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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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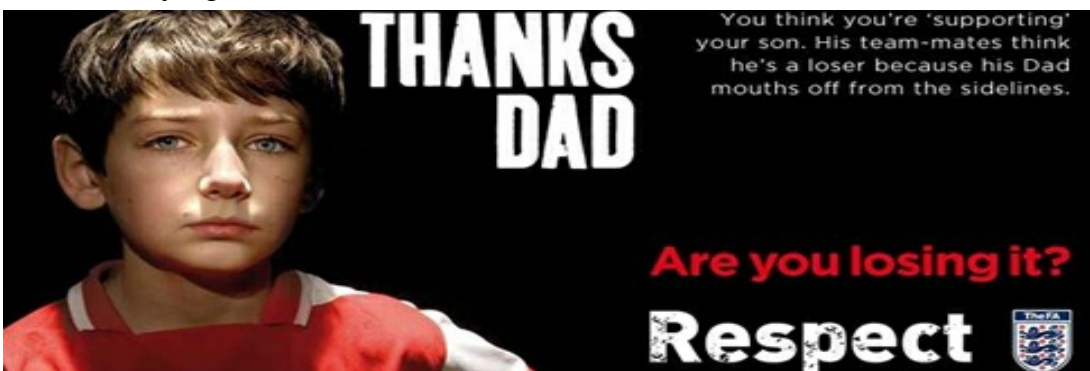
Although the football season is underway, the youth football does not officially kick-off until the first week in September and as such the young Bucks have been working hard in pre-season to ensure they hit the ground running when the season starts.

This seasons under 9's Bucks played their first pre-season game with a very difficult match against Club Sports. The two teams have forged close links over the past year and, after being drawn in separate leagues it was an ideal game to start, as manager Dave Miley (jnr) explains: "I wanted as hard a game as possible so the lads know what will be expected of them. We trained quite hard for an hour before the game, then played a 50 minute game so it was a good exercise for them, and they looked like they enjoyed it"

The Bucks were 3 goals down at halftime, but dominated the second half to finish the game 3-3.

"In the end the lads came off disappointed with the draw. I was made up with our response after half time. We haven't brought anyone new in and second half we were very strong"

The summer league double winners play there next friendly on Thursday against Litherland JFC.



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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Deputy Chairman  
Mr Ben Roberts  
Life President  
Mr Frank Doran Snr  
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Mr Joe Benton MP  
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Mr Bobby Capstick, Mr  
Dave Ruth, Mr Geoff Frasier,  
Mr Tommy McKay, Mr Tony  
McKay  
Head of Finance/ Club  
Secretary  
Mr Joseph Doran  
Assistant Secretary  
Mr Dave Miley Snr  
1st Team Manager  
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

Dean PORTER  
Neil MCQUEEN  
Mark KILROY  
Michael CARBERRY  
Phil GREEN  
Sean COULTON  
Jamie O'BRIEN  
Paul BYRNE  
James OLSEN  
Jamie HAY  
Liam BLAKEMAN  
Kevin BLACK  
Neil PRINCE  
Billy SMART  
Jack GRAY  
Michael YOUNG  
Daniel O'CONNOR  
Jack MCCABE  
Tom FOLEY  
Lee THOMPSON



### SPORTS

manager: Ian Granite

Dale NEWBROOK  
Andy MAWDSLEY  
Brian HATTON  
Lee CRAMPTON  
Chris BURKE  
Craig FITZJOHN  
Ash RIMMER  
Scott MCNAIR  
Ste EDWARDS  
Carl OSMAN  
Mera WAUGH  
Joe JENNINGS  
Andy NEWCOMBE  
Gary PYE  
Mike SYKES-WRIGHT  
Lee VAUGHAN

### MATCH OFFICIALS



referee: Mr M Bonage  
assistant referee: Mr R Aspinall  
assistant referee: Mr P Duckworth





# The manager of Bootle Football Club

**Hello and welcome to The Delta stadium for tonight's Northwest Counties Football League Premier Division game against St Helens Town, a warm welcome to Ian Granite and his team.**

St Helens Town have made a good start to the season under their new management team led by Ian. They are always a dangerous side to play and a much stronger this year than in previous.

Saturday saw us beat a well fancied Stockport Sports 2-0 which is becoming a recurring score line this season, long may it continue. Stockport will take points off many teams this season as they have players with strength, pace and are very comfortable with the ball. We are a well organised team who work so hard for each other when we haven't got the ball that when we get our noses in front we are confident that we won't concede. I've said to the lads that I'm not interested in individual performances and, with the way we are playing at the moment come the end of the season the club will have to fork out for more player of the year trophies to give to each player!

