



THE ROBIN'S REVIEW



Cheltenham Town Ladies FC vs Crawley Wasps
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FA Women's National League Southern Premier



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CHAIRMAN

ANDY LIDDLE

What a first season in the Southern Premier Division this has been.

The highs include being the only side to date to beat Oxford, where we were quite exceptional in the first half. We've had sustained spells during many games since Christmas, during which time the football has been an absolute delight to watch.

With safety secured (our initial objective), we'll be looking to take these sustained periods into next season, and for the 98 minutes most games now seem to take.

Lows include a very harsh last-minute winner for MK Dons away at Stadium MK, where we had two good goals disallowed for offside, despite video evidence showing both onside.

I despise VAR, but we would have gained three points here! And of course, the heart breaking 93rd minute winner at The Completely Suzuki Stadium for London Bees... but these things make us stronger.

We also endured the ridiculous red card and two game ban for an alleged incident, also caught on video, but where no right of appeal existed. This is an

appalling County FA rule that the League have been unable to influence, and where it is the player that suffers.

Tom has been immense; his support staff have gone the extra mile and the players have worked tirelessly to implement his strategies.

Off the field, we continue to look for more support at a board level, to distribute and enhance the workload. Do please get in touch if you feel you can offer something. We also need to grow off the field as we have on it, so if you can help with minor admin tasks during the week, or on matchdays, can raise access to training facilities, funds/sponsorship/media/fan engagement etc etc, do please let us know.
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Thanks for your continued support, we hope you have enjoyed the performances this season. See you for 2023/24!

Andy Liddle,
Chairman



ALTHOUGH THE SCORELINE REFLECTED A DIFFERENT GAME, LAST WEEK WAS ANOTHER STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WE CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR A STRONG PORTSMOUTH SIDE AND IMPOSED OURSELVES MUCH BETTER.

TOM DAVIES

Good afternoon and welcome back as we host our final home fixture of the 2022/23 Southern Premier season.

Although the scoreline reflected a different game, last week was another step in the right direction, we caused problems for a strong Portsmouth side and imposed ourselves much better.

As I've mentioned previously, we have a young group and it's a developing process whereby we need to be at our best for 90 minutes each week to pick up results in this division and something we're working towards. We have fantastic amounts of talent and with this, we need to allow these players time to grow and provide a platform for them to feel at their best to succeed, we're doing this and we'll see the benefits of this in the future. Here's to the next two games and a summer of pushing new boundaries.

As these are my final notes, I'd like to pay thanks to several people. Firstly, everyone who has supported along the way, fans, parents, partners, pets, and everyone else in between.

Secondly, I'd like to thank our support staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure that we're moving the club in the right direction, and I recognise that I'm not the easiest to work with sometimes.

Next, I would like to thank my mum Jackie who has gone above and beyond this season, manning the door, handling our welfare section, and constantly finding ways to increase revenue and ticket sales.

Finally, the Chairman. Everything you do to ensure that every supporter, staff member and player feels looked after is second to none. I'm forever grateful for the opportunity to manage at this club and to have the support and guidance you provide, allowing me to do my job and those around us. Without you, there is no us. Thank you.

I'd like to welcome Crawley, Charlie, their staff, players, and their supporters to the today's fixture. We've faced Crawley twice this season both away from home, winning once and drawing the second (losing on pens) in the cup. We've continued to work hard throughout the week and we're looking forward to putting on another positive performance and hopefully finishing our home campaign with 3 more points.

On a personal note, I'd like to welcome Freddie to today's game. Important Nap schedules prevent him from attending regularly. However, he's making a guest appearance today to support me and the team.

Love you lots lil' man.

Enjoy the game today,

Tom



Report by Kieran Neller.

Cheltenham Town Ladies fell to a three-goal defeat against promotion candidates Portsmouth Women.

Cheltenham, starting in eighth in the league, had a chance to secure a place in the FA WNL Southern Premier next season, while Portsmouth sat in fourth.

