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Official Matchday Programme
2024/2025 Season



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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. 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...

Stockport Town



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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 evening.

Thank you all for supporting the first Friday night fixture against Stockport Town.

There is no hiding away from the fact we haven't won in the last 4 games, myself and all the players are frustrated with not picking up enough points recently but the last 2 performances have been good. We were unlucky not to come away with something on Tuesday against Chadderton and should have comfortably won the game on Saturday having 3 perfectly good goals chalked off by the officials. Tonight is a game we are wanting to come away with maximum points and hopefully we can deliver that for everyone.

Our expectations this season of this group have been really high and we were expecting to be in a better position with more points on the board than where we are currently. Tonight gives us the opportunity to potentially go 10th in the table. That would be a good start for progression. I keep saying it but given last seasons efforts to stay in the division we can complain being mid table for now but we also can't be happy and need to look at progressing up the table.

Tonight will be a tough game against a good side. Stockport owe us one after our 2-0 win away last time out against them. So it should make for a good game.

Thank you all once again for your support. We will continue to work hard and believe in what we're doing to progress higher up the table and get a few more wins on the board in the second part of the season.



Cheers Demps



BURSCOUGH FOOTBALL CLUB

2024/25 FIXTURES

JULY/AUGUST 2024

SAT 27/7	LONGRIDGE 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
SAT 10/8	WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) W 1-2
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
SAT 31/8	GLOSSOP NORTH END (H) L0-1

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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





Did you ever wonder how Lee Trundle came to play for Burscough FC...?

By Stan Strickland

"I was delighted to find this picture that brings back a great memory.

It is the Liverpool County FA Youth team that won the National County Youth Cup at Burscough about 1994/5, beating Essex FA. It was the game when I first saw Lee Trundle, he is the second player from the left on the back row. His talent stood out a mile.

There was a dinner at the Beaufort Hotel after the game when I tapped Lee up and got his phone number. To cut a long story short, I recommended him to manager John Davison and within weeks we had signed him on contract at Burscough. A couple of months later we sold him to Chorley. It was to be several years more before he went on to make national headlines and become a cult hero at Swansea.

The tall guy on the left is Fred Hunter who was secretary of the County FA, we had a few set-tos with Fred! Geoff Swinnerton at the back, a good lad. Second from right is Joby Humphries the team manager and one of the main reasons we headhunted Dave Hughes from Southport to take charge of our youth set-up. Dave had a good relationship with Joby and was getting some of the best young players out of Liverpool. We never looked back!!"



Photo by Stan Strickland

NWCFL Premier Division League Table



As of 24/10/2024

	Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ramsbottom United	21	14	4	3	47	18	29	46
2	Chadderton	20	13	5	2	53	32	21	44
3	Bury	15	10	5	0	45	17	28	35
4	Lower Breck	19	10	5	4	38	23	15	35
5	FC Isle of Man	20	10	3	7	35	29	6	33
6	FC St Helens	16	9	5	2	38	25	13	32
7	West Didsbury & Chorlton	16	9	4	3	32	16	16	31
8	AFC Liverpool	19	10	1	8	44	42	2	31
9	Irlam	18	9	2	7	36	27	9	29
10	Padiham	18	6	8	4	42	41	1	26
11	Abbey Hey	20	8	2	10	36	45	-9	26
12	Charnock Richard	19	7	4	8	40	34	6	25
13	Longridge Town	18	8	1	9	37	40	-3	25
14	Barnoldswick Town	15	7	3	5	21	22	-1	24
15	Stockport Town	18	7	3	8	24	26	-2	24
16	Burscough	20	7	3	10	31	41	-10	24
17	Cheadle Town	18	6	4	8	20	24	-4	22
18	Glossop North End	18	6	4	8	30	35	-5	22
19	Squires Gate	19	5	4	10	38	46	-8	19
20	Litherland REMYCA	18	5	4	9	25	37	-12	19
21	South Liverpool	21	3	8	10	14	32	-18	17
22	Pilkington	19	3	6	10	26	42	-16	15
23	Prestwich Heys	20	2	3	15	17	38	-21	9
24	Colne	19	1	3	15	14	51	-37	6

Source: www.nwcfl.com/league-tables



STOCKPORT TOWN

CLUB HISTORY



Football has been played at the site of Woodley Sports Village for many years including the previous teams of Woodley Sports and Stockport Sports. Both have now ceased to be, and the site was redeveloped in 2012 into the modern sports facility you see today.

