TODAY'S TEAMS

FIRWOOD BOOTLE	RAINHILL
S Patel-Ponda (1) (capt)	1 J Harrison (capt)
Ivan Kriek (99) (wk)	2 A Winarski (wk)
Steve Rimmer (85)	3 M Rotheram
Ryan Westwell (8)	4 B Khan
Sagar Trivedi (23)	5 R Brown
Ali Andrady (47)	6 K Usman
Tom Meskell (73)	7 S Ullah
Josh Andrady (18)	8 R McKeown
Jaden Rose (7)	9 L O'Toole
Jhangir Liaqat (11)	10 J Lowrie
Kieron New (10)	11 A Edwards

Alan Majewska **Scorers** Andrew Finney

UMPIRES: Dave Wood; Chris Riley

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versus

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LOVE LANE L&DCC (as at 24/05/25)

SECOND ELEVEN - 1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Colwyn Bay	5	5	0	0	0	19	0	0	119
Orrell Red Triangle	5	4	1	0	0	24	4	0	108
Liverpool	5	4	1	0	0	15	7	0	102
Wavertree	5	3	0	2	0	7	19	0	86
Firwood Bootle	**5**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**16**	**14**	**0**	**70**
Ainsdale	5	2	1	2	0	13	16	0	69
New Brighton	5	1	0	4	0	18	12	0	50
Northop Hall	5	1	1	3	0	10	17	0	47
Southport Trinity	5	1	1	3	0	14	9	0	43
Spring View	5	0	2	3	0	14	17	0	31
Old Xaverians	5	1	0	4	0	3	4	0	27
Highfield	5	0	2	3	0	12	11	0	23

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 24th MAY

FIRWOOD BOOTLE (7pts) v AINSDALE (9pts) Match drawn
Ainsdale 186-7 dec (45); Firwood Bootle 164-8 (42)
COLWYN BAY (25pts) v NORTHOP HALL (4pts) Colwyn Bay won by 98 runs
Colwyn Bay 190-7 dec (45); Northop Hall 92 all out (42.2)
OLD XAVERIANS (2pts) v LIVERPOOL (25pts) Liverpool won by 8 wickets
Old Xaverians 83 all out (38.4); Liverpool 84-2 (17.2)
ORRELL RED TRIANGLE (25pts) v NEW BRIGHTON (7pts) Orrell Red Triangle won by 88 runs
Orrell Red Triangle 222-9 dec (39.2); New Brighton 134 all out (28.2)
SOUTHPORT TRINITY (6pts) v WAVERTREE (25pts) Wavertree won by 6 wickets
Southport Trinity 160 all out (44.5); Wavertree 164-4 (42.4)
SPRING VIEW (8pts) v HIGHFIELD (9pts) Match drawn
Spring View 171 all out (44); Highfield 164-9 (51)

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			
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 Rainhill CC. And a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters too. We also extend a warm welcome to today's Umpires Dave Wood and Chris Riley.

Formed in 1871, Rainhill was unfortunately disbanded in 1914 due to the outbreak of WW1. It was established once more in 1920 and they then played their cricket in the Cheshire Association until 1978 when they joined the Merseyside Competition. They gained promotion to the L&DCC in 2006 and eventually earned promotion to the Premier League in 2013 where they've been ever since. They signed an overseas pro from Pakistan in 2010, Mohammad Qureshi, who was instrumental in keeping them competitive in the Premier League during this time. In 2015 his spin helped him take 97 league wickets at an average of 9.42, which included figures of 9-80 against Bootle CC! I looked it up on Play-Cricket and noted Majic was scoring that day, so feel free to test his memory about it!

