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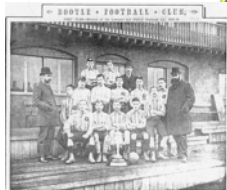
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# History of the Bucks



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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Bootle FC's youth teams



enjoyed a summer of success as the local summer leagues ended last month. In the Under 7's Bootle Bucks triumphed in the Cup final with a 2-0 win over Belfry. Ryan Beesley and Tom Colligan on target. Captain Leo Fairclough holding the cup aloft.

In the Under 8's Bootle Bucks won the league double - winning the main Summer League before taking the Premier Division to the wire and on the last day securing the victory; with

goals from Jack Reardon and a Jamie Edwards special bringing both titles home. This meant both Captain Jack Miley and vice-captain Harrison Beesley could lift a trophy each.

In the under 9's Bootle Bucks reached the cup final but unfortunately could not hold on and were eventually beaten 2-1.

A great summer of football and plenty more to come as the winter league approaches in September.



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1892 & The Northwest  
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McKay  
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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  
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Goalkeeping Coach  
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Mr Lee Stenson  
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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

Dean PORTER  
Neil MCQUEEN  
Mark KILROY  
Michael CARBERRY  
Andrew TAYLOR  
Sean COULTON  
Jamie O'BRIEN  
Paul BYRNE  
James OLSEN  
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Neil PRINCE  
Billy SMART  
Ryan WILKINSON  
Michael YOUNG  
Daniel O'CONNOR  
Jack MCCABE  
Tom FOLEY  
Lee THOMPSON



### WIGAN RP

managers: John Neafcy

Jason FOULDS (Capt)  
Phillip JOHNSON  
Shaun WHITE  
Douglas PITTS  
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Ian ROWLANDS  
Stephen KAY  
Andrew NEAFCY  
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Ryan SMALL  
Josh CLIFF  
Scott CALLAGHAN  
Donovan CHINEMHUTE

### MATCH OFFICIALS



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assistant referee:  
assistant referee:





# The manager of Bootle Football Club

I am thrilled and excited to be here today as manager of Bootle Football Club in our 1st home game of the season and we welcome Wigan Robin Park to Merseyside.

I have been very pleased with how preseason has gone. We started with 2 weeks of ball work and fitness work. We then had two good tests against Accrington Stanley who sent their full 1st team squad; and then Wigan U18's. We didn't look out of place against this opposition and received words of encouragement from both management teams.

I am delighted with the lads and how they have responded to the way we want them to play. Their attitude and effort has been 10 out of 10 and I'm confident we have got enough ability and togetherness to challenge for the title this season.

I would also like to thank James (Olsen) and Liam (Blakeman) for their help during preseason, I would be lost without their input. We can't wait for the season to begin and we have very high hopes.

My aims for the season are to be successful in every competition we enter. I have been lucky enough to experience good cup runs with previous clubs and I would also like the lads here to experience them.

I have brought in a couple of players up to now. Dean Porter has come highly recommended by Liam Watson and has shown in preseason how important he will be for us over the season. He is big, strong, good communicator and excellent with his feet which is important for a goalkeeper with the style of play I am going to use. Andy Taylor, who I played with at Vauxhall Motors and has vast experience in the Conference North, has come in. Andy is a centre half who can also play right back if needed. I am delighted he is on board as he is a big coup for the club as you will see when he is fully fit. I have been speaking to a couple of other players and hopefully will be bringing them in over the next few weeks. Also a special mention to Jack McCabe who has progressed from the U18's. Jack has scored goals in preseason and is very quick. Once he drops his shoulder he is away and will cause defenders in our league massive problems. I will not be scared to play him regularly despite his young age.

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Finally I am delighted that we will have a reserve team this season. Joe Doran will be managing the side and it is there to have a look at the younger lads and also for any 1st team players who need match fitness when recovering from injury or if they aren't playing regularly. It is a chance to impress and force me to play them in the 1st team.

Here's to a successful season and hopefully you the fans will enjoy the ride and bring a friend or two along as we will be looking to play attractive attacking football regardless of the opposition.