Stockport Town FC began in February 2014 and developed a first-team squad in preparation for the 2014/15 season. The club, led by manager Calum Sykes, proceeded through a campaign of friendly fixtures and the club's first ever non-competitive match at Stockport Sports Village (SSV) came against Stalybridge Celtic in July 2014 although they lost 5-0. The first season included 35 games against various first and reserve teams with 17 wins.

In 2015 Town were accepted into the North West Counties Division 1. The first league game at SSV was a 2-2 draw with Widnes FC in front of a crowd of 78. In their first competitive season they achieved an excellent 4th place finish with 63 points. In the following 2016-7 season in December,

Town suffered a mauling and their record defeat of 0-10 to AFC Liverpool. Calum Sykes moved on to pastures new at New Mills and was replaced by Dave Wild. Fortunes turned around as they then lost only 4 of the 18 games he was in charge, finishing in 10th with 64 points and scoring 92 goals. The 2017-8 season was similar in many respects, finishing 10th again, on 53 points, but with another heavy defeat (8-1) away at Prestwich Heys and another change of manager in March with Dave Wild and staff joining Mossley.

Jake Davies and Tom Upton took charge for 11 games before Alan Lord was named as manager for the next season, with the two of them in support. The 2018-19 season saw the North West Counties League expanded and Division One was divided into North and South. Town were allocated to Division One South and as it happens, yet again, they finished mid table in 10th with 53 points! 10th place was clearly becoming something of a habit now, finishing in that position on 37 points after just 29 games of the 2019-2020 season as it fizzled out, truncated by Covid, although Town did rack up a great 8-2 record (home) win against Maine Road along the way.

More managerial and ownership changes were afoot just before the season trickled to that early finish. Robbie Savage joined the club in the November with the object of helping young players who had been released by other clubs to get back into the game. In December 2019 Carlos Roca took over as Chairman and oversaw the season's premature end and (yet again!) 10th place finish.

Football began to get going again in the 2020-21 season, albeit somewhat chaotically due to various COVID restrictions. Robbie Savage departed for Macclesfield Town in the October and Town finished a theoretical 4th having played 8, won 4 and on 14 points. It is worth saying at this point that through Town's first half dozen season's crowds had been modest (generally double-digit figures), changes were coming.

STOCKPORT TOWN

CLUB HISTORY



In July 2021 Stockport County owner Mark Stott acquired a controlling interest and appointed Matt Jensen as manager, cementing a 2018 agreement between the clubs to share management and coaching knowhow, also signing County legend Paul Turnbull from Curzon Ashton.

Mid-season Paul replaced Matt Jensen as player manager with Mike Jeffries as his assistant. Experienced players Tom Morris, Scott Maguire and Sam Hare also joined the squad from 1874 Northwich. Town finished in about their customary mid-table position of 11th on 48 points. The 2022-23 season saw the arrival of James Vincent bringing considerable experience of Scottish topflight football – a 3rd place Premier League finish and two cup finals including scoring the winner against Falkirk in the 2015 Cup Final!

Things improved on the pitch seeing Town finish 2nd on 92 points, one short of the champions Wythenshawe. Town lost in the play-off semi-final to Cheadle Town 2-0 thanks to very late 83rd and 97th minute goals from the visitors. The 2023-24 season saw Town compete for the first time in the two FA competitions, Cup and Vase, losing in the Cup Extra Preliminary Round 1-0 at home to Ramsbottom Utd and away at Maltby Main 3-1 in the Vase.

The league that season was dominated by runaway leaders Brocton, but Town finished 2nd and were in the play-offs yet again. By now home crowds were routinely in the mid 200s. After a nail-biting victory over Droylsden in the semi-final, there was heartbreak in losing to Abbey Hey on penalties but in front of a record crowd of 904. Promotion however was still secured unusually by virtue of some league re-organisation liberating another place which was awarded on the basis of points per game.

Some notable players left at the end of the 2023-24 season, but with many new signings made over the summer and the retention of other key players Town look ahead to the new season with confidence. Town have worked hard to make a family-friendly, inclusive club and a good loyal supporter base has emerged from humble beginnings, earning praise for Fairplay awards and even from ground-hopping fans giving it 10/10 for its (Gt North Pie Co) pies and pints!

The club is pleased to support local charities including Widowed and Young for which there is an annual fund-raising match. One of the red and black flags displayed at games has the slogan “one man and his dog” – a reference to the modest crowds of the early days, that is no longer the case thankfully!



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