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Gallagher Premiership:
Gloucester v Worcester

Saturday, December 12 FOOTBALL

League Two: Bradford v Salford, Cambridge v Leyton Orient, Colchester v Carlisle, Exeter v Walsall, Forest Green v Swindon, Grimsby v Scunthorpe, Macclesfield v Plymouth, Mansfield v Northampton, Morecambe v Newport, Oldham v Crawley, Port Vale v Cheltenham, Stevenage v Crewe

National League North: Alfreton v Kettering, Altrincham v Kidderminster, Blyth v Southport, Boston v Gateshead, Brackley v Curzon Ashton, Chester v AFC Telford, Farsley v Leamington, Gloucester v King's Lynn, Hereford v Guiseley, Spennymoor v Bradford PA, York v Darlington

Southern League, Division One South: Barnstaple v Evesham, Cirencester v Basingstoke, Frome v Thatcham, Larkhall v Cinderford, Moneyfields v Mangotsfield, Paulton v Highworth, Sholing v Bristol MF, Slimbridge v AFC Totton, Willand v Melksham, Winchester v Bideford

GFA Trophy: Hardwicke v Tuffley Rovers, Ruardean Hill v Shirehampton

Hellenic League, Premier Division: Binfield v Brackley Town Saints, Bishop's Cleeve v Royal Wootton Bassett, Burnham v Holmer Green, Longlevens v Shrivensham, Lydney v Brimscombe & Thrupp, Reading City v Ardley, Virginia Water v Flackwell Heath, Westfields v Fairford

Division One West: Bourton v Cirencester Dev, Hereford Lads v Thornbury, Hereford Pegasus v Stonehouse, Malvern v Newent, New College v Moreton, Shortwood v Malmesbury, Tytherington v Clanford 85, Wellington v Cheltenham Saracens

Division Two West: Faringdon v Highworth Res, Clanford 85 Dev v Kintbury Res, Fairford Res v Wantage Dev, Newent Res v Letcombe, Shrivensham Dev v Shortwood Dev

County League: Quedgeley v Hanham, Rockleaze v Little Stoke

Les James League Cup: Broadwell v Gala Wilton, Frampton v Wick, Patchway v AEK Boco

Northern Senior League, Division One: Charlton Rovers v English Bicknor, Cheltenham CS v Harrow Hill

Cheltenham League Division One: Malvern Vale v Bredon Res, Cheltenham CS Res v Hanley Swan, Prestbury Rovers v Dowty Dynamas, Shurdington Rovers v Kings, Southside Star v AFC Renegades, Tewkesbury Town v Newton, Whaddon United v Bishops Cleeve A

Division Two: Fintan v Prestbury Rovers Res, Gala Wilton Res v Welland Res, Pittville United v Andoversford Res, St Pauls United v Leckhampton Rovers, Windyridge Rovers v Smiths Barometrics Res

Division Three: Cheltenham United v Cheltenham CS III, Falcons Res v FC Lakeside Res, Smiths Barometrics III v Southside Star Res, Worcester City Royals v Charlton Rovers Res

Division Four: AFC Renegades Res v AFC Cheltenham, Apperley v Cheltenham Saracens III, Charlton Rovers III v Bishops Cleeve Dev, Kempsey Corinthians v Pittville United Res, Tewkesbury Athletic v Winchcombe Town Res, Woodmancote United v Fintan Res

Stroud League, Division Two: Cam Bulldogs Res v Wotton Rovers, Eastcombe v

Sharpness Res, Longlevens III v Wickwar Wanderers, Taverners Res v Kingsway Rovers, Tuffley Rovers III v Chesterton, Upton St Leonards Res v Tibberton

Division Three: Charfield Res v Barnwood Res

Division Five: Cotswold Rangers Res v Berkeley Res, Kings Stanley Res v Tuffley V Division Six: Leonard Stanley Res v Hillesley, Rodborough Old Boys III v Chalford IV

Division Seven: Cam Everside v Dursley III, Horsley Res v Tetbury Town III, Stonehouse Town IV v Painswick Res, Uley Res v Uley III

Presidents Cup: Chalford Res v Frampton United Res, Dursley Town v Tetbury Town, Ramblers v King's Stanley, Rodborough Old Boys v Charfield

Section A Plate Trophy: Hardwicke Res v Leonard Stanley, Minchinhampton v Kingswood, Old Richians v Randwick, Quedgeley Wanderers Res v Tredworth Tigers

Cirencester League: Hatherop v Cricklade Town Dev, Lechlade 87 v Intel, Poulton v Fratellos, Siddington v Minety, South Cerney v Stratton United

RUGBY UNION Gallagher Premiership: Leicester v Exeter, Sale v Northampton, Saracens v Bristol, Wasps v Harlequins

Greene King IPA Championship: Jersey v London Scottish, Ealing v Newcastle, Coventry v Nottingham

