

LANCASHIRE KNOCK OUT CUP FINAL

8 September 2024



ORMSKIRK CC
VS
PRESTWICH CC



Blackpool Cricket Club

Match commences 11am, 45 overs per side



FOREWORD

by Melissa Kay (Cricket Development Manager)

On behalf of Lancashire Cricket Foundation, we welcome you to Blackpool Cricket Club for the 2024 Lancashire Knock Out Cup Final, which promises to be a fantastic showcase of club cricket.

I would like to offer my congratulations to everyone involved, from the players, coaches and officials to everyone behind the scenes who work tirelessly to ensure we have thriving club cricket across the county.

Special mention to our standing umpires, Matt Plummer, Ansh Bansal with Stuart Wiseman as third umpire, along with the club scorers whose contribution is invaluable as is the Lancashire ACO and League Appointment Secretaries who do so much to keep the game moving in the right direction.

Cricket continues to take strides forward to provide opportunities for everyone at the grass roots level. Much of this is at junior level through programmes such as All Stars Cricket, Dynamos Cricket and the fantastic competitions being organised by our Junior Leagues. This culminates in the ongoing Inter League Cricket programme that sits between club and county cricket. This year we have introduced the Urban Inter-league squads which has given the chance for talented young cricketers to play representative cricket in hardball. These individuals have come from programmes such as Chance to Shine Street, MCCF hubs, Lord Taverners Wickets and the ACE programme. We continue to see clubs, teams and community group embrace the challenges faced, numbers across the women and girls' game are rising rapidly, and more festivals than ever being played.

To those clubs who have taken part in the Lancashire KO Cup throughout the competition, we thank you for your contribution in what has been an impressive competition representing the talent in the county. We have seen some outstanding performances with teams going above and beyond. We are lucky in Lancashire to have a group of league officials who work hard to provide so many with the opportunity to take part in structured competitions and our thanks, of course, finally goes to them for the support they give the Lancashire KO Cup.

Good luck and enjoy your day!



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

This season's Lancashire Knockout Cup Final will be concluded at Blackpool CC on 8th September 2024 between Ormskirk CC and Prestwich CC. Can Ormskirk claim the cup after their defeat in the 2022 final or will Prestwich take the cup for the first time?

Both sides can go into the final with great confidence with their performances that they have produced over the competition, which started on the 19th May. Round 1 saw Ormskirk CC host and defeat defending champions Northern CC by posting 209/8 with Northern unable to reach the total falling short in runs with all wickets gone for 124 with the help of Sam Holden's 5-21. Meanwhile, Prestwich visited Piggott Park and managed to take all wickets from Farnworth Social Circle CC for 99 meaning they could comfortably reply with 102/1 with Stuart Els scoring 52*, progressing them to the next round.

Round 2 brought Prestwich to Heaton where Heaton were 100 all out with the help of Nico Van Syls 4-13. Prestwich were set a revised target of 98 which they achieved in just 17.2 overs with Stuart Els leading the charge with four 4s and three 6s to finish with a score of 51. Meanwhile, Padiham made the journey to Ormskirk where they succumbed to 93 all out with Thomas Browns contribution of 3-26. Ormskirk batted strongly with Harvey Rankin scoring 53 as they finished on 94/4 to progress into the quarter finals.

In the quarter finals, Ormskirk hosted Burnley CC and opted to put them into bat. Ormskirk kept Burnley to 149/8 with Ormskirk achieving a score of 150 with only 5 wickets taken from just 33.2 overs. A firm 51 from Gary Knight helping Ormskirk reach their total. Prestwich welcomed Little Lever and scored 186 from 37 overs with Stuart Els again leading the scoring with 82* supported by Sam Kershaw's 50. Little Lever were set a revised target of 182 from 33 overs but fell short as they were bowled out for 173 with 3 balls remaining.

