



The 'Scottish' News



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NEW WEB SITE FORMAT

Week Ending 9th – 11th Nov 2007

A 'window of opportunity' !!!

We have an ideal opportunity to gather in some **decent funds** for our forthcoming holidays with the 'Hampden Can Collection'but as usual it seems to be the same old people who volunteer for all the unsavoury tasks. Whether it be bag packs or whether it be car boot sales....its the same old, same old. If you all want your holiday to be cheaper then we need some **commitment**. The Innes's have come up with the **TOTE** idea....and this is another fine idea of theirs....a beggar's market to get out there and do your bit. **The TOTE since it started has brought in £2295 in TEN WEEKS ...how fantastic is that....but we still have around 30 people NOT contributing to this tote....**

The New Year Raffle Books will be given out next week. The Club has decided to put **EVERY PENNY of this money** towards the holidays...so I will be giving everyone **£50** worth of books to sell between next week, all through Xmas, and during New Year. If you get them all away...then that will be a fantastic amount towards the holidays.

SO....BACK TO THE Hampden Shift.....(remember this is all going towards holidays....) It is not as if it is a full day shift, it is simply a matter of getting together for **three hours or less** before the kick off and standing there with our buckets. So can I please have a final call for commitment and volunteers. Even if you do a couple of those hours then dash home to see the match...that will be terrific. Please don't leave it to the same old people to volunteer. This is a window of opportunity to make these trips viable and affordable. **SO PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME TO THERESA THIS WEEKEND. We need as many volunteers as possible please. The following names have been volunteered already, sixteen families out of eighty, two who are not parents, so that is fourteen families.....but remember, WE NEED ADULTS TO BE STANDING WITH EACH CHILD....the children cannot be there on their own, they need supervision :**

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEERS	
Names	Numbers
Gilbert McLean	?
Calum Holland	?
Paul O'Hara	2
Matthew Innes	4
Cameron Stewart	?
Fraser Stewart	?
Craig Butler	3
Anthony Ralston	2
Kellie Renwick & Sean	2
Craig Butler	3
Quad Somerville	2
Christopher McConnell	1
Josh McFall	1
Paul & Anthony Croal	2
Bobby & Kathleen Anne Mc Donald	1

November Subscriptions were due last weekend.

Quite a few parents who normally pay monthly did not pay last week due to the fact that there were games on the go. Remember, we will **NOT** be taking any subscriptions off anyone in **DECEMBER, I think that is us being pretty fair**....so we would really appreciate it if those who pay monthly could do so this weekend at the absolute latest.

Again, anyone who does **NOT** pay monthly ...could they please re-consider and start paying monthly ...it would certainly help Theresa and Sharon...thank you all very much for your co-operation in this matter.

There is still one or two who **DO NOT attend on a Friday night** (as they are with senior clubs) still to get up to date with their subscriptions....can these be paid up to date as soon as possible please.

End of the Newsletter – end of an era !!

The '**Scottish News**' is coming to the end of its life. The **Xmas 2007 edition** of the famous 'News' loved and hated by millions will be the last in an era. Its will be replaced by the Club's new 'Web Site' designed and invented by my own fair hands....this will give you the same (**PLUS MORE**) information that the '**News**' currently gives you and will be accessible to everyone who has access to the internet.

It will have fixtures, venues, times ...just like the 'News' gives you !! So if you do not have a computer folksget your Xmas Shopping list done now ...and a computer should be the first item on the list.

I had proposed a November launch...but once again....due to my work requirements down South and in Ireland where I am really busy at the moment, I have decided on a January 1st launch.....well maybe not exactly the 1st.....ha! ha! ...but certainly that week.

Watch this space for full details.

SIX Tote winners this week

There are **EIGHT** winners on the tote this week each getting £6.25 each. Next week tote prize will again be **£50**.

Winners as follow

Struan Paton	(C Paton)
Declan Reilly	(David)
Cameron Stewart	(Len A x 2)
Jamie Neeson	(Graham Denholm)
Paul Chalmers	(Shrek & Paul Chalmers)
Scot Matthews	(Eilidh Matthews)

For the benefit of 'new players' can you discuss our weekly tote with Theresa....and she will take your money off you on a weekly basis. If anyone is unclear how it works or if there are any issues with the tote, **the person in charge is MICHAEL INNES**....please contact Michael (or Suzanne) if there are any problems.....

