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Slimbridge AFC

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A warm welcome from Burnham FC

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie with today's visitors Slimbridge AFC.

Slimbridge AFC, arrive after winning promotion from the Hellenic League Premier Division last season with a dramatic 3–2 victory over Tuffley Rovers. The clubs have met only once before, in this cup competition, with Burnham progressing on penalties after two 1–1 draws, first away then at home, in August 2019.

Following the first two league games of the new season Mo and Omz Bakali believe they have the squad ready for today's challenge. Please get behind the lads and help create another fantastic atmosphere.

Over the past few seasons, supporters have enjoyed match highlights appearing online shortly after the final whistle. While we'll continue to share those moments, our focus this season is to encourage more people to experience Burnham FC live. We've shown we play exciting football—now we want even more supporters to enjoy the atmosphere of a matchday and get behind the team in person.

Free parking is available inside the ground, with additional parking nearby. Please park considerately if using local roads. Turnstiles open approximately 45 minutes before kick-off, while **The Blues Bar & Café** will be showing live Sky Sports and TNT Sports throughout the day.

Hot and cold food and refreshments are available during the match, and toilet facilities can be found in the main bar and at the far end of the main stand. Please note that the main bar is only accessible from the stadium at half-time.

Match updates will be shared on our X profile and Football Web Pages. Follow us @BurnhamFC1878 to keep up with all the action. Our next league game is away at Norwood on Tuesday 11th August.

Thank you for your continued support, enjoy this afternoon's game.

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The 1878 Stadium
Maximum capacity 2,500 including covered seating for 300 in the main stand. There is also a small, covered stand and a concrete path around the 3G pitch. 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 are travelling by car, coach or train – Directions here (on our website)

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
Approximately 100 free parking spaces at the ground. If you park outside the ground please park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Alternative Car Parks (10-minute walk)

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- Jennery Lane Car Park **SL1 8BX -** 60 spaces, £1.80 for 2 hours (max stay 2 hours)

Info regarding wheelchair access. Please contact the club before match day if you require a blue badge parking space.

The Blues Bar and Cafe
Live football on TV in the club's main bar. Hot and cold refreshments are available, cash and card payments accepted. The Blues Bar and Cafe is also available for hire, please enquire via the club's website for prices and availability.

Admission
Please check our **social profiles** prior to match days. Admission prices:

ADULTS £10 (£TBC FA CUP & FA VASE) / CONCESSIONS (65+) £5 / UNDER 18S FREE ADMISSION

Refreshments and Food
Hot and cold food and refreshments including alcohol can be purchased during the game from the hatch just inside the turnstiles. Only drinks purchased from the premisses can be consumed on the premisses – Plastic containers only within the stadium – Strictly NO GLASS

Toilets available at the end of the main stand 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.
- No pitch invasions.
- No musical instruments.

Source: https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/matchdays-at-burnham-football-club/

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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Brief history of Slimbridge AFC

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season, when the team were playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002-03.

For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League. By the end of the second World War in 1945, the club were playing in a field just off Moorend Lane, which was sold for housing redevelopment, and which eventually became Tyning Crescent in the village. Therefore, in 1950, they moved just over the other side of Moorend Lane to a pitch in a field on Fishers Farm, with their changing rooms being sited a couple of fields away at the Village Hall.

This upheaval off the pitch did not seem to disturb the footballing side, with the first team winning Stroud League Division Three in 1951-52 (Along with the Gloucestershire Minor County Cup), Division Two in 1952-53, and Division One in the 1953-54 season in an early purple period for the club.

The Fishers Farm site was also sold for housing development a few years later, so between 1950 and 1958, they were forced to move three times. From Fishers Farm, they moved to a pitch alongside the River Cam behind the George Pub in Cambridge, and the nearby White Lion Pub became a de-facto Clubhouse for Club meetings. It was at the White Lion that the deeds to our current ground were formally handed over to the club in 1960.

The pitch behind The George was the site of some legendary Boxing Day tussles, when the First Team and Reserves played a Tug of War on either side of the River Cam. The great football tradition of leaving fishing nets on the side of the pitch to retrieve stray balls from the river was also part and parcel of those years. You can still visit this site, although nowadays it is part of a campsite situated behind the pub.

