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BOARDROOM

ALAN PACE

Welcome everybody to the Lancashire FA County Ground for this evening's game against AFC Fylde.

To start, I'd like to say thank you to Jonathan Morgan for the work he put into developing the team, and the squad, during his time at the Club. They are still unbeaten in the league, and that is a fantastic achievement. We wish him well in his new role.

Now, I want to wish Jay Bradford the best of luck as she steps up to take interim charge of the team. Jay is a fantastic coach in her own right and has huge amounts of experience within the game.

Having coached at New York Red Bulls as well as having a 17-year association with Coventry United, six of those as their manager, I know we're in the safest of hands to take us forward as we look to make this a landmark season.

I'd also like to wish all the best to the squad for the rest of the season, starting tonight against Fylde in a Lancashire derby. They did superbly in their last game to get a 1-0 win against Loughborough Lightning.

Games like tonight are always special, and I know they will be giving their all to ensure that the county remains Claret & Blue with a win.

Lastly, it's a big thankyou from me to you, our fans. Your support for the team this season has been incredible, and I know it will continue to be as we now enter a new era.

I hope you all enjoy tonight's game, Up the Clarets!

Alan
@AlanPaceBFC



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INTERIM HEAD COACH

JAY BRADFORD



Good Evening all and welcome to Leyland for tonight's game against Fylde.

I've got to start by saying thank you to Jonathan, who we all wish the best at Sheffield United. He helped to bring me into the Club, I've been here for a few months now, and from the very start I was made to feel like one of you!

The support for me, the rest of the staff, and crucially the players, is hugely appreciated. It makes a massive difference, and I know the girls always say it gives them that extra motivation in games at times. We all want to win for you.

That's no different tonight as we face our closest neighbours in the league in Fylde. When I joined, I was told that our meetings with them always have something extra about them, and having experienced one in the County Cup last year, I know that's definitely true.

This week, we've got two big matches. As well as tonight's game, we travel to take on Blackburn Community Sports Club on Sunday in the Semi-Finals of the County Cup. I did an interview with the Club last week, which you can see on our social media channels – and in that I discussed how important cup competitions are to me.

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We all want to lift silverware come the end of the campaign, including the County Cup, and will be giving our all in that one to ensure we get to the final. Before we can think about that though, I'm looking forward to seeing the girls back out there on the pitch tonight.

Having not had a game over the course of the weekend just gone, it gave us more time on the training pitch with each other as we implement some new ideas and processes. I'm delighted with how the girls have all applied themselves in the build-up to tonight, and I know we're as well prepared as we can be for the test that lies ahead.

Enjoy the game! UTC.

Jay

CAPTAIN

LAUREN BRACEWELL

Hi everyone! Welcome back to the County Ground for this evening's game. After a weekend without match action, it really is good to be back in front of our home fans.

Last time we were here, we beat Loughborough Lightning 1-0. The girls couldn't have done much more trying to put some extra goals on the scoresheet, but at the end of the day it's a clean sheet and three points which is the main thing.

After that game, we said goodbye to Jonathan and it goes without saying, but all of us in the squad wish him well for his next challenge.

For us now, it's about continuing from where he left us in terms of performances and results. Jay is stepping up to take charge, and she's someone that's already been in and around it all with us for a number of months now which can only be a good thing.

She's also someone with a huge amount of experience in the game, and someone that we're all going to continue improving with both on an individual and group basis.

Over the course of the last 10 days or so, she – along with the rest of the staff – have worked us hard on the training pitch and we're now ready to get the job done this evening in a Lancashire derby.

Being from Burnley, I don't need much reminding what games like tonight mean, and those from further afield in the squad have bought into it too having already come up against Fylde twice this season.

This is my Club, my town, and my team. It means more.



“ BEING FROM BURNLEY, I DON'T NEED MUCH REMINDING WHAT GAMES LIKE TONIGHT MEAN, AND THOSE FROM FURTHER AFIELD IN THE SQUAD HAVE BOUGHT INTO IT TOO.

