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- Entry to the playing area
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- enter the tunnel area around the changing rooms
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Any supporter wanting a photo with a player must wait outside the changing rooms after the game.



# BOARDLINES

RICHARDTIGWELL

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Joseph Russell Stadium for tonight's Liverpool Senior Cup tie against Bootle FC. I'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome the players, coaches and the fans of Bootle who have made the short trip down the M57 to be with us tonight. We hope you enjoy your time with us tonight.

You will all have seen the sad news earlier this month regarding the passing of Ronnie Williams. There is a beautiful tribute to him later in the programme written by Mike Rice of the 'Hope Street Heroes', but I would just like to say that Ronnie typified everything that is great about supporting this club. He was a wonderful man who will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

On behalf of the board of directors and indeed everyone at the club, I would like to express my deepest condolences to his son Tony, daughter Margaret and the rest of the Williams family at this sad time.

Tuesday night under the lights at the Joseph Russell in the Senior Cup will always hold a special place in the emotions for a certain generation of Cables fans, so it really is great to be back at it with our third home game in this competition this season.

The winners of tonight's game will host Marine in the semi-finals. City Of Liverpool host Tranmere Rovers in the other semi-final.

Tonight's visitors, of course, are no strangers. We started the year with a league game against Bootle visitors that produced a real derby atmosphere in front of over a thousand spectators. We ran out 2-0 winners on New Years Day but I expect tonight to be just as enthralling especially as Bootle have lost once since that game and are one of the form teams in the league.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Liam Hollett, Francis Smith, Tom Owens, Alex Gofton and all the lads from Home Bargains FC who are through to the semi-final of the National Sunday Cup.

Right, enough from me.

Enjoy the game, it should be a cracker!



**RICH**

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# THE DUGOUT

STEDALEY



We welcome a much-improved Bootle side to our place tonight on the back of another frustrating few weeks which actually started with this tie being postponed. Apparently it was the wettest February since records began but you can see the effect it has had with preparation for games being really disrupted and fixtures starting to stack up where it would be better to have a bit more recovery time.

The lads continue to work hard and the attitude has been immense. On Saturday you could see the game plan from a team fighting for their league position and we really weathered the storm. We maybe got away with one with the penalty saved by Mitch and their equaliser is being talked about as a goal of the season but we dug in and came away with a decent point on the road going into the run-in.

We know how important the county cup is to our supporters. One of the highlights of the season for all of us has been you, the fans. Tonight, we know it's going to be a tough derby with both teams wanting that place in the semis so let's see if we can all raise that roof again together!

Up the Bulls!

**STE**



# TALKINGBULLS

LEEFISHER



Prescot Cables are delighted to announce the signing of striker Fidel O'Rourke.

Former Liverpool FC man, O'Rourke, is eligible to make his debut for Steven Daley's high flying Cables side in tonight's Liverpool County FA Senior Cup Quarter-Final vs Bootle.

O'Rourke, 22, is a product of the Reds Academy having been discovered playing Sunday League as a young teenager, and has played in Premier League 2, the UEFA Youth League, FA Youth Cup and the EFL Trophy whilst at Anfield.

Fidel enjoyed a highly productive loan spell with Caernarfon Town in the Cymru Premier last season, finding the net seven times in ten league appearances.

His performances caught the eye of National League side FC Halifax Town who brought him on loan to The Shay for the second half of the 2022/23 Season and was part of the squad that won last seasons FA Trophy at Wembley Stadium as the Shaymen defeated Gateshead 1-0.

We are delighted that Fidel has accepted an offer to join Prescot Cables and we look forward to seeing him in action wearing the Amber & Black!

Welcome to the club, Fidel!



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### Bootle FC Club History

The original Bootle FC were formed in 1880 and played adjacent to Bootle Cricket Club, on Hawthorne Road. The club were Everton FC's main rivals and competed with Everton for the prestigious place in the newly formed Football League. With only one club per area permitted to join, Bootle narrowly lost out.

