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Reading City FC

Saturday 12th October 2024, KO 3pm

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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 with our friends at Reading City.

Reading City are currently sitting in 14th place in the table with 11 points from 8 games. Thanks largely to Pele Hagger who has scored 4 league goals for the citizens already this season. Burnham are just above in 11th place. With 13 points from 9 games. Both teams love to play entertaining football and both managers will be keen to add to their squads tally this afternoon, of that we can be certain.

Burnham's next match is away **on Tuesday evening** in the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup down the A4 at Woodley United, KO 7:45pm.

Then, if you're not aware already, our next home game is the FA Vase 1st Round Proper **on Sunday 20th October, KO 2:30pm** and we welcome Premier Sports Southern Combination Football League Premier Division Eastbourne United to The 1878 Stadium for that one.

If you fancy something a bit different then come along and give our Burnham FC U18s, managed by Tom Guy, a cheer as they take on Thatcham Town in a fast-paced Applied Counties Youth League fixture here at The 1878 Stadium, KO 7:45pm. There's lots coming up, so take a look at our online [Stadium Calendar](#) for who, and when.

For now though our pitch side snack bar M&Ms is open for today's supporters and there's a wide selection of hot and cold food and refreshments on sale. Check out our [Match Day Info](#) page for more too.

Thank you for coming to watch the game this afternoon.

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	Egham Town	14	8	4	2	25	28
2	North Greenford United	13	8	2	3	17	26
3	Holyport	11	6	4	1	10	22
4	Amersham Town	8	6	1	1	10	19
5	Ardley United	11	6	0	5	2	18
6	Hilltop	14	5	2	7	-11	17
7	Wembley	11	5	1	5	-3	16
8	Milton United	11	4	4	3	-3	16
9	Virginia Water	11	4	3	4	1	15
10	Bedfont Sports	10	4	2	4	7	14
11	Burnham	9	4	1	4	4	13
12	British Airways	9	3	4	2	0	13
13	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	10	4	0	6	-4	12
14	Reading City	8	3	2	3	-2	11
15	Risborough Rangers	10	2	5	3	-2	11
16	Harefield United	8	3	1	4	-3	10
17	Wokingham Town	11	3	1	7	-9	10
18	Broadfields United	10	2	2	6	-10	8
19	Berks County	11	2	2	7	-18	8
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	10	2	1	7	-11	7
























Recent Results | Burnham FC

PDN	05/10/24	15:00	Holyport 	3 - 0		Burnham
PDN	01/10/24	19:30	Amersham Town 	2 - 1		Burnham
PDN	28/09/24	15:00	Hilltop 	0 - 4		Burnham
PRC	25/09/24	19:45	Burnham 	1 - 1 (Pens 5-4)		Chipstead
PDN	21/09/24	15:00	Burnham 	1 - 0		North Greenford United
CC	10/09/24	19:45	Windsor 	4 - 2		Burnham

Upcoming Fixtures | Burnham FC

PDN	12/10/24	15:00	Burnham 	VS		Reading City	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)
PRC	15/10/24	19:45	Woodley United 	VS		Burnham	READING CITY FC
FAV	20/10/24	14:30	Burnham 	VS		Eastbourne United	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)
PDN	23/10/24	19:45	Burnham 	VS		Virginia Water	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)
PDN	26/10/24	15:00	Burnham 	VS		Broadfields United	THE 1878 STADIUM (BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB)

