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# FIRWOOD BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB



## REVIEW 2024

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# *Firwood Bootle Cricket Club*

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# Peter Booth Award — 2024

## Paul Guinness



Paul first came to the club about 5 years ago along with his two children Elsie and Oliver. Since then he has worked on all sorts of maintenance and cleaning on the ground and in the club also now for a short time as a coach. If we are looking for volunteers for some project he is always one of the first to offer his time and help. Now has become one of our most popular members.

Keep it going Paul. You're a star



## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members

This Year has once again been one of great progress both on and off the field. Congratulations to the first team as they secured promotion back to what we believe is our rightful place amongst Merseyside's finest.

It was also wonderful to see the under 15s winning the title and we eagerly watch the development of all those involved as they will no doubt be pushing for first and second team selection this coming season. On that note Danny Hart and his team of coaches and helpers need a special mention along with the parents for their help and support.

Off the field I can never remember the clubs accounts looking so healthy. This is largely thanks to the due diligence shown by our long standing treasurer Billy Midgley and the promotional work and functions organised and run by Sarah and Mike.

It is with great sadness that one of Bootle's finest completed his final innings recently. Peter Massen member for over 70 years passed away last month. Peter's infectious enthusiasm for the club knew no bounds. He had taken on many roles within the club including; player, chairman, and president to name but a few and he was a learned and wise scholar of the history of the local area. He was so knowledgeable that he was heavily involved with the French Company who put on one of the greatest shows Merseyside has ever witnessed namely the Liverpool Giants, which was watched by over 2 million people over that weekend in 2018 as they told their story based on a family who volunteered for the Liverpool PALS at the start of world War 1. Peter was instrumental in providing all the relevant background.

No Club can survive without a functioning committee. To this end I would like to thank all those involved but particular to Jackie and Lindsay for all their hard work and dedication to the club. A great big thank You to you all for continuing to make FBCC the special place that it is *Dick Carr, President*



## CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

What a year filled with successes for our Firwood Bootle Cricket Club Family not least of all for our under 15s who became league champions, whilst Shaneil's 1st XI succeeded in their planned quest to be promoted back to the premiership. Congratulations and well done to all involved. Let's not forget our Scouse African Hermann Rolfes who was an even greater delight to watch and host this returning season especially as he was involved in 1-2-1 private tutoring and cricket camp which benefited lots of our players young and old, helping bridge the gap between junior and senior players.

This year we have lost a few of our members to the Oval of Dreams, that without whom our club may not have been standing today, so I wish to take a moment to acknowledge their selfless commitment to Bootle CC by thanking them for their commitment with special thanks and hats off to former President and Chair Peter C Massen, a gentleman with a strong driving force of navigation through the development and rebuild of the clubhouse before 2000 to what we now see today. Thank you it was a privilege to have grown up around you the past 50 years and I pledge to work as hard as you have previously to keep our club moving forward.

Mr President, Dick Carr it is an honour and pleasure to observe your kind, gentle, fair approach to all delicate and difficult situations relating to all club matters and I am honoured to serve alongside you. Thank you, sir. Thank you to Lindsay Brizell for all her relentless, brilliant attention to detail, steadfast and consistent work as club secretary, it never goes unnoticed. Also to Billy Midgely our Club Treasurer who is finally in a lovely position of reporting healthier club accounts, which go hand in hand with special thanks to Sarah and Mike for all their hard work in filling the club diary with numerous functions and delivering good customer service to enable us to pay our bills whilst managing both the staff and the building on a daily basis, thank you.

As for the Living Legend himself Tom Law, thank you for all your extra mile work and time you put into the club and of course the reliable

## Ken Young Trophy - 2024

### Lewis Duncan - Brown



Lewis has been at the club for a number of years starting out in under 9's, and making his debut for the senior team at the age of 13.

Lewis enjoys every aspect of cricket and is always there to lend a helping hand with coaching, umpiring and one to one. He is a quiet young man with a lot of potential.

Keep going Lewis!



## Baby Belles - 2024



Best Batter and Players Player  
Heidi Ward



Coaches Player  
Lily Benton-Newman



Most Improved Player  
Lexi Burns– Jones



Best Bowlers  
Lily Benton– Newman  
And Elsie Gunniss

historical stats and figures that you archive and add to constantly. These are all so precious and priceless we are truly blessed to have your input and commitment to the club and all your service on the committee for the last 50 years.

To Shaneil and all our team captains, Gemma Hurst, Jack Cliff, Lee Brown and Al Midgely thank you for all your hard, timeless and often thankless efforts to always field a side and get a game on, there is so much behind the scenes that people don't really recognise so I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Thanks must go to all our staff and volunteers who help to contribute to our pledge to be in the best Cricket Club family we can be on every level, from working behind the bar, to painting steps, or young juniors selling programs for Scoop at home fixtures. All tasks no matter how small contribute towards our common goal of ultimately being an all inclusive club that is a happy, safe space to thrive in both on and off the pitch.

This year Alex Walker has recently joined our committee and took the bull by the horns and started the mammoth task of Safe Guarding Professional within our club as a professional in the childcare and schooling system of young people, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this important role. Thank you to all our team of committee members who volunteer their time and energy to make our club a success for all our members, be it playing or socialising you make our club a lovely place to be.

It was an absolute honour to witness the awards event this year and see all of our rising stars coming through under the guidance of Danny Hart and his team of coaches, it truly enforces that we must be doing something right to survive in these tough times. It was very pleasing to see the number of junior players all coming together to play in unity regardless of gender, age or ability at all levels of the club. This shows that we are on the right path to all being equal players, let's hope that they work hard to stay together as a formidable team by believing in our philosophy of "Bootle Family First". We would not be able to fund many things around the club without all of our kind and generous sponsors who support us all throughout the year, **Firwood, Donoghue Solicitors, Coyne Brothers, Bluerow, Michael Moon, The Treatment Rooms, Gated Security and All Budget Catering** to name but a few. Your support goes a long way to



providing a safe environment for our members and local community to enjoy the facilities on and off the pitch. This year you helped to purchase the three new covers for the wicket, we sincerely appreciate this and long may our community spirit relationship continue to build.

The Goal I would like to see this coming year is to commence and implement our own FBCC disability team that will be inclusive, and I look forward to watching this development. On closing, the hard work begins now to solidify our position back where we belong, so let's all continue to work and stick together as a strong Family and make 2025 our biggest season yet.

*Jackie Rose, Chair*

**NB: Membership runs from the 1st October to the 30th September and includes winter nets and training. Support your club through the off season by getting yours done now!**



## **UNDER 18s — 2024**



Best Batter  
Jaden Rose



Players Player  
Lewis Duncan-Brown



Best Bowler  
Sammi Ullah



Coaches Player  
Michael Butterworth



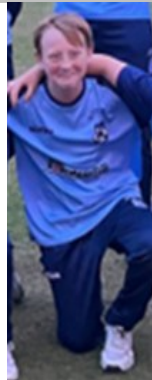
Most Improved Player  
Ethan McCormack



## UNDER 15s — 2024



Best Batter  
Lewis Duncan-Brown



Best Bowler  
Riley Stevenson



Coaches Player  
Daire Carroll



Players Player  
Adam Morris



Most Improved Player  
Daisy Pavey



## CAPTAIN'S BLOG

As the dust of the season has now settled, our 1st eleven can look back at what was a standout season. Promotion to the Premier League after a three year wait and now the squad looks in good shape to perform at the top level again. A close knit group whose ambitions for both the club and side won't stop until the highest honours are achieved.

It was a year of graft, with there being six or seven genuine contenders for promotion. Even after going unbeaten until Herman Departed, We still needed results to go up, we had been ruthless for most of the season and we got over the line with two games to go. The title wasn't to be, however we move forward and prepare for our first year back in the top division. New players settled in right away and we hope to keep the squad we have and build with the talent in the junior section and those pushing to play 1st team cricket.

The culture and atmosphere in the club is better than ever and we hope to top this season in years to come, hoping that our 2nd and 3rd teams shall follow.

*Shaneil Patel-Ponder*

*1st Eleven Captain*





# THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SONS

*by Scoop*

There needs to be a time for reflection before putting pen to paper and also time to be able to consider other people's opinions too, but especially so regarding this season. Other people who have years more experience than myself of the trials and tribulations of a cricket season would also need this time too I'm sure. I've written, then re-written this opening piece half a dozen times already, but I still come to the same ending. I haven't got writers block, quite the opposite in fact. I find I still have the same emotions about the season even 12 weeks later, I just put them down in a different way every time. So now the dust has settled it's time to share these thoughts before I change my mind... again.

It was so nearly a season of celebration, of nearly winning yet another title to place alongside the others in our bulging trophy cabinet. Don't get me wrong, finishing runners up is still a big achievement in the grand scheme of things, as it obviously means gaining promotion back to the Premier League, especially after finishing 9th then 8th in our previous seasons. But still, it's tainted a little by the fact we'd occupied 1st place in the division for the last 11 weeks of the season and only missed out to Colwyn Bay on the final day. So now we've come to the crux of the matter. The last match of the season is why I've been constantly re-writing this piece, the match which would settle where the title should rest for the next 12 months. The anticipation for this match at home to Liverpool was felt all week, but it ended up being a torturous event; not one any of our most loyal supporters could endure again; or anyone else for that matter. I won't dwell on it too much, but to think a side could bat on and on for 72.2 overs to deny us a competitive chase, it's just not in the spirit of the game and it pains me just to type it. In reply we only faced 17 overs before rain stopped play and so dashed our chances of winning the league title. After crunching the numbers I discovered that our home game against St Helens Town took just 54.2 overs to complete (the whole match that is) which we won by 10 wickets! That, I think, puts it into perspective and that is all I am going to print on the matter!



## UNDER 13s — 2024



Daire Carroll  
Best Batter and Players Player



Riley Stevenson  
Best Bowler



Ryan Vardy  
Coaches Player



Harriett Davies and Emily Ward  
Most Improved Players





## UNDER 11s — 2024



George Schafer

Best Batter and Coaches Player



Patrick Edwards

Best Bowler



Alex Luga

Most Improved



Patrick Carroll

Players Player

There were some exciting matches throughout the season though and indeed, some startling contrasts too. For example, as mentioned above in our home match against St Helens Town which only took 54 overs to complete, the away match was almost a replica except for the fact it must be one of the lowest scoring matches this club has been involved in recent history. The home match was low scoring but we did win it by 10 wickets, the away match in contrast saw both teams scoring low. It's not hard to believe when you consider every side in the competition had some complaint over the St Helens pitch. For the record, only 125 runs were scored in the entire match which we still won by 7 runs. Having been bowled out for 66, we then proceeded to knock St Helens over for just 59. As if that wasn't enough the match would have ended at least 30 minutes earlier if it hadn't been for a bizarre interruption half way through our innings. Both sides were evicted from their changing rooms by the local rugby team who apparently have first refusal on their home match day! So the game was halted while both teams emptied their changing rooms and transferred everything to a couple of portacabins on the edge of the ground. Who said cricket was boring? The match figures made fascinating reading as Ali Andrady top scored for us with 20 runs, Hermann Rolfes being the only other batsman to make double figures with 19. He also contributed with the ball, playing a big part moving through the middle order with ease taking 3-5 off 4 overs while Sagar Trivedi was almost unplayable on that pitch, finishing with 4-20 off 10 overs including 6 maidens. Compare that to the home match against Maghull when both teams scored over 300 runs in 100.2 overs. A player from each side scored a century as well in one of the most entertaining matches I've seen in my time at the club to note that Liam Crilly was not the Maghull centurion even though he finished top of the runs chart in the 1st Division. Lachlan Fryer scored an unbeaten 102 before declaring the innings on 307-6 off 60.1 overs. When Bootle walked out it was an imposing total to chase but as usual this season it was one we decided to take on. Hermann was at the centre of things again. We got off to a flying start with both openers Ryan Westwell (32) and Steve Rimmer (27) setting a fast pace followed by Ali Andrady keeping up the run rate with 48 off 51 balls. We continued to make good progress in the limited amount of time available and Hermann proved how valuable he is to this team with an outstanding contribution of 123\* off 72 balls which included 3 sixes and 13 fours and all this on his birthday!

