



The original Bootle F.C. were formed in 1880 and played at Hawthorne Road. In 1889–90 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance. That season was the most successful as we finished league runners-up, reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup,

where we lost to Blackburn Rovers (0-7). When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. However, despite a respectable 8th place final position, the club dropped out after one season (and were replaced by neighbours Liverpool) and seemingly disappeared due to financial problems. Football returned to Hawthorne Road when a new club, Bootle Athletic, was later formed with the new team initially playing in the Liverpool Leagues. In 1948 when the club were elected to the Lancashire Combination 2, which was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and after several tough seasons withdrew and folded during the 1953-54 campaign.

In 1953, the current club was formed as Lanaton and played in the local leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination (which we won on numerous occasions) the club reverted back to it's



It's better known identity of Bootle F.C. in 1973; and a year later joined the Lancashire Combination, which we won in 1976 and 1977. Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in our first season, and we were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 the Cheshire County League was one of the leagues that merged to form the North West Counties League, which Bootle duly joined, becoming a member of the First Division. The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when we unfortunately dropped into the Second Division. However, despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination. In 2006 the club, with a new ground, were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCL Premier Division and also won the Championship. In 2009/10, our first season back in the Vodkat Premier League Bootle finished a NWCFL highest placing of 3rd. In 2010/11 despite a shaky start Bootle finished a respectable 6th place.

With the club continuing to grow off the field, all eyes are on what can be produced on the field this season, with the NWCFL Premier Division a firm goal in what could be another success for this fast growing club looking to progress again.

Up the Bucks!

Honours

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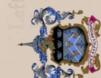
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| NWCFL | GLOSSOP NE | 15/10/11 | Α | 1-0 | MORAN | KILROY | MILEY | CARBERRY | COULTON | BLACK | PRINCE |
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| NWCFL | ALSAGER TOWN | 26/11/11 | Α | 4-2 | MORAN | KILROY | O'BRIEN | CARBERRY | COULTON | BLACK | PRINCE |
| NWCFL | SILSDEN | 03/12/11 | н | 4-0 | MORAN | MCQUEEN | O'BRIEN | CARBERRY | COULTON | BLACK | PRINCE |
| NWCFL | AFC LIVERPOOL | 26/12/11 | Н | 3-0 | MORAN | KILROY | O'BRIEN | MCQUEEN | COULTON | BLACK | BLAKEI |
| NWCFL | RUNCORN TOWN | 02/01/12 | н | 0-0 | MORAN | KILROY | O'BRIEN | MCQUEEN | KING | BLACK | BLAKEI |
| NWCFL | STONE DOMINOES | 07/01/12 | Α | 3-2 | MORAN | KILROY | O'BRIEN | MILEY | COULTON | BLACK | ELVIS |
| NWCFL | CONGLETON TOWN | 14/01/12 | Α | 3-2 | MORAN | KILROY | O'BRIEN | MILEY | COULTON | BLACK | PRINCE |
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May we offer a warm welcome to today's opponents Ashton Athletic from everyone here at the Delta Taxis Stadium.

Today will hopefully be an end to some really frustrating weeks for us with our games falling victim to the weather, and us also having a blank weekend. This has given the teams around us a chance to catch up with their games in hand and saw us slip off the top.

Despite the postponements if you look at our record we still are 16 games unbeaten, and only drawing three of them games is a record to be proud of.

It won't count for anything though if we don't keep getting the results we need starting today. I was hoping to arrange a friendly on Tuesday night to keep us ticking over but again the weather put paid to that. So instead we continued with the boot camp training which the lads have really been enjoying. We have been trying a number of things to mix up the training with Zumba and spinning classes also. So with today's game I'm looking for a positive response from our lads who should be well up for the game after the absence.

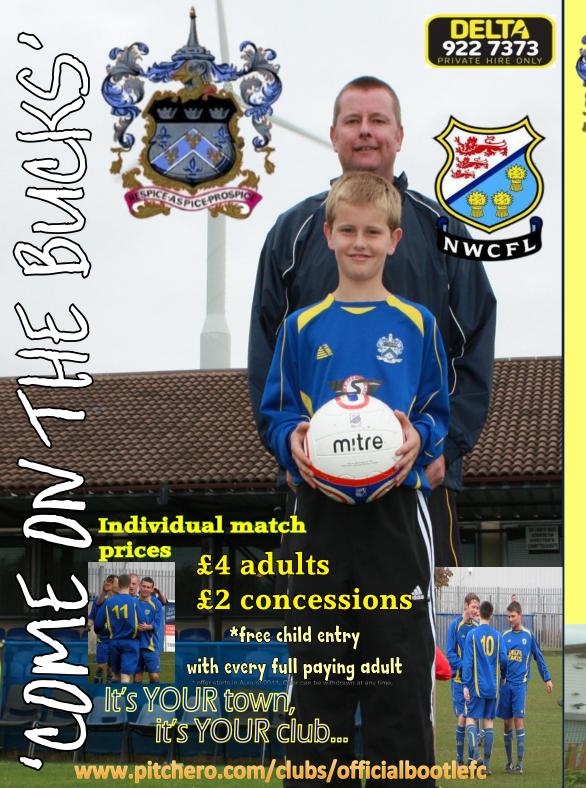
The pitch at the Delta Taxis Stadium is in

