

TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE



SPRING VIEW



S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1	L Matthews (capt)
Danny Hart (15) (wk)	2	N Ashford (wk)
Ryan Westwell (8)	3	Q Ashraf
Hermann Rolfes (21)	4	L Bamber
Steve Rimmer (85)	5	H Bamber
Ali Andrady (47)	6	M Birch
Joe Nagle (7)	7	R Gornall
Josh Andrady (18)	8	M Hill
Sagar Trivedi (23)	9	T Jukes
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10	S Khan
Kieron New (10)	11	D Meadows

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Paul Vincent

UMPIRES: Gareth Townsend; Christopher Riley

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

29th JUNE WINNING DRAW #3, WAS WON BY *Gerry Pike*

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR JUNE #27, WON BY *Helen Griffin-Booth*

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



**1st ELEVEN
FIRST DIVISION MATCH**

SATURDAY 13th JULY 2024

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

SPRING VIEW CC

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:

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Please note: A price increase for the program to £2.00 was agreed by the committee, but we would like to state that all proceeds from the sales are given straight back to the Club to help supply essential cricket equipment etc. for the kids, and more importantly to keep them off the streets and in a safer environment. Thank you for your understanding.

Your number in today's draw:

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SECOND ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

	P	W	D	L	ab/nd	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Liverpool	11	7	3	0	1	20	35	0	200
Newton-le-W'ls	11	8	1	1	1	11	22	0	198
Birkenhead Park	11	6	0	4	1	17	25	0	167
Maghull	11	5	4	2	0	33	25	0	158
Ainsdale	11	5	1	4	1	35	15	0	155
Orrell R T	11	4	5	2	0	29	33	0	142
Old Xaverians	11	4	0	7	0	28	21	0	129
Firwood Bootle	11	3	1	6	1	15	27	0	107
Wavertree	11	3	2	5	1	18	24	0	107
Rainhill	11	3	2	6	0	13	17	0	90
Highfield	11	2	1	7	1	11	25	0	81
Southport Trinity	11	2	0	8	1	17	19	0	81

Key * Opposition conceded ** Team conceded

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 6th JULY

AINSDALE (9pts) v MAGHULL (8pts) Match drawn

Maghull 170 all out (46.4); Ainsdale 170-9 dec (39);

BIRKENHEAD PARK (20pts) v WAVERTREE (4pts) Birkenhead Park won by 6 wkts

Wavertree 101 all out (39.4); Birkenhead Park 103-4 (27.1)

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) v ORRELL RT (0pts) Firwood Bootle won by 10 wkts

Orrell Red Triangle 74 all out (36.1); Firwood Bootle 75-0 (16)

HIGHFIELD (20pts) v SOUTHPORT TRINITY (4pts) Highfield won by 8 wickets

Southport Trinity 134 all out (41.2); Highfield 136-2 (35.3)

N'TON-le-W'LOWS (20pts) v RAINHILL (2pts) N'ton-le-W'ls won by 7 wkts

Rainhill 87 all out (31.4); Newton-le-Willows 88-3 (16.3)

OLD XAVERIANS (4pts) v LIVERPOOL (2pts) Liverpool won by 7 wkts

Old Xaverians 128 all out (36.3); Liverpool 130-3 (26.2)

L&DCC FIXTURES 2024

SECOND ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
27 Apr	Wavertree	Home	Lost, 59 runs	5	5th
4 May	Ainsdale	Home	Lost, 16 runs	6	9th
11 May	Maghull	Away	Match drawn	4	11th
18 May	Southport Trinity	Away	Lost, 6 wkts	4	11th
25 May	Old Xaverians	Home	Won, 3 wkts	20	9th
1 Jun	Newton-le-Willows	Away	Lost, 8 wkts	6	9th
8 Jun	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lost, 42 runs	6	11th
15 Jun	Highfield	Home	Cancelled	5	11th
22 Jun	Liverpool	Home	Lost, 3 wkts	5	11th
29 Jun	Rainhill	Away	Won, 5 wkts	20	10th
6 July	Orrell Red Triangle	Home	Won, 10 wkts	25	8th
13 July	Wavertree	Away			
20 July	Southport Trinity	Home			
27 July	Maghull	Home			
3 Aug	Ainsdale	Away			
10 Aug	Birkenhead Park	Home			
17 Aug	Highfield	Away			
24 Aug	Old Xaverians	Away			
31 Aug	Newton-le-Willows	Home			
7 Sep	Orrell Red Triangle	Away			
14 Sep	Rainhill	Home			
21 Sep	Liverpool	Away			

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Wadham Road for today's match in the Love Lane Liverpool Competition for our 1st Division fixture against Spring View. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. We also extend a warm welcome to today's umpires Gareth Townsend and Christopher Riley.

