

Football Snippets 2015

Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 4 (H/L)**

BUCKIE; Burr, S. Wood, Carrol (D. Wood), Munro, MacKinnon, Hegarty, Angus, Copeland (K. Gauld), MacMillan (Davidson), Low and Adams. Subs. G. Stewart and Strong (G/K)

Jan 13 **None of the local football teams played on Saturday due to weather conditions**

Jan 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (F)** played on Astroturf- game abandoned - WIND **THISTLE:** – Burr. S. Wood, MacRae, Davidson, D. Wood, Munro (Baxter), Angus, J. Cheyne (Copeland), Low (MacMillan), Fraser (MacKinnon), and Adams (Gauld).

ROVERS: Sherman (Redford), Fraser, Noble, M. Gauld, Innes, Wood, Gordon, N. Smith, C. Murray and S. Gauld (Scott).

Jan 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (F)** scheduled game at Lossie called off

Buckie Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (F) Kevin Fraser scored here too as he did against Rothes.

Football news: The Rovers had ex Thistle and Portgordon Victoria player Jordan Sutherland in their side. Sutherland later signed for the Rovers. The junior also signed Callum Murray who was with Elgin City.

Buckie Rovers 5 Portgordon Victoria I (1st Div. west) The Vics played for more than half the game with ten men after their keeper was sent off. This was the first time the Rovers have beaten the Vics in seven games since they moved up from the Welfare League.

ROVERS: Sherman (Redford), Gordon, Noble, and Findlay. M. Gauld, Davidson, Wood, M. Smith, N. Smith, Murray, S. Gauld. Subs. Bruce, Scott (both used), Thain and Innes.

VICS: Osborne (Cruickshank), D. Clark, K. Clark, Wood, Sinclair, Walls, R. Mair, S. Mair, Leslie, Campbell, Mellon. Subs –McPherson (used), Jack.

Feb 3 **Whitehills 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (1st Div. West)**

Buckie Thistle was idle.

Feb 10 **Buckie 2 Formartine 4 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 Grantown 3 (1st Div West.)

Feb 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)** Burr, the keeper, scored a late equaliser **

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 2

Feb 24 **Turriff United 2 Buckie Thistles 2 (H/L)**

BUCKIE: Burr, MacRae, Carroll, Hegarty, D. Wood, Munro, Fraser, Copland (K. Gauld), Angus, Low and S. Wood (S. Gauld). Subs. MacMillan, G. Stewart, and McGinley.

Lossiemouth United 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (1st Div West)

ROVERS: Sherman, Fraser, Noble, Findlay, Gordon, Davidson, Mark Wood, Sutherland, Gardiner, Murray and Mike Wood. Subs, Smith, Innes, Scott (all used), Cowie and Redford.

Whitehills 1 Portgordon Victoria 3 (1st Div West.)

Mar 3 **Brora Rangers 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Football news – Buckie Thistle have signed up a new goalkeeper until the end of the season while he undertakes a placement in Aberdeen as part of his studies as a PE teacher. He is Matt McGinley, described as a young keeper with a lot of promise; technically very good, with excellent positioning and also good with the ball, according to joint manager Lewis MacKinnon.

Portgordon Victoria 3 Buckie Rovers 3 Elginshire Cup 1st Round, Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

PORTGORDON: Cruickshank, Walls, Ross, Jack, Sinclair, Mair, Clark, Tippings McLaughlan, Campbell and Mellon, Sub. Paterson and Greig (both used) McPherson.

ROVERS; Redford, Innes, Noble, Gordon, Findlay Sutherland, Mark Wood, M. Smith, N. Smith, Murray and Gardiner. Sub. Stewart, Wood, Thain (all used), Scott and Sherman

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Wick Academy 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 FC Stoneywood 2 Domino Pizza Regional Cup 2nd Round

Dufftown 4 Portgordon Victoria 1 (Div1 west)

Mar 17 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *“Yuk”, says he*

BUCKIE: McGinley, MacRae, Carrol, Hegarty, MacKinnon(MacMillan), D. Wood, Fraser, Cheyne(Munro), Angus, Low, Copeland. Subs. S. Gauld, S. Wood and Strong (G/K)

Football news – Matthew McGinley, made his debut in goal for the Thistle

Inverurie Locos 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (Div 1 west)

Portgordon Victoria 0 Islavale 3 (Div1 west)

Mar 24 **Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Neither the Rovers nor Portgordon played on Saturday .

Mar 31 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Portgordon Victoria v Islavale game was abandoned due to high winds

Rovers were idle.

Apr 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 5 (H/L)**

BUCKIE : McGinley, MacRae, Carrol, Cheyne(MacMillan), Hegarty(MacKinnon), D. Wood, S. Wood, Fraser, Angus, Low and Copeland (Scott). Subs. K. Gauld, Davidson, Stewart and Munro.

