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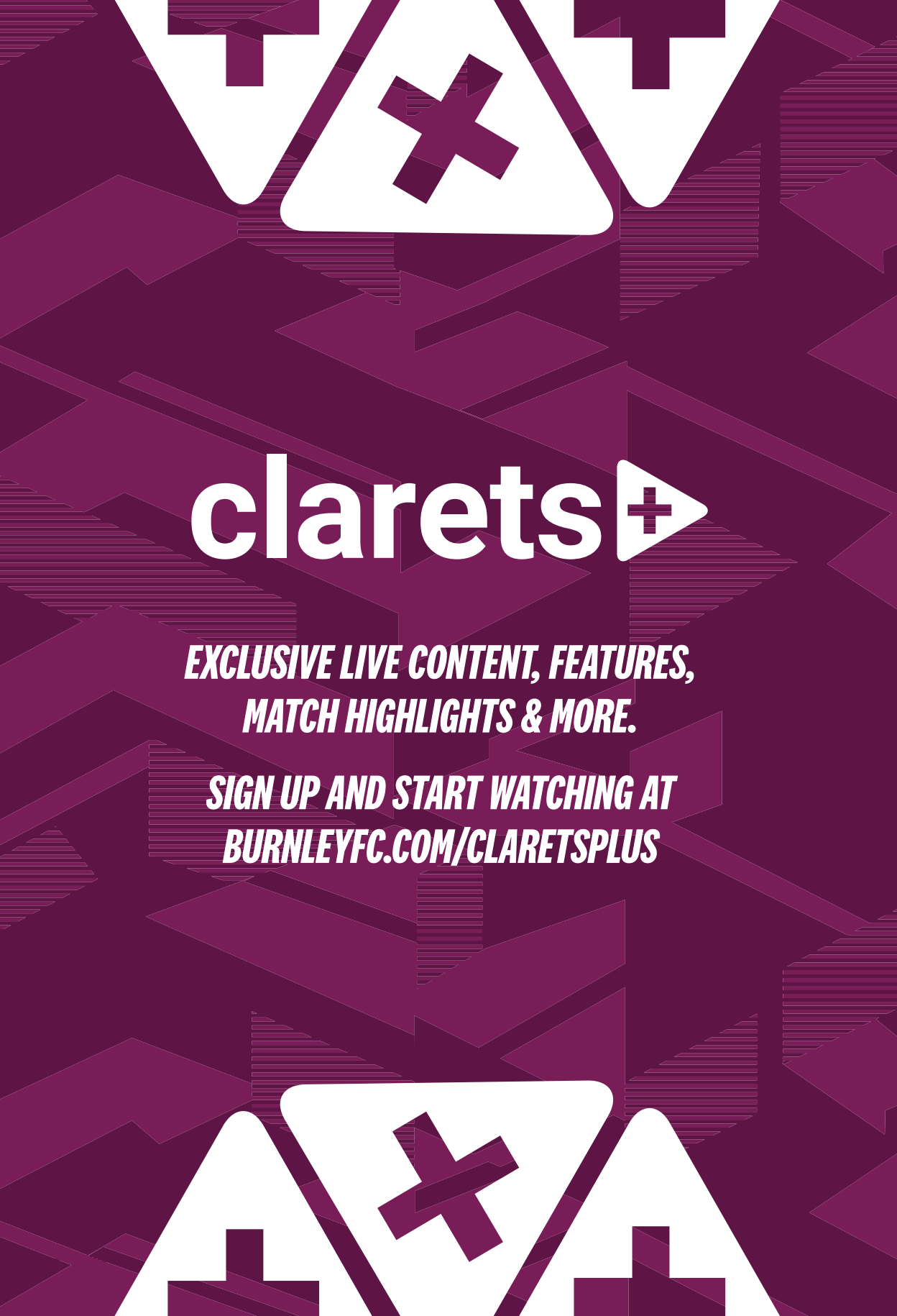
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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

LOLA OGUNBOTE

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Lancashire FA County Ground Leyland, as we face Birmingham City Women in the fourth round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup

Our side returns after an excellent 2-1 away win against Wolverhampton Wanderers at the New Bucks Head Ground last Sunday. We had two different goal scorers on the day, with Isabella Reidford getting her first for the club. It was a huge moment for Isabella, as it reflects her recent hard work, and I am sure that will be an everlasting memory. Leah Embley bagged herself a winning goal, an outstanding strike from long-range, which shows her continuous talent throughout the season so far.

