

# TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE



LYTHAM CC



S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1	M Taafe (capt)
Luke James (13) (wk)	2	R Staines (wk)
Danny Davies (15)	3	M Wood
Hermann Rolfes (13)	4	T Jefferson
Ryan Westwell (8)	5	J McGreehin
Callum McGee (26)	6	M Child
Danny Hart (22)	7	R Openshaw
Tom Meskell (73)	8	T Hessey
Daniyal Shakeel (99)	9	G Roberts
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10	J Saunders
Kieron New (10)	11	A Yadav

Alan Majewska      **Scorers**    Luke Norris

**UMPIRES:** Peter Haslam; John Lawton

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

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**1st ELEVEN**  
**FIRST DIVISION MATCH**

**SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2023**

**FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC**

versus

**LYTHAM CC**

**TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:**  
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## LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 27/05/23)

### SECOND ELEVEN

### 2nd DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Maghull	6	4	1	1	0	16	13	0	109
<b>Firwood Bootle</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>
Parkfield Liscard	6	3	0	3	0	9	15	0	84
Norley Hall	6	3	2	1	0	10	10	0	80
Alder	5	3	0	2	0	0	16	0	76
Caldy	5	3	1	1	0	8	3	0	71
Hight'n St Mary's	5	2	1	2	0	7	9	0	56
St Helens Town	3	2	1	0	0	13	2	0	55
Prestatyn	6	1*	0	5	0	8	16	0	49
Irby	4	1	1	2	0	2	11	0	33
Sutton St Helens	6	0	3	2	1	13	13	0	31
Fleetwood Hskth	6	0	0	4	2**	9	15	0	19

Key \* Opposition conceded \*\* Team conceded

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 27th MAY

**IRBY (20pts) v St HELENS TOWN (6pts) Irby won by 69 runs**

Irby 165 all out (49.2); St Helens Town 96 all out (25.2)

**FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) v PKFLD LISCARD (6pts) Firwood Bootle won by 14 runs**

**Firwood Bootle 184-5 dec (45); Parkfield Liscard 170 all out (41.4)**

**FLEETWOOD HESKETH (9pts) v ALDER (25pts) Alder won by 2 wkts**

Fleetwood Hesketh 194 all out (34.5); Alder 195-8 (43.4)

**HIGHTOWN St MARY'S (20pts) v MAGHULL (8pts) H.S.M. won by 9 runs**

Hightown St Mary's 143 all out (56.2); Maghull 134 all out (31.5);

**NORLEY HALL (20pts) v SUTTON (St HELENS) Match drawn**

Norley Hall 191-4 dec (45); Sutton (St Helens) 131-7 (46)

**PRESTATYN (6pts) v CALDY (24pts) CaldY won by 22 runs**

Caldy 161-7 dec (45); Prestatyn 139 all out (38.4)

# 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			
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 Lytham CC and a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. For those of you who missed the drama and history unfolding on Tuesday evening (16th May), may I suggest you turn to **page 11** where you can read of **Hannah Gallimore's** exploits making her debut as the first female representative in a 1st XI at Firwood Bootle CC. I've since been in touch with John Williams (Acting Secretary Liverpool Competition) on the subject of females in the Liverpool Comp and it was interesting to find out the first to achieve this was Natalie Brown (Sutton) as early as 2010. Others to make their mark were Ellie Threlkeld (Rainford and Lancashire Thunder capt), Sian Phillips, Rachel Dickinson and Laura Jackson. So Hannah is in great company amongst those names. John was delighted to hear this by the way, "*an excellent performance*" and also sent on his warm congratulations.

### SATURDAY 6th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v HIGHFIELD

**Firwood Bootle 185 all out (58.4); Highfield 186-4 (40.1)**

**Highfield won by 6 wickets**

Highfield won the toss and put us in to bat, but we lost both openers cheaply. Hermann Rolfes and Danny Davies started to make a promising recovery until Hermann misjudged one which looked like it was going over, so was clean bowled. That left us on 33-3 and in fact it was the middle/lower order that formed some decent partnerships enabling us to reach a respectable total after that slow start. Danny fell short of his half century top scoring with 43 runs which included 9 fours so Ahmed Nabeel then joined Danny Hart and kept the score ticking over to earn our first batting point. Danny managed a big six and Ahmed tried to follow suit going for a big one but was caught out leaving us with our sixth wicket down on 119. Joe Nagle came in and

spread some good shots around the ground before getting caught at long on for 22 off 27 balls, including 2 fours and a six. Danny Hart also made a good contribution scoring 25 runs. So the team were pushing the score along quite well considering nobody could quite cut loose. There looked to be a valuable partnership forming for the 9th wicket between Jhangir Liaqat and Kieron New who put on 35 runs. Jhang hung around for 57 balls for his 20 runs while Kieron made 15 off 40 balls to make what looked at the time a respectable score considering the start we had losing our top order. Sam Rotherham for Highfield had the best bowling figures taking out our top three and then coming in later to mop up the tail. He finished with 5-39 off 10.4 overs.