SATURDAY 17th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v ORMSKIRK

Northern 221-5 decl. (48.4); Firwood Bootle 182-9 (46)

Match drawn

It's been a tough start to our season back in the Premier League, but to our credit we haven't been beaten so far. Our first two home matches have been particularly challenging, after hosting the league's runners-up Northern last time and fully earning a draw, we welcomed champions Ormskirk to Wadham Rd for this fixture. We won the toss and do what we always seem to do, put the opposition in to bat. As it turned out Ormskirk got off to a good start with an opening stand of 70 between Calum Turner and George Politis. Sagar and Jhangir took one each but this is the moment when Sagar took control. He took 5 consecutive wickets in this spell, including such names as George Lavelle, Gary Knight and Harvey Rankin. But in the 29th over he excelled himself taking 3 wickets in 4 balls, only just missing out on a hat-trick. Ormskirk were struggling now on 107-6, and lost a 7th wicket when Jhangir had Griffiths caught behind. They recovered well though and Tom Brown (who obviously learned a lot in his school days) scored a quick 51 to get them to a respectable declaration and earn them their 5th batting point on the 54 overs mark. Sagar finished with best figures of 5-51 off his 16 overs.

In reply we made a steady start, where all the top order got into double figures but without the really big knock that might have given us a chance of winning. Ivan Kriek top scored with 47 off 49 balls including 4 sixes, one of which was launched over the Clubrooms and into the car park. A massive strike indeed, but it was at this point our Vice Chair PK Booth decided to play a prank at my expense. (For those who don't know the Wigan story of last week, the Tangerine Dream suffered a smashed rear windscreen, courtesy of Ivan's Exocet into Wigan's car park.) So Peter and Jhangir went looking for the missing ball in Bootle's car park and returned quickly to call me into the car park wearing sad faces. I was dreading this. Not me again!

I couldn't believe I could be so unlucky to have my car damaged once again by an Ivan six-hit within the space of a week. To give Peter his due he kept a straight face till the end when he could contain himself no longer and burst into a fit of laughter. It sailed right over my car and into the trees. Smile - I'm on candid camera! So back to the match, as wickets fell regularly we were left with the last pair, Jhangir and Joe Adderley again to face 6.4 overs (similar to the end of the Northern match in fact). And they both saw it out superbly, which is a great achievement for Joe. He's definitely got an old head on his young shoulders, ending on 10 runs and Jhang on 19, thus saving the match for us.

SATURDAY 24th MAY, NEWTON-le-WILLOWS v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Newton-le-Willows 129 all out (42.2); Firwood Bootle 130-6 (25.3)

Firwood Bootle won by 4 wickets

We maintained our unbeaten start to the season in a match we were in control of with our 2nd away win of the campaign. Newton won the toss and put themselves in to bat so we knew then that if we were to win we'd be guaranteed the maximum 25 points. The forecast before the match wasn't good but as it turned out we won the match with a lot of time to spare and just before the rains came. We relied totally on our pace attack for 42.2 overs of Kieron New, Sagar Trivedi and Jhangir Liaqat here and they all contributed. Removing Ben Walkden in the 1st over without troubling Majic in the scorebox, helped enormously as he was one of the batsmen to be wary of. Kieron bowled without change throughout for 20 overs finishing with 4-66. Sagar took 4-44 off 16.2 overs and Jhang chipped in with 2-17 off his 6 overs. Alistair Andrady took a superb one handed catch in the slips which matched one taken earlier by Ivan also in the slips which had to be mentioned.

So with a target of 130 to win, openers Ryan Westwell and Steve Rimmer set about the bowling with a quick win in mind. They reached 40 without loss in no time at all (well, 7.5 overs in fact) but from there we suffered a mini collapse losing 3 wickets in quick succession. Ivan came in and his second ball was despatched to the boundary to stop the rot, but then we lost Tom Meskell in the 13th over to leave us half way home on 62-4. When we lost Ivan (15) Sagar joined Kris Ali at the crease between them they saw the team home as they put a stand on of 46 which was vital in the position we found ourselves in. Sagar top scored with 32 runs off 23 balls, including 5 fours. He tried for the winning runs (only 4 were needed by this time) but holed out on the boundary. Kris was unbeaten on 28 in the end and found the boundary rope himself to hit the winning runs. Hopefully we can consolidate this fine start to the season as we have another home match next week after today's against Rainhill.

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			

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**	-	-

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NEXT MATCH AT WADHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 7th JUNE @ 12:00 p.m.

