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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

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Deadline is early December with results being published in January.

Junior football could soon be gone in the borough. How do they expect young teams to pay ridiculous amounts in the current global austerity. This is a country where obesity up we are telling kids that we must give up football and other sports as we can't afford the fees offered.

We have provided links to additional information as well as an e-petition for you to provide feedback. Go to www.bootlejfl.co.uk and follow the links to sign the petition.

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*Original Club folded in 1893

Today's Teams



BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince



CONGLETON

manager: Jim Vince

Dean PORTER

David POTTER

Neil MCQUEEN

Mark KILROY

Michael CARBERRY

Phil GREEN

Sean COULTON

Neil MURPHY

Paul BYRNE (capt)

Joe FOWLER

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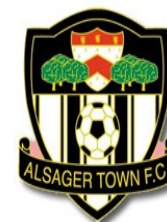
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AFC Blackpool v Glossop North End
Alsager Town v Squires Gate
Ashton Athletic v Runcorn Linnets
Barnoldswick Town v Bacup Borough
Bootle v Congleton Town
Maine Road v St Helens Town
Norton United v AFC Liverpool
Runcorn Town v Colne
Stockport Sports v Silsden
Wigan Robin Park v Padiham
Winsford United v Stone Dominoes

First Division

Ashton Town v Chadderton
Atherton LR v Rochdale Town
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Formby v Abbey Hey
Holker Old Boys v Daisy Hill
Irlam v West Didsbury & Chorlton
Nelson v Atherton Collieries
Northwich Villa v Oldham Boro

	P	GD	Pts
1 Maine Road	20	16	41
2 Runcorn Town	19	25	39
3 Congleton Town	19	21	36
4 Bootle	14	16	35
5 Padiham	17	14	35
6 Colne	20	25	34
7 Barnoldswick T	18	19	33
8 Alsager Town	22	6	31
9 Winsford United	17	16	30
10 Stockport Sports*	20	19	29
11 Glossop NE	19	4	29
12 Wigan Robin Park	20	-5	26
13 Runcorn Linnets	17	-3	25
14 AFC Blackpool	19	-6	25
15 Silsden	17	-2	23
16 Norton United	19	-21	20
17 Bacup Borough	18	-10	19
18 AFC Liverpool	16	-11	16
19 Ashton Athletic	20	-23	14
20 Squires Gate	22	-25	14
21 St Helens Town	15	-21	13
22 Stone Dominoes	20	-54	7

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Weekend Round Up

Without doubt the result of the day goes to Stone Dominoes, who tasted victory for the first time in 30 games - a sequence stretching back to March 2012 - after a stunning late fightback against Glossop North End.

Glossop took the lead after 15 minutes through an Own Goal, with Matthew Dodswell scoring on his debut to level matters in the 38th minute. Glossop looked as though they had secured victory with Mark Battersby's sixth goal in three games putting them ahead just seven minutes from time, but Dodswell had other ideas. He hauled Stone level in the 89th minute, before securing victory with a debut hat-trick in stoppage time. Another eye-catching result (in my eyes!) came at Padiham, who romped to their biggest home win of the season as they put four without reply past Stockport Sports. Much of the damage came in the opening stages, with Padiham hitting three in a devastating five minute spell.

Joe Garvin opened the scoring on seven minutes, with leading goalscorer Ben Allen doubling the lead two minutes later. Sam Morris then effectively secured the game with just 11 minutes on the clock as he made it 3-0, with Dave Sherlock scoring the final goal of the game five minutes before the break.

Maine Road continue to hold top spot after a 2-1 win at Colne, extending their unbeaten run to eight games against a team who had scored 13 without reply in their last two games.

Road opened the scoring in the 53rd minute after Tom Bentham's shot was blocked, with Tom Bailey unleashing a 20-yard effort that flew into the top left hand corner. With 12 minutes remaining the two combined once more with Bailey finding Bentham whose 25-yard effort also found the top corner.

