

FOOTBALL FROM THE START

1889

- Oct. 17 **St Giles (Elgin) 4 Buckie 0** - This was the score in the first football match to receive a mention in the local paper, the *Banffshire Advertiser*. It spoke of a friendly match between St Giles (Elgin) and a team from Buckie
- Oct 24 **A Buckie team is formed** - A meeting took place in the Volunteer Hall, Buckie last week with the purpose of forming a team to be called **BUCKIE**. T. Pringle was appointed captain with J. M. Tait as vice captain. The secretary/treasurer was J. Cowie, while R. Nicol, W. Scott, G. Mair, A. B. Mair and R. Falconer were appointed to form the committee.
- Thistle Football Club is formed** - At a second meeting the **THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB** was formed. The following officials were appointed:- Alex McCallum, captain, James Stage, vice captain, T. Anderson, secretary/treasurer with the following - E. Gibson, A. Bowie, G. Geddes and W. Geddes elected to the committee.
- Buckie 0 Bishopmill (Elgin) 7** in a friendly match
- Nov 7 **Buckpool Rovers** – A third football team came into being, this to be called **BUCKPOOL ROVERS** A Farquhar was appointed Captain R. Richardson, vice captain, W. A. Duncan secretary/treasurer. Committee members – J. Campbell, J. Dawson, J. Hepburn and J. Scott. Mr Forbes, farmer at Baremuir, has kindly lent a field for practice.
- Buckie 1 Thistle 1** - The game was played in a field belonging to the farm of Mill of Buckie, the so called ‘Hector’s Park’ adjacent to the Public School on West Church Street.
- Nov 14 **Buckpool Rovers v Buckie** - The match was played on the Saturday. No score was given. This was the first match that a team by the name of the Rovers was mentioned.
- Nov. 21 **Thistle 3 Buckpool Rovers 0** - **Rovers** – W. Hendry, A. Farquhar and W. Duncan; A. Prince, P. Scott and P. Mitchell; R. Richardson, T. Ingram, W. Campbell, D. Main and J. Campbell.
- Dec 28 **Thistle 0 Buckpool Rovers 0**
- Buckie Rangers 0 Buckie 3** - Both games were played on ‘Hector’s Park’, at the same time.

1890

- Jan. 16 **Keith 1 Buckpool Rovers 0**
- Thistle v Elgin Rangers** No score was given. The match took place at the Peter Fair stance as Hector’s Park had been ploughed up.
- Feb 20 **A union of the two clubs was proposed** - A meeting took place between the committees of the THISTLE and BUCKIE football clubs re – amalgamation.
- Mar 10 **Rifle Volunteers v Non Volunteers** - No score was given. The match took place at the Peter Fair Park
- Speyside Rovers played the Union 2nd XI** at Garmouth, the match taking place on the bents, the area, one might imagine covered by the houses of Ianstown today.
- Apr 20 **The Gordon Highlanders** was the name given to a new football club just formed, its players all being members of the Territorial Army.
- Nairn County v Buckie Union** No score was given.
- June 5 **Buckie Coopers v Buckie Wanderers also Findochty Ranters v Loanhead Rangers** – No scores were given or venue
- Oct 30 **Buckie Union 2 Bishopmill (Elgin) 1** The first game of the new season. The report said that when the two had met in 1889 in a field at the top of High Street the Union had been hammered by 7 goals to nil by the Bish.

- **Portsoy Thistle v Buckie Union; Keith 1 Gordon Highlanders 2** were other matches that had been played

Nov 10 **Buckie Rangers (fishermen) v Buckie Wanderers (coopers)** No score was given

Buckie Union 7 Buckie Wanderers 0 (They had them over a barrel.)

Banffshire Charity Cup - The teams entered to play were – Gordon Highlanders, Dufftown, Keith, Portsoy, Cullen and Buckie Union.

1891

Jan 22 **Buckie Union v Bishopmill** No score given. The match took place in Wilson's Park.

Elgin Rangers 1 Gordon Highlanders (F) A charge was made for admission to the field.

Charity Shield Final - Buckie Union v Keith. Keith won (naturally) but no score was given

Apr 1 **Buckie Union v Fochabers; Buckie Lodge Good Templars 1 Non Members 3**

Smokers 0 Non Smokers 3 - It even told back then. All the games that had been played the past week

Sept 17 **Faithlie Thistle (Broch) 3 Buckie Union 3** The match was played on a Wednesday. This was the first game of the season and was played in a field lent by Mr Geddes at the top of High Street.

Oct 22 **Crown (Elgin) 0 Buckie Union 5 in the Elgin District Cup.** It wisna the City though .

1892

Nov 12 **Buckie Swifts and Cluny Albert** - These were the names chosen for two new football teams that had been formed. E. F. Cobb was the secretary of Cluny Albert.

Dec 22 **Buckie Union 3 Aberlour 0 (F)**

1893

Oct 12 **Union Star** was the name given to yet another new football team. The secretary was George Cormack, Land Street.

Oct 26 **Union Star 4 Cullen Renton 1**

1894 -

No information about football teams, scores or whatever was given in the *Banffshire Advertiser* during this year or the following two

1895 Nil

1896 Nil

1897

Nov 25 **BUCKIE THISTLE - THE START** - A new football club calling itself **Buckie Thistle** – a union of the two teams Buckie and Thistle - came into being following a meeting in the Masonic Institute last week. A. B. Hendry, solicitor was appointed president with Wm. Lobban, Cluny Hotel as vice president. captain – Robert Duncan Jun. vice captain – James Paterson, secretary- Bertie Stage, treasurer – D. Sutherland.

1898 No football information

1899

27 Feb **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2** - This was the first mention of a game played by the new team **Buckie Thistle**

Mar 2 **Buckie Thistle 12 (twelve) Lossiemouth 0 (F)**

Mar 9 **Buckie Rangers 2 Macduff 2**

Mar 16 **Buckie Thistle 4 Buckie Rangers 1 (F)**

Buckpool Union 1 Cluny Rangers 0

Its awfy easy to criticise - The football scribe of the day wrote the following poem after being criticised for his analysis of a game and subsequent report. The compiler of these notes and a football scribe one hundred years later, Allan A. Fraser alias 'A. L. Nath', and all members of the same fraternity would. I feel sure, agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed.

Some folks we know are very smart
They've passed through wisdom's portals
And from great and mighty height
Look down on common mortals
They speak about the things they've done
Their deeds are quite surprising
They're good at nearly everything
And best at criticising.

Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 1** - match played in Hector's Park.

Mar 29 **Buckie Wednesday 5 Elgin Wednesday 5**

Apr 1 **Buckie Thistle 7 Macduff Fife 0** match played in the Public Park (top of High Street)

Buckie Union 5 Keith Wednesday 1

Apr 13 **Cullen Renton 6 Buckie Caley 2** match played on the links

Cullen 1 Buckie Union 2 match played within the grounds of Cullen House

St Mirren (BCK) 2 Crown (BCK) - two junior clubs

Strathlene Rangers 1 Cluny Rangers 1 “ “ match played on the Portessie links

May 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Forres Mechanics** match played in the Public Park

May 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0** they say there was dancing a'night in the Catbow - a win richt awa ower the de'il's ain.

Buckie Rangers 2 Buckie Union 1

Buckpool Hearts 6 Findochty Ranters 3

**** **Swearing** - From the *Banffshire Advertiser* - “Some footballers in Buckie have acquired an unenviable reputation for swearing which appears to have gone worldwide” An American newspaper, written for Scotsmen had this to say. *Fame but of a wrong kind.*

June 1 **Buckie Rangers 3 Buckie Union 1** this was the last game of the season.

June 8 **Portessie Rovers 1 Findochty Ranters 3**

Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin Caley 2**

Buckie Union 4 Elgin Wednesday 1

Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 0**

Buckie Union 2 Elgin Citadel 1

Buckie Union 2nd XI 2 Celtic 2 (Juns.)

Oct 21 **Buckie Rangers 0 Forres Roysvale 3** played in Hector's Park.

Buckie Caley 3 Buckpool 2 (Juns.)

Oct 28 **Buckie Thistle 4 Buckie Rangers 0**

Nov 2 **New Elgin Wednesday 1 Buckie Union 2**

Nov 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Macduff Fife 4 (Cup-tie)**

Elgin Vics. 6 Buckie Rangers 2 The City lads managed a win at last

Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 4** this was a benefit match. This would seem to be the first one. (Forres were North of Scotland Champions.)

Buckpool Hearts 3 Portessie Rovers 2

Buckie Union 4 Buckie Public School 0

Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin Vics 0 (F)**

Buckie Rangers 2 Cullen 0

Buckie Caley 5 Buckie Public School 0 (Juns)

The inauguration of the Banffshire Football League took place on Wednesday November 1899. This was open to all teams in Banffshire.

Dec 7 **the Sunlight Cup** was donated by Lever Bros. Soap Manufacturers. Competition for this was open to all football clubs within the burgh of Buckie. (This would seem to be very clear and makes it difficult to understand why it should have been re-named the Brown Cup, as it was a number of years later.)

Buckie Caley 2 Union Reserves 1

Buckie Caley 11 (Eleven) Enzie Hibs 1 enough tae mak an Enzie loon and a Hibs supporter tae boot greet.

Dec 14 **Buckie Rangers 1 Elgin Victoria United 4 (Elgin District League)**

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Citadel 5 (F)** Match played on New Year's Day.

1900

Jan 4 **Buckie Union 3 Buckpool Hearts 3 (F)**

Jan 11 **Buckie Rangers 4 Buckpool Hearts 3 (Sunlight Cup)**

Buckie Celtic 2 Union Reserves 1

Buckpool Victoria 3 Buckpool Hibs 1

Jan 25 **Elgin Caley 4 Buckpool Hearts 2 (Elgin District League)**

Ianstown Rovers 3 Cullen Caley 1 (F)

Feb 1 **Banff 4 Buckie Thistle 3** First match played in the new Banffshire League

The teams in the league were – Banff, Buckie Thistle, Keith Strathisla and the Volunteer Battalion S. H.

Cullen 4 Buckpool Hearts 2

Ianstown Rovers 9 Hearts Reserves 0

Feb 8 **Buckie Rangers 7 Ianstown Rovers 4** at Hector's Park

Mar 1 **Buckpool Hearts 5 Ianstown Rovers 1** A lot of games were cancelled on account of deep snow.

***** **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - The Buckie Thistle team chosen to play the Seaforth Highlanders in the Banffshire League was as follows – Davidson,, Clark and Stage; Pirie, G. Reid and G. Davidson; D. Reid, Cowie, Landles, Black and Milne.

***** This was the first time ever that the names of the players were given in the B. A... 'Charlie' Davidson, goalkeeper, was to later lose his life whilst serving in the Royal Navy in 1916. George 'Coug' Reid was to have a long association with Buckie Thistle stretching to beyond World War II

Mar 15 **Buckie Caley 2 Arradoul Caley 1** at Arradoul

Mar 22 **Cullen Caley 4 Buckpool Hearts 6**

Mar 29 **Buckie Rangers 2 Huntly Gordon 1**

Union Reserves 2 Portknockie Swifts 1

Arradoul Caley 1 Buckpool Citadel 1

Buckie Thistle 2 Seaforth Highlanders 2 in the Banffshire League

Apr 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2** in the 2nd round of the Elgin Charity Cup

Apr 12 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2** replay of the 2nd round of the Elgin Charity Cup

Buckie Rangers 2 Ianstown Rovers 2

Ianstown Rovers 4 Buckie Union 0 semi-final of the Sunlight Cup

Buckie Caley 2 Portknockie Swifts 0

Apr 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 6** semi -final of Elgin Charity Cup - played at the Public Park

Apr 26 **Keith Strathisla 6 Buckie Thistle 1 Banffshire and District League** "*C'mon the Maroons*" The compiler of these notes is a Keith 'cyard' - ye widna HIV kent.

Portessie Rovers 0 Portknockie Swifts 6

Buckie Caley 3 Buckie Union Reserves 1 in the Public Park

***** **Football news** - Landles, the Buckie Thistle player, was chosen to play in a Northern Select against Glasgow Rangers in Elgin on May 8 1900.

May 10 **Keith Strathisla 2 Buckie Thistle 1**

Huntly Gordons 0 Ianstown Rovers 1 (F)

June 7 **Final of the (first) Sunlight Cup Buckie Rangers beat Ianstown Rovers. No score was given.**

Football news - Buckie Rangers A.G. M. – Dr Bennet was appointed president with Dr Duguid as vice – president

Aug 16 **Football news** The new season will start on Saturday 18 August.

Buckie Thistle 7 v Junior Select 0

Thistle team - Rennie, Clark and Stage; R. Clark, G. Reid and White; Pirie, Reid, Landles, Black and Milne.

Select team – Davidson (Rangers), Robertson (Hearts), Forbes (Rangers), McBain (Hearts), Geddes (Rangers), Flett (Rovers), G. and A. Smith (Rovers), Munro, Johnston and Leask (Rangers).

Sept 6 **Buckie Rangers 4 Iainstown Rovers 0 (F)**

Huntly United 1 Buckpool Hearts 4

Sept 13 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (F)**

Sept 20 **Buckpool Hearts 2 Huntly United 1**

Findochty Ranters 0 Buckie Rangers 5

Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin Caley 0 (F)** Elgin Caley were now playing at senior level.

Oct 4 **The Banffshire and District League** - The number of team entered had increased - those being – Buckie Thistle, Keith Strathisla, Elgin, Seaforth Highlanders, Macduff Fife and Huntly.

Buckie Thistle 1 Seaforths Highlanders 0 in the Banffshire League - Buckie had White at centre, in for Landles

Buckie Rangers 6 Buckpool Hearts 6 (F)

Oct 11 **Elgin Vics. United 1 Buckie Rangers 1 (Juns.)**

Rangers– Davidson, Forbes and Flett; Stewart, Geddes and Lyall; Melville, Munro, Cowie, Johnston and Leask.

Oct 18 **Crown F.C. (Keith) 0 Iainstown Rovers 2**

Cullen 3 Buckpool Hearts 3

Buckie Thistle 3 Buckie Rangers 4 (F)

Oct 25 **Buckie Rangers 10 (ten) Buckpool Hearts 1 (F)**

Buckpool Vics. 6 Buckpool Star 4 (Juns.)

Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 6 in the Banffshire League**

Crown F.C. (Keith) 2 Buckie Rangers 2 match played at Broomhill Park, Keith.

Nov 8 **Iainstown Rovers 5 Crown F. C. Keith 1** match played at Strathlene links.

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith Strathisla 1 in the Banffshire League

Nov 15 **Iainstown Rovers 2 Buckpool Hearts 2 in the Sunlight Cup**

Nov 22 **Buckie Rangers 5 Buckie Thistle in the Sunlight Cup**

Note. The Thistle had a handicap of five goals so though they scored four points (goals) with the handicap of five goals their opponents won the tie

Iainstown Rovers 6 Cullen 0

Fochabers Rovers 0 Buckpool Hearts 5 match played at the Cricket Park, Fochabers.

West Church Street Vics. 6 Iainstown Rovers Reserves 0

Nov 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Kittybrewster Mechanics 2** **Note** This was the first Aberdeen team to play in Buckie since Bon Accord, now defunct, played Buckie Union back in 1890.

Elgin Vics. United 4 Buckpool Hearts 3 Elginshire Junior Cup

Dec 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 4 Elgin and District Cup**

Buckpool Hearts 5 Ianstown Rovers 1 Sunlight Cup

Dec 20 **Final of Sunlight Cup Buckie Rangers 4 Buckpool Hearts 3** Note. The Hearts had a goal of a start.

Buckie Thistle 4 Buckpool Hearts 0

Buckie Rangers 1 Ianstown Rovers 0

Orion 1 Caley 5

1901

No football was played in January because of bad weather.

Feb 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly United 0 in the Banffshire League**

Ianstown Rovers 4 Portknockie Seafield United 2 (F)

Mar 14 **Buckpool Hearts 3 Cullen Royals 0 (F)**

Lossie Athletic 2 Ianstown Rovers 0 (F)

Mar 21 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Banffshire League** you dinna hae tae read this score.

Mar 28 **Buckie Rangers 8 Crown (Keith) 2 (F)**

Caley (Keith) 3 Buckpool Hearts 2 (F)

Apr 11 **Huntly United 1 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Banffshire League**

Buckie Rangers 2 Buckpool Hearts 1 (F)

Ianstown Rovers 8 Cullen Royals 0 (F)

Apr 18 **Portknockie Seafield United 2 Cullen Royals 0**

Buckie Rangers 1 Lossie Athletic 2

**** **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 2 (F)** this was the first meeting of the two clubs. The Caley had just won the Elginshire Charity Cup.

May 9 **The Banffshire League - Note.** Elgin City won the Banffshire League with 15 points from 10 games played. The Thistle was second.

Buckie Thistle 4 Ianstown Rovers 2 (F)

Crown (Keith) 2 Buckie Rangers 2 the match was match played on the Market Green - Fife Keith.

Last game of the season – Ianstown Rovers 0 Buckie Rangers 5

Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Buckie Rangers 0 (F)** First match of the new season played in the Public Park.

Sept 12 **Portsoy Thistle 1 Buckie Rangers 2**

Sept 26 **Buckie Rangers 3 Forres Thistle 4 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 10 (ten) Macduff Fife 2

The Banffshire League - The teams entered were - Elgin City, Buckie Thistle, Buckie Rangers, Huntly United and Macduff Fife.

Rangers team – Davidson, Forbes and Scott; Gerry, Geddes and Stewart; Melville, Coull, Johnston, Reid and Leask.

Buckie Thistle - Rennie, Clark and Robertson; Pirie, Reid and Christie; Campbell, Noble, Landles, Black and Milne.

Oct 3 **Buckie Rangers 3 Huntly United 2 in the Banffshire League**

Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 “ “ “

Buckie Caley 8 Garmouth 2 (F)

Oct 10 **Keith Strathisla 4 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Banffshire League**

Macduff Fife 6 Buckie Rangers 5 “ “ “

Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 6 Buckie Rangers 3** “ “ “ *“Great game but Cormack of Rangers was useless!!”* declared the scribe.

Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly United 0** “ “ “

Keith Strathisla 4 Buckie Rangers 1 “ “ “

Oct 31 **Buckie Rangers 2 Elgin City 4** “ “ “

Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (F) match played at Mosset Park, Forres

Nov 7 **Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 0 (F)**

Nov 14 **Buckie Rangers 3 Banff 2 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 7 Buckpool Hearts 1 (F)

Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 12 (twelve) Buckie Rangers 2 in the Banffshire League**

Buckie Caley 2 Buckpool Star 1 (F)

Dec 5 **Keith Strathisla 4 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Banffshire League**

Buckie Caley 5 Cliftonville 2

Buckie Rangers 0 Iainstown Rangers 0

Dec 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 Elginshire District Cup**

Buckie Rangers 1 Keith Strathisla 4 in the Banffshire League

1902

Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 1 (F)** (Gate money £14) this was the first visit to the Buckie by Clach.

Iainstown Rovers 0 Buckpool Hearts 1 (F) Both the games were played on New Year's Day .

Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 Elgin and District Cup** (Keith Strathisla to meet Buckie Thistle in the Final)

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith Caley 0 (F)**

Jan 18 **Final of the Sunlight Cup** - Buckie Caley to play Buckie Thistle in the Final with the **Thistle being given a handicap of nine goals.**

***** **Final of the Elgin and District Cup Buckie Thistle 3 Keith Strathisla 2** - played at Milnesfield, Elgin. **It is believed that this was the first ever trophy won by Buckie Thistle**
Buckie - Davidson, Clark and Forbes; Pirie, Reid and Christie; Shand, Johnston, Grant, Black and Milne.
The game received an excellent write up in the ‘Advertiser’ with the following headlines - ‘Great Game at Elgin’; Distressing Accident to Buckie Player ‘Remarkable Victory for Buckie Thistle’.
 The reporter referred to the Thistle as the **‘Jags’**. This, perhaps, was the first time that the term was used to

describe the Buckie team.

Buckie lost Pirie in the first half with a broken leg meaning that they had to play the whole of the second half with only ten men. Keith was 2-0 up at half-time.

Shand who came to Buckie from Stonehaven scored a hat-trick. 'Coug' Reid was a star, while Christie and Davidson were heroes. The pluck of the Thistle earned the encomiums of the crowd while cheering and shouts of exhortation were continual "as good as an international."

The game was described as one of the most exciting matches ever seen on a football field. 160 people travelled through to Elgin from the Buckie area, including 40 fishermen from Buckie alone. Such a victory will remain long in the annals of local football.

Mar 20 **Final of the Sunlight Cup - Buckie Thistle 3 Buckie Caley 10 (given nine goals of a start) thus the Caley won the cup.**

Mar 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Cullen Royals 0 (F)**

Apr 3 **Keith Strathisla 6 Buckie Thistle 3 in the Elginshire Charity Cup.** Inverness clubs, Caley, Clach and Citadel also played in this competition.

Fochabers 5 Craigellachie 1 (F)

Apr 10 **Banffshire League Select 2 Keith Strathisla 0**

May 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 ex Players 4 in a Benefit Match.** The ex Players were given four goals of a start. The winners were given scarf pins.

Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly United 0 in the Banffshire League.** First game of the season. Buckie had Livingstone at centre half.

Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Banff 2 in the Banffshire League**

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 6 Macduff Fife (F)**

Nov 6 **Keith Strathisla 4 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Banffshire League.** A new man, Fender, was in at right half for Buckie. Buckie weren't happy with the referee and lodged a protest.

Nov 27 **A Walk Over -** Buckie were awarded the points against Banff who were unable to field a team.

Dec 4 **Keith Strathisla 2 Buckie Thistle 3 semi-final of the Elginshire District Cup.** Keith had a number of guest players from Banff, Cullen and Inverness. Buckie had a new man, Low, at centre-forward.

1903

Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1**

Feb 19 **the Thistle was Champions - Buckie Thistle won the Banffshire League** when they beat Keith Strathisla in the deciding game by two goals to one. There were only four teams in the league – Thistle, Keith, Banff and Huntly.

Apr 2 **Elgin City v Buckie Thistle Elgin District Charity Cup Final** The referee stopped the game prematurely after trouble erupted over two balls being on the park at the same time. As it was hurricane winds were making a mockery of the game. The scribe of the day describing it as a fiasco.

Apr 9 **Elgin won the replay -** The reporter of the day described the game as being - "*a dead loss with the Thistle being well out of pocket.*"

June 11 **Buckie Thistle 9 Wednesday Union 6 in the Sunlight Cup.** The Union was given six goals of a start

Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Sunlight Cup. The Caley was given three goals of a start. Several Rangers players turned out for the Caley.

June 18 **Wednesday Union 5 Buckpool Union 4 in the Sunlight Cup**

Buckie Thistle 8 Buckpool Union 8 in the Sunlight Cup. The Union had 7 goals of a start.

- Aug 27 **League Champs – Presentation** - At a ceremony held this week the Thistle players who won the Banffshire League were presented with the shield and individual badges. Three players had moved away. A. Forbes and J. Christie had gone to South Africa while Milne had gone to Glasgow. All three were seen as being a big loss.
The team that won the league was – Davidson, Clark and Forbes; Fender, Reid and Duncan; Christie, Coull, Landles, Black and Milne.
- Sept 24 **Cullen Royals 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (F)**
- Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 7 Banff F. C. 3 (F)**
- Oct 8 **Final of the Sunlight Cup - Buckie Thistle 7 Buckpool Union 6 The Union had six goals of a start.**
- Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 11 (eleven) Elgin Vics. 1 (F)** Score not printed in the Northern Scot.
Thistle team was – Birnie, Robertson and Forbes; Duncan, Reid and ‘Speedie; Coull, Black, Davidson, Shearer and Leask.
- Oct 22 **Buckpool Union 2 Keith Rangers 1 (F)**
Buckie Wednesday Union 3 Portsoy 2 (F)
- Nov 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 2 (F)** The match was played in Hector’s Park.
- Nov 12 **Buckie Thistle 7 Buckie Caley 1 (F)**
- Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 5 Fochabers Wanderers 2 (F)** The reporter of the day described the teams as being ‘*old time rivals*’ though no previous mention had been made in the ‘Advertiser’ of games between the two. The game was played on Hector’s Park.

1904

- Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith Strathisla 3 (F)**
Buckpool Union 3 Keith ? (F) Both games were played on Hector’s Park on New Year’s Day.
Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen ‘A’ 4 (Three from the penalty spot) The game was played on Saturday.
- Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly United 0 (F)** Buckie had Rathie playing at outside right.
- Feb 11 **Buckie Caley 2 Buckpool Union 3 (F)**
- Mar 10 **Keith Strathisla 6 Buckie Thistle 3 Charity Cup** Buckie lodged a protest - it seemed as if they were making it a habit each time they lost to Keith .
Football International - The return fare by train from Buckie to Glasgow on Saturday , the day of the football international against England is 5/- The train will leave Buckie at 2.25am and from Glasgow at 8.40pm.
- Mar 19 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith Strathisla 1 semi-final of the -Aberdeenshire Qualifying Cup** - played at Cluny Park. Significantly there was no protest made this time.
- Apr 7 **Buckpool Union 3 Buckie Wednesday Union (F)** played in the Cluny Park (Public Park)
- Apr 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith Strathisla 1 in the Banffshire League**
- May 14 8* **Final of the Aberdeenshire Qualifying Cup Fraserburgh Hearts 3 Buckie Thistle 2**
Buckie had a goal chalked off for off side and lost another through a bad defensive error. The match was played at Pittodrie
- May 12 **Keith Strathisla 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Banffshire League**
Buckie Caley 5 Buckpool Celtic 7 - The Celtic had four goals of a start.

- Aug 27 **First game of the season** - Buckie Thistle was to meet Elgin City in the first game of the season 1903/1904. the team chosen to represent Buckie being - Imlach, Forbes and Robertson; Duncan, Reid and Thomson; Fender, Coull, McKenzie, Shearer and Leask. Reserves – J. Duncan and Bruce. This was the first time that reserves were mentioned. **A bicycle was to be raffled to raise funds.**
No report of the game was found in the 'Advertiser'.
- Sept 1 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin Haugh Rovers 3 (F)** - Valentine was listed by the Thistle.
- Sept 15 **Keith Rangers 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)**
- Oct 19 **Wednesday Union 9 Elgin Wednesday 0 (F)**
- Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle versus Fife Keith Thistle F. C.** Birnie was listed in goal with Valentine at centre-half.
- Nov 5 **Buckie Thistle 5 Banff F.C. 2** Played in the Public Park
- Nov 19 **Buckie Caley 2 Keith Rangers 2** The Rangers had some Strathisla players in their side.
- Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fochabers 0 (F)**
- Dec 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly United 3 1st Round of Elgin and District Cup.** J. Cattenach of Buckie, playing for Huntly had two of their goals.
- **** **The Thistle colours** - Buckie Thistle were playing in a blue and white strip. This was the first time that the colour of the strip had been mentioned.
- Dec 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly United 1 replay of the match above.**

1905

- Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn Thistle (F)** The game was played on New Year's Day and though the match was spoilt by high winds there was a crowd of **1,000 present with a gate of £13.**
- Feb 2 **Buckie Caley 0 Garmouth 0 (F)**
Fochabers 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (F)
- Feb 25 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith Strathisla 1 Semi-final of the Elgin and District Cup**
- Apr 6 **Glasgow Rangers to play Third Lanark in the Scottish Cup Final** - fare to Glasgow 5/- return
Presentation for 'keeper - Walter 'Wattie' Imlach, a banker and a native of Buckie, who played in goal for Fochabers Wanderers F.C. received a presentation on leaving the club having been posted elsewhere.
- Aug 31 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 5 – Scottish Qualifying Cup** played on the Cluny Park. *"The referee was biased "*, said the local scribe – of course!!
A Thistle 'A' team was being proposed
- Sept 7 **Keith Rangers 5 Buckpool Union 3**
- Sept 21 **Huntly United 5 Buckie Thistle ?** The Thistle had a number of new players in their side.
R.C. Celtic 6 Cluny Rangers 0 (Juns)
- Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Banff 1 (F)**
Garmouth 2 Thistle 'A' 1 (F) Scorer was Scorgie.
- Oct 5 **Baron Street Swifts 1 Cluny Rangers 1 (Juns)**
- Oct 12 **Black Watch 1 Aberdeen University 1** The SFA had ordered the game to be played on neutral ground at Buckie and it turned out to be "one of the best games ever seen" with a good turn out of spectators.
- ***** **We're nae peying that** - Buckie Thistle was suspended for their failure to meet what was described as an

unjust claim for expenses tabled by Peterhead in their recent game. Buckie eventually won their case on an appeal.

