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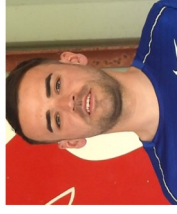
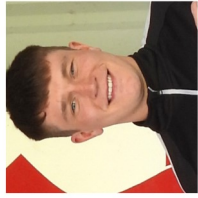
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DARVEL F.C.



Loch Park, New Cumnock | Wed 21 JUL 2021 KO 7:30pm

Glenafton Athletic 2021/22



Top Row: Justin Devenny (trialist), Sean Bennie, Ross Fisher, Ryan McChesney, Daniel Sloan, Scott Johnson, Craig Pettigrew (captain), Sean McIlroy, Leon Murphy. Bottom Row: Calum Thomson, Scott Sherrie, Mark Gilmour, Sam McKee, Lewis Thomson (trialist), Alan Cairns, David Blyth, Cameron Marlow, Darren Curtis. Insets : Iain McKnight (left), Jordan Ryan (right)

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GLENAFTON ATHLETIC

Founded 1930

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GLENAFTON ATHLETIC

MAJOR HONOURS

Scottish Junior Cup Winners

1992-93, 2016-17

Runners-up

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

West Region

Super Premier Division Champions

2016-17

Super League 1st Division Champions

2011-12

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 of Scotland Cup Winners

2002-03, 2005-06, 2012-13

Evening Times League Champions

Cup Winners

2016-17

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

“FOOTBALL’S COME HAME”

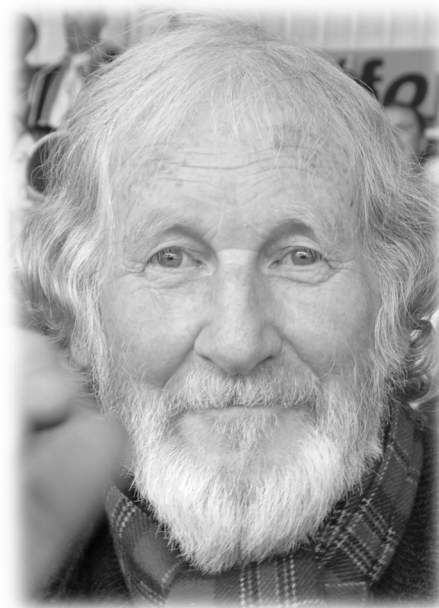
Glenafton Athletic are delighted to welcome our back to Loch Park for our first competitive match since we faced Largs Thistle in the West Region Premiership on 7th March 2019! A brief review of the comings and going at the club in between is presented later in the match programme. Most of all we would like to thank all those that have done what they can to help the club during these difficult times for everyone.

WELCOME TO DARVEL F.C.

We would like to welcome the management, committee and players of Darvel F.C. , with a special welcome to our former coach Kieran McAnespie as our opponents in the club’s first senior game at Loch Park. An extra special welcome to the supporters who have travelled from the “Lang Toon” to get behind their team too.

ALEXANDER JESS (1941-2021) R.I.P.

Everyone associated with Glenafton Athletic were saddened to learn that Alex Jess passed away peacefully on Sunday morning. A former club President, Secretary and committee member he was first and foremost a Glens supporter. A huge character in the Junior game and a familiar face (voice) to many a referee and linesmen through the years as he pointed out the errors of their way before ending on friendly terms (in most cases).



Alex dearly loved the Glens and New Cumnock and his family have been greatly comforted with the many messages of condolences posted on the Glenafton Facebook from supporters, former players and from other clubs. Our thoughts are with Alex’s family and friends at this sad time. The Glenafton committee will consider the most appropriate way to recognise Alex’s contribution to the club and keep supporters informed. Tonight prior to kick-off there will be a minute’s applause in his memory.



HAPPY RETIREMENT DAVY

The club would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of one of our long standing committee members Davy Barr. Davy has served as a loyal committee member at the Glens for an incredible 43 years. We are sure Davy will remain a loyal supporter of the Glens and won't become a stranger at Loch Park. All the best, Davy.

SUPPORTING THE CLUB

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We would like to thank former Glenafton player **Hugh Clarke** for sponsoring the Glenafton Home and Away tops through Clarke Epos (UK Ltd) and for his support in establishing a 4 year strip deal courtesy of the Macron/Clarke Epos (UK) Ltd. The Glens away top of “red and white hoops” was on show on Saturday while the new home “white top with red trim” can be seen on the club’s Facebook page. Details of when they are available for purchase will be given on Facebook .



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We have had a great response to our Trackside Advertising and many are already in place around the park. We would like to thank all those companies for their support.



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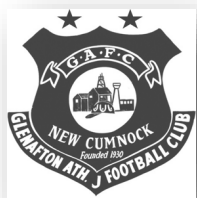
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SEASON 2021/22

Management Team & Coaching Staff

Following Glenafton Athletic's decision to withdraw from the West of Scotland League for Season 2020/21 and the subsequent resignation of the manager Craig McEwan followed by the release of all the players the club began its process of rebuilding in February 2020 by appointing former Glens striker Mick McCann as the manager, who then selected former Glens keeper Brian McGarrity as his assistant.

Manager | Mick McCann

As a striker Mick played for Annbank United and then Irvine Meadow XI before joining Auchinleck Talbot at the start of Season 2010/11. In four successful seasons at Talbot the club's many honours included two Scottish Junior Cup wins and two West Premier Region titles. Mick then moved to Troon for a season before joining Glenafton Athletic in June 2015. During the five seasons at Loch Park, including the curtailed one of 2019/20, Mick made some 160 appearances for the Glens and scored 58 goals. Of course, Mick was part of the treble winning side of 2016/17 that lifted the Scottish Junior Cup and Evening Times Cup Winners Cup as well as being crowned West Region Premier Champions. After being released by the Glens, Mick joined Glasgow side St. Cadoc's of the West of Scotland League Conference B.



Assistant Manager | Brian McGarrity

Brian and Mick had spells together at Annbank United and Auchinleck Talbot before Brian made the move to Loch Park in 2012/13 with Mick following on two seasons later. Brian reached the Scottish Junior Cup Final in his first season with the Glens and earned an Ardagh Sectional Cup winners' medal the following season and who can forget his feat of saving four penalties in a row in the quarter-final shoot-out in that competition. Of course, Brian was a member of treble winning side of 2016/17 that won the Scottish Junior Cup, the West Region Premier Championship and the Evening Times Cup Winners Cup. Brian made 210 appearances for the Glens and scored 1 goal with a long kick-out! Sadly, following a serious injury Brian was forced to retire from the game at the start of Season 2019/20, however he remained a familiar face at games, cheering the team on.



Coaches | Chris Flannagan & Gary Waide

Chris (left) was a team-mate of Mick and Brian at Annbank and was Peter Leonard's assistant manager at Maybole, Girvan & Cumnock. **Gary** (right) was goal-keeping coach at Ayr Boswell Youths and played in goal at amateur and junior level.



