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BOARDROOM

ALAN PACE

Welcome everybody to the Anchor Ground for this afternoon's game against Wolves.

Firstly, I want to congratulate the team on a fantastic win at West Bromwich Albion last weekend.

It was great to see Jay and the team playing at a stadium like The Hawthorns, and earlier this week we were delighted to announce our plans for them to play their last game of the season at Turf Moor!

I'm sure that will be a fantastic occasion next Sunday against Liverpool Feds, and I know that you will be there in your numbers to show your support to the team in what is a first-ever game at Turf Moor.

It's a landmark that we've wanted to achieve since taking control of the club, and one we're proud has now been reached. The women's team are going from strength to strength both on and off the pitch, and we couldn't be happier about it.

On that note, I wanted to wish them the very best of luck for today's game.

Wolves were the team to win the league last season, and they have been strong contenders again this season.

The team are going to need to hear you loud and proud to help them get the three points today, and I know that you won't let them down!

Thankyou as always for your continued support across the club.

Alan
@AlanPaceBFC



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INTERIM HEAD COACH

JAY BRADFORD



Good afternoon all and welcome to Darwen this afternoon as we host Wolves in a game where we all know what's at stake.

I want to start by saying thankyou for coming down here today. We're aware that this isn't our usual home venue, and it's a change of ground that was necessary because of the game being re-arranged.

Following us up and down the country this season, your support has been incredible, and it goes without saying but everyone involved here is grateful for every one of you!

Those that followed us to West Brom last week were rewarded with three of the hardest-fought points that we've picked up all season, and it's testament to the girls that we're now in the position we're in.

We've now got a huge historic game at Turf Moor to look forward to next weekend, and we can't thank the club enough for their support in arranging that, but before we can look ahead to it, our focus is solely on today's game.

Wolves are amongst the strongest teams in this division, and having beat them once already this

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season, we know what we need to do in order to make that a double.

It won't be easy by any means, and the girls are going to have to show the same fight they've shown all season combined with the same quality.

That said, our preparation has been spot on throughout the week and we're more than ready for the battle we're going to have to try and get the important win we need today.

Thankyou again for your support! UTC.

Jay

CAPTAIN

LAUREN BRACEWELL

Hi everyone, welcome to the Anchor Ground for today's game.

I've no doubt by now that everyone will have seen the news that we'll be playing at Turf Moor next Sunday.

Quite honestly, as a lifelong Burnley fan, I'm buzzing and so are the rest of the girls in the squad regardless of where they're from or who they support!

Since we've been integrated, the club have been nothing but fantastic with us. On behalf of the squad, we'd like to say a big thankyou to every person involved in getting that game on.

But, as is right, before that comes around we've got a huge game against Wolves to focus on this afternoon. That's been our sole focus in training this week, and all the girls' standards have been higher than ever before.

We know just how important it is for us to go out there this afternoon and perform at our absolute best. Even with what's at stake aside, we'd have to do so anyway to try and get a result against a really well-drilled Wolves side.

When we beat them 3-1 away from home earlier this season, it was far from a routine win. It was probably up there with the best three points we've earned so far to be honest in terms of the work that had to go into it.

This team have been putting in strong performances all season though, and we're not prepared to let that change today, particularly in front of you home fans!

I always end my notes with the same thing, and that's also not going to be any different today!

Thankyou as always for your support. This is my Club, my town, and my team. It means more.

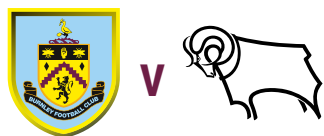
Up The Claret!

Lauren



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CLARET WOMEN RECORD MOTHER'S DAY WIN OVER EWE RAMS

Burnley FC Women were victorious against Derby County in FA Women's National League North action at the Lancashire FA County Ground in Leyland, winning 4-1.

The Claret Women took an early lead through Lizzie Hamer, before Laura Elford made it two with only seven minutes on the clock. Leah Embley added a third before the break, with Derby pulling one back midway through the second half as Becky McGrother struck from distance.

Millie Ravening though netted a fourth of the afternoon from the spot with four minutes left on the clock to secure a comfortable three points.

FIRST HALF

The Claret Women flew out of the blocks and were in front within three minutes as Hamer picked out the top corner with a stunning effort from the edge of the area.

Burnley were soon two in front through Elford who drove forward and hammered a strike from the edge of the area in off the underside of the crossbar.

And Bradford's sides early dominance continued when Embley made it three after latching onto a flick on from Ravening and finishing well past an onrushing Maguire.

Derby would start to work a way back into the game and had a couple of chances in quick succession as Amy Sims headed over from close range before Bracewell comfortably held a strike from Emelia Wilson.

