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History of the Bucks



The original Bootle F.C. were formed in 1880 and played at Hawthorne Road. They were in fact Everton FC's biggest rivals. In 1889-90 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance, narrowly missing out on the football league to the blues. 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 Langton 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 its 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 NWCL Premier Division Bootle finished a NWCL highest placing of 3rd. In 2010/11 finished 6th place. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012. With the ground grading and charter standard status established in 2011/12 the club are looking to progress to the next level.



Club Landmarks

Vodkat League First Division Champions
2008-09

Liverpool Challenge Cup
1964-65, 1975-76, 1978-79

Liverpool Amateur Cup
1965-66, 1967-68, 1973-74

Liverpool County FA Youth Cup
1977-78, 1984-85, 1990-91, 1999-00, 2005-06

Lancashire Amateur Cup
1970

Liverpool County Combination Champions
1964-65, 1965-66, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74

Lancashire County Combination Champions
1975-76, 1976-77

Cheshire County League Div Two Champions
1978-79

North West Counties League Div Two Runners-up
1992-93

Tennants Floodlit Trophy Winners
1993-94

Vodkat League Challenge Cup Runners-up
2007-08

Vodkat League Reserve Division Winners
2007-08, 2009-10

Runners-up
2008-09

**Liverpool Senior Cup Winners*
1883, 1888, 1889

**Football Alliance Runners-up*
1889-90

Bootle Football Club's YOUTH



Under 18's - West Cheshire League - Manager Richie Boswarva

Under 17's - Liverpool Premier League - Manager Ste Miller

Under 16's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Alex Grosart

Under 15's - Belvale Junior League - Manager Carl Dale

Under 14's - Hightown JFL - Manager Lee Williams

Under 12's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Tony Smith

Under 10's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Darren Carr

Under 9's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager David Miley

Under 8's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Phil Dobson

Under 7's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Ste Miller



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The Bootle youth teams continued with their pre-season programmes this week, with the leagues due to start on the weekends of 8th & 9th September.

The under 7's first pre-season game is tomorrow at Rainford Rangers, where Ste Miller will cast an eye on the youngest bucks.

The under 8's played their first friendly, beating Netherton Phoenix 9-2 in their first warm up game.



On Thursday, the 2 Under 9's team warmed up for the new season with a game against each other. The Bucks team beating the Juniors by 4 goals to 1. This was a good exercise as the teams will not meet each other after being drawn apart in this seasons Bootle Junior League. The Bucks under

tomorrow travel over to Wales to take part in a football festival in what will be a good warm up before the season starts.

The other sides are also in action with more updates in the next edition.



Bootle Football Club -
Founder members of the
Football Alliance 1889,
The Football League Div2*
1892 & The Northwest
Counties Football League
1982
Awarded FA Charter
Standard Status in
November 2011

*An associated committee
consisting of elected members:*

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Mr Tommy McKay, Mr Tony
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Mr Joseph Doran
Assistant Secretary
Mr Dave Miley Snr
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Mr Neil Prince
1st Team Assistant Manager
Mr James Olsen
1st Team Coach
Mr Liam Blakeman
Goalkeeping Coach
Mr Paul McCowen
Welfare
Mr Darren Carr
Head of Fitness & Wellbeing
Mr Lee Stenson
Media & Communications
Mr Dave Miley Jnr,
Youth Football Co-ordinator
Mr Carl Dale



*Original Club folded in 1893

Today's Teams



BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince



COLNE

manager: Nigel Coates

Dean PORTER

Neil MCQUEEN

Mark KILROY

Michael CARBERRY

Phil GREEN

Sean COULTON

Jamie O'BRIEN

Paul BYRNE

James OLSEN

Jamie HAY

Liam BLAKE/MAN

Kevin BLACK

Neil PRINCE

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Jason HART

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Micky SAUNDERS

Stephen PICKUP

Paul FILDES

Paddy O'BRIEN

Luke MCVARISH

Ryan BRERETON

Paul COOTE

Bobby HARRIS

Nigel COATES

Andy PAYTON

MATCH OFFICIALS



referee:

assistant referee:

assistant referee:



The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to The Delta stadium for our Northwest Counties Football League Premier Division game against today's visitors Colne; and a warm welcome to Nigel Coates and his team, players and supporters.