Kitman | Tommy McKenna

The club have recently appointed Tommy McKenna as kit-man.

Playing Squad 2021/22

2021/22 SQUAD	LAST CLUB	PREVIOUS CLUBS
Goalkeepers		
Scott Johnson	Bonnyton Thistle	Pollok, Lanark United,, Whitletts Victoria
Daniel Sloan	Valspar Boys Club	
Defenders		
Alan Cairns *	St. Cadoc's	Kilmarnock Youth, St. Mirren, Cumnock Juniors, Glenafton Athletic
Craig Pettigrew * (captain)	St. Cadoc's	Lugar Boswell Thistle, Ayr United, Auchinleck Talbot (2) , Stranraer (2) , Dumbarton, Kilwinning Rangers, Glenafton Athletic
Ryan McChesney*	Dalbeattie Star	Glenafton Youth, Glenafton Athletic
Ross Fisher	Hurlford United	Kilmarnock U17, U20, Kilmarnock, Queen's Park, Arbroath, Troon, Clyde, Beith Juniors. East Stirling
Iain McKnight		Glenafton Athletic U19, Glenafton Athletic
Sean Bennie	Kello Rovers	Glenafton Athletic U17
Midfielders		
Cameron Marlow*	Maybole Juniors	Lugar Boswell Thistle, Ayr United U17, U20, LA Galaxy Academy, Glenafton Athletic, LA Wolves, Queen's Park. Glenafton Athletic
Leon Murphy*	St. Cadoc's	Ayr United U17, U20,; Ayr United, Glenafton Athletic
Darren Curtis	Lugar Boswell Th.	
Mark Gilmour	Annbank United	Ayr United, Girvan, Kilwinning Rangers (2) , Bonnyton Thistle (loan), Lugar Boswell Thistle, Darvel, Troon
Scott Sherrie	Lugar Boswell Th.	
Callum Thomson	Glens Youth	
Forwards		
Sean McIlroy	Beith Juniors	Irvine Victoria, Neilston Juniors, Auchinleck Talbot, (several Australian clubs), Auchinleck Talbot
Jordan Ryan	Annbank United	Darvel
David Blyth	Kilmarnock U17	Ayr Youths, Ayr U15
Sam McKee	Ayr United U18	Kilmarnock U18, Irvine Victoria (loan)



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PFTJ 'ROLL OF HONOUR' 2021/22		
PFTJ HOME TOP	PLAYER	PFTJ AWAY TOP
Joe Hastie	Scott Johnson	
	Daniel Sloan	
Colin Scott Roy Howat	Alan Cairns	Scott Mitchell
Robert White Marc McGinley	Ross Fisher Sean Bennie	
Gordon Kirkpatrick Martin Whiteford	Craig Pettigrew (c) Ryan McChesney	Scott Telfer Kayden Kayla, Lilly
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	Callum Thomson	
John Riddall Dave McMaster	Sean McIlroy Jordan Ryan	
Bobby Guthrie Andrew Lind	David Blyth Sam McKee	Mr. Campbell

IRVINE MEADOW XI : 1 (0) *Slooves*

GLENAFTON ATHLETIC : 3 (1) *Fisher, McIlroy, Murphy*

Glenafton Athletic travelled to face Irvine Meadow XI in a league fixture some 88 years after the two sides had first met as junior clubs in the then Western Junior League. Today, history was in the making again as both sides were facing each other in their first ever competitive match as senior clubs, now members of the West of Scotland Football League.

Undoubtedly a number of “firsts” would be made today, the most important of which was the return of supporters to football, a shared experience greatly welcomed by all. On a personal note, entry to the ground by the James Crescent gate was a first, eventually after three circuits round the housing schemes! Other firsts for the Glens were a new management team and 9 players (including substitutes) making their Glens debut in a competitive match.

Young striker Sam McKee kicked-off for the Glens, adorned in their new away top of red and white hoops. Despite the sweltering heat the game started at a high tempo with both sides mounting attacks the first of which threatened the goal came in 4 minutes when former Glens midfielder Michael Wardrope cut in from the left and into the box to crack an angled shot that keeper Scott Johnston clutched cleanly as Ryan McKie waited for any spillage. Two minutes later and McKie, from almost the same spot, flashed a shot across the face of goal.

Glens’s McKee countered with a low drilled shot from 20 yards that sneaked past the far post of Marc Waters. The keeper then held a Craig Pettigrew header from a Cameron Marlow free kick

Some fancy footwork in a busy Glens box by James Martin was eventually foiled by Pettigrew as the striker lined up his shot. On 13 minutes McKie gave two defenders the slip in the box before shooting from close range only for Johnston to pull off a great save and push the ball round the post. The corner was played short but the attack fizzled out as Gilmour and Darren Curtis stood their ground before clearing up field for McKee to give chase.

The Glens were now enjoying a good spell of possession with Marlow and Curtis controlling the middle of the park and combining well with Gilmour and Alan Cairns down the left. However, on 16 minutes after Marlow whipped a ball into the box that was headed out for a throw-in, he fell to the ground in some discomfort. Sean Bennie launched a long throw into the box and although McIlroy won another aerial battle the ball drifted wide of the back post. Marlow, sadly had to leave the field and was replaced by trialist Justin Devenny who quickly impressed with some fine touches. Meadow won a couple of free-kicks that were floated into the box and readily mopped up by Glens defence. At the other end Gilmour and Mark Findlay clashed in the box and the Meadow defender appeared to over react but the situation concluded with both players receiving a stern word from the referee.

FISHER NETS GLENS FIRST SENIOR GOAL

On 36 minutes Michael Wardrope was penalised for a late tackle on Ross Fisher in the centre circle, albeit he came out the worse for wear! Alan Cairns floated the free kick into the right-hand side of the box and it was Fisher that leapt to send a looping header over the heads of the keeper and two defenders at near post for the ball to drop into the far corner of the net with Sam McKee on hand in case it needed a helping touch.

Glens kept their composure despite a couple of unsavoury challenges and eventually Kyle Faulds name went in the book. Cairns' free kick into the box was won by McIlroy and the loose ball fell for Pettigrew to square for Murphy on the right wing to shake off two defenders before returning it to Pettigrew to quickly slip it to Bennie breaking into the right hand side of the box to sweetly strike a low shot that Waters got down low to hold at the near post.

In the closing minutes of the half Wardrope broke down the left and twisted and turned past a number of defenders in the box before fashioning a low shot that Johnson got down to push away. Meadow then won a free-kick and Wardrope's glancing header flashed wide of the post.

Glens countered with McKee running through the middle with Whyte giving chase into the box before the striker hit a low shot through the defender's legs only to be comfortably blocked by Waters.

HT Meadow 0 Glens 1

The second half began in a similar fashion to the first with play going from end to end without testing either keeper. A Murphy shot from outside the box dipped over the bar while at the other end Martin did well to set a close range shot that slipped wide of the post.