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

CC	08/10/24	19:45	Holyport 	2 - 1		Sandhurst Town	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
CC	08/10/24	19:45	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 	Postponed P - P		Windsor & Eton	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
CC	08/10/24	19:45	Wantage Town FC Mens First 	Postponed P - P		Milton United	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
CC	08/10/24	19:45	Windsor 	0 - 3 (HT 0-2)		Berks County	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
CC	08/10/24	19:45	Winslow United First 	Postponed P - P		Amersham Town	BBFA Senior Cup 2024 - 2025
BBSC	08/10/24	19:45	Holyport 	2 - 1		Sandhurst Town	Berks & Bucks Senior Cup
BBSC	08/10/24	19:45	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 	Postponed P - P		Windsor & Eton	Berks & Bucks Senior Cup
BBSC	08/10/24	19:45	Wantage Town 	Postponed P - P		Milton United	Berks & Bucks Senior Cup
MSCC	08/10/24	19:45	British Airways 	Postponed P - P		Southall First	Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup
MSCC	08/10/24	19:45	Broadfields United 	0 - 3		Bedfont Sports	Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup
MSCC	08/10/24	19:45	Uxbridge 	4 - 1		Edgware & Kingsbury	Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup
MSCC	08/10/24	19:30	Harefield United 	Postponed P - P		Hilltop	Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup



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 Reading City FC

Reading City Football Club may have been established in 2018, but the story began many, many years before. Delve into our history and learn of the success and setbacks and find out how we became a non-league football club the whole town can be proud to be associated with as we embark the latest chapter of our rich history.

Why the name Reading City?

We often get asked why we are called Reading City when Reading is not a city yet. We chose the name of Reading City rather than Reading Town to preserve the history of Reading Town who sadly dissolved in 2016, but also to preserve the history of Highmoor and Highmoor Ibis, so rather than writing over their history people can see how each of these local clubs fed into Reading City, as we're now known. We also wanted a name that better reflected the area that we served as here at Reading City Football Club we pride ourselves on being at the heart of the local community.

The Highmoor Ibis Years

As the club progressed through the divisions and into the Reading Senior League (now Thames Valley Premier League), they outgrew their original home in Highmoor and in 2001 proposed a merger with Ibis Football Club based at the Ibis Club (now The Atrium Health Club) in Scours Lane, Reading next to our current home the Rivermoor. The Ibis FC was formed in 1913 and is the sports and social club of Prudential Assurance Company. The Ibis name some say because many rowing clubs took the names of waterfowl. Others believe it derived from the cry Come on the Ibis which habitually drowned out the supporters of the OBs in departmental team events. (IB standing for the Industrial Branch and OB standing for the Ordinary Branch of the Prudential).

Since 2001 the club has achieved various successes including winning the Reading Senior League (now Thames Valley Premier League), twice, Maidenhead Norfolkian Senior Cup, BTC Intermediate and Senior Cups, and Reading Invitation Challenge Cup Senior as well as the A team winning league and cup competitions. View our Club Honours.

The 2003/04 season saw the club be crowned winners of the Reading League Senior Division (now Thames Valley Premier League) without losing a match but sadly because facilities at Scours Lane didn't meet the Hellenic League ground requirements and had no alternative pitch, we were unable to accept the promotion and would therefore stay in the Reading League Senior Division (now Thames Valley Premier League). In 2005/06 the club won the Reading Senior Cup in 2005–06, beating Woodley Town 4–1 in the final at the Madejski Stadium. After finishing as runners-up in 2006–07 and 2008–09, Highmoor were champions of the Reading League Senior Division again in 2010–11 earning us promotion to Division One East of the Hellenic League.

Move to Palmer Park

Since becoming Highmoor Ibis, our home games were played at the Ibis Club (now The Atrium Health Club), but following promotion to the Hellenic League Division One East in 2011 an opportunity we weren't going to miss, after having had to turn down a promotion in 2004 as we didn't meet the Hellenic League ground requirements due to not have a stand or floodlights. Having secured a lease at the Palmer Park Stadium, a general use stadium including a 780-seater stand and athletics track around the pitch in East Reading we were able to move up to the Hellenic Football League.

The Hellenic Years

The 2011/12 saw us competing in the Hellenic League for the first time in our clubs rich history and what a fantastic inaugural season we had, not only did we secure promotion to the Hellenic Football League Premier Division having finished runners up to Newbury, we were also runners up in the Hellenic League's Supplementary Cup and the Reading Invitation Challenge Senior Cup. At the end of the 2014/15 season, we finished as runners up to Flackwell Heath in the Hellenic League Premier Division and remained in the league until the end of the 2020/21 Season.

