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A warm welcome from Burnham FC

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this First Round Qualifying of the 2025/2026 Emirates FA Cup between Burnham and Jersey Bulls FC. A special thanks to media teams representing Jersey Bulls, Gravity Media (The FA/ BBC Sport), BBC Jersey and CW Sport Radio for their coverage of this match too.

Step 4 Isthmian South-East Division side Jersey Bulls arrive here today following a 5-0 home victory over Erith & Belvedere and a 2-0 home win against Fisher in the previous rounds. Let's welcome manager Elliot, his squad, the committee and thank their fans for travelling here today.

Burnham, who play at Step 5 in the Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North, beat local rivals Holyport 3-2 in the EPR and then travelled to Oxfordshire where they came away with a 1-2 win at Ardley.

If this is your first visit, there is plenty of free parking available within the ground if everyone parks sensibly and close enough to the next vehicle. Please be careful not to restrict the flow of traffic or block driveways if you do park outside the ground and always keep valuables safely out of sight, on your person or better still leave them at home.

If you arrive early for today's game you can wait in The Blues Bar from noon, visiting teams will have access to the changing rooms when our first team management arrive and as usual we will open our turnstiles approx. 45 minutes before kick-off. Just so you are aware, it is cash only at our turnstiles, cash and cards are accepted everywhere else within the ground.

Match updates including teams and goal scorers will be available on our **X** and **BlueSky** profiles as part of our responsibility to the league and Football Web Pages. If you want to follow us on our socials then just search @BurnhamFC1878

Enjoy the match everyone, we hope to see you back here again soon. Thank you for your continued support, from everyone connected with Burnham Football Club.

Paul Butler, Burnham Football Club

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	Combined Counties League Premier Division North									
			P	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
•	1	Burnham	5	5	0	0	10	3	+7	15
®	2	Broadfields United	7	4	0	3	18	7	+11	12
	3	Kidlington	5	3	1	1	10	5	+5	10
(4	Windsor & Eton	5	3	1	1	7	2	+5	10
	5	Milton United	6	3	1	2	12	13	-1	10

Isthmian League - South East Division										
			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	10	Sheppey United	3	2	0	1	8	5	+3	6
(S)	11	VCD Athletic	4	1	3	0	6	5	+1	6
9	12	Hassocks	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
©	13	Crowborough Athletic	4	2	0	2	7	8	-1	6
(1)	14	Hastings United	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
8	15	Jersey Bulls	3	0	3	0	4	4	0	3
	16	Deal Town	4	1	0	3	6	13	-7	3

Burnham FC – Upcoming fixtures & recent results

PDN	30/07/2025	BURNHAM FC	3 - 2	Reading City FC	Premier Division North
FAC	02/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	3 - 2	Holyport FC	Emirates FA Cup EPR
PDN	05/08/2025	British Airways FC	0 - 1	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	09/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	1 - 0	Kidlington FC	Premier Division North
FAC	16/08/2025	Ardley United	1 - 2	BURNHAM	Emirates FA Cup PR
PDN	23/08/2025	Windsor & Eton	1 - 2	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	25/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	3 - 0	Milton United	TBC – possible change
FAC	30/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	2:15pm	Jersey Bulls	Emirates FA Cup FRQ
PDN	06/09/2025	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Abingdon United	Premier Division North
PDN	10/09/2025	Hilltop	7:45pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	13/09/2025	Kidlington	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North

Live Match Updates on X (Twitter)

The Combined Counties Football League has made the use of Football Web Pages compulsory for all clubs to use on match days. FWP is an online platform where supporters access fixture news and match updates via a mobile app or website. Each team has its own management area where representatives post live match updates including a Team Sheet. Typically it is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage live match updates.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, <u>Burnham Football Club</u> 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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Match Days at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club

We welcome visitors to the 1878 Stadium on a regular basis. For some it's a frequent return and for others it's their first time to the ground. The following information provides some useful guidance with links for more information.

The 1878 Stadium

Maximum capacity 2,500 including covered seating for 300 in the main stand. There is also a small covered section on the far side of the pitch with standing room only. Supporters can watch from the concrete path behind the fencing which surrounds the artificial 3G surface. 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're travelling by car, coach or train - Directions here

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: <u>Local Taxis</u>

Parking

There are approximately 100 free parking spaces at the 1878 Stadium. However, with players and management attending you may be required to park off site. If you do then please be park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Parking is offered on a first come first served basis. It takes approx 10-15 minutes to walk to the 1878 Stadium from Burnham Village High Street. Therefore, please park sensibly, walk or car share if possible.