As long as this work rate stays at the level it is at I'm sure we will have a very successful season. We have so much ability and experience in the squad to stand us in good stead.

I would like to mention the players who haven't figured much at this early stage of the season, Youngy (Michael Young), Phil Green, Killer (Mark Kilroy), Jack Mc (McCabe), Billy Smart and Jamie O'Brien who have shown excellent attitudes at all times and haven't been sulking on the sidelines which is testament to their character. We need this to continue as we will need our whole squad throughout the season.

I wouldn't hesitate to play any of the lads named above and they will get their chance as the season unfolds. For one reason or another they have missed out on a starting berth so It is up to them to them to perform well and claim a regular starting place; whether that be when they are introduced, or playing for our reserve side.

That is another area where I am really pleased. The reserves

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I've said to the lads that I'm not interested in individual performances'

looked good last Thursday and it was good to see some faces that I've not seen too much of.

Jack Gray was on the bench for us on Saturday and is so again tonight after impressing for the reserves last week. That is what the reserve team is there for and Joe is doing a fantastic job with them.

Here's hoping for another 3 points tonight, thanks for your continued support.

Up The Bucks!

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'We have so much ability and experience in the squad to stand us in good stead'



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  |          |        |
| FAC   | Aisger     | 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 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| FAC   | Mossley    | a | 25/08/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Ashton Al  | a | 28/08/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Colne      | H | 01/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Runcom T   | H | 04/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| FAC   | TBC        | H | 08/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Padliham   | a | 08/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Silsden    | H | 22/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | A Blackp'l | a | 29/09/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Runcom L   | H | 02/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Runcom L   | H | 06/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Maine Rd   | H | 27/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Stone D    | a | 20/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| lgcup | Runcom T   | H | 27/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Runcom L   | a | 30/10/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Bacup      | H | 03/11/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | St Helens  | a | 06/11/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Stockp't S | a | 10/11/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Squires G  | H | 17/11/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Ashton A   | a | 27/11/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
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| nwcf  | Silsden    | a | 08/12/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | A Blackp'l | H | 15/12/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Norton     | H | 22/12/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | A L pool   | a | 26/12/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Aisager    | H | 29/12/12 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Bacup      | a | 05/01/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Wigan RP   | a | 12/01/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Padliham   | a | 28/01/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Squires G  | a | 02/02/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Winstford  | H | 09/02/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Maine Rd   | a | 23/02/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Barlick    | a | 16/03/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Glossop    | H | 23/03/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | A L pool   | H | 01/04/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Stone D    | H | 06/04/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
| nwcf  | Colne      | a | 13/04/13 |     |        |         |         |          |         |       |          |     |          |          |          |        |          |        |
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Linnets  
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Bootle v St Helens Town  
Glossop North End v  
Stockport Sports  
Norton United v Congleton  
Town  
Squires Gate v Silsden  
Stone Dominoes v Maine  
Road  
Wigan Robin Park v Colne  
Winsford United v  
Runcorn Town

### First Division

Ashton Town v Atherton Collieries

**Wednesday 22nd August 2012**

### Premier Division

AFC Liverpool v Ashton Athletic  
Bacup Borough v AFC Blackpool

### First Division

Chadderton v Cheadle Town

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

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As officials from the Lancashire Combination and the Cheshire County League came together to plan the merger of the two leagues to form the new North West Counties Football League, it's fair to assume that there would have been some trepidation on both sides.

With two leagues merging, it is likely that some individuals would have felt under threat, but perhaps surprisingly there appears to have been very few casualties when the merger took place.

After a series of meetings during the early months in 1982, the composition of the first NWCFL Management Committee was agreed, and virtually everyone who held a position on either of the two leagues' committees was retained in an equivalent or similar position on the new North West Counties Football League management committee.

The committee members, and the roles they had held up to that point, are listed below. It should be noted that many of the individuals listed went to hold other roles within football, but the aim of the notes below is to list their most prominent previous positions at the point when the league began in the summer of 1982.

