

## 2012

- Jan 10**      **Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 0 (H/L)**  
**Buckie** – Strong, Duncan, H. Munro, Chisholm, Angus, MacRae, Napier, Clark, Scott, Charlesworth and D. Munro. Subs. Shewan and Main (G/K)
- Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** “ *Side given a belated Christmas gift*”  
**Rovers:** Ferguson, Mathieson, Davis, Lamont, Ingram, Morrison (Robertson), Thain, Wood, Corbett, Findlay (Gauld), and Lumsden. Subs. Anderson, Geddes, Taylor.
- Jan 17**      **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** “ *Broch ‘Hale’ narrow win*”
- Football news** - On-loan Jags defender Darren Wood has been recalled from his stint with Rothes. The 22 year old was farmed out to the Mackessack Park side at the beginning of the season to gain more experience, however, he has been restricted of late to the bench due in the main to Michael Dunn and Stephen Fraser enjoying a solid partnership at the centre of the rearguard.
- Jan 24**      **Buckie Thistle 3 Turriff United 2 (H/L)** “ *Gardiner’s Glorious Goal*”
- Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div)** “ *Vale win derby duel*”
- Jan 31**      **Buckie Thistle had an idle day**
- Inverness City 7 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** “ *Goal avalanche buries Rovers*”
- Football news** - Buckie Rovers JFC last week launched an appeal calling on people to come forward and help run the club. The club rely on a team of volunteers to perform a host of backroom tasks- both on match days and outwith- vital to keep things running.  
“We have a very small band of Committee members who work really hard but we really need more people to get involved and share some of the work load,” said a club spokesman. “ At present we only have three active members, with one working offshore and it is a real struggle on a Saturday, especially at home games. He continued,” I don’t think that a town the size of Buckie should be without a Junior football team, however, this is now a stark reality unless more people come forward to run the club, it is impossible for us to keep going with only three of a Committee.” The current committee would be willing to either work alongside new members, or they would step aside and let a whole new Committee come in and run the club, if so required, should new members come forward. Anyone who feels they would be able to help out in any way, in the general running of the club should get in touch with Gary Innes on [garyinn15@hotmail.com](mailto:garyinn15@hotmail.com), telephone 07787 938939 or Dave Roberts on 07929 444254
- Football news** - A photograph on page 14 shows the boys team of P5 from Buckie Thistle Football Development sporting a new strip from Tesco Buckie. In the picture apart from the boys is Mark Phimister, coach, and Elsie Goodbrand, Tesco Community Champion.
- Feb 7**      **There was an almost 100% complete shut down of football, both at Junior and Senior level north of Aberdeen apart from one Junior played in the city due to the effects of hard frost over the past week.**
- Football news** - On page 15 there appears a photograph of Buckie High School football from sometime in the 1980’s along with their coach and school Modern Languages teacher Charlie Beresford. They had had a successful season as shown by the two trophies they had won.
- Feb 14**      **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- The Rovers were again idle on account of ground conditions**
- Feb 21**      **Buckie Thistle 2 Strathspey Thistle 2 (H/L)** “ *Buckie in draw shocker*”
- Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Shield** (Tues)“*Super strikers vanquish Vale* “
- Buchanhaven Hearts 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** “*Narrow defeat for Rovers*”
- Feb 28**      **Rothes 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** “ *Whirlwind start decisive*”
- Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Shield** “ *Shield hopes sunk*”

**Football news** - Buckie striker Craig MacMillan joined midfielders Graeme Stewart through the exit door at Victoria Park in what is being described as a time of transition for the squad. In the previous week's 'Advertiser' it was reported that Stewart had his contract ended by mutual consent after the draw with Strathspey Thistle, while MacMillan and defender Hamish Munro had been offered new deals but had not put pen to paper. The latter has now signed a pre-contract agreement with Formartine United. However, early last week it emerged that the forward had also called time on his Jag's career, which has seen him add two Highland League title winner's medals to his trophy cabinet.

