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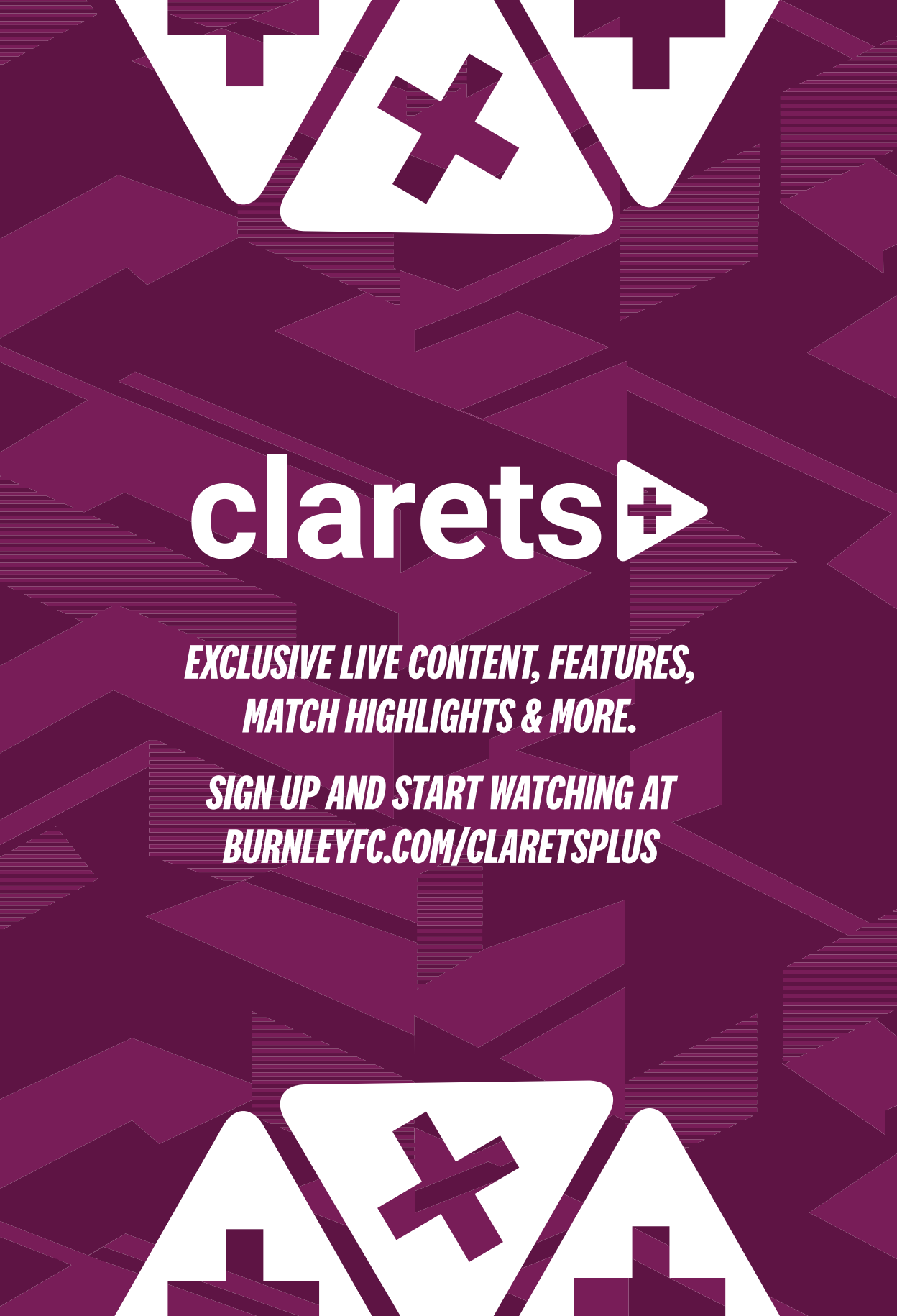
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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOLA OGUNBOTE

The players picked up a brilliant, battling win in our season opener two weeks ago and put in a strong performance in the cup away at Newcastle United last time out, so hopefully we can continue this form going into today's game.

It has been a busy summer here at the Club, with multiple new faces coming into the Club, in Kirstie Levell, Maria Francis-Jones, Bella Reidford, Rhema Lord-Mears, Alethea Paul, Mikayla Wildgoose and Brenna McPartlan.

We have also seen a huge few weeks of Women's

football, with the Lionesses doing us proud over in Australia in the Women's World Cup, and hopefully this will help to contribute to the continuing growth of the female game as a whole.