The current ground at Wisloe Road (Now renamed as Thornhill Park) became the club's third home in the 1950's when they moved there in 1958. It subsequently became the legal property of the club after former player, and ex-Chairman of the club, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed the land to the Club in his Will, with the Club becoming legal owners in 1960 having played the previous two seasons at what would become their permanent home. It was to prove an incredibly valuable treasure in future years. Evi had purchased the two fields upon which the club and the industrial estate next door are now situated for £600. The reserve team continued to play on the Field behind the Slimbridge British Legion during the mid 1960's.

The modern history of the club really starts nearly thirty years after they acquired the Wisloe Road pitch. In 1988 a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor, and the following season joined by Paul Chappell, started to move the club forward. Construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed. Paul Chappell was to remain a vital part of the club until his retirement from his duties in 2020 and still remains a regular visitor to the club.

As playing standards improved, 2000 saw the completion of the building of a long-awaited Social Club in an area of the ground that in its old life had housed a cowshed. John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, joined the club as Chairman, and he also remains a committed supporter of the club to this day as Club President. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager, and the club began a period of upward momentum.

The team achieved a Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League and were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven-point margin in 2002/03. A creditable fourth place finish was achieved in the Hellenic Premier League in 2003/04. In a marvellous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy. Floodlights arrived at the ground in the summer of 2003. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural game under lights at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, the ground attendance record was beaten again at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003-04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525. Season 2004-05 again saw a fourth-place finish in the Hellenic Premier. The club also made their first appearance in the F.A. Vase, which resulted in a run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at Western League side Backwell United. In February 2005, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club.

Brief history of Slimbridge AFC (Continued)

The club started season 2005-06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. Cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town. A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase came to an end in the Third Round Proper, with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City.

After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team achieved a fifth-place finish in the Hellenic Premier, and the club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons. After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005-06 saw the Reserves finally win the title and with it, promotion to the Gloucester Northern Senior League Division Two. This was the same League title that the first team won in season 1998-99 which proved the springboard for five successive first team promotions.

Season 2006-07 proved to be the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F.A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side.

In the F.A. Cup, a five-match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two others Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town. It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth-Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City. In the Hellenic Premier Division, bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, led to half a season's fixtures being played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club Bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh.

There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition.The Reserve side had an early success in the Gloucester Northern Senior League Cup with a 2-0 win against Division One Tuffley Rovers. This saw confidence rise and they went on to break a Gloucestershire Northern Senior League record in winning Division Two with a Played 30, Won 30 record.

As a result of winning the league after an inspiring final day victory, and the upgrade to the ground facilities at Wisloe Road, the club were promoted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007-08, however, there was a twist to come in the tale. On July 10th, 2007, the club decided not to take up the promotion, and effectively, the first team took over the position in the pyramid occupied by the reserve team four steps below, and which was disbanded.

The First Team reverted to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a severe upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new. However, a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole, who took over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling to begin the next stage of the club's journey.

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. James Cole handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined as Assistant Manager by long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two guided the side to three top six finishes in their first three seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

After the completion of the 2012-13 season, the Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League to reduce prohibitive travelling costs, a move which was approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

After two seasons in the Toolstation Western Premier League, a third-place finish at the end of the 2014-15 season gave the Swans a second opportunity to return to the Southern Football League. This time the club accepted the offer and took their place in the South and West Division, finishing a credible 18th in their first season, the highest level the club had ever achieved at that time in their history.

Prior to the commencement of that campaign, John Mack had stepped back from Chairman duties, and his position was taken up by Barry Gay. At the start of the 2016-17 season, and prior to our pre-season friendly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was formally renamed to Thornhill Park in recognition of the marvellous gift we had received from Evil Thornhill 46 years earlier.

(To continue, please visit https://www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk/club/history.php)

Team Info -Slimbridge AFC

Goalkeeper – Ronnie Newbery - Ronnie rejoined the club this season from Cirencester Town. Having previously played for the u18s. He is a growing character in the dressing room, and good for a social media post or two.

Sam Hart – Goalkeeper – Another young goalkeeper coming through the ranks at the club. He has shone in preseason and will continue to develop with the club.

