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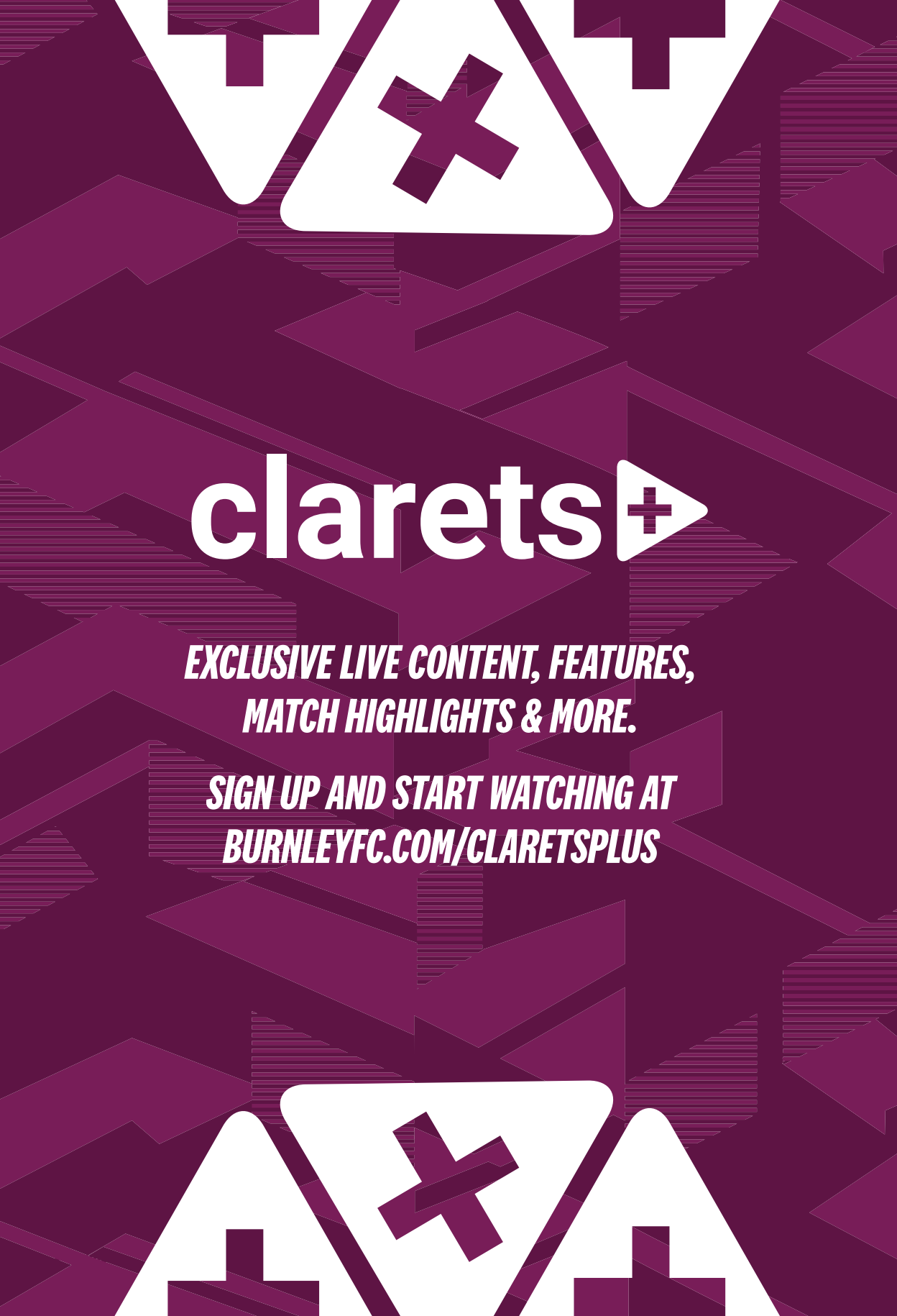


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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOLA OGUNBOTE

Good evening and welcome back to the County Ground in Leyland for the Lancashire FA Women's Senior Cup final.

Everybody associated with Burnley Women is still on a high from Sunday's 3-0 victory over Liverpool Feds.

The game was a long time in the planning and firstly, I'd like to place on record my thanks to everybody that helped make the day a success.

Given the extra audience and interest in the fixture it was important that Bex, her staff and the players delivered a good performance and result. They did just that and it was great to see.

It's set us up well for the final league game of the season against Derby County, where we

know that finishing 2nd is in our hands.