*Neil Prince*



Neil Prince

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AFC Blackpool v Padiham  
 Alsager Town v Glossop North End  
 Ashton Athletic v Colne  
 Barnoldswick Town v Squires Gate  
 Bootle v Wigan Robin Park  
 St Helens Town v AFC Liverpool  
 Stone Dominoes v Stockport Sports  
 Winsford United v Norton United

### First Division

Abbey Hey v Leek CSOB  
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5. Bacup Borough	0	0	0
6. Barnoldswick T	0	0	0
7. Bootle	0	0	0
8. Colne	0	0	0
9. Congleton Town	0	0	0
10. Glossop NE	0	0	0
11. Maine Road	0	0	0
12. Norton United	0	0	0
13. Padiham	0	0	0
14. Runc'rn Linnetts	0	0	0
15. Runcorn Town	0	0	0
16. Silsden	0	0	0
17. Squires Gate	0	0	0
18. St Helens Town	0	0	0
19. Stockp't Sports	0	0	0
20. Stone Doms	0	0	0
21. Wigan RP	0	0	0
22. Winsford United	0	0	0

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**The beginning - 30 years ago  
Part 1:**

Sporting fans taking a nostalgic look back at the sports headlines during the summer of 1982 wouldn't have much difficulty in finding some big news stories.

Jimmy Connors defeated John McEnroe in the Men's Singles final at the Wimbledon Championships, in golf the Open Championship was won by Tom Watson, and it was a World Cup finals year with England, Scotland and Northern Ireland all competing in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

But as August dawned, and just as Dexy's Midnight Runners began a four week run at the top of the UK singles charts with "Come On Eileen", those involved in non-league football in the North West were looking forward to a new era, as the league structure was about to change forever.

As the League history page on the website tells, the amalgamation of the Lancashire Combination and the Cheshire County League led to the formation of the North West Counties Football League, and 30 years ago right now everyone was looking forward in anticipation to the start of the new league, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1982.

The League Management Committee charged with the responsibility of managing the league during its inaugural season was comprised of officials who, in the main, had held down similar roles with the Lancashire Combination and Cheshire County League.

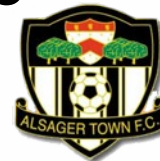
Bob Eccles was a Vice-President on the Cheshire County League committee and was also Ground Grading Chairman. As Chairman of Darwen FC, he had headed up the decision to move the club from the Lancashire Combination into the Cheshire County League, so he had a good working knowledge of both leagues.

Bob, of course remains a Life Member of the NWCFL to this day, and back in the early 80s, his role with the Cheshire County League meant that he was involved in all the initial meetings that were set up to begin the amalgamation of the two leagues. Another Bob still involved with the NWCFL also attended the first meeting between the two organisations – Daisy Hill Secretary Bob Naylor, who was a member of the Lancashire Combination's management committee.

Bob Eccles recalls "The meetings to discuss the constitution of the new league first began in 1980. It has to be said that, at the time, the Lancashire Combination was struggling, because clubs were leaving to join the Cheshire League, which was seen as being a better and more competitive league with stronger teams.

## THE BUCKS ARE NEXT AT HOME ON:

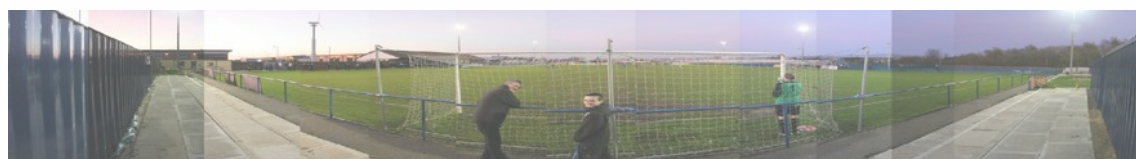
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V Alsager Town  
In the FA Cup**



**Thursday 16th August  
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"I was Chairman at Darwen and took them to the Cheshire League in the late 1970s, and I can remember Jim Kenyon and Ken Dean, who were with the Lancashire Combination at the time, coming round to my house to try and persuade me to change my mind. But it was the right thing for the club to do at the time, and along with several others we made the move.

"There was talk at time that if the two leagues hadn't amalgamated, the Lancashire Combination would have been in trouble because of the number of teams leaving or rumoured to be leaving. So once that was recognised, it meant that everyone realised something had to be done".

And so the talks began to try and create a framework to amalgamate the two leagues, and after some early difficulties, the process started to move forward.

"The early meetings were held in what was then The Crest Hotel in Bolton, which is now the Britannia Hotel", said Bob. "To get the process started, we needed an independent Chairman, so Bob Lord chaired the first meeting. "As many people will remember, Bob was Chairman of Burnley and was on the Football League committee for many years. He was also President of the Lancashire FA. He was a wonderful man, a tremendous character, and I can recall Jim Kenyon once saying that anyone who didn't like Bob Lord was jealous, which summed him up perfectly.