**Dufftown 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** "Draw a fair result"

Mar 6

**Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 (H/L) (Yuk)** "Gazza 's Goal Glee"

**Buckie:** Main, Duncan, Shewan, Clark, Mackinnon, Wood, Napier, MacRae (Scott), Z. Sutherland (S. Davidson), Charlesworth (Gardiner) and Munro. Subs. J. Sutherland, Strong.

**Keith:** Kinnaird, Raffel, Lonie, Niddrie, Walker, McNamee (S. Keith), Anderson, McAskill, C. Keith, Donaldson (Phillips) and Fowlie (McGovern). Sub. Robertson.

**Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** "Rovers rue missed chances"

Mar 13

**Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** "Jags Christie Park Cruise"

**Parkvale 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** "Goal scorer a top priority"

**Rovers:** Anderson, Ingram, Forbes, Robertson, Lamont, Gauld, Geddes (Milton), Cooper (Morrison), Wood, Corbett, Lumsden, and Thain.

Mar 20

**Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 (Breedon Aggregates Highland League Cup Round Two)**

**Football news** - 'Buckie Thistle fans **have** been **left** stunned after the Duncan brothers announced they are to leave the club at the end of the season. The announcement will bring to an end a 10-year spell for club President Mark Duncan and brother Murray, who is a director.

During their tenure they have overseen the club's resurrection from their doldrums to back-to-back Highland League Championships, ending a title drought of over 50 years. In addition to securing the holy grail of the league title, the Duncans have also undertaken major improvement works at Victoria works at Victoria Park, ranging from cladding the main stand through to the construction of the Function Hall and creating a Sponsor's Lounge.

Said Mark: "Running Buckie Thistle is a big responsibility and one that takes an enormous amount of personal time; Murray and myself have decided that we will be standing down from our posts at the end of the season- we want to take a break away from running the football club.

**East End 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)**

**Rovers:** Anderson, Gauld, Davies, Lamont, Ingra, Morrison, Fraser (Ferguson), Findlay (Taylor), Wood, Milton (Innes), and Thain

Mar 27

**Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)**

"Any lingering hopes the Jags had of retaining their Highland League title disappeared on Saturday when an uncharacteristic blunder by keeper Kevin Main literally handed the three points to the league leaders" - wrote Easton Thain - aka Jags Man

**Rovers had an idle day** so A.L. Nath aka Allan Fraser was given the opportunity to run the rule over Portgordon Victoria

**Portgordon Victoria 1 Newmachar United 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Div.)** "Vics lose the head and the points"

**Portgordon** - Scott Mair, K. Clark, M. Wood (Leslie), Alan McPherson, Dale Fraser, D. McPherson, S. Clark, M. Smith, M. G. Wood, McLaughlin (Matheson), Greig. Subs - Aaron McPherson, Cowie and Barclay (G.K)

Apr 3

**Formartine United 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** 'Flat fare at Pitmeddan'

**Fraserburgh United 7 Buckie Rovers 0 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** There was no report in the paper, it got lost, maybe just as well

**Rovers:** Ferguson, Forbes, Matheson (Alfie Morrison), Gauld, Ingram (Milton), L. Morrison, Thain, Wood, Corbett, Findlay and Lumsden.

**Football news** - Fraserburgh United were league leaders yet the Rovers, bottom of the league, attempted to take something out of a game with only two subs, one of them being manager and veteran player Alfie Morrison who gamely took the field after it was seen that Shaun Ingram was toiling. Despite the obvious

handicap it took the home side until the 65<sup>th</sup> minute before they scored leading to a collapse by the Rovers' defence that had been under constant pressure from the start.

