TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE	RAINFORD
S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1 J Dotters (capt)
Kris Ali (wk)	2 W Threlkeld (wk)
Steve Rimmer (85)	3 M Bailey
Ryan Westwell (8)	4 J Login
Sagar Trivedi (23)	5 P Farrar
Ali Andrady (47)	6 N Desai
Ivan Kriek (99)	7 D Hayes
Josh Andrady (18)	8 J Hurst
Joe Adderley (35)	9 L Gaskell
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10 A Davies
Kieron New (10)	11 T Spilsbury

Alan Majewska **Scorers** John Dotters

UMPIRES: Kirsty Blackham; Paul Vandome

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

17th MAY WINNING DRAW #25 WAS WON BY *Andrady Family*

THE 200 CLUB WINNER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY #51,

WAS WON BY *Janet Mahon*

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

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LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION

An ECB Premier League

1st ELEVEN
PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2025

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC

versus

RAINFORD CC

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LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 31/05/25)

SECOND ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2025

LAST

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Colwyn Bay	6	6	0	0	0	22	0	0	142
Wavertree	6	4	0	2	0	11	19	0	110
Orrell Red Triangle	5	4	1	0	0	24	4	0	108
Liverpool	5	4	1	0	0	15	7	0	102
Ainsdale	5	3	1	2	0	18	16	0	94
Firwood Bootle	**6**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**19**	**0**	**77**
New Brighton	6	1	0	5	0	21	17	0	58
Northop Hall	6	1	2	3	0	15	20	0	55
Highfield	6	1	2	3	0	12	16	0	48
Southport Trinity	6	1	1	4	0	17	9	0	46
Spring View	6	0	3	3	0	18	18	0	36
Old Xaverians	6	1	0	5	0	4	8	0	32

WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 31st MAY

AINSDALE (25pts) v OLD XAVERIANS (5pts) Ainsdale won by 124 runs
Ainsdale 207– 9 dec (38.4); Old Xaverians 83 all out (31.4);
HIGHFIELD (25pts) v SOUTHPORT TRINITY (3pts) Highfield won by 9 wickets
Southport Trinity 160 all out (44.5)**;** Highfield 164-9 (51)
LIVERPOOL (8pts) v ORRELL RED TRIANGLE (7pts) Match drawn
Liverpool 206-8 dec (37.2); Orrell Red Triangle 148-6 (49)
NEW BRIGHTON (8pts) v COLWYN BAY (23pts) Colwyn Bay won by 2 runs
Colwyn Bay 131 all out (41); New Brighton 129 all out (41)
NORTHOP HALL (8pts) v SPRING VIEW (5pts) Match drawn
Northop Hall 185-3 dec (45); Spring View 153-7 (41)
WAVERTREE (25pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (7pts)Wavertree won by 6 wickets
Wavertree 172 all out (42.2); Firwood Bootle 105 all out (37.1)

L&DCC FIXTURES 2025
SECOND ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
26 Apr	**Highfield**	**Home**	**Won, 8 wkts**	**25**	**3rd**
3 May	Northop Hall	Away	Match drawn	6	5th
10 May	**New Brighton**	**Home**	**Won, 79 runs**	**25**	**4th**
17 May	Liverpool	Away	Match drawn	7	4th
24 May	**Ainsdale**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**7**	**5th**
31 May	Wavertree	Away	Lost, 67 runs	7	6th
7 Jun	Old Xaverians	Away			
14 Jun	**Orrell Red Triangle**	**Home**			
21 Jun	**Spring View**	**Home**			
28 Jun	Colwyn Bay	Away			
5 July	Southport Trinity	Home			
12 July	**Northop Hall**	**Home**			
19 July	Highfield	Away			
26 July	Spring View	Away			
2 Aug	**Southport Trinity**	**Home**			
9 Aug	New Brighton	Away			
16 Aug	**Liverpool**	**Home**			
23 Aug	Ainsdale	Away			
30 Aug	**Wavertree**	**Home**			
6 Sept	**Old Xaverians**	**Home**			
13 Sept	Orrell Red Triangle	Away			
20 Sept	**Colwyn Bay**	**Home**			

