

**SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Scottish Amateur FA**

**V**

**Leinster Senior League**



**Lesser Hampden, Glasgow**  
**Saturday, 7th April 2018**  
**3pm Kick Off**



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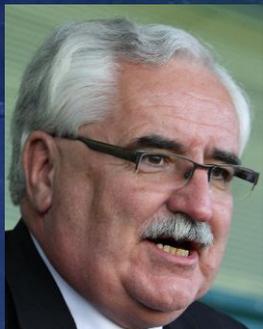


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**Saturday 1st April 2017, FAI Headquarters, Dublin**

# LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE

# A Word From The Vice President



On behalf of the Scottish Amateur Football Association, I am delighted to welcome Leinster Senior League to Scotland once again for our Graham Harkness Memorial Trophy fixture.

As most will understand I personally have mixed feelings about today, being as earlier in the year, our President, Rex Gallacher, passed away soon after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, and I and our fellow SAFA members miss him greatly.

Rex was, of course a great champion of our fixtures with Leinster Senior League, and of our International team in general, and I know he would not want us to be mourning his passing on a day like today, but more he would want us to, as usual, savour the occasion, and I hope on behalf of my colleagues that Leinster Senior League again enjoy their trip over here to Scotland, although naturally I would hope that our Scottish Amateur F.A. team can overturn last year's result.

Today's fixture between SAFA and LSL, has been played for over 30 years, and it is always a pleasure to meet with friends old and new with our Irish colleagues, and whilst the result of the match is always important, this is about Amateur Football at his best, and friendship in general, so as I say we hope all participants enjoy their day.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our International Committee, ably led by their Chairman, David Ramage, who over the year put huge effort into making the fixture happen, and of course Bruce McNaught with his backroom staff and players who have come together over the last few months, their commitment and hard work is to be complimented.

I hope all concerned have a great day, and that all the players and coaches enjoy the experience and prestige such a fixture brings, and of course that both teams play to their full potential..... But naturally that the home side regain their grip on the Graham Harkness Memorial Trophy.

**Stuart Urquhart**

# A Word From The Chairman



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Leinster Senior League travelling party for this meeting to contest the Graham Harkness Memorial Trophy.

The occasion will be tinged with sadness as this will be the first International played since the death of Rex Gallacher, our President, who gave great support to the International Team both as President and in his previous role as International Committee chairman.

It was disappointing to lose 2-0 in last year's contest in Dublin to lose our grip on the Trophy so manager Bruce McNaught and his back up team, and the players, will be keen to make amends. The management team have spent a great deal of time scouring the country for players and have done a tremendous job in recruiting fresh faces to form a strong squad and I am sure they will be well prepared for the challenge today.

The game will without doubt be competitive but hopefully played in the right spirit. It is an honour for any player to represent their Association and I hope that all players enjoy the experience.

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, and Stephen and Mary at the office for all the hard work that goes into organising this weekend and their work in supporting the Select Squad throughout the year.

## David Ramage

David Ramage (Chairman), George Dingwall, Ian Sommerville,  
John Rodgers, Ronald Hughes, Thomas McKeown.

## The International Committee

# A Word From The Leinster Chairman



I am looking forward to a great game this year as I am sure Bruce has his players ready to do battle to regain the Harkness Trophy from the Leinster Senior League.

It is always a pleasure to meet up with old friends and some new ones, and also a sad occasion as we lost another top football man in Charles (Rex) Gallagher. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family today.

This is Andy's first time in charge for this fixture and he and his staff have put together a strong squad and we hope to bring back the Graham Harkness Trophy to Ireland.

My thanks to the committee of the SAFA for organising this event and to my own LSL committee for their help in the preparations for the game.

Congratulations to the four officials selected for today's game, I really hope they enjoy the occasion.

I know the game will be competitive but played in the right spirit. It is an honour for any player to represent their league or association and I really hope all the players enjoy the game.

Our aim is to win the match and the sing song and we have some real talent on and off the pitch.  
Best of luck to all.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir.