Here at Burnley Football Club, we are looking to build the game locally, and are delighted to be hosting our games at the excellent Lancashire FA headquarters of the County Ground.

Their facilities will only help our Women's team push to the next level, in what will hopefully be another successful season at home.

We are delighted to welcome new sponsors W88 to the club, and you will see them front and centre on our women's kits for the new season.

We are also happy to announce that, once again, our home league games will be live on streaming platform TikTok, again a move that we believe will help expand our growth as a Club worldwide and get eyes on our excellent team.

Hope to see all you fans cheering on the team today!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK



Good afternoon all and welcome back to Leyland for our first home game of the 2023/24 season, where we welcome Wolverhampton Wanderers Women.

I want to start by saying that I am delighted to be your new Burnley FC Women manager and I am happy to have joined such a progressive Club in the Clarets.

The girls put in a fantastic performance in our opening weekend of the season against Liverpool Feds, where we came out with a 3-2 victory.

Jericho Lane is one of the hardest places in the league to go and pick up a victory, as they set up as an extremely difficult team to break down at home, so I am thrilled we've managed to go there and pick up three points to begin our season.

Our new signings are beginning to gel with the rest of the team, and I'm very happy with the progress they've made in such a short period of gametime.

As well as the victory on the opening day, we put in a solid performance away at professional side Newcastle United in the FA Women's National League Cup last weekend and were extremely unlucky not to come away with the victory.

Today we host a very strong side in Wolves, and a side that I know our team had two great games against last season.

We have worked hard in training this week in preparation for our first home game, and we know that our visitors will bring their all and we must be ready for a tough fixture.

We will take the knowledge that we have gained in our first two games of the season into the match, as even though I'm happy with our progress, we can still improve and still have things to work on.

We'll also take solace from the fact that you, our 12th team member, the fans, will be there as always cheering us on to victory and I'm looking forward to meeting you all in my first home game as manager.

Thank you for your continued support; it means everything to me and the girls.

Can't wait to see you all today, and as always, up the Clarets!

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL CAPTAIN

Hi everyone, welcome to the County Ground for today's first home game against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Let me start by saying how proud I am to have been named captain of this fantastic, historic Club, and it is position I am honoured to be in and will give my all to make sure this team sees success this season.

We are entering a new era as a Club and within the women's game, with record numbers watching the Lionesses battle to success in Australia, and the girls at the Club are all extremely proud of those players and can only give our thanks to those for becoming role models for girls all over the country, looking to get into football.

It has been a summer of new faces – including myself – here at Burnley and I have been privileged to welcome those girls to the Club, as well as working together with our new manager, Rebecca, who has brought new ideas into the Club, which I'm sure will only help us build on last year's 3rd placed finish.

Onto the football, and I wanted to give praise to the girls for their battling open day victory at Liverpool Feds, and for grinding through 120 minutes of a gruelling game against Newcastle United, in which the girls gave a great account of themselves against the professional side.

The hard work only continues

for us, and we begin our home campaign today against one of the sides involved in last season's title race with ourselves, Wolves.

They are a very strong side, and I expect them to give us a solid challenge, as I saw from afar last season, where we had two great games – with both sides winning one game apiece.

It is exciting times to be a Claret at the moment, and I am happy

to be part of that with all of you, the fans.

I can't wait to see you all at Leyland on Sunday, and hopefully we can put in a performance that you can be proud of and gain our second victory of the season.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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LAST TIME OUT



CLARET WOMEN BATTLE TO OPENING DAY WIN OVER FEDS

Burnley FC Women began their season with a victory, beating Liverpool Feds 3-2 at Jericho Lane Sports Hub in the FA Women's National League North.

Lizzie Hamer opened the scoring before Feds levelled ten minutes after the break, through Beth Donoghue.

The Clarets instantly retook the lead as Leah Embley netted and Millie Ravening's top corner strike made it 3-1.

Feds netted a late consolation through captain Chantelle Thompson, but Burnley saw the game out to claim three points on the opening day.

Rebecca Sawiuk brought five of her new signing's in from the start as Kirstie Levell, Alethea Paul, Brenna McPartlan, Mikayla Wildgoose, and Rhema Lord-Mears were all named in the 11.

Fellow new face Maria Francis-Jones made the bench.

FIRST HALF

Burnley started the game well and created three half chances early on with Ravening dragging shot wide, Aimee Kelly testing Rachel Darbyshire and Lord-Mears also driving an effort wide.

The hosts had the biggest opportunity early on however, with Paige Cole drilling a low strike towards goal that looped up off a boot in the area, and onto the top of the bar.

