

# GLENAFTON ATHLETIC



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Season 2016/17



**Back Row:** Michelle McInnes (physio), Billy Peacock (coach), Ryan McChesney, Mick McCann, Kyle McAusland, Ally Park, Blair Lochhead, Chris Meikle, Chris Dallas John Carter, Craig McEwan (manager), Craig Potter (Assistant Manager)

**Front Row:** Ryan Borris, Dan Orsi, Joe Andrew, Craig Menzies (captain), Brian McGaritty, Alan Cairns, David Gray, Cameron Marlow, Conor Lyness.





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**Assistant**

Chris Lithgow

**Assistant**

Shaun Ferguson

| <b>GLENAFTON<br/>ATHLETIC</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>KIRKINTILLOCH<br/>ROB ROY</b>               |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Brian McGarrity               |            |            | Jordan Brown                                   |
| Scott Watson                  |            |            | Michael McKinven                               |
| Blair Lochhead                |            |            | Scott Walker                                   |
| Kyle McAusland                |            |            | Daniel Mackenzie                               |
| Alan Cairns                   |            |            | Danny Boyle                                    |
| Andrew Hunter                 |            |            | Kevin Green                                    |
| Craig Menzies                 |            |            | Craig Buchanan                                 |
| Ryan McChesney                |            |            | Sean McCall                                    |
| Chris Meikle                  |            |            | Jordan McGuire                                 |
| Ally Park                     |            |            | Shaun Fraser                                   |
| David Gray                    |            |            | Gary McMenamin                                 |
| Ryan Borris                   |            |            | Luke Whelan                                    |
| Dan Orsi                      |            |            | Reece Pearson                                  |
| Cameron Marlow                |            |            | Lee Gallacher                                  |
| Darren McGill                 |            |            | Kieran Campbell                                |
| Connor Lynass                 |            |            | Chris Duff                                     |
| Mick McCann                   |            |            | William Sawyers                                |
| Joe Andrew                    |            |            | Kevin Watt                                     |
| Chris Dallas                  |            |            | Gavin Mackie                                   |
| John Carter                   |            |            | Andy Johnstone                                 |
| John Paul Boyle               |            |            | Connor Hughes                                  |
| <b>MANAGEMENT TEAM</b>        |            |            |  |
| Craig McEwan                  | Mgr        | Mgr        | Stewart Maxwell                                |
| Craig Potter                  | A/Mgr      | A/Mgr      | Gordon Moffat                                  |
| Billy Peacock                 | Coach      | Coach      | Kevin Finlayson<br>John Doyle<br>Brian McNeill |
| Michelle McInnes              | Physio     | Physio     | Franny Thacker                                 |

## **GLENAFTON ATHLETIC**

**Founded 1930**

Loch Park  
115 Castle  
New Cumnock

### **Manager**

Craig McEwan  
**Assistant Manager**  
Craig Potter  
**Coach**  
Billy Peacock

### **Physiotherapist**

Michelle Innes

### **Club President**

Iain Young

### **Vice President**

John Campbell

### **Secretary**

John Stewart

### **Treasurer**

Eric Wilson

### **Minute Secretary**

Iain Burgoyne

### **Match Secretary**

Jim Marshall

### **Committee Members**

Davie Barr, Jim Campbell, Robert Clegg, Geoff Crolley, Gus Hart, Paul Kirkwood, Jim Marshall, Alfie Mills, Jim Murray, Dave McMaster, Robert Smyth, George Weir

### **Glenafton TV**

John Haddow

### **Match Programme & Website**

Bobby Guthrie

## **GLENAFTON ATHLETIC**

### **MAJOR HONOURS**

#### **Scottish Junior Cup Winners**

1992-93

#### **Runners-up**

1962-63, 1991-92, 1993-94, 2013-14

#### **West Region Super League**

#### **Premier Division Champions**

2016/17

#### **Ayrshire League Champions**

1982-83, 1992-93, 2001-02

#### **Western League Champions**

1934-35, 1958-59,

1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64

#### **Western League Champions South**

1958-59, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63,

1963-64, 1965-66

#### **Ayrshire League South Champions**

1930-31, 1931-32

#### **West Region Super League**

#### **1st Division Champions**

2011-12

#### **West of Scotland Cup Winners**

2002-03, 2005-06, 2012-13

#### **Ayrshire Cup Winners**

1935-36, 1961-62, 1988-89,

1992-93, 2001-02

#### **Irvine & District Cup Winners**

1930-31, 1959-60, 1961-62

#### **Ayrshire District Cup Winners**

1979-80, 1985-86, 1993-94, 1997-98

#### **Ayrshire League Cup Winners**

1979-80, 1999-00, 2005-2006, 2014-15

#### **Ayrshire Consolation Cup**

1934-35, 1952-53, 1954-55

#### **Western League Cup Winners**

1934-35, 1958-59, 1962-63, 1965-66

#### **Vernon Trophy 1958-59**

#### **East Ayrshire Cup**

1997-98, 2002-3

#### **Ayrshire Super Cup**

1997-98

#### **Coylton Cup**

1930/31

#### **Mauchline Cup**

1930/31, 1931/32





# WELCOME TO LOCH PARK

It was back to winning ways in the league with a well-deserved 2-0 victory over Arthurlie at Loch Park two Saturdays ago with goals in either half from Chris Dallas and Mick McCann.

The midweek game against Troon that followed started well with a goal in the first minute from Joe Andrew only for the visitors to draw level two minutes after the break. With time running out (and nails bitten to the quick) a handball in the Troon box provided the opportunity to secure three points from the penalty spot with two minutes to go - up stepped David Gray to fire the ball home with some style.

Those six points put the Glens in the driving seat at the top of the league and secure in the knowledge that victory in our two final games - both against second-placed Rob Roy - would clinch the Premier Division title. There were of course other permutations in which Rob Roy or fourth placed Auchinleck could claim the title, while third-placed Beith were out the running since they could not better Glens' points total. There was of course the dream scenario, from a Glens' point of view - a victory away to Rob Roy and a Talbot defeat at Beith would see the New Cumnock side crowned champions with a game to spare.

## **And it came to pass, for WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, my friends!**

Although the Rabbs pummelled the Glens goals for the opening 30 minutes they could not breach a determined defence. The transformation in the second half was quite extraordinary as determined defending was now allied to ruthless attacking play. Chris Dallas made the all-important breakthrough when he headed home a peach of a cross from Kyle McAusland on 55 minutes. The striker then hit the post before doubling the lead on 66 minutes after running on to a Mick McCann knock-on to lash home an unstoppable shot from a tight angle. The Rabbs rallied and a Willie Sawyers goal disallowed sum up their day. The final whistle and the news that Talbot had lost 3-0 ignited scenes of joy in the Glenafton camp as the rain lashed down on Guys Meadow with the Rob Roy quick to offer their congratulations.

