

SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTER LEAGUE TROPHY 2018



LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA VS ABERDEENSHIRE AFA



Sunday 22nd April 2018
The Falkirk Stadium, Falkirk

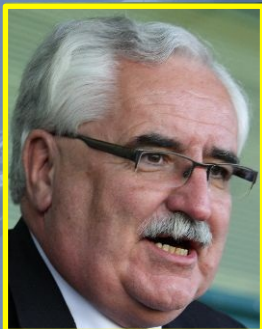


LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA



THE INTER LEAGUE TROPHY FINAL 2018

A WORD FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Scottish Amateur Football Association, I would like to welcome everyone to this, our third Inter-League Trophy Final.

It is with a great deal of pleasure, tinged with sadness that I write these notes, due to the passing of our Late President Charles Rex Gallacher, but I am pleased to say that this particular competition and trophy will in future be dedicated to the memory of our late President.

The Inter-League Trophy was the 'brain child' of Rex, and he was very passionate with regard to District Leagues/Associations taking part in an Inter League competition to foster friendship and amateur football the length and breadth of the country, and it is to Rex's eternal credit that the competition has grown and been successful over the last three seasons, attracting more teams with leagues as far afield as Shetland entering and I for one, hope it continues to grow in popularity as a lasting testament to Rex Gallacher's memory.

We will of course have a new name on the cup this season to follow the Inaugural winners Ayrshire AFA, and last season's champions Central Scottish AFL, and therefore I know that Aberdeenshire AFA, with Lothian and Edinburgh AFA will put on a great spectacle of football in the final so keen are they both to go one better on their previous attempts when both reached finals against the aforementioned winners.

May I wish both sides the very best of luck, and I expect we will have another competitive final to remember, and I look forward to presenting the trophy to the eventual winners, may the best team on the day win.

Finally I would take this opportunity to thank all who have taken part in the competition in any way, shape or form, and in particular Iain Cowden, who has, as always, carried out his role as Match Secretary with great aplomb, and dedication, and has yet again brought the competition to a successful conclusion.

STUART UROUHART

A WORD FROM THE MATCH SECRETARY



Welcome to the Falkirk Stadium

for the Third Final of the Inter League Trophy

The late President Charles Rex Gallagher re introduced the competition after 15 years of an absence as he was very keen to have an Inter league competition. I therefor dedicate this Final to the Memory of Rex.

This year we had two additional Associations join the competition Shetlands AFA and Stirling & District AFA

It has been a very close competition with Lothian and Edinburgh AFA and Aberdeenshire AFA winning through very evenly and keenly contested matches.

Today's finalists Associations will have played in two of the three finals although both were beaten in previous finals Aberdeenshire AFA by Ayrshire AFA in the first final and Lothian and Edinburgh AFA by Central Scottish AFL in the second final.

To be in two out of the three finals both Associations must be congratulated on a remarkable achievement. One of today's finalists will add their name to the Trophy alas the other will be the runners up for a second time.

Today's Officials are Referee James Gallagher (CSAFL) Assistants James Cowie (CALE) and Howard Wilkin (CALE) the 4th Official Peter Kerr (CALE) I have no doubt they will have a good game and I am only sorry I could not choose all the Officials used in earlier rounds but I do thank them all for the contributions.

As always there are many People to thank the late President Charles Rex Gallagher, the Vice President Stuart Urquhart who has carried on from Rex and supported the Trophy in the same enthusiastic manner as Rex did.

The office staff of Thomas McKeown, Stephen McLaughlin and Mary Jardine. Derek Park and John Reardon (Pud) of Dalziel Park for the rounds up to final. George Dingwall for arranging hospitality at Colville Park Country Club, Falkirk FC for the use of their magnificent Stadium for the Final and all competing Association Secretaries with thanks to the Shetlands AFA for competing and coming down for their match at Dalziel.

My special thanks to Thomas McKeown the National Secretary without whose help I could not have completed the competition. Thanks Thomas.

All that remains is to wish all the Players and Match Officials Good Luck enjoy the day!