In reply, Ryan Hargreaves set off like an express train scoring 43 out of the 1st wicket stand of 61 including 9 fours, before he fell to a fine catch by Luke James. Captain Michael Farrell followed soon after, Hermann taking both of those wickets. That's as good as it got for us as we failed to make a breakthrough. When the umpire signalled for the last 20 overs to begin Highfield needed 90 runs while we obviously had to take 8 wickets to win. The best we could hope for at this stage was a draw. Harry Moxham survived a run out appeal then promptly rubbed salt in our wounds by hitting a six and a four in the next 2 balls, winning in the end by 6 wickets.

### **SATURDAY 13th MAY, ST HELENS TOWN v FIRWOOD BOOTLE**

**St Helens Town 91 all out (25.2); Firwood Bootle 92-6 (34.2)**

**Firwood Bootle won by 4 wickets**

We won the toss and decided to put St Helens in to bat first. This just happened to be St Helens first home match of the season because of the problems the club had been facing with the weather affecting the state of their pitch. So on that basis the state of the pitch proved

## **LIVERPOOL COMPETITION JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Our Junior section continues to thrive, with over 50 children playing cricket for the club so far this season. Playing-wise our Under 15s and 13s have had a hard start. Although the results have not been what we hoped for, we have had some excellent individual performances.

### **UNDER 15s**

Matthew Evens has had an excellent season so far with the bat scoring 106 runs in three innings including 2 not outs. He has also had a few good knocks for the 2nd team. But last Saturday playing for the seconds he bowled 12 overs and took 5 wickets for 12 runs just missing out on a hat-trick. Good performances also in our under 15s from Lewis Duncan-Brown and Michael Butterworth.

### **UNDER 13s**

The under 13s are struggling a little, due to our having to play a majority of under 11s in the team and when they are facing bowling from 2nd year under 13s it becomes a little difficult. But, they never give up have a great spirit in the team and we have had some good performances from, Adam Morris, Riley Stevenson and Kyle Medicot.

### **UNDER 11s**

Our pride and joy are the under 11s. At the moment they are top of the under 11s league having won their first three matches. They were narrowly defeated in the cup by 4 runs at Formby who, are in a league above them. Again a number of under 9s in the team.

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### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to

### **MATTY EVANS**

who took 5 wickets for 12 runs last weekend v Parkfield Liscard

**NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD**

**SATURDAY 10th JUNE @ 12:45 pm**

**L&DCC LOVE LANE 2nd DIVISION**

**2ND XI FIRWOOD BOOTLE v ALDER**

Our **ECB Vitality Cup t-20** on Tuesday 11th May turned out to be a complete washout at Liverpool CC without a ball being bowled, so was rescheduled for the following Thursday, 18th May.

## **ECB VITALITY CUP (t-20)**

### **THURSDAY 18th MAY, LIVERPOOL v FIRWOOD BOOTLE**

**Liverpool 126-8 (20); Firwood Bootle 109-7 (20) Liverpool won by 17 runs**

We were also paired with Liverpool in this competition last year. It was deja vu for Majic and myself before the match too, as we returned to the Rose of Mossley Hill for our pre-match meal. Well maybe not quite the same, as this happened to be Majic's second meal of the day! He'd already demolished an all day breakfast in Tesco apparently, but as he explained there was only one rasher of bacon on it, so he felt he was clearly entitled to order a gammon steak to compensate. I think when I grow up I'd like to be like him. Unfortunately the outcome once the match started was also the same as last year. If we happen to avoid them in the draw next year we might make some progress, but we weren't too far away from winning this one actually. Just a couple of loose overs at the start of Liverpool's innings made all the difference eventually. We got off to a decent start taking 3 wickets for 37 runs but a good 4th wicket partnership of 59 turned out to be crucial for Liverpool. Daniyal Shakeel took his first wicket for Bootle removing top scorer Henry Charlton (48). But chasing a target of 127 Daniyal fell to the first ball of our innings. Danny Davies stuck around and scored over a run a ball but couldn't get past 30. It looked a difficult pitch to play on but a great effort from Tom Meskell (24) and Callum McGee (14) took the score on to 87-6 with a partnership of 33 but it just wasn't quite enough as we always just seemed to be behind the run rate to lose

