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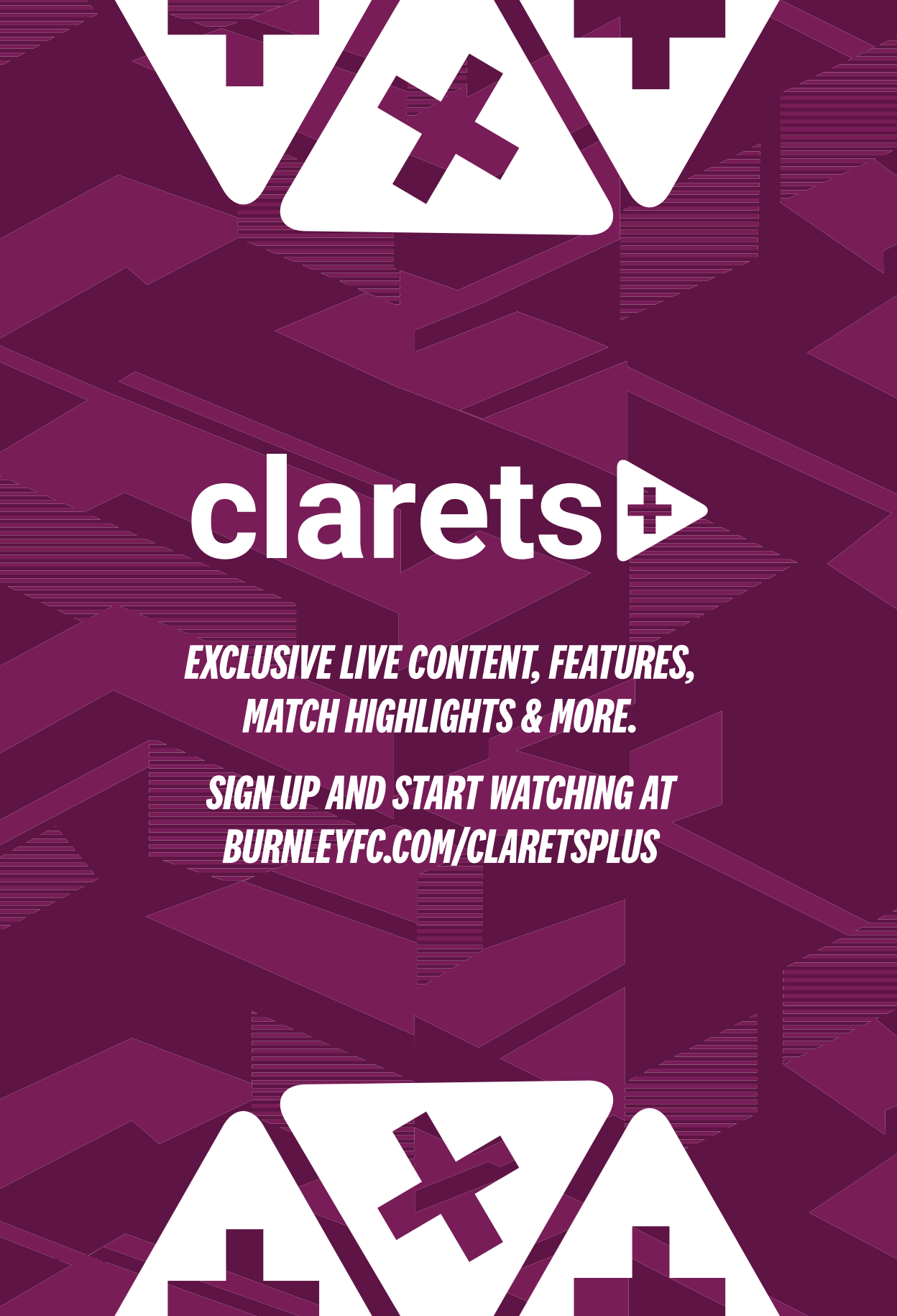
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INSIDE TURF



The background is a dark purple field filled with various geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons, some of which are lighter shades of purple. At the top and bottom center, there are white triangular shapes containing a dark purple cross, which are the Burnley Football Club crests. The word "clarets" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by a white right-pointing triangle containing a dark purple plus sign.

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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOLA OGUNBOTE

Good afternoon and thank you for taking the time to follow our league game against Huddersfield Town at the Anchor Ground.

It's been a momentous week for the team, culminating in Wednesday night's 9-0 victory over AFC Fylde.

It's not often that you score that many goals and I thought the players were clinical when chances came their way.

In my programme notes ahead of that game I spoke about the quality of depth available in our squad and that was evident once again on Wednesday, with Lucy Farrell looking comfortable on her first league start of the season in goal.

We have a plethora of attacking options and many of them found the back of the net, which is always pleasing.

