the pitch and the environment for us all to connect as a group – as staff, players and more importantly the wider family of friends and supporters.

We're really proud that we've had four players make the step up to Tier 3 of women's football. Jade Grove, Sarah King, Harriet Lambe and Ruby Scahill have joined Oxford United and Cardiff City Ladies respectively which highlights a pathway that we have here, and we wish them all the success in the future.

We've been able to recruit well, bringing in some talented players and adding valuable experience to our young group, most notably, Amy Wathan who arrives from Coventry United's FA Women's Championship side and has a fantastic track record of creating and scoring goals at higher levels.

Amy, alongside Lois Colley, arriving from Larkhall and Aimee Watson, arriving from Swindon, possess valuable quality and experience which will help guide our talented group in the right direction. Additionally,

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we've recruited Georgie-Marie Barbour-Gresham from Exeter, Annabel Davies from Keynsham, Holly Finch from Bristol City, Monet Legall from Cyncoed Ladies and Lacy-Jai Liggett who currently plays and studies at Hartpury College. All of whom have fantastic individual qualities and bring freshness to the group with their talents, experiences, and personalities.

I'd also like to welcome Dan Liddiard as a First Team Coach from SGS College, Elliot Richards as Goalkeeping Coach, Peter McKernan as Head of Medical and Liv Coope-Walker as our nutritionist. I'm delighted we've been able to make these off-field appointments who have been a massive help in supporting our players through pre-season.

And finally, a warm welcome to Southampton Women's Aaron Smith and his staff, players, and supporters to the new home of Cheltenham Town Ladies today. We haven't played today's opponents for a couple of seasons; however, they'll be a well organised group and previous games between the two clubs have always been close and entertaining affairs.

Enjoy the game, Tom.

PORTSMOUTH 2
CHELTHENHAM 0 aet

Vitality Women's FA Cup Second Round

The return of competitive football following a four month absence saw Cheltenham make the journey to the coast to face Portsmouth Women.

The two sides battled out a draw in the 90 minutes, with both side having chances to break the deadlock in what was turning into a classic, sharply-contested cup affair.

There wasn't much to separate to the two sides before Robyn Levett came off worse following a collision with a Portsmouth player. She continued on but was forced off just after the start of extra time, collapsing in pain following a goal kick, presenting Molly Ripley with her debut from the bench.

Pompey's opener was something of a talking point in the game. After parrying a Portsmouth shot away for a corner, Ripley was beaten directly from Bradley's delivery as the cross evaded everyone before hitting the far post and nestling in the net.

There was nothing the young 'keeper could do about Pompey's second as Bath struck a lightning bolt of a shot after being given time and space inside the box just five minutes later.

Cheltenham would be the team to progress to the third round however, following an administrative error from Portsmouth saw them removed from the competition.



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Portsmouth Women

Houghton, Rowe, Younger, Tonks, Bridge (Mason 89), Rowbotham (Jones 104), Bradley, Cunningham (Adaway 59), Widdows (Albury 72), de Bunsen (Bath 72), James.

Other subs: Reynolds, Ingram, Currie, True

Cheltenham Town Ladies

Levett (Ripley 93), Jones (Ellis 62), Butler, Halford (Rendall 108), Hallsworth, Haynes, Criddle, Scahill (Hood 90), Bevan, Kayll (King 80), Grove.

Other subs: Lambe, Rogers, Dolloway,

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END OF LAST SEASON...

CHELTENHAM 1
GILLINGHAM 2 aet

Vitality Women's FA Cup Third Round

In a fixture streamed to over 3000 viewers, Cheltenham Town Ladies took to the field with a dream clash against Arsenal hanging in the balance.

With the fixture starting at a typical fast cup pace the teams exchanged chances early on, with captain Mai Butler being called on to stop an early shot threat, before, at the other end, Charlotte Criddle headed against the post from a Haynes' corner.

With the game deadlocked at the break, the second half would provide traditional cup drama. After 66 minutes it would be Cheltenham who struck first, with Butler keeping the ball in play allowing Haynes to cross. Bevan's presence in the box forced a mistake from a Gillingham defender who turned the ball into her own net.

After this the visitors turned the screw and asked questions of the Cheltenham defence. After absorbing an attack, Gillingham levelled the scores with a Keogh shot looping just over the outstretched hand of Ripley on her full debut.

Both sides fought valiantly into extra time, exchanging possession a little easier as the legs grew tired. A looping Cheltenham shot nestled on top of the Gillingham net to give the visitors a scare shortly before a low Otesha Charles finish from just inside the box broke Cheltenham hearts.



