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The FA Women's National League

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BURNLEY vs MIDDLESBROUGH

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Manager: *Matt Beard*

Directors

Alan Pace
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CLUB HISTORY

1882
BURNLEY FC FOUNDED

1888
FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1897/98
2ND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1913/14
FA CUP WINNERS

1920/21
1ST DIVISION CHAMPIONS & FA CHARITY SHIELD RUNNERS-UP

1946/47
2ND DIVISION RUNNERS-UP & FA CUP RUNNERS-UP

1959/60
1ST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1967/68
FA YOUTH CUP WINNERS

1972/73
2ND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1973/74
FA CHARITY SHIELD WINNERS & TEXACO CUP RUNNERS-UP

1978/79
ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS

1981/82
3RD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1991/92
4TH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1993/94
2ND DIVISION PLAY-OFF WINNERS

2008/09
CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF WINNERS

2013/14
CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNERS-UP

2015/16
CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

2018/19
UEFA EUROPA QUALIFICATIONS ROUNDS

2022/23
CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

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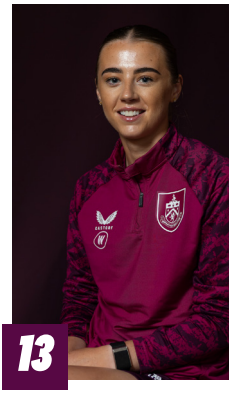
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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

LOLA OGUNBOTE

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND IN LEYLAND FOR OUR SEASON OPENER AGAINST MIDDLESBROUGH.

After a busy summer full of hard work, I'm really excited to see the team take to the pitch in front of our fans today.

Back in June, I was thrilled to welcome Matt Beard to the Club as our new manager.

Matt's CV speaks for itself with two Women's Super League titles and a promotion from the Championship to his name.

We've been taking great strides forward here at Burnley and Matt's appointment is a further statement of our intent and ambitions.

Similarly, we've transitioned to a full-time model over the summer, and it's been great to see the players and staff already reaping the rewards from that.

None of that progress would have been possible without the continued support of the Burnley ownership group, and I thank them for their unwavering commitment.

Back to today's game, and I'd like to welcome the directors, staff, players, and supporters of Middlesbrough to Lancashire.

They are stepping up a division but that certainly doesn't mean they will provide anything less than a tough test, and I'm looking forward to the battle this afternoon.

To our fans, I hope the calibre of player we've been able to bring in this summer has given you that extra level of excitement ahead of the new season.

They'll need all the help they can get from the sidelines in their bid for promotion, and I know you'll be loud and proud behind them going forwards.

Believe me when I say that support doesn't go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by everybody connected to the Club.

UP THE CLARETS!

LOLA

MATT BEARD

MANAGER

THE PROJECT HERE AT BURNLEY HAS EXCITED ME EVER SINCE I WALKED THROUGH THE TRAINING GROUND DOORS

HI EVERYBODY!

It's a pleasure to sit and write my first set of programme notes as manager of this team.

The project here at Burnley has excited me ever since I walked through the training ground doors for the first time, and it's clear to see how ambitious Lola and the ownership group are.

We've had a busy pre-season calendar overall with matches against teams from various backgrounds, and I think that will stand us in good stead heading into the new campaign.

There have been several new players join the group too, many of whom I've worked with previously.

I felt it was important to bring in some experienced heads, and we've been able to do that in the likes of Mel Lawley, Jasmine Matthews, and Yana Daniëls.

We've complimented that with some young, hungry players like Maddie Robinson, Eva Spencer and Brooke Cairns too.

It was great to meet some of you at last weekend's friendly against Lazio, and I hope you enjoyed seeing some of our new players in action for the first time.

Despite the result I thought it was a really useful experience against quality opposition.

We got punished in our box, but we were able to create numerous chances ourselves which, on another day, could have changed the outcome.

Overall, it feels like we're in a good place heading into today's match against Middlesbrough.

They're stepping up to the third tier having won the Division One North last season, so they'll come into it with plenty of momentum.

That's always a dangerous thing in football, so my players and I will be on it from minute one right through until the final whistle in search of a result.

I extend a warm welcome to Middlesbrough manager Mick Mulhern and his staff, and look forward to sharing the touchline with them this afternoon.

ENJOY THE GAME,

MATT

CHARLEY DOCHERTY

"WE'VE PLAYED A FEW OTHER TOP TEAMS IN PRE-SEASON, AND WE ALWAYS LIKE TO TEST OURSELVES AGAINST THE BEST"

FOLLOWING HER GOAL IN OUR LAST PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY AGAINST LAZIO, CHARLEY DOCHERTY IS EXCITED TO START THE SEASON PROPERLY AGAINST MIDDLESBROUGH THIS AFTERNOON.

