



# IT'S ALL A BIT HURDY GURDY



## FIRWOOD BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB VOLUME 1 1833-1959



*Tom Law*

## DEDICATION

To: Peter Kenneth Booth

For his undying love for Bootle Cricket Club

And his huge contribution at all levels.

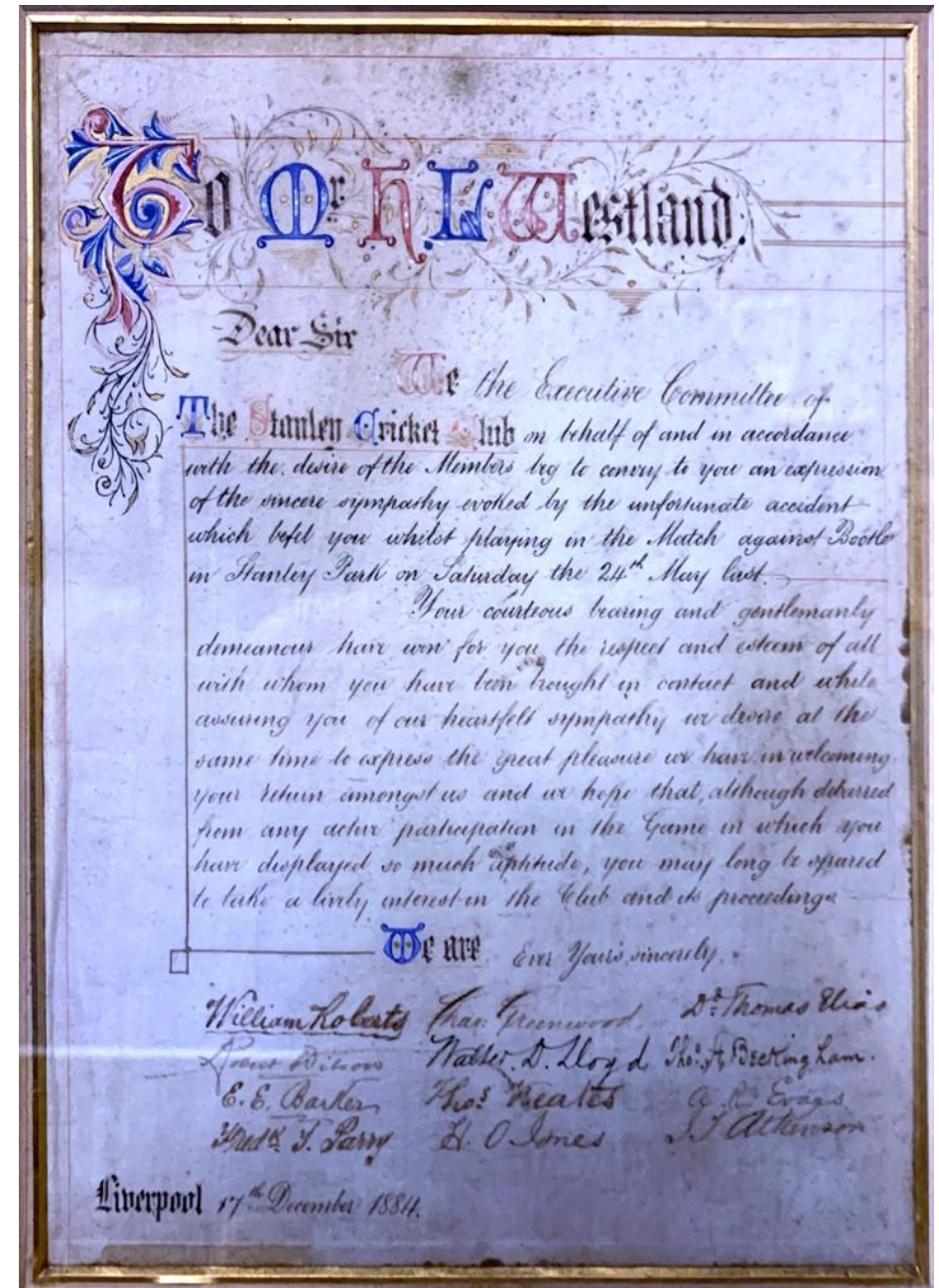


Site of Cricket Ground, Hawthorn Road 1880,s

In 1991 I produced a book of Statistics which contained one or two errors. In this issue I have done my best to make these as accurate as possible. I haven't included in this issue any 2nd eleven figures. I hope to produce them at a later stage if I can. In the early years there was no 3rd elevens as such, but fixtures were arranged for an extra eleven. Extra elevens matches were mostly played midweek nights over two days and players from all elevens played. In the 1951 season there were 40 extra eleven fixtures. Some of the opponents were; Rainhill Hospital, Bon Marche, (a department store) Tranmere, Ince Blundell.

When I produced the book in 1991 the title was a tribute to the late Ben Scanlon. This time it's a tribute to the late Bob Draper and is one of his many sayings, of which, there are so many a book could be filled with them alone.

**Note:** The Ball mentioned in the short history on page 8, is now in the Cricket Museum at Lords. *Tom Law*





# BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

## OFFICERS 1949-1959

### PRESIDENT

1949-1950 The Right Worshipful Mayor

1951-1959 Mr. C.A.W. Roberts

### CHAIRMAN

1949-1950 Mr. C.A.W. Roberts

1951-1959 No Chairman Elected.

### HONORARY SECRETARY

1949-1959 Mr. W. Winspear

### HONORARY TREASURER

1949-1951 Mr. H. S. Brown

1952-1955 Mr. H. J. Horton

1956-1957 Mr F. Rigby

1958-1959 Mr. R. E. Skinner

### 1st ELEVEN CAPTAIN

1950-1951 Mr. A Cohen

1952 Mr J.W. Greenwood

1953-1959 Mr S. G. Shepherd

### Snippets from the Minutes

3rd March 1920. Bag money for the 1st and 2nd elevens was to be increased to 2/-

The bag money was for the horse and cart to take the cricket bags to away grounds. Players went on the train.

The roof of the Stable was to be repaired.

The Groundsman's wages was increased to 3 Guinea's £3.15p.

The Scorers were paid 15/- for the season 75p. That's about £57 now

### LAST WORD

#### Fredrick William Baucher (Wicket-keeper – Batsman)

When I joined the cricket club in 1972. There was a picture on the stairs in the old pavilion of F. W. Baucher. Fred Baucher played for Lancashire. He was born in Wigan in 1878 and died in Blundellsands in 1947. He also played for Bootle for a number of years. When I asked about him from some of the old players who had played with him. I was told " He was the greatest wicket-keeper ever and when he played for Bootle people came from all over Lancashire and beyond to watch him play.". I don't know what happened to the picture but I can't find it.

*Tom Law 2025*



The Old 1884 - 2002

And the

New 2002



# HONOURS

## 1st ELEVEN

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

1949, 1950, 1956, 1984, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1997

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2019

### LANCASHIRE KNOCKOUT CUP WINNERS

1988, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2015

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION KNOCKOUT WINNERS

1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 20

2011, 2018

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION PREMIER LEAGUE KNOCKOUT WINNERS

2003, 2005, 2008

### LIVERPOOL ECHO CUP WINNERS

1987, 1988, 1995, 1999, 2002, 2003

2004, 2005, 2009, 2015, 2018

## THE BOOTLE WICKET-KEEPERS

### 1949-1959

E A Lawrence					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1949	21	93	10	14	24
1950	17	50	6	5	11
1951	22	72	16	10	26
1952	21	87	13	10	23
1953	20	104	10	5	15
	101	406	55	44	99

E K Ingman					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1955	22	90	17	3	20
1956	20	n.r.	17	5	22
1957	21		12	3	15
1958	16		10	5	15
1959	22		13	13	26
	101	90	69	29	98

W Summerfield					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1957	1	n.r.	1		1
1958	6		6	2	8
1959	1		1		1
	8	0	8	2	10

F E Tait					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1952	1	5	1	0	1
1954	17	27	14	4	18
	18	32	15	4	19

R G Cockbain					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1955	1	1			0

A Cohen					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1949	1	8	1		1

R A Jones					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1954	1	3			0

K Osbourne					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1954	1	4			0

K L Snellgrove					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1959	1	n.r.	1		1

J L White					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1951	1	6	1		1

L Wilson					
Year	Mch	Byes	ct	St	Total
1952	1	4	2	0	2

n.r. byes not recorded.



<b>Russell A. Jones 1949 - (3-100s) (32-50s)</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
222	206	44	5,206	119*	32.14	78	10	7	284			3.64	66.86	40.57	138	
<b>Peter C. Massen 1952 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
46	32	6	186	31	7.15	311	61	55	946	5-27	1	3.04	33.93	17.20	3	
<b>Roy Parry 1950 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
89	43	13	396	32	13.20	562	100	72	1,666	6-51	2	2.96	46.83	23.14	29	
<b>James S. Radcliffe 1959 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
3	3	0	22	22	7.33										1	
<b>Frank Rigby 1955 - (1-50)</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
30	23	5	266	63	14.78	3	0	0	7	0-7		2.33	---	---	5	
<b>Sidney G. Shepherd 1949 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
218	109	29	1,019	48*	12.74	3185	913	509	7,096	8-42	31	2.23	37.54	13.94	52	
<b>Cyril S. Skinner 1959 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
2	2	1	17	16*	17.00											
<b>Harry T Snellgrove 1957 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
56	35	9	280	42*	10.77	90	18	18	297	5-19	1	3.30	30.00	16.50	20	
<b>Kenneth L. Snellgrove 1958 - (5-50s)</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
26	22	10	587	66*	48.92	87	9	12	352	3-23		4.05	43.50	29.33	9	
<b>William E. Summerfield 1957 - (Wicket-Keeper)</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
8	4	2	8	4*	4.00										8	
<b>David A. Thomas 1952 -</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
74	57	6	685	44	13.43	9	1	1	40	1-40		4.44	54.00	40.00	24	
<b>Kenneth E. Young 1949 - (2-100s) (22-50s)</b>																
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct	
189	168	15	4,084	100*	26.69	1829	316	371	5,994	7-36	24	3.28	29.58	16.16	77	

## 2nd ELEVEN

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

1980, 1991,

### PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015

### CHESTER CUP WINNERS

1996, 1999, 2005

### PREMIER LEAGUE KNOCKOUT WINNERS

2002, 2005, 2006

## 3rd ELEVEN

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

1986, 1998, 2001, 2012, 2015, 2016

### EMBEE TROPHY WINNERS

2000, 2012, 2016

## FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES

### SOFTBALL SUPER 8s LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2020, 2022

### HARDBALL SUPER 8s LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2022

### SOFTBALL SUPER 8s KNOCKOUT PLATE WINNERS

2020, 2022



## THE LIVERPOOL COMPETITION

The clubs met as early as 1850, perhaps even earlier. There were 11 clubs :

The Original 11 Clubs were: Birkenhead Park, Bootle, Formby, Huyton, Liverpool, New Brighton, Northern, Ormskirk, Oxton, Rock Ferry, and Sefton.

It was not until 1892 that the Liverpool Echo published an unofficial weekly league table. Calling it the Liverpool Competition. At this time clubs could play each other more than twice. Or not at all. For instance, Birkenhead Park refused to play Bootle because of an incident in a match at Birkenhead Park. Which continued until the fixtures were standardised in 1949 with 16 teams. And the league became; The Liverpool and District Cricket Competition. Preston CC were one of the 16 teams but left in 1952 and were replaced by St Helens Recs.

In 1996 it was decided to increase the number of teams in the league. At the end of the 1997 season 4 of the original 16 teams left to join the Cheshire League. They were: Birkenhead Park, Chester Boughton Hall, Neston, and Oxton. The Clubs that joined at this time were: Bolton, Colwyn Bay, Leigh, Marchwiell, Newton-le-Willows, Northop Hall, Wigan and Worsley.

