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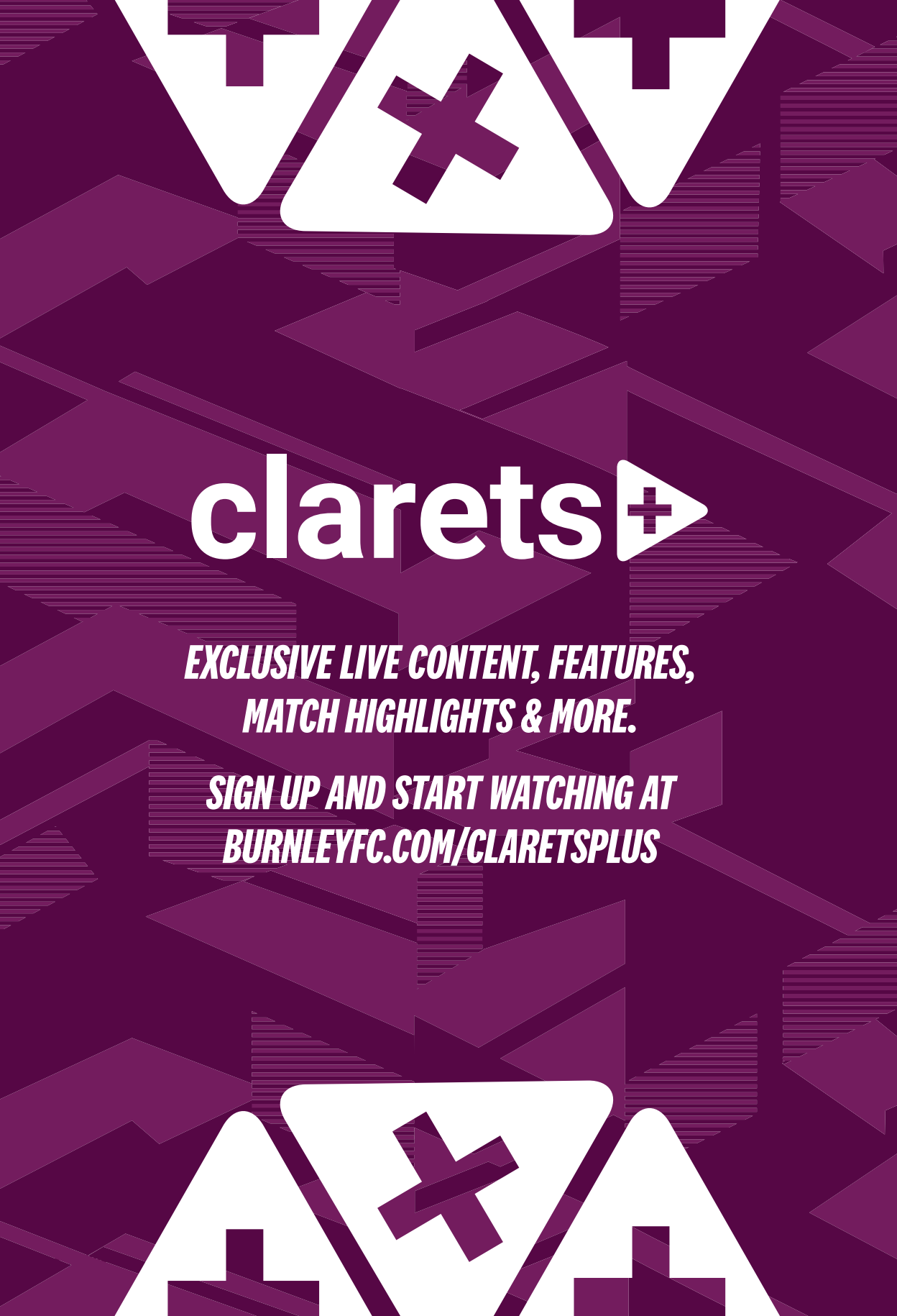
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HEAD OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOLA OGUNBOTE

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for today's highly-anticipated match against Newcastle United, who are currently top of the table.

This game has the potential to greatly influence our season and add even more excitement to it.

Unfortunately, in our previous match, we were unable to achieve the desired result and lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest away.

Forest had been on a remarkable winning streak, making it challenging for us, especially with the support of their fans. However, our players showed remarkable unity and resilience in defence, withstanding their attacks until they eventually broke the deadlock.

