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The Manager

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our visitors from Bourne, It's nice to be back home after a few games away and the recent run hasn't been easy. We've not picked up as many points as we'd have liked and exited both cups to sides in leagues above us, but our priority now has to be the league.

We're about to go into 3 really tough games. Bourne have picked up, signed lads from step 5 & are taking results, then we face Radford here who are 2nd before travelling to Birstall on Saturday who are flying and just won 8-0. It's going to be a challenging week, where our thin squad will be stretched to the max but this is why we're here. Let's not lose sight of that, and appreciate that we are going to be facing very strong teams. Let's dig in & fight for all the points we can, and that's exactly what we're going to do.

In terms of the squad, there's a few noticeable changes. In the short-term, Fletch has taken a step back from playing. He wants to spend more time with his new daughter Margot & get his head straight before playing again, which I completely understand. Tom Spencer has also left the club after a short spell, and Will Gore has joined Collingham who are in the league below. Through the door we have Richard Walton, who's a very good GK & will be a bonus to us, as well as Damo Bell who's a no-nonsense CM & does not stop talking; something which I think we've lacked. Hopefully both these additions add obvious quality!

Enjoy the game & good luck to our visitors for the rest of the season & I'll see you Tuesday...

Jonny

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Gore | Matty Newton | Emz Kabongo | Ted Palfreyman | Harry
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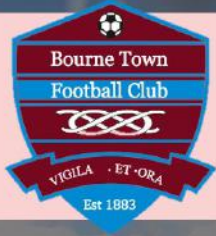


City's Squad

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Today's Opposition

Team: Bourne Town

Location: Lincolnshire

Founded: 1883

Manager: Steve Wilson

Position Last Season: 19/23

Last League Result: 3-0 vs West Bridgford

Last Game vs City: N/A

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Today's Opposition

Formed in 1883 Bourne Town played all its early football in the Peterborough League winning the Championship for the first time in 1933/1934 and then immediately following the second World War in successive seasons 1945/46/47. It was during this period after the war when the nickname "The Wakes" came into being. A competition organized by the club offered a prize of £5 for the most suitable nickname for the team. This success heralded improved status, with the club gaining admission to the United Counties League, but success eluded the Abbey lawn Club. Finishing in the top half of the table only twice and five times in the bottom two places over a nine year period resulted in a return to the Peterborough League for two seasons. Next stop was the Central Alliance League and in 1959/60 manager Sit Ottewell and his players brought the first non - league championship to the Abbey Lawn. The next season the Lincolnshire 'B' trophy was added to the silverware. In 1961 the club entered the newly re- formed Midland League but after only four years returned to the United Counties League for an unbroken 48 year period.

The period between 1968 and 1972 brought unprecedented success under the managership of Terry Bates and chairmanship of Wilf Notley. Three United Counties Football League Championships, United Counties Football League Knock out Cup, Lincolnshire Senior Cup 'A', the RAFA Cup (twice), Scarber Cup (twice) as well as cup successes for the Reserves all came to the Abbey Lawn

Player Manager Mark Mitchell assembled a quality team to bring the United Counties Football League Championship back to the Abbey Lawn in 1990/91 completing the 'double' by winning the United Counties League Benevolent Cup. Runners up in the Evans Halshaw Floodlit Cup completed a remarkable season.

In January 2004 Mr. Len Pick died at the age of 94. He was a lifelong supporter of Bourne Town Football Club and was President and Patron of the club. In his Will Len left a substantial amount of money to the club to be used to enhance the future of his beloved Wakes. It was not to be used for paying players and as a consequence the Management Committee decided to rebuild the Clubroom which had stood since 1969 and was beginning to look decidedly shabby. This was eventually finished in 2006 and is known as 'The Len Pick Suite' The building has no doubt improved the image of the club and it may be hired, together with the club bar, for private functions.

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1968/69 United Counties Division One (Now Premier) Champions 1969/70 United Counties Division One (Now Premier) Champions
1969/70 United Counties League Knock Out Cup Winners 1971/72 United Counties Division One (Now Premier) Champions
1971/72 Lincolnshire Senior 'A' Cup Winners
1990/91 United Counties Premier Division Champions
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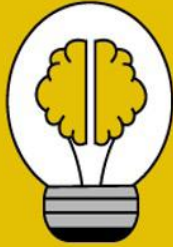
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We recently ran a competition for people to nominate a local business or charity to go on the front of our special 3rd shirt which is due to be released in the next few weeks. We had several nominations but we're delighted to say that the winner is Enlighten the Shadows!