Thank you so much for your support, I can't wait to hear you all get behind us tonight!

UTC.

Lauren





CLARET WOMEN RECORD SECOND SUCCESSIVE WIN OVER LIGHTNING

Burnley FC Women were victorious as they returned to the Lancashire FA County Ground for their first home league game in almost four months with a 1-0 win against Loughborough Lightning.

Leah Embley scored the only goal on her return to the side, in a game that was largely dominated by the Claret Women.

FIRST HALF

The Claret Women made a bright start to the game, with Embley crossing low into a Lightning defender who deflected the ball into Kiya Webb's hands and Millie Ravening heading the ball narrowly wide.

Moments later Ravening had an even bigger opportunity to put Burnley in front as she broke through the Loughborough defence before seeing her low strike stopped well by Webb.

Ravening was involved once more as she flicked on a Dom Cooper corner, into the path of forward Evie Priestley who prodded the ball towards goal, only to be denied by Webb palming the ball behind.

It was Priestley at the forefront of the next Claret Women attack as Embley whipped the ball in from the right wing and the latter adapted brilliantly to connect with a scorpion kick towards goal, that Webb held well.

Greenhalgh was the next to attempt to break the strong Lightning defence, as full back Dom Cooper kept a cross alive to loop the ball back into the box, Alanta Brown flicked on and the returning forward Greenhalgh was

inches away from tapping the ball home.

Burnley had two more good chances to break the deadlock before half time, as Embley's powerful strike was palmed away by Loughborough 'keeper Webb and Ellie York drove a half volley towards goal that was cleared off the line.

Greenhalgh then sent a diving header over, as the teams went into the break level.

SECOND HALF

The Claret Women started the second half as quickly as they finished the first as Morgan's side saw yet another effort cleared off the line with Greenhalgh the one to strike towards goal.

Burnley's hold on the game would finally pay off as winger Embley was found by a superb long pass over the top of the defence by Ravening, which she took in her stride before powerfully finishing past Webb just before the hour mark.

Embley almost made it two, as yet another shot was cleared off the line by Loughborough as the winger almost produced a carbon copy of her goal moments earlier.

Ten minutes from time the Clarets almost sealed the victory as Ravening met a cross brilliantly on the volley, but her effort looped just wide of the far post.

That proved to be the final chance of the game, as Burnley sealed three points, and back-to-back victories over Lightning..



BURNLEY 1
LOUGHBOROUGH
LIGHTNING 0
12.02.2023

Burnley: Bracewell ©, York (Molinari '81), Taylor, Walsh, Cooper, Brown (Miller '72), Kinzett, Ravening, Embley (Coleman-Evans '72), Priestley, S Greenhalgh (May '62)

Unused Subs: Farrell

Cardiff City: Webb, Strauss, Walters, Taft, Sharpe ©, Hateley, Johnson, Patterson (Richardson '85), Powell (Edwards '88), Stevens, Middleton (Quaintance '88)

Unused Subs: Habbits

Goal: Embley, '57





CLARET WOMEN STRIKE LATE AGAINST LIGHTNING TO RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

Burnley FC Women were victorious on the road in their first league game for close to three months, winning 2-1 at Loughborough Lightning with a 94th minute winner from Emma Taylor.

In a frantic second half, Ellie York hammered in her second goal of the season 10 minutes after Lightning captain Kayleigh Hines was sent-off for a poor challenge on Ella Kinzett.

Loughborough equalised from the penalty spot through Georgia Stevens, before a last-minute scramble following a corner was looped in by Taylor on the line to secure the three points.

FIRST HALF

Burnley started the better as Ravening went close with a strike from the edge of the area, and only goalkeeper Kiya Webb denied her from putting Burnley in front soon after with another effort.

York and Ella Kinzett also came close to opening the scoring as Burnley side continued to assert their dominance in the early stages of the game.

