

2013

Jan. 1, Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L) the game played on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December was abandoned at half time on account of weather conditions. The report appeared in this edition.

Jan 8 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Match played on last Saturday of 2012  
**Buckie:** Strong. S. Wood, Duncan, Shewan, Angus, D. Wood, Napier (Donaldson), Munro, Z. Sutherland, Charlesworth, Scott. Subs. J. Sutherland, Shand and Carroll

**Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 H/L)**

**Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 (Div. 2)**

**Football news-** The Thistle were lying in seventh place from the bottom in an 18 team league, with 24 points from 17 games played.

**Football news** - Dave MacRae who spent six years with Buckie Thistle was presented with a photomontage of his time in green and white entitled Buckie Thistle legend David Macrae By Mark and Murray Duncan prior to him leaving with his wife and family for a new life in Australia

**Buckie Rovers 3 Colony Park 1 (Div 2)** *'Rovers work hard and win well to beat best team in the league'*

**Rovers:** Sherman, Stewart, Milton, Noble, M. Gauld, Cooper (Thain), Wood, Wood, K. Gauld (Bruce), Corbett, Stables (Legge), and Smith. Subs. Robertson, Ferguson (G.K)

**Football news** - The Rovers had Harry Noble, a 15-year-old schoolboy here playing his first game for the Rovers and despite the odd error didn't look out of place.

Jan 15 Nairn County v Buckie Thistle - no game postponed due to frost-bound surface

Newmachar United v Buckie Rovers – no game due to ground surface waterlogged

Jan 22 Both Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers were idle on account of weather or ground conditions.

**Football news** The whole North Junior football card was wiped out while only two games were played in the Highland League at Wick and Fort William.

**Football news** - Zander Sutherland, who moved from the Thistle to play for his home side Brora Rangers, scored a hat-trick on his debut but still found himself on the losing side against Wick Academy who won the tie 4-3.

Martin Charlesworth, a second Thistle player to leave in recent days, joined Deveronvale where his father Charlie is the manager and his younger brother Colin plays.

A third player Paul Napier has turned down the offer of a new contract with the Jags, his current deal runs out at the end of the season.

Jan 29 **Football news** with outgoing a number of prominent players from the Thistle stable a Buckie Thistle Fan's Forum was held in the Royal British Legion Hall on Saturday morning prior to the Formartine game. It was compeered by Dave Edwards's sports writer. Facing a large crowd of supporters were the following Raymond Cardno, Jags Director, Marc MacRae, Director, Graeme Tallis, Director, Thistle President Garry Farquhar, Jags Manager, Garry Hake, and Assistant manager, Kevin Small.

It was not unexpected to learn that much of what was discussed was centred on money since it is not the first time that this subject has been important in the history of Buckie Thistle. As one director said, 'The days of the Jags paying big money fees for players was well and truly over' and they would have to 'much cleverer' in the way they approached the transfer market. Where had we heard similar sentiments expressed before?

**Buckie Thistle 1 Formartine United 4 (H/L)** 'Costly Defensive errors'

**Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div.2)**

Rovers – Sharman, Thain, Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Cooper, Mark Wood, K. Gauld (Corbett), M. Wood (Ingram), Bruce and

**Football news** Twenty-five year old Paul Napier left Buckie Thistle and signed for Formartine United. He was on the transfer list at his own request and after a fee was agreed between the two clubs he was on his way to Pitmeddan. He had refused the terms being offered by Buckie and after five years at Victoria Park felt he was seeking a new challenge.

Nicknamed 'Pele' he has scored 23 goals overall during his stay with the Thistle and had appeared in all the games bar one this season. During his spell with the 'Jags' he had 2 Highland League Championship medals one Aberdeenshire Cup medal and last season a Highland League Cup medal. Napier's exit follows that of fellow wide man Zander Sutherland who recently went to Brora Rangers.

