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The Community Ground

The home of Burscough Football Club



As you can see, we are still working hard to complete all the new development and infrastructure improvements at the ground, we appreciate your patience whilst this continues.

We have made great progress since the end of the 23/24 season. Our new function room, the '1946 Lounge', is now fully operational, along with the Churcher Estates-sponsored viewing terrace and a 100-seater stand next to the hospitality suite and accessible viewing area.

Visitors can purchase hot and cold drinks plus a variety of food and snacks at our Burscough FC "snack hut". Along with these is the Burscough FC pitch-side bar. which is fully licensed to sell alcoholic beverages as well as soft drinks.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today...





Burscough FC Honours

Northern Premier League Premier Division Champions: 2006/07

North West Counties League Champions: 1982-83

League Cup Winners: 1992-93, 1995-96

Lancashire Champions: 1955-56, 1969-70

Division Two Champions: 1953-54

Liverpool County Football Combination Champions: 1949-50

FA Trophy Winners: 2002-03

Liverpool Senior Cup Winners: 2000-01

Cheshire Senior Cup Winners: 1974-75

Lancashire Junior Cup Winners: 1947-48, 1949-59, 1966-67, 2006-07

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BURSCOUGH FC MANAGER DAVID DEMPSEY

Good Afternoon,

Firstly let me welcome Bury to the community ground for this afternoon's fixture.

Today we are going toe to toe with in my opinion the best team in this league, and the team that I feel could compete at the top end of the league above.

In our last fixture against Irlam, it was a much improved performance. And that is largely down to the fact we have recruited some very strong players and we are now working with a group of players that will give us 100%, 100% of the time. We had 11 players starting the game and a strong bench, and each and every one of them showed the character and application that me, my management team and everyone surrounding Burscough Football Club expect week in week out.

It has been a really testing time of late, and I have had to go away from being loyal to players that have previously worked with me and that I have a lot of respect for, however I have had to act quickly and recruit due to their performances not being to the standard I expected.

We have got a tough run of games coming up, with some really testing fixtures. With this new look Burscough side, it is a group of fixtures we can now all look forward to.

When we arrived at the club, our main ambition as a management team was to improve on the football pitch, knowing that the rest of it will take care of itself. And we will continue to do that week in, week out, always looking for improvements.

Hopefully today we will compete, make it hard for Bury, and put on a performance that people can be proud of.

I hope you all enjoy today's game, as ever thank you for your support.



All the best Demps



2024/25 FIXTURES

JULY/AUGUST 2024

SAT 27/7 LONGRIDE TOWN (A) L 1-0 **TUE 30/7** SQUIRES GATE (H) W 4-2 SAT 3/08 WEST DIDS (A) FA CUP L 3-2 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) W 1-2 SAT 10/8 **CHARNOCK RICHARD (H) L 1-3** TUE 13/8 SAT 17/8 RAMSBOTTOM UTD (A) L 4-0 **TUE 20/8** LOWER BRECK (H) L 1-2 SAT 24/8 DROYLSDEN (H) FA VASE W 2-1 MON 26/8 PADIHAM (H) D 2-2

GLOSSOP NORTH END (H) LO-1

SEPTEMBER 2024

SAT 31/8

LITHERLAND REMYCA (A) W 3-1 WED 4/9 SAT 7/9 STOCKPORT TOWN (A) W 0-2 PRESTWICH HEYS (H) W 1-0 **TUE 10/9** RAMSBOTTOM UTD (H) L 0-6 SAT 14/9 FC ST HELENS (A) D 2-2 TUE 17/9 BURY (A) FA VASE L3-0 SAT 21/9 PILKINGTON (H) W 3-2 TUE 24/9 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (H) L 1-2 SAT 28/9