SEAN OF THE HEAD DOUBLES GLENS LEAD

On 59 minutes Gilmour made a lung-bursting run down the left wing while McKee and McIlroy, with a couple of defenders for company broke, into the box; Gilmour then, after a quick glance clipped a glorious ball into the edge of the six yard box for McIlroy to rise and bullet a "pick-it-out header" past the keeper to double the Glens lead.

Meadow made a double substitution with Graham Boyd and Andy McLaughlin coming on for Dylan Pooler and Martin Findlay.

Glens continued to press and McKee won a corner that cleared while the Meadow counter attack ended with Jared Willet's low angled shot from inside a packed box drifted wide of the back post. Soon after Boyd's low shot from outside the box suffered the same fate.

Back on the front foot Glens pushed forward with McKee's direct running proving a handful. Down the right Bennie played a superb one-two with Murphy before driving into the box and drilling a low shot that Waters blocked and Mark McLennan cleared the loose ball for a corner before McIlroy could pounce.

MAGIC FROM MURPHY MAKES IT 3-0

Glens were in full flow now and on 72 minutes went 3-0 up with a glorious goal. Sean Bennie launched a high ball down the right. As it dropped from the glare of the sun Leon Murphy, tight on the touchline and with a defender on his back, killed the ball with an exquisite touch to keep it in play before cutting into the box. As Slooves closed in, he bided his time to wrong foot him, and then curl a low ball from 8 yards under the body of the keeper and into the net.

SLOOVES SLOTS HOME FOR MEADOW

Meadow however pulled one back two minutes later after a free-kick on the right was pushed away at the back post by Johnson and the ball played back into the packed box by McKie where Wardrope's shot was blocked only for the ball to fall for Graham Boyd to slip to Neil Slooves who stroked at home from close range as Glens forlornly claimed for offside.

Glens brought on fresh legs with David Blyth replacing Darren Curtis and soon after Scott Sherrie on for Sam McKee; both having worked tirelessly. The sting was taken out of a possible late comeback by the Meadow who were pinned back into their own box for long spells.

Blyth's shot from 22 yards dipped over the bar and soon after Sherrie left Faulds for dead as he broke into the box and cut past Slooves before tumbling the ground and his claims for a penalty waved away.

Another Glens attack broke down and Boyd counter down the left wing ended with Bennie bring the Meadow and down and earning a booking. Once again Meadow's set-piece again didn't go as planned and seconds later the final whistle blew.

FT Meadow 1 Glens 3

GLENAFTON ATHLETIC: 1. Scott Johnson 4. Sean Bennie 2. Ross Fisher 6. Craig Pettigrew 3. Alan Cairns 11. Leon Murphy 10. Cameron Marlow (17. Justin Devanny) 5. Darren Curtis (8. David Blyth) 13. Mark Gilmour 7. Sam McKee 9. Sean McIlroy Subs: Ryan McChesney, Calum Thomson, Lewis ? , Daniel Sloan (gk)

IRVINE MEADOW XI: 1. Marc Waters 2. Martin Findlay (Andy McLaughlin) 3. Jared Willet 4. Neil Slooves 5. Jamie Whyte 6. Mark McLennan 7. Kyle Faulds 8. Michael Wardrope. 9. Dylan Pooler (Graham Boyd) 10. Jamie Martin. 11. Ryan McKie. Other used sub Sam McLoy



Glens celebrate Ross Fisher's opening goal

Glenafton's 1st 'senior' goal



Leon Murphy & Sean McIlroy



Sean celebrates making it 2-0.



Celebrations after Leon makes it 3-0.

2021/22: Fixtures & Results

Date	Comp	H/A	Opponent	F-A	Scorers
12/06/21	FR	H	Kello Rovers	3-1	McKee, Pettigrew, McIlroy
19/06/21	FR	H	Girvan	2-0	Sherrie, Ryan
26/06/21	FR	H	Largs Thistle	2-4	Blyth, Bennie
03/07/21	FR	H	Whitletts Victoria	4-0	McKee, Ryan, Murphy, McIlroy
07/07/21	FR	H	Maybole Juniors	2-1	Murphy, Blyth
10/07/21	FR	H	Glenafton Amateurs	9-0	Blyth 2, McIlroy 3, McKee 3, Ryan

PHASE 1 (19 games) period of West of Scotland Football Fixtures

17/07/21	LGE 01	A	Irvine Meadow XI
21/07/21	LGE 02	H	Darvel FC
24/07/21	LGE 03	A	Pollok
28/07/21	LGE 04	H	Hurlford United
31/07/21	LGE 05	A	Kilwinning Rangers
04/08/21	LGE 06	H	Clydebank
07/08/21	LGE 07	H	Benburb
11/08/21	LGE 08	A	Auchinleck Talbot
14/08/21	LGE 09	H	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
18/08/21	LGE 10	A	Troon
21/08/21	LGE 11	H	Kilbirnie Ladeside
28/08/21	LGE 12	A	Blantyre Victoria
04/09/21	LGE 13	H	Bonnyton Thistle
11/09/21	SRCUP R1	H	Craigmark Burntonians
18/09/21	LGE 14	A	Rutherglen Glencairn
25/09/21	LGE 15	H	Beith Juniors
02/10/21	LGE 16	A	Rossvale
09/10/21	LGE 17	H	Cumbernauld United
16/10/21	SRCUP R2	H	Winner R1 v Kello Rovers
23/10/21	LGE 18	A	Cumnock Juniors
30/10/21	LGE 19	H	Largs Thistle



Mick Wardrope and Darren Curtis



Ross Fisher.

South Challenge Cup Draw

1st round Glenafton v Craigmark 11 Sep 2021

2nd round Winners v Kello Rovers 16 Oct 2021

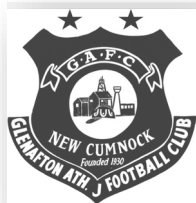
Scottish Junior Cup Draw

1st Round Lochee Harp v Glenafton

2nd Round Winners Away to Cumnock Juniors

PDM BUILDBASE West of Scotland Football League PREMIER DIVISION									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Pollok	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
2	Darvel	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2	Kilwinning Rangers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	1
4	GLENAFTON ATHLETIC	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
5	Cumbernauld United	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5	Rutherglen Glencarin	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
7	Hurlford United	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
8	Benburb	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
8	Cumnock Juniors	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Auchinleck Talbot	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10	Clydebank	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12	Kilbirnie Ladeside	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
13	Beith Juniors	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
14	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
15	Irvine Meadow XI	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
16	Largs Thistle	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
17	Rossvale	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
18	Bonnyton Thistle	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
19	Troon	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
20	Blantyre Victoria	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Darvel F.C.



A Brief History

Darvel Juniors were formed in 1889 based at Kirkland Road park. Since that time they have navigated through the numerous league systems and cup competitions to reach this point of being guided into the 'seniors' and the West of Scotland Football League Premier Division by manager Michael Kennedy.