Feb 5 **Buckie Thistle 7 Strathspey Thistle 1 (H/L)**  
BUCKIE – Main. S. Wood, Duncan (Carrol), Clark (Robertson), Jeffrey, D. Wood, Donaldson, Munro, Smith, Shand (Sutherland), Shewan, Subs. Angus and Strong (G.K)

**Cruden Bay 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (Div 2)**  
ROVERS: Sherman, D. Thain (Ingram), Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Cooper, Wood, Legge (S. Thain), Bruce, Smith, Corbett (Morrison), Sub. K. Gauld and Ferguson (G/K)

Feb 12 Strathspey Thistle v Buckie Thistle Postponed on account of ground conditions

**Rover's game away to Newmachar was off** on account of the playing surface being flooded.

Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** *'Vale have the edge in Coast Derby'*

Rovers were idle

**Portgordon Victoria 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (Morrison Cup)** *"Cup Progress for Vics."(Story by A.L. Nath)*

**Portgordon Victoria** Bain, Walls, R. Clark, Ross, D. McPherson, Mair, K. Clark, Campbell, Leslie, Wood, McLaughlan. Sub. Barclay and A. McPherson

Feb 26 **Turriff United 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Supreme defensive action"*

**BUCKIE** – Main, MacRae, Duncan (Hodge), Clark, Angus, D. Wood, Donaldson, Carrol, Smith (Munro), Scott and Shewan. Subs. Sutherland, Shand,

**Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 3 Aberdeenshire Shield** Tues. evening

**Buckie Rovers 5 Newmachar 1 (Elginshire Refrigeration Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round)**

**ROVERS** - Sherman, Thain (K. Gauld), Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Cooper (Findlay), Mark Wood, Smith, Corbett (Mike Wood), Bruce, Legge. Subs. Stables and Ferguson (G/K)

**Football news** - There were coming and goings at Victoria Park recently among them being names that are legend. The Jags welcomed back former skipper Paul Lamberton to the fold in a coaching role. Also in the way in was 16-year-old Stuart Hodge. He formerly played for Aberdeen FC's U17 team until he was released. Heading for the Assistant Manager's berth at Rothes – a team managed by an ex Thistle player Franny More- is former Thistle coach Graeme Roy. He leaves after a decade working hard behind the scenes and the club have wished him well in his new post and thanked him for his contributions to the Jags over the years.

March 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L)**

**Buckie Thistle 3 Banks O' Dee 1 (Aberdeenshire Shield) Tues. evening**

**Football news** - Buckie Thistle player Gary Clark had his contract with the club terminated. The midfielder was red carded in the recent Highland League game with Turriff United at the Haughs after launching into a tirade of foul-mouthed abuse at match officials. Club President Garry Farquhar stressed that the Jags would have no truck with such behaviour; He said, " Gary Clark's contract has been terminated."

**Buckie Rovers 2 Cruden Bay 0 (Div. 2)**

Mar 12 **Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire Shield semi-final) Tues. evening**

**Inverurie Locos 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *" Magnificent Main "*

**BUCKIE:** Main, MacRae, Duncan, Cheyne (Davidson), MacKinnon, D. Wood, Angus, Shewan, Smith, Hodge (Sutherland), and Carrol. Subs. S. Wood, Strong (G/K).

**Football news** - Buckie Boys' Brigade Junior football side have done themselves proud after making it to the Scottish Five-a Side football finals for the second year running. Representing the BB's were Ryan Brindle, Ross Gillies, Ross Coull, Brodie Christie, Adam McCarten, Scott Innes and Lee Cowie.