Apr 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 (Quarter Final of League Cup)**

**Buckie Rovers 1 Lossiemouth United 0 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** '*Rare and welcome win for Rovers*'

Apr 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 2 (H/L) Tues. evening**

**Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

**Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** '*All square in six-goal thriller*'

**Rovers:** Anderson, Gauld, Ingram, Lamont, Morrison, Thain, Cooper, Wood, Corbett, Lumsden and Burnett. Subs. Bain, Milton, Ferguson (G.K)

Apr 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 (Semi –final of Highland League Cup)**

**Buckie:** Main, Duncan, N. Davidson, Chisholm, Wood, H. Munro, S. Davidson (Napier), MacRae, Z. Sutherland (J. Sutherland), Scott (Gardiner), and D. Munro. Sub. J. Shewan.

**Keith:** Kinnaird, Walker, Lonie, Niddrie, Faeroe (S. Keith), Raffel (McNamee), Anderson, McAskill, C. Keith, McGovern (Phillips), and Donaldson. Subs. Fowlie and Shearer (G.K)

**Football news** – Shawn 'Biscuits' Scott (a Lossie loon) scored a hat trick in the above game, his first for the Jags.

It was learnt that Keith's reserve keeper Shearer would be leaving Keith at the end of the season. He had been with the 'Maroons' for ten seasons but Kinnaird has largely replaced this one. Shearer who is 28 has signed pre-season paper for Formartine. United.

**Buckie Rovers 1 Glentanar 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** '*Late, collapse sees Rovers beaten*'

**Football news** - With the Rovers being beaten in the above game and Dufftown winning their tie this meant that the 'Lilywhites' were relegated and would be playing in the Second Division next season.

May 1 **Buckie Thistle 6 Rothes 0 (H/L) Wed. evening**

**Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** "*Jags rue missed chances*'

**Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 5 (1<sup>st</sup> Div.)** "*Rovers fail to end losing streak against 'N. Elgin'*"

**Rovers:** Anderson, Robertson, Bain, Lamont, Ingram, Morrison, Cooper, S. Wood, Findlay, Gauld and M. Wood (Milton). Sub. Innes

**Football news** - A new dawn is set to dawn for local junior football team Buckie Rovers thanks to a bold link up with Buckie Thistle Youth Development. The scheme was formally unveiled at last Saturday's Rovers' game against New Elgin, their final league tie of the season, and will see young players from the Jags' much-heralded youth set-up being able to move to Merson Park. Taking over as assistant manager will be Thistle legend and local lad Stephen 'Marra' Bruce, who will be hanging up his Highland League boots once his loan spell at Lossiemouth, expires at the end of the season. There should be advantages for both the Rovers and for Buckie Thistle Youth Development. From the Buckie Thistle side of things it will provide an ideal opportunity for players who are too old for the U17s but not ready for the U21s to have the chance of playing and developing. Previously they used to jump directly from U15s to U19s, but that is too large a jump for most of players, especially as some mature later. A photograph on page 14 shows Dave Findlay Head of Buckie Thistle Youth Development, Dave Roberts, Rovers Secretary, Gary Innes, Rovers official, Teresa Innes Rovers' Treasurer Alfie Morrison, Rovers' Manager, Stephen Bruce who will become Assistant Manager and Allan Fraser former Rovers; committee man with a long time association with the Rovers

May 8 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

May 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 0 Final of the Highland League Cup played at Banff**

**Buckie:** Main, Duncan, Shewan, MacRae, MacKinnon, D. Wood, Napier (Chisholm), (Charlesworth), D. Munro, Scott, Z. Sutherland (J. Sutherland) and H. Munro. Subs – S. Davidson and Strong (G.K)

**Portgordon Victoria 1 Colony Park 0 (2<sup>nd</sup> Div)** "*Vics are League Champions*"

**Portgordon:** Redford, D. McPherson, Matheson, Alan McPherson, M. G. Wood, Campbell, K. Clark, Smith, Leslie, McLaughlin, and S. Clark. Subs. Greig and Mair (both used), M. Wood, Ross, Fraser,

Barclay (G.K)

May 22 **Football news** - Page 15 of this edition shows two photographs of Portgordon Victoria as they celebrate winning the second division championship in their debut season in the juniors. There were celebrations all round as the team were crowned champions of the North Region PMAC Group Second Division and received their prize from League President Ian Finnie and Secretary Richard Easton. Mike Smith- Zu-Zu, as captain, is seen accepting the cup. The win also marks promotion for the Vics and next season they will play in the First Division.  
For five seasons the Portgordon Vics played in the Elgin Welfare League, winning the Premier League in 2009 and 2010 before deciding to apply for junior level ranking.  
This season the team finished at the top of the second division table with 53 points, with close rivals Nairn St Ninian's on 50 points.