Bolton, Marchwiell, and Worsley left at the end of the 1998 season

In 1999 a two division structure was introduced. A year later In 2000 the 1st eleven premier division was awarded ECB Premier League status.

## THE BOOTLE PLAYERS 1949-1959

### Career Statistics (1st Eleven)

Players who had continued playing after 1959  
Statistics up to 1959 only

George Berkley 1959 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	2	0	0	0	0.00										
Colin S. Brown 1950 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
21	17	2	142	21*	9.47										4
Ronald G. Cockbain 1951 - (15-50s)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
113	101	19	2,205	82*	26.89	1102	233	182	2,964	7-30	7	2.69	36.33	16.29	57
Albert Dunlop 1959 - (1-50)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
9	9	2	339	79	48.43	55	9	7	173	4-30		3.15	47.14	24.71	3
J. Richard Greenwood 1958 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
6	6	2	63	31	15.75	9	1	0	36	0-11		4.00	---	---	2
R. James Heyes 1949 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
118	79	12	176	20	2.63	11	1	5	43	1-12		3.91	13.20	8.60	11
Tom R Heyes 1949 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
109	51	24	215	24*	7.96	860	164	132	2,406	6-9	3	2.80	39.09	18.23	23
J. K Hughes 1959 - (5-50s)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
23	23	2	546	78	26.00										6
Ronald Hurley 1957 -															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
17	11	5	34	9	5.67	85	14	18	308	3-27		3.62	28.33	17.11	7
E. Kenneth Ingman 1955 - (11-50s) Wicket-Keeper															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
111	107	18	2,395	87*	26.91										45

<b>Frank E. Tait: 1952 - 1954 (Wicket-Keeper)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
22	13	1	41	12*	3.42										15
<b>H Alwyn Thomas: 1949 -1950, 1952 (3-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
38	27	9	659	71	36.61										6
<b>H. S. Thomas 1952</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0														1
<b>Harold Turnbull 1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
7	6	3	60	27*	20.00	19	1	4	96	3-47		5.05	28.50	24.00	2
<b>Eric Ward 1955-1958</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
52	19	7	71	18	5.92	131	17	14	478	3-29		3.65	56.14	34.14	23
<b>Brian J Wardley 1953, 1957</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
6	4	3	0	0*	0.00	42.2	7	7	159	6-50	1	3.77	36.17	22.71	2
<b>Jack L. White 1949-1952 (2-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
42	38	3	829	97	23.69	263	44	30	778	4-45		2.96	52.60	25.93	12
<b>Ronald D. Wilkinson 1955</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0														
<b>Jack R. Williams 1949-1958 (3-100s) - (19-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
152	145	24	3,893	109	32.17	32	2	2	140	1-7		4.38	96.00	70.00	32
<b>L. Wilson 1952</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0														2
<b>William Winspear 1954</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0														
<b>David Wright 1958</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	2	1	0	0*	0.00										



## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

The Club was founded in 1833. Bootle Cricket Club is the second oldest Club in Lancashire and Merseyside only Liverpool 1807 is older. In 1833 it's possible some of our members could have been at the Battle of Waterloo (1815) or even Trafalgar (1805)

We know the foundation date of the Club, because of a speech made by the Mayor of Bootle Mr James Webster JP in December 1883. He made the speech at the opening of the Clubs Bazaar held to raise money for a new cricket pavilion and to lay out the ground. He says he was delighted to be involved in a project that was to maintain one of the oldest institutions in Bootle. He went on to say that the Club was established in 1833.

This is the only information we have of the early years of the Club. We do know also from the speech that Wadham Road is the 4th ground that the Club has occupied. Firstly at a ground at the back of what was called Richmond Vale. This became too small for them and they sought new premises. After some time, Mr Michael Ashcroft, a farmer of Bank Hall Fields, offered them some land, This was situated near what is now Kirkdale Station. They had to leave this ground to make room for the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway. They then came to what is now called the old cricket ground in Strand Road. Situated where the fire station used to be.

The club held this ground from Lord Derby until it was required for business purposes. They had however seen a admirable site in another part of the town, The Club now had 8 acres at Hawthorn Road. The ground opened for the 1884 season. Most of this information comes from The Bootle Times 14th December 1883. The Mayor thanked Mr Parker for supplying the information. The piece on the next page was printed in a club handbook published in 1950.



## A SHORT HISTORY OF BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

We can say with some accuracy that the club was established in 1833, although the earliest definite record that we have consists of a ball lettered in gold which was used in a match v. Lord Stanley's XI at Knowsley in 1858. The ground in those days stood on the site of the Fire Station, on the corner of Strand Road and Irlam Road, going down to Rimrose Road. This was long before Alexandra Dock was built, and there was a lovely view across the river. An old ships cabin was purchased and a decent front added for the purpose of a dressing room, which was used until a brick pavilion was erected about 1867. In 1851, G Hampshire joined the club, and he was the first to introduce round-arm bowling in the Liverpool district, whilst by 1860 the Club had a membership of 55, of which half resided in the east and south-ends of Liverpool. As early as August 31st, September 1st and 2nd 1865, an All England Touring XI played 22 of Bootle and District and proved the victors. The first Australian team which toured England during 1868 played Bootle twice that year and won on each occasion. In this side there were, of course, the Aborigines, and after the game they entertained the crowd to an exhibition of hurling the boomerang. Throwing the assagai and javelin, a performance which greatly interested the spectators, who came from far and near. In May 1876, there is a record of the United South, including W.G. Grace and his brother E.F., also having played 22 of Bootle and District, a game which the locals won.

The Club moved to its present site in 1884 and considerable expenses incurred in laying out the ground and building the pavilion, but the cost was guaranteed by several well-known local gentlemen, and at a bazaar held in 1890 the deficit was cleared. The following news item from the "Bootle Times issue of 1883 sums up the position when the new ground was planned:-

"The Bootle Cricket Club is one of the oldest in the county, if not the kingdom, and it has long enjoyed a high reputation for spirited play and fairness of management.

"For upwards of fifty years it has held it has held under Lord Derby, the ground in Irlam Road. On which so many famous matches have been played, and there is said to be in existence a letter by the late Earl of Derby, promising that as long as there are eleven men in Bootle to play cricket, the Club should never be dismissed from the ground.

"The advance of trade in the borough, and especially of the shipping trade, has, however, so enhanced the value of the property, that it has been foreseen for the last three or four years that the ground must ultimately be surrendered. Negotiations for a new ground have been in progress with Mr. Hale, Lord Derby's Agent, but although notice to quit the old ground was given in July, and expired on February 1st, it was not until lately that the Club obtained the offer of a good piece of land in Hawthorn Road on a fourteen years' lease. The land has an area of about 25 acres and the Club was offered either the whole or part. For themselves, they only required eight or ten acres, but as the terms for the whole land are very reasonable, and seeing the advantages which would accrue to the Borough from the preservation of this large open space, the Club placed itself in communication with the corporation and offered it to the Town Council thought well to acquire the whole land as public recreation ground, to become their tenants for the portion required by the Club.


"This arrangement has been approved in committee and looking to the growing population and the rapidity with which every open space is being covered with bricks and mortar, we should suppose that it will be unanimously confirmed at the next meeting of the council.

"Meanwhile, the Club wants the ground, which it will take in any case prepared for use, The ground is at present under plough. To level, sod, make paths, fence in and build a pavilion will cost not less than £1,400 to £1,500 and towards this outlay the Club asks for public subscriptions. The response so far has been ready and generous, upwards of £420 having been received.

"The scheme includes not only a cricket ground, but lawn tennis grounds, which will be available for ladies, and for which a second pavilion is desired, while the boys of Bootle College will be accommodated on the cricket field."

<b>Richard Lee: 1949-1951 (2-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
37	33	2	437	52	14.10	36	11	2	104	2-54		2.89	108.00	52.00	
<b>A. E. McGrath: 1949</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
3	2	1	4	4	4.00										
<b>Keith Osbourne: 1953 - 1954</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
7	6	1	53	21	10.60										2
<b>F. Palmer: 1955 - 1957</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
16	12	7	38	22	7.60										6
<b>Thomas G. Parry: 1949 - 1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
66	53	10	922	54*	21.44	286	50	49	1,011	6-55	2	3.53	35.02	20.63	15
<b>William E. Robinson: 1949 - 1952</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
42	29	7	355	48	16.14										7
<b>Philip Rochell: 1954 - 1956 (1-50)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
38	26	4	270	51	12.27	60.4	10	15	190	4-9		3.15	24.16	12.67	11
<b>Samuel Rodgers: 1951 - 1952</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
6	4	0	27	16	6.75										2
<b>Alan Ross: 1951</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0				---	5	1	0	18	0-18		3.60	---	---	
<b>J. A. Ross: 1955</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
4	2	1	17	17*	17.00	14	0	0	71	0-22		5.07	---	---	1
<b>Stanley A. Shacklady: 1949</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	1	0	1	1	1.00	7	2	2	22	2-22		3.14	21.00	11.00	
<b>Norman W. Shutler: 1958 - 1959</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
5	5	0	76	48	15.20	3	0	1	12	1-12		4.00	18.00	12.00	
<b>Jeffery Stead: 1952 - 1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
8	4	0	0	0	0.00	60	8	3	195	1-7		3.25	120.00	65.00	



Benjamin E. Cohen 1950 - 0951 (South Africa)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
8	6	3	54	14	18.00	77	15	6	230	4-26		2.99	77.00	38.33	4
William P. Copeland (Paddy) 1949 - 1951															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
12	6	3	47	20*	15.67	4	0	0	15	0-15		3.75	---	---	2
Brian Fairclough: 1956 - 1958															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
28	27	4	305	30	13.26	121.4	24	16	317	3-20		2.61	45.53	19.81	2
Gerrard Gordon: 1959															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0				---	6	1	1	22	1-22		3.67	36.00	22.00	
John W. Greenwood: 1949 - 1958 (Captain 1952) (1-50)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
95	61	13	765	39*	15.94	13.3	1	1	35	1-14		2.63	79.80	35.00	22
Leonard T. Harris: 1951 - 1958															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
82	51	11	547	50	13.68	8.5	1	4	31	2-4		3.65	12.75	7.75	22
A. Hayes: 1950															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	2	1	45	39*	45.00										1
Dr. N. B. Hoole: 1949-1950															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
20	10	2	113	31	14.13	253.5	52	56	727	6-52	3	2.87	27.16	12.98	6
Michale T. Hughes: 1953															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
7	6	2	36	11	9.00										1
George Jackson: 1959															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	1	0	7	7	7.00	9	1	1	37			4.11	54.00	37.00	1
D. Jones: 1957 -1959															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
11	10	3	74	28	10.57										2
James Kennedy: 1957															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	1	0	1	1	1.00										
Edward A. Lawrence: 194 9- 1953 (3-50s) ( Wicket-Keeper)															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
104	73	10	996	60	15.81										55

Note: The short history on the previous page, was from a club “Souvenir Handbook” published in 1950. I found the booklet in a box in the dressing room. It had been put there after the upstairs room in the old pavilion had been cleared out prior to our moving to the new pavilion. I had not seen it before.

The booklet is very much of the 1950’s. The grammar, punctuation and language are of the time. I was 13 in 1950 and it surprised me how much English has changed in 70 years.

One person not mentioned in the booklet is W. (Billy) Winspear who most certainly produced it. He was Hon. Secretary of the club from 1947 to 1969. I would also think that he was the author of the ‘Short History’ Bill kept the club statistics from 1949 to 1969. I have his books.

In the history it says of the club; “The club had been in Irlam Road for upward of 50 years,” this was in 1883. It is not correct. We have since learned that the club had two grounds prior to going to Irlam Road. One in Richmond Vale, The other at Bank-hall Fields, now the site of or near to Kirkdale Station. The club moved to Irlam or Strand Road as some call it in 1845.