### The NWCFL Management Committee – Season 1982-83

#### President:

Canon Reg Smith (*Rector and Dean of Bury, Vice-Chairman of Bury FC*)

#### Chairman:

Eric Hinchcliffe (*President of the Cheshire County League, former Secretary of Stalybridge Celtic FC*)

#### Vice-Chairman:

David Murgatroyd (*Vice-President of the Lancashire Combination, Secretary of Lytham FC*)

#### Vice- Presidents:

Bob Eccles (*Vice-President and Ground Grading Chairman of the Cheshire County League, former Chairman of Darwen FC*)

Jimmy Halliwell (*President of the Lancashire Combination, Secretary of Leyland Motors FC*)

John Williams (*Vice-President of the Cheshire County League, Secretary of Rhyl FC*)

#### Secretary:

Chris Mahood (*Cheshire County League Secretary/Treasurer, former Secretary of Burscough FC*)

## THE BUCKS ARE NEXT AT HOME ON:

**Thursday 23rd August  
(reserves)**

**V Colne (7.45pm KO)  
In the Galaxy Football  
Lancashire League**



**Saturday 1st September  
V Colne (3pm KO)  
In the NWCFL  
Premier Division**



**Tuesday 4th September  
V Runcorn Town  
(7.45pm KO) In  
the NWCFL  
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### **Treasurer/Fixture Secretary:**

Ken Dean (*Lancashire Combination Secretary/Treasurer*)

### **Registration Secretary:**

Len Chenery (*Registration, Fixtures and Results Secretary of the Lancashire Combination, Secretary of Darwen FC*)

### **Referee's Appointments Secretary:**

Jack Rice (*Referees and Linesmen's Appointments Secretary of the Lancashire Combination, former Football League match official*)

### **Linesmen's Appointments Secretary:**

Mike Darby (*Former Football League match official*)

### **Hon. Solicitor:**

John Coakley (*Cheshire County League Solicitor*)

### **Life Members:**

Wesley Bridge (*Life Vice-President of the Lancashire Combination, Vice-President of the Lancashire FA, former player and official at Marine FC*)

Ian Gaunt (*Official at Congleton Town FC*)

Cliff Noden (*Past Chairman of Winsford United*)

David Relph (*Life Vice-President of the Lancashire Combination*)

Marie Stocksbridge (*Assistant Secretary of the Cheshire County League*)

### **Club Representatives:**

Jim Calvert (*Council Member at the Lancashire FA and official at Clitheroe FC*)

Rod Gott (*Club Representative at the Cheshire County League and Secretary of Irlam Town FC*)

Bill Heywood (*Fixtures Secretary at Bacup Borough FC*)

Frank Parr (*Vice-President of the Cheshire County League, Chairman of Burscough FC*)

Peter Warburton (*Club Representative at the Cheshire County League and Secretary of Winsford United FC*)

Chris Wyatt (*Club Representative at the Cheshire County League and official at Ford Motors FC*)

So, with the committee in place, and the composition of the leagues agreed, everything was ready to go, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1982 the opening day's fixtures in the NWCFL took place.





# Our Visitors today....

From just up the East Lancashire Road and 6 miles north of the Mersey. The area has the highest point in Merseyside, Billinge Hill, where on a clear day the city of Liverpool can be seen.

The original Town club was in existence from 1901 to 1928, but George Fryer and a number of local businessmen decided to re-form the club in 1946. They obtained a lease on the Hoghton Road ground in Sutton, adjacent to St. Helens Junction station on the Liverpool to Manchester railway line, took over a local St. Helens Combination team, Derbyshire Hill Rovers, signing a number of players from other clubs and entered the Liverpool County Combination in the 1947/48 season, playing against Everton "A" and Liverpool "A" and several reserve sides from the leading non-league clubs in the Merseyside area.

## ST HELENS TOWN



Success was first attained in May 1949 when Runcorn were defeated in the final of the George Mahon Cup, played at the Prescot Cables ground. The following season, 1949/50, Town were elevated to the Second Division of the Lancashire Combination and they were promoted as Champions in only their second season to the First Division, where they ran up against teams such as Ashton United, Nelson and New Brighton, newly relegated from the Football League. Sadly, Town were themselves relegated in their first season and although promoted briefly again in 1955/56, they spent most of their early years in the Second Division.

Improvements were quickly made to the facilities at Hoghton Road in the early years, but in November 1952 the decision was taken to re-locate to the former St. Helens Recs' rugby league ground at City Road in order to further their ambitions of reaching the Football League. Initially the move resulted in some encouraging crowds, but the club had a change of heart and returned to Sutton in the October 1953. The ground was purchased and further developed and a social club and floodlights were added in later years.



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# In Reserve....



