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FIRWOOD BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB



REVIEW 2025

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Firwood Bootle Cricket Club

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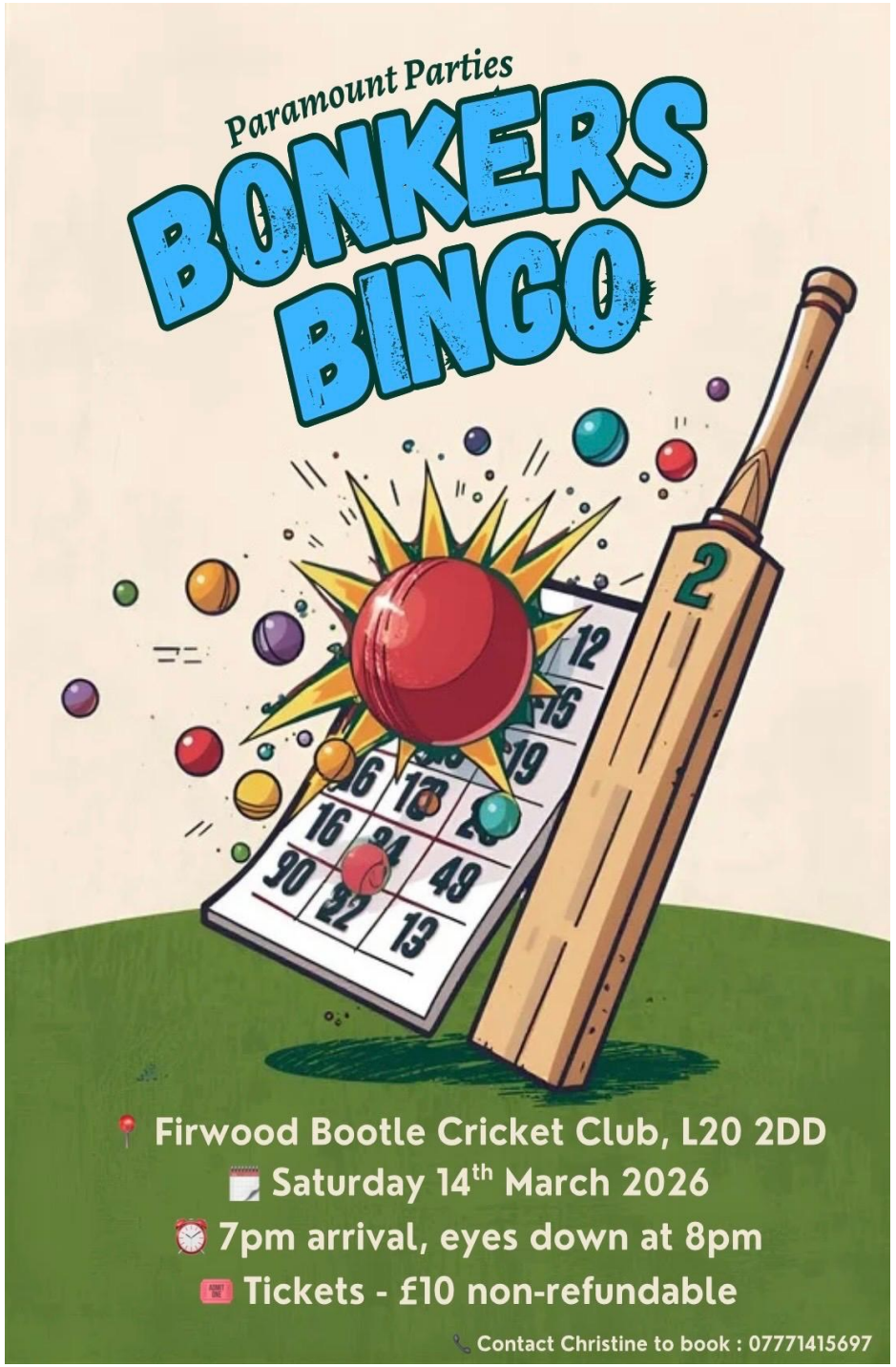
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PETER BOOTH TROPHY
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR



Lindsay Brizelll has been the Club Secretary since 1994.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members

As autumn is upon us, I'm sure we all reflect on the trials and tribulations of the summer. Whilst I will leave the various captains to give more details on the playing front I would like to congratulate the third team on their table-topping season.

The first team consolidated their position in the Premier League and the 2nd eleven narrowly missed out on promotion.

One of the most pleasing aspects of our club was emphasised at the awards night. It was wonderful to see all the first team players there and them being so enthusiastic and pleased for the successes of the other teams and Juniors. That is what makes our club so special.

I'd also like to thank Jackie, Lindsay and all the rest of the committee for their commitment and unseen hard work over the past twelve months , as we appear to be on a more secure and stable footing financially than we have for many years. Sarah and Mike continue to amaze me with their devotion and dedication to all that is asked of them.

Have a good New Year and winter to all involved

Dick Carr, President

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

As Chair of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club, I am proud to present my annual report for 2025.

"*My role is to Chair a committed team of passionate volunteers who all have the same goal to make our wonderful Club FBCC a safe, happy and self-sufficient inclusive place to play and enjoy our cricket within the Bootle Community for years to come*."

With this in mind. I have nothing but pride and thanks for those involved that give their personal time and energy that goes into achieving this. The endless hours of unpaid time and care is second to none and makes our club what you see today, and I for one am eternally grateful for your continued commitment.

Firwood Bootle Cricket Club continues to thrive because of people—people who care deeply about the club, its values and its future. 2025 has once again shown just how strong our volunteer-led foundation is, and how much can be achieved when everyone pulls together with the same shared purpose

Committee and Volunteers Our committee and wider volunteer team remain the backbone of the club. Their dedication behind the scenes often unseen and always unpaid ensures that the club operates smoothly, safely and sustainably. From planning and governance to safeguarding and development, the time and effort invested is truly invaluable and special thanks must go to our Secretary Lindsay Brizell and Treasurer Billy Midgley. Alongside Peter Booth and our President Dick Carr for their constant support and work they give me and put into the club.

Coaches To Danny Hart and our coaches, thank you for your commitment, patience and passion. You play a vital role in developing not just cricketers, but confident respectful and motivated individuals. Your willingness to give up evenings and weekends to support players of all ages is hugely appreciated and fundamental to the success and enjoyment of our cricket.

Team Captains Our captains deserve recognition for their leadership both on and off the field. You set standards, support teammates and represent Firwood Bootle Cricket Club with pride and integrity. Your influence extends far beyond match days, and your commitment helps maintain the strong culture we value so highly. It has been so pleasing to witness our Youth Section players in every team this year making valuable contributions to all the successes. Congratulations to our 3rd Eleven for their promotion, well done all.

KEN YOUNG TROPHY YOUNG CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



Since joining the cricket club in 2023, at under 13 and not having played much cricket before. Adam has just surprised us all with the progress he has made. Making his senior debut after only one year, playing a few matches for the 3rd eleven.

This year he has captained our under 15s to a League Championship. He also made his 2nd eleven debut playing 10 matches.

A nice young man, who is a popular member of all the club teams he plays for. He deserved this award. Well done Adam.

Keep it going,

SPECIAL AWARDS



William Schafer
For Under 9s
4 wickets in four balls
vs Widnes at Wavertree



Jake Morgan
For Under 11s (T16)
3 overs 5 wickets 14 runs



Daisy Pavey
For Under 18s
4 overs 4 wickets 18 runs
vs Wavertree at Wadham Road
21st July 2025

Scorers and umpires Cricket simply cannot function without you. Special thanks to Kerryann and Tom Law for coordinating many of the fixtures. Our scorers and umpires give their time, expertise and concentration to ensure matches are played fairly, accurately and in the right spirit. Your contribution is often taken for granted, but it is absolutely essential, and we thank you sincerely for your dedication. Also our special thanks to Majic our 1st team scorer and author of Majic's Moments for your stoic unwavering time and commitment you personally give to every game and our club.

Ground Staff The condition of our facilities speaks volumes about the hard work of our ground staff. Preparing pitches, maintaining the outfield, and ensuring the ground is safe and welcoming requires significant effort and pride in the club. Your work allows cricket to happen, and we are incredibly grateful.

Press and Communications Thank you to Paul Bradley aka "Scoop" who writes and produces our home game programs these always have so much detail, brilliant and not forgetting your part in the double act of the Dynamic Duo by chauffeuring Majic to every game in your "Tangerine Dream." Thanks also to Mike and others for the club social media and communication updates. Sharing our successes, promoting fixtures and celebrating our people helps strengthen the club's identity and keeps our wider community engaged and informed. Huge thank you to all our loyal Sponsors who constantly contribute to all things Bootle throughout the season we totally appreciate your support in our community and club.

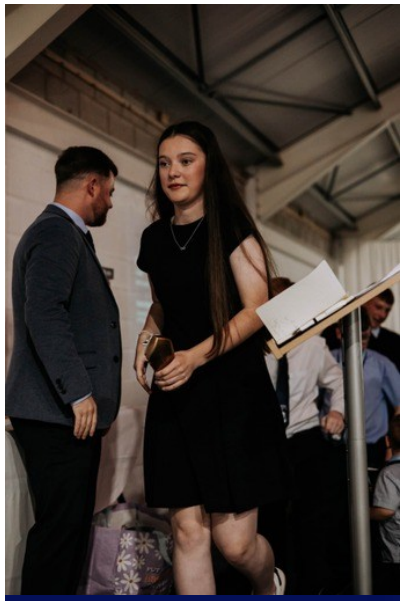
Catering and Hospitality Finally, thank you Sarah and Mike and the team involved in catering and hospitality. Your efforts create a welcoming atmosphere for players, officials and visitors alike. The social side of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club is huge part of what makes it special and keeps us going financially and your contribution plays a vital role in that. Club BBQs have been a huge success and I look Forward to more this coming season.

In closing, Firwood Bootle Cricket Club continues to be a club built on generosity, team work and shared values, I am immensely proud to Chair such a dedicated group of volunteers and supporters. Thank you all for everything you have done throughout 2025—your commitment ensures that our club remains a safe, happy and inclusive place to enjoy cricket for many years to come. Now let's get 2026 started and enjoy our cricket.

Jackie Rose

Chair of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club





BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Daisy Pavey



MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joseph Walsh



COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lewis Duncan-Brown

UNDER 18





BATSMAN OF THE YEAR

AND

PLAYERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Matthew Evans



CAPTAIN'S BLOG

A season of consolidation ended in us achieving our goal. Surviving our first year back in the Premier League was quite an achievement given promoted sides are favourites to go straight back down to Division 1, as they have done so many times in the past. To finish 8th, 44 points above the drop without a genuine scare is job done. We had breakthrough years with the bat for Ali Andrady, Kris Ali and Steve Rimmer and it puts us in good stead moving forward. The mammoth run total of Ivan Kriek, our newly recruited overseas player, was the standout and he made quite an impression in his first year at the club. We move forward and look to progress in the coming years, with a top half finish and some silverware firmly on the radar if we continue on our uphill trajectory in performances. We have a squad who want to improve, and with the emergence of young talent from the likes of Jaden Rose and Joe Adderley, the future is brighter at Firwood Bootle Cricket Club. The league is only strengthening, but as we look ahead, the goal is to strengthen from within and develop the players and squad we have worked so hard to create. The talent within the 2nd and 3rd XI is growing, and we continue to work behind the scenes to ensure we create future 1st XI players.

Shaneil Patel-Ponda

1st XI Captain

Group 1 Toyota

A VIEW FROM THE BOUNDARY

by Scoop



It's a funny month October, I've always thought that. If you're a cricket fan at least you can console yourself that the football season is underway because there's still a sporting interest for you to follow. If you're a player, it's probably the realisation that your wife left you in June! And for the cricket lover it's the start of a long cold, wet autumn and winter. It will be the same up and down the country in most clubs I suppose, but there is consolation that once Christmas and New Year are done, we only have until April to wait for the cycle to start all over again. So, as we bade a fond farewell to Hermann Rolfes 12 months ago at the end of 2024, we were able to welcome another South African, Ivan Kriek into the squad at the start of 2025. Hermann's role in the team was the key reason in getting us promotion to the Premier Division and as we progressed through the fixtures this season, it soon became apparent that Ivan was going to be a very good replacement. Also, as he had joined us from Rainford, his experience of the Prem proved invaluable. So, being drawn to play Highfield in the 1st round of the Digman Trophy as our opening game of the season, was never going to be an easy one. And being newly promoted meant we would be a fair scalp for them. So it was a bit of a test for us, not just as a team but also for our new debutants Ivan and Kris Ali, our newly acquired batsman from Liverpool CC. But as it turned out they settled into things and had an immediate impact. They saw us home with an unbeaten 113 run partnership, Ivan scoring 73n.o. and Kris 47n.o. making it a wonderful winning start for both. Kris probably edged it as player of the match as he took 5 catches behind the stumps. Ivan like Herman, a South African all rounder



BATSMAN OF THE YEAR

Adam Morris



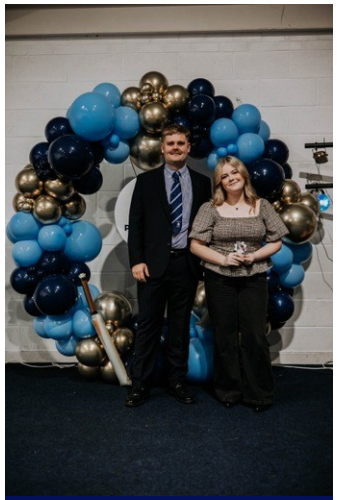
BOWLERS OF THE YEAR

Patrick Edwards and Ben Medlicott



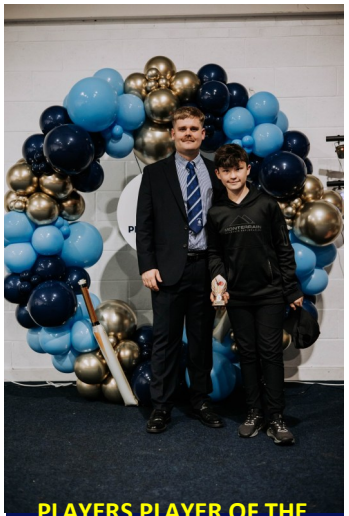
COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lillian Johansen



MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lexi Burns-Jones



PLAYERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ben Medlicott

UNDER 15

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS





Kevin Anthony Stuart 4th Oct 1982-3rd Jan 2026

Kevin was involved with Cricket as a Junior from 1997 and he went on to play for all senior sides and helped Coach the junior team to win at Old Trafford in 2005 with Jackie Westhead. Kev will be greatly missed by all for his true team player ability and kind generous heart.