## David Moran

# SCOTTISH AMATEUR FA SELECT PLAYERS

## **Stuart Wilson: Goalkeeper (Gartcosh United AFC) Aged 27**

An assured and experienced keeper, exceptionally comfortable on the ball and happy to operate as a sweeper behind his defence. Great reflexes and shot stopper. A key member of the 2016 UEFA Regions squad in both Lithuania and Malta. Played in last year's fixture. A great communicator and loves to direct the backline.

## **Connor O'Boyle: Goalkeeper (Harestanes AFC) Aged 27**

Has featured previously for the Select side. Having outstanding season with his club side with a number of eye-catching performances and thoroughly deserving of his recall to the international scene. A commanding presence who dominates his penalty area.

## **Andrew McGown: Defender (Fallin AFC) Captain Aged 27**

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.

## **Kenny Feaks: Defender (Doune Castle AFC) Aged 28**

A versatile defender. Prefers to play in central defence, but equally comfortable at full back or midfield full back. Strong tackling, composed under pressure and outstanding in the air. Loves to prompt attacks from deep positions. Produced outstanding displays in UEFA Regions squad in Lithuania and Malta.

## **Sean Murdoch: Defender (Cupar Hearts AFC) Aged 24**

Tall, elegant defender with strong presence in the heart of the defence. Has broken into the Select side this year and made an immediate impact. Powerful aerial presence and loves to build from the back. Very composed on the ball.

## **Scott Methven: Defender (Leven United AFC) Aged 23**

Elegant left-sided full back who broke into the Scotland side in 2016. Impressed as a member of the UEFA Regions squad in Malta. Robust defender who likes nothing more than to surge forward in support of the attack. Fine crosser of the ball. Endless energy up and down the full-length of the pitch

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## **Harry Bruce: Defender (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 32**

Now an established and invaluable member of the SAFA Select. Enjoyed outstanding UEFA Regions tournaments in both Lithuania and Malta. Vastly experienced and versatile player, comfortable in any defensive role, but equally assured at wing back. Unflappable. Always calm and composed on the ball and quick in the tackle.

## **Kenny McLellan: Midfield (Bannockburn AFC) Aged 34**

Centre Midfield. Unflappable and 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. A leader.

## **Allan McCrum: Midfield (Colville Park E AFC) Aged 30**

Strong-tackling, combative midfield presence who loves to support the attack with bursting runs from deep. Always catches the eye with his dynamism and endless running. Made his international debut in Dublin last year and produced an impressive Man-of-the-Match performance. Has established himself as a leader both on and off the park.

## **Scott McGuire: Midfield (Goldenhill AFC) Aged 30**

Another whose impressive club form has earned him his first call-up to the Select side. A powerful holding midfield presence with an eye for a probing pass to set up counter attacks. Tenacious in the tackle and quick to support his forwards. Excellent in the air and always a threat at set pieces.

## **Michael Hornig: Midfield (Tollcross Thistle AFC) Aged 31**

An elegant midfielder who has broken into the Select side this season. A calm and skilful presence who poses a constant threat with surging runs from wide areas. Expert crosser of the ball and already shown himself to be a calm finisher. Boundless energy.

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## **Paul McCracken: Midfield (Craigshill Thistle AFC) Aged 29**

Powerful midfield presence and experienced internationalist. Enjoyed highly successful UEFA Regions campaigns in Lithuania and Malta in 2016. Outstanding in the air and a real ball winner in the combative central area. Works tirelessly to support defence at set pieces and a goal threat with his heading ability. Back to full fitness after a frustrating injury spell last season.

## **Niall McClure: Midfield (Doune Castle AFC) Aged 28**

Another vastly experienced internationalist. Veteran of several UEFA Regions campaigns, including Lithuania and Malta. Midfield powerhouse and a 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. Impressed as a second half substitute in Dublin on return from injury.

## **Jamie Broadfoot: Midfield (Harestanes AFC) Aged 32**

Another vastly experienced internationalist and key member of past Regions Cup campaigns. Has recently returned to the amateur scene and re-established himself in the Select side. A dominant midfield presence with endless energy. Strong in the tackle, creative and always a threat with precise shooting from distance. Another who leads by example.