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Cheltenham Town Ladies

Ripley, Hallsworth, Butler, Halford, Ellis (Griffiths 89), Haynes, Scahill (Rendall 112), Criddle, Bevan, King (Hood 112), Grove (Kayll 78).

Other subs: Lambe, Jones, Hayward, Dolloway

Gillingham Women

Davies, Auguste, Pearch, Wheeler, Ashton-Jones, Griffin, Keogh, Charles, Wills, Maple, Haynes.

Subs: Waud, Espinosa, Monaghan, Parsons, Chapman, Herne, Barden, Farrand

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

As you're reading this, I'll be at a music festival. Ok... it's Tom Jones, but it still feels great to be out and about again after the lockdowns.

It also feels great to pick up the Development Team reigns from Matt Bedford, who did a great job last season and is now off to chase the American dream. I'm very much looking forward to working with Jenna and the players for this new season.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Tamzin Hayward on her promotion from the Development Team last season to the First Team.

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She's worked incredibly hard and hopefully can really seize this chance and stake a claim for a starting place in the team.

Her rise to the First Team is another underlining of the fantastic pathway this club has now, and hopefully she can provide inspiration to those in our youth system who make the approach to senior level in the next few years.

First up for us is a friendly against Cardiff City U19's on Tuesday evening at GFA Headquarters down in Bristol. We'll have a couple of weeks solid training before a second friendly at Petersfield Park on Tuesday the 31st.

We'll hit the ground running in the league and in the meantime there's plenty to do to ensure we're ready.

Enjoy the return of women's football today at the club's new home, cheer on the girls and let's get on to a winning start.

Have fun but stay safe.

Simon Galpin
Development Team Manager

YOUNG ROBINS

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Recently, our Under 12 Spartans team won the Evesham Festival with our Under 13's finished as runners-up in the Under 14's section, whilst the Under 9's, Under 13's and U15's had a fabulous time at the Carterton Town ladies tournament, which the Under 12's also won!

A big well done to everyone at CT Ladies Youth on receiving their GCSE results recently too. We know it's been an unbelievably difficult time these past couple of years, but you can all now finally relax and enjoy yourselves. For now, anyway... as the new season will soon be upon us!

In the latest news of developing players that will be the future of women's football, it is absolutely fantastic to see former Cheltenham Town Ladies player, Alexis Lunn-Gadd appointed as the FA Women's Talent Pathway Operations Manager.

The FA Girls' England Talent Pathway was established to support the development of players with elite-level potential. It also ensures that appropriate playing opportunities are in place, allowing them to get the regular football they need to fulfil their development needs with the aim and ultimate goal of producing female players on an elite standard.

When she was a Cheltenham Town Lady, Lex was First Team goalkeeper. She was previously responsible for the development of girls and ladies' football in the county. Well done, Lex, and congratulations!

2021/22 FIXTURES

FIRST TEAM

Date		Opposition	Score
15 Aug	H	Southampton Women	-
22 Aug	A	Poole Town	-
25 Aug	H	Swindon Town*	-
29 Aug	A	Exeter City	-
5 Sept	H	Larkhall Athletic	-
26 Sept	A	Maidenhead United	-
29 Sept	H	Portishead Town*	-
24 Oct		WFAC 3 rd Qual. Round	
31 Oct	A	Chesham United	-
14 Nov	H	AFC Bournemouth	-
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	-

*7:45pm kick-off

Fixture details subject to change. SWRWFL Fixtures TBA.

TODAY'S TEAMS



Cheltenham Town Ladies

Manager: Tom DAVIES

Aimee WATSON
Lauren ELLIS
Sammy HALLSWORTH
Mai BUTLER
Cerys DOLLOWAY
Lois COLLEY
Monet LEGALL
Georgie-Marie BARBOUR-GRESHAM
Holly FINCH
Courtney JONES
Charlotte CRIDDLE
Annabel DAVIES
Lacey-Jai LIGGETT
Abby BEVAN
Billie HAYNES
Holly ROGERS
Amy WATHAN
Tamzin HAYWARD

Southampton Women

Manager: Aaron SMITH

Sam BURT
Andrea CHAN
Lauren CHESHIRE
Brittany JEAL
Aimee LAWRENCE
Sophie LEE
Emma-Jane MAY
Lucy MEAR
Rachel OKORO
Lydia OSBORNE
Eleanor PARKER
Eleanor REID
Hannah SAMUELS
Chloe TUCKER
Kellie WARREN
Emily WERNHAM
Aliss WHEELER
Gracie WHITE
Emma WHITLOCK
Sian WYLIE

Referee: Daniel Forrester

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