IAIN COWDEN

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee - James Gallagher
Assistant Referee - James Cowie
Assistant Referee - Howard Wilkin
4th Official - Peter Kerr



1st Round

Strathclyde Saturday Morning AFL 2 Glasgow Colleges AFA 4
Ayrshire AFA 2 Shetland AFA 0

2nd Round

Lothian & Edinburgh AFA 2 Scottish AFL 1
Caledonian AFL 1 Central Scottish AFL 3
Glasgow Colleges AFL 1 **Aberdeenshire AFA 4**
Stirling & District AFA 2 Ayrshire AFA 2
(Stirling & District AFA won 4-3 on Penalties)

Semi - Finals

Central Scottish AFL 0 **Aberdeenshire AFA 3**
Lothian & Edinburgh AFA 3 Stirling & District AFA 2

THE INTER LEAGUE TROPHY 2018



INTER LEAGUE TROPHY PAST RESULTS



LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA IN ACTION



Lothian & Edinburgh AFA V Stirling & District AFA
Sunday 11th March 2018
Dalziel Park



LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA IN ACTION





LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA PRESIDENT



I am looking forward greatly to this Inter League Trophy Final and hope it fulfils its promise.

Having been beaten finalists last season, the LEAFA Select side hopes to go a stage further this season and lift the trophy for the first time. It would be a fitting tribute to the legacy of Rex Gallacher who as President of the Scottish Amateur FA instigated this trophy.

Rex spent many years as Match Secretary and President of the Lothian & Edinburgh AFA and his hard work in raising the profile of the Association is greatly appreciated and he is sadly missed by all connected to the Association.

The Lothian & Edinburgh AFA was formed in 1998 through the amalgamation of the Lothian Amateur FA and the Edinburgh Amateur FA. Both Associations of course have a longer history, the Lothian Amateur FA being founded in 1910 and the Edinburgh Amateur FA in 1920. Since the amalgamation, the Association has gone from strength to strength and it would be fitting that in its 20th anniversary season, the LEAFA Select team were to lift this prestigious trophy.

I know the game will be competitive but played in the right spirits. It is an honour for players to represent their Association and I hope all the players enjoy the game.

I wish both teams and the match officials the very best for today's game which will highlight the strength and well-being of both Associations and whoever wins the Trophy will be deserved winners.

Finally, a special thanks to Iain Cowden for administering the competition and to Thomas McKeown (National Secretary) and the SAFA office staff at Hampden for their contribution in organising this competition.



JOHN CLARKE





LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA PLAYERS



Scott Walker - Goalkeeper (Fernieside AFC /Westside AFC)

Ever present in LEAFA Select teams and has played International level with SAFA Select. Great all round keeper.

Ciaran Duffy - Defender (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

2nd season at Tollcross after joining from fellow LEAFA side Edinburgh Utd.

Steven Milne - Defender (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

Club captain and in his second season with the club.

Conan McDiarmid - Defender (Westside)

Kieran Everden - Defender (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

First season with the club after joining from Glasgow Uni.

Mikey Hornig - Midfielder (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

2nd season with Tollcross and broken into the Scotland side scoring a couple and creating too.

Paul McCracken - Midfielder (Craigshill Thistle AFC)

Established Scottish Internationalist.

Steven Philp - Midfielder (Sandys AFC)

Creative player with East of Scotland League experience.

Stewart O'Neill - Midfielder (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

Current top scorer and top of assists at Tollcross.



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Scott Millar - Midfielder (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

3rd season with Tollcross and broken into the Scotland side recently.

Andrew Kidd - Midfielder (Sandys AFC)

Recently joined the club after a successful period in the Lowland and Super league.

Graham Baird - Midfielder (Craigshill Thistle AFC)

Jordan Rogers - Forward (Linlithgow Thistle AFC)

Another player who has come through Linlithgow Th's youth set up.

Chris Cairns - Forward (Tollcross Thistle AFC)

Joined the club last season from Leith 21's and an instant hit at the club becoming top scorer last season.

Luke Leiper - Forward (North Merchiston Vale AFC)

Broke into Select side this season and scored 2 goals in semi final.

Bob McKenzie - Forward (Sandys AFC)

Long servant at Sandys and has been involved in SAFA Select side.

Chris Snedden - Forward (Linlithgow Thistle AFC)

First season in amateurs after coming through Linlithgow Th's youth set up.



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Andrew Kidd

Graham Baird



Forwards

Jordan Rogers

Chris Cairns

Luke Leiper

Bob McKenzie

Chris Snedden

LEAFA Management Team:

Andy Enwood

Alan McKay

Russell Smithwaite

Stuart Paterson



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ABERDEENSHIRE AFA



Martyn Rollo – Manager (MS United)

First year in charge for the young manager who has high hopes for his close knit group of players.

