

SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
THE JACK BRITTON ROSEBOWL 2017



**Scottish Amateur FA
Vs
Northern AFL**



Saturday 13th May 2017
3pm Kick Off
Lesser Hampden, Glasgow





SCOTTISH AMATEUR FA SELECT



SAFA Select

The Graham Harkness Trophy 2017
FAI Headquarters, Abbotstown



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are again delighted to play our annual representative fixture against our friends and rivals in the Northern Amateur Football League for the Jack Britton Rosebowl.

The Rosebowl fixture is always eagerly anticipated by our Association and is one of the main highlights in our football calendar.

Since the first match in 1979, many lasting friendships have been established and we look forward to meeting those friends and to making new friendships during what is always an extremely enjoyable weekend.



My thanks in particular to our International Committee chaired by David Ramage and Bruce McNaught, our Team Manager, for their efforts over the season. We are grateful also to David Martin of the Northern Amateur Football League and Thomas McKeown of the Scottish Amateur Football Association whose hard work in arranging today's fixture will ensure another successful weekend.

I hope that everyone involved from both sides thoroughly enjoy their participation in today's match.

My best wishes to both teams in what I am sure will be a strongly contested match but hopefully played in the proper spirit of the game.



CHARLES R GALLACHER



David Ramage (Chairman)
George Dingwall
Ian Sommerville
Thomas McKeown
John Rodgers

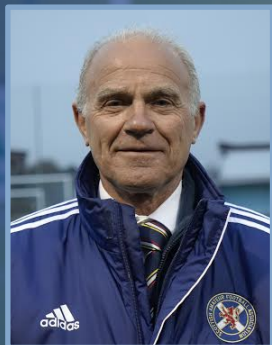


THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE





A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Northern AFL for this meeting to contest the Jack Britton Rosebowl.

It was disappointing to lose the Leinster Senior League last month in the Graham Harkness Trophy in the start to our annual representative matches this season so manager Bruce McNaught and his back up team, and the players, will be keen to make amends.

This will be no mean task however as the Northern AFL have held the upper hand in the last 3 seasons, the last win for the Scottish Amateur FA being in 2012/13.

It has been an eventful 12 months for the Scottish Amateur FA since the sides last met. Shortly after the last meeting, the Scottish side travelled to Lithuania for the Preliminary Round of the 10th Euro Regions Cup and qualified for the second occasion in a row for the Intermediate Round.

Great performances saw the Scots draw with the host side, then defeat Estonia with a record 9-0 scoreline and topped the group with a 1-0 victory over Sweden. In the Intermediate Round in October in Malta, we started with a fine 5 – 1 over the host side, were unlucky to lost to the Ukraine before succumbing to a very good French side.

Hopefully when the next Tournament comes along we can continue to show improvement. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the International Committee for their invaluable contribution and support to me as Chairman of the Committee.

I would also like to thank Thomas McKeown, the National Secretary, Stephen McLaughlin, the Technical Adviser and Mary Jardine, the Administrative Assistant at the office for all the hard work that goes into organising this weekend and throughout the year.



DAVID RAMAGE





TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee - Mark Crawford

Assistant Referee - Guniu Ibdunni

Assistant Referee - Robert Redmond

4th Official - Neil Brand



A WORD FROM THE NAFL VICE CHAIRMAN



It's a real honour to lead the delegation from the Northern Amateur Football League in the annual representative fixture with the Scottish Amateur FA.

Our manager, Alan Fraser, takes up the NAFL reins for the first time but brings a wealth of experience with him.



Bruce McNaught also shares a wealth of experience but particularly with the SAFA National Team in this fixture.

Both men will be keen to secure the Jack Britton Rosebowl. I wish each of them all the best and I hope they receive ample rewards for the hard work which they have put into the preparation. This is the climax of the season for the NAFL. I would like to thank our sponsors LEGEA for their support which helps makes the game possible. Remembering that it is an honour to play in and coach the side, it is also a privilege for Committee Members and Life Members to join the travelling party.

Inevitably, it is those Members down the years who have helped this game endure. This will be the 39th occasion of a fixture which has grown into a strong bond of friendship between two sets of people separated only by a small stretch of sea and joined together by a love of the beautiful game. I hope this is a special day for the players and coaching staff and that they will provide a great game for the spectators.