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire League

BUCKIE: Sim, Gordon, L. Cheyne, Davidson MacRae, J. Cheyne, Scott, Copeland (M. Wood), Hodge, K. Gauld (Noble) and Murray. Subs. Low and Sherman (G/K)

Buckie Rovers 1 Grantown 0 2nd round of Elginshire Cup

ROVERS: Redford, Gordon, Noble, Davidson, M. Gauld, Innes (S. Thain), Mark Wood, K. Gauld, Sutherland, Scott, (Mike Wood), Murray. Subs. Steven Bruce, D. Thain, Sherman (G/K)

Apr14 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (Div. 1 west)**

Apr 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)** The game marked the end of the season for the Thistle.

BUCKIE: McGinlay, S. Wood, Carroll, D. Wood (Gauld), MacKinnon(MacMillan), MacRae, Angus, Cheyne (Munro), Fraser, Low and Copeland. Subs. Stewart and Burr (G/K)

Buckie Rovers 1 Dufftown 1 (Div. 1 west) Game played on Tuesday evening (not printed)

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Div. 1 west)

ROVERS: Sherman, Gordon, Noble, Findlay (S. Thain), Gauld, Innes, Mark Wood, Sutherland(M. Smith), N. Smith, Scott (M. Wood) and Murray. Subs. D. Thain and Fraser.

Apr 28 **Whitehills 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div. 1 west)** Tuesday evening (not printed)

Nairn St Ninian's 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Elginshire Cup semi-final)

May 5 **Buckie Rovers 4 Spey Valley 0 (1st Div. west)**

ROVERS: Aaron Sherman, Darren Thain, Harry Noble, Dale Fraser, Mike Gauld, Scott Thain, Liam Gordon, Michael Smith, Jordan Sutherland, Kyle Gauld, Callum Murray. Subs Mike Wood and Robert Scott (both played) Malcolm Fielding, Ethan Cowie and Lee Redford (G/K).

May 10 Nil

May 19 **Elginshire Cup Final Dufftown 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (Rovers won 3-1 on pens.)** The match was played at Boroughbriggs, Elgin on Sunday.

ROVERS: Sherman, Gordon, Noble, Davidson (Scott), Mike Gauld, Innes (Scott Thain), Mark Wood, Gardiner, Sutherland, Kyle Gauld, Callum Murray. Subs. Darren Thain, Mike Wood, M. Smith.

Jordan Sutherland scored the Rovers' goal and also scored from the spot. The others scorers were Kyle Gauld and Harry Noble.

The Rovers take a photo call – Back L-R Michael Wood, Robert Scott, Liam Gordon, Kyle Gauld, Ethan Murray (G/K), Mark Jones (bag man) Mike Gauld, Aaron Sherman, Mike Wood, Darren Thain and Allan Fraser (long time associated with the Rovers and former committee man) Front L-R. - David Findlay, manager, Mark Wood, Scott Thain, Harry Noble, Callum Murray, Bleu Innes Jordan Sutherland, Andrew Gardiner, Scott Davidson.

Football news: The Rovers had reached the final of the Elginshire Cup for the last three seasons without being able to triumph, but this time they came good.

For veteran Mark Wood this was his fourth attempt to win a medal losing to Nairn when with Portgordon. It was good for him to win a medal in what he said was to be his last attempt

Football news: Portgordon Victoria is looking for a new management team for next season. Co-managers Graham Collie and Alan "Micky" McPherson along with coach Peter Gordon are standing down at the end of the campaign after five seasons in charge, due to a combination of personal circumstances and work commitments.

May 26 **Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 1 (Div. 1 west)**

ROVERS: E. Murray, Fraser (K. Gauld), Noble, Davidson, M. Gauld, Thain, Wood, M. Smith (N. Smith), Gardiner, Gordon, and Scott (C. Murray). Subs Innes, Sherman (G/K).

June 9 **Rovers' Player of the Year ceremony.** Committee's Player of the Year – Mark Wood; Players' Player of the year and Top Goalscorer – Nikki Smith; Young Player of the Year – Liam Gordon, Manager's Player of the Year was shared by Bleu Innes and Shaun Findlay. This was held in the Harbour Bar where Mr and Mrs Chris Simpson are prime sponsors of the Rovers.