In 1889 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance. The season was the most successful as the club finished league runners-up and reached the FA Cup quarter-finals, losing to Blackburn Rovers.

When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. Despite finishing in a respectable 8th place, the club dropped out after one season due to ongoing financial problems. It was a new local club, Liverpool, who took Bootle's place.

The possible resurrection of a Bootle team became a distinct probability in August 1947 when local councillors identified the popularity and talent on show in the 'Bootle JOC' league and knew the town was big enough to be put back on the football map with its own team again. For years it had been an exporter of its many players to other professional and semi-professional clubs.

The promise of sponsorship money from local businesses brought great optimism and the issue of one shilling shares further boosted club finances. After local residents were assured that the ground at Bootle Stadium (Maguire Avenue) would not be used solely as a football ground, an application to join the Lancashire Combination for the 1948/49 season was made, and accepted. Club colours even posed a problem, red or blue were dismissed for fear of showing favour to either of the 'big two' so it was agreed that, as the original Bootle FC wore white shorts, this colour would be adopted.

Players mostly came from the local league and surrounding clubs, however one player that Bootle overlooked was a tall, blonde, ex-prisoner-of-war German, Bert Trautman.

Trautman, then living in Huyton, trained with Bootle at the stadium for several weeks but, with the area taking such a heavy pounding during the war, it was decided not to tempt any local bitterness and he was allowed to join St Helens Town and of course moved on to FA Cup and Manchester City folklore.

They kicked off their new campaign in 1948 against Barnoldswick and District. The league was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and after several tough seasons and a change in Council priorities they withdrew from the league and folded during the 1953–54 campaign.

In 1953, the current club was formed as Langton with Frank Doran Snr as a founding member. The club played in the various local Bootle leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination – winning the leagues and cups on various occasions the club requested to change its name to the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. This was accepted in 1973 and a year later 'the Bucks' joined the Lancashire Combination.

After winning the Combination in both 1976 and 1977, Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in the first season, and were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 after the Cheshire County League merged to form the North West Counties League, Bootle became members of the First Division (now Premier Division). The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when the club was relegated to the Second Division.

Despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination as Bucks Park on Copy Lane closed its doors for the final time. In 2006 the club, with a new ground on Vesty Road, Bootle were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCFL Premier Division and also won the Championship. In 2009/10, the first season back in the NWCFL Premier Division Bootle finished 3rd. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012.

In 2017 they finished runner-up which, their highest placing in the NWCFL, and in 2019 after a 20 game winning run the club were in the driving seat to get promoted on the final day of the season with one more win. However, that win was one too many and the club agonisingly missed out after a 1-1 draw, once again finishing runners-up.

In Spring 2020, the club saw the installation of a new 'hybrid' pitch. The pitch goes hand in hand with the investment in off the pitch facilities to develop Vesty Road as a community asset.

Everyone associated with the club was left shocked and saddened in January 2021 following the sad passing of our President, Frank Doran Senior. Anyone involved with football both locally and across the North West would have known Frank, or Mr Bootle as he was affectionately known, for his booming voice, quick wit and his extensive knowledge and love of football.

Frank was a Docker, but more importantly for him, a footballer who was part of the 1954 Langton FC team that became the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. It was Frank who drove the club forward, as player, manager, secretary, chairman, groundsman - you name it - and latterly president of the club.

He would be seen every day up at both Bucks Park, on Copy Lane, and more recently at Vesty Road doing one job or another at the club, and that continued right up until December 2020. Frank's memory will last forever in the town of Bootle, and in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Bootle enter their third season at Step 4 of the non-league system. After a disappointing season saw the Bucks fighting for relegation. Dave McNabb, who previously won the title with Warrington Rylands, replaced Ste McNulty in the dugout and was able to secure safety. Dave undertook an overhaul of the squad in the summer with only 4 players beginning the new campaign from the side he inherited. Following an approach from Bury Dave left the club to be replaced by Vauxhall Motor's promotion winning manager Mick McGraa.