Oct 26 **Thistle 'A' 4 Garmouth 1 (F)**

New faces in the Thistle team - The Thistle team chosen to play Huntly United included Bruce at left back Newlands at outside right and Bain at outside left.

1906

Jan 4 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly United 1 (F)** The game was played in the Public Park on New Year's Day; fighting broke out among the crowd with many leaving early.

May 10 **Thistle 'A' 0 Wednesday Union 2 (F)**

Aug 12 **Thistle signed players for season 1906/07** - W. Imlach, A. Robertson, A. Davidson, G. Clark, G. Reid, A. Duncan, Thomson, T. Robertson, G. McKenzie, Black and Meredith Training to take place in the newly built Good Templar Hall on West Church Street.

Sept 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2 (F)** "Buckie were more go ahead in style though the football played by the City was prettier to watch" - from the newspaper the *Elgin Courant*.

Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith Strathisla 2 (F)** the match was played in the Public Park.

Banffshire League - Teams entered this year were – Elgin City, Huntly United, Banff, Macduff Fife, Cullen, Keith Strathisla and Buckie Thistle.

Sept 20 **Buckie Thistle 9 Huntly United 1 (F)** match played in the Public Park

Oct 11 **Buckie Public School 1 Fordyce Academy 8 (F)**

Keith Strathisla 7 Buckie Thistle 6 Banffshire League The reporter for the *'Advertiser'* wrote – "Three goals disallowed – strange decisions by the referee, rough play by Keith affected the outcome. Had the game been played by the rules Buckie would have won by 6 goals to one !!" *Oh me fa's es mannie, sic bias is nae real*

Oct 31 **Elgin Vics 0 Buckie Wednesday 1 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 4 Turriff 2 - Aberdeen County Cup This was the first time Turriff had played in Buckie.

Aberdeen 'A' 2 Aberdeen East End 2 Aberdeen County Cup

Other teams in the competition - Banff, Macduff Fife, Huntly United, Fraserburgh, Aberdeen University and Buckie Thistle.

1907

Jan 12 **Aberdeen 'A' 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire Cup – semi-final.** Buckie had a new player in their side by the name of Gresham.

The *'Advertiser'* scribe wrote – "*Aberdeen were awarded dubious penalties while one goal was well off side. Some papers had described the match as a picnic for the home side. The Buckie scribe's answer to this was – "The only picnic had been in Dundee where the home side beat Aberdeen by five goals to nil. The score at Pittodrie should only have been 2-0 at the most. Davidson saved two penalties while the Dons were awarded another disputed one"*.

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly United 1 – Charity Cup** the *'Advertiser'* scribe wrote - "*Buckie had hard luck six or seven times!!! The Huntly referee was biased and disallowed a good goal.*"

Apr 10 **Wednesday Union 5 Fordyce Academy 1 (F)**

R.C. Celtic 0 Buckie Public School 0 (F)

Apr 13 **Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 4 (F)** played in the Public Park. Simpson took over from Gresham for Buckie

- Apr 24 **R.C. School Celtic 6 Eastern Hearts 2 (F)**
- Buckie Wednesday Juns 3 Cullen Royal 1 (F)**
- Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle AGM** - This took place in the Good Templar Hall with players and officials present. George Ellis was secretary with some prominent townspeople appointed to honorary positions.
- Aug 29 **Buckie Thistle v Elgin Caledonia (F)** no score was given. The Thistle team that played was - Murray, Dawson and Reid; Thomson (Copt.) Clark and Stewart; Leask, Black, McKenzie, Bain and Cormack.
- Sept 12 **Huntly United 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Banffshire League** the 'Advertiser' scribes wrote – *"Two goals for Buckie not given."*
- Oct 24 **New Thistle players** - Buckie signed McKerron and T. Robertson. G. McKenzie now playing at centre forward for Elgin City scored two goals in their 3-1 victory over Forres Mechanics.
- Oct 31 **Buckpool Union 7 Buckie Caley 0 (F)**
- Nov 2 **Buckpool Union v Buckie Thistle (F)** No score was given.
 ***** **The Thistle had adopted a new strip of green and white – the old Union colours.**
Union team – Reid, Stewart and McGregor; Ewen, Green and Smith; Paterson, Cormack, Taylor, Stewart and Simpson.
The Thistle team – Murray, Thomson and J. Reid; Clark, G. Reid and Stewart; McKerron, P. Cormack, Robertson, Falconer and Leask.
- Nov 16 **Keith Strathisla 4 Buckie 5 - Elgin and District Cup** - Reid played his first game in goal for the Thistle *"Buckie's half share of the gate money came to zero, a round O"*, reported the scribe of the local paper.
- Nov 28 **Buckie Thistle 6 Buckpool Union 0 (F)**
- Dec 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin Academicals 0 (F)** The Elgin team arrived in a handsome motor bus which was the centre of attraction.
- Dec 19 **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire District Cup**
Thistle team - W. Reid, G. Reid and Hay; Thomson, Clark and Stewart; McKerron, Robertson, McKenzie, Black and Leask.
 The 'Advertiser' scribe said, *"Only worth a draw - Buckie had hard lines."* Not the first or the last time one was to hear these words spoken.
- Dec 26 **Advert in the 'Advertiser' - Aberdeen** (Mugiemoss) will play Buckie Thistle in the Victoria Park, formerly known as Hector's Park, West Church Street, Buckie, on New Year's Day, 1908
- 1908**
- Jan 2 **Buckpool Union 1 Wednesday Union 7 (F)** in the Victoria Park
- Jan 23 **Fochabers 1 Buckie Celtic 4 (F)**
- Feb 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Turriff 2 2nd round of the Aberdeen Charity Cup**
- Feb 20 **Buckie Celtic 2 Garmouth 1 (F)**
- Elgin Wednesday 4 Buckie Wednesday Juns. 4 (F)**
- Mar 12 **Huntly United 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup**
- Mar 19 **Final of Elgin and District Football Cup Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 4**
"Had the Thistle realised the importance of training the outcome might have been different – they lost the tie through lack of training!" From the report in the 'Banffshire Advertiser'.
Thistle - W. Reid, G. Reid and Hay, Neilson, Clark and Stewart; McKerron, Livingstone, McKenzie, Watt and Bain.
- Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 3 Elgin Charity Cup** *"lack of training was the Thistle's downfall."*

Trial for Aberdeen - James J. Innes, a Buckie lad played a trial for the Dons.

Aug 27 **A new football team - Strathlene United** - A football club representing Findochty and Portessie came into being -to be called **Strathlene United**. Captain – D. Marshall, cooper ; vice captain- I. Annand; secretary – J. Sutherland, tailor.

Sept 3 **Five-a-side tournament** - The first of its kind took place at Victoria Park on Saturday 29 August 1908. teams taking part were – Macduff, Banff, Portsoy, Portknockie, Elgin, Garmouth, Fochabers, Buckie, Celtic, Strathlene United, Buckpool Union and Buckie Thistle.
Buckie Thistle beat Fochabers 1-0 in the Final.

Buckie Thistle to play Elgin Caley (F)

Buckie: J. Reid, W. Duncan and G. Reid; McGregor, Clark and A. Duncan; Thomson, Stewart, Forsyth, Stewart and Cormack.

Sept 17 **Huntly United 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (F)** F. Paterson, an ex Varsity player appeared in the Thistle line up for the first time.

Oct 1 **Strathlene United 5 Garmouth 4 (F)**

Strathlene – McCurrach, Sutherland and Wiseman; Imlah, Allan and McIntosh; Smith (Wick), Marshall, Merson, Smith and Imlah.

Oct 29 **Macduff Fife 1 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire Cup** - Johnnie Clark, a Falkirk player, was guesting for his home town of Buckie.

Banff Wednesday 2 Buckie Wednesday 5 (F)

Nov 5 **Banffshire League** - A meeting took place in the new Victoria Park pavilion of all teams interested in forming a Banffshire League. They were – Banff, Portsoy, Keith Strathisla, Strathlene United, Buckie Thistle and Macduff Fife.

Buckie Caley to play Strathlene United (F)

Caley team chosen - Green, Low, Stewart; Milne, Pirie and Duncan; Paterson, Ross, Taylor, McPhee and Nebbs.

Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle 5 Strathlene United 6 Banffshire League**

Buckie Thistle 4 Portsoy Thistle 2

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Dec 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith Strathisla 4 replay of Elginshire District Cup** that had ended in a two all draw. ‘Charlie’ Davidson who went to Canada in 1907 had returned and was in goal in place of J. Reid.

Strathlene United 4 Portsoy Thistle 4 Banffshire League

Dec 17 **Banff 4 Strathlene United 3 Banffshire League**

Macduff Fife 3 Buckie Thistle 6 Banffshire Cup

Dec 26 **Strathlene United 1 Buckie Thistle 8 Banffshire League** - ‘*Buckie gained sweet revenge*’ The scribe of the ‘Advertiser’ wrote “The stand in keeper for McCurrach would have been better to stick to his ‘clubs’ than between the ‘sticks’”. He was apparently quite an accomplished golfer.

1909

Jan 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Citadel 3 (F) ‘*Victoria Park was in great condition*’ There was a big crowd present with a gate of £17

Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Banff 1 Banffshire League** Buckie were top of the league with Strathlene third

Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 3 Banff 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** The Thistle had played three games in 7 days. Johnnie Clark, a Falkirk player and son of Clark the photographer, was in the Buckie team.

Jan 14 **Huntly United 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin District Cup**

Part of the report on the game in the ‘Advertiser’ was as follows – ‘The gate at the Huntly game was a farce.

Buckie's share was a silver three-penny piece. When Huntly had played in Buckie they had got as their share of the gate, £1.9.4. There has to be changes." The reports went on - "Why do clubs enter competitions when they have no grounds and cannot hope to pay the visiting team's expenses?"

Jan 28 **Strathlene United 3 Portsoy Thistle 5 Banffshire League** "The game was so listless that the Thistle would have beaten both teams together." He got cairrit awa at times but his crack was good.

Feb 4 **Strathlene United 'A' v Buckie Caley Banffshire Junior League** - no score given

Strathlene United 2 Macduff Fife 1 Banffshire League

Huntly United 6 Buckie Thistle 5 AET replay of Elgin District Cup played at Keith

The following report on the game was given in the *Banffshire Advertiser* - "*Palpably a one man's game – the man with the whistle! Never in all their history has Buckie experienced such a one-sided refereeing and let it be hoped that it will be a long time ere they suffer in similar fashion. A long time before James Menzies, vice president of Elginshire Association is forgotten in Buckie Thistle circles and a long time before he conducts a game with Buckie's consent*" Oh me sic a say awa.

Worthy of being on show - "*The share of the gate at Keith was six half pences less than the three penny piece received at Huntly which is now mounted on a plush cushion in Jimmy Pozzi's window.*"

Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Portsoy Thistle 2 Banffshire League**

The Thistle had two new players in their team – Geo. Bruce at full back and Fraser in the forward line. Bruce is a Wednesday player while Fraser is an old Aberdeen player.

Banff 4 Strathlene United 1 Banffshire League

Buckie Caley 3 Strathlene United 'A' 1 Banff Juniors

Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly United 2 semi-final of Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Caley 2 Portknockie 1 Banff Juniors

Portsoy Thistle 'A' 1 Strathlene United 'A' 3 Banff Juniors

Mar 18 **Thistle team chosen to play Aberdeen, the 'Wasps', in the Aberdeenshire Cup Final –**

Davidson, W. Duncan and G. Reid; W. Thomson, G. Clark, F. Paterson, J. Clark, Leslie, G. McKenzie J. Reid and W. Stewart.

***** **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - Aberdeen 'A' 4 Buckie Thistle 0** - played at Pittodrie

In the crowd at Pittodrie there were 200 from Buckie who travelled through to Aberdeen by a special train. Writing in the 'Advertiser' the football scribe said, "*A draw, slightly in favour of Aberdeen, would have been a fairer result. Buckie should have been two goals up at half-time. 'Dooda' Clark was a star for the Thistle. 'The Buckie players each got gold badges with the club receiving a share of the gate money amounting to £38.*" He described the reports of the game in some of the papers as being '*woefully inaccurate.*'

Buckie Caley 1 Portsoy 'A' 4 Banff Juniors

Mar 25 an **interesting note** - Buckie and Turriff agreed to **play off two cup-ties in the one game;** the semi-final of the Banffshire Cup and the replay of their tie in the Huntly and District Cup. The result was:-

Buckie Thistle 8 Turriff 1 at Victoria Park

Apr 1 **Buckie Thistle 9 Strathlene United 1 (F)** Buckie had two new players in their side – J. Shand and B.G. Cooper.

Apr 8 **Fish Trades Wasps 1 Bankers 13 (thirteen) (F)** at Public Park – J. Pozzi was referee

Rathven School United 1 Buckie High School Celts 'A' 2 (F)

Apr 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 1 (F)**

Buckie Caley 6 Strathlene United 'A' 4 Banff Juniors.

The Caley are Champions - Buckie Caley were Champions of the Banffshire Junior League, never losing a game or drawing in the competition.

Caley team – Green, Low and Ross; Esslemont, Reid and Scott; Paterson, Nebbs, Taylor, Gifford and Simpson.

Buckie Rangers 2 R.C. School Celtic (F)

Apr 22 **Buckie Rangers 3 Buckie Wednesday Juns in the Banff Junior League.**

Apr 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fochabers 1 (F)**

***** **Final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup - Buckie Thistle won by a ‘walk/over’ Peterhead, their opponents failed to appear.**

Football news - - Buckie Thistle agreed to play along with three other clubs for the **Fleming Shield**.

Apr 29 **Public Park Swifts 6 Shamrock 2 (F)** at the Public Park – W. Pirie was referee.

***** **Final of the Banffshire Cup - Buckie Thistle 5 Fochabers 2 - played at Keith**

Shand scored a hat-trick for the Thistle A good report of the game is given in the *Banffshire Advertiser* part of which reads:-

“Fochabers had a number of guest players in their side while Buckie had Smith of Strathlene guesting for them. Two hundred and fifty spectators travelled from Buckie to Keith for the game. The train was late in leaving Buckie, leaving at 3.15pm so that the match was late in starting. When the train left after the match thirty Thistlites were left in Keith along with the cup. A brake could not be had until ten o’clock and it was twelve midnight before the three horse brake reached Buckie.”

***** **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen F.C. 2 (F)** - Match played on Thursday April 29 1909. Aberdeen fielded their full league side as follows – Mutch, Colman and Hume; Wilson, McIntosh, and Low; Blackburn, Simpson, Niblo, O’Hagan and Lennie.

Friday 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly United 2 semi-final of Huntly and District Cup**

Aberdeen 5 Buckie Thistle 2 semi-final of Fleming Shield. Buckie were ordered to play off the semi-final of the Fleming Shield at Pittodrie against Aberdeen on Monday afternoon. A number of players were unavailable, including keeper Davidson, Wattie Imlach, the Fochabers’ keeper deputised.

***** **Buckie Thistle enjoyed their best season in their history up till then in season 1908/1909. They were winners of the Banffshire Cup; the Banffshire League; the Aberdeenshire Charity Cup; runners up in the Aberdeenshire Cup for which each player received a gold badge.**

Up until April 24 the Thistle had played 32 matches, winning 22, drawing five and losing only five. They scored 139 goals with 70 being scored against.

In addition they beat Inverness Citadel, Northern Cup holders and Highland League Champions; beat Forres Mechanics, Elgin and District Cup holders and Elgin Charity Cup winners; Aberdeen ‘A’ Aberdeenshire Cup holders and Dewar Shield winners.

May 5 **Shamrock 3 Muir United 1 (F)**

East Church Street Thistle 2 Wednesday Star 1 (F)

Buckie Wednesday 6 Elgin Wednesday 2 (F)

Note - *Because of the problem arising from a dispute between Peterhead and Buckie over the extortionate expenses charged by Peterhead and which Buckie Thistle had refused to pay the club was suspended from the SFA for a season.*

June 10 **Picture parade** - From this date onwards a number of photographs of the Thistle players were shown in the pages of the Banffshire Advertiser. In this edition the players were – Geo. McKenzie, J. P. Clark, Geo. Reid, J. Shand and ‘Charlie’ Davidson. J. Shand was from Stonehaven.

- July 8 **Thistle step up** - Buckie Thistle were successful in their application to join the Highland League, joining up with Caley, Citadel, Clach and Thistle all of Inverness, also Forres Mechanics, Elgin City and HLI (Fort George.)
- Thistle to run two teams** - One would play in the Highland League with the other in the Banffshire League. Season tickets to cost 5/-
- Aug 12 **Buckie Thistle 4 Wednesday Union 2 (F)**
Thistle team – Davidson, Duncan and G. Reid; F.J.S. Paterson, G. Clark, A. Duncan, Ross, J. P. Clark, J. Reid, G. Smith and B. G. Cooper.
- Thistle re-admitted to the SFA** - Buckie won their appeal against the high travel charges made by Peterhead and were now back in the fold.
- Aug 28 1909 Buckie lose first Highland League fixture Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 4**
The 'Advertiser' scribe described the match as '*a good game*'. Caley were runners-up in the League the previous season.
- Sept 11 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 2 - Qualifying Cup.** The last time the two had met in the Qualifying Cup was in 1905 when the Thistle lost by five goals to one. Owing to a dispute over expenses claimed by Peterhead Buckie had been excluded from the competition since then.
Thistle team – Davidson, Duncan and G. Reid; Paterson, G. Clark and A. McLennan, J. P. Clark, J. Shand, J. Reid, McPherson and W. Stewart.
- A Great Day Out** - - The report in the *Banffshire Advertiser* described the visit to Peterhead as being a 'great day out'. Three cars, a Singer, a Humber and a Thorneycraft took the Thistle players and officials to Peterhead. The scribe wrote more about the trip and the doings of the players etc after the game than he did of the match itself.
- Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 - Replay of the Qualifying Cup tie** - described as being '*not a good game*' the next replay was to take place at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen.
- Fochabers 0 Buckie Wednesday 3 Banffshire League** The League re-started on the 11th.
- Sept 23 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup 2nd replay** at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen. "*Davidson off form on the day.*"
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Strathlene United 4 Banffshire League**
Thistle team – Love, Low and McGregor; Ross, Scott and Russell; Cormack, Inkster, Forsyth, Davidson and Black.
- Sept 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 2 (H/L)**
- Oct 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 (F)**
Strathlene United 3 Banff 1 Banffshire League
Buckie Wednesday 4 Huntly United 2 Banffshire League
Fochabers 8 Lossie 1 (F)
The 'Advertiser' scribe wrote – "*Not so long ago that Lossie came to Buckie to give an exhibition – how the mighty have fallen.*" Surely he was wrong in this as records show as they were walloped by Buckie. A.F.
- Vandalism** - A number of windows were broken in the Buckie Thistle pavilion for the third time. Not a new phenomena - acts of vandalism - as we read here.
- Oct 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** Buckie had two new players in their side – Russell who had been playing in the 'A' team and McKenzie from Elgin.
The 'Advertiser' scribe wrote – "*Buckie had the vilest of bad luck as in the previous four games.*" He aye felt that his favourites were ill luckit.
- Oct 21 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Banff 1 in the Banffshire League**

R. C. School Union 0 Buckpool Celtic 3 (F) The R.C. school team were formerly known as Celtic.

Oct 28 **Portsoy Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie H.G. School 7 Banff Academy 0 (F)

Huntly 2 Strathlene United 1 Elgin and District Cup

Victoria Park - A new Roller Skating Hall was opened at Victoria Park for Miller, Motor and Cycle Agent, Cluny Square. It measured 130 feet by 58 feet and built of wood and corrugated iron with a maple floor.

Nov 4 **Buckie Thistle 7 Portsoy 1 Replay of Aberdeenshire Cup**

Strathlene United 4 Macduff Fife 3 Banffshire League - played at Portessie

Fochabers 10 (ten) Forres Mechanics 2nd XI 7 Morayshire Junior League game

Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** The 'Advertiser' scribe wrote - "*Third draw for the Thistle who did well against the strong-going City*" **First meeting ever in the Highland League of the two teams who some saw as being the greatest of rivals.**

Keith Strathisla 2 Strathlene United Huntly & District Cup "*Strathlene played well.*"

Macduff Fife 8 Portknockie 0 in the Banffshire Cup

Keith Grammar School 5 Buckie H.G. School 1 (F)

Nov 18 **Thistle players loaned out** - Geo. McKenzie played for Aberdeen while J. P. Clark, formerly with Falkirk who had also played for Wishaw, was loaned against Hamilton

Nov 25 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Cullen Royals 0 in the Banffshire League**

Buckie Wednesday 1 Portsoy Wednesday 0 (F)

Dec 2 **R.C. School 1 Union 2 (F)**

Buckie Wednesday 8 Portknockie Wednesday 1 The mannie described the game as being "*one-sided*" Fa wid've thocht that?

Buckie Thistle 3 Seaforth Highlanders (Fort George) 3 (H/L) "*A fair gate considering a lot of men were off to Yarmouth – four draws in six starts.*"

Dec 9 **Buckie Thistle 7 Macduff 0 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith Strathisla 1 Elginshire Cup** "*Victoria Park in great condition.*"

Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Harp 0 replay of Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Strathlene United 1 in the Banffshire Cup

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Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Citadel 3 (H/L)** the man from the local 'Press' said, "*The game on the whole was worthy of a draw, if anything in favour of Buckie – incredible as it would seem by the score.*"

Lossie Thistle 2 Buckpool Hearts 4 (F)

Jan 13 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Consolation Cup.**

Jan 20 **Portsoy 3 Buckie Thistle (mixture) 3 (F)**

Jan 27 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin and District Cup semi-final**

Thistle team: Davidson, Duncan and Reid; Wm. Smith, A. Robertson and G. Clark; J. P. Clark. T. Robertson,

J. McKenzie, .F...J. S. Paterson and Wm. Stewart.

Feb 3 **Bad weather meant that there was no football**

Banffshire League order of merit at the time – Portsoy, Strathlene United, Buckie Thistle ‘A’, Banff, Macduff Fife and Cullen.

Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Harp 2 in the replay of the Aberdeen Cup.**

This was the third meeting of the two clubs in the third round of the Aberdeen Cup. Your man, the ‘scribe of the ‘Advertiser’ had this to say, *“Clubs should be wary of playing an Aberdeen club with an Aberdeen referee. Some of his decisions were bad, especially the awarding of the winning goal which was clearly off-side.*

***** *The referee was mobbed by a crowd of between 330 and 400 who bombarded him with loud shouts and stone throwing. They chased him all the way along Cluny Lane (now partly Blairdaff Street) to the Cluny Hotel where some even tried to get in to the hotel to get at him.*

Who would be ‘Piggy in the middle?’ The same day a referee from Macduff was also mobbed when Macduff Fife beat Banff by five goals to three.

Feb 17 **Fun on rollers** - A football match played on castors took place in Miller’s Skating Rink on West Church Street between the Thistle and a team made up of fishermen and the rink management. The ‘away’ team skated round the Thistle beating them by five goals to three.

Feb 24 **No football grounds waterlogged**

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Strathlene United 4 Banff 0 Banffshire League - J. Moar was referee

Mar 17 ** **Buckie Thistle 3 Seaforth Highlanders 1 (H/L)** the first ever win for Buckie Thistle playing in the Highland League.

Mar 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Macduff Fife 0 - Banffshire Cup semi-final**

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

Thistle team- Paterson, Duncan and Reid, Smith, Robertson and G. Clark; J. P. Clark, F. Smith, Simpson, Sim and Wm. Stewart.

Strathlene United 0 Elgin City 4 in the Elginshire Charity Cup

Only three teams were competing – Strathlene, Elgin City and Forres Mechanics

Apr 7 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fishermen’s Select 2 Benefit Match** played on a Wednesday

Seafield 3 Novices 1 – match played at Portessie.

Benefit Match - The Thistle were to play the Seaforths in a Highland League match on 13 April – a Benefit Match for George ‘Coug’ Reid, Geordie (the veteran) who had given 12 year’s service to Buckie Thistle. The lady supporters normally allowed free access to all games agreed to pay 1d entrance fee to boost the gate. The score in the match wasn’t found.

Apr 14 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Elginshire District Cup.** The Thistle got no share of the gate money **nor did they receive any hospitality.** Buckie had always been against the Association taking all of the gate money.

Strathlene United 2 Portsoy 3 Banffshire League

Apr 21 The Thistle was evicted from Victoria Park on West Church Street. **A man with a plough and a pair of horse ploughed a furrow right down the centre of the playing surface. The farmer, Mr Hector of Mill of Buckie, the tenant who had lent the field to the football club had been told by the Cluny Estates factor that the field was now required for feuing – to build houses on. The matter was put in the hands of legal agents.**

Buckie West End 5 Marine Rangers 1 (F) in the Public Park

Buckpool Hibs 5 Muir United 1 (F) in the School Park That's better fussy!

Fishermen 3 Strathlene United (F) played at Strathlene

Apr 28 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 2** the game was played in the Public Park with permission being given to charge an entrance fee to cover expenses.

Gordon Street Thistle 1 Hall Street Rangers 0 (F)

Buckie Hibs 4 Marine Rangers (F) 1 Oh boy! We're really cooking wi gas noo. Two wins for the Hibeas

Strathlene United 4 Buckie Thistles 'A' 2 Banffshire League

You'll stop now -The football season finished in Scotland though many competitions had not yet been completed.

Aug 18 **There's punctures and then again there's punctures** - Buckie were meant to be playing Turriff in the postponed semi-final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup in the Public Park since the Victoria Park was not yet in order. As it was Buckie had a walk over since Turriff failed to appear having **five punctures** on their way to Buckie?

Sept 8 **Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 4 in the Qualifying Cup**

Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 1 in the replay of the above.** Although Forres had agreed to play at Strathlene they later lodged a protest stating that Strathlene was not a proper ground. The protest was upheld and the match ordered to be played again at Mosset Park, Forres.

Buckie Wednesday 9 Portsoy Wednesday 2 (F) J. Stewart had seven goals for Buckie.