“Try to Be more like Kevin”

soon made his presence felt in the team once the league programme started as well. He was far from being a one-man band though, as he received excellent support from other members of the squad as the season went on; Kris Ali as mentioned, Steve Rimmer and Ali Andrady all with the bat, spring to mind. But to be honest all our players made some contribution or played a significant part at some point in any given match. Once the league season started we quickly carried on where we left off from the previous week against Highfield. We faced Birkenhead Park for our league opener and soon made our presence felt. I noticed a familiar pattern to these opening games, that each time the opposition won the toss they batted first then declared early, but to our credit it didn’t affect us at all. Maybe they were expecting us to be a bit short chasing their targets, but Birkenhead Park, Northern and Ormskirk all failed in their attempts to put pressure on us early in the season. Birkenhead Park failed miserably on the Premier League opener, setting us 237 to win after they declared on 45 overs. Openers Steve Rimmer and Westy set us up for our first win putting on a winning partnership of 146. Westy fell on 53 and Steve unfortunately missed out on his maiden hundred in the Liverpool Comp making 94, but they’d both already done enough. The fixtures fell a little unkindly on these opening weeks as our first home game 7 days later was against Northern. And just like the previous week they batted first and declared, I won’t say sportingly because it’s Northern after all. It was a tempting total though, but as wickets fell regularly our last pair, skipper Shaneil and Joe Adderley saw the game out to earn a creditable draw. And once more our next home game against reigning champions Ormskirk followed the same pattern, chasing runs after an early declaration. So with 6 overs left our last pair saved the day. Joe Adderley was this time left with Jhangir as they successfully negotiated the final overs. Sandwiched in between was a trip to Wig-

-an, where the roles were reversed this time as Wigan managed to cling on with their last pair as we set them a target of 244 to win and as we crowded the bat trying to claim the last wicket they held out. Ivan was top scorer once more but just failed in his attempt at a maiden century for the club. He scored 96 in a stand of 138 with Sagar Trivedi which included 2 sixes and 11 fours off 122 balls. It has to be said that one of those sixes found its way through the back window of the Tangerine Dream Mk II, which happened to be just 2 days old! After another win, this time at Newton-le-Willows, we went through a bit of a fallow spell in June losing to Rainhill, Leigh and Formby, then drawing a tight game with Colwyn Bay at home, which could have turned either way in the end. So at the half-way stage of the season we got back to winning ways with a win against Wallasey at Wadham Rd. A loss to Northern and another draw against Birkenhead Park brought us then to the match of the season at home to Formby. In my short time working for Bootle I've never seen a match so exciting as this one. I've heard a lot of stories of the glory days involving Coey, Craig Prince and other names from that era so it was fitting that this one featured Ian Cockbain Jr. It's a name that will forever be linked to history and success at Firwood Bootle and he didn't disappoint even though he was captaining Formby. I wrote at the time that it was a cultured and effortless 188 n.o. and one in which his dad Ian Snr would have been proud to make. But what made this match more memorable was the fact Bootle won it! Formby declared on 296-7 from just 41 overs but we chased it down thanks to big contributions from Ali Andrady (94) and Steve Rimmer (72). So on a day in which 594 runs were scored this must have been the comeback of the season in the Prem. And just to cap a thrilling day Jaden Rose hit the winning runs, a huge six, on his 18th birthday! July was quite



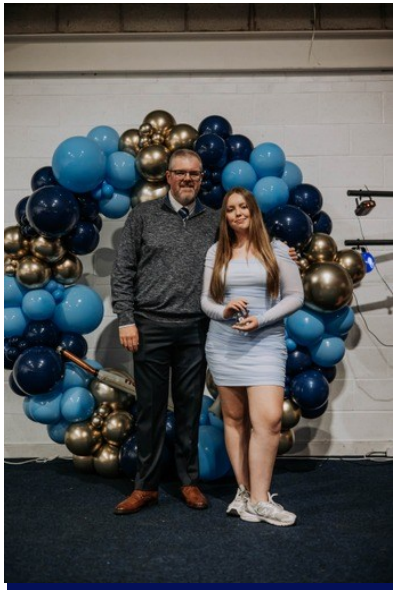
COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Isobel Duncan-Brown



PLAYERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

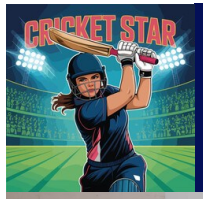
Heidi Ward



MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Harriet Davies





UNDER 14 GIRLS









BATTER OF THE YEAR

Daisy Pavey

BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Georgia Benton-Newman

eventful . So eventful actually, because early on in the month our top bowler Sagar jumped ship to join Colwyn Bay, so we had to cope without him which put a lot of pressure on the rest of the team. I think this was the moment we had to show some spirit in the team, and we did. It was bound to weaken our pace attack but we showed some fight in the remaining matches. We rescued Greg Liebenberg from the clutches of Northern which helped and I'm sure he'll improve the team having spent just under 2 months of the season with us. I think we know by now that having seen Joe Adderley and Jaden Rose regularly, they are ready to step up next season as they have youth on their side. Another issue in July was being deducted a penalty point. This happened in the home draw vs Birkenhead Park during which the umpires calculated an over rate of 16.2 per hour when the required rate is 17 p/h. It got worse 3 weeks later though, in a home match again, this time against Wigan. We only managed 15.4 overs p/h, so having dipped below 16 overs were promptly deducted 2 penalty points this time. That's maybe something we should take a little more notice of in future. We gained one more win, against Newton-le-Willows before the season ended as the last 2 matches against Leigh (h) and Colwyn Bay (a) were a complete wash out without a ball being bowled. I have to say that Colwyn Bay has been a bit of a jinx as far as I'm concerned. That's the second year in a row the game has been cancelled because of the weather, and I missed the only other time I could have seen them because of my own circumstances. I'll have to wait at least another 12 months now as they went down to the 1st Division with Birkenhead Park. At least it proved to Sagar that the grass isn't always greener on the other side! All that was left at the end of an exciting season then were the Annual Awards, and it was inevitable that Ivan would be voted player

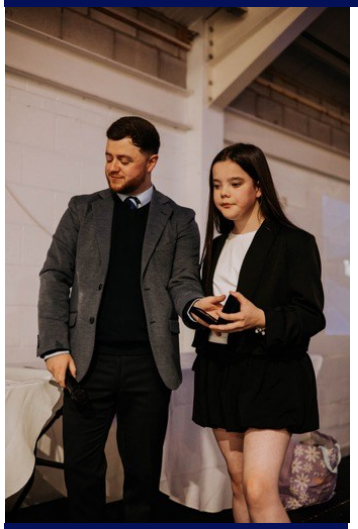
of the Year. He hit 2 centuries, achieved our top score of 110 n.o. and was top of the club's averages as well. Tom Evans, who writes for Merseyside Cricket Online and was formerly chief cricket writer for the Liverpool Echo, agreed. He always chooses his Team of the Year and his rules are simple, one player from each club in a balanced XI, with a 12th player from the bottom side. Ivan, not surprisingly, featured as Bootle's representative at No.5 I should mention Greg Liebenberg who topped our bowling averages in his brief time in the season. He did achieve one 5 wicket match, that was 5-59 against Wallasey, so hopefully he can be a valuable player for us next term. I should also mention about the new change in league structure from next season onwards. I've included a statement from the League committee below, but hopefully it will become clearer as the season goes on.

"There's a new era for the Liverpool Competition starting from next season, as from 1st November 2025, the Southport & District Amateur League were invited to join the Liverpool Comp. This means that 16 new clubs will now join the 36 existing full member clubs and will now play in the newly established Transition Divisions (T1 and T2) in 2026. There will be no change in the current structure for the Premier League, Division 1 and Division 2 (1st XI and 2nd XI). The clubs will be welcomed at the Liverpool Comps AGM to be held on 20th January 2026."

Paul Bradley (Scoop).

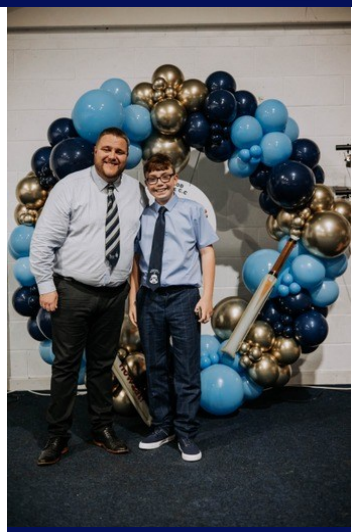
Press Officer

FBCC TEAM OF THE YEAR



BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Emilia Pavey



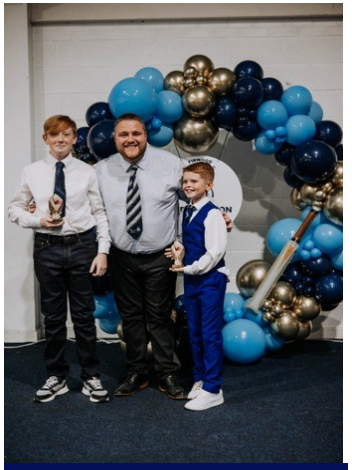
COACHES PLAYER

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MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

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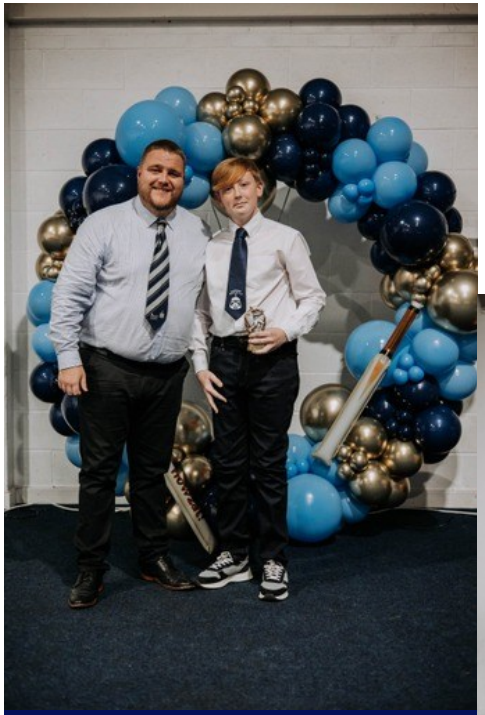


PLAYERS PLAYER (TIED)

Riley Stevenson

George Schafer

UNDER 13
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



BATSMAN OF THE YEAR

Riley Stevenson



BOWLERS OF THE YEAR

Emilia Pavey and

Riley Stevenson

LOVE LANE
LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION
ECB 1st DIVISION
FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Ormskirk	22	15	5	1	1/0	75	31	0	411
Northern	22	13	4	3	1/1	75	33	0	378
Leigh, Lancashire	22	11	3	4	3/1	41	30	0	311
Rainford	22	8	5	7	2/0	53	51	0	276
Rainhill	22	9	3	6	2/2	27	36	0	263
Wallasey	22	8	3	9	1/1	50	36	0	256
Formby	22	8	5	5	3/1	46	25	0	251
Firwood Bootle	**22**	**5**	**5**	**8**	**3/1**	**51**	**41**	**3**	**209**
Newton-le-Willows	22	4	5	10	2/1	47	60	0	202
Wigan	22	4	6	10	1/1	50	49	0	189
Colwyn Bay	22	3	6	11	1/1	51	44	0	165
Birkenhead Park	22	1	6	15	0	49	66	0	135

ORMSKIRK ARE CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE

THE BOTTOM TWO CLUBS IN THE PREM (COLWYN BAY & BIRKENHEAD PARK) ARE RELEGATED TO THE 1st DIVISION

THE TOP TWO CLUBS IN THE 1st DIVISION (LIVERPOOL & ORRELL RED TRIANGLE) ARE NOW PROMOTED TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

AS LYTHAM HAVE NOW WITHDRAWN FROM THE LIVERPOOL COMP ONLY ONE TEAM, OLD XAVERIANS, ARE RELEGATED TO THE 2nd DIVISION

THE TOP TWO CLUBS IN THE 2nd DIVISION (AINSDALE & NORTHOP HALL) ARE NOW PROMOTED TO THE 1st DIVISION

1ST ELEVEN LEAGUE RESULTS
PREMIER DIVISION 2025

26th April, Birkenhead Park (away): Firwood Bootle won by 4 wickets

Birkenhead Park 236-5 dec (45); (A Clarke 98, AS Abdullah 64*), (K New 2-42

Firwood Bootle+ 240-6 (52); (S Rimmer 94, R Westwell 52)