Priestley was the next to carve out an opportunity, Webb scrambling well to keep out an overhead kick from a free-kick whipped in by Dom Cooper.

Webb was again on hand to deny Ravening from a free-kick before the first half was out, while Lizzie Hamer's looping effort from range bounced on top of the net rather than underneath the crossbar with the sides level heading into the interval.

SECOND HALF

Lauren Bracewell comfortably saved an early second half header from

Lightning defender Mikayla Wildgoose before Loughborough captain Hines, who had already been booked, saw a straight red for her reckless challenge on Kinzett.

Before the Claret Women could make their player advantage count though, new signing Elford was sin-binned for adjudged dissent, shown a yellow card and given 10 minutes off the pitch as a result.

Burnley however did go in front through full-back York on 64 minutes. After Hamer crossed in from the left and Priestley flicked on, York was on hand to hammer home from an acute angle at the back post.

Goalscorer York was then adjudged to have fouled a Lightning forward in the box at the other end and Stevens stepped up to convert the equaliser from the penalty spot.

As Elford returned to the field, Burnley almost put themselves back in front through Priestley who did well to work an effort when surrounded by numerous Loughborough bodies, but her effort dropped just wide.

And deep into time added on, when it looked as though the Claret Women would be forced to settle for a point despite their dominance, the winner came.

Cooper's corner bounced around the area before centre back Taylor adjusted well with quick reactions to loop the ball back over her shoulder and into the back of the net.



**LOUGHBOROUGH 1
BURNLEY 2**
05.02.2023

Loughborough: Webb, Strauss, Wildgoose (Sharpe '66), Walters, Taft, Hateley, Hines ©, Edwards (Johnson HT), Powell, Stevens, Middleton (Richardson '90+1)

Unused Subs: Harder, Habbits

Burnley: Bracewell, York, Taylor, Walsh, Cooper, Brown (Aherne '73), Kinzett, Ravening, Hamer, Priestley, Elford (Embley '76)

Unused Subs: Molinari, May, S Greenhalgh

Goals: York, '64, Stevens, '69, Taylor, '90+4



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THE VISITORS

AFC FYLDE WOMEN



Initially established in 1971 under the name 'Duke of York', the Club now known as AFC Fylde Women were founder members of the North West Women's League.

They were renamed 'Preston Rangers Women FC' in 1977, and reached the last-four of what is now recognised as the Women's FA Cup in both 1982/83 & 1989/90.

The Preston tagline continued soon after, becoming 'Preston North End Women FC' in 1997, and winning the Northern Combination

Women's Football League in their first campaign under that label.

Interestingly, following on from that connection, the next move was to become officially affiliated with Preston North End. It was under that same name that the now-Coasters won the Northern Combination Women's Football League again in 2005/06, and were promoted up to the third tier.

A rebrand to Fylde Ladies FC, and the switch in affiliation from PNE to non-league outfit AFC Fylde, only came in May 2016. With that



switch came a move in home grounds too, adopting Kellamergh Park in Warton where the Coasters still play their games to date.

Eventually deciding on 'AFC Fylde Women' which the side are still known as to this day, at the start of the 2019/20 season, COVID-19 almost saw it disbanded. The Club decided to cut the women's team in April 2020 due to the financial implications of the Pandemic, but reversed the decision a month later enabling the side to be saved.

Losing out in the County Cup final to Burnley last term, but finishing a league place higher in 3rd by the virtue of one point, Fylde this term have 14 points to their name from 13 games and are sat 8th at the time of writing.



SQUAD

2022/23

1. LAUREN **BRACEWELL** © (GK)
2. ELLIE **YORK**
3. OLIVIA **WILSON**
4. JESS **SIMPSON**
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**
15. ELLIE **MAY**
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**

FAVOURITE FACT FILE

WITH AMAYA COLEMAN-EVANS

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION...

Portugal or Greece, both are fantastic places!

FAVOURITE FOOD...

Probably Italian.

