

Local Football in 2011

Jan 4

Jan 11 **Deveronvale 7 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Jan 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 1 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 7 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) *'Seven not heaven for the Rovers'*

East Stirling 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (3rd Rd. Sc. Cup)

Jan 25 *** **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) ******* (I like the score A.F)

Dufftown 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (Morrison Cup 1st Round)

Feb 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brechin City 2 3rd Round Scottish Cup –**

Buckie: Main, H. Munro, Duncan, Small, Morrison, Brown, Sutherland, Macrae, Charlesworth, Low and Davidson. Subs – Gardiner, Strong (G.K)

News – The mascot for the day who led the two teams on to the park was Daniel Strong, four year old son of Jags captain and reserve goal keeper Kevin Small who hasn't enjoyed the best of health. . He was dressed appropriately in the Thistle colours. He got a great cheer from both sets of players and all supporters when he appeared. . It is to be hoped that the future hold promise of better things for the youngster.

Glentanar 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *Sterling Display Worthy of More*

Rovers: Mike Miele, Darren Stevenson, Mike Gauld, Paul Robertson (Copt.), Shaun Ingram, Paul Forbes, Shane Clark, Dale Munro, David Blackhall, Scott Mair, Shaun Wood. Subs – Dale Fraser, Jamie Cooper, Scott Findlay, Gary Innes, Mike Munro (G.K)

Football news - With a number of the young players off watching the Scottish Cup tie locally and other not available, Keith Ingram had a couple of new faces in his squad. Mike Miele, goalkeeper, is on loan from Elgin City while Darren Stevenson is from Lhanbryde and was playing in the Welfare League last season.

Feb 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 1st Round Aberdeenshire Shield Wed.**

Buckie Thistle 6 Strathspey Thistle 1 (H/L) *'Buckie on Easy Street'*

Buckie Rovers 1 Hillhead 1 (L) *'If nae roon the corner half-way there'*

Feb 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L) -**

The game was switched to Buckie owing to Mossat Park being unplayable

Buckie: Main, H. Munro, Angus, Macrae, Morrison, MacKinnon, D. Munro (Brown), Clark, Scott (Charlesworth), Low and Sutherland (Napier), Subs- Duncan and Strong.

Dufftown 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) *'Welcome Win For Rovers'*

Mar 1 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Wed.**

Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

The Rovers had a an idle Saturday

Mar 8 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) (Tuesday night)**

Buckie: Main, Duncan (Sutherland), H. Munro, Brown, Angus (MacRae), McKinnon, Napier, D. Munro, Bruce, Scott (Charlesworth), and Clark. Sub. Low and Strong (G.K)

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

East End 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) *'The Rovers eence mair back in the greep'*

Rovers: Miele, Gauld, Stevenson (Stewart), Robertson, Ingram (Clark), Cooper, B. Mair, Munro, Blackhall, S. Mair and Wood. Sub- Leon Morrison. (Son of Alfie Morrison)

Mar 15 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) (Tuesday night)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 3 (H/L) 'More Woes for the Jags'

Buckie Rovers 0 Burghhead Thistle 2 (L) 'Keepers both won and lost this tie'

Mar 22 **Buckie Thistle 0 Turriff United 1 (Highland League Cup)** 'Cup dismay for the Thistle'
Buckie; Main, Morrison, H. Munro, Brown, Mackinnon Wood (Shewan), Napier, Clark, Macmillan, Low and D. Munro. Sub – Duncan, B. Stewart, Strong (G. K)

Buckie Rovers 0 Buchanhaven Hearts 3 (L) 'Relegation spectre looms ever nearer'
Rovers Miele, Gauld, Stevenson (Findlay), Robertson, Ingram (N. Mair), Forbes, Cooper, Munro (Fraser), Blackhall, S. Mair, and Wood. Subs – Morrison and Stewart.

Mar 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Formartine 0 (H/L)**

Turriff 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) 'Turra Thumped' score disna tell the hale story

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) "We were needing Three Pints"

April 5 **Buckie Rovers 1 Inverness City 2 (L)** 'No Points for Valiant Display' City were league leaders
Rovers: Todd, Gauld, Stewart (Stevenson), Robertson, Ingram, Cooper, Clark, Munro, Blackhall, Sutherland, Wood. Subs. Mair, Alfie Morrison and Mike Munro (G.K)

April 12 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Main, Shewan, Small, MacRae, MacKinnon, Morrison, Napier (Strong), Clark, Clark, MacMillan (Murray), Charlesworth (Bruce), D. Munro. Sub. Low, Duncan.

Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) 'Rovers win High-Scoring Duel'

Football news - With Dale Munro getting married on the day and with two other players present as guests the Rovers were scratching to field a team and introduced two trialists R. Henderson and Ian Morrison both of who played okay and worthy of a being chosen again.

April 19 **Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

April 19 **The Rovers were idle on the day**

April 26 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

***** **Buckie Thistle 9 Fort William 1 (H/L) Wed.**

Buckie Rovers 0 Dufftown 4 (L) 'The Referee Had a Feel (D) Day Tuesday nights

Football news - The Rovers though trailing by an early goal were the team in command and it only a case of time before they would score and move ahead until Mr McAvenie decided to intervene sending off no less than three Rovers' players and both managers. Dufftown scored three more goals against eight men in the remaining ten minutes. The Rovers were badly in need of the points to avoid relegation and the result of this game was very important.

Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) 'Three Precious Points for the Rovers'

Rovers: Todd, Gauld (Innes), Forbes, Robertson, Fraser, Cooper, Clark, Munro, Blackhall, Wood (Findlay), Grant. Sub- Miele (G.K), Ingram, Stevenson and Morrison.

May 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Turriff United 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 2 (L) 'Rovers left in limbo'

Rovers: Todd, Gauld, Stewart (Clark, Robertson, Ingram (Bryceland), Forbes, Cooper, Munro, Blackhall, Findlay and Wood. Subs – Grant, K. Ingram, S. Innes.

Football news – And so the season 2010/2011 shutters closed for the Rovers leaving them still in the perilous situation of being relegated from the 1st Division and depending on Bishopmill doing them the good turn of dropping points.

It would be fair to say that the season just ended had not been an illustrious one and for a number of reasons. We had the pleasure of seeing some good games but also gye poor ones. The loss of Bryan Bell to the Thistle was a big miss as the gap he had filled in the middle of defence was never really filled unless it was when veteran Garry Innes happened to be home from the rigs. Another player missed was Gordon Riddoch

who had gone to Australia. He had formed a good partnership with David Blackhall and between the two of them had scored a lot of goals. Another major factor contributing to lack of success is the high number of oilmen in the ranks. It was night impossible to field the 'best' or an unchanged side as it was normal for two sometimes three missing on account of work commitments. This is something that good Rovers' teams in their halcyon days did not have to contend with.

Football news - The game against their Banffshire rivals marked the swansong of Keith Ingram as Rovers' manager, next season his place will be taken by the partnership of Alfie Morrison and Jackie Reid both of them shadowing Keith in the final few games.

Keith as manager had not been everyone's cup of tea but then if he had been he would have broken the mould. Keith has been around the Junior game for a long time both as a player and as a manager with different clubs, and wherever he has been has shown great enthusiasm and commitment to the cause, marking himself in earnest as a sub in his final game. He deserved more success than came his way.

Buckie Thistle 9 Fort William 1 (H/L) 'Slaughter of the Innocents' Game played in mid-week

May 10

Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronside 1 (H/L) The win meant that Buckie were not only Highland League Champions for season 2010/2011 but for the first time since season 1957/58 had retained the crown.

Buckie: Main, Shewan, H. Munro, MacRae, MacKinnon, Morrison, Napier, D. Munro (Stewart), Charlesworth, Murray (Scott) AND Clark (Low). Subs. Macmillan and Strong (G.K) The statistics read as follows – P34 W24 D5 L5 F84 A42 Pts77

The Highland League table following the game had the three Banffshire teams occupying the top three positions with Buckie leading by five points

May 17

Football news - - The first ever Buckie Thistle Supporters seven-a-side tournament, a fund-raiser for the team took place at Merson Park on Sunday May 8 and in the end few could argue that the best team on the day walked away with the winners trophies and a bottle of malt to boot.

The team was Easton's Fan Club from Burghead) and their name itself has a tale for it was only when they met up with the Supporters' Team gaffer Easton Thain in a local licensed establishment after the Community Cup Final in Elgin on Friday past that they chose to enter the tournament.

