

The Northwest Counties League Premier Division

18.08.2012 Kick Off 3pm

Bootle Football Club v Stockport Sports

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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 it's It's 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

despite finishing oth 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 NWCFL Premier Division Bootle finished a NWCFL 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

League First Division 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 ation Champions 1964-65, 1965-66, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74 Lancashire County ination Champions 1975-76, 1976-77 shire County League Div Two Champions 1978-79 h West Counties League Div Two Runners-up 1992-93 nnants Floodlit Trophy 1993-94 t League Challenge Cup Runners-up 2007-08 Vodkat League e 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** 





**CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS** 

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** 







Meet Bootle FC's Under 16's manager Alex Grosart as he talks about pre-season and his and Lee Groves (is assistant's) hopes for the season:

"Our Under 16's for 2012/13 was formed approximately 8 weeks ago after managing to select 16 very good individual footballers. Our aim

now is too get these players to gel, and coach them to playing pass and move football along the way; and becoming a very good footballing team. Our pre-season form has been good with victories amongst others, recorded over Formby 6-3, Millennium 10-1, Macmillan 2-0 and Maghull Youth 4-1. Our only loss has been to Galacticos (a team made of pro club academy players) 5-7; in our very first game together. We hope to continue our fantastic pre season form and carry it into the new season ahead."



You can keep track of all the youth sides via our website: www.bootlefc.co.uk





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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### Todays Teams





### BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince

manager: Peter Withe

**SPORTS** 

Dean PORTER

**Neil MCOUFEN** 

Mark KILROY

Michael CARBERRY

**Andrew TAYLOR** 

Sean COULTON

Jamie O'BRIEN

Paul BYRNE

James OLSEN

Jamie HAY

Liam BLAKEMAN

Kevin BLACK

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Jamie SMALLCROSS

John MARSDEN

Joshua SYMONS

Liam IRWIN

Nicolas NIAGORIAN

Raphale EVANS

Ricky ANANE

Sam LYNCH

Sean SYMONS

heo BAILEY-JONES

**MATCH OFFICIALS** 

referee: Mr S Mulhall
assistant referee: Mr J Lowe
assistant referee: Mr C Porter



\*Original Club folded in

Mr Darren Carr

Mr Lee Stenson

Mr Carl Dale

## The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to The Delta stadium for today's Northwest Counties Football League Premier Division game against Stockport Sports, a warm welcome to Peter Withe and his team.

Back to league action today and yet another tough game against another side who I believe will be up there in the top 4 this season. They showed their intentions in their first game so it will be important that we start the game well today, as we did Tuesday.

I could not ask for anymore from the lads at the moment, the team spirit and work rate has been unbelievable. We are taking one game at a time and not getting carried away with our good start to the season. It's a marathon not a sprint and it is important that we continue to show the qualities that have got us to where we are today.

I was pleased in a way to concede 1st against Alsager in the FA Cup to see what the lads reaction would be to going a goal behind. We came back and won 4-1 so I guess you could say they reacted quite well!! We won't panic at conceding a goal or change our beliefs or the way we approach a game for any team. The lads believe 100% in the way we want them to play and other teams are worried about us which is how it should be.

Tuesday night saw us pick up 3 excellent points away to Winsford who in my opinion will be up there challenging the top places this season. We started the game so brightly and did not let them settle at all.

I would like to mention Dean Porter who has come in and been a big presence in goal, 3 clean sheets from 3 league games is a fine start and the team feel so comfortable with him behind us. His distribution is 2nd to none and he starts numerous attacks for us with his accurate kicking.

Also the back four have been solid and have got a great understanding between them.

Liam Blakeman is a big plus for us too and on Tuesday night he worked harder than I have ever seen him work in his whole career. He's shown he can do that now so can't let his standards slip!!



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### 'We are taking one game at a time and not getting carried away '

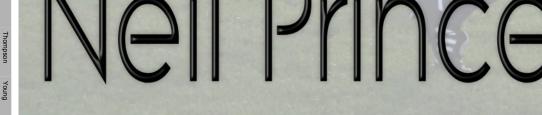
I hope you enjoy today's game and hopefully another 3 points. The lads really appreciate your support. I would love for attendances to increase as it gives the team a big lift to know people are coming out to watch us. So keep spreading the word to friends and family!