This is the second match inside a week against today's opponents, as last Sunday's was the rearranged match from what should have been the season's opening fixture. They are currently in 11th place in the league at the moment but I'm sure these league positions will be changing week by week as the season progresses. In fact Spring View had a good win against fellow strugglers Maghull only a few weeks ago, so it's clear they are fighting hard to keep their place in the division. We'll have to be fully focussed here today.

SATURDAY 29th JUNE, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v LYTHAM

Firwood Bootle 229-7 dec (41.5); Lytham 8-0 (3.4)

No decision, 5 points each in a rain affected match

There was no movement in the league this particular weekend. As every match was affected by the weather, everyone collected 5 points so we held our 2nd place position in the league table. Lytham won the toss and put us in to bat. Opener Steve Rimmer (58) looked good in the early part of the match and made steady progress with Ryan Westwell and Ali Andrady, putting on partnerships of 41 and 68 respectively. His innings included 8 fours and a six. The 4th wicket stand produced a quick-fire partnership of 40 between Hermann Rolfes and "Ted" Sagar Trivedi, but once Hermann was out for 58 captain Shaneil declared our innings on 229-7 just before we reached 42 overs. The thinking behind it was that the weather was closing in according to the forecast. But alas that was to be the end of the match as it turned out, Lytham facing just 3 overs before the players were called back in at 4:10 and not being able to come out again.

SATURDAY 6th JULY, ORRELL RED TRIANGLE v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Firwood Bootle 161 all out 51.3; Orrell Red Triangle 144-9 (35) Match drawn

Majic and I enjoyed a healthy start to our day, having breakfast at the Lean Kitchen in Wigan. Now there's a bit of a contradiction here if you've managed to spot it. A healthy café, In Wigan?!? Well it was worth it I suppose. It didn't stop Majic going all out for the mega one as usual even though it included crushed avocado and hal-loumi cheese. I never thought I'd see the day those items would be seen on a plate of his. What's next? Smoked salmon, eggs benedict, beluga caviar on brown toast? Personally I'm quite happy to be in the Liverpool Comp with bacon and black pudding for breakfast, rather than trailing round the Wiltshire or Surrey cricket leagues if that's what we'd get down there regularly!

Enough about breakfast let's stick to the cricket now. So, we lost the toss again and were put in to bat, there was a late change when Michael Butterworth was brought in as a replacement for Sagar Trivedi. The match was delayed for 45 minutes

while we waited for the rain to stop and we struggled to get going mainly because of paceman Dominic Hayes (4-33) and Duvindu Tillekaratne's accurate spin and in fact he ended with the day's best figures of 5-52 off 22.3 overs. Hermann Rolfes (59) took the game on and was helped by the middle order of Josh Andrady, Jhangir Liaqat and Jaden Rose which took us to a total we felt we could defend, setting them a target of 162 to win.

Although it turned out to be a low scoring match it stayed exciting to the very last ball. What a start we had as well with only one run on the scoreboard. Steve Rimmer fielding in the gully took a brilliant diving catch off the bowling of Jaden Rose. Opener Mark Waddington proved to be stubborn at the crease top scoring with 52 until Jhangir took his wicket with a fine catch from Ryan Westwell in the slips. Hermann and Jhangir stayed on for a while and made their way steadily through the order, at one point Orrell looked to be struggling on 125-8 but unfortunately we were unable to make the breakthrough which would have clinched another win. *Scoop*

SUNDAY 7th JULY, SPRING VIEW v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Spring View 116 all out (41.1); Firwood Bootle 118-3 (19.4)

Firwood Bootle won by 7 wickets

Spring View won the toss and decided to bat first. Sagar Trivedi returned to the side after the previous days absence. Despite a defiant 36 from 60 balls Spring View lost wickets at regular intervals and were reduced to 89-8 after 32.5 overs tormented by Sagar 5-25 off 14 overs which included 7 maidens and Hermann Rolfes with 3-31.

