

TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE



SEFTON PARK



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|--------------------------|----|-----------------|
| S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt) | 1 | P Horton (capt) |
| Hermann Rolfes (21) (wk) | 2 | J Stirling (wk) |
| Steve Rimmer (85) | 3 | B Percival |
| Ryan Westwell (8) | 4 | C Bellis |
| Danny Hart (15) | 5 | N Olejniczak |
| Ali Andrady (47) | 6 | L Connolly |
| Danny Davies (22) | 7 | M Young |
| Josh Andrady (18) | 8 | J Rogers |
| Sagar Trivedi (23) | 9 | A Jagan |
| Jhangir Liaqat (11) | 10 | T Spilsbury |
| Kieron New (10) | 11 | J Dixon |

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Rob Durand

UMPIRES: Stephen Fildes; Kirsty Blackham

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

29th JUNE WINNING DRAW #37, WAS WON BY Peter Booth but was donated back to the Club

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR JULY #9, WON BY Debbie Booth

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**1st ELEVEN
FIRST DIVISION MATCH**

SATURDAY 24th AUGUST 2024

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

SEFTON PARK CC

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORED BY:

**FIRWOOD TIMBER and
BUILDING SUPPLIES
(OPEN 8 DAYS A WEEK)**

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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LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 17/08/24)

SECOND ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

| | P | W | D | L | ab/nd | Bat | bwl | pen | pts |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Newton-le-W'ls | 17 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 36 | 0 | 286 |
| Liverpool | 17 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 46 | 0 | 276 |
| Orrell R T | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 48 | 0 | 258 |
| Birkenhead Park | 17 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 30 | 35 | 0 | 250 |
| Maghull | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 55 | 38 | 0 | 213 |
| Wavertree | 17 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 37 | 31 | 0 | 213 |
| Ainsdale | 17 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 47 | 32 | 0 | 204 |
| Firwood Bootle | 18 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 28 | 45 | 0 | 178 |
| Old Xaverians | 17 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 43 | 34 | 0 | 177 |
| Highfield | 17 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 24 | 38 | 0 | 167 |
| Rainhill | 16 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 32 | 0 | 136 |
| Southport Trinity | 16 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 32 | 30 | 0 | 127 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

ORRELL RT (25pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (3pts) Orrell RT won by 8 wkts

Firwood Bootle 175 all out (57.1); Orrell Red Triangle 179-2 (25.2)

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

AINSDALE (6pts) v LIVERPOOL (25pts) Liverpool won by 76 runs

Liverpool 222-6 dec (36.4); Ainsdale 146 all out (38.4)

BIRKENHEAD PK (3pts) v NEWTON-le-W'LS (25pts) N'ton-le-W'ls won by 4 wkts

Birkenhead Park 39 all out (17.4); Newton-le-Willows 44-6 (14.3)

HIGHFIELD (25pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (7pts) Highfield won by 73 runs

Highfield 176 all out (43.4); Firwood Bootle 103 all out (39)

MAGHULL (6pts) v RAINHILL (25pts) Rainhill won by 43 runs

Rainhill 255-3 dec (40); Maghull 212 all out (40.1)

SOUTHPORT TRINITY (20pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (7pts) v S'port Trity won by 2 wkts

Old Xaverians 132 all out (42.3); Southport Trinity 134-8 (31.5)

WAVERTREE (20pts) v ORRELL RED TRIANGLE (4pts) Wavertree won by 142 runs

Wavertree 222-7 dec (46.4); Orrell Red Triangle 80 all out (27)

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 | Match drawn | 3 | 9th |
| 20 July | Southport Trinity | Home | Match drawn | 4 | 9th |
| 27 July | Maghull | Home | Won, 101 runs | 25 | 9th |
| 3 Aug | Ainsdale | Away | Won, 4 wkts | 25 | 8th |
| 10 Aug | Birkenhead Park | Home | Lost, 8 wkts | 4 | 9th |
| 17 Aug | Highfield | Away | Lost, 73 runs | 7 | 9th |
| 18 Aug | Orrell Red Triangle | Away | Lost, 8 wkts | 3 | 8th |
| 24 Aug | Old Xaverians | Away | | | |
| 31 Aug | Newton-le-Willows | Home | | | |
| 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 Sefton Park CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. We also extend a warm welcome to today's umpires Stephen Fildes and Kirsty Blackham.

Sefton Park, like ourselves are one of the founder members of the competition being formed in 1860. Also, like ourselves they have a rich history and a bulging trophy cabinet to prove it. They were one of a number of clubs I thought were tipped to be challenging, if not for the title then at least for promotion this season. They had a good start but recently hit a bit of a slump, only winning once since the end of June and that was against bottom side Fleetwood Hesketh. Like a lot of clubs in this division they've also lost matches to the weather, unfortunately Sefton Park have lost more than their fair share - five to be precise. Maybe this explains their mid-table position. Also like ourselves they reached the semi finals of the Ray Tyler Shield but lost out to Highfield. So with five matches of the season left we can expect a tough match today, simply because Sefton Park can't really afford to lose many more if they have ambitions for promotion.