Surprisingly, this wasn't the best batting performance of the season, that was left for Sagar in the ECB Vitality t20. I'll go into a little more detail further on in my Cup stories of the season, but just to say it was our top individual score of the season, 137\* off 63 balls (including 12 sixes and ten fours) finishing on a strike rate of 217.46. There's one more match which deserves a mention in the season's highlights. The away match at Highfield in my experience was unique, both sides ending on 203. At the time, Highfield were 3rd in the table and was always going to be a tough match so a sporting declaration by them of 203-8 (please note Liverpool CC), left us with a good chance of getting a result. Jhangir Liaqat took 3-44 off 12 overs, while Josh Andrady was brought on late in the innings but his 2-20 off 4 overs proved vital in the end. When the umpires signalled the last hour of play we still needed 118 to win. I think the pressure must have got to the home side during that final hour as chances went begging and maybe a bit of panic set in. Wicket keeper Joel Welsby missed two stumpings, one which would have dismissed Hermann who ended the match unbeaten on 91 (off just 82 balls and which included 10 fours). Hermann offered up another chance soon after but Ian Hall juggled with it then finally dropped it to save us again. The drama carried on into the final overs when we only needed 10 runs to win. Unfortunately with one over to go Hermann was stranded at the wrong end as we lost Jhangir, so with 3 balls remaining we could only manage one run off Joe Nagle thus having to settle for an exciting draw at the close, Highfield on 203-8 dec off 55 overs and Firwood Bootle 203-7 off 36 overs.

My thanks to everyone who's brains I've picked throughout the season and who probably didn't even know I was doing it. Majic is a big help to me and someone who's opinion I value, although anybody who's opinion was around before the club was formed in 1833! On that basis I was obviously interested to know his views on our chances in the Premier League next season. He was positive but thought it would be a tough challenge and spent longer talking about the new breakfast cafes we'd be visiting on our travels next season which I'm sure he's probably planning right now! Sadly we will be leaving behind some very good ones.

## UNDER 9s — 2024



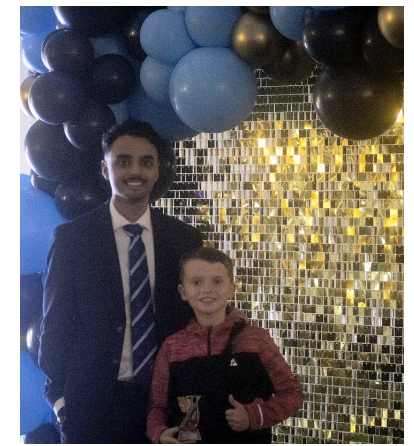
George Schafer  
Best Batter and Best Bowler



Patrick Edwards  
Coaches Player of the Year



William Morton  
Most Improved Player



Kian Johansen  
Players Player





We held our first junior presentation in the old club house in 1999. so this year made it our 25th year. Things have changed a lot since those early days.

What a great turnout for this years presentation and what a success it was. Our thanks to Sarah and Mike and everyone who attended. Also our thanks to all the parents, without you none of it would happen.

My personal thanks to Kerryann and Christine for scoring and helping with the Review. Also to everyone else who scored during the season. And to all our wonderful children May you get everything you wish for. Be the best you can.

*Tom Law*



**UNDER 9s "SINGING IN THE RAIN" AT SEFTON PARK**

So now I've completed my season's journey I can put things into perspective and end on a positive note after attending our annual awards night in October and seeing the vast amount of young faces, boys and girls, involved in our Club and all enthusiastic cricketers who will have a part to play in the future. And also huge congratulations to the under -15s who won their league.

Winter well, see you all in 2025.

*Paul Bradley aka Scoop  
Press Officer*



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**LIVERPOOL L&DCC DIVISION 1**  
**FINAL LEAGUE TABLE**

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Colwyn Bay	22	15	1	4	2/0	27	23	0	360
<b>Firwood Bootle</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>346</b>
Highfield	22	11	4	5	1/1	32	58	0	320
Liverpool	22	11	3	5	2/1	29	46	0	315
Orrell Red Triangle	22	10	5	5	2/0	48	38	0	293
Sefton Park	22	9	4	7	2/3	36	26	0	267
Lytham	22	9	4	6	2/1	54	26	0	265
Maghull	22	7	2	12	0/1	30	58	0	233
Spring View	22	7	0	13	1/1	21	46	0	217
Old Xaverians	22	5	1	15	0/1	27	56	0	188
St Helens Town	22	5	2	13	2/0	19	39	0	168
Fleetwood Hesketh	22	2	0	18	1/1	22	61	0	133

**THE TOP TWO CLUBS (COLWYN BAY & FIRWOOD BOOTLE) ARE NOW PROMOTED TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

**THE BOTTOM TWO CLUBS IN THE PREM (SOUTHPORT & BIRKDALE and NEW BRIGHTON) ARE RELEGATED TO THE 1st DIVISION**

**ST HELENS TOWN & FLEETWOOD HESKETH ARE RELEGATED TO THE 2nd DIVISION**

**THEY ARE NOW REPLACED IN THE 1st DIVISION BY HIGHTOWN ST MARY'S (CHAMPIONS) & SUTTON (ST HELENS)**

**ORMSKIRK WERE CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

deep, but they passed our total with two wickets down. The last game of the season was home to Rainhill and posted 131-4 Lewis Duncan-Brown 31 and Sami Ullah's brilliant 52 not out. We then bowled and fielded well restricting Rainhill to 111 for 9 in their 20 overs. Michael Butterworth taking 3 wickets.

The team finished mid-table but with a bit more luck on our side we could have finished higher. I would like to thank Danny Hart for his help throughout the season and during training sessions. Kerryann for scoring and the parents, Not just for getting the lads to nets but also the matches. Onto next season and hopefully push on again and show what we can do.

*Lee Brown*  
*Under 18s coach.*





# Under 18s Review

A season of ups and downs with 5 of the 6 games being played and the other lost to rain when in a commanding position. We had 4 players playing 1st team cricket this season. With Jaden Rose, Matthew Evans, Lewis Duncan-Brown and Michael Butterworth all playing at least one game. We also had a few players making their 2nd team debuts in Joe Walsh and Adam Morris. Also Ethan McCormack playing and bowling well at Colwyn Bay in a second team cup match. All the squad playing senior cricket which was good to see.

Again the season started late due to the older lads doing their exams. The first match was a game at home to Wallasey. We posted 106 for 3 which was built on a solid partnership of 65 between Lewis Duncan-Brown and Matthew Evans. Unfortunately we lost the game with Wallasey getting over the with 4 down in the 17th over.

We Travelled next to Birkenhead Park for the 2nd game and bowled brilliantly to restrict them to 60 for 9 off their 20 overs. Lewis having an amazing spell taking 4 for 3. We passed their total with 5 wickets down Jaden Rose topped scored with 38.

A very strong Wavertree team at home were next in a game where we scored 122-7 in our 20 overs Jaden with an excellent 52 not out and Matthew Medlicott with 35 not out. The match went to the final over, the result not going our way. Wavertree winning with 4 wickets down. Matthew Medlicott taking two wickets.

The weather then intervened during our game with Liverpool. We had them 54 for 5 in 11 overs Sami Ullah 3 for 9.

We Travelled to Sefton Park for our last away game and we came out on the wrong end of the result we wanted. Ending up 91 all out Lewis 29 and Ethan McCormack 17 not out. We managed to take the game



## Compensation Claim?

Contact Kevin Donoghue, Solicitor

**0151 236 1336**



## 1ST ELEVEN LEAGUE RESULTS 2024

**4th May, Colwyn Bay (away):** Match cancelled without a ball bowled

**11th May, Fleetwood Hesketh (home):** F'wood Bootle won by 7 wkts

F'wood H+ 145 all out (37.1 ovs); (D O'Keefe 57), (S Trivedi 4-41)

Firwood Bootle 146-3 (33 ovs); (H Rolfes 38\*, S Rimmer 36)

**18th May, St Helens (home):** Firwood Bootle won by 10 wickets

St Helens 67 all out (34.3 ovs); (J Marrable 28), (J Liaqat 3-23)

Firwood Bootle+ 70-0 (19.5 ovs); (S Rimmer 46\*, R Westwell 23\*)

**25th May, Sefton Park (away):** Match cancel'd without a ball bowled

**1st June, Old Xaverians (home):** Firwood Bootle won by 9 wickets

Old Xaverians+ 89 all out (33.4 ovs); (J Liaqat 4-16, K New 4-37)

Firwood Bootle 94-1 (15.2 ovs); (R Westwell 59\*, A Andrady 29\*)

**8th June, Highfield (home):** Firwood Bootle won by 85 runs

Firwood Bootle 199-9 dec (55 ovs); (H Rolfes 102\*, S Trivedi 46)

Highfield+ 114 all out (31.4 ovs); (M Lakmal 35), (S Trivedi 5-53)

**15th June, Maghull (away):** Firwood Bootle won by 6 wickets

Maghull 124 all out (43.3 ovs); (J Ring 32), (S Trivedi 4-24)

Firwood Bootle+ 125-4 (24.2 ovs); (H Rolfes 49\*, R Westwell 22),

**22nd June, Liverpool (away):** Firwood Bootle won by 7 wickets

Liverpool 124 all out (35 ovs); (S Trivedi 4-41, J Liaqat 3-37)

Firwood Bootle+ 128-3 (22.2 ovs); (S Rimmer 57\*, D Davies 27)

**29th June, Lytham (home):** No decision

Firwood Bootle 229-7 (41.5 ovs); (H Rolfes 58, S Rimmer 58)

Lytham+ 8-0 (3.4)

**6th July, Orrell Red Triangle (away) Match drawn**

Firwood Bootle 161 all out (51.3); (H Rolfes 59), (D Tillakaratne 5-54)

Orrell Red Triangle+ 144-9 (35); (M Waddington 52), (H Rolfes 4-47)



Junior Belles are continuing to thrive with many stepping up age groups and representing the Women's XI in softball super 8s, Hard-ball super 8s and also T20.

Keep shining girls!

A massive thank you to Paul Guinness for his first season as coach, alongside other coaches, I know the girls have had a fantastic season with you all.





# Under 13s Review 2024



It was a very good season for development with the under 13s this year. There was a good balance of boys and girls, where there was always 6 and 5 of the other. There were quite a few who played both under 13s and under 15s and that shows how good they are.

Unfortunately the weather took it's toll. With a third of our games falling foul of it.

The season produced a numerous amount of achievements, with a pick of the bunch Riley Stevenson taking a hat-trick and also 5 wickets in a match. Not surprisingly Riley finished top of the bowling leaderboard.

Elsie Guinness taking 3 wickets in a magnificent bowling spell against Wavertree. Elsie finished 8th on the leaderboard, with Lily Benton-Newman finishing 10th with consistent bowling throughout the season.

