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Official Matchday Programme



Vs CHESHAM UNITED LADIES | Sunday 17 April 2022 | 2:00PM Kick-off | FA Women's National League



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CHELTEMHAM TOWN
LADIES FC

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



Welcome to our penultimate game of the season, the final league match and dare I say it, if Carlsberg arranged football matches, this would probably be the best ever.

Our home support has been amazing this year thank you, and we welcome the fans travelling from Chesham, and of course extend a warm invite to Chesham's players and staff.

We have the County Cup final to look forward to on Tuesday evening, but this afternoon represents the culmination of so much work. Pre-season may have started in June, but years of work have gone into getting the club to the position it is in today.

I was appointed first team manager back in 2012, when the committee at that time; Alexis Lunn Gadd, Rhona Donaldson, Katie Walker, and Jaqueline Haines trusted me with an ageing squad, few in number and working with poor facilities. We have come a long way in that time.

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Managers Andy Trout, Ian Hutton, and Alex Cheal slowly improved standards on the pitch and during my time as Chair we've done all we can to improve resources in a sustainable fashion, working within tight budget constraints and we remain proudly an independently affiliated, not-for-profit football club.

Current Manager Tom Davies has brought so much to the Club, and I don't just mean the brummie accent and haircuts! He's challenged me more than any other manager to deliver everything we need to improve standards, and it's probably as close a relationship to full time professional football as you can get, whilst we both hold down the boring day jobs that pay the bills.

Tom has personally recruited all the pieces of the jigsaw that he needed, and hopefully we'll have the puzzle completed by 3:45 this afternoon. Dan Liddiard, Abbie Sadler, Morgan Hallett, Phil Pimlott, Elliot Richards, Jack Greenow-Langford, Liv Coope-Walker, Peter McKernan, Elliott Wright and Jo Weaver... you have all been exceptional – thank you.

Finally, Simon Galpin has ploughed a lonely furrow with the development team this year, we know where we need to get better, and we are hugely indebted to Simon for getting through the season.

Personally, I'm looking forward to another fast start today. Three goals up inside 17 minutes against Exeter last time out was truly exceptional. However, a hard-fought battle in Chesham decided by one goal in December suggests this could be another tight, nail-biting affair. So, make some noise, get behind the Ladies and let's get some silverware!

Andy Liddle,
Chairman



MANAGER'S MUSINGS

Good afternoon and welcome to the Corinium Stadium as we host Chesham United in our final WNL South-West Division 1 tie.

Last week's victory provided us with another record we can tick off, this one however was about having our destiny in our own hands throughout the season, never needing to rely on other results. Last week guaranteed that no matter what happens elsewhere, we are in control of where we finish this season and regardless of what our final placement is, this is a huge achievement.

I'm extremely proud of what this group has achieved so far this season and how we've faced so many challenges together and come through them stronger. This isn't just a fantastic group of footballers but also a fantastic group of people.

I've spoken throughout the season about performances and our quest to improve them, last week's performance and first 15 minutes especially highlighted to everyone around the quality we have and where our performances benchmarks are, against a very strong Exeter City side.

Today we face a tough Chesham side and a game last time out we didn't play fantastically well and a performance we want to put right on our biggest stage of the season.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped Cheltenham Town Ladies FC get into the position they are today, this isn't months or a year's work, however something that has taken a couple of years to build with huge commitment and daily dedication from everyone involved.

There are too many people to thank individually, the coaching staff, support staff and players. Some of whom have played small parts and some whom have had a huge impact on this journey we find ourselves within. However, the man I would like to place thanks

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to the most is our Chairman, Andy Liddle.

Firstly, for giving me this job and trusting the vision I had for both the team and the club. Secondly, for always finding solutions to any issues or request that we may have to ensure the players and staff have the platform to succeed and finally, for the work, dedication, and commitment that you give towards this club. Without Andy, there are no successes, no staff, no players, and no memories made. On behalf of everyone at this club, thank you.

I'd like to welcome Chesham United, Lisa and her staff, players, and their supporters to the today's fixture. Our recent encounters with Chesham have always been closely fought contests with a single goal the decider on both occasions. I'm expecting an exciting game with two sides who will look to play, press, and battle their way to a victory.

**Enjoy the game, and we'll see you on the other side...
Tom.**

MATCH REPORT

Cheltenham Town Ladies 3 - 1 Exeter City Women

Sunday April 3, 2022 – FAWNL Division 1 South West



Watson, Owen, Butler, Barbour-Gresham (Hayward 86), Hallsworth, Jones, Criddle (Grove 72), Liggett, Haynes, Wathan, Robbins (Bevan 61).