Football news - They may not have won any silverware on the park but there was plenty to celebrate off it recently for Buckie Thistle Supporters team.

There were no one but three trophies handed over last week by Community Cup Coordinator and Elgin City FC (ECFC) Development Officer Robbie Hope in Moray in the shape of Manager of the month for February, the Fair Play Award and Special Achievement Award.

On hand to collect the trophies were Supporters' team boss Easton Thain team captain Alan Grant and Secretary Graeme Fraser.

The Supporter' team originally started life last year as an Over 40s team but as time progressed it has succeeded in attracting a mix of younger players as well.

The ECFC Community Cup was set up to provide a sporting opportunity and inclusion for all regardless of race, colour, sex, disabilities or social background. The aims are to unite people from the community and promote health and fitness and fair play through football

Five teams took part in the first ever Community Cup in 2009 and the entry have increased substantially since then.

Football news - Buckie Rovers will once again be playing in Division 1 next season after a nail-biting wait to see if they would beat the drop.

The weeks of uncertainty were ended when Bishopmill United, the team which had been in competition with the Rovers in the relegation battle could only on Tuesday last with Dufftown.

Had the United scored a second goal they would have had the same points total as the Rovers but would have remained up and the Rovers down on goal average?

June 14

Football news From the *Banffshire Advertiser* – Keith Ingram, Buckie Rovers' manager has called it a day after six seasons at the coast club.

Mr Ingram, who took over the reins at the club when they were in abeyance after struggling to attract players, has cited work and family commitments as the reasons for leaving the Merson Park junior side. He also paid tribute to all those who had backed him during his tenure.

Gary Innes, club vice President, thanked Mr Ingram for taking on the club at a particularly low ebb and meeting the often 'thankless' task of management head on. He added: "Keith and David Robertson took over when we didn't have a manager and got a team on the park and for this we were very grateful. It is a pity to see him go but we respect his decision and everyone from Buckie Rovers wishes him all the best.

Rovers top players A photograph in the local paper shows the departing Rovers' manager Keith Ingram

along with two of the three players who collected their trophies given in recognition of their performances throughout the season. Shaun Wood took the trophies for Player's Player of the Year and Manager's Player of the Year; Shane Clark won the Committee's Player of the Year and Jamie Cooper (who was absent from the photo call) was named Young Player of the Year.

New Rovers, management team - Alfie Morrison and Jackie Reid have been appointed the managers of Buckie Rovers for the new season. Both men have considerable management experience.

Football news – Greg Carrol, manager of Buckie Thistle was chosen Highland League Manager of the Year for a second year running. He did so by fending off spirited challenges from Scott Anderson, manager of Deveronvale, league runners-up and Turriff United's Kris Hunter.

Death of former Thistle player - The funeral service took place on Wednesday 8 June in the North Church, Buckie of George 'Ruf' Stewart as he was known to many to distinguish him from George 'Ru' Stewart who also played for Buckie Thistle in the 'Forties' George who died on Saturday June 4 at Burnbank House was 84. The flag was flown at half mast on the day as a mark of respect.

George made his debut for the Thistle on December 15, 1945 and scored two goals in a cup tie against Huntly. He was to score a phenomenal number of goals over the next few months a fact that brought him to the attention of Dundee F.C. for whom he signed and was to play for for four years. Over the twelve years or so he was to play for a number of other teams on both sides of the border before returning to sign again for Buckie in the late 1950's finishing his career with the Jags in season 1961-62.

July 12 **Thistle AG M** - A few home truths were said that the Thistle annual general meeting, held the previous Thursday. The President Mark Duncan said "We tighten our belts or risk the Jags going bust." At the meeting which was a tempestuous one witnessed. Mr Duncan and his brother Murray, who is a club Director, decline to pursue further involvement in the club. However, during the half hour adjournment to the meeting, they were persuaded to return by Secretary Albert Phimister and other committee members, many of whom threatened to quit the Highland League Champions if the Duncan brothers were not at the helm. Mr Duncan was returned as Thistle President, although the post of Vice President, vacated by Iain Clark. At the end of last season has been left unfilled for the time being.

Buckie Thistle 0 Brechin City –(F) *'City Slickers'*

Buckie team v Brechin - Main, R. Duncan L. Duncan), Shewan, Macrae (Brown), Wood (MacKinnon), Morrison, Napier (Sutherland), Stewart (Low), MacMillan (S. Davidson), Scott Gardiner), and Clark (N. Davidson).