I would like to remember here, all the people who have been involved with Bootle Cricket Club and now Firwood Bootle Cricket Club in what ever capacity for the last 192 years. Without them we wouldn’t still be here.

Hopefully we can go forward and continue to flourish.

Tom Law 2025

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

In 1865 22 Bootle Players played an all England Eleven at what was the old ground in Strand Road. The match was held over three days 31st August , 1st and 2nd September. There are conflicting reports of the result. Some say England won by 58 runs others that Bootle were bowled out for 58. The England team included W.G. Grace and his brother

It was reported that the club must have been held in great esteem to have awarded such a fixture.

### W G Grace

Played 24 matches for England scoring 1098 runs,. His highest score being 170 against Australia at the Oval in 1886.



# A FEW SNIPS FROM THE PAST

Daily Telegraph 22 July 1939 by G. A Brooking

## WHEN BOOTLE PLAYED THE AUSTRALIANS

The Bootle Club which was founded in 1833 has played on the present enclosure at Hawthorn Road since 1884, but few people seem to know that they contested two games against the Aboriginal Australian side of 1868. Bootle Lost each of them: the first by 9 wickets and the second by 154 runs, the ground in those far off days being where the fire station now stands.

At the conclusion of the second game the Aboriginals gave their performances of native pastimes—throwing the boomerang and spear, use of the stock whip Sham fights etc, the like of which will never again be seen in this part of the world.

One of them (Charlie Dumas) was a real genius with the boomerang. He could always be trusted to throw it without any fear of danger to the spectators\*. Away it would go high in the air, almost out of sight and after circling around and pirouetting about in the heavens for almost half-a-minute, It would finally drop at his feet. It was amazingly cleaver and numbers of people came specially to the Bootle ground to see him do this trick.

*\*It was reported by a local newspaper at the time. That the boomerang did in fact knock a gentleman spectator's top hat off. And he had to be treated for a cut to his head.*

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Club Minutes 3rd August 1937 reported gate receipts for the:

Second Eleven Game vs Sefton Park £3 6s this equates to £253.30 today

First Eleven vs Sefton Park £16 this equates to £1343.67 respectively today. It was also stated that the entertainments committee handed the treasurer a cheque for £60 £4,980 to day.

## THE BOOTLE PLAYERS 1949-1959

### Career Statistics (1st Eleven)

Players who had finished playing by 1959

<b>John Abraham: 1954</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
11	10	2	113	34	14.13										5
<b>W. Alleyn: 1954</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
19	19	2	232	34	13.65	69	12	9	185	3-32		2.68	46.00	20.56	3
<b>Lenonard Ashurst: 1954</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
3	3	1	10	9*	5.00										
<b>Michael Banks: 1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	2	0	5	4	2.50										1
<b>Dennis W. Bromilow: 1953 - 1959 (2-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
60	43	10	529	58*	16.03										19
<b>Harry S. Brown: 1919-1951</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
16	15	1	283	97	20.21	20	3	3	67			3.35	40.00	22.33	6
<b>Michael M. Brown: 1949</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
1	0				---	21	6	0	40	0-40		1.90	---	---	
<b>Robert Carrington: 1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	0				---	5	0	1	44	1-29		8.80	30.00	44.00	
<b>James L Cartwright: 1950 - 1959</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
71	37	17	318	37*	15.90	748.4	159	120	2,158	8-26	8	2.88	37.42	17.98	12
<b>Stanley Chadwick: 1951-1953</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
18	15	3	117	31	9.75	92.3	6	16	362	4-36		3.92	34.61	22.63	3
<b>Gordon Clarke: 1949</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
2	2	2	12	9*	---	8	1	0	39	0-10		4.88	---	---	2
<b>Albert Cohen: 1949-1951 Captain 1949-51) (11-50s)</b>															
Mch	Ings	N.O	Runs	H.S	Ave	Overs	md	wkts	Runs	Best	5w	Econ	S.R	Ave	Ct
59	55	3	1,630	83	31.35	351.3	61	74	1,231	7-53	6	3.50	28.48	16.64	

## KEN YOUNG

In his last match for Bootle Ken Young scored 79 in a 2 wicket win against Northern. This was the highest score of the season by a Bootle batsman. Albert Dunlop also scored 79 against Sefton.

Syd Shepherd took the bowling honours with 45 wickets for 702 runs his best performance was 6-40 vs Northern

The best Match bowling performance of the season was Jimmy Cartwrights 8 for 26 against Neston.

## **Bootle Vs Oxton**

Spectators at the Bootle vs Oxton game at Wadham Road on Saturday blinked in surprise Bootle's skipper Syd Shepherd bowled an over of under arms. This happened during some dull batting in the Oxton innings.

Afterwards Syd explained his action. He told the times. "I was so tired of the way were shaping that I decided to liven things up by tempting them to hit out. I do not think any should bat on after 5 o'clock in this class of cricket and the manner in which the Oxton batsmen were going slow got on my nerves.". Syd went on. "bowling under arm is quite legitimate. I informed the umpire of my intention who in turn told the batsman. " Added Syd with a smile : "Anyway I have always wanted to do this and I rather enjoyed it all." Bootle won the match by 3 wickets. Oxton batted for 63 overs.



## Minutes 9 August 1937

A letter had been received from Birkenhead Park stating that they would not continue any fixtures with Bootle Cricket Club.

*Arnie Martin Explanation: It seems that the Mayor of Birkenhead came into bat for Park and one or two disparaging remarks were made about his batting by the Bootle slips.*

## Minutes 16th May 1938

The Charge for Schoolboy teas was increased from 12/- for 30 teas to 12/6 for 30 teas that's about 65p for 30 teas Happy days.

The matter of purchasing a car to tow the heavy roller was discussed a maximum of £5 was agreed for the purchase.

## Minutes 1 May 1939

Letter received from bank concerning the club's over draft.

## *Nothing changes*

## BOOTLE TIMES 16 July 1946

So much wilful damage has been caused to Bootle Cricket Club Property that last night a committee meeting was held to consider whether the club should be wound up. A motion that the club should be closed down forthwith however was withdrawn

A night watchman has been appointed and help will be given by a vigilantes squad.

## Minutes 18 July 1946

Mr Wilson raised the question of a new ground. Agreed Mr Wilson and Mr Brown visit Bryant & May and see the ground.

## Minutes 17 November 1947

A 45 over knockout Competition had been proposed by the District Clubs To be played over 2 nights.

## Minutes 24 January 1949

It was agreed to set up a building fund with a view to erecting new premises in the near future. *I wonder what happened to it?*

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

### SEASON 1949

#### CAPTAIN

**Albert Cohen**

**1948-1950**



Albert Cohen played for the club 1st eleven from 1946. He was appointed captain of the 1st eleven in 1948, and so was our first captain in the Liverpool Competition. He scored a total of 2619 runs and took a 192 wickets for the club. He left at the end of the 1951 season and joined Southport and Birkdale, where he played for a number of years.

#### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE - 1949

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Bootle	24	11	10	3	43
2 Chester Boughton Hall	24	11	9	4	42
3 Formby	24	10	8	6	38
4 Sefton	24	9	8	7	35
5 Oxton	24	8	11	5	35
6 Huyton	24	9	6	9	33
7 Neston	24	7	12	5	33
8 Wallasey	24	7	12	5	33
9 Liverpool	24	6	15	3	33
10 Preston	24	9	5	10	32
11 Northern	24	6	12	6	30
12 New Brighton	24	6	8	10	26
13 Southport & Birkdale	24	5	10	9	25
14 Hightown	24	6	6	12	24
15 Birkenhead Park	24	4	10	10	22
16 Ormskirk	24	3	8	13	17

## SEASON SUMMERY 1959

May 16th At Aigburth: Liverpool 157 all out, Bootle 158 for 6

Two 17 year old all rounders, Ken Snellgrove and John Greenwood, guided Bootle to their first win over Liverpool at Aigburth for many years. Bootle's senior batsmen had fallen under the spell of off spinner Ken Jones and the score stood uneasily at 101 for 5 when the two youngsters came together with only 34 minutes to go. While Snellgrove cut and swept delightfully. Greenwood hit out impartially at everything that was offered, including a few erratic deliveries from Everton goal-keeper Albert Dunlop. By the time Greenwood was out for 31. The game was all over bar the shouting. Snellgrove who has yet to be dismissed this season hit the winning run. Liverpool Echo Monday 18th May 1959.

It was also reported that this was Ronnie Cockbain's last match for Bootle. He had commenced work at Cammel Lairds and would play for them in the Merseyside Competition. Also that Ken Young would leave at the end of the season to take up a post in Leeds.

#### ALBERT DUNLOP

The Bootle Times 16th June 1959 reported that Everton goal-keeper Albert Dunlop had joined Bootle and would make his debut at home against Birkenhead Park. The match against Park ended in a draw: Park 220 for 7 dec. Bootle 196 for 6

Albert Dunlop scored 51

#### SYD SHEPHERD (Captain)

Syd Shepherd celebrated his 51st birthday taking 4 for 18 against New Brighton. They were all out for 66, Bootle got the runs for 1 wicket. This displaced New Brighton from the top of the league, and ended their 100% home record.

Syd also took 4 wickets against Ormskirk. To take his total Competition wickets since the war to 700 the first in the competition to do so. During this time he also took 150 wickets for Cheshire.

Also reported that 15 year old Sandy Tittershall made his Ormskirk debut against Hightown and scored 74. Hightown were considered the best bowling side in the competition at this time.

Bootle vs Huyton Wadham Road 16th September 1959

#### BOOTLE UMPIRE IN LBW CONTROVERSY

Man in the limelight at Huyton was Bootle's veteran umpire Harry Brown., who gave Huyton's number 11 batsman, Worsley out leg before wicket to Heyes. When the visitors were only three runs behind. To make matters worse Worsley and many spectators thought he had played the ball. Heyes however thought the ball had struck the bat after it had hit Worsley's pad. (O Dear)



BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES								
LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1959								
Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct	
K L Snellgrove	21	18	9	534	66	59.33		
A Dunlop	9	9	2	339	79	48.43		
J L Cartwright	15	8	6	92	24*	46.00		
J R Greenwood	4	4	2	59	31	29.50		
R A Jones	23	21	1	536	49	26.80		
K E Young	19	19	1	480	79	26.67		
J K Hughes	23	23	2	546	78	26.00		
J K Bromilow	21	13	4	219	58*	24.33		
E K Ingman	22	22	2	474	75*	23.70		
C S Brown	5	5	1	75	21*	18.76		
H T Snellgrove	21	12	5	127	42*	18.14		
T R Heyes	21	7	6	17	5*	17.00		
C A Skinner	2	2	1	16	16*	16.00		
N W Shulter	4	4	0	48	22	12.00		
R G Cockbain	4	4	0	36	20	9.00		
J S Radcliffe	3	3	0	22	22	7.33		
G Jackson	2	1	0	7	7	7.00		
R Hurley	4	3	1	13	5*	6.50		
S G Shepherd	22	3	0	8	6	2.67		
D Jones	2	2	1	2	2	2.00		
G Berkley	2	2	0	0	0	0.00		
G Gordon	1	0				---		
W Summerfield	1	0				---		
BOWLING AVERAGES								
Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
D W Bromilow	17	3	5	33	5-33	1	1.94	6.60
R G Cockbain	55	17	11	115	5-25	1	2.09	10.45
N W Shulter	3	0	1	12	1-12		4.00	12.00
S G Shepherd	288.5	85	45	705	6-40	2	2.43	16.60
J L Cartwright	134	39	23	361	8-26	1	2.69	15.70
R Hurley	12	0	4	67	3-27		5.58	16.75
H T Snellgrove	76	13	14	259	5-49	1	3.41	18.50
K E Young	221	35	37	757	6-28	2	3.43	20.46
G Gordon	6	1	1	22	1-22	1	3.67	22.00
T R Heyes	165	38	20	485	3-24		2.94	24.25
A Dunlop	55	9	7	173	4-30		3.15	24.71
K L Snellgrove	84	9	12	340	3-23		4.05	28.33
G Jackson	9	1	1	37	1-5		4.11	37.00
J R Greenwood	9	1	0	36	0-11		4.00	---
R A Jones	3	0	0	11	0-11		3.67	---

## SEASON 1949

Unfortunately we have little information about our first season in the Liverpool Competition. Apart from the stats. We were of course the champions. Our first match was away at Hightown , which we won by 5 wickets. Hightown were all out for 70 in 39 overs ; Sid Shepherd 5-17, We scored 75-5 in 29 overs.