As the game commenced, Cheltenham goalkeeper Aimee Watson was forced into action in the 2nd minute. The home side's number one made a reaction save to prevent Sophie Quirk from converting a snapshot from within the six-yard box.

Cheltenham held onto possession well in the opening stages but were struggling to break into the final third.

Pompey's Tierney Scott had an opportunity in the sixth minute, but Holly Finch put her body across the opposition attacker and shielded the ball to the safety of Watson's gloves.

Portsmouth got their opener in the 25th minute despite Cheltenham's strong start to the game.

Quirk fired a low cross to Scott who converted neatly.

0 CHELTENHAM
3 PORTSMOUTH



The visitors doubled their advantage eight minutes later. Quirk's cross was dealt with by Watson, but she could only parry it to Annie Rolf who duly scrambled it home.

As the half finished, Quirk would get a goal for herself, lobbing Watson from the edge of the box.

Annabel Davies replaced Maisy Collis at the break and Cheltenham started strongly in the second half with Laura Holden firing a shot narrowly wide after a driving run.

Portsmouth had a chance to make it four as they were handed a penalty for alleged handball. Watson stood strong in the Cheltenham goal to keep Scott out.

The Cheltenham 'keeper made another save minutes later, as she collected Scott's low effort after a Pompey corner.

At 75 minutes, Emma Congrave and Issy Newns

joined the fray to add extra energy to the Cheltenham attack.

Newns was close to having an instant impact, as she was put through one-on-one against Portsmouth goalkeeper Hannah Haughton, but the ball got away from her allowing Haughton to smother the ball.

Despite losing by three, results elsewhere meant that The Robinesses secured safety from relegation and guaranteed Southern Premier football next season.

Cheltenham: Watson, Jones, Owen, Finch, Ackerman (Newns 65), Taylor, Collis (A. Davies 46), Holden (Congrave 65), Butcher, Haynes, Cook.

Portsmouth: Haughton, Rowe, Younger, Gane, Wild (MacDonald 65), Lane (Barrett 65), Rowbotham, Rolf (Bell 70), Scott (Harney 70), Hall, Quirk

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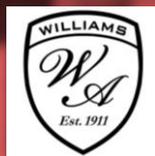
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A look back at Cheltenham Town Ladies through the years

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CLASSIC MATCHES

CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC 2-1 BASINGSTOKE TOWN LFC

Sunday January 8, 2017 | 14:00 | FAWPL Division One SW

It was a winning start to 2017 for Cheltenham Town Ladies as goals from Ria Salleh and Ella Hitchcox handed the Robinesses all three points in a lively encounter.

Despite the poor surface, Cheltenham started well and deservedly took the lead with Salleh opening the scoring early into the game with a fantastic strike from the edge of the penalty area.

Basingstoke dug in after the early setback and after some threatening attacks, were rewarded for their efforts as the referee adjudged Hitchcox to have handled the ball inside the Cheltenham area and pointed to the spot.

Panniers would stand strong between the sticks, stopping the

penalty well but Cheltenham's defence couldn't stop Charlie Powell from slotting home the rebound to level the scores.

Cheltenham didn't let their heads drop, and eventually Hitchcox got her retribution shortly after, using her pace to put daylight between her and her marker before slotting past the out rushing goalkeeper to re-establish Cheltenham's lead.

Not long after, Cheltenham found the net again, however this time the celebrations were cut short by the assistant referee's flag.

Basingstoke attacked from the off in the second half, demanding excellent saves from Panniers.

The game would descend

into box-to-box action with Hitchcox and Annie Martin leading the charge as Cheltenham did everything they could to hunt down a third goal, while at the other end, captain Jen Brown-Wealls would marshal the defence well to keep the visitors just out of reach as Cheltenham scooped the much-needed three points.

Cheltenham: Panniers, Knuckey (Berry 62), Leask, Brown-Wealls, Purvis, Wiltshire, Herbert, Fensome, Hitchcox Salleh, Martin.