With the batting Daire Carroll scoring 2 x 30 not outs and finishing 4th on the most runs leaderboard with 110 runs. Riley Stevenson and Patrick Carroll both scoring 30 not outs. Riley finishing 6th with 96 runs. Emilia Pavey scored 27 not out and Ryan Williams 29. Ryan Vardy and Kyle Medlicott both hitting their first sixes in hard ball cricket. We also had four players in the top 10 for (catches/run outs) Riley Stevenson, Ryan Vardy, Daire and Patrick Carroll.

Overall it's been a great season. It's been a pleasure watching the children come on leaps and bounds. I can't wait to share a cricket pitch with them in the future.

Take Care

**Cliffy**

**7th July, Spring View (away): Firwood Bootle won by 59 runs**

Spring View 116 all out (41.1 ovs); (N Ashford 36), (S Trivedi 5-25)

Firwood Bootle 118-3 (19.4 ovs); (S Trivedi 60\*, S Rimmer 27)

**13th July, Spring View (home): Firwood Bootle won by 1 wicket**

Firwood Bootle 153-5 dec (24.5 ovs); (S Trivedi 60, A Andrady 32)

Spring View+ 94 all out (27.3 ovs); (S Trivedi 4-23, H Rolfes 3-15)

**20th July, St Helens (away): Firwood Bootle won by 7 runs**

Firwood Bootle 66 all out (32.5); (A Andrady 20), (M Bielby 4-19)

St Helens+ 59 all out (25.1 ovs); (S Trivedi 4-20, H Rolfes 3-5)

**27th July, Fleetwood Hesketh (away): F'wood Bootle won by 75 runs**

Firwood Bootle 171 all out (50 ovs); (H Rolfes 77), (D O'Keefe 5-31)

Fleetwood Hesketh+ 96 all out (33.3 ovs); (J Liaqat 4-23)

**3rd August, Colwyn Bay (home): Firwood Bootle won by 6 wickets**

Colwyn Bay 118 all out (54.4 ovs); (S Trivedi 4-49, K New 3-37)

Firwood Bootle+ 121-4 (20 ovs); (S Trivedi 49\*, H Rolfes 31\*)

**10th August, Highfield (away): Match drawn**

Highfield 203-8 (55 ovs); (M Lakmal 47, M Jangra 33), (J Liaqat 3-44)

Firwood Bootle+ 203-7 (36 ovs); (H Rolfes 91\*, S Rimmer 44)

**17th August, Maghull (home): Firwood Bootle won by 3 wickets**

Maghull 307-6 dec (60.1 ovs); (L Fryer 102\*, G Gillespie 94)

Firwood Bootle+ 309-7 (40.1 ovs); (H Rolfes 123\*, A Andrady 48)

**24th August, Sefton Park (home): Firwood Bootle won by 5 wickets**

Sefton Park 222-6 dec (60 ovs); (P Horton 89\*), (K New 3-55)

Firwood Bootle+ 223-5 (40.3 ovs); (A Andrady 62, H Rolfes 59)

**31st August, Old Xaverians (away): Firwood Bootle won by 7 wickets**

Old Xaverians 129 all out (44.1 ovs); (S Patel-Ponda 4-15)

Firwood Bootle+ 130-3; (S Rimmer 45, R Westwell 45)

**7th September, Orrell Red Triangle (home): Orrell RT won by 3 wkts**

Firwood Bootle 100 all out (49.4 ovs); (H Rolfes 24), (M Rowland 3-9)

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Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
4 May	Colwyn Bay	Away	Cancelled	5	7th
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Fleetwood Hesketh</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 7 wkts</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>18 May</b>	<b>St Helens Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 10 wkts</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5th</b>
25 May	Sefton Park	Away	Cancelled	5	6th
<b>1 Jun</b>	<b>Old Xaverians</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 9 wkts</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>08 Jun</b>	<b>Highfield</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 85 runs</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4th</b>
15 Jun	Maghull	Away	Won, 6 wkts	20	2nd
22 Jun	Liverpool	Away	Won, 7 wkts	20	2nd
<b>29 Jun</b>	<b>Lytham</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>No decision</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2nd</b>
06 Jul	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	Match drawn	7	4th
07 Jul	Spring View	Away	Won, 7 wkts	25	1st
<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>Spring View</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 59 runs</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1st</b>
20 Jul	St Helens Town	Away	Won, 7 runs	20	1st
27 Jul	Fleetwood Hesketh	Away	Won, 75 runs	23	1st
<b>3 Aug</b>	<b>Colwyn Bay</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 6 wkts</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1st</b>
10 Aug	Highfield	Away	Match drawn	8	1st
<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>Maghull</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 3 wkts</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>24 Aug</b>	<b>Sefton Park</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 5 wkts</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1st</b>
31 Aug	Old Xaverians	Away	Won, 7 wkts	20	1st
<b>07 Sep</b>	<b>Orrell Red Triangle</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 3 wkts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1st</b>
14 Sep	Lytham	Away	Lost, 89 runs	4	1st
<b>21 Sep</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Match drawn</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2nd</b>

stages of their cricket development supported by some of the more senior players, but wow, some of them really impressed us. We witnessed some excellent bowling from Dylan Wales, with 2 for 6 off 2 overs, Leo Logan with 2 for 2 off 1, and Isobel Duncan Brown with 3 for 8 off 2 to mention just a few. By the end of the season, the team who had predominantly comprised of our younger/newer players, finished a very Admirable 3rd out of 11 teams in the league.

Alongside these matches, the T16 league was also under way with an unfortunate loss at home to Rainhill by just 2 runs. As disappointing as it was to lose, the performance was encouraging, we only lost 2 wickets, with good batting performances from Patrick Edwards 28 not out and Patrick Carroll 25 not out. The first win came on 26th July, home vs Southport Trinity, we won by 16 runs. This was aided by great bowling from Lilly Johansen with 2 for 10 off 2 overs and Smit Koli with 2 for 6 also off 2 overs. The T16 games were unfortunately impacted by the great British weather and 3 of their matches were cancelled. The last win of the season vs Maghull at home continued our excellent bowling performances displayed over the season, Oliver Guinness finishing with 2 for 2 off 1 over and newcomer William Morton 2 for 4 off 2. The team ended 8th in the competition but with it being the first year entering this format, the coaching team were very impressed and saw a lot of potential for future seasons.

Gemma, Tom and Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank all players and parents for their support this season and hope to continue the growth and development of the team in 2025.

***Gemma Hurst, coach Under 11s***





# Under 11s Review 2024

The 2023 season ended on a high for our under 11 team, finishing second in the league after a hard fought season winning 5 from our seven matches, and the plan for 2024 was to go one better. A newly appointed coaching team of Gemma Hurst, Tom Meskell and Paul Guinness were keen to get stuck in and help progress the squad for the new challenge ahead.

The 2024 season started on the 5th May away to Sefton Park and although it ended in a loss, there were already signs of some great players in the making. Patrick Carroll getting into double figures with the bat scoring 22 not out and great bowling from Emilia Pavey with figures of 1 for 8 off two overs. The first win of the season came on the 10th May vs Southport & Birkdale where a close fought match saw Bootle clinch the win by 17 runs. Stand out performances from George Schafer with 14 not out and 3 for 5 off 2 overs helped seal the win. Bootle went on to win their next 2 games which included a brilliant bowling display from Patrick Edwards with figures of 2 for 3 off 2 overs at home to Southport Trinity. Unfortunately, the following 4 matches ended in defeat, one being an extremely close match vs Northern, which they won by 4 runs

At this stage of the season, the team currently held 4th place in the competition, but a new pathway was introduced by the league and a change of course was decided on. From this point our under 11 team entered the newly established T16 league alongside the original pairs league. This was the first time this option was made available and both players, parents and coaching team thought it was an opportunity to grow that would benefit all.

The pairs league became dedicated to those players still in the early

## TOP 10 PERFORMERS 2024 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

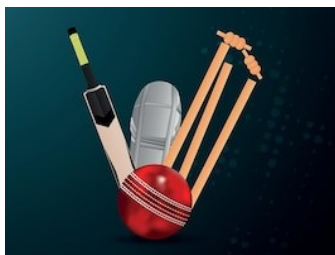
### QUALIFICATION 15 INNINGS

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>HS</u>
L Crilly (Maghull)	20	842	44.32	123*
<b>H Rolfes (Firwood Bootle)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>108.43</b>	<b>123*</b>
P Horton (Sefton Park)	17	692	53.23	110*
M Jangra (Highfield)	16	599	49.92	105*
W Evans (Colwyn Bay)	20	567	28.25	100
J Clein (Liverpool)	18	544	38.86	102*
M Ashraf (Spring View)	21	533	26.65	88*
S Heeley (Orrell R.T.)	20	526	30.94	82*
M Waddington (Orrell R.T.)	20	493	29.00	84
R Rankin (Liverpool)	18	487	32.47	83
<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Best</u>
D Tillakaratne (Orrell R.T.)	375.3	84	10.18	8-25
D Mendis (Colwyn Bay)	362	83	9.71	7-18
M Jangra (Highfield)	292.3	65	12.94	6-25
S Pate (Fleetwood Hesketh)	355.1	62	17.10	8-74
R Allen (Liverpool)	239.3	60	9.92	6-15
<b>S Trivedi (Firwood Bootle)</b>	<b>240.2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11.52</b>	<b>5-25</b>
M Ashraf(Spring View)	253.4	53	14.45	6-15
S Khan (Spring View)	219.3	52	15.13	7-24
C Coogan (Maghull)	310.5	49	20.18	7-30
M Lakmal (Highfield)	229.5	48	15.06	6-46

## FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

### BATTING

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	Avg	Ct/Ro
H Rolfes	16	14	7	759	123*	108.43	26/0
S Trivedi	19	16	5	411	60*	37.36	2/0
D Davies	5	2	1	36	27*	36.00	2/0
J Nagle	3	1	0	25	25	25	1/0
A Andrady	19	17	2	348	62	23.20	5/0
S Rimmer	20	20	2	401	58	22.28	9/0
R Westwell	20	20	2	325	59*	18.06	10/0
C McGee	4	3	0	43	29	14.33	1/0
J Andrady	14	12	1	155	33	14.09	4/0
D Hart	19	10	2	113	34	11.30	20/0
J Liaqat	20	3	2	90	27	11.25	4/0
T Meskill	5	2	1	21	17*	10.50	1/0
J Rose	6	3	0	19	13	9.50	5/1
R Butterworth	3	6	0	25	17	8.33	
S Patel-Ponda	20		4	15	6*	7.50	3/1
K New	20	8	4	28	11	7.00	4/2
J Adderley	3	1	0	5	5	5.00	1/0
M Butterworth	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	
L James	2	0				---	4/0
L Duncan-Brown	1	0				---	



## Cricket

The under 9s continued their good form until the end of the season winning three out of the last four games.

Despite losing several players to the under 11s next season, the younger members of the team have shown that they have the talent to ensure the future is in safe hands.

Finally, thanks to Ian McCormack for his help throughout the season and to Mike for scoring each week.

*Kevin Kilbane*  
*Coach Under 9s 2024*



Back Row: Oliver Grannell, Patrick Edwards, Isobel Duncan-Brown, George Schafer, Aiden Kirkham, Casey Kirkham, Inset : Alfie Draper, Kian Johansen.

Front Row: Hudson Turner, William Schafer, Thomas Duncan-Brown, Diana Schafer, Ben Wales.





The Season got off to a winning start for the under 9s winning both games at Liverpool, edging past the hosts followed by a comfortable win over Widnes. Thomas Duncan-Brown's three wickets proving the Highlight of the day.

The winning start continued the following week, winning both games at Widnes. George Shafer top scoring with 43 closely followed by Patrick Edwards with 34.

A tournament at Sefton Park was next up for the under 9s were a hat-trick from Hudson Turner helped the team reach the Semi-Finals. Unfortunately a thunderstorm halted play and we had to settle for a runners-up trophy.