Two Batsmen scored 100s during the season. Harry Brown 119 not out versus Northern at Wadham Road and, Russell Jones 100 not out versus Ormskirk also at Wadham Road.

Sid Shepherd took 6 wickets on 4 occasions his best 6 for 30 against Southport & Birkdale at Wadham Road.

<b>BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES</b> <b>LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1949</b>								
Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct	
H A Thomas	12	10	2	340	71	42.50	2	
R A Jones	20	20	7	492	100*	37.85	10	
A Cohen	21	20	0	663	83	33.15	6	
T G Parry	19	16	5	363	50*	33.00	1	
J R Williams	22	22	2	414	87	20.70	6	
H S Brown	8	8	0	148	119*	18.50		
R Lee	16	16	1	270	52	18.00	3	
E A Lawrence	22	17	6	190	60	17.27	10	
T Heyes	8	3	2	17	7	17.0		
R J Heyes	1	1	0	17	17	17.00		
J W Greenwood	18	11	1	155	34	15.50	6	
J L White	14	11	1	149	41	14.90	9	
N B Hoole	10	6	0	71	31	11.83	2	
W P Copeland	3	2	1	10	7	10.00	1	
S G Shepherd	19	9	4	47	12	9.4.0	4	
W Robinson	15	11	1	88	19	8.80	2	
K E Young	18	8	1	45	12	6.43	8	
E McGrath	3	2	1	4	4	4.00		
S A Shacklady	1	1	0	1	1	1.00		
G Clarke	2	2	2	12	9*	----	2	
M J Brown	1	0				----	2	

**BOWLING AVERAGES**  
**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1949**

	Name	Mch	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B Mch	5-wk	Av
S G	Shepherd	19	327.1	101	60	558	6--30	6	9.30
S A	Shacklady	1	7	2	2	22	2--22		11.00
A	Cohen	21	150.3	30	37	449	7--53	4	12.14
H S	Brown	8	10	2	1	14	1--10		14.00
N B	Hoole	10	123.1	28	23	352	4--22		15.30
T	Heyes	8	60	9	11	173	5--52	1	15.73
T G	Parry	19	74.4	17	12	220	6--65	1	18.33
K E	Young	18	208.4	48	32	633	6--31	1	19.78
J L	White	14	90	17	10	276	3--26		27.60
R	Lee	16	33	11	2	95	2--54		47.50
J R	Williams	22	13	2	1	53	1--2		53.00
R A	Jones	20	21	2	1	89	1--26		89.00
M J	Brown	1	21	6	0	40	0--40		----
G	Clarke	2	8	1	0	39	0--10		----

Sort Criteria: Average



**BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB**  
**1959**

**FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1959**

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Liverpool	24	17	6	1	57
2 Birkenhead Park	24	13	5	6	44
3 Bootle	24	11	11	2	44
4 New Brighton	24	12	7	5	46
5 Hightown	24	9	9	6	36
6 Southport & Birkdale	24	10	5	8	36
7 Neston	24	8	7	9	31
8 Huyton	24	7	9	8	30
9 Chester Boughton Hall	24	6	11	7	29
10 Northern	24	6	9	9	37
11 Sefton	24	6	8	10	26
12 Ormskirk	24	3	16	5	25
13 Formby	24	6	5	13	23
14 Wallasey	24	5	8	11	23
15 St Helens Recs	24	3	9	12	18
16 Oxtan	24	2	10	12	16

**WICKET KEEPERS**

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E K Ingman	22	13	13	26	
K L Snellgrove	1	1		1	
W Summerfield	1	1		1	



## **Review of “King Willow” in Bootle**

### **Over the past 125 years.**

#### **Bootle Times 1st August 1958**

One hundred and twenty five years of putting bat to ball will be celebrated on Saturday, When Bootle Cricket Club play Birkenhead Park at Wadham Road, to mark the local club's 125th anniversary. It will be a very special day with the Mayor of Bootle (Alderman J. C. Hevey and other prominent citizens attending the match and a celebration dinner which follows.

And the man who leads the team out on this memorable occasion could not be more fitting-skipper Syd Shepherd.

He is one of the great personalities who from time to time filled the ranks of the club in it's many years.

It could be that this 125th anniversary year will be Syd's last as a player with the club. He contemplates retirement.

The Club was established in 1833 although the earliest definite record that there is consists of a ball lettered in gold, which was used in a match vs Lord Salisbury's XI at Knowsley Road. In 1858

The ground in those days stood on the site of the fire station on the corner of Strand Road and Irlam Road and going down to Rimrose Road. This was long before the Alexander Dock was built, and there was a lovely view across the river. An old ships cabin was purchased and a decent front was added for the purpose of a dressing room, which was used until a brick pavilion was erected about 1867.

#### **Membership of 55**

In 1851, G Hampshire joined the club and he was the first to introduce round arm bowling in the Liverpool district, whilst about 1860 the club had a membership of 55, of which half resided in the east and south ends of Liverpool.

As early as August 31st September 1st and 2nd 1865, an All-England Touring Eleven played 22 of Bootle and district and proved the winners.

The first Australian touring team which toured England during 1968 played Bootle twice that year and won on each occasion. In this side there were of course, the Aborigines, and after the game they entertained the crowd to an exhibition of hurling the boomerang, throwing the assegai and javelin, a performance which greatly interested the spectators who came from far and near. In May 1876 there is a record of the United South Including W. G. Grace and his brother E. F. Grace, also having played 22 of Bootle and District, a game which the locals won.

The Club moved to it's present site in 1884, and considerable expense was incurred in laying out the ground and building a pavilion, but the cost was guaranteed by several well-known local gentlemen and with a bazaar held in the Town Hall the deficit was cleared.

## **SEASON 1950**

A report of the match vs Neston played on 10th July 1950. was published in the Liverpool Daily Post It is headed “By our Cricket Correspondent” So I don't know who wrote it. But It's so good . It deserves an airing.

### **BOOTLE WERE WILLED INTO VICTORY**

“In the Middle of that academic part of Bootle were Oxford and Cambridge arbitrarily mingle lies the Bootle cricket ground, sandwiched between Balliol Road and Wadham Road. It was not on Saturday evening, a place of scholarly detachment. Bootle, with five wickets down and an hour to go needed 114 runs to beat Neston, and the crowd had no time for anaemic chivalry. Every run was applauded each Neston mis-fielding cheered and the Bootle team willed into victory by 5 minutes.

The afternoon began in quietness. Vickery , who opened with Little for Neston, sent for a new bat after the first over— an extravagance which was quickly punished for Shepherd, stooping casually as though to tie a bootlace, snapped up a snick to the slips off Young.

#### **AN APPETISER**

Untroubled by this professional daftness. Stillman hit three boundaries as an appetiser in a grand innings., then Little who always plays so confidently that his dismissal always seem a fluke was lbw and Neston were 33 for 2.

By this time the ground was nearly full and the non paying side of Wadham Road was packed. Indeed to look at the faces poking through the railings was to realise how Bruman must feel on August Bank Holiday.

Cricket in Bootle seems a pursuit for men only, hard –headed men in dark suits who relegate most of their womenfolk to the home. Entrenched on the park side , behind concrete barriers of the kind that protect footballers they clap each maiden with precision., the shouting does not start until Bootle bat.

On the other side of the hedge sober games of bowls occur, but there were sounds on Saturday of children swinging themselves into bruises in the playground beyond.

There was also excitement on the ground as Stillman completed his 50 and went racing on mainly on the lines recommended by Walters the old Oxford coach, whose tuition was limited to the four words “It it ard, Sir”

But Stillman did mor than hit hard, he chose the right balls to hit, and smothered the wrong ones. Mere hitting would not have been successful against the guile of Hool and the accuracy of Young, who finally bowled Stillman with an excellently flighted ball when the batsmen needing three for his century. Was for once Susceptible to temptation. Neston finished on 214 all out

#### **OVER-RIPE BOWLING**

Bootle began their innings well helped by some fast but over-ripe bowling from Neston. Cohen early made two lovely square cuts for 4, allowing the bowler to do most of the work for him. Shepherd hopped down the wicket to bang some sumptuous full tosses to the boundary and was then bowled by Little, who unexpectedly released a shorter one.

At half-past six, Bootle were 70 for 3 Cohen was out caught in the slips for 37 by Vickery, who trapped the ball between his knees. Bootle lashed out and the applause became more and more partisan. A fielding error would transform a mediocre single into a brilliant 4 and appeals for lbw were derided by those least well placed to see.

Bootle were left with 28 to get in 15 minutes, and the ground as noisy as a swimming-bath full of schoolboys. Four leg-byes set up a new pinnacle of cheering, and a mid-wicket conference by Neston was asked to hurry its agenda. Jones drove Long-Innes straight for 4 young did the same, the winning single came, and an old man arrested for whole minutes in the filling of his pipe, delved in his pouch like one whose dreams had come true.

### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE - 1950

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1 Bootle	24	11	12	1	45
2 Oxton	24	9	15	0	42
3 Neston	24	9	12	3	39
4 New Brighton	24	8	13	3	37
5 Hightown	24	7	13	4	34
6 Wallasey	24	6	15	3	33
7 Liverpool	24	6	14	4	32
8 Northern	24	5	16	3	31
9 Preston	24	6	10	8	28
10 Chester Boughton Hall	24	3	15	6	24
11 Formby	24	4	12	8	24
12 Birkenhead Park	24	2	15	7	21
13 Sefton	24	2	15	7	21
14 Huyton	24	2	14	8	20
15 Southport & Birkdale	24	2	14	8	20
16 Ormskirk	24	2	11	11	17

### BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1958

Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
E K Ingman	18	18	4	554	86*	38.85	10
R G Cockbain	22	21	6	422	69*	28.13	17
K E Young	22	22	3	468	74	24.63	15
K L Snellgrove	5	4	1	53	25*	17.67	
D W Bromilow	18	13	3	175	42	17.50	7
R A Jones	21	19	2	280	54*	16.47	14
B Fairclough	13	13	1	158	26	13.17	3
D Jones	8	7	1	67	28	11.17	2
N W Shulter	1	1	0	11	11	11.00	
F Rigby	7	7	1	62	32	10.33	2
H T Snellgrove	21	15	1	136	35*	9.71	8
LT Harris	1	1	0	9	9	9.00	
J R Williams	1	1	0	9	9	9.00	
T R Heyes	22	12	5	60	24*	8.57	4
S G Shepherd	19	9	3	50	39	8.33	4
E Ward	20	12	5	43	18	6.14	11
W Summerfield	6	3	1	8	4*	4.00	6
J R Greenwood	2	2	0	4	3	2.00	1
J W Greenwood	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	
R Hurley	5	2	0	1	1	0.50	3
D Wright	2	2	1	0	0*	0.00	

### BOWLING AVERAGES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1958

Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
K E Young	278	70	68	630	7-36		2.27	9.26
S G Shepherd	211.1	70	38	371	6-34	6	1.76	9.76
T R Heyes	165.3	51	29	363	6-9	2	2.19	12.52
R Hurley	15.4	4	3	53	2.25	2	3.38	17.67
R G Cockbain	230.5	57	29	590	5.47		2.569	20.34
E Ward	42	7	5	159	2.32	1	3.79	31.80
B Fairclough	29	3	1	74	1.25		2.55	74.00
K L Snellgrove	3	0	0	12	0-1		4.00	—

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E K Ingman	16	10	5	15	
W Summerfield	6	6	2	8	



## SEASON SUMMERY 1958

### Captain S. G. Shepherd

Bootle went into the last day of the season in second place. One point behind Ormskirk. The last match of the season vs Oxton must have been quite exciting. Bootle batted first and were bowled out for 129 at the close Oxton were 129 for 8. match drawn 1 point. Hightown and Ormskirk shared the title.