June 16 **Football news - Buckie Rovers will continue:** There were real fears that the Rovers would go into abeyance, something that was spelt out by the President Gary Innes, who said that a committee of three members, with

himself being away from home for weeks at a time because of his work, could not continue and invited those who had a care for the continuance of an old and successful football club to attend the annual general meeting and hopefully become members of the committee. His heartfelt plea was met with success and a number of new faces turned out with at least six new people signing on the line. Although Gary Innes is to continue as President, Alan Strachan as vice president and Dave Roberts as secretary Mrs. Teresa Innes stepped down from the post of treasurer being replaced by Mrs. Irene Smith. The club's management team of Dave Findlay, Michael Smith and Malcolm Fielding will continue in harness.

Committee members – Jimmy Sutherland and John Smith, grandfathers of player Joe Sutherland, Ian Gordon, father of former player Liam Gordon, Grant Sutherland and his wife Laura, parents of Joe, Lauren Smith, wife of Nikki Smith and Eddie Clark.

June 23 **Football news** Buckie Thistle signed Paul Napier who had been playing with Formartine United. Napier played for the Thistle when they won back-to-back Highland League titles.

The Thistle were fortunate to land an international sponsorship deal with an American firm who will provide travel suits, polo shirts, training kit and travel bags for all the first team. The deal was set up Jags manager Graeme Stewart who works for the American firm Holeopener Corporation of Houston

June 30

July 7 **Forfar Athletic 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (F)**

BUCKIE : Burr, Wood, Carroll, Hegarty, MacKinnon, Low, Angus, Copeland, Wyness, Fraser, Napier Subs. Munro, Macrae, Cheyne, Ross, Taylor, Gauld Sim(G/K)

July 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 4 (F)**

Football news -Three Buckie Thistle players – Liam Paterson, Kyle Gauld and Stuart Hodge were to go on loan to Rothes

Football news _ a photograph on page 27 shows the Buckie Rovers players dressed in their training kit provided by Aberlour firm Speyside Scaffolding. In the 16 players shown are three players who were with Portgordon Victoria last season- Nathan Walls, Scot Mair , Russell McLauughlin and Craig Sinclair. Manager David "Parro" Findlay with co manager Michael "Zu-Zu" Smith look to the future with confidence

July 21 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Dennis Wyness the former Aberdeen and Inverness Caley Thistle striker who had been playing with Elgin City . Wyness is 38 years of age.

July 28 **Cove Rangers 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** First game of the season played at Harlaw Park

BUCKIE; Sim, S. Wood, Carroll, D. Wood, MacKinnon, Cheyne, Angus, Munro (Ross), Wyness, Fraser, Taylor, Subs. Ross, Copeland and Scott (played) Macrae, Hegarty, Bruce, Fisher.

Buckie Rovers 3 Keith F.C. 0 (F)

ROVERS: Sherman(Ferguson), Walls, Gordon, Sinclair, Gauld, M. Smith (N. Smith) Noble, Scott, C Murray (Hay), McLaughlan and Sutherland. Sub. E. Murray

KEITH: Bell(Smith), Hutcheon, Collinson, Milne, Dunn, Ritchie, Cormack, Manson,(Wood), Ewen, Johnston, Massie, Subs. Whelan, Robertson, Henderson, Stewart (all used) Swan.

Inverurie Locos 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup (Wed)

Aug 4 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) "C'on the Maroons "**

KEITH: Bell, Scully, Smith, Hutcheon, Dunn, Milne, Cormack, Whelan, Ewen(Johnston), Duncan., and Ritchie. Subs not used - Robinson, McDonald, Collinson, Henderson, Stables and Dey

BUCKIE: Sherman , Wood, Carroll,(Scott), Hegarty, MacKinnon, MacRae, Napier, Copeland, Angus, K. Fraser (J. Fraser), Munro (Taylor), Subs not used – J. Cheyne, Bruce, Stewart.

Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 2 (F)

ROVERS: Sherman, Walls, Gordon, Innes, Gauld, Sinclair, Murray, Findlay, N. Smith, Sutherland, and Wood. Subs. M. Smith, Goodall, Cowie, Hay (all used), Ferguson (G/K)

Aug 11 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)** *The first time Thistle had conceded 8 goals in H/L for 33 years.*

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 0 (Grill League) No team lines or reports

Buckie Rovers 7 Colony Park 2 (Grill League) as above

Aug 18 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

BUCKIE; Sim, S. Wood, Carroll, Macrae, Mackinnon, Hegarty (Wyness), Angus, Cheyne,(Munro), Ross, K. Fraser, Napier. Subs. Copeland, Taylor, Scott, J. Fraser. Strong.

Lossiemouth United 2 Buckie Rovers 11 (McBookie.com 1st Div. west)

Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 0 (Div 1 west) (Tues)

Buckie Rovers 1 Lewis United (Grill League)

Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inv. Clach 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Dyce Juniors 4 (Grill League) *Short of player meant end of the line in Cup*

Sept 1 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div 1. West) Scorers Mike Wood and Sutherland

Football news : Liam Gordon played his last game for the Rovers here . The former dux of Buckie Community High School is to begin his studies at Strathclyde University later this month. He came into the Rovers side towards the end of last season to play every game, either in defence or midfield.

