

TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE



NEWTON-le-WILLOWS



S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1	N Hughes
Luke James (13) (wk)	2	B Walkden
Ryan Westwell (8)	3	M de Brabander (wk)
Hermann Rolfes (13)	4	C Chambers (capt)
Danny Hart (15)	5	J Morley
Josh Andrady (18)	6	I Lyon
Daniyal Shakeel (7)	7	R Bhalla
Jaden Rose (7)	8	D Yates
Liam Jones	9	L Yates
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10	A Yates
Kieron New (10)	11	H de Brabander

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Nigel Chambers

UMPIRES: Craig Parkinson; Steve Foster

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

26th AUGUST WINNING NUMBER WAS UNCLAIMED

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR AUGUST, NO. 89 WAS WON BY *Paul Guinness*

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LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION
An ECB Premier League

1st ELEVEN
FIRST DIVISION MATCH

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2023

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

NEWTON-le-WILLOWS CC

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:
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LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 02/09/23)

SECOND ELEVEN - 2nd DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Firwood Bootle	20	10	5	4	1/0	40	68	0	313
Caldy	20	10	3	5	1/1	43	27	0	280
Maghull	20	10	3	4	3/0	35	23	0	273
Parkfield Liscard	20	9	1	7	2/1	29	31	0	255
Norley Hall	20	7	4	5	3/1	32	43	0	235
Sutton (St Helens)	20	7	4	4	4/1	39	23	0	227
Irby	20	7	6	3	3/1	28	32	0	220
Alder	20	6	3	8	2/1	15	58	0	208
Hight'n St Mary's	19	4	5	6	2/1*	28	34	0	182
St Helens Town	19	4	2	9	4/0	33	33	0	166
Prestatyn	20	2	2	11	3/0**	21	32	0	123
Fleetwood Hskth	20	1	2	11	4/1**	37	40	0	112

Key * Opposition conceded ** Team conceded

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) v FLTWOOD HSKTH (3pts) F'wood Bootle won by 8 wkts

Fleetwood Hesketh 118 all out (41.1); Firwood Bootle 119-2 (25);

CALDY (8pts) v MAGHULL (23pts) Maghull won by 5 runs

Maghull 142 all out (35); Caldly 137 all out (42)

IRBY (0pts) v HIGHTOWN St MARY'S (0pts) Match drawn

Hightown St Mary's 202-9 (57); Irby 141-9 (34)

NORLEY HALL (8pts) v ALDER (25pts) Alder won by 8 runs

Alder 140 all out (39.1); Norley Hall 132 all out (28.1)

PRESTATYN (20pts) v PARKFIELD LISCARD (2pts) Prestatyn won by 8 wkts

Parkfield Liscard 80 all out (26.1); Prestatyn 81-3 (31.2)

SUTTON (St HELENS) (20pts) v St HELENS TN (6pts) Sutn (St Helens) won by 5 wkts

St Helens Town 53 all out (28.3); Sutton (St Helens) 55-5 (23.2)

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

CALDY (9pts) v IRBY (7pts) Match drawn

Caldy 175-8 (44.3); Irby 132-8 (42)

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	Lost, 4 runs	9	1st
08 Jul	Prestatyn	Away	Match drawn	9	1st
15 Jul	Norley Hall	Home	Won, 20 runs	21	1st
22 Jul	Caldy	Away	Match drawn	9	1st
29 Jul	Sutton (St Helens)	Home	Match drawn	9	1st
05 Aug	St Helens Town	Away	Cancelled	5	1st
12 Aug	Maghull	Home	Won, 5 wkts	25	1st
19 Aug	Alder	Away	Match drawn	8	1st
26 Aug	Parkfield Liscard	Away	Lost, 2 wkts	6	1st
2 Sep	Fleetwood H	Home	Won, 8 wkts	25	1st
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 for our 1st Division match against Newton-le-Willows CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too.

We go into this match as holders of the Ray Tyler Cup having beaten Sefton Park last Sunday with a superb display to win the trophy by 9 wickets, but you can read the full story further on in the programme. Our opponents today were crowned Division 1 champions last week with two games left to play when they got a draw against bottom club Ainsdale. And it's well deserved in my opinion after being unceremoniously dumped out of the Premier League at the end of last season. So congratulations to them from everyone at Firwood Bootle CC.

As well as the two teams facing up to each other, there's also a bit of a shoot-out developing in the race to become the highest runs scorer in this division. Only 6 runs separate Newton's opener Ben Walkden from our own Hermann Rolfes. Ben is currently on 585 runs while Hermann is just behind on 579 just to put a bit more edge to this game.

