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Official Match Day Programme



British Airways FC

Wednesday 11th December 2024, KO 7:45pm

Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North



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A warm welcome from Burnham Football Club

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North fixture between Burnham and our friends from British Airways FC.

British Airways sit in 9th position in the league table on 26 points from 18 games so far this season. New to this division they have quality in their squad. Always dangerous on the break they like to play attacking football and entertain the crowd.

The Blues are in 12th position in the Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North with 24 points from 16 games. Back in November we came away with all 3 points away at their ground. With goals from Mo Ihid, Nathan Mampono, Zak Otoo and Bright Siaw to make it 0 – 4 to Burnham on the day. I'm sure we're all looking forward to a great game of non-league football here at The 1878 Stadium this evening.

If this is your first visit, there is plenty of free parking available within the ground if everyone parks sensibly and close enough to the next vehicle. Please be careful not to restrict the flow of traffic or block driveways if you do park outside the ground and always keep valuables safely out of sight, on your person or better still leave them at home.

If you arrive early for tonight's game The Blues Bar will be open from 5:30pm and as usual we will open our turnstiles approx. 45 minutes before kick-off. Just so you are aware, it is cash only at our turnstiles, cash and cards are accepted everywhere else.

Our pitch side snack bar, M&Ms, is open for supporters this evening and there's a wide selection of hot and cold food and refreshments on sale including burgers, hotdogs and cheesy chips, plus a great selection of beers, barista coffees and hot chocolate.

Match updates including teams and goal scorers will be available on our **X** and **BlueSky** profiles as part of our responsibility to the league and Football Web Pages. If you want to follow us on our socials then just search [@BurnhamFC1878](https://twitter.com/BurnhamFC1878)

Reminder, this is a free interactive match day programme. Which means that tapping the links and certain images will open new pages on your web browser to provide further information.

Thank you for coming to watch this evening. Enjoy the game everyone.

Paul Butler

Burnham Football Club

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Recent Results | Burnham FC

FAV	07/12/2024	Epsom & Ewell	P - P	BURNHAM FC	ISUZU FA Vase
PDN	30/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	1 - 4	Harefield United	Premier Division North
PDN	23/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	3 - 0	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Premier Division North
PDN	16/11/2024	Risborough Rangers	1 - 0	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
FAV	09/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	1 - 0	Cobham	ISUZU FA Vase
PDN	02/11/2024	British Airways	0 - 4	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	26/10/2024	BURNHAMFC	1 - 1	Broadfields United	Premier Division North
PDN	23/10/2024	BURNHAMFC	2 - 2	Virginia Water	Premier Division North
FAV	20/10/2024	BURNHAM FC	0 - 0	Eastbourne United	ISUZU FA Vase (Pens 5-3)
PCC	15/10/2024	Woodley United	1 - 1	BURNHAM FC	Premier Challenge Cup
PDN	12/10/2024	BURNHAM FC	2 - 1	Reading City	Premier Division North

Upcoming Fixtures | Burnham FC *(Subject to change)*

PDN	11/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	V	British Airways	7:45pm	Premier Division North
PDN	14/12/2024	Bedfont Sports	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	18/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	V	Holyport	7:45pm	Premier Division North
PDN	21/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	V	Wembley	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	28/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	V	Berks County	3pm	Premier Division North
January 2025						
PDN	04/01/2025	Ardley United	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	08/01/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Risborough Rangers	7:45pm	Premier Division North
PDN	11/01/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Amersham Town	3pm	Premier Division North
PCC	15/01/2025	Ardley United	V	BURNHAM FC	7:45pm	Premier Challenge Cup
PDN	18/01/2025	Wokingham Town	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	25/01/2025	Egham Town	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North

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.

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Egham Town	21	14	5	2	54	47
2	Amersham Town	20	13	3	4	27	42
3	Bedfont Sports	20	12	3	5	30	39
4	North Greenford United	21	12	3	6	25	39
5	Holyport	21	9	6	6	6	33
6	Virginia Water	22	9	5	8	2	32
7	Ardley United	21	10	2	9	-1	32
8	Harefield United	16	9	2	5	7	29
9	British Airways	18	7	5	6	-3	26
10	Hilltop	23	8	2	13	-30	26
11	Milton United	17	7	4	6	3	25
12	Burnham	16	7	3	6	8	24
13	Wokingham Town	20	7	2	11	-14	23
14	Reading City	16	6	3	7	-6	21
15	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	21	6	3	12	-12	21
16	Broadfields United	19	5	5	9	-15	20
17	Berks County	21	6	2	13	-27	20
18	Wembley	20	6	1	13	-16	19
19	Risborough Rangers	19	3	9	7	-16	18
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	18	4	2	12	-22	14