to be a problem for both sides. That explained the low scoring too. Umpire Les Knowles told me at the end it was like going back to his playing days when pitches were left uncovered. Hermann Rolfes would have to be man of the match here as he was the only batsman from either side who could "play the pitch". He showed patience scoring an unbeaten 48 off 83 balls which was a vital knock even though we only needed 92 to win. And he'd earlier taken 3-14 off 8.2 overs helping to bowl the home side out for 91. Jhang took 4-48 in his spell and Shaneil followed up with 3-9 off 5 overs. So a good win in the end in a match which could have been tricky under the circumstances.

### **SATURDAY 27th MAY, SEFTON PARK v FIRWOOD BOOTLE**

**Firwood Bootle 227 all out (59.10; Sefton Park 194-9 (45) Match drawn** Shaneil won the toss and decided to bat first. There's always two sides to a story isn't there, but this match proved to have three! Both sides could claim to have winners here. For ourselves Hermann again showed his good form with the bat top scoring with 71 off 95 balls including 11 fours, but (and now we come to the second side of the story) without the last wicket partnership of 59 from Kieron New who made 39 n.o. and skipper Shaneil (21) we could very easily have lost this. They both did a fine job taking the total past 200 and making a real game of it. I think our team were inspired by this as our bowlers then took wickets at regular intervals to put some fear into the opposition and indeed put us into a winning position. When Tom Meskell took the 9th wicket lbw we thought the match would be finished very soon. But here's the third side to the story, Sefton Park also produced a last wicket partnership which proved to be as vital as our own. They batted out the last 6.3 overs and put on 33 runs to save it.

# L&DCC FIXTURES 2023

## FIRST ELEVEN

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

## LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT (t-20)

**TUES 16th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v PRESCOT & ODYSSEY**

Prescot & Odyssey 79 all out (18.4); Firwood Bootle 80-1 (12)

As a club we seem intent on rewriting the history books this season! Last week we had the unique event of 14 years old Matty Evans turning out for the 1st XI. Well today I think we went a step further - our first ever female selection in a 1st XI match. The reason I say we took a step further is that not only did she turn out for the team, she also happened to play a big part in helping us win the tie as well. Her figures for the match when she was asked to bowl her quota of overs were exceptional. Hannah came on in the 12th over and the moment she had the ball in her hand she showed the confidence that I'm sure will see her making many more appearances in the near future. Those initial cheers and shouts of encouragement were more than matched when she eventually took her first wicket, that of P&O captain Graham Talbot no less. And for those of you interested in cricket stats she finished by taking 3-11. So the official record for the stats is 4-0-11-3. Hermann Rolfes' pace was clearly too much as he removed both openers, then polished off the tail with another 2 wickets ending with figures of 4-11 off 3.4 overs. Tom Meskill chipped in with 2 wickets of his own in one over. So it was done and dusted in the 18th over as P&O were skittled out for 79. Hermann had a big part to play in reply too, making 41 off 33 balls including 6 fours and 1 six before being bowled. That wicket went down at 58 so there were only 22 runs left to seal the win. Luke James supported well and was unbeaten on 33 off 31 balls scoring 4 fours by the end.

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

in-form Hermann Rolfes and Danny Davies to push the score along quickly. In fact that is what happened, they both looked set and scoring freely before Danny was tempted by one and caught at first slip for 31. Hermann (21) was clean bowled soon after so that brought Callum McGee and Ahmed Nabeel together to steady things. Ahmed was caught out by Jackson Cockbain (a famous Bootle name of course) which looked to have gone over his head but he managed to pluck it out of the air, which his dad would have been proud. Callum meanwhile was pushing the score along as best as he could while losing partners at regular intervals. He finished the highest scorer (39) in what proved to be decisive in the end. Hannah faced just three balls before being caught by Jackson again, so without managing to get through our 45 overs there was a chance that Hightown might take on the challenge. They required 155 runs off their 45 overs at a competitive run rate of 3.44 per over. It needed a good response from our bowling attack. And Jhangir provided it skittling opener Matthew White out with the 4th ball of the innings. Hightown struggled to recover from that early blow and were always behind the run rate. It looked just about over when Tom Meskell took the 7th wicket on 63. Jackson Cockbain couldn't produce any heroics with the bat as he was bowled by Jhangir without troubling Majic on his score book. There was a bit of a fight back by the lower order for the 8th and 9th wickets. Josh Moran scored 19 before Danny clean bowled him for 19 and wicket keeper John Baybut hit the only six of the match before being cleaned out by another quick one from Jhang. The writing was on the wall by this time as last man Sachin Sharma was run out by Tom trying to keep strike. We eventually triumphed by 32 runs with Hermann (3-16) and Jhang (3-33) again producing the best bowling figures.