Last Saturday saw us beat Mossley 3-0 at their place in the FA Cup. To get a round of applause as we left the bar by everyone connected to Mossley says it all really. What a performance, we looked like the side playing in the higher division. I couldn't single out anyone, it was a good all round team performance again. When we work as a unit there aren't many teams that can live with us but as we saw in our last home game against St Helens, if we take our foot off the pedal we will drop points. I can't stress enough to the lads that we have to put the same hard work in to every game we play regardless of the opposition if we want our rewards at the end of the season.

I was very pleased for Jack Gray last week, scoring 2 on his full debut for the 1st team and looking so confident. I know his brother Tony from my days at Southport and Droylsden and Jack has the ability and potential to put his brother in the shade! It's important that he keeps his head down and works hard to keep a place in the 1st team.

I went to watch Bamber Bridge v Staveley in their replay on Tuesday night. I must say if we play to our strengths we will have a very good chance of progressing further in the cup. But that is for another day.

Onto today's game and it is important to take advantage of our challengers dropping points whilst we haven't played. A win will put us in a very strong position and open up a nice gap with a couple of games in hand. I couldn't have asked for a better start to the season but that is all it is at this moment in time, a good start. We must continue the good work and enjoy our football. Competition for places is a good headache to have and we will need our whole squad throughout the season as injuries and suspensions kick in. Saying that, it is another major plus to see that our disciplinary record is 2nd to none so far, fingers crossed!

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate James Olsen and Lee Thompson on each of their upcoming weddings this week.

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'We looked like the side playing in the higher division'

Lets hope we can pull out another result today so we can celebrate along both James, Lee, and their brides this weekend.

I would also like to congratulate Alan and Pauline Essery on renewing their vows today, and celebrating here with us!

Lets keep this run going for as long as possible and keep the celebrations going.

UP THE BUCKS!

Princey



'..thats all it is at the moment – a good start. We must continue the good work and enjoy our football'

Neil Prince

nwcf	Congeton	a	04/08/12	0-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	McCabe	Kilroy	Thompson	Young
nwcf	Wigan RP	H	07/08/12	2-0	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Thompson	Young		
FAC	Alsager	H	11/08/12	4-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Smart	Thompson	McCabe	Prince	Kilroy
nwcf	Winstford	a	14/08/12	0-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Young	Smart	McCabe	
nwcf	Stockp't S	H	18/08/12	2-0	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Prince	Green	Young	kilroy
nwcf	St Helens	H	21/08/12	2-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Prince	Young	Gray	Green
FAC	Mossley	a	25/08/12	3-0	Porter	McQueen	Byrne @	Green	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Gray	Prince	Young	Kilroy	
nwcf	Cole	H	01/09/12															
nwcf	Runcom T	H	04/09/12															
FAC	Bamber Br	H	08/09/12															
nwcf	Padlham	a	08/09/12															
nwcf	Stilsden	H	22/09/12															
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nwcf	Alsager	H	29/12/12															
nwcf	Bacup	a	05/01/13															
nwcf	Wigan RP	a	12/01/13															
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nwcf	Maine Rd	a	23/02/13															
nwcf	Barlck	a	16/03/13															
nwcf	Glossop	H	23/03/13															
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nwcf	Stone D	H	06/04/13															
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As at 31/08/2012



Premier Division

Alsager Town v Silsden
Barnoldswick v Maine Road
Bootle v Colne
Runcorn T v AFC Blackpool
Squires Gate v Norton United
St Helens T v Stockport Sports

F.A. Carlsberg Vase

1st Qualifying Round

AFC Liverpool v Bacup Borough
Ashton Ath v Runcorn Linnetts
Atherton Collieries v Ashton T
Atherton LR v Kinsley Boys
Congleton T v Rossington Main
Formby v Padiham
Glossop NE v Barton Town OB
Holker Old Boys v Hebburn Town
Irlam v Maltby Main
Nelson v Appleby Frodingham
Northwich Villa v Daisy Hill
Rochdale Town v Dinnington Town
(To be played at Dinnington Town)
St Helens T P-P Westella & Willerby
Stone Dominoes v Bilston Town
West Dids & Chorl v Cheadle T
Wigan Robin Park v Oldham Boro
Winsford United v Abbey Hey

First Division

AFC Darwen v Leek CSOB
Eccleshall v Chadderton

Reserve Division

Cheadle Town v Barnoldswick Town
Padiham v West Didsbury & Chorlton
Runcorn Linnetts v Irlam
Silsden v Wigan Robin Park

