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The Northwest Counties League Premier Division

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Bootle Football Club v Runcorn Linnets FC

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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

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Bootle 17's Run Riot!!

By Stephen Miller | Saturday 22nd September 2012

New look Bootle gel to kill off any L8 hopes

Bootle under 17s today produced the most sizzling of performances against L8 under 18's in the Liverpool County Youth Premier League. With players like Jake Higgins, Daniel McWilliam and other long term absentees missing it was a fresh strike force that exploded into action; Mark Jeffers making his full debut smashed in 6 goals closely followed by Jack Driver(4), Sean Currie(3), Lewis McKay(2), Andrew O'Haren; and a follow up to a goal in each previous game for the in form Jamie Colebourn netting a hat trick.

L8 could not live with Bootle from start to finish and the new look squad seem to be gelling quicker than anticipated. With 2 wins and draw and just a single loss this season Bootle have started steadily but with the fresh faces in the team now staking their claim in the side its a great choice to have for the managers and with Higgins and co still to come back the competition for places is now on.



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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Dave Ruth, Mr Geoff Frasier,
Mr Tommy McKay, Mr Tony
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Mr Joseph Doran
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Mr James Olsen
1st Team Coach
Mr Liam Blakeman
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Mr Dave Miley Jnr,
Youth Football Co-ordinator
Mr Carl Dale



*Original Club folded in 1893

Today's Teams



BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince



LINNETS

manager: Paul McNally

Dean PORTER

David POTTER

Neil MCQUEEN

Mark KILROY

Michael CARBERRY

Phil GREEN

Sean COULTON

Neil MURPHY

Paul BYRNE

Jack MCDOWELL

James OLSEN

Jamie HAY

Liam BLAKEMAN

Kevin BLACK

Brett ADAMSON

Neil PRINCE

Billy SMART

Jak GRAY

Michael YOUNG

Daniel O'CONNOR

Tom FOLEY

Lee THOMPSON

Jack MCCABE

David MORAN

Tom BROCKLEHURST

Keith WEDGE

Michael JONES

Chris LAWTON

Lewis CALLAGHAN

Chris DYKES

Matty JONES

Rob WHYTE

Tommy TURNER

Sean PEARSON

Neil BLACK

Anthony DANIELS

Michael SIMPSON

David HILL

Danny SMITH

Jonah O'REILLY

Paul BOWES

Ross MCDOWELL

Adam WADE

Michael ELLISON

Matty ATHERTON

Sean BREEN

MATCH OFFICIALS



referee: Mr D Underwood

assistant referee: Mr R Walsh

assistant referee: Mr S Rudd



The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to The Delta stadium for our Northwest Counties Premier Division match against today's visitors Runcorn Linnets; and a warm welcome to Paul McNally and his team, players and supporters.

By the standards that Linnets have set in the last couple of years this is an indifferent start by them. They have strengthened over the summer and we welcome back a few familiar faces today. We welcome back Ross McDowell, who scored a hat full of goals when he played under 18's and played a good part in our unbeaten run last season. Another familiar face from our run last year is Dave Moran, who was outstanding at times last year in goal. Also welcome to an ex team mate of James and mine, Neil Black.

Last week saw us get a thoroughly deserved 3 points against a Silsden team where there was only one team looking to win the game. The amount of chances we created was encouraging and the quality of our football was very pleasing on the eye.

Tom Foley had his 1st start of the season and was outstanding. Tom's ability is never questioned, we just need him to work harder for the team and be more consistent. It was also great to see Bret get his 1st goal for the club, on his first team debut. He is a very promising player who needs minutes under his belt to build his sharpness up.

Results have continued to go for us when we haven't been playing and we have to forget about the games in hand that we have and just take each game as it comes. As I said above, the Linnets have had a bit of an up and down start to the season but they have some very good players and tonight will be a good test for us.

In fact the next few weeks will be a real test, weather permitted. Maine Road, who we lost to in the cup last season, followed by Stockport Sports in the FA Vase and then Runcorn Town in the challenge cup will stretch our squad to the limit, but I'm sure we'll be up for the task.

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Thanks for your continued support.

UP THE BUCKS!