As we hosted the next two weeks we were able to field two teams which gave Diana Shafer, Ben Wales and Casey Kirkham a chance to get amongst the wickets. Some great batting from Oliver Grannell and brilliant fielding from Isobel Duncan-Brown inspired both team to victory.

A second tournament followed at Northern with the 9s winning four out of five games resulting in a respectable third place finish out of eleven teams.

Two close matches followed the week after both against Liverpool and a brilliant all round performance from Kian Johansen helped us to a three run victory over them. Kian kept up his hot streak the following week and with the help of Alfie Draper inspired the team to victory over Widnes.

An away fixture followed at Rainhill and despite George, Will and Diana all taking two wickets each, it was Will Morton who stole the show taking an amazing seven wickets inspiring the team to two victories over the hosts.



## FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

### BOWLING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdn</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B Mch</u>	<u>S.R</u>	<u>Avg</u>
H Rolfes	66.3	16	23	187	4-47	17.35	8.13
S Trivedi	240.2	72	54	672	5-25	26.70	11.52
J Liaqat	174.2	35	38	550	5-37	27.53	14.47
D Davies	13	1	2	30	2-5	39.00	15.00
J Andradý	31.1	2	7	164	2-20	26.71	23.43
J Rose	16.4	3	3	72	2-26	33.33	24.00
S Patel-Ponda	84.4	6	14	342	4-15	36.29	24.43
K New	181.1	40	24	642	4-37	45.29	26.75
J Adderley	3	0	0	20	0-20	---	---
R Westwell	1	0	0	11	0-11	---	---

## FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

### WICKET\_KEEPING SUMMARY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Ct</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Total</u>
D Hart	10	72	19		19
H Rolfes	7	10	18		18
L James	2	0	4		4
D Davies	1	10	1		1



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# THE RAY TYLER CUP

Preliminary Round: Alder (home) - conceded

1st Round: Liverpool (away) - won by 8 wickets

2nd Round: Old Xaverians (away) - won by 5 wickets

Semi final: (away) - Sutton (St Helens) lost by 6 wickets

As holders of the trophy and also having reached the semi final of this season's competition too, we were hoping to have another day out in September. We weren't really stretched in the early rounds, after a preliminary round concession by Alder we had a good day out at Liverpool in the 1st round. After winning the toss and putting themselves in to bat Kieron New and Jaden Rose tore into them and had Liverpool floundering at 23-8 sharing the wickets between them. Jaden took 4-11 with Kieron bagging 4-14. They were all out after 26.4 overs for just 56 runs. With a rain interruption our reply was reduced to 37 overs, so we had a revised target of 52 which we easily reached after just nine overs. The quarter final put us up against Old Xaverians which lasted a little longer than the Liverpool match but with the same outcome. They lasted 41 out of the 45 overs scoring 134, but this time the wickets were shared out. Two wickets for Danny Davies, Josh Andrady, our skipper Shaneil and Kieron once again. Our rising star Matty Evans managed to take one as well with Jhangir completing the haul. In reply, Danny Davies (53) and Danny Hart (42\*) got us safely over the line after a bit of a wobble when we lost our first 3 wickets for 14 runs putting on a winning partnership of 79. The match was won inside 32 overs to take us into a second semi final in 2 years. With all due respect to our semi final opponents Sutton (St Helens), Majic and I were planning our breakfast trip for the final. Highfield were playing host to Sefton Park, so it was going to be either Cooper's in Aigburth or the Lean Kitchen in Wigan; after all we were in the middle of a winning streak at the time. Ten wins and one draw in fact with three cancellations thrown in. Unfortunately we had half a dozen withdrawals on the day which lessened that chance, it certainly evened things up anyway. Sutton themselves were having a good season as well in the 2nd division and eventually clinched the runners-up spot for promotion so this became a close call in the end. One of our six absentees was captain Shaneil Patel-Ponda, who hand-



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### Under 13s

I'd like to express how happy I am with this age group having two of our new coaches on board Rob Butterworth and Andy Towle along with Jack they have given this age group great balance in terms of giving as many individuals game time and allowing them to enjoy their cricket. This has shown with all the under 13s that have moved up to play for the under 15s this year, it has allowed them to excel in an age group above their own. And they have played a huge roll in where the under 15s finished in the league, also giving under 11s players debuts at 13 s which again is a big step for our Junior section

### Under 15s

I was very surprised by this age group this year, as I along with Pete Jones got to know at the start of winter nets the delight of coaching an age group which has improved massively. At the start of the season, I didn't think we would be able to field a side however, with the help of the Under 13s who have made up 80% of all sides fielded along with 3 or 4 senior players the togetherness and belief from all has truly shown. They made match days that bit more exciting, and I looked forward to finishing work every week to see them perform.

### Under 18s

This is an age group which I no longer see as a junior side but a group of young adults. It's great that now you can refer to some of these players as teammates as a lot of them this year have made senior eleven debuts in all the sides from the First Eleven down, also going on to perform well at those levels. It shows the job Lee has done with them this year and the direction the club is going in.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Shaneil for all his hard wok getting the First Eleven and our club back were we belong in the Premier League. Having worked closely with Shin over the past few seasons with the First Team, it has enabled myself along with a fair few of our Bootle youngsters to build an understanding of the levels you have to be at to play First Team cricket, and this is the knowledge we should be looking to pass on to our players within the Second Eleven right the way down to our under 9s. The hard work should never stop and if we all strive to be the best we can be. We as a club will benefit from it.

Thanks again to everyone for what has been some season, I cannot wait to get going again in the winter and I'm looking forward to seeing you all for season 2025.

*Danny Hart*

*Head of Junior Section*

-ed over to Hermann Rolfes to take charge for the day. So being put in to bat first after losing the toss it was opener Ryan Westwell (42) and Hermann (72) who gave us that chance of making it to the final, putting on the best partnership of 73 before Ryan was run out. We made a respectable score under the circumstances of 196-6 from our 45 overs, but Sutton captain Joe Noctor put on an unbeaten player-of-the match knock of 92 to push his team into the final with a 6 wicket win. Clearly we were two strike bowlers short (Kieron and Sagar) as well as opener Steve Rimmer and both Andrady brothers. It was definitely a missed opportunity as Highfield showed no mercy to Sutton in the final. Setting a target of 245 to win after three half centuries from M Lakmal (69), M Jangra (64) and Hedley Molyneux (53), the competition rules state there must be 10 overs bowled to constitute a match. That was actually all they managed anyway due to the weather but by this time Sutton were struggling on 42-6 so play ended there and the trophy handed on to Highfield. Lakmal I've no doubt was awarded player of the match as following on from his top score of 69 he took four of those six Sutton wickets from 4 overs for only 15 runs.

## LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT

### MATCH DETAILS

#### **1st Round. 5th June: Northern (away): Northern won by 130 runs**

Northern+ 172-5, 20 overs (T McGladdery 52); (S Patel-Ponda 2-26)  
Firwood Bootle 42 all out, 11.5 overs (A Andrady 21); (T Sephton 5-13)

### FINALS DAY

*The venue for Finals Day was Formby CC on Sunday 11th August*

#### **1st semi final: Birkenhead Park won by 49 runs**

Birkenhead Park 122-8, 20 overs (T Foster 38; J Farooq 4-25)  
Formby+ 73 all out, 17.1 overs (M Pushpakumara 3-4, A Clarke 3-2)

#### **2nd semi final: Rainford won by 8 wickets**

Chester Boughton Hall+ 208-4, 20 overs (W Goodwin 75, N Vickery 37)  
Rainford 209-2, 19.1 overs (J Login 92, I Kriek 85)

#### **Final: Birkenhead Park won by 94 runs**

## ECB VITALITY CLUB t20

1st Round: Old Xaverians (home) won by 99 runs

2nd Round: New Brighton (home) won by 55 runs

Quarter final: Northern (away) lost by 6 wickets

The 1st round tie at home to Old Xaverians turned out to be a one man destruction job. Sagar Trivedi opened the batting with Ryan Westwell in support as they put on a partnership of 172 and Ryan won't mind me saying his contribution was 43 out of that total, only because he simply couldn't get enough of the strike. He actually scored off just 41 balls so proving his part in the stand scoring 4 fours and 1 six. Sagar had already passed his century by the time Ryan was dismissed, making 113 but he wasn't finished there. He went on to make 137 from only 63 balls hitting the bowlers to every part of the ground, his total included 10 fours and an incredible 12 sixes. Ending the innings on 206-3, Old Xavs needed a miracle to win having to score at 10.35 an over. Skipper Shaneil led the team home inside 19 overs ending with 4-23 from his allocated 4 overs. Sagar still wasn't finished in the match though managing to take the wicket of opener Shaun Haigh (14) with the help of a good catch from Tom Meskill. The 2nd round saw premier league opposition at Wadham Road in the form of new Brighton. After losing the top three batters cheaply for 26 runs Hermann (48) and Danny Davies (45) put on a rescue act constructing a partnership worth 110 to set New Brighton a decent target of 149 to win. The hero of the 1st round, Sagar, was one of the early dismissals during our innings but wasn't to be left out as he removed both of the openers and with Jhangir also claiming a couple of wickets the match was just about won as New Brighton fell behind the required rate ending on 93-6 giving us a 55 run win.

I would like to thank my amazing coaching team...

### Under 9s

I'm very proud of the work both Kev and Ian have put in this year. The patience they have with the kids is something I aspire to have one day, and I'm forever thankful for the work they put in.

We have a very promising set of kids at this level who show eagerness to learn and that's shown a lot this season in terms of getting players of this age straight onto hardball and many of them playing for year groups above.

### Under 11s

At the start of the season, they set out to focus on pairs cricket, but well done to Gem, Tom and Paul for fielding teams in both pairs and T16 competitions, it shows the level that the age group was at. Not only that, totally against the recommendations I made to only carry on with pairs cricket, they as coaches took it upon themselves to organise having teams selected and to continue to rotate the squad to ensure everyone got game time whilst still maintaining competitive sides.

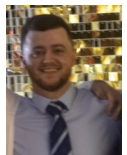
As you know myself along with all the coaches and many others involved with running of the junior section, we are all volunteers. What

Gem, Tom and Paul took on this year must have been nothing short of stressful but at the same time rewarding come the end of season.

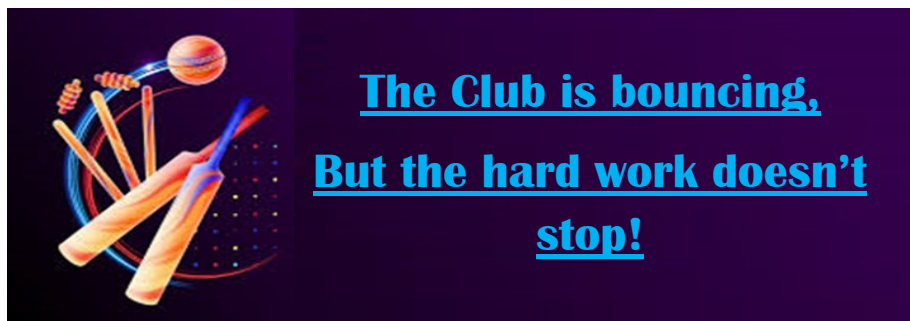
So well done for that.

*Danny Hart*

*Junior Development Officer*







I would be lying if I didn't say last season has been a year of mixed emotions, From winter right up to the end of the season there is always bound to be ups and downs. But the End of Season awards night truly showcases what the club is all about and makes it truly worthwhile.

