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INSIDE TURF



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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOLA OGUNBOTE

Hi everyone and welcome back to the Lancashire FA County Ground, it's been two weeks since we've last played here, so it's brilliant to be back on our home turf for this afternoon's game.

Last time out we picked up a huge win over last season's league winners, Nottingham Forest, and put in a brilliant performance in the process. This opposition always prove a difficult test for us so the players should be extremely proud of their 4-2 win, that they were extremely worthy of on the day.

This afternoon we play newly promoted Stourbridge, who will provide a different,

but still very stern test for our team and I'm hoping we can keep the momentum from the Forest game going into this one.

We are still unbeaten in the league, and that highlights the hard work that Rebecca, her coaching staff, and all the playing staff are putting in on and off the pitch. It's great to see such positive results, but also to see the team developing from afar and getting better each day.

Following today's game, we head into a very busy week, with a game at home against Halifax on Wednesday, and then a trip to Newcastle at the

weekend, so we need you, the fans, more than ever, to help push the players on to get maximum points from this tough period of fixtures and continue our great run of form.

Today is our designated 'No Room for Racism' fixture, and I would like to pass on the message of the Premier League, that together we can all do more to make a positive impact, and we at Burnley Football Club proudly support this movement.

Best of luck to the squad today, we're all behind you!

Up the Clarets!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK

Welcome back to the County Ground everyone, it's been brilliant to see so many of you at the two home games we've played so far this season, and hopefully today we can build on that.

We've had a quiet couple of weeks since we played our last game at home, with the game against Newcastle United being postponed, and a free week for us following that, however we go into this game on the back of a huge win against Nottingham Forest. The good thing to see from a manager and coach's point of view is that I know despite the brilliant performances we are putting in, we can still get better and are working hard every day to make sure we do get better.

We are putting in endless hours of hard work on the training pitch, to iron out the things that we can improve on, and this break between games has helped us to regroup and look at things we might have missed, and areas in which we can get better.

Today is also our designated 'No Room for Racism' fixture, and on behalf of me and the players, I would just like to express our support and backing for this movement, as there is no room for discrimination of any kind in our game, and together, we can help put a stop to racial discrimination across football.

It is important that we continue our form and take momentum in from the win against Forest

into today, as Stourbridge will prove yet another tough test for ourselves, and we need to be ready to dig deep for 90 minutes once again.

I am confident that this side will do that as we have a great group of players here that I am proud to have the privilege of managing, and every game we go into we want to give you the performance you deserve, because the support you show us is fantastic.

Thank you for your support so far this season, it really does mean the world to me and the players and enjoy the game!

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL CAPTAIN

Good afternoon everyone, I'd like to welcome you all back to Leyland for today's match against Stourbridge. It's been a couple of weeks since we last played here, and that turned out to be our last fixture before this one.

The girls really dug deep last time out against Nottingham Forest, even after going 2-1 behind, we were adamant not to let our heads drop and we raised our game to pick up what we see as a huge win. Forest are a really good team so we needed to put in a strong performance, and we did exactly that.

Whilst we are over the moon with that result, I think it's important to stress that we know it's still really early in the season and there's a long way to go, with plenty of tough fixtures still to be played, and the hard work will still continue ahead of a really busy week for us.

We face a tough game today, and despite Stourbridge being newly promoted, we know that they will bring a really strong performance, and we will give it our all to match that.

We then welcome Halifax on Wednesday, which again will be a difficult test for us, that we are already well in preparation for, before we travel up to Newcastle, and as we already know from this season, that will be a very tough place to go.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always, and now

more than ever, it will help us to navigate this tricky week and hopefully come away with maximum points.

I would also like to add, as this is our dedicated fixture for the 'No Room for Racism' movement, that myself and all the team strongly back the work that the movement does and will do all

that we can to eradicate racism from the world of football.

Together we can help.

Finally, can't wait to see you all back on our home turf!