They won back to back Ayrshire Cups in 1893/94 and 1894/45 and in 1899/90 were runners-up to Kilmarnock Hibernian in the inaugural season of the Kilmarnock and District League and were crowned champions the following season.

In 1921/22 Darvel gained entry into the Western Junior League which later opened their doors in 1933/34 to South Ayrshire League sides Glenafton Athletic (formed in 1930), Auchinleck Talbot and Kello Rovers, with Cumnock Juniors joining the following season. After the War in Season 1945/46 the Western League was divided into North and South Sections of 10 teams although Darvel didn't join the South Section until the following season. The winners of the North and South Sections would meet to contest the Western League Championship. In the late 1950s and into the mid sixties Darvel and Glenafton were prominent protagonists in the race for the South Section title. No more so than in 1958/59 when the two teams met at Connel Park in the last game of the season with the Glens having a two point lead and a superior goal average. However a 4-0 win for the visitors would see the progress to the Championship decider. Despite Darvel taking the lead, the Glens fought back to win 3-2 and went on to be crowned Western Champions to add to their title of Season 1934/35

SEASON	SOUTH WINNERS	SOUTH RUNNERS-UP	NORTH WINNERS	WESTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
1958/59	Glenafton Athletic	Darvel Juniors	Irvine Meadow	Glenafton Athletic
1959/60	Darvel Juniors	Annbank United	Ardeer Thistle	Ardeer Thistle
1960/61	Glenafton Athletic	Darvel Juniors	Irvine Meadow	Irvine Meadow
1961/62	Glenafton Athletic	Darvel Juniors	Irvine Meadow	Glenafton Athletic
1962/63	Glenafton Athletic	Cumnock Juniors	Beith Juniors	Glenafton Athletic
1963/64	Glenafton Athletic	Craigmark Burntonians	Beith Juniors	Glenafton Athletic
1964/65	Kello Rovers	Darvel Juniors	Beith Juniors	Beith Juniors
1965/66	Glenafton Athletic	Darvel Juniors	Kilwinning Rangers	Kilwinning Rangers
1966/67	Darvel Juniors	Cumnock Juniors	Beith Juniors	Darvel Juniors

In Season 1966/67 Darvel topped the South Section and on 16th June 1967 they faced favourites and North Section winners Beith Juniors in the decider for the Western League Championship at Meadow Park. However it was the South Section side that were crowned champions thanks to a goal on 25 minutes *"Thompson made the opening for Haining to beat Austin and send a low ball past Clarke"*. Darvel were worthy winners enjoying the best of the chances including a late goal that was *'unaccountably refused'* Darvel Juniors: McGregor; Reid & Currie; Mair, Gray & Frew; Craig, Wilson, Haining, Hastings and Thompson: Sub: Coyle

The Western League was transformed into the Ayrshire Regional League for Season 1968/69 retaining the North and South sections and the Championship play-off. Although Darvel's days of contesting for the title had dwindled they did reach the Scottish Junior Cup final in 1976, only to lose out 3-0 to Bo'ness United. Controversially Bo'ness broke the deadlock before half-time only for it to transpire later the referee had lost track of time and the first half lasted 53 minutes!

In Season 1976/77 the Ayrshire League dropped the regional North and South sections and instead introduced 1st and 2nd Division with promotion and relegation. Darvel found themselves in the 1st Division and in the first 10 seasons they were relegated twice but bounced back the following season each time. However they spent 14 of the next 15 seasons in the 2nd Division, being promoted only once in 1994/5 but relegated the following season.

In preparation for the 'merger' of Ayrshire and Central clubs, the last Ayrshire league was divided into 3 Divisions in Season 2000/01 with Darvel in the 3rd Division where they bottom in 8th place. The new West Region league comprised five divisions— Premier Division and Super League 1st Division along with three regional leagues - , Ayrshire District League, Central Div. 1 and Central Div, 2. Darvel remained in the Ayrshire District League until 2016/17 when they were promoted to the Super League 1st Division as the West Region Ayrshire District Champions.



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of Darvel FC

Darvel finished in 9th place in their first season in the Super League 1st Division. Further changes in Season 2018/19 with the West Region reconstructed into 4 divisions of Premier Division, Championship, Division 1 and Division 2 with no regionalisation of the lower divisions. A West Region Sectional Cup was also created to replace the Ayrshire Sectional Cup and Central Sectional Cup. The group stages were still played at regional level, albeit with smaller groups—6 teams down to 4 in Ayrshire groups. Darvel found themselves in a group with 3 Premier Division teams and began with a bang defeating Auchinleck Talbot 2-1 at Beechwood before losing 2-0 at Hurlford and 6-1 at home to the Glens..

THE DARVELUTION

In February 2019 Darvel convinced Michael Kennedy, then manager of top amateur side of Colville Park, to join the club in the summer as the new manager. His record at Coville Park spoke for itself and to underline this, in between times they were crowned Scottish Amateur Champions for the third time in four years under Kennedy's stewardship. The synergy of the transformations both on and off the park, in such a short time, has emboldened the club's ambition from "to be the best Junior team" to a five year plan of destination SPFL.



Darvel Chairman Jim Gall and manager Michael Kennedy

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Season 2019/20

Darvel were again in the same West Region Sectional Cup group as before. A draw with Hurlford (with Ford earning the penalty shoot-out point) followed by a 2-0 win over Glens at Loch Park; Ross McPherson bagging a brace before going down 1-0 at Auchinleck. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the league season was suspended on 13th March 2020 and officially cancelled on 10th April 2020. Darvel were top of the table on 53 points but Blantyre, in third on 46 points, had three games in hand. It was decided that Darvel and Blantyre Vics share the Championship title and both were promoted to the Premier Division. Unfortunately, the Scottish Junior Cup was also cancelled, with Darvel's quarter-final tie against Broughty Athletic undecided.

Season 2020/21

With five Premier clubs, including the Glens, withdrawing from the league due to the on-going COVID situation the Premier Division kicked off with 15 teams, including Darvel, with promotion and relegation ruled out. However, on the 11th January 2021 the league was suspended by the SFA due to the COVID pandemic escalating. On 17th March 2021 the season was declared null and void. Darvel had played 5 games, winning 4 and losing 1.



SENIOR FOOTBALL

RETURNS TO NEW CUMNOCK

Although this is Glenafton Athletic's first season as a senior club their football roots, to some extent, stretch back to 1875 and the formation of Lanemark Football Club in the heart of the miners rows at Connel Park, a mile or so from Loch Park, their current ground in the heart of the village of New Cumnock. Lanemark take their name from Lanemark Coal Company who in turn took their name from the lands of Lanemark, one of many lands tin the area they leased to work the coal.

