



# The 'Scottish' News



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## **Awards Night - a big success !!!**

**The Awards Night at Hampden Park in Glasgow**, was a wonderful success last Friday night. Presenting the Awards were Dunfermline Athletic player **Kevin Harper**, and Hamilton Accies starlet Andy Love. The top award of **Academy Champion** this year goes to 1998 Yellow star, **Liam Burt**, currently in Germany with Celtic FC and also training with Rangers FC. We are now coming to the end of a wonderful season, which had many highlights. Our 1998 Yellow side were undefeated, even though 75% of them are 1999's, our other 1998 Navy / White squads have improved beyond all recognition, one of our 2000's teams were so powerful we had to promote them to the 1999 league, and they have only lost one game, we have students training with **Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen, Hamilton Accies, Hearts, Hibs, St Mirren, Motherwell, Falkirk, and Dundee United**. Many are about to sign professional contracts on 1<sup>st</sup> June with several of these clubs. We are bringing in new players as we speak, some of who are high quality, bringing in top class coaching staff, and venturing into a new 9-a-side initiative.

We are now attempting to embark on a 2001 venture. **NEW COACHES ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED....DO YOU KNOW ANYONE....PLEASE ADVISE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL PUT THEM THROUGH THEIR COACHING BADGES TO LEVEL TWO.**

*Liam Burt (pictured above with Kevin Harper – Dunfermline)*

## **Vote of Thanks**

- Everyone who helped out at the Awards Night....you were fabulous.
- All the parents and families of the students for their support, and for waiting up until 2.00 am for those 'Newsletters'.
- Everyone who turned up with raffle prizes on the night. You turned 20 donations into 100 donations.
- The students themselves for their hard work throughout the year.
- My fabulous and loyal coaching staff.
- The wonderful Theresa O Hara – who I could not survive without.
- Sharon Holland who works tirelessly behind the scenes for this Academy arranging fixtures.

- Scott Holland for his tremendous work with a camera. Also, for his donation of the ink and paper FOC. This costs hundreds of pounds !!!!!
- Everyone who constantly put their hand in their pockets for lotteries, fund raising etc.
- Michael & Suzanne Innes for arranging the TOTE.
- All those for emailing, texting, and ringing me with support, and for keeping me sane when times were 'rough.'
- Those wonderful seven and eight year olds that I bully every Sunday morning... for making me laugh.
- My wife Rose Marie, who puts up with my moans and groans every time something goes wrong...which can be quite often !! .....and finally...my wonderful daughters who drive me mad with Irish Dancing.
- If I have missed anyone out, I thank them too, it is certainly not intentional.

## Ralston Signs for Celtic Football Club

Anthony Ralston, midfield dynamo with the 1998 Yellow squad, signed a one year pro-youth contract with **Celtic Football Club** at Parkhead last Tuesday night. Pictured left with Celtic Football Club Youth Co-ordinator, Martin Miller, Anthony seemed bemused by it all. Just another day in the life of a potential 'star'. Quite frankly, I think Anthony would have just have preferred a kickabout in a local park rather than the awe of publicity !!! On a sadder note, we send our condolences to the family of a good friend of mine, Mr Tommy Burns. Here is an ironic little story, many, many years ago I asked Tommy and Danny Mc Grain to present the trophies to our kids at a famous dancehall in Sauchiehall Street in Glasgow called Tiffany's (anyone remember it?)....Part way through the evening, Tommy announced that there was quite a bit of talent in the hall and I said 'yes, some of these kids are great players'. He corrected me by saying it was the women he was referring to....particularly 'her up there in the black dress'. After a series of introductions, guess what? He ended up marrying her and having quite a four kids together.....and Rosemary was with him right to the end !! Memories indeed. An incredible man.

### Cork 2008

**The 1998/1999 squads (some of them) are off to Sunny Cork in Southern Ireland in a few hours time.**

**We wish them well !!!! I will see you guys sometime tonight !!!**



**Keep in touch with their progress over the weekend by logging onto the official website : [www.corkcup.com](http://www.corkcup.com)**

# 2000 'select' win Airdrie Cup

**Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football** – joined forces with JBM, Bathgate Vale, and Ponteland BC (Newcastle) for a 'four team' round robin competition at Airdrie Academy recently. The 2000 'combination' squad made up mainly of Aberdeen FC '2000' Development squad players, did very well and won their three games. The squad (pictured left) top row are Fraser, Jordan, Conor, Alexander, Christopher, and bottom row Robert, Calum, Matthew, Max, and Anton smile intensively as they are awarded the 'Fair Play' trophy. Well done to all who participated. The squad was made up by a combination of all our 2000 players.