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v MAGHULL

Maghull 307-6 dec (60.1); Firwood Bootle 309-7 (40.1)

Firwood Bootle won by 3 wickets

Every match we play seems to be laced with more drama than the last, but this one exceeded everything that has gone before. In an unprecedented game (in my short time at the Club) which featured over 600 runs in 100 overs and also two centuries, one from each team, I've spent a week scanning the history books and can't find anything to compare with this. And as each match finishes I'm running out of words to describe how crucial Hermann Rolfes is to our progress. To put it into some kind of perspective he's had three not out innings in the last three matches. So that's 124* in this one, 91* last week against Highfield and 31* the week before when he supported Sagar Trivedi in a winning partnership against Colwyn Bay. Actually there's more to it than just those matches mentioned above, as he's also got four more not out innings this season! To summarise then, he's scored 700 runs in 13 innings (seven not outs), has hit two 100s and four 50s leaving him with a current batting average of 116.66, but he's not finished yet.

We actually won the toss here and decided to field so we should have had a clue how this match would go. Maghull opener Liam Crilly (who is 2nd in the runs table to Hermann) got off to a flying start hitting 14 in the 1st over; three boundaries off the pace bowling of Sagar is no mean feat. Sagar pinned him down in the 3rd over though and managed to bowl a maiden then got him in his next over for 19, Ryan Westwell taking a smart catch at slip. Maghull's batsmen were not shy at taking our bowlers on though and kept up a decent run rate.

Shaneil kept up his attacking field with three slips and a gully but they weren’t intimidated by this tactic at all. It was only when Nick Ritchie was out with the score on 130-5 and Greg Gillespie joined Lachlan Fryer at the crease that they really cut loose. Shaneil also tried different combinations to try and shift the pair but nothing worked. They carried on after tea as well when the score was 249-5 off 55 overs refusing to declare their innings and the chat around the clubroom was that they might be forfeiting their chance to win by carrying on. I think the point was to get either one or both of these batsmen to their centuries. As it turned out Fryer got to his first before Gillespie fell to Josh Andrady’s second wicket of the day. He was six runs short of his century but they put on 171 for the sixth wicket to take the score past 300 to set us an imposing target. This was only half the story though. We made steady progress in the limited amount of time left in the game, openers Steve Rimmer and Ryan Westwell setting the pace and putting on 48 for the first wicket. At 151-4 the win looked a bit beyond us when Ali Andrady (48) fell. We were still in touching distance because of our run rate but it meant relying on our middle order to back up Hermann in pursuit of the target. Well, back him up they did. Danny Hart and Jhangir Liaqat played their roles superbly and without that Hermann wouldn’t have reached his century and thus the win would have disappeared into the night. Danny made 22 from 21 balls before being bowled out, hitting three boundaries in the process. Jhangir scored 27 off 30 balls also hitting three boundaries and even Kieron at the end faced six balls but still managed a four. Hermann’s figures though were outstanding, his 124 coming off just 72 balls including 3 sixes and 13 fours and all this on his birthday!

It was a resounding win under the circumstances and even the Maghull players showed their appreciation at the end. They could still find a positive slant on what must have been a disappointing loss. One of their players said to me after the match that at least they got more points (8) than everyone else below them. That means they will more than likely hold on to their position in the 1st Division and stay up as it looks certain that St Helens Town and Fleetwood Hesketh will drop in to the 2nd Division now.

One more thing to add though. Not only did every team member play their part in this historic win, I think a special mention must go to Josh and Ali’s mum Claire too. During Maghull’s innings, fielding at long on her pick up and throw from the boundary was right out of the Lord’s training manual. Maybe I should start a Senior Star of the Week from now on and Gemma sign her up for the Belles.

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 | | |
| 28 July | Sutton (St Helens) | Away | Lost, 6 wkts | | |

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 | - | - |

TEN YEARS ON

SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST 2014 1st XI L&DCC PREMIER LEAGUE

RAINHILL v FIRWOOD BOOTLE - (Firwood Bootle won by 3 runs)

FIRWOOD BOOTLE INNINGS

| | |
|--|----|
| J Hine b M Qureshi..... | 0 |
| C Prince c S Brown b M Qureshi..... | 27 |
| M Gill b M Qureshi..... | 0 |
| J Evans lbw M Qureshi..... | 0 |
| D Snellgrove c S Brown b M Howells..... | 23 |
| G Butterworth c T Bullock b M Qureshi..... | 18 |
| W Purser c (sub) b T Bullock..... | 21 |
| K Balgowan lbw M Howells..... | 0 |
| C Cunningham c M Ryan b M Qureshi..... | 1 |
| M Prince c S Brown b M Qureshi..... | 2 |
| G Jones not out..... | 0 |
| Extras (w 4; b 7; lb 3)..... | 14 |