In the early years Lanemark competed in the Ayrshire Cup and the Scottish Cup and then as then latterly the Scottish Qualifying Cup supplemented by a programme of friendlies as a number of attempts to gain entry into league systems were knocked back or short-lived. Several players found success in England most notably **John Graham** who was an ever present in the Preston North End Invincibles side that were unbeaten in winning the English League and FA Cup double in season 1888/89; his brother William played a handful of games for PNE that season. William later was one of three former Lanemark players along with Joe Wallace that lined up for Newcastle United in their first ever league match, a 2-2 draw in a Division 2 match with Woolwich Arsenal in 1893; Crate scoring United's first league goal. In 1902 New Cumnock born and from Lanemark winger Colin McLatchie won an English League Championship medal with Sunderland.

Lanemark folded after the Great War but the appetite for football in the miners rows was still strong and junior side New Cumnock united was formed 1920/21 based at Lanemark, with a number of the former players. In 1909 Lanemark Coal Company had collapsed and hundreds of jobs were saved when their near neighbours the New Bank Coal Company took over the leases Lanemark had to work coal as well as being landlords of the Connel Park football ground. The company renamed itself as the New Cumnock Collieries Ltd. And perhaps this coming together influenced the naming of a new junior side 10 years later. Uniited or the "U's" as they ere know enjoyed great early success and won the South Ayrshire League title 3 seasons running and a clutch of local cups. However in 1928 the demand for coal declined and New Cumnock United closed down

However matters improved and two years late Junior football returned to Connel Park with the formation of ('debt free') Glenafton Athletic with some U's players and for a time the club hamper.. They played there until 1960 before relocating to Loch Park.

[N.B. there is no truth in the rumour that Glenafton will claim the "U's" 3 league titles!]



SEASON 2019/20 REVIEW

2019/20: League Table and Results Grid

McBookie.com West Region									
Premiership 2019/20									
Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Kilwinning Rangers	25	16	5	4	51	38	13	53
2	Pollok	22	13	3	6	48	22	17	42
3	Auchinleck Talbot	16	13	2	1	51	15	36	41
4	Irvine Meadow XI	22	12	2	8	36	35	1	38
5	Clydebank	28	11	4	13	42	45	-3	37
6	GLENAFTON ATHLETIC	20	11	3	6	39	30	9	36
7	Beith Juniors	21	9	7	5	40	35	5	34
8	Kilbirnie Ladeside	24	10	3	11	44	44	0	33
9	Cumnock Juniors	25	9	5	11	39	45	-6	32
10	Rossvale	25	10	2	13	33	39	-6	32
11	Largs Thistle	25	9	4	12	41	44	-3	31
12	Hurlford United	19	8	5	6	29	26	3	29
13	Troon	24	6	4	14	31	51	-20	22
14	Benburb	20	5	4	11	27	39	-12	19
15	Rutherglen Glencairn	17	3	3	11	26	42	-16	12
16	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	17	2	0	15	8	35	-27	6

2019/20	AT	Be	BJ	CI	CJ	GA	HU	IM	KL	KR	KRR	LT	Po	Ro	RG	Tr
AT		5-0	4-0	3-0		4-1	1-1		5-2	6-1			3-1		2-1	8-1
Ben			0-0	0-1		1-1		1-3	4-3	2-4	2-0		1-1	0-1		1-0
BJ				0-0	2-1		2-2	1-2	3-3	0-0		3-0	2-5	4-2	4-1	
CI	0-2	2-0	2-2		3-2	2-2	3-0	2-0	5-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-4	1-3	5-2	1-2
CJ		5-3	1-3	2-0		1-2		1-0	0-7	1-2	4-0	2-2	1-3	3-1	3-2	
GA	3-0		4-1	0-1	2-1			1-1		2-1	3-1	5-1		1-2	2-1	3-1
HU				0-0	0-0	2-0		1-2		6-2	3-0	3-2	1-0	1-3		2-1
IM		4-3			2-0	2-3			1-3	1-2	1-0	2-1	3-3	2-1		3-1
KL		2-0			0-0	1-0	0-2	1-2		1-2	2-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	3-0	4-3
KR	0-0	1-0		2-1	3-1		1-1	3-0	6-2			3-0	0-3	1-0	2-2	3-2
KRR		0-2	0-2	1-2	0-2			0-1							1-2	
LT	3-4	3-2	1-1	2-3	3-1		3-2	4-1	2-0	1-2	2-0		1-2	0-0	0-0	3-0
Po			2-0	2-1	0-1	2-3	2-0		1-0	0-1	5-1	4-0		1-1		4-0
Ro	1-2	0-2	2-4	1-2	2-3		0-1	3-2	1-0		0-1	1-0	0-3		4-2	1-0
RG			2-4	2-1	2-2			0-1	3-2	4-5						
Tr	0-2	3-3	1-2	2-0	1-1	4-1	4-1		1-1	1-1	1-0	0-4		1-2	1-0	

2019/20:Average points per Game League

POS	TEAM	Ave. Pts per game	POINTS
C	Auchinleck Talbot	2.56	76.88
2	Kilwinning Rangers	2.12	63.60
3	Pollok	1.91	57.27
4	GLENAFTON ATHLETIC	1.80	54.00
5	Irvine Meadow XI	1.73	51.82
6	Beith Juniors	1.62	48.57
7	Hurlford United	1.53	45.79
8	Kilbirnie Ladeside	1.38	41.25
9	Clydebank	1.32	39.64
10	Cumnock Juniors	1.28	38.40
11	Rossvale	1.28	38.40
12	Largs Thistle	1.24	37.20
13	Benburb	0.95	28.50
14	Troon	0.92	27.50
15	Rutherglen Glencairn	0.71	21.18
16	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	0.35	10.59

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the league season was suspended on 13th March 2020 and officially cancelled on 10th April 2020. The league table was reconstructed on the basis of average points per game played and Auchinleck Talbot were declared champions. Glenafton Athletic finished in 4th place.

The Scottish Junior Cup was cancelled at semi-final stage.