Today we are delighted to welcome the players and management of Rob Roy to Loch Park. We appreciate their sense of disappointment in narrowly losing out on what has been the most extraordinary race for the Premier Division title while also recognising the fantastic season that the club has had in winning the Sectional League Cup and enjoying excellent runs in both the Scottish Junior and West of Scotland Cups - all achieved while still being based at their temporary at Cumbernauld. An extra special welcome to the Rabbs supporters that have travelled today to get behind their team too.



## PLEASE, ENJOY THE MATCH !



# GLENAFTON ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

**WEST REGION McBOOKIE.COM**

## **SUPER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS 2016/17**

A tremendous achievement for everyone involved with the club – Management team, Players, Club Officials, Committee, Ladies Committee, Sponsors and of course our Supporters. This is the first time the club has won the West Region Premier Division, with the previous best showing a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the inaugural season of 2002/03 after league reconstruction. Glens came into that newly formed league as 'The Last Champions of Ayrshire' along with the 5 other top Ayrshire to join the 6 top Central Leagues sides. (Why not try recalling the 12 sides while enjoying your half-time pie!)

In what is their first full season in charge of Glenafton manager Craig McEwan and his assistant Craig Potter have performed miracles. Their decision to return to the club in management capacity has been fully vindicated and to win possibly the most competitive Premier Division whilst also guiding the team to the Scottish Junior Cup final next Sunday. The support from coach Billy Peacock and super physio Michelle McInnes has played a huge part in the success.

The players have been absolutely magnificent and the comradery of the #gang is evident for all to see; so too the strength in depth of the squad with the irrepressible captain Craig Menzies at the helm. To keep their minds focused on what effectively had become a four horse race for the title with the Scottish Junior Cup final looming must have been a huge challenge. The character shown to bounce back from a slight stumble on the home straight and win three games in a row to win the race for the title with a game to go was awesome.

The Committee has worked tirelessly putting the hours in to build a team, continued the on-going transformation of Loch Park and to attract sponsors. Their efforts are admirable and greatly appreciated. The Ladies Committee is highly thought of throughout the Juniors for their matchday hospitality and of course their appetite for raising club funds is inspirational.

The #Afton Army of supporters is much more than a 12th man and enjoy a special bond with the players and are there to kick every ball. What they get in return is much more than titles and cups, their spirits are lifted and their sense of community enhanced and they paint their dear New Cumnock red.

Following today's game at 3pm Sir Tom Hunter, a great supporter of the Glens, will do the honours of presenting the league trophy, so be sure to stay around and cheer the champions.

**THANK YOU**



Southy



Potts



Billy



Michelle





# GLENS NEWS

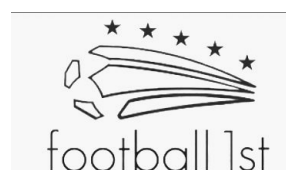
## CAMPBELL HALL

The official opening of the refurbished Campbell Hall will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. There will be various guests invited to the opening MPs, Council officials and former manager including Alan Rough as guest of honour. More details will follow on the Club web-site and Facebook page.



## Scottish Junior Cup Final Strip Sponsor

We can confirm MITIE will be sponsoring the cup final Jersey and Football 1st will sponsor the back of the strip we thank them both for the sponsorship funding



## Order your Scottish Junior Cup Final Strip

Orders can be placed for the team strip through John Campbell on 07882136734 or Ian Young on 07761600041, they also can be ordered through the Glenafton facebook page or contact Davie Kerr on 07916167500 a picture of the strip will be on the Glens facebook page, we will have scarfs hats and flats available and also can be ordered on the above contact details, there will be strips available at the park to try on to pre-order your size

## Pitchside Banners for Cup Final

We can confirm that Taylor & Fraser will be taking 2 banners, Alex Muir the local Undertakers and Sidey Ltd taking 1 each we thank them all very much for their support and kind sponsorship.

Anyone wishing to advertise their business can do so by having a Banner which shall be designed and erected by the club, for further inquiries please contact Robert Clegg on 07720240870

## DON'T BE A MUG & MISS OUT ON A GLENS MUG

We are selling Cup Final Club crested mugs at £5 each you can order them on the Glens facebook page or contact Committee man Jim Marshall on 07814901528, Jim will be arranging a commemorative cup final mug details to follow

## Paying for the Jersey (PFTJ 2016/17)

Thank you again to all those that have signed up for PFTJ through the years. Why not sign up today?

## Youth Academy News

The Fun Fours will form a guard of honor at our last home game this Saturday

## Thank You

The club would like to thank **Mr John Vass** for taking the team photo and the head & shoulder shots of the players for use in the Scottish Junior Cup Final programme.

The club have been overwhelmed by the messages of congratulations received from other clubs. These are greatly appreciated.

**Bobby Guthrie** would like to thank supporters for their continued support of the programme over the last 12 years—please remember all the mistakes are mine :)



# SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Update

# SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL

4th JUNE 2017

FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS IN MANCHESTER PLEASE BE AT THE STADIUM EARLY AND ANTICIPATE RANDOM BAG AND BODY SEARCHES

Turnstiles open at 3.05 pm / Kick-off 4:15 pm

Please note the following points that MUST be observed on the day of the cup final

- NO alcohol will be allowed around or in the stadium
- NO Smoking allowed within the stadium
- NO bottles, cans of water or juice will be allowed to be brought into the stadium
- Anyone letting off smoke bombs or flares will be arrested
- NO offensive banners or language inside the stadium

PLEASE MAY I REMIND EVERYONE THAT OUR CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE CONDUCT OF OUR SUPPORTERS

Yours in Sport

John Stewart Glenafton Athletic FC secretary





# Match Reports

## Glenafton Athletic 2 (1) Arthurlie 0 (0)

McBookie West Region Super League Premier Division Match 19

Saturday 13th May 2017 | Loch Park, New Cumnock



Glenafton made four changes to the team that started against Hurlford with Kyle McAusland, Ally Park, Mick McCann and Chris Dallas coming in for Ryan Borris, Joe Andrew, John Carter and Conor Lynass.

Neither side had created a goal threat before Arthurlie were forced to make an early substitution on 7 minutes after central defender Jordon Chisholm suffered a gash in the back of his calf was replaced with James Lynsey.

A minute later and Mick McCann gave Ryan McGregor the slip to pick out Chris Dallas in the box to crack a low angled shot from 12 yards that was blocked by a timely intervention from Ryan McNeil. The corner-kick that followed was comfortably cleared by the 'Lie defence however the one that followed soon after was met at the near post by Ally Park and his downward header exploded off the ground and seemed destined for the roof of the next before Grant Hay pulled off a magnificent reflex save to punch the ball away. On 15 minutes David Gray curled a free-kick into the box where it was met by Ally Park on the penalty spot only for his attempt to guide it into the net saw the ball drift wide of the post.