Our game against Liverpool Feds at Turf Moor is just two weeks away, and I'm pleased to be able to say that sales for the fixture have surpassed the 1,000 mark.

If you're reading this and are yet to book your tickets, I would encourage you to do so in advance of the day to avoid a price increase.

Similarly, if you have your tickets, please don't be shy in encouraging friends, family, work colleagues and anybody else you may know to join you.

If recent results are anything to go by, I'm confident that they'll be able to take in an action-packed game full of goals.

Returning to today's game, I extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, and officials of Huddersfield Town

Having regained second place in the table we have something to hold on to now, and I know that everybody connected to the Club will do everything within their power to make sure that we stay there.

I hope you enjoy the game, and Up the Clarets!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK



Hey everyone and welcome back!

It's a quick turnaround from Wednesday night's win against AFC Fylde as we welcome Huddersfield Town to the Anchor Ground this afternoon.

The 9-0 scoreline was obviously really pleasing and I was happy with the team's overall performance from start to finish.

Given the nature of the game it would have been easy for the players to lose focus, but they didn't and were able to earn an eighth clean sheet of the season in all competitions. We want to respect the game, our opponent and be relentless in our work.

I must give a shout out to Laura Elford, who scored a hat-trick on Wednesday night and has now managed six goals in three games since returning from injury.

I thought Lizzy Hamer, who took on captain responsibilities for the night, was excellent, as were Rhema Lord-Mears, Leah Embley and Emma Siddall.

We had the group in for recovery, a team meal and analysis on Thursday, where my staff and I were able to reflect on the Fylde result and get across our key messaging ahead of Huddersfield.

Since then they've been focusing on recovery after what has been a busy fixture schedule, with another midweek game against Halifax to come next week.

Ahead of today's game I look forward to sharing a touchline with their manager Glen Preston and his staff.

The Terriers are fighting at the other end of the table and we've beaten them twice already this season, which will give us confidence, but what we have

done in the past doesn't matter.

This week, this game and this performance matter.

We know we have to be at our best to beat anybody in this league and a team that are looking for points to secure their safety are always dangerous.

Having said that, I'm confident that if we can produce another performance full of our 'Burnley DNA', we can earn another important three league points as the season nears its conclusion.

I look forward to hearing your support, which has really pushed the team forward in recent weeks and has shown in ticket sales for our upcoming game at Turf Moor.

We'll do all we can to send you home happy this afternoon. UTC!

Best wishes

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL CAPTAIN

Good afternoon,

I hope you're looking forward to today's game, with the team being in great form.

Personally, it felt great to return to the pitch for the first time since the Newcastle game in February on Wednesday night.

I managed the best part of 25 minutes and got myself on the scoresheet, too, which is always a nice feeling!

My aim is to keep fit for the rest of the campaign and make the most of any opportunities that I'm given playing wise.

Our squad depth is good, with Tilly Wilkes and Emma Siddall both playing well at left-back in recent weeks.

As always the team is the most important thing and whether I'm selected to start, am named on the bench or left out of the squad completely, I'll do everything I can to help Burnley finish as high up the table as possible.

All the girls were delighted after the 9-0 win over AFC Fylde. We know what we're capable of as a group and we've had some other big scorelines already this season.

When everybody is at their best I think we can beat anybody in this league, and to regain 2nd place from Nottingham Forest was a big achievement.

Including today we have five league games and a Lancashire FA Women's Senior Cup final to play, with the manager and her team reinforcing the need to stay at it in the hunt for points.

We're currently five games unbeaten and have won the last three so, although you always want to be playing well and winning games, this feels like a perfect time to be hitting form.

Despite Huddersfield's league position, we know this afternoon's game will be a challenge.

It's a different venue to what we're used to in Leyland, too, but

our mentality and preparation heading into it won't change and I'm confident that we can earn another three points.

Finally, on behalf of the squad I'd like to express my gratitude to everybody that has bought a ticket to the Liverpool Feds game at Turf Moor later this month.

I haven't played there before but I've heard just how good of an occasion it was from the players that were here last year, and I can't wait to be involved.

All the best

Thea



HAMER PRAISES TEAM PERFORMANCE IN FYLDE VICTORY

Lizzy Hamer was unsurprisingly delighted with Burnley Women's performance following Wednesday night's 9-0 victory over AFC Fylde at the County Ground, Leyland.

The 31-year-old kick started the rout early on, heading a pinpoint Millie Ravening cross past Coasters' keeper Liz Craven for her second goal of the season.

It was a third straight win and extended the Clarets' unbeaten run to five, meaning Burnley now sit 2nd in the Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League.

Speaking after the full-time whistle, she said: "I really enjoyed it! I think it was a good performance and it was obviously good to get that many goals.