OCTOBER 2024

DAISY HILL (H) MACRON CUP W 4-1 TUE 1/10 SAT 5/10 **COLNE (A) W 0-3** TUE 8/10 AFC LIVERPOOL (A) L 5-1 SAT 12/10 ABBEY HEY (H) L 1-2 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (A) D 1-1 SAT 19/10 CHADDERTON (H) L 3-4 TUE 22/10 STOCKPORT TOWN (H) LO-1 SAT 26/10 PRESCOTT CABLES (A) L 1-0 LSC TUE 29/10

NOVEMBER 2024

SAT 2/11 LOWER BRECK (A) L 4-2 SAT 16/11 FC ISLE OF MAN (A) L 3-2 TUE 19/11 MAGHULL (A) SAT 23/11 IPLAM (H)

SAT 23/11 IRLAM (H) SAT 30/11 BURY (H)

DECEMBER 2024

FRI 6/12 CHARNOCK RICHARD (A)
TUE 10/12 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (H)
SAT 14/12 FC ST HELENS (H)
SAT 21/12 PADIHAM (A)
THU 26/12 AFC LIVERPOOL (H)
SAT 28/12 BARNOLDSWICK TOWN (A)

JANUARY 2025

SAT 4/1 PILKINGTON (A)
SAT 11/1 CHEADLE TOWN (H)
SAT 18/1 ABBEY HEY (A)
SAT 25/1 BARNOLDSWICK TOWN (H)

FEBRUARY 2025

SAT 8/2 CHADDERTON (A) SAT 15/2 SQUIRES GATE (A) SAT 22/2 IRLAM (A)

MARCH 2025

SAT 1/3 ISLE OF MAN (H)
SAT 8/3 PRESTWICH HEYS (A)
SAT 15/3 COLNE (H)
SAT 22/3 LITHERLAND REMYCA (H)

SAT 29/3 CHEADLE TOWN (A)

APRIL 2025

SAT 5/4 LONGRIDGE TOWN (H)
SAT 12/4 GLOSSOP NORTH END(A)
SAT 19/4 BURY (A)

ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE













Ellen Baybutt

Those that knew Ellen describe her as a lovely lady who was a real character, always jolly and friendly as well as "the lady that ran the snack bar at Victoria Park."

One of three sisters - the middle one between Margaret and Janie - Ellen devoted her spare time to help out the football club that was sited a mere 12 yards from her home on Mart Lane where she was born and lived for an incredible 100 years.

I am told that she was a fantastic baker and her "little fancy cakes" were loved and devoured by directors of BFC and their guests during half time hospitality.

Beyond her snack bar duties, Ellen and Margaret would wash the first team kit and have it looking pristine.

In later years, after she hung up her "canteen pinny" when no longer able to go to the match, Ellen would be standing at her front door waiting to ask the first passing fan returning from the match the simple question... "Who won?"

Ellen's devotion to her beloved club was marked by Burscough F.C. bestowing on her the title of Life Vice President.

As her physical health became a problem for her, Ellen moved into Park Grove where her carers remembered her as being "a sharp as a tack" and always kept them on their toes.

Ellen resided at Park Grove until she passed on the 9th October 2013... exactly a month before her 107th birthday.

A fitting tribute came when someone recently described her as...

A True Legend of Burscough Football Club











TEAM CHANGES BRING FORTUNE CHANGE BURSCOUGH 1 IRLAM 0

By Neil Leatherbarrow

Burscough manager David Dempsey wielded the axe on Saturday and the action worked, from their previous nine league and cup games Burscough had gathered just one draw, in other words eight defeats.

Things had to change and five players who had started in their Macron Cup defeat at Maghull were not in the starting eleven on Saturday, four of the new names players were either new to the club or players who hadn't played for a good while. Dempsey had lost his patience and acted, he was proved right.

Last week was the week that celebrated Dave Dempsey having spent twelve months in the Linnets managers' office, so perhaps it was a time to make changes.

The first-half was close, Irlam have been on a good run in the North West Counties Premier Division and a win at the Community Ground would put them within one place of a play-off position, so they were out to win. Irlam started well and Burscough defended well, goalkeeper Ben Barnes making one or two good saves, defenders stoutly blocking out the opponents from down by the Manchester Shop Canal.

