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Welcome to The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North fixture between Burnham FC and the current league leaders Ardley United.

Ardley have had a magnificent start to their 2024/25 season. They are currently in 1st position on 15 points from 5 games. Like us they suffered an early exit in the FA Cup. However, as well all know full well it is still early in the season and we are expecting a competitive match against them here today. Welcome Jules and the rest of the lads from the Ardley United squad.

With a defeat at home against Egham last weekend the Blues are currently in 14th position on 3 points from 3 games. We have a huge number of new players, it takes time and they really seem to be starting to gel well as a team. Full of pace and enthusiasm, we've got some talented players who know how to play entertaining football. Let's all give them lots of encouragement and get behind them today.

A quick reminder that the ComCoFL have made the use of Football Web Pages compulsory for all clubs in our league now. Live match updates including team sheets can be viewed on our X profile [@BurnhamFC1878](#) and you can follow your favourite teams and download the app to your smartphone from here – www.footballwebpages.co.uk/burnham

Our pitch side snack bar M&Ms is open for our supporters and there's a wide selection of hot and cold food and refreshments on sale.

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Thank you for coming to watch the game today. Let's play football!

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Combined Counties Football League -

Premier Division North League Table

Live Match Updates on X (Twitter)

Following trials the Combined Counties Football League has made the use of Football Web Pages compulsory for all clubs to use on match days. FWP is an online platform where supporters access fixture news and match updates via a mobile app or website. Each team has its own management area where representatives post live match updates including a **Team Sheet**. Typically it is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage live match updates.

Table, Results and Fixtures

Burnham Football Club have taken steps to ensure its club website is regularly updated and dynamically linked to the FA's website – Full Time.

Social Profiles

Burnham Football Club regularly posts updates across all social profiles throughout the week. Apart from Facebook you can find us on all the main social networks using the name @BurnhamFC1878. To find us on Facebook just search Burnham Football Club.

LinkTree




Our online profiles are all linked from here <https://linktr.ee/BurnhamFC1878>

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ardley United	5	5	0	0	14	15
2	North Greenford United	5	5	0	0	14	15
3	Amersham Town	4	4	0	0	11	12
4	Holyport	5	3	2	0	5	11
5	Virginia Water	6	3	1	2	2	10
6	Bedfont Sports	4	3	0	1	7	9
7	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	6	3	0	3	-1	9
8	British Airways	5	2	2	1	2	8
9	Egham Town	5	2	1	2	3	7
10	Milton United	6	2	1	3	-5	7
11	Harefield United	4	2	0	2	1	6
12	Wokingham Town	5	2	0	3	-4	6
13	Risborough Rangers	5	1	1	3	-5	4
14	Burnham	3	1	0	2	0	3
15	Reading City	2	1	0	1	-2	3
16	Edgware & Kingsbury	4	1	0	3	-3	3
17	Wembley	5	1	0	4	-8	3
18	Hilltop	5	1	0	4	-10	3
19	Berks County	5	0	2	3	-11	2
20	Broadfields United	5	0	0	5	-10	0

Recent Results | Burnham FC

L	24/08/24 15:00	Burnham		1 - 3		Egham Town	Premier Division North
L	13/08/24 19:30	Edgware & Kingsbury		2 - 5		Burnham	Premier Division North
L	10/08/24 15:00	Wembley		3 - 2		Burnham	Premier Division North
FAC	06/08/24 19:45	Corsham Town		2 - 0		Burnham	Emirates FA Cup
FAC	03/08/24 15:00	Burnham		3 - 3		Corsham Town	Emirates FA Cup

Upcoming Fixtures | Burnham FC

L	31/08/24 15:00	Burnham		VS		Ardley United	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)	Premier Division North
L	07/09/24 15:00	Milton United		VS		Burnham	WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK	Premier Division North
CC	10/09/24 19:45	Windsor First		VS		Burnham FC First	Windsor First	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
BSC	10/09/24 19:45	Windsor		VS		Burnham	BEACONSFIELD TOWN FC (HOLLOWAYS PARK)	Berks & Bucks Senior Cup
L	14/09/24 15:00	Amersham Town		VS		Burnham	SPRATLEYS MEADOW	Premier Division North
L	21/09/24 15:00	Burnham		VS		North Greenford United	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)	Premier Division North
Cup	25/09/24 19:45	Burnham		VS		Chipstead	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)	Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup_2024 - 2025
L	28/09/24 15:00	Hilltop		VS		Burnham	BEACONSFIELD TOWN FC (HOLLOWAYS PARK)	Premier Division North

Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North & FA Cup - Latest

L	27/08/24 19:45	Egham Town		0 - 1		Bedfont Sports	Premier Division North
L	27/08/24 19:45	Virginia Water		2 - 3		Wokingham Town	Premier Division North
L	27/08/24 19:45	Wembley		1 - 2		British Airways	Premier Division North
L	26/08/24 13:00	North Greenford United		3 - 1 (HT 3-0)		Edgware & Kingsbury	Premier Division North
L	26/08/24 11:30	Ardley United		2 - 0		Milton United	Premier Division North
L	26/08/24 11:30	Broadfields United		3 - 4		Amersham Town	Premier Division North
L	26/08/24 11:30	Holyport		3 - 0		Hilltop	Premier Division North
L	26/08/24 11:30	Wallingford & Crowmarsh		1 - 0		Risborough Rangers	Premier Division North



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, Burnham Football Club is the second oldest club Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948. We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season (1970/71) in the Reading Combination. In 1971 the club was elected to the Hellenic League. Winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975/76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup too.

In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984. We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984/85. Winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup.

The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC, who had lost their ground and were about to fold. We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon FC and reverted back to the former name of Burnham FC in 1987. Season 1994/95 saw us finish bottom. Resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.

After 3 seasons in the Hellenic League, finishing fifth, third and again third in 1998/99. the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. Therefore, gaining promotion back to the Southern Football League. The 2006/07 season saw us achieve our highest league position. Finishing 3rd and thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi-final. Unfortunately losing to the eventual winners – Swindon Supermarine.

The 2012-2013 season was, without doubt, the most successful in the football club's history. The First Team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship. Earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League), while our Reserves won the UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking. Earning promotion to Division One East where they came up against the First Teams of many of the previous season's opposition.

CUP COMPETITION HISTORY

In cup competitions Burnham reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 1977/78 and then went one better in reaching the Semi Final in 1982/83. Losing 4-2 over two legs to Halesowen Town. The clubs record attendance of 2400 was achieved in the home leg. We have twice reached the Third Qualifying round of the FA Cup and in 2005/06 we reached the First Round Proper for the first time ever, before losing at home to Aldershot Town. In the F.A.Trophy we reached the Fourth Round (the last 16) in 1999/2000. Before losing to Scarborough in a replay after a creditable 1-1 draw at The Gore. In the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup we reached the Semi Final twice before losing on both occasions to Chesham United.

On the 22nd May 2024 the blues were successful in beating Virginia Water 2-1 at the Racecourse Ground (Ascot United) and won the 2023/24 Combined Counties Football League / Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup, aka the League Cup.

AND NOW...

Burnham FC now play in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League North. During the Covid-19 pandemic the renamed 1878 stadium and its facilities have undergone a major refurbishment programme. Providing the new chairman, Glenn Skivington, with the chance to achieve one of his key objectives of building closer links with local clubs and the local community. We now have more teams, more clubs and more leagues enjoying the state of the art 3G pitch which was completed in July 2021. Going forward Burnham Football Club will continue to develop as a local sports facility. Creating a pathway for young players, whether they want to play professionally or build a career within the sports industry.

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History of Ardley United FC

Ardley United were formed in 1945 just after the end of the Second World War. In the early years, the club plied its trade in the Lord Jersey FA and played on a pitch which was situated close to the railway line on the Oxford Road. The 1950's and '60's were successful for the club as they won both league titles and cups; most notably the Oxfordshire Junior Shield on three occasions as well as many other trophies. The acquisition of the current Playing Field site in the mid-60's enabled the club to move into the heart of the village, and a number of volunteers led by life-long supporter Doug Hodges built modest changing rooms.

Ardley continued to compete in the Jersey League throughout the 70's and early 80's without much success but this was to change in the mid-'80's with the arrival of Norman Stacey as chairman. In 1988 the club were promoted to the Oxfordshire Senior League and won the Division One title at the first attempt, following this up with the Premier Division title the following season. Accepting a place in the Hellenic League for the 1993/4 season, Ardley spent six seasons in the 'old' Division One winning it in both 1996/7 and 1997/8 as well as winning the Division 1 Cup for a record four consecutive seasons before it was merged with the Premier Division Cup to become the Challenge Cup that we know today. The manager during those years was ex-Oxford United leading scorer Peter Foley and he was to be the first in a line of managers to keep Ardley at the forefront; they were Paul Spittle, Paul Berry, Dan Still and Kevin Brock.

Major change was to come in the early 2000's as, along with the Ardley Playing Field Committee, Ardley United oversaw the construction of dedicated facilities, along with a separate village hall, which enabled the club to be independent of community activities. The new clubhouse, which had been awarded the Non-League Paper's Hungerford Cup for most-improved facilities, allowed the club to be promoted to the Hellenic Premier Division and so began the club's most successful years to date.

