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The Northwest Counties Football League Challenge Cup

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Bootle Football Club v Runcorn Town 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

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

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Bucks Victorious

Bootle Bucks under 9's were this week without four players so a change around saw Jack Miley keep goal, Adam Blanchflower in defence, Michael Bowness and Joseph Harold out wide on the wings, with a midfield three of Jack Reardon, Captain for the day Jamie Edwards, and making his 2nd debut for the Bucks after a years absence, Ryan Beesley.

Bootle took the lead when a great surging run from Jack Reardon, after a good ball down the line from Joseph Harold. Jack turned and played the ball back to Jamie Edwards and he hit it first time, right into the top corner of the net. What a goal!

Rangers, having realised we were playing one at the back pushed 2 up front in the hope that one of our midfielders would drop in, but who needs to do that when you have an Adam Blanchflower. He won every single ball and for long periods didn't give them a sniff. And when Adam was over run, 'Keeper for the day Jack Miley was like a sweeper, coming out to pick up any loose balls like a seasoned pro.

The second goal was just as good as the first. A pin-point pass by Jack Miley was controlled by Joseph Harold and turned infield to Ryan Beesley. Ryan picked the ball up and strided forward. Just as his marker went to put the tackle in, Ryan saw Jamie Edwards run and played a defence-splitting pass to Jamie who finished before the 'keeper had a chance to come off his line. A great goal.

From a corner Rangers scored. Jack Miley saved the initial shot very well, however the defenders didn't clear and the forward finished into the bottom corner.

After a little switch around Jack Reardon was back on his game causing rangers havoc again and after more good play with the midfield of Michael, Ryan Joseph and Jamie, Jack R sent a great shot that hit the post and spun out. Final score 2-1



Despite Man Down



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

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Mr Carl Dale



*Original Club folded in 1893

Today's Teams



BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince



RUNCORN

manager: Simon Burton

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

Karl WILLIS

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The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to today's Northwest Counties League Challenge Cup game, and we welcome back Simon Burton's Runcorn Town to the Delta Taxis Stadium this season; and his team, staff and supporters.

We are taking this game very seriously and would like to do well in every competition we enter. We are on another good run at the moment and winning breeds confidence.

Although we won last Saturday I was very disappointed with the level of performance shown. We let them bring us down to there level and it was a very frustrating afternoon. It is a compliment to us that teams try and time waste against us as soon as the 1st whistle blows. We have to dictate the pace of the game and play at a high tempo and not get frustrated. After all said and done I can't praise the lads highly enough that to play so poorly we still managed to get 3 points.

Our last 2 home games have seen us beat Stockport Sports and Runcorn Linnetts. We dominated both games from start to finish and hopefully we can do the same today.

We also have a new Physio starting today. Leighanne who was Physio during my time at Southport is taking over from Steno (Lee Stenson). Welcome to the club Leighanne. I would like to thank steno for all his hard work during his time at the club and wish him all the best with his future. He has other commitments so found it hard to be here regularly. We also have Liam Royle who has been around for us when steno isn't here and I'm sure he will offer the same support to Leighanne.

Back to the game though, and hopefully progress to the next round.
UP THE BUCKS!

Princey



nwcf	Completion	a	04/08/12	0-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	McCaule	Kilroy	Thompson	Young
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nwcf	St Helens	H	21/08/12	2-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Prince	Young	Gray	Green
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nwcf	Colne	H	01/09/12	2-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Kilroy	Coulton	Black	Young	Hay	Foley	Gray	Prince	O'Brien	O'Connor	Foley
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FAC	Bamber Br	H	08/09/12	1-2	Porter	Green	Kilroy	Carberry	Coulton ©	Black	Blakeman	Hay	Young	Prince	Gray	Essery	Pudren	Foley
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nwcf	Silsden	H	22/09/12	2-1	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Green	Gray	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Thompson	Foley	Kilroy	Adamsen	Olsen
FAC	Maine Rd	H	08/10/12	1-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Kilroy	Coulton	Olsen	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Foley	Adamsen	Black	Green
nwcf	Stockp't S	H	13/10/12	3-2	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Young	Adamsen	Foley	
nwcf	Runcorn L	H	16/10/12	2-0	Porter	McQueen	Byrne ©	Carberry	Coulton	Black	Blakeman	Hay	O'Connor	Prince	Young	Adamsen	McCaule	
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Saturday 17th November
V Thackley
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FA Vase Round 2