May 29 **Football news** - Be part of something special – that was the message coming from local Junior side Buckie Rovers as they look for off-field volunteers to join the revolution on the park.  
Relegated at the end of last season and staring oblivion in the face, Buckie Rovers are now looking forward to a new dawn thanks to a link up with Buckie Thistle Youth Development. Anyone who is interested in helping give the Rovers the best possible start to the new season should either contact David Findlay on 007887 524689 or club Secretary Dave Roberts on 07929 444254

### **Portgordon Victoria 0 Nairn St Ninian's 3 Final of the Morayshire Cup played at Logie Park, Forres.**

**Portgordon** – Barclay, D. McPherson, Matheson (Ross), Alan McPherson, M. G. Wood, Campbell, Clark Smith, Leslie (Greig), Sutherland, McLaughlin (Mair), Subs – Fraser, M. Wood, A. McPherson, Bain (G.K)

June 5 **Football news** - Gregg Carrol surprised a great many people, not only the fans of Buckie Thistle when he tendered his resignation as manager of the club. Last Saturday saw the 40-year-old, who has won every Highland League honour there is with Buckie Thistle and Deveronvale, quit the game. Assistant Gary Hake will take over the running of the team, as the Jags get ready for their pre-season preparations. Mr Carrol said that it was probably an ideal time to resign from the game after having now won every honour but he also spoke of a wish to spend more time with his family.

June 12 **Football news** - Gary Hake, the new Buckie Thistle manager made his first signing when he persuaded Ian McRae, formerly a Rothes player, to sign for the Jags. Mr Hake said Ian is 27 years of age and a native of Buckie and has been at Rothes since he was 15 and is pleased to be given the opportunity to play for his home team, which makes all the difference.

June 19 **A Lennox House football team.** A photograph appeared in this edition showing a football team from Buckie High School taken about 1947. All the boys are named bar one and are as follows - D. Allan, A. Slater, A. Fraser, A. Lyon, J. Robertson, W. Ogg, J. Fowlie, G. Thain, I. Gauld, R. Bain, C. Geddes.

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July 3 **Kevin Small signs again** - Kevin Small, the 38 year old who led the Jags to two back to back Highland League title wins and who left for Cove Rangers at the end of last season has returned to Victoria Park as a player/assistant manager. Mr Small who continues to play football despite requiring kidney dialysis, will be working with new Thistle boss Gary Hake, who stepped up to the job after the retiral of Gregg Carrol

July 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caledonian Thistle 2** - Benefit match for Jamie Shewan  
**Buckie:** Main (Strong), J. Shewan (E. Clark), Duncan (S. Wood) (A. Shewan), D. McRae (Bruce), I. MacRae (A. McPherson), D. Wood (A. Matheson), Napier (S. Davidson), N. Davidson (N. Robertson), Scott, (A. Shand), Gardiner (Z. Sutherland) (S. Farquhar), Munro (S. Carrol).

July 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 East Stirling 1 (F)**  
**Buckie:** Main (Strong), S. Wood (Robertson), Duncan, D. MacRae, I. MacRae, D. Wood (Small), Napier, Robertson (S. Davidson), Scott, Smith (Shand), and J. Sutherland.