Arthurlie quickly broke upfield and McGregor showed three Glens players a clean pair of heels before electing to shoot for goal from 22 yards out only for the ball to soar high over the bar. Ryan McKie then burst down the right flank and picked out McGregor on the outskirts of the box where Gray and Alan Cairns combined to recover the ball and clear the danger. Glens enjoyed a good spell of pressure and midway through the half Marlow from wide on the left curled a great ball into the box for Park to burst through the acres of space between two defenders only for his attempt to chip the keeper from 8 yards out dip over the bar.

On 28 minutes Kyle McAusland on the right floated a ball into the box where it was trapped by Dallas with McGregor at his back and in flash the striker turned to unleash a shot from the corner of the six-yard box that was brilliantly saved by Hay. Three minutes later Park robbed McNeill midway in the 'Lie half and quickly fed Dallas who in turn squared the ball to Dan Orsi to release McAusland on the overlap down the right to fire the ball into the heart of the box where the intruding Park met it first time only for the ball to slip agonisingly wide of the post with the keeper stranded.

Some respite for the visitors in the form of a free-kick won deep in the Glens half which Ryan Deas floated to the back post where keeper Brian McGarrity leapt unchallenged to grab the ball with both hands. Back came the hosts and a glorious ball from Gray chipped over the head of defender Kieran Brennan for Orsi to collect wide on the right before whipping an equally glorious cross to the back post where Dallas and Marlow lay in wait, the former missing his header by inches and the latter guiding the ball a lick of paint wide of the base of the post.

Just as 'one of those days' feelings descended upon Loch Park the Glens finally broke the deadlock on 37 minutes with a clinical finish. McAusland picked up the ball on the right deep in his own half and sent a long low ball upfield for McCann who instantly rolled it back to Gray on the half-way line. The midfielder then exquisitely lifted the ball over McGregor's head whose forlorn appeal for offside was cancelled out by his team-mate McNeil playing **Chris Dallas** on-side and the former Arthurlie striker coolly allowed the ball bounce generously before taking a couple of touches to progress to the corner of the six-yard box where he lashed an unstoppable shot beyond the advancing Hay and McNeill on the line to bulge the roof of the net.

The visitors rallied and won a free kick wide on the left from the where the ball was played to near post to be headed clear by Park before the ball was recovered by Arthurlie and floated to the back where post where McGarrity leapt to clutch the ball safely under severe pressure from Mark Blakey. At the other end Gray's free-kick from the right was met by Marlow at the back post and headed across the face of goal for Orsi only for Hay to pull off another fine save from a point-blank range; the offside flag taking the edge of Dan's disappointment.

On the stroke of half time Cairns' throw in from the right was gathered by McCann to pick out Marlow at the corner of the 18-yard box to thread the ball between Blakey and McGregor for Dallas to collect and as the striker set to shoot for the goal the beleaguered McGregor barged into the back of the striker sending him to the ground and consigning himself to an early bath. Once the dust had settled Mick McCann stepped up to fire the spot kick low and hard to the keeper's left only for the impressive Hay to get down and push the ball round the post; no time for the corner-kick to be taken. **H/T Glens 1 Arthurlie 0**

Glens kicked-off against the 10 men and were soon on the front foot through a powerful run from Orsi beginning on the half-way line to the edge of the box where his low drilled left footed shot slipped just wide of the post. McCann on the outskirts of the box played the ball back to Gray who played a quick one-two with Park before firing a shot from 20 yards through a ruck of player that curled wide of the target.

The visitors responded through attacks down both flanks. First McKie down the right whipping the cross into the goalmouth which was gathered easily by McGarrity at his near post. Then Deas's perseverance down the left took him to the bye-line from where he cut into the box and held off a couple of defenders before drilling a low shot that was blocked in the six- yard box by Ryan McChesney.

Glenafton struck back in emphatic fashion through McAusland pushing down the right wing forcing the Lie defence to back off before he slipped a short forward pass to Orsi who with Brennan closing chipped an inch perfect cross to the far end of the penalty box, taking out three 'Lie defenders, where **Mick McCann** never took his eye off the ball as he positioned himself to scissor-kick the ball into the net catching the keeper unexpectedly at the back post. A stunningly executed goal to double the Glens lead on 57 minutes.

Glens continued to press and a superbly struck diagonal ball from Gray in the centre circle saw Dallas run onto the ball and although his shot from a tight angle was sweetly struck it screamed over the bar. Orsi then burst into the right hand of the box and cut the ball back from the bye-line intended for McCann on the edge of the six-yard box only for Blakey to get his head to the ball just in time.

On 68 minutes Marlow slipped the ball to McCann inside the box to lash the ball home however on this occasion the 'Lie defence caught the striker offside. Both sides made changes with the Glens bringing on Conor Lynass and soon after the striking partnership of Chris Dallas and Mick McCann was replaced by John Carter and Joe Andrew. Meanwhile Arthurlie brought off James Lynsey and Ryan McKie for Josh Graham and Daryl Convery.

With 12 minutes to go the visitors won a corner-kick which saw McGarrity rise unchallenged again to gather the ball safely. Back game Glenafton and again Gray was the architect switching the play with an inch-perfect cross field pass to McAusland to push forward and curl a ball into the danger area where it was cut-out by McNeill only to cannon off Blakey and head for goal where Hay managed to push the ball into air before bringing it under his control.

**F/T Glens 2 Arthurlie 0**

**GLENAFTON ATHLETIC:** 1. Brian McGarrity 2. Kyle McAusland 3. Alan Cairns 4. Craig Menzies 5. Ryan McChesney 6. Ally Park 7. Dan Orsi 8. David Gray 9. Mick McCann (12. Joe Andrew) 10. Chris Dallas (14. John Carter) 11. Cameron Marlow (15. Conor Lynass) Subs not used 16. Chris Meikle 17. Blair Lochhead

**ARTHURLIE:** 1. Grant Hay, 2. Ryan McNeill 3. Kieran Brennan 4. Jordon Chisholm (16. James Lynsey 12. Josh Graham) 5. Mark Blakey 6. Graham Girvan 7. Ryan McKie (14. Daryl Convery) 8. Layden 9. Ryan McGregor 10. Ryan Deas 11. Eddie McTernan Subs not used: 15. Gary Smith 17. Gary Bishop





CELEBRATIONS AFTER CHRIS and MICK SCORE AGAINST ARTHURLIE



## Glenafton Athletic 2 (1) Troon 1 (0)

McBookie West Region Super League Premier Division Match 20

Wednesday 17th May 2017 | Loch Park, New Cumnock

GLENAFTON moved three points clear of Rob Roy thanks to a late penalty converted by David Gray. They had got off to a dream start with a goal inside a minute after John Carter slipped a great ball to Joe Andrew (left) who took his chance well.