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'Just take
each game as
it comes'

Neil Prince

nwcf	Congleton	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	McCabe	Kilroy
FAC	Alsager	H	11/08/12	4-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Smart	Thompson	Young	Prince	Kilroy
nwcf	Winstford	a	14/08/12	0-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Young	Green	Smart	McCabe
nwcf	Stockp't S	H	18/08/12	2-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Prince	Young	Gray	Kilroy
nwcf	St Helens	H	21/08/12	2-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Gray	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	Foley
nwcf	Colne	H	01/09/12	2-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Kilroy	Coulton	Black	Young	Hay	Foley	Gray	Prince	O'Brien	O'Connor	Foley
nwcf	Runcom T	H	04/09/12	1-0	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Kilroy	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	Thompson	Young	Gray	Green	Essery	Pruden
FAC	Bamber Br	H	08/09/12	1-2	Porter	Green	Kilroy	Carberry	Coulton ©	Black	Blakemen	Hay	Young	O'Connor	Gray	Gray	Foley	Kilroy
nwcf	Padham	a	08/09/12	1-1	Porter	McQueen	Kilroy	Carberry	Coulton ©	Black	Blakemen	Hay	Pinne	O'Connor	Young	Gray	Foley	Kilroy
nwcf	Silsden	H	22/09/12	2-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne	Carberry	Green	Gray	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Foley	Kilroy	Adamson	Olsen



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Saturday 6th October

V Maine Road

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Premier Division



Saturday 13th October

V Stockport Sports

(3pm KO) in the FA VASE



Tuesday 27th October

V Runcorn Town

(7.45pm KO) in the

NWCFL Challenge Cup





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As at 01/10/2012



Premier Division

Alsager Town v Norton United
 Bootle v Runcorn Linnets
 Colne **P-P** Padiham
 Glossop North End v Maine Road
 Squires Gate **P-P** Barnoldswick
 Town
 St Helens Town **P-P** AFC
 Blackpool
 Stone Dominoes v Congleton
 Town
 Wigan Robin Park v Stockport
 Sports

First Division

Atherton LR **P-P** Cheadle Town
 Holker Old Boys **P-P** Nelson
Lancashire Challenge Trophy
First Round
AFC Blackpool v AFC Darwen
Ashton Athletic v Atherton LR
 Bamber Bridge v **West Didsbury**
& Chorlton
Padiham v Colne
Rochdale Town P-P Burscough
West Riding County Cup
First Round
 Armthorpe Welfare v
 Barnoldswick Town

	P	GD	Pts
1. Bootle	9	11	23
2. Barnoldswick	13	8	23
3. Stockp't Sports	13	17	22
4. Congleton T	11	13	22
5. Runcorn Town	11	12	22
6. Padiham	10	8	21
7. Wigan RP	13	-1	19
8. Maine Road	11	5	18
9. Winsford Utd	9	10	17
10. AFC Blackp'l	12	0	17
11. Glossop NE	9	2	15
12. R Linnets	10	-3	15
13. Colne	11	1	14
14. Silsden	11	-1	14
15. Bacup Boro	10	1	12
16. Alsager T	12	-3	11
17. St Helens T	10	-10	11
18. Ashton Ath	9	-6	10
19. AFC Liverp'l	9	-10	9
20. Squires Gate	12	-10	8
21. Norton United	9	-18	6
22. Stone Doms	12	-26	4

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Bits And Pieces

Police officers remembered – players from Irlam Reserves and Ashton Town Reserves observed a minutes silence before their fixture at Silver Street last weekend, as a mark of respect for WPCs Nicola Hughes and Fiona Bone, who lost their lives in the course of their duty.

Stockport Sports – the club have appointed Russell Hoyte as their Community Officer. Russell's role is to forge links with the local community and to create a variety of community initiatives for the club. He will also be looking to set up links with junior leagues and clubs, and has also organised ball boys for future games at the Stockport Sports Village.

Padiham – The club's Under 13s team will have a new kit to wear this season, courtesy of their local Tesco store. Tesco have agreed to provide the kit as part of the PR campaign surrounding the opening of a new store in Padiham, and a photograph of the team wearing the kit will be arranged in the next few weeks, for distribution to the local press and Tesco's own internal publications. Meanwhile, Secretary Alan Smith reports that the club has entered four national competitions for the first time this season – The FA Cup, FA Vase, FA Youth Cup and FA Womens Cup.