## **Bootle FC Pen Pics**

**Mick McGraa (Manager)** - Mick joined the club following the departure of Dave McNabb in September. Joining from fellow Northern Premier League Division One West side Vauxhall Motors where he spent 5 seasons. During that time he won promotion from the North West Counties Division One and North West Counties Premier League. He also led the team to mathematical promotion in a season "null and voided" by Covid.

**Tony Thompson (Goalkeeper)** - Experienced goalkeeper who was near ever present in Warrington Town's promotion winning side to National League North last season. Previously part of the Altrincham side who were promoted from the Northern Premier League Premier Division and subsequently from National League North.

**Ethen Vaughan (Defender)** - Right sided defender who joined the club in the summer from FC United of Manchester. Born in Halifax and had previously had spells with Huddersfield, Norwich and Burnley. Has further Northern Premier League Premier Division experience from Guiseley and Marske United.

**Sean Smith (Defender)** - Left sided defender who joined the club in October after his release from Vauxhall Motors. Tough tackler and tenacious defender who has previous Northern Premier League experience at Marine who he joined from the Welsh Premier League where he had spells with Connah's Quay Nomads and Bala Town.

**James Cooper (Defender)** - Cooper joined the club from Prescott Cables following the arrival of Brian Richardson as the club's new manager in 2022. Comfortable in positions across the back, and can also play in midfield. The popular player picked up a Player of the Season award last season.

**Adam Buxton (Defender)** - Experienced central defender who joined the club from Warrington Rylands in the summer. Progressed into the first team at Wigan Athletic whilst they were a Premier League outfit. Had subsequent spells at Burton Albion, Accrington Stanley, Portsmouth, Tranmere and Morecambe before entering non-league football with York City.

**Anthony Miley (Defender)** - Returned to the Bucks from City of Liverpool. Centre-back who recently featured for Marine in their infamous run in the FA Cup which ultimately saw them exit against Tottenham Hotspur in the third round. Previously played in the Welsh Premier League for Conwy Borough, Colwyn Bay, Bangor City and Bala Town having last played for Bootle as a 16 year old.

**Scott Sephton (Defender / Midfielder)** - Joined the club from Clitheroe town in October 2023. The vastly experienced player spent a significant portion of his career in the Northern Premier League Premier Division at clubs including Warrington Town, Stalybridge Celtic and Atherton Collieries.

**Arthur Lomax (Defender / Midfielder)** - Joined the club permanently in the summer from Tranmere Rovers. Arthur is a technically gifted left sided player who impressed in a left-wing back position last season for Bootle on loan. Previously on the books at Wigan Athletic before he signed for Tranmere in 2022.

**Michael Carberry (Defender)** - Returned to the club from Marine in December. A fans favourite in his first spell with the Bucks after joining in before departing for National League another Southport in 2022. Played 35 times for Southport during last season before a summer switch to Marine.

**Craig Carney (Midfielder)** - Joined the club in the summer from Hyde United. The centre midfielder has a wealth of experience in the Northern Premier League including with Colne, Clitheroe, FC United, Marine and Warrington Town.

**Saul Milovanovic (Midfielder)** - Midfielder who became one of Mick McGraa's earliest signings from Leek Town. Previous experience in the Northern Premier League at Matlock Town. Progressed through academy football at Liverpool, Huddersfield and eventually Norwich City before entering senior football at Kettering Town.

**Sonny Hilton (Midfielder)** - Joined after his release from Fulham where he had played since he was 15 following a move from Tranmere Rovers. Had loan spells in Finland in 2021 and a spell with Carlisle United last season where he made 7 appearances for the Cumbrians.

**Moses Yoak (Midfield)** - Imposing midfielder who joined from Glossop North End, is equally capable at centre back. Moses has previously played for Stalybridge Celtic, Clitheroe and Longridge Town.