Michael's number is **07908749527 OR 0141-771-5660**.

Please ring him if you want to know results etc. As you will now be aware, if you are on E Mail, Michael will email you the 'winners' and new prize money at the beginning of every week.

PLEASE ! PLEASE ! CONTRIBUTEYOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE.

STILL some Holiday Deposits needing to be paid this weekend.....

The 'trips' numbers are listed below. If you are going and you are not on the list....please get your name on now **before I book**. And your non-returnable deposit must be paid by this weekend at the absolute latest. **As you will see I have CANCELLED the Blackpool trip due to lack of interest. The people who have paid deposits for this trip will get their money back.**

The following students have signed up for the below listed trips. If you are not on the list when you should be...tell Theresa, if you are on the list but should **NOT** be...again...tell Theresa. If you have booked on the trip but have not paid your deposit...then you will **NOT** be on the list. **Only those who have paid deposits** will be on the list. So you have **THIS WEEKEND** to make your decision and get your name down.

I need coaches names on the list too. (Not those with students in the Academy) as they will obviously be going, but any other coaches travelling.

CORK	BLACKPOOL	SOUTHPORT
Jonathan McAvoy	Cancelled	Kyle Macdonald
Ryan White		Calum Holland
Jack Lang		Quad Somerville
Lewis Lennox		Connor Reid
Scott Matthews		Michael Curran
Alex Keenan		If this trip does not 'fill' by this weekend it will be offered to another age group or cancelled, so you will need to get your deposits paid. I cannot believe this age group are going to give up this fantastic opportunity to 'stun' England with their ability.
Scott Black		
David McCarthy		
Gilbert McLean		
Anthony Croal		
Paul Croal		
Josh Macdonald		
Scott Ballantyne		
Samuel Bullough		
Struan Paton		
Thomas Blair		
Frazer Hood		
Paul O'Hara		

Continuation of New Training Arrangements

Date	OUTDOORS	INDOORS
Friday 9 th November 2007	1998 Navy, White, and Red and All GK's	1999, 1998 'yellow', and AFC 2000s

2001 Training is ON this Sunday morning at Hamilton Palace. Robert Sands will be in charge of the group.

2000 Age Group Misunderstanding

Some parents have misunderstood the changes that have been made in this age group. If I can quickly explain. I have taken over this age group during the month of November to work with Jim Ruddick as his mentor to show him how to shape a seven a side team. To assist me in this role I have enlisted some of the AFC development squad. This temporary arrangement will have another benefit in the fact that the players we have 'moved' into John's squad will get an opportunity to play alongside stronger players and who knows ...might surprise themselves. For the week 1st December 2007....the said players will go back into their original squads. **Unless....and there is a very big unless....**if any of the players who moved into John's squad did exceptionally well so that they justified a place in that squad....they could be asked to remain in that squad.....on the other hand ...if someone who moved to Jim's squad deteriorated ever so slightly...they could be asked to remain in that squad. Those 'decisions' would be John Renwick's decisions and his decisions alone...This is not a new thing...it is something we have been doing successfully for years. It keeps the students 'on their toes'.

Hamilton Palace – indoor facility

I have noticed that when the Academy are using the 'indoor facility' a lot of 'strangers' are playing of the surface whilst the teams are training. Now this is absolutely forbidden due to insurance and health & safety purposes. Can coaches please ensure that brothers, sisters, parents and Auntie Mary's are kept **BEHIND** the fence at all times. This is happening at **EVERY age group**, both Fridays and Sundays and also happens at the AFC training sessions. **It has to stop.....PLEASE !!!**

Equipment for New Players and Coaches

I THINK I AM CORRECT IN SAYING THAT MOST (EXCEPT ONE I BELIEVE) of the coaches have now managed to order and start paying for Tracksuits. This is absolutely fabulous....but we need to get everyone up to scratch as soon as possible. There are also quite a few **NEW PLAYERS** now – who have not ordered the kits. All new players must liase with Theresa, get a squad number as soon as possible, start paying their subs on a monthly basis from **NOW**, and order and pay for the Tracksuit and additional accessories. They must also of course organise their Scotland Home Strip and get their squad number put on at **DEE SPORTS** before they can play matches. This is particularly apparent of the new group **2000/2001's** which Robert Sands is organising. I cannot arrange games for this group until they are all fully kitted outso please see Theresa as soon as possible.