Cheadle Town - collectors of non-league football programmes may be interested to learn that back copies of Cheadle Town home programmes, dating back as far as the early 1990s, are available for sale from the club's tea bar on match days. Programmes from other clubs are also on sale.

Fixtures Secretary trivia - John Reid and his Northern League counterpart Tony Goodlightly were both on holiday on the island of Malta last week – thankfully both are back now, just as the bad weather and match postponements have begun.

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Formby's Real Ale Treat

Real ale fans will have the opportunity to sample a beer that may be unfamiliar to them when they visit Formby this season.

The bar at Altcar Road is now stocking real ale from a brewery in Hertfordshire, and it was the firm's name - Red Squirrel Brewing Company – that first attracted the club's attention.

"Red Squirrel is a small independent microbrewery based in Potten End, Hertfordshire and, as a grassroots organisation ourselves, we like to support small businesses. They also donate to red squirrel conservation which, combined with the gloriousness of the beer itself, made us determined to find a way to make it work.

Formby Programme Editor Merrick Cork explained

"Red Squirrel do five litre minicasks, they're a giant can that looks like the old Party Sevens from the 1970s but mercifully they don't contain Watneys. Instead they have live beer. They don't come particularly cheap, and then there's the delivery charge on top, so we only break even if we sell eight out of the almost-nine pints inside, but it's not about the money. We love the squirrel tie in, and nothing beats standing in the doorway of the bar on a late summer Saturday watching the footy with a chilled golden pint.

"We've done it for the last two home games and made it cover its costs, and the worst that would happen is us having to buy the leftovers to take home, which I assure you wouldn't be a problem, so we'll keep doing it. They do some dark beers for the winter months that we're really looking forward to as well!"

Kate, one of the Formby matchday bar staff, is pictured below serving Hopfest at the Altcar Road bar.



Our Visitors today....

Within the borough of Halton, and on the Southern bank of the River Mersey. Directly North across the Mersey is the town of Widnes; while 8 miles to the Northeast is Warrington; and downstream 16 miles to the West is the City of Liverpool.

Runcorn Linnets Football Club was born on 28 April 2006, when the fans of Runcorn Football Club, dismayed at the club's predicament, met at their spiritual home at the Quayside in Canal Street in Runcorn and voted to establish a new club which would continue the proud tradition of non-League football which had existed in the town since 1918. A large group of fans formed an interim committee to set the wheels in motion. A Supporters Trust already existed and this was the vehicle through which the new club would be run. At this early stage, the club existed in name only, and the choice of the name Runcorn Linnets was symbolic in representing where the fans had come from and in keeping these ties with our past, whilst at the same time

RUNCORN LINNETS



recognising that a new club needed to be built to re-establish confidence in the local community. To start a new club from scratch with only 4 months to the start of a new season was a mammoth task, and the newly formed committee drew up business and action plans to attempt to achieve their objectives. Negotiations were opened on many fronts, with the FA, the Cheshire FA, the North West Counties League, Supporters Direct and Witton Albion Football Club. They received a vast amount of advice and support from all of these

bodies and were hugely grateful to them all for their help. The Chairman and Board of Directors at Witton Albion FC extended the hand of friendship and offered a ground share for the season, as no suitable venue was immediately available back in Runcorn. Linnets were supported by local council and MPs in a bid for a place in the league for the start of season 2006/07. The members of the committee worked tirelessly to achieve their objective and were delighted when they were finally accepted into the league by the member clubs on Saturday 17 June 2006 at the AGM in Buxton. Former manager and player for Runcorn FC Halton, Steve Carragher, agreed to join as manager.



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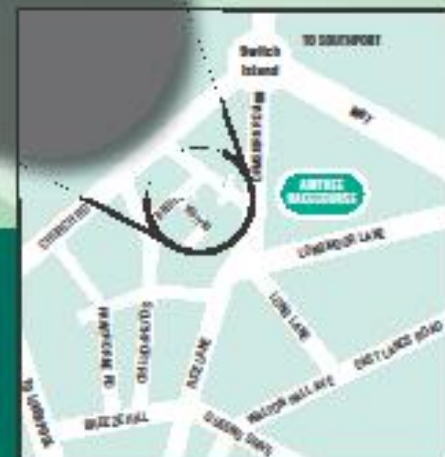
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Match Review



Bootle 2
Silsden 1
22nd September 2012
Attendance: 124



The Bucks were out of the traps quickly and dominated the early exchanges as the visitors tried to get to grips with the game. For all the neat possession however there was not really a chance to note until Tom Foley whipped in a dangerous cross from the left that found Lee Thompson, however the Silsden goalkeeper Ed Hall saved well with his legs. This sparked Silsden into their first attack and a long punt up field found Ryan who shot straight at Dean Porter who saved well however the ball broke loose for Tom Marshall to score.