**Bootle Reserves  
Versus  
Colne Reserves  
23rd August FREE admission**



The Bucks Reserves play their second game of the www.galaxyfootball.co.uk Lancashire League this coming Thursday.

Manager Joseph Doran will be hoping for a similar performance against the more familiar Colne visiting the Delta Taxis Stadium.

"I was disappointed with the result on Thursday" explains Joe, "As both teams were warming up I had a quick look at what they had and I expected a much tougher game"

"Some of our boys have come in from the under 17's and 18's and hardly any had played much football together, so to create what we did was very pleasing".

"I think tiredness took over when they scored, but I was very happy that we continued to play and eventually got our rewards".

"We had (Tom) Foley complete a full 90 minutes which will help him no end to find fitness. We also had a lot of the young lads impress. Billy (Smart) ran the midfield and we also saw Phil Green and Jack Gray show they are not here to make numbers up, as they played their way into Neil's squad at the weekend."

"That is exactly the reason why the club brought the reserves back, and hopefully we will can do something in this league, as well as benefiting the first team."

## Reserve Fixtures:

|                 |              |                               |                            |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>23/08/12</b> | <b>19:45</b> | <b>Bootle v Colne</b>         | <b>Delta Taxis Stadium</b> |
| 30/08/12        | 19:45        | Witton Albion v Bootle        | Wincham Park               |
| <b>06/09/12</b> | <b>20:00</b> | <b>Bootle v Workington</b>    | <b>Delta Taxis Stadium</b> |
| 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           |

Town were Champions of the Lancashire Combination in 1971/72 season, losing only one game, finishing 6 points clear of Accrington Stanley. 1975 brought a switch to the Cheshire League, where they remained until the formation of the North West Counties League in 1982 and St. Helens Town are the only club to feature in the top division of that league throughout its existence.



The club's major achievement was victory in the FA Vase at Wembley in 1987, against locals Warrington Town, who were dispatched 3-2 with goals from Phil Layhe (2) and Brian Rigby.

St. Helens Town boast an impressive "Hall of Fame", including legendary goalkeeper and former German Prisoner-of-War Bert Trautmann, who signed for Manchester City 60 years ago this season and who went on to play the game of his life in the 1956 FA Cup Final, despite breaking his neck in the early stages. Bill Foulkes was transferred to Manchester United, where he had a glittering career, surviving the Munich Air Disaster in 1958, in which he bravely rescued some of his stricken team-mates.



John Connelly, an England squad member in the victorious 1966 World Cup campaign, was sold to Burnley and he later moved to join Foulkes at Old Trafford. Other players to have progressed to league football from Town during the 1980s and 90s include Bryan Griffiths and Joe Paladino (both to Wigan Athletic), Ray Newlands (Plymouth Argyle) and Paul Edwards (Shrewsbury Town) and Mark Leonard (Everton and Bradford City). Captain of the FA Vase winning team was Tommy O'Neil, who began his league career playing alongside George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton at Manchester United.

Town sold their Hoghton Road ground in 2000 to move in with St. Helens Rugby League Club at their Knowsley Road base. Recent seasons have been more of a struggle, last season being disappointing as the club finish in a relegation spot. Thankfully the club's place in the NWCFL top flight was secured as a consequence of a 're-shuffle' and Ian Granite was appointed manager, joining from neighbours Wigan Robin Park.

The club continues to ground share at Edge Green Street, home of Ashton Town during 2012-13 and are currently working with St Helens Council on a plan to return to the Borough.





# The man with the armband.....

Today we welcome St. Helen's at home, who have started the season really well. They have a new manager and they have brought a lot of quality players with them. A number of the lads are from the Wigan Robin Park side that dominated the first division last season so it will be another tough game for us.

It was a fantastic result for us on Saturday against Stockport Sports who are very much fancied to win the league this season.

Sports started the match much brighter than ourselves and I felt we were quite lucky to have gone into half time 1-0 up thanks to a great Lee Thompson header.

Deano made a couple of exceptional saves and kept us in the 1st half. Second half was a much better performance from us and we fully dominated and controlled the game. All the players stuck together and our strong team spirit won us the game, Kev Black scoring a fantastic goal by chipping the goalkeeper from outside the box, with great work again from Docker.

So another 2-0 win and the lads are buzzing at the minute, although Stockport maybe had better individual players they didn't play as a team, our team spirit and togetherness is our strong point and I feel this was the difference on the day. Philly Green, Michael Young and Mark Kilroy all done brilliantly when they came on and it shows the quality of our squad.



