Scottish Amateur Football Association



East of Scotland Amateur Cup Final 2018



Friday 27th April 2018 (7pm) The Falkirk Stadium (Extra Time and Penalties, if necessary)





Chairman's Greetings





A Warm Welcome to The Falkirk Stadium

On behalf of the Scottish Amateur Football Association, I am delighted to welcome you to The Falkirk Stadium, for the RJM Sports East of Scotland Amateur Cup Final 2018.

Tonight's match has added significance and poignancy for many in the amateur family, most especially in the East of Scotland. This is the first final since the untimely passing of Rex Gallacher, President of the Scottish Amateur Football Association. As a mainstay of the Lothian and Edinburgh AFA, and my predecessor as Chairman of the Eastern Executive, Rex was a close friend to all on the Eastern Executive Committee and to many beyond. While having responsibility for leading the game across the country, there is no doubt Rex retained a particularly passionate interest in developing football within LEAFA and across the entire Eastern District.

It is a fitting tribute to Rex that tonight, the Man of the Match Award in the East Cup Final will bear his name, in memoriam.

Yet again, a new name will appear on the trophy, with neither of this evening's finalists having previously won the cup. Congratulations to both St Bernards and Fallin for their hard-fought journey to the final.

St Bernards will be totally committed to adding to their club's considerable history tonight. Fallin are a relatively young club and will be equally keen to cement their name in our trophy's rich history. The village name is already etched in our record books

The Eastern District Executive Committee remains indebted to our sponsor, RJM Sports of Falkirk. Robert and Grant Marshall, and their entire RJM Sports team, have become wonderful supporters of the East of Scotland Amateur Cup and, indeed, of amateur football as a whole.

Thanks to all the staff at Falkirk FC for hosting our two, highly successful semi-final ties and tonight's Final. Their wonderful stadium is a fitting venue for a match of this importance.

I must again pay special tribute to David Ramage, our East of Scotland Cup Match Secretary, for leading our tournament to this evening's conclusion. The 'Beast from the East' and subsequent weeks of inclement weather wreaked havoc with ties in the latter stages. However, David's persistence and meticulous planning have successfully brought us to our finale.

My thanks to all who have supported us on our journey through the tournament: our League Match Secretaries, SAFA staff, our referees and, of course, all club officials. Thanks to all my colleagues on the Eastern District Executive for their tireless endeavours behind the scenes. A special mention must go to Gerry Moore, our ever-present photographer. From the first round, Gerry does a marvellous job promoting our tournament.

As we eagerly anticipate what we hope will be an absorbing match, I wish St Bernards and Fallin all the very best. Enjoy the occasion. May the better side win!



Ian Sommerville



Reflections of the Match Secretary





I am relieved that tonight we reach the conclusion of this year's RJM Sports East of Scotland Amateur Cup journey! We anticipate a final worthy of the occasion and I am confident we will enjoy an exciting match.

Bad weather has always been the enemy of all fixture planners. This year, however, we have had to face the worst weather in a generation! Heavy snow and torrential rain seriously impacted upon the earlier rounds of the tournament.

Our second semi-final even had to survive horrendous second-half sleet! You will appreciate therefore, I will not be totally relaxed until I hear the shrill, final blast of tonight's final whistle!

My thanks to all the Match Secretaries from our member Leagues for supplying me with the referees I needed - always a challenge, especially with the dreadful weather often decimating domestic programmes. I extend my sincere appreciation to each and every one of our referees.

My special thanks go to the SAFA staff at Hampden: our National Secretary, Thomas McKeown, Stephen McLaughlin, the Technical Adviser, and Mary Jardine, Administrative Support. Once again, these colleagues have been unstinting with their time and help.

My sincere thanks to all the staff at Falkirk FC for hosting our two, highly successful semifinal ties and tonight's Final. These were great occasions, most certainly enhanced by the facilities at Falkirk Stadium. Their warm hospitality and their highly efficient organisation always help to make the final such a special occasion.

Good luck to our four Caledonian League match officials. I am sure they will sustain the high standard of refereeing we have seen throughout the tournament.

Finally, of course, I congratulate our finalists, St Bernards and Fallin. I eagerly await the game and wish both these fine sides all the very best.

Enjoy the match!