Troon's first attempt on goal followed a Dean Keenan free-kick which eventually found Ryan Nisbet, whose overhead kick was just wide. Mark Curragh showed a superb turn of pace to pick out Evan Maley in the box but he couldn't connect cleanly to trouble Brian McGarrity in the Glens' goal.

Gray then sent a superb crossfield ball towards Dan Orsi but it was just too far in front of the winger. Cammy Marlow then hit the bar, with Andrew following up to head home the rebound, but the offside flag was up.

As the first half drew to a close, the home side were enjoying much possession but the final killer pass was lacking.

Glen's failure to capitalise came back to haunt them within two minutes of the restart when **Dale Moore** scored from a low Nisbet crossball. Moore's night came to an abrupt end when he was stretchered off after 54 minutes - both sets of fans applauded as he left the field.

Troon also lost Zack Simpson to a straight red card after he clashed with Andrew, who was substituted shortly after. Both sides had chances going into the final 15 minutes with a Nisbet solo run ending with a shot that was just past the post.

Orsi and Gray then linked up, with Gray's shot bringing out a good save from Marty Fraser, but the final chapter was still to come. With less than two minutes left, Morgan Brown hand-balled and **David Gray** (right) made no mistake from the penalty spot.



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**TROON:** Fraser, Armstrong, Brown, Keenan, Simpson, Spence, Nisbet, McCrea (Forsyth 31), Curragh, Maley, Moore (Phillips 54)(Campbell 80)



## **Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 0 (0) Glenafton Athletic 2 (0)**

McBookie West Region Super League Premier Division | Match 21

Saturday 20th May 2017 | Guy's Meadow, Cumbernauld

**Glenafton are Champions! The only scenario that could draw the race for the league title to a conclusion today came to pass after leaders Glenafton were victorious at second placed Kirkintilloch Rob Roy while fourth placed Auchinleck Talbot lost at third placed Beith Juniors.**

Glens travelled to Guy's Meadow, Cumbernauld to face Rob Roy in the first of their two back-to-back league fixtures and it was the home side that were soon on the front foot with a wave of attacks. The visitors were dealt an early scare on 6 minutes after Ryan McChesney required treatment following a clash of heads with Willie Sawyers - the tussle between those two players both giving their all would become a fascinating feature of the match.

A couple of corner-kicks in quick succession had the hosts continue to put the Glens under pressure and although the first one ended with keeper Brian McGarrity being impeded the second was scrambled clear to the outskirts of the box where the ball was met by defender Kevin Green only for his shot to scream wide of the post. On 15 minutes another chance was passed up as Kevin Watt's close range header looped over the bar.

The Glens were struggling to get their passing game going and although they did get forward on occasion they were chiefly on the back foot. However, in defence the visitors remained resolute with McChesney getting the better of target man Sawyers in the bulk of their aerial battles. On the deck the Rabs came up against a forest of legs in the Glens box as the path to, or shots at, goal were blocked time and again.

Sawyers gathered Chris Duff's header in the box and although he initially gave McChesney the slip the big defender double-teamed with Kyle McAusland to rob the striker before he could engineer a shot at goal. On 20 minutes a free-kick was floated into the box and the ball fell for Watt whose shot from the edge of the six-yard box was blocked by a last-ditch tackle from Ally Park before Cairns' brave block on Shaun Fraser's attempt to bury the rebound.

Midway through the half Glens won their first corner-kick of the game after Mick McCann and Dan Orsi had combined well down the right flank. The kick was initially cleared at the near post before the ball fell for Cameron Marlow 20 and his drive from 20 yards was deflected wide of the back post, while the resulting corner-kick was punched clear by keeper Michael McKinven.

Back came Rob Roy and Sawyers evaded McChesney at the edge of the box to fire a low-angled shot that took a deflection to send the ball wide of the post. The corner-kick that followed was scrambled clear with the ball falling for Daniel Boyle to clip a well struck shot from 15 yards out only for McGarrity to pull off an equally good save and tip the ball over the bar. Another corner came and went for the home side. Their luck was no better from open play with McChesney rising head and shoulders above all around to head clear a wicked cross by Duff before McGarrity clutched the midfielder's second bite at the cherry clean out of the air.

Glens finally began to get a foothold on the game and on the half-hour mark David Gray's free-kick from 30 yards whizzed inches wide of the post. His corner-kick was cleared at the near post as the visitors enjoyed a good spell of pressure. The midfielder's cross field pass was chested down by Orsi at the edge of the box before the ball slipped to McAusland on the overlap down the right to whip a great ball to the back post where it was headed over his own bar by Green. The corner-kick that followed was headed clear to the outskirts of the box where the ball was gathered by Marlow and fed to McAusland who managed to create some space to tee up a shot that was then blocked by Fraser. Glens continued to press and Park released Gray down the right to clip the ball to the back post for Chris Dallas but with his way to goal covered he was forced to retreat to the left flank and fire a cross into the box which the keeper collected safely as Orsi threatened. Back game the Glens with Gray powering his way through the middle only to be tripped by Boyle and his free-kick deflected off the wall for a corner that was headed clear by Green. **H/T Rob Roy 0 Glens 0**

Rabs started the second half brightly only for the Glens to quickly stamp their authority on the half. Gray and Orsi combined to send McAusland tearing down the right-wing before whipping the ball into the goalmouth where, with McCann lurking, the keeper decided to play it safe and tip the ball over the bar; the right decision as the corner-kick was cleared. At the other end, Duff fired a ball from wide on the left to the near post where again McChesney got the jump on Sawyers.

On 55 minutes Glenafton took the lead. Menzies picked up the ball deep in his own half and in flash it was with McAusland wide on the right flank level with the 18 yard box. Here he took a touch or two before clipping the ball with great precision to the edge of the six yard box where **Chris Dallas** nipped in front of Scott Walker to powerfully head the ball downward where it exploded off the Guy's Meadow surface and shot into the roof of the net despite McKinven's best efforts to keep it out.

Five minutes later Dallas hunted down a through ball with two defenders giving chase where on reaching the box he held off one defender before progressing to the penalty spot and slipped the ball beyond the reach of the advancing keeper only for it strike the base of the post allowing the second defender to clear it.

Afton were clearly in the ascendancy and looked dangerous on the break with McCann next to burst into the box only for play to be stopped for an earlier foul on Gray; the free-kick cleared by a rattled Rabs' defence. Marlow was next to breach the box only to be stopped by a timely tackle from Green. A trademark box-to-box run by Menzies ended at the corner flag after Boyle's intervention.

