

TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE



OLD XAVERIANS CC



S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1	Lewis Barnes
Luke James (13) (wk)	2	Dominic Bramwell
Danny Hart (15)	3	Ian Carroll
Joe Nagle (73)	4	Josh Dilworth
Hermann Rolfes (13)	5	Mark Doyle (capt)
Callum McGee (26)	6	Thomas Fowles
Ryan Westwell (8)	7	Colin Gibson
Nabeel Ahmed (55)	8	Shaun Haigh (wk)
T Meskill (80)	9	Daniel Harrison
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10	Mark Newman
K New (capt) 10)	11	Sean Stamper

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Aidan Nuttall

UMPIRES: Norman Edwards

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

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR APRIL WAS NUMBER 48 - AND WAS CLAIMED BY Peter Booth - (donated back to the Club)

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



**1st ELEVEN
FIRST DIVISION MATCH**

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2023

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

OLD XAVERIANS CC

**TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:
FIRWOOD TIMBER and
BUILDING SUPPLIES
(OPEN 8 DAYS A WEEK)**

Your number in today's draw:

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

CLUB OFFICIALS 2023

PRESIDENT

R. J. Carr

CHAIR PERSON

J. A. Rose

VICE CHAIR

P. K. Booth

HON. SECRETARY

L. A. Brizell

HON. TREASURER

W. Midgley

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

D. Hart

YOUTH SECTION SECRETARY

T. J. Law

CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

L. Jones.

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Sarah Schafer

Email: info@firwoodbootlecricketclub.com

PRESS OFFICER

P. Bradley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

M. Alcock; J. Cliffe; A Cook; C. Corden; K Grogan; G Hurst
L Jones; P. Jones; P. McCabe; T Meskell; A Midgley; K Riley

GROUND

Wadham Road, Bootle L20 2DD Telephone: 0151 922 1442

CONTACT US

Email: info@firwoodbootlecricketclub.com

Web Site: firwoodbootlecricketclub.com

Telephone: 0151 922 1442 Mobile: 07423 436814

LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 15/04/23)

SECOND ELEVEN

2nd DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Firwood Bootle	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	25
Caldy	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	25
Parkfield Liscard	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Maghull	1	0	1	0	0	5	3	0	8
Norley Hall	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	5
St Helens Town	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	5
Fleetwood Hskth	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Sutton (St Helens)	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Irby	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	4
Hight'n St Mary's	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3
Alder	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Prestatyn	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 15th APRIL

ALDER (1pt) v PARKFIELD LISCARD (20pts) Parkfield Liscard won by 8 wickets

Alder 40 all out (15); Parkfield Liscard 43-2 (14.3)

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) v PRESTATYN (1pt) Firwood Bootle won by 8 wickets

Prestatyn 45 all out (28.4); Firwood Bootle 46-2 (9.4)

HIGHTOWN St MARY'S (3pts) v CALDY (25pts) Caldly won by 123 runs

Caldly 200-6 dec (47.3); Hightown St Mary's 77-9 (37)

IRBY (4pts) v NORLEY HALL (5pts) Match Drawn

Norley Hall 128-7 dec (50.2); Irby 87-6 (46)

MAGHULL (8pts) v St HELENS TOWN (5pts) Match Drawn

Maghull 195-5 dec (42.3); St Helens Town 128-6 (45)

FLEETWOOD HESKETH (5pts) v SUTTON St HELENS (5pts) MATCH ABANDONED

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			
29 Apr	Caldy	Home			
06 May	Sutton St Helens	Away			
13 May	St Helens	Home			
27 May	Parkfield Liscard	Home			
3 Jun	Maghull	Away			
10 Jun	Alder	Home			
17 Jun	Fleetwood H	Away			
24 Jun	Hightown St Mary's	Home			
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 First Division fixture against Old Xaverians CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. This is their first season in Division 1 having finished runners up to champions St Helens Town last season, so they'll be looking to find their feet quickly and try to consolidate their position in this Division. They got off to a flying start in their first game last weekend beating Newton-le-Willows by 19 runs. As for ourselves, we fought very hard last season under difficult circumstances which saw seven of our regulars moving on, so full credit must be given to the 2nd XI players who stepped up and filled the gaps in our team to finish in 9th place. It helped them gain valuable experience too, consequently there will be no hesitation in calling any of these players back into the 1st XI squad this season if required.

There's great anticipation on the opening day for the first sound of leather on willow to herald the start of a new cricket season. It appears though, that here in the Liverpool Comp we're very lucky to even get a start compared to some regions in the country. For instance the North Yorkshire & South Durham Cricket League postponed their entire opening programme last weekend according to *Cricket Yorkshire*, due to "widespread wet weather" over the last 4-6 weeks. They hope to tag the lost matches on at the end of September, or at the clubs' convenience during the season.

Back in Bootle though, as always at the end of every season the players had their own meeting just before the Club's AGM. Here our current captain Danny Davies decided it was time to step aside and hand over the reins to Shaneil Patel-Ponda. I think this was mainly because of his football commitments, but thankfully he'll still be making himself available to play for us at every opportunity.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

A week before the season started, the 1st XI arranged a pre season friendly at home to Premier League New Brighton. It also gave an opportunity to showcase our 3 new recruits:

Hermann Rolfes - South African former u-19 World Cup player

Luke James - signed from Formby CC, and our new wicket keeper/opening bat

Daniyal Shakheel - signed from Sefton Park, slow left arm

In a 40 overs per side match New Brighton reached a total of 120 all out. Jaden Rose taking 4-27, Kieron New 2-23 and Tom Meskell 2-21. Luke James played a big part too by taking 4 catches and a stumping on his first appearance. Luke also featured prominently in the batting too, scoring 33 runs alongside Callum McGee who top scored with 39 runs to complete a satisfying 6 wicket win.