Bond, Taylor, Prouse, Sharpe, Seaman (Grigg 46), Sandland (Toogood 73), Beck, Watkins, Baker (Kaptein 53), Stacey, Pengelly (Preston 62)



Cheltenham Town Ladies moved one win away from the league title with a 3-1 win against Exeter City Women at the Corinium Stadium.

Three goals in the first 15 minutes made the difference for the Robins, and although Exeter had the better of the play from there, Cheltenham hung on to make it 16 league games unbeaten.

It's also a third win from three against the Grecians this season, with Charlotte Criddle (pictured), Lacy-Jai Liggett and Courtney Jones netting the goals.

The Robins now have a five-point buffer at the top of the Women's National League Division One South West, although nearest challengers AFC Bournemouth have two games in hand.

Manager Tom Davies made a couple of changes to the team that picked up a point away at Southampton last week.

Jones and Georgie-Marie Barbour-Gresham replaced Abby Bevan and Jade Grove, as Ellie Walecki returned to the bench.

Less than three minutes in,

Cheltenham took the lead as Criddle picked the ball up around 30 yards out and unleashed a fantastic effort into the top-left corner.

After Amy Wathan's effort was saved by Abby Bond, Liggett doubled the lead shortly afterwards. She capitalised on a poor defensive header and finished coolly into the net.

It was three on 15 minutes when Jones showed great technique to volley home Criddle's corner.

Aimee Watson made a couple of good saves in the 10 minutes following the third goal, but other than that, Cheltenham weren't troubled too much until the 41-minute mark.

A powerful shot from range was parried by Watson and she couldn't recover quick enough to save a well-placed rebound from Sarah Stacey.

That was all for the first half, and Exeter continued to have the most of the chances after the break, as Mollie Taylor had an effort on target and Robin's defender Emily

Owen blocked a long-range strike.

Cheltenham's backline had to be at their best to keep the Grecians out, with crosses coming in regularly, but despite Exeter having the vast majority of the ball, they weren't creating too many clear-cut opportunities.

Zoe Watkins had a chance on 78 minutes when the ball dropped perfectly for her, but she shot well over the bar.

Taylor then almost got another back, but Watson produced a flying save away to her right. Watson made another save from Pengelly at the death to keep the scoreline at 3-1 and seal the win for the hosts.

It was an exemplary defensive performance from Cheltenham to complement the three early goals and sees them move onto 42 points atop the division ahead of a two-week break from fixtures.

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MATCH REPORT

Southampton Women 1 - 1 Cheltenham Town Ladies

Sunday March 27, 2022 – FAWNL Division 1 South West



Parker, Cheshire (Samuels 65), Burt, Mear (Kilby 90), Okoro (Heslam 45), Wheeler (May 70), Wernham (Warren 70), Whitlock, Wylie, Jeal, Tucker

Watson, Hallsworth, Butler, Owen, Wathan (Jones 77), Criddle (Barbour-Gresham 82), Bevan, Liggett, Haynes, Grove (Rogers 88), Robbins (Hayward 71)



The Robins picked up a credible point away to Southampton Women's on Sunday, although they may have left Hampshire disappointed not to pick up all three.

Cheltenham led for virtually all of the second half at the Winklebury Football Complex in Basingstoke after Lacy-Jai Liggett's 47th-minute opener, but a late header from Lucy Mear earned the hosts a share of the spoils.

The result, coupled with AFC Bournemouth's win over Portishead Town, means that although the league title is still in the Robins' hands, they now need to win both of their last two games to win the league if Bournemouth don't drop any points.

Those two fixtures see Cheltenham welcome Exeter City and Chesham United to the Corinium Stadium in Cirencester, on April 3 and 17 respectively.

Manager Tom Davies made five

changes to the side that won away at Portishead last weekend, with Jade Grove and Rhian Robbins among the players coming into the starting 11.

Midfield duo Amy Wathan and Abby Bevan also returned to the side, as the likes of Holly Rogers, Courtney Jones and Holly Reed dropped to the bench.

After a cagey start, it was the hosts who had the first efforts on goal. Emily Wernham shot wide from 20 yards, before Aliss Wheeler was given time and space, but couldn't make the most of that luxury and picked out Aimee Watson in goal.