## LOVE LANE L&DCC (27/05/23)

### FIRST ELEVEN

#### 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Newton-le-Willows	6	5	0	1	0	16	10	0	126
Liverpool	6	5	0	1	0	5	18	0	123
Birkenhead Park	6	4	1	1	0	17	5	0	102
<b>Firwood Bootle</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>
Spring View	5	3	0	2	0	6	13	0	79
Highfield	6	3	1	2	0	7	10	0	77
Lytham	6	2	0	3	1	7	13	0	65
Old Xaverians	6	2	1	3	0	13	10	0	63
Sefton Park	6	2	1	2	1	5	14	1	63
Ainsdale	5	1	1	3	0	9	6	0	35
Caldy	6	0	0	6	0	4	15	0	19
St Helens Town	4	0	0	4	0	3	16	0	19

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 27th MAY

**AINSDALE (1pt) v SPRING VIEW (25pts) Spring View won by 8 wickets**

Ainsdale 94 all out (28.3); Spring View 96-2 (25.2)

**CALDY (3pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (25pts) Old Xaverians won by 117 runs**

Old Xaverians 246-4 dec (50.5); Caldly 129 all out (55.3)

**HIGHFIELD (2pts) v LIVERPOOL (25pts) Liverpool won by 7 wickets**

Highfield 121 all out (42.4); Liverpool 123-3 (33.2);

**LYTHAM (5pts) v BIRKENHEAD PARK (25pts) Birkenhead Park won by 119 runs**

Birkenhead Park 247-8 dec (49.4); Lytham 128 all out (40)

**SEFTON PARK (9pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (8pts) Match drawn**

**Firwood Bootle 227 all out (59.1); Sefton Park 194-9 (45);**

**ST HELENS TOWN (5pts) v NEWTON-le-WLS (24pts) Newtn-le-Wls won by 155 runs**

Newton-le-Willows 192 all out (39.1); St Helens Town 37 all out (14.1)

# 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>
16 May	Prescot & Odyssey	Home	Won, 9 wkts	-	-
30 May	Southport & B'dale	Home	Won, 7 wkts	-	-
				-	-
				-	-

### 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	Won, 10 wkts	-	-
20 May	Hightown St Mary's	Away	Won, 32 runs		
4 Jun	St Helens Town	Home			

### ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>position</i>
18 May	Liverpool	Away	Lost, 17 runs	-	-

# KNOCKOUT NEWS

## TYLER CUP (45 overs)

### SUN 7th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v FLEETWOOD HESKETH

Fleetwood Hesketh 95 all out (32.2); Firwood Bootle 96-0 (12.1)

Firwood Bootle won by 10 wickets

In what turned out to be a fairly routine win in the end, the real story of the match was giving Matty Evans his 1st XI debut at the ripe old age of 14. The two captains met in the middle before the start, Fleetwood Hesketh's skipper Matthew Howard won the toss and chose to bat but from then on everything else went our way. Once Howard lost his wicket there was little resistance and the rest of the batting collapsed as they lost their last 7 wickets for just 58 runs. The wickets were shared around, Hermann Rolfe ended up with 3-13 off 6 overs, Jhangir Liaqat took 3-24 runs off 7.2 overs and Danny Davies took 2-25 off 9 overs. Matty Evans came on in the 22nd over and showed little sign of nerves for such a young lad playing alongside the seniors. Once he'd got his line and length he settled in and finished with 0-17 off 4 overs for a creditable debut. I've no doubt we'll see more of him in the future. So with Danny Davies and Luke James opening in reply they both took little time in reaching the total to complete an easy win inside 12 overs. Danny just reached his half century with the winning shot of the match. His 50 included 3 sixes and 5 fours, while Luke also struck 5 fours in his unbeaten 33.

### SATURDAY 20th MAY, HIGHTOWN St MARY'S v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Firwood Bootle 154 all out (40.4); Hightown St Mary's 122 all out (35.3)

Firwood Bootle won by 32 runs

With the sun shining down unbroken all day Hightown was a perfect setting for a game of cricket. Bootle made a couple of late changes from the expected line up when Joe Nagle and Hannah Gallimore (her second appearance in a week for the 1st XI) were drafted in to replace Kieron New and Ryan Westwell. After losing Luke James early on we were relying on an