- Mar 19 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistles 5 (Highland League Cup)**  
**Buckie Rovers were idle**
- Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 3 (H/L)**  
**Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) Fochabers 0 (Div 2)** ‘Double figure drubbing for Fochabers ‘  
**ROVERS** Ferguson, Thain, Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Cooper, Smith Corbett, Stables, Legge. Subs - Bruce, Mark Wood, Mike Wood (all used) Morrison, Sherman (G/K)  
**Football news** - Midfielder Graeme Stewart, 30, who was part of the spine of Greg Carroll’s title-winning side left the Jags in season 2011-2012, but has now returned from Inverurie Locos on loan until the end of the season. His season has been hampered by a knee injury and he has not featured for the Locos since December last year.
- Apr 2 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L) Donaldson had three goals**  
**BUCKIE**; Main, S. Wood, Simpson, G. Stewart (Munro), Angus, MacRae, Donaldson (D. Wood), Cheyne, MacKinnon (Hodge), Sutherland and Shewan. Subs. Shand, Duncan.  
**Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 3 (S/F Elginshire Refrigeration Cup) Rovers won 5-3 on penalties**
- Apr 9 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Wed. night.**  
**Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 3 (Quarter Final League Cup) Keith won 5-4 on penalties**  
**Colony Park 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div. 2)** ‘Beaten by a better team’  
**ROVERS**; Ferguson, Thain, Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Corbett, Mark Wood, Smith, Mike Wood Bruce, Legge. Subs – Cooper, K. Gauld (both used), Stables, Ingram, Sherman (G/K)
- Apr 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Clachnacuddin 3 (H/L)** ‘Thistle out clached ‘  
**Newmachar United 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div. 2)** ‘Rovers unravel United’  
**Football news** Shock and sadness greeted the news last week that former Buckie Thistle, manager and player, Alan Scott had died.  
Mr Scott passed away on Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. He was 61. Tributes have been pouring in for the Banff-based driving instructor who took the Jags to the brink of the Highland League title, finishing third in all three of his full seasons at Victoria Park. He also took the club on a fairytale Scottish Cup run in season 2000-01, dumping Hamilton Accies out 2-0 at Victoria Park in a game which has become the stuff of legend before losing to Ross County in Dingwall 2-1.
- Apr 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** ‘Jags laboured victory’  
**Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** ‘Super strikes at Nairn’  
**Fochabers 0 Rovers 2 (Div. 2)**  
**Buckie United 3 Tomintoul 1 (W/L)** ‘Winning start for the United ‘  
**UNITED** – J. Buchan, S. Riddoch (D. Bain), D. Clark, H. Noble, A. Wilson, A. Gray (A. Burnett), N. Duthie (K. Whyte), And D. Wood. Subs. G. Redford, G. Thain, B. Innes, G. Stewart, P. Coull.
- Apr 30 **Buckie Rovers 7 Fochabers 1 (Div. 2)** ‘Will big score be enough?’ (To win the league title)  
**ROVERS** – Sherman, D. Thain, Stewart, M. Gauld (Ingram), K. Gauld, Milton (S. Thain), Mark Wood, Smith, Corbett, Mike Wood (Stables), Legge, Subs. Morrison, Ferguson (G/K)  
**FOCHABERS** - Flynn Anderson, Mitchell, (Vale), McIntosh, Sopp, Stuart, Harrison, Andrew, Fairweather, Thomson, (Watson), Harrold. Sub. Ross.  
**Newmachar 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div.2)** ‘Goal dearth costs Rovers League title’  
**Football news** - **Colony Park were champions of Division 2. They scored three more goals than did the Rovers over the season, scoring five against Fochabers in their last league game.**
- Apr 30 **Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

**BUCKIE - Main,** S. Wood, Duncan, Cheyne, MacKinnon, MacRae, Donaldson (Shewan), Stewart, Scott (Hodge), Sutherland and Munro. Subs. D. Wood, Small and Strong (G/K).

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**Colony Park 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Final of Elginshire Refrigeration Cup** ‘A good goal scuppers Rovers’ hopes’

**ROVERS** – Sherman, Thain, Milton, Stewart, M. Gauld, Findlay (Mike Wood), Mark Wood, K. Gauld, Bruce, Smith (Corbett), Stables (Legge). Subs Cooper, Ferguson (G/K).

**Football news** - And so the season came to an end for the Rovers with nothing tangible to show for their efforts but as with the league title there was very little between them and the Inverurie side who all told had the more experienced players, including Craig Dorrat, too good to be playing at junior level. Having said that Ben Stewart in the game above played very well and kept him on a very tight rein. To my mind Ben Stewart was the best Rovers’ player this season who played well throughout but it looks as if he has played his last game being ear-marked for the Thistle. The youngsters, Darren Thain, Andy Milton, Mike Wood, Jordan Legge and Kyle Gauld, some of them still at school all impressed and with a year under their belts will be even better next season.

**Burghead United 6 Buckie United 4 (W/L)**

May 14

**Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)** “Costly errors – again”

**BUCKIE:** Main. S. Wood, Duncan, B. Stewart, MacKinnon, D. Wood (Smith), Munro, G. Stewart, Legge (MacRae), Shand (Sutherland), Shewan. Subs. Hodge, Strong (G.K).

**Football news** - In the Thistle team were Ben Stewart and Jordan Legge who had both played all season with Buckie Rovers. It has to be said that neither of them had outstanding games but this was always going to be a hard test against the strong-going Can-Cans.

