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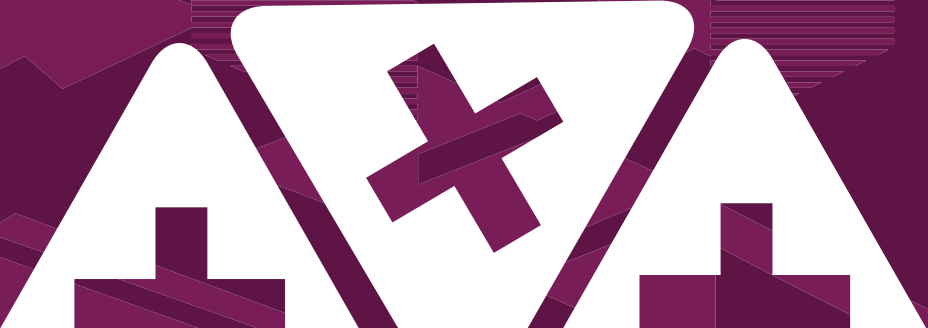
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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

LOLA OGUNBOTE

Welcome everyone to this evening's game against Halifax FC!

Our unbeaten start to the season continues following our fantastic 4-1 victory over Stourbridge on Sunday. It's been a fantastic start to the campaign for the team, and credit must go to the players, Rebecca and all the staff working behind the scenes to ensure that we continue to perform at a high level.

That game was also our designated 'No Room for Racism' fixture, and all of our players wore their warm up shirts to outline that message. Rebecca and Leah Embley spoke brilliantly about the cause following the game, as did our captain Alethea Paul pre-match.

Our defender Mikayla Wildgoose also attended a community-led event, in which she spoke to primary

school children at Turf Moor about the 'No Room for Racism' campaign and answered questions during a Q&A with them, whilst helping them with different events throughout the day, so well done to Mikayla for that!

In the build up to Sunday's game, we also announced the signings of Gracie Prior and Lois Marley-Paraskevas from Manchester City, on dual registration deals.

We were delighted to welcome both young players to the Club, and they have both already made appearances for the City first team, which is fantastic at their age, and I'm sure they will add more quality to our already strong squad.

Tonight's game, as with every game, poses yet another difficult challenge with the visit of Halifax, as they are an extremely tough team to get anything from.

We are midway through a difficult period of fixtures, as we continue our busy week tonight, and then travel to Newcastle United on Sunday, which again will be a very tough game for us.

I am confident that the hard work that Rebecca and her staff have put in for the past few weeks will pay off during this busy period and we can continue this fantastic start to the season.

I cannot wait to see all of you at the Lancashire FA County Ground tonight, cheering the team onto hopefully another three points.

Up the Clarets!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK

I'm pleased to be able to welcome you all back to the County Ground, only three days after we last saw you this evening, as we face Halifax FC and continue our busy week of action in the FA Women's National League North.

On Sunday, we did brilliantly to come from behind and beat Stourbridge 4-1, which is testament to the resilience we show within this team.

I'm proud to be their manager,

and even though we are performing brilliantly now, I know there is more to come from this group. We want to continue both our winning and unbeaten run's tonight and have been working hard on the training ground to make the improvements to our game which will help us to achieve our goals.

As we say every week, thank you so much for your support,

it means a lot to me and the squad, and we want to keep seeing your faces at our games.

Me and the players can't wait to see you again tonight and hope your support can help push us on towards victory!

UTC!

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL CAPTAIN

Good evening, everyone, it's great to be playing at home once again and I'd like to welcome everyone from Halifax today, who I know will give us an extremely tough test.

We know them from when they were formerly under the Brighouse Town name, and we know how good of a side they can be on their day, and I can say the same for every single side in our league. No one we face is going to come and hand us the three points and we have to grind out every single win we pick up.

We have put a lot of hard work in on the training ground ahead of this week's busy schedule so that we can continue to put in the strong performances we know that you deserve.

It was brilliant to see all of you at last Sunday's game against Stourbridge, even more so as I was able to score my first goal for the Club, and it was great to do that in front of the home fans.

We showed great resilience to battle back from conceding an early goal to win 4-1 and hearing the fans cheering us on helped contribute to us finding a way to win.

As always, I would like to say a huge thank you to the fans that come to the game, and also the fans that watch us live on TikTok, your support for me, and the girls

is massively appreciated.

Can't wait to see you all again tonight!

Up the Clarets!

Thea





LAST TIME OUT

CLARETS CONTINUE THEIR WINNING STREAK WITH COMFORTABLE VICTORY AGAINST GLASSGIRLS



Burnley FC Women secured another three points against Stourbridge at the Lancashire FA County Ground in the FA Women's National League North, winning 4-1.

Stourbridge opened the scoring with Jess Lowe winning a penalty for the visiting side, and despite Kirsty Levell making the save, Kelsey Richardson tapped in the rebound.

Leah Embley scored the equaliser for the Clarets before Aimee Kelly put them in front just before the break.

Millie Ravening gave the Clarets a two-goal cushion and Clarets captain Alethea Paul bagged her first goal for the Club to secure the three points.