July 19 **Burntisland Shipyard 0 Buckie Thistle 5** (F)
Buckie (Bain), N. Davidson, R. Duncan, McRae (Brown), MacKinnon, Morrison, Low (S. Davidson), Stewart (Brown), McMillan, Scott (L. Duncan), and Sutherland. Sub H. Munro

July 26 **Forfar Athletic 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Ramsden's Challenge Cup A.E. T. Forfar won 5-4 on penalties.**
Buckie: Main, Shewan, N. Davidson, Macrae, MacKinnon, Morrison, Napier (Clark), Stewart, MacMillan, Charlesworth (Scott), Low (Sutherland). Subs – R. Duncan, Bain (G.K)

Football news – For the first time ever two Highland League teams (Deveronvale as R/U in the Highland League was the other) were involved in the Ramsden's Challenge Cup last weekend and both made their exit; sadly for the Jags that came after a penalty shoot-out and they scarcely deserved their fate for they played the better football. The Thistle were bedecked in their new all green third choice strip.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley Thistle 3 (F) A Charity game at night with £4000 being raised

Aug 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Dundee United 2** (F)
Buckie : Strong (Main), R. Duncan (Shewan), H. Munro (N. Davidson), Clark (Stewart)(S. Davidson), Wood (Bell), MacKinnon, Angus (Napier), Brown (Macrae), Bruce (Macmillan), Scott (Charlesworth), and Z. Sutherland (Low). Sub. . Duncan

Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L) *Opening league game of season 2011/2012*

Buckie: P Main, Davidson, Shewan, Macrae, MacKinnon, Morrison, Napier, Stewart, Charlesworth (Scott) Sutherland), Macmillan (Clark) and Low. Subs. H. Munro and Strong.

Football news - The Highland League flag, won by Buckie Thistle for the second successive year, was hoisted on Saturday before the opening game of the season.

Football news - The Buckie Thistle Supporters team won the inaugural John Gardiner Memorial Shield in memory of a former team-mate who passed away in June after a brave fight against a serious illness. The

cup was handed over to team captain Alan Grant by John's widow, Mandy. For the record the 'Jags' team was - Brian Ritchie, Neil Hepburn, Frank Hall, Ian Gordon, Alan Grant, Robbie Munro, Dave Murdoch, Nicky Nickolov, Grant Redford, John Mellon and Colin Calder. Subs all used – Grant Murray, Dave McKinlay, Easton Thain, George Dawson, Kevin Bain, John Rumbles, Ryan Munro, Billy Craib, Frank Lyden and Alex Bain.

Aug 9 **Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

New Elgin 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (Grill League Cup) *'Tough Going for new Rovers'*

Rovers: Anderson, Davies, Bain, Lamont, Robertson, Morrison, Findlay, Forbes, Sutherland, Wood and Gray. Subs, Innes, Stevenson, Gauld.

Football news - Anderson, Davies, Bain, Lamont, Morrison, Sutherland Stevenson and Gray were all newcomers though Lamont and Sutherland had played for the Rovers some time before.

Buckie Rovers 0 Inverness City 5 (Grill League Cup) *'Rovers Overrun by City Slickers'*

Rovers: -Anderson, Innes, Ingram, Davies, Robertson, Forbes, Milton, Munro, A. Morrison, Sutherland and L. Morrison. Sub. There were none.

Football news: With only ten players turning up co-manager Alfie Morrison had no other recourse than to pencil himself in at number 9. If the lack of any substitutes was a great drawback problems were compounded when Gary Innes had to be helped by the field with a suspected broken wrist with still 30 minutes left for play and the City took full advantage.

Burghead Thistle 2 Portgordon Victoria 1 (Grill League Cup)

Portgordon: Redford, Wood, D. McPherson, Alan McPherson, Matheson, Campbell, Clark, Smith, Davidson, Greig, Aaron McPherson (R. McPherson). Sub. Leslie.

Football news Alan McPherson, ex Buckie Thistle, played here also three sons; this was surely a record for the north juniors.