The Bucks stepped up a gear now and wave after wave of attacks were thrown at Silsden who were trying in vain to keep the home side out. Tom Foley and Daniel O'Connor constant threats and with Lee Thompson and Jak Gray arriving late in the box it was just a matter of time before they would get there equalizer. Foley again broke down the left and played a ball into O'Connor, but the 'keeper was equal to his powerful drive. On 17 minutes a ball forward set O'Connor away and he burst through the away defence. The Keeper was quick out to close

the talisman down but O'Connor chipped the ball over Hall but agonizingly, his shot hit the top of the bar and down before being fired over by Hay. Minutes later the ball fell again to O'Connor who smashed a drive through the crowded area only for the 'keeper again to be equal to it. It was all Bootle at this point. Lee Thompson again made himself some room outside the penalty area and drove a cracking effort just over the bar, although maybe a through ball to Foley would have been the better option. The equalizer was much similar and it finally came on 22 minutes, Lee Thompson carrying the ball forward before unleashing a superb drive from 35 yards that crashed against the Silsden bar before re-bouncing this time to O'Connor to head in from 6 yards out. It was just what Bootle deserved after the chances created but they were nearly behind again on the half when McEneaney crossed from wide and Ryan's towering header struck the bar. Second half started with something of a contrast of the first with the visitors using the ball well and only for some resolute defending, especially from the impressive Mark Kilroy to avert the danger.

The only forays upfield came from the centre of midfield now with Jamie Hay, Liam Blakeman and Lee Thompson looking dangerous when they had the ball, as Silsden looked to have nullified the threat on the wing from Gray and Foley. Young Brett Adamson came on for his Bootle debut and his pace gave a bit more for the Silsden defence to think about. A great ball out wide by Hay finding the young winger who crossed first time but never beat the first man.

He was soon about to make an impact though with 14 minutes to go. A great run down the left again from Foley forced a corner and as the resultant corner was whipped in Brett Adamson was in the right place to score his first Bootle goal. Bootle saw out the game in a professional manner as Silsden for all their good play could not break down the strong Bucks defence a second time.



In their first season in 2006/07 they finished second to Winsford on goal difference. Linnets supporters, as always, turned out in numbers to support the team.

Season 2007/08 had success in the Cheshire Senior Cup, beating Unibond 1 side Warrington Town on their own ground and narrowly losing to Altrincham.

At the beginning of 2008, the club decided to part with its management team by mutual consent and we

appointed Steve Wilkes as manager, with goalkeeper Robbie Holcroft as his assistant. Steve used the second half of that season to look at players old and new. Overall season 2007/08 will be seen as one of consolidation in a higher league, with a better standard of football. In the FA Vase, Linnets had a good run up to the Third Round Proper. They then came up against Vase holders, AFC Fylde, losing 4-1 after a very tight first half. Good wins at Alsager and at home to AFC Fylde in the Vodkat Cup put The Linnets into the semi-finals against Silsden. A defeat in the home leg was followed up with a fighting performance at Cougar Park, which saw The Linnets through to the final at Tameside Stadium against a very strong New Mills side, where ending as runners-up by 2-0.



Season 2010/11 was the first back in Runcorn and saw The Linnets part company with the management team of Steve Wilkes and Ian McGarry towards the end of August 2010 and former Linnet Paul McNally was appointed as the new manager bringing in former Atherton LR manager, Dave Hughes, as his assistant and Chris Fitzsimmons as coach. A rebuilding process took place during the season and the Linnets finished the season strongly. The most encouraging feature of season 2010/11 was the tremendous support the Linnets received from their fans. The average attendance at the Millbank Linnets Stadium was 106% up on the previous season and almost 50% higher than the next best supported team. A number of new

signings have been added to the squad that finished last season strongly.