an incredible condition at the moment, again despite the weather, and that is testament to those in the background at the club and the volunteers who help out. Especially to Frank Doran senior and Ben Roberts who are here almost daily.

It's also great to see the Dodge Kop taking shape, and the other works on our facilities that those at the club are working tirelessly to improve on. I've said in previous notes that no other team gets looked after as well as we do here with the facilities, food and people that we have around us and its now up to us on the pitch and on the line to keep pushing on.

Up the Bucks!

Enjoy the game





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PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

PREMIER DIVISION - CHRIS LAWTON OF RUNCORN LINNETS

Chris made his debut for Runcorn Linnets in November 2010, making 60 appearances for the club since then, and his performances during January are among the best he has produced in a Linnets jersey.

Despite a frustrating month with two postponements, Runcorn Linnets emerged from January with a 100% record, winning all three of their games. The impact of their centre backs cannot be under-estimated in the team's sequence of five wins from six games, with the only defeat coming in a game when Chris and central defensive partner Rob Bodie were missing from the starting line up.

Chris and Rob returned to the side on January 2nd after missing the Boxing Day defeat, and Chris's determination to keep a clean sheet in the 3-0 victory over AFC Liverpool won him admiration from Linnets fans all around the ground. Despite being three goals to the good, Lawton's goal line header in the final moments not only outlined his determination to keep the home goal intact, but also his physical and mental energy levels. This level of stamina was again shown just five days later when again Chris commanded a Linnets defence in a solid 2-1 victory over Bacup Borough.

Chris's best performance in the month came against Squires Gate when strong winds made the job of defending an almost impossible task. Once again, and despite the Linnets being two goals down, Chris provided a mammoth effort in not only marshalling the defensive line, but also repeatedly leading forays into the opposition half, and scoring two goals from corners – the first a ferocious and unstoppable right foot volley, and the second an instinctive strike that showed the full range of talent in the tall defender's game.

SKKITS GOALKEEPER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

PREMIER DIVISION - KARL WILLS OF RUNCORN TOWN

Karl has once again been in superb form for Runcorn Town in January. He played in all of five games that the Pavilions based outfit played, keeping three clean sheets and conceding an average of one goal a game in the month.

The first game of the month against league leaders Bootle saw him record his first clean sheet of the month with a solid performance. He prevented Bootle taking the lead late on with an astonishing double save from Mark Kilroy's free kick and Tom Foley's follow up effort that had even the home fans applauding. The following match saw his second clean sheet against Atherton LR, with Wills again taking plaudits by saving Jordan Radford's close range effort just before half time.

Promotion chasing Ramsbottom United put an end to Wills' run of clean sheets in the third game of the season with Wills helpless to prevent any of Rammy's goals, but he put in a Man-of-the-Match performance against Billingham Synthonia in the FA Vase to claim his third clean sheet in a goalless draw after extra time. He pulled off a stunning save to deny Richard Storr after he broke clear of Town's defence, then single handly kept Town in the tie in extra time by diving full length to deny Michael Jameson from inside the box. The final game of the month against Billingham in the replay saw Wills busy once more, yet despite another good performance he was unable to prevent Town bowing out of the Vase

A Look Back to...... 26th November 2006

Altrincham Youth v Bootle Youth

Allied Trophies NW Youth Alliance League Premier Division Match

BOOTLE FC YOUTH (Blue shirts, green shorts, white socks): 22. Craig DUNN, 14. Chris MITCHELL, 15. Carl SAUNDERS, 3. Tom SWEENEY, 6. James DALEY, 9. Rob HARDWICK, 7. Jake JOHNSTONE, 21 K. CHARNOCK, 20. Stuart SMITH, 16. Anthony HICKEY, 11. Shaun HARRIS. Subs: 2. Kane DAVIES, 10. Matty McCRACKEN, 8. Lee CHESWORTH.