Josh Blyth – Defender - Josh joined the club this pre-season and has already shown his pace, power and strength during this time. He has all the attributes you would want in a defender and is another lad who has adapted well within the group

Tristan Haswell – Defender – A player with previous southern league experience, joined the club at a crucial time last season and was a pivotal part of the end of season push to promotion. A very likeable player on and off the pitch. Gives his all every week

Owen Giles – Defender – Another player who came in at a crucial time for us last season. Having previously won the Hellenic League with Hartpury he was able to help us over the line. He also previously played for our u18s.

Hadyn Evans – Defender – a versatile defender who has grown in stature within the club. He is a strong character within the group and a fan favourite. Loves a pint of Guinness after a hard day's graft

Charlie Mathews – Defender – Charlie joined the club last season and has matured as the season progressed. Although he is a well-mannered hard working player he does like a moan about everything and anything.

Jacob Rodgers – Defender – Jacob returns for a third season and will go down in club history as the goalscorer to secure the league title last season. He has developed in recent seasons to be a strong, athletic defender who can also pop up with a vital goal.

Kian Kang – Midfielder – Kang joined from the league winning Hartpury and managed to go back-to-back. He is the engine room of the side and drives standards around the group.

Joe Stokes – Midfielder – Joe has National League pedigree having played for Forest Green Rovers. He has found his football home at Thornhill Park and is enjoying his football. A proper family man, Joe is much loved by all within the club.

Toby Soule – Midfielder – A hard grafting central midfielder who can find the net at key moments. He is into his third season at the club and has become a key figure within the dressing room.

Theo Lynden – Midfielder – Theo joined the club in the summer after having a mixed season between Frome and Corsham Town. His technical ability has stood up in pre-season and has shown he can be very adaptable within the team.

Sam Moseley – Midfielder – Sam is another lad who joined in the summer this time from Thornbury, having previously stood out in countless games against us. He is a combative midfielder with good set piece delivery.

Casey Collins – Forward – Casey rejoins the club after leaving In October of last season. He became a fan favourite with goals in the opening day win vs Cirencester and against Portishead in the FA Cup. Coming back to the club this season he's ready to rise to the level and continue his goalscoring prowess.

Olly Sully – Forward – Olly is another who joined the club at a vital time last season. Adding important goals for us on the promotion chase. Another lad who has enjoyed playing for the club and this has shown on the pitch

Jack W Smith – Forward – Smithy is in his fourth season with the first team having broken into the team from the u18s. Despite a small break Jack has managed to continue to develop and has become a goal threat. He led the scoring charts with 31 goals last season.

Alex Bell – Forward – Belly is a favourite amongst the group. He joined the club last season and became a key member in the group, especially on some of the away journeys. His creativity in pre-season has led to goals and some performances going from strength to strength.

Theo Browne – Forward – Theo was part of the league and cup winning u18s team from last season and contributed with goals and assists in 10 games for the first team. A fast dynamic player who can create something from nothing.

James Tainton – Forward – Another lad from the successful u18s side. Jimmer is technically gifted and will continue to develop. An exciting prospect for the club.

Leighton Green – Forward – Leighton joins the club through a link created with Weston. He has come in and scored goals in pre-season. A young lad who is willing to learn and work hard for the team.

Joe Shutt – Forward – Joe an ever-popular member of the group with his sense of humour and quick one liner. Hes a scorer of great goals and equally some hair pulling moments. He is the last remaining player from our last spell in the Southern League