Goalkeepers

Blair McIntosh
Kade McCormack
Dean Easton

Defenders

Stuart Cooper
Christopher Jolly
Dougie Gibb
Charlie Malcolm
Ryan Davidson
Findlay Masson

Midfielders

Keith Walker
Andy Crighton
Christopher Steel
Blair Shearer
Greg Morrison
Derek Boylan
Tom Dalgarno
Ryan Young

Forwards

Lee McKenzie
Shaun McDonald
Michael Gunn



ABERDEENSHIRE AFA





ABERDEENSHIRE AFA PRESIDENT



As President of the Aberdeenshire AFA, it is an honour and privilege to have our Association represented in today's Inter League Trophy.

Thank you to Iain Cowden for completing the Tournament and also for giving both teams an opportunity to play in The Falkirk Stadium.

Our Select side this year is managed by Martyn Rollo and Gary Loch, who in the space of a year have rejuvenated the squad and we now have players we can trust and who are also proud to play for their Association. This year's fixtures in the trophy have not been too kind to us with three away games including today's final.

Thank you to the AAFA players, who after today's game will have travelled over a thousand miles in trying to bring this trophy up the road, at the second time of asking, this being our second final in three years. Best wishes to today's officials and also to Lothian and Edinburgh AFA, and hope that all three parties put on a show that we can all be proud of.



JIM NAPIER





ABERDEENSHIRE AFA IN ACTION



Glasgow Colleges AFL V Aberdeenshire AFA
Sunday 25th February 2018
Dalziel Park



ABERDEENSHIRE AFA IN ACTION





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Blair McIntosh – Goalkeeper (MS United)

Experienced Goalkeeper who doubles up as back up to Dean & Kade and also is a quality goalkeeping coach.

Kade McCormack – Goalkeeper (Bervie Caledonia)

Outstanding young goalkeeper. As brave as they come with cat like reflexes. This kid will be around for a long time.

Dean Easton – Goalkeeper (St Laurence)

Big Dean has a real commanding presence about him which belies his young age. Distribution is a key attribute to the team also.

Stuart Cooper – Defender (Cowie Thistle)

Latecomer to squad has hit the ground running with some impressive solid performances at the back since coming in. Also a goal threat at the other end.

Christopher Jolly –Defender (Sportsmans Club)

Pacey defender who keeps it simple by defending first. Has been a mainstay of the squad all season.

Dougie Gibb – Defender (Woodside)

The backbone of the defence. Leads by example with his tackling and passing range two of his strongest attributes.

Charlie Malcolm – Defender (Cowie Thistle)

Pacey and strong in the tackle. Charlie is a young lad with the ability to be a top defender at this level for years to come.

Ryan Davidson – Defender (Sportsmans Club)

Captain of the team and a versatile player with great pace and energy. Would run through a wall for the cause.

Keith Walker – Midfielder (Rothie Rovers)

The creative force of the team. Has an eye for a pass and possesses wonderful balance and touch.



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Andy Crighton – Midfielder (Woodside)

Mr Reliable is solid in the tackle and can run all day. Works hard in the engine room to drive the team forward.

Christopher Steel – Midfielder (Sportsmans Club)

Highly experienced and composed on the pitch. Always communicating with his team mates to help guide them through the game.

Blair Shearer – Midfielder (St Laurence)

Adaptable player who works very hard for the cause. Composed on the ball with a good touch. Crosses a nice ball too.

Greg Morrison – Midfielder (MS United)

Experienced ball player who doubles up by helping with the coaching of the team. Composed on the ball with an eye for a pass.

Derek Boylan - Midfielder (Sportsmans Club)

Warrior of a player who never shirks a tackle. Energetic and covers the ground well.

Lee McKenzie – Forward (Sportsmans Club)

Top goal scoring player for the AAFA Select of all time. Kenzie has a knack for finding space in tight areas and a great finisher.

Shaun McDonald – Forward (Cowie Thistle)

Pace to burn with a good finish on him Shaun is the life and soul of the team on and off the pitch.

Michael Gunn – Forward (MS United)

Young forward with the world at his feet. Fearsome shot and power when driving with the ball.

Players missing from the photo-

Findlay Masson - Defender (Sportsmans Club)

Adaptable player who has got better with every match. Solid and dependable. Keeps the ball well.

Tom Dalgarno - Midfielder (St Laurence)

A whirlwind of a player. Energy to burn with a great touch and vision.

Ryan Young - Midfielder (St Laurence)

Big Ryan is highly experienced with a calm head on his shoulders. Is a goal threat at set piece.



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The Aberdeenshire Amateur Football Association has a membership of 78 clubs and is currently one of the largest Amateur Football Associations in Scotland. The Association was formed in 1947 and its coverage extends to both the City of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. The Association is affiliated to the Scottish Amateur Football Association ("SAFA"), which celebrated its Centenary in 2009, and the aims of the Association are to foster and develop the game of amateur football in the local area.