"The fact that the goals came from a range of scorers is a positive for the group too."

Burnley started the game quickly, enjoying the majority of the possession and creating several chances before Hamer broke the deadlock after just 12 minutes.

"I don't score many headers", she continued.



"Millie put a good cross into me at the back post and as I saw it coming in, I just thought I'd try and send it back across goal - thankfully it came off."

Hamer, who played on the left of the three behind striker Laura Elford, was given the opportunity to captain the side.

Of the experience, she said: "It's a pleasure to have been given the armband and led the team out.



"I don't think being captain changes the way I play – I just continue to work hard."

Having been behind Nottingham Forest for a period the Clarets have now reclaimed 2nd spot with both teams now having 17 games under their belt.

Does that change the team's mentality ahead of the season run in?

"I don't think so to be honest", Hamer continued.

"We take every game as it comes and want to win every time we step out onto the pitch, so I don't think it changes anything.

"It's obviously a nice position to be in but we're just aiming to go again on Sunday."

This afternoon's opponents Huddersfield Town are fighting against relegation and currently sit below the dotted line.

With the quick turn around from AFC Fylde in the week, Hamer explained what the focus has been and how they have prepared for the Terriers.

"It's mainly rest and recovery", she said.

"We'll obviously get details on board from Bex and her team but as players, we're making sure we're recovering properly as we've got a lot of games in quite a short space of time. We'll be ready to go on Sunday."



WOMEN'S TURF MOOR SALES PASS 1,000

BACK REBECCA SAWIUK'S TEAM ON SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

Excitement for Burnley Women's second-ever appearance at Turf Moor is increasing, with more than 1,000 Clarets now having purchased their ticket for what should be a special occasion.

The team welcome Liverpool Feds to the Club's historic home on Sunday 21st April, with the Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League fixture set to kick off at 2pm.

The Clarets were 2-0 victors over the same opponents at Turf last year and are fighting at the top end of the table, with the aim of finishing the campaign as strongly as possible.

Tickets are available in the Bob Lord Stand at a reduced price of just £10 for adults and £5 for juniors.

Group bookings are more than welcome too. Should you purchase 10 or more tickets in advance in a single transaction, each ticket will be charged at £5 regardless of your age.

So, if you run a local grassroots team, want to organise a day out with work colleagues or simply have a large family, be sure to get behind the girls and book your tickets NOW.

This can be done online [HERE](#), in person or over the phone with the ticket office – 01282 446800.

The fixture also represents a good opportunity for younger supporters who wouldn't normally be afforded the opportunity to watch the mean's team to take in some live football.

Tickets will increase in price on the day, so supporters are encouraged to purchase in advance to ensure they are getting the best value possible.

On the day there will be a range of activities for people of all ages to take part in, with the usual food kiosks open too.



LAST TIME OUT

BURNLEY PUT NINE PAST AFC FYLDE TO REGAIN SECOND PLACE



Burnley Women recorded a third straight win and extended their unbeaten run to five with a convincing 9-0 victory over AFC Fylde on Wednesday evening.

A Laura Elford hat-trick was nestled amongst further goals from Lizzy Hamer, Naomi Hartley, Millie Ravening, Aimee Kelly and Thea Paul as Burnley climbed above Nottingham Forest in the table.

There were four changes to the team that started Sunday's 4-0 victory at Stourbridge, with goalkeeper Lucy Farrell making her first league start of the campaign in place of Kirstie Levell.

Hartley came into the defence, while Leah Embley and Ravening were rewarded for their goalscoring substitute appearances in the Midlands with a start.

Burnley dominated possession from the off and broke the deadlock shortly after Emma Siddall worked Fylde goalkeeper Liz Craven.

Hamer advanced onto a Ravening cross to head in her second goal of the season.

The Clarets continued to work openings and it was 2-0 after 26 minutes as Craven pushed a powerful Embley strike into the path of Elford, who finished well.

Elford then added her fifth goal in three matches with the help of a

slice of luck as her shot from range took a hefty deflection off Karr Chan and looped in.

The striker continued the second half where she left off in the first, planting another header into the bottom right corner on 49 minutes before being replaced by Kelly five minutes later.

Lifelong Claret Hartley netted her first goal for the Club after a goalmouth scramble from a corner and Ravening made it six shortly after, netting from close range.

Kelly then got herself in on the act, poking in her 11th goal of the campaign after good work from Ravening.

Club captain Paul, who was introduced as a 67th-minute substitute for her first appearance since February's clash with Newcastle, added an eighth goal with two minutes of regular time to play/

Kelly then expertly picked out a corner when one-on-one to round off proceedings in stoppage time.

Rebecca Sawiuk's side now have 39 points, one more than Nottingham Forest with both teams having played 17 Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League matches.