National League One: Cambridge v Bishop's Stortford, Sale FC v Rotherham, Blackheath v Canterbury, Chinnor v Richmond, Darlington Mowden Park v Hull Ionians, Moseley v Rams, Plymouth Albion v Cinderford, Rosslyn Park v Old Elthamians

Tyrrell's Premier 15s: Harlequins v Worcester, Loughborough v Bristol, Wasps v Gloucester-Hartpury, Waterloo v Darlington Mowden Park Sharks, Richmond v Saracens

South West Premier: Bracknell v Barnstaple, Brixham v Weston-super-Mare, Camborne v Okehampton, Drybrook v Newbury Blues, Exeter University v Maidenhead, Exmouth v Launceston

South West One East: Buckingham v Banbury, Chippenham v Trowbridge, Marlborough v Sherborne, Old Centralians v Salisbury, Old Patesians v Royal Wootton Bassett, Oxford Harlequins v Windsor, Beaconsfield v Wimbome

South West One West: Chew Valley v Bridgwater & Albion, Crediton v Sidmouth, Devonport Services v North Petherton, Hornets v Newton Abbot, Lydney v Thornbury, Newent v Keynsham

Western Counties North: Barton Hill v Avonmouth Old Boys, Bristol Saracens v Stroud, Cheltenham v Spartans, Chipping Sodbury v Old Bristolians, Clevedon v Midsomer Norton, Coney Hill v Matson, Gordano v Winccombe

Gloucestershire Premier: Ross v Berry Hill

RFU Senior Vase, Gloucestershire semi-finals: Chosen Hill w/o Cheltenham North, Frampton Cotterell v Hucclecote

RFU Junior Vase, Gloucestershire final: Old Cryptians v Cirencester

Gloucestershire RFU Level 10 County Cup, first round: Bristol Aeroplane Co v Minchinhampton, Kingswood v Cotnam Park, Southmead v Bream

Quarter finals: Aretians v Ashley Down Old Boys, Cheltenham Civil Service v Bishopston

Sunday, December 22 FOOTBALL

Gloucester & District Sunday League, Autumn Division: Bobby Maxwell's MMFC v Lower Stanley, SW Bandits v Glevum Town, Stonehouse v Boss

FA Women's National League, Division One South West: Buckland v Larkhall, Cheltenham v Swindon, Chesham v Exeter

RUGBY UNION Gallagher Premiership: London Irish v Bath

Greene King IPA Championship: Cornish Pirates v Hartpury, Yorkshire Carnegie v Doncaster

Thursday, December 26 FOOTBALL

League Two: Leyton Orient v Colchester, Carlisle v Bradford, Cheltenham v Plymouth, Crawley v Northampton, Exeter v Newport, Macclesfield v Grimsby, Mansfield v Port Vale, Morecambe v Oldham, Salford v Crewe, Scunthorpe v Walsall, Stevenage v Forest Green, Swindon v Cambridge

National League North: AFC Telford v Alfreton, Bradford PA v York, Curzon Ashton v Altrincham, Darlington v Spennymoor, Gateshead v Blyth, Guiseley v Farsley, Kettering v Brackley, Kidderminster v Hereford, Kings Lynn v Boston, Leamington v Gloucester, Southport v Chester

Southern League, Division One South: AFC Totton v Sholing, Basingstoke v Moneyfields, Bideford v Barnstaple, Bristol MF v Willand, Cinderford v Slimbridge (1pm), Evesham v Cirencester, Highworth v Larkhall, Mangotsfield v Paulton, Melksham v Frome, Thatcham v Winchester

Hellenic League, Premier Division: Windsor v Virginia Water, Flackwell Heath v Burnham, Brackley Town Saints v Easington Sports, Brimscombe & Thrupp v Tuffley Rovers (1pm), Lydney Town v Westfields (1pm), Longlevens v Bishop's Cleeve, Reading City v Binfield

County League: Broadwell v Ruardean Hill (1pm)

RUGBY UNION Greene King IPA Championship: Bedford v Amptill

Friday, December 27 RUGBY UNION Gallagher Premiership: Bristol v Wasps

SKITTLES EVESHAM & DISTRICT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Nomads	12	10	0	2107.0
Badsey Rec	12	9	0	3 89.0
Badsey Lads	12	7	0	5 81.0
Odds & Sodds	11	6	0	5 75.0
Wickhamford	11	7	0	4 74.0
Layabouts	11	6	0	5 72.0
Hampton WMC	11	5	0	6 67.5
Kingfishers	12	5	0	7 67.0
Rustlers	12	5	0	7 64.5
Donegalers	11	5	0	6 59.5
Buccaneers	12	3	0	9 46.0
Team Phoenix	11	1	0	10 25.5