Aug 16 **Wick Academy 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 2 (Grill League Cup) *'Rovers feel Sting of Thistle Jag'*

Rovers: D. Anderson, Mair, Bain, Ingram, Lamont, Mann, Milton (G. Anderson), Wood, McWilliam, Sutherland and L. Morrison. Subs. Cormack and A. Morrison.

Football news - The Rovers were cruelly robbed of a deserved draw when the Broch scored the winner in the last minutes of the game.

Portgordon Victoria 1 New Elgin 0 (Grill League Cup)

Portgordon Redford, Clark, Greig, Alan McPherson (Fraser), Matheson, D. McPherson, Davidson, Smith Mark G. Wood, Mair (Leslie), Aaron McPherson (Mark Wood). Sub. R. McPherson.

Football news - Dale Fraser and Scott Mair with the Rovers for the past two seasons and more were seen to have moved to Portgordon, other former Rovers' players in the Vic's side were Mark Wood Keith Clark and Michael Smith

Aug 23 **Buckie Thistle 4 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**

Portgordon Victoria 6 Buckie Rovers (Grill League Cup)

Portgordon; Mike Munro, Aaron McPherson, A. Matheson (R. McPherson), D. McPherson, Mark G. Wood (Mark Wood), Campbell, Smith, Mair (Leslie), Jordan Sutherland, Greig. Sub. Alan McPherson.

Rovers: Duncan Anderson (Aberlour), Matthew Mair (Buckie), Neil Stables (Keith), Duncan Lamont (Buckie), Shaun Ingram (Lossie) Leon Morrison (Buckie), Jamie Sutherland, (Aberlour), Shaun Wood (Portsoy). Greig McWilliam (Keith), Scott Johnston (Keith), Scott Johnston (Keith), Daniel Cormack (Keith), Sub. Craig Cormack (Keith) Colin Davies (Roths) and Grant Redford (Buckie)

Football news - The Portgordon scribe, who wrote the report on the game, spoke of the game not living up to the hype that it had been given, as far as those in the Rovers' camp were concerned there was no hype as they knew full well they were the underdogs not only had they still to fix on a settled team but saw that their opposite number was chockfull of players who had considerable experience at Junior level not to mention the Highland League and had been playing as a team for the past season. The playing field was far from being level and it was something of an idle, boast to have claimed to have trounced the Rovers – this

was a scratch team collected from all the airts - had they played the Rovers of last season, when the bulk of their players were available it might have been a far different story.

Inverness City 4 Portgordon Victoria 3 (Grill League Cup)

Buckie Rovers 2 Bridge of Don Thistle 2 (Grill League Cup) *'Rovers fully deserved to Draw'*

Rovers: Anderson, Sutherland, Bain, Davies, Lamont, Johnstone, Campbell, Wood, McWilliam, Cormack, Shaun Findlay. Subs. Scott Findlay, Milton (both used), Gauld, Morrison.

Aug 30

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)

Buckie- Main, N. Davidson, Angus, Stewart (Low), MacKinnon, Morrison, Clark (Duncan), MacRae, Napier, Sutherland, and Shewan (MacMillan). Subs. H. Munro and Charlesworth.

Parkvale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (Domino Pizza North Regional Cup Prelim. Round) *'Rovers find pizza not to their taste'*

Portgordon – no report

Sept 6

Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L) *"Buckie Batter Broch"* Thurs.

Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (Aberdeenshire Cup S/F) Tues.

Keith – Kinnaird, Watt, McGovern, Niddrie, McKenzie, Robertson, Anderson, Lennox, C. Keith (S. Keith), McAskill (McAllister), Donaldson Subs. Walker, McCall, Shearer (G.K.)

Buckie - Main, N. Davidson, Shewan MacMillan), Brown, MacKinnon, Morrison, Clark, MacRae, (Charlesworth), Napier, Sutherland, Low (Angus). Subs – Duncan, Strong (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 0 Sunnybank 5 (GA Inter Regional Trophy) *"Sun fails to shine through Rovers' gloom"*

Rovers – Anderson, Sutherland, Stewart, Davies, Ingram, S. Robertson, Milton (Markuszewski), Wood, Findlay, Cooper. Morrison. Subs – nil

Football news - Dave Roberts, the, hard working, Rovers' secretary f now or many years past was extremely downbeat at the end of the match saying, "Another thumping but not helped with players on holiday and indeed three players choose to attend the International match in Glasgow.