There were a couple of notable matches during the season: The first against Wallasey at The Oval, Bootle only scored 91, but in a low scoring game we bowled them out for 57. Ken Young 6 for 21 including a hat trick.

We were second in the League when we had to play the top team Ormskirk at Wadham Road on the 21st June The Bootle players were jubilant at tea as they had bowled Ormskirk out for 58. Ken Young 6 for 20, Sid Shepherd 4 for 19. But it all changed from then on as Ormskirk bowled us out, for 34. This was our lowest score in the Liverpool Competition., and the lowest since 1929 when Wallasey bowled us out for 37.

Ken Ingham was our leading run scorer this season with 554 runs He was also the top match scorer with 86 not out against Huyton at Wadham Road. No one scored a century.

Ken Young was top wicket taker with 68 wickets. His best match 7 for 36 at High-



Bootle 1st cricket XI who trounced New Brighton last Saturday, at Wadham-road, Bootle, to the tune of eight wickets. Left to right (back row): T. R. Heyes, R. A. Jones, R. G. Cockbain, H. T. Snellgrove, L. T. Harris, D. W. Bromilow, B. Fairclough. Front row: E. K. Ingman, R. Hurley, C. A. W. Roberts (president), S. G. Shepherd (captain), K. E. Young.

## BATTING AVERAGES

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1950

	Mch	Ings	N.O.	Runs	HS	100s	50s	Ave	ct
W E Robinson	9	5	4	82	40*			82.00	3
J R Williams	9	8	2	273	100*	1	1	45.50	2
A Heyes	2	2	1	45	39*			45.00	1
K E Young	17	9	3	218	45			36.33	12
H S Brown	6	5	1	131	51		1	32.75	3
T G Parry	13	11	3	233	54*		1	29.13	6
A Cohen	17	15	0	429	72		4	28.60	5
R A Jones	16	14	4	282	66*		1	28.20	9
J W Greenwood	14	7	3	112	38*			28.00	6
S G Shepherd	17	5	1	110	32			27.50	8
J L White	8	8	0	195	49			24.38	1
N B Hoole	10	4	2	42	17*			21.00	4
H A Thomas	13	8	2	123	38			20.50	2
E A Lawrence	18	7	1	101	26			16.83	6
R Lee	10	8	1	114	51*		1	16.29	
B E Cohen	2	1	1	6	6*			---	1

Did Not Bat: J L. Cartwright 5 Mch. ct 2, W. Copeland 4Mch, R. Parry 4 Mch, 1 ct

T. R. Heyes 2 Mch 1 ct, C. S. Brown 1 Mch, R. J Heyes 1 Mch 1 ct.

Sorted by Average.

### The Home of Bootle cricket



View of Bootle Ground Vs Neston 8th July 1950

## BOWLING AVERAGES

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1950

Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B Mch	5-wk	Av
B E Cohen	19	10	4	36	4-26		9.00
S G Shepherd	266.2	106	43	475	5-12	3	11.05
N B Hoole	119.4	23	28	332	6.52	3	11.86
A Cohen	101.5	19	22	319	6-55	1	14.50
J L Cartwright	44	11	7	104	3-20		14.86
J W Greenwood	6.3	0	1	19	1-14		19.00
T R Heyes	6	1	1	21	1-21		21.00
K E Young	165	34	28	636	5-75	1	22.71
H S Brown	10	1	2	53	2-53		26.50
T G Parry	30	2	2	114	2-48		57.00
J L White	41	8	1	110	1-9		110.00
R Parry	33	7	1	117	1-31		117.00

Sorted by Average

Also Bowled: R.A. Jones 3ov 0-14, R. Lee 3ov 0-9, J.R. Williams 1ov 0-4



Standing: B. F. Lawrence (Umpire), T. Heyes, R. A. Jones, S. G. Shepherd, N. B. Hoole, J. W. Greenwood, T. G. Parry, C. Seanor (Secretary).  
Seated: B. F. Lawrence, H. S. Brown, A. Cohen, J. R. Williams, K. E. Young.

## THREE BOOTLE STALWARTS END THEIR CRICKETING CAREER

**J. R. Williams (Jack)** had been at the club for 31 years and was captain last year. He said he might be available on the odd occasion. Jack was one of the few Liverpool Competition cricketers to score 5,000 runs in post-war cricket.

**B. F. Lawrence (Ben)** Had been Bootle's first team umpire since the War. He also had been a member for over 30 Years. He captained the 2nd Eleven. In 1937 he and the professional, who's name was Davies Bowled Neston out for 14. at Park Gate. At the time this was the lowest total in Liverpool Competition History.

**C. C. Seanor (Claude)** Was Bootle first team scorer and had been so since before the war. In fact he was scorer for over 50 years. The club has in it's possession some of Claude's score books. They are a Joy.

## FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1958

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12 Northern	24	5	10	9	25
13 Sefton	24	4	13	7	25
14 Birkenhead Park	24	3	13	8	22
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16 New Brighton	24	3	8	13	17



## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB 1958 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

### BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB's 125th ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the club's 125th birthday a dinner was held in the Blundellsands Hotel. On Saturday the 19th September. It was attended by 120 guests. Including the Mayor of Bootle, Alderman and Mrs J. C. Hevey. Mr C Danson (Oxton C. C.) proposed a toast to the club. The president of the Club Mr C. A. W. Roberts O.B.E. Replied on behalf of the Cricket Club.

During his speech Mr Roberts pointed out that the Bootle Club was composed almost solely of Bootle born boys.

The Mayor in his speech said: "That for 125 years the club had been ambassadors for Bootle. The great traditions of England had been built on the village green. There was a spirit among the cricketing fraternity which was not found in any other game".

He went on to say: "That the Town Hall appears to be tottering and I'm afraid that the Cricket Club's annual ball will have to be held somewhere else."



A scene in the Blundellsands Hotel, last Saturday, on the occasion of Bootle Cricket Clubs 125th anniversary celebration dinner. Bootle Herald Photo



Dr Cohen played from 1950-1952. He played 8 times for the 1st team and took 6 wickets for 230 runs off 77 overs. He took 19 wickets in 7 matches for the 2nd Eleven in 1951. I have no details of 2nd eleven for 1950.



## HARRY BROWN

Although this was supposed to be Harry's last match for Bootle Vs Northern 1950. He did play two Games in 1951. Harry was said to have scored a 100 against every team in the Liverpool Competition. When he retired he still came to every game and would walk around the ground, sometimes he would almost be walking on the square.

We have no stats for him before 1942 but from 1942 to 1951. He had 134 innings and scored 3142 runs including three hundreds. His highest being 118 vs Southport in 1944.



New Pavilion 1884

## SEASON SUMMERY 1957

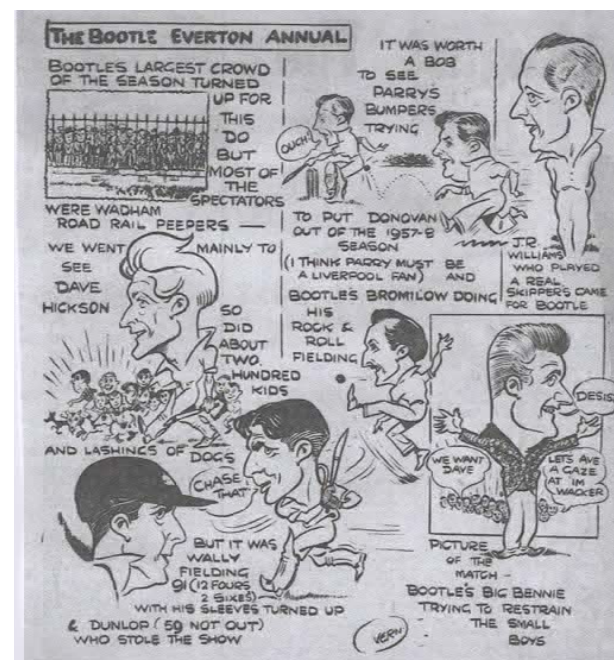
Following our Championship winning season. It took us 11 games to obtain our first win. That was against New Brighton in June. During this period we only lost one game and that was to the leagues bottom Club Huyton. Ronnie Cockbain was the clubs top scorer, scoring 609 runs This included 6 scores of 50 or over His top score being 82 not out . He was also the leading wicket taker with 51 wickets . Russell Jones Scored our only hundred of the season 104 not out against Huyton at Wadham Road in August.. Ron Cockbain had the best match bowling figures 7 for 30 in the same match.

### MEMORIAL CUP 1957

We lost by 8 wickets in the first round of the memorial Cup to Northern at Moor Lane, We scored 118 off our 20 overs, Ron Cockbain 50. Northern Knocked them off for 2.

### ANNUAL FRIENDLY Vs EVERTON F.C.

These matches played over two nights were very popular with players and Spectators alike. We lost this one We scored 198 all out Everton got the runs for 8 wickets. Albert Dunlop (goalkeeper) who later played some matches for Bootle and also played for Liverpool CC, Top scored in the match with 59 not out and also took 5 for 83,





**BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES**  
**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1957**

	Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
R G	Cockbain	20	18	3	609	82*	38.06	6
R A	Jones	21	21	5	544	104*	34.00	5
E K	Ingman	21	21	3	465	87*	25.83	12
K E	Young	21	21	1	513	75	25.65	5
F	Rigby	7	7	2	124	63	24.80	1
J R	Williams	19	17	2	305	63*	20.33	6
P C	Massen	2	2	1	19	19*	19.00	
R	Parry	22	14	4	158	24	15.80	6
S G	Shepherd	21	16	6	156	34*	15.60	6
B	Fairclough	9	9	0	112	30	12.44	1
F	Palmer	5	4	3	10	9*	10.00	2
D W	Bromilow	10	8	1	58	16	8.29	2
R	Hurley	11	6	3	21	9	7.00	4
L T	Harris	8	4	0	23	13	5.75	3
E	Ward	12	3	1	11	11	5.50	3
H T	Snellgrove	14	8	3	17	6*	3.40	6
J	Kennedy	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	
B J	Wardley	6	1	1	0	0*	—	
D	Jones	1	1	1	5	5*	—	
W	Summerfield	1	1	1	0	0*	—	1

**BOWLING AVERAGES**  
**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1957**

	Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
L T	Harris	2	1	1	2	1-2		1.00	2.00
H T	Snellgrove	13.4	5	4	38	3-3		2.78	9.50
R G	Cockbain	258.2	47	51	672	7-30	3	2.60	13.18
B	Fairclough	58.1	11	9	150	2-13		2.58	16.67
R	Hurley	57.3	10	11	188	4-18		3.27	17.09
E	Ward	60	7	9	190	3-25		3.17	21.11
S G	Shepherd	222.5	61	26	580	5-25	1	2.60	22.31
K E	Young	198.1	30	26	640	6-50	2	3.23	24.62
R	Parry	116.4	18	14	357	2-16		3.06	25.50
B J	Wardley	10	0	0	65	0-13		6.50	—
F	Rigby	3	0	0	7	0-7		2.33	—
R A	Jones	1	0	0	2	0-2		2.00	—

**WICKET KEEPERS**

	Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E K	Ingman	21	12	3	15	
W	Summerfield	1	1		1	

**IN RETIREMENT**  
**By HARRY BROWN**

When I used to sing lustily “Forty Years On,” the local Grammar School Song, little did I think at that time it would apply to my cricket career.