**Formartine United 3 Buckie Thistles 0 (H/L)**

May 21

**Buckie Thistle 1 Inverurie Locos 1 (H/L)** “An improved display by the Jags “ Last game of season

**BUCKIE:** Main, S. Wood, Duncan, Cheyne (Shand), MacKinnon, Angus, MacRae, Stewart, Smith, Hodge (Scott), Munro (Shewan). Subs. D. Wood, Strong (G/K)

May 28

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June 11

**Buckie Rovers A.G.M** The annual general meeting of Buckie Rovers F.C took place in the pavilion last Thursday evening. As has been the norm for many years now the attendance was very poor. However a new committee was appointed for the season ahead. President: \_ Gary Innes, a new appointment, while David Roberts agreed to continue as secretary as did Teresa Innes as treasurer.

The small committee was augmented with the addition of two new members, those being Eddy Clark and Jim Matheson. Allan Fraser, the only other person present, a Rovers’ stalwart for many years, stopped being a member of the committee a number of years ago, after finding it difficult to hear what was being said at meeting.

The Management team of Alfie Morrison, Stephen Bruce and Mark Wood acknowledge that they were happy to continue next season after a reasonably successful 2012-13, missing out very narrowly in taking the league title and losing out similarly to the league champs, Colony Park in a cup final.

**Buckie United 3 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (Tewnion Cup)**

**United** – M. Grant, J. Coull, D. Bain, H. Noble, A. Wilson, P. Davidson, B. Innes, K. Whyte, N. Duthie,

G. Stewart, Gavin. Thain, Subs. Gareth Thain, G. Redford, N. Nicolov, D. Wood, D. Clark.

June 18

**Player of the Year Awards** - The Buckie Rovers’ Player of the year ceremony was held last week in th Harbour Bar. Claiming the silverware were the following - Joe Legge and Kyle Gauld, joint Young Player of the Year; Mike Gauld, Committee Player of the year and Player’s Player of the Year; Mike Wood, Top Goals corer.

**Buckie United 2 Broons 5 (W/L)**

**United** - Grant, Ross, Bain, Farquhar (Capt.) Clark, Stewart, David Wood (Redford), Nicolov (Riddoch), Burnett, Gareth Thain (Buchan), Plant. Subs. Paterson, Greig Stewart.

July 2,

**Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Craig McMillan who was with Nairn County last season. For an undisclosed sum. Manager Gary Hake moved quickly to fill a gap in the strike force after selling Shawn Scott to Deveronvale. MacMillan, who has signed a two-year contract, was previously with

the Thistle, playing for the side during the period that saw the club win the Highland League in consecutive seasons. He is a known goal scorer in that time scoring 79 goals in 132 appearances.

**Football news** - Buckie Thistle will play friendly games against two junior combines this month. They will play Maud on July 24 and New Elgin on July 30. Both games are scheduled to kick off at 7.45pm.

July 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City (F)** Friday evening  
**BUCKIE** Bell, MacRae, Duncan (Davidson), Munro, MacKinnon, D. Wood (B. Stewart), Angus (Shand), Shewan (S. Wood), MacMillan (Smith), Conway (M. Wood), Bagley. Sub. Main (G/K)

**Golspie Sutherland 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)** Saturday

**Buckie United 3 Bishopmill Villa 3 (W/L)** 'United battle back were two behind after ten minutes'

July 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 3 (F) Testimonial** for G/K Main '*Mainser stars on a memorable night*'  
**BUCKIE and guests** - Main (Sherman), S. Wood (D. Wood), MacRae (Low) (H. Munro), D. Munro (Shewan), MacKinnon (Flett), Angus (Napier)(Z. Sutherland), Hodge (B. Stewart), Davidson (Scott), MacMillan (Charlesworth)(Shand), Smith (Murray), and Bagley (Duncan)  
**ABERDEEN**- Langfield, Murray, Robertson, Anderson, Reynolds, Low, McManus, Jack, Vernon, Robson, Hayes. Subs all used – Rodgers (G/K), Clark, McKenna, McGinn, Flood, Masson, Storrle, McGinnis, Pawlett, Wylde, Shaughnessy. Referee - Morag Pirie.  
**Gate around 1700**

**Montrose 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (F)** '*Nae muckle at Montrose*'.

**Buckie - Main**, S. Wood (Bagley), Duncan, Angus, MacKinnon (B. Stewart), D. Wood, Hodge (M. Wood), Carrol, MacMillan, (Hodge), Smith (Shand), MacRae.