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LAST TIME OUT

CLARETS STAY TOP AFTER HUGE VICTORY AGAINST FOREST



Burnley FC Women secured a huge 4-2 victory over visitors Nottingham Forest at the Lancashire FA County Ground in the FA Women's National League North.

Millie Ravening opened the scoring with an exquisite chip, but Freya Thomas equalised almost instantly.

Nat Johnson then put Forest in front on 25 minutes, to which Burnley replied again, instantly, with Amaya Coleman-Evans levelling after a frantic ten minutes.

Brenna McPartlan netted her first Clarets goal eight minutes before the break to send the Claret Women into half-time ahead.

Ravening slid in to score her second and secure the three points and what could be a big win for Burnley.

Manager Rebecca Sawiuk made one change from the side that beat Huddersfield Town last Sunday with Rhema Lord-Mears in from the start and Lizzy Hamer dropping to the bench.

FIRST HALF

The visitors had the first chance of the game as Holly Manders played the ball into Mollie Green, who shot straight at Kirstie Levell.

Millie Ravening opened the scoring for the Claret Women as Leah Embley found her in space in the box and she superbly chipped the ball into the back of the net, leaving Emily Batty with no chance in the Forest goal.

Reds winger Thomas struck back moments later by placing the ball underneath Levell and, in turn, levelling the score.

Nat Johnson then gave Forest

the lead with a low strike into the bottom right corner following a deep free-kick into the box.

The Clarets fought back though, as Embley played a precise ball into Dom Cooper at the top of the box, who squared for Laura Elford and as the cross just evaded her, Amaya Coleman-Evans was there to volley in the equaliser.

Moments later, Elford missed an opportunity when she drove past The Reds defence, however, her strike flew inches past the far post.

Minutes before the half-time whistle, McPartlan put the Claret Women ahead with her first goal for the Club, as she hammered the ball past Batty after Forest failed to clear a corner.

SECOND HALF

The Clarets increased their lead after the break, with another goal for Ravening as a superb free-kick from captain Alethea Paul found its way to the back-post, where the midfielder volleyed the ball into the bottom left corner.

Embley drove forward and found space within the box where she fired the ball back off the top of the upright.

Shortly after Embley's chance, McPartlan she found herself with space in the area and looped a strike towards goal that beat Batty but only found the roof of the net.

Burnley defended well throughout the final ten minutes, and after a red card for Forest substitute Louanne Worsley, the Clarets managed to see out the game and claim an enormous three points at home.



**BURNLEY 4
NOTTINGHAM
FOREST 2**
17.09.23

Burnley: Levell, Paul ©, McPartlan, Marshall, Wildgoose, Embley, Elford (Reidford '87), Coleman-Evans (Francis-Jones '77), Lord-Mears (Hamer '69), Cooper, Ravening
Unused Subs: Farrell, Deehan

Nottingham Forest: Batty, Harkin ©, Johnson, Cook, Moncaster, Manders, Dixon, Green, Thomas, Anderson, James
Unused Subs: Reynolds, Worsley, O'Neill, Cowie
Goals: Ravening 20', 58'; Thomas 21', Johnson 24', Coleman-Evans 27', McPartlan 37'



MARIA FRANCIS-JONES PREVIEW

Maria Francis-Jones says the Claret Women are ready to 'hit the ground running' as they head into a week involving three games.

First up is the visit of Stourbridge on Sunday before Halifax also make the trip to the Lancashire FA County Ground and then Burnley travel north to take on Newcastle United in their third game in seven days.

Despite the busy week, Francis-Jones believes that the team are more than up to the task and feeling confident that they can perform well during the next few games.

She stated: "We're really confident, everybody here is really confident, we've had a two-week rest without a game, and everyone is just buzzing to get into it now.

"We've been training a lot ahead of a busy three game week and we're ready to hit the ground running now.

"It's going to be tough with rest and recovery but I'm

sure we'll find a way to do it and pull it off with good performances in each of the three games."