Colne were rewarded for their persistence in the 89th minutes, with the in-form Jason Hart scoring his 14th goal in his last eight games and his 20th of the season overall. Maine Road remain two points clear of second placed Runcorn Town, who made it five successive victories with a 4-1 win at Squires Gate. Sam Bailey's first goal for Runcorn opened the scoring after 20 minutes, his curling effort eluding everybody in the box and nestling in the net. James McShane doubled the lead eight minutes later, Stuart Wellstead spotting him unmarked in the box.

A minute into the second half it was 3-0 with Mark Keddies effort saved only for McShane to slot in the rebound. And it was 4-0 with 20 minutes to go, McShane setting up Gareth Grant who lobbed the keeper from the edge of the box. Jason Dodswell grabbed a consolation with four minutes remaining, his free kick from fully 30-yards finding the top corner.

Congleton Town are up to fourth after a 2-1 win over Barnoldswick Town. It took just six minutes for the opening goal to arrive, Mike Koral finding Matt Worrall inside the area with Worrall finding the net. Ten minutes later it was 2-0 with left back Louis James finding himself in an advanced position and unleashing a right foot drive into the corner for his 4th goal of the season.

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Old Boys And Cotto Combine For Charity

The combined efforts of members and supporters at Leek CSOB and Norton United General Manager John Cotton have generated a donation of £200 for a cancer charity fund.

As many people around the league are aware, John has successfully battled cancer, and he recently established a charity fund that is aimed at raising funds for people who have been stricken with the disease in Staffordshire.

Officials at Leek CSOB dedicated their home game against Daisy Hill on 10th November to former chairman and manager Chris McMullen, who died last month from cancer, and raised money on the day for charity from raffles and collections.

Cotto explained: "Thanks to my contacts at local football and cricket clubs, I have successfully raised money for my fund, and have given donations to a number of charities already." One of the charities I support is a fund operated by the University Hospital of North Staffordshire, which carries out research and offers support to people suffering from colorectal cancer. It is overseen by the surgeon who treated me during my illness.

"After Leek CSOB held their fund raising activities, their Vice-Chairman Jamie Cullerton contacted me and said that they would like to donate £100 from the money raised to go towards a cancer charity. "We have decided that the Hospital's Colorectal Fund would be appropriate, and I have allocated £100 from the money I have in my fund, to match the sum given by Leek CSOB, and we will be making a donation of £200 to the Hospital's fund.

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hail from East Cheshire and on the banks of the River Dane, to the west of the Macclesfield Canal and 21 miles south of Manchester.

The club was formed in 1901 and joined the Crewe and District League, and were crowned champions in their first three seasons from 1901–02 to 1903–04. In 1904–05 they finished in fifth place. They then joined the North Staffordshire and District League in the 1905–06 season finishing in third place. Up until the outbreak of World War I their highest league placing came in 1914–15 when they were runners-up. When the league resumed after the war Congleton spent one last season in the league, 1919–20 finishing as league champions.

CONGLETON TOWN



In 1920 they joined the Cheshire County League, finishing as runners-up to Winsford in their first season, 1920–21. In 1939–40 they spent one season in the Macclesfield and District League, finishing in equal first place and winning the end of season play-off against Bollington Cross to be crowned champions.

When football resumed after World War II Congleton Town were once again back in the Cheshire County League. However, they struggled at first including finishing in last place in 1947–48. The club continued to struggle and spent the 1950s finishing toward the bottom of the table each season.

They began the 1960s still struggling culminating in a last place finish in 1964–65, before joining the Manchester League in the 1965–66 season, finishing in fifth place. Their stay in the league though lasted just three seasons and in the 1968–69 season they joined the Mid-Cheshire League, finishing in eighth place. In 1969–70 they were runners-up. They were runners-up again in 1971–72 then in 1973–74 they were crowned Mid-Cheshire league champions. The following season they finished third before winning the league for a second time in 1975–76. After another runners-up finish in 1976–77 they won the title for a third time in 1977–78, their last season in the league.