July 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Maud 2 (F)**

**Buckie Thistle 6 Rovers 0 (F)**

Aug 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 New Elgin 1 (F)**

**Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** '*Jags costly mistakes*'

**BUCKIE** – Main. S. Wood, MacRae, Hegarty, MacKinnon, Angus (Noble), Forbes (MacMillan), Shewan (Sutherland), Smith, Conway, Carrol. Subs. B. Stewart and Bell (G.K).

**Buckie Rovers 0 Banks of Dee 5 (Grill League Cup)** '*Youthful Rovers taken apart*

**ROVERS** - Sherman, D. Thain, Morrison, M. Gauld, Ingram, Milton, K. Gauld, Innes, Wood, S. Thain, Findlay. Subs. – Coull, Fraser, Marandola (all used) Murphy. '

Aug 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** '*Buckie Blitz beats Broch*'

**Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (Aberdeenshire Cup)**

**Football news** - **Buckie** Thistle have secured the services of their captain Lewis Mackinnon, for a further three years. The 28-year-old centre half signed the contract extension last week with his current deal due to run out at the end of the season.

**Football news** - The Jags are set for another long trip south in the first round of the Scottish Cup. Saturday September 14 will see the Thistle make the journey to Dumfries and Galloway to face Wigtown and Bladnoch. Three years ago they made the same 600 round trips to face the south of Scotland League side in the second round of the cup

**Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 1 (Ist Div West)** '*Rovers take their chances*'

Aug 20 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** '*Beaten but unbowed*'

**Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 0 (Grill League Cup) (New Elgin won 3-2 on penalties.)**

**ROVERS:** Sherman (Wood), Riddoch, Milton, M. Gauld, McIntosh, Cooper, Mark Wood (Fielding) Legge, Mike Wood, S. Thain Findlay (Innes) Sub D. Thain. Tues night

**Football news** - This was a truly courageous display by a largely young Rover's side against one of the top junior sides at the present time. Not only did the Rovers lose their keeper through injury at half time, with coach Mark Wood taking over in goal but other injuries saw them play the last 15 minutes with ten men. In the penalty shoot out Mark Wood saved a penalty.

**Ellon United 7 Buckie Rovers 2 (Grill League Cup)** *'Rovers toasted under the grill'*

**ROVERS** Redford, Robertson, Milton, McIntosh, Ingram (Flett) Sutherland (Coull) Mark Wood, Gauld, M. Wood, Cooper, Innes. Subs. Thain and Findlay.

**Football news** - The Rovers due to injuries to a number of players have been giving some promising youngsters a try out. Here they had Lee Redford in goal, Jordan Sutherland, Flett and Coull, Bleu Innes had been in the side previously.

Aug 27

**Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 3 (Aberdeenshire Cup)** *'Jags crash out of the cup'*

**BUCKIE:** Main, S. Wood (Angus), Noble, Hegarty, (Carroll), MacKinnon, MacRae, Conway, G. Stewart, MacMillan, Sutherland, (Forbes), and Davidson. Subs. Smith, Bell (G/K) Tues.

**Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)**

**Portgordon United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West)** *'United win derby duel – again'* Tues.

**Buckie Rovers 2 Whitehills 5 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West)** *'A virtual catalogue of errors'*

**ROVERS:** Redford, Thain, and Riddoch. M. Gauld, Ingram. Cooper, Mark Wood, Innes, M. Wood, Sutherland, K. Gauld. Sub. Morrison and Scott (both used), Coull.

Sept 3

**Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

**Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley Thistle (U20s) 3 (F)** *'Caley loons slick display'*

**Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West)**

**Football news** - The Rovers were making their first return visit to Logie Park, Forres since January 2011. On their last appearance there they lost so it was good to win this time round. And did so with something to spare

**The Broons 3 Buckie United 4 (W/L)** *'United claim vital points'*

**UNITED** - Riddoch, Coull, Bain, Clark, Wilson, Farquhar, Burnett, Nicolov, Davidson, Wood (Hart), Stewart, Sub. Thain.

Sept 10

**Buckie Thistle 0 Fort William 0 (H/L)** *'Thistle share the points'*

**BUCKIE:** Kevin Main, Chris Angus, Harry Noble (Fraser Forbes), Chris Hegarty, L Smith), Donnie Munro. Subs – Shaun Wood, Bob Duncan, Daniel Bell (G.K).

**Football news** - Prior to the kick off a minute's applause took place in memory of the late Joe Jappy, with the flag at half mast as it had been all the past week as a mark of respect for a man who will be remembered as a club legend.

**Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 2 (1st Div. West)** *'Rovers fail to end long run of defeats'*

**ROVERS:** Lee Redford, Darren Thain, Andrew Milton, Michael Gauld, Darren Wood, Scott Thain, Mark Wood, Kyle Gauld, Michael Wood, Stephen Bruce, Jordan Legge. Subs. Bleu Innes, Kieran Riddoch (used), Mark McIntosh, Michael Fielding

Sept 17

**Wigtown and Bladnoch 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (SC. Cup)** *'Jags deserved their win'*

**Buckie Rovers 3 Buchanhaven Hearts 0 - (1<sup>st</sup> Round of Dominos North Regional Cup)**

Sept 24

**Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Ouch! For a Keith cyard that wis sair tae tak

**Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West)** *'Rovers tak lang time tae tak fire'*

**Football news** - Three photograph on page 13 of this week's *Advertiser* shows Buckie Rovers players and committee members as they show off new track suits t-shirts and jackets which have been presented to them from foreign sponsors. President Gary Innes, who is employed in the oil industry, played a major part in obtaining such worthy gifts for the club.

The tracksuits and t-shirts were given by one of the team's major sponsors –Montagu Asset Management of Dubai while the new club jackets were gifted by Laser Gulf of Azerbaijan.

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 1 (H/L)** *'Midfield masters derail locos'*

**Dufftown 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West)** *'Rovers need a goals scorer'*

**Football news** - Being stuck for a goalkeeper for this game the Rovers were indebted to Darren Strong, former Buckie Thistle keeper and now the Jags' goalkeeping coach for stepping in to fill the vacancy.

Oct 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Annan Athletic 0 (Sc. Cup)**

**BUCKIE** Main, Angus, Noble, (Shewan), G. Stewart, MacKinnon, MacRae, Conway, Munro, MacMillan, (Forbes), Smith (Sutherland), Davidson. Subs. Carrol, Duncan, S. Wood, Bell (G/K)

**Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninian's 0 (1st Div. West)** *'Kyle the hat-trick hero'*

**ROVERS;** Redford, D. Thain, Irons, D. Wood, M. Gauld, S. Thain, Mark Wood, K. Gauld, Cooper. Subs – Milton, Morrison and Scott (all used), Matheson and S. Innes.

**Football news** - A minute's silence was observed prior to the game above as a mark of respect for the former Rover's player Alex Simpson who died recently in Edinburgh. Alex is the only Rovers' player to be capped for Scotland at centre forward. He was a prolific goal-scorer, scoring a hat-trick in his first ever game for the Rovers in 1962, something which drew the attention of Highland League clubs and others, including Cardiff City for whom he went on trial. Following a game between the Rovers and Inverness Caley that ended in an amazing 3-3 draw with Alex scoring one of the goals he was invited to sign for the Inverness club. He played a season for the Caley before returning to Buckie and signing for the Thistle. The Thistle faithful will remember him for scoring a hat trick against Fraserburgh in November 1967 at a time when the team's fortunes were at fairly low ebb.

**Tomintoul 1 Buckie United 4 (Moray Welfare League)** *'Last league game for United'*

**UNITED:** Mark Grant, John Coull, David Bain, Dec lan Clark, Anthony Wilson, Nicky Nicolov, Andy Burnett, David Sozzi, Callum Hart, Kevin Whyte. Subs David Wood, James Buchan (both used) and Stuart Thain.

Oct. 15 **Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

**Inverness City 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Div. West.)**

Oct 22 **Annan Athletic 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (Sc. Cup)** *"Lightning Doesn't Strike Twice"*

**BUCKIE:** Main, Angus, Noble, Hegarty, MacKinnon, MacRae, Conway, Shewan (Carrol), MacMillan (Sutherland), Forbes (Smith), and Davidson. Subs. S. Wood, Duncan, Stewart and Bell (G.K)

**Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 4 (Div. 1 West)** *"No luck for stand-in keeper"*

**ROVERS:** Paul Robertson, D. Thain, Irons, M. Gauld, D. Wood, Andrew Gardiner, Mark Wood, Innes, M. Wood, K. Gauld, S. Thain. Subs. Legge, Fielding, McIntosh (all used), Milton and Coull.

**Football news** - **Being** stuck for a keeper the Rovers had no other recourse than field Paul Robertson in goal. He tried his best and had little luck with the shots that went past him.