The **2nd XI** meanwhile are still on course to win the 2nd Division title, getting back to winning ways last weekend beating Fleetwood Hesketh at home by 8 wickets. Caldycy in 2nd place failed to take advantage with their game in hand last Sunday when they only managed a draw in their home match against Irby, so that keeps a 33 point distance between us and them. I must mention the individual performances of the 2nd XI players too. **Tom Meskill** is currently 3rd in the 2nd Division batting table with 399 runs while **Barney Fisher** is in 6th place with 338. Tom also happens to be in the bowling table for the 2nd Division, he's in 4th place with 39 wickets but is actually behind **Andy Hunt** who's currently in 2nd place having taken 42 wickets. **Hannah Gallimore** has also made it into the top 10 in this Division taking 28 wickets so far, what a great season she's had by the way.

So with a cup final to be played here tomorrow when our 2nd XI host Wigan it's going to be a brilliant weekend of cricket for the Club and hopefully we can add more silverware to our cabinet!

Come on out and support the team in their quest for more success.

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v SEFTON PARK

Match cancelled without a ball being bowled due to wet pitch - 5 points each ,There was a program prepared that day so if you didn't pick it up ask at the bar.

SATURDAY 2nd SEPT, BIRKENHEAD PARK v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Firwood Bootle 119 all out (40.3); Birkenhead Park 92 all out (33.1)

Firwood Bootle won by 27 runs

It's becoming a bit of a habit with us this season, getting good results when seemingly up against the odds. But it's a good habit to have, so once we get a level of consistency in all of our matches, and if possible manage to keep the squad together, then I think this team can go far. Our win here actually helped Newton-le-Willows clinch the 1st Division title even though they only managed a draw at home to Ainsdale, which incidentally relegated Ainsdale to the 2nd Division. When the match began Park were still in with a faint shout of winning the league so when they won the toss they put us straight in to bat. There was no hint of the drama to come when our wickets were falling at regular intervals. Luke James and Ryan Westwell started off quite confidently actually and seem to be developing an understanding at the wicket. They had a bright start and both scored a couple of boundaries in the first few overs. But once they both fell we struggled to keep the scoreboard ticking over and only Hermann showed signs of helping us recover and we were bowled out for 119. This is where we showed some character though and like I said earlier, especially when the odds are against us. Our pacemen were economical but it wasn't until we changed the pace of the attack that the wickets started tumbling. Hermann removed Park's dangerman Mark Rowland who scored 28 out of a 1st wicket partnership of 34 so that was a relief. Once the 7th wicket fell we sniffed blood and as skipper Shaneil set the field, they all closed in on the remaining batsmen so by this time there was nobody fielding on the boundary. He eventually finished with best figures of 5-18 off 9.1 overs. Shakeel wasn't far behind with his own spin, finishing with 3-13 off 7 overs. And it put us all in the mood for the Cup final the following day. One person it didn't seem to affect though was Majic, he cares about the Club obviously but not more than his stomach. Always one for a challenge we'd stopped at Muzzy's Cafe in Birkenhead and he ordered the "Dare to Eat" breakfast which he promptly demolished. That's all the inspiration he needs! *Scoop*

NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD TOMORROW

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER @ 12:00

TITTERSHILL 2nd XI CUP FINAL

FIRWOOD BOOTLE v WIGAN CC

RAY TYLER CUP FINAL

A STROLL IN THE PARK!

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, SEFTON PARK v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Sefton Park 129 all out (41.5); Firwood Bootle 132-1 (34.4) Firwood Bootle won by 9 wickets

Nothing comes easy, everyone knows that. But if it was possible to plan out a cup final from start to finish then this would be how to do it. As soon as the toss was decided and Sefton Park put themselves in to bat we were in control. The second ball of Hermann's over was our first success as he sent the stumps flying, then again in the third ball of his 2nd over he trapped Ben Percival lbw. So once dangerman Paul Horton was clean bowled by Jaden Rose at 77-4 we took a real grip of the match. They only made another 52 runs for the loss of the last 6 wickets and were bowled out in the end with still 3 overs left from their allocation. Joshua Andrady finished with the best bowling figures 3-16 off his 9 overs including 2 maidens, Hermann Rolfes also bowled well ending with 3-27 off 7.5 overs. Kieron New worked hard in the hot conditions which is worth a mention bowling his 9 overs unchanged. Wicket-keeper Luke James also made a worthy contribution too with 3 catches and a stumping.

So we had a target of 130 to win the trophy. Luke also happened to play a big part in getting us to the winning post making 34 out of a 70 run partnership with Ryan Westwell. Westy got his unbeaten 52 off 94 balls which included 7 fours, that must have got him close to being player of the match. When Luke had gone Joshua Andrady walked in and never looked back. He made an excellent unbeaten 40 which included 2 sixes. The second one was the one which clinched the trophy for us. I can't remember a single chance being offered by our batters so all credit again to them. What was so exciting about this match, a cup final don't forget, was we didn't have to just rely on the senior players. Both our youngsters had a huge say in how we won this match. Josh was made player of the match for his contribution with both bat and ball. And Jaden's one wicket of the match was skipper and pro for Sefton Park, Paul Horton. A great day in the end. *Scoop*

1ST ELEVEN KNOCKOUT

FIXTURES 2023

THE LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>		
16 May	Prescot & Odyssey	Home	Won, 9 wkts	-	-
30 May	Southport & B'dale	Home	Won, 7 wkts	-	-
16 July	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lost, 67 runs	-	-

