

# #ROBIN'S REVIEW



Cheltenham Town Ladies FC vs Billericay Town Women Sunday 28 August 2022

2:00pm Kick-off

FA Women's National League Southern Premier



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# andy liddle

We are delighted to welcome the players, staff, and fans of Billericay Town to the Corinium Stadium for the first time this afternoon.

Billericay lost just one game all season as they pipped Hashtag United to the South-East title last season by a single point. They will be keen to open their account this afternoon, after a narrow 2-1 defeat at home to London Bees last weekend.

We looked resplendent in our new kit last week, with huge thanks to shirt sponsor www.kohlermira.co.uk and our second half performance was as sparkling as the new kit as we overcame Plymouth's resistance. It's a long season, but this is a real confidence booster. There's nothing nervier than waiting four, five, six or more games for a first win in a higher division.

You may have read my quote on Twitter about our results now being reported by the BBC. This may seem a small point, but demonstrates both the progress the Club, and the women's game, has made in just the last ten years. We continue to gain wider media reporting and of course, my programme notes wouldn't be complete without linking this to commercial exposure – and the need for greater sponsorship in order for us to continue driving forward. Inflation is at a 40 year high; interest rates are on their way up and the cost of living is biting. If you know a business that would benefit from a huge push locally, do please ask them to get in touch.

We're away to MK Dons on Wednesday evening, to close out August and if you can get along your support will be hugely appreciated. Season ticket holders can follow

holders can follo a stream of the game if you can't make it. See the Club website for season ticket information.

Enjoy the game,

Andy Liddle, Chairman



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# TOM DAVIES

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to the Corinium Stadium as we continue our Southern Premier League journey by hosting Billericay Town Women.

Last weekend's performance and result for me, highlighted everything we'd spoken about as a new group. It was a nervy opening game from a young side who are improving their confidence levels with each session and game that passes. A side who were able to, in moments, play some fantastic free-flowing football at both ends of the pitch and creating chances against a well organised Plymouth side, but we also witnessed a hardworking and resilient side who are battling and fighting in their physical duels.

There is a lot to take away from last week's performance, there are aspects of our game we need to work on, and as always, we will keep working hard to improve every area of these as we move through our first year of this new project.

I'd like to welcome all of those who made the very long journey west from Billericay Town, including Scott Chickelday and his staff and players to Gloucestershire today.

Billericay, like us, worked hard last season to be crowned champions, finishing top of the Division One South-East, and losing only one game in the process.

With this comes a relentless attitude and desire to win games, which means this should be an extremely competitive clash today, and one that I am looking forward to immensely!



Report by Kieran Neller.

The Robins overcame a 1-0 deficit at the break to win their first game of the season thanks to goals from Jade Grove and Izzy Cook.

The side played their first game in the FA Women's National League Southern Premier Division as they faced Plymouth Argyle at The Corinium Stadium.

Grove and midfielder Henna Butcher were close to scoring early on with several shots narrowly missing the target.

Cook almost put the home side ahead with a fantastic break, only for Argyle's Rosie Train to slide in to make a last-second block.

Plymouth took the lead nearing the end of the first half with a longrange effort from Charlotte Whitmore.

Butcher replied just minutes later by rifling an effort into the visitor's goalpost before

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the first half concluded.

Grove equalised minutes into the second half, as Cook made headway down the left flank and slotted the ball into the box for to the striker to finish smartly at the near post.

After a sustained period of pressure, Cheltenham earned a penalty in the 70th minute after a handball from Lucy Hack, but Courtney Jones' shot was saved well by keeper Jasmine Read.

Cheltenham shook off the setback and took the lead three minutes later after Cook latched onto Butcher's pass and fired the ball into the roof of the net.

Cook got her third goal contribution of the game after Emily Owen's free kick was pushed into the danger zone by Read and with the ball landing at her feet, she took full advantage.

Cheltenham would maintain their two goal lead despite a late flurry of Plymouth attacks, with Shawna Hannam tipping over a long range free kick as The Robins picked up all three points on their first outing at Tier Three.

Cheltenham: Hannam, Jones, Owen, Barbour-Gresham, Asker (Liggett 65), Taylor, Butcher (Collis 80), Cook, Haynes, Grove (Newns 85), Wathan.

Plymouth: Read, Perrin, Train, Papaioannou, Hack (Murphy 72), Whitmore, Lane, Morgan-Hemmens (Alphous 72), Pollock (Campbell 85), Crawford, Barnes.

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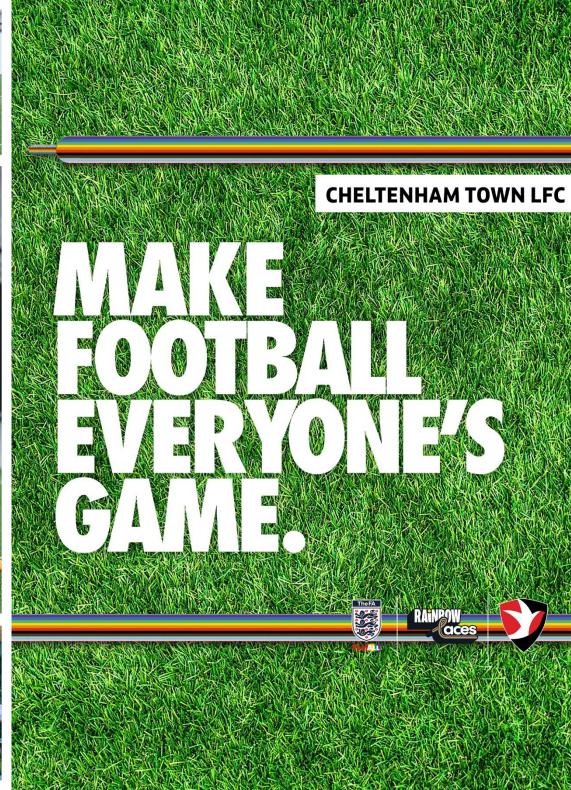














A look back at Cheltenham Town Ladies through the years

#### **BILLERICAY TOWN WFC 3-1 CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC**

Sunday August 25, 2019 | 20:00 | FAWNL League Cup Determining Round

For the second week in a row, Cheltenham were forced into a last minute switch as goalkeeper Bec Panniers' picked up a back injury before kick-off, with goalkeeping coach Alyta Norman stepping up as a last minute replacement.