Oct. 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 2 (H/L)** *"Skipper saves Thistle"*

**Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 6 (Div. 1 West)** *"Rovers hit Fochabers for Six"*

**Football news** - The Rovers had schoolboy Ethan Murray in goal with Lee Redford offshore and Aaron Sherman still unfit.

Nov 5 **Formartine United 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

**Dalry Thistle 9 Buckie Rovers 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Emirates Scottish Cup)**

**ROVERS:** Murray, D. Thain, Milton, D. Wood, Robertson, M. Gauld, Mark Wood, K. Gauld, S. Bruce, M. Wood, Legge. Subs. Irons, Fielding, S. Thain (all used), Innes and Coull

**Football news** - Burchhead Thistle did much better when they met the Ayrshire team, again on their home ground, in the next round, being beaten by the odd goal in five.

- Nov 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H/L)**  
**BUCKIE:** Main, S. Wood (Forbes), Duncan, Hegarty, MacKinnon, MacRae, Baxter, Angus, Smith (MacMillan), Davidson, and Carrol. Subs. Noble, Sutherland, Bell (G.K)
- Football news** - Jamie Shewan who has played for Buckie Thistle for nigh on 12 years has decided to hang up his boots. He said how he was really gutted to have had to take this step but was finding that he didn't have the energy for the game after a long morning shift as a postman. Altogether he made 335 appearances for the Thistle and scored 44 goals. His last game was against Annan Athletic.  
 Jamie was more than a fair player, giving 100% plus for whatever team he played for, at different levels, and above all a truly nice lad. A.F.
- Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div. 1 West)** *"A Good Day for Mark Wood"*
- Nov 19 **Clachnacuddin 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 4 Dufftown 1 (Div. 1 West)** *"Rovers hit purple patch to beat favourites"*
- Football news** - This was quite an outstanding result. Dufftown, one of the leading teams could well have had the game won within the first ten minutes but for three tremendous saves by keeper Lee Redford and they held the upper hand for a long period of the game. The Rovers hit a real purple patch fifteen minutes from the end, during a period of torrential rain, to score four times in 12 minutes to 'steal' the game. Football is a funny old game.
- Nov 26 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 3 (H/L)**
- Football news** - A minute's **applause** was observed prior to the kick off in respect of former player John 'Plum' Slater and former physio Neil Rothnie, who both sadly died recently.  
 Slater joined Buckie Thistle from Forres Mechanics in the summer of 1977. He played for the Thistle the full of season 1977-78 moving to Lossiemouth in season 1978-79
- Buckie Rovers had an idle day.**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Inverness City 3 (Div. 1 West.)** *"Rovers should have won"*
- Dec 3 **No game for either the Thistle or the Rovers** due to weather conditions, snow and frost.
- Dec 10 **Buckie Thistle v Brora Rangers- game abandoned after 24 minutes due to increasing wind strength.**
- Dec 17 **Buckie Rovers 0 Portgordon Victoria 5 (Div. 1 West)** *"Vics take the wind out of the Rovers' sails"*  
**ROVERS** – Redford, Thain, Milton, M. Gauld, Findlay, Legge, Mark Wood, K. Gauld, Cooper, Mike Wood, Bruce. Subs. Robertson, Morrison, Fielding (all played) Coull, Murray (G.K).  
**PORTGORDON** – Barclay, I. Mair, Wood (D. Clark), Sinclair, Ross, S. Mair, K. Clark, Walls, Sutherland, McLaughlan, Ralph. Subs. N. Mair, Ferguson.
- Football news** -Jordan Sutherland left Buckie Thistle and signed for Portgordon. He made 44 appearances for the Jags netting three goals but was unable to command a place in the starting line up this season. He mainly featured as a substitute. His presence in the Portgordon team above was important in the outcome of the game. While Sutherland left the Thistle Stephen Gauld joined the Buckie side from Turriff United, where a bit like Sutherland he never really got a chance to shine.
- Dec 24 **Cove Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - *"Clinical Cove Crush Buckie"*  
**BUCKIE Main,** S. Wood, Duncan, Carrol, MacKinnon, MacRae, Conway, Angus, MacMillan (Smith), Baxter (Low), Gauld. Subs. Hodge, Bell (G.K)
- Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div1 West)** *"Three corners- three goals"*
- Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** *"Jags to the four in fisher derby"*
- Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div. 1 West)** *"Nae a glower bit a grin es time fae Lady Luck"*