Please DO NOT park in spaces reserved for Burnham FC Management or in front of the double gates which lead onto the pitch. These gates are to allow access for the emergency services during training and on match days. There is also wheelchair access to the ground, with access to toilets both inside the <u>Blues Bar and Cafe</u> and within the Stadium itself.

The Blues Bar and Cafe

Live matches on Sky and TNT (BT Sport) are available to watch while you relax and enjoy the club's main bar and social space. Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks are available, cash and card payments accepted. The Blues Bar and Cafe is also available for hire, please use the form provided if you would like to learn more and check availability.

Admission

Please check our <u>social profiles</u> prior to match days. Admission prices differ depending on who is playing and whether it is a league or cup fixture.

PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED AT THE TURNSTILES. Both cash and cards are accepted in the main bar and pitch side snack bar.

Refreshments and Food

Teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages can be purchased before and during the game from the Stadium Cafe hatch just inside the turnstiles. You can also purchase confectionery and hot food there too – Cash and card payments are accepted. *Only drinks purchased from the premisses can be consumed on the premisses – Plastic containers only within the stadium.*

Toilets available outside at the end of the stadium and inside the Blues Bar and Cafe.

Please be aware:

- o 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.
- o No flares or fireworks allowed.
- o No smoking in the stands.

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

History of Jersey Bulls FC

Founded in late 2018, Jersey Bulls is the most southerly football club in the English football league system. Following the footsteps of Guernsey F.C., the Bulls was conceived by Chairman Russell Le Feuvre to give Island players an opportunity to test their abilities in a more competitive environment on the mainland. It also gives islanders an opportunity to support a club side in Jersey that competes nationally like the Jersey Reds and Team Jets do in rugby and netball respectively. On 30th November 2018 the Bulls received F.A. approval for their bid to join the English football leagues and a month later the Combined Counties League approved their membership bid to join Division One for the 2019-20 season. The Bulls announced ex-Island representative player Gary Freeman as manager and signed up 32 local players.

On 6th July 2019, the Bulls played their first match in a friendly at their home ground at Springfield Stadium against E.F.L. League Two team Stevenage, losing 3-4. Striker Fraser Barlow made history when he put the Bulls in the lead to be the clubs first goal scorer. Another friendly ten days later saw a 0-3 reverse against Leicester City U23 before a further leap into history was made when Bulls hosted their first league match against Ash United, winning 3-0. Barlow once again opened the scoring, followed by goals from Karl Hinds (penalty) and Harry Cardwell.

That win began an unexpected and sensational run of 27 league wins out of 27 matches, with Bulls sealing 'promotion' to the Premier Division with their 27th victory, a 2-0 win at home to British Airways, their amazing achievements bringing the attention of the national media. Then the world went into lockdown due to the global pandemic, all league football was suspended before the F.A. made the decision to cancel the remainder of the non-league football season and render all of it null and void, in effect expunging Bulls' record-breaking season as if it never happened. 2020-21 meant Bulls had it all to do again in Division One of the Combined Counties League but after four league wins and an opening round victory in their first F.A. Vase match it was another lockdown.

However, promotion was eventually gained to the newly formed Combined Counties Premier Division South under the F.A. re-structure of the "non-league pyramid". This was based on the points per game average gained in league matches over the two abandoned seasons and with the only 100% record the Bulls were ranked first nationwide. Continued restrictions meant that Jersey entered the 2021-22 season without having played any pre-season friendlies. Those that had been arranged having had to be cancelled. Early league fixtures were all played away and some difficult opponents met early on. In contrast early success came in the F.A. Cup and the F.A. Vase, notably the former. A 10-1 win over Horsham Y.M.C.A. was the best debut match win in the competition since 1945. Further victories over Newhaven and the higher division V.C.D. Athletic led to a trip to Sutton Common Rovers, also senior in status to Jersey. A commendable draw led to an expensive return trip to the same venue a few days later as per the competition rules for offshore clubs. A 3-2 victory was inspired by a spectacular goal from Sol Solomon that featured on national television and was later celebrated in the local stamp issue celebrating 150 years of the F.A. Cup. Chertsey Town put an end to the run with a solitary goal in the Third Qualifying Round in front of a record home attendance of 1,611.