CONRAD KIRKWOOD





PAST WINNERS OF THE JACK BRITTON ROSEBOWL



1978-79

Northern AFL

1979-80

Northern AFL / Scottish Amateur FA

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2011-12

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2012-13

Scottish Amateur FA

2013-14

Northern AFL

2014-15

Northern AFL

2015-16

Northern AFL



PAST WINNERS OF THE JACK BRITTON ROSEBOWL





SAFA SELECT PLAYERS



Stuart Wilson: Goalkeeper (Gartcosh United AFC) Aged 26

An assured keeper, exceptionally comfortable on the ball and happy to operate as a sweeper behind his defence. Great reflexes and shot stopper. A member of the 2016 UEFA Regions squad in both Lithuania and Malta. Started the recent international versus Leinster in Dublin.

David Tait: Goalkeeper (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 29

Uses his height to great effect and is a commanding presence in the penalty area. Another exceptional shot stopper and great with the ball at his feet. A member of the UEFA Regions squad for Lithuania. Missed Malta through injury. Now back to full fitness and his best form. Played final quarter of game versus Leinster Senior League.

Steven Greenlees: Defender (Colville Park) Aged 26

Calm and composed on the ball. Strong aerial presence both in defence and attack. Reads the game well and tackles strongly. Experienced amateur internationalist who returned to the squad and played in last month's international in Dublin.

Andrew McGown: Defender (Bannockburn AFC) (Captain) Aged 26

Comfortable in the heart of the defence or at full back. Strong tackling and composed under pressure. Another who can spray passes from deep positions. Commanding in the air and threat at set pieces. Inspirational captain who led the UEFA Regions squad in Lithuania and Malta. Great ambassador for his country.

Grant Drummond: Defender (Larkhall Thistle AFC) Aged 22

Tall, elegant defender with gigantic presence in the heart of the defence. Has broken into the Select side this year. Powerful aerial presence and loves to build from the back. Very composed on the ball. A real threat a set pieces. Made his debut as a second half substitute in recent international in Dublin.

Chris Malone: Defender (Southside AFC) Aged 27

Impressive displays for his club have seen Chris break into the Select squad this year. Magical left foot, great tackler and strong in the air. Has caught the eye with assured displays. Strong in defence, but loves to burst forward in support of the attack. Made his international debut in match versus Leinster Senior League

Harry Bruce: Defender (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 31

Has established himself as an invaluable member of the SAFA Select and enjoyed outstanding UEFA Regions tournaments in both Lithuania and Malta. Versatile player who is comfortable in any defensive role and equally assured at wing back. Calm and composed on the ball and quick in the tackle.

Kenny McLellan: Midfield (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 33

Centre Midfield. Unflappable and is totally composed and assured under pressure. Strong in the tackle and can spray passes from deep positions. Anchors the midfield area and links play effectively. Calmness personified. Enjoyed great tournaments in UEFA Regions in both Lithuania and Malta.



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Allan McCrum: Midfielder (Larkhall Thistle AFC) Aged 29

Strong-tackling, combative midfield presence who loves to support the attack with bursting runs from deep. In his first season with the Select and has already impressed with his dynamism and endless running. A real box-to-box presence. Made his international debut in Dublin against Leinster Senior League and impressed greatly with a Man-of-the-Match performance.

Darren Miller: Midfielder (Colville Park AFC) Aged 26

Another in his first season with the SFA Select, but who has extensive experience at senior level. Incredible energy and a commanding presence in centre midfield. Strong in the tackle and equally enjoys aerial tussles. Capable of incisive passing and poses major scoring threat with his surging runs into the box. Made his international debut in Dublin.

Chris Craig: Midfielder (Colville Park AFC) Aged 28

New to the international scene this season, but a player with massive experience. A real creative influence, with incredibly quick feet. Is able to transform defence into attack with astute awareness of space, and his ability to thread ball through even the narrowest of openings. Another who made his international debut versus the Leinster Senior League.

Jamie Bradley (Colville Park AFC) Aged 34

An experienced internationalist, who has been in top form this season. Dynamic midfield powerhouse whose strong running, expert close control and vision are second to none. A veteran of past UEFA Regions campaigns, provides the ideal link between defence and attack. Endless energy and complete commitment.

