







Ryan Perks

Good afternoon, all, and welcome to Home Park, for our Adobe Women's FA Cup second-round fixture against Exeter City.

We welcome Exeter's players, staff, officials, and supporters to the Theatre of Greens this afternoon.

We had the opportunity to host a Devon Derby earlier this season, and although the result didn't go our way, it was a special evening for all players, staff, and fans under the lights at Home Park.

Our support from the Green Army this season has been immense. We can't thank you enough for all the celebrations, noise and getting behind the girls, no matter the result or circumstance. I've said it before this season, but your support doesn't go unnoticed, and it will be especially important in today's cup fixture. Although our result on the weekend against Cheltenham Town was not what we wanted, the growth and improvement in results can be seen through our three victories in all competitions prior. That being said, we would like to thank those at Saltash United, for helping host the league tie against Cheltenham at Kimberley Stadium.

Now, we know what we need to do today, and have the belief and confidence that we can. It will be a tough game, as any Devon Derby is, but we will do our very best to progress. Everyone knows the importance of the FA Cup, and we had a great run last year, so let's see if we can do it again.

Enjoy the game and afternoon, Ryan

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An undefeated 2023/24 FA Women's National League Division One South West campaign saw Exeter City secure promotion to the Southern Premier Division for the first time.

The Grecians' 20 wins and two draws solidified the top spot over AFC Bournemouth and placed the side into the ever-competitive third tier, whilst also setting up the Devon Derby in league action.

Forming under the name of Elmore Eagles LFC 27 years ago in 1997, Exeter City Ladies Football Club was created four years later, combining with Exeter City. However, after five years sporting the Grecians' name and colours, the club changed their name to Cullompton Rangers L.F.C.

To preserve the 'Exeter City Ladies' name and branding, in the summer of 2006, Exeter City COE Ladies was formed, entering into the second division of the Devon Women's Leagues.

Despite numerous successes over a decade of playing, including several promotions, league honours, Cup wins and finals appearances, many departures at the end of the 2015/16 season pushed City towards disbandment. Through the help of local schools and the Club's Community Trust, the side kept running and continued to play in the South West Division One. After securing promotion to the South West Women's Premier Division in 2019, the club changed their name to the one they sport today: Exeter City Women. Under the new branding, shortened seasons were followed by third- and secondplaced finishes in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons respectively. Exeter were then promoted to the third tier, last season.

This time round, the Grecians have found success in the FAWNL Southern Premier Division, winning six of their 11 matches and currently sitting in fourth on 20 points.

Earlier this year, the Devon Derby under the lights at Home Park ended in favour of the visiting team. Abbie Britton's side won 3-0, with goals from Sophie Gillies, Sarah Stacey and Emily Toogood giving Exeter the three points in front of 2,000 fans at the Theatre of Greens.

Similar to Argyle, they reached the second round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup, facing a lower-league team in the opening round. The Grecians ran out as 4-0 victors over FA Women's National League Division One South West side Keynsham Town, thanks to a brace from Stacey and goals from Gillies and former Pilgrim Amber Pollock.



Argyle secured their place in the second round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup with a 6-0 victory over Poole Town at Bolitho Park.

Two own-goals and finishes from Charlotte Whitmore, Fern Orchard, Caitlin Smith and Imy Crawford propelled the Greens to a comfortable win over the visiting Dolphins.

Argyle started on the front foot immediately, creating clear-cut chances in front of goal and they

found the opener before the 10th minute through Whitmore. The forward volleyed home from inside the area to give the Greens the lead against their tier-five opponents.

Poole, however, held on for the rest of the first half, stopping a barrage of attacks down both flanks. Several corners were won by Argyle, but the Pilgrims were unable to find the second goal they were chasing heavily.



Head Coach Ryan Perks turned to his bench during the break, bringing on Taya Pomfret and Orchard, with Katie Dickson and Ella Stephens coming on just 10 minutes later, and soon enough Argyle finally found the goals they were searching for.

Stephens' cross from the right wing was turned into Poole's goal by a recovering defender. Just seconds after the restart, Orchard extended the Greens' advantage further, running behind the defence and slotting home past Bebe Smith.

After making the final substitution, with Jess Geach replacing Giota Papaioannou, fellow defender Smith scored her first goal in green, tapping home from a corner after the ball fell to her feet.

Argyle's next closest chance in front of goal came in the 80th minute when Crawford had to watch her flick-headed effort fly narrowly over the bar and out for a goal kick. Just two minutes later, the midfielder scored the goal she was hunting for throughout the game, with her shot bouncing off the post and into the back of the net.

The Greens' final goal came in additional time, when another cross into the box was turned home by what seemed to be Orchard but, in fact, was a defender in Poole's sixyard box.



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GROWING UP...

Was football in your family growing up?

My older brother played for Argyle. He was I think there for the whole academy, then he was an apprentice. My dad played when he was younger as well, so it is quite big in our family. Both are Manchester United supporters, and my granddad is an Arsenal fan, so there's a bit of rivalry in the family, but I think my dad and brother are probably a key part of actually why I play football now.

What was your first football kit?

It was a Manchester United one. It had my name on the back and I used to wear my brother's old checkered long sleeve United one.

Who was the first team you remember playing for?

I used to play for Torpoint Boys. It's my local football team. I always used to play for the school as well. I think I started when I was in year five and one of the boys' dads led the team, so he just asked me to come along and play. I was there till I was about 15.

If someone was making a one-minute Imy Crawford Mix Tape, with three or four moments, goals, etc., what would it feature?

Definitely my goal against Oxford in the FA Cup last year, leading the team out on the pitch for sure and some of my debut highlights.

before... My time

Who is your favourite footballer that you never got to see play in person?

Ronaldinho.

Who is your favourite musician who had a hit before you were born?

Amy Winehouse.

What is your favourite film released before you were born?

The Witches.

What year(s) from history would you most like to have lived through?

The 90s, I feel like it would've been so cool!

Who is a figure from history you would most like to have met?

Definitely the Queen.





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What is your biggest strength, currently?

Passing, whether it's short or long range!

What do you need to learn the most?

Shooting in general, because I want to score more goals for the team.

Which current player do you most like to watch?

Kevin de Bruyne, for sure!

What is the last other sport you played?

Probably netball, even though it was ages ago.

What other sports have you watched recently?

Hockey in the Olympics I think, and even that was months ago!



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Who will win the Premier League this season?

Manchester City.

Who will be England captain at Euro 2025 and Euro 2028?

Leah Williamson and Harry Kane still I think.

Name two of your teammates that will make good pundits one day and why.

Katie Dickson because she's a very good talker and Caitlin Smith because she also talks well and has a great understanding of the game.

Name someone you think could win a future Ballon D'Or.

Lamine Yamal, easily!

Where would you like a future World Cup to be held?

Of course it has to be England...

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