***** **Thistle regains Victoria Park** - From the Banffshire *Advertiser*: "Buckie Thistle has been fortunate in securing their old pitch, Victoria Park. Although the ground will not be all that is desired it is private and central and should help the club financially. However, the management would have done better in getting the grass field adjoining as it is quite private too and the club house and referee's box would not have needed shifting for 130 yards.

Sept 29 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup replay** - Yer man said, "*The inclusion of Fraser (keeper) was a mistake for the Thistle. 'Scholie' probably did his best and in the past had many good games but he is not now fit enough for such a game and lost possession of the ball on a number of occasions. Thistle was a weakened side, only having ten players for the first fifteen minutes.*"

Oct 13 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Oct 20 **Inverness Citadel 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** The Thistle had Palmer from Arbroath in goal.

Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 7 Macduff Fife 0 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Bankers 1 Strathlene United 0 (F)

**** **This week saw the formation of Keith F. C.** Previously the senior team from the town had been known as Keith Strathisla "*C'mon the Maroons - pile them on Keith*" were shouts from the supporters that came to be well known. Sometimes the second could be ironic.

Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Seaforth Highlanders 0 (H/L)**

Banff 3 Strathlene United 2 (F)

Nov 10 **Hall Street Thistle 12 (twelve) Muir United 4 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 (H/L) Match played in the Station Park

Buckie Thistle 8 Strathlene 0 Banffshire Cup 1st Round

Portknockie 5 Iainstown Rovers 2 (F)

Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 8 Strathlene United 1 Elgin and District Cup at Strathlene** Yer man said: *"The two teams should amalgamate which would be in the best interests of all."*

Fochabers 12 (twelve) Strathlene 'A' 0 (F)

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Strathlene United 0 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Portknockie 2 Iainstown Rovers 2 (F)

Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Portsoy 1 (F)**

Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Dec 15 **Strathlene United 2 Macduff Fife 2 Huntly and District Cup**

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith Strathisla 0 (F) Veteran 'Coug' Reid scored a great goal.

Seatown Harp 3 Gordon Street Thistle 1 (F)

Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 Huntly United 0 (F)**

Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Macduff Fife 5 Strathlene United 1 Huntly and District Cup

Portsoy 3 Strathlene United 2 Final of Banffshire League Cup This was the nearest Strathlene United ever came to winning a trophy during their relatively short period of existence. The game was played at Victoria Park.

Banff 2 Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeenshire Cup

Keith Strathisla 8 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0? Yer man said: *"The Thistle went to Keith by horse brake and were frozen and never got into the game."* Oh well onything for an excuse; he was good at it.

Seatown Harp 4 Seatown Celtic 2 (F)

1911

Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie played three games in four days having played and beaten the Broch by five goals to two on Monday in a friendly .

Turriff 2 Strathlene United 2 in the Banffshire League

Jan 12 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Citadel 2 (H/L)**

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 1 Scottish Consolation Cup** The man said: *"The Thistle had beaten all of the Inverness clubs this season. In their last five games the Thistle had won five times scoring 20 goals with only 6 against."*

Peterhead 5 Peterhead Hibs 1 Consolation Cup From the 'pen of the 'Advertiser' scribe: *"Peterhead were easy winners."* Noo fit did he ken about it - wis he there?

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 8 Banff o Aberdeenshire Charity Cup**

Fochabers 6 Gordon Castle Employees 3 played at the Public Park, Buckie. *The local bellman described the game as being "the match of the season."*

- ***** **Buckpool Rovers 9 St Peter's Road 6 (F)** The Rovers, like Nicodemus, must have come back from the dead, the first time Buckpool Rovers had been heard of since November 1889
- Feb 2 **Huntly United 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Elginshire Cup semi-final**
Buckie – Davidson, Ross and Reis; Duncan, Clark and Paterson; P. Clark, W. Smith, McKenzie, Black and W. Stewart. This was the Thistle's regular Highland League side.
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Portsoy 1 Banffshire League**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Seaforth Highlanders 1 (H/L)**
- Feb 9 **Buckpool Hearts 8 Muir Celtic 4 (F)**
- Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 0 (F)**
- Portsoy 8 Strathlene United 2 Banffshire League** - There were only four teams in the league – Buckie Thistle 'A', Portsoy, Strathlene United and Macduff Fife.
- Buckie Wasps 1 Buckpool Rovers 1 (F)**
- Mar 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)** from the *'Advertiser'* - *"This was the Inverness club's first defeat of the season."*
Buckie – Davidson, McLennan and Reid; Duncan, Clark and Paterson; J. P. Clark, Simpson, McKenzie, J. Stewart, and W. Stewart.
- Buckpool Hibs 2 Buckpool Hearts 0 (F)** that's the stuff tae gee the troops and against the Hearts tee. 'Up the Hibeas!'
- Mar 9 **Huntly United 1 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Banffshire Cup semi-final**
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Keith F.C. 1 (F)** you're right I didna like to read this score.
- Buckie Seaside Rovers 2 R.C. Schoolboys 1 (F)** A report described this as a *'most exciting game'*.
- Mar 16 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - played at Pittodrie Park Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0** The local football scribe was not pleased at all and wrote: *"Buckie were swindled out of a goal; the referee's decision will remain a mystery; definitely against Buckie."* Ach pit him back in the box.
- Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L) Buckie go top of the Highland League** *****
- Mid Street Wasps 10 (ten) Seatown Hibs 1** Oh no! That wis sair, ten wasp stings.
- Mar 30 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Portsoy 0 in the Banffshire League**
- Apr 13 **Final of the Banffshire Cup Buckie Thistle 2 Banff 1 - played** at Keith
 Five hundred paid to watch the game, 200 of them from Buckie. It was noted that no complaints were registered this time from the Buckie camp. Could it be that Buckie were bad losers?
- Freuchny Wanderers 4 Muir Fishermen 2 (F)**
- Strathlene United 2 Seaford 1 (F) played at Strathlene**
- Apr 20 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)** this was the last Highland League match of the season, played at Victoria Park.
- Inverness Caley won the Highland League with one more point than Buckie.**
- Apr 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Dundee 3 (F)** Dundee played their whole first XI. Entry money was 4d and 3d with the gate coming to £31, a record for the time.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 0 semi-final of the Fleming Shield**
- May 4 **Final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup - Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2**

From the 'Advertiser' – *“On their ain midden heid the Cock o the North couldn't beat Buckie. They were lucky to draw, being given a doubtful penalty.”* Aye girnin!' Who the eventual winners were was missed.

Benefit Match - Thistle Married Men 3 Thistle Single Men 1 (F)

A similar match took place at Deskford – the first known in fifty years 'twas said.

Aug 10 **Thistle team chosen -** Davidson, McLennan and W. Ross; W. Duncan, G. Clark and W. Smith; J. P. Clark, G. McKenzie, S. Simpson, W. Murray (Forres), W. Stewart, L. Milton and J. Grant (Portsoy). **The team will play Inverness Clach in the Scottish Qualifying Cup**

You'll hae tae pey noo - A new paling was to be put up at Victoria Park to keep stragglers out and force them to enter by the West Street gate.

Aug 24 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 2 (F)** Elgin brought along a fox as a mascot.

New football club - Following a meeting in the Volunteers Hall, Buckie a new junior side came into being. The name chosen for the new club is BUCKIE CALEY. The officials appointed were as follows – Capt. Robert Peters, vice Capt. John Esslemont, secretary/treasurer A. Fraser, 23 Admiralty Street, Buckie. Subs to carry this new club gratefully received. (A team by the same name played before in local competitions.)

Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2 (H/L)

Sept 7 **Inverness Clach 6 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Qualifying Cup**

Colonsay Rangers 4 Buckpool Hearts 2 (F)

Sept 9 **Buckie Caley to play Portsoy - the team to be chosen from** - Bowie, Halliday, Young; Gordon, Esslemont, Gray; Forbes, Newlands, Maxwell, Shand, Peters, Fraser, Pierpoint, Stewart and Gillies.

Sept 14 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** the reporter *for the 'Advertiser'* claimed that - *“Buckie were unlucky – the referee was poor”* One has to wonder if anyone listened to his rantings.

During the week the Thistle played two games against the crew of HMS Indefatigable.

Sept 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Bishopmill (Elgin) 3 (F)** The Bish were the Moray Junior League Champions.

Sept 28 **Buckie Wednesday 5 Banff Wednesday 0 (F)**

Oct 5 **Elgin City 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Huntly Renown 0 Buckie Caley 2 (F) Match played on Monday

Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Buckie Caley 2 (F)

Oct 12 **Banff 7 Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 (F)**

Oct 26 **Seatown Celtic 2 Gordon Street Thistle 1 at Victoria Park**

Oct 26 **Buckie Wednesday Juns. 0 Portknockie Wednesday 3 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 9 Macduff Fife in the Aberdeenshire Cup. The paper mannie said: *“Buckie had a lot of first team players in the team. S. Simpson had four goals while even 'Charlie' Davidson was up having a go.”* It wisna really fair, wis it?

Portsoy 6 Strathlene United 0 County Cup 1st round

Nov 2 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Buckie had hard lines “, said yer man*

Portsoy 4 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 (F)

Nov 9 **Seatown Celtic 4 Gordon Street Thistle 0 played at Victoria Park on Tuesday.**

High School 4 Gordon Street Thistle1 at Victoria Park on Wednesday

	Fochabers 0 Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 (F)
Nov 16	Gordon Street Thistle 4 Seatown Celtic 1 <i>"sweet revenge, four fae the Jags."</i> said the report.
Nov 30	Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
Dec 2	Buckie Thistle 7 Keith Strathisla 0 Elgin District Cup - Buckie had Peterkin at I/R and Munro at R/B Buckie High School 3rd Year 3 Pick of the Rest of the school 0 (F) Aberdeen University 7 Peterhead Hibs 0 Aberdeen Challenge Cup Wid it nae mak a body hert seek?
Dec 14	Buckie Thistle 8 Huntly United 0 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd round
Dec 21	No football the weather put paid to this
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Jan 4	Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 3 (F)
Jan 11	Buckie Thistle 5 Macduff Fife 2 Aberdeenshire Cup Peterhead Hibs 0 Aberdeen University 4 Aberdeenshire Cup Ken 'es, 'n I've said it afore, its jist nae fair. Fit ill his the Hibs deen tae get beat as affen?
Feb 15	Portsoy 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final
Feb 22	Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Challenge Cup semi-final - Scorers – Simpson, Clark and Murray. Buckie High School 5th Year 4 Rest of Higher Grade 2 - This was described as the Annual Match
Feb 29	Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup 4th Round Swanson was listed as reserve Muir United 2 Gordon Street Thistle 1 (F)
Mar 16	Final of the Aberdeenshire Charity Cup Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 We had the same situation of a year previous and must ask - Was there a replay and who won? No result of the game could be found in the 'Advertiser'
Apr 6	Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Final of Elgin and District Cup Fish Trades Rangers 1 Bankers Celtic 5 (F)
Apr 28	Inverness Clach 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Buckie – Smith, McGregor and Reid; Simpson, McKenzie and W. Smith; A. Smith, Swanson, Clark, Cormack and Johnston. Davidson, the regular keeper was injured.
May 2	Buckie Thistle 1 Portsoy 0 Fleming Shield 1st round Buckie had Ian Hector in goals for the first time. Portgordon Fishermen played Buckie Fishermen - No score was given Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen 3 (full team) - match played on Friday evening. Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L) <i>match played on Saturday</i>
May 9	Step up for Thistle player - John (Jock) Stewart who has been playing at inside left for Buckie Thistle sign for Raith Rovers. Stewart at 19 years of age scored two goals against Raith when they played Buckie in March.

- May 16 **Lintmill Swifts 6 Deskford Buffaloes 4 (F)** The match was played at Croftgloy
- May 30 **Married Terriers 2 Single Terriers 6 (F)**
- June 27 **The Highland League** there was an increase in the number of clubs in the Highland League - Aberdeen 'A' and the 93rd Highlanders, Fort George, were to be admitted.
- Aug 8 **into the new season** - The Highland League was not completed the previous season thus the first few games were held to settle the winner.
- Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Wednesday Union 2 (F)**
- Aug 29 **Wednesday Banffshire League** - It was decided at a meeting held in Cullen that a Banffshire Wednesday Junior League should be set up – The teams that agreed to join were Buckie, Cullen, Portsoy, Keith and Banff.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)** this was a match played from the season before
Buckie –Hector, W. Reid and G. Reid; G. Smith, G. McKenzie and F. Smith, J. P. Clark, Mechan, Ross, W. Stewart and W. Milne.
- Highland League winners 1911/12 - Inverness Caley won the Highland League with 17 points. Buckie had 7 points.** The teams in the League and order at the end were – Inverness Caley, Inverness Thistle, Inverness Clach, Forres Mechanics, Elgin City, Buckie Thistle and Inverness Citadel.
- Sept 5 **Banff County Select 7 Buckie Wednesday 1 (F)** this was a Benefit Match played in aid of the new Banffshire Wednesday Junior League
- Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 6 (H/L)** this was the first game for Buckie in the new season 1912/13
- Sept 12 **Harbour Employees 0 Buckie Cluny 1 (F)**
- Buckie Wednesday 4 Elgin Wednesday 4 (F)**
- Sept 19 **93 Highlanders 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Davidson, Ross and W. Reid; G. Smith, W. Duncan and W. Smith; F. Smith, Clark, McKenzie, W. Stewart and J. C. Johnston.
The football scribe from the local paper was not amused at the score and said: *“Buckie deserved to win! Hector was not available but Davidson was a good stand in. The referee was **??!! **??”* “ I seem to remember reading the same sentiments being expressed by him, or maybe his dad or granda more than once before.
- Sept 26 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Hard luck on the Jags, their play was brilliant. “ I bet the paper mannie even took flooers hame tae his wife this week.*
- Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Bishopmill 3 (F)** The Thistle side chosen to play Forres Mechanics on the coming Saturday had Newman at centre forward and Elrick at inside left.
- Oct 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**
Portsoy 4 Buckie Terriers 2 “one sided”
- Oct 17 **Buckie Wednesday Juniors 2 Cullen Wednesday Juns. 2 (F)**
Buckie Thistle 2 Portsoy 1 in the Aberdeenshire Cup 1st Round *“Mann was a star”,* said the ‘Advertiser’ scribe.
- Oct 17 **Buckie Terriers 0 Keith Terriers 6 (F) Challenge match**
- Oct 24 **Buckie Wednesday Juns. 0 Portsoy 0 Banffshire Wednesday Junior League**
- Oct 31 **Buckie Wednesday Juns. 2 Keith Wednesday Juns. 1 Banffshire Wednesday Junior League**
Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Words of wisdom from the pen of the scribe from the ‘Advertiser’ *“Football is not a one man game - pass the ball ought to be the motto. Buckie were outclassed on Saturday and need a smart centre, Elrick is not the answer.”* I canna believe that this was the same paper

mannie.

Nov 7 **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** at Pittodrie - From the 'Advertiser' we read - "*Buckie had Love at centre-forward. Aberdeen were described as the Wasps because of their black and gold strip.*"

Buckie H. G. School 2 Fochabers H.G. School 0 in the Herd Cup The other team in the league was Huntly School. This was the first time that the Herd Cup had been mentioned.

Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle 2 93 Highlanders 1 (H/L)** from the 'Advertiser' one may read: "*The Thistle had still not solved their problem at centre-forward with Crawford being tried in this game. Thistle showed plenty of dash but a draw would perhaps have been a fairer result.*" Jigs fit about that ? The local paper must have changed their scribe.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Keith Strathisla 0 Elgin and District Cup.

Nov 21 **No football reports given**

Nov 28 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Terriers 6 Cullen 0 (F)

Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 8 Banff 0 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd Round** L. Bain, Cullen, was referee

Dec 12 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Portsoy 0 Banffshire Cup 2nd Round** - Buckie had Shand at centre "*Only worth a draw.*" Right enough the scribe had changed or he had suffered a conversion he was getting awfy generous noo.

Banff 7 Buckie Terriers 0 (F)

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Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire Charity Cup**
Buckie – Hector, Duncan and W. Reid; Gunn, McKenzie and W. Smith; Mann, Ross, Shand, Stewart and Johnston - L. Bain, Cullen, Referee

Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 Consolation Cup** "*Lucky win for Buckie – Hector's goalkeeping was a feature.*" This mannie will nae last lang he's ower good tae the ither side.

Feb 13 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Charity Cup semi-final** - J. Matthews at centre half for Buckie

Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 11 (eleven) Macduff 1 - Aberdeenshire Charity Cup** Ian Hector was centre half for the Thistle.

Feb 27 **Buckie Wednesday 3 Cullen Wednesday Banffshire Wednesday Junior League** The game ended prematurely when the ball burst.

Mar 6 **Buckie Thistle 8 Huntly 0 Aberdeenshire Charity Cup**

Mar 13 **Final of the Banffshire Cup Keith Strathisla 1 Buckie Thistle 4** The Thistle had beaten both Portsoy and Elgin City. There was a gate of 3000

Mar 20 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Yer man said: "*Buckie were worthy winners.*" Now that's better, it sells mair Buckie 'Squeaks'.

.Mar 20 **Buckie Terriers 3 Cullen 1** The B. A. had this described as a league fixture. What league is not known.

Mar 27 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Charity Cup Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 0** the

game was played home and away. In the event of a draw corners were to be counted. In the first game Buckie had nine corners and one goal to three corners. There was a big crowd at the match with the sum of £20 being collected.

Buckie Wednesday 3 Portsoy Wednesday 0 in the Banffshire Wednesday Junior League

**** **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** From the B.A. one may read how the game should have been played in Inverness but for an undisclosed sum the Clach were prevailed upon to come to 'Drifteropolis', otherwise Buckie.

Football news - It is interesting to note that prior to the match above the Thistle had played 32 matches, won 20, lost ten and drawn 2. They had scored 84 goals and lost 37. In the Highland League they had amassed 13 points. The Highland League members in order at the time were – Aberdeen 'A', Buckie Thistle, Elgin City, Inverness Thistle, Inverness Clach, 93rd Highlanders, Forres Mechanics and finally Inverness Citadel.

Apr 10 **Final of the Elginshire District Cup Buckie Thistle 3 93 Highlanders (Argyle and Sutherland) 1**

Football news A special train took 686 supporters through to Elgin where the game was played at Station Park in front of a crowd of 1000 which was a record for this competition.

Buckie - Hector, W. Reid and Duncan; G. Reid, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Clark, Ross, Stewart and Johnston. The referee was Mr Dunbar, Elgin.

The report in the B.A. described the game as "*a victory for brains before beef*". Mr A. W. Thomson, fish salesman accepted the cup on behalf of Buckie Thistle.

Apr 17 **Fish Trades 1 Bakers 0 (F)** Collection in aid of work at Cluny Harbour.

Final of the Aberdeenshire Charity Cup - Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 0 - The cup was presented to committee member James Murray who remarked that Buckie Thistle had won three cups that season.

Apr 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

May 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)** The Thistle had a new man, Fisher, at left back. This was the last Highland League game of the season

Buckie Thistle 2 Glasgow Celtic 3 (F) The game was played on Tuesday evening. A special train ran from Glasgow carrying supporters north for the game. There was a gate of several thousands. The score at half-time was Buckie Thistle 2 Glasgow Celtic 0. The scorers for Buckie were Ross and Johnston and for Celtic- Cassidy, McAteer and McNair. Mr G. McKenzie was referee.

May 15 **Final of the Sunlight Cup - Findochty Fishermen 3 Buckpool Strollers 1** this was a replay of a previous game played at Victoria Park on Monday evening when it had ended in a draw. The cup and badges to the winning side were handed over by George Flett, Preston Villa.

Aug 23 **Inverness Citadel 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** this was the first game of the new season 1913/14. **Buckie** - Valentine, Reid and Grant; Boyne, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Clark, Coutts, Stewart and Campbell **Note the new names in the Thistle side**, Valentine in goal, replacing Hector, Coutts at centre for Ross, and Campbell for Johnston at outside left.

Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 0 93 Highlanders 2 (H/L)** Anton of Huntly was referee. **Buckie** – Valentine-Reid and Grant; Boyne, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Clark, Coutts, Stewart and Johnston. Some players had regained their places in the team but Boyne was in place of G. Reid.

Sept 11 **Buckie Wednesday 1 Elgin Wednesday 2 (F)** played at Victoria Park

***** **Wick Academy 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup** The team and officials crossed the Firth to Wick on board the local drifter 'Darda' of Portgordon taking four and a half hours to make the crossing both ways. **The B. A. of this date carries an interesting account of the trip and also of the game.**

Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)** **Buckie** – Valentine, Grant, and Reid; G. Reid, Boyne and Coutts; Mann, Clark, McKenzie, Stewart and Johnston.

Sept 25 **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Soldier Nichol who once played for Aberdeen at centre forward with Paterson at inside right.

Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Bishopmill 3 (F)**

Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Maxwell at inside right and Milne at outside left.

Oct 16 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith Strathisla 0 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round.** Davidson who hadn't played for some time replaced Hector in goal.

Oct 23 **Aberdeen Queen's Park 3 Buckie Wednesday 2** (Competition not known) matches played at Pittodrie.

Oct 30 **Elgin Wednesday 0 Buckie Wednesday 3 (F)**

Nov 6 **Buckie Wednesday 1 Banff Wednesday 1 Banffshire Wednesday League**

Gordon Schools Huntly 1 Buckie High 4 Herd Cup

Nov 20 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** From the B.A. *"Buckie had most of the game – had hard luck in not gaining the equaliser."*

Dec 4 **Portsoy 0 Buckie Thistle 5 Elgin District Cup.** Buckie had R. Geddes at right half.

Dec 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 'A' 2 (H/L)** *"Buckie deserved to win,"* said the man from the **local** paper.

Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics (H/L)**

Buckie High 5 Gordon School Huntly 1 Herd Cup

Dec 25 **Portsoy 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round**

***** **Buckie High School won the Herd Cup after beating Milne's Institution, Fochabers by 3 goals to nil.**

1914

Jan 1 **Buckie Thistle 5 Portsoy 4 In the replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup.** The Thistle had former captain W. Thomson and Alex Taylor both home from Canada, also Willie Ross, in their side.

Jan 8 **Buckie Wednesday 3 Lossie 2 (F) - match** played on the morning of New Year's Day.

Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen Mugiemoss 2 (F) played on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

Buckie Thistle 0 Clydebank Juniors 0 (F) - The visitors were on tour. The game was played on Saturday.

Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)

Jan 15 **Buckie Wednesday 2 Cullen Wednesday – Banffshire Wednesday League**

Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Banff 1 Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final**
Buckie: Davidson, Ross and Reid; Coutts, Boyne and Smith; Clark, Shand, Mann, Stewart and Johnston

Feb 19 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 0 -** The report on the game in the *Banffshire Advertiser* read: *"After strenuous opposition Aberdeen annexed the Aberdeenshire Cup for the third successive year. They had four players from their first XI playing. Buckie had the services of R. C Hamilton, Elgin, a Scottish Internationalist. There was a gate of 2,500 with 300 travelling from Portgordon to Cullen. Superior training told in the end."*
Buckie – Davidson, Boyne and Reid; Coutts, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Clark, Hamilton, Stewart and Johnston.

Feb 28 **Elgin Wednesday 0 Buckie Wednesday 4 (F)**

Mar 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 93 Highlanders 2 (H/L)**

- Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadels 4 (H/L)**
Buckie – Valentine, Low and Gunn; Smith, W. Thomson and W. J. Reid; Donaldson, Milne, Jamieson, J. G. Thomson and Neilson. “*A scratch team – mostly comprised of Varsity players a more important fixture took place at Banff on the same day,*” explained the sport’s scribe.
- Banff 1 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Charity Cup** Scorers for the Thistle were Clark 2, Johnston and Mann.
- Final of the Banffshire Cup played at Keith Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1**
The report of the game in the *Banffshire Advertiser* read: – “*Elgin lost two cup finals on consecutive Saturdays. Stewart and Neilson were stars for Buckie who were worthy of their victory. Boyne was a tour of strength as captain. Clark, Mann and Donaldson (2) were the scorers. 600 supporters travelled from Buckie to Keith by special train.*” Mention was made of a huge banner in the Thistle colours and the representation of a cod-head and the words ‘Play up Buckie.’
- Apr 9 **Scotland 3 England 1 International Match at Hampden Park, Glasgow.** There was a crowd of 120,000, 340 who came from the Buckie area.
- Buckie Terriers 3 Elgin Rangers 1 (F)**
- Apr 16 **Aberdeenshire Charity Cup Final (first leg) Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0** The *Banffshire Advertiser* told of how supporters from the Broch came by **drifter and motor car to see the game.**
- Apr 23 **Aberdeenshire Charity Cup Final (second leg) Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh won the Charity Cup on corners – one.** There was a crowd of 2000.
Buckie – Davidson, Reid and Paterson; Boyne, Mackay and Smith; J. P. Clark, J. H. Neilson, A. Mann, W. Stewart and J. C. Johnston.
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Football news - Buckie were due to play Elgin city at Buckie in the Final of the Elgin District Cup on 25th April but couldn’t raise a team and had to scratch.
- The Sunlight Cup** - Teams entered for the Sunlight Cup competition were - Buckpool, Findochty, Butchers, Victoria, Cullen, Harbour, Iainstown Fishermen, Buckie Fishermen, Terriers, Bankers, Buckie Rangers, Portknockie, Wednesday F.C. All ties to be played in the Victoria Park with admission charges of 2d and 1d.
- Apr 30 **Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 0 (F)**
- May 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 2 (F)** Thomson played for Aberdeen.
Football news The Palace Cinema (then in what is now the Gospel Hall) had a film of the recent Buckie versus Fraserburgh game which was shown to the players after the game
- Highland League Champions** - Inverness Caley won the Highland League in season 1913/14 with Aberdeen ‘A’ as runners-up. **Buckie were wooden spoonists played 16 games and won only 6 points.**
- July 30 **A new Victoria Park** - The *Banffshire Advertiser* of this date carried the first words on a new ground for Buckie Thistle
- Sept 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2 Qualifying Cup**
Buckie - Davidson, Reid and Watson; Ross, Newman and Smith; Mann, Coutts, McIntosh, J. Stewart and W. Stewart. Reserve – Milne. The captain suggested that players only take expenses with the balance being given to the National Relief Fund.
- Sept 24 **Inverness Clach 4 Thistle 0 (H/L)** - No report of the game was given, only that the keeper was hurt.
- Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle versus Aberdeen ‘A’ (H/L)** No score or report on the game was given
Buckie team to be chosen from the following list – Davidson, G. Reid, Watson, McGowan, Ross, McKenzie, W. Smith, Mann, Anderson, McIntosh, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, Newlands and Neilson.
- Oct. 17 **Inverness Citadel v Buckie Thistle (H/L)** no score or report given
Buckie – P. Hector, G. Reid and McGowan; Thomson, G. Clark and Wm. Smith; Mann, Newlands, J. Stewart, W. Stewart and Murray.

- Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness? 3 (H/L) no report**
- Oct 31 **Aberdeen 'A' v Buckie Thistle (H/L)** Anderson was in at outside right but the rest of the team on usual lines. No score given.
- Nov 28 **Aberdeen 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie – F. Valentine, Watson and Reid; G. Clark, McKenzie and W. Smith; Thomson, Newlands, McIntosh, W. Stewart and Green.
10 Thistle players had joined the Forces, including two goalkeepers Davidson and Hector.