Kieran Brannan: Midfielder (Larkhall Thistle AFC) Aged 25

Powerhouse player who, like his club mates, has burst into the international scene this year. Comfortable in a deep role or as an attacking midfielder. Capable of playing up front and is a fine link between these crucial areas of the pitch. Composed and comfortable on the ball. Strong in the air. Another of the international debutants in game versus Leinster Senior League.

Shaun Martin: Midfielder (Craigshill Thistle AFC) Aged 29

Diminutive powerhouse, who loves to attack from wide areas. Has broken into the SAFA Select side this year with series of impressive displays for club and regional select sides. Demonstrates trickery in wide areas and has been a real goal threat with his late surges into the box. Posed Scotland's main attacking threat in match versus Leinster Senior League in Dublin.

Kris Lafferty: Forward (Possil YM AFC) Aged 24

A dynamic wide player who poses defences real problems with his strength, determination and ability to hit the byeline. In his first season with the SAFA Select, has made an instant impression with his direct running and bravery. Quick feet and poses a real goal threat from wide area. As a second half substitute, contributed strongly in closing stages of recent international in Dublin on his debut.



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Scott Millar: Forward (Tollcross Thistle AFC) Aged 26

Tall, strong-running wide player comfortable playing on either flank. Long, loping stride pattern and deceptively quick. Excellent close control makes him a challenge for any defence. Has an eye for goal and has impressed both for club and when representing Lothian & Edinburgh AFA in this season's Inter League tournament.

Daniel Finnigan: Forward (St Patrick's AFC) Aged 23

A powerhouse of a forward. His bustling strength makes him a real handful for any defence. Loves nothing better than to work the flanks and harry defenders. Endless energy and brave. In the box, he is a constant goal threat and menace to defenders with his determination and bravery. Impressive work rate and powerful running on his debut in recent international match in Dublin.

Gary Currie: Midfielder (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 24

Scotland's most capped player and veteran of numerous UEFA Regions campaign, including Lithuania and Malta in 2016. Highly skilful and pacy. Comfortable in centre or in wide position. Excellent scoring record with late runs into box. An elegant and composed player.

Niall McClure: Midfield (Doone Castle AFC) Aged 27

Another experienced internationalist. Veteran of several UEFA Regions campaigns, including Lithuania and Malta. Midfield powerhouse and real box-to-box player. Links defence and attack effectively with surging runs and astute passing. Strong in the air and offers a real threat at set pieces. Returned to full fitness after long-term injury and impressed as a second half substitute in Dublin.

Sean Heaver: Forward (Doone Castle AFC) Aged 24

Now an experienced internationalist and a key member of the UEFA Regions Cup squads in both Lithuania and Malta. Blistering pace and poses a major goal threat with his powerful shooting. Just returned to full fitness after niggling injuries that interrupted the middle part of the season. Produced a Man-of-the-Match display in Belfast in corresponding fixture last year.

Nicky Moore: Forward (Larkhall Thistle AFC) Aged 27

A relatively recent addition to the SAFA Select squad and a key member of the UEFA Regions Cup squad in Malta. Leads the line well and a constant goal threat. Highly effective target man who brings other into play with intelligent holding and link roles. Skilful on the ball and a penalty box predator.

Sami Mitchell: Forward (Bowhill Rovers AFC) Aged 23

A dynamic and pacy forward who has impressed with his club side's progress in national competitions this season. Endless energy and a confident finisher. Poses a threat to any defence with his movement in and around the penalty area.



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Goalkeepers

Stuart Wilson

David Tait

Defenders

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Andrew McGown

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Chris Malone

Harry Bruce

Midfielders

Kenny McLellan

Allan McCrum

Darren Miller

Chris Craig

Jamie Bradley

Kieran Brannan

Shaun Martin

Forwards

Kris Lafferty

Scott Millar

Daniel Finnigan

Gary Currie

Niall McClure

Sean Heaver

Nicky Moore

Sami Mitchell



Bruce McNaught,
Colin MacLeod and Joe Walker

The Management

Bruce McNaught (Manager)

Colin MacLeod (Assistant Manager)

Jock Brown (Coach)

Joe Walker (Kitman)

Ronan Murray (Physio)

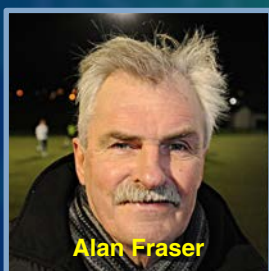


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Alan Fraser

The Management

Alan Fraser (Manager)
Ricky Beggs (Assistant Manager)
John McConnell (Coach)
Alistair Gray (Kitman)
Brian Strain (Physio)

Goalkeepers

Shane Harrison
Conan Russell

Defenders

Mark Roy
Jamie Patterson
Darryl Evans
Joe McNeill
Johnny Roy

Midfielders

Paul Berne
James McGivern
Lewis Harrison
Elliott McKim
Kevin Trainor

Forwards

Curtis Black
Marty Verner
Danny McKee
Rhys Clelland

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Shane Harrison : Keeper
(Rathfriland Rangers) Aged 24
Former Newcastle FC.