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Match Action

Match report of the FA VASE game away to Thackley from Ian Templeman, Media Officer of the NWCFL.

Bootle's hopes of progress in the FA Vase were ended in emphatic style in West Yorkshire, as a strong and pacy Thackley side powered their way to the Third Round. In a game switched to Thackley's Dennyfield ground due to the Delta Taxis Stadium pitch being unplayable, the Northern Counties East League side took the lead midway through the first half, but Bootle were back on level terms thanks to a Paul Byrne equaliser three minutes later.

But two goals in the space of seven minutes early in the second half put Thackley in the driving seat, and only an impressive performance from Dean Porter in the Bootle saved his side from a heavier defeat. Thackley signalled their intentions straight from the start, and warning signs were evident as early as the fourth minute when striker Nicky Matthews fired a loose ball into the net, only to be flagged offside by the assistant referee. Eight minutes later, Matthews and strike partner Matt Mathers were denied by a great double save by Porter in the Bootle goal, and the pair linked up again on 20 minutes, when a goalbound Matthews shot was diverted to safety by Porter's outstretched leg.

But the home side's pressure finally produced a reward in the 22nd minute, when a high cross to the far post from Matt Hall was headed powerfully into the bottom corner of the net by Matt Mathers. A minute later Matthews almost doubled his tally when he outpaced the Bootle defence and fired in a shot that was beaten away by Porter, but against the run of play, Bootle were handed an opportunity to get back into the game just three minutes later. A ball to the edge of the box found Michael Young in space, and as he tried to turn the defender he was unceremoniously bundled to the ground. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, and although Neil Prince's penalty was well saved by Thackley keeper Mark Bower, Bootle skipper Paul Byrne reacted quickly to fire the loose ball into the empty net.

The remainder of the first half saw plenty of dogged midfield play without any clear cut chances being created, but any hopes of a second half revival for Bootle were snuffed out in the opening fifteen minutes of the second half. On 53 minutes a fine through ball from Nicky Matthews played Jordan Missin through on goal, and after rounding the keeper he cut the ball back into to the path of Nicky Matthews, who was upended by Bootle full back Neil Murphy.

Once again the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot, and Brice Tiani fired an unstoppable spot kick high into the top corner of the net to put Thackley ahead. On the hour mark, Thackley added a third goal when a cross to the far post found the impressive Matthews with time and space to pick his spot with a simple header from close range. Despite their best efforts to play a passing game on an increasingly heavy and rutted pitch, Bootle had no answer to the more direct style of the home side, and could have fallen further behind in the later stages of the game, Jordan Missin, James Firth and Andy Tasker all having chances to increase the margin of victory.

In 1978 the club re-joined the Cheshire County League, finishing in seventh place in their first season back in the league, 1978–79. They won the league in its final season, 1981–82 before the league merged with the Lancashire Combination to form the North West Counties Football League in which they were founder members in 1982–83. In 1985–86 they were runners-up in the league, only missing out on the title on goal difference. In 1987–88 they joined the Northern Premier League in the newly created Division One, finishing in ninth place. In the 1989–90 season, they reached the First Round of the FA Cup after beating Witton Albion in the fourth qualifying round. In the first round they were drawn away to Football League club Crewe Alexandra where they lost 2–0. However, they struggled most years at the higher level of the Northern Premier League and after finishing in last place in the 2000–01 season, they were relegated to the North West Counties Football League Division One. They did though reach the fourth round of the FA Trophy where they lost 6–2 to Worksop Town. The club remained in Division One which was renamed the Premier Division for the 2008–09 season.



At the end of the 2008–09 season, Congleton finished fourth in the Premier Division, behind AFC Fylde, New Mills and Newcastle Town, with only the first placed side gaining promotion to the Northern Premier League. Regardless of where they had finished, Congleton would not have gained promotion because they did not submit a promotion application.