3rd May Northern (home): Match drawn

Northern+ 221-5 dec (48.4); (L Grey 54, L Bhabra 39), (S Trivedi 3-73)

Firwood Bootle 182-9 (46); (I Kriek 67, J Liaqat 36), (L Grey 5-41)

10th May, Wigan (away) Match drawn

Firwood Bootle 243-7 dec (51.3); (I Kriek 96, S Trivedi 73)

Wigan+ 180-9 (46); (B Barrow 51), (S Trivedi 5-51, J Liaqat 4-64)

17th May, Ormskirk (home) Match drawn

Ormskirk 223-9 dec (54.1); (T Brown 51, G Politis 43), (S Trivedi 5-51)

Firwood Bootle+ 206-9 (48); (I Kriek 47, S Rimmer 24), (J Barnes 4-33)

24th May, Newton-le-Willows (away) Firwood Bootle won by 4 wkts

Newton-le-Willows+ 129 all out (42.2); (A Miakhel 41), (S Trivedi 4-44, K New 4-66

Firwood Bootle 130-6 (25.3); (S Trivedi 32, K Ali 28*), (L Spilsbury 3-24)

31st May, Rainhill (home) Rainhill won by 6 wickets

Firwood Bootle 198-8 dec (59); (I Kriek 110*, A Andrady 29), (K Usman 5-58)

Rainhill+ 199-4 (33.5); (R Brown 82*, K Usman 57*), (J Rose 2-55)

7th June, Rainford (home) Match cancelled without a ball bowled

14th June Leigh (away) Leigh won by 112 runs

Leigh 274-3 dec (44.5); (M McKiernan 150*, L Prescott 76), (J Andrady 2-40)

Firwood Bootle+ 162 all out (42), (K Ali 63, J Liaqat 33*), (A Shallcross 4-34)

21st June, Formby (away) Formby won by 4 wickets

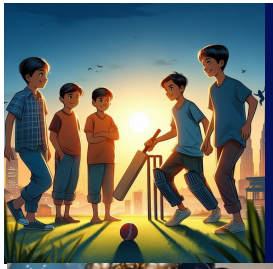
Firwood Bootle 225 all out (51.1); (I Kriek 57, J Liaqat 22), (L Edward 5-72)

Formby 229-6 (33.4); (T Billington 68, O Sutton 65), (I Kriek 3-23)

28th June, Colwyn Bay (home) Match drawn

Firwood Bootle 251-7 dec (50.5); (A Andrady 75, S Trivedi 60), (M Russell 4-87

Colwyn Bay+ 247-6 (49); (S Morris 105, C Collins 58), (K New 2-54, S Trivedi 2-74)



UNDER 9s



BATSMAN OF THE YEAR-

William Schafer





BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Thomas Duncan-Brown



COACHES PLAYER

Diana Schafer



MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Hudson Turner



PLAYERS PLAYER

Alfie Draper



Junior

Presentation 2025



Just a brilliant night again for our annual presentation. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a great evening: Compare: Danny Hart. All the coaches. Special thanks to Mike and Sarah and all the staff at the cricket club. To all the parents, grand parents, uncles and aunties we couldn't do it all with out you.

To all our fantastic children. Your just amazing. Keep it going

Our junior section goes from strength to strength. With the under 13s and 15s winning their leagues. Long may it continue.

FIRWOOD BOOTLE CC UNDER 9s 2025



5th July, Wallasey (home) Firwood Bootle won by 6 wickets

Wallasey 273-3 dec (48); (E With 100, E Alavi 83), (J Rose 1-31, K New 1-34)

Firwood Bootle+ 275-4 (41.5); (I Kriek 104*, K Ali 65*), (O Sutton 2-89, S Botes 1-69)

12th July, Northern (away) Northern won by 84 runs

Northern+ 259-6 dec (43); (S Gautam 59, L Bhabra 57), (J Andrady 3-51)

Firwood Bootle 175 all out (44.4); (J Liaqat 52, S Patel-Ponda 44*), (T Sephton 4-68)

19th July, Birkenhead Park (home) Match drawn

Firwood Bootle 222-8 dec (59); (I Kriek 54, K Ali 41), (C Stenhouse 5-80)

Birkenhead Park+ 156-7 (38); (AS Abdullah 59, J Crofton 34), (K New 4-62)

26th July, Formby (home) Firwood Bootle won by 3 wickets

Formby 296-6 dec (41); (I Cockbain 188*), (J Adderley 2-26, G Liebenberg 2-72)

Firwood Bootle+ 298-7; (A Andrady 94, S Rimmer 72, I Kriek 47), (L Edward 4-114)

2nd August, Wallasey (away) Wallasey won by 127 runs

Wallasey+ 218 all out (54.2); (D Beaver 56, C Windell 36), (G Liebenberg 5-59)

Firwood Bootle 91 all out; (I Kriek 32, K Ali 25), (S Botes 3-29, E Alavi 3-43)

9th August, Wigan (home) Wigan won by 7 wickets

Firwood Bootle 252-7 dec (57); (S Rimmer 94, I Kriek 39), (A Dalugoda 3-68)

Wigan+ 254-3 (43.1); (C Taylor 117*, J Boyden 48*), (K New 2-47)

16th August, Ormskirk (away) Ormskirk won by 111 runs

Ormskirk 276-5 dec (43); (G Knight 87, C Turner 66), (G Liebenberg 2-47)

Firwood Bootle+ 165 all out (41.3); (K Ali 45, A Andrady 40), (M Farrell 3-38)

23rd August, Newton-le-Willows (home) Bootle won by 29 runs

Firwood Bootle 214 all out (46.3); (A Andrady 48, K Ali 43), (L Yates 6-52)

Newton-le-Willows+ 185 all out (47.4); (B Walkden 57), (G Liebenberg 4-62)

30th August, Rainhill (away) No decision

Firwood Bootle 111-6 (31.2); (R Westwell (38*, G Liebenberg 29), (K Usman 4-27)

Rainhill+ - did not bat

6th September, Rainford (away) Rainford won by 3 wickets

Firwood Bootle 217 all out (53.5); (A Andrady 52, J Andrady 49), (J Dotters 8-59)

Rainford 221-7 (51.1); (D Hayes 44*, J Login 27), (J Liaqat 2-24, J Rose 2-45)

13th September, Leigh (home) No decision

20th September, Colwyn Bay (away) No decision

L&DCC RESULTS 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**	**Cancelled**	**5**	**6th**
14 Jun	Leigh	Away	Lost, 112 runs	4	6th
21 Jun	Formby	Away	Lost, 4 wkts	8	8th
28 Jun	**Colwyn Bay**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**8**	**8th**
05 Jul	**Wallasey**	**Home**	**Won, 6 wkts**	**20**	**8th**
12 Jul	Northern	Away	Lost, 84 runs	6	8th
19 Jul	**Birkenhead Park**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**6**	**8th**
26 Jul	**Formby**	**Home**	**Won, 3 wkts**	**20**	**7th**
02 Aug	Wallasey	Away	Lost, 127 runs	5	8th
09 Aug	**Wigan**	**Home**	**Lost, 7 wkts**	**4**	**8th**
16 Aug	Ormskirk	Away	Lost, 111 runs	5	8th
23 Aug	**Newton-le-Willows**	**Home**	**Won, 29 runs**	**24**	**8th**
30 Aug	Rainhill	Away	No decision	5	8th
06 Sep	Rainford	Away	Lost, 3 wkts	7	8th
13 Sep	**Leigh**	**Home**	**Cancelled**	**5**	**8th**
20 Sep	Colwyn Bay	Away	Cancelled	5	8th

highlighting the teams ability to post and defend a competitive total. In addition to these wins, the team remained competitive in several closely fought matches against strong opposition, including fixtures against; Birkenhead Park CC, Liverpool CC and Northern CC. While these matches resulted in defeats, they provided valuable learning opportunities and experience in high-pressure situations. One scheduled fixture was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather. Overall the results reflected a team that is improving competitive and capable of delivering strong performances, while continuing to learn and develop.

A particularly positive aspect of the season was the number of players gaining opportunities in senior cricket. This exposure is crucial for player development. The maturity and attitude shown by these players reflects very well on the under 18s setup and the wider club. Behaviour on and off the field was excellent throughout the season. Players represented Firwood Bootle CC with pride, showing respect to opponents, officials and teammates. This culture is vital as players progress towards senior cricket and reflects the standards expected at the club.

I would like to thank: All the players for their commitment, effort and positive attitude. Parents and guardians for their ongoing support, Club officials, volunteers, and helpers for their continued backing throughout the season.

The under 18s remain a vital bridge between junior and senior cricket at Firwood Bootle CC and the future continues to look very promising.

Danny Hart

Under 18s Coach

Firwood Bootle Cricket Club



The 2025 season proved to be a positive year Firwood Bootle CC under 18s, with strong levels of commitment, clear player development and encouraging performances across the fixture programme.

The primary focus throughout the season remained on developing technically sound, game aware cricketers who are prepared for transition into senior cricket.

The squad size remained consistent across the season with good attendance at both training sessions and matches. Players showed a strong attitude towards learning and competing. The overall commitment level was pleasing, particularly given school, college and cricket commitments. Several players balanced under 18 cricket alongside senior appearances, which reflects well on both the individuals and the effectiveness of the clubs player pathway.

Training sessions throughout the season focused on: Batting, technique, strike rotation and shot selection. Bowling accuracy, discipline and developing variations. Fielding intensity, fitness, catching standards, match awareness, leadership and decision making. There was clear improvement in bowling discipline and fielding standards as the season progressed. Players increasingly demonstrated the ability to transfer training work into match situations, showing greater confidence and tactical understanding.

The under 18s competed in a challenging fixture list and produced a number of strong performances during the 2025 season. The team recorded three notable victories: A dominant 10-wicket win against Old Xaverians CC, demonstrating excellent team bowling discipline followed by a controlled chase. A 6 wicket victory over Wallasey CC.

TOP 10 PERFORMERS 2025 (Premier League only)

QUALIFICATION 15 INNINGS

BATTING	INNS	RUNS	AVG	HS
I Cockbain (Formby)	28	1,563	71.05	188*
M McKiernan (Leigh, Lancashire)	21	1,257	83.80	150*
C Turner (Ormskirk)	28	1,229	47.27	134*
G Knight (Ormskirk)	24	1,003	59.00	133*
I Kriek (Firwood Bootle)	**23**	**983**	**49.15**	**110***
N Desai (Rainford)	29	959	36.88	138*
E Withe (Wallasey)	29	903	33.44	116
T McGladdery (Northern)	28	902	37.58	113
A Clarke (Birkenhead Park)	29	885	34.04	103
G Lavelle (Ormskirk)	24	853	44.89	103*

BOWLING	OVERS	WKTS	AVG	BEST
K Usman (Rainhill)	372.1	81	13.64	7-35
T Sephton (Northern)	330.3	70	17.03	8-48
E Alavi (Wallasey)	307.1	67	18.69	6-28
J Dotters (Rainford)	334.4	67	18.27	8-59
D Wilson (Northern)	326.3	67	19.30	8-74
L Edward (Formby)	268.2	63	19.19	6-14
A S Abdullah (Birkenhead Park)	313.2	60	15.93	6-56
T Bulcock (Ormskirk	250.4	56	15.88	9-42
S Botes (Wallasey)	229.1	54	20.91	9-41
A Shallcross (Leigh, Lancashire)	222.2	52	20.63	6-62

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025

(PREMIER DIVISION ONLY)

BATTING (QUALIFICATION 5 INNINGS)

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	100s	Avg
I Kriek	19	19	2	831	110*	2	48.88
J Liaqat	19	17	8	307	52	-	34.11
K Ali	17	17	3	454	65*	-	32.43
S Trivedi	9	9	0	258	73	-	28.67
A Andrady	18	18	0	455	94	-	25.28
S Patel-Ponda	18	11	7	90	44*	-	22.50
S Rimmer	18	18	0	389	94	-	21.61
R Westwell	17	17	1	280	52	-	17.50
J Andrady	15	15	1	213	49	-	15.21
J Adderley	11	7	2	69	19	-	13.80
G Liebenberg	7	7	0	95	39	-	13.57
J Rose	12	10	3	81	19	-	11.57
T Meskell	6	6	0	65	17	-	10.83
K New	17	8	2	22	11*	-	3.67





What a fantastic season it has been for the Firwood Bootle Under-15s! I'm delighted to report that our team finished top of the league and were crowned champions in the 2025 season, a truly outstanding achievement and something every player should be proud of.

From the very first match of the season right through to the final fixtures. The squad showed remarkable consistency , determination and teamwork. We secured multiple decisive victories, including strong wins over Birkenhead Park, Widnes, Old Xaverians, Wavertree and more.

Our success this season wasn't just down to a few great performances. It was built on collective effort. Every player contributed at crucial moments with bat, ball and in the field. There were many highlights, such as commanding batting displays, setting competitive totals and disciplined bowling efforts that consistently put pressure on the opposition.

Beyond the results, I've been incredibly impressed with the growth and development we've seen in each player. The squad demonstrated great sportsmanship, resilience when under pressure, and a real commitment to improving week by week. Qualities that reflect the spirit of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club.

A huge thank you to the players, parents and everyone who supported the team throughout the season. Lets take pride in this championship and look forward to building on this success next year.