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Wadham Road for today's match in the Love Lane Liverpool Competition for our Premier league fixture against Rainford CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. We also extend a warm welcome to today's Umpires Kirsty Blackham and Paul Vandome.
Rainford have had a good start to the season winning four and losing two, one of which was to current champions and league leaders Ormskirk. They currently lie 2nd in the Premier League table. We've already seen them here at Wadham Rd once already, in the Liverpool Echo T/20 Knockout in May. They won that by 7 wickets with 9 balls to spare so it was a close contest then. Let's hope we can turn things round in our favour today and even it up, but we know it'll be a tough match.

SATURDAY 31st MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v RAINHILL

Firwood Bootle 198-8 dec (59); Rainhill 199-4 (33.5)
Rainhill won by 6 wickets

After winning the toss Rainhill had us in trouble on a modest 86-7. Ali Andrady, 29 runs in 72 balls put up some good resistance. Ivan Kriek with a quality unbeaten 110 from 144 deliveries featuring 13 fours and two sixes, rebuilt our Innings dominating very valuable 8th wicket liaison of 70 runs with Joe Adderley who frustrated the bowlers with a defiant 10. A brief cameo of an unbeaten 11 from Kieron New enabled us to declare on 198-9 after 59 overs. Our chief tormentor was Khalid Usman who helped himself to 5-58. Jaden Rose 2-55, Jhangir Liaqat 1-62, removing Luke Procter for a 7 ball duck, and Joe Adderley 1-15 gave us a promising start reducing Rainhill to 76-4.Alas, that was as good as it got as Ryan Brown (82) and Khalid Usman (57) in a fine all round shift, knocked off the deficit without further loss after 33.5 overs.

SUNDAY 1st JUNE, LEIGH v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Leigh 228-8 (39); Firwood Bootle 175 all out.
Leigh won by 66 runs

Our Digman Trophy Quarter final clash at Leigh the following day was reduced to 39 overs a side due to rain, meaning the Duckworth Lewis system came into play. After Jhangir Liaqat, 2-36, removed Leigh openers Tom Grundy and Luke Prescott further very consistent batting performances all through the Innings led by Mattie McKiernan (93) who hit Tom Meskell for the biggest 6 of his career, and Karl Brown (41) Leigh amassed a very healthy 228-9. Kieron New and Shaneil Patel-Ponda weighed in with 2-36 and 2-35 respectively.
In response Adam Shallcross and Patrick Allan, who finished on 3-46 and 1-28 at the end of the day, sent us crashing to 20-3. Ivan the re-builder was at it again after yesterdays heroics with a belligerent 104 from 77 deliveries, including 8 fours and 7 sixes, with fine support from Tom Meskell (35) before Nathan Graham, 3-12, mopped up our tail for a respectable 175 all out after 32 .5 overs chasing a revised target of 242 to win.

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THE MIGHTY 5s

I suppose i should start at the beginning. Oh what a beginning it was, at home to a super bunch of "larger than life" characters, Rainhill 4th XI. We agreed to switch the fixture as it was claimed that they had ladies playing who would need facilities, but who were soon replaced by some highly skilled 1st team ringers. Did that dampen our spirits? Just a bit, however we soon set the tone for the season with Aaron Cook taking a fine 1st wicket, young Ben Ward taking a wicket with his 1st ball in adult cricket, 2 choruses of Y.M.C.A and a 3-man collision resulting in a superb catch by Phil Morton and some bruised ribs.

Since then I have had the special event of playing cricket on my 50th birthday, taking my first wicket in cricket and achieving my top score of 18, supported by Jack Cliff hitting a 50 and the rest of the team getting starts. We were followed by a huge contingent of members from all levels of cricket. It's safe to say we took over Sefton Park CC, a proper Bootle day out... I don't think we won but what a day, what a day!

We have also produced the club and possibly league's 1st mother and son opening partnership with Christine Cordon and Daire Carroll making 17 runs before parting ways. Most recently against St Helens Town we fought hard for the win before running out of time to take the final wicket.