	P	GD	Pts
1. Bootle	5	8	13
2. Wigan RP	7	2	13
3. Barnoldswick	7	4	12
4. Padiham	5	3	11
5. AFC Blackpool	7	2	11
6. Winsford Utd	5	7	10
7. Silsden	6	4	10
8. Maine Road	6	4	9
9. Congleton T	5	4	9
10. R Linnetts	6	0	9
11. Runcorn T	4	1	7
12. Colne	6	-1	7
13. St Helens	5	-2	7
14. S'port Sports	6	1	6
15. Glossop NE	5	0	6
16. Ashton Ath	4	-3	6
17. AFC Liverp'l	6	-9	6
18. Alsager Town	5	-2	5
19. Squires Gate	7	-4	5
20. Bacup Boro	5	-5	3
21. Stone Doms	6	-8	3
22. Norton United	4	-6	0

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The Opening Day of the NWCFL - 30 years ago Part 5:

On the 14th August 1982, the face of non-league football in the North West changed forever, as the first fixtures in the new North West Counties Football League took place. The merger of the Lancashire Combination and Cheshire County League meant that 58 clubs from both leagues came together to compete against one another on the opening day of the NWCFL. The fixtures and results from the opening day are as follows.

Division One

Ashton United	2 - 1	Bootle
Burscough	2 - 1	Winsford United
Congleton T	2 - 0	St Helens Town
Darwen	0 - 0	Accrington Stanley
Formby	1 - 0	Leyland Motors
Glossop	1 - 1	Leek Town
Horwich RMI	2 - 2	Prescot Cables
Lancaster City	1 - 1	Curzon Ashton
Nantwich Town	0 - 4	Rhyl
Penrith	0 - 2	Stalybridge Celtic

Division Two

Atherton L R	1 - 0	Ford Motors
Caernarfon T	3 - 2	Gt Harwood Town
Chadderton	2 - 1	Padiham
Droylsden	7 - 1	Ellesmere Port & Neston
Irlam Town	0 - 1	Eastwood Hanley
Kirkby Town	0 - 3	Radcliffe Borough
Prescot BI	0 - 1	Lytham
Rossendale Utd	1 - 1	Fleetwood Town
Salford	1 - 0	New Mills
Skelmersdale U	1 - 1	Wren Rovers

Division Three

Ashton Athletic	2 - 1	Bacup Borough
Clitheroe	2 - 4	Blackpool Mechanics
Colne Dynam	2 - 3	Bolton ST
Daisy Hill	2 - 1	Maghull
Nelson	0 - 2	Wigan Rovers
Newton	1 - 3	Vulcan Newton
Oldham Dew	0 - 4	Prestwich Heys
Warrington T	4 - 1	Ashton Town
Whitworth Val	3 - 1	Atherton Collieries

A quick glance at the teams across the various divisions will reveal a mixture of familiar and less familiar names. The current member clubs listed below are founder members of the league and have unbroken membership over the past 30 years. AFC Blackpool (known as Blackpool Mechanics in 1982); Atherton Collieries; Bacup Borough; Chadderton; Daisy Hill (known for a period as Westhoughton Town); Glossop North End (known as Glossop in 1982); Oldham Boro (known as Oldham Dew in 1982, then subsequently Oldham Town); St Helens Town.

Note that the club known as Irlam Town in 1982 are unconnected with the present day Irlam FC, although they played at the same Silver Street ground as the present day club. The following current member clubs were founder members, but have broken their membership at some point over the course of the past 30 years. Ashton Athletic; Ashton Town; Atherton LR; Bootle; Congleton Town; Formby; Nelson; Padiham; Winsford United;

Grateful thanks to League Statistician Paul Cowburn for his input into this article.

THE BUCKS ARE NEXT AT HOME ON:

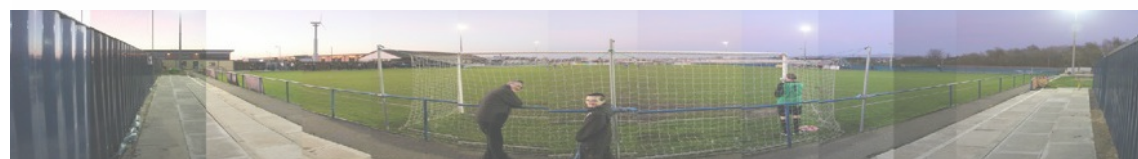
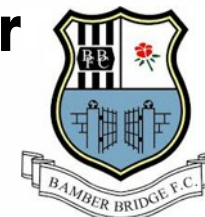
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Premier Division



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Where were you in '82 - 30 years ago Part 6:

The NWCFL are launching a search to compile a list of everyone who was involved in the NWCFL in some capacity both in 1982-83 and this coming season. There are many people around the league who can claim "I was there" in 1982 - but who are these people? What were they doing then and what are they doing now? Today we begin the hunt to try and find out. With everyone's help, the aim is to get a list together of every person holding an official position at a club or with the NWCFL this season, who was also involved in some way with the league when it all began in 1982. It's obviously a job that relies on contributions from all around the league, especially from anyone at those clubs who were founder members. The criteria is simple - if you were involved in the league as a player, manager or an official in some capacity in 1982-83 and are still involved in 2012-13, or you know someone who fits the bill, we want to know about it. We want to highlight the many unsung long serving heroes around the league, and hear their memories of the early days. As a start point, we show below those individuals who are listed in positions of office in the new league handbook for 2012-13, who are also named in the handbook for the 1982-83 season.

2012

John Cowley Registrations Secretary, NWCFL
Mike Darby Life Member, NWCFL
Ken Dean Life Member, NWCFL
Frank Doran Snr President, Bootle
Bob Eccles Life Member, NWCFL
Peter Hammond Club Secretary, Glossop North End
Andrew Moffat Results Co-ordinator, NWCFL
Bob Naylor Secretary, Daisy Hill
Frank Parr Life Member, NWCFL
John Reid Fixtures Secretary, NWCFL
Geoff Wilkinson Vice-President, NWCFL

1982

Referee, NWCFL
Linesman's Appointments Secretary, NWCFL
Treasurer/Fixtures Secretary, NWCFL
Secretary, Bootle
Vice-President, NWCFL
Secretary, Glossop
Linesman, NWCFL
Secretary, Daisy Hill
Club Representative, NWCFL
Secretary, Leek Town
Auxiliary Referee, NWCFL

There are bound to be other names that can be added to the list - if you know of anyone who should be included, e-mail details to ian.templeman@nwcfl.com. This piece completes the series of articles looking back at the run up to how the NWCFL began back in 1982. Grateful thanks to Bob Eccles, Bob Naylor, John Cowley and Paul Cowburn for their input and assistance in putting together the articles published on the league website over the past two weeks.

Ian Templeman, Media Officer, NWCFL



Our Visitors today....

From the borough of Pendle, Lancashire, just 6 miles from Burney and adjacent to Nelson. Boulsworth Hill overlooking the town which is on the edge of the Pennines.

The ground was enclosed for the first time in 1975 when Colne Dynamos joined the Lancashire Combination. At this time the area was shared with cricket, and grading difficulties arose when the Lancs Combination became the NW Counties League in 1982 as the club was unable to comply. The next three years however, saw rapid development, with three covered areas, new dressing rooms, and floodlights all in place by 1985. A new stand was built the following year and in 1987/88 Dynamos won the FA Vase and also took the League title, and with it promotion to Division One of the Northern Premier League.

COLNE FC



Further developments followed as the club became full-time, and won promotion as champions in 1988/89. A third successive championship followed but despite all of the developments Holt House was still unable to meet Conference grading requirements, and the club folded during the close season. Fortunately Colne Royal British Legion FC & Rock Rovers FC took over the ground, until Colne Legion resigned from the East Lancs League in 1995. The newly formed Colne FC became the grounds third residents on their formation in 1996. Colne F.C. were formed in January 1996, by a group of like-minded people under the wing of Mr Dave Blacklock. The enthusiasts combined their strengths

and knowledge of non league football, and arrangements were made for a new club to use the vacant Holt House Stadium, once used by the Dynamos, in the North West Counties Football League Division Two. Colne FC's first ever competitive game was on the 17th August 1996 against Middlewich and the result ended in a 1 – 0 defeat. The team was then managed by Keith Mason, but after his resignation soon after, Denzil Hart was appointed to the hot seat. His first game was a 6 – 0 defeat away at Ashton Town, but just two games later Colne FC recorded their first ever victory thumping Bacup Borough 5 – 2. The highlight of the season coming when the reserves won the BEP Cup at Clitheroe's Shawbridge ground. The clubs fourth season was eagerly awaited, but in September 2000



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In Reserve....



Bootle Reserves 2
Colne Reserves 1
23 August 2012



The Bucks Reserves played their second game of the www.galaxyfootball.co.uk Lancashire League last Thursday, defeating Colne in a strong fashion. Goals from captain James King, controlling the ball in the box and finishing into the top corner of the net; and the second was a stunner from Michael Young who picked the ball up in the centre of the park and crashed a stunning effort to the top right of the goal. Colne stuttered for most of the game to keep up with play but took their chance for a consolation in the dying minutes when Alex Nwachukwu converted the re-bound.