**Sam Hughes (Midfield)** - A talented and technically gifted centre midfielder and Mick McGraa's first signing from Vauxhall Motors having only joined the Motormen from Ashville in the West Cheshire league at the beginning of this season.

**Jack Lenehan (Midfielder)** - Joined the club in October from Bury Athletic centre-midfielder who impressed in a spell at Prescott Cables in 2018 before earning a move to the Northern Premier League Premier Division with FC United. He later moved to Atherton Collieries until the end of last season before his move to Bury in the summer.

**Michael Burkey (Midfield)** - Joined the club from Vauxhall Motors having played with manager Mick McGraa for the past 5 years winning promotion from the North West Counties Division One and North West Counties Premier Division.

**Conor Harwood (Striker)** - Became Mick McGraa's fourth signing from Vauxhall Motors in December. Began his career in the Welsh Premier League with Connah' Quay Nomads where he featured in the Europa League. Later moved to Flint Town before a switch to City of Liverpool in June 2022, making the move to Vauxhall Motors in September that season. A key member of Vauxhall's promotion winning side last year.

**Ben Hodgkinson (Striker)** - Rejoined the club in the summer from Marine as Dave's first signing for the new season. Was Bootle's top scorer the season prior and had hit double figures when he departed last season. An ever popular player amongst the fan base and one that everyone is delighted has returned to the club.

**Tom Peterson (Striker)** - The forward joined the club from Fleetwood Town following the conclusion of his scholarship back in the summer of 2013. He then left the club to join City of Liverpool three years later, but returned last summer after scoring 64 times in 158 appearances for the Purps. Was the clubs top scorer last season.

**Jake Burton (Striker)** - Striker on loan from Chester until the end of the season. Joined Chester after his release from Tranmere. Has previously had loan spells at Stalybridge Celtic and Marine.



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# PESKY VOLUNTEER



Photo by John Middleton

Eagle-eyed Cables fans will recognise goalkeeper Tyler Caddock, who made his debut for Cables' first team aged just 16. When he is not playing, he is at a Cables game and this season he has joined our team of volunteers.

Role	Steward
Watching Cables since...	2015, at the age of 10
Any other clubs?	Manchester United
Favourite professional player when you were young	Peter Schmeichel
Favourite Cables player?	Mitch Allen
All-time favourite sportsperson	Wayne Rooney
You are hosting a celebrity dinner, what are you making?	Prawn cocktail starter, steak dinner for main, millionaire shortbread cheesecake for dessert
Which four celebrities are on the guest list?	Wayne Rooney, Peter Schmeichel, Sir Alex Ferguson and Dolly Parton
Favourite movie	The Shawshank Redemption
Dream holiday destination?	Jamaica
If you could time travel, when and where would you go?	60s era for the music
Favourite bar/cafe/restaurant in Prescot	Station Coffee House
Best thing about Cables?	The atmosphere the fans bring to every game