League Structure

The AAFA clubs are divided into six leagues – a Premier Division, two First Division sections (North and East), two Second Division sections (North and East) and a Third Division. The system of promotion and relegation allows new clubs to reach the Premier Division within three seasons.

The Champions in the respective leagues in season 2016-17 were as follows:

- Premier Division: Woodside
- Division One (North): Cove Thistle
- Division One (East): Cowie Thistle
- Division Two (North): Newburgh Thistle
- Division Two (East): Bridge of Don
- Division Three: Faithlie United

A Player of the Year award is made to the outstanding player in each division, based on man of the match votes from opponents in league games throughout the season. A Divisional Fair Play trophy is also awarded to the team in each division with the fewest disciplinary points throughout the season.

Cup Competitions

All AAFA Clubs are eligible to enter the Scottish Amateur Cup competition. The first two rounds are drawn on a regional basis and there is a national draw from the third round onwards.

AAFA Clubs are also eligible to enter the North of Scotland Amateur Cup which is one of seven regional cup competitions run under the auspices of the Scottish Amateur Football Association.

The AAFA also organises a range of cup competitions for member clubs each season. The most prestigious of these is the Aberdeen FC Trophy, which was donated to the Association by Aberdeen Football Club in season 1947-48. The Aberdeen FC Trophy is a knock-out cup competition for all Member Clubs. The two other main AAFA Cup Competitions are the Association Trophy (contested by clubs at Premier and First Division level) and the Dickie Trophy (contested by clubs at Second and Third Division level).

In addition, there is a knockout league cup competition for each division, as follows:

- Premier Division – Premier Trophy
- Division One (North) – Stephen Shield
- Division One (East) – White Cup
- Division Two (North) – Castle Rovers Cup
- Division Two (East) – Barclay Cook Cup
- Division Three – Chattan Rovers Cup
- Bowie Trophy
- Edmond Trophy
- Hans Fyfe Trophy

The Ian Napier Memorial Shield is contested annually by the Division One (North) and Division One (East) champions from the previous season. The John Todd Memorial Trophy was introduced in season 2009/10 and is contested by the top two clubs from the Premier Division in the previous season.



ABERDEENSHIRE AFA





LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA



The Association was formed in 1998 with the amalgamation of the Lothian Amateur F.A. and the Edinburgh Amateur F.A. Both Associations of course have a longer history, the Lothian Amateur FA being founded in 1910 and the Edinburgh Amateur FA in 1920. Although originally a Saturday football Association, some 9 years ago the Association decided to branch out and start a Sunday Section which has gradually grown.

The Saturday Section has 5 divisions for the 2017/18 Season - Premier, Championship, Lothian West and Lothian East, and an Intermediate Division. The Sunday Section has 4 Divisions - Sunday Morning Division 1, Sunday Morning Division 2 and on Sunday afternoon, Premier Division and Division 1.

It is one of the largest Association in Scotland now and since the merger has been able to boast of having the Scottish Amateur Cup winners, the East of Scotland Cup winners and South of Scotland Cup winners.

The Lothian & Edinburgh AFA upholds the objects of amateur football to promote, foster and develop the game of Association football by offering both new and established clubs and their players the platform to perform at a level which suits them.



LOTHIAN & EDINBURGH AFA



SCOTTISH AMATEUR FA OFFICE BEARERS

Vice President: Stuart Urquhart
Treasurer: George Dingwall
National Secretary: Thomas McKeown

NOTICE TO ALL SPECTATORS

The Scottish Amateur F.A. will not tolerate any form of unacceptable conduct within the stadium. Any persons committing unacceptable conduct and or any person who assists another or others to commit unacceptable conduct, may be refused entry to, or removed from the stadium and banned from future matches of the Scottish Amateur F.A. If you witness any form of unacceptable conduct, please advise a steward.

Thank you for your co-operation.

NOTICE TO ALL SPECTATORS

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Back Row (left to right) Blair McIntosh, Christopher Jolly, Stuart Cooper, Kade McCormack, Dean Easton,
 Christopher Steel, Dougie Gibb, Keith Walker, Charlie Malcolm, Martyn Rolfe.
 Front Row (left to right) - Michael Gunn, Andy Crichton, Ryan Davidson, Lee McKenzie, Shaun McDonald,
 Blair Shearer, Greg Morrison, Derek Boylan.

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