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THE CHAIRMAN ALAN PACE



WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S BURNLEY FC WOMEN GAME AGAINST WOLVES WOMEN.

What a performance the team put in midweek; the nine-goal thriller saw us secure a place in the Lancashire FA Women's Challenge Cup Final in style. Well done to the squad for their dominant display and I look forward to meeting AFC Fylde Women in the final of the competition.

Over the course of this weekend, we have been celebrating International Women's Day through various activities with our Burnley FC Women players.

Several of the women's players attended our men's game against Chelsea yesterday, with Captain Lauren Bracewell live on co-commentary with Phil Bird. Olivia Wilson and Nicola Worthington joined U23 academy players Dara Costelloe and Joel Connolly in the Claret's Store for a signing event and Sarah Agger, Megan Dykes, Danielle Cooper, and Courtney Willis met supporters in the FanZone.

It was a great occasion and brilliant to see the players meeting fans on the day to promote women's football here at the Club.

The celebrations continue at today's women's game as we are pleased to welcome the Burnley FC U16s and Barnoldswick Town U12 girls to this afternoon's fixture. Both teams will meet the women's first team players after the game to mark the special occasion.

Here at Burnley FC, through women's football we aim to inspire the younger generation and have big plans in this area. Female football continues to grow around the globe and at the Club we want to be a part of this positive movement.

When there are opportunities for the team to meet younger players, to inspire them and grow the game we will actively ensure we do so.

Back to this afternoon, we're set for another great game of women's football in the FA Women's National League. Let's get behind the team.

**Up the Claret's!
Alan**

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THE CAPTAIN

LAUREN BRACEWELL

"WOMEN'S FOOTBALL HAS GROWN SO MUCH AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE ROLE MODELS TO HELP IT CONTINUE TO DEVELOP"

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It's great to be in the final of the Lancashire FA Women's Challenge Cup after Wednesday night's win against Fleetwood Town. Hopefully, we will bring some silverware to the Club this season.

I'm looking forward to today's game, it's been our first league fixture for a while. Wolves will be a really tough test; they are flying high at the top of the league, but we drew with them when we visited earlier in the season and I'm confident that we can take points off them again this afternoon.

We have been proud to celebrate International Women's Day recently. Some of the players and I met fans at Turf Moor yesterday and we're pleased to welcome the Burnley FC U16s and Barnoldswick Town U12 girls this afternoon.

It's always a pleasure to meet junior players and hopefully we can inspire them for the future. Women's football has grown so much and it's important to have role models to help it continue to develop. If the girls and I can be a role model, then that's fantastic.

I hope they all enjoy the game!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Lauren



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH.



Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias.

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  **LAST TIME OUT**

CLARETS EASE PAST FLEETWOOD TO QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

BURNLEY FC WOMEN HIT NINE AS THEY BEAT FLEETWOOD TOWN WRENS LADIES WITH A DOMINANT PERFORMANCE IN THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE LANCASHIRE FA CUP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT (MARCH 2).

Back in action for the first time since January, the Claret's progression never looked under threat, and they will now face fellow FA Women's National League North outfit AFC Fylde in the final of the regional competition.

Every member of the midfield and frontline which started the game got on the scoresheet with striker Evie Priestley netting a hat-trick at the County Ground in Leyland.

Burnley began the livelier of the sides and could've been ahead within two minutes as Mel Brown found space inside the area to meet a corner, but her header was saved by Fleetwood goalkeeper Pharyn Ashton.

Striker Evie Priestley did put the Claret's in front shortly after though, linking up with fellow forward Sarah Greenhalgh to burst into the box and finish past an onrushing Ashton.

Only a few minutes later, Priestley had her and Burnley's second of the evening with the faintest of touches to send the ball in off the post having connected with Millie Ravening's low drive.

And after chances passed for both Lizzie Hamer and Greenalgh individually, the pair linked up on 25 minutes for the latter to head home a third at the County Ground, putting the Claret's into an unassailable position.

Chasing her hat-trick, Priestley thought she'd added a fourth for the Claret's three minutes later as she latched onto a through ball and slotted past Ashton, but the offside flag denied her this time around.

Similarly, the forward was denied a stylish third on the half volley inside the area by Ashton's fingertips as half-time approached, while Courtney Willis also found space to strike at goal but couldn't direct her effort on target.

Three quickly became four at the restart, with Priestley sealing her hat-trick on 49 minutes with a flicked finish after Dani Cooper had picked up Lizzie Hamer's initial cross across the box and laid on for the striker to convert.

Two minutes later, it was five as Courtney Willis came out on top in a one-on-one with goalkeeper Ashton and got her name on the scoresheet.

At the other end, in a rare attacking position, Fleetwood captain Emily Jones fired a ball across the face of goal with nobody able

to get on the end of it for the visitors.

Claret's own 'keeper – and captain – Lauren Bracewell then saved a long-range free-kick in comfortable fashion, before Burnley went back on the goal-scoring hunt.

Willis went close with a header on the hour mark before midfielder Ravening beat Ashton with a stunning volley from the edge of the area to increase the gap between the two sides.