Rebecca Sawiuk made three changes from Burnley's last game against Nottingham Forest two weeks ago, as Maria Francis-Jones, Lizzy Hamer and Aimee Kelly came in for Dom Cooper, Rhema Lord-Mears, and Laura Elford, respectively.

FIRST HALF

The Clarets had the first chance of the game when Paul drove into the box and shot towards goal, but Glassgirls keeper Bamford was equal to it.

It was Stourbridge who took the lead however, when Mikayla Wildgoose fouled Jess Lowe and Richardson stepped up, and after seeing her penalty saved by Levell, tapped in the rebound.

Burnley quickly responded as Embley found the equaliser when Amaya Coleman-Evans crossed the ball into her feet, and she controlled the ball before hammering past Jamie-Lee Bamford.

And the Clarets would find themselves in front before the break as when Kelly received the ball from Ravening in the box, she slotted the ball in between

Bamford and the near post from a tight angle to give the hosts the lead.

Moments before half-time Ravening secured Burnley a penalty, after Favour Omenazu's foul, but Bamford was equal to her spot kick, parrying it away.

SECOND HALF

Burnley continued the second half on the front foot and Paul was unlucky when she made space in the box and shot just wide of the far post.

The Clarets dominance would pay off when Ravening fired into the roof of the net following Kelly's hard work to create an opportunity to make it 3-1.

Lizzy Hamer had a chance to make it four as she took a shot, but Bamford did well to tip over the bar.

Clarets defender Paul bagged her first goal for the club soon after, as she swiftly moved the ball across Glassgirls defender Zoe Clarke and fired the ball into the bottom right corner past Bamford in the Stourbridge goal.

Burnley had the last chance of the game when Brenna McPartlan attempted to slot the ball into the back of the net when Embley found her in space, but Bamford held onto the ball.

Wildgoose was dismissed ten minutes from time, but despite the Clarets losing a player, they held on, for what was a comfortable victory.

The Claret Women are back in action next Wednesday – 11th October – when they welcome Halifax to the Lancashire FA County Ground in the FA Women's National League North.



BURNLEY 4 STOURBRIDGE 1 08.10.2023

Burnley: Levell (Farrell 78'), Francis-Jones (Cooper 55'), Paul, McPartlan, Marshall (Prior 72'), Wildgoose, L Embley, Hamer, Coleman-Evans (Reidford 62'), Ravening (Marley-Paraskevas 77'), Kelly

Unused Subs: N/A

Stourbridge: Bamford, Clarke (Murphy '77), Harrison, Deasy (Grove '72), Heaselgrave, Lowe, McGovern (Butler '46), Fishwick (Hadley '46), R Embley, Richardson, Omenazu (Lawrence '67)

Unused Subs: N/A

Goals: Richardson 13', L Embley 21', Kelly 43', Ravening 54', Paul 66'



LIZZY HAMER PREVIEW

Lizzy Hamer says the Claret Women are 'feeling good' as the head into their second game of a busy period that involves three fixtures in seven days.

Burnley faced Stourbridge in the first game, winning 4-1 thanks to goals from Leah Embley, Aimee Kelly, Millie Ravening, and captain Alethea Paul.

Now the Clarets are ready to enter their second game, against Halifax, on Wednesday night, and winger Hamer is looking forward to another testing fixture.

She said: "We're feeling good about the game, we're coming off the back of a good win against Stourbridge, so we're definitely feeling good ahead of the game as we like a midweek game.

"It's really important that we keep our momentum going, once you get into winning habits, I think it's really important for the team to stick at that.

"The team are really enjoying both playing and winning at the moment, so it's important to keep that going as we continue this busy week."

Following a two-week break, the Clarets returned to action this past Sunday, and are straight in at the deep end with the hectic period of games.

But Hamer believes hard work on the training ground whilst they didn't have a fixture will pay off and urged that fans to continue to get behind the team.

She added: "We didn't have a game for a couple of week's heading into the Stourbridge game, so we had a lot of time to prepare, and we know it's a big week coming up, but we're ready and looking forward to it.

"We've got a really good squad, the depth we've got is good, I think everyone plays their part in it, so it's good that we have that.

"It'll be great to get as many fans down to the County Ground as possible, we see the

fans and we hear them on the sidelines, and it's really great to have everyone's support, so hopefully we can get a lot of people down on Wednesday as well."



THIS OR THAT...

MARIA FRANCIS-JONES

1. Home or Away?
Home
2. Assist or Goal?
Goal
3. Playing in the sun or playing in the rain?
Playing in the rain
4. Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo?
Lionel Messi
5. Last minute winner or comfortable win?
Last minute winner
6. Tea or Coffee?
Tea
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 **HALIFAX FC WOMEN**



Halifax FC Women, initially known as Brighouse Town AFC, were founded in 2010 and play in the FA Women's National League North Division.

This season the side play their home games at Clayborn Ground in Cleckheaton, which holds 2,500 fans.

Halifax Women played under the name of Brighouse Town AFC for under a decade, until May 2023, when they decided to split away from the men's first team.