Only four league games had been played by the time of the F.A. Cup exit and three more league games would have to be fitted in on midweek dates later in the season. Nevertheless, the league campaign was then tackled in earnest and by the beginning of March Jersey were in a three-way tussle for the two promotion places. However, just when it was hoped that the season would end with a string of home fixtures it was announced that Springfield would be closed for its long-delayed re-development. That meant that three "home" fixtures would have to be played in England so there would be a run of seven fixtures "on the road". Only one of them was won and with their rivals maintaining their momentum any promotion chance was gone. Regrouping the team won their last four matches back at Springfield to finish the season in fourth place after their first season at the higher level. A review of the season led to the heart wrenching decision to withdraw the club's entry to the F.A. Cup for 2022-23 partly due to the restrictions placed on offshore clubs. It was hoped this would enable them to concentrate on their league and F.A. Vase campaigns. Continued success in the latter would also add to fixture rearrangements, but as the rounds are about a month apart it was felt that these can be more readily accommodated.

The season promised much but the two main goals proved to be beyond them. In the league they spent the season chasing Raynes Park Vale and Badshot Lea but lost at home to both of them as well as to three other teams. On the other hand they did not lose on their travels until their final trip, to Raynes Park Vale. Technically they also "lost" one other when they conceded to Colliers Wood United after they were twice fog bound at their home airport in late April. In the F.A. Vase Jersey won six matches before going down to the only goal of the game to the holders Newton Pagnell Town in the last sixteen.

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The 2023-24 season began, or the last one ended, with Jersey winning the men's football tournament at the Island Games in Guernsey. 14 current and 4 former Bulls formed the squad that won all five their matches, the last of them on 14th July. That restricted the pre-season club build up to just one pre-season friendly, a fortnight later versus Scottish Second Division side Stenhousemuir. The Scots ran out 4-1 winners and went on to win the first league title in their 100+ year history in early April. Jersey had decided to re-enter the F.A. Cup and away at Sittingbourne was the first competitive fixture. Sittingbourne play at the level above and have just clinched a play-off place in the Isthmian Division 1 South-East Division. Therefore, a goalless draw in a hard-fought battle was no mean feat but it could have been better as Jersey blasted a penalty over the bar. Under F.A. rules Jersey had to travel back to England three days later for the replay which they won 2-0. On the same night the Under 18 team when down 1-3 on "penalties", after a goalless draw over 90 minutes, to Camberley Town in the Grant McLellan Cup Semi-Final held over from the previous season.

The league season opened with a home fixture against relegated Tooting & Mitcham United. In retrospect the 0-1 defeat was the worst result of the season. All the other defeats being against promotion contenders. A 2-0 midweek win at Alton put the first league points on the board before Knaphill visited in the next round of the F.A. Cup for the first of four matches over the season. Jersey took the lead but Knaphill scored a spectacular equaliser to take the teams back to the mainland three days later. Another tough match ensued and it was goalless after 90 minutes before Knaphill snatched an extra time winner. Returning to league action the Bulls went down 2-4 at Tadley Calleva when everything the opposition touched turned to gold. It left Jersey with a mere three points from their opening three league games. There followed five successive league wins, all with clean sheets. That put the Bulls top, albeit other teams had games in hand. In the same period the U18s defeated Carshalton Athletic and Eastbourne United in the first two qualifying rounds of the F.A. Youth Cup. The first team's winning run came to a halt with a 4-4 draw at Sandhurst Town. After Jersey had fought back from 0-2 to 4-2 up with a goal in the first minute of added time the final result was disappointing. Two clean sheet victories followed plus further progress for the U18s against Westfield before a 0-1 setback at Springfield against A.F.C. Croydon Athletic only a month after beating them in South-East London.