I played my first match for the club in 1910 and my last competition match in 1950. What memories have I over a playing career of forty years? Certainly no regrets, and I am sincerely sorry that the period has just finished and not just started. If I could still bend quickly and if my legs did not get so tired, I would have carried on longer



My experience has been that of all the games I have played, there is none that can approach cricket as the ideal game from all points of view. It is a game that brings friendships, and I have played in many tours in different parts of the country, I always find it a great pleasure to go away, as I am certain to meet friends in practically every place.

How does the present compare with the past? In my young days we had not as many diversions, and I think we were inclined to play harder and practise more. It was certainly harder for a young player to make progress, and I well remember when I was in the 3rd XI, how I tried to move up into the 2nd team. I happened to do well in the latter and I remember the Captain saying to me at the end of one season, when I enjoyed a batting average of about 35: “Well Harry if you keep on like this you might get into the 1st eleven in three years’ time.” To-day, I think the youngsters obtain a better chance, and particularly in the Bootle Club, for a boy only has to show promise and he will be promoted quickly. Whether that is good or bad, I think depends on the temperament of the player in question.

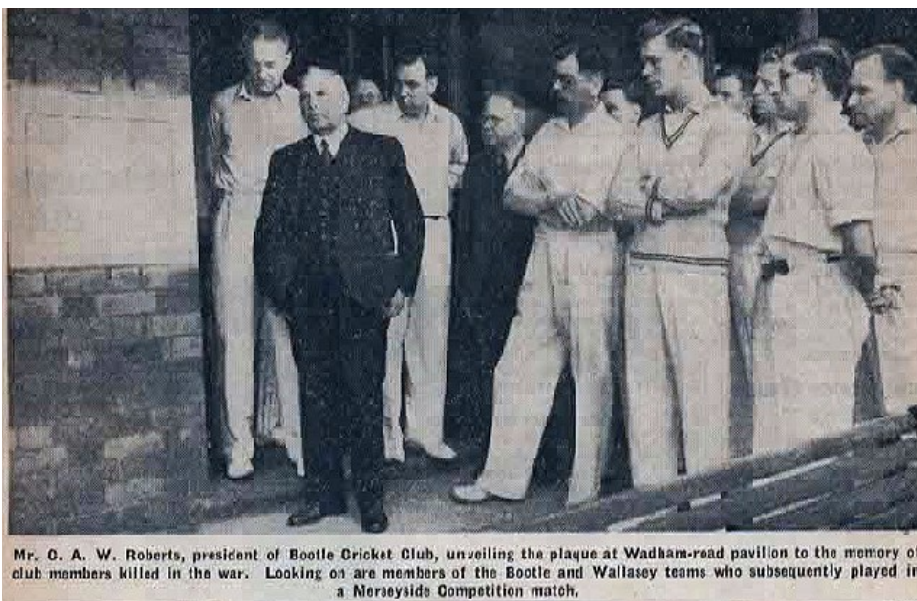
What about the spectators? In my view, although at times a bit boisterous, the Bootle people have always been very fair to both the home team and the visitors; in fact, one of the greatest ovations I have heard on the ground was given to a visitor who had fielded magnificently. They always appreciated good fielding, and Bootle have nearly always had a good fielding side. When I was a reasonably good fielder, I always expected “the bird” when I erred, but as I grew older and my fielding deteriorated, they were rather harder on me.

I wish more people would join the club as Honorary Members, for we have a great tradition to keep up. We are the oldest club in the district, and have always kept the name of the borough to the fore in the sporting world. The club has a lot to offer, not only in the game itself, but from the social side.

I have finished playing competitive cricket and, as I have had so much out of the game, It is my intention to help those who are following me to the best of my ability.

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB 1951

The Memorial stone to commemorate those members who lost their lives in the 2nd world war was unveiled by club president Colin A.W. Roberts O.B.E. on Saturday 19th May before the home match against Wallasey. When the old pavilion was demolished in 2002 the stone was preserved and is now in the new pavilion entrance.



The Club were advertising the following:

### THE ANNUAL BALL

Will be held at the

TOWN HALL, ORIEL ROAD, BOOTLE

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY 1951

Dancing from 7:30pm to midnight to

TOM HUGHES and his ORCHESTRA, with LEN ORMISHER (vocalist);

Dress optional. Tickets 7/6 each, including refreshments.

7/6 is 37½p but at today's value £12.86

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB 1957 J R Williams (Captain)

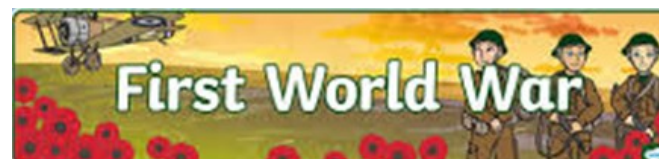
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15 Formby	24	3	8	13	18*
16 Huyton	24	4	6	14	18

\* Includes 1 point for a tie.

### CLUB COMMITTEE MINUTES 8th July 1918

Resolved that the club send: 3 bats. 4 balls,, 1 set of wickets , 1 pair of pads, gloves and 2 pair of boots to the 14th Kings ,Liverpool Regiment in France.



## SEASON SUMMERY 1956

### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

This was our 3rd Championship since the Competition fixtures were standardised in 1949. Ken Young scored the most runs 517 and took the most wickets. He also scored the only century exactly a 100 against Huyton at Wadham Road. 49 wickets included a 5 wicket haul on 4 occasions.

Sid Shepherd not for the first time had the best bowling figures 6 for 30, also against Huyton at Huyton Lane.

#### MEMORIAL CUP

From 1943 there was a 20 over knock out. Up until 1956 details are scarce. I know Bootle won it at least once. Although I'm not sure which year. This must have been one of the first 20 over knockout competitions in the country. Scores in 20 overs at this time were mostly under a hundred.

Unfortunately we lost in the first round to Sefton at Sefton Park. We scored 67-7 off our 20 overs they scored 69-7 off 19.2 overs. Ron Parry must have been Bootle's man of the match, he top scored with 16 and took 3 wickets for 14.

## FROM THE PAST

### Minute Book 22 April 1918

Agreed that Mrs Walker be paid 2/6 (12½p) for washing up and attending to the kitchen on match days. (*very generous*) She was given 10/- (50p) for painting the chairs and posts on the ground.

A Mr A Coleman was elected as a member. His Address was given as 'Jawbone' Litherland Road.

### 29 April 1918

It was reported to the committee that a member Mr Harold Cain had been killed in action. Harrold served in the 10th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment). He was 33 years old. He has no known grave, but is commemorated on the memorial at Loos in France. His Brother Ben died of his wounds on Christmas Day 1915. Both are commemorated on the memorial in the club. The committee stood for a minutes silence.

Mr F C Johnson was thanked for his generous donation of 10/- to club funds. (*That's sorted Mrs Walker out.*) She also got a rise of 1/- on match days to 3/6 (17½p)

### 15 July 1918

A letter written to the Chief Constable with reference to boys damaging the railings and seats on the ground. The Chief constable replied that he would take the matter in hand. (*Nothing Changes*)

## SEASON 1951

The season started badly for the 1st eleven. We lost our first match to Preston. This was our first home defeat since 1947. We did put in a challenge for the league and went joint top with Northern in early July. But then 3 defeats on the run saw us lose our top spot and we never recovered and only finished 6th, disappointing after our 2 previous league wins.

No Bootle first team batsmen managed to get a hundred during the season. Jack White was closest with 97. Russell Jones scored three 50s with a top score of 77 not out.

Sid Shepherd was top man with the ball. Taking 5 wickets or over on 7 occasions, his best figures being 8-42 against Formby.

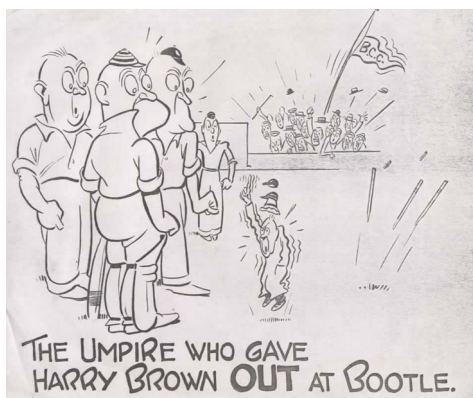
### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE - 1951

	P	W	D	L	Pts
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14 Oxton	24	2	17	5	23
15 Ormskirk	24	3	12	9	21
16 Formby	24	2	9	13	15

### BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1951

Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
J R Williams	19	17	4	495	75	38.08	4
J L White	18	17	2	482	97	32.13	3
R A Jones	19	16	3	106	77*	31.23	18
A Cohen	19	18	1	526	62*	30.94	5
K E Young	10	9	1	177	87	22.13	3
E A Lawrence	22	15	3	264	51	22.00	16
W E Robinson	14	9	2	131	48	18.71	2
W Copeland	5	4	2	37	20*	18.50	1
J W Greenwood	18	12	2	175	39*	17.50	2
S Rodgers	1	1	0	16	16	16.00	
B E Cohen	6	5	2	38	14	12.67	3
R G Cockbain	7	7	2	60	21*	12.00	3
S Chadwick	8	7	2	49	15*	9.80	2
T G Parry	4	3	0	29	15	9.67	1
T R Heyes	13	7	3	36	17	9.00	1
S G Shepherd	19	13	2	92	34	8.36	5
L T Harris	9	6	0	24	14	8.00	2
R J Heyes	17	12	1	80	20	7.27	6
R Lee	10	8	0	52	18	6.50	2
C S Brown	2	2	0	7	5	3.50	
H S Brown	2	2	0	4	3	2.00	
R Parry	3	1	0	0	0	0.00	
J L Cartwright	7	2	2	7	6*	---	
A Ross	1	0					



### BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1956

Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
J R Williams	14	14	4	373	93*	37.30	2
R G Cockbain	21	18	6	444	75*	37.00	4
R A Jones	20	19	6	477	75*	36.69	12
E K Ingman	21	21	4	451	76*	26.53	17
K E Young	20	20	0	517	100	25.85	10
B Fairclough	6	5	3	35	15	17.5	
P C Rochell	18	11	2	147	51	16.33	4
D A Thomas	11	9	2	85	30	12.14	2
D W Bromilow	5	3	1	23	15*	11.50	2
L T Harris	14	8	1	79	24*	11.29	3
R Parry	21	9	1	84	30	10.50	8
F Rigby	11	7	1	53	21	8.83	2
F Palmer	4	4	3	6	3*	6.00	2
C S Brown	1	1	0	4	4	4.00	
S G Shepherd	19	3	1	5	4	2.50	3
E Ward	18	3	1	3	3	1.50	7

### BOWLING AVERAGES

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1956

Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
P C Rochell	39.4	9	14	119	4-8		3.00	
R G Cockbain	194.2	37	37	460	5.22	1	2.37	
K E Young	215.5	33	49	647	6-51	4	3.00	
S G Shepherd	244.5	66	35	501	6-30	2	2.05	
B Fairclough	34.3	10	6	93	3-20		2.70	
R Parry	83	14	9	254	2-14		3.06	
E Ward	86	10	9	301	3-29		3.50	
R A Jones	7	1	0	34	0-34		4.86	
D A Thomas	3	0	0	11	0-11		3.67	
L T Harris	2	0	0	11	0-11		5.50	