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As at 26/10/2012

League Challenge Cup Second Round

Abbey Hey v Colne
AFC Liverpool v Wigan RP(13:00)
(To be played at Wigan Robin Park)
Alsager Town v Squires Gate
Ashton Athletic v Bacup Borough
Barnoldswick v Glossop North End
Bootle v Runcorn Town
Cheadle Town v Silsden
Congleton Town v Atherton LR
Padiham v Daisy Hill
Rochdale Town v Formby
St Helens Town v AFC Blackpool
Stockport Sports v Runcorn Linnetts
Stone Dominoes v Maine Road
West Dids & Chorlton v Norton Utd
Winsford United v Chadderton

League Challenge Cup First Round

AFC Darwen v Leek CSOB

First Division

Holker Old Boys v Northwich Villa
Irlam v Atherton Collieries
Nelson v Eccleshall
Oldham Boro v Ashton Town

		P	GD	Pts
1	Congleton Town	14	20	29
2	Runcorn Town	15	19	29
3	Bootle	12	13	29
4	Padiham	14	10	29
5	Stockport Sports	15	24	28
6	Maine Road	14	11	27
7	Barnoldswick	15	9	27
8	Colne	15	12	24
9	Silsden	16	0	23
10	Wigan RP	15	-1	22
11	Runcorn Linnetts	14	-3	21
12	Winsford United	12	9	20
13	Glossop NE	13	-1	19
14	AFC Blackpool	16	-8	19
15	Alsager Town	16	1	18
16	Bacup Borough	13	0	16
17	AFC Liverpool	12	-10	13
18	Ashton Athletic	14	-12	13
19	St Helens Town	12	-16	12
20	Squires Gate	17	-16	11
21	Norton United	14	-24	10
22	Stone Dominoes	16	-37	4

Kick off times are 3pm Sat, 7.45pm
midweek unless stated otherwise



The man with the armband....

Hello everyone and welcome to the Delta Taxis Stadium for our Northwest Counties Challenge Cup game against Runcorn Town.

Two fantastic results for the team, firstly against Stockport Sports at home in the FA Vase, who we completely dominated from start to finish, as well as out battling them we also played them off the park. A wonder strike from Princey put us 1-0 up, only for a scruffy rebound by them to make it 1-1 at half time. A definite foul on Queeny in the box saw Princey get his 2nd of the game from the spot and put us 2-1 up, Stockport again equalised against the run of play. Last couple of minutes and it looked like extra time was on the cards. That was until Docker burst through their defence and slotted



home to make it 3-2. Up next in FA Vase- Thackley at home.



We then hosted Runcorn Linnetts at home in the re-arranged league fixture. The pitch was very heavy and I feel it made the game more even due to it being very difficult to play on. Runcorn put up a strong fight and played quite well on the night, although I felt they would have been happy with a draw. We didn't want to draw and we pushed Runcorn all the way and reaped our rewards with Brett blasting the ball home in the 90th minute. Jack made it 2-0 with the last kick of the game with a lovely chip over the goal keeper. Jamie Hay was outstanding, he won every header and every tackle and he

totally won his individual battle against Runcorn's midfielder. It was a real blow to the side with Docker suffering a bad knee injury. Docker has been top class this season and the team will really miss him, hopefully he will have a quick recovery. Also well done Jack McCabe, worked his socks off when he replaced Docker and he got his reward with a great finish, and then again on Saturday with the goal to win it. Do us a favour though Jack, try not to make us wait until the last kick of the game mate, welcome back kid.

These 2 fantastic wins have given the lads even more confidence and we know most sides will not match our work rate and will to win.

Paul Byrne

Bacup Borough – the club's Business Development Executive Dave Edler is planning a special edition of the match programme for their next home game against Padiham next Wednesday, 31st October.

The issue will be a tribute edition for former player Bryan Herbert who tragically died recently aged just 27. Dave explained: "Any club members or supporters that want to add their own memories of Bryan are welcome to e-mail in to davededler@live.co.uk and have their comments included in the programme. If anyone has any photos of Bryan that they would also like to have included they can also contact us. Supporters can also leave comments on our Facebook page and these will be included in our tribute".

Padiham – the Storks made a presentation before the game against AFC Blackpool to club captain Martin Parkes, to commemorate his 250th appearance for the club. Martin made his debut for the club on the final day of the 2004-5 season at New Mills in a 3-3 draw, after joining Padiham at the start of that season as an under 17s player.

