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**LEAGUE CHAIRMAN TO HELP CLARETS CELEBRATE
125th ANNIVERSARY**

Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney will join officials, players and supporters of Burnley Football Club at a gala dinner at Turf Moor on Friday evening to celebrate the club's 125th anniversary.

Formed in 1882, Burnley are one of The League's twelve founder members, playing their first League match in September 1888. The club has been a member of The Football League ever since.

The Clarets complete Football League playing record is 4,392 matches played, 1,696 won, 1,633 lost and 1,063 drawn. In the process, Burnley have acquired 4,884 League points. Only Wolverhampton Wanderers and Preston North have achieved more League victories.

Burnley have been Champions of The Football League on two occasions – 1920/21 and 1959/60. In 1920/21 the Clarets took the title after a 30 match unbeaten run. This remained a domestic record for unbeaten games in a single season for more than 80 years. The record was only beaten when Arsenal went undefeated for the whole of the 2003/04 season.

Football League Chairman, Lord Mawhinney said: **"This is a very proud day for one of The Football League's founder members.**

"Burnley Football Club has been a great source of pride to the people who live in the town and its surrounding area and it has made an enormous contribution to its local community.

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the club on reaching its 125th anniversary."