



THE ROBINESSES REVIEW

VS.



READING WFC



Sunday 10 December 2023 | 2:00pm kick-off
Adobe Women's FA Cup Third Round





ANDY
LIDDLE
CHAIRMAN

*GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KAYTE LANE.
IT HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC TO RETURN TO CHELTENHAM
TO PLAY OUR FOOTBALL THIS SEASON, AND WE ARE
TREMENDOUSLY APPRECIATIVE THAT OUR FANS HAVE TURNED OUT
TO SUPPORT US IN EVER INCREASING NUMBERS, SO THANK YOU!*

The staff here at Bishops Cleeve FC could not be more accommodating, and despite the weather doing its usual December "thing", hot drinks and food are available, along with hats and scarfs to beat the chill.

The football we are playing at the moment is enough to warm the cockles too! Clean sheets aplenty, and an away win at top of the league last time out to boot.

My Exeter City programme notes referred to the "Magic of the Adobe Women's FA Cup", and this became really meaningful during the last ten minutes of the game. Perhaps not quite at our best, and testament to a resolute opposition, two cracking goals and another pen from the skipper saw us into the bag for the Third Round draw.

And what a draw! We have never before played any team from the Second Tier.

Semi-Finalists in the Adobe Women's FA Cup as recently as 2018/19, and only relegated from the WSL on the final day of last season, Reading have produced some quality players in the past - not least current England star Fran Kirby.

The 68-page document that lists the requirements to join the Women's Championship, should a team be successful enough to win Tier Three, gives you an indication of the size of the gulf between the two divisions. Indeed, it could be argued that there isn't a larger gap anywhere in the world of football!

Once again, thank you for your support. It really does make a difference to the players, and everyone involved with the club.

Andy Liddle,
Chairman



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TOM DAVIES

MANAGER



GOOD AFTERNOON ALL AND WELCOME BACK TO KAYTE LANE FOR OUR ADOBE WOMEN'S FA CUP THIRD ROUND TIE AGAINST READING FC WOMEN.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who attended last time out against Exeter. Although we didn't perform to the standards we set for ourselves, we ensured that we made it through to today's Third Round tie with some excellent quality and another showing of this team's attitude and resilience to continue until the last minutes of the game and your support was a key part of that.

We backed this up with a very strong and hard-fought win against current front-runner Hashtag United at their home ground on Sunday. Not alone does this result itself provide the grounding of belief for today's clash but it also was one of our better performances, and we really have started to look like a side that we've been working towards with our Out-of-Possession regains, pressing and work rate. For those that know the group, you understand that when the coach was quiet on the way home, it must have been some shift they put in and one that I'm proud of them for. I'd also again, similarly to Billericay away, like to thank those that travelled to the fixture and provided the noise which was unbelievable for the team and I'm glad we gave you something to celebrate on that long journey home.

Today's a huge game for our club as we continue to push boundaries. To my knowledge it's the first time Cheltenham have faced Championship opposition, and achieving the Third Round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup is another milestone as this is the furthest we've gotten in previous years. This provides another opportunity for history as we keep breaking down the barriers in front of us and with a full squad to select from and being in both a good run of form and the group in a really strong place, we'll give it our best shot to create that next memory for each other and you all today.

I'd like to welcome Liam, his staff and players, and Reading's supporters to today's fixture. Liam is someone I've known for a couple of years now and someone that I respect both for the job he's done at Oxford, being minutes away from winning the title, and for the work he continues to do at Reading. His side will be organised, aggressive, and will look to dominate from the first whistle, so I'm looking forward to a fiercely contested game, played in the right way, and hopefully one for us to remember.

Enjoy the game,
Tom



3 vs 2



CHELTHENHAM TOWN LFC

EXETER CITY WFC

Watson, Finch (Ackerman 30), Llewellyn, Owen, Collis, Buxton, Lewis, Harding (Billingham 70), Allen (Jones 93), Poole, Lue

Bond, Seaman (Pollock 81), Sharpe, Sandland, Ireland, Markham, Stacey, Zuurmond, Watkins (Pengelly 95), Cunningham (Beck 81), M. Taylor

26 NOVEMBER 2023 | 14:00 | ADOBE WOMEN'S FA CUP SECOND ROUND

Cheltenham Town Ladies secured their place in the Adobe Women's FA Cup Third Round after snatching victory from the jaws of defeat, coming from behind in dramatic fashion.

The hosts found themselves 0-1 down in the closing stages of the first half after Sarah Stacey put the Grecians ahead, but three goals in six minutes saw them turn the game on its head.

Exeter started with real purpose, with Jenna Markham coming close within just a few minutes of kick-off.

The teams would exchange chances, with Aimee Watson claiming an Exeter shot from inside the area before Natasha Harding tested Abbi Bond after stepping inside from her wing.

Exeter's attacking danger was visible for all to see. With the half looking likely to end in a deadlock, the

clinical Sarah Stacey fired her side ahead after Exeter broke away at pace.

A fired up Cheltenham restarted the game immediately hunting down an equaliser.

Una Lue and Phoebe Poole connected well but could only force a good stop out of Bond.