"I remember in the first meeting there was a bit of debate and humming and hawing going on between representatives of the two leagues as we went round in circles a bit, and Bob Lord banged his fist on the table and said "Come on gents, let's get down to brass tacks". We needed an independent Chairman like him to get things moving, and although he only chaired the meeting right at the start of the process, he set the tone and it all moved forward from there.

"Looking back now, considering that both sides were always going to try to fight their corner, we did well to get together and become as friendly as we did, and I think all things considered, the coming together of the leagues was managed very well".

When the league began there were 58 member clubs, across three divisions, but of course it didn't take long for that number to fall, and Bob remembers there were a number of contributory factors.

"There was a feeling among members of the committee that there were too many clubs, and that some of the clubs whose facilities weren't up to scratch would have to go.

*Continued on page 16...*



# Our Visitors today....

From the county of Greater Manchester and on the banks of the River Douglas, 7.9 miles to the south-west of Bolton and 10 miles north from Warrington.

Wigan Robin Park Football Club was founded in 2005 and started playing in the Bridgewater Office Supplies Manchester Football League, which is a feeder for the North West Counties.

During the first season in 2005/06 a steady start was made and soon mid-table was found. All the players were local lads and soon gelled together resulting in a good start to the Lancashire Shield and Wigan Cup.

# WIGAN ROBIN PARK



At the end of the season the team was unlucky to lose in the semi-final of the Wigan Cup but an appearance in the final of the Murray Shield was a big achievement.

Another solid start in the league saw the team move into fourth in the table a position they never went below throughout the season. In the Wigan Cup WRP progressed to the quarter-final stage but went out in the first round of the Lancashire Shield to

Crookland Casuals. WRP then went on a remarkable league run which saw them lose on the 14th October then go all the way to the end of the season undefeated.

But the aim at the beginning of the season was achieved with promotion to the Manchester Premier Division finishing in second place behind Walshaw Sports.



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# In Reserve....

This season an important decision was made to re-introduce the reserve side here at Bootle FC. The new reserve team manager Joseph Doran explains the reasoning and how he thinks this decision will help the 1st teams cause.



"I am looking forward to the challenge and will working closely with Neil (Prince), James (Olsen) and Liam (Blakeman) on the assessment of players when they are in the reserves. The reserves will be used in the truest sense, players who are progressing through the youth teams and more seniors players who need game time in preparation for returning to the first team along with some other players I will recruit and believe they may have what it takes to get into the first team one day.

I have appointed Michael Carragher to the position of assistant manager and he will be helping me put the lads through their paces in training and assessing the squad. Michael has lots of experience as he guided Sacre Coeur from the old I-Zingari 3rd division to 3rd in the Liverpool County Premier Division which to anyone who has played or watched games in that league will no it is no mean feat.

Our home games are Thursday nights and we start with Curzon Ashton which will be tough because they are an Evo-Stik League team. The calibre of the of the teams in this league will be a real test for our club as most play at a higher level such as the Evo-Stik League or the Blue Square Leagues.

I will also be working closely with both Ritchie Boswarva (under 18's manager) and Ste miller (under 17's manager) both have already provided lots of players available for selection and I'm sure you will see some in the first squad in the reserves game on Thursday 16th august at home KO 7.45 against Curzon Ashton.

I'm hoping for some support during home matches so if you would like to volunteer to help on the match days please let me know. Thanks for taking the time to read what I've had to say in my first attempt at writing about the reserves and I will try and keep you up to date on the up and coming prospects for the first team and our results but more importantly the performances.

*Joseph Doran*

The 06/07 season saw WRP start slowly but suddenly turn the corner and eventually went on an excellent run which saw them lose just once in 24 games in all competitions resulting in final appearances in the Gilgryst Cup and the Lancashire Shield. Another good run saw WRP lose just once in 13 games and it all came down to the last game of the season for the league title. Wigan saw off Brightmet 4-1 and Gregorians lost 3-2 at Atherton Town handing Wigan Robin Park the title at the first attempt.



In there inaugural season in the NWCFL WRP made a decent start winning 7 drawing 3 and losing 2 in their opening 12 fixtures. The highlight of this was being the first team to defeat title contenders AFC Liverpool in front of what would be the highest home crowd of 603 at Valerie Park. The Vodkat Challenge Cup paired Wigan against Premier division outfit Bacup Borough at home. After leading twice in the game Bacup scored with the last kick of the game to take it into extra time. The game finished 3-3 after extra time forcing a replay which Bacup would eventually win. The league cup saw WRP bow out at the first hurdle at the hands of Norton Utd. The team then lost some consistency but stayed in the top 5 most of the season including top but eventually finishing in a respectable fifth position.