This is a group of volunteers based in Nottingham who's sole focus is helping men who are suffering with depression, anxiety and mental health.

We're delighted to have chosen them. We're one of the biggest clubs in Nottinghamshire with a heavily male-dominated % of players & men's mental health is becoming increasingly important.

There's more to follow on this link-up, with some of the senior players taking part in a podcast which will tie in with the kit launch.

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The Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Home Team	Away Team
DIV1	30/07/2022 15:00	Southwell City	2 vs 2	Kirby Muxloe
DIV1	06/08/2022 15:00	Clifton All Whites	3 vs 2	Southwell City
DIV1	09/08/2022 19:45	Rainworth Miners Welfare	2 vs 2	Southwell City
DIV1	13/08/2022 15:00	Southwell City	2 vs 0	Grantham Town FC Academy
DIV1	20/08/2022 15:00	Aylestone Park	4 vs 0	Southwell City
DIV1	29/08/2022 15:00	Southwell City	1 vs 4	Dunkirk FC
DIV1	03/09/2022 15:00	Southwell City	1 vs 1	Saffron Dynamo
DIV1	10/09/2022 15:00	Southwell City	P vs P	Radford FC
DIV1	13/09/2022 19:45	Clipstone FC	2 vs 1	Southwell City
DIV1	17/09/2022 15:00	Holwell Sports	3 vs 4	Southwell City
DIV1	24/09/2022 15:00	Southwell City	0 vs 2	West Bridgford
DIV1	28/09/2022 19:45	Southwell City	0 vs 4	Hucknall Town
DIV1	01/10/2022 15:00	St Andrews	3 vs 2	Southwell City
DIV1	04/10/2022 19:45	Blidworth Welfare	P vs P	Southwell City
DIV1	12/10/2022 19:45	Southwell City	3 vs 1	Harrowby United
DIV1	15/10/2022 15:00	Southwell City	2 vs 3	Barrow Town
DIV1	22/10/2022 15:00	Gedling Miners Welfare	2 vs 1	Southwell City
DIV1	29/10/2022 15:00	Southwell City		Bourne Town
DIV1	05/11/2022 15:00	Birstall United Social		Southwell City
DIV1	12/11/2022 15:00	Southwell City		Blidworth Welfare
DIV1	19/11/2022 15:00	Kirby Muxloe		Southwell City
DIV1	26/11/2022 15:00	Southwell City		Rainworth Miners Welfare
DIV1	03/12/2022 15:00	Blackstones		Southwell City
DIV1	10/12/2022 15:00	Southwell City		Clipstone FC
DIV1	17/12/2022 15:00	Grantham Town FC Academy		Southwell City
DIV1	26/12/2022 15:00	Southwell City		Newark Town
DIV1	07/01/2023 15:00	Radford FC		Southwell City
DIV1	14/01/2023 15:00	Harrowby United		Southwell City
DIV1	21/01/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Gedling Miners Welfare
DIV1	28/01/2023 15:00	Dunkirk FC		Southwell City
DIV1	04/02/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Clifton All Whites
DIV1	11/02/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Aylestone Park
DIV1	18/02/2023 15:00	Bourne Town		Southwell City
DIV1	25/02/2023 15:00	Barrow Town		Southwell City
DIV1	04/03/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Holwell Sports
DIV1	11/03/2023 15:00	Hucknall Town		Southwell City
DIV1	18/03/2023 15:00	West Bridgford		Southwell City
DIV1	25/03/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Blackstones
DIV1	01/04/2023 15:00	Southwell City		Birstall United Social
DIV1	08/04/2023 15:00	Southwell City		St Andrews
DIV1	10/04/2023 15:00	Newark Town		Southwell City
DIV1	15/04/2023 15:00	Saffron Dynamo		Southwell City