Glens freshened up a rampant midfield with Darren McGill coming on for Cameron Marlow and before he had kicked a ball the visitors doubled their lead on 66 minutes. McCann got between the central defenders to head the ball into the box for both Park and **Dallas** to chase, the latter better positioned to let the ball take a bounce before unleashing a missile of a shot from a tight angle that flew past the keeper at the near post and into the far corner of the net. Joyous scenes on and off the park for those in Glenafton colours.

The beleaguered Rabs picked themselves up and within a minute had earned a corner kicked that McGarrity had to push over the bar as Watt closed in. The keeper, sandwiched between Sawyers and Boyle, claimed the follow-up corner-kick with a stretch and a juggle.

On 73 minutes the visitors reshuffled their frontline with Chris Dallas and Mick McCann replaced by Joe Andrew and John Carter and their first action was help defend a Rabs free-kick. Jordan McGuire fired the ball to the left-hand side of the box for Boyle to bullet a header across goal where Sawyers' glancing header beat McGarrity at the near post, but from a off-side position. Up the park McAusland played successive one-two's with Carter and Andrew to force his way into the right hand side of the box and send a low angled shot wide of the far post with the keeper ushering it on its way.

Rabs made a double substitution and with time running out they created a number of half chances from set pieces. A free-kick was partially cleared and the ball quickly recovered by Fraser only for his shot from close range to be deflected inches wide by Menzies before the resulting corner-kick was mopped up. A looping header from deep in the box was comfortably caught by McGarrity.

The Glens defence manfully warded off a couple of free kicks floated into a packed box, the last of which McChesney and Carter cleared together before the sweet sound of the referee's whistle and the news that Auchinleck had lost confirmed Glenafton as Super League Premier Division Champions. **FT Rob Roy 0 Glens 2**

**Glenafton Athletic:** 1. Brian McGarrity 2. Kyle McAusland 3. Alan Cairns 4. Craig Menzies 5. Ryan McChesney 6. David Gray 7. Dan Orsi 8. Ally Park 9. Mick McCann ( 12. Joe Andrew) 10. Chris Dallas (14. John Carter) 11. Cameron Marlow (16. Darren McGill) Subs not used: 15. Chris Meikle 17. Blair Lochhead

**Kirkintilloch Rob Roy:** 1. Michael McKinven 2. Scott Walker (14. Luke Whelan) 3. Daniel MacKenzie 4. Kevin Green 5. Daniel Boyle 6. Jordan McGuire 7. Lee Gallacher 8. Shaun Fraser 9. Willie Sawyers 10. Kevin Watt (15. Connor Hughes) 11. Chris Duff (12. Gavin Mackie) Subs not used: 15. Andrew Johnstone 17. Reece Pearson



Above: Titanic Tussle—Ryan McChesney v Willie Sawyers

Below: Kyle McAusland





Mick McCann on the move



DAN & ZEE ZINGIN' IN THE RAIN





# SEASON STATS 2016/17

## League Table

| McBookie. Com West of Scotland League |                       |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Super League Premier Division         |                       |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |
| Pos                                   | TEAM                  | PL | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | Pts |
| C                                     | GLENAFTON ATHLETIC    | 21 | 14 | 4 | 3  | 35 | 19 | 16  | 46  |
| 2                                     | Beith Juniors         | 22 | 11 | 9 | 2  | 44 | 26 | 18  | 42  |
| 3                                     | Kirkintilloch Rob Roy | 21 | 12 | 4 | 5  | 35 | 21 | 14  | 40  |
| 4                                     | Auchinleck Talbot     | 21 | 12 | 3 | 6  | 26 | 17 | 9   | 39  |
| 5                                     | Hurlford United       | 22 | 7  | 9 | 6  | 37 | 41 | -4  | 30  |
| 6                                     | Cumnock Juniors       | 22 | 8  | 5 | 9  | 36 | 31 | 5   | 29  |
| 7                                     | Arthurlie             | 22 | 9  | 2 | 11 | 36 | 47 | -11 | 29  |
| 8                                     | Pollok                | 22 | 7  | 5 | 10 | 41 | 33 | 8   | 26  |
| 9                                     | Kilbirnie Ladeside    | 22 | 6  | 7 | 9  | 29 | 34 | -5  | 25  |
| P/O                                   | Kilwinning Rangers    | 22 | 7  | 3 | 12 | 29 | 38 | -9  | 24  |
| R                                     | Largs Thistle         | 21 | 6  | 0 | 15 | 30 | 50 | -20 | 18  |
| R                                     | Troon                 | 22 | 5  | 1 | 16 | 28 | 49 | -21 | 16  |

|     | AR  | AT  | BJ  | CJ  | GA  | HU  | KL  | KR  | KRR | LT  | PO  | TR  |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AR  |     | 0-4 | 1-4 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 4-5 | 4-3 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 4-2 | 1-6 | 3-0 |
| AT  | 1-0 |     | 1-1 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 |
| BJ  | 2-0 | 3-0 |     | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 3-1 |
| CJ  | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 |     | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 4-0 | 3-1 | 2-0 |
| GA  | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 |     | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 |     | 4-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| HU  | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 0-6 | 2-3 |     | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 4-4 |
| KL  | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 2-2 |     | 1-2 | 0-2 | 5-0 | 3-1 | 2-1 |
| KR  | 1-2 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-3 |     | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 3-0 |
| KRR | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 4-2 | 0-1 | 5-1 |     | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-1 |
| LT  | 4-3 |     | 0-1 | 0-1 | 4-1 | 0-1 | 4-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 |     | 1-4 | 2-1 |
| PO  | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 4-1 |     | 3-1 |
| TR  | 2-3 | 0-3 | 2-4 | 4-2 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 |     |