That game is also at Turf Moor, proving the backing our women's football set up has from Chairman Alan Pace and the board of directors.

It would be great to see as many people there as possible, and those who purchased tickets for Liverpool Feds can take advantage of a 50% discount offer.

If you weren't there on Sunday, you can still purchase Derby tickets at just £10 for adults and £5 for juniors – making it great value to watch high quality, possession-based football.

We are also running a special group ticket option for the game. Should you purchase 10 or more tickets in advance in a

single transaction, each ticket will be charged at £5 regardless of your age.

For full details or to purchase tickets, please visit the Club website.

Returning to tonight's game, I extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and officials of West Didsbury and Chorlton.

Burnley were the inaugural winners of the LFA Senior Cup last season, beating Darwen 9-0 in the final.

It would be great to get our hands on the trophy again this season and I'm confident that, if we're able to put in another performance full of our 'DNA', we can do just that.

Enjoy the game

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK



Hey everyone and welcome back!

We come into tonight's game on the back of a fantastic occasion on Sunday.

Being at Turf Moor gave the game a cup final feel and everybody had an added energy and excitement throughout the day.

I was really proud of the team's efforts and thought the game was an excellent showcase of what Burnley Women are all about, with three goals and a clean sheet to match.

Liverpool Feds had some chances, of course, but I thought we controlled and dominated possession and showed great aggression to push up the pitch and force turnovers.

I must give a special mention to Emma Siddall who played at centre-back, an unnatural position for her.

She was outstanding and contributed greatly to the solidity of our defence – we're really lucky to have a player and person like her in the changing room.

Likewise, I thought Rhema Lord-Mears was excellent in the attacking midfield position.

Her forward passing gives the team a real boost and she's shown some adaptability, too, switching to the left when required. I was delighted that she capped her display with a goal towards the end.

We have our cup final this evening and I look forward to seeing leaun and his team of staff

from West Didsbury & Chorlton.

The route to the final has seen us score plenty of goals, including a 6-0 victory over AFC Fylde in the last round.

Burnley are a big football club and we want to be under pressure and chasing trophies.

It would be great to get our hands on some silverware tonight, which would set us up perfectly for the final league game of the season against Derby County at Turf Moor.

Thanks again for your continued support – I look forward to seeing and hearing you at the County Ground tonight.

Best wishes

Rebecca



MCPARTLAN TALKS LIVERPOOL FEDS VICTORY AND CUP FINAL

Brenna McPartlan has had an enjoyable few weeks, capped by playing and scoring at Turf Moor on Sunday.

The midfielder pulled on a claret shirt for the first time in 77 days the week prior, playing the first hour of the team's away game at Stoke City.

That came shortly after the 24-year-old made her senior Northern Ireland debut in their 3-1 EURO 2025 qualifier victory over Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Speaking on the pitch at Turf Moor after the final whistle, she said: "I'm just buzzing to be back playing consistently so to get 90 minutes in the legs was great.

"Being at Turf Moor obviously made it an even better occasion, too."

McPartlan, a holding midfielder, scored her 10th goal of the season in all competitions against Liverpool Fed's in BB10.

"Rhema (Lord-Mears) put in a great corner and she nearly

scored herself, but they knocked it off the line.

"I was just there to knock it in and

it was really great to celebrate in front of a big crowd.

"It was a lovely feeling – I was







buzzing to see all my team-mates so happy and to hear the crowd in the background too was a great feeling.”

In her post-match comments, Head Coach Rebecca Sawiuk expressed her belief that Burnley delivered a controlled performance against the Merseysiders. That’s something that McPartlan echoed.

“We had complete control of the game for the majority and were really pleased with our performance,” she said.

“The last time we played against them it was quite a transitional game, so we’re really happy with the overall performance this time around.

“Knowing that it’s now in our hands going into the final league fixture is a positive. We’re aiming to finish as high as we possibly can and right now that’s 2nd place.

“We obviously got a lot closer to that today and we’ll try and finish the job against Derby.”

Before that game, the team’s full focus is on tonight’s Lancashire FA Women’s Senior Cup final against West Didsbury & Chorlton.

McPartlan scored twice as Burnley eased past AFC Fylde 6-0 in the semi-finals and the midfielder is looking forward to taking to the County Ground pitch in Leyland.

“It’s quite a quick turnaround from Feds – we had Monday off before being back together as a group on Tuesday for analysis, training and recovery.