First of all I would like to thank all the parents for helping around the club, and on match days, giving lifts, scoring even at times first aid. Without you we simply wouldn't have the amazing youth section we currently have, and I hope all the young players appreciate what you do for them, Just as much as we do.

Thank you to all the players, whilst the main aim for attending the club is to enjoy the game, the hard work you have all put in from the very start of winter nets to the last games and training sessions has been superb. If you work hard and get things done, it makes it more enjoyable for you as individuals and helps the coaches tenfold.

Thank you to the Engine Room that is Tom Law, you really inspire me year on year for everything you do for the junior section, we are all forever thankful and I don't think there is ever anything capable of repaying you for what you have done for Bootle Cricket Club. I sound like a broken record, but you are genuinely are a legend mate.

Thank you to the committee and are Chair, Jackie Without all the voluntary work you all do we simply wouldn't have the facilities that many of us see as a second home. Like, I mentioned on the awards night. Bootle cricket club has been a safe haven for me for 20 plus years now as the seasons pass, I see the same effect on many of our young superstars. The club is bouncing and there is no better place to be .

## KOOCKOUT AVERAGES

INCLUDES ALL MATCHES: Ray Tyler Cup, ECB Vitality T20, Echo K.O.

<b>BATTING</b>	<b>Mch</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>N O</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>H S</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Ct /Ro</b>
S Trivedi	4	4	0	150	137	37.50	2/0
H Rolfes	6	6	2	149	72	37.25	4/0
D Davies	4	4	0	71	45	17.75	1/0
C McGee	1	1	0	17	17	17.00	
A Andradý	5	4	1	50	22*	16.67	1/0
R Westwell	6	6	0	95	43	15.83	
J Andradý	1	1	0	15	15	15.00	
D Hart	6	4	0	53	27	13.25	4/0
J Liaqat	6	4	1	22	12*	7.33	
S Rimmer	5	5	1	26	15	6.50	2/0
T Meskill	6	4	0	24	21	6.00	3/0
S Patel-Ponda	5	2	1	5	5*	5.00	1/0
J Nagle	1	1	1	12	12*	—	
J Rose	1	1	1	6	6*	—	2/0
K New	3	2	2	0	0*	—	1/0

Did Not Bat: J Adderley 1 match ct 1, M Butterworth 1 match,

R. Butterworth 1 Match, M Evans 1 Match, L James 1 match 1ct, 1st

<b>BOWLING</b>	<b>Ov</b>	<b>Mdn</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>B-Mch</b>	<b>Econ</b>	<b>Ave</b>
S Patel-Ponda	12.4	1	8	63	4-23	5.08	7.88
D Hart	3.5	0	2	17	2-17	4.86	8.50
K New	16	2	5	59	4-14	3.69	11.80
J Rose	17	3	4	51	4-11	3.00	12.75
D Davies	14	1	2	29	1-27	2.07	14.50
S Trivedi	13	0	5	101	2-16	7.77	20.20
H Rolfes	20	1	4	88	1-1	4.40	22.00
J Liaqat	22	2	5	114	2-10	5.18	22.80
R Westwell	3	0	1	23	1-23	7.67	23.00
T Meskill	18	3	3	79	2-6	4.39	26.33

Also Bowled: C McGee 2ov, 0-12, J Andradý 1 ov 0-11

<b>WICKET KEEPING</b>	<b>Mch</b>	<b>Byes</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>	<b>Total</b>
D Hart	4	10	4	0	4
L James	1	0	1	1	2

## 2nd XI REVIEW

Well what can I say, it's been a tough season but I am proud of everyone who has played second team. There was no league game where we were rolled over. We were tactical when we needed to be, to stop teams progressing and going ahead of us in the league. The league was a very compact eight teams outside the top four. Tom Meskell finished 2nd in the bowling with 53 wickets this season and Andy Hunt also finished in the top 10 with 34 wickets.

During the season the stand-out performances from the games were, against Wavertree Meskell's 37 and Evans' 32 giving us a chance of victory but not quite enough to get us over the line. Against Ainsdale, Meskell took 6 wickets including a hat-trick. Maghull away we managed a draw thanks to Hunt and Medicott batting for so long for the last wicket. Medicott also taking 3 important wickets with the ball. Old Xaverians was our first victory of the season with Hunt 5 wickets and Meskell 4. The runs were all shared out. At Newton-le-Willows we batted very well as a unit and Nagle scored 64\* for us to post 177 -8, but unfortunately they chased it 2 down. At Birkenhead Park Matty Evans bowled exceptionally well taking 7 wickets during his spell. At Rainhill we bowled them out for 115 with Meskell taking 5, McGee finished 40\* and Rory 16\* to see us over the line. At home to Orrell we bowled them out for 74, Meskell taking 7 wickets and a runout. Jeffin Jimmy finished 42\* and Barney 24\*.

At Wavertree we drew, with sawdust gate and Meskell and Graeme Jones seeing us over the line. Against Trinity the heavens saved the game with us being 58-5. Maghull at home we had two half centuries with Lewis Duncan-Brown 53 and Callum McGee 58\* wickets were then shared with Adders taking 4 and the rest shared with Evans McGee, G Jones, Towle and Hunt. Ainsdale away saw Adders taking 4

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wickets again and the victory came with Nagle 67\*, G Jones 23\*. Against Highfield Meskell took 6 wickets. At Orrell McGee scored 90 with Adam Morris doing a splendid job holding an end up with 11 off 55 balls. Rainhill was the game where we all chipped in to avoid defeat. 186-9 dec on 67 overs. Barney Fisher scored 54 and Adders 33\*. They gave a good go scoring 150 from 22 overs, but we kept taking wickets and it finished a draw to keep us up in the penultimate game. Last game of the season was an absolute breeze beating Liverpool to stop them being promoted, then bowling them out for just over 100 and knocked 5 down. Wickets and runs were all shared out here. As it so happens, that turned out to be my last match leading the 2s out as captain. I'll still be available for selection but it's been sometimes difficult to commit to captaining a cricket team while trying to balance the demands of family and work life as well. I'll take this time to wish the new captain the best of luck and hope he's as proud as I've been to have done so.

*Regards, Clifff*

*Jack Clifff, 2nd XI Captain*

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## L&DCC FIXTURES 2024 SECOND ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>Wavertree</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 59 runs</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Ainsdale</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 16 runs</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9th</b>
11 May	Maghull	Away	Match drawn	4	11th
18 May	Southport Trinity	Away	Lost, 6 wkts	4	11th
<b>25 May</b>	<b>Old Xaverians</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 3 wkts</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9th</b>
1 Jun	Newton-le-Willows	Away	Lost, 8 wkts	6	9th
8 Jun	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lost, 42 runs	6	11th
<b>15 Jun</b>	<b>Highfield</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>22 Jun</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 3 wkts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11th</b>
29 Jun	Rainhill	Away	Won, 5 wkts	20	10th
<b>6 July</b>	<b>Orrell Red Triangle</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 10 wkts</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8th</b>
13 July	Wavertree	Away	Match drawn	3	9th
<b>20 July</b>	<b>Southport Trinity</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Match drawn</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9th</b>
<b>27 July</b>	<b>Maghull</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Won, 101 runs</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9th</b>
3 Aug	Ainsdale	Away	Won, 4 wkts	25	8th
<b>10 Aug</b>	<b>Birkenhead Park</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 8 wkts</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9th</b>
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	Lost, 63 runs	6	8th
<b>31 Aug</b>	<b>Newton-le-Willows</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost, 8 wkts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9th</b>
<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>Rainhill</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Match drawn</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9th</b>
21 Sep	Liverpool	Away	Won, 4 wkts	25	9th

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knee. Sagar Trivedi 5-69 and 32 runs.

### OCTOBER

At the Liverpool and District Competition end of Season SGM meeting at our Ground, "Chaos" as he is known to a lot of his friends reckoned the locals were setting off fireworks to celebrate our main Sponsors new signings for next season. More like trying to do an early Guy Fawkes job on our Buildings.

*Alan Majewska (Firwood Bootle 1st XI Scorer)*



His colleague Howard Taylor did a little jig in front of him being a life time Red. Danny Hart said he would give Michael Keane a free transfer and drive him to his choice of destination!

## SEPTEMBER

In the final month of the Season we snatched the runners-up spot from the jaws of the Title with two defeats and a draw after previously being unbeaten in the League. And even though we lost at Lytham, Highfield elected to field against Orrell Red Triangle on the day meaning our promotion was nailed on. In the 3 wicket reversal against Orrell, the first print of Scoops Matchday Masterpiece was for all our Australian fans as it was stapled together upside down. Gloveman Danny Hart 30 runs and 4 catches, Jhangir Liaqat 5-37. When we were fielding, a squirrel entered the fray. Before the 89 run defeat at Lytham a second visit of the season to Hartley's in Maghull set Scoop and I up for the day. Good job I am not as mobile as I used to be as the Boys in Blue would have been chasing us up the A59 as one of the Cafe Staff managed to catch us up by the exit. Scoop had forgotten to pay the Bill. While scoring outside under a tree it was raining mosquitoes which managed to bite me twice and made one of our fans Jean Borrowes needing Medical Treatment a few days after the game. Our Club Treasurer reckoned that could have been the reason we lost on the day. When the dismissed Sagar was walking around the Ground in the 26th over he reckoned we had plenty of time to earn a share of the spoils. After hearing this one of our few travelling fans Rob Tomley said he would streak across the pitch naked if it had happened. Sagar Trivedi 32, Joshua Andrady 30, Callum McGee 29. Before we earned a share of the spoils against Liverpool chasing down 273 after 72.2 overs, when rain was the only winner, Scoop's daughter Megan had to deliver the Programmes to my House as he had to cry off with a dodgy

## SECOND ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>N O</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H S</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>Ct/Ro</u>
J Nagle	11	10	3	249	67*	35.57	4/0
C McGee	18	17	2	351	90	23.40	8/0
D Hart	2	2	0	46	30	23.00	1/0
C Towle	6	6	1	94	36	18.80	2/0
T Meskill	17	16	4	193	37	16.08	4/1
L Duncan-Brown	12	12	1	174	53	15.82	5/2
B Fisher	16	16	1	226	54	15.07	8/0
J Jimmy	10	10	1	133	42*	14.78	7/0
A Morris	2	2	1	14	11	14.00	
K Gurrampalli	4	3	1	24	11	12.00	3/0
L Jones	9	8	1	82	23*	11.71	3/0
L Brown	3	3	0	32	21	10.67	
R McIntyre	9	9	1	83	20	10.37	5/0
R Butterworth	5	5	0	50	19	10.00	
J Rose	1	1	0	10	10	10.00	3/0
M Evans	15	13	1	107	32	8.92	2/0
J Cliff	19	15	0	131	30	8.73	7/1
G Jones	16	13	1	104	23*	8.67	2/0
M Medlicott	4	4	1	22	12	7.33	
A Hunt	20	11	7	28	7*	7.00	2/0
J Adderley	13	8	1	46	33*	6.57	1/0
L Griffiths	2	2	0	6	6	3.00	
R Wooton	5	5	0	10	5	2.00	
E McCormack	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	
M Butterworth	5	4	1	1	1	0.33	1/0
T Aubrey-Hampson	3	2	1	0	1	0.00	



## SECOND ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024

Continued.