The League Table

TEAM	PT	MP	W	D	L	F	GA	GD	EA	
 Aylestone Park	41	16	13	2	1	66	11	55	5	
  Birstall United Social	37	16	11	4	1	55	12	43	3	
 Radford	35	14	11	2	1	50	13	37	7	
 Hucknall Town	33	16	10	3	3	41	19	22	1	
  Blackstones	26	15	7	5	3	30	23	7	-3	
 Dunkirk	26	14	8	2	4	41	23	18	-4	
 Newark Town	26	16	8	2	6	42	29	13	-10	
 Clifton All Whites FC	24	14	7	3	4	33	28	5	-6	
 Clipstone	24	14	8	0	6	31	26	5	-6	
 Kirby Muxloe	23	16	7	2	7	40	40	0	-9	
 Bourne Town	20	12	6	2	4	34	21	13	-4	
 Gedling Miners Welfare	19	15	5	4	6	23	31	-8	-10	
 Holwell Sports	18	17	5	3	9	28	49	-21	-17	
 Rainworth Miners Welfare	17	16	5	2	9	18	37	-19	-15	
  Barrow Town	17	16	5	2	9	27	39	-12	-13	
  Saffron Dynamo	16	15	5	1	9	19	37	-18	-11	
 Harrowby United	13	15	3	4	8	23	43	-20	-16	
 Southwell City	12	15	3	3	9	23	36	-13	-19	
 Blidworth Welfare	11	12	3	2	7	15	26	-11	-15	
 St Andrews Fc	11	14	3	2	9	16	59	-43	-15	
 West Bridgford	10	16	3	1	12	20	38	-18	-20	
 Grantham Town Academy	7	14	2	1	11	14	49	-35	-13	

Black History Month: Emma Clarke



Emma Clarke's story is one that, for over a century, was forgotten, and her name, important as it is to the history of football, was lost. She should be heralded among the pioneers of the game, alongside Arthur Wharton and Lily Parr, but it wasn't until 2017 that her story was uncovered, more than 120 years after her debut. Without some determined digging by historian Stuart Gibbs, and a stroke of photographic luck, it's possible that she would have gone unremembered forever.

Bootle has a habit of producing footballers. The Merseyside town has been the childhood home of Jamie Carragher, Steve McManaman, Roy Evans, Alvin Martin, and in recent years, Manchester United and England player Alex Greenwood. All of them were preceded, however, by Clarke, who was born there in 1876 to William and Wilhelmina. Like her more famous counterparts, she started her footballing career on the streets, kicking about with neighbours and friends, before being apprenticed to a confectioner at 15. She didn't allow her sporting dreams to end there, however.

In 1795, another footballing pioneer by the name of Nettie Honeyball decided to do something against the derision that women had received in the previous decade. The first ever women's match had been in 1881, and had ended with spectators storming the pitch in anger and the players barely making their escape.

Honeyball was a pseudonym that the woman in question – probably Mary Hutson – used to protect herself from that kind of abuse, but nevertheless, she was determined to make her point, and founded the British Ladies Football Club. At the age of twenty, Clarke joined, becoming the first black female player in the game.

Clarke's career for the BLFC is difficult to track, owing to the number of pseudonyms being used and changed throughout the infancy of woman's football, and how many of those pseudonyms happen to have been Clarke. But a photograph was taken of the BLFC's first exhibition match, a North v South game which took place in Crouch End, London, in 1895, which proves that she was part of this pioneering event. 10,000 people turned out to watch the spectacle, in which Clarke played (unexpectedly, given her home town) for the South side. It was here that a South Wales newspaper picked her out as "the fleet-footed dark girl on the wing", but in also referring to her as "a coloured lady of Dutch build", who played in goal, causing the confusion as to her identity and a century of her being misidentified as Carrie Bousted. But for the evidence found in the photograph, that would still be the story we believed today.


Her side was on the receiving end of a 7-1 battering, and the comment after the game was not complimentary about womens football in general, suggesting that once the novelty of the spectacle had worn off it was doubtful that there would be much interest in watching the fairer sex compete. But the novelty certainly lasted for a little while, and the BLFC toured the country playing exhibition matches and raising money for charitable causes, playing in front of tens of thousands, and at grounds as impressive as Upton Park and Portman Road.

By 1897, the exertion of travelling in this way had taken its toll on the team and the BLFC stopped playing matches, but the impact had been made and womens football was here to stay. Clarke joined Mrs Graham's XI, a side named for the famous suffragist Helen Graham Matthew, who had played in the North v South match and set up her own team. Clarke continued to play until her late twenties, disappearing from the playing record in 1903.