Management

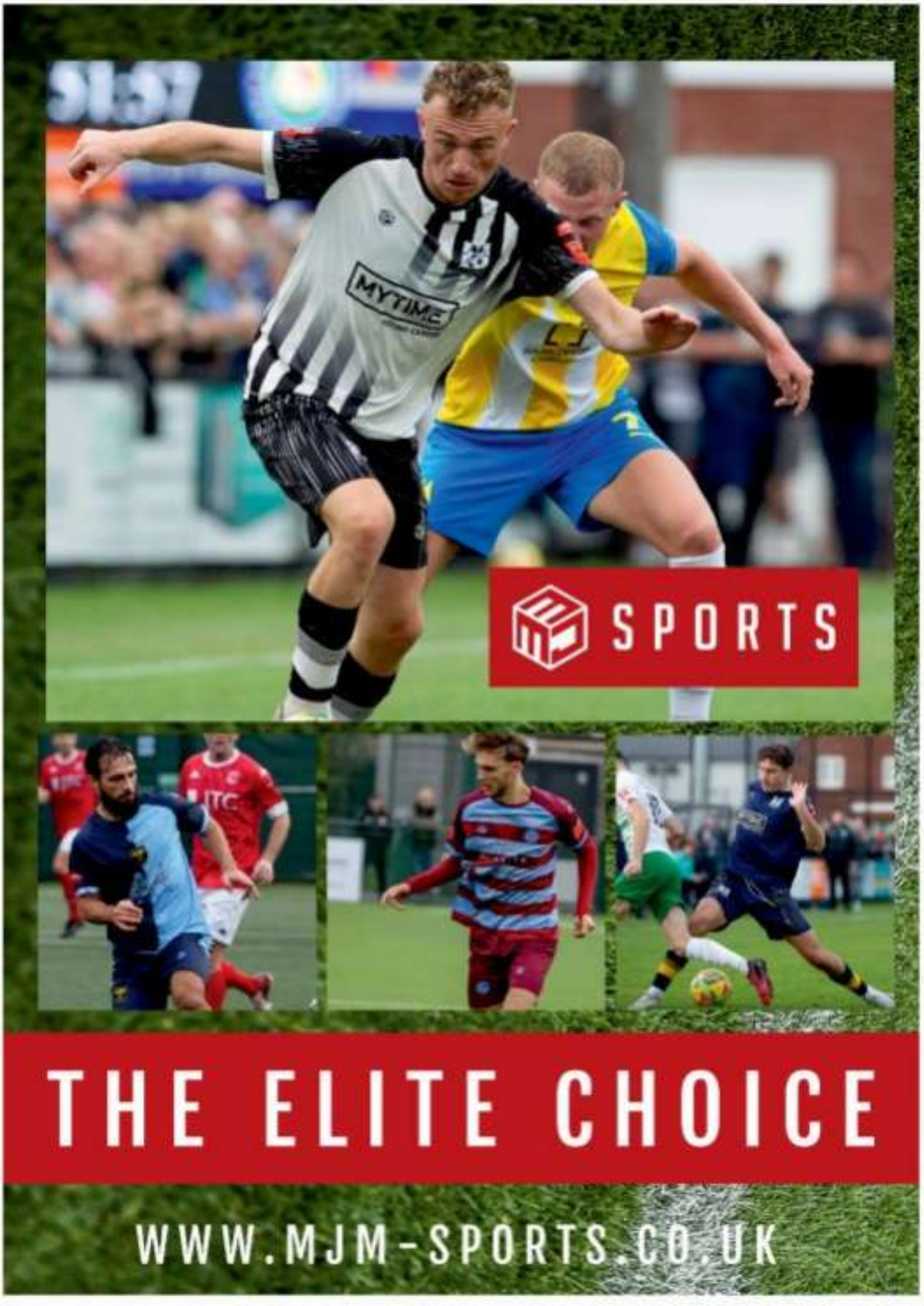
Tom Deakin – Joint Manager – Tom is in his 7th year now with the Swans. He has worked around the club tirelessly in that time and continues to try and push the club forward. He has taken on all roles from kit man to groundsman within his roles at the club

Michael Palmer – Joint Manager – Michael joined the club last season and has brought a different level of expectations and standards to the group. A great people person, Mike is a great personality to have in the club and paired with Tom have made a great base for the management team

Ben Powell – Assistant Manager – Powell is a larger than life character and has helped instil a desire to win having gone back to back winning leagues at a lower level. Loves a good time as its always 5pm somewhere.

Sam Prior – Assistant Manager – An experienced manager turned coach. Sam had some brilliant years at Brimscombe before joining the club 2 years ago. A key motivator within the management team.