**Football news - Sad times for old club.** The annual general meeting of Buckie Rovers F.C. took place on Thursday 12 July within the pavilion at Merson Park. Unfortunately although an invitation was extended, via and advert in the local press, to all interested parties to be present the numbers who chose to attend was

probably as small as it ever has been with only five persons being present, namely – Gary Innes, Chairman /vice President. David Roberts, Secretary, Teresa Innes, Treasurer, Steven Bruce, Assistant Team Manager and Allan Fraser

July 24 **Newmachar United 0 Buckie Thistle 8 (F)** In aid of RNLI funds  
Buckie: Strong (Main), I. MacRae, D. Wood (Copeland), Robertson, MacKinnon, Small, S. Davidson (Napier), Munro, Scott (J. Sutherland), Smith (Z. Sutherland), Duncan. Sub. Charlesworth.

**Football news** - Buckie Thistle have been drawn to meet Aberdeen Junior side Banks o' Dee in the first round of the Aberdeenshire Cup. The game will be played at Victoria Park on Tuesday 7 August or the following evening.

July 31 **Buckie Thistle 10 Islavale 0 (F)**  
BUCKIE - Main, I. MacRae (Shewan), Simpson (Duncan), Robertson (J. Sutherland), MacKinnon (S. Wood), Small (D. Wood), Napier (Gardiner), D, MacRae, Scott (Charlesworth), Z. Sutherland (Smith), and Munro (S. Davidson).  
ISLAVALE – Robertson (Moir), Cowie, Stewart (C. Cormack), MacKay, Sievwright, Shand, Henderson (Gair), Collins, Blackhall (McPherson), Winton (Anderson), Cruickshank.

**Muir of Ord Rovers 5 Buckie Thistle 8 (F)**

**Football news** – Buckie Thistle welcomed a new Director to the Board last week in the shape of Marc Macrae, Mr Macrae who was born in Buckie and currently lives in Fochabers was confirmed in his new post at a meeting of the club's Management Committee last Thursday and continues a strong family link with the club that goes back two generations.

He will be following in the footsteps of his grandfather, James Macrae, who was Jag's President from 1955- 1963 and his father, Colin, who held the same post over a four-year spell between 1973-1977.

Mr Macrae joins other new faces at Victoria Park, with the AGM seeing Raymond Cardno installed as Vice President and Easton Thain taking over as Match Secretary from Albert Farquhar.

Aug 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Bishopmill United 0 (F)**

**Football news** - Zander Sutherland who had been placed on the transfer list at his own request, had it removed this week, again at his own request. The winger's decision was widely welcomed by management and fans alike. Sutherland had been an integral part of the Jag's successful side of the last couple of seasons and a prolific goal scorer in this year's pre-season games.

**Cove Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Rangers' Revenge”*

BUCKIE; Main, Shewan, Duncan, Robertson (Charlesworth), MacKinnon, I. MacRae, Napier, D. MacRae, Scott (Gardiner), Z. Sutherland (Carrol) and Munro. Subs. S. Wood and J. Sutherland

**Buckie Thistle 1 Banks O' Dee 0 (Aberdeenshire Cup)**

**Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

**Buckie Rovers 0 Inverness City (Grill League Cup)**, *‘Rovers not overawed by city slickers’*

Rovers - Anderson, Thain, Morrison, Stewart, Gauld, Cooper, Legge, Smith, Mark Wood, Sutherland, Mike Wood, Subs- Ingram, Milton, Coull and Donald,

**Football news** - Surprise inclusion in the Rovers' line up were Michael 'Zu'Zu' Smith and Mark Wood, both who were with Portgordon Vics, last season, Smith as captain. Also in the team, on loan from Buckie Thistle was Jordan Sutherland, who also played for the Vics the previous season. Apart from goalkeeper Duncan Anderson and Leon Morrison the rest were all young players from Buckie Thistle Development team now playing with the Rovers under the new set up.

**Buckie Rovers 0 Portgordon Victoria 0** *‘A draw was a fair result’*

Rovers - Anderson, Thain, Morrison, (Mike Wood), Stewart, Forbes, Cooper, Gauld, Mark Wood, Bruce, Smith, Legge (Findlay), Subs. Milton, Matheson and Sharnan (G.K)

Portgordon – Bain, Clark, D. McPherson, A. McPherson, Tippings, Munro (Wood), Davidson Mair (Hearn), Leslie, McLaughlin. Subs. Barclay and Matheson.

Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**

Buckie – Main, Shewan, Duncan, D. MacRae, MacKinnon (D. Wood), I. MacRae, Napier, Davidson, Charlesworth, Clark, (Robertson), Carrol (Shand). Subs. S. Wood, Strong (G.K)

**Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Grill League Cup)** *'Wonder goal marks Rovers' first win'*  
Rovers – Sherman, Robertson, M. Gauld (K. Gauld), Stewart, Ingram, Thain (Cooper), Smith Mark Wood, Mike Wood (Legge), Bruce, Sutherland. Subs – Anderson (G.K), Matheson.

**Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 0 (Grill League Cup)** *'Rovers triumph in coastal derby'*

**Football news** - Those who have played for the Rovers or been on the bench as substitutes since the season started are – Aaron Sherman, Paul Robertson. Michael Gauld, Ben Stewart, Shaun Ingram, Scott Thain, Michael Smith, Mark Wood, Michael Wood, Stephen Bruce, Jordan Sutherland, Duncan Anderson, Jamie Cooper, Kyle Gauld, James Matheson, Jordan Legge, Darren Thain, Leon Morrison, Paul Forbes, Shaun Findlay, Andy Milton, John Coull, Greg Donald.

Aug 28

**Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (Scottish Cup)**

**Buckie:** Main, Shewan, Duncan, D. MacRae, I. MacRae, D. Wood, Napier, Davidson, Charlesworth (Z. Sutherland), Robertson (Scott), Carroll (S. Wood). Subs – Shand, Strong (G.K).

**Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Grill League Cup)** *"Rovers recover to claim victory"*

**Rovers:** Anderson, D. Thain (Ingram), M. Gauld (Robertson), Stewart, Wood, S. Thain, Smith, K. Gauld (Forbes), Bruce, Sutherland, and Legge. Sub. Milton.

**Whitehills 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (Do. Pizza Regional Cup)** *"Defensive frailties cost Rovers dearly"*

**Rovers:** Anderson, Milton (Matheson), Morrison, Stewart, M. Gauld, Cooper, K. Gauld, Thain, Wood, (Bruce), and Legge. Subs – Robertson, Ingram, Sherman (G.K)

Sept 4

**Rothes 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (Sc. Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Rd replay)**

**Colony Park 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (G.A. Eng.-g Reg. Cup)** *"Colony sweep Rovers from the Park"*

**Football news** – The Victoria Park has a new tannoy system. The new system, which comprises four main horns and a number of smaller ones, has been installed in the stand area. The cost of the new installation - £2,600 - was borne by the Thistle Supporters Club. James Newlands, club President, said how the money came from general funds. Every year we look to do something for the club and this year we decided to go for the tannoys

Sept 11

**Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

**Buckie:** Main, Shewan (S. Wood), Duncan, D. MacRae, MacKinnon, I. MacRae, Napier, N. Davidson (N. Robertson), Z. Sutherland, Scott (Carrol), and Clark. Subs – Shand, Strong.

**Cruden Bay 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div. 2)** *"Rovers shoot themselves in the foot"*

**Rovers:** Anderson (Sherman), Ingram, Cruickshank (Thain), Stewart, Mark Wood, Smith, Findlay (Mike Wood), M. Gauld, Bruce and Sutherland. Subs. Morrison, K. Gauld.

Sept 18

**Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** report written by David Smith

**Football news** - Victoria Park was used for the final of the Aberdeenshire Cup that saw Fraserburgh and Formartine United compete for the trophy. As it happened Fraserburgh were the winners, securing the cup in a penalty shoot-out though Formartine United played a major part in their first ever-senior final and on another day would have been victorious.

Buckie Thistle themselves benefitted financially from hosting the occasion, making a significant amount, notably from the half-time draw. The club its officials, and the supporters club who supplied the stewards received high praise from both the competing clubs for organising everything so well.