It is frustrating for the management team who expend a lot of time and effort to run the club. They are not helped when players who could do a job for the Rovers prefer to play Welfare. Personally I have misgivings for the future of the Rovers with Portgordon, fundamentally a Buckie club, presently enjoying a successful spell, having the bulk of local players with the necessary skill required to play at Junior level; to my mind there just aren't enough players in the local area to keep two teams viable, three if Fochabers is counted. "Is the effort worth it, I begin to wonder?"

Portgordon Victoria 5 Fochabers 4 (L)

Portgordon Victoria 2 Bridge of Don Thistle 2(GA Inter Regional Cup –The visitors went through 6-5 on penalties.

Portgordon –Bain, Clark, Aaron. McPherson, Alan McPherson, Wood, D. McPherson (R. McPherson), Davidson, Smith, Mair, Leslie, Greig. Sub. Collie

Sept – 13 **Turriff 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 Fraserburgh United 3 (L) *"Rovers fail as experiments continue"*

Rovers – Anderson, Ingram, S. Robertson, Davies, Sozzi, Stewart, Gordon, Wood, Sutherland, P. Robertson, Redford. Subs Morrison, Milton, Markuszewski (all used) Mair, McWilliam

Sept 20

Sept 27 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 3 (L)** *'Corner still nae in sight'*

Rovers – Anderson, Gauld. Lamont, Davies, Robertson, L. Morrison, Milton (Taylor), Wood, McWilliam, Sutherland, Cooper. Subs. Stewart and A. Morrison.

Buckie Thistle had an idle day

Portgordon Victoria ditto

Football news – Buckie Thistle are in advanced talks, which could see a top Deveronvale midfield player signing for the Jags. Buckie Thistle have set their sights on Mark Chisholm, a native of Buckie who has been

with the Banff club for 12 years, and have had an improved bid accepted by Deveronvale. Chisholm, a former Rovers' player, who had been heavily linked with Formartine with Nairn County also showing an interest, spent some time in talks with the Thistle management.

Oct 4 **Inverurie Locos 2 Buckie Thistles 0 (H/L)**

BUCKIE Main, Shewan, Angus, Chisholm, MacKinnon, Morrison, Napier (Brown), MacRae, Charlesworth, (MacMillan), Sutherland, and Clark (Stewart).

Football news– Buckie Thistle are to face East Stirling in the second round of this year's Scottish Cup. The match will be played on Sunday October 23 at Ochilview, Stenhousemuir.

Football news – In a record signing for Buckie Thistle, the transfer fee believed to be £16,000, Mark Chisholm signed on the dotted line on September 29. He comes to Buckie following a very successful 12-year career with Deveronvale.

Glentanar 6 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers – Anderson Gauld, Lamont, Ssozi (Milton), (Ferguson), Ingram, Morrison, Sutherland, Wood, McWilliam, Findlay, Thain. Subs. Markuszewski, Mellon.

Oct 11 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 (H) 'Jags Downed in Fisher Derby'**

Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (1st Div.)

Rovers- Ferguson, Ingram, Lamont, Davies, Robertson, Mann, Gauld (McWilliam), Wood, McPherson, Findlay (Sutherland), Lumsden. Subs – Morrison, Taylor.

Portgordon Victoria 3 Whitehills 0 (N/L)

Portgordon – Bain, Fraser, Aaron McPherson, Mathieson (Wood), D. McPherson, S. Clark, K. Clark, Smith (Greig), Mair (McLaughlin), Sutherland, Davidson. Subs. Leslie, Ross, Alan McPherson.

Oct 18 **Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 East End 2 (1st Div.) “ A win at last.”

Nairn St Ninian's 2 Portgordon Victoria 2 (2nd Div)

Oct 25 **East Stirlingshire 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Sc. Cup**

Buckie – Main, Angus, Duncan, Chisholm, Morrison N. Davison (Shewan), Stewart, D. Munro (Brown), Charlesworth, Macmillan (Bruce), Sutherland. Subs. S. Davidson and Strong (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 2 Buchanhaven Hearts 3 (1st Div)

Rovers's -Ferguson, Mathieson, McIntosh, Lamont, Ingram, Morrison (M. Wood), Gauld (Mann), S. Wood, Thain, Lumsden, Sutherland.
Sub. Bain

Nairn St Ninian's 2 Portgordon Victoria 2 (N/L)

Nov1 **Buckie Thistle 2 East Stirlingshire 4 Sc. Cup (A.E.T.)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Broughty Ferry Athletic 5 (Emirates Scottish Cup)

Rovers – Craig Ferguson, James Mathieson, Colin Davis, Duncan Lamont, Shaun Ingram, Mike Mann, Jamie Cooper, Wood, McWilliam, Danny Lumsden, Jamie Sutherland. Subs – Leon Morrison, Gavin Thain, Paul Taylor (all used)

Oakley United 5 Portgordon Victoria 3 Sc. Cups.

Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 1 (H/L) “ S.O.S. for a Striker”**

Buckie Rovers 1 Dufftown 2 (1st Div.) “ Rovers beaten in basement battle”

Nov 15 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) ‘Costly Draw for Jags’**

Buckie: Main (Strong), H. Munro, Angus, Chisholm, MacKinnon (Shewan), Stewart, Napier, D. Munro, MacMillan (Charlesworth), Sutherland and N. Davidson. Sub. Clark and Bruce.

Lossiemouth United 7 Buckie Rovers 1 (1st Div.) “Lossie overwhelm Rovers with power in reserve”

Rovers: Ferguson, Robertson, Davies, Lamont, Ingram, McIntosh, S. Findlay, S. Wood, Mann, Lumsden,

and Thain. Subs – Morrison, McWilliam, Shaun Findlay (all used), Sozzi and Anderson (G.K.)

Nov 22 Buckie Thistle 3 Formartine United 2 (H/L)

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (1st Div)

Portgordon Victoria 3 Nairn St Ninian's 1 (N/L)

Keith F.C. 0 Arbroath 1 (Pen in last minute) 3rd round of Sc. Cup

Nov 29 Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Strong, H. Munro, Angus, Chisholm, MacKinnon, Stewart, Napier, Davidson, MacMillan, (Sutherland) Charlesworth (Scott), and D. Munro. Subs. Shewan, Duncan and Clark.

Buckie Rovers 2 Parkvale 0 (1st Div.) :”Win and Clean Sheet Cheer.”

Rovers: Anderson, Ingram, Mathieson, Lamont, Forbes, Thain, Cooper, Scott Findlay, Munro (Wood), Shaun Findlay and Morrison. Subs – Mann and Robertson.

Dec 6 Buckie Thistle 3 Clachnacuddin 2 (H/L) “Jags’ second half surge.”

Bridge of Don Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (1st Div.) “Inconsistent Rovers Suffer.”

Dec 13 Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 3 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Inverness City 6 (1st Div.) “Not a Dog Day for the Rovers”

Rovers: Ferguson, Robertson, Mathieson, Lamont, Ingram, Findlay (McIntosh), Cooper, Wood, Thain (Gauld), Lumsden and Morrison (Taylor)

Dec 20 Brora Rangers Buckie Thistle No game ground unfit

Buckie Rovers Glentanar “ “ “ “

Dec 27 Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Shewan, H. Munro, Chisholm, Angus, D. Munro, Napier, Clark (MacRae), Charlesworth (Scott), Sutherland (MacKinnon), and Davidson Sub. Duncan and Strong (G.K)

Football news: A minute’s silence was observed prior to the kick off as a mark of respect for former Thistle player **Willie Allan**, whose death took place recently. He was 75. Willie made his debut for the Jags in December 1953 in a league game against Fraserburgh at Victoria Park and scored one of the goals in a 4-0 victory. At the time Buckie were a team of all stars and it was difficult for a young player to become established in the side. It was not until season 1955/56 that he was to appear more often, playing a total of 28 games and scoring ten goals. He played his last game for his home team in April 17 1957 in an Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final replay at Peterhead. A game Buckie won by three goals to nil. He scored one hat trick during his career with the Thistle. This came in the League Cup against Elgin City at Boroughbriggs on August 1956 when Buckie triumphed by five goals to nil.

In April 1957 he went on loan to Lossiemouth F.C. before moving to Nairn County for whom he played during season 1959/60. His last Highland League club was Rothes who he joined in 1960/61. When he retired from playing football he returned to Victoria Park as a coach for a spell.

In terms of medals he won the Highland League, League Cup and Aberdeenshire Cup with the Jags. .

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