As with every time we play, there was fantastic fan support at the Wolves game. It makes a huge difference to the standard of play and pushes the team even further to reach new limits.

The squad have been putting maximum effort in at training to ensure that the performance they show today will be to the best of their abilities. The team is ready to show you what they have been developing and perfecting throughout the past few weeks.

This afternoon's opponents Birmingham City Women remain top of the Women's Championship, winning their previous five games. Therefore, I'm sure the team will bring a top performance; it will be a major challenge for us. However, with our recent winning momentum and performances, I'm confident we will put on a positive display in what will be an entertaining game of football.

It was great to introduce our newest Claret Ginny Lackey recently, who made her club debut at the Wolves game. Ginny's settled into the squad well and I'm sure she will make a huge impact.

I was pleased we relaunched our Burnley FC Women Instagram page recently, where we post exclusive behind-the-scenes content, along with matchday updates. It's great to have another platform to share the success of the squad, in addition to being able to connect with you throughout our journey. Do give us a follow if you don't already, we really do value your support!

Now, a huge, good luck to the squad this afternoon. With the continued momentum of the team and your backing, I'm sure we will see some exceptional football and hopefully progress further in the competition.

Up the Clarets!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK



Welcome back everyone to the fourth round of the Adobe Women's FA Cup.

Today we face Birmingham City after our last cup performance which ended in an outstanding 11-0 victory against Coundon Court. It has been great to see your support grow as we continue our journey in this knockout competition, and hopefully, we can continue making you proud and reach new milestones!

Since our previous game against Wolverhampton Wanderers, we have had the opportunity to reflect on our performance. In training sessions leading up to this fixture, we have worked relentlessly on developing our play and improving aspects of our set pieces. It was great to see a different name on our

scoresheet at the Wolves game. A huge congratulations to Isabella Reidford who secured her first Burnley goal!

Not only are the players putting maximum effort into their work, but all of the coaching staff have also shown their dedication in our preparation for this game. I am positive that all of the hard work we have been putting in will be reflected in today's performance.

Throughout this cup competition, I have been incredibly impressed with the squad. The mentality of the players has been excellent. As the competition gets more challenging, they continue to be composed, focused and give their all in every fixture. Having the opportunity to play fantastic teams such as

Birmingham City, enables the players to showcase their talent alongside gaining valuable experience which will develop their skills.

I'm grateful to be a part of Burnley FC Women. Being surrounded by talented players and staff who all want to achieve the same goal. I'm sure the momentum will follow us throughout the new year, and we will continue getting the positive results we deserve.

Again, thank you for all your support and I am sure we will do you proud.

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL CAPTAIN

Good afternoon,

We are so excited to be back in cup action, as last time out in the competition we secured a huge 11-0 victory at The Phillips 66 Community Stadium against Coundon Court Ladies. This result showed our development within our play, and the standards of all our players, which enabled us to get a clean sheet and a huge score!

Our last game against Wolves Women was a tough test. The opposition were strong opponents with a lot of talent within the team. But with our dedication to training, resilience, and how we came together as a team; the girls managed to secure the three points with a 2-1 victory.

Being captain of a team with endless amounts of potential is such a reward. I am so proud of each player and the performances that we show each week. We are a close group of women, who support each other and strive for the best outcome possible. Burnley FC Women is a special group.

A huge thank you to all the coaching and supporting staff, who have been working extra hard behind the scenes to ensure we put out the best versions of ourselves.

We see the dedication you put in each day, and it is great that our

recent results reflect that, and hopefully continue to do so.

I am excited to go into this next round of the competition against Birmingham City. We are not only ready for a new challenge but also to showcase everything we are capable of doing. More memories will be created, and we have the opportunity to make a difference and inspire the next generation of female footballers.

A massive thank you to all of the fans' support which has been

shown. Whether it is online on our Twitter and Instagram pages, or in person. We see every comment that is made, which pushes us even further!

The squad and I are ready to go and give it our all this afternoon. Hopefully, with your support, we can progress even further in the competition.

Let's go!

Thea



EMBLEY

EXCITED

**FOR WOMEN'S FA CUP
CHALLENGE**

A full-page background image of Leah Embley, a Birmingham City Women player, in a maroon and light blue kit, dribbling a white football on a green pitch. She is wearing a maroon jersey with a large yellow 'W' and '1886' on the front, light blue shorts, and maroon socks with a light blue stripe. Her hair is in a high ponytail.

A winning Leah Embley goal last weekend saw the Claret's continue their strong league form, securing a valuable three points against Wolves.