Last Weekend

The 1998's (Navy, and White) squads had really tough end to end matches at the weekend, winning two, drawing one and losing one. The Yellow squad won 13-nil'ish.....and the 2000 age group had another four wins. The 1999's had slightly more difficult games but again managed three wins and one draw. The 'red' 1998 squad again struggled at Nethercraigs losing both matches.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that these 'easy' games are benefitting no-one. The students think they are world beaters, the opposition are demoralised, the parents are bored....and no one is learning anything. To try and counteract this imbalance, John Renwick and I have decided to slightly go 'against the grain' and re-think club policy regarding students playing out their age group. There has been a proposition put on the table to debate the following changes after Xmas.

The **2000 'Navy' team** will join the 1999 'White' team and those will be the two 1999 teams after Xmas.

The **1999 'Navy' team** will join a single team 1998 league.

The **new 2000/2001 squad** will become the other 2000 team and them plus the 2000 'white' will be the two 2000 squads.

The **1998 'yellow' squad** will join a 1997 one team league.

Now these are **only thoughts** at the moment, all subject to the coaching staff agreeing, no major objections from parents, and of course us being able to **FIND** leagues that will 'adopt' us mid season !!! It would be a major change of policy ...but it would only be for half a season to see if it works. **Watch this space !!!**



Calum Whyte, currently playing for the 1999 'white' squad is progressing extremely well. He is a long standing member of the Academy (been with us almost three years now). Just completed a spell with Hearts but due to the fact that he was giving away almost a year in age, decided to concentrate on Scotland Boys Club. Comfortable in a variety of positions, Calum is most dangerous when acting as striker in a squad that is improving in every game. Calum hits a very accurate ball with both feet and really enjoys hitting the back of the net...what kid doesn't ??

The biggest asset he has is his enthusiasm for the game. He seems to really enjoy his football (and his training). He has a terrific personality, one of the most well mannered children in the Academy, and is one of those kids that always walks about with a smile on his face. Enjoyment is the name of the game,....and no-one seems to enjoy his football more than the wee man.... Keep up the good work kid !!

Calum in action against Carluke

Last Weekend

Club attire. I am continually noting that students are not wearing the Academy dress code when coming to games and training. Some have only their strip on (especially since it has been freezing), some without tracksuits (or wet-suits), some no shinguards. I have informed all coaches to ensure that the proper 'uniform' is worn and that subs in particular are securely 'well wrapped up' when sitting at the side of the park. I have also noted that some students using the 'indoor'...are wearing 'blades' ...**BLADES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE INDOORS**. You will be sent outside to train with another squad.

1998 'Yellow' Squad (below)

Scotland Boys Club - Under 10's Fixtures

YELLOW SQUAD

10.11.	11:30		Livingston FC BC Lions	v	Scotland Boys Club
17.11.	10:00		Scotland Boys Club	v	Livingston Hearts CFC
24.11.	10:00		Livingston Star BC	v	Scotland Boys Club
01.12.	10:00		Scotland Boys Club	v	Murieston Utd Blue
08.12.	10:00		Scotland Boys Club	v	Livingston Hearts CFC White

Paperwork to be returned

NB : For all parents of 1998 'yellow' players. Derek Mc Donald went to the trouble of sending you all out essential paperwork to sign and return to him. He even put **STAMP ADDRESSED ENVELOPES in the letters so that all you had to do was sign, put in the envelope, and post....and only two have returned them to him. (Sean Hughes & David Thomson)**

Come on guys...how simple can we make things....the League are pressurising us to get this paperwork to them urgently. If we do not get it back...we will get **NO FOOTBALL offered to us for the second half of the Season...so can you please either bring this stuff with you at the weekend game...or **POST IT...PLEASE !!!!****

More Paperwork to be returned

I really am at my wits end with this list. I have asked for this information to be supplied every week now for a couple of months to no avail. All these players (if playing) are playing under a breach of the rules of the league(s) we are playing in. It is now causing a serious insurance issue if they get injured during training or games. For the last and final time, can the parents below please address the situation or I will need to enforce the final action of not allowing these students to participate in games. I am going to give you all until **NEXT WEEK-END** at the absolute latest to get this information to us or we are going to get our licence withdrawn. Please, please co-operate and respond immediately. We cannot apply for the quality mark

