

The day I represented West Berkshire in the
2024 Olympics

Today is not just any old race. It's the Olympics 100 metres final. My heart is beating like a drum. The biggest butterflies are fluttering in my tummy. I've been training for years to win gold for West Berkshire. But it's not just one I want...

I'm the first girl ever to compete not just in athletics but for the Lionesses too. Stupendously my football team have also reached the final, which is immediately after the 100 metres. But all I can think about now is winning this race!

"On your marks..."

The bang of the gun makes me run as fast as a cheetah. The crowd screams.

I'm in second place. I hear my parents near the finish which encourages me to go that tiny bit faster across the line, beating everybody!

I've won!!!

Can't celebrate yet. I rush to the football pitch ^{and arrive} as the referee's whistle blows.

We're soon losing 2-0. My dream is running away from me. Then my team-mates, Chloe Kelly and Alex Greenwood, both score. Mary Earps makes a smashing save.

There's one minute left. I spot the ball going into the penalty area and sprint faster than in the 100 metres, which I thought was impossible. I swing my leg backwards and wham, strike the ball, which hits the top corner of the net.

There's the final whistle. We've won! I'm exhausted but joyful. I've done it. I'm the first girl

ever to win golds in athletics and football!!!

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