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025

(PREMIER DIVISION ONLY)

BOWLING (QUALIFICATION 5 MATCHES)

NAME	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Avg
G Liebenberg	68	11	14	329	5-59	4.84	23.50
S Trivedi	126	23	21	524	5-51	4.16	24.95
K New	156.1	33	20	608	4-62	3.89	30.40
J Adderley	31	2	5	171	2-26	5.52	34.20
J Rose	75	9	10	382	2-16	5.09	38.20
J Andrady	58	3	9	349	3-32	6.02	38.78
I Kriek	35.1	0	5	199	3-23	5.66	39.80
J Liaqat	139.5	19	16	639	4-64	4.57	39.94
R Westwell	6	0	1	47	1-32	7.83	47.00
S Patel-Ponda	78.5	3	9	460	2-15	5.84	51.11

WICKET KEEPING SUMMARY

NAME	Mch	Byes	Ct	St	Total
K Ali	8	30	13	1	14
I Kriek	11	45	9	2	11

RAY DIGMAN TROPHY

1st Round: Highfield (home) - won by 7 wickets

2nd Round: Leigh (away) - lost by 66 runs

This happened to be our first full match of the season, a week before our opening league fixture on our return to the elite. We had two debutants who both played a major part in getting us into the 2nd round. Kris Ali starred hitting an unbeaten 47 as well as taking five catches behind the stumps, while Ivan Kriek, our newcomer from Rainford, top scored in the match with an unbeaten 73 to make an impressive start. This was no fluke either as both showed consistency throughout the season and regularly contributed important partnerships in the middle order. It was a quick start to this one as Kieron New and Jaden Rose had Highfield rocking on 47-5. Kieron got off to a flier taking a wicket with the first ball of the day and was well backed up by Jaden who finished with best figures of 4-26 off his 9 overs. Our visitors showed some resistance Lakmal and Harry Moxham pushed the score on to 120-7, but were eventually bowled out before their allocated 45 overs, setting us a total of 177 to win. We got off to a decent start in our reply with Steve Rimmer, Ryan Westwell and Ali Andrady taking us to 64-3 and that's when our new boys Ivan and Kris took a firm hold on things putting on 113 runs to see us home. Ivan's 73n.o. was made off 71 balls and included 7 fours and 3 sixes. Kris's 47 n.o. was off 50 balls including 4 fours and 1 six.



Irby next and another close game. This time we won by 5 runs.

Wavertree away and a loss by 1 run again it could of/should of gone the other way. The girls really battled well, taking the game to the last ball. Daisy (13), Lilli Johansen (13) and Heide (12) all doing well.

In the 2 final games of the season the girls played their best cricket. A loss to Northern by 27 runs but an inspirational one from them and a debut from Maisie Edwards who scored 11 opening the batting.

Going into the last game we had already finished 3rd We were playing the team that finished 2nd in the league a very strong Chester side. With no pressure the girls went out and had fun and with that came the win. Isobel (17) and Daisy (15) hitting our best pairs score of the season. Emilia Pavey (13) and Lilly Benton-Newman (11) helping our score to the highest runs total for the season 118. Great finish to the season girls.

This season also saw 5 of the girls play inter-league and represent the Liverpool & District Competition. A massive well done to them. Good luck for next season team.

Paul Guinness

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At the beginning of the season ,we had an idea of what we expected and where we wanted to be come the end of the season and I think the girls achieved that although not the way we were expecting to.

It was a mixed season for the team with only 10 games for them to play. We tried our best to get them all on (Special thanks to Gemma). We kicked off the season travelling to Irby who beat us in this fixture last season. The girls got off to a great start winning by 8 runs. With a solid all round performance

Wavertree next and our girls were very unlucky to lose by just 2 runs, through no fault of their own though! Daisy Pavey, Hattie Davies and Georgia Benton-Newman all hitting double figures with the bat.

The girls only had to wait a week for their next game, It was home to Northern, we lost by 40 runs it was a tough game against a very strong team. Heidi Ward and Isobel Duncan-Brown both scoring double figures. And taking a wicket each.

Hightown conceded in our net fixture and conceded again a few weeks later.

We travelled a little light to Chester Boughton Hall, another solid team. Heidi stepped in to wicket keep and did amazingly. We also had Evie Henderson playing her first game for Firwood Bootle without even meeting her team mates, she didn't look a bit out of place.

Lexi Burns–Jones was in the wickets and bowling maiden overs. It was a great effort but unfortunately Chester won by 27 runs. In this game we had one of our best pairs batting Partnerships of the season, Daisy and Isobell both scoring 14.

LIVERPOOL ECHO T20 KNOCKOUT

MATCH DETAILS

Prelim Round. 20th May: Rainford (home): Rainford won by 7 wkts

Firwood Bootle+ 119-9, 20 overs (K Ali 35); (J Login 2-13; D Hayes 2-14)

Rainford 124-3, 18.3 overs (N Desai 68*); (S Patel-Ponda 1-20; I Kriek 1-20)

FINALS DAY

The venue for Finals Day was at Moor Park, Northern CC on Monday 25th August

1st semi final: Widnes won by 1 run

Widnes+ 140-6, 20 overs (A Soni 63; A Uppal 43); (L Edward 3-9)

Formby 139-6, 20 overs (T Billington 86*); (T Evans 3-15)

2nd semi final: Northern won by 26 runs

Northern+ 156-4, 20 overs (S Lucas 81, T McGladdery 22)

Newton-le-Willows 130-7, 20 overs (H Croft 57*, B Walkden 33)

Final: Northern won by 7 wickets

Widnes+ 109 all out, 20 overs (O Price 22); (D Wilson 3-19, L Grey 2-11)

Northern 110-3, 16.2 overs (T McGladdery 45*, L Bhabra19*); (T McKeegan 2-30)

+indicates team winning the toss; *indicates not out batsman

Our appearance in the Liverpool Echo Knockout Trophy was brief, as it only lasted one game. And it wasn't going to be the first time this season that Rainford would triumph over us either. It's a tough draw for a preliminary round tie, especially so early in the season when we're only warming up and it certainly proved the case here. We fulfilled our 20 over requirement leaving Rainford to chase a challenging score of 120, thanks to the best partnership of the innings from Kris Ali (35) and Ali Andrady (23). Rainford's pro Nihal Desai pushed his team to the finishing post, carrying his bat through the innings to finish unbeaten on 68 and eventually winning with 9 balls left.

ECB VITALITY CLUB T20

1st Round: Sefton Park (away) won by 4 wickets

2nd Round: Caldy (away) won by 4 wickets

Quarter final: Rainford (home) lost by 14 runs

We had to work hard to get past Sefton Park in the 1st round. Although they didn't see out their 20 overs they still set us a competitive 129 runs to win. We tend to give places to some of our 2nd XI regulars in early rounds and it was the same here as Andy Hunt, Ethan McCormack and Graeme Jones were rewarded. They weren't required to bat, but Andy did take his first wicket at this level, and along with Josh bagging 3-10 and Jhangir also with 3 of his own Sefton Park were dismissed for 128. A big contribution by Kris Ali with the gloves helped massively as well as he took 3 stumpings and 2 catches. In reply we lost 3 early wickets but Ali Andrady and Kris put on a stand of 68 as we won by 4 wickets with 3 overs to spare. We faced a trip to Caldy in the 2nd round and that match ended up the same way as Sefton Park. We won the toss, put Caldy in bowled them out for 119 inside 18 overs and won by 4 wickets again. The match never looked like going ahead as we travelled but surprisingly, after a 15 minute delay it wasn't affected once we started. Joe Adderley, another recruit from the 2nd XI performed very well taking 2-17 off his allocated 4 overs. We were never in danger of losing but it has to be said that we were helped along by a poor bowling performance from Caldy who contributed 26 extras including 19 wides. Our nemesis, Rainford popped up in our half of the draw again. And once more at home, we lost. It was a closer match than the Echo Cup though. A loss by just 14 runs ended all hopes of a trophy for this season. My advice will be, let's just try and avoid Rainford in future.

We gave ourselves a good score to defend of 96 all out. We then needed just 16 overs to get the visitors all out for 40. with 6 different wicket takers, Riley, Paddy Carroll, and Patch Edwards taking two wickets each.

After a weeks break we faced Maghull away, were we scored a massive 151 for 6, Ryan Williams and Riley both hitting 30 plus, with 10 fours between them. We struggled for wickets when the home side batted, but our score was well beyond them and they finished on 101 for 1.

Old Xavs came to visit next. By now the team were flying and this game proved that. Batting first we put on a score of 139 for 2. Producing another three retirements; Patch, Paddy and George Schafer all getting 30s. Riley, Emilia and George taking 2 wickets each along with 4 other wicket takers, who included Jake Morgan on his debut for the under13s. Not forgetting Paddy who took 3 catches. Old Xavs were all out for 80 in 14 overs. A great team performance.

It was just so unfortunate what was to happen over the next 3 fixtures. Rainford away looked like it was going to start but was abandoned last minute. Then we had 2 teams concede on us Formby and Whitefield. Our last game of the season was away at Liverpool, and even after not playing for a few weeks they turned up yet again outscoring Liverpool by42 runs. To win the game and the league. Riley with another 30 plus, George with 25 off 25 balls also taking 2 wickets, alongside Ajay and Emilia.

They finished the season as unbeaten league winners. Having played and won 7 of their 12 league games, 3 games being conceded to us. Scoring a total of 803 runs , taking 51 wickets. The Under 13s not only finished the season as a successful team but put in some great individual efforts as well. They produced 5 of the top 10 batters in the league, 5 of the top ten bowlers and 6 of the best in the field… great achievements.

We would like to wish the players moving up to the next age group the very best, It's been a pleasure coaching you.

Good luck for next season every one

Danny, Rob and Paul.

CHAMPIONS





At the beginning of the season we decided to enter the under 13s in the development league as we had a few players stepping up from the under 11s together with a healthy mix of girls and boys. But, after just a few games into the season we did question if we could have gone a bit more competitive with them, as we had realised that we definitely had the talent in the squad to play at a higher level. However with this team our aim was for them to grow, learn, compete and most of all enjoy it together.

Their season started on the 15th May. Our first home game of this years campaign against Maghull. Which we won by 9 runs. Patrick Edwards scoring 24 off 28 balls and Smit Koli taking 2 wickets in his 2 overs. It was a close game and it would continue like that for a few games. But they were coming together as a group. A week later, Old Xavs. away, we were, two short for this one but managed to fill the squad with guest appearances, from Heidi Ward and Daire Carroll. Who both contributed with a couple of wickets each alongside Emilia Pavey who also took 2 wickets. Riley Stevenson top scored with 31 not out to become our first retirement of the season. He wasn't required to return though as we won by 15 runs, bowling Old Xavs out in 16 overs. The next two games didn't happen as Rainford conceded and Formby was a wash out.

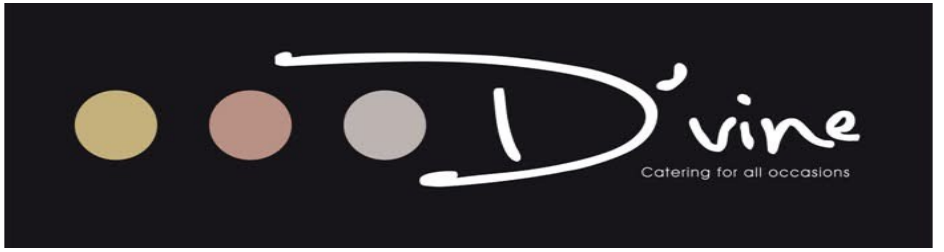
Whitefield next and there was concern for this too, as it had been raining all day, with more forecast, but credit to the hosting team for getting the game on. This was the game that worked the team hardest. In the end we managed to ground out a 3 run victory. Daisy Pavey being our second retirement in as many games scoring 31 not out.

How things change in a week:

It's now one of the hottest days of the year and we are hosting Liverpool at Stuart Road. The team had a different mentality about them this week. They wanted to win and knew how they wanted to do it.

FIRST ELEVEN FIXTURES
LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION
PREMIER LEAGUE 2026

Date	Opponents	Venue	Start Time	Away P.C
Apr-18	Cup Match		To Be Announced	
Apr-25	Liverpool	Away	12:00 noon	L19 3QF
May-02	Wallasey	Home	12:00 noon	L20 2DD
May-09	Northern	Away	12:00 noon	L23 2SX
May-16	Rainford	Home	12:00 noon	
May-23	Wigan	Away	12:00 noon	WN1 1RU
May-30	Orrell Red Triangle	Home	12:00 noon	
Jun-06	Formby	Away	12:00 noon	L37 7DP
Jun-13	Rainhill	Home	12:00 noon	
Jun-20	Ormskirk	Away	12:00 noon	L39 4RG
Jun-27	Newton-le-Willows	Home	12:00 noon	
Jul-04	Leigh	Home	12:00 noon	
Jul-11	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	12:00 noon	WN5 7XE
Jul-18	Formby	Home	12:00 noon	
Jul-25	Rainhill	Away	12:00 noon	L35 0LH
Aug-01	Ormskirk	Home	12:00 noon	
Aug-08	Newton-le-Willows	Away	12:00 noon	WA12 9UF
Aug-15	Leigh	Away	12:00 noon	WN7 3LH
Aug-22	Wigan	Home	12:00 noon	
Aug-29	Rainford	Away	12:00 noon	WA11 8HE
Sep-05	Northern	Home	12:00 noon	
Sep-12	Wallasey	Away	12:00 noon	CH63 7LF
Sep-19	Liverpool	Home	12:00 noon	



2nd XI REVIEW

As the **2025 season** comes to an end, I've found myself reflecting on what this group has achieved - not just in our results, but in the spirit, pride, and togetherness we've built within the 2s and for the whole club for that matter.