Missing Information			
Names	New Forms	Photos	Birth Certificates
Aidan Gray	Yes	No	Yes
Daniel Scally	Yes	No	No
John Smith	No	No	Yes
Lewis Liddell	No	Yes	Yes
Connor Laird	Yes	No	Yes
Alexander Easdale	No	No	No
Kieran McGrory	Yes	No	No
Jamie Walker	No	No	No
Declan Reilly	Yes	No	No
Kerr Neilson	No	No	No
Fraser Stewart	Yes	No	Yes
Grant Ritchie	Yes	No	Yes
Philip Black	No	No	No



2000's - Navy and White

SATURDAY / SUNDAY	10 th November 2007	11 th November 2007
Squads	2000 'Navy' Squad AND 'White' Squads.	2000 'Navy' Squad AND 'White' Squads.
Venue	Priory Parks, Blantyre	Hamilton Palace
Meeting Time	10.15 am	10.00 am
Kick Off Time	10.45 am	10.30 am
Opposition	Saturday : Wolves Boys Club	Sunday : Scotland Boys Club 'White'
	Coach : Bobby Mc Donald (White) - Saturday Coach : Jim Ruddick (White) - Sunday	Coach : John Renwick (Senior) (Navy)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Connor Reid (GK) Jamie Neeson Padraig Dolan Nathan Mc Allister Fraser Stewart Declin Martin Michael Curran Jack Keary Alexander Easdale (Saturday only) Stephen Devlin 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kyle Mac Donald (GK) Calum Holland Anton Gray Kian Mallin Antony Maguire Conor Burt Cameron Stewart Matthew Innes Christopher Mc Connell Qaid Somerville



1999's - Navy and White

SATURDAY / SUNDAY	Sat 10 th November 2007	Sun 11 th November 2007	Sun 11 th November 2007
Squads	'Navy' AND 'White' Squads	'Navy' Squad	'White' Squad
Venue	Keir Hardie Sports Centre, Holytown	Hamilton Palace	Hamilton Palace
Meeting Time	11.30 am	1.30 pm	10.00 am
Kick Off Time	12.00 noon	2 pm till 4 pm (three games)	10.30 am
Opposition	Holytown Colts		
Coach : John Renwick (Junior)	Coach : Stephen Walker	John Renwick (Senior)	Coach : John Renwick (Junior)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Declan Reilly (GK) Frazer Hood Calum Whyte Jack Stewart Struan Paton Scott Ballantyne David Craig Paul Croal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Newman Anthony Croal Gilbert Mc Lean Connor Stewart Ross Henderson Josh Mc Fall Calum Glasgow Michael Anderson Craig Butler Paul Croal Fraser Stewart (am & pm) Alexander Easdale (pm) <p>Now some of the above players will be playing for Aberdeen on Sunday, so please bring your Scotland Boys Club kit AND your Aberdeen training kit.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Declan Reilly (GK) Ross Bourdon (GK) Frazer Hood Calum Whyte Jack Stewart Struan Paton Scott Ballantyne David Craig <p>If we are short of players in this squad, then we will 'top it up' with players from the 2000 team who are not on the park at the time.</p>



1998's - Navy and White

SATURDAY	10 th November 2007	
Squads	'White' and "Navy' Squads	
Venue	N/A	
Meeting Time	N/A	
Kick Off Time	N/A	
Opposition	N/A - Wolves cancelled	
Coach : Ian Blair (Navy)	Coach : Robert Gormley (White)	
1. Paul O Hara (GK) 2. Ewan Dickson (GK)	1. Scott Matthews (GK) 2. Ewan Dickson (GK)	
Usual Squads at the moment - no changes	Usual squads at the moment - no changes Aiden Mc Elhinney & Samuel Bullough & Ryan White to play for 'yellow' squad this weekend (see below).	



1998's - Yellow

SATURDAY	10 th November 2007
Squads	1998 'Yellow'
Venue	St Andrew's Primary, Howden, Livingston
Meeting Time	11.00 am
Kick Off Time	11.30 am
Opposition	Livingston 'Lions'
Coach : Derek Mc Donald / Gordon Burt	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Thomson 2. Calum Mc Donald 3. Daniel Scally (Not available this weekend - confirmation) 4. Liam Burt 5. Gary Keenan 6. Regan Glackin 7. Sean Hughes 8. Anthony Ralston 9. Aiden Mc Elhinney 10. Samuel Bullough 11. Ryan White 	