Attention now turns to the Adobe Women's FA Cup this Sunday and a meeting with top of the Women's Championship Birmingham City Women, and Embley is hoping the momentum of recent results will help the squad rise to what's set to be a big challenge against the higher tier opposition.

"I'm looking forward to the game, but the opposition is tough. It will be a great test to see how we react and if there are any areas in our performance which we need to improve."

So, how much will the Wolves win help heading into the fixture?

"We were buzzing with the win and to secure the three points. It was great to get my name on the scoresheet as well, I have never scored a goal from that long-range before!

"Getting those key moments during the campaign builds the team's confidence. Throughout the season my own confidence has grown massively, which I believe has a major influence on the team."

Sunday's opposition Birmingham City, head into the encounter unbeaten in nine of twelve fixtures played so far this campaign, however the winger is hoping the home advantage will help.





LAST TIME OUT

CLARET WOMEN SECURE THREE POINTS AGAINST WOLVES

Burnley FC Women faced Wolverhampton Wanderers at the New Bucks Head Stadium in the Northern Premier Division of FA Women's National League on Sunday afternoon, with the Clarets claiming a 2-1 victory.

Beth Merrick opened the scoring for the opposition during the first half, before Isabella Reidford and Leah Embley charged a comeback in the second half.

Georgia Marshall captained Rebecca Sawiuk's side and Ginny Lackey also made her Burnley debut in the fixture.

FIRST HALF

The Clarets found the first chance through Millie Ravening when she stormed down the pitch leaving Ellie Wilson behind, she fired a low effort at goal, but Becky Thomas did well to block the shot.

Merrick found the opener for Wolves when Tammi George assisted her with a squared pass at the top of the area, she hammered the ball straight into the top corner leaving Kirsty Levell behind.

Laura Elford tried her luck when she received a looped ball from Ravening inside the box, she attempted to volley it from close range however it was caught by Thomas.

Elford made another attempt at an equaliser when Leah Embley's

outstanding run down the wing saw her send the ball to the far post, however Elford's touch moved it inches wide.

SECOND HALF

With it all to play for in the final 45, three minutes in Tilly Wilkes crossed a high ball into the area and Reidford found the back of the net when her precise header flew past Thomas, 1-1.

Wilkes sent in a powerful free-kick 25 yards out where Brenna McPartlan managed to head towards goal, but it skimmed above the crossbar.

Embley found a breakthrough when she weaved through the pitch at pace and fired from 30 yards out straight into the top corner leaving Thomas no chance and bagging the Clarets the three points.

Burnley FC Women are next in action against Birmingham City Women in the Fourth Round of the Adobe Women FA Cup held at the Lancashire FA County Ground Leyland on Sunday 14th January (KO 2pm).



**BURNLEY 2
WOLVERHAMPTON
WANDERERS 1
07.01.2024**

Burnley: Levell, McPartlan, Marshall ©, Embley, Elford (Hamer 57'), Amaya, Cooper (Lackey 57'), Ravening, Reidford (Lord-Mears 82'), Hartley (Prior 71'), Wilkes

Unused Subs: Farrell

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Thomas, Wilson, Morphet ©, George, Will, Hughes, Johnson, Toussaint, Roberts, Bramford, Merrick

Unused Subs: Harrison, J. Cross, Fryer, Fergusson, Denham

Goals: Merrick 12', Reidford 46', Embley 74'



MEN AND WOMEN TO WEAR NEW FONT ON SHIRTS FOR FA CUP GAMES

The Club are pleased to introduce new Burnley FC player letters and numbers for shirts, which were worn by the men's team in their Emirates FA Cup game against Tottenham Hotspur and by the women's players in their Adobe Women's FA Cup game against Birmingham City Women on Sunday 14th January.

This is a first for the football club, who have never worn a Club specific font on the back of shirts for a competitive game before.

The exciting initiative is introduced as part of the Club's ongoing brand development in partnership with Nomad Studio. The typeface was created by Newlyn, who have over 25 years' experience giving typographic voice to companies who have large and varied audiences across regions and languages, including brands such as McLaren, Unilever and The National Trust.

Moving forward, the font will be worn by players for all cup fixtures including the Carabao Cup and women's cup competitions.

The letters and numbers will be available to purchase online and in the Clarets Store from **Thursday 11 January**.



THIS OR THAT...