Onto Semi-final Day. Ormskirk showed Norden why they deserved to be in the final once again, amassing a daunting score of 284-4 thanks to centuries from Sam Holden (108) and George Politis (106). Jamie Barnes starred with the ball, taking 5-35 to bring Norden's innings to a close with 118 in less than 29 overs. In the other semi-final, Prestwich made the journey to Kendal CC. Prestwich batted first ending with a score of 197-7 with Sam Kershaw's 70* the standout innings. They booked their place in the final after bowling Kendall out for 124 with Nathan Bailey taking 4 wickets as they won by 73 runs. Some stand out performers in this year's competition include Ormskirk's keeper Gary Knight who has the highest fielding ranking of the competition with 7 catches and 4 stumpings. Prestwich's keeper James Wharmby isn't far behind with 4 wicket keeping catches and 2 stumpings.

Sam Kershaw of Prestwich and Callum Turner of Ormskirk both impressed in the field during the competition with 5 catches a piece.

ORMSKIRK CC CLUB HISTORY



Club Chair **Bill Rankin**
Club Scorer **Kev Wilson**

Ormskirk Cricket Club was established in 1835.

It was a founder member of the Liverpool Cricket Competition which started in 1892 and has remained a member of the competition since winning 19 league titles- 5 as champions of the ECB Premier League.

Nationally the club has reached the latter stages of both the ECB National T20 (runners up in 2013) and the ECB National Club Championship (runners up in 2017, semi finalists in 2019, quarter finalists in 2021 and 2024). Reaching the final of the Lancashire Knockout presents the club with the opportunity to win the cup for the 5th time having previously won in 1999, 2014, 2017 (shared) and 2021.

On 26th May 2021 the club featured in the sports section of The Times under the title 'A Lancashire club with a special knack for producing county players' citing 8 current 1st class cricketers who played cricket for Ormskirk: John Simpson (Middlesex/Sussex & England), Josh Bohannon (Lancashire & England Lions), Simon Kerrigan (Lancashire, Northants & England), Liam Hurt (Lancashire), Gavin Griffiths (Lancashire/Leicestershire), Michael Jones (Durham & Scotland), Tom Hartley (Lancashire/Manchester Originals & England), George Lavelle (Lancashire). Of these eight Griffiths, Jones, Hartley and Lavelle came through the junior ranks at Ormskirk.

In 2023 both the 1st XI and 2nd XI both won their respective Premier Leagues and this is only the 2nd time in the clubs history that both teams have won their leagues in the same season.

In 2024, having been selected for England's recent test tour against India, Tom Hartley made a huge impact on his debut and took sensational figures of 7-62 to help win the first test in Hyderabad. Also, both Tom and Michael Jones (Scotland) were involved in the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean + USA in 2024.



ORMSKIRK CC SQUAD



Gary Knight (Captain, RHB/WK)

Into his fourth season as captain and his thirteenth at Ormskirk since moving from Longridge in 2011. Gary has established himself as one of the best keeper batsmen in the county and has scored over 11800 runs at 40 and taken 600 victims along with 3 Lancashire Knockout titles in 2014, 2017 and 2021. Gary has represented Lancashire U19s, Cumberland, as well as Northants and Glamorgan 2nd XI's.

Jamie Barnes (Right arm seam)

Vice Captain and OCC junior graduate, Barnsley has built a reputation of being a highly skilled seamer and for over a decade now has been getting huge wickets that include plenty of professional cricketers. Time and time again he gets under estimated by the opposition and shows his qualities that simply win games for Ormskirk. He has over 480 wickets for the 1st XI at an average of 17.

George Politis (RHB/WK)

GPol is a classy top order batsman and a very tidy wicketkeeper who is an Ormskirk CC junior graduate. George has 4 1st XI tons, 1 of which was in this years semi-final against Norden and has recently spent a season in Sydney, Australia honing his skills as well as captaining Loughborough University 1stXI this season.