### WICKET KEEPERS

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E K Ingman	21	17	5	22	



## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

1956

Captain: S G Shepherd

### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1956

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Bootle	24	11	11	2	44
2 Neston	24	10	12	2	42
3 Sefton	24	9	12	3	39
4 Southport & Birkdale	24	10	9	5	39
5 Birkenhead Park	24	9	10	5	37
5 Hightown	24	9	10	5	37
7 Liverpool	24	5	17	2	32
8 Chester Boughton Hall	24	6	12	6	30
9 Northern	24	4	16	4	28
10 Formby	24	4	12	8	24
11 New Brighton	24	3	14	7	24
11 Oxton	24	2	17	5	23
13 St Helens Recs	24	4	11	9	23
14 Ormskirk	24	3	13	8	22
15 Huyton	24	4	6	14	18
16 Wallasey	24	1	14	9	18



## BOWLING AVERAGES

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1951

Name	Mch	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B Mch	5-wk	Av
J L Cartwright	7	78	15	19	184	6-19	1	9.98
S G Shepherd	19	358.2	74	80	903	8-42	7	11.29
R J Heyes	17	2	0	1	12	1-12		12.00
T G Parry	4	27	9	6	97	4-23		16.17
J L White	18	127	19	18	378	4-45		21.00
S Chadwick	8	71.3	6	13	277	4-36		21.31
T R Heyes	13	101	7	13	312	3-18		24.00
K E Young	10	54.3	6	8	211	2-12		26.38
A Cohen	19	91.1	11	15	424	5-61	1	28.27
R Parry	4	19	1	2	63	1-21		31.50
R A Jones	19	11	1	1	48	1-33		48.00
B E Cohen	6	58	5	2	194	1-27		97.00
J W Greenwood	18	7	1	0	16	0-5		---
A Ross	1	5	1	0	18	0-18		---
W Copeland	5	4	0	0	15	0-15		---
L T Harris	9	3	0	0	14	0-14		---

### WICKET KEEPERS 1951

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E A Lawrence	22	16	10	26	72
J L White	1	1		1	6

### SIR LEARY CONSTANTINE



Was a Trinidadian Cricketer, Lawyer and Politician who, came to the UK during the 2nd world War along with a contingent of West Indians to work in a War Factory. They were always made welcome. And played matches for and against Bootle. Sir Leary was a very popular player at Wadham Road and people came from all over Merseyside and beyond to see him play. He went on to captain the West Indies test side. And was one of the 1st commentators on cricket on TV. He was Britain's first black peer.

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB 1952

### CAPTAIN 1st ELEVEN - 1952 CAPTAIN 2nd ELEVEN 1953 and 1956 John W Greenwood



John W Greenwood played for Bootle 1st Eleven from 1946 to 1955. He had 110 innings scoring 1,665 runs. He scored 3 50s his highest being 59 vs Neston in 1947. John only played one 1st eleven match in 1953 when he was captain of the 2nds. He carried on playing for the 2nd Eleven until at least 1959.

#### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1952

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Liverpool	24	14	9	1	51
2 New Brighton	24	13	6	5	45
3 Northern	24	11	12	1	45
4 Neston	24	11	9	4	42
5 Wallasey	24	8	14	2	38
6 Bootle	24	10	7	7	37
7 Sefton	24	6	13	5	31
8 Birkenhead Park	24	7	9	8	30
9 Southport & Birkdale	24	6	11	7	29
10 Hightown	24	6	10	8	28
11 Oxton	24	4	15	5	27
12 Chester Boughton Hall	24	6	8	10	26
13 Formby	24	5	7	12	22
14 Huyton	24	3	13	8	22
15 Ormskirk	24	3	6	15	15
16 Preston	24	1	7	16	10

#### BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1955

	Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
R A	Jones	22	21	7	564	101*	40.29	13
J R	Williams	21	21	2	610	109	32.11	4
K E	Young	22	22	1	590	90	29.10	8
F	Rigby	5	2	1	27	27	27.00	
E K	Ingman	22	19	3	415	93	25.94	17
R G	Cockbain	23	18	2	376	70	23.50	11
R	Parry	21	9	5	89	32	22.25	11
S G	Shepherd	21	12	2	208	48*	20.80	5
J A	Ross	4	2	1	17	17*	17.00	1
J W	Greenwood	10	8	3	81	24	16.20	
L T	Harris	15	10	1	126	50	14.00	6
E	Ward	2	1	0	14	14	14.00	2
D A	Thomas	21	18	2	203	14	12.69	3
P C	Rochell	17	12	2	95	29	9.50	2
F	Palmer	7	4	1	22	14*	7.33	2
C S	Brown	2	2	0	8	8	4.00	
P C	Massen	5	1	0	0	0	0.00	
J L	Cartwright	3	1	0	0	0	0.00	
J	Abraham	6	2	2	9	5*	---	
D W	Bromilow	1	1	1	13	13*	---	
R D	Wilkinson	1	0				---	

#### BOWLING AVERAGES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1955

	Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
L T	Harris	1.5	0	3	4	3-4		2.18	1.33
D A	Thomas	2	0	1	11	1-11		5.5	11.00
K E	Young	237.1	23	60	885	6-51	5	3.73	14.75
S G	Shepherd	297.2	72	50	793	7-26	3	2.67	15.86
P C	Massen	47	7	8	149	4-50		3.17	18.63
R	Parry	180.3	31	27	559	6-51	1	3.10	20.70
J L	Cartwright	38	9	4	99	3-47		2.61	24.75
R G	Cockbain	244.1	36	31	787	5-42	1	3.22	25.39
P C	Rochell	17	1	1	59	1-10		3.47	59.00
J A	Ross	14	0	0	71	0-22		5.07	---
E	Ward	3	0	0	18	0-18		---	---

#### WICKET KEEPERS

	Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
	E K Ingman	22	17	3	20	90
	R G Cockbain	1	0	0	0	1

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

1955

Captain: S G Shepherd

### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1955

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Birkenhead Park	24	12	7	5	43
2 Sefton	24	11	9	4	42
3 Bootle	24	11	8	5	41
3 Southport & Birkdale	24	11	8	5	41
5 Neston	24	9	12	3	39
6 Northern	24	8	11	5	35
7 Chester Boughton Hall	24	8	8	8	32
7 Hightown	24	7	11	6	32
7 Liverpool	24	5	17	2	32
10 Formby	24	7	7	10	28
11 Huyton	24	4	12	8	24
11 Oxton	24	5	9	10	24
11 Wallasey	24	5	9	10	24
14 Ormskirk	24	5	8	11	23
15 St Helens Recs.	24	5	7	12	22
16 New Brighton	24	2	11	11	



## BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1952

Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
J R Williams	19	17	5	619	100	51.58	5
H A Thomas	13	9	5	196	48*	49.00	2
R A Jones	22	19	3	579	119*	36.19	19
K E Young	12	11	2	303	78	33.67	3
L T Harris	22	15	7	178	38*	22.25	4
C S Brown	4	2	1	22	17	22.00	1
T G Parry	17	13	2	183	36	16.64	3
J W Greenwood	20	12	3	114	23	12.67	3
W E Robinson	1	1	0	12	12	12.00	
E A Lawrence	22	16	0	186	49	11.63	13
S G Shepherd	22	12	1	118	25	10.73	2
R Parry	6	2	0	21	18	10.50	1
D A Thomas	11	8	0	83	31	10.38	2
R J Heyes	6	6	1	37	18*	7.40	3
S Chadwick	5	3	0	18	14	6.00	6
T R Heyes	20	7	3	22	14	5.50	2
J L Cartwright	20	10	2	34	11	4.25	
P C Massen	5	6	0	12	6	4.00	2
F E Tait	3	2	0	8	6	4.00	1
S Rodgers	5	3	0	11	11	3.67	2
J L White	2	2	0	3	3	1.50	
J Stead	4	3	0	0	0	0.00	
S Thomas	1	0					1
L Wilson	1	0					2

### WICKET KEEPERS

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E A Lawrence	21	13	10	23	87
L Wilson	1	2		2	4
F E Tait	1	1		1	5



BOWLING AVERAGES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1952									
Name	Mch	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B Mch	5-wk	Av	
P C Massen	5	33	5	9	95	4-45		10.56	
T R Heyes	6	164.3	27	31	380	4-22		12.26	
J L White	2	5	0	1	14	1-14		14.00	
S G Shepherd	22	342.3	93	47	809	6-21	4	17.21	
K E Young	12	85	9	18	310	4-70		17.22	
T G Parry	17	125.2	21	26	451	6-55	1	17.35	
R Parry	6	28	3	4	71	3-35		17.75	
S Chadwick	5	15	0	3	59	3-29		19.67	
R A Jones	22	26	6	4	80	3-23		20.00	
J L Cartwright	20	181.1	23	28	619	5-36	1	22.11	
J R Williams	19	12	1	1	37	1-7		37.00	
J Stead	4	27	2	2	94	1-15		47.00	
D A Thomas	11	9	0	0	40	0-9		---	

### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Russell Jones was the top innings scorer. With 119 not out vs Formby at Wadham Road. 12th July. Jack Williams scored exactly 100 vs S & B also at Wadham Road in June.

Tom Parry Took 6 wickets vs New Brighton in May. The Bootle Times quaintly reported as T. G Parry's merry performance with the ball was the highlight before tea.

Sid Shepherd also took 6 for 21 vs Northern at Moor Lane in July.

### NEWS FLASH LIVERPOOL ECHO MAY 1952

The Echo reported that. A South African Dr. Bernard Eli Cohan was fined £15 with £2.10s costs for being drunk in charge of a vehicle after playing cricket for Bootle 2nd Eleven against New Brighton. It seems that Dr Cohan was going back to South Africa and it was his leaving party. He made 34 not out in the match which, Bootle won by 5 wickets.

BOWLING AVERAGES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1954									
Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av	
K E Young	129.4	22	37	469	7-46	3	3.62	12.68	
R Parry	81	23	13	179	5-28	1	2-21	13.77	
R G Cockbain	114.1	23	22	326	3-10		2.86	14.82	
S G Shepherd	314.3	102	38	644	6-46	1	2.05	16.95	
P C Massen	148.4	35	24	411	5-27	1	2.76	17.13	
J L Cartwright	90.5	20	13	260	5-42	1	2.86	20.00	
W Alleyne	69	12	9	185	3-32		2.68	20.56	
R A Jones	10	1	1	27	1-5		2.70	27.00	
T R Heyes	17	3	0	62	0-31		3.65	---	
J R Williams	6	0	0	46	0-8		7.67	---	
P Rochell	1	0	0	5	0-5		5.00	---	

WICKET KEEPERS					
Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
F E Tait	17	14	4	18	27
L Ashurst	1			0	
R A Jones	1			0	3
K Osborne	1			0	4

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Club Accounts for the year ended: 29th December 1924

Wages for Ground Staff and Full Time Coach £220.00 for the year

Horse and Stable Expenses £48.00

Note: The horse was used to pull the heavy roller and to take the cricket bags to away grounds. The players went on the train.

Besides celebrating the birth of a son this week, Ken put in the all-round performance of the season against Neston at Wadham Road. He scored 100 not out and then went on to take 7 wickets for 46 as well as having three caught and bowled.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Club Minute Book June 1925.