Witton Albion Reserves 8
Bootle Reserves 3
30 August 2012



The Bucks Reserves travelled to their first away ground on Thursday night in the Galaxyfootball.co.uk Lancashire League to take on Witton Albion Reserves.

Despite a promising start the Bucks were well beaten by a strong home team, and second half the visitors fell apart. This was not what manager Joe Doran expected from his first away venture and will be demanding a 100% improvement on Thursday when they are back on familiar ground against Workington.

Reserve Fixtures:

06/09/12	20:00	Bootle v Workington	Delta Taxis Stadium
11/09/12	19:45	Curzon Ashton v Bootle	Tameside Stadium
20/09/12	19:30	Lancaster City v Bootle	Myerscough College West
28/09/12	19:30	Stalybridge Celtic B v Bootle	Curzon Ashton FC



manager Hart left the club by mutual agreement. Player John Lister was placed in temporary charge and his appointment was made permanent a month later. Lister learned lessons from this campaign and in 2001/02 finished 14th. In the summer of 2002 James Webster took control of the club, to become the youngest chairman in the league at the age of 24. James was a player at the club with plenty of experience and along with his father who was vice chairman, had a strong desire to see

the current side emulate the success of its predecessors. Season 2002/03 started well enough, but in December 2002 John Lister resigned as Manager. Paul Lynch took over as manager and the improvements continued, but in August 2003, Paul was offered the position of manager at Unibond side Rossendale United and subsequently left. Webster responded immediately by appointing Nigel Coates as the new manager as well as player Gary Rishton as his number 2. Nigel had played for the Dynamos, being in the FA Vase winning team and had experience of management at local rivals Nelson. Season 2003/04 brought back the glory days to Colne with a string of successes. In the League Colne had to play catch up after a successful cup run, but ended the season 10 points clear in Division two, scoring 102 goals in their 38 games. They completed the double by winning the Division Two Trophy 1 – 0 over Great Harwood. The season was capped by an amazing run in the FA Vase which saw them reach the Semi finals before bowing out 4 – 3 on aggregate to AFC Sudbury. As the season progressed attendances started to rise as the local population realised they were no longer the whipping boys of the league, and the infamous RED ARMY was formed. Colne took little time in adjusting to life in the First Division, another FA Vase run and a creditable 10th place was secured in 2004 /05 Consolidation has followed and the current team has achieved Colne FC's highest ever league position Their 2007-08 season final position of 5th is the highest they have so far reached. Season 2009/10 started slowly with the team languishing 5th bottom of the Vodkat league at Xmas. However an amazing run of one league defeat in 2010 saw the Reds climb to finish a respectable 8th in the league with a very youthful squad. Season 2010/11 provided further improvements in the fortunes of the club finishing in a creditable 5th place in the league. Season 2011/12 produced another consistent campaign with a creditable 8th position



finish, given long term injuries to a number of key players. The year saw the emergence of a number of young players from the reserve team make their mark in the first team. The close season has seen the departure of a number of established players and manager Nigel Coates has been busy in the close season in building a squad which hopefully will be competitive. Nigel has beefed up his back room staff with the appointment of Andy Payton as Assistant Manager and Paul Fildes as player coach.



The man with the armband.....

Tuesday night we hosted St Helens Town and this was by far our worst performance of the season so far. We started the match really slow and we let St Helens dictate the tempo of the game. A stupid foul by myself led to a free kick being pumped into our box and although the initial header was blocked a St Helens player was there to tap in from 6 yards. An excellent Jamie Hay header got us back into it. Second half was a lot better from ourselves and we created some good chances, but we found ourselves 2-1 down but equalised soon after thanks to a lee Thompson penalty. We didn't manage to get a winner and overall a draw was probably a fair result. We didn't give up but as a team we can't go into any game thinking it is going to be easy, I think St Helens surprised a few of us. These slow starts against teams we should be comfortably beating will cost us at the end of the season if we don't approach every game in the right manner.