Captaining this team has meant more than leading players onto the field. It's been about being part of a group that genuinely supports one another, cares about the badge, and shows up every week ready to compete for each other and for the club. We finished the season in a fantastic **3rd place**, a position earned through commitment and shared effort throughout the summer. Our season record: **11 Wins**, **6 Losses** and **4 Draws,** each result tells its own story - of resilience, momentum shifts, and moments where someone stood up when the team needed it most.

A major pillar of our season was **Callum McGee**, who produced a truly excellent campaign: **605 League Runs @ 30.25.** Callum's runs held our innings together match after match. His willingness to lead from the front, absorb pressure, and set platforms gave the entire team confidence. His consistency was something we could depend on, and performances like his set the tone for our batting group.

Around him, others stepped up with partnerships, important knocks, and moments that turned games. Our growth as a batting unit has been one of the most pleasing aspects of the season.

At the heart of our bowling attack stood **Andy Hunt**, who delivered a season of immense value: **39 League Wickets @ 20.64**. Andy's ability to take wickets in the big moments kept us in games and swung momentum our way countless times. His control and consistency anchored our attack and lifted the team when we needed a breakthrough.

Supported by a strong group of bowlers who worked tirelessly in all conditions, we built pressure, held our nerve, and showed real character throughout the season**.**

Our fielding reflected our team identity - hardworking, committed, and proud. The improvement in our intensity and communication was clear to see, but more importantly, the belief we showed in each other grew as the months passed.

great batting from Oliver Guinness scoring 19 and Patrick Edwards 23*. An Unlucky loss to Sefton Park by 2 runs didn't dampen the kids spirit and they came back with a comfortable win against Maghull. Unfortunately, the last 2 matches ended in dismay, but both were very close. Matches with only 1 run in it vs Oxton and 15 runs short vs Northern . The team finished 2nd in the competition which was a massive improvement from the season before and provided the team with a lot of hope to clench the title this coming year.

Tom and Gemma would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players and parents for their support this season and hope to continue the growth and development of the team in 2026.

Tom and Gemma Under 11s Coaches





UNDER 11s REVIEW 2025

The 2025 Season started on 2nd May home to Formby and the team were off to a great start winning comfortably scoring 259 runs whilst the opposition only managed to put on 171. The winter training had clearly paid off with some great bowling performances from George Schafer taking 3 for 5 off 2 and Patrick Edwards 4 for 11 off 2. The Under 11s continued their winning streak taking the points in their next match away to Rainford with George putting on 21 runs and Patrick 19. This dynamic duo was off to a flying start! Firwood Bootle went on to win3 of their next 4 games which included a great bowling display from William Morton with figures of 2 for 6 off 2 overs, home to S&B, and Jake Morgan 2 or 4 off 2, home to Rainhill. At this stage of the season, the team currently held 1st place in the competition, but as last year, our Under 11 team entered the newly established T16 league alongside the original pairs league.

The pairs league became dedicated to those players still in their early stages of their cricket development supported by more senior players, but wow, some of them really impressed us. We Witnessed great batting from Jake morgan scoring 17 from 9 balls , William Schafer with 1 for 7 off 2 overs and Travis Stirzaker with 2 for 8 off 2 to mention a few. By the end of the season the team who had predominantly comprised of our younger/newer players, finished a very admirable 3rd out of 11 teams in the league.

Alongside these matches, the T16 league was also underway with a win at home to Liverpool by 19 runs. Stand out performances from Patrick Edwards 25* and Isobel Duncan-Brown with 16 . We went on to win our next 2 matches vs Northern and Oxton. Yet more stand out performances this time with the ball. Jake Morgan taking 5 for 14 off 3 overs and Kian Johansen 2 for 6 off one over. Vs Oxton. This was aided by some

The spirit in this team is one of its greatest strengths. The encouragement, the humour, the commitment, and the collective fight in tough moments are what make this group special.
Seeing our younger players grow this season has been incredibly rewarding. They stepped up, learned quickly, took responsibility, and showed the maturity required at this level. Their development is a credit to their work and to the support from our senior players, who lead with experience and pride.
This mix of youth and experience will serve the club well for years to come.
I would like to thank Jack Cliff for umpiring most of our games this season. Jack takes pride in his officiating and although he's associated to our club his professionalism throughout the season was noticed by many other clubs and umpires he shared the field with. Also a big thank you to John Evans our scorer for keeping the scorebook in check and keeping the board ticking.
And of course, **every player** who gave their best, supported their teammates, and made this season something to truly enjoy. Finishing **3rd** gives us a great foundation - but it's also motivation.
I truly look forward to working with every single one of you through the winter. The dedication we show in the off-season will shape what we can achieve in 2026. Together, we can push ourselves further and continue building towards our shared goal:

to have all our teams competing in Premier Divisions, standing alongside our other senior sides, and representing Firwood Bootle CC at the highest levels possible.

With the talent, character, and unity in this group, it's a goal well within reach.

Thank you all for an unforgettable 2025.
It has been an honour, as it is to captain any side of Firwood Bootle CC.

Danny Hart, 2nd XI Captain

L&DCC RESULTS 2025
1st DIVISION - 2ND 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	Won, 23 runs	23	5th
14 Jun	**Orrell Red Triangle**	**Home**	**Won, 63 runs**	**25**	**3rd**
21 Jun	**Spring View**	**Home**	**Lost, 142 runs**	**2**	**7th**
28 Jun	Colwyn Bay	Away	Won, 91 runs	20	5th
5 July	Southport Trinity	Away	Won, 8 wkts	20	4th
12 July	**Northop Hall**	**Home**	**Won, 5 wkts**	**24**	**4th**
19 July	Highfield	Away	Lost, 145 runs	2	4th
26 July	Spring View	Away	Won, 59 runs	20	4th
27 July	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	Lost, 6 wkts	6	5th
2 Aug	**Southport Trinity**	**Home**	**Won,82 runs**	**25**	**5th**
9 Aug	New Brighton	Away	Won,21 runs	25	4th
16 Aug	**Liverpool**	**Home**	**Won, 8 wkts**	**25**	**3rd**
23 Aug	Ainsdale	Away	Match drawn	9	3rd
30 Aug	**Wavertree**	**Home**	**Lost, 5 wkts**	**7**	**3rd**
6 Sept	**Old Xaverians**	**Home**	**Lost, 7 wkts**	**5**	**4th**
20 Sept	**Colwyn Bay**	**Home**	**Cancelled**	**5**	**3rd**



Having lost five or six players to the under 11s, I was slightly apprehensive about the season. I was extremely proud of how the under 9s performed especially the new players. Who joined the team. Despite having never played before; Caleb Cousins, Kaya Urhan, and Elliot Usher performed brilliantly with Caleb not missing a single game. We also had several other players joining the team during the season including Harris, Will and Joseph. Who again despite limited experience all took to the game really well and showed great promise. A special mention has to go to Ronnie Schafer, who considering his young age showed great potential with the bat and ball and hopefully he will follow in his brothers footsteps.

Batsman of the year for the under 9s was Will Schafer, Will scored over 200 runs for the under 9s and always wanted to be involved as mush as possible. He was always eager to lead from the front and set the field during games.

Bowler of the year was Thomas Duncan-Brown, Who like Will has excellent knowledge of the game and is a great all-round player. Thomas being one of the younger players of the team was more than happy to give instructions to the older players.

Players player award went to Alfie Draper. Alfie has been with us for a number of years and this season he didn't miss a game for us and performed consistently well all season with the bat and ball.

The most improved player went to Hudson Turner. Like Alfie Hudson has been with the under 9s for quite a few years and this was his best season so far. Hudson's bowling continued to improve and he has shown great promise with the bat. Hudson looks a great prospect for the future.

juniors leading by example and preparing for senior cricket, this has truly been a season to remember. The future of junior cricket at Firwood Bootle Cricket Club is incredibly bright.

Thank you once again to everyone involved for making this such a successful and enjoyable season. I look forward to building on this progress and welcoming every-one back for another exciting year ahead.

Danny Hart
Head of Junior Section

JUNIOR CRICKET

WINTER TRAINING TIMES 2026

(Commencing Monday 12th January 2026)

Monday's	UNDER 11s	6:OOpm to 7:30pm
	UNDER 15s	7:30pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday's	UNDER 9s	6:00pm to 7:30pm
	LADIES	7:30pm to 9:00pm
Wednesday's	UNDER 13s	6:00pm to 7:30pm
	UNDER 81s	7:30pm to 9:00pm

Winter indoor training days are weekly until April. Boys and Girls are welcome age 6 upwards.

Group Guide.

Under 9s up to school year 4
Under 11s School Years 5 and 6
Under 13s School Years 7 and 8
Under 15s School Years 9 and 10
Under 18s School Years 11 upwards



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2ND ELEVEN

1st DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts
Wavertree (Prom)	22	16	0	4	2/0	40	46	0	416
Colwyn Bay (Prom)	22	14	4	2	2/0	59	33	0	382
Firwood Bootle	**22**	**11**	**4**	**6**	**1/0**	**54**	**45**	**0**	**324**
Orrell Red Triangle	22	10	5	5	2/0	73	40	0	323
Liverpool	22	11	3	3	3/2	38	36	0	319
New Brighton	22	9	2	10	1/0	63	45	0	293
Ainsdale	22	6	2	13	1/0	53	47	0	225
Highfield	22	5	7	7	2/1	48	48	0	211
Old Xaverians	22	6	15	7	0/1	40	42	0	207
Spring View	22	4	6	10	1/1	49	58	0	197
Southport Trinity	22	4	4	13	1/0	42	51	0	178
Northop Hall	22	3	7	11	1/0	55	52	0	172

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2ND ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

BATTING (QUALIFICATION 6 INNINGS)

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	100s	Avg
T Carr	8	8	2	485	143*	1	80.83
T Meskell	11	11	2	391	108	1	43.44
J Adderley	8	5	1	159	62*	-	39.75
C Towle	8	6	1	194	93	-	38.80
D Hart	21	17	4	404	68	-	31.08
C McGee	21	21	1	605	86*	-	30.25
R McIntyre	12	8	2	152	66*	-	25.33
A Hunt	19	7	4	54	16*	-	18.00
J Nagle	11	9	1	110	25	-	13.75
M Evans	16	10	2	95	53	-	11.88
G Jones	21	13	3	87	28	-	8.70
L Duncan-Brown	8	7	0	14	101	-	2.00



FBCC Future is bright

As we come to the end of another cricket season, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club, to reflect on what has been a fantastic year for our junior section.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all our parents and families for their continued support throughout the season. From early starts and late finishes to transport, encouragement, and unwavering sideline support, none of what we achieve would be possible without your commitment and enthusiasm.

To our players, across all age groups, you should be extremely proud of your efforts this season. We have seen great improvements in skills, confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship from our Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s, and Under 18s. Regardless of results, the attitude, commitment, and enjoyment shown by our young cricketers truly represent the values of Firwood Bootle Cricket Club.

A huge thank you must go to our coaches and volunteers, whose dedication and hard work are the backbone of the junior section.

- Kev Kilbane, our Under 9s coach, has done a fantastic job introducing our youngest players to the game and helping them develop their skills while, most importantly, enjoying their cricket.

- Gemma and Tom, coaches of the Under 11s, have continued to build strong foundations, encouraging development, teamwork, and confidence as players progress through the age groups.

- Paul and Robbie, coaches of the Under 13s, deserve special recognition following an outstanding season that saw the team win their league, a real achievement built on commitment, discipline, and teamwork.

Peter, Andy, and Jack, coaches of the Under 15s, have also enjoyed a hugely successful year, guiding the team to league winners while continuing to develop players both technically and mentally.

These successes are a testament not only to the players' hard work but also to the excellent coaching, guidance, and support provided throughout the season.

From our youngest players taking their first steps in competitive cricket to our older

JUNIOR REVIEW 2025



UNDER 13s LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2025



2ND ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION ONLY)

BOWLING (QUALIFICATION 5 MATCHES)

NAME	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Avg
T Meskell	111.1	32	26	323	5-32	2.91	12.42
J Walsh	9	1	3	41	2-18	4.56	13.67
E McCormack	57.1	7	14	216	4-16	3.78	15.43
C McGee	127	18	31	596	5-22	4.69	19.23
D Hart	17	4	4	81	3-40	4.76	20.25
A Hunt	224.5	42	39	805	6-60	3.58	20.64
M Evans	104.2	9	17	472	3-24	4.52	27.76
G Jones	33.4	1	5	200	2-12	5.94	40.00
J Adderley	50	11	6	251	4-33	5.02	41.83
A O'Neill	11	2	0	71	0-15	6.45	—

WICKET KEEPING SUMMARY

NAME	Mch	Byes	Ct	St	Total
C Towle	6	8	4	4	8
D Hart	8	56	7	-	7
L Duncan-Brown	7	63	3	-	3

SECOND ELEVEN FIXTURES
LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION
DIVISION ONE 2026

Date	Opponents	Venue	Start Time	Away P.C
Apr-18	Cup Match	To Be Announced		
Apr-25	Old Xaverians	Home	12:45	
May-02	Liverpool	Away	12:45	L19 3QF
May-09	Spring View	Home	12:45	
May-16	Southport Trinity	Away	12:45	PR9 7HR
May-23	Highfield	Home	12:45	
May-30	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	12:45	WN5 7XE
Jun-06	Southport & Birkdale	Home	12:45	
Jun-13	New Brighton	Away	12:45	CH45 5DE
Jun-20	Rainhill	Home	12:45	
Jun-27	Ainsdale	Away	12:45	PR8 3QF
Jul-04	Maghull	Away	12:45	L31 3DY
Jul-11	Orrell Red Triangle	Home	12:45	
Jul-18	Southport & Birkdale (TBC)	Away	12:45	PR8 2HF
Jul-25	New Brighton	Home	12:45	
Aug-01	Rainhill	Away	12:45	L35 0LH
Aug-08	Ainsdale	Home	12:45	
Aug-15	Maghull	Home	12:45	
Aug-22	Highfield	Away	12:45	WN3 6BL
Aug-29	Southport Trinity	Home	12:45	
Sep-05	Spring View	Away	12:45	WN2 3TQ
Sep-12	Liverpool	Home	12:45	
Sep-19	Old Xaverians	Away	12:45	L25 6JA



himself to 5-59 at the Oval and alas we were sent back to the Pavilion for a disappointing 91. Our hosts kept us well watered after the game in true Comp Tradition.

