

#BBFA21FOR21 RUBY HUMBLE CLUB: CITY BELLES

How long have you been involved in Football for? I've been playing for the Belles since I was 9. I did a football camp at Butlins when I was 8, which I really enjoyed, and that inspired me to find and play for a team.

Who is your Inspiration/Role Model and Why? My favourite players are Lucy Bronze and Ronaldo. I admire their professionalism and desire to continually improve.

What do you most enjoy about playing football? The excitement, being active, being with friends, being part of a team and the buzz from performing well or scoring a goal.

What have been your biggest achievements since the programme began?

I overcame a serious knee injury at the start of the programme. I had to do additional exercises at home to help strengthen my knee. I have played regularly for both the Belles and Dons SET also.

What challenges have you experienced since the programme began and how did you overcome them?

The knee injury I suffered was both serious and scary. I've always loved being active and playing football, so not to do so during this period was frustrating. I carried on going to Belles matches to support the Belles (my Dad's the coach also) and this helped me still feel part of the team during these months. What are your aspirations/targets for the next year? How do you hope to get there? I am interested in gaining my refereeing qualifications. I am exploring this option at the moment. In the future I may seek to do coaching also.

What has been the most useful support you have accessed through the programme? (i.e., Equipment, Funding for Qualifications/Reg Fees)

The funding provided for additional kit and/or qualifications/fees has really helped. I am aware that email/phone support is available through the programme also, but hasn't been needed yet.

How have you found the programme, including support from the BBFA?

Despite COVID, it has been reassuring to know that the programme has still been there to support us.

Which WEuros games are you most looking forward to? Have you got tickets for any games?

Yes, we've bought tickets for a group game and the semi final at Stadium MK. I'm really looking forward to seeing the Womens Euros in my home city.