Not wanting to be outdone by her teammate, Nic Worthington also netted with a thunderous strike at goal soon after given space to venture forward and try her luck, while just two minutes later, Hamer made it eight with a finish at the second time of asking having seen an initial effort rebound off the post.

On 69 minutes, as she had done in the first half, striker Priestley was denied by the offside flag having beaten Ashton oncemore, but the Claret's would net a ninth and final goal of the evening before the full-time whistle.

A late substitute, Lucia Molinari got into the box and took aim at goal, with the ball deflecting off a Fleetwood defender and into the back of the net.

Lively to the very end, Priestley once more saw a shot saved on 79 minutes while daughter of former Burnley striker Andy Payton, Georgia, forced Bracewell into a save at the other end with a low drive.

With nine goals scored, a clean sheet secured, and a place in a cup final booked.



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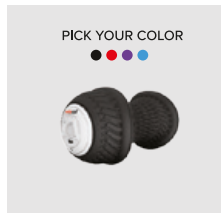
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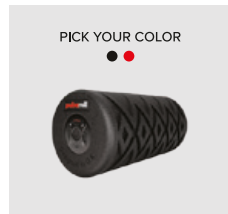
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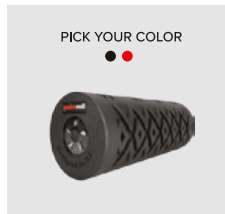
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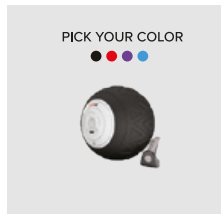
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WELCOME TO

WOLVES WOMEN



AFTER ENTERING A NEW ERA OF CLOSER THAN EVER INTEGRATION WITH PARENT CLUB WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FC, THE WOLVES WOMEN'S TEAM ARE NOW PLAYING IN WHAT IS THEIR SIXTH DECADE OF COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL.

Formed in 1975 as Heathfield Rovers, initially as 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 topflight of the English women's game - where they spent two seasons before relegation.

In 1999 the club was incorporated under the Companies Act with several influential businesspeople joining the board, among them BBC presenter Jenny Wilkes (Chair) and former England

Women's cricket team captain Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint.

The club evolved a strong youth development programme, several players going on to become senior internationals - Rachel Unitt, Jody Handley and Emily Westwood for England, Kerrie Manley for Wales, and Amy McCann for Northern Ireland. 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 and relegated twice, managers James Astle and Tim Dudding both leading successful promotion campaigns.

At junior level, the club was awarded a new FA Girls' Regional Talent Club license in 2016, supporting the identification and development of players with elite potential as part of the England Talent Pathway. Encouragingly, the RTC has seen some talented young players moving through the ranks and making their mark at senior level.

Current first team manager Dan 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 - agonisingly 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, agonisingly 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.

Last term 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 National League Northern Premier Division.

Onwards and upwards is now the aim as McNamara and his side make the most of benefits derived from the solid support of their parent club.

The women's set-up has become part of the Wolverhampton Wanderers' Academy for the first time, while Jenna Burke-Martin has become the 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 top class Compton training ground facilities - including sports science, analysis, and physiotherapy - as part of Wolves' 'one club' ethos.

PLAYER PROFILES



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LAUREN
BRACEWELL



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MEGAN
DYKES



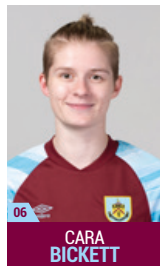
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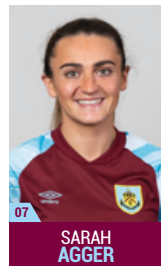
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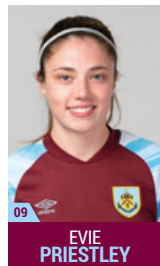
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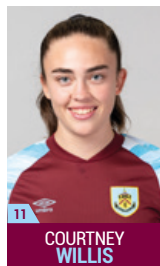
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LIZZY
HAMER



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EVIE
PRIESTLEY



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KATIE
THOMAS



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COURTNEY
WILLIS



12
LUCY
FARRELL



13
DOMINIQUE
COOPER



14
MILLIE
RAVENING



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SARAH
GREENHALGH



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DANIELLE
COOPER



17
LUCIA
MOLINARI



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OLIVIA
GREENHALGH



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SAMMY
FLECK



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MEG
BOYDELL



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MELISSA
BROWN



23
HOLLIE
KELSH



24
LEAH
JACKSON



TELL US ABOUT...

MEGAN DYKES

Position: Defender



The best thing about playing for Burnley is...

The girls, the atmosphere, the intensity in training and everyone is on the same page in wanting to win trophies.

My favourite moment from my time at Burnley is...

The one that stands out to me is definitely the penalty to take us through in the FA Cup to play Manchester United.

In my spare time...

In my spare time... that's if I have any spare time! I like to just spend it with my family and watch footy and go to Liverpool matches when I can.

A fun fact about myself is...

The most interesting thing is, I'm actually quite a good cook!