# SEASON STATS 2016/17

## Results & Fixtures

| Date      | Comp   | H/A | Opponent              | F-A | Scorers                                 |
|-----------|--------|-----|-----------------------|-----|---|
| 16Jul     | Fr     | H   | Darvel                | 5-0 |   |
| 20 Jul    | Fr     | A   | Annbank United        | 3-4 | McCann 2, Dallas                        |
| 23 Jul    | JMT    | H   | Vale of Clyde         | 3-0 | Dallas, Gray, McGill                    |
| 23 Jul    | JMT    | H   | Bonnyrigg Rose        | 0-5 |   |
| 30 Jul    | Fr     | A   | Tayport               | 4-1 | Dallas 2, Andrew, Marlow                |
| 06 Aug    | ALCs   | A   | Kello Rovers          | 3-1 | McGill, Marlow, McCann                  |
| 10 Aug    | ALCs   | H   | Auchinleck Talbot     | 1-1 | Dallas                                  |
| 13 Aug    | ALCs   | H   | Muirkirk Juniors      | 6-1 | Gray 2, Marlow, Orsi, Lynass, McAusland |
| 17 Aug    | ALCs   | H   | Cumnock Juniors       | 0-2 |   |
| 20 Aug    | ALCs   | A   | Lugar Boswell Thistle | 5-0 | Marlow 2, Orsi, Dallas, Lynass          |
| 27 Aug    | LGE01  | H   | Pollok                | 1-0 | Park                                    |
| 03 Sep    | LGE02  | A   | Kilwinning Rangers    | 1-1 | Marlow                                  |
| 10 Sep    | LGE03  | A   | Kilbirnie Ladeside    | 3-0 | Gray, Park, Dalls                       |
| 17 Sep    | LGE04  | H   | Auchinleck Talbot     | 3-1 | Lynass, Andrew 2                        |
| 24 Sep    | SCO1   | A   | Broxburn Athletic     | 3-3 | Gray, Andrew, McAusland                 |
| 01 novOct | SCO1r  | H   | Broxburn Athletic     | 3-1 | Gray, McCann, Marlow                    |
| 08 Oct    | LGE05  | H   | Beith Juniors         | 1-3 | Dallas                                  |
| 15 Oct    | WoS1   | H   | Carluke Rovers        | 3-2 | Dallas 2, McCann                        |
| 22 Oct    | SCO2   | H   | Livingston United     | 8-1 | Dallas 3, Gray 2, McGill McChesney 2    |
| 29 Oct    | LGE06  | H   | Cumnock Juniors       | 1-1 | Gray                                    |
| 05 Nov    | LGE07  | A   | Hurlford United       | 3-2 | McCann 2, Orsi                          |
| 12 Nov    | LGE08  | A   | Pollok                | 2-1 | Borris, McCann                          |
| 03 Dec    | SCO3   | A   | Dundee Violet         | 2-0 | McCann, McGill                          |
| 10 Dec    | LGE09  | A   | Troon                 | 1-0 | Marlow                                  |
| 17 Dec    | LGE10  | H   | Kilwinning Rangers    | 1-0 | Andrew                                  |
| 07 Jan    | LGE11  | A   | Cumnock Juniors       | 1-0 | McGill                                  |
| 28 Jan    | SCO4   | A   | East Kilbride Thistle | 4-0 | Dallas, Marlow, McGill, Andrew          |
| 11 Feb    | WoS2   | H   | Troon                 | 0-3 |   |
| 18 Feb    | SCO5   | A   | Dunbar United         | 3-0 | Gray, McGill, Dallas                    |
| 04 Mar    | LGE12  | H   | Largs Thistle         | 4-1 | McGill 2, McCann, Carter                |
| 11 Mar    | LGE13  | H   | Kilbirnie Ladeside    | 3-1 | McCann 2, Dallas                        |
| 18 Mar    | SCO QF | H   | Sauchie Juniors       | 1-0 | Dallas                                  |
| 25Mar     | AWC 1  | H   | Kilbirnie Ladeside    | 2-1 | Gray 2                                  |
| 01 Apr    | LGE 14 | A   | Largs Thistle         | 1-4 | Andrew                                  |
| 08 Apr    | LGE 15 | A   | Beith Juniors         | 1-1 | Dallas                                  |
| 15 Apr    | SCO SF | H   | Bonnyrigg Rose Ath,   | 1-0 | Orsi                                    |
|           | L1     |     |                       |     |   |
| 22 Apr    | SCO SF | A   | Bonnyrigg Rose Ath.   | 0-0 |   |
|           | L2     |     |                       |     |   |

| Date   | Comp   | H/A | Opponent              | F-A | Scorers        |
|--------|--------|-----|-----------------------|-----|----------------|
| 26 Apr | LGE 16 | A   | Auchinleck Talbot     | 1-0 | Lynass         |
| 29 Apr | LGE 17 | A   | Arthurlie             | 1-1 | Carter         |
| 03 May | AWC 2  | A   | Girvan                | 0-1 |                |
| 06 May | LGE 18 | H   | Hurlford United       | 0-1 |                |
| 13 May | LGE 19 | H   | Arthurlie             | 2-0 | Dallas, McCann |
| 17 May | LGE 20 | H   | Troon                 | 2-1 | Andrew, Gray   |
| 20 May | LGE 21 | A   | Kirkintilloch Rob Roy | 2-0 | Dallas 2       |
| 27 May | LGE 22 | H   | Kirkintilloch Rob Roy |     |                |
| 04 Jun | SCO F  | N   | Auchinleck Talbot     |     |                |

## AROUND THE LEAGUES (as it stands)

### Premier Division

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Champions | Glenafton Athletic   |
| Play-off  | Kilwinning Rangers   |
| Relegated | Largs Thistle, Troon |

### 1st Division

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Champions            | Clydebank or Girvan                                 |
| Runner-up (promoted) | Clydebank, Girvan or Kilsyth Rangers                |
| Play-off             | Girvan, Kilsyth Rangers or Petershill               |
| Relegated (possible) | Maryhill or Yoker                                   |
| Relegated            | Shotts Bon Accord, Blantyre Victora, Irvine Victora |

Glens were delighted to hear that former player/coach Kieran McAnespie and now manager of Clydebank has guided the Bankies to promotion to the Premier Division, and still have a chance of doing so as champions!

### Ayrshire District

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Champions            | Darvel Juniors |
| Runner-up (promoted) | Kello Rovers   |



The club sent their congratulations to our neighbours Kello Rovers in securing promotion to the Super League 1st Division. Well done Rovers on a fantastic season.

### Central 1st Division

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Champions | Cambuslang Rangers                                 |
| Promoted  | Larkhall Thistle                                   |
| Relegated | Vale of Clyde, Bellshill Athletic, Johnstone Burgh |

### Central 2nd Division

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Champions | Glasgow Perthshire                          |
| Promoted  | Port Glasgow Juniors, East Kilbride Thistle |