Moments later, Emily Allen would find space for a shot from the edge of the box but her curling effort was tipped around the post by an outstanding Bond save.

Lily Billingham would return from injury to enter the fray and set about creating chances. Her clever through ball found Allen who struck from distance to hand Cheltenham a lifeline on the 87th minute.

Playing with their tails up, Cheltenham would pile on more pressure and found a way through again through Poole.

The Welsh striker stormed into the box, evading her marker and belting her effort into the top corner.

Tom Davies' side didn't stop there, as Poole would again cause problems in the area before being brought down. Captain Emily Owen made no mistake in dispatching the penalty to extend Cheltenham's advantage.

To increase the drama and ramp up the tension, Exeter's inexhaustible spirit saw them claw themselves back into the game, with Stacey finding the net again on the 94-minute.

The late response from the Devon side wasn't enough however, with Davies' side holding out and turning what looked like Cup heartbreak into celebrations.



0 vs 1



HASHTAG UNITED WFC

Angel, West, Lumley, Gillard, Baigent, Keogh (Chamney-Farrand 69), Nicholls (Lawfull 39), Baker (Kelly 60), Samways, Rowland (Keen 76), Apindia

CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC

Watson, Jones, Llewellyn, Owen, Davies (Collis 62), Buxton (Lewis 71), Pemberton (Ackerman 71), Allen, Billingham (Taylor 62), Lue, Poole

3 DECEMBER 2023 | 15:00 | FA WNL PREMIER SOUTH

Cheltenham Town's very own Una Lue struck the only goal of the game to take all three points away from promotion-pushing side Hashtag United.

A cagey affair, which saw Cheltenham captain Emily Owen produce a vital goal line clearance at the start of the second half, saw The Robinesses pick up three points and their fourth clean sheet in the last five games.

The hosts started brightest, with a chance coming just two minutes into the game but a Courtney Jones block saw their opportunity fade away.

Full debutant Ella Pemberton was proving to be too much for Hashtag, as the midfielder battled off two United players to break free but a mint shirt couldn't get on the end of her forward ball.

Tom Davies' side began to grow into the game as Una Lue drove down the field and took aim, but

United's defence held off the young forward.

Moments later, Lue was through again but was wiped out by a tackle, winning a free kick. Jones sent in the set piece, reaching her defensive partner Owen, but the captain's attempt was blocked.

Hashtag went close, rattling the Cheltenham cross bar, before a Phoebe Poole shot was intercepted in the Hashtag box.

Neither side were able to break the deadlock before the break.

A rapid restart from Hashtag saw them come within inches of opening the scoring, but a crucial goal line clearance from Owen saw the Robinesses stay level.

Just minutes later, Cheltenham would go close themselves as Lily Billingham sent a looping ball into Lue, the striker was met by two yellow and

blue shirts, preventing the goal.

The Robinesses' pressure paid off as Lue broke the deadlock with just 15 minutes to go with a clinical low driven strike.

Moments later Emily Allen almost doubled the lead, but her shot from range drifted just wide of the post.

The visitors looked more likely to score the next goal as Lue broke through again but was unable to find Charlie Taylor in the area, the ball having just a little too much on it for the midfielder.

As Hashtag fought for an equaliser, the resolute defending from the visitors continued, with Owen and Jones combining to prevent Hashtag having a clear strike on goal.

The Robinesses saw out the final closing stages to topple the league leaders and secure a massive three points.



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RESERVES

4th | FA Women's National League Reserves Division South-West

Sept 3	Portsmouth (H)	1-7 L	Jan 7	Swindon (H)	-
Sept 10*	Maidenhead Utd (A)	1-1 pL	Jan 28	Exeter City (H)	-
Sept 17	Exeter City (A)	4-5 L	Feb 11	Southampton W (A)	-
Oct 1	Moneyfields (A)	2-2 D	Feb 18^A	Cheltenham Civil Service (H)	-
Oct 8	Southampton W (H)	8-0 W	Feb 25	Keynsham (H)	-
Oct 22	Swindon (A)	0-1 L	Mar 3	Portsmouth (A)	-
Oct 29**	MK Dons (A)	0-7 L	Mar 10	Bournemouth (H)	-
Nov 26 ^Δ	Tuffley Rovers (A)	14-0 W	tbc	Bournemouth (A)	-
Dec 3	Keynsham (A)	5-0 w			
Dec 10	Moneyfields (H)	-			