TYLER CUP (45 overs)

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</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	Won, 8 wkts		
13 Aug	Highfield	Home	Won, 70 runs		
<u>FINAL</u>					
3 Sept	Sefton Park	Away	Won, 9 wkts		

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

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

DANNY DAVIES

Daniel Davies will be (hopefully temporarily) hanging up the boots after what has been an outstanding career at Firwood Bootle. Joining from Prestatyn in 2016, Danny has amassed 4,459 runs for the club with an average of 33. Equally impressively, he has taken 168 wickets with a bowling average of just over 18. Danny is the 7th leading run scorer and 23rd leading wicket taker of all time for the club. A page could be made of Danny's countless match winning performances alone. However, his loyalty, wholehearted passion, competitive edge and his love for this great Club sets him apart from the rest. In the shock relegation of 2021, the club's future looked bleak with 8 of the 11 first teamers leaving the club that year. Danny's passion, selflessness and desires for the Club meant he created a team and atmosphere that narrowly avoided a double relegation. Danny was the glue that kept this great club afloat in a tough couple of years for the team. A team that was rebuilt, and Danny leaves the Club knowing he has created the foundations for us to get back where we should be, at the top of the Premier League. Danny should be proud of what he has achieved here and his contributions, most notably following the shock events of 2021, solidify his status as a true great of the Club. I speak for everyone at Firwood Bootle in wishing Danny and Jen all the happiness in their journey into parenthood. Although it seems like a goodbye, I know for sure it's just a see you soon. Danny is, and forever will be one of the greats that this Club has had the fortune of inviting into their Bootle family.

Shaneil Patel-Ponda, 1st XI Captain

UPCOMING CLUB FUNCTIONS

Friday 29th September - Presentation and Awards Evening

Firwood Bootle Cricket Club awards evening for all age groups and seniors

Friday 20th October - PJs Movie Night

(includes popcorn, sweets and a hotdog. Tickets £5 per child)

Saturday 21st October - The Famous Firwood Bootle Quiz Night

(includes chilli and rice. Tickets £10 per person)

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	Won, 1 wkt	20	8th
08 Jul	Liverpool	Home	No decision	5	8th
15 Jul	Old Xaverians	Away	Lost, 73 runs	5	8th
22 Jul	Caldy	Home	No decision	5	8th
29 Jul	Highfield	Away	Lost, 39 runs	5	9th
05 Aug	St Helens Town	Home	Cancelled	5	9th
12 Aug	Lytham	Away	Lost, 42 runs	4	9th
19 Aug	Spring View	Home	Won, 8wkts	25	8th
26 Aug	Sefton Park	Home	Cancelled	5	8th
02 Sep	Birkenhead Park	Away	Won, 27 runs	21	7th
09 Sep	Newton-le-Willows	Home			
16 Sep	Ainsdale	Away			

LOVE LANE L&DCC (02/09/23)

FIRST ELEVEN

1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2023

	P	W	D	Tied	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Newton-le-Willows	20	12	3	0	2	2/1	44	32	0	331
Birkenhead Park	20	10	3	0	4	1/2	39	26	0	280
Lytham	20	10	2	0	4	3/1	34	25	0	279
Spring View	20	10	0	0	6	3/1	21	35	0	276
Liverpool	20	9	2	0	6	1/2	20	42	0	257
Highfield	20	9	3	0	4	2/2	27	27	0	254
Firwood Bootle	20	6	2	0	8	2/2	33	38	0	211
Old Xaverians	20	6	1	0	10	1/2	39	30	0	204
Sefton Park	20	5	3	1	7	3/1	24	44	1	202
Caldy	20	4	2	0	11	0/3	18	54	0	167
St Helens Town	20	4	1	0	12	2/1	20	52	0	167
Ainsdale	20	1	2	1	12	2/2	20	37	2	110

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 12th AUGUST

AINSDALE (9pts) v NEWTON-le-WILLOWS (8pts) Match drawn

Newton-le-Willows 219 all out (48.2); Ainsdale 192-8 (56);

B'KENHEAD PK (5pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (21pts) Firwood Bootle won by 27 runs

Firwood Bootle 119 all out (40.3); Birkenhead Park 92 all out (33.1)

LYTHAM (25pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (3pts) Lytham won by 128 runs

Lytham 225-7 dec (55); Old Xaverians 97 all out (20.2);

SEFTON PARK (6pts) v HIGHFIELD (21pts)(25pts) Highfield won by 1 run

Highfield 106 all out (35.2); Sefton Park 105 all out (38.2);

SPRING VIEW (22pts) v LIVERPOOL (7pts) Spring View won by 19 runs

Spring View 158 all out (37.3); Liverpool 139 all out (45.5)

ST HELENS TOWN (22pts) v CALDY (5pts) St Helens Town won by 62 runs

St Helens Town 155 all out (47.2); Caldly 93 all out (56);