## GAMES AND ACTIVITY THIS WEEKEND

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	MEET	KO
Fri	23 May	Scotland 'Colts'  ALL COLTS MUST TURN UP plus Jamie Walker and Derrin Cross.	v	Various	Crawfordyke Primary Eastfield Road, Carluke. ML8 4NZ.	6.15 pm	6.30 pm
Fri	23 May	Aberdeen FC 1998	v	NO GAME	NO TRAINING	N/A	N/A
Sat	24 May	1998 Navy & White	v	NO GAME (Squad in Cork)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sat	24 May	1999 White + COULD  Morgan Smith Ross Henderson  PLEASE MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR John's team this weekend.  (1999 Navy are NOT playing this weekend)	v	Syngenta 1999's	Jock Stein	10.15 am	10.45 am
Sat	24 May	2000 Navy & White  Could Grant Mackie Robert Lang meet at Hamilton Palace at 8.45 am sharp and Ian will meet you there.  D.G.McDonald not available for this game.  I am in Cork.	v	Holytown Colts  IAIN HOUSTON WILL BE TAKING MY SQUAD AS I AM IN CORK.  Jordan Houston will join 2000 Navy squad this weekend.	Keir Hardie Sports Centre, Holytown  (Grass)	9.30 am	10.00 am
Sat	24 May	1998 Yellow		Game cancelled – Majority of the squad are in Germany with Celtic FC.	GAME IS OFF	N/A	N/A
Sun	25 May	Aberdeen 2000	v	Training Cancelled	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mon	26 May	Aberdeen 1999	v	Training Only (NOT Mandatory) – Bank holiday	Palace Indoors	6.50 pm	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

## Training this weekend :

FRIDAY NIGHT	Jock Stein (Hillhouse, Hamilton)		
	Pitch One	Pitch Two	Pitch Three
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
FRIDAY NIGHT	Jock Stein (Hillhouse, Hamilton)		
	Pitch One	Pitch Two	Pitch Three
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
FRIDAY NIGHT	Hamilton Palace (INDOORS and OUTDOORS) Rotation System		
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	EVERYONE WILL BE INDOORS THIS WEEK		
	<p>1999 White - J.Renwick (senior)      The Goalkeeper training IS OFF THIS WEEK          1999 Navy - I.Houston          1998 Yellow - I.Houston</p>		
SUNDAY MORNING	Hamilton Palace (INDOORS)		
	Top Half	Bottom Half	
10.00 am – 11.00 am	ABERDEEN TRAINING OFF	ABERDEEN TRAINING OFF	
SUNDAY MORNING	Top Half	Bottom Half	
11.00 am – 12.00 noon	INDOORS CANCELLED	INDOORS CANCELLED	
SUNDAY MORNING	Hamilton Palace (OUTDOORS)		
	Pitch One	Pitch Two	Pitch Three
10.00 am – 12.00 NOON	<p>SBC - 2000 'White'</p> <p>Robert Sands</p> <p>D.G. McDonald not available for Training. I am in Cork.</p>	<p>SBC – 'Development Squad' ('Colts') &amp; 2001's</p> <p>Robert Sands</p> <p>D.G. McDonald not available for Training. I am in Cork.</p>	<p>1999 White v Grangemouth Boys Club 1999's</p> <p>Be there for 10.00 am</p> <p>Could Ross Henderson be available for this game.</p> <hr/> <p>2000 Navy Training OFF –</p> <p>John Mallin &amp; Bobby Mc Donald AWOL</p>

**MY MOBILE WILL BE ON ALL WEEKEND, DAY AND NIGHT, PLEASE RING ME IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS....PLEASE !!!**

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## Player of the Year etc etc ....and Penalty Kicks

I am still waiting on 'lists' of winners from **PARENTS** and there are a bundle of **PLAY OFF's** to get organised. If someone could organise that as soon as possible....I can 'dish' the trophies out.