**Buckie Rovers 5 Whitehills 0 (Div. 2)** *"Rovers in goal-scoring mood"*

**Rovers:** Ferguson, Thain, M. Gauld, Ingram, Morrison, Stewart, K. Gauld, Mark Wood (Findlay), Smith, Sutherland and Legge (Milton). Subs. Robertson, Mike Wood and Sherman (G.K) Scorers- Legge, Sutherland, Stewart and Smith (2)

**Football news** Craig Ferguson, who played a few games for the Rovers last season was between the sticks in this game and had a really good game. He had been playing for Portsoy during the summer in the Moray Welfare League.

**Football news** - Portgordon Victoria who play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division were the recipients of two handsome donations during the past week. They were presented with training tops by the Craigenroan Bar, Portessie,

and a full strip from Louis Fish and Chip shop, Buckie. The tops were handed over to club captain Daryl McPherson by Craigenroan owner Lynn Shearer and the strips by Carol Mackay of Louis.

Sept 25

**Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 (H/L)** This was the first time the Maroons have won at Victoria Park in the past four meetings of the two clubs. All Keith cyards would say a win was long overdue.

**Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 0 (Sc. Junior Cup)** “*The Loons did well*” The first victory for the Rovers over New Elgin since November 2009 and this with a youthful Rovers’ combine, three of the players being still at school.

**Rovers** – Ferguson, D. Thain, Morrison (Matheson), M. Gauld, Ingram, Cooper, K. Gauld, Stewart, S. Thain (Mike Wood), Sutherland and Legge. Sub. Cruickshank, Mark Wood and Sherman (G/K).

Oct 2

**Buckie Thistle 1 Annan Athletic 1 (Sc. Cup)** “*Jags rue missed chances*”

**Buckie:** Main, Shewan, D. Wood, Munro, MacKinnon, I. MacRae, Napier, Davidson, Charlesworth (Smith), Scott, (Gardiner) and Carroll. Subs. Robertson, Small and Strong (G.K).

**Buckie Rovers 1 Colony Park 1 (Div. 2)** “*Ach! The Rovers should have won*”

Oct 9

**Annan Athletic 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (Sc. Cup Replay.)** “*Buckie bravehearts bury bogey*”

**Buckie:** Main, Shewan, D. Wood, D. MacRae (Sutherland), MacKinnon, I MacRae, Napier, Munro, Charlesworth (Gardiner), Scott (Robertson), and Carroll. Sub. S. Wood and Sherman (G.K)

**Football news** - This was the first time that the Thistle had beaten a SFL club since they came out on top against Montrose away in 1956. Buckie were also the first Highland League club to win on an SFL ground since Deveronvale defeated Albion Rovers at Cliftonville in 1995. According to the scribe the win was achieved through a ‘display of guts, determination and desire’ from every player.

Oct 16

**Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Oct 23

**Buckie Rovers** were idle the ground of their opponents, Fochabers, being waterlogged.

**Buckie Thistle 2 Turriff United 0 (H/L)**

**Buckie** Main, S. Wood, Shewan, Davidson (Robertson), MacKinnon, Angus, Napier, Munro, Smith (I. MacRae), Shand (J. Sutherland), and Clark. Subs. D. Wood and Strong (G.K)

**Forfar West End 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (Fly Emirates Scottish Junior Cup)** “*Forfar Loons come out on top*”

**Rovers** – Ferguson, M. Gauld, A. Milton, Stewart, Ingram, Legge, Mark Wood, Smith, Bruce, K. Gauld and S. Thain. Subs Findlay, Mike Wood (both used), Morrison, S. Milton and Sherman (G.K).