Docherty was introduced as a 63rd minute substitute for Yana Daniëls at Burnley Training Centre and found the back of the net with a fantastic effort as the clock hit 90.

Reflecting on the friendly, she said: "We've played a few other top teams in pre-season, and we always like to test ourselves against the best.

"It's good to push against your level and it was a good test against a team in the top division of Italian football.

"We'd not created a lot of chances so I took the ball from the corner with no pressure.

"Their 'keeper wasn't the tallest and we had bodies at the back post, so I just thought that if I swung it in there, something will happen!"

Docherty joined Burnley in the summer of 2024 having previously been with Championship outfit Sheffield United.

She made 27 appearances and scored three goals in her debut season and, as she explains, showed real positional flexibility.

"I started as a right-back before moving into a more attacking role, playing down both sides," she said.

"It was definitely a test of how versatile I can be, but I think it pushed me to be a better player.

"It was good to get regular minutes and obviously always good to get on the scoresheet, but It felt like a good year of progression for me.

"I feel like I'm really starting to grow into my identity as a footballer too, and working on both sides of my game last season has definitely helped with that."

To finish, Docherty looked forward to this afternoon's match and the new season as a whole.

"We've got a new manager and players, but it feels like we're really coming together as a team," the 22-year-old said.

"When new teams come up you never really know what to expect from them, and they always a pose a different sort of challenge.

"It's exciting to see what we'll face – I imagine that they'll be quite direct, attacking and strong. We certainly won't underestimate them and will give it 100%.

"We started really well last season, beating Hull City 9-0. It's good to get everybody involved on the first match day and hopefully get some goals, to be honest.

"I'm looking forward to this season and everybody here at Burnley wants to get promoted."

CHANDARANA
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HATLEY
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CLARETS FINISH PRE-SEASON AGAINST ITALIAN OPPOSITION

LAZIO WERE 4-1 VICTORS, WITH CHARLEY DOCHERTY COMING OFF THE BENCH TO SCORE THE CLARETS GOAL AS THE CLOCK HIT 90.

Manager Matt Beard named a starting XI that included several of the Club's summer signings, including Yana Daniëls and Jasmine Matthews who slotted into the defence.

Abbey-Leigh Stringer and Millie Ravening played in midfield, with Everton loanee Mel Lawley joining the forward line alongside Claudia Walker.

After a tight opening 10 minutes Brenna McPartlan was first to test the opposing 'keeper, before Lazio's Clarisse Le Bihan hit the bar from 20 yards.

Le Bihan wasn't to be denied in the 26th minute though, as she headed a cross from the right into the bottom left corner.

The French midfielder was involved in Lazio's second shortly before half-time, when her blocked shot fell to Eleonora Goldoni to poke home.

The visitors made five changes at the break and increased their lead from the penalty spot seven minutes after the restart, with Goldoni picking out the top right corner.

Beard then turned to his bench, with Millie Chandarana replacing Ravening before Daniëls and Matthews made way for Alethea Paul and Docherty respectively.

Lazio's fourth goal was a penalty from Nicole Vernis and further changes saw Heidi Logan replace Walker at the same time as Hartley took the place of Siddall.

Logan almost had an immediate impact, pulling an effort narrowly wide of the post.

Our final switches saw Brooke Cairns and Charlie Chadwick enter the fray and the Clarets got the rewards their hard work deserved with virtually the last kick of the day.

After a free-kick was taken short, Docherty beautifully curled the ball into the top right corner from wide left of the penalty area.

SPENCER,
SIDDALL (HARTLEY 75),
MCPARTLAN (CAIRNS 80),
MATTHEWS (PAUL 46),
WALKER (LOGAN 75),
RAVENING (CHANDARANA 59),
LAWLEY (CHADWICK 80),
BRADLEY,
DANIËLS (DOCHERTY 63),
WILKES,
STRINGER

Unused Substitutes: **LEVELL, KELLY**

DURANTE (KARRESMAA 46),
BALTRIP-REYES,
CONNOLLY (MANUSCO 59),
LE BIHAN (KARCEWSKA 59),
OLIVIERO,
CASTIELLO (MIESJASZ 46),
MONNECCHI (MARTIN QUERALT 46),
PIEMONTE (ASHWORTH-CLIFFORD 46),
SIMONETTI (VERNIS 46),
GOLDONI,
D'AURIA