Sept 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Formartine United 2 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers I (Div 1 west) Scorer Mike Smith

Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Turriff United 0 (H/L)**

Nairn St Ninian 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (Div.1 west) Scorers, Sutherland 3 Wood 1

Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 (Div. 1 west) Scorers – Mike Wood , Shaun Findlay 2

Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 7 Rothes 0 (H/L)** the two Rothes managers resigned following this game. One of them Paul Lamberton, a former Thistle player and a member of the back room staff at Victoria Park before taking the manager's peg at Rothes, along with Willie Duncan.

Buckie Rovers 0 Hill of Beath 3 (1st Round of the Scottish Junior Cup)

ROVERS: Ferguson, Findlay, Noble, Sinclair, Gauld, Innes, Davidson, Mair, N. Smith, Sutherland and Campbell. Subs. Murray, M. wood, M. Smith (all used) L. Wood and Sherman (G/K)

6 Oct. **Speyside Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Grantown 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (1st Div. West.) *Michael Wood , one of the smallest players on the park scored all three goals for the Rovers.*

13 Oct. **Buckie Thistle were idle on Saturday.**

Hall Russell United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 G. A cup.

20 Oct **Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 0 (H/L) Sat.**

Note - Prior to this game the report on the above game said how the Jags had bounced back after from midweek defeats by Forres and Inverurie. There was no reports on these games nor were the scores given.

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (1st Div west)

27 Oct **Edinburgh City 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (2nd Rd. Wm Hill Scottish Cup)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 0 (1st Div. west) Keeper was star man

ROVERS: Sherman, Walls, Innes, Sinclair, N. Davidson, Findlay, S. Davidson, Campbell, McLaughlin, Sutherland, M. Wood, . Subs . Mair and Noble (both used), L. Wood, Smith and Ferguson

Football note: The Rovers signed Buckie thistle player Neil "Zico" Davidson until the end of the season. As an oilman he wasn't always available for the Thistle and this will be the same with the Rovers.

3 Nov. **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)**

Football notes : In the 3rd round of the Wm Hill Buckie Thistle were drawn away against Stranraer.

At the Annual General meeting of the Thistle there was no change for four out of five of the main club office bearer positions, Garry Farquhar remains club president, Raymond Cardno vice president, Sharon Coutts, treasurer and Graeme Tallis director of football. Marc Macrae stepped down as secretary with David Pirie taking over.

Spey Valley 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Div. 1 west) The game was played under the lights on Friday night at Makessack Park, Rothes, the reason being that the Valley would be unable to fulfil the fixture on the Saturday because of shortage of players.

10 Nov **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** The Thistle were the first team to lose a point to Rothes this season. Rothes with a new manager worked hard according to the Buckie manager.

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 0 - 1st Round of Domino Pizza North Regional Cup

17 Nov. **Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 5 (H/L)**

Buckie: Sim, Wood, Carrol, MacRae, Munro, Hegarty(Copeland), J. Fraser(Taylor), Low, Wyness (Scott), K. Fraser and Ross. Subs. Paterson, Hodge, Gauld and Strong (not used)

Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 1 (1st Div. west.)

Nov 24 **Fochabers 3 Buckie Rovers 6**

Buckie Thistle were idle

Dec. 1 **Stranraer 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Cup 3rd Round**

Buckie Rovers 6 Lossiemouth United 0

ROVERS: A. Sherman, B. Innes, H. Noble, C. Sinclair, N. Walls, S. Mair, C. Murray, J. Sutherland, N. Smith, M. Wood, L. Wood, Subs. M. Smith, ? Hay , M. Fielding (all used)

Football news This was one of the last games Lossie played this season as sadly they went into abeyance after their manager resigned and lack of interest shown by players. They aim to return next season. The league can't afford to lose teams as Bishopmill folded two years ago and Whitehills this season. The league is now only nine strong

Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) BUCKIE: Sim, Hodge, Carrol (Macrae), Hegarty, MacKinnon, Cheyne, K. Fraser, Munro (Copeland), Ross, Wyness, Napier(Taylor), Subs. J. Fraser, Low, Gauld, Scott.**

Nairn St Ninians 5 Buckie Rovers 1 Elginshire Cup, opening game.

Dec 15 **Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Rovers were meant to play Islavale but Simpson Park, Keith was waterlogged.

Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 6 (H/L) The Thistle's inconsistency is quite amazing.**

Rovers had no game - idle over the festive period with no game until Jan. 9 2016