Hopefully we can continue with our good form tonight before we go into the game versus Mossley in the FA Cup on Saturday

UP THE BUCKS!

*Paul Byrne*



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# Working-Class Hero

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Old Etonians now complained about over-enthusiastic tackles made by the Olympic defenders but they had little excuse when Jimmy Costley moved in from the wing to fire home a right-wing cross for the winning goal. It was 2-1 to Blackburn Olympic and the FA Cup was brought to the North for the first time. The hold of the noble but privileged amateur was broken. Overnight the eleven men of Blackburn Olympic became working-class heroes, especially the scorer of the winning goal, Liverpool-born Jimmy Costley.

Just 21 years-old, Jimmy Costley had been born on 18th January 1862 in Rathbone Street on the edge of Liverpool town centre but moved with his family to Blackburn in search of work. He took up employment as a cotton spinner in the Brookhouse Mill and began playing football for Brookhouse Ramblers, one of the oldest clubs in Lancashire. He was noted for his superb footwork and dribbling skills and was soon on his way to Blackburn Olympic and FA Cup glory.

Jimmy Costley was now one of the most famous players in the country and his name became prominent in the bitter row between the 'Old Boys' amateurs from the South and the 'veiled professionals' of the North. He added fuel to the fire when he wrote to several newspapers revealing an approach from Blackburn Rovers promising a signing-on fee and a share of the gate receipts from a forthcoming game against Notts County (both was illegal).

The letter in, written in November 1883, also stated that the Blackburn Rovers officials Mr J Lewis and Mr W Duckworth could also guarantee him International and County honours, as they had such influence of the English and Lancashire committees. Perhaps his letter proved an embarrassment but a move to Blackburn Rovers was not to be and Jimmy Costley eventually signed as a professional for Everton in 1886. He was an immediate success for his hometown club and scored 22 goals in 59 games during the 1886/87 and 1887/88 seasons and featured in the famous Liverpool Cup tie against Bootle in October 1886 when 10,000 spectators crammed into the Hawthorne enclosure, and also the final later that season when Everton defeated Oakfield Rovers 5-0.

The football league commenced in September 1888 and Jimmy Costley was to find the hurly-burly of full-time professionalism too demanding, he managed just 6 league games and 3 goals for Everton before returning to Blackburn to live and settle in his old trade at Brookhouse Mill.

His playing days over, Jimmy was still a star attraction with many well-wishers always willing to buy him a drink as he re-lived his glory days. Many years later, his grand-daughter talked of the many nights he returned home much the worse for drink before he 'took the pledge' and became teetotal.

Jimmy Costley, the first Liverpool-born football star, died in 1930 aged 59.

# Working-Class Hero

## The Story of Jimmy Costley - The first Liverpool-Born Football Star

By Tommy Barnes

The early years of organised Association Football were completely dominated by clubs made up of ex-public schoolboys, University dons, and others from the social elite from in and around London. By the late 1870's, the game had drifted north and taken root in the mill towns of Lancashire with teams made up of the working classes. Such teams as Darwen and Blackburn even had the temerity to challenge the might of the southern 'toffs' in the FA Cup. In 1881/82 Blackburn Rovers had the 'bare-faced cheek' to even reach the final, eventually losing 0-1 to Old Etonians. All eleven finals had been won by 'London' clubs but that was about to change.

The 1882/83 competition included Blackburn Olympic, a team of mill-workers, tradesmen, and labourers, and they comfortably negotiated the early rounds to reach the quarter-finals. They were not expected to progress any further when paired with the famous Welsh side Druids of Ruabon but they moved smoothly through with a 4-1 victory, a goal and star performance coming from left-winger Jimmy Costley. Surely, their upstarts from working-class Lancashire would not be able to handle the 1881 FA Cup winners Old Carthinians in the semi-finals but they did, at a canter, 4-0; with Costley again in irresistible form.



It was the holders and the most famous club in the land, Old Etonians, in the final, packed with internationals and captained by the daunting figure of Lord Kinnaird, already the holder of six winners medals. When the teams ran out at the Oval on March 31 1883, the Old Etonians dwarfed their Lancashire opponents, benefiting from a much better diet and comfortable upbringing. The early skirmishes saw the Old Boys use their weight to bully their adversaries and their pre-match favouritism

seemed justified. Blackburn Olympic though stuck to their task and became more than a match for the Old Boys as the game wore on and at the final whistle the score stood at 1-1. Extra time saw a different game as Olympics fitness told. Clearly flagging,

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