“I’m buzzing to just get out there again and hopefully we can get another win and a trophy, too.”

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LAST TIME OUT

CLARETS VICTORIOUS IN FRONT OF TURF MOOR CROWD

Burnley Women's second ever outing at Turf Moor was an occasion to remember, with the Clarets beating Liverpool Feds 3-0 on Sunday afternoon.

Brenna McPartlan opened the scoring and an own goal gave Rebecca Sawiuk's side firm control before Rhema Lord-Mears secured all three points in front of a crowd of 2,068.

There were three changes to the side that started against Stoke City last time out, with Georgia Marshall coming into the defence.

The two other tweaks came to the three in behind the striker, with Lord-Mears and Amaya both given the nod.

Burnley started quickly as Laura Elford and Aimee Kelly both shot straight at Feds 'keeper Rachael Norney in the opening five minutes.

The opening goal came on 15 minutes when Norney could only half deal with a Lord-Mears corner and the ball fell to Northern Ireland international McPartlan, who swept the ball in from close range.

It was 2-0 shortly before the half hour as Kelly drilled a cross across the face of goal and Emma Johnson could only divert it into her own net.

Burnley started the second half in similar fashion to the first with Kelly showing great footwork to create an effort that was saved and McPartlan looping a header onto the roof the net.

After withstanding some heavy pressure Feds started to grow into the game, however, with Clarets 'keeper Kirstie Levell doing well to hold efforts from Katie Anderson and Chantelle Thompson.

Head Coach Rebecca Sawiuk started to shuffle her pack, with Millie Ravening replacing Isabella Reidford and Leah Embley taking the place of Amaya.

The visitors continued to push for a way back into the game and looked threatening, with Paige Cole smacking the bar from the best part of 30 yards.

However, Lord-Mears took the game away from them with 10 minutes to play as she finished between Norney's legs after a fine touch and pass from Ravening.

The result means Burnley stay 2nd in the Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League, ahead of 3rd-placed Nottingham Forest by four points.



BURNLEY 3 LIVERPOOL FEDS 0

Burnley: Levell, Paul (Wildgoose 90+1), McPartlan, Marshall, Hamer, Elford (Robinson 76), Amaya (Embley 71), Lord-Mears, Reidford (Ravening 66), Kelly, Siddall
Unused Subs: Farrell

Liverpool Feds: Norney, Jukes, Kinvig-Wardale, Thompson, Fletcher, Parry, Pope, Cole, Anderson, Johnson, Collins
Subs: Handy, Seagrave, Donoghue, Viagas, Richardson

Goals: McPartlan 15', Johnson OG 33', Lord-Mears 80

HOW BOTH TEAMS GOT TO THE LANCASHIRE FA WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP FINAL



The Lancashire FA Women's Senior Cup is a tournament in its infancy, with Burnley winning the inaugural edition last season.

As such, just four teams entered the competition and the two winners of the semi-final ties meet this evening.

Burnley beat fellow Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League side AFC Fylde 6-0 on Sunday 21st January.

The game followed on the coat tails of the FA Cup game against Championship side Birmingham City and Head Coach Rebecca Sawiuk made seven changes to the starting XI.

Lucy Farrell started in goal on a stormy day at Darwen FC's Anchor Ground, with Danielle Deehan, Dom Cooper and Gracie Prior coming into defence.

Bella Reidford started in centre-midfield, with Evie Priestley starting to the right of Ginny Lackey in attack.

Amaya scored the only goal of the first half before the Clarets turned on the style, with Cooper adding a second before four goals in the final 11 minutes.

Two of those came from midfielder Brenna McPartlan, with strikers Laura Elford and Evie Priestley both also getting themselves on the scoresheet.

West Didsbury & Chorlton

recorded a similarly comprehensive scoreline against Blackpool, winning 4-0 back in November.

There was just one goal in the first half in this one, too, with Rachel Mason breaking the deadlock on 20 minutes.

Substitute Taylor Gunn added a second with 15 minutes to play

before Rachel Ainscow scored twice in four minutes to seal the tie.

Given the nature of both semi-finals, it doesn't seem outlandish to suggest that there could be plenty of goals at the County Ground this evening.





WOMEN'S TEAM TO FINISH SEASON AT TURF MOOR!

Burnley Women's season-ending fixture against Derby County on Sunday 5th May will now be played at Turf Moor.

After playing Liverpool Feds at the historic stadium in front of 2,068 fans on Sunday, the team will now finish their campaign in BB10.