Beith v Darvel or Broughty Athletic
Pollok v Auchinleck or Hurlford

GLENAFTON'S LAST MATCH IN THE JUNIORS

West Region Premiership Match 20 | Loch Park, New Cumnock, 7th March 2020

Glenafton Athletic 5 (3) Largs Thistle 1 (0)

Dale Moore broke the deadlock from close range on 23 minutes and then doubled the lead on 30 minutes with an unstoppable shot from 18 yards. On 38 minutes **Joe Andrew** chased down a long ball from keeper David Wilson to break into the box and slot it between the legs of the advancing keeper and into the net. **HT Glens 3 Largs 0**

On 48 minutes **Andrew** bagged his brace with a cute back heel and 10 minutes later **Lee Gallacher** blasted a shot from 10 yards to make it 5-0. With 5 minutes to go **Ross Love** him brilliantly trapped a corner-kick before turning to leather home a well struck angled shot for a worthy consolation goal. **FT Glens 5 Largs 1**

Glenafton Athletic: 1. David Wilson 2. Craig Pettigrew 3. Alan Cairns 4. Craig Menzies 5. Ryan McChesney (14. Ally Park), 6. Kyle McAusland 7. Dan Orsi (17. Gabe Skeoch) 8. Findlay Frye 9. Joe Andrew (12. Mick McCann), 10. Dale Moore 11. Lee Gallacher. **Subs Not Used:** 15. Cameron Marlow 16. Matthew Reilly

Largs Thistle: 1. Jamie McGowan 2. Ben Eardley 3. Laurie McMaster 4. Darren Hynes 5. Ross Love 6. Stuart Faulds 7. George Sewell 8. Blair McIntyre 9. William Sewell 10. Kane O'Neill (12. Kieran Brophy) 11. Ben Black (14. Simon McBryde) **Subs Not Used:** 15. Ross Lundy 16. Stuart Davidson

2019/20: Fixtures & Results

Date	Comp	H/A	Opponent	F-A	Scorers
06/07/19	Friendly	H	Cumbernauld United	2-2	McCann 2
				5-4p	
13/07/19	Friendly	H	Sauchie	2-0	McCann 2
20/07/19	Friendly	A	Dundonald Bluebell	2-3	McCann, Andrew
27/07/19	WSLC_S1	A	Auchinleck Talbot	0-4	
29/07/19	WSLC_S2	H	Darvel Juniors	0-2	
31/07/19	WSLC_S3	A	Hurlford United	1-0	Orsi
03/08/19	LGE_01	A	Auchinleck Talbot	1-4	Frye
07/08/19	LGE_02	H	Irvine Meadow XI	1-1	McAusland
10/08/19	LGE_03	A	Benburb	1-1	Frye
17/08/19	LGE_04	H	Rutherglen Glencairn	2-1	Orsi, Frye
21/08/19	LGE_05	A	Hurlford United	0-2	
24/08/19	LGE_06	H	Cumnock Juniors	2-1	Andrew, McCann
31/08/19	LGE_07	A	Pollok	3-2	OG., Gallacher, Moore
07/09/19	LGE_08	H	Clydebank	0-1	
10/09/19	Friendly	A	Kilmarnock	2-4	Pettigrew, Park
14/09/19	LGE_09	H	Troon	3-1	Park, Andrew, Reilly
21/09/19	LGE_10	A	Kilbirnie Ladeside	0-1	
28/09/19	SCO_02	H	West Calder United	13-0	Pettigrew, OG, McAusland, Moore 3, Orsi 2, Marlow, Frye 2, Nisbet 2
05/10/19	LGE_11	H	Beith Juniors	4-1	Orsi 2, Moore, Frye
12/10/19	LGE_12	H	Rossvale	1-2	Pettigrew
19/10/19	LGE_13	H	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	3-1	Reilly, McCann, Moore
26/10/19	Friendly	A	Craigmark Burtonians	4-1	Nisbet, McAusland, Orsi, Andrew
02/11/19	SCO3	H	Banks O' Dee	2-1	Andrew, Orsi
09/11/19	WOS_01	H	Larkhall Thistle	4-1	Marlow 2, Orsi, McChesney
16/11/19	LGE_14	H	Auchinleck Talbot	3-0	McCann, McCulloch, Andrew
23/11/19	SCO_04	A	Irvine Meadow XI	0-0	
07/12/19	SCO_04r	H	Irvine Meadow XI	1-1	McAusland
				2-4p	
17/12/19	Friendly	A	Maybole	0-1	
21/12/19	LGE_15	A	Cumnock Juniors	2-1	Frye 2
28/12/19	LGE_16	H	Kilwinning Rangers	2-1	Andrew, Reilly

Date	Comp	H/A	Opponent	F-A	Scorers
04/01/20	LGE_17	A	Clydebank	2-2	McAusland, Orsi
18/01/20	LGE_18	A	Troon	1-4	Moore
25/01/20	WOS02	H	Largs Thistle	0-1	
08/02/20	LGE_19	A	Irvine Meadow XI	3-2	Frye, McAusland, Moore
29/02/20	Friendly	N	Darvel Juniors	2-1	Nisbet 2
07/03/20	LGE_20	H	Largs Thistle	5-1	Moore 2, Andrew 2, Gallacher
21/03/20	LGE_21	H	Pollok	void	
28/03/20	LGE_22	A	Kilwinning Rangers	void	
04/04/20	LGE_23	A	Rossvale	void	
11/04/20	LGE_24	H	Kilbirnie Ladeside	void	
18/04/20	LGE_25	A	Largs Thistle	void	
25/04/20	LGE_26	H	Benburb	void	
29/04/20	LGE_27	H	Hurlford United	void	
02/05/20	LGE_28	A	Rutherglen Glencairn	void	
09/05/20	LGE_29	A	Beith Juniors	void	
16/05/20	LGE_30	A	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	void	



2019/20: Players Moving On

Player	Position	To
David Wilson	goalkeeper	return to St. Mirren
Kyle McAusland	Defender	Cumnock Juniors
Findlay Frye	Midfielder	Cumnock Juniors
Dan Orsi	Midfielder	Dalbeattie Star
Ally Park	Midfielder	Beith Juniors
Ryan Nisbet	Forward	Troon
Gabe Skeoch	Forward	Return to Ayr United



David Wilson



Gabe Skeoch



Findlay Frye



Dan Orsi



Ally Park



Kyle McAusland



Ryan Nisbet

2019/20: Appearances & Goals

Competition		LGE			CUP			TOT		
Player		A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Andrew	Joe	14	2	6	7	2	1	21	4	7
Burns	Craig	6	1	0	2	0	0	8	1	0
Cairns	Alan	13	0	0	6	0	0	19	0	0
Campbell	Edward	4	4	0	1	1	0	5	5	0
Frye	Findlay	18	1	7	8	0	2	26	1	9
Gallacher	Lee	17	2	3	7	1	0	24	3	3
McAusland	Kyle	15	2	3	8	0	2	23	2	5
McCann	Mick	11	6	3	5	2	0	16	8	3
McChesney	Ryan	9	2	0	4	1	1	13	3	1
McGarrity	Brian	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Marlow	Cameron	11	3	1	6	0	3	17	3	4
Menzies	Craig	16	0	0	9	0	0	25	0	0
Moore	Dale	12	3	6	9	0	3	21	3	9
Nisbet	Ryan	5	8	0	3	3	2	8	11	2
Orsi	Dan	14	4	4	4	5	5	18	9	9
Park	Ally	16	1	1	5	1	0	21	2	1
Pettigrew	Craig	17	0	1	5	0	1	22	0	2
Potter	Craig	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Reilly	Matthew	7	1	3	3	0	0	10	1	3
Skeoch	Gabe	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wilson	David	14	0	0	5	0	0	19	0	0
Trialist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OwnGoal	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