All that great cricket news apart, I can honestly say it's been years since I had so much fun. We are all keen amateurs some of whom are carrying a little extra timber, but we had always been keen to give the game a try and now we are loving it.

Long live the Mighty 5s.

P.S. we have our own team song

Ian McCormack 5th XI co-capt)

BOOTLE BELLES

We had our hardball super 8s cup game rearranged for next Monday due to weather but we did play Maghull in a T20 on 25th May! Maghull batted first and put on a score of 63. Lily Benton-Newman came away with figures of 7-3 and Elsie Guinness with 11-3! The young ones in the team are doing amazing since stepping up this season! Gemma Hurst opened the batting and put on a score of 39 not out and Daisy Pavey put on 12 not out, we won the game with plenty of wickets to spare (luckily as I was next in to bat) and finished on 65/2 after 13.1 overs. We have a softball double header at home on Sunday 15th June. We have Rainford at 9:30am and then Fleetwood Hesketh in the softball cup at 2pm, so hoping to get our first win of the season in softball.

Liz Mundie (Belles softball capt)

1ST ELEVEN KNOCKOUT FIXTURES 2025

THE LIVERPOOL ECHO - t20 KNOCKOUT

date	*opponent*	*venue*	*result*		
20 May	**Rainford**	**Home**	**Lost, 7 wickets**	-	-

DIGMAN TROPHY (45 overs)

date	*opponent*	*venue*	*result*		
19 Apr	**Highfield**	**Home**	**Won by, 7 wkts**	-	-
1 June	Leigh	Away	Lost, 66 runs		

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP

date	*opponent*	*venue*	*result*		
16 May	Sefton Park	Away	Won by 4 wkts	-	-
5 June	Caldy	Away			

ECB NATIONAL KNOCKOUT TROPHY

date	*opponent*	*venue*	*result*		
27 Apr	**Westhoughton**	**Home**	**Lost, 123 runs**	-	-

A big thank you to today's match ball sponsor -

Liverpool Lost Boys Scooter Club



Just a quick resume of the Liverpool Lost Boys Scooter Club, we are basically a classic scooter club. Also there are a number of modern automatic scooters and all types of scooters are welcome. We regularly go out on scooter runs during the week and Sundays. We meet every Thursday evening at the Rose of Mossley Hill in Rose Lane, Liverpool 18. The number one is David Simmons (07859-882104). We decided to become a club since 2009 and are known as a very friendly scooter club and have, since instigation, attracted a constant number of new members. At present we have about 30 plus members and have donated to many local charities such as Zoe's Place; The Blind School; Clatterbridge, Liverpool to name but a few. We have an annual day which attracts a large number of scooterists from all over the north west, the venue is at Sefton Park Cricket Club L17 1AP every year. This year's date is Sunday 31st August and usually in attendance are some of the American Car club and Liverpool Hell's Angels, as well as a number of classic car individuals. As I've mentioned we are well known as a friendly scooter club and welcome all types and styles so if you're free try and reach out and visit on August 31st for a day of live music and good food stalls. All are welcome, public and scooterists alike so hopefully see you there.

Vincent Lam, No 2

**** FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC DRINKS OFFERS ****

Buy any hot drink and get a free packet of biscuits!

Guinness £14 x4 pints; Dark Fruit £14 x4 pints

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SECOND XI - The 2s suffered only their first defeat of the season last weekend, but have still got a healthy position, half way in the league table. The big difference between the team was Wavertree's Fraser Farrell who came in at no.3 and batted to the end reaching 100 n.o. Andy Hunt was the pick of our bowlers taking 6-60. They posted a challenging 173 to win but we fell short through missing Tom Meskell who was on duty for the 1st XI and lost in the end by 67 runs.