### Up The Bucks!



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

### **First Division**

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

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1. Bootle	3	6	9
2. Barnoldswick T	3	3	7
3. Padiham	3	2	7
4. Maine Road	3	4	6
5. St Helens Town	2	2	6
<ol><li>AFC Blackpool</li></ol>	3	2	6
7. Winsford United	3	0	6
8. Stockport Sports	2	4	4
9. Runcorn Town	2	1	4
10. Colne	2	1	3
11. Silsden	2	0	3
12. AFC Liverpool	3	-2	3
13. Wigan Robin P	3	-3	3
14. Stone Dom	2	0	2
15. Alsager Town	2	0	2
16. Glossop NE	2	0	2
17. Squires Gate	3	-2	1
18. Runcorn Lin	2	-3	1
19. Norton United	2	-2	0
20. Congleton T	2	-3	0
21. Bacup Borough	3	-4	0
22. Ashton Athletic	2	-6	0

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

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# MVCff.COM The First League President - 30 years ago Part 3:

The merger of the Lancashire Combination and the Cheshire County League in 1982 to form the North West Counties Football League meant that two management committees had to amalgamate into one.

As part of the coming together of the two leagues, it seems that the decision was taken at an early stage to elect an independent League President. The passage of time means that those who remember the early days are unclear as to the exact process that was undertaken, but it appears it was a unanimous decision to approach Canon Reg Smith and offer him the role.

Canon John Reginald "Reg" Smith was Rector of Bury for over 30 years, and was made an honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral in 1972. He was ordained as a priest in Manchester in 1941, and during the war years he worked as an Army welfare chaplain, and chaplain to the Actors' Church Union, before embarking on a long career as Vicar and Rector at various locations around the North West. In his later years, he was the longest-serving clergyman in the Diocese of Manchester.

Outside of his church activities, he became renowned as a popular after dinner speaker, and was a keen participant in amateur operatic and drama productions. He became Vice-Chairman of Bury Football Club, who he supported all his life, and was a board member at the club for 24 years. At the age of 81, he received the MBE for "service to the community".

Canon Smith had no previous involvement in either the Lancashire Combination or Cheshire County League, which made him unique among the members of the first ever NWCFL management committee. However, his status in the North West as a clergyman, chairman of governors at Bury CE High School and links with countless organisations, institutions and individuals around Lancashire meant he was the ideal candidate to head up the newly formed North West Counties Football League.

Bob Eccles, a Vice-President since the NWCFL was formed, remembers that Canon Smith took his role very seriously.

"He was a real champion of the league, and was very proud of the fact that in his younger days, he played for Atherton Collieries, and always had a soft spot for them. Through his connections with Bury FC as their Vice-Chairman, he

# THE BUGGS ARE NEXT AT HOME ON

### Tuesday 21st August V St Helens Town In the NWCFL Premier Division





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# All the news from the Official website of the Northwest Counties League

arranged for us to play our League Cup Finals at Gigg Lane, and as it turned out that agreement was maintained by Bury FC for many years after his death".

In keeping with the personality of a man who spent his life fulfilling speaking obligations, it's no great surprise that Canon Smith stamped his personality on the role of President right from the start.

In the first ever NWCFL handbook issued for season 1982-83, a message from the new League President was printed on Page 1, and his typically upbeat message read as follows.

"New beginnings, New opportunities, New challenges, New hopes"

The League has been formed to give all its clubs the chance to achieve a higher standard of Football, to organise themselves in a way

which will bring a better class of playing area, better facilities, and better competition.

Many of the teams have great reputations from the past, and the two Leagues which have amalgamated have both had wonderful service from their Club Representatives and League Officials.

We all hope for greater things when involved in the game and our sights are set on proving ourselves worthy to be considered as a key part of the Pyramid which makes progress possible.



As one who seeks to put something back into the game I count it a great honour to have been thought worthy to be the League's first President.

I am here to serve alongside all the Officials: the future is in all our hands, and I wish everyone involved many happy hours of soccer.

Canon Reg. Smith President

Canon Smith was President of the North West Counties Football League from its formation in 1982 until his death at the age of 82 in 1997.

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# Our Visitors today....

From the town of Woodley in the borough of Stockport, Greater Manchester. Lying on the east side of the Peak Forest Canal, next to the areas of Bredbury and Romiley.

They were established in 1970 as Woodley Athletic, and play at the Neil Rourke Memorial Stadium. The club's name was changed to Woodley Sports during its time in the Manchester League. In 1992, they became champions of the Manchester League Division One, and were promoted to the Manchester League Premier Division the following year. They became a member of the Northern Premier League Division One in 2004; in 2007, they played in the inaugural season of the Northern Premier League Division One North.



Runcorn.

In the 2011–12 season they were demoted to the North West Counties Football League Premier Division for ground grading reasons and changed their name to Stockport Sports.