Progress was continued with a 4-2 win at Guildford City, the early league leaders whose season was now in freefall. The U18s went out in the final qualifying round of the F.A. Youth Cup to Tring Athletic who went on to reach the 2nd Round "Proper" before losing narrowly to Leyton Orient. Back at Springfield a 99th minute equaliser against Knaphill had long term benefit come the season's end. A contentious postponement at Horley Town gave the team the week off before they opened their F.A. Vase campaign. Exempt to the 2nd Round by dint of reaching the last 32 last season they won a hard fought 2-1 win at Holyport of the Combined Counties Premier North Division. Revenge was gained against Tadley Calleva by 3-0 and one of the goals of the season wrapped up the 4-0 home win over Sheerwater. Another Combined Counties North trip in the F.A. Vase resulted in a 1-0 win at Holyport before another goal of the season contender eventually broke down the Abbey Rangers defences at Springfield. The visit to Cobham started promisingly with two early goals but the home side were level before half-time and that is how it remained. Therefore, Jersey went into the break in 3rd place behind 100% Farnham Town as well as Knaphill with a record of 18 12-3-3 40-15 39.

The new year opened with a 1-2 home defeat by Alton before Vase "hostilities" resumed with the visit of Hamworthy Recreation, unbeaten in Wessex League Division 1. A 'keeper error late in the game gave Jersey a fortunate equaliser and they capitalised with a "shoot-out" win against a team that clinched their league title, still unbeaten, with five games to go in mid-April. Home draws against play-off contenders Redhill and Balham were followed by two wins against basement sides.

Falmouth Town arrived for the 5th (last 16) round of the Vase and brought numerous supporters with them, many kitted out in Cornish tartan, amongst the record Bulls crowd of 1,346. A tremendous atmosphere prevailed only to be ruined by the worst refereeing decision of the season by the most senior official to "look after" a Bulls fixture. He awarded the Duchy team a penalty for their opening goal, film of the contentious decision going viral on social media. The visitors went on to win 3-0 only to lose in the quarter-finals, but after being pipped to top spot by local rivals Helston Athletic for the Western League Premier Division title they gained promotion via the play-offs. For Jersey it was a last 16 exit in successive seasons

Returning to the league Jersey gained a vital 2-0 win at Knaphill only to gain draws against mid table teams Fleet Town and Camberley Town. Missing eight regular first teamers Jersey then visited Farnham Town, still 100%. With their backs against the wall for most of the second half Jersey only went down to another dubious penalty award with minutes to go. Entering March the Bulls picked up the points against Guildford City and Sheerwater without being dominant and mid table Sandhurst Town repeated their previous feat of gaining a draw, this time a more mundane 1-1 at Springfield. Horley Town then failed to arrive mid-month for their second contentious postponement. Farnham Town did arrive, still unbeaten, but having recently dropped their first points of the season on a visit to Knaphill. Jersey looked to have robbed them of that record as they led 2-0 with eleven minutes remaining but Farnham pegged one back before being the beneficiaries of a 'keeper howler that meant, with results elsewhere going their way, they could celebrate the title and promotion.

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The run in started with a string of away fixtures, the first a trip to Redhill where another goalless draw was ground out with the crossbar denying Redhill a winner. Horley were eventually visited but the fixture was switched to the 3G of nearby South Park in Reigate. It was just as well it was as it rained throughout the match which the Bulls won 3-0. Abbey Rangers were seen off by the same margin before the last away was against the same opposition as the first home, Tooting and Mitcham United. A goalless draw was on the cards before another wonder goal midway through the second period set the Bulls up for a 2-0 win and an impressive final away record of 19 13-4-2 42-16 43. Jersey now had finishing second in their own hands but the fixtures would all be at home where the Bulls record was not as impressive as their one on the road. The first, a second match in a fortnight with Horley Town was won by the same score as the first, 3-0, with the second of these being another goal of the season contender. Needing a point against Fleet Town to ensure a home tie in the semi-final playoffs Jersey won 5-1 and a final match 3-0 win v Spelthorne guaranteed finishing second and therefore hosting the final should the Bulls reach that stage. A.F.C. Croydon Athletic having finished 5th were the semi-final opponents after climbing the table steadily since new investors arrived early season. The visitors battled to a 2-1 victory aided by a penalty miss and a defensive mix up to leave them travelling to Knaphill for the play-off final. Meanwhile Jersey having finished 4th, 3rd and 2nd can only hope that pattern continues for 2024-25. Following the play-off defeat came confirmation of the widely rumoured resignation of the complete management team, most of whom had been involved throughout the club's fiveyear existence. They were duly thanked wholeheartedly for their efforts, much of it unseen by the wider audience. A.F.C. Croydon Athletic went to Knaphill and repeated their successful scoreline against Jersey to take them up along with Farnham Town.