The Claret Women have been without a game for the previous two weeks, with the scheduled game against Newcastle United having been postponed, and a cup exit to the same opposition earlier in the season meant that Rebecca Sawiuk's side also did not have a game this past week.

In their previous game, Burnley recorded a 4-2 win over Nottingham Forest, and despite the two-week break, Francis-Jones is confident that the Clarets still have momentum heading into this Sunday's game against the Glassgirls.

She added: "Football is all about playing games, and it'll be hard on the legs, but we want to get three points in every game we play.

"This season's all about momentum and getting as

many points as we can on the board, and hopefully we can keep on with that momentum, through these next few games especially, and keep that going throughout the season as well.

"We hope to see as many fans there as possible on Sunday, so come along and cheer us on, it does really help push us onto the next level and will help us battle to get maximum points from this busy week."



THIS OR THAT...

LIZZY HAMER

1. Home or Away?
Home
2. Assist or Goal?
Assist
3. Playing in the sun or playing in the rain?
Playing in the sun
4. Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo?
Lionel Messi
5. Last minute winner or comfortable win?
Last minute winner
6. Tea or Coffee?
Coffee
7. Beach Holiday or Adventure Holiday?
Adventure Holiday
8. Cats or Dogs?
Dogs
9. Playlists or Podcasts?
Playlists
10. Netflix or Amazon Prime?
Netflix





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INTRODUCING **STOURBRIDGE**

Stourbridge FC Women, initially known as Stourbridge Ladies, were formed in 2012 and played in the Birmingham County League Division Two.

Three rapid promotions saw the Glassgirls join the West Midlands Regional League in 2016, having finished as runners-up in the County League in 2015/16, as well as winning the league's 'Open Cup' in the same season.

Mid-table finishes in the first three seasons in the WMRL Division 1 South were followed by a strong 2019/20 season in which the team won all 14 league matches that were played prior to the campaign being curtailed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Stourbridge netted 95 goals in that campaign and conceded just two, and the League Cup semi-final

was also reached – but never played – whilst the Glassgirls also reached the quarter finals of the Birmingham County Cup, where as a Tier 6 team, they took Tier 4 leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers to penalties before bowing out.

The 2020/21 season saw the Ladies win their opening three league fixtures before lockdown again brought things to an early end, but the autumn was dominated by a Vitality Women's FA Cup run, taking in six rounds.

Port Vale, Wyrley, Knowle, Worcester City and Crusaders were all beaten – with the last two being from a higher level – before Wolves once again ended Stourbridge's run.

Despite two abandoned seasons, the summer of 2021 brought good news

for the Glassgirls, as the FA announced a system of upward movement to offset the stagnation in the pyramid caused by the pandemic, and Stourbridge were able to apply for and be granted elevation to the WMRL Premier Division at Tier 5.

Their first campaign at that level was a successful one, winning the league title by ten points and suffering just one defeat all season, scoring 123 goals, and conceding just eight.

The Glassgirls also enjoyed Cup success, winning the WMRL Premier Division Cup as well as reaching the semi-finals of the Birmingham County Cup for the first time, and





the third round of the Vitality Women's FA Cup in a run which saw victories away to Derby County of Tier 3 and Cambridge City of Tier 4, before losing 3-0 at home to FA Women's Championship side Sheffield United in front of a record crowd of over 400 at the War Memorial Ground.

A second consecutive promotion meant that 2022-23 would see FA Women's National League football for the first time in the Club's history, with the team also rebranded as Stourbridge Women ahead of their fresh challenge.

Whilst ambitions at the start of the campaign were understated, the team once again took almost everyone by surprise, brushing aside an opening day defeat to go on a

19-match winning run, which saw the Division 1 Midlands title secured with two games to spare.

86 goals were scored (the joint highest across the entire tier) and only 16 conceded as Stourbridge ended as champions by a staggering 12-point margin.