Oct 30

**Rothies 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** ‘*Jo’s magic moment*’

**Football news** – Jordan Sutherland who had been on loan to Buckie Rovers from Buckie Thistle since the beginning of the season was recalled to the colours when the senior club were short of strikers was in the team at Rothies and scored the deciding goal, his first in the Highland League. ‘

**Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 0 (2<sup>nd</sup> Div.)** ‘*Rovers three and easy*’

Nov 6

**Buckie Thistle 0 Turriff United 1 (Sc. Cup)** “*Cup Dreams in Tatters*”

**Buckie Rovers 6 Newmachar United 1 (Div. 2)** “*Rovers scoring machine goes into overdrive*”

**Rovers** - Anderson, D. Thain, A. Milton (Ingram), Stewart (Morrison), M. Gauld, K. Gauld, Mark Wood, Smith, Mike Wood, Legge and Cooper. Subs – S. Milton and Ferguson (G.K).

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**Football news** - This was the first visit ever by Newmachar United to Buckie to play the Rovers.

Nov 13

**Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*Jo’ the Jags hero*”

**Buckie** - Main, S. Wood, D. Wood (Shewan), Munro, MacKinnon, Angus, Napier, Davidson (Smith), Z. Sutherland, J. Sutherland (Scott) and Clark. Subs. I. McRae and Strong (G/K)

**Football news** - In his first full start for the Jags pocket-dynamo Jordan ‘Jo’ Sutherland a local youngster bagged the all-important goal to secure three welcome points for Thistle, which helped to soothe the disappointment of the week before.

**Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (Div 2)** “*Bogey team slain*”

**Football news** - This was the first time in five years that the two close neighbours had met. The last time they met the score line was 1-1. That game was memorable in that 'Scammers' Mike Smith and his two sons Michael and Nikki played in the Rovers side. Further interest was that one had to go back ten years to the occasion when the Rovers came out on top of the Speysiders.

Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 3 (H/L)** *"Jags in Draw Shocker"*

**Football News** - Buckie Thistle just learned the disappointing news that their captain David MacRae will soon be lost to the club as he and his wife and family are to immigrate to Australia by the end of the year. It is recognised that his absence will be a massive gap to be filled and it will be difficult to find another influential skipper like him. The report in the B.A. didn't say that he had been offered a position in football in Australia but according to Easton Thain, Thistle match secretary/historian, one can read between the lines where he says, "The opportunity is too good to pass up and he undoubtedly has the ability to play football at a higher level."

**Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div 2)** *"Off-colour Rovers Win"*

Nov.27 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Jags deserved better"*

**Football news** - Looking at the Highland League table following the game above it is interesting to see the position of both the Mechanics and the Thistle, the first reigning champions with Buckie taking the title the previous year and the one before that. In the table Buckie occupy the 11<sup>th</sup> position from the top with Forres at number ten. Buckie had played 12 games and had 17 points, eleven behind league leaders Cove Rangers.

**Colony Park 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (Div 2)** *"Rovers lose narrowly in top of league tussle"*

**Rovers** – Ferguson, M. Gauld, Milton, Stewart, Ingram (D. Thain), Smith, Mark Wood, Legge, Bruce, M. Wood (K. Gauld), S. Thain (Findlay), Subs. Morrison and Sherman (G/K)

Dec 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 1 (H/L)**

**Newmachar 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (Div. 2)**

**Football news** - The game was played at Buckie, as the Newmachar ground was frozen solid.

Dec 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Wick Academy 7 (H/L)** *"Super Scorries Thrash Thistle"*

**Buckie:** Main. S. Wood, D. Wood, (Duncan), Clark (Davidson), MacKinnon, I. MacRae, Napier, Munro, Scott, J. Sutherland (Charlesworth), and Z. Sutherland. Sub. Carrol, Strong (G.K).

**Buckie Rovers 3 Cruden Bay 3 (Div. 2)**

Dec 18 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *"Super Success in Sutherland"*

**Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div. 2)**

**Rovers:** Sherman, M. Gauld, Forbes, Stewart, Ingram, Cooper (Fraser), Mark Wood, K. Gauld (Mike Wood), Corbett, Smith, Stables (Morrison). Subs. Thain, Milton.

Dec 25 **No football in this edition**