Marc Birch (20) and Tom Jukes with a 35-ball duck kept us on the field until 40.5 overs until Shaneil Patel-Ponda removed the latter with a catch from gloveman Danny Davies after 27 runs had been added for the 9th wicket. The Innings lasted only a further 2 deliveries when Jhangir Liaqat 1-9, assisted by a catch from Ryan Westwell, removed Marc Birch completing our hosts demise for 116.

Despite Suleman Khan with 2-59 and Muhammad Ashraf 1-30, we were well placed on 64-3 in response with Ryan Westwell, Steve Rimmer and Ali Andrady for 5, 27 and 22 respectively back in the Pavilion. Sagar then turned it into the Dower House Farm big bash ending undefeated on 60 from 30 deliveries and really putting Suleman Khan to the sword in the 17th over that went 6, 6, 0, 4, 6, 0 and also in the 19th over going 6, 0, 4, 0, 6, 4, then for good measure hit Mark Phelps straight back over his head for 6 steering us to 118-3 and a triumph after 4 more balls. While the carnage was going on, Hermann Rolfes was a virtual spectator at the other end as the very productive unbroken fourth wicket stand yielded 54 runs. So the full 25 points in the bag for a job well done which also put us top of the league for the first time! *Majic*

1ST ELEVEN KNOCKOUT

FIXTURES 2024

THE LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>		
5 June	Northern	Away	Lost, 130 runs	-	-

TYLER CUP (45 overs)

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>		
5 May	Alder	Home	Alder conceded	-	-
27 May	Liverpool	Away	Won, 8 wkts		
23 June	Old Xaverians	Away	Won, 5 wkts		
TBC	Sutton (St Helens)	Away			

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>		
9 May	Old Xaverians	Home	Won by 99 runs	-	-
6 June	New Brighton	Home	Won by 55 runs		
TBC	Northern	Away	Lost by 6 wkts		

ECB NATIONAL KNOCKOUT TROPHY

<i>date</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>result</i>		
21 Apr	Horwich RMI	Home	Lost by 47 runs	-	-

CAPTAIN'S HALF-TERM REPORT

At the midway point in the season we have managed to churn out some incredible results. We have won every game we have played except Orrell last week, having got them 9 wickets down. The league this year is tough with 4-5 genuine title contenders and the normal marker of needing 12-13 wins could be in question with the weather around. Our squad is shaping nicely and has hit a point where we can grow as a unit without too much change. Having the unbelievable talent of Sagar and the consistency of both Steve and Ali in the side, we fancy our chances in the league this year. We know we must take it game by game, and one slip up could be crucial. Our bowling attack rivals any attack in the country and if we do end up going up, we will be competitive in our first year back in the Prem. We know we have a long way to go to be back at the top of the Premier League, but the wheels are definitely rolling and there are huge positives to take from the first half of the season. The league and a cup title in the Ray Tyler is the ambition. A semi-final against Sutton awaits, where the depth of our squad will be truly tested with a few players unavailable. Needless to say, our success is only untainted if the entire club is succeeding. A few good results from the 2s in the past few weeks carries some momentum into this weekend.

Shameil Patel-Pouda

1st XI Captain

The **Second XI** have put themselves back on track in the 1st Division now with two good wins in the last two weeks. Those results have pushed them up the league table from 11th to the heady heights of 8th. They posted their first win of the two against Rainhill by a margin of 5 wickets. Having won the toss they put Rainhill in and with the score at 95-4, promptly took the remaining 6 wickets for just 20 runs. Tom Meskell did most of the damage claiming 5-22 off 13 overs and also added a run-out for good measure. It only took 27.3 overs to reach the target helped by an unbeaten 40 from Callum McGee.

Last week they followed that up with an even bigger win, this time by 10 wickets over Orrell Red Triangle. Once again the tormentor-in-chief was Tom Meskell taking 7-23 off 18 overs, restricting them to 74 all out. It took them only 16 overs to polish off that total thanks to 42 n.o. from Jeffin Jimmy, backed up by Barney Fisher on 24 n.o.

KNOCKOUT NEWS

As holders of the Ray Tyler Shield we're still on course to retain that trophy. After our demolition job of Old Xaverians in the last round, we now know our semi-final opponents. It'll be another away tie, this time at Sutton (St Helens). There's also a possibility of a repeat of last season's final as the other tie will be contested between Sefton Park and Highfield at Croxteth Drive. None of these dates have been confirmed yet, but will be published here as soon as we find out.