In the 2016/17 season,

Brighouse finished in midtable of the Division One North table in sixth place behind Chorley Ladies.

Moving onto the 2017/18 season, the team finished runners-up behind Hull City Ladies and Eagles' forward Jodie Redgrave was the top goalscorer, netting 19 goals in 22 appearances for the club.

Halifax – under the name of Brighouse – repeated this feat in the following 2018/19 season when they fell short of promotion, finishing 13 points behind the Claret Women.

The 2020/21 season was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic as Halifax placed second, finishing behind Chester le Street Town, therefore the club requested an application to The FA to apply for a promotion into their current league, the FA Women's National League North.

With the agreement of the team being promoted into the third tier of women's football, the 2021/22 season was a fresh start for the side.

The team came seventh behind Huddersfield, and eleven games were won



out of the 24, with the Eagles bagging 20 goals.

In the previous 2022/23 season Halifax finished fifth with carrying 31 points, from 19 goals across the 22 games played.

Lucy Sowerby was the top goal scorer for the Eagles bagging 14 across that season.

In the current campaign, Halifax are placed 8th behind West Bromwich Albion sitting on seven points, they started the season off with a home win against Huddersfield Town but were recently defeated by Liverpool Feds and Stoke City.

Forward Ellie White is the top

goal scorer with four goals in five appearances.

The last time these sides faced each other was last season at the Lancashire FA County Ground in Leyland.

The Clarets won 5-1 against Brighouse, with goals from Millie Ravening, Evie Priestley, Leah Embley, and Dom Cooper sealing the victory.

Rob Mitchell took over the women's management in June 2023, after his decade of experience working as the Brighouse Town Men's First Team manager.

In 2022 Halifax Women pushed

a Female Football Development Centre Programme with the main aim to increase girls between the ages of 7-15 participation in football.

The program was designed by the club to find and nurture players from a young age in West Yorkshire.

Additionally, Halifax FC Women U10 are currently playing in the West Riding Girls Football League.



SQUAD

2023/24

- 1. LAUREN BRACEWELL (GK)**
- 2. MARIA FRANCIS-JONES**
- 3. ALETHEA PAUL ©**
- 4. BRENNA MCPARTLAN**
- 5. GEORGIA MARSHALL**
- 6. MIKAYLA WILDGOOSE**
- 7. LEAH EMBLEY**
- 8. LIZZIE HAMER**
- 9. EVIE PRIESTLEY**
- 10. LAURA ELFORD**
- 11. AMAYA COLEMAN-EVANS**
- 12. RHEMA LORD-MEARS**
- 13. DOM COOPER**
- 14. MILLIE RAVENING**
- 15. LARA MILLER**
- 16. LUCY WALSH**
- 17. COURTNEY WILLIS**
- 18. HOLLIE KELSH**
- 19. DANIELLE DEEHAN**
- 20. GRACIE PRIOR**
- 21. LOIS MARLEY-PARASKEVAS**
- 22. ISABELLA REIDFORD**
- 25. AIMEE KELLY**
- 26. LUCY FARRELL (GK)**
- 27. MEG BOYDELL**
- 28. KIRSTIE LEVELL (GK)**

BRENNA MCPARTLAN

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

My first memories of football are joining in with my big brother at his training sessions and just kicking a ball about on the side.

What are your memories of joining Burnley?

So far, I'm loving life at Burnley. We have a great group and have created a positive environment which I'm really happy to be a part of.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to?

Growing up I always looked up to Steven Gerrard. I'm a big Liverpool fan and obviously he's a Liverpool legend and one of Liverpool's best ever players.

Have you always been a midfielder or did you play in different positions?

I have always been a centre midfielder, I've never really played anywhere else throughout my career.

What are your memories of watching football live?

My memories of watching football live has to be watching my hometown team when we had a family season ticket.

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

A stand out football moment so far is representing Northern Ireland at a major tournament, the European finals. Playing against Spain at the National football stadium in front of lots of my family was a highlight.



Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burnley Women	6	5	1	0	20	7	13	16
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	6	4	1	1	16	4	12	13
3	Newcastle United Ladies	4	4	0	0	12	1	11	12
4	Stoke City Women	7	3	1	3	16	15	1	10
5	Nottingham Forest Women	5	3	0	2	17	8	9	9
6	Liverpool Feds	6	3	0	3	13	15	-2	9
7	West Bromwich Albion WFC	5	2	1	2	11	10	1	7
8	Halifax FC Women	4	2	1	1	7	7	0	7
9	Derby County Women	5	2	0	3	12	8	4	6
10	Stourbridge Ladies	7	1	2	4	9	26	-17	5
11	Huddersfield Town Women	6	1	0	5	6	20	-14	3
12	AFC Fylde Women	7	0	1	6	5	23	-18	1

THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES



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 4-1
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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NEXT GAMES

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER
 NEWCASTLE UNITED WOMEN
 KINGSTON PARK
 KO 2PM
 NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION
 OF THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023
 STOKE CITY WOMEN
 EMERYS STADIUM
 KO 2PM
 NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION
 OF THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAGLES