

#ROBIN'S REVIEW



Cheltenham Town Ladies FC vs MK Dons Women Thursday 23 February 2023 7:45pm Kick-off FA Women's National League Southern Premier



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SUNDAY SAW US PIT OURSELVES AGAINST THE LEAGUE LEADERS, AND AFTER GIVING THEM A LITTLE TOO MUCH RESPECT IN THE FIRST HALF, WE ONCE AGAIN CAME INTO OUR OWN IN THE SECOND. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT 6 MONTHS IN, WE ARE NOW HUGELY COMPETITIVE AT THIS LEVEL.

This week has allowed for a period of reflection of how the ladies and girls game is shaping up.

I travelled to the fabulous facility that is St Georges Park on Saturday for the Women's National League strategy meeting. We focussed on what the minimum standards should be for clubs in the league which will be soft launched next season, and which will become mandatory the season after (2024/25). It is great to see huge strides being taken to develop the game further.

Sunday saw us pit ourselves against the league leaders, and after giving them a little too much respect in the first half, we once again came into our own in the second. There is no doubt that 6 months in, we are now hugely

competitive at this level.

Last night we witnessed a completely dominant Lionesses display against a good Belgium side at a sell-out Bristol City.

The movement off the ball is now fantastic, possibly another level even from the Euros? This bodes well for an incredible world cup in Australia but that of course comes with so many unknowns, not least how everyone will cope with the substantial travel involved.

We're grateful to Evesham United for the use of the facilities this evening, and hope you enjoy what should turn out to be an absolutely cracking game of football from 2 very good sides who sit right

Thanks for your support.

in the table.

next to each other

Andy Liddle, Chairman



St. George's Park (Image: Jake Sugden)

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tom davies

Good evening and welcome to our temporary home for the night at Evesham United FC as we host MK Dons in our WNL Southern Premier Division fixture.

The last 3 weeks have provided the tests that we needed at this stage of our development, 3 sides who will no doubt be within the mix come the end of the season for the title and it was pleasing to see so many of our themes, patterns and principles come out in these games where we've been tested the most.

Now we turn our attention to sides who are in and around the position of the table we are and with this comes different challenges with how they will set up both in and out of possession.

Although we want to play in the same way (our way) we have to earn the right to do this, and each side now will pose threats in different formats as we all look to climb up the table.

We will have to face sides who are fighting for their survival in the division which means we have to maintain our professional

attitude and our focus has to remain on the short term, the game in front of us, medium term, our position in the division and long term, our aspirations to climb as high and challenge those above us.

I'd like to welcome MK Dons, Charlie Bill and his staff, players, and their supporters to today's fixture.

Today's game poses a 50/50 situation with both sides on similar points and similar records throughout this season. We're looking forward to the challenge and we're confident of putting in a strong and exciting performance.





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Robin's Recall

A look back at Cheltenham Town Ladies through the years



CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC 3-2 MAIDENHEAD UTD LFC

Sunday November 13, 2016 | 14:00 | FAWPL Division One SW

In a game that saw
Cheltenham Town Ladies
raise £200 for charity, a
dramatic late winner
from Holly Rogers saw
The Robinesses cap off a
brave performance that
saw them come from
behind to beat
Maidenhead United.

Jenn Brown-Wealls and Ella Hitchcox both found the net to cancel out the Magpies lead before Rogers took advantage of some indecisive defending to bag her first FA WPL goal and Cheltenham's second league win of the season.

Cheltenham started well but found themselves behind after ten minutes as Maidenhead's clinical break resulted in a close range shot that goalkeeper Bec Panniers got a hand to but couldn't turn it away. Panniers remained busy for the rest of the first half and made crucial saves to keep the hosts in the game.

After half time
Cheltenham increased
the pressure on
Maidenhead's defence
and won a penalty
through Hitchcox's tricky
play. Club captain BrownWealls stepped up and
smashed it in the top left
corner to level the score
on 67 minutes.

The Robins quickly found themselves a goal down again as Maidenhead took advantage of some ball-watching in the Cheltenham ranks as a long free kick forward was turned in from close range.

Goals were aplenty with the hosts instantly replying when Hitchcox rose highest from a corner in the 74th minute to level the score to two each.

Both sides were pushing for a third goal but it was Cheltenham who got the winner when 16-year-old Rodgers stole the ball from the hesitant defence to make it 3-2 in the 84th minute.

Cheltenham: Panniers, Wiltshire, Brown-Wealls, Leask, Purvis, Wyatt, Sallah, Amarquaye (Berry 60), Hitchcox, Lawrence (Rogers 76), Martin (Markovic 87)

Maidenhead
(alphabetically): Dover,
Lovelock, May, Panting,
Parker, Reid, Richardson,
Saunders, N. Thompson,
S. Thompson. Winchester,
Subs: Goulter, Mohamed.

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Fixture detail subject to change. WNLC / WNLP = Women's National League Cup / Plate WFAC = Vitality Women's FA Cup

Today's Teams



Cheltenham Town LFC

- 1. Aimee Watson (GK)
- 2. Courtney Jones
- 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
- 20. Issy Newns
- 21. Kylie Nolan
- 22. Libby Davies



MK Dons WFC

- 1. Chloe Sansom (GK) (c)
- 2. Hannah Warren
- 3. Nicola Puddick
- 4. Gemma Biggadike
- 5. Sofia Stovold
- 6. Laura Bright
- 7. Angelina Nixon
- 8. Rhianne Rush
- 9. Therese Addison
- 10. Nicole Pepper
- 11. Lucy Wood
- 12. Tally Miles
- 13. Darcy Guy (GK)
- 14. Tricia Gould
- 15. Leoni Miceli
- 17. Georgie Giddings
- 18. Mollie Coupar
- 19. Laura Mitchell
- 20. Tilly Brown
- 21. Amy McLean
- 22. Hannah Davies
- 23. Kerry Newman
- 24. Renai Bennett
- 26. Hannah Samuels
- 40. Alice Hughes

This Week's Other Fixtures

Last Night
Gillingham vs Crawley
Wasps

London Bees vs Oxford
Utd

Watford vs Portsmouth

This Evening
Plymouth Argyle vs
Bridgwater

Today's Match Officials

Referee

Daniel Forrester

Assistant Referees

Andrew Bower

Max Thompson

Next Home Game



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