Conan Russell : Goalkeeper
(Shankhill United) Aged 22
NI U18 and Former Downpatrick FC Player.



Marc Roy: Left Back
(Ards Rangers) Aged 34
Former Welders Player.



Jamie Patterson : Centre Back
(Ards Rangers) Aged 27
Former Ards Rangers Defender.



Daryll Evans : Centre Back
(Rathfriland Rangers) Aged 22
Former Lisburn Rangers



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Joe McNeill : Defender
(Crumlin Star) Aged 28
Former Coleraine Player.



Johnny Roy : Right Back
(Rathfriland Rangers) Aged 29
Former Ards Rangers Player.



Paul Berne : Midfielder
(Crumlin Star) Aged 34
Former Newington YC Player.



James McGivern: Centre Midfielder / Striker
(Drumaness Mills) Aged 19
Drumaness Mills at all age levels.



Lewis Harrison : Centre Midfielder
(Albert Foundry) Aged 17
Former Shankill Youth, Crusaders and Glentoran Youth Player.



Elliott McKim : Midfielder
(Malachians)
Former Crusaders and Glentoran Youth Player.



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Kevin Trainor : Midfielder
(Crumlin Star) Aged 28
Former Newington YC



Curtis Black : Striker
(Shankill United) Aged 23
Former Clubs Welders and Knockbreda.



Marty Verner : Forward
(Derriaghy CC) Aged 35
Former Welders and Bangor Player.



Danny McKee : Centre Forward
(Abbey Villa FC) Aged 22
Former Glentoran, Ards FC, H&W Welders Player.



Rhys Clelland: Forward
(UUJ FC) Aged 21



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NAFL SELECT MANAGER



Name: Alan Fraser
Born: 25 October 1952, Lurgan
Height: 5.10 ft
Weight: 11.02 st
Position: Right-Back



Representative Honours: Northern Ireland: 1 Amateur Cap (1970), Youth, 4 Schoolboy Caps (1968); Irish League: 1 Cap (1974).

Club Honours: (with *Linfield*) Irish League Champion 1974/75, 1977/78, 1978/79; Irish Cup Winner 1977/78, 1979/80, Runner-Up 1972/73, 1974/75, 1975/76; Gold Cup Winner 1979/80; Ulster Cup Winner 1974/75, 1977/78, 1978/79, 1979/80; City Cup Winner 1973/74; Co. Antrim Shield Winner 1972/73; (with *Carrick*) Irish Cup Runner-Up 1983/84.

Biography:

An over-lapping full-back, Alan Fraser was selected for Northern Ireland Amateurs as a seventeen year-old in 1970. A product of Hillsborough Scouts, he had previously won youth and schoolboy caps. He turned professional with Linfield in December 1970 and, despite some interest from cross-channel clubs, he remained as *the Blues* regular right-back for a decade during which time he won a host of honours and played well over 300 matches. He then joined Glenavon and in 1983 moved to Carrick Rangers.

Fraser became a much respected manager, initially starting out as player-coach with Carrick before coaching Ballymena, acting as reserve team manager at Glenavon and firstteam coach at Linfield. He was appointed Glenavon manager in October 1991, leading them to that season's Irish Cup. There then followed spells in charge of Ballymena (1995-1999), Loughgall (1999) and Bangor (1999-2000). He returned to the Glenavon coaching staff until sacked along with Stephen McBride in January 2009. The pair later re-emerged as a management duo at Rathfriland Rangers from December 2012 to May 2013.