Ravening then sent a looping effort towards goal that left Imogen Maguire scrambling to get back, but the ball just went over, and Derby went up the other

end as Sims headed wide of Bracewell's goal oncemore.

Lara Miller and Ravening then both had chances just before half time with the former volleying at Maguire and the latter sending an effort whistling past the far post as the Claret Women went into the break in front.

SECOND HALF

Bracewell was forced into early second half action, doing well to keep out a powerful Sims effort from close range after seeing the ball late.

The Clarets then had a chance of their own as Elford did well to win the ball back high up the pitch and allow Ravening to flick the ball through to Priestley who sent an effort just over on the stretch.

Maguire did well to deny Priestley once more, this time from close range as Burnley looked to put the game to bed.

However, the visitors found a way back into the game, as McGrother scored with a fantastic strike from distance that bounced in off the underside of the bar, leaving Bracewell with no chance.

A couple of big chances followed for Derby, as Jess Camwell poked wide after being sent in behind and fellow substitute Camille Jenkins hit the outside of the post.

Despite the Ewe Rams beginning to work a way back into the game, the Clarets added a fourth, Ravening firing in from 12 yards out after Priestley was fouled by Molly Sutherland.

That proved to be the last action of the game as the Claret Women secured their sixth league victory in a row.



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Burnley: Bracewell ©, Cooper, Marshall, Walsh, Molinari, Miller, Embley, Ravening, Hamer, Elford (Willis '89), Priestley (S Greenhalgh '89)
Unused Subs: Farrell, O Greenhalgh, Coleman-Evans

Derby County: Maguire, Sims, Clarkson, Hilliard (Jenkins '79), Wilson (Gaspar '76), Joyce, Ward ©, McGrother, Rai, Rhodes-Andrews (Camwell '73), Sutherland
Unused Subs: N/A

Goals: Hamer, '3, Elford, '7, Embley, '20, McGrother, '69, Ravening, '86





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CLARET WOMEN BATTLE TO HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY AT BAGGIES

In their final away fixture of the season, Burnley FC Women beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at The Hawthorns to move up to 2nd in the Northern Premier Division of the FA Women's National League.

The Clarets opened the scoring after just seven minutes through Lizzie Hamer before Kerry Walklett equalised for the hosts to take the teams into the break level.

Laura Elford then netted what proved to be the winner just before the hour mark to secure three points for Jay Bradford's side.

FIRST HALF

The Claret Women started well in the Midlands, with Leah Embley trying her luck early on with a shot from distance that flew narrowly over Charlotte Clarke's crossbar.

And moments later Bradford's side found themselves in front as Elford was played through on goal and she squared for strike partner Evie Priestley, who managed to flick the ball back for Lizzie Hamer to smash the ball home from the edge of the area.

The Baggies though levelled on 13 minutes when Hannah George took aim from range and her low strike was deflected towards goal by Walklett, in turn managing to wrongfoot Lucy Farrell in the Burnley goal as the ball bounced into the back of the net.

A couple of half chances followed at both ends, with Elford drilling a low shot wide of Clarke's far post and Meesha Dudley-Jones sending a strike towards goal that met the same outcome for the Baggies.

Millie Ravening also came close to putting Burnley back in front six minutes before half time with a curling free-kick towards goal that came back off the inside of the post to be cleared away by West Brom, and the midfielder also had an effort from inside the area with the outside of her foot cleared away before the break.

SECOND HALF

Coming out strong, the Clarets pushed forward, and Hamer almost added her second of the game as Ravening teed her up, but her curled effort – which was heading towards the top corner – was deflected behind by an Albion defender.

After Embley had fired a shot against the side netting, Burnley made no mistake with their next opportunity. Ravening drove forward and slipped the ball out wide to the winger whose cross to the back post was met sweetly by Elford on the volley, flying past Clarke.

Bradford's side then went in search of a third as Hamer saw a strike parried by Clarke before Embley saw her follow-up effort well blocked, while substitute Sarah Greenhalgh broke into the box soon after and saw a clever chip from a tight angle tipped over by a good save from Clarke.

Much of the final 10 minutes at The Hawthorns was spent defending forays forward from the Baggies, but Burnley did so successfully and saw out a big three points to take them to within two points of league leaders Forest with a game in hand.