<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Ov</u>	<u>Mdn</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B-Mch</u>	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Ave</u>
M Medicott	11	1	4	34	3-14	3.09	8.5
T Meskell	216.4	60	53	658	7-23	3.04	12.42
M Evans	100.1	22	20	333	7-23	3.32	16.65
J Adderley	68.4	12	13	264	4-20	3-84	20.31
A Hunt	213	31	34	782	4-31	3.67	23.00
A Aubrey-Hampson	9	1	1	24	1-24	2.67	24.00
C McGee	66.2	7	12	294	3-34	4.43	24.50
K Gurrampalli	4	0	1	25	1-25	6.25	25.00
G Jones	7	1	2	55	1-0	7.86	27.50
C Towle	8.1	1	2	58	1-27	7.10	29.00
L Griffiths Jnr.	6	0	1	35	1-13	5.83	35.00
M Butterworth	18	1	1	84	1-15	4.67	84.00
J Rose	7	6	0	6	0-6	0.86	—
L Jones	6	0	0	32	0-32	5.33	—
E McCormack	6	0	0	29	0-29	4.83	—

## LOVE LANE L&DCC SECOND ELEVEN 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ab/nd</u>	<u>Bat</u>	<u>Bwl</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Newton-le-Willows	22	13	4	4	0/1	35	57	357
Birkenhead Park	22	13	1	7	0/1	39	40	344
Liverpool	22	11	7	3	0/1	51	59	335
Orrell Red Triangle	22	11	7	4	0/0	60	43	313
Wavertree	22	9	4	7	1/1	40	48	278
Highfield	22	8	2	11	1/0	30	46	246
Old Xaverians	22	7	2	13	0/0	57	41	243
Ainsdale	22	7	1	13	1/0	54	39	238
<b>Firwood Bootle</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>238</b>
Southport Trinity	22	7	2	12	0/1	43	39	232
Maghull	22	5	6	10	0/1	59	49	193
Rainhill	22	6	6	10	0/0	389	42	190

## AUGUST

In a 6 wicket triumph over Colwyn Bay, helped by Sagar Trivedi 5-49 and 49 not out, Hermann Rolfe's four catches behind the stumps and 31 not out. Another return to the close by Lean Kitchen before a share of the spoils at Highfield, helped by the after effects of Mike Farrell's wedding the day before on our hosts. Jhangir Liaqat 3-44, Hermann Rolfes 91 not out stuck at the wrong end at the death as we tried to chase down a win. A Wigan FC supporter complained about no barcode on his Season Ticket, would he have complained if there were pies on it?

After Alexandra's a 3 wicket win against Maghull. Sagar Trivedi 3-50, Hermann Rolfes 123 not out on his birthday where we chased down 306. The usual Alexandra's before we chased down 222 with 3 deliveries to spare for the loss of 5 wickets against Sefton Park. Kieron New 3-55, Hermann Rolfes 4 catches behind the stumps plus 59 not out on his last game of the season. Ali Andrady 62. Rob Durand the opposition scorer, reckoned the five penalty runs were Man of the Match after Australian Umpire Stephen Fildes did Niamat Karyab for putting saliva on the ball for the third time. I got asked in Cooper's Coffee shop after the Mega Breakfast before the 7 wicket win at Old Xaverians if I wanted anything else. Tom Meskell left the field in the 25th over for a call of nature. Shaneil Patel-Ponda 4-15 Steve Rimmer and Ryan Westwell 45 a-piece. With the Moody Blues 2-0 up against Bournemouth one of our players said, Hunty will say when we get back to Bootle you should have gone to the match. Umpire Neil Galbraith was well happy when he found out the Moody Blues were 2-0 up. It went to 2-1 he started having doubts. Finally at 2-3 it ruined his day and you could say he threw his hat in as he left it in the Ground.

each other and then diagnosed him with Arthritis! Sagar Trivedi 4-23 and 60 runs.

After breakfast in Reds, Rainford we reached 66 all out 59 in our favour against St. Helens followed by Sagar Trivedi capturing 4-20. The Supervisor of the Sporting Activities on the day, who I was sitting by in the Scoring Emporium, and being an ex-Council Employee myself I had to help him out with a few complaints from some irate individuals. When a Rugby Team arrived in the first Innings, eviction from the Changing Rooms stopped play and the 1st XI Skipper from St. Helens told the Supervisor if anything was stolen it was his responsibility. Before the 75 run triumph at Fleetwood Hesketh, Langdon's in Churchtown filled the engine. Hermann Rolfes 77 runs and Jhangir Liaqat 4-23. Sabbir Patel admitted bringing some hot stuff in a large cooking vessel into the ground before the game which never matched his side's performance on the field. The next day we bowed out of the Tyler Shield at the semi-final stage by 6 wickets with a below full strength side. Hermann Rolfes 72 runs, Tom Meskill 1-28. I held up the Tangerine Dream because I disabled my Alarm Clock. Scoop's daughter Megan turned the sat-nav sound off and we arrived at the Harefield Coffee Barn in Rainhill Stoops without knowing, turned back around the same roundabout again and finally spotted the Venue sign. While eating probably one of the best meals on our cricket travels, some punter thought I was writing out a Betting Slip when I was compiling the Bootle team sheet. After the game while talking to two locals, some Guy who resembled the Incredible Hulk appeared. Scoop played a version of Outdoor Musical Chairs then went and left his jacket somewhere in the Ground!



## 3rd XI REVIEW

### FIRWOOD BOOTLE 3rd XI REPORT

I would like to say it's been an honour to captain the 3s at Bootle this year. In what has been a progressive year with us finishing in 5th place, the team consisted of a lot of juniors playing week in week out and a lot of them also making their debuts during the season. It was great to see Harshad Raja (u15), Adam Morris (u14) and Daire Carroll (u13) step up to play senior cricket for the first time. Adam Morris opened the batting and fielded wherever he was needed. Harshad was bowling some amazing unplayable balls and Daire who has come on so much with his batting and fielding. A special thanks to Gemma Hurst and Christine Corden for captaining the team in my absence at the start of the season. It was great to see players stepping up and playing regular cricket and improving week in week out in Paul Guinness, Paul Broadhurst and the flake aka Ian McCormack. A massive thanks to senior players for their help throughout the season Liam Griffiths with a few good knocks, Kumar Gurrampalli with the only 100 in the season and two 5 wicket hauls. Arthur Cook chipped in with bat and ball throughout the season and Rob Wootton for being my vice-captain, which will be a big loss when he returns home but will always be welcome back.

The next morning I thought I had been knighted when the Queen called me Sir on the telephone. The Duke of Blundellsands took me to Old Xaverians for the 5 wicket move into the next round of the Tyler Shield after Hermann arranged the lift, as the noble one has his mobile phone rarely turned on like myself. Danny Davies 53 runs, Danny Hart 42 not out. Billy Midgley did not take me home down the Queens Drive so decided to try the Motorway, alas the cone brigade had been out closing the junction we wanted so a scenic detour through St. Helens and Prescot ensued. After the usual food in Alexandra's before the Lytham game which was washed out after 3.4 overs in Lytham's response to our 229-7 dec. Steve Rimmer and Hermann Rolfes 58 runs a-piece.

#### JULY

After consuming crushed avocado with my breakfast in the Lean Kitchen, Pemberton we encountered Gerry Pike at Orrell Red Triangle and he reckoned we could go unbeaten all season and not win the League. I hope he didn't put a bet on as his local Bookie would have been the only winner. Hermann Rolfes 58 runs and 4-47 with our hosts earning a share of the spoils with nine wickets down. Before the visit to Spring View the Chef in Heather's reckoned I must have been hungry asking for the Mega Breakfast. While the game was in progress I had to tell a home fan the team in white were winning and when he returned at the end of the game he asked if my team had won which was by a 7 wicket margin. Sagar Trivedi helped himself to 5-25 and an unbeaten 60 launching Suleman Khan for a plethora of mighty blows. After Scoop left early missing the turn in the bar singing his least favourite song "Sweet Caroline", the Group had to get me a taxi home. In Alexandra's before a 59 run triumph over Spring View a Sean Dyche dead ringer said Scoop and I looked comfortable with



In an 85 run win it was the Hermann Rolfes and Sagar Trivedi Show with the former hitting an unbeaten 102 and taking 4 catches behind the stumps and the latter hitting 46 runs with the pair featuring in a fourth wicket stand of 82 and the Hermannator helping himself to 5-53. Danny Hart made a hell of a run to take a worldy of a catch in the outfield off Sagar's bowling. Hit another new gem for Breakfast, Hartley's Garden Centre close to the Maghull Ground. Don Rivers came up to me during the game and asked where the scoreboard was and I informed him to just look above his head. Sagar Trivedi 4-24 featuring a hat-trick, Hermann Rolfes unbeaten on 49 in a 6 wicket triumph. My colleague in the scorebox Rob Morris had to reprimand the kids a couple of times for making too much noise on the Bouncy Castle.

After a Piri-Piri Chicken concoction in Bema's café I jumped a bus to Northern for the National t/20. Tom Meskell 21 runs in our 6 wicket reversal. Got attacked by a camera stand twice and obstructed a few times by curtains while scoring in the rather drafty Pavilion. Told the Queen I would make my own way to Liverpool the following day but would need a lift home after the game. Took a Delta to Waterloo Station and while I was already on the train on the way to Liverpool South Parkway, I got a text off the Queen saying the Duke of Blundells was going to pick me up at home and she wasn't impressed. Boarded the 82 to Coopers Coffee Shop for a Mega Breakfast. Matty Jackson thought I was taking the hit and miss when I told him Hermann was behind the stumps. Sagar Trivedi 4-43 and Jhangir Liaqat 3-37. Steve Rimmer 57 not out, Hermann Rolfes 4 catches and 26 runs, Danny Davies 27 not out in a 7 wicket victory. Got a lift home from PKB via Wadham Road to watch the end of the Second XI game also against Liverpool.

It has been great to see all the juniors performing in every game with Matthew Medlicott and Joe Walsh opening the bowling. Ethan McCormack doing what was needed for the team and always putting a top effort in and Aaron Cook for his 2 catches in one game. It was also great to see two of our u15s in Lewis Duncan-Brown and Michael Butterworth making their first team debuts and playing 2nd team cricket on a regular basis. Hopefully next season we can carry on with the improvements we have shown and kick on to push for promotion back to the premier division where we belong, with more young players making their senior debuts and pushing on to play at a higher level at the club. One last big thank you to Kerryann Duncan-Brown, Christine Corden and Callum Benson-Murray for scoring throughout this season.

*Lee Brown, 3rd XI Captain*



## L&DCC FIXTURES 2024 - 3rd ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
04 May	Northern 5th XI	Home	Won, 6 wkts
11 May	Irby 3rd XI	Away	Lost, 8 wkts
18 May	New Brighton	Home	Won conceded
25 May	Wallasey 4th XI	Away	Won 38 runs
27 May	Orrell RT	Home	Lost 9 wkts
1 June	Caldy 3rd XI	Away	Won, 3 wkts
8 June	Birkenhead Park	Home	Match drawn
15 June	Liverpool 4th XI	Away	Match drawn
22 June	Irby 3rd XI	Home	Won, 5 wkts
29 June	Wavertree 3rd XI	Away	Abandoned
13 July	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lost, 95 runs
20 July	Formby 3rd XI	Home	Won, 3 wkts
3 Aug	Northop Hall	Home	Won, 148 runs
10 Aug	Maghull	Home	Won, conceded
17 Aug	Orrell RT	Home	Lost, 2 runs
24 Aug	Wavertree	Home	Won, 3 wkts
31 Aug	Formby 3rd Xi	Home	Lost, 7 wkts
14 Sept	Northop Hall	Home	Won, 8 wkts
21 Sept	Birkenhead Park	Away	Lost, 118 runs

## 3rd ELEVEN WICKET-KEEPING SUMMERY

NAME	Mch	Byes	Ct	St	Total
E McCormack	6	65	3	1	4
M Saeed	3	10	2	0	2
R Wooton	1	3	2	0	2
A Midgley	1	0	1	0	1

scorebook were due to over-indulgence of Coca Cola. Jhangir Liaqat 3-23, Steve Rimmer 46 runs and Ryan Westwell 23 in our 10 wicket triumph. After dining in Coopers in Aigburth we arrived in Sefton Park to find the pitch resembling the Baseball Ground where Derby County used to play. Hence Scoop drove me to Walton Hall Park to take in South Liverpool FC winning the LCFCA Saturday Junior Cup Final 4-2 on penalty kicks. Another visit to Coopers two days later before the 8 wicket victory over Liverpool in the Tyler Shield. Kieron New 4-14, Jaden Rose 4-11, Ali Andrady 22 runs and Hermann Rolfes 23 both unbeaten.

