

Burscough & Lathom Mens Bowling League  
 KO Cup Final Result

Match No	Team	Score		Score	Team
	<b>Banks St Stephens</b>				<b>Mere Brow</b>
01	Jimmy Jenkins	17	v.	21	Stan Jervis
02	John Greer	20	v.	21	Stan Kitchen
03	Colin Alty	21	v.	13	Jimmy Anderton
04	Dave Pritchard	21	v.	10	John Berry
05	Richard Jenkins	21	v.	09	Alan Wright
06	Mark Wilde	09	v.	21	Neil Gregson
07	Roy Cookson	17	v.	21	John Cragg
08	Andy Draper	12	v.	21	Jim Howard
09	Neil Rigden	21	v.	12	Dave Bridge
10	Roy Webster	16	v.	21	Neil Noran
	Handicap	SCR		+0.5	Handicap
	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>175</b>		<b>170.5</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>

The eagerly anticipated Burscough League KO Cup Final between Banks St Stephens (1st division runners-up) & Mere Brow (1st division joint 3rd placed team) took place on the superb Botanic Gardens Green last Friday. It turned out to be an exciting & extremely close match which was not decided until the last few ends. After the first four matches, both teams had won 2 matches each but Banks St Stephens held a 14 chalk advantage. After the next four matches, the game could not be closer as the difference between the two teams was 0.5 chalk in favour of Banks St Stephens following a fightback from Mere Brow, who had won 3 of these 4 matches. After 14 ends of both the remaining matches, Mere Brow's Neil Noran led 16-7 whilst Neil Rigden (Banks St Stephens) led 14-7 so the game was very much in the balance. In an exciting finale, which was a fitting climax to the season, the game swung in the favour of Banks St Stephens with Neil Rigden winning 5 of the next 9 ends to win his match 21-12 & Roy Webster (Banks St Stephens) who was Neil Noran's opponent fought back winning 7 of the last 12 ends to only narrowly lose 16-21 & therefore secured his team's victory by just 4.5 chalks. The League President, Roy Wignall, congratulated Banks St Stephens on winning this coveted title for the 3rd time in 5 seasons & presented the trophy to Terry Webster (Banks St Stephen's non playing captain).