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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 and our new function room named the '1946 Lounge' is now fully operational along with the viewing terrace and new 100-seater stand, located next to the new 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...

Daisy Hill



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

Welcome to Daisy Hill for tonight's fixture. Tonight is a game both teams will be looking forward to with it being a welcomed break from league football.

The Macron cup is a competition that is realistic for any team in both divisions, it's an opportunity for teams to give lads needing minutes an opportunity and most games are played on a level playing field because of this. This competition is one I would love to have a good run in and it is a chance of silverware come the end of the season.

Daisy hill have there threats, they are a hardworking side and have a few very good individuals it won't be an easy game at all and one that we will need to be at our best if we are to progress.

Our form has been good of late and we have managed to pick up a good amount of points in September so I would like to take this form into tonight's fixture.

I hope you all enjoy the game and we are all celebrating a nice cup win and looking forward to who we draw for then round come the end of the game.



All the best Demps



2024/25 FIXTURES

JULY/AUGUST 2024

LONGRIDE TOWN (A) L 1-0 SAT 27/7 **TUE 30/7** SQUIRES GATE (H) W 4-2 WEST DIDS (A) FA CUP L 3-2 SAT 3/08 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) W 1-2 SAT 10/8 TUE 13/8 CHARNOCK RICHARD (H) L 1-3 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) TUE 17/9 **BURY (A) FA VASE** SAT 21/9 PILKINGTON (H) TUE 24/9 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (H) SAT 28/9 OCTOBER 2024

SAT 5/10 COLNE (A)
TUE 8/10 AFC LIVERPOOL (A)
SAT 12/10 ABBEY HEY (H)
SAT 26/10 STOCKPORT TOWN (H)

NOVEMBER 2024

SAT 2/11 LOWER BRECK (A)
SAT 9/11 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (H)
SAT 16/11 FC ISLE OF MAN (A)
SAT 23/11 IRLAM (H)

SAT 30/11 BURY (H)

DECEMBER 2024

SAT 7/12 CHARNOCK RICHARD (A)
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 1/2 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (A)
SAT 8/2 CHADDERTON (H)
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











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NWCFL MACRON CHALLENGE CUP HISTORY





This really is the Big Daddy of all of our trophies. On this magnificent example of Victorian craftsmanship in silver we see hallmarks for Sheffield and 1893 along with the makers mark for the Fattorini & Sons silversmiths – see introductory article. A further inscription at the foot of the trophy shows that the trophy was made by the aforementioned Fattorini & Sons in their Bradford factory.

The inscription on the trophy gives an inauguration date of 1893 and an establishment date of 1889 whilst showing that the trophy was awarded as the Lancashire Football League Challenge Cup.

Other details show the officers of the League at the time being Alderman Bickerstaffe of Blackpool as President, J. H. Lightbown of Bury as Secretary and I. Smith Esq of Southport as Treasurer.

That these names are recorded for posterity is tremendous and is a form of paying tribute to the individuals responsible for the organisation of early Leagues in this country. Looking for detail relating to these individuals is difficult these days, even in the internet age, but there is reference to a Mr. J.H. Lightbown as one of the linesmen (well before the idea of assistant referees!) in a match between Liverpool and Derby County in the Football League First Division played at Anfield on October 7th 1899. With apologies to friends and colleagues from Merseyside I have to record that Derby County won the match 2-0. Was this the same J.H. Lightbown? We'd like to think so.

The reference to Alderman Bickerstaffe provides a gateway into the life and times of the town of Blackpool in the late Victorian era and beyond. That there were at least two "Alderman Bickerstaffes" – John and Tom – perhaps doesn't help us here but the story of the Bickerstaffes, particularly John, is fascinating and recommended reading for those with a specific interest in the development of the town of Blackpool.

The Lancashire League was somewhat short lived being established in 1889 (see above) and lasting as an entity until 1903 at which point it became the Second Division of the Lancashire Combination. The original intention of the Lancashire League was to establish a regional competition which would act as a feeder to the recently formed Football League but, as we might imagine, that ambition was riddled by various politics and vested interests which were prevalent in football then as now.

Although the Lancashire Combination was founded in 1891 it did not absorb the Lancashire League until 1903 at which point, presumably, this trophy transferred to the Lancashire Combination in whose care it remained until being transferred to the NWCFL on the formation of the League in 1982.

From this information it might be expected that we could identify the first winners of the trophy but there are one or two questions which need to be answered before we can be definitive on this.

Firstly, the date. The hallmark indicates that the trophy was made in 1893. What that doesn't tell us is if the trophy was presented at the end of the 1892/3 or the 1893/4 season.