Next up is the visit of Huddersfield Town to the Anchor Ground in Darwen on Saturday 7th April, with kick-off at 2pm. Entry is free for all.



BURNLEY 4 AFC FYLDE 0

Burnley: Farrell, Embley, Hamer, Elford (Kelly), Lord-Mears (Robinson 63'), Cooper (Paul 67'), Ravening, Prior (Marshall), Reidford (Clarke 58'), Hartley, Siddall

Stourbridge: Craven, Binks, Rowe, Hamill, Chan, Deveraux, Wood, Rogers, Moore, Strutton, Whitaker

Unused Subs: Maguire

Goals: Hamer 12', Elford 26', 37', 49', Hartley 64', Ravening 69', Kelly 71', 91', Paul 88'



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INTRODUCING *HUDDERSFIELD*



Huddersfield Town's women's football set up was formed in June 1988, and they were known as Huddersfield Town Ladies.

There was immediate success as they won the North-East

Regional League Division 2 title and the league cup in their first season, earning promotion to Division 1.

1993-94 was a treble winning season, with the Terriers winning the league

championship, League Cup and Yorkshire Cup, losing once all season.

The next 20 years saw lots of change and fluctuation in league standing before current manager Glen Preston

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was put in charge for the first time ahead of the 2013-14 campaign.

Under his leadership, Huddersfield won the FA Northern Women's Combination League and were

promoted to where they are today.

The Club changed its name to Huddersfield Town Women in the summer of 2019 and played their first ever game at the John Smith's Stadium in January

2020. A crowd of 1,115 watched their FA Cup tie against Ipswich Town.

Glen Preston returned for a second spell as manager in November 2021 and they broke their attendance record



soon after, attracting 1,168 spectators for another FA Cup clash with Everton.

Fast forward to the current season and the Terriers made a flying start to the campaign, beating AFC Fylde 4-2 on the opening day and scoring five

against Middlesbrough in the League Cup a week later.

It has, however, been a tale of mixed fortunes and Huddersfield find themselves in the second relegation place having played 17 of their 22 matches.

They're seven points from safety but do have a game in hand on 10th-placed Stourbridge, so every remaining game will be vital in their battle to avoid the drop.

Burnley were 5-1 winners when the two teams met at the



Stafflex Arena earlier this season, with midfielder Millie Ravening scoring a first-half brace.

Amaya, Maria Francis-Jones and Rhema Lord-Mears were all on target for the Clarets in the second half too.

The Terriers are winless in their last six matches and were beaten 2-0 by Wolverhampton Wanderers last time out, with Sophie Bramford and Amber Hughes on target.

Key players for Glen Preston's side include Yasmin Mason who has notched four goals and Kate Mallin, who has been with the Club for 31 years.





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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
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GINNY LACKEY

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

I used to play at nursery when we'd have someone come in to teach us, but other than that it was just playing with my Dad. I stopped for a little while to do ballet instead, but restarted once I got scouted by Manchester City.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to when you were growing up?

The first person that I looked up to in football was Stephen Ireland, but that quickly changed to Sergio Aguero when he joined. Outside of football I've always admired my Mum and Dad – they've worked really hard and are very selfless people.

Have you always played in your current position, or have you played elsewhere across the pitch?

Back in the seven-a-side days I'd play at the back, but

since moving to full-sized pitches I've always played up front.

What's the best game you have seen live?

Probably the FA Cup final in 2011, watching Manchester City win their first trophy in 44 years. I can't remember much because I was six years old, but I know it was a great day!

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

It would either be playing on the pitch at Wembley in the EFL Girls Cup final for my school or playing and scoring in the U17s Euros with England.



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1	Newcastle United Ladies	19	17	1	1	65	11	54	52
2	Burnley Women	17	12	3	2	46	16	30	39
3	Nottingham Forest Women	17	12	2	3	49	15	34	38
4	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	16	9	2	5	38	16	22	29
5	West Bromwich Albion WFC	20	8	2	10	28	36	-8	26
6	Stoke City Women	17	7	3	7	32	33	-1	24
7	Derby County Women	18	7	2	9	34	25	9	23
8	Liverpool Feds	17	6	5	6	27	36	-9	23
9	Halifax FC Women	15	4	6	5	21	29	-8	18
10	Stourbridge Ladies	19	4	3	12	24	67	-43	15
11	Huddersfield Town Women	17	2	2	13	15	45	-30	8
12	AFC Fylde Women	18	0	3	15	16	66	-50	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
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
11 **A** HALIFAX
14 **A** STOKE CITY
21 **H** LIVERPOOL FEDS

MAY

5 **H** DERBY COUNTY



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- 19 CHARLOTTE GILL
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 STOKE CITY WOMEN V BURNLEY WOMEN
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