1915

- Apr 8 **6th Gordons 5 Buckie Sea Scouts 3 (F) match played at Keith.**
- Apr 15 **Buckie Sea Scouts 0 6th Gordons 4 (F)** Mr J. Reid was referee

1916

- July 22 **Killed in action** - Alex Low who occasionally played for Buckie Thistle at full-back was killed in action around this date. He lived at 35 Land Street and was a mason with Andrew Morrison.
- Nov 30 **Killed in action** - Petty Officer A. 'Charlie' Davidson, goalkeeper with Buckie Thistle and youngest son of Robert Davidson, Land Street, Buckie was killed in action while serving on board a RND. He was a mason to trade.

1917

- May 10 **Cullen 4 Portknockie 2 (F)**
- May 17 **Photographs of Thistle players on active service** - Photographs of three Thistle footballers appear in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* – George Esslemont and Robert Nicol, soldiers and John Murray, sailor.

1918

No football information found in any of the editions of the Banffshire Advertiser throughout 1918.

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- Jan 2 **Buckie Boy Scouts 5 Portsoy Boy Scouts 2 (F)** This was the first mention of a football game for a long time. The match was played on New Year's Day but where we were not told.
- Feb 6 **Cluny Park (Public Park) to be restored to public use** - The Park had been under cultivation during the war years but was planned to be restored for public use in 1920.
- Feb 13 **Portsoy 3 Buckie Slip 1 (F)** This game received a report in the 'Advertiser'; the first since 1915.
The Slip team was - Geddes, McIntosh and Reid; Clark, McDougal and Duncan; McNally, Barclay, McKenzie, G. Stewart and Johnston.
- Feb 27 **Buckie F.C. 3 Keith 3 (F)** The match was played in the Commercial Park (Now Ian Johnston's Park)
There had been some controversy over the name Buckie Slip XI and it was decided to alter the name to Buckie F.C.
The Buckie team was – Hector, McIntosh and Reid; Clark, McDougal and Duncan; McNally, Barclay McKenzie, G. Stewart and Johnston.
- ***** **Formation of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd.** - A meeting took place in the office of Mr J. L. McNaughton, solicitor, with the object of setting up the formation of a limited company to take over the mantle of Buckie Thistle Football Club, recognised as being the senior club in the town. **The report is given in full on page 2 column 5 of the Banffshire Advertiser of February 27 1919.**
- ***** **Buckie 8 Huntly United 3 (F)** George McIntosh V.C. Played for Huntly as they arrived in Buckie a man short, he had a great game and was to be included in the next game that Buckie F.C. played.

- Mar 6 **Buckie F.C. 1 Portsoy 1 (F)**
Buckie F.C. Hector, McIntosh and Reid; McKenzie, Clark and A. Johnston; Milne, G. Stewart, G. McIntosh V.C., Campbell, and J. C. Johnston. Reserves – G. Duncan, Redford (Dundee), C. Stewart.
- Buckie FC? Fraserburgh? (F)** No report on the game itself nor was the score given.
Buckie F.C. Hector, McKenzie (Rangers), and Cormack, Milne, G. McIntosh (VC) and A. Johnston, Clark, Campbell, McKenzie, G. Stewart and Bell.
 A big crowd was entertained by the Town Band with £50 being handed over to the Local Heroes Memorial Fund, £33 being taken in at the game with a further £17 being collected on board the fishing boat 'Thrift'.
- Caley 0 Buckie F.C. 0 (F)** The match between Buckie and Caley were described as a great game. Buckie played in a green strip with a white 'V' "*One of the finest games ever witnessed in the North*", was how an *Inverness paper* described the match. **This was the first time that a Buckie team had taken away a point from the Caley in Inverness.**
- ***** **Note - If one is interested in the history of football in the local area Page 7 and column 6 of the B. A. of April 24 1919 and the whole of page 5 of May 1 1919 are both worth looking at.**
- May 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Portsoy 0 (F)** This was Buckie Thistle's first game after the war.
Buckie F.C. 2 Invergordon 3 (F) Stir Milne and Twisty Duncan played for Buckie
Football news The following two big adverts appeared in the Banffshire *Advertiser*.
- BUCKIE F.C. V FORRESMECHANICS in the Commercial Park
- BUCKIE THISTLE V INVERNESS THISTLE in the Victoria Park,
 admission 6d, 4d ladies free
- May 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 1 (F)**
Buckie Thistle - Hector, Reid and Grant; F. Smith, Eck Johnston and W. Smith; J.P. Clark, Murray, W. Ross, P. Cowie and A. Farquhar.
Buckie F. C. 0 Forres Mechanics 0 (F) P. Cormack was referee
- May 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen Discharged Soldiers and Sailors 0 (F)**
Buckie Scouts 6 Slip Juniors 2 (F)
- June 5 **For football enthusiasts - Page 7 of the B. A. and columns 3 and 4 are worth looking at.**
- Aug 8 **Football news** - Trial for Thistle player - A. 'Eck' Johnston went on trial with Glasgow Rangers, accompanied by Mr McKenzie, manager. "*It would be a feather in their cap (Thistle's) if one of their members had a place in a team of all talents.*" The writer, the scribe of the 'Advertiser' was definitely a blue nose.
- Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle to play Inverness Caley in a friendly matches** Admission 9d and 3d with the entrance to the new grandstand built in July at the new ground being 6d extra.
Team chosen to play – Murray, Milne and Nicol; G. Clark, Fulton, and W. Smith; J. P. Clark, McIntosh, Cameron, Newlands and Pirie.
Football news - The reconstituted Thistle management decided to pay players for loss of time
- ***** **August 23 1919 Buckie Thistle's new ground, laid out on former lotted lands, was officially opened with a friendly match between the Thistle and an Aberdeen Select.**
- Aug 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Caley 2 (F)** This was the game mentioned above.
Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 (F)
Football news - A. 'Eck' Johnston signed for Glasgow Rangers after a successful trial against Partick Thistle.

- Sept 4 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)** Match played in the Cooper Park on Wednesday.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 0 (F) (Sat.)**
- Thistle take photo call** - A photograph of the Buckie Thistle team appeared in the *Banffshire Advertiser*. on page 7 of this edition.
- Sept 11 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 1 (F)** From the report in the 'Advertiser' "*... a great game - McIntosh had another hat-trick*"
- Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** The first Highland League Game played since October 1914.
Buckie – Murray, Milne and Grant; Cameron, Fulton and W. Smith; Pirie, McIntosh, Esslemont, Newlands and J. Stewart. From the report in the local paper - "*Buckie were lucky! Fulton was sent off*"
- Sept 25 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup 2nd Round.**
- Oct 2 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** "*railway strike – no report*"
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Keith 9 (F)**
Buckie – F. Valentine, G. Reid and F. McIntosh; Thomson, Coutts and E. Stewart; Stewart (Speedie), Barclay, Campbell, G. Stewart and Green.
- Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 1 Buckie Select (mainly members of the 'A' team) 1 (F)**
- Buckie Thistle 7 Cullen 3 ((F) (Mon)**
- The Thistle 'A' team were to play in the Banffshire League, Banffshire Cup, Huntly and District League and Aberlour and District Cup.**
- Oct 16 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Keith 3 -** Banffshire League "*The referee appeared biased towards Keith...*"
Not a new story line from the scribe employed by the local paper
- Portsoy Star 4 Buckie Slip 2 (F)**
- Buckie Scouts 1 Elgin Scouts 0 (F)**
- Buckie High School 12 (twelve) Cullen H. S. 1 (F) in the Commercial Park**
- Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** This was the first game between the two. Nairn County had just joined the Highland League along with the soddgers Camerons and Seaforths.
- Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 30 **Wednesday Football** - A meeting took place in the Masonic Institute to consider the reforming of the Buckie Wednesday football club. The committee were mostly all shopkeepers or ex-players.
- Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** We were told - "*The Mosset Park had been under cultivation during the war years with the surface far from ideal.*"
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Fochabers 1 (F)** Esslemont had three of the goals
- Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
Buckie – Murray, Milne and Nicol, Rae, G. Clark and W. Smith; Pirie, Cameron, A. Fraser, Newlands and McIntosh. "*Fraser was a trialist or guest given an assumed name*"
- Lossie 0 Elgin Federation 0 Moray Junior League**
- Footballers at Invergordon** - From the 'Advertiser' "*Buckie is still keeping up its reputation for producing footballers – last season 'Twisty' Duncan was the shining star' but we now have a successor in 'Maxie' Maxwell.*"
- Nov 13 **Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Portsoy 0 (F)**

- Nov 20 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie – Murray, Milne and Nicol; Pirie, Clark and Smith; McIntosh, Cameron, McKenzie, Newlands and Stewart.
- Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 7 Macduff Fife 3 Banffshire League**
- Nov 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cameron Highlanders (Inverness) 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Fishermen 0 Lossie Jun. team 5 (F)
Keith Wednesday 4 Buckie Wednesday 4 (F)
Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 4 Huntly United 1 (F)
Keith Railway United 3 Buckie Rangers 3 (F)
- Dec 4 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Wednesday 5 Keith Wednesday 0 (F)
- Dec 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 0 Aberdeenshire County Cup** The mannie described the game as being “*one-sided!*”
Buckie – Joe Murray, ‘Stir’ Milne and Geordie ‘Coug’ Reid; Ned Pirie, ‘Dooda’ Clark and Bob Fulton; ‘Mack’ Slater, ‘Toshie’ McIntosh, ‘Dod’ Esslemont, S. Cameron and ‘Jock’ Stewart. ‘Coug’ was acting captain.
- Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 5 Seaforth Highlanders (Fort George) 1 (H/L)**
Banff 3 Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 3 (F)
- Dec 25 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 1 Aberdeen ‘A’ 1 in the North East League** There was a gate of 2000
Buckie Thistle ‘A’ v Buckie Wednesday (F) on Christmas Day
Buckie Thistle – Bowie, E. Stewart and G. McIntosh (V.C.) Rae, Carsewell and Coutts; M. Slater, Campbell, Slater (ex Clach), Stewart and Johnston. *No score given*

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- Jan 1 **Aberdeen ‘A’ 4 Buckie Thistle 0 North East League**
Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Discharged Soldiers 2 (F) From the ‘Advertiser’ - “*George McIntosh V.C. was outstanding at centre half for the Thistle*”
Buckie Thistle 2 Abercorn 2 (F) The match was played on New Year’s Day.
- Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 3 North East League** - From the ‘Advertiser’ - “*A small section of the crowd kept passing uncomplimentary remarks about the referee, so obnoxious did these become that he was forced to issue a warning. This only besmirches the character of the team*”
Portsoy 3 Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 1 (F)
- Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - Peter Craigmyle was referee. Buckie had McIntosh V.C. at left back.
Banff Wednesday 1 Buckie Wednesday 2 Banffshire Wednesday League?
- Jan 29 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Keith 1 in the semi-final of Banffshire Cup. H. and G. Esslemont played as forwards for the Thistle.
- Feb 5 **Buckie Thistle 6 Seaforth Highlanders 2 (H/L)** Carsewell had a hat-trick. This was the first time the expression was seen to have been used by the ‘Advertiser’

Portsoy 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 in the Huntly and District Cup 1st round.

Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 8 Banff 2 Elgin and District Cup 1st round**

Huntly United 3 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 Huntly and District Cup

Feb 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** The win took Buckie to the top of the league.

Keith Wednesday 1 Buckie Wednesday 5 Banffshire Wednesday League

***** **Football news - Buckie players tipped to go to Rangers** - The 'Weekly News' had an article on 'Stir' Milne who they tipped to go to Glasgow Rangers. He was described as a '*brilliant player*' at full-back for Buckie. (As it happened he did leave Buckie for higher ranks but it was to Arsenal that he went – A.F)

Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly United 2 Aberdeen Charity Cup 1st round.** Buckie had Edwin Geddes at right back in place of 'Stir' Milne.

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly and District Cup

Portsoy Star 2 Buckie United 0 (F)

United team was – Taylor, Slater and Cowie; A. Slater, Birnie and Masterton; Geddes, Brookman, Stewart, Gray and Laing.

Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie - Murray, Milne and Nicol; Pirie, Clark and Fulton; Carsewell, Cameron, McKenzie, Stewart and McIntosh.

Mar 18 **Aberdeen County Cup Final - Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 1** at Victoria Park - **There** was a record attendance to date of 2,500 with gate takings of £130.

Mar 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 1 (H/L)**

Apr 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 0 replay of the above .** The attendance was even larger at 2,800.

Buckie – Murray, Milne and Nicol; Pirie, Clark and Fulton; Carsewell, Cameron, McKenzie, Stewart and McIntosh.

Football news - Top of the league - Buckie Thistle was top of the Highland League of ten teams. They had played 15 games and collected 25 points. Other teams in descending rank were – Inv.Clach, Inv. Caley, Elgin City, Inv. Thistle, Forres Mechanics, Inv. Citadel, Nairn, Seaforths and Camerons.

Buckie Wednesday 1 Portsoy Wednesday 0 Banffshire Wednesday League

Apr 8 **Aberdeen County Cup Final 2nd replay Aberdeen 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen -** The game was played at Pittodrie.

Banff 1 Buckie Thistle 6 Charity Cup semi-final (Wed)

Buckie Thistle 3 Portsoy 2 Huntly and District Cup 2nd round

Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League (Mon.)

Buckie Boy Scouts 8 Elgin YMCA 2 (F)

Apr 15 **Entries for Sunlight or Junior Cup** - The teams who had put their names forward were – Buckie Wednesday, Portknockie, Findochty Ranters, Cullen, Recreation Club (Findochty), Seaweeds (Ianstown), Rovers (Buckie), Red Rovers (Portessie), Fish Trades, Red Triangle (Portessie), Buckpool Celtic, Garmouth, Minerva, Buckie United, Boy Scouts, Strathlene and Ianstown.

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeen and District League (Thursday)

Buckie: Murray, Milne and Geddes; E. Stewart, Rae and Smith; G. Esslemont, Stewart, Cameron, S. Stewart and Hector.

- Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
- Apr 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeen and District League**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Camerons 0 (H/L) (Wed)**
- Buckie Thistle 5 Portsoy 1 Elgin and District Cup semi-final**
- Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Aberdeen Qualifying Charity Cup (Mon)**
- Apr 29 **Banffshire Cup Final - Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2** There was a crowd of 2000 on a Wednesday evening.
Buckie - Murray, Milne and Nicol; Rae, Clark and Fulton; Cameron, Pirie, McKenzie, Stewart and McIntosh.
- ***** **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Citadel 2** *“The Citadel were outclassed”* read the heading in the *Banffshire Advertiser*
With this victory BUCKIE THISTLE won the Highland League for the first time on Saturday with one change from the team that beat Elgin City on Wednesday evening, Carsewell coming in for Rae at right half. This was the first time that the League flag had left Inverness.
Buckie Thistle played 18 games, won 14, drew 3 and lost one to collect 31 points. (Only two points were then given for a win.)
- Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup semi-final**
- May 6 **Elgin and District Cup Final at Elgin Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 1**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Clydebank F.C. 3 (Friday evening)**
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Keith 1 Huntly and District Cup** The game had to be replayed since Buckie and Keith were equal on points The teams in the league were Buckie, Keith, Portsoy and Huntly.
- ***** **Football news - For information** - In season 1913/14 Buckie Thistle finished bottom of the Highland League in season 1919/20 they were top. In 1913/14 with a league of nine teams Buckie only collected 6 points while in 1919/20 with ten teams their total number of points was 31.
- May 13 **Junior Cup (Sunlight Cup) Findochty won the Junior Cup by beating Buckpool Celtic by one goal to nil in the final**
- Final of the Huntly and District Cup Keith 6 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0** - “Jimmy Cowie was a star for Keith.” (He was to play for Buckie the following season. Two of his sons, Jimmy and Billy both played for Keith, (Billy perhaps having his best years in the star –studded Thistle team of the early 1950’s.) The match was played in the Seafield or Show Park in front of a large crowd.
- ***** **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (F) The match was played to mark the opening of Christie Park, Huntly.**
- Aug 19 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (F)**
Buckie was represented by – Sutherland (Findochty Ranters), Milne and Sandison (Portsoy); Jock Stewart, Geo. McKenzie and W. Smith; Bert Nicol, Jimmy Cowie (Keith), Newlands and ‘Toshie’ McIntosh.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 1** This was the postponed *Final of the Aberdeenshire Charity Cup from the previous year.*
Buckie - Sutherland, Milne and Chisholm; Pirie, McKenzie and W. Smith; Nicol, Cameron, J. Stewart, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round** . There was a crowd of 1000 in Victoria Park.
Buckie - Sutherland, Milne and Fulton; Stewart, McKenzie and Smith; Nicol, Cameron, Cowie, Newlands

and McIntosh.

- Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Fochabers F.C. 7 Buckie Wednesday 2 (F)
Fochabers 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 (F)
- Sept 23 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup 2nd round**
Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Huntly United 0 (F)
- Sept 30 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Portsoy 3 (F)
- Oct 7 **Inverness Citadel 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Keith 2 Huntly and District Cup
- Oct 14 **Banff 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Huntly United 0 Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Huntly and District Cup
Buckie Scouts 0 Portsoy Star 1 (F)
- Oct 21 **Aberlour 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Huntly and District Cup**
Buckie v Seaforths -This game in the Highland League was off because of the National Coal Strike
- Oct 28 **Fochabers F.C. 2 Elgin Federation 0 (F)**
Buckie Thistle 1st XI 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 (F)
- Nov 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire Charity Cup**
Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Huntly and District Cup
Keith Wednesday 4 Buckie Wednesday 4 (Wed.)
Duffus 0 Fochabers 6 Morayshire Junior League
- Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Secondary School 11 (eleven) Macduff 0 This was the first fixture in Schools Football League
Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Aberlour 1 Huntly and District League
Buckie team – Bowie, Reid and Geddes; Knowles, Ingram and Duncan; Campbell, Esslemont, Gray, Cormack and Johnston.
Buckie Wednesday 2 Keith Wednesday 1 (F)
Fochabers 2nd XI 2 Portgordon 6 (F)
- Nov 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Keith 1 Huntly and District League
Banff Academy 5 Buckie Secondary School 2 School League.
- Dec 2 **Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*A day of good luck for the Caley*”, said a report in an Inverness paper.
Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Portsoy Star 2 Banffshire Cup 1st round.
Portsoy team – Ingram, McDonald and Wood; Matthew, Barron and Nicol, Anderson, Coull, Hendry,

McKimmie and Barrie.

Keith 5 Portsoy Star 1 Banffshire Cup

Elgin City 5 Huntly 0 Banffshire Cup

Banff 3 Macduff Fife 0 Banffshire Cup

New Ground for Keith F.C. Provost Kynoch acquired the lease of three acres of ground adjacent to Balloch Road, from the Seafeld Estates. The ground is to be known as Kynoch Park.

Dec 9 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Macduff Fife 1 Huntly and District League**

Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 North Eastern League** “.... a rousing game...” we were told.
Buckie – Bowie, Milne and Nicol; E. Stewart, Rae and Fulton; Clark, J. Stewart, Cameron, Newlands and McIntosh.

Fordyce Academy 6 Buckie Secondary School 0 – game played at Glassaugh. - in the Schools League

Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Dec 30 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League** The first defeat for the ‘Blue Tooners’
Buckie – Murray, Mile and Geddes; Ross, Rae and McIntosh; McKenzie, Esslemont, Cowie, Newlands and J. Johnston.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Banff 1 Huntly and District League.

Buckie 'A' – Bowie, Garden and Reid; G. Clark. Ingram and Duncan; Bowie, J. Stewart. Gray, Cormack and S. Stewart.

Posted - *With* the Seaforths about to be posted to Northern Ireland they withdrew from the Highland League

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Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Renton 0 (F) Game played on New Year's Day**

Buckie Scouts 2 Elgin YMCA 0 (F)

Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Select (F) (Mon)

Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Junior Select 3 (Tues)

Buckie - Bowie, Geddes and Nicol; J. Stewart, Rae and Fulton; Bowie, Esslemont, Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.

Some of the Thistle players played three games in four days - they would gird loudly today.

Jan 13 **Portsoy Star 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd round** - match played in the Durn Park
Buckie – Murray, Geddes and Nicol; Cameron, Rae and Fulton; Stewart, McKenzie, Esslemont, Newlands and McIntosh .

Buckie Boy Scouts 3 Portgordon F.C 3. McGrouther with 2 and Stewart were the scorers for the Scouts.

Jan 20 **A walk-over for the Thistle** - Buckie Thistle had a walk-over when their opponents in the semi-final in the Aberdeenshire Cup failed to appear. They played a friendly against the Boy Scouts and won by four clear goals.

Banff 0 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Banffshire Cup semi-final

Feb 3 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Huntly United 0 Huntly and District League**

The teams in the above league were – Buckie 'A' Portsoy Star, Keith, Banff, Aberlour, Huntly U, Dufftown and Macduff Fife.

Feb 10 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Replay of Aberdeenshire Cup match**

Fochabers 3 Lossiemouth 1 Morayshire Junior League

Feb 17

Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 1 Elgin and District Cup

Buckie – Murray, Garden and Nicol; Cameron, Milne and Fulton; McIntosh, Slater, Cowie, Newlands and Stewart.

Lossiemouth 2 Nairn County 6 Elgin and District Cup

Buckie Wednesday 5 Banff Wednesday 2 (F)

Fochabers 1 Buckie Thistle Juniors (formerly Boy Scouts) 4 First game in Morayshire Junior League
Thistle Juniors - Taylor, Stewart and Thomson; Ross, Birnie and Malcolm; J. Duncan, Brookman, Geddes and R. Duncan

Feb 24

Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Citadel 1 (H/L)

Buckie team - Bowie, Milne and Nicol; Cameron, Rae and Fulton; McIntosh, McKenzie, Cowie, Newlands and S. Stewart.

Portsoy Star 4 Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Huntly and District League

Mar 3

Buckie Thistle 'A' 7 Macduff 1 2nd round of Aberdeen Charity Cup

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Scorer – Esslemont

Thistle Juniors 2 Portgordon F.C. 1 The Thistle Juniors played in green and white for the first time.
Juniors' team – Taylor, Thomson and Stewart; Ross, McGrouther and Malcolm; J. Duncan, Geddes, Brookman, Murray and R. Duncan.

Mar 10

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)

Mar 17

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley ? (H/L) McIntosh VC, played at left back and 'Toshie' at right half.

Mar 24

Buckie Thistle 2 Portsoy Star 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup semi-final

Buckie - Sutherland, Milne and Garden; Ingram, Fulton and Smith; Knowles, Cameron, Slater, Newlands and Stewart.

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin and District Cup semi-final

Mar 31

Junior Football Cup Competition – (Sunlight Cup) This year 21 teams put their names forward – Portknockie Celts, Yardie Jags, Ramblers, Buckie Wednesday, Railway United, Strathlene, Buckpool Rangers, Rovers, Portknockie Seafield, Fish Trades, Muir United, Celtic, Clyde, Gordon (Portgordon), Terriers, Richmond (Portgordon), Hearts, Cullen, Iainstown, Findochty, and Thistle Juniors.

Apr 7

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2 North East League "Buckie are a good team but were decidedly lucky here." Definitely a new mannie writing the reports for the 'Advertiser' than former years.

Keith 'A' 1 Thistle Juniors 2 (F)

Juniors – Adams, Thomson and Stewart; Ross, Birnie and Malcolm; J. Duncan, Geddes, Murray, McGrouther and R. Duncan.

Apr 14

Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen Charity Cup

Football news - for information - Both Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic played games in Buckie during the month of April 1921.

Football news - William 'Stir' Milne the well known full-back of Buckie Thistle presently on trial with the 'Spurs' has caught the attention of other senior clubs in England.

Apr 21

Final of the Banffshire Cup -Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 2

Apr 28

Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 Aberdeen 'A' 4 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Hector, Geddes and Nicol; Rae, McKenzie and Fulton; McIntosh, Cameron, Esslemont, Newlands and Stewart. "Not really the 'A' team – Aberdeen were easy winners."

Final of Aberdeen Charity Cup – Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 0 Peterhead won the trophy on the aggregate score

Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle ? (H/L)

Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Portsoy 1 Huntly and District League . Despite the score here Portsoy were Champions...

Aberdeen ‘A’ 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League There was a gate of 2000. The forward line read – Esslemont, Slater, McIntosh, Newlands and Stewart. The mannie said, “*Buckie were unlucky to be two goals down.*”

May 5 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 5 Dufftown 2 Banffshire League**
Buckie – Bowie, Milne and E. Pirie; L. Pirie, Fulton and Duncan; Knowles, Cormack, McIntosh, Newlands and Johnston.

Advert in the B.A. - The Final of the Sunlight Cup between the Rovers (Buckie) and Gordon (Portgordon) will take place in the Victoria Park on Saturday 7 May.

May 12 **Final of the Sunlight Cup Rovers 2 Gordons 4**
Rovers’ team – J. Murray, E. Cowie and Wm. Coull; John Cowie, A. Murray and P. Murray; J. Lobban, J. Cowie, G. Cowie, Wm. Cowie and C. Cowie.
Portgordon team – Cormack, Farquhar and Humphrey; P. Innes, J. Reid and A. Brown; J. Hendry, Coull, P. Hendry, E. Innes and J. Innes.
It was a draw at full time with Wm. Cowie scoring for the Rovers and E. Innes and Coull scoring for the Port. In extra time Reid moved from centre half to centre forward and scored twice. There was a big crowd with a collection of £13 taken for the benefit of a Portessie lad who had his leg broken in earlier rounds.

The Victoria Cup - A local man put up this cup to be played for by fisher lads, Eight teams entered the competition – Gordons (Portgordon), Findochty, Portknockie, Seatown Rovers (Buckie), Yardie Jags, Buckpool Celtic, Ianstown and Strathlene

May 19 **Gordons (Pg.) 4 Junior Select 5 Benefit Match**

Thistle Juniors 1 Buckie Wednesday 0 (F)

May 26 **Final of the Victoria Cup Seatown Rovers 1 Buckpool Celtic 0**
Rovers – J. Murray, J. Cowie and Wm. Coull; John Cowie, A. Murray and P. Murray; J. Lobban, C. Cowie, G. Cowie, J. Cowie and Wm. Cowie.
Buckpool Celtic – Stewart, J. Barrie and Reid; Bruce, Clark and Barrie; G. Bowie, Hay, Thain, Murray, and J. Bowie. The two Bowies were brothers.

July 28 **First ever Buckie Thistle Sports Day** - Grand horse trotting races, scratch, and handicap . The games only went ahead after a change in the committee.
In the invitation football five a side competitions - (local) Drybridge Camp beat Portgordon Thistle. In the seniors Buckie Thistle beat Elgin City by two corners.

Aug 4 **Manager of the Thistle** - John P. Clark was appointed manager of Buckie Thistle F.C. Ltd. in August 1921.

Aug 25 **Junior Football League to be formed** - To be known as Buckie and District Junior Football League, open to all junior football clubs including those in Garmouth and Fochabers to Cullen. All those intending to enter to contact J. P. Clark, manager of Buckie Thistle.

Buckie Thistle played Aberdeen University in a friendly match on the 25th – no score was given

Sept 1 **Inverness Clach 2 (Last season’s champs) Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** First game of the season.
Buckie – Bowie, Geddes and Garden; Pirie, Rae and Fulton; Gray, Nicol, Smith, Cormack and Stewart.