## JUNE

The usual engine filler in Alexandra's before obviously Old Xaverians winning the toss and batting to limit the previous carnage from Sagar Trivedi. Their scorer Aiden Nuttall reckoned veteran bowler Colin Gibson's bat was from the 1980s and was yet to reach a hundred runs. Kieron New 4-37, Jhangir Liaqat 4-16, Ryan Westwell 59 runs and Ali Andrady 29 both not out respectively in a comfortable 9 wicket victory. After a pre-match meal in Bema's and a two bus trip, 172-5 Northern and a 130 run reversal in the Liverpool Echo Knockout. Ali Andrady got half of our runs. The next day a pre-match dining in Tesco's Litherland was interrupted by a call to Scoop from the Queen requesting a collection of the programmes for the New Brighton National t/20 match from her country retreat in Brighton-le-Sands. Hermann Rolfes 48, Danny Davies 45 in our 55 run triumph after our visitors were restricted to 93-6.

After going down Linacre Road for breakfast in Alexandra's, I discovered no Mrf for the Highfield game in my luggage so Scoop drove me back home via Knowsley Road then to Wadham Road via Hawthorne Road to complete a grand tour of Costa del Bootle.

## MAJIC MOMENTS



### APRIL

After our first banquet of the season in Alexandra's, Horwich removed us from the National Knockout. Sagar Trivedi 3-33 and Ali Andradý 42 runs.

### MAY

On the way to the Marmalade Kitchen in Rhos-on-Sea Scoop said we were on the right road as he used it when he worked for MBNA, alas that was taking us towards Chester and Manchester! On our arrival at Colwyn Bay CC one of their players informed me there was not much chance of any play. Next came National t/20, a 99 run victory over Old Xaverians. Sagar Trivedi 137 runs featuring 10 fours and twelve sixes, who added 172 for the first wicket with Ryan Westwell 43. Shaneil Patel-Ponda 4-23. An unfortunate Old Xaverians player got stopped by the Boys in Blue on Queens Drive with a brand new car which he had forgot to insure, meaning he had to complete his journey to Wadham Road by bus. On the way to Alexandra's before the Fleetwood Hesketh game Scoop realised his false gnashers were missing so he had to do a U-turn. Sagar Trivedi 4-21 and Hermann Rolfes 38 not out featured in a 7 wicket win. It was probably not unusual for him but Tomas Jones of Irby had Hermann down for 4 runs and going for 17 off one over for our 2nd Eleven on the same day on the tablet assisted play-cricket system instead of Harshad Raja. Steve Shuttleworth of St. Helens Town reckoned errors in his

## 3rd ELEVEN AVERAGES 2024 (DIVISION 1 SATURDAY)

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inns</u>	<u>N O</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H S</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>Ct/Ro</u>
K Gurrampalli	11	11	2	293	110	32.56	
L Brown	15	14	4	119	29*	11.90	
L Duncan-Brown	6	6	0	48	29	8.00	
A Cook	9	9	1	61	24	7.63	
A Morris	9	8	0	61	21	7.63	
R Wooton	8	8	0	61	30	7.63	
J Walsh	15	13	4	67	13	7.44	
M Medlicott	11	8	1	40	11	5.71	
E McCormack	12	7	3	22	8*	5.50	
H Raha	6	6	0	33	18	5.50	
P Broadhurst	6	6	0	27	12	4.50	
I McCormack	7	5	1	17	7*	4.25	
M Saeed	3	2	0	7	6	3.50	
D Carroll	6	5	0	14	10	2.80	
M Butterworth	4	2	1	2	1*	2.00	
A Towle	3	3	1	3	2	1.50	
P Guinness	9	7	0	7	3	1.00	
W Gartside	8	6	0	0	0	0.00	
T Aubrey-Hampson	5	2	1	0	0*	0.00	

Also Batted: ins-runs J Jimmy 2-84, A McBeth 1-82, \* A Midgley 2-51, L Griffiths snr. 2-43, L Griffiths jnr. 26\* R Butterworth 1-17, A Freeman 1-8,

<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Ove</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B-mch</u>	<u>Ave</u>
K Grumpalli	94.1	26	23	207	5-12	9.00
A Cook	21.5	5	6	57	2-9	9.50
M Butterworth	20.5	6	7	70	3-3	10.00
A Midgley	9	0	4	40	4-40	10.00
L Brown	127.3	38	32	330	5-57	10.31
M Evans	8	6	1	12	1-12	12.00
T Aubrey-Hampson	33	5	7	89	4-48	12.71
M Medlicott	65	23	10	148	3-2	14.80
J Walsh	103.3	22	18	286	4-15	15.89
A Morris	6	0	2	36	1-14	18.00
H Raja	10	0	3	73	2-13	24.33
L Duncan-Brown	12	1	2	50	2-29	25.00



# LOVE LANE L&DCC THIRD ELEVEN SATURDAY 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2024

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Ab/nd</u>	<u>Wcn</u>	<u>Lcn</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Wavertree 3rd XI	16	9	1	1	2/0	0	3	235
Orrell Red Triangle	13	8	1	2	0/0	1	1	223
Formby 3rd XI	13	7	2	2	1/0	1	0	219
Birkenhead Park 3rd XI	13	8	1	2	2/0	0	0	217
Northop Hall 3rd XI	13	7	1	4	0/0	1	0	209
Firwood Bootle 3rd XI	13	6	2	3	1/0	1	0	193
Irby 3rd XI	19	4	2	7	2/1	3	0	219
Birkenhead Park 4th XI	19	5	4	7	1/1	1	0	214
Wallasey 4th XI	19	4	2	8	3/0	1	0	190
Liverpool 4th XI	19	5	2	11	1/0	0	0	173
Caldy 3rd XI	19	6	0	6	2/0	1	3	162
Northern 5th XI	19	3	3	10	2/0	1	0	145
Irby 4th XI	19	3	1	9	2/0	1	2	122
Maghull 3rd XI	19	2	0	5	5/0	0	6	26



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# FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls Development League T20 Averages 2024

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Ct/Ro</u>
G Hurst	5	5	2	123	40	41.00	0/1
J Rose	5	5	1	97	44	24.25	5/0
P Torrance	4	4	0	60	37	15.00	
R Thomas	3	3	1	26	16	13.00	
C Corden	5	5	1	22	10	5.50	1/0
L Benton-Newman	1	1	0	5	5	5.00	
J Westhead	4	1	0	2	2	2.00	
G Boileau	2	1	0	2	2	2.00	1/0
D Pavey	4	3	0	0	0	0.00	
J Schafer	3	1	0	0	0	0.00	
G Benton-Newman	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	
H Ward	4	2	2	0	0*	---	0/1
D Pattie	4	1	1	6	6*	---	
K Davies	2	1	1	0	0	---	1/0
C Hodson	2	1	1	6	6*	---	1/0
C McCormack	2	0				---	
L Mundie	2	0				---	
L Taylor	2	0				---	

<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdn</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B Mch</u>	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Avg</u>
G Hurst	10.5	0	7	42	5-11	3.88	6.00
D Pattie	11	0	4	42	3-7	3.82	10.50
P Torrance	2.4	0	1	18	1-8	6.75	18.00
L Benton-Newman	3	0	1	24	1-24	8.00	24.00
H Ward	11.3	1	2	61	1-13	5.30	30.50
J Schafer	8	0	2	63	1-13	7.88	31.50
J Westhead	12	1	2	76	1-14	6.33	38.00
D Pavey	7	0	1	44	1-24	6.29	44.00
R Thomas	8	0	0	44	0-11	5.50	---
G Benton-Newman	4	0	0	21	0-21	5.25	---

## WICKET KEEPING SUMMARY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Ct</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Total</u>
J Rose	5	2	5		5

## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls League (Development) T20

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Result</u>
19 May	Northern	Home	Won 46 runs
28 May	Wavertree	Away	Abandoned
23 Jun	Sefton Park	Away	Won 7 wkts
21 Jul	Maghull	Away	Lost 7 wkts
06 Aug	Wavertree	Home	Drawn
20 Aug	Northern	Away	Lost 64 runs
27 Aug	Sefton Park	Home	Abandoned

### T20 League table

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C/A</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Wcn</u>	<u>Lcn</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Northern	8	4	1	2/0	0	1	0	17
Wavertree	8	3	1	2/0	0	2	0	17
Firwood Bootle	8	2	3	2/1	0	0	0	9
Sefton Park	8	0	5	1/1	0	1	0	5
Maghull	8	2	1	1/0	0	0	4	3



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## 4th XI REVIEW

### Bootle Sunday team season review

Firstly I'd like to thank all the players who represented the Sunday team for their effort and commitment throughout the season. It's very much appreciated not just by myself, but the whole of the club.

So after a slow start, momentum was really picked up in the second half of the season winning 6 out of 7 of our last games to finish a commendable 3rd in the table mixture of experience and youth worked really well with everyone encouraging each other, ensuring that team spirit and togetherness was kept at a premium.

I'd like to say that the future looks bright for the club. Young players of the calibre of Matty Medlicott, Matty Evans, Charlie Towle, Jeffin Jimmy, Lewis Brown, Ethan McCormack and Joe Walsh all played their part in last season's success and I personally feel honoured to captain such talent. Also a big thank you to the senior members of the squad who played their part in last season's success.

Paul Jones (superb season with the bat), Lee Brown, Arthur Cook, Albie Freeman, Ted Stevens, Liam Griffiths Snr, Dom Smith and also the players who put themselves forward when we were short. Also a huge thank you to Gemma, who performed excellently on her appearances. So all in all I'd personally like to think of last season as a success (only 2 defeats all season against a very dubious Commonwealth) and look forward with great anticipation to the coming season. Finally a huge thank you to Jessica for doing the scorebook week in and week out. It's very much appreciated.

Thanks again for each and everyone's sterling efforts last season.