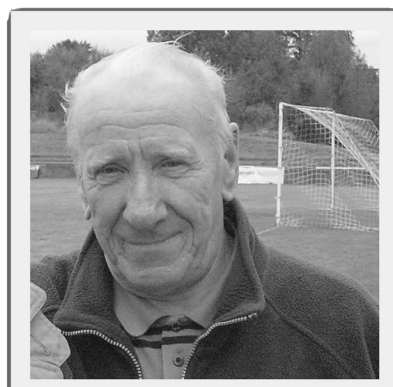
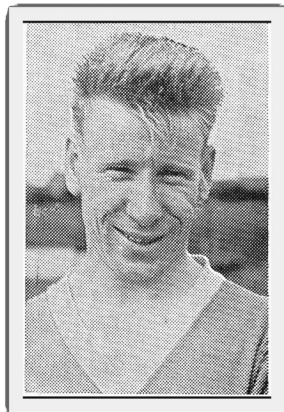
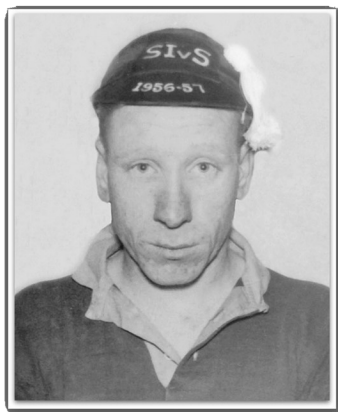


DANNY McCULLOCH R.I.P. (1935-2020)

On the 28th May 2020 everyone at Glenafton Athletic was saddened to learn that club legend Danny "Puskas" McCulloch had passed away. New Cumnock born, he signed for the Glens as an 18 year-old at the start of the season 1953/54. The inside forward proved to be a prolific goal scorer and in March 1957 he was capped for Scotland. After a short spell in the senior ranks with Falkirk and then Stranraer he returned to Glenafton and captained the side to the Western League Championship in 1958/59; while the club were still based at Connel Park. Further success came soon after when Glens moved to a new purpose built ground at Loch Park with the golden years delivering 3 Western League Championships in a row and first appearance in a Scottish Junior Cup final. Danny and his family moved to Dreghorn and he won his 5th Championship medal with Kilwinning Rangers.

Long after his playing days Danny remained a loyal Glenafton supporter and witnessed both their Scottish Junior Cup wins. In June 2017 Danny was the first inductee into the "Glenafton Athletic Hall of Fame", followed by his long time goalscoring partner Richard "Nodder" Kirkpatrick. Sadly Nodder passed away in 2019.

With COVID regulations restricting the number of people that could attend Danny's funeral, the hearse left from Loch Park with supporters lining each side of the street to pay their respects and say goodbye to a Glens great.





SEASON 2020/21 REVIEW

2020/21: Playing Squad

SQUAD FROM 2019/20

Player	Position	Signed
Craig Burns	Goalkeeper	2018/19
Ryan McChesney	Defender	2010/11
Craig Menzies (c)	Defender	2011/12
Alan Cairns	Defender	2013/14
Craig Pettigrew	Defender	2019/20
Edward Campbell	Defender	2019/20
Rhys Wallace	Defender	2020/21
Cameron Marlow	Midfielder	2016/17*
Dale Moore	Midfielder	2017/18
Lee Gallacher	Midfielder	2019/20
Joe Andrew	Forward	2014/15
Mick McCann	Forward	2015/16

* second spell with the club

NEW SIGNINGS

Player	Position	From
Michael McKinven	Goalkeeper	Linlithgow Rose
Rhys Wallace	Defender	Erie Commodores
Matthew Reilly*	Midfielder	St. Mirren Reserves
Leon Murphy*	Midfielder	Ayr United
Dean Hawkshaw*	Midfielder	Airdrieonians
Evan Maley	Midfielder	Troon
Tony McParland	Midfielder	
Ross Cameron	Forward	Sauchie Juniors

* second spell with the club



Michael McKinven



Rhys Wallace



Tony McParland



Dean Hawkshaw



Leon Murphy



Evan Maley



Matthew Reilly



Ross Cameron

2020/21: Fixtures & Results

With the West of Scotland Football League scheduled to begin in early October 2020 the Glens played five pre-season friendlies under the COVID restrictions in place and were effectively played behind closed doors with no supporters.

Date	Comp	H/A	Opponent	F-A	Scorers
12/09/20	Friendly	H	Muirkirk Juniors	2-1	Murphy, Andrew
17/09/20	Friendly	A	Kilwinning Rangers	2-4	Murphy 2
19/09/20	Friendly	A	Annbank United	3-2	McCann, Cameron, Moore
26/09/20	Friendly	N	Craigmark Burntonians	3-2	Maley 2, Murphy
10/10/20	Friendly	N	Troon	0-2	



Glens v Muirkirk

Teams outside 'dressing rooms'



Glens physio

Michelle McInnes & PPE

2020/21: West of Scotland Football League

Originally the league was scheduled to begin in October 2020 with 67 teams across two tiers. One tier (Tier 6 of the Pyramid system) comprised a Premier Division of 20 teams while another tier (Tier 7 of the Pyramid system) comprised of 47 side spread across 3 conferences

A Premier Division of 20 teams would require each team to play 38 league fixtures and with the season yet to start due to the COVID-19 restrictions then clearly it was unrealistic that the fixtures would be completed. Consequently, the Premier Division was divided into two Groups of 10 teams. Teams in the same group would play each other Home and Away, i.e. 18 fixtures. The teams in one group would play the teams in the other group once, either Home or Away, giving another 10 fixtures. The league season would therefore be reduced from 38 to 28 league fixtures. As previously defined 7 teams would be relegated from the Premier Division at the end of the season. Glenafton were scheduled to play against Largs Thistle in their first 'senior' competitive game; the team they had played their last 'junior' game against

WOSFL PREMIER DIVISION	
GROUP 1	GROUP 2
Auchinleck Talbot	Beith Juniors
Benburb	Cumbernauld United
Blantyre Victoria	Cumnock Juniors
Bonnyton Thistle	Darvel
Clydebank	Hurlford United
Glenafton Athletic	Kilwinning Rangers
Irvine Meadow XI	Pollok
Kilbirnie Ladeside	Rossvale
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	Rutherglen Glencairn
Largs Thistle	Troon

Glenafton Athletic withdraw from Season 2020/21

Sunday 11th October 2020

Club Statement – West of Scotland Football League

It is with regret that the committee of Glenafton Athletic announce our withdrawal from participation in the 2020/2021 West of Scotland Football League. We have carefully considered all of the information and options we have at our disposal, and have arrived at our decision based on the following:

Our club members and supporters are quite simply the life blood of our club. We rely heavily on match day income such as hospitality, catering and weekly draws. Current Government legislation, prohibits us from allowing any members, supporters or sponsors into the ground. With the COVID 19 situation unlikely to change for some time, it would be financially unsustainable for the club to continue to operate without having the aforementioned income streams.