Princey wanted a good reaction from the players on Saturday and that's exactly what he got. The players put in their best performance of the season so far by beating Mossley 3-0 away. We completely dominated the game from start to finish, Mossley didn't know what had hit them. Our first goal came from a corner which was not dealt with by the Mossley defence allowing young Jack Gray to score from close range. The lads didn't stop there and not long after we were 2-0 up thanks to a spectacular effort from Princey, curling the ball into the top corner from 30 yards out. We went into half time 2-0 up and we looked comfortable. Princey still wanted us to play our way and not to sit on the 2 goal lead, we extended our lead to 3-0 thanks to another Jack Gray goal, Princey took a quick free kick which Jack Gray ran on to and he placed it past the Mossley keeper. Jack was outstanding all game as we're the whole team. This was the most satisfying win of the season so far and a win like this will only bring the team closer together and push us on.



We look forward to today's league game against Colne fc, which will be another tough match but we are full of confidence.

Paul Byrne



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MacKay, who replaced the injured McLaughlin, was the only change in the side as Bootle next fulfilled a friendly midweek fixture with Stoke.

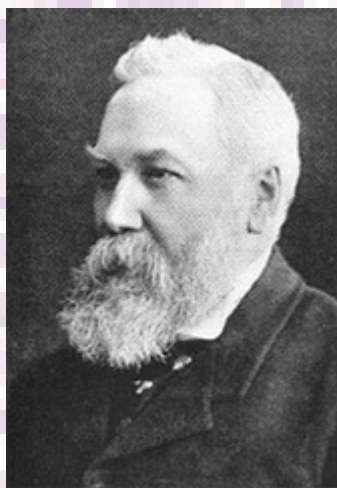
The occasion enabled them to wear their new red shirts which they had declared to be second strip should their own colours, navy blue and white stripes, prove to clash with those of their opponents. Bootle drew the game 2-2, before lining up, the following Saturday, to face Sheffield United in the first ever Football League match to be played at Hawthorne Road.

McLaughlin had not yet recovered from his injury and McKay retained his place in goal while J. Davies, who replaced Finlayson, was the only other change to the team that had faced Ardwick in Manchester. The Mayor of Bootle, along with his lady wife, was amongst the crowd of around 4,000 people who framed the playing pitch to witness this historic event.

The Bootle side approached the game in a positive manner and, despite having much the better of the early exchanges, no goals had been scored when the half time interval arrived. The home side, when the played resumed, kept up the pressure and were rewarded when Andy Montgomery scored with shot that a local newspaper described as being "one that no custodian could have stopped".

The goal, scored after 75 minutes, was the first one to be registered by Bootle as a member of the Football League. The home side, which never looked like surrendering the lead, soon doubled their advantage with a goal scored by J.H Law. The game was now beyond the reach of the men from Yorkshire and the home crowd was able to relax and enjoy the final minutes of the game.

The game ended Bootle 2, Sheffield United 0. A mid-week friendly game, played against Accrington, then took place before Bootle prepared for their next Football League fixture.



William McGregor, Founder of the Football League

120 Years ago this week

The Bucks & the Football League

By A Gardener



In the summer of 1892 a new era began in the life of Bootle Football Club as they became founder members of the recently formed, Football League Division Two. Their very existence however, was still very hazardous.

Deadly rivals Everton, were now the reigning champions of the Football League and, to make matters worse, they had just moved in to a new "purpose built" at Goodison Park while Bootle was still sharing their ground with the local cricket club at Hawthorne Road. Their position had been made even more precarious by the formation of the Liverpool Football Club. The new outfit had taken possession of the former home of Everton, at Anfield, and they also were pushing for membership of the Football

League. The Bootle executive, nevertheless, strengthened their side by introducing four new players from Scotland. They were: Gallagher (Clydebank), Law (Glasgow) McLafferty (Vale of Leven) and Neilson from Dumbarton. All four players took part in the inaugural match of the new season that was the first ever Football League fixture to be played in Manchester.



The original Football League Crest, until 1988

It was Saturday the 3rd of September when the Bootle party arrived at the Hyde Road Hotel to be greeted by officials of Ardwick FC who, like Bootle, had been former members of the now defunct Football Alliance. The players changed in to their colours before making the short walk that took them beneath the adjacent railway viaduct to find a playing pitch whose industrial location had determined the irregular shape of its enclosure. The match attracted a crowd of 4,000 spectators who witnessed Bootle make a disastrous start to their new venture. The match was but a few minutes old when the Bootle goalkeeper, McLaughlin, collided with a home forward. He injured his shoulder but refused to leave the field and struggled on in pain. The match that followed was a one sided affair that saw the home side run out winners by 7 goals to 0. The Bootle players who took part in the game were as follows: McLaughlin, Hutchinson, Arridge, Neilson, Hughes, Grierson, Finlayson, Gallagher, Law, McLafferty and Montgomery.

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