In 2011/12 the club achieved its highest ever finish in the NWCL when we came fifth. A great start to the season in the league was interspersed with cup success, but this brought a large number of replays and no league games were played during September. The highlight of the cup runs was the 4-0 defeat of Evostick North opponents Mossley after a 0-0 draw at Seal Park. They finally exited the FA Vase up in the North East at Hebburn. Perhaps the most memorable game of the season came at Stone with an 8-5 victory and 3 hat tricks in the game. During the season 7 player and manager awards came the way of The Linnets, but despite best efforts ended the season in fifth place, although victory over near neighbours Runcorn Town on Easter Monday was to have a great bearing on the final outcome of the title as well as providing the league's biggest gate of the season.





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EFC go out with a bang

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Bobby Irvine was switched back to inside right and with M Millington taking up position on the right wing. Warney Cresswell was cup tied so Jack O'Donnell came in as right back. Joe Hardy had taken a knock at Filbert Street so Joe Davies was wearing the Everton goalkeeper's jersey as they took to the field just before 2pm. Dark clouds hung over the location bringing with them a constant drizzle of rain. Around 2,000 Everton fans, of the diehard variety, had made the trip down from Liverpool and they were conspicuous amongst the small crowd, around 10,000 in number, who clustered to-gather under what shelter they could find making the famous ground, with its vast banks of empty terracing, look anything but inviting. (The official attendance was later returned as 16,000) Hull City took the lead, through Givan, after seven minutes but Everton were level at the break thanks to a cleverly looped goal from Dixie Dean. They then confined their opponents to their own half of the field for fully thirty minutes before the Yorkshire men, re-established their lead with breakaway goal from Whitworth. The Hull forward, during the process, collided with Davies in the Everton goal and both players were injured. Everton then strived for an equalising goal but were thwarted by some excellent defending by their opponents. In the dying seconds of the game they won a corner. The well-directed kick was taken by Alex Troup and Arthur Dominy was on hand to head Everton level just moments before the whistle was sounded. With the score now standing at 2-2, the game, for a second time, went in to extra time. Both sides then had their chances to score before Martin got the goal that, eventually, settled the tie in favour of Hull City. He did however, burst the ball but this fact was not discovered until it was retrieved from the net. It is thought that a stud on boot of George Martin had done the damage so, according to the rules the ball was "dead" when it entered the goal. Nevertheless Everton refused to appeal against the incident and Hull City, by 3 goals to 2, went on into round five.

The class performance given by George Martin had clearly impressed the Everton executive who gained his signature the following season. Born in Glasgow he had begun his football career in Hamilton Academicals before moving south to join Hull City. He was signed to strengthen the Everton side when their push for the 1928 championship was beginning to falter. He played on 10 occasions and was awarded with a champion's medal as Everton went on to win the title and was on the field when Dixie Dean scored his record breaking sixtieth goal against Arsenal at Goodison Park. He went on to play 85 games for Everton scoring 31 goals in the process. He later signed for Middlesbrough before ending his playing career with Luton Town. He later became manager of both Newcastle United and Aston Villa before ending his football career, in 1965, as the manager of Luton Town.