FAVOURITE SONG...

We Found Love' by Rihanna.

FAVOURITE THING TO DO ON YOUR DAY OFF...

Going out for food with friends, that's if I don't have any studying to do.

FAVOURITE PLAYER...

Neymar, probably because I play a similar position to him.

FAVOURITE MOMENT IN FOOTBALL...

Back in Spain, I turned 16 and made my senior debut with Real Oviedo. That's something I'll never forget.





The FA Women's
National League

TABLE 2022-23

Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottingham Forest Women	14	11	1	2	52	14	38	34
2	Derby County Women	15	9	2	4	38	21	17	29
3	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	12	9	1	2	32	11	21	28
4	Burnley Women	12	8	4	0	31	15	16	28
5	Brighouse Town Women	15	5	5	5	16	16	0	20
6	Huddersfield Town Women	12	5	3	4	23	21	2	18
7	Stoke City Women	14	5	1	8	17	28	-11	16
8	AFC Fylde Women	13	3	5	5	15	30	-15	14
9	Liverpool Feds	13	3	3	7	18	31	-13	12
10	West Bromwich Albion WFC	11	2	4	5	13	22	-9	10
11	Boldmere St. Michaels Women	13	3	1	9	16	32	-16	10
12	Loughborough Lightning Women	14	0	2	12	6	36	-30	2

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	
SUN 26	A	BLACKBURN CSC Lancashire Women's Sr Cup SF	

MARCH

SUN 5	H	BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS	
SUN 12	A	STOKE CITY	
WED 15	H	BRIGHOUSE TOWN	
SUN 19	H	WOLVES	

APRIL

SUN 2	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
SUN 9	H	DERBY COUNTY	
SUN 16	A	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
SUN 23	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	
SUN 30	H	LIVERPOOL FEDS	

* fixtures are subject to change



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Burnley Women

INTERIM HEAD COACH: Jay Bradford

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| 1 | Lauren Bracewell © (GK) | ■ |
| 2 | Ellie York | ■ |
| 3 | Olivia Wilson | ■ |
| 4 | Jess Simpson | ■ |
| 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 | ■ |
| 15 | Ellie May | ■ |
| 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 | ■ |



AFC Fylde Women

MANAGER: Danielle Young

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 2 | Alex Taylor | ■ |
| 3 | Laura Merrin | ■ |
| 4 | Hannah Forster | ■ |
| 5 | Olivia Fuller | ■ |
| 6 | Jenna Carroll | ■ |
| 7 | Caz Fields | ■ |
| 8 | Jess Holbrook | ■ |
| 10 | Emily Hollinshead | ■ |
| 11 | Amy Hughes | ■ |
| 12 | Jodie Redgrave | ■ |
| 14 | Sasha Rowe | ■ |
| 15 | Rebecca Beresford | ■ |
| 16 | Kelsey Pearson | ■ |
| 17 | Danielle Young | ■ |
| 18 | Hannah Fryer | ■ |
| 20 | Eve Whitaker | ■ |
| 21 | Iszy Binks | ■ |
| 22 | Megan Hunter (GK) | ■ |
| 23 | Faye McCoy | ■ |
| 24 | Cara Bickett | ■ |
| 25 | Abi Fenton | ■ |
| 31 | Charlie Hignett | ■ |
| 33 | Ellie Etheridge (GK) | ■ |

Next Games

(Subject to change)

**LANCASHIRE FA
WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP
SEMI-FINAL**



**VS
BLACKBURN
COMMUNITY
SPORTS CLUB
LADIES**

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PLAYING FIELDS
(HARRISON PARK)
KO 2PM



**VS
BOLDMERE
ST MICHAELS
WOMEN**
Sunday 5th March 2023
LANCASHIRE FA COUNTY
GROUND, LEYLAND
KO 2PM


Referee:
Ben Brighton


Assistant Referee 1:
Lewis Atkinson


Assistant Referee 2:
Richard Braithwaite