Secondly, there is some uncertainty concerning the competition for which the trophy was used and that comes down to a couple of choices. Although the trophy clearly shows it to be a Challenge Cup it could easily have been used for either the League Champions or the winners of a knockout cup.

If we go into this just a little deeper then we see from the list of Champions that Liverpool FC were the winners in 1892/3 and Blackpool FC in 1893/4. Further, we can not readily find any reference to a knockout competition held by the Lancashire League during the period of its existence.

So on the face of it we are left with either Liverpool FC or Blackpool FC as the first recipients of this magnificent trophy but, as with much which may have been lost in the annals of time, this is far from conclusive.

To twist the story yet further, there is a note in the history of Liverpool FC which may give us additional information. Season 1892/93 was the first season of Liverpool FC.

They won two trophies in that season of which the Champions of the Lancashire League was one, the other being the Liverpool Senior Cup. All well and good until we read that both trophies, whilst in the care of Liverpool FC, were stolen from a shop (pawnbroker?) in the Paddington area of Liverpool.

The club were ordered by the authorities to replace the trophies and could it just be that the trophy we have today (hallmarked for 1893) was such a replacement trophy?

If there is anyone out there who can add to this story then please feel free to get in touch as we seek to be as definitive as we can be by adding to the canon of history of the glorious game in our part of the world.

Previous holders whilst in the custody of the NWCFL tell something of the vicissitudes of life in the non-league pyramid as they include Colne Dynamoes and Rossendale United – both sadly no longer with us – alongside, most notably, Salford City who currently are currently doing well in League Two of the EFL, this is a trophy that South Liverpool are also familiar with, having won it in the 1930's.

DAISY HILL CLUB HISTORY



Situated one and a half miles south of Westhoughton town centre, four miles from Bolton and five miles from the the Macron Stadium, home of Bolton Wanderers, the village of Daisy Hill first saw football in season 1894-95 although it is possible that football was being played in the area for some years prior to that date.

The first known honours for the club came in 1896-97 when the Wigan and District League Championship and the Westhoughton Cup were won without losing a match.

The location of the club's ground in those days is unknown but the present ground was used during the First World War period when the club played in the Leigh and District Senior Sunday School League.

The club then joined the Westhoughton League, and during the 1920's and 1930's won many honours in what was one of the strongest local leagues at the time.

Little is known of the period leading up to the second world war, but by 1951 the club was back playing in the Westhoughton League, on the St. James Street Recreation Ground/Cricket Ground, until the landowner made an offer to the club to return to the current site at New Sirs in 1957.

The acquisition of the lease was a major step forward and gave aspiration to move into the Bolton Combination and develop into one of the most formidable clubs in the area. Dressing rooms were erected at the ground for the start of the 1968/69 season whilst on the field the club won the Bolton Combination Premier Division on four occasions, the Bolton Combination Cup on four occasions and the Lancashire Amateur Shield twice during the 60's and 70's.

In 1978 the Club was accepted into the Lancashire Football Combination and with the advent of the Non-League football pyramid and the subsequent amalgamation of the Lancashire Football Combination and the Cheshire County League the Club became a founder member of the North West Counties League giving them the opportunity to play in and bring national competition to the village.

With the National League System requiring clubs to meet new standards for facilities, new dressing rooms and a clubhouse for social activities were erected at New Sirs in 1982. Since then improvement of the club's facilities has been ongoing and for the 2005-2006 season a floodlighting system was installed, which allowed the club to remain in the National League System and return to National and County competitions.

The club also has a thriving Under 17s squad, playing in the Bolton, Bury and District Junior Football League.

Notable players include: Dick Pollard and Billy Farrimond, both of whom went on to play cricket for Lancashire and England, Alf Watkinson, grandfather of the former Lancashire Cricket Club Captain Mike Watkinson went on to sign for Blackpool. (Mike himself played a handful of games for the club). Sam Marsh (Bolton Wanderers and Bury), Alf Gray (Torquay United and Lincoln City), Greg Strong (Bolton Wanderers and Motherwell) and Danny Williams (Inverness Caledonian Thistle) began their careers in senior or junior football at Daisy Hill Football Club.

Other notable people / sportspersons born in Westhoughton who may or may not have been associated with the club: Ethel Johnson (Great Britain Olympic Athlete), Joe Bromilow (American Olympic Athlete), Jack Bruton (Blackburn Rover, Burnley, Bournemouth and England). Joe Clare (Accrington Stanley, Norwich City and Lincoln City). Tommy Woodward (Bolton Wanderers and Middlesborough), Francis Lee (Bolton Wanderers, Manchester City, Derby County and England).

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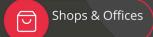
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