DANIELLE DEEHAN

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?
Comfortable win
6. Tea or Coffee?
Coffee
7. Beach Holiday or Adventure Holiday?
Adventure holiday
8. Cats or Dogs?
Dogs
9. Playlists or Podcasts?
Podcasts
10. Netflix or Amazon Prime?
Netflix





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INTRODUCING **BIRMINGHAM**



Birmingham City Women Football Club was formed in 1968 (under the original name of Birmingham City Ladies Football Club) by a group of female fans who played local friendly matches until 1970.

Initially the Club joined the Heart of England League that

year and played in the league until 1973 when it underwent a major restructure and became known as the West Midland Regional League in 1974. The Club was successful during this period, winning these leagues five times during the 1970s and 1980s, before

running into difficult times during the 1990s, with many staff and player changes.

As a result, it created an Academy of young players to regain stability, with many eventually playing for the First Team.

CITY WOMEN



In 1998, Blues Women were promoted to the newly created Midland Combination League and in their first season won the title, thus gaining automatic promotion into the National Northern Division. After two years, the team gained another promotion, this time to the top-

flight of Women's football as they joined the FA Women's Premier League.

The Academy had begun to produce players for the First Team at this point, and Laura Bassett became the first Blues Women's player, from the academy or otherwise, to

appear for England as a senior international. Then Manager Marcus Bignot also signed high profile players including Rachel Yankey and Alex Scott for the 2004/05 season and Blues finished fourth.

Birmingham won their eighth consecutive Birmingham FA



County Cup in 2008 before a number of established players either retired or moved on to other clubs.

They began to rebuild and finished the 2008/09 campaign in fifth place (losing out on fourth place only through inferior goal difference) and left Redditch United for a new stadium at Stratford upon Avon.

The Club became members of the newly formed FA Women's Super League (WSL) in 2011 and came close to winning it at the first attempt, leading for most of the campaign before being overtaken by Arsenal.

They also reached the Continental Cup Final but once again found the Gunners in the way of their ambitions. That season was notable for

the goal scoring exploits of Rachel Williams, who finished as leading scorer as well as winning the FA Players' Player of the Year Award.

Due to the second-place finish in 2011, Birmingham qualified for a place in the 2012/13 UEFA Women's Champions League round of 32 for the first time in their history. Drawn against Italians Bardolino Verona, Blues



won the first leg 2–0 but lost 0–3 at the Stadio Marc'Antonio Bentegodi, after extra-time, to exit the competition at the first hurdle.

In May 2012, the Club won their first Women's FA Cup, beating Chelsea on penalties in the final at Ashton Gate. That year also brought a consecutive second-place finish in the WSL and saw Blues finish runners-up in the Conti Cup. Such results meant Blues again qualified for the UEFA Women's Champions League.

That led to a European high as Blues Women reached the competition's semi-final. There, they eventually bowed out to Swedish side Tyreso FF in 2014's second leg, the same year the Club started playing home matches at Damson Park in Solihull.

During the 2016 season, the Club signed its first-ever foreign players with Norwegian international Andrine Hegerberg and Germans Marisa Ewers, Bella Linden and Ann-Katrin Berger joining, all signalling a shift in the mentality of the Club. It was during this season the Club played in their third Conti Cup final, this time losing out to Manchester City Women in extra-time.

By November 2016 it was announced that Birmingham City Women would become fully integrated as part of the Birmingham City family following the takeover by Trillion Trophy Asia.

In May 2017, the team featured in their second Women's FA Cup final in five years, this time facing Manchester City in front of a competition record-

breaking attendance of 35,271 at Wembley Stadium. This was the first time the Club had played at the home of English football.

After securing their top-flight status at the end of the 2020/21 season, the Club made the appointment of Scott Booth as Women's Head Coach for their 11th consecutive term in the WSL. The Scotsman arrived and assembled a team before his departure in November 2021 saw Darren Carter take the reins on an interim basis.

Playing an entire campaign at St. Andrew's for the very first time, Blues were the only team to beat Arsenal, toppling the Gunners live on Sky Sports, and secured Second City derby bragging rights on the season's final day as they continued to show signs of a bright future ahead of their first campaign in the Barclays Women's Championship.

In the summer of 2022, Darren Carter was appointed as the permanent Head Coach of the side, with former Blues player and 2012 Women's FA Cup winner, Jo Potter, coming in as Assistant Head Coach.

Despite missing out on promotion by one point, Blues ended the season on a seven-game winning run, their longest winning run since the inception of the WSL in 2012.

On the deadline day of the 2023 summer transfer window, the Women's team made their record signing, bringing in Brazilian international Ivana Fuso from Manchester United.