With a drastically reduced projected income, we feel that that to play under these conditions would financially cripple the club which could potentially raise doubts over our future existence. Quite simply this is not a risk we are willing to take, and as such we feel we have no other viable option than to withdraw from this season's league championship.

We hope that everyone associated with the club understands our decision and can acknowledge that this was not taken lightly. We do however, feel that this is the only viable option for Glenafton at this time. We would like to place on record our thanks to all fans, sponsors and members for their continued support of the club through this difficult time. We look forward to returning whenever circumstances allow.

Ian Young (Club President) & John Stewart (Club Secretary)

Manager Craig McEwan Resigns

Following the announcement the club reluctantly accepted the resignation of manager Craig McEwan and thanked him for his five and half years at the helm and the success he brought the club. Of course Craig previously played four seasons (2010/11-2013/14) for the club before leaving in 2014/15 to manage Arthurlie where former Glens player Craig Potter joined him as assistant manager. The pair returned to Loch Park in 2015/16 and lead to the treble of Scottish Junior Cup, West Region Premier Champions and Evening Times Champions Cup. Craig, along with club captain Craig Menzies, was inducted into the Glenafton Athletic Hall of Fame at the start of the following season. The club wished him and his family well.

On the 21st October 2020 Craig was appointed manager of St. Cadoc's in Conference B of the West of Scotland Football League and was joined with his former Glens staff, Craig Potter , Billy Peacock (coach) and Michelle McInnes (physio)

Glenafton Athletic Release Players

Glenafton Athletic released all of their players with the majority moving to St. Cadoc's

Player	Position	Season Signed
Craig Burns	Goalkeeper	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
Michael McKiven	Goalkeeper	St.Cadoc's
Ryan McChesney	Defender	Dalbeattie Star
Craig Menzies (c)	Defender	St.Cadoc's
Alan Cairns	Defender	St.Cadoc's
Craig Pettigrew	Defender	St.Cadoc's
Edward Campbell	Defender	?
Rhys Wallace	Defender	?
Cameron Marlow	Midfielder	Maybole Juniors
Dale Moore	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Lee Gallacher	Midfielder	Clydebank
Matthew Reilly	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Leon Murphy	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Dean Hawkshaw	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Evan Maley	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Tony McParland	Midfielder	St.Cadoc's
Joe Andrew	Forward	St.Cadoc's
Mick McCann	Forward	St.Cadoc's
Ross Cameron	Forward	?

Meanwhile four other teams withdrew from the Premier Division—Auchinleck Talbot, Cumnock Juniors, Kilbirnie Ladeside and Pollok. The proposal to play in two groups of ten was ditched and a Premier Division of 15 teams was formed, with no promotion or relegation.

Benburb after having played 3 games withdrew from the league.

On the 11th January 2021 the league was suspended by the SFA due to the COVID pandemic escalating. On 17th March 2021 the season was declared null and void.

Glenafton Athletic Code of Conduct

UNACCEPTABLE / DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT LOCH PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL GROUNDS

Glenafton Athletic is a family and inclusive club open to all and we make every effort to make everyone feel welcome when they come to Loch Park.

The club will not tolerate UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT
at Loch Park or at away football stadiums.

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT IS CONDUCT WHICH IS VIOLENT OR DISORDERLY

Violent conduct includes

- ♦ actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or
- ♦ intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct includes

- ♦ conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely to stir up or sustain hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
- ♦ Gender
- ♦ Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
- ♦ Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived affiliations
- ♦ Sexual orientation
- ♦ Transgender identity
- ♦ Disability
- ♦ Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct
- ♦ Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING -

- ♦ Removal from the stadium
- ♦ Suspension from attending fixtures involving Glenafton Athletic.
- ♦ Indefinite ban from attending fixtures involving Glenafton Athletic.
- ♦ Indefinite ban from Loch Park.
- ♦ Report to Police Scotland and possible criminal proceedings

COMMITTEE OF GLENAFTON ATHLETIC



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES 2021/22

PDM BUILDBASE WOSFL WED 21 JUL 2021 7:30 pm				
Beith Juniors		V		Largs Thistle
Blantyre Victoria		V		Hurlford United
Bonnyton Thistle		V		Pollok
Clydebank		V		Cumbernauld United
Glenafton Athletic		V		Darvel
Kilbirnie Ladeside		V		Kilwinning Rangers
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy		V		Auchinleck Talbot
Rossvale		V		Cumnock Juniors
Rutherglen Glencairn		v		Irvine Meadow XI
Troon		V		Benburb
PDM BUILDBASE WOSFL SAT24 JUL 2021 2:00 pm				
Auchinleck Talbot		V		Troon
Benburb		V		Kilbirnie Ladeside
Cumnock Juniors		V		Cumbernauld United
Darvel		V		Rutherglen Glencairn
Hurlford United		V		Bonnyton Thistle
Irvine Meadow		V		Beith Juniors
Kilwinning Rangers		V		Blantyre Victoria
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy		V		Clydebank
Largs Thistle		V		Rossvale
Pollok		V		Glenafton Athletic

ALEX JESS R.I.P.



Alex with his close friend John Rae on a presentation evening. Having a post-match discussion with another great friend Roddie Currie. Alex 'coaxing' Scotland star James McFadden to sign for the Glens. Alex congratulating Alan Cairns after Glens beat Bonnyrigg in the Scottish Junior Cup semi-final

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MANAGER

Mick McCann

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Brian McGarrity

COACH

Chris Flanagan

Gary Waide

PHYSIO

DARVEL

MANAGER

Michael Kennedy

BACKROOM STAFF

Sean Higgins

Kieran McAnespie

Goalkeeper Coach

Zander Cowie

PHYSIO

Ashley Barr

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE

Ross Menzies

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1

Nicolas Speirs

ASSISTANT REFEREE 2

James Hosie

PLAYING SQUADS



**GLENAFTON
ATHLETIC**

No.

No.

DARVEL F.C.



Scott Johnson (gk)

Daniel Sloan (gk)

Sean Bennie

Alan Cairns

Ross Fisher

Ryan McChesney

Iain McKnight

Craig Pettigrew (c)

Mark Gilmour

Cameron Marlow

Leon Murphy

Darren Curtis

Callum Thomson

Sean McIlroy

Jordan Ryan

David Blyth

Scott Sherrie

Sam McKee

Christopher Truesdale (gk)

Dominic Bolland

Daryll Meggatt

Jason Marr

Gavin Mitchell

Jordan Allan

Willie Robertson

Jordan Kirkpatrick

Andy Stirling

Darren Miller

Ian McShane

Ryan Thomson

Harry Monaghan

Scott Ferguson

Lee Hadden

Aaron Black

Craig Moore

Allan MacKenzie

COMPETITION

PDM BUILDBASE WOSFL

Match 02

Wed 21 Jul 2021

KO 7:30pm

Loch Park, New Cumnock



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