It was our first league defeat this season, which is a significant accomplishment

to have reached our 11th game without losing. Everyone involved with the Club should take pride in this achievement.

Although our trip to Stoke City last weekend was postponed, we have had a busy two weeks off the field.

We are all eagerly anticipating our upcoming fixture against Liverpool Feds on Sunday 21st April, back at Turf Moor. Last year's experience was fantastic, and I know the players are looking forward to showcasing their skills in front of a larger crowd.

Tickets are currently on sale, and there is a discounted rate for group purchases of 10 people or more. I encourage you to gather your friends and family, buy your tickets, and come cheer the players on.

Additionally, we have made several additions to our playing squad. Monique Robinson has

joined us on loan from Leicester City, Abby Clarke has checked in after her time with Everton, and Emma Siddall has signed on a dual registration deal from Manchester City.

All three players possess valuable attributes, and I am confident they will quickly integrate into the squad and make a significant impact in the final months of the season.

Returning to today's game, I extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, and officials of Newcastle United.

With the unwavering support of the Claret's faithful, I have no doubt that Bex and her team will put on a spirited display and fight until the very end.

Up the Claret's!

Lola



REBECCA SAWIUK



Hey everyone and welcome back!

It feels great to be back in action this afternoon as we welcome Newcastle United to Leyland, and I hope you're all looking forward to it too.

To have back-to-back games against teams competing at the top end of the table is an exciting challenge for our team.

The defeat to Nottingham Forest was the first time we've lost in 90 minutes since we played Everton in pre-season, so that's something we're proud of as a group. There are no easy games in this league and we obviously go into every game wanting to win.

In the first 15 minutes I thought we were calm, in control and looked like a Burnley Women's team. The key turning point for us was Brenna's injury, which significantly impacted the game and our rhythm.

To then lose Nom (Hartley) on 40 minutes meant that we were trying to navigate lots of adversity in terms of our plan, and Forest were able to have more of the ball in and around key areas.

Going into the second half we tried to take the game to them and take some risks; ultimately Forest took their opportunities well but on reflection, I thought the game was really transitional, physical and combative and a reflection of two teams trying to win a game of football.

Since then we've been able to reflect, watch the game back and identify some key areas we want to do better in and I am looking forward to seeing how the team take those messages on in today's game. We have put a lot of hard work into our preparation and we will be ready.

We have had some good contests against Newcastle so far this season and today will be no different. I want us to be brave and play with real heart and desire.

In the window we were pleased to add to the quality in our squad with Monique, Abby and Emma. They have all hit the ground running on the training pitch and I'm excited to see what they can do going forwards. I believe they will all do the Burnley shirt proud in the second half of the season.

To all the fans today who have made the trip to support us, be loud and get behind the team as much as you can. We will need you all today as we go into a big 90 minutes of football.

Best wishes

Rebecca



ALETHEA PAUL *CAPTAIN*

Good afternoon,
On behalf of the squad, it's great to have you following our game against Newcastle United in the Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League this afternoon.

It's a huge game in our season and we know just how much of a positive impact a win would have ahead of the run in.

It would also send an important message to Newcastle and Nottingham Forest as we continue to contest what is proving to be an exciting title race.

The team were disappointed to fall to a first league defeat of 2023/24 last time out, but it hasn't knocked our confidence or our belief in the way we do things.

We will all continue to utilise and execute the practices that have got us to where we are and, with the support of the staff and you on the sidelines, keep pushing towards our goal – gaining promotion to the Championship.

On a personal note, I've been continuing my recovery from an ankle problem with the help of our physio.

It's never nice when you can't go into battle with your team-mates and are only watching from the sidelines, but being around the group in training to offer my

support that way has proved comforting.

I'm edging closer and closer to a return and have been able to do some running on the AlterG treadmill, which uses a lifting effect to limit the impact on joints.

All being well, I can hopefully do some pitch running and return to full training in the not-too-distant future.

We've had some new signings come in, which has given the group a real boost ahead of a busy run of fixtures.

I'm sure Newcastle will come

into the game full of confidence and will be backed by a decent following too, but I'm confident in the team's ability to get a result.

The reverse fixture earlier this season ended in a draw and it took extra-time for them to edge past us in the Women's National League Cup, so we know we can hurt them.

I'm looking forward to the game and can't wait to hear your support – as always, I know you'll be behind the team from start to finish.

