TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE

AINSDALE CC



S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt) 1 Andy Barlow (capt)

Luke James (13) (wk) 2 Levi Cadogan (wk)

Danny Davies (22) **Stephen Lucas**

4 Stuart Naden Hermann Rolfes (13)

Ryan Westwell (6) Mark Lucas Callum McGee (26) Oliver Green

Jaden Rose (7)

Tom Connolly

Josh Andrady (73) Joel Barlow

Daniyal Shakeel (99) Owen Harrison

Jhangir Liagat (11) 10 David McNamara

11 Ahmed Matloob **Kieron New (10)**

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Norman Owers

UMPIRES: Ian Craven; Don Searle

PURCHASE OF THIS PROGRAMME ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO EN-TRY INTO OUR TEA-TIME DRAW

3rd JUNE WINNING NUMBER - 23, WAS CLAIMED BY Dave Gallagher

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR MAY WAS NUMBER 10, AND WAS **CLAIMED BY Louise Collins**

ANYONE WANTING TO JOIN THE 200 CLUB PLEASE SEE JACKIE ROSE FOR MORE INFORMATION



1st FI FVFN FIRST DIVISION MATCH

SATURDAY 1st JULY 2023

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

AINSDALE CC

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:

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LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 24/06/23)

SECOND ELEVEN

2nd DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	Р	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Firwood Bootle	10	7	1	2	0	15	32	0	187
Parkfield Liscard	10	7	0	3	0	16	21	0	177
Norley Hall	10	6	3	1	0	20	23	0	163
Maghull	10	5	3	2	0	25	18	0	143
Caldy	9	5	1	3	0	16	12	0	128
Sutton (St Helens) 10	3	3	3	1	27	14	0	106
Irby	9	3	4	2	0	21	22	0	103
Hight'n St Mary's	9	3	3	3	0	17	23	0	100
Alder	10	3	2	5	0	8	29	0	97
St Helens Town	9	2	2	5	0	22	25	0	87
Prestatyn	10	0	1	8	1*	17	26	0	68
Fleetwood Hskth	10	0	1	7	2**	22	23	0	40

Key * Opposition conceded ** Team conceded

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 24th JUNE

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (24pts) v HIGHTOWN St MARY'S (7pts) Bootle won by 6 wkts Hightown St Mary's 214-9 dec (49.5); Firwood Bootle 217-4 (27.4)

CALDY (20pts) v ALDER (0pts) Caldy won by 73 runs

Caldy 193-6 dec (48); Alder 120 all out (34.1)

NORLEY HALL (25pts) v FLEETWOOD HESKETH (3pts) Norley Hall won by 7 wkts

Fleetwood Hesketh 123 all out (28.2); Norley Hall 126-3 (20.5)

PKFLD LISCARD (22pts) v St HELENS TOWN (6pts) Parkfield Liscard won by 21 runs

Parkfield Liscard 113 all out (33.4); St Helens Town 92 all out (33)

PRESTATYN (7pts) v IRBY (8pts) Match drawn

Irby 189-8 dec (45); Prestatyn 141-6 (42)

SUTTON (St HELENS) (20pts) v MAGHULL (0pts) Sutton (St Helens) won by 9 wkts

Maghull 51 all out (41); Sutton (St Helens) 52-1 (7.4)

L&DCC FIXTURES 2023 SECOND ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
15 Apr	Prestatyn	Home	Won, 8 wkts	25	1st
22 Apr	Norley Hall	Away	Lost, 3 wkts	6	2nd
29 Apr	Caldy	Home	Won, 7 wkts	25	1st
06 May	Sutton St Helens	Away	Won, 3 wkts	20	1st
13 May	St Helens	Home	Lost, 105 runs	4	1st
27 May	Parkfield Liscard	Home	Won, 14 runs	25	2nd
3 Jun	Maghull	Away	Match drawn	8	2nd
10 Jun	Alder	Home	Won, 10 wkts	25	1st
17 Jun	Fleetwood H	Away	Won, 8 wkts	25	1st
24 Jun	Hightown St Mary's	Home	Won, 6 wkts	24`	1st
1 Jul	Irby	Away			
08 Jul	Prestatyn	Away			
15 Jul	Norley Hall	Home			
22 Jul	Caldy	Away			
29 Jul	Sutton St Helens	Home			
05 Aug	St Helens Town	Away			
12 Aug	Maghull	Home			
19 Aug	Alder	Away			
26 Aug	Parkfield Liscard	Away			
2 Sep	Fleetwood H	Home			
09 Sep	Hightown St Mary's	Away			
16 Sep	Irby	Home			

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Wadham Road for today's match in the Love Lane Liverpool Competition 1st Division fixture against Ainsdale CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. It's been a difficult start to the season for Ainsdale having won one, drawn one and tied one of their nine matches so far. We were in the middle of a losing run ourselves until we turned that around with a good draw at top of the table Newton-le-Willows last Saturday. We'll be looking for a positive result today but we know it certainly won't be easy. One thing to celebrate though is the good form of batsman *Hermann Rolfes* who is now currently top runs scorer in the 1st Division with 410 runs so far this season.

