

## RAF Football Association - E-Bulletin

### RAF Ladies Representative Team match reports

#### RAF LRT 2 v 1 Wolves Women XI – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

In CT Bryden's second game in charge as manager the RAF side faced tough opponents in a Wolves Women side whom are flying in their league. The game started, and was a balanced game with the RAF enjoying good spells of possession playing through midfield well but not really creating chances on goal.



It was Wolves who had the first chance hitting the bar with a long-ranged effort after SAC (T) Laura Parsons pass fell at the feet of a Wolves attacker. After that the RAF side kept Wolves at bay until a counter attack on 30mins saw Cpl Rachael Howes foul a Wolves striker in the box as she looked destined to score. The resulting penalty sent SAC (T) the wrong way and found itself nestling in the net to put the visitors 1-0 up and it stayed this way as the sides went in for half time after a good attack by the RAF with Cpl Harriet Wellings having a shot cleared off the line, with the ball falling to Cpl Griffiths who hit her first time shot over the bar. The second half started with the RAF creating a 1v1 with Cpl Ash Housley-Stott through on goal to be denied by an on-rushing keeper.



**RAF FA E-Bulletin – LRT fixtures – Nov 20**

The game was played like a boxing match with both sides taking blows at each other with chances on goal. The RAF got the equaliser on 58mins when Cpl Wellings pressed to win the ball out wide, drove towards the area to pass to Sgt Zara McIntosh on the edge of the area. Her pass was taken skilfully by Cpl Rachel Griffiths who turned and chipped the ball over the keeper's head to bring the game all square.



After the goal, it was the RAF who was pushing harder for the winner and they got their reward on 84mins when a great pass from Captain Sgt Cat Beaver found Cpl Housley-Stott rushing in at the back post, and after having her first attempt saved, she reacted the quicker to finish at the second time of asking to give the RAF the lead.

Wolves almost grabbed an equaliser only for the striker's header to go wide leaving the RAF with their first win of the season.

Line-Up

RAF LRT V WOLVES WOMEN

1: PARSONS  
2: WYLIE  
3: ANDERTON  
4: ASH HOUSLEY-STOTT  
5: HOWES  
6: BEAVER ©  
7: WELLINGS  
8: COOK  
9: RACTLIFFE  
10: GRIFFITHS  
11: ANSLEY-ANYAN  
12: CONNINGTON  
14: THOMPSON  
15: McINTOSH  
16: HOLLINSWORTH

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The last game to be played before lockdown was a chance for the RAF LRT to play a game of remembrance and with kits with Poppies showing proudly there was a 2-minute silence and the RAF's Cpl Rachael Howes laid a wreath on the centre spot to honour those that gave so much. The game started with the RAF in control and passing the ball around well.

Cpl Harriet Wellings had the first chance on goal, when she ran onto a through ball but her shot was saved well by the Telford keeper. The RAF sides confidence grew and it was Cpl Wellings who had the next chance, in similar fashion but this time put her shot wide. In the 28<sup>th</sup> Minute Captain Sgt Cat Beavers excellent pass found Cpl Rachel Griffiths rushing in on goal, and she finished smartly into the bottom corner to make it 3 goals, in 3 games for the inform attacker. Wellings was causing all kinds of problems for Telfords backline, and it was her excellent cross that evaded the Telfords goalkeepers grip and Cpl Howes was hand to send the ball over the line to make it 2-0 at half time.

The second half started with the RAF controlling possession and playing some nice football. After lots of pressure the RAF got their third when SAC Rebecca Wadellin struck the ball first time from the edge of the area and the ball flew over the keeper and into the next, giving her, her first goal in RAF colours. After lots more pressure on the Telford backline Sgt Zara McIntosh was skilfully weaving her way into the area past several defenders when she was tripped just on the edge.

Sgt Cat Beaver stepped up to take the resulting Free kick, and her astounding effort found the top corner to make it four. The final goal came when Sgt Beaver played a defence splitting pass for Cpl Wellings to run onto. Her excellent cross found SAC Chelsea Ainsley-Anyan at the back post who volleyed the ball in for her first goal in RAF Colours and complete an excellent 5-0 for the RAF side, which ended 2020 in style hours before national lockdown went into force.





Line-Up

RAF LRT V AFC TELFORD

1: SAC EMMA CONNINGTON  
2: CPL KATHERINE RACTLIFFE  
3: CPL SAM WYLIE  
4: SAC REBECCA WADELIN  
5: CPL RACHAEL HOWES  
6: FLT LT EMMA HOLLINGSWORTH  
7: CPL HARRIET WELLINGS  
8: SAC STEVIE COOK  
9: CPL RACHEL GRIFFITHS  
10: SGT CATHERINE BEAVER ©  
11: CPL JONNA BELGRAU

12: SGT ZARA MCINTOSH  
14: SAC CHELSEA AINSLEY-ANYAN  
15: SAC KERI HAYWOOD

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