Woodley Sports won the Manchester League Division One title in 1992. The following year saw Woodley both win the Gilchrist Cup and take the Premier Division Runners-up spot. Work to enclose the ground began in 1996–97, and Woodley's application to join the North West Counties League was accepted. By this time, the

management team of John Imrie and Gary Lowe had been introduced. Both had played at the highest levels for professional and semiprofessional clubs such as Manchester City, Crystal Palace, Macclesfield and

During the 1997–98 season Woodley set a North West Counties League record, when Peter Carty scored seven goals in a league game against Blackpool Mechanics. Carty was also Woodley's leading scorer that season, netting 35 goals. Woodley also scored a record 102 league goals that season. During the summer of 1998 Woodley began work on its biggest project to date, the installation of floodlights. The lighted pitch gave the club a boost, enabling it to enter the FA Vase, Cheshire Senior Cup, North Western Trans Floodlit Cup and the FA Cup. The 1999–2000 season saw the club's first ever FA Cup match



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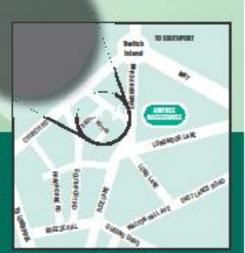
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## In Reserve...



Bootle Reserves 1

Curzon Ashton Reserves



So the return of the Bucks Reserves to competitive football started on Thursday night with a home tie against a Curzon Ashton Reserve side in the www.galaxyfootball.co.uk Lancashire League.

With a mix of youth in the squad along with familiar faces from the first team looking for match fitness the home side started brightly and controlled the pace of the game. The Curzon Ashton team were looking for the outlet of their big number 9 however the defence, marshaled by captain James King dealt with the situation time and again.

The Bucks pushed for a break though and with Billy Smart and Jack Grey impressing in midfield, they created chance after chance.

They went in at half time 0-0 but were by far the better team, which something of a wake-up call to the visitors who I think were expecting a walk-over. Indeed, their best player on the night was their 16 year-old goalkeeper who was at times magnificent.

Second half was more of a scrappy affair and as the Buck's pace slowed, and tired legs took over, a misplaced pass allowed the visitors in, and their number 12 couldn't believe his luck in making it 1-0.

Bootle, however mustered something from the tank and after a foul in the visitors half, Jamie O'Brien delivered a great ball in that was headed goalwards by Smart, before Foley beat the 'keeper in the air to force the ball home. Just rewards for their performance.

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30/08/12 19:45 Witton Albion v Bootle Wincham Park	
06/09/12 20:00 Bootle v Workington Delta Taxis Stadiu	ım
1/09/12 19:45 Curzon Ashton v Bootle Tameside Stadium	
20/09/12 19:30 Lancaster City v Bootle Myerscough Colleg	e West
28/09/12 19:30 Stalybridge Celtic B v Bootle Curzon Ashton	FC

against reigning NCEL champions Ossett Albion, which resulted in a 2–1 victory for the Steelmen. The continued work of the club was rewarded that season when the Steelmen won the Second Division championship on goal difference from Curzon, winning 12 of their last 13 matches and drawing the other, to take its place in the top flight of the North West Counties League.

The 2000–01 and 2001–02 seasons saw the club consolidate itself in the top half of the NWCFL First Division, with its reserve team winning a double championship in 2002; it won the Reserve Division title for the second consecutive year and the Reserve Cup. The season finished with work beginning on a new 200-seat stand, which was due to be finished for the 2002–2003 season. The 2003–2004 was Woodley's greatest to date. It won the Cheshire FA Senior Cup, beating Witton Albion in the final; unfortunately, that game was better-known for its "streaker incident" than for its being the first time a North West Counties side reached the finals. The FA

restructuring of the football pyramid allowed Woodley to gain promotion to the Northern Premier League by finishing fourth in the league. With the Lambeth Grove stadium passed for the Northern Premier League, the Club declared itself a limited company effective 1 August 2004.

The 2004–05 season saw Woodley Sports compete in the NPL Division One; it finished 11th and reached the final of the Chairman's Cup. Off the pitch the club obtained the support of two local businessmen, who have worked with the club on £3.5 million worth of development on the site. Phase one was the installation of a synthetic surface in July 2005, which insured no future postponements and provided an income stream for the club from hiring of the facilities. Future plans included new floodlights, additional seating, covered standing accommodations, new perimeter fencing and new treatment rooms for use by players and spectators.

The 2005–06 season saw Woodley finish in their highest NPL position (finishing fourth, gaining an automatic playoff place), only to lose against Gresley Rovers. A youth team was introduced; the previous squad moved up to become the reserve team, competing in the Lancashire Lancit League.

2006–07 was disappointing by contrast with a 10th-place finish; however, the season was notable for cup successes in major competitions at Conference North, Leigh RMI in the FA Cup and Moor Green in the FA Trophy. Home successes were gained against Marine and Whitby Town. However, they were defeated 8–7 on a penalty kick in overtime in the League President's Cup semifinal at Premier League side Matlock, despite playing over an hour with 10 men.