Unused Substitutes: **VISENTIN**

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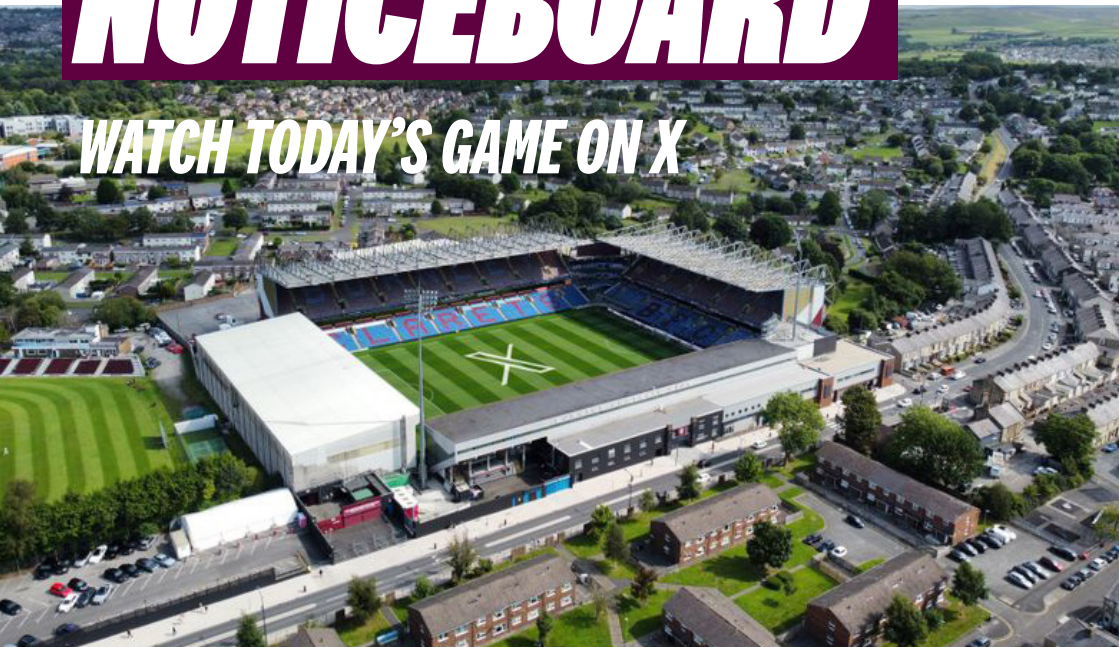
WATCH TODAY'S GAME ON X



BRADLEY AND STRINGER MEET BFC MEMBERS AT CLARETS STORE

Last week Abbey-Leigh Stringer and Deirdre Bradley, two of our summer additions, headed to the Clarets Store to meet a group of Burnley FC members!

The pair were on a panel of players that included men's senior team additions Axel Tuanzebe, Kyle Walker, Max Weiß, and Quilindschy Hartman.

Academy players Hamzat Balogun and Brandon Pouani were also in attendance to meet the fans and sign autographs.

It was a great opportunity for Abbey and Deirdre to integrate themselves into the local community, with both players moving to the area following their transfers.

THIS OR THAT...

BROOKE CAIRNS

1. Home or Away?
   Home
2. 5-0 win or Last-Minute Winner?
   Last-minute winner
3. Goal or Assist?
   Goal
4. Eat out or Takeaway?
   Eat out
5. Left or Right?
   Right
6. Text or Call?
   Call
7. TV Show or Movie?
   TV Show
8. Save or Spend?
   Spend
9. Headphones or Speaker?
   Speaker
10. Cats or Dogs?
    Dogs

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INTRODUCING

MIDDLESBROUGH WOMEN

MIDDLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB WOMEN WAS FORMED IN 1976.

Originally known as Cleveland Spartans, they played in the Nottinghamshire Ladies League and were coached by Middlesbrough players Mark Proctor and David Hodgson.

The club reached the 1982 FA Cup Final, losing 2–0 to Lowestoft Town before joining the Yorkshire and Humberside Ladies League.

In 1996 Marrie Wieczorek became full-time manager and the Teessiders won the 2001/02 Northern Combination under her guidance, meaning they were promoted to the FA Women's Premier League Northern Division.

A interesting moment in their history came in 2010, when they travelled to North Korea and played two friendly matches.

Ben Fisher then became Chairman in 2020 and Wieczorek returned to the club as an ambassador, shortly after the team reached the semi-finals of the 2019/20 FA National League Plate.

Former Middlesbrough player Andy Campbell was appointed manager in August 2021, overseeing a relegation to the fourth tier in his first season.

A landmark moment came in May May 2023, as the club officially became re-affiliated with the men's team and current manager Michael Mulhern took the reins.