Sadly, she also disappears from the census in 1905, leading Gibb to speculate that she died sometime before her 30th birthday. As with most working-class people in the historical record, the details of her life are not recorded and difficult to discover. But Emma Clarke definitely made her mark on history, and helped open up the way for both female and black footballers to ply their trade in the twentieth century and beyond. Forgotten for so long, it's important that these stories are kept alive.

Enjoy the game,

Martyn Green The Untold Game

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A Foggy Night in November



In November 1945 Moscow Dynamo made a four-match visit to Britain, the tour was heavily publicised and attracted a lot of attention. Shortly after the second world war the games were something of a novelty and a welcome distraction to post war austerity. The tour had originally been planned during the war as a gesture of solidarity between the allies. Dynamo were the Russian champions and became the first professional Soviet team to visit Britain with games arranged against Chelsea, Cardiff City, Glasgow Rangers and Arsenal.

The first game was hugely popular and press notes at the time suggest several hundred spectators without ticket removed a gate and got into the game for free, each Russian player also presented a bouquet of flowers to his opposite number. There was also some confusion over the interpretation of the offside rule and the game ended as a three all draw.

The next game saw Dynamo beat Cardiff City ten – nil before returning to London to face Arsenal. The Arsenal side included six guests, the two best known were Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortenson, the game was also to be played at Tottenham's White Hart Lane as Highbury was still requisitioned for war use.

During the day of the match a famous pea soup fog descended seriously hampering vision and muffling sound. When the game started visibility was down to a few feet but the referee who was Russian said the game could go ahead. Arsenal players were unhappy that the referee employed the Russian Linear system meaning both linesmen (who were British) were both on the same side of the pitch rather than the familiar diagonal system. Dynamo scored in the first minute before the Londoners took a three – one lead but pulled a goal back before half time.



At the Interval Arsenal substituted goalkeepers and then later complained that Moscow made a substitution without removing a player, further allegations were made about fouling on both sides with the offending players running back in to the fog before the referee could see them, it was said that the Russians were pulling shirts and scored two offside goals in the second half, quite amazing how many people were able to form opinions as what went on the pitch considering the very poor visibility. Dynamo won the game four – three, and then went on to Glasgow to secure a two all draw with Rangers.

Despite the problems during the games, it was generally agreed that the visitors were one of the best visiting sides who played an excellent passing game rather than the British style that relied heavily on individual dribbling skills.

During the war thick fog was a common event in London, one game at the Valley was abandoned and it was some considerable time before Charlton's keeper realised that everyone had left the field, he'd assumed his team were attacking out of site.

Another game between Hibernian and Hearts should have been abandoned due fog but the game continued complete with radio commentary, it was known that Luftwaffe pilots listened in and would think that the conditions in Edinburgh were clear.

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The Fit Farm

We sat down with the Alex & Max from Fit Farm to discuss what it's about, how they came up with the idea and much more! Have a read:

For those that don't know much about it, what is Fit Farm? We are a fitness-based community located in Papplewick, suitable for all abilities. Our aim is to improve people physically, mentally & socially.

How did you come up with the idea? During the lockdown, Alex decided that he wanted to make a lifestyle change to get fitter & healthier. With gyms being shut & Alex living on a farm, I (Max) developed bespoke sessions using farm-based equipment such as tyres, ropes, barrels etc, which resulted in him losing 2 stone. Not only did it improve him physically, but we made the training fun & soon realised that it would appeal to a lot of people.

We've obviously been down before and it was great. What benefits do you see for sports clubs using Fit Farm? We believe the benefits are endless. You get out what you put in so not only will teams improve physically, you will see benefits in team spirit & character building. We currently have football, netball & rugby clubs attend on a weekly basis.

How do people get in touch if they want to get involved & what type of sessions are there? You can connect with us on Instagram or Facebook or book via the app 'BookFit'. We have a variety of programmes for both men & women, including legs bums & tums, HIIT, strength & conditioning & now yoga. You can also contact us directly on 07900781398.

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What's next for Fit Farm? We will be expanding into personal training from 2023 as well as introducing one-off obstacle course days in the way of a competition. We're also looking to acquire some new locations so watch this space..!

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