FA Cup

We first entered the 'The Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) which is the world's oldest association football single knockout competition in the 2013/14 Season, which marked the 133rd anniversary of the tournament's existence and saw us reach the First Round Qualifying. We have competed in this illustrious tournament ever since. The 2023/24 Campaign is seeing the club have its best FA Cup run.

FA Vase

We first entered the 'The Football Association Challenge Vase' (FA Vase) in the 2012/13 Season and have competed in the tournament ever since. Our best achievement to date in the Football Association Challenge Vase is reaching the First Round Proper in the 2013/14 Season, 2014/15 Season, 2015/16 Season, 2016/17 Season & 2020/21 Season.



History of Reading City FC - Continued

Move to the Rivermoor

In 2016 the club moved from Palmer Park Stadium bringing an end to five years spent in East Reading to come back West Reading where we last played in 2011 and took up residence at our current home in Scours Lane which was renamed as the Rivermoor as part of our relocation. The move to West Reading came about as a result of the sad demise of Reading Town who previously occupied the ground. Reading Town were sadly dissolved in 2016 after 50 years of serving the community of Reading, we're now proud to pick up that baton.

The Rivermoor is now the hub of the community, where we proudly have ground sharing agreements with Woodley United and Sister Club Tilehurst Panthers as well as playing host various footballing events throughout the football season. Since 2016 we have also been working hard to improve the facilities at the Rivermoor and picked up the coveted 2018/19 Berkshire Football Award for best ground, an award we are very proud of.

How did the Rivermoor get its name?

The Rivermoor gets its name from its location close to the River Thames (River) and the club's former name Highmoor (Moor).

Our Chairman Martin Law revealed to Football in Berkshire in April 2020 that "he believes that whatever you have done in life is your history, and you should never lose your history as it's made you what you are today, whether it's good, bad, or indifferent as part of that has helped you on your journey.

One of the things about the Rivermoor is that it is taking the fact we are near the River, so you have got the Thames and it was taking the end of the Moor, the Highmoor. Martin told them that whenever he says the Rivermoor it brings back his memories of what we achieved in our years as Highmoor, where we went with Highmoor, where we came from, what we went through, the great times we had, all the players that have gone through and all the people that have helped. Martin says the Moor bit reminds him of that and the River is we're now by the River and moving on, so it was something very simple but to me it actually means something.

When changing our name to Reading City Football Club we kept the ground name as the Rivermoor in a nod to our history as Highmoor and Highmoor Ibis."

Reading City Years

In the summer of 2018, we took the difficult decision to rebrand from Highmoor Ibis to Reading City. The rebrand ended a long chapter of success and setbacks with the intent of becoming a non-league club the whole town can be proud to be associated with. Our ambition as a club is to become the football club that everybody under Reading Football Club wants to aspire to play for and be involved in.

When interviewed in 2018 about the name change, Club Chairman Martin Law told the Reading Chronicle "With every organisation you have to have commercial branding associated with your location". Since then we have worked tirelessly to ensure the brand is well recognised within the local community, the hard work paid off as the club won the coveted 2018/19 Berkshire Football Award for Best Social Media and Website.

Combined Counties Years

The Football Association laterally moved us to the newly formed Combined Counties League Premier Division North as part of their overhaul of the National League System.

Reading City made history by kicking the first-ever ball in the brand-new Combined Counties League Premier Division North against Southall FC, here at the Rivermoor on the 31st July 2021 with a 3-1 win. In our inaugural Combined Counties Football League season, we reached the semi-final of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.



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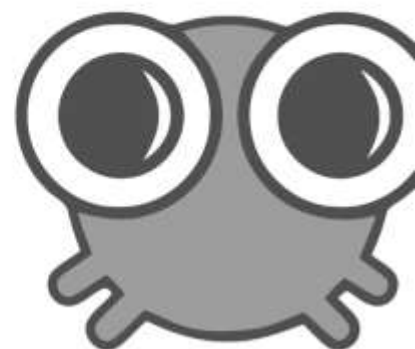
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