The island of Jersey is geographically nearer to France (only 14 miles) than England (87 miles) and entering a club in the national league presents a major challenge both logistically and financially. Bulls and their opponents have to fly to or from Gatwick airport to play each other so the club has to rely on the generous support of their commercial partners to survive. With a population of just over 100,000 people on an area of only 45 square miles, Jersey is classed as a "crown dependency", independent in status from the U.K. and having its own laws and government. It also has its own currency and its own language, Jérriais – a Norman language, similar to that spoken by William the Conquerer, although you might be hard pressed to hear anyone still speak it unless you find yourself at the Farmers Inn!







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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 <u>Blues Bar and Cafe</u> 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

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Summary of the Jersey Bulls 2024-25 Season by John Treleven

Having finished 4th, 3rd and then 2nd the mathematicians were hoping that this progression would continue in order to guarantee automatic promotion. If so it would occur under a different manager as Gary Freeman and his team had stepped down after the last match of last season to be succeeded by Elliot Powell.

The season opened on the first Saturday in July with a record crowd of 1,840 attracted by the visit of the "Legends" of Manchester United. Played over three thirty-minute periods in recognition of ageing legs the match ended 2-2. The Bulls XI contained only three current players and Manchester United took the lead through Jersey Bulls teenager Conor O'Keeffe who was guesting for them and had come on as a substitute. Derek Brazil looked to have made it safe with a second ten minutes from time but Kamen Nafkha, who never scored for the Bulls, scored a "worldy" to reduce the deficit before Craig Russell ensured it ended with honours even.

The following weekend saw the Bulls Cup quadrangular tournament with the Bulls hosting Curzon Ashton (National League North), Wythenshawe Town (newly promoted to the Northern Premier League) and the Arthurian League (holders of the F.A. Inter-League Cup). As expected, Curzon Ashton defeated their northern rivals, albeit only 2-1, but the Arthurian League caused an upset by beating Jersey 2-0 in the other semi-final. Jersey also missed out on the "bronze medal" going down 1-4 to Wythenshawe on "penalties" after a 1-1 draw. Curzon Ashton duly ran out overall winners demonstrating the difference in class with a 5-0 demolition of the Arthurian League. The only consolation was that 22 Jersey players got some game time.

The pre-season ended with another visit from Stevenage, using Jersey again in preparation for their League 1 campaign, and as expected they ran out 3-0 winners. After two weekends off the league campaign started in earnest at Spelthorne Sports, destined to finish bottom of the table. Jersey duly despatched them 6-1 with two goals each for Joe Kilshaw, a portent of the season to come, and Lorne Bickley, along with others from Miguel Carvalho and substitute Seaney McColgan. The match also saw the debut of Toby Ritzema, who having returned from university ably filled the void left by last season's player of the year, Adam Trotter, who was travelling.

Three days later another trip to the mainland saw a visit to Epsom and Ewell, now ground sharing at Corinthian Casuals. They were to struggle for most of the season only pulling clear of the relegation places in the last month of the season. Carvalho and Jonny Le Quesne scored the goals with James Sunley making his debut. The first home match had Alton being entertained. Two goals in the first quarter of the match put the visitors in command but Kilshaw pulled one back before the interval and Rai Dos Santos equalised shortly after it, but no winner arrived. Jersey were due to travel to Cobham but bad weather prevented the incoming 'plane arriving and the match was re-arranged for mid-October when both clubs had a vacant date due to their F.A. Vase exemptions. Therefore, the next match was another midweek trip, with Jersey now down to seventh place, this time to Horley Town where it ended it ended in a turgid goalless draw. The Bulls missed another fixture on the Saturday when flight unavailability meant that Redhill (with a 100% league record at that point) could not make it over and before the first team played again the Under 18s opened their F.A. Youth Cup campaign. Drawn at home but playing the match at Crawley Down Gatwick, the Bulls juniors defeated the Metropolitan Police 4-1.