* Reserves Cup

** Reserves Plate

Δ GFA Women's County Trophy

DEVELOPMENT

10th | Gloucestershire County Women's Football League Division 2

Sept 3	Bradley Stoke (A)	0-7 L	Jan 21	Gloucester City Dev. (A)	-
Sept 10	Downend Flyers Res. (A)	1-1 D	Jan 28	Stoke Lane Athletic (A)	-
Sept 17	Gloucester City Dev. (H)	0-8 L	Feb 4	Longlevens (A)	-
Sept 24	Bristol Ladies Union (H)	1-0 W	Feb 11	Southmead CS (H)	-
Oct 1	Mangotsfield Utd Res. (H)	1-2 L	Feb 18[‡]	Ellwood (H)	-
Oct 15[†]	Cinderford Town (H)	8-0 W	Feb 25	Red Falcon (A)	-
Oct 22[†]	Andoversford (H)	2-3 L	Mar 3	Red Falcon (H)	-
Oct 29	Stoke Lane Athletic (H)	0-6 L	Mar 17	Abbeymead Rovers (H)	-
Nov 5	Abbeymead Rovers (A)	0-1 L	Mar 24	Mangotsfield Utd Res. (A)	-
Nov 12	Bradley Stoke (H)	1-3 L	Apr 7	Bristol Ladies Union (A)	-
Nov 19	Kingswood (H)	H-W	tbc	Longlevens (H)	-
Dec 17	Southmead CS (A)	-			
Jan 14	Downend Flyers Res. (H)	-			

† Gordon Perrett League Cup

‡ GFA Women's Challenge Cup

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Fixtures & Results 2023/24

DATE		OPPOSITION	COMP	Att.	POM
AUG					
Sun 20	A	Portsmouth Women	FAWNLSP	0-5	482 Owen
SUN 27	H	MAIDENHEAD UTD WOMEN	WNLC DR	3-0	109 POOLE
SEPT					
SUN 3	H	LONDON BEES	FAWNLSP	3-2	104 LLEWELLYN
THUR 7	H	CARDIFF CITY LADIES	FAWNLSP	2-2	128 ALLEN
Sun 10	A	Plymouth Argyle Women	FAWNLSP	2-3	89 Poole
SUN 17	H	MK DONS WOMEN	FAWNLSP	4-3	153 C.TAYLOR
Sun 24	A	Ipswich Town Women	FAWNLSP	0-8	541 Poole
OCT					
Sun 1	A	Ipswich Town Women	WNLC1	H-W	
Sun 8	A	Rugby Borough Women	FAWNLSP	1-3	112 Watson
THUR 12	H	OXFORD UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	0-1	169 POOLE
Sun 22	A	Billericay Town Women	FAWNLSP	1-0	176 Owen
NOV					
SUN 5	H	CHATHAM TOWN WOMEN	FAWNLSP	0-0	158 C.TAYLOR
Sun 12	A	Cardiff City Ladies	WFAC1	3-0	140 Lue
SUN 26	H	EXETER CITY WOMEN	WFAC2	3-2	322 POOLE
DEC					
Sun 3	A	Hashtag United Women	FAWNLSP	1-0	98 Lue
SUN 10	H	READING WOMEN	WFAC3	14:00	
JAN					
SUN 7	H	RUGBY BOROUGH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
SUN 14	H	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Sun 28	A	Mk Dons Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
FEB					
SUN 11	H	IPSWICH TOWN WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Thurs 22	A	Cardiff City Ladies	FAWNLSP	19:45	
MAR					
Sun 10	A	London Bees	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Wed 13	A	Oxford United Women	FAWNLSP	19:45	
SUN 24	H	BILLERICAY TOWN WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
Sun 31	A	Chatham Town Women	FAWNLSP	14:00	
APR					
SUN 21	H	PORTSMOUTH WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	
MAY					
SUN 5	H	HASHTAG UNITED WOMEN	FAWNLSP	14:00	

Fixture detail subject to change.

WNLC / WNLP = Women's National League Cup / Plate

WFAC = Women's FA Cup

POM = Player of the Match chosen by the opposition (or sponsor, where applicable).



TODAY'S SQUADS



CHELTEMHAM TOWN LFC

- 01 Aimee Watson
- 02 Courtney Jones
- 03 Daisy Ackerman
- 04 Holly Finch
- 06 Megan Lewis
- 07 Emily Allen
- 08 Charlie Taylor
- 09 Phoebe Poole
- 10 Lily Billingham
- 11 Chloe Buxton
- 12 Henna Butcher
- 13 Ffion Llewellyn
- 15 Emily Owen (c)
- 16 Ella Pemberton
- 17 Annabel Davies
- 18 Maisy Collis
- 20 Natasha Harding
- 21 Una Lue



READING WFC

- 01 Emily Orman
- 02 Rachel Mary Newborough
- 05 Deanna Cooper
- 07 Charlie Louise Wellings
- 08 Tia-Jade Primmer
- 09 Madison Perry
- 10 Ava Elise Cohen Kuyken
- 11 Lauren Wade
- 15 Brooke Hendrix
- 16 Esther Mayi-Kith
- 17 Charlie Lucy Estcourt
- 18 Freya Meadows Tuson
- 20 Georgia Dee Wilson
- 22 Amelia Elwood
- 25 Jacqueline Denise Burns
- 27 Rose Jane Kite
- 28 Lily Woodham (c)
- 31 Bethan Roberts
- 32 Stevie Loulou Kennedy
- 33 Isabella Violet Cox
- 34 Imogen Louise Poile
- 36 Natasha Elysia Angelina Rasmusson
- 41 Eve Annets
- 51 Sanne Troelsgaard

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Harry Organ Assistant Referees: Keith Simpson & James McNee
Fourth Official: Matthew Dickinson



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