JUNIORS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to:

DAIRE CARROLL U-13s - scored 34 not out vs Rainhill

PATRICK EDWARDS U-11s - scored 28 not out vs Rainhill

THOMAS DUNCAN BROWN - for all his hard work for the Club off the field and generally being very helpful

NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 20th JULY @ 12:45

L&DCC 2nd DIVISION

2ND XI FIRWOOD BOOTLE v SOUTHPORT TRINITY CC

L&DCC FIXTURES 2024

FIRST ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
4 May	Colwyn Bay	Away	Cancelled	5	7th
11 May	Fleetwood Hesketh	Home	Won, 7 wkts	25	4th
18 May	St Helens Town	Home	Won, 10 wkts	20	5th
25 May	Sefton Park	Away	Cancelled	5	6th
1 Jun	Old Xaverians	Home	Won, 9 wkts	25	3rd
08 Jun	Highfield	Home	Won, 85 runs	24	4th
15 Jun	Maghull	Away	Won, 6 wkts	20	2nd
22 Jun	Liverpool	Away	Won, 7 wkts	20	2nd
29 Jun	Lytham	Home	No decision	5	2nd
06 Jul	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	Match drawn	7	4th
07 Jul	Spring View	Away	Won by 7 wkts	25	1st
13 Jul	Spring View	Home			
20 Jul	St Helens Town	Away			
27 Jul	Fleetwood Hesketh	Away			
3 Aug	Colwyn Bay	Home			
10 Aug	Highfield	Away			
17 Aug	Maghull	Home			
24 Aug	Sefton Park	Home			
31 Aug	Old Xaverians	Away			
07 Sep	Orrell Red Triangle	Home			
14 Sep	Lytham	Away			
21 Sep	Liverpool	Home			

LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 07/07/24)

FIRST ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

	P	W	D	Tied	L	ab/n	Bat	bwl	pen	pts
Firwood Bootle	11	7	1	0	0	2/1	7	19	0	181
Highfield	11	6	1	0	2	1/1	5	31	0	166
Colwyn Bay	11	6	1	0	2	2/0	11	19	0	160
Sefton Park	11	6	0	0	2	2/1	12	11	0	158
Liverpool	11	5	2	0	2	1/1	19	20	0	149
Orrell Red Triangle	11	4	4	0	2	1	29	21	0	135
Lytham	11	4	1	0	4	1/1	21	11	0	122
Maghull	11	3	0	0	7	1	11	24	0	100
Old Xaverians	11	2	1	0	7	1	13	26	0	84
Fleetwood Hesketh	11	2	0	0	7	1/1	8	23	0	81
Spring View	11	2	0	0	7	1/1	9	20	0	79
St Helens Town	11	2	1	0	7	1	8	16	0	69

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SAT 6th & SUN 7th JULY

SUNDAY 7th JUL,

LYTHAM (2pts) v LIVERPOOL (25pts) Liverpool won by 187 runs

Liverpool 220-4 dec (44.4); Lytham 33 all out (18.5)

SPRING VIEW (2pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) Bootle won by 7 wkts

Spring View 116 all out (41.1); Firwood Bootle 118-3 (19.4)

SAT 6th JUL, LIVERPOOL (20pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (4pts) Liverpool won by 5 wkts

Old Xaverians 130-9 dec (50.3); Liverpool 131-5 (25.3); Highfield 212-5 (41.2)

LYTHAM (20pts) v SEFTON PARK (5pts) Lytham won by 1 wicket

Sefton Park 117 all out (42.5); Lytham 119-9 (50.5)

MAGHULL (20pts) v FLEETWOOD HESKETH (3pts) Maghull won by 6 wkts

Fleetwood Hesketh 108 all out (47.4); Maghull 111-4 (22.5)

ORRELL RT (6pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE Match drawn

Firwood Bootle 161 all out 51.3; Orrell Red Triangle 144-9 (35)

SPRING VIEW (1pt) v COLWYN BAY (20pts) Colwyn Bay won by 7 wkts

Spring View 80 all out (30.4); Colwyn Bay 84-3 (22.2)

ST HELENS TOWN (6pts) v HIGHFIELD (22pts) Highfield won by 1 run

Highfield 133-9 dec; St Helens Town 132 all out (34)