Total (all out, 38.2 overs).....106

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-4; 4-50; 5-78; 6-82; 7-85; 8-100; 9-106; 10-106

Bowling: M Qureshi 19.2-6-47-7; M Howells 13-3-33-2; T Bullock 1-1-0-1; P Veacock 5-1-16-0

RAINHILL INNINGS

| | |
|--|----|
| P Veacock c G Jones b G Butterworth..... | 4 |
| S Brown lbw W Purser..... | 0 |
| M Rotheram b W Purser..... | 2 |
| M Qureshi lbw W Purser..... | 55 |
| B Edmundson b W Purser..... | 15 |
| M Howells lbw W Purser..... | 0 |
| R Hayes b W Purser..... | 0 |
| R Higham b W Purser..... | 17 |
| S Whiston c&b W Purser..... | 4 |
| M Ryan not out..... | 4 |
| T Bullock lbw W Purser..... | 0 |
| Extras (lb 2)..... | 2 |

Total (all out, 36.3 overs).....103

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-7; 3-7; 4-33; 5-37; 6-37; 7-85; 8-98; 9-103; 10-103

Bowling: W Purser 18.3-4-42-9; G Butterworth 13-2-50-1; C Cunningham 5-1-9-0

UMPIRES: E Hadfield; M Pearce **SCORERS:** A Majewska

SECOND XI

After losing back to back league matches last week, first against Highfield and then the following day against Orrell Red Triangle, making it three defeats in a row the Seconds need to pick up and find their form again this weekend. They have an away match today against Old Xaverians who are just below us but are only 1 point behind. The 2s lost to Highfield despite Tom Meskell taking an impressive haul of 6-77 off 19.4 overs and Sunday's match saw Callum McGee score a season's best 90 runs helping the team to 175 all out but again that wasn't enough to clinch a win as Orrell triumphed by 8 wickets.

JUNIOR STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to:

FIRWOOD BOOTLE U/15s the LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Led by coaches Danny Hart and Peter Jones



NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST @ 12:45

L&DCC 1st DIVISION

2ND XI FIRWOOD BOOTLE v NEWTON-le-WILLOWS 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, 7 wkts | 25 | 1st |
| 13 Jul | Spring View | Home | Won, 59 runs | 22 | 1st |
| 20 Jul | St Helens Town | Away | Won, 7 runs | 20 | 1st |
| 27 Jul | Fleetwood Hesketh | Away | Won, 75 runs | 23 | 1st |
| 3 Aug | Colwyn Bay | Home | Won, 6 wkts | 20 | 1st |
| 10 Aug | Highfield | Away | Match drawn | 8 | 1st |
| 17 Aug | Maghull | Home | Won, 3 wkts | 20 | 1st |
| 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 17/08/24)

FIRST ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

| | P | W | D | Tied | L | ab/n | Bat | bwl | pen | pts |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Firwood Bootle | 17 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2/1 | 16 | 23 | 0 | 294 |
| Colwyn Bay | 17 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 21 | 0 | 270 |
| Highfield | 17 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1/1 | 19 | 48 | 0 | 237 |
| Liverpool | 17 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2/1 | 30 | 26 | 0 | 231 |
| Orrell Red Triangle | 17 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 30 | 0 | 220 |
| Sefton Park | 17 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3/2 | 18 | 19 | 0 | 202 |
| Lytham | 17 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2/1 | 37 | 22 | 0 | 194 |
| Maghull | 17 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 23 | 35 | 0 | 163 |
| Spring View | 17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1/1 | 21 | 29 | 0 | 160 |
| Old Xaverians | 17 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 21 | 46 | 0 | 152 |
| St Helens Town | 17 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 30 | 0 | 112 |
| Fleetwood Hesketh | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1/1 | 12 | 46 | 0 | 108 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (20pts) v MAGHULL (8pts) Firwood Bootle won by 3 wkts

Maghull 307-6 (60.1); Firwood Bootle 309-7 (40.1)

LIVERPOOL (21pts) v FLEETWOOD HESKETH (6pts) Liverpool won by 14 runs

Liverpool 117 all out (43); Fleetwood Hesketh 103 all out (33.4)

LYTHAM (25pts) v SPRING VIEW (7pts) Lytham won by 44 runs

Lytham 229-8 dec (55); Spring View 185 all out (47.2)

OLD XAVERIANS (5pts) v COLWYN BAY (24pts) Colwyn Bay won by 151 runs

Colwyn Bay 202 all out (54.4); Old Xaverians 51 all out (25)

ORRELL RED TRIANGLE (25pts) v ST HELENS TN (2pts) Orrell RT won by 146 runs

Orrell Red Triangle 234-4 dec (42); St Helens Town 88 all out (29.2)

SEFTON PARK (1pt) v HIGHFIELD(20pts) Highfield won by 7 wkts

Sefton Park 73 all out (34.4); Highfield 78-3 (17.5)