The match kicked off on a very sunny afternoon. Very soon, Alty won a corner. From Davies's kick from the right, an Alty head sent the ball goalwards only for Dunn in the visitors' goal to make an excellent save, seeming to push the ball onto the bar in the process. But soon Bootle applied pressure of their own and won themselves a corner kick. Play became fairly even over the next few minutes with Baxby's long range effort, which was comfortably saved, Alty's best effort at this stage (19 mins). Alty had a scare soon after when, Murphy had to cover smartly as Bishop's goal was threatened (20 mins). Following this the powerful Smith got into the Alty box but the danger was cleared once more. After Bootle's Daley had won a corner, Harris shot wide but play then switched to the other end where Howe did well to find Crawford, but the keeper did equally well to beat out his effort before Davies fired the rebound narrowly wide (25 mins). Next, Bailey had a one on one against Dunn in the Bootle goal but the keeper came off the better, blocking the striker's shot.

There had been a number of feisty challenges and finally the referee booked Smith for a late tackle (29 mins). Alty almost immediately took the lead when Simcock got free as his marker slipped, to the right of goal, and the Alty midfielder's cross shot appeared to be goalbound before Bailey arrived to hammer the ball home from very close range and give Alty the lead (31 mins). From a Bootle freekick soon after the restart, the ball came to Hickey who shot narrowly over the bar (33 mins). Altrincham came back again, winning a corner and then, in added time, Bailey and Browne combined well for Bailey's well struck shot to force a good save from Dunn, who was not deceived as the ball bobbled on the uneven pitch (45 +2 mins). The interval arrived with Alty's lead intact.

Bootle started the half at a high tempo with Smith getting clear but firing over the bar in the first minute of the half. But it was not long before the Merseysiders had levelled the scores when Saunders fed Smith who held off a challenge well and nod the ball forward for himself, finishing the move with a firm shot past Bishop (50 mins).

A minute later Hickey forced an excellent tip over the bar from Bishop in the Alty goal and soon after this, Bishop again did well, blocking Hardwick's effort at the cost of a corner. Bootle were now on top and using their strength to dominate the

home side. Next, an excellent cross from the left by Harris saw Hickey head wide (57 mins). The visitors now brought on Davies for Saunders (58 mins). Bootle went ahead with a very well-worked goal as Harris, Sweeeney and Hickey exchanged passes leaving Sweeney free in the box to fire past Bishop and make it 2-1 to the visitors (60 mins).



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Bootle continued to show the greater bite and Bishop had to make another excellent save to keep the score down, after 70 minutes, following good work on the right by Bootle's Johnstone (67 mins). Altrincham for their part were causing no threat to the Bootle goal in the second half. But when Simcock advanced strongly up the middle, he was tripped 22 yards out in a central position. Though the referee paced out ten paces, the wall seemed to be fewer than 10 yards from the freekick and, for his protests at this, Davies was booked after the kick had predictably been blocked by the defenders (71 mins). Soon, however, Bootle advanced up the left and though Howe fouled his opponent, play was waved on and the recovering Howe was then judged to have fouled another player in the box to concede a penalty. Raynes was booked for protesting at the decision before Daley stepped up and blasted the ball into the top centre of the net from the penalty spot to make it 3-1 (73 mins). The visitors immediately brought on a substitute, McCracken.

After 77 minutes, Alty brought on Entwistle for Raynes and soon afterwards Alty won a freekick on the front edge of the Bootle box, Davies's freekick hit the wall and, after this, each side made a change. Chesworth came on for Bootle whilst Alty swapped Browne for Barry (78 mins). Alty's Howe became his side's third booking when he committed an offence (82 mins). A very late challenge on Ben Robson gained Alty a freekick and, soon after this, Alty won a corner which was followed by a second flag-kick when Simcock's shot was deflected out. Alty were belatedly getting forward but Bootle held firm and indeed Bishop had to make another save when Smith got in a shot in the closing stages (88 mins). Alty pressed for a second goal but the game ended with Bootle comfortable winners after their strong second half display.

Final Score Altrincham Youth 1-3 Bootle Youth

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WHO?
Our Visitors today: Ashton Athletic

WHERE?

Ashton-in-Makerfield is a town in the Borough of Wigan. It is situated 4.2 miles south of Wigan, 7 miles northnorthwest of Warrington and 16 miles west of the city of Manchester.

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The History of our guests
Ashton Athletic Football Club was
founded in 1968 and playing in the
Wigan Sunday League – winning
every Division in consecutive seasons
and many cup competitions before
switching to the Warrington League on
Saturdays where similar success was
sustained.

The Club developed Brocstedes Park and was admitted to the Lancashire Combination, before becoming a founder member of the North West Counties League when the Combination merged with the Cheshire league in 1982. Unfortunately financial constraints prevented the required ground improvements to be completed, and the Club was relegated into the Manchester league Division One in 1980.

The drop of two leagues resulted in the majority of the playing staff moving to other club's and for numerous years the club endeavored to re-build. Players came and went, lacking the Club loyalty that had brought success to the Club in the 1970's and early 80's until the Committee embraced an ambitious youth development policy in 1999.