Meanwhile our 2nd XI are also showing great form and handily placed at the top of the table at the moment, and they'll want to continue that at Irby this afternoon. So good luck today lads!

SATURDAY 17th JUNE, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v BIRKENHEAD PARK Birkenhead Park 239-7 dec (44.5); Firwood Bootle 227 all out (48.2) Birkenhead Park won by 12 runs

A wonderful innings from Hermann Rolfes who scored his maiden century for the club (115) was definitely the highlight of the match. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to get us the win. And it left us with a feeling that a pattern was developing with our results, but we know we are capable of playing ourselves out of it. We'd lost three out of three by the end of this one but they'd all been close calls where just a slight change of fortune had swung the match away from us. This one was certainly a case in point when we started our run chase. But before the drama unfolded we put Park in to bat having won the toss. The conditions were a lot kinder today, it was much cooler than the previous two weeks. It certainly helped our bowlers to begin with as we'd sent four back to the pavilion for 69 runs. Three of those wickets

went to Jhangir (3-48), with Kieran taking the other four including that of Mark Rowland who top scored for Park with 89 runs. Kieran finished the day with figures of 4-74. There was a cameo at the end from skipper Steve Hird who hit an unbeaten 60 off 46 balls when he decided to declare. When our innings started there was no hint of the drama ahead as we struggled to get going after losing the first two wickets cheaply. Hermann built his innings carefully as wickets continued to fall. Callum made his best score of the season so far (31) in a partnership of 54. And Jhangir (50) scored his highest for the Club, managing a six and 7 fours in the process. Hermann and Jhangir put on 110 for the 8th wicket before Jhangir fell. The win was still a possibility though even when we were down to the last wicket but Hermann, in going for a big finish could only find a man on the boundary who didn't even take it cleanly but unfortunately for us managed to hang on. It was a brave attempt and a brilliant effort, his 115 coming from 130 balls, including 16 fours.

SATURDAY 24th JUNE, NEWTON-le-WILLOWS v FIRWOOD BOOTLE Firwood Bootle 249-8 dec (56.4); Newton-le-Willows 179-4 (41) Match drawn Joshua Andrady's return to the team coincided with an improvement in the top order batting. After winning the toss and deciding to put ourselves in we aimed to put some pressure on the league leaders. Our 2nd wicket partnership of 61 between Josh and Ryan Westwell (who also returned to the side after missing the last match) was a big improvement from the last three matches. They showed a good attitude against the spin of Abdullah who, although he failed to take a wicket, managed to tie us down for long spells; for 28 overs in fact, and for only 82 runs. Ryan made a very good 40 before Luke James joined Josh at the crease who both put on another 55 runs for the 4th wicket. Luke played some fines shots for his 53 before he was

KNOCKOUT NEWS

LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT (t-20) 1st Round

TUESDAY 30th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v SOUTHPORT & BIRKDALE

Southport & Birkdale 140-6 (20); Firwood Bootle 144-3 (15.4)

Firwood Bootle won by 7 wickets

We won the toss, put S&B in to bat and it all paid off surprisingly. Danny Davies opened the bowling with Hermann and although he was expensive to begin with he ended up with the best bowling figures 3-34 off his 4 overs. His 1st wicket was a case in point, hit for a six and four in 2 balls his next one was a wicket, clean bowling opener Jj Fielding for 29. He also castled top scorer Basil Sultan (44) so played a vital role in this win. A dangerous partnership was developing for 3rd wicket until Joe Nagle intervened with a brilliant throw from deep to run out the other opener Jack Carney (26). Bootle old boy Chris Cunningham wasn't able to push the score along and we cleaned out the rest leaving us with a decent target of 141 to win. After losing Danny Davies cheaply, Ryan Westwell (35) and Hermann Rolfes (42) put on a very important stand of 72 to spoil any hopes the opposition might have had, as we were over the required rate to win by that time. When Luke James (17n.o.) was joined by Tom Meskell (34n.o.) at 102-3 we were nearly home and they both did their job to send us into the next round comfortably with 32 balls still to spare.

TYLER CUP (45 overs) - Quarter Final

SUNDAY 4th JUNE, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v ST HELENS TOWN

St Helens Town 71 all out (22.1); Firwood Bootle 72-2 (13)

Firwood Bootle won by 8 wickets

This is deemed as a 45 overs per side competition, yet there were only 35 overs bowled before the match was completed! St Helens won the toss and actually decided to bat first but only two of their players managed to reach double figures. Wicket keeper Ryan Donnelly scored 22 before being run out and tail ender Liam Bowyer 10 n.o. The wickets were shared out between four of our bowlers, Kieron New (3-25), Daniyal Shakeel (2-9), Danny Davies (2-21) and Jhangir Liaqat (1-9). It was an uneventful route to the total apart from Danny Davies hitting the first ball of our innings onto the pavilion roof, and we polished it off in just 13 overs winning by 8 wickets. Hermann top scored with an unbeaten 39 off just 35 balls. We face tough opposition in the semi final. We will now travel to Highfield. They were scheduled to play their tie against Maghull tomorrow but Maghull conceded it earlier in the week. The other two Qtr finals have yet to be played; Sefton Park v Wavertree and Old Xaverians v Parkfield Liscard.