The Clarets took the lead on 24 minutes, as Hamer capitalised on

an error by Darbyshire and sent a chipped effort towards goal that evaded the reach of the Feds stopper and dropped into the back of the net.

Big chances for both sides followed, as Ellie Fletcher broke in behind the Burnley defence and hammered a shot at goal that Levell was equal to as she tipped over and Ravening went close at the other end after Lord-Mears cut the ball back for her and she saw her effort deflected wide.

SECOND HALF

Sawiuk's side had a big chance to make it two after 55 minutes as Kelly worked the ball through to Embley, who's low strike was well saved by the feet of Darbyshire.

And the Claret Women would be punished for that missed opportunity, as Feds countered, and Donoghue found herself in space to slot past Levell.

The scores weren't level for long however, as Hamer played through Embley, who hammered a strike back across goal into the far bottom corner, leaving Darbyshire with no chance.

Half-chances followed before Ravening netted the Clarets third with an expertly placed, arrowed effort into the top corner following a cut back.

Feds would net again through Thompson, as she placed into an empty net, but Burnley did enough to see the game out and secure the three points.



LIVERPOOL FEDS 2 BURNLEY 3 20.08.2023

Liverpool Feds:

Darbyshire, Pope (Richardson '74), Johnson, Kinvig-Wardale, Jukes (Thomas '74), Seagraves (James '86), Anderson, Thompson ©, Cole, Fletcher, Donoghue
Unused Subs: Farley, Viagas

Burnley: : Levell, Cooper (Francis-Jones '68), Marshall, Wildgoose (Miller '68), Paul, McPartlan, Lord-Mears (Coleman-Evans '85), Ravening, Embley, Hamer, Kelly (Priestley '65)

Unused Subs: Farrell

Goals: Hamer, '24, Donoghue, '56, Embley, '58, Ravening '89, Thompson '90+5



LAST TIME OUT

CLARET WOMEN BATTLE TO NARROW EXTRA-TIME DEFEAT AGAINST MAGPIES



Burnley FC Women bowed out of the FA Women's National League Cup in the Determining Round as they fell to a 3-2 defeat in extra-time against Newcastle United.

Bridget Galloway netted the opener for the Magpies from the penalty spot before Millie Ravening equalised just after the break.

The game then went to extra-time, with Newcastle striking first as Galloway bagged her brace and Leah Embley scoring Burnley's second equaliser of the game.

Becky Ferguson slotted home the winner two minutes from time to send the Magpies through and the Clarets into the FA Women's National League Plate.

There was one change from the Clarets win over Liverpool Feds last Sunday – 20th August – as Georgia Marshall dropped out and Lara Miller came into the side.

FIRST HALF

The hosts started the game well and were in front within the first 15 minutes, as Miller was adjudged to have brought down Kacie Elson and Galloway slotted in from the spot.

That action would prove the last of Miller's game, as she was stretchered off through injury and replaced by Danielle Deehan.

Half chances followed for the Clarets, who were looking to find their way back into the game with Ravening driving towards goal and seeing a strike deflected wide, and Embley curling a shot from the resulting corner straight at Grace Donnelly in the Magpies goal.

Aimee Kelly then had two

opportunities to level the score before the break, firstly breaking in behind the Newcastle backline, only to be denied by Donnelly and secondly heading over from close range on the brink of half-time.

SECOND HALF

Sawiuk's side had a big chance to The Clarets made an extremely quick start to the second half and were level within the first minute as smart play from Kelly found Embley, who in turn dinked the ball towards the back post, where an onrushing Ravening was there to head into the back of the net.

Rebecca Sawiuk's side were growing into the game by the minute, and Rhema Lord-Mears almost put them in front when she made space for a shot and put the ball past Donnelly but not past the hosts defender on the line.

Georgia Gibson had the last real effort of the 90, shooting from distance and seeing her effort comfortably held by Kirstie Levell in the Clarets goal.

EXTRA TIME

The hosts put themselves back in front just three minutes into the allotted extra 30, as Galloway shrugged off a challenge from a Burnley defender, before rolling the ball past Levell into the bottom corner.

The Clarets tried to find a way back into the game and had three chances in quick succession when Ravening acrobatically volleyed wide, Paul shot over from distance, and substitute Bella Reidford's strike was held by Donnelly.

Embley was then inches away

from levelling for Burnley but her touch at the back post wasn't enough to beat Donnelly, who saved expertly with her feet as Sawiuk's team went into the break behind.