Best

Thea



***RAVENING:
A WIN
WOULD MEAN
EVERYTHING
TO THE GIRLS***



Millie Ravening has re-iterated just how much a win over Newcastle United this afternoon would mean to her and her team-mates, given the potential impact on the league table.

The Clarets sit 3rd in the Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League, with 26 points from 11 matches.

They're behind Nottingham Forest, who are second with 30 points from 13, and Newcastle, who have 34 points having played 13 games too.

Burnley's two games in hand present a good opportunity to gain ground further down the line, but beating the Magpies remains key with only one team gaining promotion to the Championship.

Speaking after a training session this week, Ravening said: "We're all feeling good and gelling well.

"It's a big game and we know they're a good team, so we'll need to try and play to our strengths and exploit their weaknesses.

"We'll work hard, play as a team and score as many goals as we can, with the aim of getting three points."

Burnley suffered a first league defeat of the season last time out, falling narrowly to Nottingham Forest. It isn't something that's affected the squad greatly, however, as Millie explained.

"We've all bounced back", she said. "We know how hard it is to go a full season unbeaten and although we're not used to losing much, it's just proven to be a barrier that we'll get over.



"It's fine, we all understand that it's happened and are ready to go again and play as well as we can."

Midfielder Ravening, who has been with the Club since the summer of 2021, is a vice captain alongside Georgia Marshall.

With Club captain Thea Paul undergoing a spell on the sidelines through injury, Ravening and Marshall have taken on matchday duties.

"Being captain doesn't change the way I think or the way I play", said the former. "It's nice to have it – I took it on last year as well and was very grateful to do so. I hope the girls feel like I'm somebody they can come to for advice as well."

The reverse fixture ended in a 0-0 draw at Kingston Park earlier this season, and Newcastle are expected to bring a large following with them to Lancashire.

With that in mind, Ravening continued: "Being such a big game does add an extra layer of excitement. Newcastle are a strong team and everybody knows that – we'll play like we always do, be relaxed, be calm and go in level headed.

"A win would mean a lot. Three points is obviously the best outcome from any game, and it would mean everything to the girls, especially being at home."



TURF MOOR TO HOST BURNLEY WOMEN IN APRIL!

Burnley FC Women will look to repeat their success of last year when they take to the Turf Moor pitch to play Liverpool Feds on Sunday 21st April (2pm KO).

The match comes at a key point in the team's campaign in the Northern Premier Division of the FA Women's National League, with the support of the Clarets faithful encouraged to help aid their push for promotion to the Championship.

Liverpool Feds were the opponents for the team's first ever game at Turf Moor in 2023, with Evie Priestley and Courtney Willis on target to secure a Burnley win.

Tickets for the match are on sale NOW, at a 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 the matchday to £15 for adults and £10 for juniors.

The Club are delighted to also be offering a group ticket option for this 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.

Supporters can purchase online at tickets.burnleyfc.com, in person or over the phone with the ticket office – 01282 446800.

On the news, Sawiuk said: "I'm excited to be taking charge of the team at the Turf in April!

"It will be a special occasion for myself, the staff and players alike – we know just how much the stadium means to the supporters and have seen the kind of atmosphere that can be created there.

"Since joining last summer I have really felt the town's passion for football, and that has been reflected at all our games, home and away.

"If you're able to, please do consider coming along – whether

that be with friends, family, work colleagues or anybody else.

"Having your support will mean the world to the players and I know it will drive them on in what is likely to be a key fixture in our season."

In addition to general admission tickets, a full hospitality package is available for £75 per person in the Trophy Room restaurant to include a pre-match meal and a padded seat in the Bob Lord Stand.

For just £15 you can access the newly renovated Jimmy McIlroy Suite, giving you access to a private bar (hospitality guests only), a padded seat in the Jimmy McIlroy Stand and access to the football tables and shuffle boards.

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LAST TIME OUT

BURNLEY NARROWLY BEATEN BY NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Burnley Women fell to their first league defeat of the 2023/24 season two weeks ago, losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest at a brisk Grange Park.

Head Coach Rebecca Sawiuk reverted to the eleven that started our last Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League outing against Wolves, barring one change – Rhema Lord-Mears for Bella Reidford.

Millie Ravening had the first chance of note, heading over an Amaya cross with less than 10 minutes on the clock.

Forest were creating opportunities of their own without over-working Kirstie Levell, and the Clarets goalkeeper held two shots from range comfortably.