Two away trips followed with a 4-1 win against struggling Balham, now ground sharing at Tooting and Mitcham United and a 2-2 draw at lower mid table Sheerwater. Two goals up after only four minutes (Ritzema and Carvalho) against Balham they were pulled back to 2-1 before a brace from Bickley, the second a penalty, sealed the deal. Bickley also opened the scoring at Sheerwater but the opposition hit back to lead before Karl Hinds scrambled in a late equaliser. Hinds also scored the only goal of the game back at Springfield when Guildford City were defeated, but a week later they had another blank date when their trip to Tooting was off as their opponents were playing at Guildford in the F.A. Vase. Before that the U18s registered another 4-1 win, this time against Leatherhead.

League action resumed the following week when Carvalho and Bickley goals saw off Abbey Rangers in a match that saw a season ending injury for Sunley, before the first big test of the season against one of the other four high-fliers, A.F.C. Whyteleafe. Jersey "parked the bus" and snatched the win with a goal from Kilshaw on the hour. The following day the U18s defeated Whyteleafe's junior side with a 3-2 win after being two down with a quarter of an hour to go in a "feisty" encounter played at Horley Town.

Two goals in the last ten minutes from McColgan and Carvalho gave Jersey the win at Alton in a midweek return fixture with the score replicated five days later when Hinds and Dos Santos scored against Corinthian Casuals. The re-arranged trip to fourth placed Cobham followed and Jersey did well to came away with a point from a goalless draw where the better chances fell to the hosts. The following day the U18s fine run came to an end when they went down 1-6 to Rising Ballers Kensington, the second year "scholars" of the Kinetic Academy, in a match played at Whyteleafe.

Chipstead visited Springfield and at the time were a mid-table side before the second half of the season saw them slide towards the relegation zone. Another 2-0 win followed with the goals coming from Hinds and a first of the season from Luke Watson. Old adversaries Knaphill were next up but had lost their managerial team at the end of the previous season. Five goals in a half hour spell during the first half set Jersey up for a comfortable 6-0 win with six different scorers (Watson, Ritzema, James Carr, Kilshaw, Harry Curtis and Dos Santos).

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Jersey were due to play their re-arranged match at Redhill on Bonfire Night but fog prevented them from travelling. Having reached the fifth round of the F.A. Vase last season Jersey were amongst the last 32 granted exemption to the second round "proper" this season. Drawn away at Bedfont Sports, destined to finish in the play-off places of the Combined Counties North Premier Division, Jersey scored twice late on (an own goal and Jack Boyle) to secure their passage.

Mid November saw the visit of Tadley Calleva, on the fringes of the play-offs, and who were successfully seen off 3-0, The scorers were Ritzema, a first of the season for Luke Campbell, and Hinds. Campbell had missed many of the earlier matches due to injury. A trip to Sandhurst Town saw Jersey excel on their 3G surface. A first half blitz saw them 5-1 up and they eventually won 6-1 (Keiran Lester, a couple from Dos Santos, Le Quesne, an own goal and Ritzema).

The following Tuesday was a first ever meeting with Corinthian Casuals at their Tolworth ground. Conditions were now becoming autumnal and until five minutes from the end the score stood at 1-1 (Francis Lekimamati). Drama ensued – the famous chocolate and pink team took the lead only for Seaney McColgan to equalise two minutes later. When Corinthian Casuals scored again, the only opponents to score three in a game, it looked all over but Luke Campbell score twice in added time to secure a vital three points as Redhill and Whyteleafe were now winning regularly and Jersey were having to play catch up after missing so many matches.

November ended with another vital Kilshaw contribution giving Jersey the points against Sheerwater at Springfield. December was due to open with the next round of the F.A. Vase at Whitstable Town but Storm Darragh put paid to all flights out of Jersey and it had to be put back a week at the expense of the trip to Camberley Town. Before the re-arranged trip to the "Oystermen" Jersey travelled to Chipstead for the first time and did not help their opponent's dwindling morale with an 8-1 trouncing. Watson (one a penalty), Le Quesne and Kilshaw each scored a couple with substitutes Lester and Sammy Sutcliffe also weighing in at the end.

Pierce Roche had stood in for new father Euan Van der Vliet at Chipstead and was also between "the sticks" for the Whitstable tie. Jersey led with a Lekimamati goal but did not look convincing and were undone in the last few minutes with a dubious penalty award and an opposition "worldy". Whitstable went on to reach the final at Wembley where they will meet A.F.C. Whyteleafe next month.