Basingstoke (alphabetically): L. Beverley, M. Beverley, Butler, Davis-Donne, Donegan, James, MacBeth, Maylin (Rutledge 60), Ogle, Powell, Randell (wentworth 60).

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CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC



DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	POM
AUG			
SUN 21	H PLYMOUTH ARGYLE WOMEN	FAWNLSP	3-1 BUTCHER
SUN 28	H BILLERICAY TOWN WOMEN	FAWNLSP	2-1 NEWNS
Wed 31	A MK Dons Women	FAWNLSP	1-2 Butcher
SEPT			
Sun 4	A Oxford United Women	FAWNLSP	0-5 Liggett
Sun 18	A Watford Women	FAWNLSP	0-6 C. Taylor
SUN 25	H AFC WIMBLEDON WOMEN	WNLC DR	2-4 JONES
OCT			
Sun 2	A London Bees	FAWNLSP	4-2 Cook
TUES 11	H BRIDGWATER UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	1-1 COOK
Sun 23	A Crawley Wasps	FAWNLSP	1-0 Butcher
SUN 30	H AFC ST. AUSTELL	WNLP1	9-1 OWEN
NOV			
Sun 13	A Plymouth Argyle Women	WFAC 1	2-4
DEC			
Sun 4	A Cambridge United Women	WNLP2	4-2 Nolan
SUN 18	H IPSWICH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	0-2 NOLAN
JAN			
Sun 22	A Crawley Wasps	WNLP3	2-2 Cook
Sun 29	A Billericay Town Women	FAWNLSP	4-0 Watson
FEB			
SUN 5	H OXFORD UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	2-1 WATSON
SUN 12	H WATFORD WOMEN	FAWNLSP	1-3 HOLDEN
Sun 19	A Portsmouth Women	FAWNLSP	0-2 C. Taylor
THUR 23	H MK DONS WOMEN	FAWNLSP	2-2 OWEN
Sun 26	A Plymouth Argyle Women	FAWNLSP	1-4 Cook
MAR			
Sun 5	A Gillingham Women	FAWNLSP	1-2 Cook
Thurs 16	A Bridgwater United Women	FAWNLSP	3-3 Cook
SAT 18	H LONDON BEES	FAWNLSP	0-1 COOK
APR			
SUN 2	H GILLINGHAM WOMEN	FAWNLSP	0-0 WATSON
SUN 9	H PORTSMOUTH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	0-3 WATSON
SUN 16	H CRAWLEY WASPS	FAWNLSP	14:00
Sun 30	A Ipswich Women	FAWNLSP	14:00

Today's Teams



Cheltenham Town LFC

1. Aimee Watson (GK)
2. Courtney Jones
3. Daisy Ackerman
4. Holly Finch
5. Kelcie Fallon
7. Emma Congrave
8. Charlie Taylor
10. Amy Wathan
11. Laura Holden
12. Henna Butcher
13. Shawna Hannam (GK)
14. Izzy Cook
15. Emily Owen (c)
16. Billie Haynes
17. Annabel Davies
18. Maisy Collis
19. Jessie Taylor
20. Issy Newns
22. Libby Davies



Crawley Wasps FC

Amelia Ajao
Lauren Baker
Amely Bravenboer
Selin Buyukgiray
Grace Chester
Dayna Chong
Jessica Collyer
Comfort Erhabor
Melanie Espinosa
Sophie Fogarty
Izzy Franklin
Brooke Garcia
Naomi Gross
Jessica Hall
Orla Humphrey
Ciara Hynes
Florence Jackson
Cerys Jones
Leonor Keegan
Phoebe Murton
Oana-Elene Negrea
Letitia Nicholls
Sophie Phelps
Hannah Plumb
Morgan Searle
Tia Searle
Hope Smith
Isobel Smith
Natasha Stephens
Iesha Swaby
Holly Talbut-Smith
Natalie Taylor
Chrisie Wiggins

Today's Other Fixtures

Billericay Town vs
Plymouth Argyle
MK Dons vs Ipswich
Town
Portsmouth vs Oxford
Utd
Watford vs London Bees

Today's Match Officials

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