

WATERS

The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Burnham

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

Cherry Red Records

Combined Counties Premier Division North



Club Info

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Chairman's View

A very warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Burnham Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



Well, it has come round again! It's that time of year when thoughts turn to family and friends, and people are busy making plans to meet for a drink or two to celebrate togetherness.

Whatever your plans are to meet those special friends and acquaintances, enjoy the moment as you never know what's around the corner.

RIP Billy Bonds, another hero gone too soon.

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water FC celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football. In its early days, the club received royal support from King Edward VIII and King George VI, who gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that continues to inspire.

Starting in the Woking & District League, the club progressed through the Surrey Intermediate and Spartan Leagues. A milestone came in 1969 when Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then FIFA President, opened the clubhouse at The Timbers, named in honour of founder Harry Timbers. Promotion to the Combined Counties League followed in 1970, along with qualification for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation, but the club bounced back in 1990/91, winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earning promotion. The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins and a League and League Cup Treble in 1997.

After stints in various Surrey leagues, the club joined the Surrey Elite League in 2010. Despite cup success, promotion remained elusive until the arrival of Ceri Jones in 2015–16, who guided the team to a fourth-place finish. Following Richard Banks being appointed as Head Coach together they led the club to back-to-back promotions into the Hellenic League Division One and then the Premier Division, capped by a cup double in 2016–17. Following consolidation in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to league restructuring. In 2021–22, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent. Under their leadership, the club reached the Senior County Cup Final and achieved its highest-ever league finish of 7th place.

The 2023–24 season saw Adam Sams take over as First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place finish and a League Cup Final appearance. In 2024–25, the team entered a ground share at Slough Town, finishing 9th and reaching the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, narrowly losing to Horsham FC.

At the end of July, Adam Sams stepped down, and Dan Bailey was promoted to Player Manager, supported by Ben Warren, Chris Ellis, and Dave Atkins. On 21 October, Dan Bailey and Chris Ellis stepped down from their roles. The club is now excited to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Paul brings a wealth of non-league experience, having managed Ashford Town and worked with Chertsey Town, and is known for his strong leadership and success.

Off the pitch, Virginia Water FC continues to thrive. Plans are underway for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. The Youth Section is booming, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club runs three joiner classes—Wildcats, Squads, and Football Fanatics—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.



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Today's opponents



Burnham Football Club | History of the 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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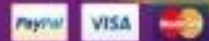
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From the Dugout

Good evening, everyone, welcome back to Arbour Park for this home game against Burnham. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

We have enjoyed an excellent last few weeks and have taken seven points from the last three games. I felt we should have won at North Leigh, but we backed that performance up with excellent wins at Harefield and then Hilltop on Friday night. The attitude from the boys and the togetherness is great to see and certainly something that is impacting the positive results, as we move away from the bottom two.



We need to start turning the away performances into home ones also, and Burnham will be another tough opponent. However, if we perform like we have been doing, then I expect us to give them a tough game.

Enjoy the game and I'll always be available in the bar after if anyone would like a chat.

Up the Waters!
Macca

Just For Fun

Can you guess the professional player from the clubs they have played for? Answer is on the last page!



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Where are they now?

We catch up with some Waters' Alumni and ask them about their time at the club, and what they are up to now

Name: Matt Edwards

Position: Goalkeeper

Era(s) played at VW: 1990-1994
and multiple years in the 2000's as staff

🏆 In a nutshell, can you give a brief overview of your time at the club?

I came to the club at 15 from Hounslow Town and played Reserve and First team football.

I left 1994 to join Egham Town, who at the time were in a higher league than Waters. I came back in 2007 as part of a new management team (First and Reserve teams), and left at end of 2014, to join Knaphill FC as GK coach. I came back one more time in 2017 as goalkeeper coach before leaving at the end of 20-21 season.

🏆 Who was your manager(s) at the club when you played?

My First team manager when I played was Seamus Dowling, who had a big positive effect on me.

🏆 Did you win anything here?


As a player I won the Reserve League Cup in 1991/92

As a Coach we won promotion to Surrey Elite league, the Surrey County Cup, the Reserve Challenge Cup and the Hellenic League Div 1 title

🏆 Who was your favourite/best teammate?

My favourite player I played with was Michael (Mick) O'Donnell, a great midfielder and the best laugh in the changing room!!