Harvey Rankin (RHB/Leg Spin)

Harvey is an aggressive middle order batsman, brilliant fielder and leg spinning allrounder. He has played Lancashire age group cricket from the age of 10 and won Lancs U16's player of the year. Harvey has also represented Leeds MCCU and performed with distinction before graduating and spending a season playing cricket in Gold Coast, Australia.

Ian Robinson (RHB/Right arm seam)

Robbo is an aggressive top order batsman and he has been a pillar of our club successes over the past decade. Vice President of the club and former club captain Robbo continues to contribute massively to the club both on and off the field and has made key contributions this summer. Robbo has amassed over 10000 runs and 183 wickets for the 1st XI.

Sam Marsh (RHB/Right Arm Fast)

Into his fourth summer at Brook Lane, Marshy is a genuine all rounder who bowls lightning fast with the new ball and bats in the middle order. He has the ability to rush any batsman and also to hit the ball out of the park. Marshy was our player of the year last season and has taken 168 wickets at an average of 18.

ORMSKIRK CC SQUAD



Calum Turner (LHB/Leg Spin)

Calum is into his second season at Brook Lane and fit in like a hand in a glove. Calum is a prolific opening batsman and scored over 1000 Premier League runs in 2021, has continued to score heavily and was a key figure in our league winning campaign last season. Calum has represented Lancashire throughout the junior age groups and was in the Lancashire Academy playing multiple seasons for Lancs 2nd XI.

Sam Holden (RHB/Right Arm Fast)

Sam joined Ormskirk from his hometown club of Prestwich in 2022 and I know, as Gary experienced in 2022, that today will be a special day in more ways than one. 'Texas' is an explosive top order batsman and when he hits the ball, it stays hit. He also bowls a heavy ball and can crank up some serious pace. Sam scored his first OCC ton against Norden in this year's semi-final.

Johnny Armstrong (LHB)

Johnny is a stylish left handed top order batsman who has been a pillar of our success over the last two decades. After collecting county cricket honours as a youngster and playing professional rugby, Johnny has scored over 17000 runs at an average of 35. He continues to be one of the outstanding batsman in the Liverpool Competition.

Toby Bulcock (LHB/SLA)

Bully is arguably one of the best bowlers in the country to have never played county cricket. He has played at a high level for many years and holds the wickets record in minor counties cricket playing for both Cumberland and Staffordshire. Bully is an excellent fielder and dangerous batsman who can win games with all three disciplines. He has taken over 100 wickets in just 2 seasons at Brook Lane.

Martyn Farrell (LHB/SLA)

Faz has been a major weapon in Ormskirk's bowling attack for 20 years and has collected over 600 wickets at an average of 17. He continues to be a massive part of the club, leading the 2nd XI to their league title last season and making important contributions in the 1st XI in both league and cup cricket, his bowling action is also a joy to watch.

Thomas Brown (RHB/Off Spin)

Browny is spending his first season in the UK. Born in Sheffield, he moved to Australia when he was 4 years old and has become an extremely talented all round cricketer. Tom bowls attacking off spin and is an aggressive middle order batsman. He plays his club cricket for grade cricket side Adelaide University as well as representing South Australia U19's and has recently been selected to attend an Australia U19's training squad. Browny has been an excellent addition to the group this summer and has contributed hugely to our success so far.

PRESTWICH CC CLUB HISTORY



Club Chair **Brian Lorenzini**

Club Scorer **Toby Orrell**

With 5 Men's teams and an excellent junior set up, Prestwich are founder members of the Greater Manchester Cricket League (GMCL).

They were established in 1840 and rank as one of the oldest in Manchester.

Records show that they were members of the Middleton League in 1893 and after several ground changes moved to The Heys in 1904 in the South Lancashire League prior to the formation of the Lancashire and Cheshire League in 1919.

They became members of the Lancashire County League in its entirety from 1994 to 2015 winning the league 5 times and the domestic cup 4 times when clubs decided to invite applications from clubs for more competitive cricket to the GMCL.

In the new League they won the Premier League in 2021 and 2022 and the Derek Kay Cup in 2021 and 2023.