Oldham Boro – the club will be arranging the presentation of a match ball to striker James Curley, who scored four goals last weekend in Boro's 7-0 win at Eccleshall. Secretary Billy O'Neill explained: "It's been just under 10 years since somebody scored 4 goals in a game for the club, and therefore we felt James's performance was worthy of recognition".
League Statistician Paul Cowburn reports that the last player to score four goals in a game for Oldham Town/Oldham Boro was Darren Higgins, who scored four in a 5-1 victory at home to Holker Old Boys in a Division Two game on 22nd November 2003.

Chadderton – goalkeeper Dale Latham, who has won two Division One "Goalkeeper of the Month" awards during 2012 has been rewarded for his consistent form with a move to Blue Square Bet North side Droylsden. Chadderton Secretary Dave Shepherd said: "Dale was in his second season with us, and as well as being in great form, he has a very good attitude on and off the football pitch.

"We played Droylsden in a Manchester Senior Cup tie a couple of weeks ago, and although we lost 2-1 Dale had an outstanding game. Straight afterwards, he was approached by Droylsden and has now signed for them. Obviously we are very happy for Dale that he has been given the opportunity to play at a club four divisions higher than us, although we are naturally disappointed to lose him. However, his departure gives a chance for someone else to stake a claim for our goalkeeper's jersey".

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In the event of any drawn games in this weekend's League Challenge Cup ties, the majority of replays will be scheduled for next week.

The replay dates for each tie are as follows.

Monday 29th October 2012: Runcorn Town v Bootle

Tuesday 30th October 2012 : Wigan Robin Park v AFC Liverpool (At Wigan)

Daisy Hill v Padiham; Squires Gate v Alsager Town;

Atherton LR v Congleton Town; Colne v Abbey Hey

Wednesday 31st October 2012; Bacup Borough v Ashton Athletic;

Chadderton v Winsford United;

Monday 5th November 2012; Maine Road v Stone Dominoes

Tuesday 6th November 2012; Glossop North End v Barnoldswick Town;

AFC Blackpool v St Helens Town; Norton United v West Didsbury & Chorlton; Runcorn Linnets v Stockport Sports

Saturday 10th November 2012; Formby v Rochdale Town

Wednesday 14th November 2012 ; Silsden v Cheadle Town (the date is outside the new 14 day rule due to County Cup ties)

NOTE Only players eligible to play in the original ties on October 27th will be allowed to play in replays.

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 Town were formed in 1967 under the name of Mond Rangers FC. They played for the first few years in the Runcorn Sunday league, and in 1973 they made the decision to try Saturday football in the impressive Warrington and District League (WDL). In their first season they finished as runners up, and after amalgamating with ICI Weston for the 1974/75 season, they became one of the strongest sides in the league. They remained in the WDL until 1984 when they were elected to join the West Cheshire League (WCL) Division Two.

RUNCORN TOWN



Mond established themselves as a good, solid mid-table team until the 1991/92 season when they won their first silverware in the West Cheshire Bowl as well as a respectable sixth place finish. The following season they finished third in the league and reached the Bowl final, with another third place finish the following season in which they scored 100 goals and regaining the Bowl.

Promotion finally came in 1994/95 when they finished second in the league scoring 118 goals. They also

reached the Final of the Cheshire Amateur Cup but lost to Poulton Victoria in a match played at Prenton Park, Tranmere.

Despite sharing the Bill Weight Memorial Trophy in that first season, Division One proved a struggle and they were relegated for the first time in the clubs history in 2001/02. Success returned in 2004/05 with the team finishing as runners up in Division Two, winning the Runcorn Senior Cup and reaching the final of the Bowl.

Ahead of the 2005/06 season, the club changed their name to Runcorn Town in order to try and bring a more professional look to the club in general, and hopefully



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In reserve

By Neil Pybis



Bucks Run out of Steam on the Road

After a first half that showed so much promise, the Bucks reserves slumped to a dismal 4-1 defeat to a youthful and energetic Ashton Athletic side, dropping them one place to fifth in the league.

To use the old cliché, this was, "a game of 2 halves," one in which Bootle dominated and would have been no surprise to all those watching if they would have gone in at least 3 goals to the good at half time, some cracker goalkeeping and poor missed opportunities in front of goal, meant that the score was 1-1 at half time.

Ashton took the lead early on through a headed goal from a corner, due to some slack marking at the near post allowing a free header at goal that rocketed into the net like a bullet, indeed Bootle where very poor inviting numerous unchallenged headers at goal in the first half, still Bootle rallied quickly to equalized. They played some fantastic passing football and should have capitalized on the many chances that they created in the first half, still with the score 1-1 there was plenty to play for in the second half.