Despite the baking heat, the game would start at a frantic pace with Cheltenham winning the first corner in less than a minute.

After weathering the early Cheltenham storm,
Billericay would take the lead after an attack down the right was converted inside the six yard box after less than five minutes.

Whatever Alex Cheal said during the water break worked, as debutante Sarah King latched into a long restart from Norman and allowed Sally Butterfield to equal the scores with a fine header. The remainder of the first half would be an end-to-end affair, with the play becoming frequently scrappy as the heat took its toll and both teams went in exhausted at the break.

Billericay brought on some fresh legs at the break, and the new blood improved the potency of their attack.

On the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, fullback Amy Leask was adjudged to have fouled in the box, leaving the referee no option but to award the penalty. Billericay reestablished their lead from the spot.

While they worked hard in defence, nothing Cheltenham did could help connect the dots in attack, with the conditions seeing passes go astray.

With Billericay coping just fine with the heat and running rampant, Kayleigh Hateley replaced an exhausted Cerys Dolloway at centre-back, but she wasn't able to offer any new resistance.

A pass between her and centre-back partner Mai Butler was intercepted, allowing the Billericay striker to bear down on goal and score with a cool finish, forcing Cheltenham to settle for a place in the FA WNL Plate in the process.

Cheltenham: Norman, Leask, Dolloway (Hateley 66), Butler, Ellis (Marron 73), Brown, Bevan, Kempski (Criddle 55), Butterfield, King, Fenton.

Billericay: Mullett, Lancaster, Duchar-Clark, Dougal, Lumley, Jones, (Bishop 75) Morgan, Blackie, Rodney, Vale (Addison 46), Rushen (Stimson 46).







DATE		OPPOSITION	СОМР		РОМ
AUG					
SUN 21	Н	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE WOMEN	FAWNLSP	3-1	BUTCHER
<b>SUN 28</b>	Н	BILLERICAY TOWN WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Wed 31	Α	MK Dons Women	FAWNLSP	19:45	
SEPT					
Sun 4	Α	Oxford United Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
<b>SUN 11</b>	Н	AFC WIMBLEDON WOMEN	WNLC DR	14:00	
Sun 18	Α	Watford Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
SUN 25	Н	PORTSMOUTH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
OCT					
Sun 2	Α	London Bees	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Sun 9	Α	Gillingham Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
W/C 10	Н	BRIDGWATER UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	TBC	
Sun 23	Α	Crawley Wasps	FAWNLSP	14:00	
NOV					
SUN 6	Н	IPSWICH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
JAN					
Sun 8	Α	Plymouth Argyle Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Sun 29	Α	Billericay Town Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
FEB					
SUN 5	Н	OXFORD UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
SUN 12	Н	WATFORD WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
W/C 20	Н	MK DONS WOMEN	FAWNLSP	TBC	
MAR					
Sun 5	Α	Portsmouth Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
W/c 13	Α	Bridgwater United Women	FAWNLSP	Tbc	
SUN 19	Н	LONDON BEES	FAWNLSP	14:00	
APR					
SUN 2	Н	GILLINGHAM WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
<b>SUN 16</b>	н	CRAWLEY WASPS	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Sun 30	Α	Ipswich Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	

# Today's Teams



#### Cheltenham Town LFC

- 1. Aimee Watson (GK)
- 2. Courtney Jones
- 4. Holly Finch
- 6. Georgie-Marie Barbour-Gresham
- 7. Emma Congrave
- 8. Charlie Taylor
- 9. Jade Grove
- 10. Amy Wathan
- 11. Lacy-Jai Liggett
- 12. Henna Butcher
- 13. Shawna Hannam (GK)
- 14. Izzy Cook
- 15. Emily Owen (c)
- 16. Billie Haynes
- 17. Tia Asker
- 18. Maisy Collis
- 19. Holly Beck-Esson
- 20. Issy Newns



#### Billericay Town WFC

- 1. Alex Baker (GK)
- 2. Casey Iron
- 3. Ellie Jeffkins
- 4. Lucy Jones
- 5. Danica Dougal
- 6. Courtney Lumley
- 7. Jay Blackie
- 8. Logan O'Shea
- 9. Holly Turner
- 10. Georgie Morton
- 11. Karissa Doo
- 12. Beau Parker
- 13. Zoe Rushen
- 14. Esme Lancaster
- 15. Sophie McLean
- 16. Charlotte O'Shea
- 17. Leonnie Bezant
- 18. Jess King
- 19. Kaylen Gerkey
- 20. Shannon Drewe
- 22. Ruby Sealey
- 23. Jess Gray (GK)
- 24. Edita Dobreva
- 25. Che Thomas

## Today's Other Fixtures

Bridgwater Utd vs Watford

Ipswich Town vs Gillingham

London Bees vs Crawley Wasps

Portsmouth vs MK Dons Plymouth Argyle vs Oxford Utd

#### Today's Match Officials

Referee Gareth Dunn

**Assistant Referees** 

Sam Myatt

Gordon Varley

#### **Next Home Game**



#### AFC Wimbledon Women

11 September, 2022 2pm kick-off Corinium Stadium, GL7 1H2



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