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)

Sept 8 **A new football pitch for Portgordon** - Portgordon’s new football pitch is to be opened on 13 September 1921 with a match against Buckie Thistle. The new playing area is a quarter of a mile south of the village on the Enzie road. The land was formerly covered with whins and was obtained for the village

by Mr Wm 'Beel' Geddes, shipbuilder. Mr Geddes was able to hand over the ground free from debt. The ground is in good condition with nicely built changing rooms.
The match ended in a win for Buckie Thistle by four goals to two. The Portgordon goals being scored by Alex Farquhar and John Hendry.

Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round.

Buckie - Goodall, Geddes and Garden; Pirie, Rae and Fulton; McIntosh, Cameron, Ross, Newlands and Stewart.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Buckie Wednesday 0 (F)

The 'A' team – Goodall, Nicol and Stewart; Knowles, McKenzie and Ross; Junner, Smith, Gray, Newlands and Maxwell.

Wednesday team – Reid, Duncan and Middleton; Scorgie, Cuthbert and N. Esslemont, Stewart, Wilson, J. Esslemont, Pozzi and Burgess.

Huntly's new football park - Huntly United opened their new park – Christie Park – with a game against Keith. The score was 3-2 for the home side.

Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 2 (H/L)**

Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen University 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Wednesday 1 Fochabers 2 (F)

Sept 29 **Forres Wednesday 0 Buckie Wednesday 5 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 Aberdeen and District League

Oct 6 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) “a hard game”**

Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly United 0 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie – Goodall, Geddes and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Kinghorn; Cameron, McKenzie, Newlands and McIntosh.

Banff Wednesday 0 Buckie Wednesday 1 (F)

Buckie - Wood, Middleton and Duncan; Scorgie, Esslemont and Cuthbert; Stewart, Wilson, Geddes, Esslemont and Murray. **The first mention of Wood the goalkeeper, he was to appear in team lines for many years after this date.**

The Banffshire Cup - The teams that entered were - Buckie Thistle, Elgin city, Portsoy, Banff/Macduff, Huntly United, Portgordon, Keith and 6th Gordons.

Final of the Nicholson Cup. Fochabers 9 Lossiemouth 0 Morayshire Junior League

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 6 Blairgowrie Amateurs 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup (1921)**

Buckie - Goodall, Geddes and Garden; Pirie, McKenzie and Duncan; Nicol, Cameron, Kinghorn, Newlands and McIntosh.

Oct 27 **Brechin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen and District League “Brechin were lucky.”** From the B.A.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Keith 3 Huntly and District League - Wood was in goal for Buckie

Buckie Wednesday 7 Keith Wednesday 0 (F) - *“Wood put up the shutters,” said yer man*

Inverness Clach 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *“badly beaten”, we were told.*

Nov 3 **Buckie Hearts 4 Terriers 1 (F)**

Nov 10 **Garmouth 2 Buckie Thistle Juniors 1 (F)**

Nov 10 **Buckie Thistle 5 Portgordon 0 Banffshire Cup**

Thistle – Goodall, Middleton and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Duncan; Nicol, McDonald, Cameron, Cormack and Knowles. **First appearance of Sandy Middleton**

Portgordon - McCallum, Wm. Geddes and J. Geddes; Booth, Innes and Smith; Milne, Coull, Hector,

Dawson and Cowie.

Nov 17 **Turriff 1 Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen Charity Cup 1st round.** *Geordie Kay playing his first ever game for Buckie Thistle scored two goals.*

Nov 24 **Portsoy Juns 3 Thistle Juns. 1 (F)**

Macduff 0 Buckie Secondary School 1 Herd Cup - Karl Greenlaw was the scorer.

Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L) *“Worth a draw “, said yer man.*

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Cameron, Gray and Pirie; Nicol, Stewart, McKenzie, Kay and McIntosh.

Banff/Macduff 2 Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 0 Huntly and District League

Dec 1 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 3 Huntly United 1 Huntly and District League

Buckie - Sutherland, J. Esslemont and Middleton; G. McIntosh V.C., Cuthbert and W. Duncan; Knowles, Kinghorn, Smith, Cormack and J. Duncan.

Keith Wednesday 2 Buckie Wednesday 2 (F)

Buckie – Wood, Middleton and Pozzi; C. Stewart, Cuthbert and Duncan; M. Stewart, Wilson, Kay, Clark and Esslemont.

Dec 8 **Buckie Wednesday 3 Rovers 2 (F)**

Thistle Juniors 4 Garmouth 0 (F)

Banff/Macduff 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd round

Dec 22 **Portsoy 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup** - George McIntosh VC was in the Buckie team at right half.

Dec 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 0 Banffshire Cup semi-final**

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Montrose 0 Aberdeen and District League**

Buckie: -Wood, Geddes and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Duncan; Nicol, Newlands Smith, Kay and McIntosh.

Buckie Thistle 7 Brechin 2 Aberdeen District League (Mon). *“Brechin hopelessly outclassed”*

Jan 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeen and District League**

Jan 26 **Portsoy 6 Keith 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup semi-final**

***** **Football news - Kynoch Park** was presented to the town of Keith by Provost Kynoch who bought the land outright from the Seafeld Estates.

Feb 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Royal Albert 2 Scottish Cup 1st round.**

Feb 9 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 3 Portsoy 1 Huntly and District League**

Buckie - J. Stewart, Middleton and J. Geddes; C. Stewart, Rae and Duncan; Knowles, Bowie, Wm. Hector, Garden and Johnston.

Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)

Sutherland, Geddes and Garden; Cameron, Gray and Clark; Nicol, Newlands, G. McIntosh V.C., Kay and ‘Toshy’ McIntosh.

Feb 16*** **Montrose 8 Buckie Thistle Aberdeen and District League** *“Montrose gain ample revenge – Thistle’s biggest defeat to date*

Keith 0 Banff and Macduff 1 Huntly and District League

Keith team - Thom, Sutherland and Burgess, Hay, Gordon and Allan, Hume, Cowie, Howatt, Brown and Hector.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Thistle Juniors 1 (F)

Feb 23 **Nicholson Cup Final replays Fochabers 5 Rothes United 1** Fochabers had scored 27 goals in the competition with only four against.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)

Buckie – Sutherland, Geddes and Garden; Gray, Rae and Pirie; Nicol, Stewart, McIntosh (V.C), Kay and McIntosh.

Mar 2 **** **Keith Combination versus Elgin City opening of Kynoch Park on 25 February 1922**

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen and District League

Mar 23 **Buckie and District Junior Competition open to all teams from Portsoy to Fochabers** - The teams that entered were - Thistle Juniors, Buckpool Rangers, Buckie Wednesday, Buckie Ramblers, Crescent F.C. (Findochty), Portknockie Seafield, Cullen Orion, **Tynet Rosebuds**, Fochabers 'A', Portsoy Star, Garmouth, Buckie Argyle, Gordons (Portgordon), Rovers, Buckie Hearts, **Clochran Rovers** and **Buckie Hibs**

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen and District League

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Banff/Macduff 4 Huntly and District League . A new name appeared in the Buckie line –up – Galloway in at outside left.

Mar 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)**

Banff/Macduff 3 Fochabers 2 Elgin Charity Cup

Fochabers - Thain, Ross and Cruickshank; Stewart, Anderson and Ross; Lobban, H. Esslemont, G. Esslemont, E. Esslemont and Jenkins.

Apr 13 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Banffshire Cup Final played at Kynoch Park. Buckie Thistle 4 Portsoy 0 Many people, we are told, walked from Buckie to Keith to see the match.

Buckie – Wood, Nicol and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Stewart; Kinghorn, Kay, Smith, Newlands and 'Toshy' McIntosh.

Portsoy – F. Grant, Robertson and Wilson; Riddoch, Scott and McConnachie, Ross, Duncan, J. Grant, P. Scott and Rodger.

Apr 27 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** This was the last game of the season. Buckie Thistle finished up second to league winners Clach.

Banff/Macduff 0 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 Aberdeen and District League.

Aberdeen 'A' 1 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 Aberdeen and District League

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, Gray and Stewart; Kinghorn, Kay, Smith, Newlands and Pirie . *"Pittodrie was a quagmire,"* the mannie said.

***** **Football news for information** - During season 1921/22 Buckie Thistle entered the Scottish Cup proper for the first time. During the season Buckie was the only team to beat Aberdeen 'A' in the Aberdeen and District League.

May 4 **Portsoy Star 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 Huntly and District League. Portsoy were champions for the second year running.** — Buckie had two new names in their side- Mair at inside right and Thomson at outside left.

May 11 **Rovers 2 Lossiemouth 1 (F)**

Rovers' team – Murray, E. Cowie and Robertson; Cowie (Rosie), A. Murray, J. Cowie; Lobban, C. Cowie, G. Cowie, Thain and Thomson.

Lossiemouth – Main, Stewart and D. Gault; McGillivray, Cockburn and Kinnaird; Leslie, Wilson, J. Stewart, S. Grant and J. Stewart.

- May 18 **Buckie Wednesday 2 Thistle Juniors 1 Semi-Final of the Junior Cup (Sunlight)**
Wednesday team – Dr Smith, Barrie and Duncan; Middleton, E. Esslemont and E. Stewart; G. Esslemont, H. Esslemont, Galloway and Wilson.
Thistle Juniors - Taylor, Barclay and Thomson; Laing, Brookman and R. Duncan; J. Duncan, Birnie, Geddes, Murray and Gray.
- May 25 **Football Advert - Buckie and District Juvenile Football Competition open to all boys between 12 and 16 years of age.**
Teams that entered – Buckie Rangers, Portessie Rovers, Strathlene Juniors, Boy Scouts, Crusaders, Swifts, Wanderers, Muir United, Iainstown Rovers, Hawthorne, Buckpool Thistle, Yardie Hibs, Rangers, Gordons (Portgordon), Buckpool Celtic, Arsenal, Hotspurs and Buckpool Star.
- ***** **Final of the Buckie and District Junior Cup (Sunlight) Gordons (Portgordon) 3 Buckie Wednesday 1**
Portgordon had thus won the cup two years running. Why the name of the cup was changed we weren't told.
Portgordon team – Cormack, Farquhar (Capt.) and F. Innes; P. Innes, Reid and Milne; J. Hendry, P. Innes, P. Hendry . Geddes and J. Innes.
- June 15 **Final of the Juvenile Competition. Strathlene 2 Gordons (Portgordon) 1** The match lasted for two hours.
- June 22 **Bogend Camp 2 Drybridge Camp 1**
Bogend – Grant, Nicol and Dod Garden; W. J. Coull, Pirie and A. Geddes; Mitchell, Murray, R. Coull, Birnie and R. Hepburn.
Drybridge – Wm. McRae, Watson and G. McRae; C. Hepburn, K. Brookman and Hillocks; M. Stewart, J. Bain, I. Geddes , Galloway and L. Stewart.
No indication was given as to what the camps were although the names of some of the players in both teams were recognisable.
- **** **Fraserburgh were admitted to the Highland League in June 1922**
- Aug 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** First game of season 1922/23
Buckie – Wood, Nicol and Garden; Ross, Gray and C. Stewart; Smith, Kay, Esslemont, Newlands and J. Stewart.
'Toshie' McIntosh and Rae both formerly with Buckie Thistle were in the City team.
- Sept 7 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup .** S. Middleton was at centre forward for Buckie.
- Sept 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 2 in the replay of the above match .**
Keith Wednesday 1 Buckie Wednesday 2 (F)
- Sept 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)** Buckie had H. Esslemont at centre forward. He was described as being "a bit erratic". They also had McIntosh V.C. playing at centre half.
Fochabers 4 Elgin City 'A' 0 in the Morayshire Junior League
- ***** **Findhorn 2 Buckie Thistle Juniors 1 Morayshire Junior League**
- Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** Buckie had yet another change at centre forward with McCombie in this week.
Fochabers 6 Buckie Thistle Juniors 1 Morayshire Junior League
- Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeen and District League**
Buckie – Dr Smith, Nicol and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Stewart; Kinghorn, Kay, McCombie, Newlands and Smith.
- Oct 12 **Buckie Thistle 4 Turriff 0 Aberdeen and District League** - Buckie had Barclay in for Garden at left back.
- Oct 19 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Hector was in goal.

- Oct 26 **Aberdeen 'A' 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen and District League**
Buckie – King, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gray and Ross; Smith, McKenzie, McCombie, Newlands and Kay. Arthur King, ex-Aberdeen, gave a convincing display in goal for Buckie.
- Buckie Thistle Juniors 1 Elgin City 'A' 1 Morayshire Junior League**
Juniors – Taylor, Barclay and Geddes; Birnie, Brookman and R. Duncan; J. Duncan, Coull, Wm. Hector, Murray and Gray.
- Nov 2 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Charity Cup**
Buckie – Dr Smith, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gray and Stewart; Barclay, Smith, McCombie, Newlands and Kay.
- Fochabers 2 Bishopmill 1 Morayshire Junior League**
- The teams entered for the Banffshire Cup were -** Keith, Elgin City, Macduff, Buckie Thistle, Huntly United and Portsoy Star.
- Nov 9 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen Charity Cup** Was this the first time that Keith had won a tie between the two?
Buckie – Taylor, S. Geddes and A. Geddes; A. Duncan, McKenzie and J. Stewart; J. Duncan, Coull, Brookman, Galloway and R. Duncan.
- Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie - Dr Smith, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gill and Ross; Stewart, Coull, Smith, Newlands and Kay.
Note the new man Gill at centre half.
- Nov 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
King, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gill and Ross; Stewart, Coull, Smith, Newlands and Kay.
- Buckie Thistle Juniors 5 Rothes United 3 Morayshire Junior League**
- Nov 23 **Buckie Thistle 6 Portsoy Star 0 Banffshire Cup 1st round**
- Nov 30 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** This was the first time that the two teams had met in the Highland League and it is likely that Buckie suffered a surprise defeat against the newcomers.
Buckie had yet another new man between the sticks. This time it was Anderson and another ex Aberdeen player like King.
- Trial for former Thistle player** - John McIntosh 'Toshie' who has been playing this season with Elgin City was on trial for Partick Thistle against Aberdeen 'A' at Pittodrie on Saturday. Though Partick lost McIntosh was said to have played well.
- Dec 7 **Portsoy Star 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire Cup**
- Fochabers 4 Findhorn 1 Morayshire Junior League** The Duke of Gordon was an interested spectator, we were told.
- Buckie Terriers 3 Keith Terriers 2 (F)**
- Dec 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Portsoy Star 0 replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup** "Thistle were lucky", he thought.
- Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle Juniors 0 Fochabers 2 Morayshire Junior League** The scorers were Jenkins and H. Esslemont.
- Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeen and District League**
Buckie: Wood, Nicol and Garden; McCombie, G. Gray and Middleton; Kinghorn, Kay, Smith, Newlands and J. Gray.
- Buckie Wednesday 4 Elgin Wednesday 3 (F)**

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- Jan 4 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen and District League**

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L) The match was played on New Years Day

Jan 11 **A photograph of Buckie Thistle Juniors football team is shown in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*- see page 3.**

Jan 18 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) H. Esslemont was at centre forward.**

Jan 25 **Football news - 'Stir Milne -** A report in a newspaper called the 'Topical Times' of January 20 1923 said how 'Stir' Milne' late of Buckie Thistle was proving to be a success at Arsenal. "*Milne and Kennedy have come to stay,*" it said.

Buckie Thistle Juniors 3 Bishopmill United 3 Morayshire Junior League

***** **Elgin Wednesday 4 Buckie Wednesday 1** This was the first game in the newly formed Wednesday Central League

Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Morayshire District Cup From the report in the 'Advertiser' "*should not have been so large a winning margin*" Former Thistle players, McIntosh and Rae were in the City side.

Feb 1 **Aberdeen 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Aberdeenshire Cup.**

Feb 8 **Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 1 Banffshire Cup** "*They were outclassed,*" said yer man.

Feb 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire League.**

Feb 22 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 0 Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final**

Buckie Wednesday 5 Keith Wednesday 1 - Wednesday League

Mar 1 **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd replay of the above cup semi-final.** "*just beaten*" said our man

Final of the Nicholson Cup Fochabers F. C. 3 Elgin City 'A' 2 Moray Junior League

Mar 8 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: McCombie, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gray and C. Stewart; Smith, Kay, Kinghorn, Newlands and J. Stewart.

Mar 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**

Keith Wednesday 1 Buckie Wednesday 7 - Wednesday League

Mar 22 **Buckie Wednesday 6 Forres Wednesday 3 - Wednesday League**

Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Wood, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, G. McIntosh V.C., McGrouther, Lobban, Kay, McCombie, Newlands and Smith

Buckie Thistle Juniors 0 6th Seaforths 2 Morayshire Junior League

Mar 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 0 ? competition** - Same players as last week with positional changes

Nairn County 1 Fochabers 1 Morayshire Charity Cup

Fochabers – Watt, Geddes and Gault; Ross, Anderson and Milne; Stewart, G. Esslemont, H. Esslemont, Sutherland and Dickie.

Apr 5 **Fochabers 1 Fortrose 1 North of Scotland Junior Cup semi-final**

Fochabers – Watt, Geddes and D. Gault; Ross, Anderson and A. Gault; S. Grant, A. Esslemont, H. Esslemont, Wilson and Dickie.

Apr 12 **Advert – Sunlight Cup Competition**

Competition opens to all clubs from Garmouth to Portsoy. Senior players not eligible. Entry 2/6. Twelve 3rd class fares allowed for each match.

Final of the Banffshire Cup Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 - Dickie was in at outside left,

probably the same player who played in the same position for Fochabers. The previous two weeks.

Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

The Sunlight Cup - Teams entered were - Buckie Bankers, Thistle Juniors, Gordon (Portgordon), Garmouth, Tynet Rosebuds, Buckie Ramblers, Portsoy Star, Cullen F. C., Fochabers 'A', Clochan Rovers, Nomads, Spurs and Buckie Wednesday.

Apr 26 **Banffshire Cup Final - Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 replay** on Wednesday evening
Buckie: Wood, Nicol and Garden; McCombie, Middleton and Pirie; Lobban, Cowie, Smith, Kay and Dickie.

**** **Buckie Wednesday 2 Elgin Wednesday 1 With this win Buckie Wednesday won the Wednesday League and the McKenzie Cup.**

***** **Buckie Wednesday were also winners of the *Sunlight Cup*, only they were now calling it the Brown Cup . They beat Thistle Juniors in the Final**
Wednesday team – Murray, Duncan (Capt.) and Cowie, Murray, E. Stewart and Wilson; Lobban, M. Stewart, Galloway, J. Stewart and Grant.
Juniors team – Taylor, Barclay (Capt.) and Thomson; J. Geddes, E. Geddes and R. Duncan; Knowles, Coull, G. Esslemont, A. Murray and J. Gray.

The Sunlight Cup - A note in the 'Advertiser' said how the cup should really be called the *Brown Cup* since it was given by Mr Brown a representative of Players Cigarettes. This begs the question as to what happened to the Sunlight Cup given by Lever Brothers, Soap Manufacturers many years before for the same competition and the reason for the change.

May 31 **The Juvenile Competition -** Teams entered for this year's competition – Rovers, Wanderers, Seafeld Juniors, 1st Scouts, 2nd Scouts, Yardie Hibs (the favourites), Hearts, Buckpool Celtic 'A', Celtic, Rangers, Stingers, Ramblers, Tynet Rosebuds, Greyhounds and Star Crescent.

Good season for Fochabers - They won the Nicholson Cup yet again to make it three times on the trot. They also took the Moray Junior Cup and were League Champions.

June 14 **Final of the Juvenile Competition Buckie Celtic 'A' 3 Yardie Hibs 0.** *Ach its nae fair; pick up the ba' we're gaun hame.*

Football news John 'Toshie' McIntosh who played for Elgin City last season signed again for the Thistle.

Aug 16 **Buckie Wednesday - annual general meeting.** This was held in the Masonic Institute where reference was made to a very successful past season. A. Duncan was appointed captain, Ed. Esslemont, vice-captain, D. Pozzi, secretary/treasurer. Committee members - J. Burnett, J. Wilson, J. Stewart, W. Stewart and W. Paterson.

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Wed) First game of the new season
Buckie – Grant, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Newlands, H. Esslemont, Kay and Dickie. P. Craigmyle was referee. *"Buckie were somewhat lucky, but deserved to win",* was the verdict of the scribe from the 'Advertiser'.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L) same Buckie team

Sept 6 **Banff 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had Bowie in goal.

Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 5 Banff 2 Aberdeenshire League** - McIntosh V.C was at centre half for Buckie.

Final of the Elgin Charity Cup Elgin 3 Keith 0 - deferred from the previous season

Sept 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round.** – Wood was in goal with the V.C. at centre half.

Fochabers 3 Bishopmill United 2 Morayshire Junior League first game of the new season.

Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 0 Aberdeenshire League** You could almost hear yer man exclaim, – *"Thistle swamp Peterhead."*

Milne's Institution (Fochabers), 2 Buckie Secondary School 3 School's Football Karl Greenlaw was the scorer.

Oct 4 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup** - Buckie had Geddes at C/Half, the previous week McKenzie had replaced the V.C.; R. Milne was at right half.

Thistle Juniors 2 Elgin City 'A' 0 Morayshire Junior League

Juniors – Bowie, Coull and J. Duncan; Geddes, Brookman and R. Duncan; Knowles, Banks, J. Murray, A. Murray. And Gray. Referee – J. Penny

Could the A. Murray playing here at inside left have been 'Smacker' who was to play for the Thistle in later years? If so he would have been the grandfather of Malcolm Murray who was to take on the post of player/manager with Buckie Thistle after playing senior football with Hearts and others.

Oct 11 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round** - You will excuse me if I say Hip, Hip, and Hooray.

Keith – Gordon, Burgess and 'Pudgie' Brown; Murray, Gordon and Bruce; Hume, McBean, Jimmy Cowie, Laird and 'Jocky' Whitecross.

Buckie Thistle Juniors 3 Rothes 2 Morayshire Junior League

Fochabers F.C. 5 Elgin City 'A' 0 Morayshire Junior League

Oct 18 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire League**

Rothes 4 Buckie Thistle Juniors 2 Morayshire Junior League

Buckie Secondary School 4 Milne's Institution 2 (F)

Oct 25 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League** -

Buckie Thistle was top of the League with 11 points from the 7 games played. The other teams in the League were – Elgin City, Aberdeen 'A', Fraserburgh, Aberdeen University, Peterhead and Banff.

Nov 8 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle Juniors 2 Findhorn 0 Morayshire Junior League

Nov 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 Aberdeen Charity Cup**

Bishopmill United 3 Thistle Juniors 2 Morayshire Junior League

Nov 29 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 replay of the Aberdeen Charity Cup** *"C'mon the 'Maroons' 'Pile them on Keith'"* Perhaps this common chant by Keith supporters had not been 'born' then.

Top of the league - Buckie Thistle Juniors were top of the Morayshire Junior League at this point. The others in line were – Rothes, Fochabers, Bishopmill United, Findhorn and Elgin City 'A'

Dec 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, McIntosh V.C., and Cowie; Nicol, Kay, Smith, Newlands and Dickie.

Dec 13 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Dec 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie Thistle Juniors 5 Elgin City 'A' 1 Morayshire Junior League - Nae muckle winner the mannie ca'd it *"a good week for Buckie"*.

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Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Jane 10 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Jan 17 **Banff 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin and District League** Buckie played their first XI

	Buckie Thistle Juniors 0 Findhorn 0 Nicholson Cup (Morayshire League)
	Buckie Wednesday 2 Keith Wednesday 2 (F)
Jan 24	Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 2 (H/L)
	Findhorn 3 Buckie Thistle Juniors 7 replay of the Nicholson Cup at Mosset Park, Forres
Jan 31	Alloa 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st Round <i>“Thistle unlucky not to win”</i>
	Buckie Thistle 0 Alloa 3 replay of the above at Victoria Park on Wednesday
	Buckie Thistle Juniors 2 Fochabers 2 Morayshire League
Feb 7	Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)
	Buckie Thistle Juniors 0 Elgin City ‘A’ 1 Nicholson Cup semi-final
Feb 14	Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)
	Buckie Thistle Juniors 2 Bishopmill United 0 Moray Junior Cup
Feb 21	Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)
Feb 28	Banff 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Banffshire Cup semi-final Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Nicol, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Newlands, Kay, Murray and Dickie.
Mar 6	Heavy snow blanketed the Buckie area so that there was no football
Mar 13	Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)
Mar 20	Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)
	Football news - A newspaper report said how Taylor the former Thistle Junior’s goal keeper was doing well in Canadian football
Mar 27	Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)
Apr 3	Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
	Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeenshire League - Buckie had McIntosh V.C. at C/Half (Wed.)
	Buckie Thistle Juniors 0 Bishopmill United 1 Morayshire Junior League Junior’s team - Hector, Barclay and J. Duncan; Geddes, Brookman and R. Duncan; Knowles, Banks, Coull, J. Murray and Gray.
Apr 10	Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin and District Cup The V.C. was again in at centre half.
	Advert for Junior football competitions - Brown (Sunlight) Cup and Thomson Cup for fishermen.
Apr 17	Keith Bankers 1 Buckie Wednesday 2 McKenzie Cup (Banffshire Wednesday League) Buckie – Murray, Geddes and Pozzi; Slater, Duncan and Geddes; Lobban, A. Cowie, G. Cowie, Knowles and Grant.
***	Moray Junior Cup Final Buckie Thistle Juniors 1 Fochabers 1
Apr 24	The Junior Cup entrants - Bankers, Garmouth, St Andrews Athletic, Mugiemooss, Cullen, Buckie Ramblers, Portgordon Richmond, Enzie Ramblers , Tynet Rosebuds , Findochty and Buckie Thistle Juniors
	Thomson Cup entrants - (Juveniles) - Busy Bees, Gordons (Portgordon), Hibs , Strathlene, Ramblers, Thistle, Celtic, Rovers, 2 nd Scouts, Corinthians, Seafield Juniors, Hotspurs and blue Crusaders.

- May 1 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *Elgin won the Highland League with Buckie Thistle as runners up.*
- ***** **Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League** **Buckie were the Aberdeen League Champions**
Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, G. McIntosh V.C., J. McIntosh, Newlands, Kay, Murray and Dickie.
- June 5 **Brown (Sunlight) Cup Final** **Buckie Wednesday 0 Buckie Thistle Juniors 3**
- July 10 **Keith admitted to the Highland League** *****
- Aug 14 **Hard Times** - Banff decided not to enter the Aberdeenshire League this coming season as they found the entry fee of £15 too much
- ***** **Football news. Buckie Thistle finding things tough going – in the red to the tune of over £17. No wages were to be paid to players; players to be carried to matches in director's cars. A bazaar was to be held to raise funds. .**
- Football news** - Geordie Kay had no job and not yet signed for Buckie.
- Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire League** - First game of the new season
Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, F. Smith and Nicol; J. McIntosh, J. Smith, H. Esslemont, Murray and Dickie.
- ***** **Inverness Caley 7 Keith 1 (H/L)** First Highland League game for Keith - not an auspicious start. Like wine, however, they were to improve greatly with age. 'Pudgie' Brown was the scorer of their goal.
- Aug 28 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie – Dr Smith, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, F. Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, J. Smith, Esslemont, Murray and Dickie
Keith - Whitecross, Brand and Brown; Stuart, Gordon and Black; Hume, McIsaac, Cowie, Munro and Grey.
- Sept 4 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had Wood in goal, the V. C. at C/Half and I. Geddes for Middleton.
- Sept 11 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round**
- ***** **Keith won their first game when they beat Fraserburgh in Aberdeenshire League**
- Sept 25 **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** (Wed.)
Buckie – G. Anderson, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, F. Smith and Cowie; J. Smith, McIntosh, Esslemont, Murray and Dickie.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** same team as above.
- Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire League ?**
- Oct 16 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League**
Anderson, E. Geddes, and Garden; Middleton, F. Smith and G. Murray; I. Geddes, Nicol, McIntosh, A. Murray and Dickie.
- Nov 13 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup** The V.C. was playing at left half with 'Toshie' at centre forward.
- Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League** - same team as above –
- Nov 27 **Aberdeen 'A' 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**

***** **Keith 5 Forres Mechanics 3 ((H/L)** First points in Highland League - Jimmy Cowie had four goals.

Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Citadel 1 (H/L)**

Dec 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)**

Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin City 'A' 2 (H/L)** Elgin chose to play their first XI against the University in a Cup game.