The second half seen Ashton come out of the blocks the quickest and battled on to take firstly and 2-1 lead and then a 3-1 lead, with some slick passing and movement that Bootle had no answer to, that left them chasing shadows at times.

Bootle tried to bolster up the team by bringing on 3 substitutes in a short space of time, only to have lady luck abandon them completely as they lost a player to injury reducing them to 10 men this was further compounded when a Bucks player was shown a second yellow card and ultimately a red card for dissent, further reducing them to 9 men, and shortly later followed the 4th goal for Ashton.

Strangely enough this all seemed to galvanise the Bootle team and they played some of their best football of the second half in which with some better finishing and a little more luck could have made the score a little more respectable. Final score Ashton Athletic Res 4-1 Bootle Res

Bootle Reserves Upcoming fixtures Galaxy West Lancashire League

03/11/12	15:00	Burscough	v	Bootle	Victoria Park
08/11/12	20:00	Workington	v	Bootle	Borough Park
14/11/12	19:45	Kendal Town	v	Bootle	The Cosy Seal Stadium
22/11/12	19:45	Bootle	v	Witton Albion	Delta Taxis Stadium



increase support from both businesses and individuals in the local community. A decision was also made to try and improve facilities at the club with a view to joining the North West Counties League.

The season got off to a good start with the Bill Weight Memorial Cup won early on and the Runcorn Cup added, but on the final day of the season, they slipped into the relegation places for the first time to suffer a heart-breaking relegation.

Town quickly regrouped and bounced back the next season by winning Division Two for the first time.

The following three seasons saw top four finishes, although the main progression was off the field as the ground was transformed. Hard standing, seating and floodlights were installed for the first time, with the dressing rooms also upgraded. This enabled the club to be elected to the North West Counties League at the start of the 2010/11 season, with the club also entering the FA Vase and the Cheshire Senior Cup for the first time in their history.



It is fair to say that the first season in the league exceeded all expectations, with the team losing just two league matches as they secured promotion to the Premier Division as runners-up, with James McShane finishing as the league's overall leading scorer with 43 goals. The Quarter Final of the Division One Trophy was also reached as well as the Semi Final of the Challenge Cup, whilst Warrington were held in the Cheshire Senior Cup before losing on penalties.

In the clubs' FA Vase debut season, the club also wrote headlines as they progressed through four successive away ties before bowing out in the in the Last 32 stage against Dunston UTS, the last remaining North West Counties League side in the competition.



Last season saw the club enter the Premier Division in the same vein that they left Division One, with the team losing out on the title on the last day of the season to Ramsbottom United. James McShane once again topped the scoring charts with Town scoring over 120 goals in all competitions.

The club were also once again the last remaining NWCL side in the FA Vase, this time reaching a replay in the Last 32 before bowing out. We also made our debut in the FA Cup, winning two games before bowing out in the 1st Qualifying

Road to Evo-Stik League side Ashton United.



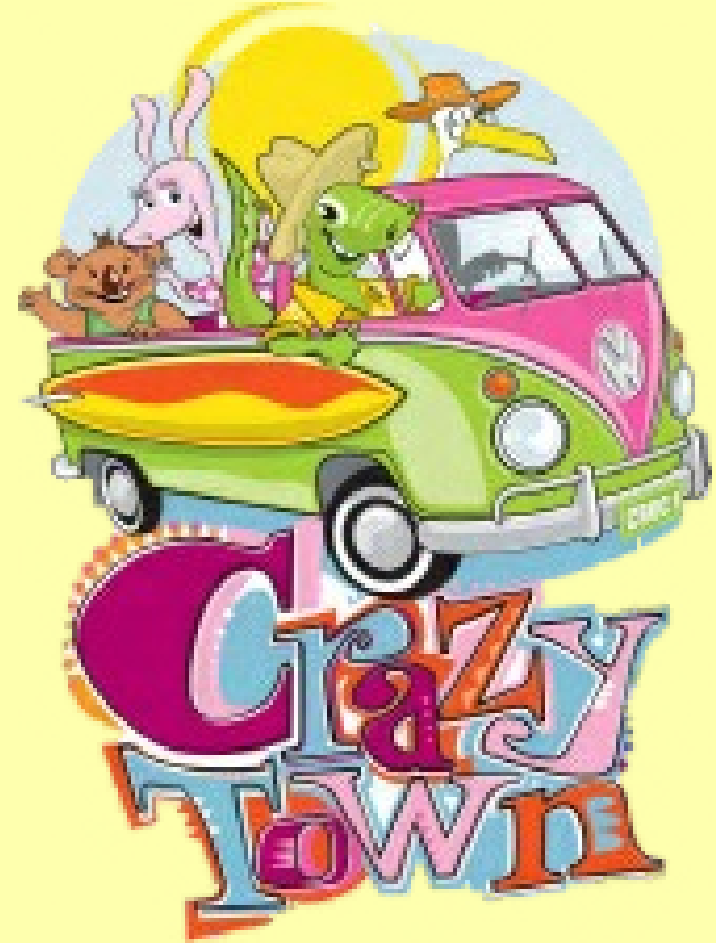
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THE YOUNG GUNS