# SEASON STATS 2016/17

## Appearances & Goals

| COMPETITION |           | LEAGUE |   |   | CUPS |   |   | TOTAL |    |    |
|-------------|-----------|--------|---|---|------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Player      |           | A      | S | G | A    | S | G | A     | S  | G  |
| Andrew      | Joe       | 14     | 3 | 5 | 14   | 3 | 2 | 28    | 6  | 7  |
| Boyle       | John Paul | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Borris      | Ryan      | 9      | 6 | 1 | 10   | 3 | 0 | 19    | 9  | 1  |
| Cairns      | Alan      | 13     | 0 | 0 | 12   | 1 | 0 | 25    | 1  | 0  |
| Carter      | John      | 7      | 3 | 2 | 3    | 5 | 0 | 10    | 8  | 2  |
| Dallas      | Chris     | 9      | 8 | 7 | 11   | 4 | 9 | 20    | 12 | 16 |
| Gray        | David     | 15     | 4 | 3 | 14   | 4 | 7 | 29    | 8  | 10 |
| Hunter      | Andrew    | 0      | 0 | 0 | 3    | 3 | 0 | 3     | 3  | 0  |
| Lochhead    | Blair     | 0      | 0 | 0 | 5    | 0 | 2 | 5     | 0  | 2  |
| Lynass      | Conor     | 8      | 8 | 2 | 7    | 2 | 2 | 15    | 10 | 4  |
| McAnespie   | Kieran    | 0      | 2 | 0 | 1    | 2 | 0 | 1     | 4  | 0  |
| McAusland   | Kyle      | 18     | 0 | 0 | 14   | 1 | 2 | 32    | 1  | 2  |
| McCann      | Mick      | 10     | 4 | 7 | 8    | 7 | 4 | 18    | 11 | 11 |
| McChesney   | Ryan      | 19     | 0 | 0 | 15   | 0 | 2 | 34    | 0  | 2  |
| McGarrity   | Brian     | 21     | 0 | 0 | 13   | 0 | 0 | 34    | 0  | 0  |
| McGill      | Darren    | 9      | 4 | 4 | 10   | 3 | 5 | 19    | 7  | 9  |
| Marlow      | Cameron   | 19     | 0 | 3 | 15   | 2 | 6 | 34    | 2  | 9  |
| Meikle      | Chris     | 7      | 3 | 0 | 8    | 1 | 0 | 15    | 4  | 0  |
| Menzies     | Craig     | 21     | 0 | 0 | 12   | 1 | 0 | 33    | 1  | 0  |
| Orsi        | Daniel    | 14     | 6 | 2 | 13   | 3 | 3 | 27    | 9  | 5  |
| Park        | Ally      | 18     | 0 | 2 | 10   | 2 | 0 | 28    | 2  | 2  |
| Watson      | Scott     | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Trialist    | 0         | 0      | 0 | 0 | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0     | 0  | 0  |





# Welcome to KIRKINTILLOCH ROB ROY

## RABS CUP OF CHEER

Rob Roy's season got off to an excellent start as they sailed through the Exsel Sectional Cup section with a 5 wins out of 5 to set up a home tie against Clydebank in the Quarter-final. The Bankies took the lead on 77 minutes through a Kevin Green own goal before the Rabs turned the tie around with two late goals— a Lee Gallacher spot kick and a last minute winner from Kevin Watt. Fellow Premier Division side Pollok came calling In the semi-final. Chris Duff put the hosts ahead a minute before the break and hit man Willie Sawyers doubled their lead after the break with a well taken goal against his former club and set up a final showdown against Super League 1st Division side Shettleston. With the game goal-less the Rabs were dealt a blow on 73 minutes when Shaun Fraser saw red but the 10 men held on to take the game to a penalty kick shoot-out packed with drama. Rob Roy's young keeper Jordan Brown saved two spot-kicks; their captain and former Cumnock Juniors midfielder Gary McMenamin was shown red card for gesticulating to the Shettleston fans after scoring Rabs 3rd penalty before Willie Sawyers to stepped up to slot home the next one to seal a 4-2 win. The unfortunate McMenamin was not allowed back on the pitch to lift the cup; the Rabs first cup win since winning the same trophy back in 1973-74.

Kirkintilloch enjoyed an excellent run in the Scottish Junior Cup beginning with 4-0 win in the second round at Colony Park, where three players were sent off in a 10 minutes spell—including Craig Buchanan for the Rabs. A seven goal thriller in 3rd round at Glasgow Perthshire ended with that man Sawyers scoring a last minute winner. The ante was raised with the visit of Musselburgh Athletic in the 4th round with the Rabs shading this one be a single goal again, a Shaun Fraser double either side of Mathu King's strike for the visitors. More drama at Penicuik in the 5th round a both sided shared four goals in a 10 minute spell early in the first half. McMenamin edged the Rabs ahead after the break only for 10 men Penicuik to equalise before Scott Walker secured a Quarter-final trip to Bonnyrigg . The Rose struck twice in the first half and with Rabs reduced to 10 men after Sawyers dismissal in the second half the run was over.

The Rabs also reached the Quarter-final stage of the West of Scotland Cup beginning with a 7-2 thrashing of East Kilbride; Shaun Fraser hitting a hat-trick. Three trips to Ayrshire followed beginning with a penalty shoot-out win at Ardrossan, followed by a 2-0 victory over 10 men Largs including another last minute goal from Sawyers. In the Quarter-final Paul Burns missed a first minute penalty for 'Nock before Scott Anson put the home side ahead only for Kevin Green to level from the spot before half-time. A goal-less second half forced a penalty shoot where the Townhead team were flawless and have since progressed to face Pollok in the final.

The run in the Central Cup proved to be short-lived, beginning and ending in the second round after Martin Shiels of St. Roch's scored the only goal of the game at Guy's Meadow.



Manager Stewart Maxwell

Photo courtesy Rob Roy

| Exsel Sectional Cup     |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Opposition              | F-A            |
| Cumbernauld United      | A 4-1          |
| Dunipace                | A 1-4          |
| Kilsyth Rangers         | H 2-1          |
| Rossvale                | H 5-2          |
| Clydebank QF            | H 2-1          |
| Pollok SF               | H 2-0          |
| Shettleston Final       | N 0-0<br>4-2 p |
| Central League Cup      |                |
| St. Roch's R2           | H 0-1          |
| Scottish Junior Cup     |                |
| Colony Park R2          | A 4-0          |
| Glasgow Perthshire R3   | A 4-3          |
| Musselburgh Athletic R4 | H 2-1          |
| Penicuik Athletic R5    | A 4-3          |
| Bonnyrigg Rose QF       | A 0-2          |
| West of Scotland Cup    |                |
| East Kilbride Th. R1    | H 7-2          |
| Ardrossan WR R2         | A 1-1<br>5-4p  |
| Largs Thistle R3        | A 2-0          |
| Cumnock Juniors QF      | A 1-1<br>3-5 p |

## RABS SET THE PACE AND PIPPED AT THE POST

Kirkintilloch returned to the Premier Division last season (having defeated Shotts Bon Accord in the play-off) and finished in 8th place, two places below and four points behind Glenafton. In the opening game of that season two late goals from Chris Duff and Willie Sawyers secured an away 2-0 win for the Rabs, while the Glens reversed the scoreline in January with first half goals from John Paul Boyle and Joe Andrew.

Not unexpectedly neither side was listed among the favourites (reigning champions Auchinleck Talbot, runners-up Hurlford United and Scottish Junior Cup winners and runners-up Beith and Pollok) to be crowned champions at the close of the season.