To celebrate, supporters who were in attendance against Liverpool Feds can take advantage of a special 'bundle' offer that entitles them to 50% off tickets for the Derby County fixture.

The discount will be automatically applied to your account and it is important to note that it will only be available for the number of tickets you purchased for the first game.

For example, if you purchased four tickets for Liverpool Feds, you can buy up to four tickets at the discounted rate for Derby County.

If you weren't at Liverpool Feds, you can still purchase tickets at the reduced price of £10 for adults and £5 for juniors.

Fans are encouraged to buy early to secure the best seats at the best price as tickets will increase on match day to £15 for adults and £10 for juniors.

The Club are delighted to also be offering a group ticket option for the Derby County fixture. Should you purchase 10 or more tickets in advance in a single transaction, each ticket will be charged at £5 regardless of your age.



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INTRODUCING **WEST DIDSBURY**



West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC announced their intention to form a women's team in December 2016 following the appointment of

Chorltonian Ladies manager Paul Caddick, with the intention of beginning play in 2017.

Following Chorltonian's decision not to continue

with women's football an agreement was made to transfer the team across, with most of the squad making the move to play in the NWWRF Division One South.

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The team finished 2nd in NWWRFL Division One South in their first season, reaching the semi-finals of the Manchester Women's FA Cup and the first-round proper of the Adobe Women's FA Cup.

Ahead of the 2018/19 season, West Didsbury & Chorlton introduced a development team lead by Nathan Soulbly to the women's setup.

The first team competed in the

North West Women's Regional League Division 1 South and the development team debuted in the Greater Manchester Women's Football League Division 2.



It proved to be a successful season, with both teams crowned champions of their respective leagues and earning promotion. The first team were unbeaten in the process.

Fast forward two incomplete seasons because of the

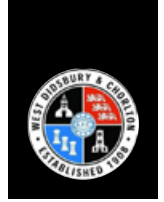
COVID-19 pandemic and both teams are still the reigning winners of their respective leagues.

The development team is now more commonly known as the Reserves, too.

Despite the lack of progress on

the pitch due to the pandemic, there has been plenty of it off the pitch.

The U18s set-up is feeding in to the seniors and both teams are making use of state of the art video and GPS analysis equipment.



Home games are played at the Step Places Stadium, one mile from the centre of Chorlton.

This season will see the team secure its highest ever league finish and the local community are rallying behind them, breaking their attendance record on two occasions.

407 were in attendance for their FA Cup first round tie against Leeds United back in November.

All being well, 'West' are striving to reach the Women's National League North in the not-too-distant future.



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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
22. ISABELLA REIDFORD
23. NAOMI HARTLEY
24. TILLY WILKES
25. AIMEE KELLY
26. LUCY FARRELL (GK)
27. LACHANTE PAUL
28. KIRSTIE LEVELL (GK)
29. ABBY CLARKE
30. EMMA SIDDALL
34. MONIQUE ROBINSON
76. PARIS DALTON



Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Newcastle United Ladies	21	18	2	1	75	11	64	56
2	Burnley Women	21	15	3	3	54	19	35	48
3	Nottingham Forest Women	20	14	2	4	56	19	37	44
4	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	19	12	2	5	50	20	30	38
5	Stoke City Women	20	9	4	7	36	35	1	31
6	Liverpool Feds	20	7	6	7	31	42	-11	27
7	West Bromwich Albion WFC	21	8	2	11	29	38	-9	26
8	Derby County Women	19	7	2	10	34	26	8	23
9	Halifax FC Women	19	5	7	7	24	36	-12	22
10	Stourbridge Ladies	21	4	3	14	26	72	-46	15
11	Huddersfield Town Women	21	2	2	17	17	62	-45	8
12	AFC Fylde Women	20	1	3	16	18	70	-52	6

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
14 **H** BIRMINGHAM CITY 1-3
21 **H** AFC FYLDE 6-0
28 **A** NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2-1

FEBRUARY

11 **H** NEWCASTLE UNITED 0-3

MARCH

3 **A** DERBY COUNTY 0-2
10 **A** WEST BROM 1-1
24 **H** STOKE CITY 2-1
31 **A** STOURBRIDGE 0-4

APRIL

3 **H** AFC FYLDE 9-0
7 **H** HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 3-1
11 **A** HALIFAX 1-2
14 **A** STOKE CITY 1-0
21 **H** LIVERPOOL FEDS 3-0

MAY

5 **H** DERBY COUNTY



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