## **Ryan Crawford: Midfield (Thorn Athletic AFC) Aged 25**

Debutant whose call-up to the squad this season has been deserved recognition for impressive performances with his club and League select sides. Tireless worker and great finisher. Provides an effective link between midfield and attack, with impressive goals record. Outstanding work ethic.

## **Nicky Moore: Forward (Larkhall Thistle AFC) Aged 27**

A key member of the UEFA Regions Cup squad in Malta and already demonstrated his goal threat at international level. 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. Demonstrated his goal threat at this level with a brace in last challenge match versus England.

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## **Kevin McElroy: Forward (St Patrick's FP AFC) Aged 28**

Call-up to the Select side has been deserved recognition for an outstanding season with his club. Has made an immediate impact with the Select with his dynamism in attack and goal-scoring prowess. Skilful dribbler with impressively quick feet can leave defenders bemused. Comfortable attacking from any forward positions and calmness personified in front of goal.

## **Sami Mitchell: Forward (Bowhill Rovers AFC) Aged 24**

A dynamic and pacy forward who has impressed after breaking into the Select side during last season. Endless energy and a confident finisher. Poses a threat to any defence with his movement in and around the penalty area. Sami loves to break into the box from wide areas and is a constant threat with late runs into the box.



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**Manager:** Bruce McNaught  
**Assistant Manager:** Colin MacLeod  
**Coach:** Jock Brown  
**Kitman:** Joe Walker  
**Physiotherapist:** Ronan Murray



**Bruce McNaught**  
(Manager)



**Colin MacLeod**  
(Assistant Manager)



Scottish Amateur FA **Management Team**

**Goalkeeper**  
Stuart Wilson  
Connor O'Boyle

**Defenders**  
Harry Bruce  
Scott Methven  
Andrew McGown (C)  
Kenneth Feaks  
Sean Murdoch

**Midfielders**  
Kenneth McLellan  
Niall McClure  
Paul McCracken  
Allan McCrum  
Scott McGuire  
Jamie Broadfoot  
Michael Hornig  
Ryan Crawford

**Strikers**  
Sami Mitchell  
Kevin McElroy  
Nicky Moore

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**Manager:** Andy Noonan

**Assistant Manager:** Keith Foy

**Coach:** Brian McCarthy

**Coach:** James Pluck

**Goalkeeping Coach:** Graham Byas

**Kitman:** Anthony Murphy

**Physiotherapist:** Oliver Keenan



## Goalkeepers

Andrew McNulty

Adam Hayden

## Defenders

Karl Russell

Glenn Walsh

Anthony Murphy

Adam McCormac

Tony Griffiths

Glen Shannon

Jeff Flood

## Midfielders

Aaron Robinson

Gary Seery

Craig Walsh

Sean Byrne

Sean Gleeson

## Strikers

Shane Stritch

Dean Kelly

Lennie McMillan

Ajibola Sule



**Leinster SL Management Team**

**(L to R)** James Pluck (Coach), Graham Byas (Goalkeeping Coach), Brian McCarthy (Asst. Manager), Andy Noonan (Manager) and Anthony Murphy (Kitman), Keith Foy (Assistant Manager) (Photo Insert) Oliver Keenan (Physiotherapist)

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## **Andrew McNulty (Goalkeeper) (Bluebell United)**

Experienced goalkeeper and previous Graham Harkness Trophy winner.

## **Adam Hayden (Goalkeeper) (Greystones)**

20 year-old goalkeeper from Bray, playing for Greystones United AFC. Ambition is to go as high within the game as I possibly can.

## **Karl Russell (Defender) (Bluebell United)**

2 league titles in 3 seasons with Bluebell United. Player of the Year 14/15 Season.

## **Glenn Walsh (Defender) (Bluebell United)**

6 ft 4 " no nonsense Defender. Left sided centre half who leads with his commanding aerial presence.

