

THE ROBINS REVIEW

Official Matchday Programme



Vs AFC BOURNEMOUTH WOMEN | Sunday 13 March 2022 | 2:00PM Kick-off | FA Women's National League





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We are delighted to be hosting top of the league AFC Bournemouth this afternoon, and extend a warm welcome to players, staff, and fans for what I am sure will be a fantastic game, representing the very best Tier 4 can currently offer.

I married a Bournemouth girl (way back in 1991!) and have fond memories of the area having lived and worked there.

Whilst this isn't a title decider, there are only four games left after this one... we're certainly at the business end of the season and Second hosting First always represents mouth-watering occasion.

Other Clubs seem to be struggling to complete matches given the weather and poor playing

surfaces, surely 3G must be the way forward?

The last game is already scheduled for May, and that is without any further delays. With the last two seasons voided by the pandemic, we're desperate to see this one come to a finish for everyone, allowing enough time for a decent break before pre-season starts again (usually mid-June for us)

It's Festival week in the Town this week, and we're hoping to start the celebrations right here this afternoon. Regardless of who your money is on - get behind the ladies and make some noise!

As I say in every edition of our match programme, thank you all for your support and enjoy the game.

Andy Liddle,
Chairman

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MANAGER'S MUSINGS

Good afternoon and welcome to the Corinium Stadium as we host AFC Bournemouth in an FA WNL South-West Division 1 tie.

After last week's disappoint, it's been a week where we've reflected, re-grouped and re-focused for our challenge towards our league ambitions.

We welcome back Holly Reed, Emily Owen, and Jade Grove from being cup tied and injured respectively which is a massive boost to the squad for both today's game and the remaining fixtures of the campaign.

Today's game needs no introduction with AFC Bournemouth wrestling top spot from us, in what has been – and will continue to be – an exciting title race with several teams in the running and there's still a lot to be decided as we come down the final stretch.

As always, I have full faith in the club, staff, and players here who have worked tirelessly as individuals and as a collective team pulling together.

We remain loyal to our targets of maintaining and having control of our own destiny, being the best versions of ourselves in all aspects of the meaning, and creating memories as a group of people, for ourselves, each other, and for those who mean most to us.

Today is another opportunity to showcase the ability we have within this group, against

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another strong side and put on a performance to be proud of.

I'd like to welcome Bournemouth, Steve Cuss and his staff, players, and their supporters to the today's fixture.

Today is going to be one for the neutral I'm sure, with both sides holding complete belief in their abilities to gain upper hand in the race for top spot today and one I'm delighted that Cheltenham are a part of.

Enjoy the game, Tom.

MATCH REPORT

Cheltenham Town Ladies 0 - 3 Nottingham Forest WFC

Sunday March 6, 2022 – FAWNL Plate Semi-Final



Watson, Jones, Butler, Barbour-Gresham (Colley 64), Hallsworth (Walecki 81), Criddle, Liggett, Bevan, Haynes, Hayward (Rogers 64), Wathan

Batty (Aguirre 85), Harkin, Hewitt (Walters 76), Brown (Reynolds 64), Cook (Moncaster 76), Axten, Mitchell, Docherty, Anderson (Powell 76), James, Greengrass



The Robins' historic run in the Women's National League Plate was ended in the semi-finals by an impressive Nottingham Forest side, who claimed a 3-0 win at the Corinium Stadium.

Cheltenham had beaten Actonians, West Bromwich Albion and Exeter City to reach the last four for the first time in their history but couldn't see off another Tier Three opponent as Forest progressed to the final.

The Robins struggled to create chances against a resolute opponent and were given a mountain to climb at half-time after goals from Gianna Mitchell and Charlotte Greengrass.

Greengrass made it three on the hour mark, and although in truth Cheltenham never looked like getting back into it, they can still be proud of their history-making run.

Manager Tom Davies made two changes to the side that beat Exeter in the semi-finals as Abby Bevan and Tamzin Hayward

replaced Holly Rogers and Lois Colley.

Forest, who are fourth in the National League Northern Premier Division and also played Manchester City in the FA Cup recently, showed that pedigree early on.