Burnley were forced into two first-half changes through injury but almost broke the deadlock through Ravening, who stabbed narrowly wide after Leah Embley's tenacity regained possession.

The opener came on 57 minutes, when Nottingham Forest's Alice Keitley latched onto Sophie Domingo's threaded pass to

round Levell and finish high.

The Clarets quickly re-grouped and forced back-to-back openings of their own, with substitute Lizzy Hamer working Emily Batty from range and Amaya shooting narrowly over.

More changes followed for both teams as the Clarets searched for an equaliser, but Forest doubled their advantage in the fourth minute of added time through Mai Moncaster.

Substitute Ginny Lackey later finished well for her first Clarets goal but it wasn't enough to prevent defeat, which sees Forest leapfrog Burnley into second in the table with 27 points compared to Burnley's 26. The Midlands have, however, played a game more.



BURNLEY 1 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2

Burnley: Levell, Mcpartian (Reidford 15'), Marshall, Embley (Hamer 59'), Elford, Amaya, Lord-Mears, Cooper (Lackey 78'), Ravening, Hartley (Prior 35'), Wilkes

Unused Subs: Farrell

Nottingham Forest: Batty, Harkin, Johnson, Domingo, Manders, Green, Thomas, Anderson, Greengrass, Keitley, Cowie

Unused Subs: Mears, Moncaster, Reynolds, Worsey, Haughey

Goals: Keitley 57', Moncaster 90+5', Lackey 90+8'



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THREE ADDITIONS THROUGH THE DOORS AT BURNLEY TRAINING CENTRE

Since our last match at Nottingham Forest, Head Coach Rebecca Sawiuk has added three players to her squad.

Monique Robinson has joined on a loan deal from Leicester City W.F.C until the end of the 2023/24 season.

The 19-year-old midfielder is a product of the Barclays Women's Super League club's Academy, signing her first professional contract with the Foxes in April 2023.

She made her first team debut in a Continental Tyres League Cup match aged just 17 in January 2022, before earning her first league appearance against Chelsea two months later.

Next in was Clarets fan Abby Clarke, who signed on a free transfer following her release from Barclays Women's Super League side Everton.

The 19-year-old has been with the Merseyside club since the age of nine, signing a professional contract in September 2023.

Her senior Toffees debut came in a Continental Tyres League Cup clash with Durham in December 2022, and a league debut followed against Manchester City six months later.

Finally, Emma Siddall will now represent Burnley having joined from Manchester City on a dual registration basis until the end of the season.

Siddall is no stranger to the Clarets, having made 13 appearances and 12 starts for fellow Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League side AFC Fylde this season.

The 18-year-old has come through City's youth system, featuring 13 times in the WSL Academy League last term before switching to the Coasters.

All three are eligible to feature this afternoon, and have gone for the following squad numbers:

Clarke 29

Siddall 30

Robinson 34



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THIS OR THAT...

KIRSTIE LEVELL



1. Home or Away?
Home – it gives a different feeling and it's great to have our fans there
2. Diving Save or High Claim?
Diving Save
3. Playing in the sun or playing in the rain?
Playing in the rain
4. Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo?
Cristiano Ronaldo
5. Last minute winner or comfortable win?
Comfortable win
6. Tea or Coffee?
I don't really drink either, but I'd go for tea
7. Beach Holiday or Adventure Holiday?
Beach holiday
8. Cats or Dogs?
Dogs – there's nothing wrong with cats but I've got a Pomeranian and she's basically my daughter!
9. Playlists or Podcasts?
Playlists
10. Netflix or Amazon Prime?
Netflix





INTRODUCING **NEWCASTLE**



Newcastle United's Women's team have enjoyed an exciting trajectory of late, but their history dates to last century.

The team was formed in 1989 and just seven years later they enjoyed a significant

experience, appearing at Wembley Stadium to face Manchester United Women ahead of the FA Community Shield.

In 1999 the Lady Magpies achieved their first promotion

to the Northern Combination Women's Football League and from there, they set out a five-year plan to reach the FA Women's Premier League.

After reaching the third tier of English football at the

UTD WOMEN



end of 2004/05 they spent the next decade consolidating their status, picking up a Northern Combination Women's Football League title and two Northumberland FA Senior Cup triumphs along the way. 2015/16 saw them achieve their

highest ever league finish and, in 2017, Newcastle United Women became part of the Club's official charity, the Newcastle United Foundation.