Last season was their best season yet as they took the 1st division by storm, winning the league in style with 25 wins, 6 draws and only 3 defeats..

WHAT?  
Club Honours

NWCFL Division one Champions  
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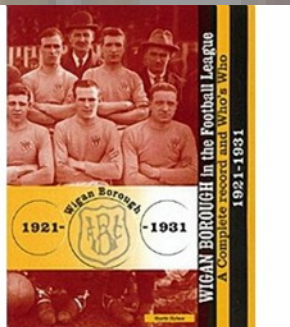




# Wigan's Footballing Past



WIGAN v. BARROW. Barrow pressing hard after Wigan's score in the F.A. Cup first round match, won by Wigan.



How do you want to be remembered?



**Respect**

Lose Respect  
Lose the game



"As Ground Grading Chairman of course, I was involved in that process and obviously I wasn't exactly popular with some clubs, who saw me as being responsible for them being removed from the league on ground grading issues.

"But that wasn't the only reason that the number of clubs dropped. The committee had hardly got their feet under the table when the Northern Premier League decided they wanted a Second Division, and that played a part in us losing a lot of clubs in the mid-eighties. We lost a lot of good strong clubs during that period, the likes of Stalybridge Celtic, and of course that has continued over the years.

"You only need to look at the Evo-Stik League and the league above and count how many of our former clubs are there now, to assess the contribution our league has made to strengthen the Non-League Pyramid over the years".

Looking back over the 30 years, Bob believes that the original committee would be satisfied with the progress that the NWCFL has made over the years.

"There have been highs and lows, but I think that everyone would have been happy with the reputation the league has established over the years. We are not as strong as we used to be perhaps, but that can be said about many other leagues at our level, because of the numbers of clubs we have lost to higher levels of Non-League football due to restructuring.

"But I believe we are still a good league, we are renowned as a good league, and some good teams have left us to progress upwards, so I think the committee in 1982 would be very happy with the way things have gone".

In the next part of our look back to the early days of the NWCFL, we'll take a look at the process that was undertaken to amalgamate the two leagues.



# Change is afoot!

Joe Doran explains his version of what has happened behind the scenes in the summer:

"Hello and welcome back to the new season with the bucks, as you will know there have been a few changes during the close season. Not least the departure of Chris O'Brien. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for all his efforts over the last 7 seasons, I played for Chris during most of his time in charge and I can honestly say that I have never encountered a more enthusiastic, committed and driven individual, his attitude was infectious and he certainly changed some aspects of my approach to playing football. I would like to thank him for all his efforts and the success he brought to the club. I'm sure I talk for all of the committee when I say thank you and he is always welcome here."

"Once the managers position became vacant I faced a tough decision on whether to apply for it or not. With no obvious experience in a manager's position at first I was reluctant, but after a few sleepless nights and long consultation with the people closest to me I decided to apply. Once I applied I had removed myself from the decision making process. During the process I was aware of who had applied but I was treated the same as all the other applicants and was informed of the committees decision to appoint Neil. Once the decision had been made I got on with liaising with Neil in my role as club secretary. I have known Neil since we played in the same Sefton team when we were 13. We also attended the same England trials when we were 15; and at Oldham athletic when we were 19."

I had not seen him since then until last season when I got a phone call from him regarding a business proposition. Most of you know what followed, Chris signed Neil and he came in and scored 13 goals last season. He had to leave before the end of the season for personal reasons. But obviously he's back now at the helm."

"One of the first things I discussed with Neil was something that both Dave Miley senior and I have been discussing for many years; the reformation of the reserve team. I had asked Chris O'Brien and the committee if I could take the reserves this season and both agreed, this was before the committee decision to remove Chris, once the decision had been made to appoint Neil I saw no reason to change my plans, and I went about arranging for us to join the [www.galaxyfootball.co.uk](http://www.galaxyfootball.co.uk) Lancashire league. We were accepted at their AGM and the fixtures for august have been published. The major difference between the Lancashire league and the NWCFL reserve division is that most of the games will be midweek, which helps us with preparation for the first team games."

Joe speaks more about the reserves in the new 'In reserve' section on page 18.





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