PRESTWICH CC SQUAD



James Wharmby (Capt/WK)

Captain of Prestwich Cricket Club since 2022 and into his 15th year as player, James is a wicketkeeper bat who can play any type of innings in the middle order. Coming through the junior ranks before eventually making his 1XI debut in 2009, James has amassed over 9500 runs, passing 50+ on 54 occasions with a high score of 208. He's also taken over 275 catches behind the stumps.

Stuart Els

Stuey arrived at the club last year and has already scored over 1700 runs for the club. Opening bat, Stu is capable of taking down any attack on his day showcased by an average of 100.50 in this years' competition. Watch out in the field as well for his absolute rocket arm, regularly hitting the stumps with direct hits.

Tom Gibson

Another member of the team to have come through the junior ranks, Tom has scored over 4500 runs for the 1XI since his debut in 2008. Promoted to opening the batting this year, Tom has scored over 550 runs at an average just over 30. Widely regarded as the best fielder to ever play for the club, "Gibbo" has unbelievably taken over 235 outfield catches mainly at cover for the seamers and cow corner for the spinners.

Lewis Smith

Coming through the junior ranks and then all the way through the senior teams, Lewis boasts the record of one of only a handful of people to score 100s for the 1,2 & 3 XIs at the club. Lewis' breakthrough year came in 2023 and has since averaged 27 with the bat scoring over 1000 runs in that time. Another good pair of hands operating at Gully and Mid on.

Sam Kershaw

Sam joined the club this year from Rawtenstall having had former successes in the Liverpool Comp. He's made a massive contribution in our run to the final of this competition. Firstly, in the Quarter-Final where he scored an important 50 in the first innings before bowling the all important death overs and took the final wicket. Then, in the Semi-Final he scored a match winning 70 against Kendal to help us get through to the final. Sam is a middle order batter who is capable of winning a game with bat, ball & in the field.

Dan Pawson

Danny is a club legend and fan favourite. Since joining from Heywood in 2019 he has gone on to score over 3,700 runs with an astonishing average of 37 in that time with a high score of 142*. We've witnessed some incredible moments from Paws including 100 in the 2019 T20 Final as well as scoring over 1000 runs in 2021 & 2022. He's a stylish middle order left hander who will entertain the crowd with his array of shots.

PRESTWICH CC SQUAD



Nico Van Zyl (Professional)

Nico signed for us as pro this year, he plays his cricket in South Africa for Border. He's a tall right arm fast bowler and has already taken over 80 wickets in all competitions this year including 5 five fors with a best of 8/40. Nico has the second most wickets in the competition this year with a remarkable economy rate of 1.97 It's not just his bowling that has impressed. His batting in the middle order has also been more than handy, hitting over 300 runs with a 50 and a very impressive strike rate to his name.

Ryan Maddock

This is Ryan's third season at Prestwich having signed from Northern in 2022. In that time he has already amassed 155 wickets including an impressive 10 five fors. His ability to swing the ball as well as his movement off the pitch can trouble any batter. Ryan is also a very handy lower order batter averaging 20 this season and has a club high score of 54*.

Nathan Bailey

Another player to come through the junior setup, Nathan made his debut in 2015 and has taken nearly 400 wickets in that time including 11 five fors. A right arm off spinner who is capable of bowling at any point in the innings, Nathan's best season came in 2022 when he took 93 wickets in a league winning season. Nathan sits in 5th place in the competition for most wickets this year including 4-26 in the Semi-Final at Kendal.

Charlie Jackson

The "Starboy". Charlie broke into the 1XI in 2023 aged just 14 and already has nearly 50 wickets to his name. The right arm medium bowler is a Lancashire Under 15 representative who gets better week in week out. He has had a magnificent year taking 33 wickets in all comps at an average of just 15. Never one to shy away from the big stage, Charlie took on the responsibility of opening the bowling in the semi-final, going for only 5 runs in 6 overs despite bowling at Cumbria opening batters. The future is bright, the future is now!