# TYLER CADDOCK

# FIXTURES&RESULTS

2023/24 SEASON

Sat 5 Aug	H	Eccleshill United	FA Cup EP	2-0
Sat 12 Aug	A	Mossley	NPL West	1-2
Tue 15 Aug	H	Avro	NPL West	0-1
Tue 22 Aug	A	Vauxhall Motors	NPL West	3-0
Sat 19 Aug	A	West Didsbury & Chorlton	FA Cup P	3-0
Sat 26 Aug	H	1874 Northwich	NPL West	1-0
Mon 28 Aug	A	Bootle	NPL West	0-0
Sat 2 Sep	H	North Ferriby	FA Cup 1 Q	4-2
Sat 9 Sep	H	Bridlington Town	FA Trophy 1 Q	4-0
Tue 12 Sep	H	Clitheroe	NPL West	0-2
Sat 16 Sep	A	Whitby Town	FA Cup 2 Q	1-2
Sat 23 Sep	A	North Ferriby (lost 5-6 on penalties)	FA Trophy 2 Q	2-2
Sat 30 Sep	A	Hanley Town	NPL West	3-0
Tue 3 Oct	H	City of Liverpool	NPL West	2-1
Sat 7 Oct	H	Witton Albion	NPL West	4-1
Sat 14 Oct	A	Chasetown	NPL West	2-1
Sat 21 Oct	A	Nantwich Town	NPL West	1-1
Sat 28 Oct	H	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL West	2-1
Sat 4 Nov	H	Widnes	NPL West	1-1
Sat 11 Nov	A	Hednesford Town	NPL West	2-0
Sat 18 Nov	H	Trafford	NPL West	5-1
Sat 25 Nov	A	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL West	1-1
Tue 29 Nov	H	Ashton Town	County Cup 1	4-2
Sat 16 Dec	A	Avro	NPL West	0-2
Tue 19 Dec	H	Pilkington	County Cup 2	6-0
Sat 23 Dec	H	Mossley	NPL West	5-3
Tue 26 Dec	A	Runcorn Linnets	NPL West	1-2
Mon 1 Jan	H	Bootle	NPL West	2-0
Sat 6 Jan	A	1874 Northwich	NPL West	1-0
Fri 12 Jan	H	Vauxhall Motors	NPL West	1-1
Sat 27 Jan	H	Nantwich Town	NPL West	1-0
Sat 3 Feb	A	City of Liverpool	NPL West	4-1
Sat 10 Feb	A	Newcastle Town	NPL West	0-3
Tue 13 Feb	H	Leek Town	NPL West	0-1
Sat 17 Feb	H	Hanley Town	NPL West	1-1
Sat 24 Feb	A	Witton Albion	NPL West	3-2
Sat 9 Mar	A	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL West	1-1
Tue 12 Mar	H	Bootle	County Cup QF	7.45pm
Sat 16 Mar	A	Leek Town	NPL West	3pm
Sat 23 Mar	H	Newcastle Town	NPL West	3pm
Tue 26 Mar	H	Chasetown	NPL West	3pm
Sat 30 Mar	A	Clitheroe	NPL West	3pm
Mon 1 Apr	H	Runcorn Linnets	NPL West	3pm
Sat 6 Apr	H	Hednesford Town	NPL West	3pm
Sat 13 Apr	A	Widnes	NPL West	3pm
Sat 20 Apr	H	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL West	3pm
Sat 27 Apr	A	Trafford	NPL West	3pm

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# GENTLEMANRON

MICHAELRICE

Amongst all of the tributes that have been paid this week there has been one consistent thread weaving through them all – Ronnie Williams was a gentleman.

Whether young or old, male or female, even home fan or away fan, Ronnie simply had time for everybody. He loved the opportunity to meet new people and learn more about their lives, sharing his own pearls of wisdom and advice along the way.

Ronnie was a captivating man, a talented wordsmith, and took great pride in discussing some of the topics that he cared deeply about. A proud union man, Ronnie had an inherent understanding and appreciation of right and wrong, and always stayed fiercely loyal to his morals, regularly joining protests and pickets to highlight injustice and stand up against discrimination.

He was also a man who valued his religious beliefs, and was proud of his faith. Ronnie loved where he came from, never forgetting his roots and embracing the diversity that made the region so beautifully unique.



Ronnie enjoyed a successful career in the armed forces, serving with the City of Liverpool Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps. Those standards set in the forces stuck with Ronnie throughout his life – he was always dressed impeccably, shoes shined, and harmonica in pocket – though it usually wasn't long until the harmonica came out and he would treat those in his company to a tune.

A familiar face to so many at Cables, Ronnie was rewarded for his commitment to the club in 2017 when he was voted as our Fan of the Year. He had discovered Cables soon after moving to Huyton, and quickly fallen in love with the club. This recognition from his peers meant the world to Ronnie, it meant so much for his fellow supporters to nominate him for this award.