1ST ELEVEN KNOCKOUT FIXTURES 2023

THE LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT

date	opponent	venue	result		
16 May	Prescot & Odyssey	Home	Won, 9 wkts	-	-
30 May	Southport & B'dale	Home	Won, 7 wkts	-	-

TYLER CUP (45 overs)

date	opponent	venue	result		
7 May	Fleetwood Hesketh	Home	Won, 10 wkts	-	-
20 May	Hightown St Mary's	Away	Won, 32 runs		
4 Jun	St Helens Town	Home	Won, 8 wkts		
ТВС	Highfield	Away			

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

date	opponent	venue	result		
18 May	Liverpool	Away	Lost, 17 runs	ı	ı

unluckily run out. We continued to bat after tea and through the 55 overs, so forfeited our batting bonus points if we had managed to win. Declaring on 249-8 we looked really up for it when Newton came out to bat. Hermann's first over was a maiden, he then promptly took a wicket in his 2nd over. He actually took the first three wickets leaving them on 28-3 but captain Chris Chambers Tom Aspinwall and Naomi Dattani all saw them home without any prospect of winning it. But of course it did halt our 3-match losing streak.

Scoop

FBCC RACE NIGHT 29th JULY



Tickets are £10 each or £16 for two which includes drinks on arrival AND a hot meal!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to:

WILLIAM SCHAFER

who took a brilliant catch for the U-9s against Sefton Park last week

NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 8th JULY @ 12:00

L&DCC 1st DIVISION

1st XI FIRWOOD BOOTLE v LIVERPOOL CC

L&DCC FIXTURES 2023 FIRST ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
15 Apr	Liverpool	Away	Lost, 32 runs	5	5th
22 Apr	Old Xaverians	Home	Won, 4 wkts	20	8th
29 Apr	Caldy	Away	Won, 158 runs	25	3rd
6 May	Highfield	Home	Lost, 6 wkts	5	5th
13 May	St Helens Town	Away	Won, 4 wkts	20	4th
27 May	Sefton Park	Away	Drawn	8	4th
03 Jun	Lytham	Home	Lost, 69 runs	6	5th
10 Jun	Spring View	Away	Lost, 7 runs	7	7th
17 Jun	Birkenhead Park	Home	Lost, 12 runs	8	7th
24 Jun	Newton-le-Willows	Away	Match drawn	7	8th
01 Jul	Ainsdale	Home			
08 Jul	Liverpool	Home			
15 Jul	Old Xaverians	Away			
22 Jul	Caldy	Home			
29 Jul	Highfield	Away			
05 Aug	St Helens Town	Home			
12 Aug	Lytham	Away			
19 Aug	Spring View	Home			
26 Aug	Sefton Park	Home			
02 Sep	Birkenhead Park	Away			
09 Sep	Newton-le-Willows	Home			
16 Sep	Ainsdale	Away			

LOVE LANE L&DCC (24/06/23)

FIRST ELEVEN

1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	Р	W	D	Tied	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Newton-le-Willows	10	7	1	0	2	0	23	24	0	187
Birkenhead Park	10	7	2	0	1	0	30	10	0	180
Liverpool	10	7	1	0	2	0	14	24	0	178
Spring View	10	6	0	0	4	0	14	28	0	162
Lytham	10	6	0	0	3	1	17	18	0	160
Highfield	10	5	2	0	3	0	16	21	0	137
Sefton Park	10	3	1	1	4	1	13	22	1	114
Firwood Bootle	10	3	2	0	5	0	30	21	0	111
Old Xaverians	10	3	1	0	6	0	24	16	0	100
Caldy	10	2	1	0	7	0	12	26	0	78
St Helens Town	9	1	0	0	8	0	12	29	0	61
Ainsdale	9	1	1	1	6	0	10	23	1	60

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 24th JUNE

AINSDALE (15pts) v SEFTON PARK (15pts) Match Tied

Ainsdale 175 all out (40.1); Sefton Park 175 all out (53.3)

BIRKENHEAD PARK (6pts) v LIVERPOOL (7pts) Match drawn

Liverpool 208 all out (59.2); Birkenhead Park 103-9 (46)

LYTHAM (20pts) v CALDY (4pts) Lytham won by 7 wickets

Caldy 168 all out (54.5); Lytham 170-3 (42.3)

NEWTON-le-WILLOWS (7pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (7pts) Match drawn

Firwood Bootle 249-8 dec (56.4); Newton-le-Willows 179-4 (41)

SPRING VIEW (25pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (3pts) Spring View won by 7 wkts

Old Xaverians 131 all out (54.3); Spring View 133-3 (27)

ST HELENS TOWN (22pts) v HIGHFIELD (6pts) St Helens won by 36 runs

St Helens Town 137 all out (45.1); Highfield 101 all out (38.5)