There was almost a bizarre opener for the Robins as Liggett, perhaps unintentionally, poked goalwards, and Southampton 'keeper Ellie Parker misjudged the ball, and it came off the post.

Robbins and Bevan also had half-chances for Cheltenham before Watson made arguably the save of the game to deny an instinctive volley from Britt Jeal.

The final 15 minutes of the first half went by without incident, but the Robins took the lead less than two minutes into the second period.

A perfectly-weighted free-kick from Charlotte Criddle found Liggett, who volleyed into the far corner.

The pattern of the game continued as the second half wore on, both sides struggling to create anything clear-cut, but Southampton did have a couple of shots blocked.

After Davies changed things up from the bench, the hosts found an equaliser just after the 90-minute mark.

A corner from the right was headed back across goal and in by Mear to deny Cheltenham an eighth consecutive league win.

Neither side could find a winner in the lengthy period of injury time, so the Robins were forced to settle for a point that makes it 15 games unbeaten in the league.



CHELTEHAM TOWN
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Vacancy: CTLFC Under 18's Manager & Assistant Manager

This team – a large squad of 20 girls – has been together for three seasons and they would like to stay together for the 2022-23 season and beyond, while there is a lot of interest from other girls to join the squad next season.

Cheltenham Town Ladies FC Youth are an FA Accredited Club (2 Star) and have great training facilities and pitches for all of their teams from Under 8s through to Under 16s. Training is on a Tuesday evening and matches on a Sunday morning.

This is a voluntary role, and the applicant would need to have a driving licence, have their own transport, be DBS checked and have attended courses on safeguarding and first aid. The new coach will ideally be UEFA B (Level 3) qualified, however this is not compulsory. Experience of coaching football is essential. The club is willing to support additional FA coaching qualifications as appropriate.

If you are interested, the girls would love to hear from you. **Please contact Club Secretary, Guy on 07737 126064 or ctladiesyouth@gmail.com** to discuss further.



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YOUNG ROBINS

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The end of another season... they just keep going faster and faster!

It's been a very successful season too, here's the lowdown:

The U8's and U9's had terrific campaigns, remain unbeaten all season!

The U10's picked up two pieces of silverware, being crowned Gloucestershire County Girls League Under 10's League Cup and FA Cup champions.

The U11's Tornados (pictured below) came close GCGL U11 FA Cup Runners Up. While they didn't win, this is still a fantastic achievement because the U11 Tornados were only formed around 9 months ago and reached the final of the inaugural U11 FA Cup in their first season playing football! They have also been competing well in the GCGL U11 Division and Marley Cole is top scorer with 21 goals.

The U12's Tigers GCGL U12 were crowned League champions and GFA County Cup champions while the U13 Spartans were crowned GCGL U14 league champions – despite playing a year above! The U14 Titans also got themselves to a championship final, becoming GFA County Cup Runners Up.

Everyone from the Cheltenham Town Ladies Youth section wishes the very best of luck for the senior Ladies today, we'll all have our fingers crossed!



Guy Stirling Lee

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
27 Feb	A Cheltenham Town Development (CT SF)	0-5W
6 Mar	H Nottingham Forest (LP SF)	0-3L

13 Mar	H AFC Bournemouth	2-1W
20 Mar	A Portishead Town	0-2W
27 Mar	A Southampton Women	1-1D
3 Apr	H Exeter City	3-1W
17 Apr	H Chesham United	-
19 Apr	N Almondsbury (CT F)	-

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	2-1L
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	6-0L
27 Feb [†]	A Chipping Sodbury (CT QF)	A-W
27 Feb	A Cheltenham Town (CT SF)	0-5L
6 Mar	H Bristol Ladies Union	1-1D
13 Mar	H Weston-super-Mare	4-4D
20 Mar	A Downend Flyers	0-4W
27 Mar	H Oldland Abbotonians	1-1D
3 Apr	H Weston Mendip	2-2D

*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
Emily OWEN
Ellie WALECKI
Holly FINCH
Courtney JONES
Charlotte CRIDDLE
Annabel DAVIES
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Abby BEVAN
Holly REED
Billie HAYNES
Becky DONNELLY
Holly ROGERS
Amy WATHAN
Tamzin HAYWARD
Jade GROVE
Rhiann ROBBINS

Chesham United Ladies

Manager: Lisa WELLING

Amber TAYLOR
Emma DELVES
Keunna DILL
Becky BLOOR
Sophie HULL
Stacie BLACKBURN
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Kirsty GLADWIN
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