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Joel continued to play up front until last season when we agreed that playing him at Centre half would better suit his abilities. Joel had an outstanding season that saw him receive the Managers Player of the Year Award, and other than a Suspension ruling him out of the first 6 weeks of this season, he may well have been part of the 1st team squad on a regular basis, rather than the few pre season appearances he has made at that level. A commanding centre back, with great pace he reads the game well - definitely one for the future!

Billy Smart

Billy is definitely one of the best talents I have worked with during my 10 year involvement in Youth football. A true footballer with the ball skills, touch, drive and vision of a modern day box to box midfielder. It is no surprise to see Billy knocking on the door of the first team squad - my only surprise is that he is not plying his trade as an Apprentice at a football League Club. Billy first signed for me as a 14 year old after playing against us in the "Under 14 Champions League" final – a competition that brought together all of the League winners from each Junior Football League on Merseyside. His dedication to the game, will to win and ability to score 10 goals a season from midfield are just some of his qualities. His over exuberance and desire to win sometimes lead him into trouble with match officials but if we can harness this positively, his obvious talent will I'm sure allow him to enjoy a long career in Semi-Professional football.

Others to Watch Out For!

These are just some of the many talents we have in our Youth Team but I believe there are others who could make the same progression if they realise their true potential :

Anthony Seddon – Captain and a great holding midfielder now establishing himself in the Reserves

Robert Rowlands – Has taken over the unenviable task of filling Jack McCabes boots but has scored freely at Youth and Reserve team level

Grant Pruden – Fantastic natural ability as a wide player and if he works on other areas of his game he could make the breakthrough

Danny Archer – has developed significantly over the past year at left back – definitely one to watch.

Hopefully, as the season progresses I will be able to report how more of the Youth squad have made the step up !

THE YOUNG GUNS

Bootle Under 18's manager Richie Boswarva gives his low-down on the young stars who are catching the eye With the first-team

It is with great pride that I watch the Youth team mature and during this crucial stage in the players development its great to see our players being given the opportunity to play at the next level. Many thanks go to the Club for their position on this and to 1st team Manager Neil Prince for recognising and utilising the abundant talent this group of players can offer.

Jack McCabe

Dave Parry and myself have worked with Jack for the past 6 years during which time he was consistently top goalscorer, not only for the team but in the League. Always a centre forward, Jack regularly came to the attention of Club scouts and had spells at Liverpool, Blackburn, Wrexham and Everton but none were prepared to invest in his obvious talent. Last season Jack scored 35 goals as the Youth team won the Liverpool County FA Under 18 Division as under 17's. It was during this season that Jack's progression really started to accelerate. He has always possessed lightening pace and an eye for goal but other areas of his game developed significantly, such as his movement off the ball, the timing of his runs and his physical strength. Jack will always score goals and I've no doubt that he will continue to develop, now he is playing at a higher level.



Joel Powell

Joel first came to my attention at Under 13 level as a Centre Forward when he scored twice against a team I was running. His pace and goalscoring ability were apparent but I'm sure Joel will agree that were some "rough edges" to his game. Nevertheless, Joel agreed to sign for a team I was running at the time called Fur & Feather and he took the very competitive South Liverpool League by storm, scoring 17 goals before Christmas that year, which inevitably brought him to the attention of League clubs and spells at Liverpool and Everton followed.

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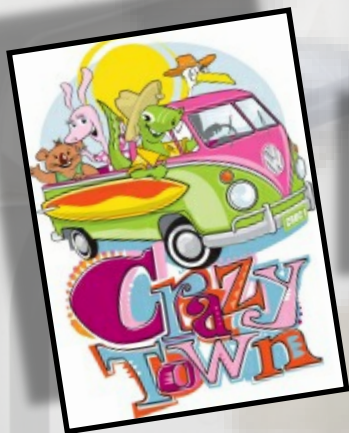
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