Burscough gradually got into the game and some understandings between the new players began to develop, a free kick just before the interval was the most threatening situation for the men in green, but had been a good half.

The general view of the home support as they sampled the interval refreshments was that it was a considerable improvement on recent games and they were positively looking forward to the second-half.



The weather was poor with wind and rain dominating things and only two minutes of the second period had elapsed when the crucial moment arrived, Burscough won a corner and Kian Bell sent it curling under the crossbar, after a challenge involving a number of players the ball went into the net, 1-0 to Burscough, the next discussion was who scored it and a couple of candidates emerged before it was finally confirmed that the ball had gone straight into the net, making Bell the Linnets hero.

Burscough were buoyed by the goal and went close to a second on 56 minutes, that was before on the hour a change made that made them look far more dangerous up front, Callum Laird coming on a substitute, the effect was to put two men in attack and on this day of change was another good one.

Laird isn't that tall but he is quick and direct, alongside Sam Turner he came into his own on the counterattack. As the game reached its latter stages, Burscough put a free-kick just over the crossbar and Ben Barnes made a couple of saves but Burscough looked in control, Irlam were very much on the offensive but Burscough were closing them down well and they limited them to not much.

The bad run for Burscough was over and victory was deserved and well executed, the players get praise for their hard work and commitment, manager Dave Dempsey also gets it for bravely making the necessary changes that made all the difference. It is Bury at home next week a free hit for Dave Dempsey's team and one that can be a good building block.

BURSCOUGH: Barnes, Coughlan, Rigby, Sheen, McCulloch ©, Bell, Hamilton, Cushion, Turner, Spencer-McDermott, Salkeld Subs Laird, Ball, Imadiyi, Merrifield, Duff

IRLAM: Buckley, Rothwell, McMahon, Davidson, Holt, Taylor, Johnston, Cartwright, Daniels, Main, Everton Subs Byrne, Langford, Mitchell, Roxburgh, Sambizi

REFEREE: Samuel Fletcher

ATTENDANCE: 102

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Division League Table

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As of 27/11/2024

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	Premier Division	P	w	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ramsbottom United	25	17	5	3	56	19	37	56
2	⑥ Chadderton	25	15	5	5	65	42	23	50
3	₩ Bury	22	14	7	1	64	23	41	49
4	(9) Lower Breck	26	14	7	5	58	35	23	49
5	FC Isle of Man	25	14	4	7	49	36	13	46
6	#FC St Helens	23	11	7	5	45	34	11	40
7	Stockport Town	25	12	3	10	36	38	-2	39
8	West Didsbury & Choriton	23	11	5	7	46	32	14	38
9	M Padiham	22	10	8	4	53	44	9	38
10	¥ Irlam	24	11	4	9	45	37	8	37
11	@ AFC Liverpool	24	12	1	11	52	53	-1	37
12	Use Barnoldswick Town	21	10	4	7	31	31	0	34
13	Charnock Richard	25	9	6	10	54	47	7	33
14	Abbey Hey	24	10	2	12	45	54	-9	32
15	👦 Cheadle Town	22	9	4	9	32	27	5	31
16	F Glossop North End	23	7	6	10	33	43	-10	27
17	🏂 Burscough	24	8	3	13	36	49	-13	27
18	● Longridge Town	24	8	3	13	46	62	-16	27
19	Utherland REMYCA	21	6	5	10	29	43	-14	23
20	Squires Gate	24	6	4	14	43	61	-18	22
21		25	4	8	13	24	44	-20	20
22	₩ Pilkington	23	4	6	13	33	53	-20	18
23	Colne	23	3	4	16	20	55	-35	13
24	the Prestwich Heys	25	2	3	20	22	55	-33	9