The Rabs built on the momentum of their 100% record in the Sectional Cup and their league campaign got off to a sensational start with 5 straight wins in high-scoring games - 17 goals for and 8 against. It began with Kirkintilloch coming from 2-1 behind at home to defeat Largs 3-2 with the late decisive strike from Gary McMenemy. The trip to Townhead was nip and tuck too, a double from Lee Gallacher delivering a 4-2 win. Although the Buffs took an early lead goals from Craig Buchanan and Willie Sawyers secured another three points at Kilwinning. In an incident packed game against Pollok, a double from Kevin Green including a spot-kick put the home side ahead before the visitors halved the deficit from 12 yards. Sawyers restored the two goal cushion minutes after Rabs went down to 10 men after McMenemy's second yellow card. Chris Walker scored a last minute goal and although keeper Michael McKinven earned a second yellow card for impeding the goalscorer from retrieving the ball the Rabs claimed another 3 points to lead Glens by 2 points at the top of the league. Hurlford United, another of the pre-season were comfortably beaten 4-2 at Guy's Meadow—Sawyers bagging another brace.

Back-to-back defeats away at Troon and at home to Beith with the Rabs firing blanks in both games were soon consigned as blips as an unbeaten run of 5 wins and 1 draw followed. Second half goals from Shaun Fraser and Sawyers earned the points at Kilbirnie and Fraser fired in a hat-trick as Kilwinning were buffed 5-1 at Guy's Meadow. Kevin Watt and Chris Duff scored either side of half-time at Arthurlie while Kevin Green's spot-kick at home to Cumnock ensured the Rabs closed the year top of the league, four points ahead of Glenafton with the New Cumnock side having a game in hand. David Barr's late goal at Hurlford secured a share of the points while Duff and Fraser found the net at Largs for another 3 points. The Rabs remained top of the league with 31 points from 13 games (W10 D1 L2) while Glenafton had effectively narrowed the gap with 26 points from 11 games (W8 D2 L1) - meanwhile Beith were on 23 points from 12 games and Auchinleck on 22 points from 11 games. Rabs trip to Beechwood in late March ended in a narrow 1-0 defeat but again they bounced back with first half goals from Sawyers and McMenemy to do the double over Arthurlie; in a game where 3 players (including McMenemy) in the last minute. Troon took the lead at Guy's Meadow before Kevin Watt responded with a hat-trick to seal the win and Watt put the visitors ahead at Pollok in late April in a game that ended 1-1. Kirkintilloch remained top of the league with 38 points with Glens 2 points behind and a game in hand,

Rob Roy's aspirations suffered a blow with a 1-0 home defeat to 9 men Kilbirnie Ladeside, however Glenafton dropped 2 points away to Arthurlie that day. The following the Rabs shared the points in a goal-less draw while Glens suffered only their second home loss of the season to Hurlford. Rabs visit to Beith ended goal-less too, while Glens beat Arthurlie and won their game in hand with a late spot-kick against Troon to put the New Cumnock side top of the league (17th May) 3 points ahead of the Rabs before they faced each other in back-to-back games. Last week Glens came out on top in a game of two halves while Auchinleck's defeat at Beith ensured Glenafton would be crowned Premier Division Champions.



Assistant Manager Gordon Moffat

| Premier Division   |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Largs Thistle      | H 3-2 |
| Cumnock Juniors    | A 4-2 |
| Kilwinning Rangers | A 2-1 |
| Pollok             | H 3-2 |
| Hurlford United    | H 4-2 |
| Troon              | A 0-1 |
| Beith Juniors      | H 0-2 |
| Kilbirnie Ladeside | A 2-0 |
| Kilwinning Rangers | H 5-1 |
| Arthurlie          | A 2-0 |
| Cumnock Juniors    | H 1-0 |
| Hurlford United    | A 1-1 |
| Largs Thistle      | A 2-1 |
| Auchinleck Talbot  | A 0-1 |
| Arthurlie          | H 2-0 |
| Troon              | H 3-1 |
| Pollok             | A 1-1 |
| Kilbirnie Ladeside | H 0-1 |
| Auchinleck Talbot  | H 0-0 |
| Beith Juniors      | A 0-0 |
| Glenafton Athletic | H 0-2 |
| Glenafton Athletic | A     |

| 24 April   | PI | GD  | Pts |
|------------|----|-----|-----|
| Rob Roy    | 17 | +18 | 38  |
| Glens      | 16 | +12 | 36  |
| Beith      | 19 | +13 | 35  |
| Auchinleck | 16 | +13 | 34  |
| 17 May     | PI | GD  | Pts |
| Glens      | 20 | +14 | 43  |
| Rob Roy    | 20 | +16 | 40  |
| Beith      | 21 | +15 | 39  |
| Auchinleck | 19 | +14 | 39  |

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| John Riddall                | Chris Dallas    |
| Kenny McKinnon              | Chris Meikle    |
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| Robert White                | Connor Lynass   |
| Gavin Young                 | Daniel Orsi     |
| Jordan Marshall             | Darren McGill   |
| John Whiteford              | David Gray      |
| Ladies Committee            | Joe Andrew      |
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| Peter Scott                 | Ryan Borris     |
| Kayden                      | Ryan McChesney  |
|                             | Scott Watson    |



# SEASON STATS 2016/17

## Forthcoming Fixtures



### ETHX SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL

### GLENAFTON ATHLETIC v AUCHINLECK TALBOT

Sunday 4th June, Kick-off 4:15pm

Rugby Park, Kilmarnock



### PATH TO THE SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL 2016/17



| ROUND              | GLENAFTON ATHLETIC          | F-A | AUCHINLECK TALBOT      | F-A |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| 1st Round          | Broxburn Athletic (A)       | 3-3 | Bye                    |     |
| 1st Round Replay   | Broxburn Athletic (H)       | 3-1 |                        |     |
| 2nd Round          | Livingston United (H)       | 8-1 | Annbank United (A)     | 2-1 |
| 3rd Round          | Dundee Violet (A)           | 2-0 | Pollok (A)             | 1-1 |
|                    |                             |     | Pollok (H)             | 4-0 |
| 4th Round          | East Kilbride Thistle (A)   | 4-0 | Beith Juniors (A)      | 1-0 |
| 5th Round          | Dunbar United (A)           | 3-0 | Luncarty (H)           | 4-0 |
| Quarter Final      | Sauchie Juniors (H)         | 1-0 | Kilwinning Rangers (H) | 2-0 |
| Semi-final 1st leg | Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic (H) | 1-0 | Linlithgow Rose (A)    | 0-0 |
| Semi-final 2nd leg | Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic (A) | 0-0 | Linlithgow Rose (H)    | 1-0 |





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