A week later after leaving Alexandra's we closed on 252-7, Steve Rimmer (96), against Wigan but still lost by 7 wickets. Next up it was breakfast in Hartley's in Lydiate before Ormskirk posted 276-7 and were victorious by 111 runs, Kris Ali (45). The Ormskirk fans were glad to see us back in the Premier League. Don Rivers introduced Scoop the Press Officer to two female worshippers from Christ Church and they wondered, as Press Officer if he did the ironing! After breakfast in Rita's Litherland, we more or less saved our Premier League status when Newton-le-Willows removed us for 214. Ali Andrady (48), Kris Ali (43) and Greg Liebenberg (39). He followed up by taking 4-62, and we eventually won by 29 runs. On the 30th we had breakfast in the Railway Cafe in Rainhill, a venue visited in Neil Williams' reign, and reached 111-6, Ryan Westwell (38 n.o.) before rain was the only winner.

SEPTEMBER

Next up, breakfast in Reds in Rainford before we were removed for 217, Ali Andrady (52), Josh Andrady (49), Ivan Kriek (44) and lost by 3 wickets. John Dotters reckoned I drank their j20 dry. After breakfast in Alexandra's it was the unlucky 13th as our game against Leigh was abandoned without any action.

Scoop and I had breakfast in the Marmalade Kitchen in Rhos-on-Sea the following weekend and as with Dave and Jean, we were the only Bootle faithful to arrive for the wash out. Scoop and I ended up watching the Merseyside Derby in the Marine Hotel in Old Colwyn before a tricky drive home in heavy rain. An enjoyable season this on, so bring on 2026.

After our usual local eating venue we declared on 251-7 against Colwyn Bay on the 28th, Ali Andrady (75), Sagar Trivedi (60). Our visitors earned a share of the spoils closing on 247-6.

JULY

After breakfast in our usual local cafe chasing our visitors Wallasey's 273-3 we were victorious by 6 wickets. Ivan Kriek (104), Kris Ali (65) compiling an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 128. The Live Streaming was doing a Bob Dylan job and Blowing in the Wind. Paul wanted me to try out Rita's Cafe In Litherland, where I pointed out to the staff, hashbrowns were not on the menu in case Ray Hibbs paid them a visit, before our trip to Northern where we had to chase 259-6 and lost by 84 runs. Josh Andrady (57) and 3-51. Jhangir Liaqat (52) and Shaniel Patel-Ponda (44 n.o.) put 81 on for the ninth wicket. Thanks to Fred Barrett and Don Rivers for supplying me with cold drinks.

Breakfast in our usual Bootle venue before we closed on 222-8 against Birkenhead Park, Ivan Kriek (54), and had to be content with a share of the spoils after the visitors reached 156-7 at stumps. Kieron New 4-60. It was the second breakfast of the season in Rita's Litherland with the hashbrowns option, before visitors Formby called it a day on 296-6, Ian Cockbain 188 n.o. which we passed for the loss of 7 wickets, Ali Andrady (94), Steve Rimmer (72).

AUGUST

On August 3rd it was a trip into fresh territory to plush Fleur Ashley Tearooms in Wallasey, with crockery and chairs fit for Royalty and a top breakfast. Greg Beaver said it was good to have Bootle back in the Premier League and then we had to chase 218. Greg Liebenberg, who apparently was allegedly rescued from Northern like myself, helped

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FIRWOOD BOOTLE 3rd XI REPORT

Well, where do I start! At the end of last season's review, I said I hoped we could kick on and get promoted back to the Premier Division, not only did we manage to get promoted after 6 years but we have finished as CHAMPIONS. Throughout the season to perform so well with a different team most weeks, shows how far we have come as a club with a good core of juniors playing regularly in Harshad Raja, Daire Carroll, Adam Morris, Joe Walsh and Lewis Duncan-Brown with Ben Ward also making his senior debut for the 3s. A massive thanks to the 3 new players who have joined this year in Garry Henderson, Aaron O'Neill and Liam Kelly (playing with half a knee and one leg). It was also great to see senior players stepping up all season in Arthur Cook, Liam Jones, Adam McBeth, Liam Griffiths, Tom Aubrey, Sami Ullah, Alan Midgely and Mo Saeed all performing when called upon.

Throughout the season there were lots of highs to look back on with Tom Aubrey taking his first ever 5 wicket haul finishing with an impressive 6-26 away to Maghull. Arthur Cook bowling superbly in the championship stage taking 5-12 against Maghull and 4-34 against Wallasey helping us get over the line. Garry Henderson all season behind the stumps has been absolutely brilliant with 22 catches and a stumping. Lewis Duncan-Brown with his highest score of 87, Liam Griffiths with two 50s throughout the season and seeing us home in a few other games. The game where we were crowned champions was against Liverpool Lions, who finished 2nd, we bowled them out for 78 with two juniors in Adam Morris and Lewis Duncan-Brown seeing us home.

Hopefully going into next season, we can carry on the hard work and positivity, cause a few shocks on the way and upset the more established teams in the premier league. One last thanks must go to Callum Benson-Murray for his scoring this season.

Lee Brown, 3rd XI Captain

We were not hopeful the game would go ahead when it was pouring down with rain while we were all eating different meals as it was nearing closing time. While trying to be well focused working with Kerry Kirkham, Don Rivers and Fred Barrett came to the Scoring Emporium front door and the former was texting one of his friends. Every item he entered sounded like a pneumatic drill in action, then Fred spilt a pile of boundary markers off the top of a wheely bin making concentration really rather difficult. Caldy 119-7 played our 121-6. Tom Meskell (23), Kris Ali (24 n.o.) winning by 4 wickets. During the Innings break Umpire Dave Lee wondered what was going on when he saw Kerry trying to lift me up while I was sitting down in a chair. Hope you can sort Majic out.

After the usual Breakfast in Alexandra's on June 7th the Rainford clash was rained off.

The following Saturday we hit a new eating house, the Manchester Road Cafe in Leigh. We had to chase down 274-3 and lost by 112 runs. Kris Ali hit 63. On the 19th, after a meal in Tesco's Litherland, visitors Rainford closed on 157-6 and beat us by 14 runs with us 9 down. Kris Ali hit 38. Two days later Geees Coffee in Formby provided us with yet another eating establishment where Heather, one of the Formby Staff called me a traitor not realising I also work for Bootle. Pre-match my Scoring Coach Dave Huddy did a clever back heel in a kick about with Scoop in front of a few of our players. Ryan Westwell said he was going to Google him thinking he must have played for Everton in his soccer career. We were dismissed for 225, Ivan Kriek 57, and lost by four wickets. When Coey struggled early on, having a rare off day, Sagar Trivedi shouted, "send him down a piano he might be able to play that". Our hosts won by four wickets. Bootle Resident Don Rivers wondered where the good property was in Formby.

Tom Meskell told our fielders not to fall asleep in the field and informed Adnan Mikhel he would not get a county contract playing negative shots.

With Scoop away in Worcester on the last day of the month and hopefully not doing a Brian Close and swimming across the River Severn behind the former County venue in New Road, it was a basic breakfast at home and a couple of tuna sandwiches provided by the Clubs dogsbody Ed. We declared on 198-8, Ivan Kriek 110 n.o. against Rainhill but we lost by 6 wickets. Visitors' opening batsman Mike Rotheram told Jaden Rose he should not bowl bouncers at him and must have been even more unhappy when the youngster eventually castled him on 24.

JUNE

The Queen drove to my house but the Duke took the wheel to Leigh on a route Her Majesty did not like and she let him know about it. At our destination Jackie told Phil he had to buy me a meal and came to the Scoring Emporium with an excellent chicken burger, oven chips and a can of orange. Chasing a total of 242 from 39 overs, after our hosts posted 228-8, courtesy of Mr. Duckworth-Lewis, Ivan Kriek hit his second ton of the weekend (104) adding 79 for the 6th wicket with Tom Meskell (35) as we were removed for 175. Shaniel was well puzzled when I told him the Queen was giving me a lift home!
I had a meal in Bema's before a health check in Bridge Road Medical Centre on the 5th then our mate Dave Huddy, Scoop and I missed the West Kirby turn off for a pre-match in Morrisons. Mr Huddy just said keep heading towards Heswall as that is also on the coast. Luckily I spotted Telegraph Road which sent us past the Caldy Ground where

L&DCC FIXTURES 2024 - 3rd ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points
26 Apr	**Wavertree 3rd XI**	**Home**	**Won, 99 runs**	**25**
3 May	**Northern 5th XI**	**Home**	**Won, 138 runs**	**25**
10 May	**Liverpool S/Kings 2nd XI**	**Home**	**Won 5 wkts**	**25**
17 May	Northop Hall 4th XI	Away	Won 21 runs	23
24 May	Liverpool 4th XI	Away	Won, 22 runs	22
31 May	**Birkenhead Park 4th XI**	**Home**	**Won, 110 runs**	**25**
14 June	**Wallasey 4th XI**	**Home**	**Lost, 8 runs**	**5**
15 June	**Wavertree 3rd XI**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**6**
28 June	**Sefton Park 4thXI**	**Home**	**Won, 6 wkts**	**25**
5 July	**Liverpool Lions 1st XI**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**7**
12 July	New Brighton 3rd XI	Away	Lost, 4 wkts	7
19 July	**Caldy 3rd XI**	**Home**	**Won, 2 wkts**	**25**
26 July	Hightown St Mary's	Away	Won, 4 wkts	20
2 Aug	Maghull	Away	Won, 6 wkts	25
9 Aug	Sth Liverpool 2nd XI	Away	Cancelled	5
16 Aug	**Sth Liverpool 2nd XI**	**Home**	**Match drawn**	**4**
23 Aug	**New Brighton 3rd Xi**	**Home**	**Won, 64 runs**	**25**
30 Aug	Wallasey 4th XI	Away	Won, 12 runs	23
6 Sept	Liverpool Lions 1st XI	Away	Won, 9 wkts	25
13 Sept	**Hightown St Mary's 3rd XI**	**Home**	**Conceded**	**25**

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THIRD ELEVEN

SATURDAY 1st DIVISION

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 2025

	P	W	D	L	Ab/nd	Bat	Bow	Pen	Pts	AVE	Con
Firwood Bootle	**15**	**10**	**2**	**2**	**1/0**	**30**	**35**	**0**	**270**	**18.00**	
Wallasey 4th XI	15	9	1	4	1/0	40	26	0	251	16.73	
Sth Liverpool 2nd XI	15	7	4	1	2/0	43	33	0	251	16.73	1
Hightown St Mary's	15	7	2	5	0	45	33	0	243	16.20	1
Liverpool Lions 1st XI	15	6	4	3	1/0	40	41	0	231	15.40	1
Wavertree 3rd XI	20	9	5	5	1/0	61	58	0	304	15.20	
New Brighton 3rd XI	15	8	1	5	0	36	41	0	227	15.13	1
Sefton Park 4th XI	20	8	2	4	3/0	35	17	0	302	15.10	3
Northop Hall 3rd XI	19	7	0	5	2/0	26	32	0	263	13.84	5
Liverpool 4th XI	20	7	3	7	2/0	49	42	0	266	13.30	1
Maghull 3rd XI	15	4	5	5	1/0	21	44	0	150	10.00	
Birkenhead Park 4th XI	20	3	0	12	3/0	21	37	0	183	9.15	2
Liverpool Superkings	15	2	3	4	3/0	25	21	0	106	7.07	3
Wavertree 4th XI	18	4	0	12	0	35	24	0	119	6.61	2
Caldy 3rd XI	20	2	1	12	2/0	34	39	0	128	6.4	3
Northern 5th XI	19	1	3	8	2/0	19	28	0	127	1.42	5

plethora of police cars with sirens blazing came down Wadham Road and drove into the ground, only to find they were the opposition for the day. In great PR the police posted 78 without loss and the Bucks won by 7 wickets. The after-match food for both sides in the Pavilion was a great success.