Congleton Town Supporters Trust was formed in 2001. The trust aims to help the club through sponsorship and community projects.

At the end of the 2010–11 season joint managers Anthony Buckle and Darren Twigg stepped down. Giuseppe "Joe" Paladino, ex-Wigan Athletic goalkeeper, who was assistant manager at Rossendale United at the end of last season was appointed at the beginning of the season, but some disappointing results and declining attendances saw his reign short-lived. He was replaced on 6 November 2011 by Dean Sibson, who took on the role of caretaker manager until a successor was appointed on 31 January 2012. Jim Vince, former FC Halifax, Witton Albion, Woodley Sports and Abbey Hey manager now takes up the reins.





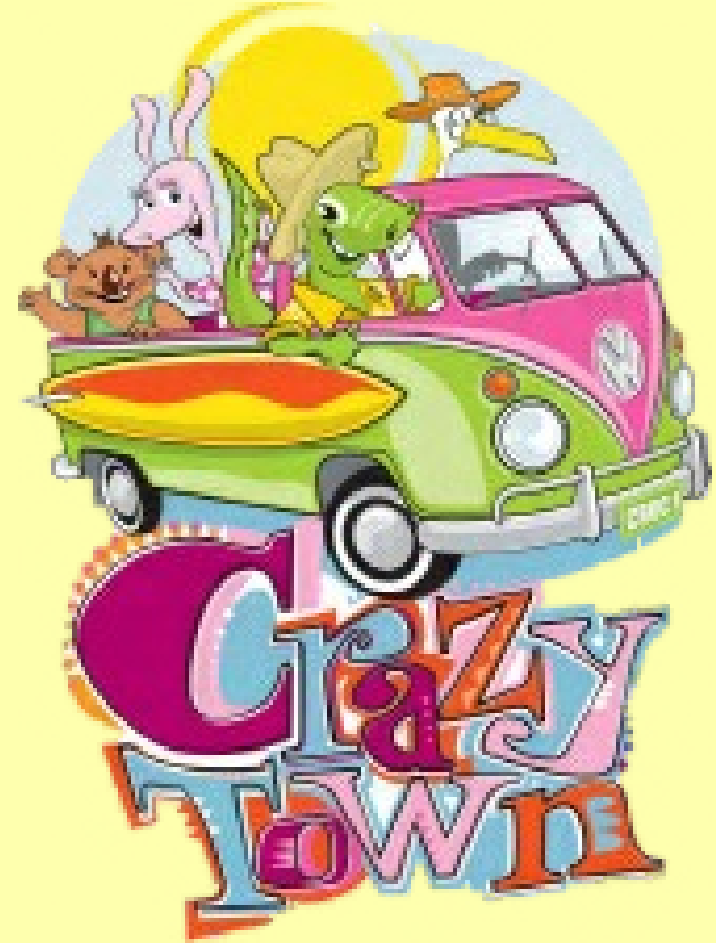
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Lost with Bootle

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In rural Lancashire

travellers addressed the two members of staff who spoke with a broad Lancashire dialect. They discovered, eventually, that they must walk back between the railway lines and climb the wooden stairway that was attached to the middle of the railway bridge that could be seen in distance. The Bootle party, having done this, found themselves alone in a country lane with nobody to ask for directions. There were no signposts so, dodging the cow pads, they decided to head northwards. They had been walking for about fifteen minutes when they happened up on two local men who eventually informed them that the village of Higher Walton lay not to the north but to the east and, to get there, they must walk across several fields of open passage. The Bootle party, kitbags and all, presently arrived at the pleasant village of Higher Walton.