David Ramage







Previous Winners

1946-47 Competition not completed. 1947-48 Edinburgh University AFC 1948-49 Civil Service Strollers AFC 1949-50 Torphicen AFC 1950-51 Eastern AFC 1951-52 Dalkeith AFC 1952-53 Cobbinshaw Rovers AFC 1953-54 Cobbinshaw Rovers AFC 1954-55 Cobbinshaw Boyers AFC 1955-56 Lorwood AFC 1956-57 Pathhead AFC 1957-58 Orphan Hospital AFC 1958-59 Lorwood AFC 1959-60 Pathhead AFC 1960-61 Grangemouth Refinery AFC 1961-62 Winchburgh Albion AFC 1962-63 West Lothian Steel Foundry AFC 1963-64 Lorwood AFC 1964-65 Edinburgh Albion AFC 1965-66 Blackridge Welfare AFC 1966-67 Lorwood AFC 1967-68 Lorwood AFC 1968-69 Lorwood AFC 1969-70 Bilston AFC 1970-71 Cambusbarron Rovers AFC 1971-72 Pathhead AFC 1972-73 Links United AFC 1973-74 Whitson Star AFC 1974-75 Whitson Star AFC 1975-76 Bilston Miners Welfare AFC 1976-77 Pencaitland AFC 1977-78 Pencaitland AFC 1978-79 Pencaitland AFC

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Previous Winners



St Bernards AFC

Russel+A



Defenders

Brad Carnie Rees Allan Paul Dickson Paul Dunlop Sean Elliot Nikki Murray

Midfielders John Paul Mclennan Lee Sinclair Ean Gilhooley Gav Pettigrew Steven Wilson Dayne Robertson Connor Reid Graham Clee Jon McInally

Forwards

Steven Clee Rees Smith Dean Horribine Derek Riordan St. Persando SC.

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(L to R)Gary Stewart (Assistant Manager), Ryan Dinse (Manager), Michael Smith (Assistant Manager) -Darren Affleck (Assistant Manager NOT in picture)

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Manager Ryan Dinse Assistant Manager/Coach Michael Smith, Gary Stewart, Darren Affleck Mascots Gary Stewart and Hugo Hunter

RJM SPORTS **St Bernards AFC**







Fallin AFC



RLLIA A.E.C Goalkeeper Steven McMullan Steven Fotheringham

Defenders

Thomas Nelson Andrew McGown Grant Fraser Murray Stewart Jamie Brown Bryan Kelly Steven Bone

Midfielders

Alasdair Brown (Captain) James Graham Alan Eastwood Gavin Nicol Zander Skinner Chris Crawford Craig Laird

Forwards

Kyle Imrie Jamie Bone Sean Heaver Mark Flynn



(L to R) Alexander Jeffrey, Steven Nelson, Ross Donald, Ian Mackie, Steven Young, Stuart Dixon

Manager Ross Donald Assistant Manager/Coach Steven Nelson Physio Emma Harper Mascots Cooper and Robbie Kirkwood





Today's Match Officials



Referee - Ross Holms Assistant Referee - Paul Taylor Assistant Referee - Chris Bonnar 4th Official - James Jamieson



Congratulations to each of our match officials, all of whom officiate weekly in the Caledonian AFL. We hope you enjoy the occasion. Have a good game!



Road to the Final



St Bernards AFC

Round 2 Musselburgh AFC (H) 3-2

Round 3 Maddiston AFC (H) Walkover

> Round 4 Mayfield AFC (H) 2-0

Quarter Final Greentree AFC (H) 4-3

Semi Final Pennies AFC (N) 2-0 Fallin AFC



Round 1 Edinburgh Star AFC (H) 5-1

Round 2 Steins Thistle AFC (H) 6-1

Round 3 Syngenta AFC (H) 3-1

Round 4 Redhall Star AFC (H) 4-1 (AET)

> Quarter Final Fauldhouse AFC (A) 3-0

Semi Final Stenhousemuir Community AFC (N) 2-0



Road to the Final





Semi-Finalists



Stenhousemuir Community AFC (Caledonian AFL) Lost 2-0 to Fallin AFC at Falkirk Stadium

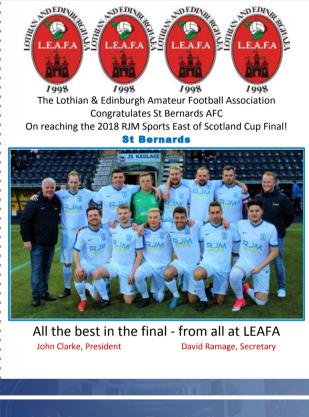


Semi-Finalists









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