1998's - Red

SUNDAY	11 th November 2007
Squads	1998 'Red'
Venue	Nethercraigs
Meeting Time	10.30 am
Kick Off Time	11.00 am
Opposition	See above fixture list

Coach : Paul Macmillan

1. Ewan Dickson
2. Alex Keenan
3. Brian Duris
4. Lewis Liddell
5. Darroch Murdoch
6. Philip Black
8. Andrew Gallacher
9. Paul Mc Millan
10. David Mc Carthy



2001 - 'Navy'

SUNDAY	11 th November 2007
Squads	2001 'Navy'
Venue	Hamilton Palace (OUTDOORS)
Meeting Time	10.00 am
Kick Off Time	TRAINING ONLY UNTIL EVERYONE GETS KITTED OUT
Opposition	This team will start to get games once Robert Sands gets them organised into a squad and they are kitted out in full. That should take a couple of weeks.

Coach : Robert Sands (Robert – check if this list of names is correct or if anyone is missing)....

1. Vacancy (GK)
2. Cameron Waugh
3. Derrin Cross
4. James Ruddick
5. Kieran Dolan
6. Jamie Walker
7. Kieran Mc Grory
8. Grant Ritchie
9. Ross Inman
10. Vacancy

Snippets of Information

- **XMAS RAFFLE tickets** will be given out next week (did not manage to get them done for this week).....and donations for **PRIZES** are now welcome. (Seventy families – hopefully – 70 prizes !!!! ...PLEASE !!!!) I have only had **THREE** families out of 70 give me presents. Please donate ...even if it is a cheap box of chocolates. Prizes to Theresa.
- **Parents Coachingagain....** It has been brought to my attention that parents / guardians are starting to coach from the side of the park again. It is absolutely imperative that parents do **NOT** under any circumstances coach their children. You are breaking the Club & the League 'Code of Conduct' and this cannot be tolerated.
- **Update ! Update ! Update !Sean makes his mind up !!!**
- **Remember this storySean Hughes, 1998 'yellow' squad....**knows exactly where he's going in football...well he certainly knows where he is going most nights of a very busy week. Sean, over his last three years with the Academy has attracted the attention of Celtic, Rangers, Dundee United, Hibs, Hearts and Aberdeen....and to train with all of them is a feat in itself.
- But as pressure mounts, decisions have to be made, and I sure that there will be no shortage of offers next Summer when he is allowed to sign for one of these elite clubs. In fact he is currently playing occasionally as a trialist in the Under 11's pro-youth League for Dundee United.
- When challenged on who he would 'prefer' to play for....Sean keeps his cards very close to his chest. '*just enjoy training and playing football*' he chirps....as if he doesn't have a care in the world. The ball is in your court young man !!!!
- Well last week he made the big decision and chose the green of **Hibernian** in preference to the green of Celtic.
- Sean and his parents Paul and Lorraine just thought that youngsters today are better signing for a 'middle of the road club' instead of the giants of Ibrox and Parkhead, where a younger player will be able to shine more quickly in the first team that wait their turn at either Celtic or Rangers.
- Here's hoping that they have made the correct decision....I'm sure they have !!!



Sean (pictured above) three years ago, when he joined the Academy, now hoping to make a career with the Edinburgh giants.

Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football



Weekly

TOTE



Game 1	Crystal Palace	v	QPR
Game 2	Hull City	v	Preston North End
Game 3	Leicester City	v	Burnley
Game 4	Livingston	v	Stirling Albion
Game 5	Albion Rovers	v	Dumbarton
Game 6	Derby County	v	West Ham

WEEK ENDING : 10TH NOVEMBER 07

Current Prize : £50

50 pence per line

1 = HOME WIN 2 = AWAY WIN X = DRAW

Mark (1) or (2) or (X) below for each of the above gamesit's 50p per line

Sheet **MUST** be handed in with your money before 3.00 pm on Saturday Afternoon

Name	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Game 6

Students Name	
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Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football



Weekly

TOTE



Game 1	Crewe	v	Northampton
Game 2	Oldham	v	Port Vale
Game 3	Bristol Rovers	v	Millwall
Game 4	Accrington Stanley	v	Rotherham
Game 5	Chester	v	MK Dons
Game 6	Notts County	v	Macclesfield

WEEK ENDING : 17TH NOVEMBER 07

Current Prize : £???

50 pence per line

1 = HOME WIN	2 = AWAY WIN	X = DRAW
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