After breakfast in the Lean Kitchen in Pemberton the Tangerine MkII made its debut in our draw with Wigan. In a third wicket stand of 132 between Ivan Kriek (96) and Sagar Trivedi (73), Jordan Hampson sent down a terrible delivery which Ivan promptly dispatched through the back window of the very recent new Scoop Vehicle. Thanks to Fred Barrett for giving me a choice of coffees he wanted to buy me during the match. After the following Friday's meal in the Rose of Mossley and a slamming on of breaks because of a cyclist who appeared out of thin air, the Sat-Nav wanted to send us to Downing Street and not Sefton Park for a t/20! Our hosts posted 128 all out and we won by 4 wickets. Ali Andrady (46), Kris Ali (41). During the Innings break Charlie Daniels of our hosts asked what I wanted to drink. It never appeared and their Scorer Rob Durand reckoned he must have gone to Bootle to buy it. After Breakfast in Alexandra's on the 17th visitors Ormskirk closed on 223-9. Sagar Trivedi helped himself to 5-51 and our last pair of Jhangir Liaqat and Joe Adderley lasted 6.5 overs and Ivan Kriek hit 47 out of 206-9

On the 20th after a meal in Tesco, Litherland we posted 119-9 and lost to Rainford by 7 wickets in the Liverpool Echo Knockout. The Rainford scorer reckoned John Dotters had the pace of a potted houseplant when batting. Breakfast was in Reds in Rainford on the 24th before we removed Newton-le-Willows for 129. Kieron New 4-66, Sagar Trivedi 4-44 and scoring 32 runs as we won this one by 4 wickets.



MAJIC MOMENTS



APRIL

April 12th was the first visit for Scoop and I to Alexandra's before the pre-season friendly between Shaniel's X1 211-6, Steve Rimmer and Ali Andrady 55 and 60 retired n.o. respectively, Ivan Kriek 38. Dannys X1 213-9, Kris Ali (58), Josh Andrady (31 n.o.) and Shaniel 3-39. Back to Alexandra's for the Digman Trophy next Saturday as visitors Highfield managed 176 all out. Jaden Rose 4-27 and Kris Ali able deputy gloveman as the season panned out, took five catches. The Bucks 177-3, Ivan Kriek (73) and Kris Ali (47) adding 113 unbroken for the fourth wicket giving us a win by 7 wickets. Across the water next time out, devouring the "Dare you eat me" Muzzys Breakfast, next door to Rimmers Trims Bebington, but not for Scoop though as he opted for Traditional again. Followed by Birkenhead Park 236-5, Kieron New (2-42). The Bucks 240-6, Steve Rimmer (94), Ryan Westwell (52) adding 146 for the first wicket. More or less every time Liverpool Echo Scoop Tom Evans left his seat we lost a wicket. Jean Borrows thought we had Shergar Trivedi in our squad. After the visit to Alexandra's the next day the journey to Lords beckoned against Westhoughton 285-6, Jhangir Liaqat 2-43 and then hit 43 runs in our 162 all out. So Lord's is off the calendar now!

MAY

After breakfast in Alexandra's, our visitors on the third of the month Northern, declared on 221-5 and we earned a share of the spoils reaching a respectable 182-9. Ivan Kriek hit 67 and the last wicket pair Joe Adderley and Shaniel Patel-Ponda defied the visitors attack for 6.4 overs. Two days later the BBC Freddie Flintoff's "Field of Dreams" was filmed at Wadham Road with local lads not knowing who they were up against and wondered if they had sinned when a

3rd ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION SATURDAY)

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	100s	Avg
L Griffiths	6	5	2	162`	60	-	54.00
A McBeth	4	4	1	149	74*	-	49.67
L Brown	15	13	5	236	45	-	29.50
K Gurrampalli	8	8	1	195	57	-	27.86
L Duncan-Brown	7	7	1	159	87	-	26.50
A Midgley	5	5	1	79	34*	-	19.75
A Morris	6	6	1	95	26	-	19.00
G Henderson	14	9	0	143	44	-	15.89
J Walsh	9	7	2	60	26*	-	12.00
M Gillespie	10	7	0	81	23	-	11.57
S Ullah	8	7	2	51	28	-	10.20
A Cook	11	10	0	96	33	-	9.60
A O'Neil	7	4	0	29	11	-	7.25
D Carroll	7	4	0	25	19	-	6.25
M Saeed	11	9	0	15	7	-	1.67

3rd ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION SATURDAY)

Qualification 12 overs

NAME	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Avg
A Cook	30.3	7	13	96	5-12	3.15	7.38
L Jones	40	13	12	107	5-31	2.67	8.92
M Gillespie	40.2	12	13	127	5-31	3.15	9.77
K Gurrampalli	71	25	21	212	6-10	2.99	10.10
T Aubrey-Hampson	96	21	23	246	6-26	2.56	10.70
L Brown	131.1	34	31	407	6-27	3.10	13.13
S Ullah	30	5	5	88	2-16	2.93	17.60
J Walsh	38.5	10	5	103	2-8	2.65	20.60
A O'Neil	28	3	4	112	3-16	4.00	28.00
H Gallimore	20	6	2	60	2-51	3.00	30.00

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BOOTLE BELLES
SUPER 8s SOFTBALL AVERAGES

BATTING TOP TEN (sorted by runs scored)

	Mch	Ings	T.O.	Runs	H S	Ave
Liz Mundie	9	9	2	97	18	48.50
Chole Hunt	10	10	3	86	19	28.66
Masie Edwards	8	8	5	62	15	12.40
Daisy Pavey	2	2	3	41	23	13.66
Emilia Pavey	4	4	3	38	15	12.66
Gemma Hurst	2	2	0	33	22	—-
Jessica License	10	10	5	31	6	6.20
Jessica Schafer	3	3	3	25	10	8.33
Kelly Neville	7	7	3	21	6	7.00
Hattie Davies	2	2	1	20	13	20.00

BOWLING (Qualification 1 wicket) (Sorted by Wickets Taken)

	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best M	Ave
Gwen Boileau	5	0	4	41	2-14	10.25
Lily Johansen	4	0	3	13	3-13	4.33
Heidi Ward	7	0	3	54	3-44	18.00
Jackie Westhead	13	0	3	68	2-8	22.66
Jessica License	27	1	3	191	2-13	63.66
Daisy Pavey	8	2	2	39	2-28	19.50
Kelly Neville	12	0	2	108	2-21	54.00
Masie Edwards	36	0	2	193	1-14	96.50
Lexi Burns-Jones	7	0	1	52	1-17	52.00
Jessica Schafer	10	0	1	55	1-6	55.00
Emilia Pavey	12	0	1	80	1-17	80.00



FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES SOFTBALL SUPER 8s RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
22 Apr	Wallasey	Home	Lost 125 runs
13May	Fleetwood Hesketh	Away	Lost 19 runs
15 Jun	Rainford	Home	Lost 3 runs
15 Jun	Fleetwood Hesketh	Home	Won 38 runs
30 Jun	Mawdsley	Home	Lost 76 runs
01 Jul	Southport & Birkdale	Away	Won 6 runs
20 Jul	Newsham Park	Home	Won 19 runs
25 Jul	Newton-le Willows	Away	Won 45 runs
10 Aug	Sutton St Helens	Away	Lost 44 runs
02 Sep	Wavertree	Away	Lost 14 runs

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	L	C	A	T	Wcn	Lcn	Pen	Pts
Wallasey CC	8	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
Fleetwood Hesketh CC	8	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	19
Southport & Birkdale CC	8	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
Wavertree CC	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	11
Firwood Bootle CC	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Sutton (St Helens) CC	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Newton-le-Willows CC	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Rainford CC	8	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Newsham Park CC	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

4th team report.
Bootle Sunday team season review

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

So after a slow start, momentum was really picked up in the second half of the season winning 6 out of 7 of our last games to finish a commendable 3rd in the table.

A mixture of experience and youth worked really well with everyone encouraging each other, ensuring that team spirit and togetherness was kept at a premium. I'd like to say that the future looks bright for the Club.

Young players of the calibre of Matty Medlicott, Matty Evans, Charlie Towle, Jeffin Jimmy, Lewis Brown, Ethan McCormack and Joe Walsh all played their part in last season's success and I personally feel honoured to captain such talent.

Also a big thank you to the senior members of the squad who played their part in last season's success. Paul Jones (superb season with the bat), Lee Brown, Arthur Cook, Albie Freeman, Ted Stevens, Liam Griffiths Snr, Dom Smith and also the players who put themselves forward when we were short.

Also a huge thank you to Gemma, who performed excellently on her appearances. So all in all I'd personally like to think of last season as a success (only 2 defeats all season against a very dubious Commonwealth) and look forward with great anticipation to the coming season. Finally a huge thank you to Jessica for doing the scorebook week in and week out. It's very much appreciated.

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

A Midgley

L&DCC RESULTS 2024 - 4th ELEVEN

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Points	Pos
27 Apr	Parkfield Liscard	Away	Won 6 wkts	20	
04 May	**Hightown St Marys**	**Home**	**Won 2 wkts**	**24**	**4th**
18 May	Rainhill 3	Away	Lost 4 wkts	6	4th
25 May	**Fleetwood Hesketh**	**Home**	**Lost 82 runs**	**5**	**5th**
08 Jun	Liverpoool P S	Away	Won 6 wickets	25	4th
15 Jun	**Leigh**	**Home**	**Drawn**	**8**	**5th**
22 Jun	Orrell Red Triangle	Away	Abandoned	5	5th
29 Jun	**Rainford**	**Home**	**Lost 70 runs**	**6**	**6th**
13 Jul	**Wavertree**	**Home**	**Lost 2 wkts**	8	6th
20 Jul	**Parkfield Liscard**	**Home**	**Abandoned**	5	6th
27 Jul	Hightown St Marys	Away	Won 8 wkts	25	6th
03 Aug	**Rainhill 3**	**Home**	**Lost 4 wkts**	**8**	**6th**
10 Aug	Fleetwood Hesketh	Away	Lost 7 wkts	2	8th
17 Aug	**Liverpool P S**	**Home**	**Lost 7 wkts**	**4**	**7th**
31 Aug	Leigh	Away	Drawn	**8**	**7th**
07 Sep	**Orrell Red Triangle**	**Home**	**Lost 4 wkts**	**7**	**7th**
14 Sep	Rainford	Away	Abandoned	5	6th
21 Sep	Wavertree	Away	Abandoned	5	6th

BOOTLE BELLES

BOWLING (Qualification 1 wicket) (Sorted by Wickets Taken)

	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best M	Ave
Gemma Hurst	14	0	8	44	4-5	5.50
Georgia Benton-Newman	13	2	8	53	3-17	6.62
Rachal Thomas	4	1	6	64	5-17	10.66
Heidi Ward	8	2	5	24	3-13	4.80
Hannah Gallimore	8	1	3	36	3-17	12.00
Gwen Boileau	4	0	2	29	2-29	14.50
Lexi Burns-Jones	2	0	1	16	1-16	16.00
Jessica Schafer	14	0	1	17	1-11	17.00
Daisy Pavey	6	0	1	34	1-10	34.00
Lily Benton-Newman	11	0	1	44	1-14	44.00
Jackie Westhead	11	1	1	58	1-11	58.00

BATTING TOP TEN (sorted by runs scored)

	Mch	Ings	T.O.	Runs	H S	Ave
Gemma Hurst	6	6	0	69	18	—-
Rachal Thomas	3	3	2	65	25	32.50
Jackie Rose	5	5	1	61	26	61.00
Hannah Gallimore	2	2	0	46	26	—-
Daisy Pavey	3	3	2	37	16	18.50
Lily Benton-Newman	4	4	0	33	13	—-
Heidi Ward	2	2	0	32	17	—-
Georgia Benton-Newman	4	4	3	28	11	9.33
Christine Corden	4	4	5	24	9	0.00
Liz Mundi	3	3	0	17	9	—-



FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES HARDBALL SUPER 8s RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
27 Apr	South Liverpool CC	Home	Won 52 runs
04 May	Old Xaverians CC	Home	Won 22 runs
03 Jun	Rainhill C C	Away	Abandoned
09 Jun	Southport & Birkdale (cup)	Away	Lost (Toss of Coin)
17 Jun	Northern	Home	Won 74 runs
24 Jun	Ormskirk	Home	Won 32 runs
14 Jul	Formby	Away	Won 26 runs
03 Aug	Maghull	Home	Won 64 runs

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	L	C	A	T	Wcn	Lcn	Pen	Pts
Firwood Bootle CC	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
Formby CC	7	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	18
Northern CC	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Rainhill CC	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	11
Old Xaverians CC	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Maghull CC	7	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
South Liverpool CC	7	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
Ormskirk CC	7	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	4

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2025



4th ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION SUNDAY)

BATTING (Qualification 4 Innings)

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	50s	Avg
A Morris	10	8	1	258	72*	2	36.85
L Brown	10	8	1	250	73	2	35.71
A McBeth	9	7	0	246	80	2	35.14
H Raja	4	4	1	103	71*	1	34.33
L Duncan-Brown	9	9	0	173	48	-	19.22
M Gillespie	9	5	2	46	19	-	15.33
G Henderson	7	5	1	59	29	-	14.75
D Carroll	5	4	2	18	12*	-	9.00
J Walsh	11	7	2	41	24	-	8.20
M Saeed	14	11	2	53	10	-	5.88
A Midgley	11	6	1	20	8	-	4.00
A Cook	15	9	0	21	13	-	2.33

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4th ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (1st DIVISION SUNDAY)

BOWLING (Qualification 12 overs)