Jersey bounced back from that disappointment with three convincing victories over the festive period. Lowly Spelthorne Sports were dismissed 6-0 but held out until Campbell scored just before half-time. Campbell added another and Kilshaw, Lekimamati, Watson and Lester all tucked in after the break. Fifth placed Fleet Town were visited immediately after Christmas and were comfortably beaten 4-1 with the scorers being Dos Santos, Fraser Barlow a brace, and Kilshaw.

The New Year opened with a 5-1 win when Epsom & Ewell were the visitors. Ritzema and Dos Santos both contributed two and Hinds the other. A visit to Abbey Rangers was called off because of a waterlogged pitch before big spenders A.F.C. Whyteleafe came to Springfield and went away with a revenge solitary goal win before the second highest league attendance at Springfield of 1,033.

A tricky trip to Tadley was up next but Jersey were three up at half time with goals from Lekimamati, Kilshaw and goal of the season from the returning Adam Trotter, before Tadley pulled one back near the end. Abbey Rangers was called off again before another alliteration. Travel to Tooting, saw a hard-fought victory earnt by a solitary Le Quesne goal. A return to Springfield had fourth placed Cobham as the visitors and again it was goalless with Campbell controversially denied a late winner by an assistant's flag.

Balham battling against relegation were next at Springfield and their plight not helped by goals from Hinds, Carr and Ritzema in a 3-0 home win. A first meeting of the season against Camberley Town had been delayed by the Whitstable F.A. Vase fixture so it was another midweek trip to the mainland where a Le Quesne goal secured the points from a scrappy match.

The trip to Knaphill was relatively straightforward after recent hard-fought battles there. Lester and Kilshaw put Jersey two up before Knaphill reduced the arrears only for a Luke Watson penalty to restore the margin. Curtis gave the travellers an early lead at Guildford with a header from a corner. Barlow later laid claim to it for his late deflection but the footage available to the "dubious goals panel" was inconclusive. Watson put a second half penalty wide but Campbell soothed nerves with a second goal soon after that. Jersey were heartened in the following midweek when rivals Whyteleafe were surprisingly defeated by relegation threatened Sandhurst Town.

Kurtis Guthrie, a local boy who had gone on to play in the Football League for a decade, made his debut at Guildford and scored twice the following week when Horley were put to the sword at Springfield 6-1. Campbell, Barlow, Carr and Kilshaw added the other goals. The twice postponed match at Abbey Rangers was up next and Jersey were struggling and 0-1 down after 43 minutes when Harry Curtis broke his leg in a midfield tackle and the match was abandoned.

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Managers	Archie Cunningham (GK)	00	00	Daniel Jinadu	Manager	
Mo Bakali &	Mateos Dos Reis (GK)	00	00	Samuel Sutcliffe	Elliot Powell	
Omar Bakali	Joel Ampabeng	00	00	Jack Lumsden		
Camian Oasah	Bilal Bakali	00	00	Jamie Watling	Assistant	
Senior Coach Gilbaut	Ibrahim Diakite	00	00	James Queree	Daniel Garton	
Batousol	Nabil Taitt	00	00	Jay Giles	Coach	
Batousot	Ellis Martin-Cherry	00	00	Adam Trotter	David Kennedy	
Coach	Jamie Mitchell	00	00	Will Yates		
Ghabriel Teles	Sean Basaye	00	00	Joe Kilshaw	Physio	
	Zakari Otoo	00	00	Luke Coutanche	Nicky Nicolle	
Physio	Deluxe Mwengula	00	00	Luke Watson		
Melanie	Shyon Dennis	00	-	Miguel Carvalho	Kit Man	
Sanchez	Kevar March-McKenzie	00	00	Francis Lekimamati	Karl Benest	
Match Day	Jordan Brown	00	00	Fraser Barlow	Kit Colours	
Team Admin	Christian Mulindwa	00	00	Rai Dos Santos	Red shirts,	
Nick Tappy	Albhy McCann	00			white shorts	
mon lappy	Yahaya Kamara	00			and red socks	
Kit Colours	Hirotaka Dwayne Clarke	00				
Blue & White	Rafael Bertoli	00			G/K Yellow	
G/K Green	Ilyas Khader	00				
	Brandon Jackson	00				
	David Bamidele	00				
	Rhys Harper	00				

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