Cup competitions saw more success as the final of both the FAWNL Plate and Birmingham FA County Cup were also reached, and despite both ending in defeat to Leeds United and Wolves respectively, they helped to establish Stourbridge as a name to be reckoned with as they prepare for yet another new venture in the FAWNL Northern Premier Division in 2023-24, alongside some illustrious names.

Having begun as a single team, the Women's and Girls section now includes a Reserve Team – also now playing in the FAWNL system – and in 2023-24 a new development team, meaning a third adult team within the club, thereby strengthening the club's pathway from their junior section.

In addition, the Women's Academy programme, established in partnership with Dudley College and mirroring the Club's Men's Academy, will enter its third year, having reached the ECFA National Play-Off Final at only the second attempt, and with a long-term ambition to be at the heart of the growth of women's and girl's football within the local area.



SQUAD

2023/24

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DOM COOPER

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

My first memories of football are playing with the boys in the playground at school, even though I was the only girl, I loved it.

What are your memories of joining Burnley?

My first memory of joining Burnley was me joining the Club with my best friend Millie. It's my third season here now and I love it, I've met friends for life whilst being here and I'm progressing as a player every week.

Growing up, did you only play football, or did you play other sports?

Growing up I was football obsessed, I played all the sports when I was younger, but football was always my number one.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to?

I looked up to my dad, and I still do now, I just want to make him proud and he's my biggest fan. I always loved Fernando

Torres and Luis Suarez as I grew up as a Liverpool fan.

Have you always been a full back, or did you play in different positions?

I've not always been a full back and have only played in that position since joining Burnley. I've always played in midfield or even up front. Maybe one day if we need a goalscorer I'll get the shout.

What are your memories of watching football live?

I love going to all live games and each one is memorable as you always get the full atmosphere.

What is one stand-out moment of your career so far?

My stand-out moment has to be me winning the FA Youth Cup at Manchester City but my stand-out moment for Burnley is scoring a 97th minute winner against Derby, and I never let anyone forget it was me that scored it either.



Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burnley Women	5	4	1	0	16	6	10	13
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	5	3	1	1	12	4	8	10
3	Newcastle United Ladies	3	3	0	0	8	1	7	9
4	Liverpool Feds	5	3	0	2	13	11	2	9
5	Halifax FC Women	3	2	1	0	6	4	2	7
6	Halifax FC Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Stoke City Women	6	2	1	3	13	14	-1	7
8	West Bromwich Albion WFC	4	2	0	2	9	8	1	6
9	Stourbridge Ladies	6	1	2	3	8	22	-14	5
10	Derby County Women	4	1	0	3	10	7	3	3
11	Huddersfield Town Women	5	1	0	4	6	16	-10	3
12	AFC Fylde Women	6	0	0	6	3	21	-18	0

THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES



The FA Women's

2023/24

AUGUST

20 **A** LIVERPOOL FEDS 3-2

SEPTEMBER

3 **H** WOLVES 1-1
7 **A** AFC FYLDE 0-3
10 **A** HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1-5
17 **H** NOTTINGHAM FOREST 4-2

OCTOBER

8 **H** STOURBRIDGE
11 **H** HALIFAX
24 **A** NEWCASTLE UNITED
22 **A** STOKE CITY

NOVEMBER

5 **H** WEST BROMWICH ALBION

DECEMBER

3 **A** DERBY COUNTY

JANUARY

7 **A** WOLVES
14 **H** HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
28 **A** NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FEBRUARY