Kevin Brock took the reins for seven seasons which saw Ardley win several cups, including the Oxfordshire Senior Cup in 2013/14, a season during which they narrowly lost out on the Premier Division title by just two points. Following Brock's departure, Paul Davis took over as manager for nearly two seasons until the resignation of long-time chairman, Norman Stacey in June 2017, due to personal reasons.

Ian Feaver took over the role of Chairman and appointed Craig Adey as First Team Manager. A decision to be voluntarily relegated to UHlsport Hellenic League Division One West gave everyone some breathing space to adjust to the new regime.

Craig brought with him a talented squad of players and they won the Division title and gaining promotion back to the Premier Division at the first time of asking. The 2018/2019 season had its ups and downs, however, the team finished on a high winning the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup.

During the interrupted period due to covid, we made the most of the opportunity to gain more support from people in the village and created a strong and vibrant community club off the pitch. We now have committees, with a social committee, a football committee, a commercial committee, and our exec committee, who are all helping steer the club to new heights.

Our aim is to progress on the pitch and as a result the club appointed Julian McCalmon as our first team manager. Jules had been a great player for Ardley United many years ago and then went on to achieve great success as a manager at Kidlington Football Club.

Due to the regional changes at Step 5, after 28 years of playing in the Hellenic League, we moved to the Spartan South Midlands Football League, which required far less travelling for us. However, the new 2023/24 season has allowed us to move into the Combined Counties Premier League – North Division and, moving forward, our goal is to achieve Southern League football, and as a club we will do all we can to support Jules, his management team and his players in achieving this.



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Blues Talk – When does ‘banter’ become bullying?

Opinion article for Blues Talk by Olivia Phantis – football fan, guest writer and friend of Burnham FC – 01/09/2022

Social media has become such a huge part of our lives so quickly that for most of us, it's hard to imagine your day without it. Many football fans use it to keep up to date with their favourite clubs and players. Footballers have mostly embraced it, although many have PR agencies and publicists managing their accounts. Although this can make them a bit disconnected from their fanbase, it is a good way to control their image and ultimately make sure they stick to what they're paid for: football.

Social media highlights the divisiveness in almost every aspect of society, and sport is no different. While there is nothing wrong with 'banter' on Twitter, it can very quickly turn ugly and devolve into vicious bullying. When Bukayo Saka missed the deciding penalty in the final of the 2020 European Championships, he received thousands of abusive Tweets, many of which were racially motivated. This is, of course, another nasty and unacceptable side of social media that never seems to be adequately addressed by social media companies. Offenders are starting to be prosecuted for this, with multiple reports of people being jailed for racially abusing Saka, as well as Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho, who also missed penalties in the shootout.

There was a recent report looking into the amount of abuse received by footballers in the 2021-22 season. This report found that 8 out of the 10 most abused players in the first five months of the season played for [Manchester United](#). This coincided with a poor season (by their standards), so one could assume that Manchester United fans were abusing their own players, although it would be difficult to prove this definitively. It also found that "around one in 12 abusive tweets targeted a victim's protected characteristic, such as their race or gender".

Although this report did not look into abuse suffered by players in the [Women's Super League](#), it is very apparent when you scroll through Twitter that they are also a target. However, it seems to be more generalised abuse instead of specific abuse, as most of the people who get angry about women's football don't actually watch the games, so don't really know the players. This is especially ludicrous when England Women won the European Championships in 2022, so should be celebrated for their achievements. However, they're openly mocked for not being at the 'same level' as their male counterparts, which is also ridiculous in itself.

Every club's fans are guilty of abuse on social media, whether it be to their player, a player from another club or their manager during a tricky spell. It can be easy to forget that they are people too, and not just a figure on the television screen or 20 metres away on a football pitch. Abuse is not tolerated in stadiums, and perpetrators are identified and banned where necessary, but social media companies seem to be miles behind where they should be when it comes to holding users accountable. As these platforms continue to grow, you would hope that they would implement new measures in the near future to make social media a better experience for everyone.

To read more opinion and discussion articles visit www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/blues-talk

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- ✗ Throwing objects
- ✗ Drug use
- ✗ Discriminatory behaviour
- ✗ Football tragedy Abuse

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-  Serious injury
-  Automatic club ban
-  Reported to the police
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-  Stadium ban and criminal prosecution

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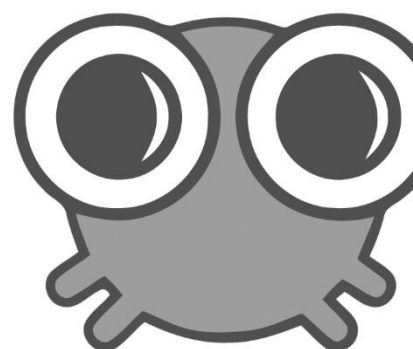
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