NAME	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Avg
A McBeth	12.3	6	4	19	4-14	1.52	4.75
M Medlicott	23	7	10	71	3-5	3.09	7.10
K Gurrampalli	12.2	1	4	42	4-22	3.41	10.50
L Jones	35	7	10	125	5-15	3.57	12.50
M Evans	13	2	3	39	3-39	3.00	13.00
L Brown	63.4	16	15	234	4-28	3.68	15.60
A Cook	99	16	17	364	3-24	3.68	21.41
L Duncan-Brown	33.5	5	7	159	2-16	4.70	22.71
E McCormack	12	0	3	69	3-42	5.75	23.00
J Walsh	67.2	8	11	334	4-53	4.96	30.36
M Gillespie	45.2	9	4	137	2-26	3.02	34.25



BOOTLE BELLES AVERAGES 2025

(T/20)

BATTING (Qualification 3 Matches)

	Mch	Ings	N. O.	Runs	H.S.	Ave
Gemma Hurst	6	6	2	124	39*	31.00
Hannah Gallimore	3	3	1	62	50*	31.00
Rachal Thomas	5	4	2	59	28*	29.50
Christine Corden	4	3	0	39	34	13.00
Jackie Rose	3	3	1	26	23*	13.00
Georgia Benton-Newman	4	1	0	13	13	13.00
Daisey Pavey	5	4	2	24	12*	12.00
Heidi Ward	5	3	0	27	22	9.00
Liz Mundie	5	3	1	15	14	7.50
Masie Edwards	3	2	1	5	5*	5.00
Lily Benton-Newman	4	3	0	9	7	3.00
Chole Hunt	3	1	0	1	1	1.00
Elsie Guinness	6	0				

BOWLING (Qualification 3 Overs)

	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best M	Ave
Lily Benton-Newman	8	3	4	22	3-7	5.50
Elsie Guinness	14.3	0	8	74	3-11	9.25
Heidi Ward	14	1	5	54	2-13	10.80
Gemma Hurst	9	1	3	34	1-9	12.33
Jackie Westhead	4	2	2	25	2-25	12.50
Emilia Pavey	4	0	1	19	1-19	19.00
Jessica Schafer	3	1	1	19	1-11	19.00
Hannah Gallimore	8	0	1	39	1-5	39.00
Georgia Benton-Newman	10	0	1	41	1-7	41.00
Rachal Thomas	13	0	1	69	1-16	69.00
Masie Edwards	4	0	0	22	0-7	—

FIRWOOD BOOTLE BELLES

T/20 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result
21 May	Northern CC	Away	Lost 5 wkts
25 May	Maghull CC	Away	Won 8 wkts.
22 Jun	**Old Xaverians CC**	**Home**	**Won 9 wkts**
04 Jul	**Wavertree CC**	**Home**	Lost 8 wkts
29 Jul	**Northern**	**Home**	Lost 7 wkts
10 Aug	**Maghull CC**	**Home**	Won (conceded)
24 Aug	Old Xaverians CC	Away	Won 1 run
14 Sep	Wavertree CC	Away	Cancelled (rain)

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	L	C	A	T	Wcn	Lcn	Pen	Pts
Wavertree CC	8	5	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	20
Northern CC	8	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	19
Firwood Bootle CC	8	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	13
Old Xaverians CC	8	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Maghull CC	8	0	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	-2



5th team report
The Mighty 5s team - Season Review

Firstly, from Paul and I, we would like to say what an honour and privilege it has been to be the co-captains during the inaugural season of your mighty 5th team. We would also like to say a massive thank you to the other 5th team O.G's (old gits) Peter, Eddie, Mike, Phil and Andy We have had the unique opportunity to provide a series of firsts for our club and given the number of years we have been around (even before Tommy Law was a twinkle in his father's eye) that in itself is no small feat. We have seen whole families playing in the same side on occasion, mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, brothers and husbands and wives all opening the batting with varying degrees of success. There have been special sources of pride for both Paul and I with Paul especially thrilled to have played alongside both of his age group captains in Daisy Pavey and Riley Stevenson, where I have been able to provide a platform for some talented young cricketers to take their first steps into senior cricket and for others to try new skills and show progression, most notably Joseph Walsh and Hashard (Barbie Girl) Raja getting their first 50s for the club and instantly kicking on. And Aaron Cook being given the responsibility of opening our bowling and becoming our first bowler of the season. I have also seen my own son Ethan McCormack become the first player to have played at every level at the club from under 9s right through to the 1st team. We have had some memorable games this season although we are still waiting for our first win. We have been oh so close on a couple of occasions most notably against our arch nemesis St Helens who held on for a draw when down to their last wicket. This was due mainly to the father and son team of Peter and Liam Jones. Liam stared with the bat and ball and...Peter well, Peter is his dad. We also came close in our last game against Maghull. With the assistance of Liam Griffiths and Lewis Duncan-Brown we posted our season high score and took them into the last 5 overs of the day .

During our first season together, we have played against some highly skilled teams, notably Rainhill who had fielded some young 1st and 2nd team cricketers whose talent showed from the off, keeping us in the field for 45 overs on a scorching hot day and scoring almost 300 runs before bowling us out for a less than competitive score of just 27. That said we embraced the challenge and finished the day having had two choruses of YMCA in the field, Aaron Cook taking our first ever wicket and Ben Ward taking 3 including one with his first ball. We even had a 3-person collision in the field when Jack Cliff, Phil Morton and I all attempted to take the same catch. Phil emerged with the ball and bruised ribs! Our 5th team and our wider Firwood Bootle Family contributed to making the day of my 50th birthday one I will never forget. We were away to Sefton Park, although with the support we had you would have been forgiven for thinking it was a home game. There was celebration before, during and after the game most of which was organised by my wife Cathy and her witchy friends. During the game I had the honour of opening both the bowling and the batting and that enabled me to take my own first ever wicket in competitive cricket, bowling 4 overs for only 8 runs then achieved the dizzy heights of my then scoring the highest batting score of 18. We have seen some fine performances this year with the bat, Jack Cliff, Liam Jones, Liam Griffiths, Joseph Walsh, Hashard Raja and all scoring 50s, several players achieving their own highest scores and Phil Morton reaching and smashing his personal goal of 100 runs in the season. With the ball we saw inspired bowling and huge improvement from Aaron Cook, Ben Ward, Daisy Pavey and Chloe Hunt (who often had more wickets than her husband Andy).

Finally, a huge thank you to every single person who has helped and guided us this year, Paul and I hope to see all of you next year and remember…

"Some people say, you know they don't believe, BOOTLE have got a boss 5th team. With one Daire and the two captains, and the fastest of the fast geriatric sprinters… BOOTLE...YEAH, YEAH, YEAH… SHABBA"

Ian McCormack and Paul Guinness Co-captains 5th eleven.

Hardball & T/20 Team

After the disappointment of being relegated to Div 2 at the end of the previous season in the Super 8s comp, our aim was to get back to the top. The girls got off to a great start beating South Liverpool by 52 runs with standout performances from Georgia Benton-Newman taking 3-17 and Rach Thomas top scoring with 23 runs. The girls continued their wins beating Old Xavs by 22 runs and Northern by a massive 74 runs! The bowling performance against Northern was exceptional with Rach Thomas taking a five-wicket haul, Georgia Benton-Newman with 3-19 and Gemma Hurst 3-17 with an additional 4 catches in the field. The Hardball team didn't stop there and went on to win all their remaining games including beating Ormskirk by 32 runs with the aid of another bowling performance from Gemma taking 4-5 off 4 overs and Rach Thomas putting on 25 with the bat. Fomby were also on the losing side when Heidi Ward took 3-13 in Bootle's campaign for league winners whilst Hannah Gallimore helped secure the Maghull game taking 3-17 and putting on 26 with the bat. ***The title was ours and the ladies were crowned champions***. Promotion back to Div 1 for 2026 will see new challenges arise but we are glad to be back where we belong and are hopeful to continue our winning ways. Unfortunately, our T/20 side was not as successful as the Super 8s getting off to an unlucky start getting beaten by Northern in the 19th over. Credit goes to Christine Corden and Gemma Hurst for putting on a partnership of 66 runs, Christine top scoring with 34. The first stand-out performance of the season was in the ladies win against Maghull, chasing down their target of 63 in 13 overs with Elsie Guinness taking 3-11, Lily Benton-Newman 3-7 and Gemma Hurst leading with the bat by putting on 39 runs. A reduced over game vs Maghull saw the ladies win by 9 wickets, however the away fixture later in the season went down to the last ball with Bootle claiming the win by 1 run. It was very much an intense game but the relief when it was over was immense. Unfortunately, the women fell short vs Wavertree and Northern and a few cancelled matches due to poor weather saw us finish 3rd in the league on 13 points. As the 2026 season approaches, the ladies aspire to progress their T/20 team, and with a lot of hard work and determination, I'm sure we will be back on top soon enough.

Gemma Hurst

Firwood Bootle Belles, Hardball Captain

mance and we had Hattie Davies step up to play for us for the first time and she did so well with the bat and ball. Our winning steak continued against Newsham Park where Chloe Hunt put in an amazing batting performance, scoring 19 with no loss of wicket.

We carried our form into the next game too with a win over Newton-le-Willows, Lili Johansen bowling superbly and ending on 3-17. Our last 2 games, against Sutton and Wavertree ended in defeat, the latter including some first wickets for Kelly Neville and also heroic keeping by Chloe Hunt! I do want to call out how amazing Chloe has been this season. She took on the role as WK and has thrived, taking at least 6 catches (possibly more but I have the worst memory!), her batting has just kept improving and I also heavily rely on her advice and positive energy when we are on the field.
We finished 5th in the league out of 9 teams, which I am ecstatic about. That may sound daft, but my goal was for this team to use these matches as an opportunity to put into practice what we learned in training and to feel the progress we've been making, but most importantly for everyone to have fun. I really think we achieved this and we got 4 wins along the way (which is 400% better than my previous 2 seasons combined!) I'm really looking forward to next season, we have a great platform to build on and make it another season to remember.

Liz Mundie

Firwood Bootle Belles

Softball Captain

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5th ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (2nd DIVISION SUNDAY)

BATTING (Qualification 4 Innings)

NAME	Mch	Inns	N.O.	Runs	HS	50s	Avg
J Walsh	4	4	1	80	50	1	26.67
J Cliff	4	4	0	87	63	1	21.75
H Raja	4	4	0	87	54	1	21.75
I McCormack	10	10	2	146	50	1	18.25
R Stevenson	8	8	1	100	38	-	14.29
AA Cook	5	4	1	23	14	-	7.67
D Carroll	7	7	0	52	21	-	7.43
P Morton	14	14	0	103	38	-	7.36
E Williams	13	12	1	80	21*	-	7.27
M Alcock	12	11	0	78	30	-	7.09
E McCormack	7	7	1	42	26*	-	7.00
P Guinness	12	10	1	61	15	-	6.78
P Carroll	5	5	1	26	14	-	6.50
C Hunt	5	4	3	4	4	-	4.00
B Ward	9	9	2	21	9	-	3.00
P Jones	9	7	2	6	3	-	1.20

5th ELEVEN AVERAGES 2025 (2nd DIVISION SUNDAY)

BOWLING (Qualification 12 overs)

NAME	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Avg
L Jones	14	3	5	38	5-38	2.71	7.60
C Hunt	11.5	0	6	95	2-7	8.03	15.83
G Hurst	25	6	4	66	3-31	2.64	16.50
B Ward	34.4	4	8	155	3-28	4.47	19.38
I McCormack	34	5	6	131	2-8	3.85	21.83
R Stevenson	40.5	7	5	163	1-13	3.99	32.60
AA Cook	23	1	5	163	2-34	7.09	32.60
E McCormack	51	4	5	218	2-34	4.27	43.60
D Carroll	19	1	2	123	2-33	6.47	61.50
H Raja	17	2	1	76	1-12	4.47	76.00
J Cliff	28	6	1	88	1-58	3.14	88.00
P Morton	22.1	0	1	147	1-11	6.63	147.00
J walsh	22	5	0	78	0-22	3.55	—
P Carroll	17	2	0	81	0-9	4.75	—
M Alcock	15	0	0	108	0-4	7.20	—

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Firwood Bootle Belles

Firwood Bootle Belles began this season hoping to push on and improve from their low table placings in 2024. With relegation from Div 1 in the Hardball Super 8s being the ultimate low, the 2025 season was all about the comeback. With 27 games to be played over 3 competitions, the ladies sought to work hard and develop their game. With the quality and standard of play throughout the leagues continuing to soar, it was bound to be a challenging and competitive season the belles.

SOFTBALL TEAM

In terms of results, it was a mixed season for our Softball team. However, the progress we have made has been incredible to see. We had a really tough start - playing against the eventual league winners, Wallasey, where we lost by 125 runs. Followed by Fleetwood Hesketh who beat us by 17 runs despite some excellent batting in the final overs by Maisie Edwards and Jess Schafer. Our next match with Rainford was close, where we only lost by 3 runs. So, even though we had lost 3 in a row, we were putting on higher run totals, taking more wickets and fielding better, we knew a win was coming! Next up was a cup match against Fleetwood Hesketh which we won by 45 runs with help from an excellent batting performance from Daisy Pavey who hit 23 off 13 balls, and also Jess License taking 2 wickets for 13 runs. Unfortunately, our cup run wasn't meant to be and we were knocked out by Mawdesley at the Quarter Final stage. My favourite match this year was against Southport & Birkdale where we got our first league win of the season! We won by 6 runs and it was so tense, I couldn't watch towards the end of the match while Lily & Georgia Benton-Newman managed to stay calm and get us the runs we needed to win the game! It was an excellent team perfor