11 **H** NEWCASTLE UNITED
21 **H** AFC FYLDE

MARCH

10 **A** WEST BROMWICH ALBION
14 **A** HALIFAX
24 **H** STOKE CITY
31 **A** STOURBRIDGE

APRIL

21 **H** LIVERPOOL FEDS

MAY

5 **H** DERBY COUNTY



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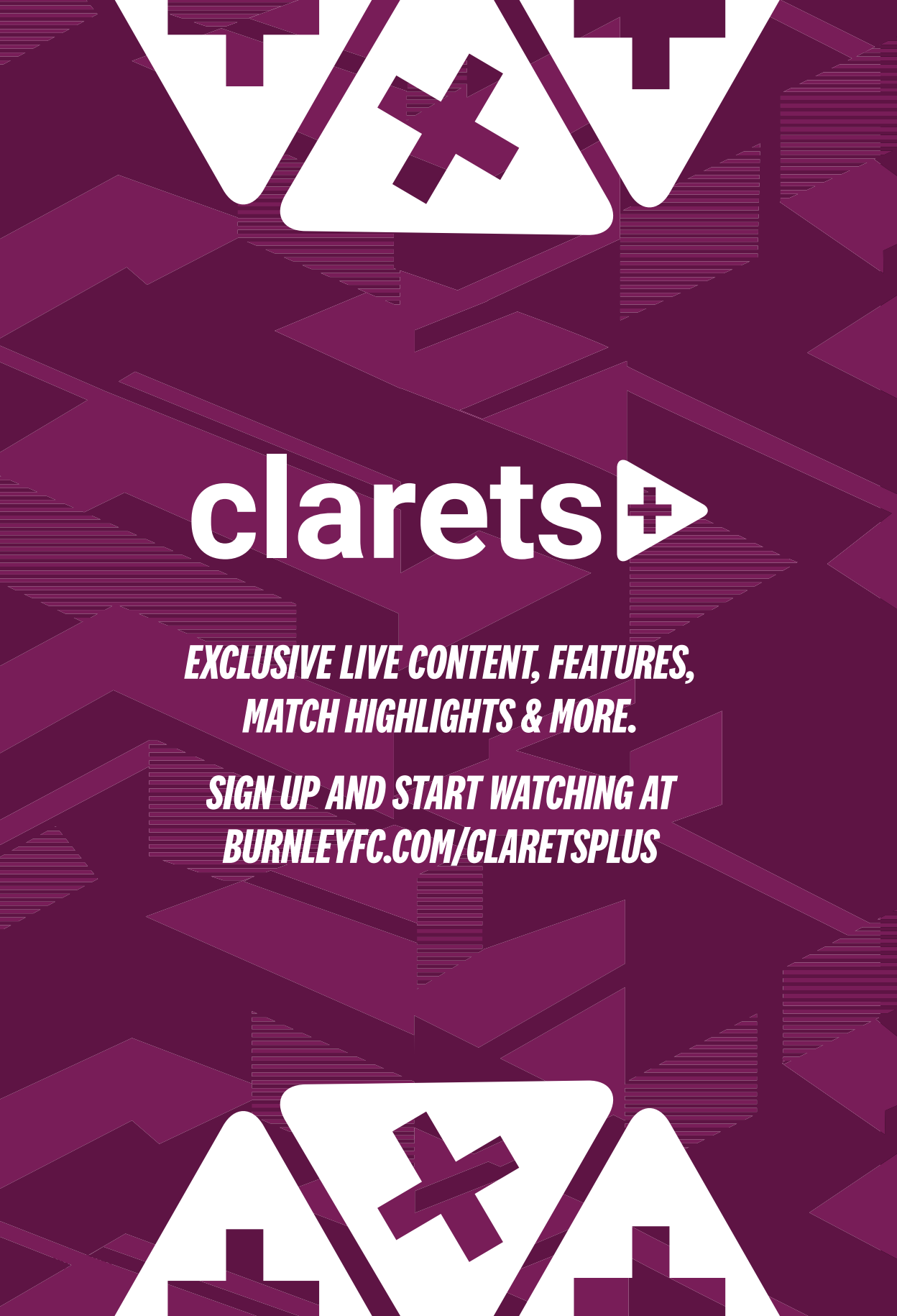


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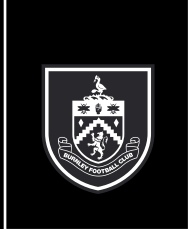


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