It didn't take long for them to play at the Riverside Stadium for the first time, welcoming Stockport County to the 34,742-seat arena for a 0-0 draw in September 2023.

Boro Women's first win at the Riverside came against Doncaster Rovers Belles in March 2024, with Ellen Turnbull scoring their first ever goal there en route to a 5-0 victory.

Last season was a successful one for Mulhern and his players as they won the FAWNL Division One North on goal difference.

A 3-0 victory over Barnsley at Oakwell on the final day was enough to see them over the line ahead of Cheadle Town Stingers, who also earned 51 points.

After three years away, Boro are preparing for a return to tier three football and will be keen to solidify their position in the next nine months.

JASMINE MATTHEWS

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?
As a kid I always had a ball in my hands, whether that was a football, rugby ball or tennis ball.
I played a bit of rugby as a kid but my mum thought it was a bit too rough, so I changed to football early on.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to when you were growing up?
I really liked Cristiano Ronaldo because he's really skilful, and for the way he carried himself as an athlete.
I also liked Paul Scholes as a Manchester United fan growing up.

Have you always played in your current position, or have you played elsewhere across the pitch?
I started off as a midfielder and played there for quite a lot of my career, especially as a kid. When I got my first contract with Bristol City I played either central midfield or on the left wing, and I played on the wing for England at youth level too.

I made my way back in the team, going to left back and eventually centre back.

What's the best game or moment you have seen live?
Liverpool men against Barcelona in the Champions League, when they were 3-0 down and came back to win 4-3. That was an unbelievable feeling at Anfield.

If you had to name a stand-out moment from your career so far, what would it be?

I always say when I was with Bristol and we beat Barcelona at Ashton Gate in the Champions League – that was unbelievable.
I'd also say winning WSL2 with Liverpool.

TABLE 2025/26

Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**Burnley**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2	Derby County	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Halifax	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hull City	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Liverpool Feds	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Loughborough Lightning	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Middlesbrough	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Rugby Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sporting Khalsa	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Stoke City	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	West Bromwich Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0	0	0	0	0	0

THE FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 2025/26

AUGUST

17 H MIDDLESBROUGH
24 A WOLVERHAMPTON W.
31 H LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING

SEPTEMBER

14 A SPORTING KHALSA
21 A WEST BROMWICH ALBION

OCTOBER

5 H HULL CITY
12 A HALIFAX
29 H LIVERPOOL FEDS

NOVEMBER

2 A STOKE CITY
16 H DERBY COUNTY
30 A RUGBY BOROUGH

DECEMBER

7 A MIDDLESBROUGH

JANUARY

4 H WOLVERHAMPTON W.
25 H SPORTING KHALSA

FEBRUARY

8 A LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING
19 A LIVERPOOL FEDS
22 H WEST BROMWICH ALBION

MARCH

8 H RUGBY BOROUGH
22 A DERBY COUNTY
29 H HALIFAX

APRIL

12 A HULL CITY
26 H STOKE CITY

MANAGER
Matt Beard

1	**Eva Spencer (GK)**
2	Charley Docherty
3	Emma Siddall
4	Brenna Mcpartlan
6	Jasmine Matthews
7	Heidi Logan
8	Emma Doyle
9	Claudia Walker
10	Millie Ravening
11	Danielle Maxwell
12	Maddie Robinson
13	Jade Richards
14	Melissa Lawley
15	Helen Seed
16	Deirdre Bradley
17	Millie Chandarana
18	Louise Mcdaniel
19	Charlie Chadwick
20	Yana Daniëls
21	Brooke Cairns
22	Alethea Paul
23	Naomi Hartley
24	Tilly Wilkes
25	Aimee Kelly
27	**Naoisha Mcaloon (GK)**
28	**Kirstie Levell (GK)**
30	Abbey-Leigh Stringer

MANAGER
Michael Mulhern

1	**Megan Borthwick (GK)**
3	Keira Skelton
4	Olivia Watt
5	Ellen Packham
6	Abby Towers
7	Ellen Turnbull
8	Jess Mett
9	Armani Maxwell
10	Lauren Robson
11	Leanna Giles
12	Erin Nelson
13	**Ruby Cook (GK)**
14	Emma Foster
17	Millie Bell
18	Sarah Burn
19	Rebecca Ferguson
22	Grace Boyes
23	Chelsea Callander
25	Maddie Myers

NEXT GAMES

CHORLEY WOMEN
Thursday 21st August - 7:45PM KO
Jim Fowler Memorial Ground, Euxton
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WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS WOMEN
Sunday 24th August - 2PM KO
SEAH Stadium
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