Dec 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 Aberdeenshire League**

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Jan 1 **Banff 0 Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen Charity Cup**

Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Junior Select 0 (F)** Game played on New Year's Day.

Jan 15 **Inverness Citadel 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Goalkeeper Norman Wood and the Buckie linesman were both sent off for disputing a penalty award. At this time, and for long afterwards, linesmen were supplied by both competing clubs.

Jan 22 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Buckie: Anderson, Geddes and Garden; Nicol, Smith and I. Geddes; McIntosh, Newlands, McKenzie, Murray and Kay.

Advert – Hawthorn versus Richmond football match in the Victoria Park

Jan 29 **Bankers 2 Cullen 2 (F)**

Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) team as last week

Feb 5 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final** - Anderson still in goal in place of Wood.

Feb 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Dawson, a junior in goal, after he had agreed to play when Anderson became unavailable.

Advert – Hawthorn versus Yardie Hibs (F) at Victoria Park on Saturday.

Hawthorn team – McGregor, Johnston and Cowie, Farquhar, E. Esslemont, W. Gray, Newlands, Coull, Booth, Reid and J. Gray.

Feb 26 **Buckie Thistle 8 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire League** Wood was back in goal with Taylor at centre /forward.

Mar 5 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Charity Cup semi-final** – Buckie had I. Geddes at centre forward.

***** **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L) (Sat)**

Football news: James Dickie who had played at outside left for Buckie Thistle signed for Preston North End after a month's trial. Dickie was signed from Fochabers and is 20 years old.

Other Thistle players to turn senior to date have been Eck Johnston (Cullen) who went to Glasgow Rangers and 'Stir' Milne who went to Arsenal

Hawthorn 10 (ten) Yardie Hibs 2 (F) And it was billed as a game among friends

Mar 19 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had G. McKenzie at centre forward.

Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Apr 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Banff 2 Banffshire Cup**

Buckie: Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Murray, Kerr, Kay and Nicol. **Kerr played formerly with Leith Athletic and Queens Park Strollers.**

Apr 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 0 semi-final of Banffshire Cup**

Apr 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)** from the report in the 'Advertiser' "*best game of the season* -

Caley well worth their win, perhaps not by so many goals. It's a winner he didn't get a chance to throw his windie for writing stuff like that.

Apr 23 **Entries for the Brown Cup** – The annual junior football competition – Garmouth, Richmond (Portgordon), Seafield (Portknockie), Fochabers, Cullen, Urquhart, Bankers, Muggiemoss, Wednesday Hearts, Strathlene, Buckpool Celtic, Hawthorn and Findochty were the entrants. Noticeable was the absence of the Tynet Rosebuds.

Thomson Cup entries - - Juveniles – Buckpool Celtic 'A', Gordon (Portgordon), Rovers 'A', Thistle, Scouts, Rosebud Juns, Iainstown Spurs, Wanderers.

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League - Buckie were unbeaten in the league, Peterhead beaten for first time.

**** **Football news** - Great interest shown in both the Junior and the Juvenile football competitions. Medals were to be awarded to both the winners and runners up in both.

Apr 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 Final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup 1st game**

Final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Buckie win the Cup

***** **Aberdeen 'A' won the Highland League in season 1924/25 Buckie came fourth after the Caley and Elgin City**

May 7 **Final of the Banffshire Cup played at Keith Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1** – replay next season

May 28 **Eck Johnston late of Buckie Thistle** - An article in the 'Advertiser' spoke of Eck Johnston who had moved from the Thistle to Glasgow Rangers, moving later to Third Lanark. It said that he was now with Heart of Midlothian.

Final of the Brown Cup (formerly Sunlight Cup) Bankers 2 Hawthorn 3 - The Cup and badges were handed over by George McKenzie

Hawthorn – Cowie, Sinclair and Barrie; Farquhar, E. Esslemont and W. Gray; Newlands, Booth, Gowie, Wilson and J. Gray.

Bankers – Dickson, Pirie and Roy, G. Garden, W. Garden and Galloway; Cowie, W. Barclay, W. Hector, Coull and J. Stewart.

Final of the Thomson Cup Strathlene 1 Buckpool Celtic 0 - Mr J. L. McNaughton handed over the Cup and medals.

July 9 **** **Aberdeen 'A' resigned from the Highland League. Peterhead and Banff were both refused permission to join.**

Aug 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League** - First game of the season
Buckie – Wood, E. Geddes and Garden; I. Geddes, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Murray, Cowie, Kay and Nicol.

Aug 27 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Marnoch (Garmouth) at right half, Cowie at centre forward and McKenzie at outside left. H. Esslemont, known as 'Andy' had signed for Elgin City.

Sept 3 **Final of the Banffshire Cup Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0** This had been left over from the previous season.

Sept 10 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round** - Nicol was back in the team, replacing Marnoch, while Tom Cowie was retained at centre forward.

Sept 17 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire League Marnoch** restored to right half position

Sept 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire League**

- Oct 8 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Qualifying Cup 3rd round**
Buckie - Dawson, Geddes and Nicol; Marnoch, Smith and J. Cowie; Murray, Kay, T. Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Oct 15 **Local Junior League set up – aim to act as nursery for the Thistle** - The teams that entered were Bankers, Slipway United, Wanderers, Star, Garmouth and Fochabers.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 0 replay of third round tie in the Scottish Qualifying Cup**
Buckie - Munro, Geddes and Garden; Ross, Smith and J. Cowie; Murray, Kay, T. Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Oct 22 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup 4th round** - Buckie again had a change of a keeper with Anderson in for Munro.
- Bankers 4 Slipway United 2 in the new Local League**
Bankers – Dickson, Booth and Kerr; Duncan, Hector and McCallum; J. Grant, Barclay, Roy, S. Grant and Birnie,
Slipway - Murray, Sinclair and Gowie; Esslemont, Murray and Farquhar; Newlands, Calder, Leanord, Smith and Gray.
- Oct 29 **Huntly 4 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Cup 1st round**
Buckie – Dickson, Geddes and Garden; Ross, Marnoch and J. Cowie; Murray, Nicol, T. Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Wanderers 10 (ten) Star 2 Local Junior League**
Star – Pirie, Marshall and Hay; Campbell, Newlands and Davidson; Duthie, Garden, Legge, Goodall and Scott.
Wanderers – Fowler, Johnston and Geddes; Brookman, Esslemont and Smith; Hendry, Lawson, Coull, Reid and Gray.
- Nov 5 **Montrose 0 Buckie Thistle 2 5th round of Qualifying Cup** our local scribe had this to say:” *Tom Cowie’s marksmanship was deadly.*”
- Slipway United 3 Wanderers 2 Local Junior League**
- Garmouth 3 Buckie Bankers 0 Local Junior League**
- Forres Wednesday 2 Buckie Wednesday 3 (F)**
- Nov 19 **Solway Star (Annan) 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup semi- final**
- Bankers 4 Wanderers 2 Local Junior League**
Bankers – Dickson, Roy and Kerr; Duncan, Booth and McCallum; J. Grant, Barclay, Hector, S. Grant and McKenzie
- Bankers 5 Star 2 Local Junior League**
Star – Dawson, Farquhar and Calder; Hillocks, Geddes and Duthie; Marshall, Campbell, Grant, Dawson and Goodall.
- Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Charity Cup** – Buckie had Bowie in goal
- Buckie Wednesday Hearts 3 Forres Wednesday (F)**
Hearts – Simpson, Stewart and Russell; Geddes, Knowles and Coull; Grant, Thomson, Ross, Dawson and Gray.
- Dec 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** Wood was in goal for Buckie
- Slipway United 2 Garmouth 2 Local Junior League**
- Dec 17 **Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Dec 24 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)** Yer man was left almost speechless – *“A surprise- Caley were top of the league while Buckie were third from the bottom.”*

Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 7 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League** - played on Friday

Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire League

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Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** - *The* game was played on New Year's Day

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L) - match played on Saturday

Jan 14 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 3 (H/L)**

Jan 21 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Bankers 3 Star 1 Local Junior League

Jan 28 **Dumbarton 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Cup 1st round** "*A great game at Dumbarton* ", said our man from the 'Advertiser'.

***** **Buckie Thistle 1 Dumbarton 2 replay of the above** The game was played on Wednesday when there was a gate of 3.000 in Victoria Park including Templeton the local MP Our man wi the pencil was of the opinion that Dumbarton had a "*lucky win.*" Peter Craigmyle was referee, helped by neutral linesmen.

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Middleton; Nicol, Smith and J. Cowie; Murray, Kay, T. Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.

Fochabers 4 Bankers 2 Local Junior League

Fochabers: Nicol, Morrison and Glass; Nicol, Strachan and Harrold; Thain, Fraser, Slorach, Thomson and Cumming.

Feb 4 **Buckie Thistle 9 Banff 0 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had two Slipway United players in their side- Sinclair at right back and G. Newlands at outside right.

Wanderers 3 Fochabers 1 Local Junior League

Fochabers – Glass, Wilson and Morrison; Nicol, Strachan and Harrold; Thain, Legge, Slorach, Thomson and Hogg.

Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had E. Esslemont at right half.

Feb 18 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League**

Slipway United 5 Fochabers 1 Local Junior League.

Feb 25 **Fochabers 8 Garmouth 2 Local Junior League**

Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 0 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Garden; Esslemont, Smith and Ross; Gowie, Kay, Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh Buckie had Gowie of Slipway United in the side.

Mar 4 **Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Slipway United 4 Star 3 Local Junior League

Buckie Secondary School 2 Banff Academy 2 in the Herd Cup

Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 1 (H/L)** no report given of the game

Mar 18 **Buckie Thistle 7 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 7 Star 3 Local Junior League

Fochabers – Thain, Ross and Morrison; Anderson, Nicholson and Harrold; Nicol, Cumming, Strachan, Thomson and Glass.

Star – Flett, Newlands and Sutherland; Campbell, Green and Hillocks; Marshall, Stewart, Dawson, Geddes and Guthrie

Mar 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 3 Aberdeenshire Charity Cup first leg of Final**

Apr 1 **Wanderers 5 Star 3 Local Junior League**

Final of the Charity Cup - Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 0 - Peterhead won on the aggregate score

Banff Academy 5 Fordyce Academy 1 Herd Cup
Fochabers had won the Inland League and qualified for the Final . Banff and Buckie were equal on points in the Coast League . Banff and Buckie to play off to see who would meet Fochabers

Banff Academy 5 Buckie High 4 with Banff going on to meet Fochabers

Apr 8 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Bankers 3 Wanderers 0 Local Junior League

Apr 15 **Bankers 4 Slip United 1 Local Junior League**

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Chillas; Ross, Smith and Esslemont; Nicol, Kay, Gowie, Murray and McKenzie

Advertisement – Grazing to let on Victoria Park during the close season.

Apr 22 **Milne’s Institution, Fochabers 4 Banff Academy 1 Final of the Herd Cup.** The match was played in the Cluny Park, Buckie.

Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 0 Aberdeenshire League

Elgin City 1 Buckie thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League (Mon.)

Wanderers 4 Slipway United 3 Local Junior League

Apr 29 **Aberdeen ‘A’ 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League** - There was a gate of 1.000 in Victoria Park

Star 3 Fochabers 3 Local Junior League

Wanderers 4 Garmouth 2 “ “

Buckie Wednesday 4 Fochabers 1 Junior Cup competition

Findochty Ranters 2 Seafield Portknockie 1 “ “

May 6 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie - Wood, Alexander and Gowie; Esslemont, F. Smith and Ross; Knowles, Murray, J. Smith, Kay and McKenzie. One or two juniors in the team.

Gordons (Pg) 2 Hearts 1 Celtic 5 Hibs 3
Wednesday 2 Portgordon 0 Bankers 1 Ranters 1 all games in the Junior Cup

May 13 **No football information**

May 20 **Brown (Sunlight) or Junior Cup Final Buckie Wednesday 3 Strathlene 2**
Wednesday – Jappy, Reaich and Stewart; Geddes, Knowles and Green; Murray, Grant, Hector, Dawson and Gray.
Strathlene – Smith, Bruce and P. Smith; Pratt, J. Smith and J. Murray; J Smith, Simpson, Cowie, W. Thomson and W. J. Thomson.

Juvenile Cup teams – Tynet Rosebuds, Ramblers, Hotspurs, Strathlene, Hearts, Fochabers, Red Rose, Corinthians and Rovers ‘A’

Local Junior League - It is presumed that the **Bankers** won the league as they had most points though this information wasn’t given in the ‘Advertiser’.

- June 3 **Final of the Juvenile Cup Strathlene 3 Ramblers 0**
- July 22 **Rutherglen Ladies F. C. 4 Edinburgh Ladies F.C. 3 at Victoria Park on Wednesday July 21**
- Football news - Buckie Thistle in the red --** At the annual general meeting the treasurer made it known that the club had a loss of £104.16 on the year. The loss was offset by surplus from cake and candy sales also whist drives. The decision was taken to run the club on more economical grounds.
- Aug 26 **Buckie Thistle 7 Huntly 1 Banffshire Cup semi-final**
Buckie – Dawson, Geddes and Newman; Gowie, Smith and Ross; R. Newlands, Kay, Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Sept 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** First Highland League game of the new season.
Buckie – Dawson, Geddes and Burgess; L. Knowles, Smith and Ross; Kay, Gowie, H. Esslemont, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle 7 Peterhead 0 Qualifying Cup 1st round**
- Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**
- Sept 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 1 Qualifying Cup 2nd round**
- Sept 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 3 Aberdeen Cup** - *“Keith were superior all though - on a good run - beat Inverness Citadel 10-0 then Inverness Thistle 6-1. “* Good stuff - I hope the mannie had his windows insured.
- Oct 7 **Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup 3rd round**
- Oct 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Citadel 3 (H/L)** match abandoned. The Citadel refused to take the field for the second half after being soaked during the first and having no dry gear to change into. They were leading by three goals to nil at the time. Knowles was in goal for Buckie.
- Oct 21 **Banffshire Cup Final from the previous year Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin City 1**
Buckie – Mowatt, Geddes and Nicol; Gowie, Smith and Ross; Coull, Murray, Esslemont, Kay and McIntosh.
- Oct 28 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** same team as previous week
- Nov 4 **Elgin City 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “erratic form”
- Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Citadel 2 (H/L)**
Buckie - Wood, Nicol and Cormack; Gowie, Smith and Ross; Esslemont, Murray, Coull ,Kay and McIntosh
- Nov 18 **Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Nov 25 **Buckie Thistle 6 Banff 0 Aberdeen Charity Cup**
- Dec 2 **Buckie Thistle 7 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie- Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Buchan, Smith and Ross; Coull, Kay, Gowie, Murray and McIntosh
- Dec 9 **Buckie Thistle 6 Black Watch 1 (H/L)**
- Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**
- Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 Aberdeenshire League**
- Garmouth 3 Portsoy 4 Local Junior League**
Garmouth - Shearer, Brown and Geddie; Sievwright, Martin and Sievwright; Murdoch, Archibald, Young, Marnoch and Allan.

Portsoy - Masson, Thomson and Barclay; Mair, A. Duncan and R. Wilson; J. Duncan, J. Wilson, Bain, Slater and Anderson.

Dec 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League**

Portsoy 3 Slipway United 5 Local Junior League

Slipway – Craig, Smith and Burgess; Cowie, Murray and Hay; Calder, Grant, Sinclair, Murray and Hay.

Fochabers 1 6th Gordons 1 Local Junior League

Garmouth 4 Portgordon 2 Local Junior League

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Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverurie Locos 2 (F)** -- The Locos were Champions of the Aberdeenshire Junior League... The game was played on New Year's Day

Cullen 0 6th Gordons 1 Buckie Junior League

Portsoy 2 Garmouth 2 “ “ “

Jan 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Wilson at outside right

Buckie Junior League - The teams were - Portsoy, Garmouth, 6th Gordon (local Terriers) Buckie Slipway United, Fochabers, Portgordon, Bankers and Cullen

Jan 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 Scottish Cup 1st round**

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Esslemont, Smith and Ross; Wilson, Kay, Gowie, Murray and McIntosh.

Jan 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** – Buckie had Coull in for Wilson

6th Gordons 6 Cullen 2 Buckie Junior League

Portsoy 3 Portgordon 2 “ “ “

Feb 3 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Portgordon 6 Fochabers 2 Buckie Junior League

Portsoy 3 Bankers 2 “ “ “

6th Gordons 4 Garmouth 1 “ “ “ Wm. Lawson had a hat-trick

Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Beith 0 2nd round of Scottish Cup**

The Thistle made history being the first Highland League Club to reach the 2nd round

Sandy Middleton, former Thistle player now with Charlton Athletic sent a wire.

On a very wet day there was a crowd of 1,400 in Victoria Park with the gate money coming to £65.17.

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Garden; Esslemont, Smith and Nicol; Wilson, Kay, Gowie, Murray and McIntosh. Ross was injured his place being taken by Garden a former Thistle player.

The report in the ‘Advertiser’ told how Beith had given Huntly a drubbing in the previous round.

Feb 17 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Charity Cup** - Buckie had Knowles at right half.

Portgordon 3 Buckie Slipway United 2 Buckie Junior League

Slipway - Craig, Sinclair and Geddes; Cowie, Smith and J. Cowie; Innes, Hay, Murray, Garden and Grant.

Portgordon - Cowie, Thain and Reid; Reid, Cowie and Coull; Humphrey, Hendry, Reid, Coull and Innes.

Bankers 4 Fochabers 3 Buckie Junior League

Portsoy 3 6th Gordons 1 “ “ “

Feb 24 *** **Buckie Thistle 0 Boness 3** 3rd round of the Scottish Cup - The headline in the ‘Advertiser’ read ‘Great Cup-Tie at Buckie’ There was a crowd of 3,265 in Victoria Park with gate money amounting to £232. The crowd was entertained with music from the Gordon Highlanders Pipe Band from Aberdeen . *There was community singing at intervals – a new innovation with football crowds!*

Yer man from the local paper was of the opinion that, - ‘Boness *were only worth one goal of a lead.*’ The Aberdeen Evening Express asked whether there was a better wing pair in north football than Murray and McIntosh.

*** **Buckie Thistle Supporters Club** - The decision taken at a meeting called for the purpose of discussing the proposal was that a Thistle supporters Club should be set up.

Mar 3 **Aberdeen ‘A’ 4 Buckie Thistle 1** Aberdeenshire League

Portsoy 5 Slipway United 4 Buckie Junior League

Portsoy – Masson, Milne and Barron; Mair, A. Duncan and Smith; Duncan, R. Mair, Bain, Wilson and Barclay.

Garmouth 1 Bankers 2 Buckie Junior League

Fochabers 5 Portgordon 2 “ “ “

Cullen withdrew from the Buckie Junior League – they had gathered no points

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 7 Aberdeen University 0** Aberdeenshire League

Garmouth 4 Slipway United 4 Buckie Junior League

Fochabers 1 Bankers 1 “ “ “

Mar 17 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 3** (H/L)

6th Gordons 4 Portsoy 2 Buckie Junior League

Gordons – Dickson, J. Newlands and Lyon; C. Lawson, Greenlaw and Gray; Reid, A. Lawson, MacDonald, Reid and G. Newlands.

Fochabers 1 Bankers 1 Buckie Junior League

Mar 24 **Buckie Thistle 7 Huntly 0** Aberdeenshire League - Buckie had Bain of Portsoy at centre forward, scoring in opening minutes of the game.

Fochabers 0 Slipway United 4 Buckie Junior League

In the Banffshire Cup draw Buckie were away to Huntly while Keith were paired with Elgin at Elgin

Buckie High School 5 Banff Academy 2 - Herd Cup The match was played at Banff.

Mar 31 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2** Aberdeenshire League

Portgordon 4 Portsoy 1 Buckie Junior League

Slipway United 7 6th Gordons 1 “ “ “

Apr 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0** (H/L)

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Esslemont Smith and Ross; Cowie, Kay, Bain, Murray and McIntosh

Bankers 2 Portgordon 4 Buckie Junior League

Apr 14 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1** (H/L)

Apr 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen ‘a’ 3** Aberdeenshire League a “lucky win” said yer man . Buckie had

Buchan in for Nicol at left back.

The Junior Football Cup (Sunlight or Brown Cup) Sixteen teams put their names forward, they were - Fochabers, Rovers, Seafeld Juniors, **Strathlene Hibs**, Stingers, Benedicts, Portsoy, Bairns, Buckpool Celtic, Garmouth, Seafeld, Slipway, Portgordon, Bankers, Buckie Wednesday and Findochty Ranters. What happened to the Tynet Rosebuds and Clochan Rovers?

Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Buckie had Mackay at left back

Aberdeen 'A' won the Aberdeenshire League without losing a point. Buckie Thistle came third after Elgin City.

Bankers 4 Portsoy 3 **Buckie Junior League**

Portgordon 1 Slipway United 1 “ “ “

Portsoy won the Buckie Junior League in 1927

Apr 28 **Thistle player being watched** - A number of English clubs were known to be watching Edmund Geddes, the Thistle full-back.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)

Buckie – Wood, Nicol and Buchan; Gowie, Smith and Ross; McIntosh, Murray, Cowie, Kay and McKenzie.

6th Gordons 8 Portgordon 5 **Buckie Junior League** (Saturday night)

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 4 Banffshire Cup (Mon)

Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League (Tues)

May 5 **Inverness Citadel 2 Buckie Thistles 4 (H/L)** **BUCKIE WIN THE HIGHLAND LEAGUE FOR SECOND TIME**

Buckie – Donald, Nicol and Buchan; Gowie, Smith and Ross; McIntosh, Murray, Cowie, Kay and McKenzie. Wood the keeper was injured in the Elgin game and unable to play...

May 26 **Portknockie Seafeld 3 Strathlene Hibs 0 Final of the Junior Cup** Ach they must HIV got the score wrang.

Juvenile Cup teams - Ramblers, Bachelors, Hotspurs, Wednesday, Rannas Rangers, Gordons, Seafeld, Strathlene. all games to be played on Saturday at Victoria Park.

June 2 **Buckie High School 3 Fordyce Academy 2 Herd Cup**. The match was played at Princess Royal Park, Banff.

Hotspurs 2 Strathlene 0 Final of the Juvenile Cup

Spurs - Menzies, Hutchison and Coull; J. Cowie, Jas. Cowie and Bowie; Blackie, Mitchell, Thomson, Leask and Penwright.

Strathlene - Simpson, Geddes and Birrell; Easton, Smith and Smith; Geddes, Smith, Bruce, Clark and May.

June 7 *** **Buckie Thistle Football Club face money problems** - A meeting of all the shareholders took place. It was decided that a committee be formed to look over financial affairs and endeavour to get more funds.

Aug 4 **Football news - Player changes** - Abby Gowie had left the district so would not be available for next season. Five new players had been signed. the shareholders and directors agreed to continue as before. **The team would be playing as amateurs in season 1927/28**

Aug 25 **Football news - The future of Buckie Thistle** - A public meeting was called to consider the question of football in Buckie, more especially with regard to the future of Buckie Thistle. Dr Dawson presided over a large company.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L) - First game of the season, Thistle playing as amateurs

Buckie - Wood, Newlands and W. Ross; Malcolm, Smith and J. Ross; McIntosh, Murray, Donald, Kay and Wilson.

Sept 1 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Sept 8 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie – Anderson, Geddes and Nicol; Dr Ross, Knowles and Jimmy Ross; McIntosh, Murray, Donald, Kay and Wilson.

Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, J. Newlands and Geddes; E. Malcolm, Knowles and J. Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, Donald, McKenzie and Ross.

Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Citadel 1 (H/L)**

Oct 6 **Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie were stuck for a keeper with veteran Geo McKenzie an outfield player deputising.

Oct 13 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Keith – Gordon, Whitecross and Brown; Cormack, Gordon and Phimister; Green, Penrose, Bremner, MacBean and Duncan.

Buckie – Anderson, J. Newlands and Geddes; Malcolm, Knowles and Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, Donald, McIntosh and Nicol. **‘Toshie’ was a hero scoring both goals.**

Football news - Buckie Thistle – the financial situation - The club had a loss on the previous year of £153.4. The manager, George McKenzie and the secretary J. L. McNaughton agreed to work without pay.

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 Aberdeen Charity Cup** – Buckie had Dickson in goal and Bain at centre forward for Donald.

Oct 27 **Black Watch (Fort George) 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Nov 3 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Nov 10 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Charity Cup** Buckie had Mair at outside left with McIntosh at left half.

Nov 24 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Dec 15 **Fraserburgh 6 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Dec 22 **No football due to severe frost.**

Dec 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 3 Aberdeenshire League**

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Jan 12 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Jan 19 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had Lobban at outside right

Feb 2 **Advert - Keith versus Celtic in Scottish Cup**

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire League Yer man hadn't been heard of for some time but he awoke to tell us that Elgin was *'outplayed'* by *Buckie* here.

Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Mar 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Black Watch 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and J. Newlands; Malcolm, Knowles and Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, Legge, McIntosh and Nicol. *Donald, Bain and Lobban were junior players, all had helped the Thistle out this season.*

Mar 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)**

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

Mar 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Apr 5 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Apr 12 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie Wednesday 6 Elgin Wednesday 2 (F)

Apr 19 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Apr 26 **Junior Cup Competition – The teams that entered were -** St Andrews Athletic, Buckie Terriers, the Rooks, Ramblers (Portgordon), Portknockie Seafield, Bankers, Rangers (Portgordon), Buckie Wednesday, Portsoy United, Garmouth and **Buckie Rovers**
Juvenile Cup Competition - The teams that entered were - The Ravens, Portknockie Corinthians, Findochty Thistle, Seaside Rangers, Strathlene Juniors, Buckie Corinthians, Gordons A (Portgordon), Ramblers and Buckpool Celtic.

***** **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L) BUCKIE WON THE HIGHLAND LEAGUE FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING AND PLAYING AS AMATEURS**
Buckie - Wood, Geddes and J. Newlands, Ross, Knowles and Nicol; G. Newlands, Murray, Bain, McIntosh and McKenzie

May 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 Aberdeenshire League**
Aberdeen ‘A’ 5 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League (Wed) - Anderson was in goal for Wood with the rest of the team as usual. Aberdeen won the league again only dropping the one point and this to Buckie.
Banffshire Schools 4 Moray Schools 2 played at Banff. Banffshire played with only ten men for 87 minutes after a player suffered a broken ankle. Players in the Banffshire side from Buckie High were – J. Coull, A. Milton, W. Lyall, J. Milne and D. Mair. Peter Bain, later to play for Buckie Thistle and still later for Partick Thistle was in the side from Fordyce Academy.