In addition to Cables matches home and away, Ronnie could regularly be found cheering on Lower Breck FC and in his younger years followed Liverpool under the leadership of Shankly and Paisley. He loved good football though, regardless of who played it, and once said "I was an Evertonian in 1966, 1968, when I met Howard Kendall and Joe Mercer, and any time the Toffees play anyone except Liverpool or Prescott Cables".

Ronnie also enjoyed watching the Widnes Vikings rugby league side, Batley Bulldogs and Thatto Heath Crusaders. He recognised the talents of elite sportsmen and women, but he held deep respect for the hard work, camaraderie and determination that could be found at grassroots level.

On non-matchdays, Ronnie liked to travel across the region and meet new people, often over a pint of real ale. He was a popular face at the Cricketers in St Helens, the Baltic Fleet in Liverpool, and became synonymous with The Bard in Prescott. Ronnie was not a shy man, he genuinely loved to talk and to listen, and once you had the pleasure of meeting him, he never forgot you.

Ronnie was a family man. His son Tony, daughter Margaret, and granddaughters Lydia and Becca were the apple of his eye, and his deep love for his family ran through everything that Ronnie did. He was so proud of his family, to the extent that they felt like your own family whenever he spoke of them. Tony would regularly accompany Ronnie on matchdays, and the two of them enjoyed many wonderful days together enjoying live sport.

He affectionately called many of the younger people he met his 'nieces and nephews'. This was a sign of how highly Ronnie valued those he shared his time with, and he treated us all as if we were a part of his family. He would simply do anything for anybody.

Ronnie regularly, tongue-in-cheek, referred to himself as 'The Fat Arl Feller'.

me and everybody who was fortunate to have spent some time in Ronnie's company, we called him a great friend.

He was a wonderful, fascinating man. He was loyal, welcoming and funny. He was a gentleman. May God bless you Ronnie.



# LEAGUETABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Leek Town	30	21	4	5	72	33	39	67
2	Prescot Cables	29	15	7	7	48	30	18	52
3	Runcorn Linnets	30	16	4	10	48	33	15	52
4	Bootle	30	15	7	8	46	38	8	52
5	City of Liverpool	30	14	6	10	53	38	15	48
6	Witton Albion	30	14	5	11	50	52	-2	47
7	Clitheroe FC	30	12	8	10	51	44	7	44
8	Stalybridge	30	11	11	8	46	42	4	44
9	Widnes	30	12	6	12	42	31	11	42
10	Nantwich	30	12	5	13	45	37	8	41
11	Avro	29	10	11	8	34	34	0	41
12	Mossley	30	11	8	11	38	44	-6	41
13	Chasetown	29	11	7	11	39	39	0	40
14	Newcastle Town	30	11	5	14	38	41	-3	38
15	Kidsgrove Athletic	29	9	8	12	46	51	-5	35
16	Hanley Town	29	8	8	13	26	38	-12	32
17	Trafford FC	30	6	13	11	31	41	-10	31
18	Vauxhall Motors	29	9	4	16	37	58	-21	31
19	Hednesford	29	5	8	16	33	54	-21	23
20	1874 Northwich	29	4	5	20	20	65	-45	17

## HEADTOHEAD

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Date	Home	Score	Away	Attd
Mon 1 Jan 2024	Prescot Cables	2 - 0	Bootle	1,160
Mon 28 Aug 2023	Bootle	0 - 0	Prescot Cables	712
Mon 10 Apr 2023	Prescot Cables	2 - 2	Bootle	812
Mon 26 Dec 2022	Bootle	3 - 1	Prescot Cables	752
Sat 22 Jan 2022	Prescot Cables	2 - 1	Bootle	776
Sat 16 Oct 2021	Bootle	3 - 0	Prescot Cables	451
Tue 27 Nov 2018	Bootle	0 - 6	Prescot Cables	161

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Opportunity to meet players and management post-match

### **Perimeter advertising boards £500** *price includes manufacture and fitting*

We are currently filling the pitch perimeter with our new high-quality, long-lasting metal advertising boards at the larger size of 8ft x 3ft, so clearly visible. These are just £500 for the entire 2023/24 season and the price includes production, delivery and fitting. The season is nearly underway so don't miss out on a unique opportunity for local, regional and national exposure. Monthly payment plans can also be arranged. Please get in touch for more details.