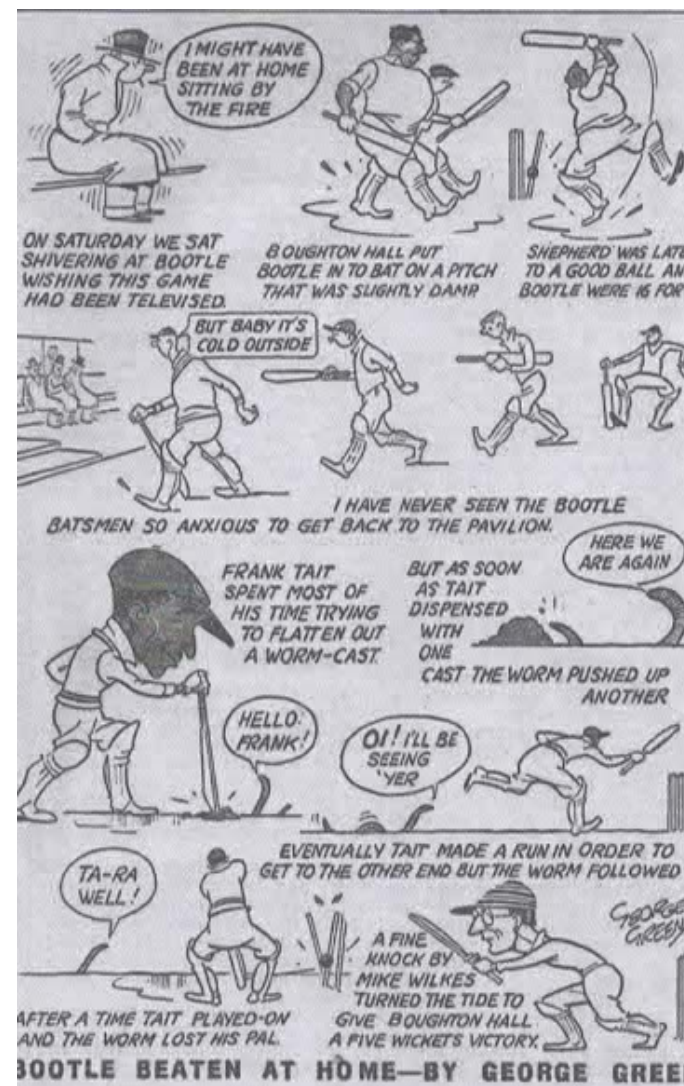
The Committee wish to put before members the consideration of re-building of the pavilion. It was estimated that it would cost between £1,200 to £1,500, more happy Days

#### BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1954

	Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
J R	Williams	12	12	2	400	96	40.00	
R A	Jones	18	18	4	524	66*	37.43	10
K E	Young	18	18	2	533	100*	33.31	8
R G	Cockbain	15	14	1	239	50	18.38	6
J L	Cartwright	9	5	2	52	37*	17.33	1
S G	Shepherd	20	16	5	181	46	16.45	8
J	Abraham	11	10	2	113	34	14.13	5
W	Alleyne	19	19	2	232	34	13.65	3
L T	Harris	13	10	2	108	37*	13.50	4
D A	Thomas	12	12	0	146	44	12.17	4
J W	Greenwood	13	9	0	92	28	10.22	4
P	Rochell	3	3	0	28	15	9.33	
R	Parry	9	6	2	31	16	7.75	2
C S	Brown	2	2	0	14	11	7.00	2
T R	Heyes	2	1	0	7	7	7.00	
D W	Bromilow	1	1	0	7	7	7.00	
P C	Massen	19	12	3	58	22	6.44	3
F E	Tait	17	9	1	41	12*	5.13	14
L	Ashurst	3	3	1	10	9*	5.00	
K	Osborne	1	1	1	4	4*	—	
W	Winspear	1	0				—	

#### BOOTLE VS CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL



#### Note:

During the cricket season George visited all the grounds and cartoon's like this were a feature of the Liverpool Echo on Monday nights. During the Football season. He was at Anfield or Goodison every Saturday and a similar cartoon was published.

## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

**1953**

**Sidney G Shepherd 1937 -1967**

**Captain: 1953 – 1956, 1958 and 1964**

Sid Shepherd Joined the club as a professional in 1937. In those days the professional did not get changed in the same dressing room as the amateur players. He once told me he got changed in what was the Gents toilet in the old club. This arrangement only lasted a couple of seasons. He was Captain when we were Champions in 1956.

Sid was probably one of the best bowlers the club has ever had. If not the best. The stats here are only from 1942. We have no details of the 5 years prior to this. He took 1,115 wickets. We know he took all 10 wickets at Northern sometime between 1937 and 1941, he also took 9 for 41 against Sefton in Sefton Park September 1947. And 5 wickets or over in a match 67 times. He scored 4,345 runs in 406 Innings. His best being 103 vs Ormskirk in June 1944.

### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1953

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Liverpool	24	10	12	2	42
2 New Brighton	24	10	11	3	41
3 Neston	24	9	13	2	40
4 Oxton	24	9	10	5	37
5 Northern	24	8	12	4	36
6 Formby	24	8	8	7	33
7 Sefton	24	7	12	5	33
8 Birkenhead Park	24	8	7	9	31
9 Chester Boughton Hall	24	7	10	7	31
10 Bootle	24	5	13	6	28
10 Southport & Birkdale	24	6	10	8	28
10 Wallasey	24	5	13	6	28
13 Huyton	24	4	15	5	27
14 Hightown	24	4	10	10	22
15 Ormskirk	24	3	10	11	19
16 St Helens Recs	24	2	7	15	13

**1954**

### LIVERPOOL COMPETITION

The season opened with a defeat at Liverpool, but the Liverpool Echo. Reported; Bootle crumbled, though they seem to have found a likely new bat in Ronnie Cockbain. Ronnie scored 47 out of a total of 126 all out.

### LIVERPOOL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Bootle lost to Northern in the final of the trophy at Aigburth. On 14th July 1954. This was one of the first 20 over competitions in the country. Bootle had been previous winners.

### 2nd Eleven

In a match against Rainhill at Stuart Road. Bootle Bowled Rainhill out for 6. Alan Ross on leave from the forces had the amazing figures of 6.4 overs 6 maidens 0 runs 7 wickets. Bootle got the runs for no wickets Rainhill's score included 2 byes.

### FIRST ELEVEN LEAGUE TABLE – 1954

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Southport & Birkdale	24	11	8	5	41
2 Liverpool	24	9	14	1	41
3 Birkenhead Park	24	10	8	6	38
4 Neston	24	7	14	3	35
5 Sefton	24	7	14	3	35
6 Bootle	24	7	13	4	34
7 Northern	24	6	15	3	33
8 Oxton	24	6	13	5	31
9 Wallasey	24	6	11	7	29
10 Huyton	24	5	13	6	28
11 New Brighton	24	5	11	8	26
12 Chester Boughton Hall	24	4	13	7	25
13 Hightown	24	3	15	6	24
14 Formby	24	4	9	11	21
15 Ormskirk	24	3	10	11	19
16 St Helens Recs.	24	2	13	9	19



## BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB 1954

LIVERPOOL ECHO 16th February 1954

### BOOTLE IN DANGER

Bootle Cricket Club, which was formed 121 years ago and is one of the oldest on Merseyside— they had fixtures with the first Australian team to tour this country in 1868— is in grave danger of having to wind up it's affairs unless better financial support is forthcoming.

This was the blunt warning given to members by the president Mr. C A.W. Roberts at last night's annual meeting (writes H A Wolfe), If the people of Bootle wanted good cricket and to retain the public spirit for which the town was famous, said Mr Roberts, they would have to come forward with financial help. Danger lay ahead unless the club had the backing of the industrialists and newcomers to Bootle in membership and subscription.

The accounts showed that despite economies in expenditure there was a loss of £91 on last season's workings, as compared with £81 in 1952.



## BATTING AVERAGES AND CATCHES LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1953

Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	H S	Av	Ct
R A Jones	20	18	2	522	89	32.63	11
K E` Young	10	9	1	240	73	26.67	3
J R Williams	16	16	0	395	84	26.33	2
J L Cartwright	12	11	5	133	20	22.17	3
H Turnbull	7	6	3	60	27*	20.00	2
R G Cockbain	1	1	0	19	19	19.00	
D A Thomas	11	11	0	160	27	14.55	5
E A Lawrence	20	18	0	255	47	14.17	10
R Parry	3	2	1	13	7	13.00	
S Chadwick	5	5	1	50	31	12.50	1
D W Bromilow	5	5	1	47	34*	11.75	1
T G Parry	13	10	0	114	24	11.40	4
K Osborne	6	5	0	52	21	10.40	2
M T Hughes	7	6	2	36	11	9.00	1
P C Massen	15	14	2	97	31	8.08	
T R Heyes	19	12	5	56	24*	8.00	5
S G Shepherd	19	11	4	44	15	6.29	4
F E Tait	2	2	0	11	11	5.50	
R J Heyes	11	9	1	42	15*	5.25	1
C S Brown	4	3	0	12	7	4.00	1
M Banks	2	2	0	5	4	2.50	1
B J Wardley	3	3	2	0	0*	0.00	2
J Stead	4	1	0	0	0	0.00	
J W Greenwood	1	1	1	35	35*	'—	1
R Carrington	2	0					

### WICKET KEEPERS

Name	Mch	ct	st	Total	byes
E A Lawrence	20	10	5	15	104

## BOWLING AVERAGES

### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION 1953

	Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	B. Mch	5-wk	Econ	Av
B J	Wardley	32.2	7	7	94	6-50	1	2.91	13.43
R G	Cockbain	5	1	14	14	1-14		2.80	14.00
S G	Shepherd	310.2	83	47	760	6-28	2	2.45	16.17
J L	Cartwright	182.4	42	26	531	5-40	1	2.91	20.42
P C	Massen	82	14	14	291	4-23		3.55	20.79
K E	Young	36.1	6	8	176	3-3		4.87	22.00
T R	Heyes	181	28	27	610	4-45		3.37	22.59
R J	Heyes	34	5	6	137	3-33		4.03	22.83
H	Turnbull	19	1	4	96	3-47		5.05	24.00
R	Parry	21	3	2	66	2-35		3.14	33.00
T G	Parry	29	1	3	129	2-25		4.45	43.00
R	Carrington	5	0	1	44	1-29		8.80	44.00
J	Stead	33	4	1	101	1-7		3.06	101.00
RA	Jones	7	0	0	30	0-6		4.29	—
S	Chadwick	6	0	0	26	0-6		4.33	—



## A YORKSHIREMAN IN BOOTLE

By Sid Shepherd

To begin with, I must tell this little story: a few weeks ago I called into one of our stores in Liverpool. I want some pads", I said to the salesman, who new me. "Yes, Sid, do you want writing or cricket pads?" Now that may be a joke on me, but all sorts of cricketers are rushing into print;

now comes my turn at the literary wicket, for which I offer no apologies.

I first came to Bootle in 1937, and up to now have had no cause to regret it, as I have spent some very happy days and made numerous friends while playing cricket for Bootle. I have played in many well known leagues, and had no idea what the strength of Liverpool Cricket was. I was soon to find it was not going to be a "bed of roses," for before many weeks had passed we were playing Liverpool at Wadham Road and, owing to injuries, were rather short of bowlers. Tom Roberts who was then Captain, at 2.30pm gave me the ball, and I still had it at 5.55pm, as the Liverpool Captain J. R. Barnes, was of a cautious nature and had the true Lancashire spirit, which is: "Make certain you don't lose first and think about winning afterwards." On this occasion, he carried it out to the full.

Looking Back at Liverpool cricket, I must say that, next to the Birmingham League, it is the best club cricket in England, as all the grounds are first class, and the standard of play second only to County Cricket.

A few of my happiest memories are getting all ten wickets against Northern and—although this may surprise a few! - scoring a hundred against Ormskirk, and once topping the batting averages. Following this, I had, like every other bowler, my dreams of the season to come, but I was soon brought to earth when, on inspecting the batting for the first match of the following season, I found that due to Albert Cohen being Captain. I was once again No. 11.

As space is limited, I am not allowed to ramble further. Perhaps when I retire, I may be allowed to come into print again, as one could fill many pages of events connected to Bootle Cricket Club, for making my years, both as a professional and amateur, such happy ones

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