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The Everton team lined up as follows: Hardy, McDonald, Kerr, Peacock, Hart, Virr, Moffat Irvine, Dean Dominy and Troup. There was a sell-out crowd on the ground as Everton kicked-off against a Hull City side that were managed by Jimmy McCracken the former Irish International who is famed for perfecting the "off-side trap". Everton got off to bad start and were soon trailing, after fourteen, minutes, to goal that scored by George Martin. The majority of the crowd, who numbered 22,000, now sensed an upset as Everton struggled to overcome the offside tactics that were implemented by their opponents. Dixie Dean, it was reported, worked in a desperate groove. The ball did not come to him nicely, but he certainly had so big a bodyguard that the other forwards should have had a happy day. However, Everton stuck gamely to their task and drew level, after 75 minutes, when they were awarded a corner. Alex Troup, who took the kick, found Albert Virr unmarked in the box and he had time to turn around and drill the ball low past Maddison and in to the corner of the net. Everton now had the best of the play and nearly stole the tie but failed to take the two opportunities that they had in the dying minutes. Still a draw was a fair result and the re-play was arranged for next Wednesday afternoon at Goodison Park. The Hull City party spent some time in Blackpool before arriving, by train, at Liverpool Exchange Station while, across the City, two train loads of their supporters were arriving at Central Station. The Everton club, meanwhile, had been advertising the game in the local newspaper. They were changing 1/- to stand on the terraces while reserved seats, at 3/5d and 5/-, could be purchased from the city centre sports store, owned by Jack Sharpe, in Whitechapel. The club also announced that Bobby Irvine would replace Moffat on the right wing and Bain would be brought in to partner him at inside right. Joe Peacock was out injured so Walter Rooney replaced him in the half back line. The game began at 2:30pm and it took Everton just four minutes to take the lead with a goal from Alex Troup. They continued to dominate the play doubled their score, after 40 minutes, with neatly chipped goal from Dixie Dean. Everton led 2-0 at the break but would later regret missing two other good chances they had to increase to their goal tally. The visitors, as the second half progressed, began to grow in stature with their Scottish right winger George Martin, making his presence felt. He dribbled the ball past three Everton defenders before passing to Scott who made the score 2-1. Martin again dribbled his way through the home defence to set up Guyan who equalised the score after 80 minutes. The home crowd was then forced to endure a nerve racking the final 10 minutes of the game before the whistle sounded and extra time was played. Everton began to slowly regained their composure and were denied what looked like a clear penalty in extended period of play. The game however ended in 2-2 draw so it was then moved to the neutral venue of Villa Park in Birmingham. Everton, in the meantime, travelled to play a league match against Leicester City at Filbert Street. They used the occasion to give a debut to Warney Cresswell who had just recently joined the club, for a record fee, from Sunderland. The new full-back could do little to influence the game as Everton were beaten by 6 goals to 2. They then remained in the Midlands before making their way to Villa Park on Monday to for the second FA Cup re-play with Hull City.

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Everton Go Out With a Bang

By A Gardener



Everton were struggling near the foot of Division One when they began their 1936 FA Cup campaign with a third round tie against non-league side, Poole Town. The Dorsetshire based side were members of the Southern League (Eastern section) and was enjoying an unprecedented run of success in the tournament. Victories over such teams as The Royal Marines, and, The Portsmouth Gas Company, had taken them through to round one where they had beaten Newport County. A win over Nunhead, their ninth in the contest, then earned them the right to meet Everton at Goodison Park. The visitors, who stayed at the Stork Hotel, spent Friday night in



Liverpool and, next day, made way out to Goodison Park where a crowd of 34,000 awaited their arrival. The visitors, nicknamed The Dolphins, were all part-time professional players who were captained by their centre half, Campbell. He was a well experienced campaigner who, it was expected, he would "keep" tabs" on the Everton centre forward, Dixie Dean. Nevertheless it took the Everton man just two minutes open the score. The home fans, now anticipating a big score, were soon applauding the many fine saves made that were made by Drew in the visitors goal who, at just 5 foot 7 inches in height, was the smallest man on the field. Thirty minutes had been played when fierce shot by Dixie Dean struck the Poole Town goalkeeper on the chin and dislocated his jaw. He received treatment but refused to leave the field.

Drew had now won the hearts of the home fans that, along with all the players, applauded him so loudly that, to hide his embarrassment, he was forced to dash off the field at half time. Everton continued have the better of their opponents and second half goals by Alex Troup and Bobby Irvine were added to their score line. However, late in the game, a shot from Battern gave the visitors a well-deserved consolation goal as the game ended, Everton 3 Poole Town 1. The Dolphins were then cheered from field and they returned home happy with their share of the £2,049 that had been taken at the gate. Everton would now face Hull City in round four. It was the first time that the two clubs had ever met and the league form, shown by Everton, was still giving cause for concern because they were placed just above the relegation zone. On Thursday they arrived at Liverpool Exchange Railway Station to catch a train to Bridlington where they would prepare for their forthcoming cup tie. There was a fairly large crowd assembled to witness their departure and they approached Dixie Dean, who before the team departed, was reported to have answered questions of every description. On Saturday morning Central Station in Liverpool echoed to the tune of "The more we are to-gather, the happy we will be" as 500 Everton fans left on a "football special train" while, over at Exchange Station, another 1-500 fans were reported to have departed from that location. Their destination was the home of Hull City FC at Anlaby Road. The resident club, who were in Division Two, were currently lying in fourth in the league and the home fans were hopeful that the Tigers could dispose of their out- of-form opponents from the top flight.

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