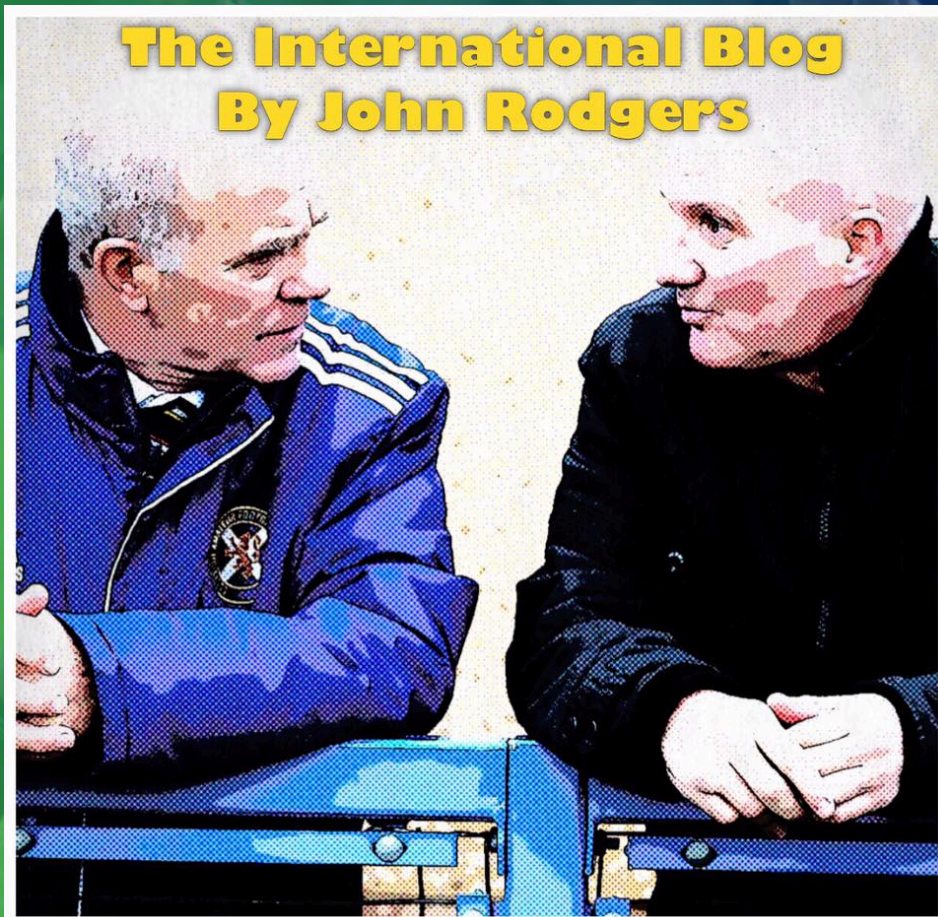


ALAN FRASER



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The International Blog By John Rodgers



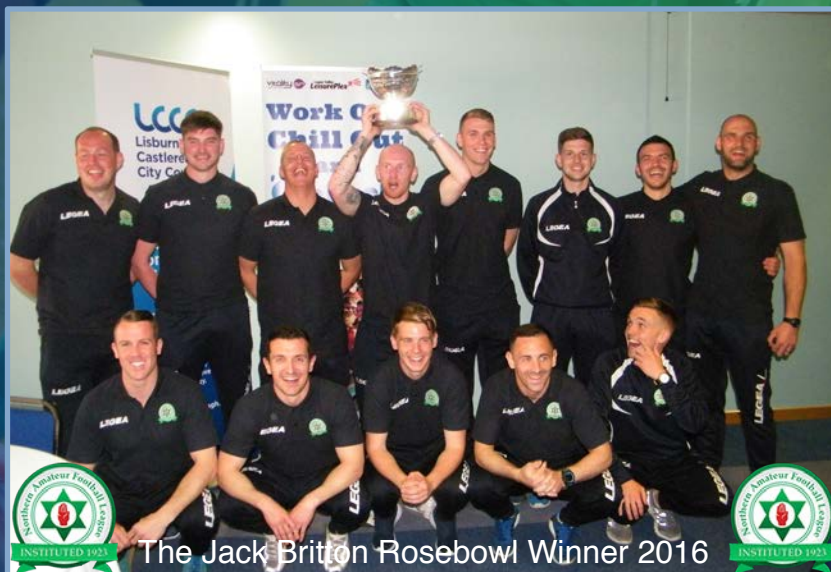
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Terry Pateman (Northern AFL) presenting the "Bob Lamberton" Man of the Match to Sean Heaver (Scottish Amateur FA) in 2016.

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