## STUDENTS PENALTY KICK DONATIONS SHEETS

**THESE ARE NOW DUE IN. SOME STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY RETURNED THEIR SHEETS WITH THEIR MONEY.**

**YOU HAVE HAD A FEW WEEKS NOW TO COLLECT YOUR DONATIONS....PLEASE GIVE YOUR DONATIONS AND YOUR SHEETS (for auditing purposes) TO THERESA.**

**We rely on this money.....and last year we made around £600 ....so let us better that total this year.**

## Summer Shutdown

It has been requested that we **DO NOT close the Academy** down for the Summer.

Last year we closed down and it was shambolic trying to get everyone back in....so this Summer....if you are going on holiday **PLEASE drop me an email** or indeed let Theresa know.

I would prefer this information on an email if possible ....then I have a permanent record. I am hoping to get some friendlies organised throughout the Summer months.

<b>Some Useful Numbers</b>	
<b>Theresa O Hara</b>	<b>07811990921</b>
<b>Michael Innes</b>	<b>07908749527</b>
<b>Sharon Holland</b>	<b>07887890488</b>
<b>Iain Houston</b>	<b>07879870828</b>
<b>John Renwick (Junior)</b>	<b>07716233063</b>
<b>Stevie Walker</b>	<b>07955856180</b>
<b>Robert Sands</b>	<b>07533886359</b>
<b>Bobby Mc Donald</b>	<b>07922121722</b>
<b>John Renwick (Sen)</b>	<b>07510723103</b>
<b>Robert Gormley</b>	<b>07956840045</b>
<b>Ian Blair</b>	<b>07843525055</b>
<b>Paul Macmillan</b>	<b>07939153681</b>

## Scotland Boys Club - 1998 'Yellow Group'

### West Lothian Soccer Sevens

1998's Bruce						
Calendar	Results/Table	Match Schedule	Cross Table	Charts	League Statistics	Info
T1	<a href="#">1</a>	01.03. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 8 Livingston Star			_ : _
T2	<a href="#">2</a>	08.03. 10:00	Team 2 Bathgate Rovers BC - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
T3	<a href="#">3</a>	15.03. 10:00	Team 7 Livingston Hearts CFC - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
T4	<a href="#">4</a>	22.03. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 5 Broxburn Ath Colts			_ : _
T5	<a href="#">5</a>	29.03. 10:00	Team 1 BFC Linlithgow Loco's - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
T6	<a href="#">6</a>	05.04. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 3 Bathgate Rose			_ : _
T7	<a href="#">7</a>	12.04. 10:00	Team 6 Livingston Hearts White - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
T8	<a href="#">8</a>	19.04. 10:00	Team 8 Livingston Star - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
	<a href="#">9</a>	26.04. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 2 Bathgate Rovers BC			_ : _
	<a href="#">10</a>	03.05. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 7 Livingston Hearts CFC			_ : _
	<a href="#">11</a>	10.05. 10:00	Team 5 Broxburn Ath Colts - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
	<a href="#">12</a>	17.05. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 1 BFC Linlithgow Loco's			_ : _
	<a href="#">13</a>	24.05. 10:00	Team 3 Bathgate Rose - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
	<a href="#">14</a>	31.05. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 6 Livingston Hearts White			_ : _
	<a href="#">15</a>	07.06. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 8 Livingston Star			_ : _
	<a href="#">16</a>	14.06. 10:00	Team 2 Bathgate Rovers BC - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _
	<a href="#">17</a>	21.06. 10:00	Team 4 Scotland BC - Team 5 Broxburn Ath Colts			_ : _
	<a href="#">18</a>	28.06. 10:00	Team 1 BFC Linlithgow Loco's - Team 4 Scotland BC			_ : _

### Training for 2000 White New Grading / Groups

Over the next few weeks **John Renwick and I** will be deciding which players will be going into which groups. I have already consulted with all the coaches and got their views and am currently in discussions with quite a few parents.....and I need to get their thoughts clarified before we move ahead. We are re-vamping the complete structure of the Academy in light of recent changes to the League organisation (9-a-side – and **NO** eleven a side for another year). These are not decisions we take lightly, we put a lot of thought and time into these decisions.....and try to ensure it is in the best interest of the student ...**NOT** the parent. Unfortunately a lot of these decisions do not go down to well with parents ...but as always...they are **NOT NEGOTIABLE**.

**Final decisions should be in place by the beginning of June and all will be notified in the usual ways.**