DIVISION TWO

Bullits	12	9	0	3 98.0
Sedgeberrow	12	9	0	3 98.0
Bees Knees	12	8	0	4 88.5
Harvington	12	7	0	5 87.0
Goodalls	12	7	0	5 78.5
Amyb Ist Timers	12	6	1	5 75.5
The Wicks	12	6	0	6 72.5
The Oddballs	12	5	0	7 69.0
Components	12	5	1	6 63.5
Dads Army	12	4	0	8 52.5
Orleans	12	3	0	9 41.0
Dukes	12	2	0	10 40.0

DIVISION THREE

Trackers	12	10	0	2105.5
Donnington H	12	8	0	4 91.0
Evesham Flyers	12	8	0	4 86.5
Offham	12	7	1	4 85.5
Beavers	12	6	1	5 79.0
Chasers	12	7	0	5 76.5
Alleykats	12	6	0	6 67.0
Hit & Miss	11	5	0	6 58.5
Undertakers	12	3	0	9 54.5
Rowdies	11	4	0	7 54.0
Dynamos	12	4	0	8 52.5
Double Tops	12	2	0	10 41.5

Bracey called up for England Lions tour

GLOUCESTERSHIRE wicket-keeper/batsman James Bracey has been named in the 50 over and four-day squads for the England Lions tour of Australia.

County head coach Richard Dawson will lead the Lions on the eight-match tour of Australia in the new year, taking the role of head coach for the eight-match tour.

A squad of 16 players will contest the five 50-over matches against Cricket Australia and New South Wales XIs and then the Lions will face Australia A, a Cricket Australia XI and a New South Wales XI in three four-day matches in the second half of the tour.

Gloucestershire seam bowler Chris Liddle has announced his retirement

from cricket and will take up a new role as bowling coach at Northamptonshire.

A successful term as bowling coach of the Netherlands national team at the T20 World Cup qualifiers this Autumn opened the door to new opportunities and Liddle, inset, will join Northants in the new year teaming up with head coach David Ripley.



Liddle joined Gloucestershire in 2016 after a decade at Sussex, and in 2019 he took 11 wickets in the Vitality Blast at a team best strike rate of 12.6.

He also took nine wickets in five innings in the Royal London Cup.

He was the county's highest wicket-taker in the Royal London Cup in 2017 and 2018.

Finishing his career with 122 List-A wickets at 27.2, Liddle has the 17th best career strike rate in List A cricket.

Liddle said: "Thank you to all the players and coaches I've been able to share a dressing room with over the last 17 years.

"I have enjoyed my professional career and am proud to look back on what I was able to achieve both personally and for each team I represented.

I'm excited about the next chapter with Northamptonshire in the new year."

Gloucestershire chief executive Will Brown said: "His longevity and ability to take wickets consistently over a 15-year period is remarkable.

"Chris has also worked hard as a mentor to some of our developing young bowlers and we are sure he will flourish in his new coaching role."

Charity backing young athletes



From left, Mike Deakin, Ellie Wheeler-Smith, Fiona Carter, Kiya Dee, Billy Keenan and Sir Henry Elwes



Charlie Hardiman gets his grant cheque from Fiona Carter and Ed Rollason, head of education at Cheltenham Town FC

» **CASS and Friends, a grassroots charity, has handed over grant cheques to young athletes to help them with training and competition costs.**

The charity, whose name stands for Cotswold Athletes Support Scheme, applied to the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire for a £200 grant.

But Sir Henry Elwes wrote back saying the trustees felt the charity could do with some more funding so the cheque was ripped up and re-written for £1,000.

They have now passed on £200 to each of our five Gloucestershire based athletes, and trustees Mike Deakin and Fiona Carter joined Sir Henry in giving the money to Gloucester Athletic Club's Ellie Wheeler-Smith, a 200m sprinter, Cotswolds-based cross country and track runner Kiya Dee and Billy Keenan, a promising

trampolinist who attends Cheltenham's Balcarras School.

The other two athletes to benefit from the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire award are Lucy Hepburn, a footballer now at Hartpury College after attending Cotswold School and tennis player Olivia Rook, who used to train at the East Glos club in Cheltenham and attended Denmark Road High School in Gloucester.

All these athletes are competing at national level and Dee has run with an England vest on while Keenan has just been selected for the Under-16 double mini trampoline England squad. In 2019 Wheeler-Smith was ranked third in Britain for the Under-17 indoor 100m and eighth outdoors.

They have also presented footballer Charlie Hardiman from All Saints Academy with his first grant cheque

and they also support Cheltenham Harriers athlete Kaitlyn Sheppard.

The charity also backs for young athletes from Worcestershire, cyclo-cross rider Lewis Tinsley, Amy Lane, a cyclist, angler Callum Jennings and Mitchell Leeming, an up-and-coming darts player

The charity supports athletes aged between 12 and 18 who have reached the level where costs can become prohibitive to some families due to the fact they are travelling all round the country and sometimes internationally to compete, providing them with grants for their coaching and equipment.

Any companies or individuals who would like to make a donation or help to sponsor an athlete can contact the Cotswold Athletes Support Scheme at www.cassandfriends.org/