Dave Bees – GK Coach – Beesy works his socks off for the club, also helping to run the u18s. He has developed his own coaching style and always gives his all for the club. An enthusiastic part of the management team.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3	Broadfields United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
4	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	6	5	+1	4
5	Burnham	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	7	4	+3	3
6	Northwood	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
7	Ardley United	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
8	Bedfont	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
9	Harefield United	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
10	Easington Sports	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
11	North Leigh	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
12	Reading City	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
13	Wokingham Town	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
14	Amersham Town	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
15	Thatcham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
16	Rayners Lane	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
17	Hilltop	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
18	Kidlington	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
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20	Abingdon United	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0

FIXTURES AND RECENT RESULTS

PDN	01.08.2026	Abingdon United	1 - 5	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	05.08.2026	**BURNHAM FC**	2 - 3	Amersham Town	Premier Division North
FAC	08.08.2026	**BURNHAM FC**	3pm	Slimbridge AFC	FA Cup EPR
PDN	11.08.2026	Northwood	7:45pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	15.08.2026	Thatcham Town	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	19.08.2026	**BURNHAM FC**	7:45pm	Rayners Lane	Premier Division North
PDN	22.08.2026	Kidlington	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	29.08.2026	Harefield United	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	31.08.2026	**BURNHAM FC**	11:30am	Bedfont	Premier Division North
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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.
- There are signs strategically positioned explaining the rules.
- Our pitch, our rules – Ignorance is no excuse.

What's the difference between a 3G and 4G pitch?

We, namely the staff and volunteers at Burnham Football Club, are often asked to clarify the difference between 3rd Generation (3G) and 4th Generation (4G) pitches. Specifically the use of artificial surfaces for football here in the UK.

Our traditional grass football pitch was replaced with a new 3G artificial pitch during the summer of 2021. We took the decision to use a black rubber crumb infill rather than sand and continue to undertake regular maintenance to keep the surface in tip top condition for all who play on it.

The FA and therefore their related leagues require all 3G football pitches to have a valid FIFA certification and here's the main register of 3G pitches for England hosted by The Football Foundation. The following statement can be found on page 5 of the The FA Third Generation Football Turf Guidance PDF document:

> *At the moment there is no such thing as 4G or 5G, terms sometimes used by sales-people. Some manufacturers may promote non-infilled products, but these have not received acceptance as a suitable football surface and often struggle to satisfy FIFA requirements.*

It's also important to note that, in our opinion, the use of the phrase 'All-Weather' is also another 'sales' term. Artificial pitches can indeed withstand a variety of weather conditions including rain and frost. However, a match may still be postponed because of heavy snow fall and using a brush or drag mat to clear snow can result in crumb displacement. If you would like to know more, speak to a supplier, for example Velocity Sports.

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Assistant Manager **Gilbaut Batousol**	Shuaib Ali	O	O	O	O	Sam Hart GK	Assistant Manager **Ben Powell Sam Prior**
Coaches **Darius Ellington-Forde & Ghabriel Teles**	Joel Ampabeng	O	O	O	O	Josh Blyth	GK Coach **Dave Bees**
Physio **Daisy Thompson**	Bilal Bakali	O	O	O	O	Tristan Haswell	Physio **Jasmin Gillingham**
Kit **Blue/White**	Rafael Bertoli	O	O	O	O	Owen Giles	Sports Therapist **Tony Woodward**
GK **Green/Black**	Jordan Antonio Brown	O	O	O	O	Hadyn Evans	Kit **All Green**
	Morianne Busse	O	O	O	O	Charlie Mathews	GK **Orange or Pink**
	Tom Manny Carvalho-Norris	O	O	O	O	Jacob Rodgers	
	Shyon Dennis	O	O	O	O	Kian Kang	
	Ibrahim Diakite	O	O	O	O	Joe Stokes	
	Kauã Faria	O	O	O	O	Toby Soule	
	Daniel Isaac	O	O	O	O	Theo Lynden	
	Ilyas Khader	O	O	O	O	Sam Moseley	
	Eduardo Manzan	O	O	O	O	Casey Collins	
	Kevar March-Mckenzie	O	O	O	O	Olly Sully	
	Kieran Marshall	O	O	O	O	Jack W Smith	
	Jamar Morrison	O	O	O	O	Alex Bell	
	Gabriel Mota	O	O	O	O	Theo Browne	
	Ron Sosoli	O	O	O	O	James Tainton	
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