## **Anthony Murphy (Defender) (Mochtas)**

Defender with years of League of Ireland experience. Versatile player who can play in several positions.

## **Adam McCormac (Defender) (Killester)**

I work with teenagers with learning disabilities. I enjoy playing football and hacking up golf courses from time to time.

## **Tony Griffiths (Defender) (Bluebell United)**

Captain of the squad. A player who can lead from the midfield or up front. Brings League of Ireland experience to the squad.

## **Glen Shannon (Defender) (Newbridge)**

Right full back playing for Newbridge Town F.C

## **Jeff Flood (Defender) (Bluebell United)**

Center Half who rejoined Bluebell this season and is enjoying a great partnership with Glen Walsh.

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## **Aaron Robinson (Midfielder) (Bluebell United)**

Young, hard hitting midfielder who is attracting interest from several professional clubs.

## **Gary Seery (Midfielder) (Bluebell United)**

Born 11/07/1991. Can play on either wing with plenty of pace. Playing for Bluebell United.

## **Craig Walsh (Midfielder) (Crumlin)**

26 years old play for Crumlin United, attacking midfielder. Have experience of playing in the League of Ireland.

## **Sean Byrne (Midfielder) Newbridge)**

Winner of the Michael Ward Player of the Tournament award recently. A dynamic and exciting player that can turn a game.

## **Sean Gleeson (Midfielder) (Bluebell United)**

Regular starter for Bluebell and comfortable slotting into any position. One to watch in the midfield.

## **Shane Stritch (Striker) (Bluebell United)**

In good form with his current club Bluebell United.

## **Dean Kelly (Striker) (Mochtas)**

Previous clubs Shamrock Rovers, Bohemians, Bray Wanderers.

## **Lennie McMillan (Striker) (Killester)**

An imposing front man who currently plays for Killester United.

## **Ajibola Sule (Striker) (Firhouse Clover)**

I was born in Nigeria and moved to Ireland when I was ten years old. Lightning quick striker.

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# LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYERS

# PREVIOUS WINNERS

## ALAN R. MACKAY TROPHY

- 1999-00 Leinster Senior League (on penalties) at Camelon. 0-0  
2000-01 Scottish Amateur FA (on penalties) at Dublin. 1 - 1  
2001-02 Leinster Senior League (on penalties) at Hamilton. 3-2  
2002-03 Scottish Amateur FA (on penalties) at Dublin. 0-0  
2003-04 Scottish Amateur FA at Ayr. 2-0  
2004-05 Scottish Amateur FA at Arklow. 2-1  
2005-06 Leinster Senior League at Glasgow. 2-1  
2006-07 Scottish Amateur FA at Malahide. 2-0  
2007-08 Leinster Senior League at Irvine. 2-0  
2008-09 Leinster Senior League (on penalties) at Balbriggan. 1-1  
2009-10 Leinster Senior League at Almondvale. 2-1  
2010-11 Scottish Amateur FA at Dublin. 2-0  
2011-12 Leinster Senior League (on penalties) at Livingston. 1-1  
2012-13 Leinster Senior League (on penalties) at Kilternan.

## THE GRAHAM HARKNESS MEMORIAL TROPHY

- 2013-14 Scottish Amateur FA (on Penalties) at Palmesrton Park. 0-0  
2014-15 Scottish Amateur FA (on Penalties) at Tullimore, County Offaly. 1-1  
2015-16 Scottish Amateur FA at Lesser Hampden, Glasgow. 1-0  
2016-17 Leinster Senior League at FAI Headquarters, Dublin. 2-0

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# SCOTTISH AMATEUR FA OFFICE BEARERS

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

## TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Patrick O'Donnell (Scottish AFL)  
**Assistant:** Decio Espinha (Scottish AFL)  
**Assistant:** John McQuilter (Scottish AFL)  
**4th Official:** Jim Rose (Scottish AFL)

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**The International Blog  
By John Rodgers**



**TODAY'S VENUE  
LESSER HAMPDEN, GLASGOW**



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