**WEST BROM 1
BURNLEY 2**
16.04.2023

West Brom: Clarke, George, Loydon, Walklett (Cole '78), Green (Cottrell '46), Dudley-Jones (R Embley '78), Stamps, Timms, Warner (Mahmood '66), Evans (Tudor '78), Newell
Unused Subs: None

Burnley: Farrell, Taylor, Marshall, Walsh, Cooper, Miller, L Embley (Willis '90+3), Ravening, Hamer, Priestley (S Greenhalgh '75), Elford
Unused Subs: Bracewell, Molinari, O Greenhalgh

Goals: Hamer, '6, Walklett, '13, Elford, '57



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THE VISITORS

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS WOMEN



Current champions of the FA Women's National League North, and holders of the Birmingham County Cup, Wolves Women are thriving after being fully integrated into their parent club Wolverhampton Wanderers FC.

The 2021/22 season saw Dan McNamara's team enjoy success with a canter to the league title, though it ended in disappointment with a 1-0 play-off defeat to Southampton which meant that they remained a Northern Premier team for this term while Saints were promoted to the FA Championship.

There have been highs and lows for the women's club since its formation in 1975 as 'Heathfield Rovers'. Initially a West Midlands League second division club, they later became 'Wolverhampton & Wednesbury Tube' and then 'Wolverhampton Ladies' before taking the name Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1993.

That final name switch was a good omen as the 1993/94 season saw them promoted to the

Premier League – which was then the top flight of the English women's game – where they spent two seasons before relegation.

Aston Villa's European Cup-winning captain Dennis Mortimer was appointed manager in 2000 and led the team for three years, narrowly missing out on promotion.

In a landmark move in the 2008/09 season, the women's section was taken on board by Wolverhampton Wanderers FC as part of Wolves Community Trust. Recent seasons have seen the club promoted three times and relegated twice, managers James Astle, Tim Dudding and McNamara leading successful campaigns.

Current first team manager McNamara took over at the beginning of 2018 after a poor start to the season and led the battle to avoid the drop, but after a hard-fought campaign relegation was confirmed – on goal difference.

There was further disappointment in the following



two seasons, firstly as McNamara's team finished runners-up and so missed out on promotion and then, in 2019/20, having promotion snatched away as they had all but clinched top place when the season was null and voided due to the coronavirus pandemic.

2020/21 looked like déjà vu as, once again, Wolves were riding high only to have another pandemic-enforced end to the campaign. But a deserved promotion was eventually achieved via the FA's 'upward movement' initiative, so ending the team's three-year break from the Northern Premier Division.

And last season, the divisional title was clinched with three matches remaining and the County Cup was lifted by the Wanderers with a 4-1 win in the final against local rivals West Bromwich Albion. Then came the promotion play-off defeat.

The women's set-up has become part of the Wolverhampton Wanderers' Academy for the first time, while Jenna Burke-Martin is the club's first

ever full-time member of staff as Head of Women's and Girls' Football.

These progressive moves have dove-tailed with the sharing of the men's Premier League team's Compton Training Ground facilities – including sports science, analysis and physiotherapy – as part of Wolves' 'one club' ethos.

Looking to go one better than last season, Wolves are still in with an outside shot of promotion this term.

Sat 3rd in the table at the time of writing, they trail leaders Nottingham Forest by three points. A win this afternoon would see Wolves leapfrog Burnley into 2nd, and head into the final game of the season trailing Forest only by goal difference, though Forest's is quite superior.

Accordingly, a draw today would do neither team many favours, while a win could take Burnley back top.

Earlier this month, the Claret Women lifted a County Cup for the second consecutive season. Beating Darwen FC Ladies 9-0 in the competition's final, we became the first-ever holders of the Lancashire FA Women's Senior Cup.

Here's a selection of images from that evening at the County Ground in Leyland...



FAVOURITE FACT FILE

WITH LAURA ELFORD

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION...

Greece, no debate needed!

FAVOURITE FOOD...

There's not really one specific dish, just Mediterranean food on the whole.

FAVOURITE SONG...

'Flip A Switch' by RAYE, I'm quite big into my music to be fair.

FAVOURITE THING TO DO ON YOUR DAY OFF...

Attending festivals, concerts and sporting events. I like to keep busy even when I'm off!

FAVOURITE PLAYER...

Kevin De Bruyne, purely for the assists he provides. As a striker, a midfielder like him in your team is the dream.

FAVOURITE MOMENT IN FOOTBALL...

I've not been at Burnley long, so it has to be one from when I was at Huddersfield and we knocked Charlton out of the FA Cup. We were 3-0 down with 15 minutes to go and ended up winning on penalties.