L&DCC 1st XI PREMIER LEAGUE

FIRWOOD BOOTLE v RAINFORD

KNOCKOUT & T/20s

ECB VITALITY t20 CUP - 1st Round

FRIDAY 16th MAY, SEFTON PARK v FIRWOOD BOOTLE

Sefton Park 128 all out (17.1); Firwood Bootle 129-6 (17.2)

Firwood Bootle won by 4 wickets

Some of the surrounding roads were blocked due to the May bank holiday Radio 1 music festival coming up, or was it just a ploy by Sefton Park to try and delay the match going ahead? It started on time so maybe it was just me that struggled to find a route in. There were three changes made from the side that drew with Wigan the previous Saturday, 2nd XI regulars Ethan McCormack, Andy Hunt and Graeme Jones came in but none were required to bat in the end. Andy took his first wicket for the 1st XI so that was a good contribution by him, as Josh Andrady took a stunning catch on the boundary to remove Zubair (27) who was beginning to set himself. Three early wickets including skipper Paul Horton helped us gain an edge at 29-3, Jhangir (3-22) took two of those first three wickets, while Josh mopped up the tail with three of his own. Wicket keeper Kris Ali assisted with 5 dismissals (3 stumpings and 2 catches) but Sefton Park still posted a competitive score at 7 runs per over. We lost three early wickets of our own once we began, but Ali Andrady (46) and Kris (41) steadied the ship to get us close to the finish line putting on a stand of 68 to get us to 110-4. We had a bit of a wobble when we lost both but we got there in the end with just under 3 overs to spare. We now face a trip to Caldy next Thursday 4th June, 6:00 start.

LIVERPOOL ECHO KNOCKOUT CUP - Preliminary Round

TUESDAY 20th MAY, FIRWOOD BOOTLE v RAINFORD

Firwood Bootle 119-9 (20); Rainford 124-3 (18.3) - Rainford won by 7 wickets

The team showed four changes from the previous Saturday's team, so it was a big ask to get us into the next round. After losing three early wickets Alastair Andrady (23) and Kris Ali (35) settled the team down with the best partnership of the innings. Brother Josh came in when Alastair departed and took the score on, but although we managed to fulfil our 20 overs with a challenging 120, Rainford found a way to win. Their pro Nihal Desai carried his bat through the innings to finish on 68 n.o. and they never really looked in danger of losing as their experienced top order took no chances. Apart from one occasion when Tom Meskell's flying leap near the ropes nearly paid off, but they won with 9 balls to spare.

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**			
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 24/05/25)

FIRST ELEVEN - PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Ormskirk	5	4	1	0	0	15	9	0	104
Leigh	5	4	0	1	0	9	4	0	93
Rainford	5	3	0	2	0	11	8	0	79
Formby	5	3	0	2	0	10	6	0	76
Northern	5	2	1	2	0	19	13	0	72
Firwood Bootle	**5**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**15**	**0**	**67**
Wigan	5	2	2	1	0	12	8	0	60
Wallasey	5	2	0	3	0	10	7	0	57
Birkenhead Park	5	1	1	3	0	15	18	0	53
Colwyn Bay	5	1	1	3	0	5	7	11	38
Newton-le-Willows	5	0	2	3	0	14	18	0	32
Rainhill	**5**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**16**	**14**	**0**	**30**

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS - SATURDAY 24th MAY

BIRKENHEAD PARK (25pts) v WALLASEY (2pts) Birkenhead Park won by 6 wickets
Wallasey 80 all out (40.3); Birkenhead Park 84-4 (16.3)
NEWTON-le-WILLOWS (4pts) v FIRWOOD BOOTLE (25pts) Firwood Bootle won by 4 wkts
Newton-le-Willows 129 all out (42.2); Firwood Bootle 130-6 (25.3)
NORTHERN (9pts) v FORMBY (25pts) Formby won by 23 runs
Formby 288-8 dec (50); Northern 265 all out (53)
ORMSKIRK (25pts) v LEIGH (4pts) Ormskirk won by 159 runs
Ormskirk 252-9 dec (52.5); Leigh 93 all out (24.2)
RAINHILL (3pts) v RAINFORD (24pts) Rainford won by 105 runs
Rainford 197-6 dec (55); Rainhill 92 all out (27.4)
WIGAN (20pts) v COLWYN BAY (1pt) Wigan won by 8 wkts
Colwyn Bay 87 all out (40.4); Wigan 89-2 (21.3)