In the 107th minute of play however, Embley would find the net with a brilliantly curled effort into the far corner past the outstretched hand of the Magpies stopper to equalise for the Clarets.

Substitute Amaya Coleman-Evans had two one-on-one chances to put Burnley in front, but both efforts were kept out by Donnelly, before Newcastle went up the other end and won the game through Becky Ferguson, as she slotted past Levell.

The Clarets will now compete in the FA Women's National League Plate, with the Magpies progressing to the Cup.

NEWCASTLE 3 BURNLEY 2

AFTER EXTRA TIME
27.08.2023

Newcastle United: Donnelly, Stobbs © (Ferguson '106), Watt (Bedeau '86), Bartle, Kelly, Elson, Milne-Redhead (Gibson '62), Greenwood, Nelson (Dodds '62), Galloway, Potts
Unused Subs: Soulsby

Burnley: Levell, Cooper (Francis-Jones '84), Miller (Deehan '15), Wildgoose, Paul, McPartlan, Lord-Mears (Reidford '68), Embley, Ravening, Hamer, Kelly (Coleman-Evans '76)
Unused Subs: Farrell

Goals: Galloway, '16, '93, Ravening, '46, Embley, '107, Ferguson, '118



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INTRODUCING WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

Following two solid seasons in the FA Women's National League North, Wolves Women will be a side looking to build on that in the 2023/24 campaign.

After winning the Women's National League Northern Premier Division in 2021/22 but then missing out on promotion through a play-off defeat to Southampton, Wolves were pipped to the title on goal difference by Nottingham Forest last term.

Dan McNamara's team have also won the Birmingham County Cup in both seasons.

Just as in recent years, there have been highs and lows from 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.

In 1999 the club was incorporated under the Companies Act with several influential business people 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 three times and relegated twice, managers James Astle, Tim Dudding and McNamara leading successful campaigns.

At junior level, the club





was awarded a new FA Girls' Regional Talent Club licence in 2016, supporting the identification and development of players with elite potential as part of the England Talent Pathway.

The RTC has seen some talented young players moving through the ranks and making their mark at senior level.

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 when due to the coronavirus pandemic, the season was voted null and void, when Wolves were top of the table.

2020/21 also saw a pandemic-enforced end to the campaign, but this time were awarded promotion due to the FA's 'upward movement' initiative, ending the team's three-year break from the Northern Premier Division.

The 2021/22 season saw the divisional title clinched with three matches remaining, and the County Cup was lifted with a 4-1 victory in the final over local rivals West Bromwich Albion.

Then came a promotion play-off defeat; and 12 months

later they again missed out on the title.

Wolves continue to play their home games at Telford United's New Bucks Head Stadium, which has a crowd capacity of 5,500.

The women's and girls' set up is fully integrated into Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy, under the leadership of Head of Women's and Girls' Football, Jenna Burke-Martin, and a new FA Emerging Talent Centre forms the base of the female player pathway.

Players benefit from the use of the club's top class Compton training ground facilities – including sports science, analysis, and physiotherapy – as part of Wolves' 'one club' ethos.



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**
- 21. ISABELLA REIDFORD**
- 25. AIMEE KELLY**
- 26. LUCY FARRELL (GK)**
- 27. MEG BOYDELL**
- 28. KIRSTIE LEVELL (GK)**

LEAH EMBLEY

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

Watching Burnley with my dad and my brother every weekend at Turf Moor on a Saturday and playing in the park with my brother.

What are your memories of joining Burnley?

My first real memories were winning 2 league titles in my first 2 seasons here, that will always be special to me.

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

I was only ever passionate about football, I did a bit of running competitively but it was only ever football.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to?

I've always been a massive fan of Cristiano Ronaldo, he is probably the player that I admire the most.

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

I started out playing at full-back when I

was younger and then gradually moved further upfield.

What are your memories of watching football live?

I always remember going to Wembley with Burnley and being in London with all my family and also beating Manchester United 1-0 in our first season in the Premier League. I also really enjoyed last season, I thought the team played some really good football and I enjoyed watching some really good players.

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

On a personal level, winning the FA Women's National League North Player of the Year when I was at Burnley in my previous spell. Playing at Turf Moor was also a really special day too, walking out of the tunnel with my nephew in front of all my family is something I'll never forget.



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2	Huddersfield Town Women	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
3	West Bromwich Albion WFC	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
4	Burnley Women	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
5	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women 1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	Halifax FC Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Newcastle United Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Liverpool Feds	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
9	Derby County Women	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
10	AFC Fylde Women	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
11	Stoke City Women	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
12	Stourbridge Ladies	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0

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