During the 2008–09 season, the team finished 13th in the Northern Premier League Division One North.

In April 2012 the club announced the appointment of former England international player Peter Withe as manager.









# The man with the armband....

This week we continued our impressive start to the season with a 4-1 win over Alsager Town in the FA Cup; followed by a 2-0 win over Winsford Utd away in the league.

We didn't start well against Alsager and the 1st half performance was not acceptable. We didn't work hard enough, our distribution was poor and we didn't give each other enough options when we were in possession. We found ourselves 1-0 down at half time due to a really bad bounce, the ball going over Deano's head and into the path of an Alsager striker to make it 1-0. Deano done well not to handball it because he would have received a straight red card and the task of coming from behind with 10 men would have been really difficult. This minor misjudgement did not effect Deano and he was outstanding throughout the rest of the game, as he has been in every game. After a good talking too by the manager at half time the lads produced a much better performance 2nd half. The team showed great character to turn this game around and we now look forward to visiting Mossley in the next round.

In the rearranged game against Winsford Utd away the lads put in another good performance winning 2-0 with goals from Docker and Youngy. Docker took his goal really well capitalising on a defensive error he ran threw and

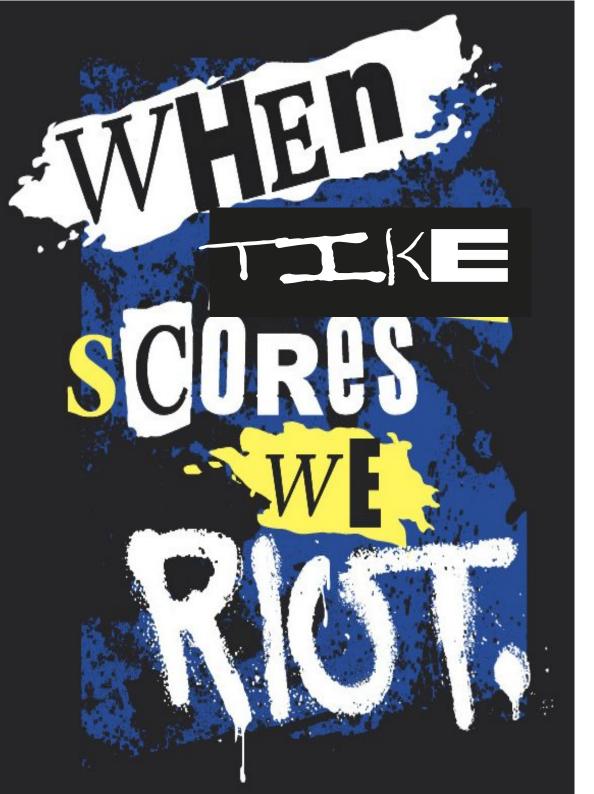
smashed the ball past the keeper. It was soon 2-0, the manager produced a fantastic cross for Youngy who steamed in at the back post, jumped above the defender and powered his header past the keeper. It was good to see Youngy back on the scoresheet and he also put in an excellent performance. In the 2nd half Winsford came at us, they made 2 substitutes and changed formation to try and get back into



the game. Deano, the back 4 and the ever reliable Jamie Hay stayed solid and organised to make sure their was no comeback from Winsford. With Youngy, Blakeman and Prince all pulling the strings and the forwards working really hard the team held onto the 2-0 win. Billy and Jack done really well when they came on and they will keep on progressing, hopefully Jack's injury is not as bad as first thought. Good to see Jay Olsen coming on as well, Jay is a quality player and I hope he plays more often.

Paul Byrne





### THE BUCKS & THE FACUP

### **Bootle 4-1 Alsager Town**

### Quotes:

Bootle Chairman Frank Doran (jnr): "The first half was very scrappy with Alsager forcing the pace of the game and it wasn't too much of a surprise that we went in at half time a goal down, but we dictated the play in the second half and finished worthy winners. It's great to

be in the next round, but it's equally

important that we maintain our winning start to the new season".



Bootle manager Neil Prince: "I'm very pleased to be in the next round of the FA Cup after a tricky game against a good side. After a very poor first half it was great to see such a good reaction from the players after the break to win comfortably in the end. We now look

forward to the

Mossley game and will go into our next games full of confidence".

Centre-forward and two-goal man-of-the-match Daniel O'Connor: "It was interesting to see what our reaction to going a goal behind would be. There was not a lot in the first half and Alsager are a young and exciting team. In previous seasons I could have seen us panic and maybe just scrape a draw. The way we did react second half was testament to the confidence that Neil and his team have instilled into the squad. At the moment we feel like we could beat anyone".