### **Other Opportunities**

These include kit, stands and even the whole stadium. All are currently taken for the 23/24 season, but we can always register your interest.

*\*Subject to booking prior to programme publication deadline*

# SHEDS&FENCES

*Carl Baxter brings us up to date with some of the work the volunteers have completed during 2023.*

It's been a very busy year for our Group Maintenance volunteer group. The work completed during 2023 has been more varied and wide ranging than ever with so much happening around the ground and clubhouse.

Day to day jobs still include litter clearance, fencing / plumbing and machinery fixes, advertising boards / pitch irrigation, season & draw tickets admin and merchandise sales. However they have also included larger projects such as painting and decorating for toilets / new bars and sponsors lounge as well as some maybe less exciting projects that have now come off the to do list such as barbed wire refurb, cellar sump sludge removal and ground scrap metal clearance!!

They have also ably assisted where professional repairs have been needed with floodlight refurbs, main stand gutter clearance and new immersion heaters so it's certainly been a busy year !!

While we have a small regular group of ground volunteers, they always need more people who can help with day to day or weekly jobs to help keep maintaining and improving our facilities. Please contact the club if you could lend some skills or just some time and would like to be involved in helping to move the club forward.

As Prescott Cables Football Club is a Community Interest Club, we rely on local people helping out with many areas to keep things running smoothly on Matchdays. We have the basic building blocks in place to take our club to the next step.

However, it's only going to happen if we can grow the pool & skill-set of volunteers!

We're looking for help with the following activities:

## **Prescot Cables Media Team**

Our match day media requirements include tannoy and PA announcements which are an important aspect of stadium safety commitments. We need help with radio commentary for matches for our senior teams as well as pre- and post-match interviews.

## **Social Media & Website**

Help us promote the club and our matches and events via our social media channels. Experience isn't necessary for this varied role and plenty of support is available. We also need help with the writing of articles & match reports which can be used for the match day magazine and website

## **Club Merchandise**

We need help selling our broad range of official Cables merchandise on match-days as well as help to fulfil orders received via our online shopping portal

## **Facilities**

Help us keep the stadium in tip-top shape! If you've got carpentry, welding, mechanical or electrical skills please let us know! Some of our general maintenance jobs during the close-season will also include painting, tiling and plastering. During the season we need help clearing up after games.

## **Match Day Stewarding**

An important role on match-days! Stewards are the friendly face of the club, assisting visitors and supporters when and where needed, performing vital stadium safety tasks, responding to security issues and helping to ensure every visitor to the ground has a safe and enjoyable experience.

If you'd like to join our club's team of volunteers or can help out with any of the above, please speak to any member of the board or contact us via email at

[media@prescotcables.com](mailto:media@prescotcables.com)





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# PITCH SQUARES 2023-24

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

By Matt Badcock

POSTPONEMENTS are tiresome. Late postponements even more so.

It doesn't take long to learn the tweet 'Game definitely on' doesn't always mean the game is definitely on.

And even when the match kicks off, it doesn't necessarily mean it will definitely finish.

This year feels particularly wet but we probably say the same most seasons.

Everyone shares the same frustration when the weather beats the football – especially for the fans who may have already set off on a long journey or even arrived at the ground.

Over at NLP HQ on a Saturday, chaos tends to fill the air as we put tentative plans together for redrawing the paper, only for a late call off to mean tearing up the idea to start again. Sometimes one game being postponed causes a domino effect you usually see for club allocations in the summer.