*Alan Midgley*  
*Sunday 4th XI Captain*

## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls League Division 2 SOFTBALL SUPER 8s Averages 2024

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>T O</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>HS</u>
Daisy Pavey	6	6	64	5	39	19
Christine Corden	6	6	63	9	18	21
Liz Mundie	7	7	47	3	32	14
Gemma Baker	3	3	32	2	22	21
Heidi Ward	2	2	30	2	20	15
Natalie Maloney	5	5	28	2	18	9
Darcy Pattie	3	3	28	3	13	14
Jackie Westhead	4	4	25	2	15	14
Cathy McCormack	6	6	20	2	10	8
Chole Hodson	6	6	15	6	-15	8
Jessica Schafer	4	4	13	0	13	4
Georgia Benton-Newman	1	1	11	1	6	11
Gwyneth Boileau	2	2	11	2	1	10
Lily Benton-Newman	1	1	6	0	6	6
Kerryann Duncan-Brown	3	3	6	1	1	3
Katie Davies	2	2	6	1	1	3
Lexi Taylor	2	2	3	2	-7	2
Jessica Bell	2	2	2	2	-8	1
<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Ov</u>	<u>Mdn</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B-mch</u>	<u>Ave</u>
Jessica Bell	5	0	2	19	2-11	9.50
Christine Corden	1	0	1	11	1-11	13.33
Jackie Westhead	9	0	3	40	2-20	18.00
Daisy Pavey	11	1	3	54	1-3	21.00
Jessica Schafer	9	0	3	63	2-23	21.00
Gemma Baker	5	0	1	21	1-13	21.00
Gwyneth Boileau	8	0	2	54	2-21	27.00
Natalie Maloney	8	0	1	35	1-13	35.00
Chole Hodson	8	0	1	53	1-5	53.00
Cathy McCormack	8	0	1	73	1-10	73.00



## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls League SOFTBALL SUPER 8s (Pairs) Division 2

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
28 Apr	Fleetwood Hesketh Foxes	Away	Lost 33 runs
21 May	Southport & Birkdale	Home	Lost 10 runs
11 Jun	Liverpool	Away	Won 11 runs
25 Jun	Rainhill	Home	Lost 56 runs
05 Jul	Irby	Away	Won Conceded
04 Aug	New Brighton	Home	Lost 86 runs
18 Aug	Old Xaverians	Away	Lost 22 runs
08 Sep	Maghull	Home	Won Conceded

### Softball Super 8s League table

TEAM	P	W	L	C/A	T	Wcn	Lcn	Pts
New Brighton	8	5	2	1/0	0	0	0	16
Maghull	8	4	0	2/0	0	1	1	16
Rainhill	8	5	2	1/0	0	0	0	16
Liverpool	8	3	4	0/0	0	1	0	12
Southport & Birkdale	8	3	3	1/1	0	0	0	11
Fleetwood Hesketh	8	2	1	1/0	0	1	1	11
Firwood Bootle	8	1	5	0/0	0	2	0	9
Irby	8	1	3	0/0	0	1	3	3
Old Xaverians	8	1	3	0/0	0	0	1	3

### Plate Competition

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
26 May	Liverpool	Away	Lost 62 runs

## L&DCC FIXTURES 2024 - 4th ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
28 Apr	Sefton Park	Home	Lost 2 wkts	5	9th
05 May	Prescot & Odyssey	Away	Lost 5 wkts	4	9th
25 May	Liverpool Lions	Away	Won Con.	25	6th
09 Jun	Wavertree	Away	Lost 7 wkts	1	10th
16 Jun	Liverpool	Home	Lost 4 wkts	0	12th
23 Jun	Caldy	Home	Won Con.	25	12th
30 Jun	Parkfield Liscard	Away	Lost 9 wkts	0	11th
07 Jul	St Helens Town	Away	Drawn	6	11th
21 Jul	Rainhill	Home	Won 7 wkts	25	7th
25 Jul	Whitefield	Away	Lost 93 runs	6	8th
04 Aug	Prescot & Odyssey	Home	Won 9 wkts	20	8th
11 Aug	Sefton Park	Away	Won Con.	25	7th
18 Aug	Liverpool Lions	Home	Drawn	6	9th
08 Sep	New Brighton	Home	Abandoned	5	9th
15 Sep	Rainhill	Away	Won Con.	25	8th



## 4th ELEVEN AVERAGES 20 (1st DIVISION SUNDAY)

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inns</u>	<u>N O</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H S</u>	<u>Ave</u>
E Stevens	3	3	1	63	30*	31.50
L Duncan-Brown	3	3	1	61	60*	30.50
L Griffiths	1	1	0	23	23	23.00
J Jimmy	1	1	0	23	23	23.00
M Medlicott	1	1	0	20	20	20.00
A McBeth	5	5	0	90	54	18.00
L Jones	4	4	0	72	29	18.00
H Raja	4	4	1	38	25*	12.67
PAU Jones	8	7	1	68	28	11.33
A Freeman	5	5	0	53	35	10.60
A Midgley	8	8	1	68	24	9.71
D Carroll	2	2	0	15	12	7.50
I McCormack	2	1	0	7	7	7.00
A Cook	10	9	0	56	24	6.22
W Gartside	3	2	1	6	6*	6.00
J Walsh	6	5	1	23	12	5.75
K Gurrampalli	1	1	0	4	4	4.00
P Rose	2	2	0	7	6	3.50
P Broadhurst	6	6	0	18	6	3.00
M Saeed	5	4	1	9	8*	3.00
A Morris	2	2	0	5	3	2.50
E McCormack	4	3	0	6	3	2.00
PET Jones	7	6	3	4	2*	1.33
AL Cook	2	2	0	1	1	0.50
A Cook Jnr.	3	2	0	0	0	0.00
P Stephens	2	1	0	0	0	0.00
M Evans	1	1	0	0	0	0.00
S Ullah	1	1	0	0	0	0.00
L Brown	4	3	3	173	102*	----
C Snellgrove	1	1	1	3	3*	----

## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls League HARDBALL SUPER 8s Averages 2024

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Inns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>T O</u>	<u>N R</u>	<u>H S</u>
Rach Thomas	7	7	74	9	29	24
Gemma Hurst	7	7	55	2	45	13
Daisy Pavey	6	6	45	0	45	12
Phillipa Torrance	6	6	42	4	22	10
Jackie Rose	3	3	20	2	10	12
Darcy Pattie	3	3	18	3	3	12
Liz Mundie	4	4	17	3	2	10
Georgia Benton-Newman	2	2	15	2	5	8
Christine Corden	3	3	14	1	9	7
Jessica Schafer	4	4	9	0	9	4
Katie Davies	2	2	8	0	8	5
Lily Benton-Newman	2	2	6	2	-4	4
Jackie Westhead	2	2	6	1	1	5
Gwyneth Boileau	2	2	5	2	-5	3
Heidi Ward	2	2	5	3	-10	3
Chloe Hodson	2	2	4	2	-6	3
Alex Walker	1	1	3	0	3	3

Sorted by runs. ( T P Times Out N R Net runs)

<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Ov</u>	<u>Mdn</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B-mch</u>	<u>Ave</u>
Georgia Benton-Newman	5	0	4	26	3-8	6.50
Daisy	4	0	1	8	1-8	8.00
Gemma Hurst	12	0	3	79	2-29	9.67
Darcy Pattie	4	0	1	15	1-15	15.00
Phillipa Torrance	4	0	1	16	1-16	16.00
Jessica Schafer	7	0	1	52	1-17	17.00
Rachael Thomas	15	0	2	85	1-11	42.50

Sorted by Average.

## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES L&DCC Women' & Girls League HARDBALL SUPER 8s (Pairs)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Result</u>
<b>30 Apr</b>	<b>Wavertree</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost 51 runs</b>
04 Jun	Hightown	Away	Cancelled
<b>18 Jun</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Lost 36 runs</b>
27 Jun	Winstanley Park	Home	Won Conceded
14 Jul	Skelmersdale	Away	Won Conceded
30 Jul	Sefton Park	Away	Lost 27 runs
<b>13 Aug</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
03/09	Wavertree	Away	Lost 14 runs

## Hardball Super 8s League table

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C/A</u>	<u>Wcn</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Lcn</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Liverpool	9	6	1	1/1	0	0	0	20
Sefton Park	9	4	1	1/2	1	0	0	18
Northern	9	2	3	0/1	3	0	0	16
Winstanley Park	9	1	3	1/0	3	0	1	12
Hightown St Mary's	9	2	3	1/0	1	1	1	11
Wavertree	9	2	2	0/1	1	1	2	10
Firwood Bootle	9	0	5	1/1	2	0	0	8
Skelmersdale	9	1	0	1/0	0	0	7	-3

## Plate Competition

05 May	Fleetwood Hesketh Foxes	Away	Won 62 runs
16 Jun	Colwyn Bay	Away	Lost 51 runs

## 4th ELEVEN AVERAGES 20 (1st DIVISION SUNDAY)

	<u>Ove</u>	<u>Mds</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>B-mch</u>	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Ave</u>
L Duncan-Brown	14.1	7	5	25	3--11	1.76	5.00
P Broadhurst	7.2	0	3	32	2--31	4.36	10.67
J Jimmy	8	1	3	33	3--33	4.13	11.00
A Freeman	25	4	8	90	5--48	3.60	11.25
L Jones	16.3	4	5	62	3--6	3.76	12.40
K Gurramalli	14	2	3	45	3--45	3.21	15.00
J Walsh	34.2	5	8	141	3--26	4.11	17.63
M Saeed	16.1	2	3	56	2--29	3.46	18.67
A Cook	53.2	7	10	205	3--11	3.84	20.50
L Brown	38.2	4	7	167	3--44	4.36	23.86
A Midgley	5	0	1	25	1--25	5.00	25.00
A Morris	11	1	1	46	1--32	4.18	46.00
Paul Jones	17.1	3	1	47	1--12	2.74	47.00
M Evans	9	1	1	48	1--48	5.33	48.00
H Raja	20	4	1	100	1--46	5.00	100.00
E McCormack	7	0	0	26	0--26	3.71	----
M Medlicott	7	2	0	16	0--16	2.29	----
W Gartside	6	1	0	29	0--29	4.83	----
Peter Jones	5	0	0	17	0--17	3.40	----
S Ullah	4	0	0	20	0--20	5	----

## WICKET\_KEEPING SUMMARY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mch</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Ct</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Total</u>
E Stevens	3	15	6	1	7
L Duncan-Brown	1	19	1	0	1
L Jones	1	3	1	0	1
E McCormack	2	19	0	0	0
A Midgley	2	8	0	0	0
P Stephens	1	0	0	0	0

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## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES REVIEW 2024

Firwood Bootle Belles began this season hoping to push on and improve from their low table placings in 2023. With 25 games to be played over 3 competitions, the ladies sought to work hard and develop their game. With the quality and standard of play throughout the leagues continuing to soar, it was bound to be a challenging and competitive season for the Belles. The Belles season didn't begin as planned with losses in both hardball super 8s, softball super 8s and cancelled matches due to the weather. The first win of the season came in early May in the hardball Plate competition, with a top bowling performance from our junior Daisy Pavey with 2 for 7 from 3 overs. Unfortunately, the Belles were knocked out of the Plate competition in the following round by a strong batting side at Colwyn Bay.

The first stand out performance of the season was in the T20 development league where our ladies sealed the victory against local rivals Northern beating them by 46 runs. A combination of Jackie Rose putting on 44 runs in the first innings, and Gemma Hurst taking 5 wickets for 11 runs off 2.5 overs, aided the victory after bowling them out in 10.5 overs. Unfortunately, the rest of the month didn't follow suit with multiple losses in the softball, and 2 cancelled fixtures in the hardball due to poor weather conditions. The first and only win for our softball ladies this season came in June beating Liverpool by 11 runs. A strong bowling performance from Nat Maloney with an economy of 3.33 and 2 wickets from Jackie Westhead helped keep Liverpool's run rate down. The ladies softball team finished 7th in the league with 1 win, 5 losses and 2 wins. Frustratingly the T20 team could not continue their winning streak as their next 2 oppositions conceded and 1 game cancelled again, due to poor weather. They finished 3rd in the league with 2 wins and 3 losses. The hardball super 8s team were unlucky this season in a lot of games, narrowly being beaten on numerous occasions. This resulted in a disappointing season

finishing bottom of the table and will see the ladies playing in the development league next year. As the 2025 season approaches the ladies aspire to get back to their winning ways. The influx of juniors coming through will surely strengthen the squad for next season and with a new coaching team, they will hopefully look forward positively to the 2025 season, and with a lot of hard work and determination, we will be back on top soon enough.

*Gemma Hurst*

*Firwood Bootle Belles Captain*