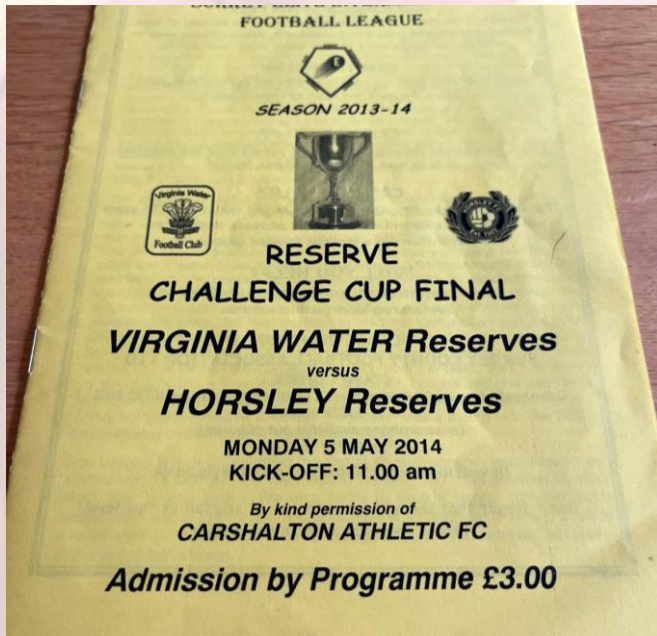


 Did you score any memorable goals?

As a goalkeeper I unfortunately didn't score a goal for VWFC


 Do you keep up to date with what Waters are doing nowadays?

I still keep an eye out for VWFC results, as there are still people involved with the club now, as when I was last at the club



 Are you still involved in football in some capacity?

I am still involved in football, I have coached at Windlesham FC - the girls section from its inception until present day - and also at Ascot FC, again in the girls' section.

 What was the standout memory for you during your time at Waters?

I have two standout memories from VWFC; winning the Reserve Challenge Cup and being part of coaching set up

that won the Hellenic League

 If you could go back and change one thing when you played here, what would it be?

Not going to do my Saturday job on the morning of the 1990-91 Surrey Intermediate Cup final day... I was in the squad to play, only to injure myself at work, putting me out of the cup final



Competition Info

Recent Results

29/11/25

PDC	Ashford Town (Middx) 4-1 Holyport
PDN	Broadfields United 2-1 Ardley United
PDN	North Leigh 0-2 British Airways
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 0-1 Edgware & Kingsbury
PDN	Windsor & Eton 5-0 North Greenford United

Fixtures Today

PDC	Alton v Reading City
PDN	British Airways v Harefield United
PDC	Tadley Calleva v Ardley United
PDN	Virginia Water v Burnham
PDN	Hilltop v North Greenford United
CC	Kidlington v Chinnor

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ardley United	18	13	2	3	26	41
2	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	21	12	3	6	1	39
3	Broadfields United	20	11	5	4	25	38
4	Hilltop	23	11	3	9	14	36
5	Windsor & Eton	16	10	5	1	21	35
6	Burnham	16	11	1	4	16	34
7	Milton United	20	10	2	8	3	32
8	Ashford Town (Middx)	16	9	4	3	15	31
9	Kidlington	18	8	6	4	6	30
10	Reading City	14	7	4	3	14	25
11	North Greenford United	17	7	3	7	-6	24
12	Wokingham Town	17	6	4	7	5	22
13	Abingdon United	16	6	2	8	-1	20
14	Harefield United	17	6	1	10	-5	19
15	British Airways	18	6	3	9	-10	18 *
16	Amersham Town	18	5	3	10	-20	18
17	Virginia Water	15	4	3	8	-9	15
18	North Leigh	20	4	3	13	-17	15
19	Holyport	21	4	1	16	-38	13
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	21	1	2	18	-40	5
* adjustment made							

Top Scorers

5 - Jojo Kinzonzi

4 - Aiden Payne-James, Cal Hamiton, Jack Mills

3 - Alfie Grant

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Manager: Paul McCarthy

Asst. Manager: Ryan Parsons

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Freddie Babbage | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | Kai Boylan | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Aderi Dede | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Adam Dougui | Uriel Ekperuoh | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Harry Kidd | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Harry Laflin | Eddie Lazarczuk | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Kris Naicker | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jibril Sharmarke | Turnell Sinclair | Ikpemwinoghena "Pemi" Yakubu



Burnham FC

Kit:

Blue Shirts

Blue Shorts & Socks

GK: Green

Managers: Omar El-Bakali, Mo Bakkali

Asst. Manager: Gilbert Batousol

Coaches: Darius Ellington-Forde, Ghabriel Teles

Physio: Melanie Sanchez



Squad:

Archie Cunningham (GK) | Mateo Dos Reis (GK) | Joel Ampabeng | Bilal Bakali | Ibrahim Diakite | Nabil Taitt | Ellis Martin-Cherry | Jamie Mitchell | Sean Basaye | Zakari Otoo | Deluxe Mwengula | Shyon Dennis | Kavar March-McKenzie | Jordan Brown | Sandro Camara | David Bamidele | Brandon Jackson | Ilyas Khader | Rafael Bertoli | Hirotaka Dwayne Clarke | Yahaya Kamara | Albhy McCann | Christian Mulindwa | Rhys Harper | Mo Abdi | Jordan Ikala | Tyrique Tekasala

Match Officials:

Referee: **Andrew Tooley**

Assistant Referees: **Steven Conway, Edward Clifford**