Andy Bradley

The greatest bowler to ever play for Prestwich. "Bradders" has taken nearly 1500 wickets since making his debut in 1990 (yes, you read that right!). A tall right arm off spinner who initially bowled seam, he has taken a staggering 70 five wicket hauls. He is the only man to have scored over 2000 runs and taken 1000 wickets for the club. Watch out in the crowd when he's batting, he can clear any boundary on his day.

Alex Bradley

Alex joined in 2023 from St Anne's and is a very handy batter that is capable of batting anywhere in the order. Alex already has over 300 runs for the club with a high score of 51 and was part of the Derek Kay Cup winning team last year that allowed us to be in the LKO this year.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

LCA KNOCK-OUT CUP

YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	VENUE	SPONSOR
1972	Timperley	Westhoughton	Old Trafford	
1973	Blackpool	Denton St Lawrence	Old Trafford	
1974	Fleetwood	Leyland Motors	Old Trafford	
1975	Blackpool	Barnoldswick	Old Trafford	
1976	Denton West	Leyland	Old Trafford	
1977	Egerton	Lancaster	Old Trafford	
1978	Little Lever	Ormskirk	Old Trafford	
1979	Lancaster	Milnrow	Old Trafford	
1980	Blackpool	Horwich	Old Trafford	
1981	Lancaster	Chorley	Old Trafford	
1982	Lancaster	Vickers Sports	Old Trafford	
1983	St. Annes/Vickers Sports shared			
1984	Blackpool	Oldham	Old Trafford	
1985	Lancaster	Werneth	Old Trafford	
1986	Fleetwood	Farnworth SC	Old Trafford	
1987	Farnworth SC	Dalton	Old Trafford	
1988	Bootle	Lancaster	Old Trafford	
1989	Blackpool	Milnrow	Old Trafford	
1990	Blackpool	Milnrow	Old Trafford	
1991	Blackpool	Oldham	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1992	Chorley	Lancaster	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1993	Lancaster	Rochdale	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1994	Rochdale	Darwen	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1995	Kendal	Walkden	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1996	Blackpool	Widnes	Old Trafford	Skipton BS
1997	St. Annes	Bootle	Old Trafford	Thwaites
1998	Westhoughton	Bootle	Old Trafford	Thwaites

PREVIOUS WINNERS

LKO CUP

YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	VENUE	SPONSOR
1999	Ormskirk	Sefton Park	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2000	Netherfield	Ormskirk	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2001	Tonge	Ormskirk	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2002	Walkden	Kearsley	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2003	Walkden	Wallasey	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2004	Bootle	Westhoughton	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2005	Bootle	Greenmount	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2006	Bootle	Darwen	Old Trafford	Thwaites
2007	Bootle	Greenmount	Liverpool CC & Greenmount CC	
2008	Walkden	Farnworth SC	St. Annes CC	Barclays Wealth
2009	Bootle	Egerton	St. Annes CC	Barclays Wealth
2010	Farnworth	Denton St. Lawrence	St. Annes CC	Barclays Wealth
2011	Greenmount	Walkden	Old Trafford	
2012	Bamford Fieldhouse	Northern	Old Trafford	
2013	Northern	Bamford Fieldhouse	Old Trafford	
2014	Ormskirk	Norden	St. Annes CC	
2015	Bootle	Littleborough	Blackpool CC	LWC Drinks Ltd
2016	Denton West	Farnworth	Middleton CC	LWC Drinks Ltd
2017	Ormskirk (shared)	Lowerhouse (shared)	Emirates Old Trafford	Heineken
2018	Darwen	Clifton	Ormskirk CC	Heineken
2019	Norden	Darwen	Heywood CC	Heineken
2020	CV19	CV19		
2021	Ormskirk	Burnley	Emirates Old Trafford	
2022	Longridge	Ormskirk	Emirates Old Trafford	
2023	Northern	Longridge	Emirates Old Trafford	



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