***** **Final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup Keith 2 Aberdeen University 1. Keith also won the Moray District Cup by beating the Black Watch by three goals to two.**

May 17 **Junior Cup Final - Strathlene 3 St Andrews Athletic ?**
Juvenile Cup Final – Buckie Corinthians 3 Portgordon Gordons 1
Banff Select 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (F) In aid of Chalmers Hospital

May 24 **Strathlene 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)** Strathlene were Junior Cup winners.

June 21 **Football news -** - Former Buckie Thistle player John ‘Dyles’ Cowie signed professional forms with Falkirk F.C.

Jul 12 **Football news - Thistle fete -** Buckie Thistle won the five-a-side competition first beating the Rovers by four goals to nil in the semi-final then Keith in the Final.

Aug 16 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Morrison, G. Ross, Knowles and J. Ross; Milne, Murray, Glass, McIntosh and Gray.

Morrison and (Peter) Glass were from Fochabers. Glass went on to play for Elgin City

Aug 23 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)**

Aug 30 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League**

Sept 6 **Banff 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup** - Glass was again at centre forward

Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 1** - Milne had replaced Glass at centre forward.

Oct 4 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup**

Oct 11 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Oct 18 **Football news** - In a letter to the 'Advertiser', the writer was bemoaning the many changes in the Thistle line up, he quoted five different centre forwards having been tried since the start of the season with nobody as good as had been Johnnie 'Dyles' Cowie, Frank Smith or Abby Gowie In the game against Elgin they had Esslemont at centre with 'Toshie' at right back

Oct 25 **The Thistle had a blank day – teams involved in cup games**

Nov 1 **Black Watch 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie - Wood, J. Newlands and J. Morrison; Reid, Knowles and Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, Geddes, McIntosh and Milne.

Nov 8 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Cup** - The local paper said that the Thistle were to have Jimmy Low, ex Elgin City and Newcastle United in their next line up against Huntly but he failed to appear.

Nov 15 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Nov 22 **Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Nov 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 (H/L)** Huntly were now in the Highland League. – This was the first time the two teams had met in this league.

Buckie – Masson (Portsoy), McIntosh and Morrison; Reid, Knowles and J. Ross; Newlands, Esslemont, G. Ross, Murray and Milne.

Dec 6 **Buckie Thistle 6 Black Watch 1 (H/L)**

Dec 13 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** "*Thistle were lucky*" Was he nae treading on dangerous ground makin comments like that?

Football news - The local paper reported that Bert Nicol was to play for the Thistle again, other members of the playing staff – Wood, Geddes, McIntosh, Reid, Knowles, J. Ross, G. Newlands, Esslemont, A. Morrison, Murray, Milne and J. Newlands.

Dec 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Morrison; Nicol, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, W. Cowie, G. Cowie, Murray and Milne. **The two Cowies were brothers.**

Dec 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeen and District League**

Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeen and District League "*Buckie were lucky*" It's a winner the fitba scribe didna get shot for making sic subversive comments.

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Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Jan 10 **Advert - Buckie Thistle versus Queen's Park Scottish Cup 1st round** Kick off 2.30pm Adults 1/- Juveniles 6d Grandstand 7/6; 5/- and 2/6 Reserved enclosure 2/6. Buckie Town Band will entertain. Special trains will run from Inverness, Elgin and Keith and all intervening stations.

- Jan 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had Geo. Cowie at centre forward.
- Jan 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Queens Park 3 Scottish Cup 1st round** - according to the man from the 'Advertiser', *"the visitors were flattered by the score."*
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Knowles; Reid, Kidd and J. Ross; Newlands, Esslemont, Milne, Murray and McIntosh.
 There was a crowd of 4,000 in Victoria Park with gate money amounting to £237. *"The Thistle put up a splendid fight."* we are told.
- Jan 31 **Inverness Citadel 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Feb 7 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Buckie were still experimenting and this week they had Morrison at centre
- Feb 14 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire League**
- Feb 21 **No football - grounds snow covered.**
- Feb 28 “ “
- Mar 7 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** J. Newlands was at centre this week
- Mar 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League**
- Mar 21 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Forres Wednesday 6 Buckie Wednesday 8 (F) played at Forres
- Mar 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** Yer man said, *"Inverness did not deserve to win."* He wis learning.
- Apr 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach (H/L)**
Forres Wednesday 3 Buckie Wednesday 2 (F)
Teams entered for the Junior Cup competition – Rovers, Terriers, Portgordon Wednesday, Seatown Ramblers, Findochty Ranters, Yardie **Hibs**, Portsoy United, Portknockie Seafield, Portgordon Ramblers, Buckie Wednesday, Strathlene, Ianstown, Buckpool Rangers, Portgordon, Buckie **Rovers**.
Juvenile Cup entrants - Scouts, Thistle, Hotspurs, Marine Rovers, Buckpool United, Corinthians, Cullen Eyeopeners, , Celtic (Portgordon), Buckpool Rangers, Bow Fiddle Rovers, Seafield Reserves.
Buckie Thistle were to play Lossiemouth Rangers in a Benefit Match for 'Toshie' McIntosh
- Apr 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire League (Wed.)**
Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle Aberdeenshire League (Thur)
- Apr 25 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *A football report in an Inverness paper said, a great display by the visitors."*
Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League (Mon.)
- ***** **Buckie Wednesday beat St Marnans (Foggieolan) in the 1st round of the Wood Cup (Name of League not known or other teams competing)**
Football news - High School pupils selected to represent Banffshire Schools - J. Garden, G. Milton, J. R. Reid and D. Mair to play for Banffshire against Moray and Nairn Schools in the annual contest. G. Stewart was reserve to travel.
Buckie Wednesday to play Turriff in the semi-final of the Wood Cup
Team chosen – G. Cowie, J. Geddes and J. B. Kerr; P. Smith, S. Green and J. Geddes; W. Thomson, A. A. Grant, W. Hector, W. Hay and J. Gray. Reserves – A. Geddes, D. Bruce and R. Coull.

- May 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Citadel 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Reid, Knowles and Morrison; G. Newlands, J. Newlands, Corpl. McIntosh V.C. Murray and Milne (This could have been the last official game in which the V.C. played for Buckie Thistle . He was serving in the RAF at the time.)
- Aberdeen ‘A’ 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League - Aberdeen ‘A’ won the Championship**
- Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Banffshire Cup**
- May 9 **Wood Cup Final (first) Portsoy United 4 Turriff 2** *A crowd of 1,500 watched the game at Princess Royal Park, Banff.*
- **** **Final of the Junior (Sunlight or Brown Cup) Buckie Rovers 4 Findochty 2**
- Aug 8 **Football news - Buckie Thistle are to remain as amateurs**
- Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Knowles and H. McKenzie; Middleton , Bowie and Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, G. Ross, Hay and Milne. **Note the appearance of Middleton in the Buckie line-up and new name H. McKenzie**
- Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**
Buckie - Wood, Nicol and McKenzie; Milton, Knowles, and Ross; McIntosh, Murray, G. Ross, Hay and Milne.
- ***** **Ross County now in the Highland League beat Inv. Caley 2-1 in first game**
- Football news - Buckie Thistle finances have better look** - The club had a surplus on the year of £53.14, 7. Income was £860.12.9 with Expenditure £806.18.2
Directors Geo .McKenzie, Buckie, Douglas Marshall, Bank Agent, Invergordon, James Mellis, Insurance Superintendent, Cumnock and Dr Smith, Buckie.
- Aug 29 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Sept 5 *** **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** First visit to Dingwall in the Highland League
- Sept 12 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup**
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Middleton, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, Murray, G. Ross, McIntosh and Milne.
- Football news - Aberdeen ‘A’ withdrew from the Aberdeenshire League which they had dominated in past seasons**
- Sept 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Middleton and Nicol; Bowie, Knowles, and Ross; Newlands, Murray, G. Ross, McIntosh and Milne.
- Oct 3 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 10 **Inverness Citadel 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup 3rd round**
- Oct 17 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Masson, Garden and Nicol; Milton, Knowles and Ross; McIntosh, Newlands, McLennan, Reid and Milne . (Sandy) McLennan scored . Alex ‘Smacker’. Murray was reserve, he had been an ever present member of the team for a number of years.
- Oct 31 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had a Gordon at inside left – a new face.
- Nov 7 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Nov 14 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen and District League .**
Buckie – Wood, McKenzie and Nicol; Milton, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, McIntosh, McLennan, Gordon

and Milne.

Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** same team as above

Nov 28 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** same team again

Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** – Middleton for Milton only change

Dec 12 **Bad weather caused friendly match to be abandoned.**

Dec 19 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed two players from Lhanbryde R. Logie and Sandy McLennan

Thistle second team – Jappy, J. Newlands and G. Smith; J. Garden, J. Cowie, and J. R. Reid, J. Coull, Grant, Hector, Hay and W. Smith. Reserve, Burgess.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)

Dec 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 Aberdeen and District League**

Buckie – Wood, Middleton and Logie; Milton, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, Murray, McLennan, Gordon and Milne.

Football news - The game on Christmas Day between Buckie Thistle and Aberdeen University had to be abandoned because of the shocking weather.

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Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** *Sandy McLennan had three goals.* Bowie was in for Knowles

Buckie Thistle 7 Parkvale (Aberdeen Juniors)? (F) On New Year's Day

Jan 9 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** The verdict from our man was, *"Thistle were outclassed"*

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 (H/L)** This week the man said, *"Buckie unlucky not to win"*

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Nicol; Middleton, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, McIntosh, McLennan, Bowie and Milne.

Jan 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Falkirk 2 Scottish Cup 1st round** From the 'Advertiser' – *"On play Falkirk were not value for a two goal win but were lucky at the goalmouth on two occasions."* Between 4500 and 5000 watched the match.

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Knowles; Middleton, Bowie and J. Ross; Newlands, Murray, McLennan, McIntosh and Milne.

Other Scottish Cup games and results in which Highland League teams were involved –

Clyde beat Keith by seven clear goals at Shawfield. Inverness Caley lost by six goals to nil against Glasgow Celtic in Inverness. Celtic had Johnnie Thomson in goal. (He was to lose his life later after receiving a kick in the head from Sam English during a game against Glasgow Rangers)

Jan 30 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Cowie was at right back with Milne at centre forward.

Feb 6 **No football due to poor weather conditions**

Feb 13 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd replay of Aberdeenshire Cup**

Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 0 (H/L)** Logie was at outside left with Gordon at centre forward.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Macduff 0 Banffshire League

Buckie – G. Cowie, H. McKenzie and J. Newlands; Milton, Green and Reid; H. Newlands, Coull, W. J. Cowie, Hay and Grant. Reserves – J. Murray and Wm. Hillocks.

Mar 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** From the report in the 'Advertiser' - *"The Merkinchers were outclassed though Buckie had out a real mixture of a team due to injuries."* Knowles was at centre forward.

Mar 13 **Football news: Amateur Football Internationalist** - G. D. McKenzie, Queens Park, son of DOD

McKenzie, manager of Buckie Thistle, was in the news. He was capped against England as an amateur football internationalist. Scotland won by the only goal of the game, with McKenzie being described as a 'star'. This is his first season in the First Division. He formerly played for Buckie Thistle and Aberdeen University.

Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Banff 2 Banffshire League

Buckie - Thomson, Reid and Geddes; Milton, Green and Murray; Coull, Grant, W. J. Cowie, Hay and Black. It was said that several Banff players were absent away helping out Highland League teams.

May 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 second replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 AET third replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup. *This was the fourth time that the two teams had met to try to decide the winner.* What was described as a 'titanic struggle' took place at Banff in front of a crowd of 2000.

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Bowie; Middleton, Knowles and Ross; Newlands, Murray, Gordon, McLennan and Milne.

Apr 3 **Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 1 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** *"Thistle outclassed at the Broch", was the heading in the 'Advertiser'*

Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Keith 'A' 0 Banffshire League

Buckie - Thomson, Reid and Logie; Milton, Green and Geddes; Black, Coull, Cowie, Hay and Menzies.

Apr 10 **Junior Cup entrants** - Seafield (Portknockie), Rovers, Ramblers, Portgordon, Findochty United, Black Squad, Strathlene, Challengers (Portgordon), Buckie Wednesday, Wanderers, Celtic and Hotspurs.

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Macduff 0 Aberdeenshire League

Apr 17 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Apr 24 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Keith 3 Aberdeen and District League** - Both teams played most of their first team players.

Football news - Buckie players in the Banffshire Schoolboys team - G. Stuart, J. R. Reid, Alex Smith and George Milton, all pupils of Buckie Secondary School. All had played for Buckie Thistle. Hamish Gordon a pupil at Fordyce Academy who also has played for Buckie Thistle was another player selected. D. Smith. Buckie Secondary was a reserve.

The game against Moray and Nairn was to take place on 26 April.

Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie – Wood, Bowie and McIntosh; Middleton, Cowie and Knowles; Newlands, Murray, Black, Gordon and Milne.

May 1 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeen and District League (Sat.)**

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen and District League (Tues)

***** **Huntly won the Highland League in season 1929/30. They were unbeaten at home. Buckie came fourth, four points behind the winners.**

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 6 (Mon) Aberdeen and District League

Banffshire Schools 4 Moray and Nairn Schools 2 annual challenge match

Juvenile clubs entered for Cup Competition - Hearts, Bluebells (Findochty), Seafield (Portknockie), Rovers, Gordons (Portgordon), St Andrews Athletic, Scouts (Cullen), Strathlene, Ramblers (Portgordon), Ranters (Findochty), Corinthians, Thistle and Scouts (Buckie).

May 8 **Buckie Won the Aberdeenshire League P12; W8; L1; D3; F29; A 14 Points 19. The Thistle had now won this League three times.**

Junior Select 7 Abergeldie Juns (Aberdeen) 2 (F)

- May 15 **Final of the Junior Cup** Rovers 0 Portgordon 2 the *Rovers was the holders. The scorers for Portgordon were C. Innes and E. Innes.*
Portgordon – Bowie, C. Coull and Morrison; W. Green, J. Green and Murray; W. Innes, C. Innes, E. Innes, N. Coull and I. Innes.
Rovers – Thomson, Buchan and Murray, J. Cowie, W. J. Cowie and Hay; Lobban, W. J. Cowie, Coull, Ross and Murray.
- June 19 **Football news - From the ‘Weekly News’ about Sandy Middleton** - The article was talking about half-back play, and said that during the season 1929/30 Sandy Middleton had been the best in the north and questioned why it was since he had already had first division experience was being allowed to remain in the Highland League
- Jul 31 **Football news - Buckie Thistle celebrate** - During the season they had won the Aberdeenshire League, and also the Aberdeenshire Cup. The players were presented with the cup and badges. Knowles had played his last game for the Thistle as he was to emigrate to Canada.
- Aug 14 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - Norman Wood, the Thistle keeper was to be absent for from 6 to 8 weeks as he was away at the Yarmouth fishing. Masson, the Portsoy keeper was fixed up to play. Other players signed - Full-backs – Geddes, Logie, Bowie, J. R. Reid, and half-backs – G. S. Reid, J. Ross, J. Hay and J. Green. Forwards – Stewart, Menzies, A. Smith, J. Black, Newlands, Murray, McIntosh and Milne.
- Aug 21 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Benefit Match for Fraserburgh player.**
Buckie – Masson, Cowie and Bowie; Reid, Smith and Ross; Newlands, Murray, Stewart, Newman and Milne.
- Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 6 (F)** The Wick team travelled to Buckie by the St Clair.
Buckie – Masson, Reid and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Cowie; Milne, Murray, **Mulrairie**, Ross and McIntosh. A strange name in the Buckie line up - Mulrairie. This is a Caithness name
- Sept 11 **Huntly 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** First game of the new season
Buckie – Masson, Bowie and Cowie; Hay, Smith and Ross; Milne, Murray, McLennan, Hay and McIntosh.
- Sept 25 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup**

Football news - Some Thistle supporters didn't take kindly to being beaten by Huntly and wrote the following poem

There is a famous football team
It's name's known far and wide
They wear the famous green and white
Renowned from Wick to Clyde

Their records made in seasons past
Will stand till times no more
The heroes' names will ever last
Their deeds thrill to the core.

Let other teams their teams support
One thought consoles us all
These foes admit that Thistle are
Supreme in North football.

Though some are fresh from Junior ranks
They're artists one and all
Possessing each the Thistle touch
They never waste a ball.

The master touch marks ever move
From back to forward line
Their parlour passing goes to prove
They're real Thistle all the time.

When they're billed for east or west
 Led on by Johnnie Dyles
 The lads did all but win
 The Huntly lads were glad to cease
 They'd such a yarn to spin.

The replay here was just a trial
 The Jags were in their stride
 And Huntly met a better team
 Who beat them to the wide.

The Rooks

Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**

Oct 9 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Lobban, the Huntly keeper in goal

Oct 16 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Lobban, Geddes and Smith; Milton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Bowie, Hay and McIntosh.

Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Simpson at centre forward

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 Qualifying cup 4th round**

Nov 6 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Football news - A star in Canada - Leslie Knowles, late of Buckie Thistle, now playing for Ottawa Scottish F.C. at left back, was reported as being a star in a recent game.

Nov 13 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** From an Inverness paper report – “*Thistle has easily the finest defence in north football - Lobban, Geddes and Bowie.*”

Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 7 Keith 1 (H/L)** From the ‘Advertiser’ – “*Buckie overwhelm Keith, given an exhibition of football.*” The score here didna mak good reading for a Keith cyard.

Nov 27 **Bathgate V Buckie Thistle** - *The game was not played but the report in the ‘Advertiser’ didn’t say why. Buckie put in a protest and asked that the game be held at Buckie but this was turned down by the SFA who said that the Thistle must return to Bathgate.*

Dec 4 **Bathgate 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup semi-final.** *Lobban, the Thistle keeper said before the game that the distance from the ground to the cross bars in both goals was too low. A trench was then cut to make the height the regulation size after this had been confirmed by the referee*
Buckie - Lobban, Geddes and Bowie; Smith Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, McLennan, Hay and J. McIntosh

Dec 11 **Bathgate 3 Buckie Thistle 1 semi-final of Qualifying Cup** *(Bathgate were the holders) Wood replaced Lobban in the Buckie goal*

Dec 18 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie – Wood, Reid and Smith; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, McLennan, Kay and McIntosh.

Dec 25 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Smith and Bowie; Middleton Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Black, McLennan and McIntosh.

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Jan 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 Aberdeenshire League

Advert - Portsoy v Jones Slipway (F) no score given

Portsoy – Brown, Mair and Harris; McKay, Mair and G. Wood; Wilson, Wood, Duncan, A. Duncan and

Slater.

Slip- Thomson, W. Mair and Mair; Esslemont, Booth and Newman; Coull, Leanord, Garden, Slater and Smith

- Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Smith and Bowie; Reid, Cowie and Ross; McIntosh, Murray, McLean, McLennan and Menzies.
- Jan 15 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Lowe at centre forward for McLean
- Jan 22 *** **Third Lanark 6 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Cup 1st round**
Buckie - Wood, Smith and Bowie; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Lowe, Hay and McIntosh
- Jan 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 Aberdeen Cup 2nd round replay**
- Feb 5 **No football – grounds unfit for play**
- Feb 12 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Portgordon 2 Buckie Wednesday 1 (F) Portgordon were Junior Cup holders
- Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Wednesday 6 Elgin Wednesday 0 McKenzie Cup Competition
Buckie Wednesday team – T. Taylor, Geddes and McKenzie; W. Taylor, Green and Clark’ Thomson, Sandison, Innes, Grant and Hillocks.
- Feb 26 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Mar 5 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 0 Aberdeen Cup - usual team**
- Mar 12 **Portgordon 2 Jones Slipway 2 Wood Cup**
Portgordon – P. Innes, Murray and C. Coull; W. Green, J. Green and Thain; W. Innes, J. Coull, E. Innes, Webster and J. Innes.
Jones - Thomson, Sinclair and Mair; Leanord, Esslemont and Smith; Booth, Green, Stewart, Garden and Slater.
- Mar 19 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen Cup semi-final replay**
- Mar 26 **Portsoy 3 Buckie Slipway 2 Wood Cups**
Slipway – Simpson, J. Mair and W. Mair; Campbell, Esslemont and Smith; Cant, Booth, Slater, Leanord and Hamilton.
Portsoy – Brown, Reid and Pirie, Wood, Mair and Stevenson; Slater, Cameron, Duncan, Hay and Wilson

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)
- Apr 2 **Inverness Citadel 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Apr 9 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Smith and Bowie; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, McIntosh, Hay and McKenzie

Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire League
Buckie ‘A’ – Murray, Reid and Geddes; G. Cowie, J. W. Cowie and Esslemont; Black, Stewart, W. J. Cowie, Smith and Menzies
- Apr 16 **Wood Cup match advert – Buckie Slipway v Keith Terriers - no score given**

Football news - A Benefit Match is to be played for Alex ‘Smacker’ Murray when the KOSB play the Thistle in the Highland League. Alex Murray was described in the local paper as “one of the cleverest and most wholehearted players that Buckie has ever produced.”

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Aberdeenshire League

Teams entered for the Junior Cup - Buckpool Celtic, Strathlene, Rovers, Portknockie Celtic, Portgordon, Cullen Celtic, Hawthorn Athletic, St Andrews Athletic, Slipway, Portknockie Sharpshooters, Wanderers, and Seatown Ramblers.

Portgordon 6 Macduff 4 Wood Cup

Portgordon - Bowie, Coull and Morrison; W. Green, J. Green and P. Coull; W. Innes, W. Reid, E. Innes, M. Coull and J. Innes.

Apr 23 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *usual players with positional changes this week McIntosh was at centre forward.*

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire League (Tues)

Buckie Slipway 5 Keith Terriers 1 Wood Cup

Slip – Simpson, Sinclair and Harper; Campbell, Esslemont and J. Mair; Leanord, Garden, Black, W. Mair and Slater.

***** **Inverurie and Inverurie Locos both applied to join the Highland League at this time**

Apr 30 **KOSB 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Benefit match for Alex ‘Smacker’ Murray

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire League (Friday)

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and F. Smith; Middleton, Bowie and Ross; Milne, Stewart, McIntosh, A. Smith and Menzies.

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League (Mon.)

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L) *Caley were Highland League runners-up (Sat.)*

May 7 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistles 2 (H/L)**

May 14 **Juvenile team entrants for Cup competition** - Corinthians, St Peter’s Athletic, Rangers, Ramblers, Dashing Stars, Ranters, Strathlene, Rosebuds (Portknockie), Marine Celtic, Hawthorne, Ianstown Eyeopeners, Seaside Rovers, Hearts, **Rosebuds (Tynet)**, Wanderers, Woodside Celtic, Gordon (Portgordon).

***** **Football news - Pigeon post haste** - Mr Charles Coull, Gowanbrae, Portgordon, took two homing pigeons to Keith to send home the half and full time scores in the match between Portgordon and Keith Sports in the semi-final of the Wood Cup. The first bird was home with the half time scores in 7 minutes, the second bird taking ten minutes for the journey. **The score at full time was a draw. May 14 `1930 (A memorable day))**

Portgordon 6 Keith Sports 2 in the replay of the semi-final of the Wood Cup at Victoria Park in front of a large crowd on Monday evening. -

Portgordon - Bowie, Coull and Morrison; W. Green, J. Green and P. Coull; W. Innes, J. Smith, G. Cowie, N. Coull and J. Innes.

Scorers for Portgordon were - G. Cowie, J. Innes (2), J. Smith, W. Innes and W. Green.

May 21 **Final of the Junior Cup (Brown or Sunlight) Buckie Wanderers 1 Portgordon 0**

***** Portgordon also reached the final of the Wood Cup. **Portgordon Social Club ran both teams Rev Sydney Sargent was the founder and president of the club.**

May 28 **Football news - Head knock results in player’s death** - **The Junior Cup Final** at Elgin on Saturday between Burghead and Forres Thistle had a tragic sequel. **Alex McDonald**, the centre forward of Burghead dying in Dr Gray’s Hospital, Elgin from injuries he sustained during the game after coming in violent contact with a Forres player resulting in a collision of heads. McDonald carried on playing for some time before retiring. He was later seen at home by Dr Robertson before being removed to hospital where it was discovered he had ruptured a blood vessel in his head. He died at 10pm.

Aug 6 **Football news - Thistle player injured** - George Stewart, a player with Buckie Thistle was hurt when the forks of his bicycle broke as he was coming from Hilton to Buckie

Football news - Thistle players signed for season 1931/32 -

Peter Bain has been signed from Elgin City to play at centre forward also Steven from Wick Academy to play at full back or half back. Middleton, ex Hearts, perhaps the most polished and calculating right half Buckie have ever had will be available. Cowie, ex Falkirk, pivot and captain, will, unfortunately be an absentee. John Green from Portgordon, Steven or Frank Smith can take his place; forwards – McIntosh, Murray, W.J. Cowie, Milne, Black, Menzies, W. Smith, A. Smith, Hay and Stewart; backs – Geddes, Bowie, F. Smith and Steven. Wood- keeper.

Aug 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 KOSB 0 (H/L)** First game of the season
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Smith; Milton, Bowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Bain, Hay and Menzies.

***** **Peterhead admitted to the Highland League**

Peterhead 1 Inverness Citadel 3 (H/L)

Aug 20 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Aug 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire League (Wed)**
Buckie – Wood, Middleton and Smith; McIntosh, Bowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Stewart, Hay and Menzies.

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 (H/L) (Sat) - Maybe not seven but the same number of winning points.

Sept 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)**

Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League (Wed.)

Sept 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L)**

***** **Football news - The funeral took place of John Thomson, goalkeeper of Glasgow Celtic, who died as a result of a collision with Sam English, centre forward of Glasgow Rangers. As everywhere throughout Scotland the flag at Victoria Park flew at half mast on Saturday.**

Sept 17 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 Qualifying Cup 1st round.**
Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Smith; McIntosh, McIntosh, Middleton and Ross; Milne, Stewart, Bain, Hay and Menzies.

Sept 24 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup replay**

Oct 1 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Qualifying Cup 2nd replay - match played at Banff.**

Oct 8 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup 2nd round C'mon the Maroons!**

Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)**
Buckie – Pickard, Geddes and Smith; Middleton, Bowie and Ross; Milne, Stewart, Bain, A. Smith and Hay.

Oct 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H/L)** Norman Wood was back in goal

Oct 29 **Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Hay at left half, McIntosh at centre and Bain on left wing.

Football news - Former Thistle player Sandy McLennan from Lhanbryde was starring for Elgin City and helped the side to a 7-0 drubbing of Ross County.

Nov 5 **Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Secondary School 4 Banff Academy 1 semi-final of the Herd Cup. Jim Hillocks had three goals.

Nov 12 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Nov 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 3 - Bain back at centre forward**

Nov 23 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Cup 2nd round - Keith had knocked Buckie out of two cups this**

season - nae bad going against the team that their fans saw as the best.

Dec 3 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Keith continue to come out on top over county rivals

Football news - former Thistle players starring elsewhere - Sandy McLennan with Elgin City; Abbie Gowie with Nairn County, Tom Cowie with Keith and Jimmy Cowie also with Keith who was wanted by Dundee United.

***** **Football news The Herd Cup** - This edition of the 'Advertiser' had an article on the Herd Cup played for by school teams. It had been in abeyance for some years and was revived in 1931 as a knock-out competition. The teams involved - Buckie, Keith, Dufftown, Banff and Fordyce.