THIRD XI - Our 3rd team meanwhile are going great guns and have now won all six of their matches so far and are top of the table 15 points above South Liverpool. Last weekend they had an easy win beating Birkenhead Park by 110 runs with skipper Lee Brown proving to be the match winner with an all round performance, scoring 46 runs and taking 4-21 with the ball. They set a target to reach by declaring on 176-8, but bowled Park out for 66. A week before Bootle saw off Liverpool. After scoring a modest 100 thanks to a 52 run partnership between Alan Midgeley (27) and Liam Griffith (13). The bowlers saw the team home easily, Kumar Gurrampalli (4-32) and Matthew Gillespie (3-20) did the damage. Kumar put in a real all rounder performance scoring 57 off just 60 balls in a total of 144 all out against Northop Hall on 17th May while taking 3-32 off 15 overs to help bowl them all out for 123, thus taking the win once more this time by 21 runs

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JUNIOR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations from everyone at the Club to:

Patrick Edwards (age 10) - playing for the U15s took 4 wickets for 11 runs, then 4 wickets for 4 runs in an inter-league match. An excellent week for him!

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NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 7th JUNE @ 12:45 p.m.

L&DCC 2ND XI - 1ST DIVISION

FIRWOOD BOOTLE 2nd XI v ORRELL RED TRIANGLE 2nd XI

L&DCC FIXTURES 2025
FIRST ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Position
26 Apr	Birkenhead Park	Away	Won, 4 wkts	20	4th
03 May	**Northern**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**5**	**7th**
10 May	Wigan	Away	Match drawn	9	5th
17 May	**Ormskirk**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**8**	**7th**
24 May	Newton-le-Willows	Away	Won, 4 wkts	25	6th
31 May	**Rainhill**	**Home**	**Lost, 6 wkts**	**5**	**6th**
07 Jun	**Rainford**	**Home**			
14 Jun	Leigh	Away			
21 Jun	Formby	Away			
28 Jun	**Colwyn Bay**	**Home**			
05 Jul	**Wallasey**	**Home**			
12 Jul	Northern	Away			
19 Jul	**Birkenhead Park**	**Home**			
26 Jul	**Formby**	**Home**			
02 Aug	Wallasey	Away			
09 Aug	**Wigan**	**Home**			
16 Aug	Ormskirk	Away			
23 Aug	**Newton-le-Willows**	**Home**			
30 Aug	Rainhill	Away			
06 Sep	Rainford	Away			
13 Sep	**Leigh**	**Home**			
20 Sep	Colwyn Bay	Away			

LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 31/05/25)

FIRST ELEVEN - PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Ormskirk	6	5	1	0	0	20	9	0	129
Rainford	**6**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**16**	**8**	**0**	**104**
Leigh	6	4	1	1	0	13	8	0	101
Northern	6	3	2	1	0	19	18	0	97
Formby	6	4	0	2	0	10	6	0	96
Firwood Bootle	**6**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**15**	**17**	**0**	**72**
Wigan	6	2	2	2	0	17	11	0	68
Birkenhead Park	6	1	1	4	0	18	20	0	58
Wallasey	6	2	0	4	0	10	7	0	57
Rainhill	6	1	1	4	0	16	14	0	50
Colwyn Bay	6	1	1	4	0	10	13	0	43
Newton-le-Willows	5	0	3	3	0	19	21	0	40

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 31st MAY

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (5pts) v RAINHILL (20pts) Rainhill won by 6 wickets
Firwood Bootle 198-8 dec (59); Rainhill 199-4 (33.5)
COLWYN BAY (5pts) v ORMSKIRK (25pts) Ormskirk won by 79 runs
Ormskirk 247-4 dec (54); Colwyn Bay 168 all out (48.3)
FORMBY (25pts) v WIGAN (20pts) Formby won by 4 wickets
Wigan 241 all out (51.2); Formby 244-6 (52)
LEIGH (8pts) v NEWTON-le-WILLOWS (8pts) Match drawn
Newton-le-Willows 253-9 dec (55); Leigh 202-7 (47)
RAINFORD (25pts) v BIRKENHEAD PARK (5pts) Rainford won by 119 runs
Rainford 282-4 dec (55); Birkenhead Park 163 all out (41.1)
WALLASEY (0pts)v NORTHERN (25pts)
Wallasey 40 all out (27.4); Northern 43-0 (8.3)