

**SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**THE  
INTER LEAGUE TROPHY  
FINAL  
2016**



**ABERDEENSHIRE AFA**

**V**



**AYRSHIRE AFA**



**LESSER HAMPDEN, GLASGOW  
SUNDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 2016  
KICK OFF 2PM**

**SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**

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## **THE ROAD TO THE FINAL**

### **Quarter Final Results**

**Caledonian AFL 3 Lothian & Edinburgh AFA 0**

**Scottish AFL 2 Ayrshire AFA 4**

**Strathclyde Saturday Morning AFL 1 Central Scottish AFL 1**

**Strathclyde Saturday Morning AFL won 3-0 on Penalties**

**Aberdeenshire AFA (Bye)**

### **Semi Final Results**

**Strathclyde Saturday Morning AFL 1 Aberdeenshire AFA 3**

**Ayrshire AFA 3 Caledonian AFL 1**

# A Word From The President

**On behalf of the Scottish Amateur Football Association it gives me great pleasure, as President, to welcome you all to Lesser Hampden today for the Final of the Inter League Trophy.**

**Our congratulations to both Aberdeenshire AFA and Ayrshire AFA on reaching the Final. I know that everyone involved with Aberdeenshire and Ayrshire Associations will be excited, nervous and above all the players, officials and the fans will have a great day to remember, whatever the outcome.**

**Our sincere thanks to Christine Wright at Queens Park FC for making their fine venue available for our Final. We are grateful to everyone here at Queens Park FC for their help and for their commitment to amateur football which goes back many years and is really appreciated by the Association.**

**Our Match Secretary, Iain Cowden, who organised the competition from the Quarter Finals to the Final. Many thanks Iain!**

**Finally, may I thank everyone who has played some part, however small, from the Quarter Finals to the Final either on or off the field.**

**Thank you all coming today, I hope you see a great match and have a very enjoyable afternoon. And may the best team win!**



**MR CHARLES R. GALLACHER  
PRESIDENT  
SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) P Main, D Donald, S Freeland, G Mcdougall, M Ritchie, P Noble, C Steele, S Buchanan, G Franchi**

**FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) M Smith, D Yates, A Ewan, E Esson, I McKenzie, A Courage, K Wilson, G Clark.**

## **A WORD FROM ABERDEENSHIRE AFA**



**On behalf of the Aberdeenshire Amateur Football Association can I say how delighted this Association is to be participating in the inaugural Inter League / Association Trophy.**

**It has been many season's since this Association has had a team of any sort participating in a final of a National Competition and the players cannot wait for the match to start.**

**The game is taken place at Lesser Hampden right next to our National Stadium and Iain Cowden and the Office Bearers of the SAFA should be congratulated not only for organising the competition but for the venues the matches have been played on.**

**It is a long journey for the boys from the "North" but I have to say they have enjoyed the journeys up and down the road.**

**To our opponents today we wish them well but of course we want to take the Trophy back to the Aberdeenshire Amateur Football Association.**

**The main thing about the game today is that both teams put on a good show that makes the whole Scottish Amateur Football Association proud of the standard of football played in front of what I hope is a good crowd.**

**James Napier (President - Aberdeenshire AFA)**



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) J. Brown(Physio), M. Stewart, K. Patterson, M. McDonald, M. Howie, I. Cripps, S. Cowan**

**FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) G Cowan, T. Donovan, S. Auld, C. Connell, M. Mullen, M. O'Connor, L. Gardiner**

## **A WORD FROM AYRSHIRE AFA**



The Inter League Trophy was inspired from the progressive vision of the SAFA and its members to encourage healthy competition between the members. The various associations desire to showcase some of their finest talent and also to facilitate their committee members and players sharing ideas on the game has proved a huge success.

The competition has been played with great honesty and intensity, and our association are delighted to have battled through to the final following toughly fought matches against the Scottish AFL and the Caledonian AFL.

It has been fantastic to witness the member associations compete with such fervour on the field at the excellent Dalziel Complex and then go on to socialise in the comfortable surroundings of the Colville Park Country Club who are always superb hosts. The organisation of the tournament has been first class and I would personally like to thank Iain Cowden for his hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the event.

The Ayrshire AFA are immensely proud of our committee, management and players in reaching the inaugural final of this prestigious competition which I believe will go from strength to strength.

On behalf of everyone at the Ayrshire Amateur Football Association, I wish today's opponents Aberdeenshire AFA the very best of luck and hope that we all enjoy an excellent match, with the best team prevailing.

**John Duncan (President - Ayrshire AFA)**

# **A Word From The Match Secretary**

**Welcome to the First Final of the New Inter League Trophy of the Association prior to this we had the Baxter trophy last played for season 1997/98 then we had the Belt Up Trophy last played for in season 2000/01 so after a gap of 15 years the President Charles R Gallacher was very keen to have an inter league competition reinstated and this final is the fruit of his labours.**

**Seven Leagues / Associations had committed to taking part in this competition namely Aberdeenshire AFA, Ayrshire AFA, Caledonian AFL, Central Scottish AFL, Lothian & Edinburgh AFA, Scottish AFL and Strathclyde Saturday Morning AFL. From this we have Aberdeenshire AFA playing Ayrshire AFA to have the first name on the new Trophy.**

**The quarter Finals and semi finals played at Dalziel Park were very well supported by very many people and not only from the competing Leagues / Associations. The great majority of whom going back to Colville Park for after match hospitality. All games were played in a competitive and sportsmen like manner thanks and well done to all leagues/ Associations.**

**Thanks to all the match officials in the earlier rounds who were magnificent I cannot reward you all with the final so those chosen represent you in this final.**

**If both Aberdeenshire and Ayrshire play to their potential I look forward a very exciting game and wish them and the officials Referee David Somers, Assistants Corey Craig, Alistair Leghorn and the 4<sup>th</sup> Official Michael Kerr all the very best and hope the players and match officials all enjoy the Trophy Final experience.**

**It would be remiss of me if I did not thank a number of people Derek Park of Dalziel Park, Colville Park Country Club, The Office Bearers and executive of the Association, Christine Wright and all at Queens Park FC for the us of Lesser Hampden for the Final last but not least the office staff Thomas, Stephen and Mary for all their help and support.**



**Mr Iain Cowden  
Inter League Trophy Match Secretary  
Scottish Amateur Football Association**

## **TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

**REFEREE: David Sommers (Central Scottish AFL)**

**ASSISTANT REFEREE: Corey Craig (Central Scottish AFL)**

**ASSISTANT REFEREE: Alistair Leghorn (Central Scottish AFL)**

**4TH OFFICIAL: Michael Kerr (Central Scottish AFL)**

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