SQUAD

2023/24

2. **MARIA FRANCIS-JONES**
3. **ALETHEA PAUL ©**
4. **BRENNA MCPARTLAN**
5. **GEORGIA MARSHALL**
6. **MIKAYLA WILDGOOSE**
7. **LEAH EMBLEY**
8. **LIZZY HAMER**
9. **EVIE PRIESTLEY**
10. **LAURA ELFORD**
11. **AMAYA**
12. **RHEMA LORD-MEARS**
13. **DOM COOPER**
14. **MILLIE RAVENING**
15. **LARA MILLER**
16. **LUCY WALSH**
17. **GINNY LACKEY**
18. **HOLLIE KELSH-RIDGE**
19. **DANIELLE DEEHAN**
20. **GRACIE PRIOR**
21. **LOIS MARLEY-PARASKEVAS**
22. **ISABELLA REIDFORD**
23. **NAOMI HARTLEY**
24. **TILLY WILKES**
25. **AIMEE KELLY**
26. **LUCY FARRELL (GK)**
27. **LACHANTE PAUL**
28. **KIRSTIE LEVELL (GK)**

NAOMI HARTLEY

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

When I used to play on the streets of Burnley using any objects that I could find as goal posts!

What are your memories of joining Burnley?

As I joined the club recently there are a couple of memories which are great, but I am looking forward to the future and excited to see where the team and I get to!

Did you have any idols that you looked up to?

Sergio Ramos and Casey Stoney made me want to pursue my footballing career.

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

I have played everywhere! At Manchester United I was

playing centre midfield and now I play at centre back. I like being flexible around the pitch as it makes me more knowledgeable about the game.

What are your memories of watching football live?

Being from Burnley, I used to go to the Turf a lot with my family. Growing up watching the team that I now play for is a full-circle moment!

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

My stand-out moment so far is winning the league with Manchester United, as we got promoted to the Women's Super League. Hopefully, the team will get promoted this season to the Championship!



Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Newcastle United Ladies	11	10	1	0	41	4	37	31
2	Burnley Women	10	8	2	0	27	9	18	26
3	Nottingham Forest Women	10	7	0	3	32	10	22	21
4	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	9	5	1	3	20	9	11	16
5	Liverpool Feds	11	4	3	4	20	25	-5	15
6	Stourbridge Ladies	12	4	3	5	22	37	-15	15
7	Derby County Women	10	4	1	5	22	12	10	13
8	Stoke City Women	10	4	1	5	20	23	-3	13
9	Halifax FC Women	9	2	4	3	11	20	-9	10
10	West Bromwich Albion WFC	11	3	1	7	16	27	-11	10
11	Huddersfield Town Women	11	2	0	9	11	35	-24	6
12	AFC Fylde Women	12	0	3	9	13	44	-31	3

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 2-0
24 A NEWCASTLE UNITED 0-0

NOVEMBER

5 H WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3-1

JANUARY

7 A WOLVES 1-2
28 A NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FEBRUARY

4 A STOKE CITY
11 H NEWCASTLE UNITED
18 H HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
21 H AFC FYLDE

MARCH

3 A DERBY COUNTY
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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BIRMINGHAM CITY WOMEN

MANAGER: DARREN CARTER

- 1 LUCY THOMAS (GK)
- 2 MARTHA HARRIS
- 3 ELLIE MASON
- 4 LOUISE QUINN
- 6 GEMMA LAWLEY
- 7 JADE PENNOCK
- 8 JAMIE FINN
9. LIBBY SMITH
- 10 CHRISTIE HARRISON-MURRAY
- 11 KATIE DUNGATE
- 12 LILY AGG
- 13 IVANA FUSO
14. SIOBHAN WILSON
- 17 LUCY QUINN
- 20 CHO SO-HUYN
- 21 CLAUDIA WALKER
22. REMI ALLEN
- 23 CHARLIE DEVLIN
- 24 JADE MOORE
- 26 CHLOE YU-RI
- 27 ABBI JENNER
- 28 CHARLOTTE CLARKE (GK)
- 29 LUCY JONES (GK)
- 40 DELPHI COLE
- 42 LAYLA BANARAS

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SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY

BURNLEY FC WOMEN V AFC FYLDE WOMEN

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SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY

NOTTINGHAM FOREST WOMEN V BURNLEY FC WOMEN

CORONATION PARK, EASTWOOD

2PM KO

NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION
OF THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

BLUES