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 brought 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 British Airways FC

The current British Airways Football Club's history can be traced back to the BOAC Speedbird Club (Concorde Club) and the BEA Silver Wing Club (Trident Club). The BEA club was formed in 1947 and was based at Northolt and the BOAC Speedbird Club was formed around 1957 although no concrete evidence can be found as to when the club was originally formed. Both clubs changed their names to British Airways Clubs in 1974 when all UK airlines were merged to become British Airways. The Concorde Club was sold in 2015 to Imperial College who subsequently sold the site to Queens Park Rangers Football Club who have re-developed the site into their main elite squad training ground.

Some interesting information found recently in a Middlesex League Handbook from 1968-1969 says about the BEA team 'Founded in 1947, first competed in the West London League, then admitted to the Great Western Combination in 1949, they won the Second Div. in 1952 & 1953. And the Reserve section in 1956/1957 along with the BEA Cup in 1956. Have excellent ground and dressing room conditions, and a club membership of 2000.' The BA Club at Northolt was sold in 1980 to Ameretto's County Club and the Club administration and all the sporting activities were transferred to the Concorde Club at Cranford. Out of the merger came four Saturday teams that played in the London Commercial League and four Mid-Week teams play in the London Airport League, one team played in the Harrow and District League. There was also a Sunday Team that played in the Hayes & District Sunday League and a Sunday Vets team which played vets matches on Sunday mornings. The Vets Team also had a regular yearly match against the TV Commentators that included John Motson, Jim Rosentale, Martin Tyler to mention just a few of the personalities who played in these games.

During the noughties British Airways Football Section also had 2 Women's teams competing in a local Women's League.

The Saturday 1st team have a very impressive record in Middlesex County Cup competitions winning the MCFA Premier Cup in 1996 and achieving an unprecedented hat trick, winning the MCFA Intermediate Cup on three consecutive occasions between 2003-05. A current record to note is that the BA Saturday 1st Team have won the Intermediate Cup on 9 occasions the most in MCFA history. Our Mid-Week Teams drawn from our Pilots, Stewards, and Customer Service staff have all been successful in winning trophies in the London Airport League during this period. So sad that this League is no longer operating. Over the years teams representing British Airways have also won the Middx Mid-Week Cup. Some of our other team's history: Saturday 2nd team finished runners-up in the MCFA Junior Cup in 2004-05 and the MCFA Junior Trophy has also been won by the 3rd Team in 2001-02. London Commercial League Divisional titles have been won by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th teams during this period as well as the Commercial League Senior Cup. The Saturday 1st team won Div One of the London Commercial League on 9 occasions between 2000-2012. They moved the Middx County Football League in 2012 winning the Div One title in their first year. The team won the title again in 2017-18 and gained promotion to Div One of the Combined Counties Football League. In 2023-24 the team finished runners up to Amersham Town and were promoted to the Premier Div North. As with most adult football at the Junior level (step 7) the interest in 11 aside football has declined to the extent that by the start of the 22-23 season British Airways Football FC had reduced to just 1 adult team down from 11 teams 12 years ago.

Some of you may remember the old London Commercial League that at one time had at least 10 divisions with 10 teams in each division that has all gone now. How about the Mid-Week Hanwell and District League and Airport League, all gone, also the demise of the West Middlesex Sunday League. What a sad situation when this great game of ours can't attract the players or finance required to redress this decline. However, the Sat 1st team have remained strong and continue to compete at a high level and as we now prepare to start playing at step 5 for the 1st time in the Combined Counties Premier Div North and also moving to a new ground share with Spelthorne Sports Club not to mention competing in the FA Cup we are very excited by the new season in front of us, so best wishes to our excellent management team of Jason Owens, Rob Pearce and Gabs Joseph and of course our young and exciting squad of players.