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021/22

AUGUST

Sun 15 Sheffield FC A NL 4-0

Sun 22 Nottingham Forest H NL 1-4

Wed 25 Fylde A NL 0-2

Sun 29 Derby County A NL 1-2

SEPTEMBER

Sun 5 Huddersfield Town H NL 4-0

Sun 12 Hull City A LCP 7-2

Sun 26 Hull City A NL 3-0

OCTOBER

Sun 3 Loughborough Lightning H NL 3-0

Wed 6 Brighouse Town H NL 0-1

Sun 24 Wolverhampton Wanderers A NL 2-2

Sun 31 West Bromwich Albion H NL 3-4

NOVEMBER

Sun 7 Stoke City A NL 2-0

Sun 14 Durham Cestria H FAC 2-0

Sun 28 AFC Fylde A NL 3-2

DECEMBER

Sun 12 Liverpool H FAC 0-4

Sun 19 Nottingham Forest A NL 1-1

JANUARY

Sun 9 Middlesbrough A NL 3-1

Sun 16 Sheffield FC H NL 6-1

Wed 26 AFC Fylde H NL 2-2

Sun 30 Derby County H NL 1-0

MARCH

Wed 2 Fleetwood Town H CC 9-0

Sun 6 Wolverhampton Wanderers H NL

Wed 16 Brighouse Town A NL

Sun 27 Stoke City H NL

APRIL

Sun 3 Huddersfield Town A NL

Sun 10 Loughborough A NL

Sun 17 Hull City H NL

Sun 24 West Bromwich Albion A NL

MAY

Sun 1 Middlesbrough H NL



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2 Derby County	17	11	3	3	24	36
3 Fylde	16	10	4	2	23	34
4 Nottingham Forest	18	10	3	5	14	33
5 Huddersfield Town	16	10	2	4	19	32
6 Burnley	16	8	3	5	16	27
7 Brighouse Town	14	7	3	4	14	24
8 West Bromwich Albion	15	4	4	7	-8	16
9 Stoke City	17	5	1	11	-16	16
10 Loughborough Lightning	16	4	3	9	-20	15
11 Middlesbrough	16	3	1	12	-27	10
12 Sheffield FC	14	2	1	11	-28	7
13 Hull City	16	0	3	13	-40	3



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Wednesday 2nd March

Wolves 5-0 Stoke

Thursday 3rd March

Huddersfield 2-0 Sheffield
Nottingham Forest 1-0 West Brom

Sunday 6th March

Burnley v Wolves
Sheffield v AFC Fylde
Stoke v Middlesbrough
West Brom v Derby

Sunday 13th March

Brighouse v Fylde
Derby v Huddersfield
Middlesbrough v Sheffield
Nottingham Forest v Stoke
West Brom v Hull
Loughborough v Wolves

SQUADS



Technical Director: Paul Jenkins

- Lauren **BRACEWELL** (C) ● 1
- Megan **DYKES** ● 2
- Kerry **HOPE** ● 3
- Nicola **WORTHINGTON** ● 4
- Olivia **WILSON** ● 5
- Cara **BICKETT** ● 6
- Sarah **AGGER** ● 7
- Lizzy **HAMER** ● 8
- Evie **PRIESTLEY** ● 9
- Katie **THOMAS** ● 10
- Courtney **WILLIS** ● 11
- Lucy **FARRELL** ● 12
- Dominique **COOPER** ● 13
- Millie **RAVENING** ● 14
- Sarah **GREENHALGH** ● 15
- Danielle **COOPER** ● 16
- Lucia **MOLINARI** ● 17
- Olivia **GREENHALGH** ● 18
- Sammy **FLECK** ● 19
- Meg **BOYDELL** ● 21
- Melissa **BROWN** ● 22
- Hollie **KELSH** ● 23
- Leah **JACKSON** ● 24



MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE

David Boston

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Lewis Atkinson
Niall Cotgrave



Women's
National League

OTHER FIXTURES

Today

Sheffield v AFC Fylde

Stoke v Middlesbrough

West Brom v Derby

Manager: Dan McNamara

- 1 Shannon **TURNER**
- 2 Laura **COOPER**
- 3 Natalie **WIDDAL**
- 4 Anna **PRICE** (C)
- 5 Emma **CROSS**
- 6 Marie **GAUNTLETT**
- 7 Tammi **GEORGE**
- 8 Shannie **JENNINGS**
- 9 Jade **CROSS**
- 11 Amber **HUGHES**
- 12 Kate **EVANS**
- 13 Rebecca **THOMAS**
- 14 Amy **DICKEN**
- 15 Kelly **DARBY**
- 16 Summer **HOLMES**
- 18 Anna **MORPHET**
- 19 Alisha **MILLER**
- 20 Lowri **WALKER**
- 22 Helen **DERMODY**
- 24 Ellie **BUTLER**
- 25 Leonie **JOYCE**
- 26 Ria **ELSMORE**
- 27 Hayley **HOARE**
- 28 Bethan **MERRICK**

NEXT GAMES



BRIGHOUSE TOWN AFC WOMEN

Wednesday 16th March 2022
Yorkshire Payments Stadium
7:45pm
FA Women's National League



STOKE CITY WOMEN

Sunday 27th March 2022
Lancashire FA's County Ground
2:00pm
FA Women's National League