But it does allow me to stretch back into my chair and say, 'Did I ever tell you about the time I went to Albania?'

Rewind to October 2012 and England C were off on another adventure, The NLP fortunate enough to bag a seat on the plane to cover Non-League's Three Lions breaking new ground.

The Tirana weather was...pretty good actually. In fact, the day before the game we even made the most of some downtime in the schedule to sit out on the hotel's sun deck overlooking the ocean. This was why I got into journalism!

The day of the match was good too. Players went through set-pieces in shorts and t-shirts and an anticipation slowly built through the day.

During the final meeting at the hotel before jumping on the bus, it started raining. Driving towards the stadium, the rain continued. And got heavier. And heavier. The puddles got larger. The streets started to become streams.

The first sign of concern was seeing the stadium's adjacent 3G pitch - trained on just hours earlier - with large puddles.

Inside the stadium, the running track began to look more like a moat. Word came up from the dressing rooms that they too were slowly filling with water, the cables for the TV stations like electric eels swimming around.

By now the game had been called off. Brian Lee, the late former Football Conference chairman, wondered if anyone could find a sports hall to at least get some sort of action!

The car park was now a lake and it was time to man the lifeboats as players, still in full kit, waded to the coach – interrupted by a SUV driving up to the main door and sending a tidal wave of water back into foyer.

All that way for a game that never was. Some of the squad missed out in the future because of their age, never to be capped. If we hadn't travelled so far it would have been comical.

Funnily enough, England's senior game in Poland later that night was also rained off after the stadium roof wasn't closed in time. England 0-2 Weather.

After all, whatever shape ball you play with, you can't have competition without a referee.



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### Board of Directors

Tony Zeverona	Graham Black
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### Club Operations Team

Chairman: Tony Zeverona  
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Operations Manager: Lynda Derbyshire

Vice President: David Williams

### Football Operations Team

First Team Manager: Steven Daley  
Assistant Manager: Peter Cumiskey  
Coaches: Tony Sullivan & Lee Dowding  
Physio: Alan Cross

### Operations Support

Vicky Tigwell  
Richard Tigwell  
James Tigwell

### Matchday & Hospitality Team

Hospitality Manager: Lynda Derbyshire  
Board Room Hospitality: Jess Goodwin  
Club Shop: Billy and Yvonne Maund

### Media Team

Our website, programme, match commentary, PA, photography & social media are managed by:

Jeff Connally, Paul Goodwin, John Middleton, David Raven, Sam Rawnsley, Richard Tigwell, Ben Yoxall, Lee Fisher

The programme is edited and produced by David Raven using media from multiple sources including the excellent Freepik.com. Our programme focus group is Stan Kostrzewski, Jon Rawnsley and Chris Bayes. Today's cover photo was taken by Lilly Coates

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## PRESCOT CABLES

## BOOTLE

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 7.45pm

### LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP - QUARTER FINAL

Prescot Cables is committed to making sure the Joseph Russell Stadium is a safe and enjoyable stadium to watch football in and we remind fans that it is their responsibility to ensure that they adhere to ground regulations. Entering or throwing objects onto the field of play is a criminal offence and may result in prosecution.

#### Manager: Ste Daley

Mitch Allen (GK)  
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John Murphy  
Matty Hamilton  
Kyle Sambor  
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Sam O'Halleran

amber shirts  
black shorts  
amber socks

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Tom Peterson  
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Sam Hughes  
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Mason Fawns  
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Owen Robinson  
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Owen Mooney  
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Lewis Earl  
Jack Lenehan  
Andy Scarisbrick  
Sean Smith  
Sam Burns  
Michael Burkey

blue shirts  
blue shorts  
blue socks

Today's match officials are  
Referee **Liam Corrigan** and  
Assistants **Conor Burke & Dan Manning**