Club Honours

- Middlesex County Premier Cup Winners • 1996/97
- Middlesex County Intermediate Cup Winners • 1986/87, 1988/89, 1991/92, 2002/03, 2003/04 and 2004/05
- Middlesex County Junior Cup Winners • 1969/70 (BOAC Speedbird), 1973/74 (BEA London), 1975/76 (BA Silver Wing Club), 1977/78 (BA Silver Wing Club) and 2015/16 (BA Speedbird)
- Middlesex County Junior Trophy Winners • 2001/02 (British Airways III)
- London Commercial League - Division One Winners • 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2011/12
- Middlesex County Football League – Premier Division Winners • 2012/13 and 2017/18 (promoted to Step 6)
- Combined Counties Football League – Division One • 2023/24 (R/U promoted to Step 5)



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We welcome visitors to the 1878 Stadium on a regular basis. For some it's a frequent return and for others it's their first time to the ground. The following information provides some useful guidance with links for more information.

The 1878 Stadium

Maximum capacity 2,500 including covered seating for 300 in the main stand. There is also a small covered section on the far side of the pitch with standing room only. Supporters can watch from the concrete path behind the fencing which surrounds the artificial 3G surface. Supporters are not allowed on the pitch and pitch invasions are not permitted.

Travel

Burnham Football Club - The 1878 Stadium, Wymers Wood Rd, Burnham, Slough SL1 8JG

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If you're travelling by car, coach or train – [Directions here](#)

Burnham Railway Station (Elizabeth Line), buses Nos 5, 12, 53 and 702. It's a 1.7mile/ 30 mins walk to Burnham Football Club. There are local taxi firms and hotels listed on our useful links page: [Local Taxis](#)

Parking

There are approximately 100 free parking spaces at the 1878 Stadium. However, with players and management attending you may be required to park off site. If you do then please be park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Parking is offered on a first come first served basis. It takes approx 10-15 minutes to walk to the 1878 Stadium from Burnham Village High Street. Therefore, please park sensibly, walk or car share if possible.

Please DO NOT park in spaces reserved for Burnham FC Management or in front of the double gates which lead onto the pitch. These gates are to allow access for the emergency services during training and on match days. There is also [wheelchair access](#) to the ground, with access to toilets both inside the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#) and within the Stadium itself.

The Blues Bar and Cafe

Live matches on Sky and TNT (BT Sport) are available to watch while you relax and enjoy the club's main bar and social space. Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks are available, cash and card payments accepted. [The Blues Bar and Cafe](#) is also available for hire, please use the form provided if you would like to learn more and check availability.

Admission

Please check our [social profiles](#) prior to match days. Admission prices differ depending on who is playing and whether it is a league or cup fixture. As an example, admission prices for all Burnham FC LEAGUE MATCHES are as follows:

ADULTS £8

CONCESSIONS (65+) £5

UNDER 16S – FREE ADMISSION

PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED AT THE TURNSTILES. Both cash and cards are accepted in the main bar and pitch side snack bar.

Refreshments and Food

Teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages can be purchased before and during the game from the Stadium Cafe hatch just inside the turnstiles. You can also purchase confectionery and hot food there too – Cash and card payments are accepted. *Only drinks purchased from the premises can be consumed on the premises – Plastic containers only within the stadium.*

[Toilets available](#) outside at the end of the stadium and inside the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#).

Please be aware:

- Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.
- Dogs are allowed in the stadium, however, they must be kept on a lead at all times.
- No flares or fireworks allowed.
- No smoking in the stands.

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Thank you.



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If you arrive early, for whatever reason, no problem. You can wait in the Blues Bar or in the outside seating area until your allocated start time. We also ask you to allow enough time before your paid session ends for the hand over. Once you have finished your match why not grab some refreshments from the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#) before leaving The 1878 Stadium. Further information: [What's the difference between 3G and 4G?](#)

Pitch dimensions

115 yards by 75 yards. The distance of pitch from the dressing rooms is 5 meters.

Important information for players, managers and spectators

We have VERY strict rules regarding permitted footwear when anyone enters the pitch enclosure. Rules that apply to players, those in the dugouts and supporters who, for example, want to take photos. Please read – [Permitted Footwear at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club](#)

For the benefit of the players

We want people to enjoy their time at The 1878 Stadium. If for any reason you forget to bring your boots or Astros, there is a selection of boots in various sizes you can borrow while you are here. Just ask a staff member at pitch side hatch for help.

Sitting or laying on the pitch (unless genuinely injured), wearing flat shoes, trainers, sliders, socks or bear feet has the effect of ironing the grass fibres. Flattening the surface damages the complex water drainage system, causing waterlogging and dramatically reducing the life expectancy of the artificial pitch. Socks only, bear feet, shoes, trainers or sliders with flat soles are NOT permitted – No Excuses! Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated. If you want to learn why, [click here](#)

Please be aware:

- All teams are asked to share permitted footwear guidance prior to match day.
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