The location consisted of several rows of workmen's cottages and was dominated by the overpowering presence of the large cotton mill. The visitors were then pointed in the direction of the Farmers Arms tavern where the executive of the resident club greeted them. Here they changed and made to short walk to the field of conflict. There were around 500 people surrounding the rural playing field that stood on the banks of the River Darwen where the referee, Mr. Sam Ormerod of Accrington, awaited them on their arrival. Bootle, with nine men on the field, kicked off with both the strong wind and the pronounced slope in their favour. They had not been playing above five minutes when the two absent players arrived on the scene. They had changed on the journey and immediately took up their places on the field. The visitors now began to out play the home team and goals from Hastings (2) Anderson and Wilding gave them a 4-0 lead at the brake. A goal from Blackburn then reduced the deficit before two further goals, both scored by Will Hastings, were added to the visitor's total that, effectively; put an end to game the contest. Bootle had proved too good side for the local players and the game ended, Higher Walton 1, Bootle 6.

The visitors were then entertained by their hosts before being transported, by horse drawn omnibus, to the Railway Station at Preston. They arrived there to discover that the location was crowded with disappointed football fans from Liverpool. Preston North End had eliminated Everton so it would be just the players of Bootle who would now represent Merseyside in the tournament.

Lost with Bootle

In rural Lancashire

By A Gardner



It was November 1887 and the football clubs of both Bootle and Everton were contemplating their forthcoming matches in the 3rd round of the FA Cup. The occasion was to demonstrate the far greater support that the people of Merseyside were prepared to give Everton as opposed to their neighbours from Bootle. The Anfield club had the daunting task of facing the invincible Preston North End on their home at Deepdale and most eyes were focused up on this game. However, a local newspaper reporter chose to give the occasion a miss and travell instead with the Bootle club to cover their less fashionable cup-tie at the Lancashire village of Higher Walton. It was to turn out to be a day that was both eventful and enjoyable.

The arrangements had been placed in the competent hands of the Bootle secretary Mr. Henry Heard who in turn put his trust in the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. He visited the company offices at Liverpool Exchange Railway Station where he was informed that the nearest railway station, convenient to the village of Higher Walton, was Preston Junction. Mr. Heard paid for the hire of a private saloon coach and awaited further information. He was later informed that the carriage would be attached to "tail end" of a special excursion train that the railway company had arranged to convey the Everton party, along with five hundred of their supporters, to their F.A. Cup tie at Preston. The excursion train would make a special stop at Kirkdale Station to pick up the Bootle party.

It was around midday when the excursion train rolled in to Kirkdale station and made its scheduled halt. The Everton followers, with all heads out of the window, looked on with interest as the Bootle boys boarded their reserved carriage and began to settle down for the journey. Alas, all was not well. Two of the Bootle players, Ted Lewis and Job Wilding, had failed to arrive and the train was about to leave without them. Mr. Heard, who was not making the journey, ordered two of the Bootle football shirts to be quickly handed out of the carriage window as the excursion train pulled out of the station.

The train then steamed its way through the flat farmland of South West Lancashire before drawing to a halt at Lostock Station. Here the lone Bootle saloon carriage was uncoupled by the station staff and the main section of the train steamed off in the direction of Preston. The locomotive, which was waiting on a nearby siding, was then coupled up to the Bootle carriage before takings it on the short journey that was required to reach their final destination.

They alighted to discover that the station at Preston Junction, which consisted of a single island platform, had no access for the public because it was only used to for passengers to change trains. The bewildered

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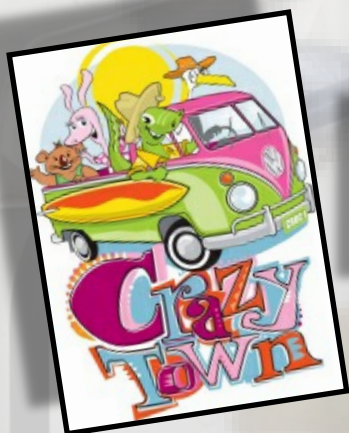
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