SATURDAY 15th APRIL, LIVERPOOL v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

(Liverpool won the toss and elected to bat)

Liverpool 131 all out (50.4); Firwood Bootle 99 all out (45.4)

Result: Liverpool won by 32 runs

Liverpool won the toss and elected to bat first. Jhangir Liaqat and Kieron New opened the bowling and didn't take long to dismiss opener Harry Watson who skied a good ball from Kieron straight to Tom Meskell who made no mistake. A 2nd wicket stand of 50 actually proved to be the difference between the two sides in the end, as the winning margin was 32 runs. A good throw by Ryan Westwell ran out Steve Rimmer for 32, and Josh Andrady played a part in dismissing his brother Alastair with an easy catch off the bowling of Danny Davies. Wickets fell regularly after that with new skipper Shaneil Patel-Ponda (4-37) and debutant Hermann Rolfes (3-27) playing major roles. When Firwood Bootle began their innings, debuts were given to two of our new signings. Luke James opened alongside Tom

Starting my third season with the club, I have taken over the mantle as 1st XI captain for the 2023 season. With the new look culture and ethos being implemented last year with Danny Davies as captain and Kieran New as vice captain, we look to build on the foundations the club has put in place. We are one club, and we are determined to develop the club as a whole. Going into the 2023 season, we are looking to play attacking cricket and win games to move us towards promotion. We profess arguably the strongest bowling attack in the league, and with a couple of new additions, including the incredibly talented South African Hermann Rolfes, we feel we have the batting line-up to match this year.

We have also added wicketkeeper Luke James from Formby and hard-hitting Daniyal Shakheel from Sefton Park into our 1st XI squad this year. Our home form this year is key. Making a visit to Wadham Road daunting for opponents as it has been in the past, will help us go a long way towards our promotion target. The typically seam friendly conditions at Wadham Road will suit our 4-pronged seam attack, something which no other side in the league has in their armoury.

Shaneil Patel-Ponda, 1st XI Captain

CLUB EVENTS IN APRIL

Friday 28 April— Cheese & wine evening £25 per head

Also please note: a good selection of hot and cold snacks, at reasonable prices are available on match days throughout the season

NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 29th APRIL @ 12:45 pm

L&DCC LOVE LANE 2nd DIVISION

2ND XI FIRWOOD BOOTLE v CALDY

1ST ELEVEN KNOCKOUT

FIXTURES 2023

THE LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>position</i>
28 May	Prescot & Odyssey	Home		-	-
11 Jun	Southport & B'dale	Home		-	-
				-	-
				-	-

TYLER CUP (45 overs)

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>position</i>
7 May	Fleetwood Hesketh	Home		-	-
20 May	Hightown St Mary's	Away			

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>position</i>
21 May	Liverpool	Away		-	-
11 Jun	Irby/Maghull	Home		-	-

Meskill but unfortunately it wasn't a day for any of our batsmen. Man of the match honours clearly went to home bowler Ross Allen who finished with figures of 8-40 off 21.3 overs. He also took a catch to remove Luke James. Once more, as in the pre-season friendly, Cal-lum McGee top scored with 27 runs but unfortunately couldn't find a partner to push the score on. So once he was out as eighth wicket down the match was over.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to all the kids who helped out on Cleaning up Day!

Also, over the last 2 years here we've had to cope with broken hearts and broken dreams. This time it's different as we've suddenly become a Club of broken bones! So get well soon to **Jaden Rose** (broken thumb in the nets); **Jessica Schafer** (broken fingers playing cricket) and **William Schafer**, our resident little daredevil (fractured foot).

FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES

Last season's double winning Belles also kicked off their season last weekend so here's a list of their forthcoming matches up to the end of the month:

HARDBALL SUPER 8s 23 Apr Wavertree (h) **start 10:30am**

SOFTBALL SUPER 8s 30 Apr Liverpool (a)

WOMEN'S T20 30 Apr Northern (a)

Scoop

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			
29 Apr	Caldy	Away			
6 May	Highfield	Home			
13 May	St Helens Town	Away			
27 May	Sefton Park	Away			
03 Jun	Lytham	Home			
10 Jun	Spring View	Away			
17 Jun	Birkenhead Park	Home			
24 Jun	Newton-le-Willows	Away			
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 (15/04/23)

FIRST ELEVEN

1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Liverpool	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	22
Birkenhead Park	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	21
Old Xaverians	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	21
Highfield	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
Firwood Bootle	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5
Caldy	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5
Newton-le-Willows	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5
Lytham	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
Sefton Park	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
Spring View	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
Ainsdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northop Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 15th APRIL

CALDY (5pts) v BIRKENHEAD PARK (21pts) Birkenhead Park won by 22 runs
Birkenhead Park 118 all out (40.4); Caldly 96 all out (32)

HIGHFIELD (20 pts) v SPRING VIEW (4pts) HIGHFIELD won by 6 wickets
Spring View 150 all out (48.1); Highfield 156-4 (39.2)

LIVERPOOL (22pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (5pts) LIVERPOOL won by 32 runs
Liverpool 131 all out (50.4); FIRWOOD BOOTLE 99 all out (45.4)

OLD XAVERIANS (21pts) v NEWTON-le-WILLOWS (5pts) OLD XAVS won by 19 runs
Old Xaverians 107 all out (47.1); Newton-le-Willows 88 all out (42.2)

SEFTON PARK (5pts) v LYTHAM (5pts) MATCH ABANDONED

ST HELENS TOWN v AINSDALE MATCH CANCELLED