The FA Women's
National League

TABLE 2022-23

Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottingham Forest Women	21	16	3	2	78	18	60	51
2	Burnley Women	20	15	4	1	63	25	38	49
3	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	20	15	3	2	56	16	40	48
4	Derby County Women	20	10	4	6	42	29	13	34
5	Brighouse Town Women	21	8	7	6	28	24	4	31
6	Stoke City Women	21	7	3	11	32	46	-14	24
7	AFC Fylde Women	20	6	5	9	21	51	-30	23
8	Huddersfield Town Women	20	6	4	10	30	39	-9	22
9	West Bromwich Albion WFC	20	6	4	10	26	40	-14	22
10	Liverpool Feds	20	6	3	11	30	41	-11	21
11	Boldmere St. Michaels Women	20	5	1	14	24	54	-30	16
12	Loughborough Lightning Women	21	0	3	18	9	56	-47	3

FIXTURES RESULTS

AUGUST

SUN 21	A	DERBY COUNTY	2-3
SUN 28	H	STOKE CITY	1-0
WED 31	A	AFC FYLDE	2-4

SEPTEMBER

SUN 4	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3-3
SUN 18	A	BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS	2-3
SUN 25	A	HULL CITY FAWNL Cup Determining Rd	1-3

OCTOBER

SUN 2	A	WOLVES	1-3
SUN 9	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1-1
WED 12	A	BRIGHOUSE TOWN	1-1
SUN 23	H	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	2-2
SUN 30	A	LIVERPOOL FEDS FAWNL Cup R1	1-5

NOVEMBER

SUN 6	A	LIVERPOOL FEDS	0-7
SUN 13	A	TRANMERE ROVERS Vitality Women's FA Cup R1	0-9
SUN 20	A	AFC FYLDE Lancashire Women's Sr Cup QF	2-4
SUN 27	A	CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS Vitality Women's FA Cup R2	0-1

DECEMBER

SUN 4	A	DERBY COUNTY FAWNL Cup R2	2-3
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JANUARY

SUN 8	H	NORWICH CITY Vitality Women's FA Cup R3	1-0
SUN 22	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST FAWNL Cup QF	2-1
SUN 29	H	CARDIFF CITY Vitality Women's FA Cup R4	1-4

FEBRUARY

SUN 5	A	LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING	1-2
SUN 12	H	LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING	1-0
WED 22	H	AFC FYLDE	7-0
SUN 26	A	BLACKBURN CSC Lanc Women's Sr Cup SF	BYE

MARCH

SUN 5	H	BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS	5-1
WED 15	H	BRIGHOUSE TOWN	5-1
SUN 19	H	DERBY COUNTY	4-1

APRIL

SUN 2	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3-0
WED 5	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	1-2
SUN 9	A	STOKE CITY	2-7
WED 12	N	AFC DARWEN Lanc Women's Snr Cup Final	W 9-0
SUN 16	A	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2
SUN 23	H	WOLVES	
SUN 30	H	LIVERPOOL FEDS	

* fixtures are subject to change



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Burnley FC Women

INTERIM HEAD COACH: Jay Bradford

1	Lauren Bracewell © (GK)	■
3	Olivia Wilson	■
4	Georgia Marshall	■
5	Lara Miller	■
6	Laura Elford	■
7	Leah Embley	■
8	Alanta Brown	■
9	Evie Priestley	■
10	Lizzie Hamer	■
11	Courtney Willis	■
13	Dom Cooper	■
14	Millie Ravening	■
16	Lucy Walsh	■
17	Lucia Molinari	■
18	Sarah Greenhalgh	■
19	Danielle Deehan	■
21	Lou Lou Newton	■
22	Meg Boydell	■
23	Olivia Greenhalgh	■
24	Isabelle Kershaw	■
25	Aimee Kelly	■
26	Lucy Farrell (GK)	■
27	Hollie Kelsh	■
30	Amaya Coleman-Evans	■
31	Ella Kinzett	■
32	Alyssa Aherne	■
33	Emma Taylor	■
	Jess Simpson	■



Wolverhampton Wanderers Women

MANAGER: Dan McNamara

1	Shan Turner (GK)	■
2	Laura Cooper	■
3	Anna Morphet	■
4	Anna Price	■
5	Emma Cross	■
6	Ria Elsmore	■
7	Tammi George	■
8	Maz Gauntlett	■
9	Jade Cross	■
10	Helen Dermody	■
11	Amber Hughes	■
13	Bec Thomas (GK)	■
14	Amy Dicken	■
15	Kelly Darby	■
16	Summer Holmes	■
17	Katie Johnson	■
19	Ali Miller	■
20	Naomi Bedeau	■
21	Destiney Toussaint	■
22	Beth Roberts	■
23	Josie Smith	■
24	Grace Gregory	■
28	Beth Merrick	■
31	Skye Owen	■
34	Amy Hare	■
40	Darcy Cartwright	■
44	Nina Wilson (GK)	■

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