The Club is now at the end of a tenyear development plan to enhance its recreational facilities and expand

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the Club, in particular its junior section. Eight years ago the Club had two teams, 50 members, one mediocre pitch with dilapidated clubhouse and changing rooms. Since then the Club members have worked tirelessly to progress the Club within its means, and with some help from external grant sources. Assistance from the Football foundation, Awards for All programme, and Wigan Council enabled a series of improvements to be completed. The main pitch was re-drained, a second pitch

acquired/improved, new changing rooms and Clubhouse built,

disabled access provided and other improvements made to the grounds.



More recently the ground has been brought up to the necessary Ground Grading for re-entry into the NWCFL, in time for the start of the 2006/7 season and further improvements have provided additional seating. The 2008/2009 season also sees a further progression of the Club,

having been promoted to the Premier Division of the Vodkat North West Counties League. We will again take to the national stage, having been

accepted in the FA Cup competition after last season's debut in the FA Vase which proved very lucrative for the Club, progressing through 3 stages and beating 2 teams from higher leagues in the process. Last season also saw cup success for the Club retaining the Atherton Charity Cup at the end of the season.



WHAT? Atherton Charity Cup winners 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09



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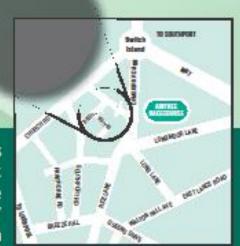
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'As the 1930's approached it's final months, talk of the revival of a senior Bootle Football Club ripened. The success of the 1938 schoolboys plus the abundance of locally-born players regularly in football league action proved that the talent was available and, Bootle Stadium, opened just a few years earlier, appeared to be ready-made headquarters. A certain German dictator was to halt all such aspirations for the duration of the 1939-45 hostilities but when soccer was back in full swing, the subject of Bootle FC was again on many an agenda.

The possible resurrection became a distinct probability in August 1947 when a meeting was held on the 14th of the month at the home of Councillor Dr. Harris in Merton Road. The meeting was chaired by Councillor C.G. Mack and the prime mover was Councillor Peter Mahon. The common consensus was that Bootle was a big enough town to be put on the football map with its own team and not just an exporter of its many players to other clubs, both professional and semi-professional. Football was in its golden days and Bootle should provide its recently demobbed and entertainment-starved citizens with a good standard of soccer, either to play or watch. It was envisaged that a first team could play in the Lancashire Combination and a second in the Liverpool County Combination. Elected secretary was Wally Halsall, the former Blackburn Rovers and Birmingham City halfback, he was most enthusiastic, foreseeing gates of 5,000 and eventual entry to the Football League. The idea as a whole was accepted by all those in attendance which included Councillors Simon Mahon, James Spence, H.O. Cullen (Mayor) and Mr J. Hagan. The wheels were put in motion to resurrect Bootle Football Club.

The promise of £1,100 sponsorship money from local businesses brought great optimism and the issue of one shilling shares further boosted club finances. After local residents were assured that Bootle Stadium would not be used solely as a football ground, an application to join the Lancashire Combination for

the 1948/49 season was made, and accepted. Club colours even posed a problem, red or blue were dismissed for fear of showing favour to either of the 'big two' but then it was discovered that the original Bootle FC wore white shorts, so this colour was adopted and peace prevailed. Bootle Football Club was launched and on it's way.

Secretary-Manager Wally Halsall, ably assisted by trainer Bill Routledge, set about assembling a team together. The Edinburgh pub in College Road, Crosby, was the first port of call and, not surprisingly, this being right next to Marine's ground brought a number of signings. Vin Ronson and Barney Dwyer were both Bootle lads as were ex-Bootle schoolboy players, winger Stan Williams and left-half Stan Miller, full-backs Alf Burnett and Bert Hanson had been on Everton's books before the war.... Other captures were Harry Kevan from Formby and wing-half Harry Downey. The Bootle pivot was Tom Ashcroft from Bootle J.O.C. outfit Penpoll and ex-Hoylake Athletic who for continual knee trouble may well have gone to higher spheres. The rest of Halsall's signings were mostly J.O.C. players and most would only play in the second eleven.'

early months before Jack Barlow made the position his own. Threlfall, Johnson and local man Ray Swift were all tried although Swift proved a loyal and able deputy over the following years. One custodian that Bootle overlooked was a tall, blonde, ex-prisoner-of-war German, Bert Trautman. Trautman, then living in Huyton, trained with Bootle at the stadium for several weeks but, with the area taking such a heavy pounding during the war, it was decided not to tempt any local bitterness and he was allowed to join St

Helens Town and of course moved on to FA Cup and Manchester City folklore. After a couple of practice matches at Bootle Stadium, Bootle kicked-off their Lancashire Combination days with a second division home game against Barnoldswick and District on August 21st 1948.