Mitchell and Charley Docherty both forced saves out of Aimee Watson, before on 25 minutes, following appeals for a foul, Mitchell, who has previously played in the US, chested down and finished high into the roof of the net.

Cheltenham were struggling to get the ball up the pitch and the lead was doubled eight minutes prior to the break when Greengrass finished a low cross under Watson.

Charlotte Criddle had a half chance for the Robins on the stroke on half time, but her shot was straight at Emily Batty.

Soon after the break, Mitchell, and Docherty both threatened again, before Greengrass clinically finished another chance into the

corner to make it three.

Despite Cheltenham's best efforts, Forest saw the game out comfortably, going close on a couple of occasions to extending their lead.

After the game, Davies said: "Forest moved the ball really well and created a lot of opportunities, some of which we felt we could've done better with.

"Collectively, we know that we're better than today's performance and that we can do better... Forest's performance shows us where we need to be at and which sides we need to be competing against if we want to achieve what we want to achieve.

"It's brilliant to put ourselves up against those players and it shows what we need to do to come out with a better result if we're to play a team like that again.

"When we sit down and reflect on the run we've had and the teams we've played, we have to be proud about that."

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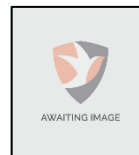
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2021/22 FIXTURES

FIRST 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 DR)	2-3L
26 Sept	A Maidenhead United	1-4W
29 Sept	H Portishead Town*	2-1W
3 Oct	A AFC Bournemouth	0-0D
24 Oct	H Larkhall Ath. (FAC QR3)	3-1W
7 Nov	A Actonians (LP R1)	1-2W
14 Nov	H Liskeard Ath. (FAC R1)	4-0W
21 Nov	A Downend Flyers (CT R2)	0-6W
28 Nov	H Southampton Women (FAC R2)	3-3Dp
5 Dec	A WBA Women (LP R2)	1-1Dp
12 Dec	H Poole Town†	6-0W
19 Dec	A Chesham United	0-1W
20 Jan	A Swindon Town*	0-1W
23 Jan	A Larkhall Athletic	0-4W
30 Jan	H Maidenhead United	4-0W
6 Feb	H Exeter City (LP QF)	2-1W
27 Feb	A Bristol Ladies Union (CT QF)	A-W
6 Mar	H Nottingham Forest (LP SF)	0-3L

13 Mar	H AFC Bournemouth	-
20 Mar	A Portishead Town	-
3 Apr	H Exeter City	-
17 Apr	H Chesham United	-
24 Apr	A Southampton Women	-

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Date	Opposition	Score
19 Sept	A Weston-super-Mare	0-5W
26 Sept	H Almondsbury	1-1D
10 Oct	H Bristol Rovers	1-7L
31 Oct	H Frampton Rangers	0-3L
7 Nov	A Oldland Abbotonians	3-1L
14 Nov	A Weston Mendip	1-3W
21 Nov	H Olveston United (CT R2)	2-0W
28 Nov	A Almondsbury	1-2L
9 Jan	H Downend Flyers	0-0D
23 Jan	A Frampton Rangers	0-2W
30 Jan	A Bristol Ladies Union	1-2W
6 Feb	A Bristol Rovers	0-6L
27 Feb	A Chipping Sodbury (CT QF)	A-W
6 Mar	H Bristol Ladies Union	1-1D
13 Mar	H Weston-super-Mare	-
20 Mar	A Downend Flyers	-
27 Mar	H Oldland Abbotonians	-
3 Apr	H Weston Mendip	-

*7:45pm kick-off.

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

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
Georgie-Marie BARBOUR-GRESHAM
Lois COLLEY
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Amy WATHAN
Tamzin HAYWARD
Jade GROVE

AFC Bournemouth Women

Manager: Steve CUSS

Katie SCADDING
Abby JONES
Emma DAVIS
Rebecca BARRON
Katelyn WORT
Maisy SMITH
Katie KINGSHOTT
Molly CLARK
Helen CORBIN
Sam CHRIPPES
Katie JAMES
Kelly FRIPP
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Ruth TOPPING
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