Source: www.nwcfl.com/league-tables



BURY CLUB HISTORY



It was a meeting at the White Horse Hotel in Bury on April 24th 1885, where an agreement to merge the Bury Wesleyans and the Bury Unitarians to become Bury FC. Later that year, an agreement to play on Mr. Barlow's field, Gigg Lane was agreed, and the rest they say, is history. And what a long one it is. Gigg Lane, thought to be the 11th oldest football ground in the world, is now today, back in use thanks to the tireless work of supporters and volunteers. It was in 1892, that the Club's famous nickname was coined, when, before a Lancashire Cup Final against Everton, chairman JT Ingham was reported to have roused the players by saying: "We shall shake 'em. In fact we are the Shakers!".

Our history includes, two famous FA Cup wins of 1900 and 1903, with the 1903 victory still in the record books for the joint highest score in a final and the only club to win the cup without conceding a goal. During that memorable season the Shakers won their very own treble with victories in both the Lancashire and Manchester Senior Cup's, competitions that were illustrious in their own right at the time. Much of the first 100 years of the club's history was spent in the top 2 divisions, and as a result in 2005 the Club became the first to have scored 1000 goals in each of the 4 Football League divisions.

Famous players have adorned the famous white shirt, many have their favourites, Pointer, Bell, Linsday, Forrest, Madden, Robinson, and added to that hall of fame were the class of 95-99, where a golden period, led by Stan Ternant took The Shakers from the fourth to the 2nd tier, the last Bury side to play at that level. The spine of the team of Kiely, Lucketti, Butler, Daws, the loved and sorely missed Lenny Johnrose, etching their names into Bury folklore. Their heroics preceded more modern day heroes Sodje, Bishop, Mayor and Lowe. And it was Ryan Lowe, one of the few managers to win promotion as both a player and manager that led the Shakers to that final monumental promotion in 2019 against a backdrop of turbulence and heartbreak.

Then in May 2019, it seemed as if it was gone for ever. 134 years of history, after 4852 matches in English League football since their first match in 1894 (only five clubs have played more games) the club was expelled from The Football League.

BURY CLUB HISTORY



In April 2020, a new club was formed, Bury AFC. A fan run phoenix club, from the ashes that was the wreck left behind by the owners who had destroyed our beloved club. The new Club was quickly accepted into the North West Counties League Division One North and a ground sharing agreement made with neighbours Radcliffe FC. Following a first season curtailed due to the global pandemic, what was to be the Club's first full season ended up in promotion as league champions. A newly formed Bury AFC Women's team also won their League.

As 2021 turned to 2022, the news all Bury fans wanted to hear happened when members of Bury FC Supporters Society working closely with the Government acquired, Gigg Lane and the club's history from administrators and Gigg Lane had been saved.

Fast-forward to May 2023 and in a landmark agreement, fans of both societies agreed to merge and in some ways recreating how Bury FC came about all those years ago, a unified team will play football at Gigg Lane again. This is our Club. They tried to kill us, we would not die. We are so pleased that you are coming to Gigg Lane to help us celebrate our return and another 134 years of creating memories for the community.



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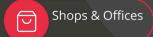
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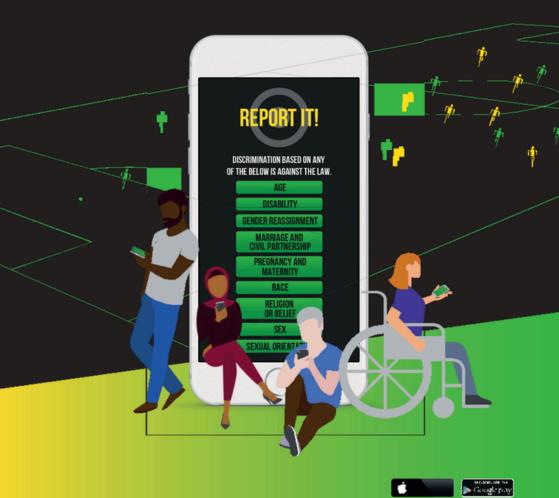
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