More success followed under Manager Becky Langley, who is still in charge today, with a first

trophy in 2021, and 2022 was a landmark year in the Club's history.

The team officially came under the ownership of Newcastle United Football Club for the first time in its history, after the completion of a formal



restructuring under their new ownership group.

The groundswell of support from the city was already growing before that, too, with 22,134 spectators setting a 2021/22 UK record attendance for a women's game.

Newcastle won the Division One North title last season and ahead of their debut Northern Premier Division of the Women's National League season, they became the first team to go full-time across the board at this level.

That commitment has had an instant impact, with the team currently sitting top of the table ahead of this afternoon's fixture.

Like Burnley, the Magpies enjoyed a lengthy unbeaten start to the season, which only



came to an end against fellow promotion hopefuls Nottingham Forest on Sunday 21st January.

Langley's team were cheered on by more than 1,000 away supporters as they took on Manchester United in the Adobe Women's FA Cup last month, and the general mood around the camp is one of positivity.

Players to look out for include Bridget Galloway, who is the league's top scorer with 10 in 12 games, and Kate Barker and Georgia Gibson, who have scored seven and six respectively.

Experienced midfielder Amber Keegan-Stobbs is club captain, with Grace Donnelly regularly playing in goal.





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)**
29. **ABBY CLARKE**
30. **EMMA SIDDALL**
34. **MONIQUE ROBINSON**

LUCY WALSH

PLAYER INSIGHT

What are your first memories of football?

Being a little kid and going to the pitches with my Dad. I tried to get my sister to go with us too, but that never worked out!

What are your memories of joining Burnley?

I spoke to the manager at the time and he put his trust in me, enabling me to take a step into senior women's football from the Academy game.

Did you have any idols that you looked up to?

I'm a Manchester United fan, so I looked up to Rio Ferdinand and Nemanja Vidic.

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

As a little kid I started at centre-back, before

moving up front and later onto the wing. I've played in midfield for county clubs, too.

What's the best game you have seen live?

I remember when Marcus Rashford made his Manchester United debut against Arsenal and scored twice – the atmosphere that day was great.

There were some great games at Turf Moor last season, too, with Burnley dominating at the top of the Championship.

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

Reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Cup at U20s and U16s level with Everton.



Pos.	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Newcastle United Ladies	13	11	1	1	45	6	39	34
2	Nottingham Forest Women	13	10	0	3	42	12	30	30
3	Burnley Women	11	8	2	1	28	11	17	26
4	Liverpool Feds	12	5	3	4	22	25	-3	18
5	Wolverhampton Wanderers Women	11	5	2	4	21	13	8	17
6	Derby County Women	11	5	0	6	24	13	11	15
7	Stourbridge Ladies	14	4	3	7	23	44	-21	15
8	Stoke City Women	11	4	2	5	21	24	-3	14
9	West Bromwich Albion WFC	13	4	1	8	18	30	-12	13
10	Halifax FC Women	9	3	3	3	15	20	-5	12
11	Huddersfield Town Women	11	2	0	9	11	35	-24	6
12	AFC Fylde Women	13	0	3	10	13	50	-37	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
21 **H** AFC FYLDE
25 **A** STOKE CITY

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

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5 **H** DERBY COUNTY



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- 2 DAISY BURT
- 3 KEIRA SKELTON
- 4 AMBER-KEEGAN STOBBS
- 5 OLIVIA WATT
- 6 JODIE BARTLE
- 7 TYLER DODDS
- 8 EMMA KELLY
- 9 KATIE BARKER
- 10 GEORGIA GIBSON
- 11 KACIE ELSON
- 12 CARA MILNE-REDHEAD
- 14 SHARNA WILKINSON
- 15 HANNAH GREENWOOD
- 16 BECKY FERGUSON
- 17 ERIN NELSON
- 18 BRIDGET GALLOWAY
- 19 ANNA SOULSBY
- 20 NAOMI BEDEAU
- 21 JASMINE MCQUADE
- 22 ELYSIA BODDY
- 23 CHARLOTTE POTTS
- 25 NICKI GEARS
- 26 GRACE BOYES
- 27 HANNA REID (GK)
- 28 BETH LUMSDEN
- 72 LILIE WOODS (GK)
- 90 PAIGE BAILEY-GAYLE
- 99 LIA CATALDO

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