Dec 10 **Football news** - Aberdeen versus Glasgow Rangers at Pittodrie - Special train fare to Aberdeen 5/- return.

Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 1 (H/L)

Buckie - Wood, Smith and Bowie; Milne, Middleton and Ross; Black, Smith, **McLennan**, McIntosh and Bain. It would seem that McLennan had returned to the fold.

Dec 17 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 1 H/L)**

***** **Herd Cup first home and home final - Buckie High School beat Banff Academy by 5 goals to nil**
Buckie High - Hamilton, P. Smith and J. Stewart; P. Murray, G. Smith and R. McKenzie; J. Flett, J. Hillocks, A. Gerry, J. Stephen and A. E. Flett.

Dec 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 0 (H/L)**

Dec 31 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Bowie, Middleton, Smith and Ross; Black, Bain, McLennan, McIntosh and Milne. This must have been one of the few if not the only time that the Citadel won the tie.

Buckie Rovers 4 Portgordon 2 (F)

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Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 2 (H/L)** (See note on G. I. McIntosh VC.)

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and Bowie; Clark, Smith and Ross; Bain, Middleton, McIntosh (V.C) McLennan and J. McIntosh (Toshy). *The V.C scored four goals. He had not appeared in a Thistle line up for a long time and the writer of these notes had assumed that he retired or was unavailable due to Service commitments.*

Jan 14 **Football news - Buckie Thistle versus Aberdeen University - The match had to be abandoned ten minutes from the end when the referee collapsed due to the severe cold.**

Jan 21 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie - Wood, Wood and Bowie; Clark, F. Smith and Ross; Bain, Middleton, Stewart, McLennan and J. McIntosh.

***** **Herd Cup Final Banff v Buckie - A Win for Buckie** *This was decided on the number of goals each team had scored both home and away and although Banff won the final tie the cup was lifted by Buckie Secondary School having the better scoring record.*

Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon 1 Buckie and District League

Rovers- Thomson, J. Newlands and Clark; J. W. Cowie, G. Cowie and Hay; G. Newlands, Murray, Marshall, W. J. Cowie and J. Thomson.

Portgordon - Herd, Geddes and A. Innes; Cowie, Green and Thain; Reid, E. Innes, A. Geddes, Coull and J. Innes.

Buckie and District League - Other teams apart from Buckie Rovers and Portgordon in the league were Hawthorn (Buckie) and Seafield (Portknockie)

Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**

Buckie - Wood, Wood and Bowie; Clark, F. Smith and Ross; Milne, Middleton, McLennan, Stewart and

Bain.

Banff 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (F)

Rovers – Murray, J. Cowie and J. Newlands; G. Newlands, C. Cowie, W. Hay and Black; A. Murray, W. J. Cowie, J. A. Cowie and Thomson

Teams entered for the Wood Cup - Macduff, Banff Wednesday, Banff 'B', Turriff, Buckie Rovers, Buckie Wanderers, Portsoy, Keith Sports, Banff 'A', Macduff Thistle, St Marnans and Portgordon.

Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Feb 25 **Buckie Rovers? Seafeld ? Buckie and District League**

Seafeld team – Wood, Mair and Swanson; Sandison, McBoyle and Slater; Thomson, J. Mair, Falconer, W. Mair and Davidson.

Rovers team as seen above only Marshall in for J. A. Cowie.

***** **Keith 9 Forres 0 (H/L) Keith were top of the Highland League**

***** **Football news - Commercial Shield** - Mr J. Smith, Commercial Hotel, Buckie, presented a shield to be played for and won in the junior football league.

Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Mr Dykes, Buckie was referee

***** **Football news - New Banffshire Cup competition - Lyon Cup** – donated by J. Lyon, Commercial Hotel, Portsoy.

Teams entered to play for the Lyon Cup – Banff, Macduff, Portsoy, Portknockie Seafeld, Banff Wednesday, Buckie Wanderers, Keith Sports, Portgordon and Macduff Thistle

Mar 10 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistles 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and Bowie; Clark, F. Smith and Ross; Middleton, Stewart, McLennan, A. Smith and Bain.

Portgordon 9 Hawthorn 1 Buckie and District League

Hawthorn – P. Cowie, Stewart and Bowie; Ashby, Smith and Booth; Clark, Coull, I. Cowie, Cormack and Wilson.

Portgordon – Herd, Stewart and Morrison; J. Innes, Green and Coull; J. Innes, E. Innes, Geddes, N. Coull and W. Smith

Mar 17 **Buckie Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 (F)** Buckie had Kinnaird at outside left. This was his first game for Buckie. He came from Lossiemouth the junior team. The rest of the Thistle team was the same.

Rovers - Thomson, J. Murray and Burgess; Lobban, W.J. Cowie and W. Hay; J. Hay, A. Murray, J. Cowie, Coull and Thomson.

Mar 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeen Charity Cup**

Banffshire School 2 Inverness Schools 2. Buckie High School provided 6 players to the team - Stewart, P. Murray, J. Flett, J. Hillocks and A. Gerry. **Gerry scored both the Banffshire goals.**

Mar 31 **Buckie Thistle 5 KOSB 0 (H/L)**

Apr 7 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Last game of the season in the Highland League

Portgordon 5 Portknockie Seafeld 1 Buckie and District League

Apr 14 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie Rovers 5 Hawthorn 2 Buckie and District League

Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 0 (F) P. Craigmyle was referee (Mon)

Apr 21 **Elgin District Cup Final Nairn County 5 Keith 0** - A number of Buckie players assisted Nairn against Keith, namely – Wood (goal), J. Bowie (R/H), Smith (L/H) and Bain (O/L). *It wisna really fair noo, wis it?*

Portgordon 2 Portsoy 0 Usher Cup 1st round - This was another new trophy presumably played for by the teams who were competing for the Wood Cup.

Portgordon - Herd, Reid and E. Geddes; A. Geddes, Green and P. Coull; Black, R. Innes, N. Coull and J. Innes.

Portsoy – Masson, Duncan and Gordon; Mackay, W. Mair and Stevenson, Newlands, Mair, Morrison, J. Hay and Murray.

Moray and Nairn Schools 2 Banffshire Schools 2 - *annual inter schools match. Gerry again scored the two goals. Other Buckie pupils in the Banffshire side were Smith, Flett and Hillocks.*

Buckie Rovers 0 Wanderers 0 Wood Cup 1st round

Rovers – Thomson, Clark and J. Newlands; K. Newlands, J. W. Cowie and McIntosh, Lobban, Murray, Joseph Cowie, J. Cowie and Black.

Wanderers – T. Taylor, J. Murray and Burgess; W. Taylor, G. M. C. Smith and Stephen; Falconer, A. Smith, Coull, Hillocks and Menzies.

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Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen University 4 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Wood, Geddes and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, McLennan, Stewart and Bain. (Mon) Abbie Gowie at inside right.

Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie - Lobban, Geddes and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, McLennan Stewart and Bain

Buckie won the Aberdeenshire for the third year in succession and for the fifth time since season 1919/20

Elgin won the Highland League. Keith lost out by one point yet had scored 20 more goals - nae really fair! Buckie Thistle came third.

Portsoy United 3 Portknockie Seafield 2 Lyon Cup

Keith Terriers 1 Portgordon 2 Lyon Cup

Buckie Rovers 4 Wanderers 1 replay in Wood Cup 1st round - Tommy Taylor,(Butcher) the Wanderers' keeper saved two penalties taken by Jim Marshall (Painter) while Thomson, in the Rovers' goal saved one.

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 semi-final of Aberdeen Charity Cup

May 5

Teams entered for the Buckie Junior Cup competition - Portgordon, Celtic 'A' (Findochty), Nomads, Buckie Rovers, West End Athletic, Corinthians, Hearts, Rangers (Portgordon), Celtic (Portknockie).

Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire League - Buckie had Herd in goal with Green at left half.

Banff 1 Buckie Rovers 5 Wood Cup 2nd round

Banff Wednesday 1 Buckie Wanderers 1 in the Lyon Cup 1st round

Aberdeen Charity Cup Final Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 2

Buckie – Lobban, Geddes and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; McIntosh, Gowie, McLennan, Stewart and Bain

May 12

Buckie Wanderers 2 Banff Wednesday 1 2nd round replay of Lyon Cup

Portgordon 7 Macduff Thistle 0 Usher Cup semi-final

Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon 0 semi-final of Wood Cup

Rovers - Thomson, W. Clark and J. Murray; G. Newlands, J. W. Cowie and McIntosh; C. Lobban, A. Murray, Marshall, W. J. Cowie and Black.

Portgordon – Herd, Coull and R. Innes; A. Geddes, J. Green and P. Coull, J. Murray J. Smith, E. Innes, N. Coull and J. Innes.

May 19

Buckie Wanderers 2 Portsoy 1 Lyon Cup semi-final

Portgordon 1 Macduff 1 Lyon Cup semi-final

June 2 **Juvenile Cup entrants** - Seaweeds (Ianstown), **Hibs**, Rangers (Buckpool), Seatown Rovers, Rangers 'A', (Buckie), Celtic (Buckie), Rovers (Portgordon), Hawthorn (Portgordon), Select Celtic (Portgordon), Thistle , Rangers (Buckie), Corinthians, Gordons (Portgordon), Hotspurs, Swifts (Portknockie), Strathlene, Ramblers, Wanderers and Sharpshooters.

***** **Buckie Rovers won the Buckie and District League (The first one) - “Weel May Yer Boatie Row “ said Mr Smith when he handed over the Commercial Shield to the winning captain, “and the best of luck when you go back to sea.” The majority of the Rovers’ players were fishermen. The expression was adopted as the Rovers motto**

Wanderers 1 Portgordon 0 semi final of the Junior Cup

Buckie Rovers 5 Nomads 1 semi-final of the Junior Cup

Rovers – Thomson, Duncan and J. Clark; G. Newlands, J. W. Cowie W. Clark; Lobban, Murray, Marshall, J. Cowie and Black

Nomads – Dawson, Geddes and Harper; Anderson, McBoyle and G. Garden; Gray, Booth, Sinclair, A. Garden and Grant.

Lyon Cup Final (first) - Macduff 2 Buckie Wanderers 1 - The Wanderers played with only ten men for most of the game after Burgess was hurt only minutes after the start. The Cup was presented by Miss Lorna Lyon, Commercial Hotel, and Portsoy. *“The underfoot conditions were atrocious with the pitch finishing up a quagmire”, we were told.*

***** **Buckie Rovers beat Buckie Wanderers to take the Junior Cup (Sunlight or Brown)**

June 9 **Final of the Usher Cup Banff Wednesday 4 Portgordon 1** - the Banff team also won the Wood Cup.

June 16 **Rangers (Buckie) 2 Hawthorn (Portgordon) 1 Juvenile Cup Final**

Aug 18 **Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - First game of the season.

Buckie - Wood, Milton and W. Wood; Middleton, G. McIntosh V.C, and Ross; Milne, G. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Bain.

Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Wood, Gordon and F. Smith’ Middleton, G. McIntosh V.C., and Ross; Milne, G. Smith, McLennan, Bain and Menzies.

Aug 25 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

***** **Football news - Commercial Cup** – This was a new trophy given by Mr R. Beveridge, Keith to be competed for by all teams playing in the Aberdeen and District Football Association apart from Aberdeen F. C. Those teams were – Keith, Huntly, Banff, Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Aberdeen University.

Portknockie 4 Buckie Terriers 3 (F)

Sept 1 **Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Green at left back, the rest of the team along usual lines.

Sept 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Green and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, McIntosh V.C., and Bain

Sept 15 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup 1st round**

Buckie – Wood, J. McIntosh and Bowie, Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Bain.

Sept 22 **Rovers 4 Wanderers 3 Junior or Sunlight Cup Final (late)** The Wanderers played most of the game

with only ten men when Merson got hurt.

Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)

Buckie – Pickard, Wood and J. McIntosh; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Bain.

Sept 29 **Football news - Buckie Thistle annual general meeting** - The Club registered a **loss of £85. 5.6** on the year are working. *“Loss principally caused by Junior Competitions.”*

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Citadel 0 (H/L) G. McIntosh V.C. was at centre half with Cowie at inside left for Buckie.

Oct 6 **Buckie Thistle had an idle week with cup matches being played**

Oct 13 **Huntly 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Stephen at right half and Thomson at inside right

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** Dr G.D. McKenzie, son of George ‘Dod’ McKenzie, played at inside left. Dr McKenzie was an amateur Scottish Football Internationalist.

Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and J. McIntosh; Middleton, F. Smith and Steve; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Ross and Bain.

Nov 3 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Keith had Glass and Gowie in their line up, two former Thistle players.

Nov 10 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and F. Smith; Clark, Middleton and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, T. Cowie and Bain

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Clark at right back and Hay at inside left.

Fordyce Academy 0 Buckie High School 5 Banffshire School’s league

Dec 1 **No Highland League fixtures this week**

***** **Inverness Thistle 4 Penicuik 3 Final of Qualifying Cup played at Inverness - a gate of 4.150 with many from Buckie**

Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 6 Nairn County 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had W. J. Cowie at inside right

Dec 15 **Buckie Thistle had a free Saturday**

Dec 22 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and J. McIntosh; Middleton, F. Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Bain. G. McIntosh V.C. was travelling reserve.

Dec 29 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and Milton; G. McIntosh V.C., F. Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Bain.

Football news - Norman Wood was quite badly hurt when thrown from his car at Moss of Byth.

Thistle team chosen to play Aberdeen University on Monday - Pickard, W. Wood and F. Smith; Middleton, G. McIntosh V.C., and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, W. J. Cowie and Bain.

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Pickard, Wood and Milton; Middleton, Smith and Ross; G. McIntosh V.C., A. Smith, Bain, McLennan, Stewart and Milne

Jan 12 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Terriers 4 Portsoy 4 Banffshire Junior League

Buckie – McGregor, Lyon and Nicol; Booth, Anderson and Leask; Thomson, Murray, Newlands, G. K, Cormack and G. Cormack

Portsoy – Mair, John Mair and Duncan; Wood, Naughtie and Joe Mair; Cameron, Coull, Smith, Geddes and Gordon. Referee – J. Harrower, Keith

Buckie Secondary School 4 Fordyce Academy 0 Banffshire Schools League

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and J. McIntosh; Clark, F. Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Thomson.

Banff Academy 3 Buckie Secondary School 5 - *Buckie were League Champions only dropping one point in 7 games*

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire League** - G. McIntosh V.C. played for Buckie

Huntly Schools 2 Buckie Secondary School 2 Herd Cup or Friendly?

Buckie Terriers 3 Portknockie 1 Banffshire Junior League

Feb 2 **Banff 8 Buckie Terriers 2 Banffshire Junior League**

Portsoy 2 Portgordon 4 “ “ “

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen County Cup

Feb 9 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeen County Cup 1st round replay**

Buckie - Wood, Wood and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Clark; Milne, A. Smith, McLennan, J. McIntosh and Thomson.

Portgordon 1 Wanderers 1 Banffshire Junior League

Portknockie 2 Portsoy 4 “ “ “

Feb 16 **KOSB 5 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Jappy, Middleton and Geddes; G. Smith, F. Smith and Ross; Thomson, A. Smith, Gerry, McLennan and Milne – ‘*a much changed Buckie side comes unstuck*’, was the expression used in the report.

Portgordon 1 Wanderers 1 Banffshire Junior League

Portgordon – Inglis, Green and Coull; Reid, Cowie and A. Innes; J. Innes, A. Coull, E. Innes, Geddes and John Innes.

Wanderers – Murray, G. Stewart and J. Murray; Cowie, Steven and Geddes; J. Hay, A. Stewart, Taylor, Hillocks and Falconer.

Feb 23 **Turriff 6 Portknockie 0 Banffshire League**

Portknockie 3 Turriff 4 “ “

Mar 2 **Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin Cities 0 (H/L)**

Portknockie 2 Keith Sports 5 Banffshire League

Mar 9 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 7 semi-final of Aberdeen County Cup**

Buckie - Wood, Geddes and W. Wood; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Smith, Clark, McLennan, McKenzie and Milne.

Wanderers 3 Banff 3 Banffshire Junior League

Macduff 3 Buckie Terriers 4 “ “ “

Mar 16 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** same team as previous week

Keith was beaten at home for the first time this season by Fraserburgh who were Highland League Champions.

Buckie Terriers 2 Macduff 1 Banffshire Junior League

Buckie - McGregor, Anderson and Newlands; Campbell, Nicol and Lyon; Booth, Cormack, Thomson, Murray and Legge.

Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Milton at right back with W. J. Cowie at outside right changes from usual team line up.

Mar 30 **Portknockie 1 Wanderers 3 Lyon Cup 1st round**

Portknockie – Phimister, W. Mair and Ross; Donaldson, A. Wood and Innes; Flett, Humphrey, J. R. Mair, D. F. Wood and Imlach

Wanderers - Taylor, Stewart and Geddes; Cowie, Steven, W. Hay, J. Hay, Bowie, Craig, Falconer and Hillocks

Portsoy 4 Buckie Terriers 1 Banffshire Junior League

Apr 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 KOSB 1 (H/L)** Buckie had G. Smith at right half and Cowie at inside right

Banff 5 Wanderers 3**Banffshire Junior League****Buckie Terriers 3 Portknockie 3**

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Portgordon 4 Macduff 1

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Football news - Scotland beat England in a football international at Hampden Park, Glasgow on Saturday by two goals to one in front of a crowd of 134,000. A special train ran from Buckie to the match.

Apr 13 **Buckie and District Junior Cup - teams entered** - Benedicts, Findochty Ranters, Wanderers, Gordon (Portgordon), St Andrews Athletic, Seafeld (Portknockie), Thistle (Portgordon), Rovers, Rangers (Buckpool), Buckpool Celtic, Seaweeds (Ianstown), Cullen Royal, Albion (Portknockie), Portgordon and Buckie Terriers.

Buckie Thistle 5 Fraserburgh 0 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Wood, Anderson and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; A. Smith, Clark, McLennan, Murray and Milne.

Wanderers 4 Turriff 7**Banffshire Junior League****Portknockie 1 Portgordon 4**

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Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League**Portgordon 7 Wanderers 0 Lyon Cup semi final****Buckie Thistle 6 Huntly 3 (H/L)****Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 ? (Mon.)****Wanderers 4 Turriff 7 Banffshire Junior League****Portknockie 1 Portgordon 4 Banffshire Junior League**

Apr 20 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** Last game of the season

Buckie – Wood, Anderson and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and G. Smith; A. Smith, Clark, McLennan, Murray and Hillocks.

Wanderers 5 Buckie Terriers 2 Banffshire Junior League**Banff 7 Portknockie 0**

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Apr 27 **Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin City 4 Benefit Match for Frank Smith**

***** **Aberdeen 'A' 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen County Cup Final** **Aberdeen had won the first leg at Buckie by two goals to 0**

Buckie – Wood, Wood and Bowie, Middleton, Smith and Ross; A. Smith, Clark, McLennan, Cowie and

Milne.

Final of the Lyon Cup Portgordon 6 Portsoy 2

Macduff 2 Portgordon 4 Banffshire Junior League

May 4

Banffshire Schools 5 Moray and Nairn Schools 0

Football news - Buckie Secondary had five players in the Banffshire team, they were – Hamilton in goal, G. Stewart at right back, George Stewart ‘Faber’ at centre half, James Hillocks and A. Gerry, forwards.

Huntly 4 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League

Wanderers 7 Macduff 3 Banffshire League

Banff 2 Portgordon 3 “ “

Portsoy 7 Portknockie 1 “ “

Buckie Secondary 2nd XI 4 Aberlour 2 to win the Junior Cup - I have no information on this

May 18

Winners of the Junior Cup? Wanderers 2 Gordons (Portgordon) 1

Usher Cup Final Banff 3 Portgordon 2

May 25

Junior Cup Final (Sunlight or Brown Cup) Buckpool Celtic 2 Wanderers 1

Celtic – Hay, Geddes and Leslie; Nicol, Simpson and Reid; Stewart, C. Leslie, Newlands, Grant and Smith
Wanderers - Taylor, W. Taylor and Stewart; Smith, Steven and W. Hay; J. Hay, Falconer, Marshall, Hillocks and Menzies.

Buckie Terriers 4 Turriff 5 Banffshire Junior League

Terriers – Gray, Swanson and Nicol, Campbell, Anderson and Lyon; Booth, G. K. Cormack, Thomson, Murray and G. H. Cormack

June 1

Black Squad 1 Wanderers 0 to win the Commercial Shield

June 8

Final of the Wood Cup Banff 2 Portgordon 1

June 15

Portgordon won the Banffshire League -other teams and their placings were – Turriff, Banff, Buckie Wanderers, Keith Sports, Portsoy, Buckie Terriers, Macduff and Portknockie

Aug 17

Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Buckie – Wood, Wood and Milton; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie (ex-Keith), McLennan, Stewart and Hillocks.

Aug 24

Buckie Thistle had an idle day

Aug 31

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Wed)

Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Sat)

Buckie – Wood, Mutch and Milton; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, McLennan, Stewart and Hillocks. Note new player Mutch.

Sept 7

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Citadel 2 (H/L) *First match at home since the death of George McKenzie, former player, director and manager.*

Buckie - Cumming Mutch and Milton; Neish, Smith and Ross; Hillocks, Gowie, McLennan, Dr McKenzie and Milne. Dr D. G. McKenzie, son of the late George McKenzie, Queen’s Park and Scottish Amateur Football Internationalist, played and scored one of the goals. He was to play for the Thistle a number of times thereafter. Buckie had another two new players in this game, Neish at right half and Cumming in goal

Sept 14

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 Qualifying Cup 1st round Wood was back in goal

Sept 21

Football news - Wm. Smith, solicitor, was appointed Chairman of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd.

Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)

Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie - Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, McLennan, Neish and Dr McKenzie.

Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 6 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Oct 12 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Secondary School 4 Gordons School Huntly 2 - Herd Cup League - only four of the previous year's team now playing

Oct 19 **Buckie Thistle 6 HMS Renown 1 (F)**

Oct 26 **KOSB 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** By winning nine games in the Highland League in succession the Thistle had created a record, we were told. They went on to extend this by a considerable margin.

Football news - The Usher Cup This trophy *was open to play for by all teams playing in the Banffshire Junior League*

Buckie Terriers 5 Portsoy 1 Usher Cup

Buckie – McGregor, Penwright and Nicol; Ashby, Anderson and Campbell; Booth, G. K. Cormack, Thomson, Murray and Legge.

Portsoy – Allan, Duncan and Gordon; Cameron, Mair and Stevenson; Geddes, McIvor, Sandison, Hay and Shearer

Nov 2 **Peterhead v Buckie Thistle - match off ground waterlogged.**

Nov 9 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** *Buckie had Hillocks in in place of Dr McKenzie*

Nov 16 **Buckie Terriers 1 Keith Sports 2 Usher Cup** – same team as above

Nov 23 **Inverness Citadel 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Secondary School 8 Banff Academy 1 in the Herd Cup League

Buckie Terriers 2 Banff 1 Usher Cup

Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 5 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** – ‘back in the groove’ McLennan had a hat-trick – Clark at outside left

Banff 7 Buckie Terriers 0 Usher Cup

Keith Grammar 2 Buckie Secondary School 5 Herd Cup League

Dec 7 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 2** - ‘Buckie smash Elgin’s home record’, *was how yer man put it.*

Dec 14 **Buckie and District Trades League** - Buckie Thistle have been granted permission by the Scottish Welfare Football Association to run this league, also a cup competition which will take place later. Under the new rules the number of teams participating is likely to be greater with even more enthusiasm than was previously the case.

Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 2 (H/L) McLennan had another hat-trick *your man said, “Keith was outclassed.”* Weel, weel, ye canna win them a’.

Fordyce 0 Buckie Secondary School 3 Herd Cup League

Findochty 1 Buckie Terriers 2 Banffshire Junior League - Findochty had just joined the league and this was the first game when they **opened their new ground at Strathlene** (In 2004 the ground was taken over for a driving range for Strathlene Golf Club.)

Portgordon 6 Banff 1 Banffshire Junior League

Portknockie 2 Portsoy 2 Banffshire Junior League

Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)** - *our man was fair kinichted - "great game", he said, "best of the season"*

Portgordon 1 Findochty 1 Banffshire Junior League played at Strathlene

Keith Sports won the Usher Cup for the first time. Obviously wintin tae gee ithers a chance

Dec 28 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Portknockie 5 Findochty 2 Banffshire Junior League

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Jan 4 **Buckie Thistle 5 Junior Select 2 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 1 (H/L)

Buckie – Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Gowie, Smith and Ross; Milne, Clark, McLennan, G. Cowie and A. Smith

Buckie Terriers 2 Findochty 1 played in the Cluny Park Banffshire Junior League

Jan 11 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Terriers 2 Portgordon 6 Lyon Cup

Terriers – McGregor, Penwright and Burgess; Campbell, Nicol and G. Cormack; Booth, G. K. Cormack, Lawson, Murray and Gray.

Portgordon – Thomson, A. Innes and Murray; Milne, Green and Cowie; Farquhar, Reid, Johnston, Coull and J. Innes.

Findochty 5 Keith Sports 1 Lyon Cup

Portknockie 2 Turriff 2 “ “

Banff 4 Portsoy 2 “ “

***** *Football news - former Buckie Thistle player stars for Partick Thistle - Peter Bain scored twice against Aberdeen in a 4-0 victory. This was his fourth appearance on the left wing for the club. Miller scored the other two goals off Bain's crosses. Besides playing for Buckie, Bain also played for Aberdeen University, Elgin City and Keith.*

***** **Football news** - New Football Association formed in Buckie under the auspices of the SWFA President – J.P. Clark, vice president, A. Murray, secretary, J. Callaghan treasurer, J. McNab

Jan 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire League**

Football news Thistle player on trial - Sandy McLennan on trial with Partick Thistle, scored two goals for Partick Thistle 'A' team against Queens Park Strollers on Saturday. He had the ball in the net twice more but the whistle had gone first for a penalty and the second for a free-kick.

Portknockie 2 Buckie Terriers 1 Banffshire Junior League

Findochty 5 Keith Sports 1 “ “ “

Jan 25 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, Clark, G. Smith and J. McIntosh

Buckie Terriers 3 Buckpool Celtic 3 Buckie and District Trades League

Cullen 1 Seatown Rovers 7 “ “ “ “

Portgordon 7 Portknockie 0 Lyon Cup

Findochty 2 Banff 1 “ “

Feb 1 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 3 in the Commercial Cup**
Buckie - Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Neish, Gowie, Gordon, Clark and Milne.

Banff 2 Portgordon 2 Banffshire Junior League

Seatown Rovers 6 Wanderers 1 Buckie and District Trades League

Buckie Terriers 10 (ten) Cullen 1 “ “ “ “

Gordons (Pg) 2 Buckpool Celtic 1 “ “ “ “

Feb 8 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie had ‘Toshie’ at outside left.**

Buckie Terriers 2 Gordons (Pg) 5 Buckie and District Trades League

Seatown Rovers 4 Buckpool Celtic 0 “ “ “ “

Findochty 3 Portknockie 2 Banffshire Junior League

***** **Ross County 3 Galston 1 2nd round of Scottish Cup. The County were the first Highland League team to advance to the 3rd round.**

***** **Football news -** In the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup Partick Thistle drew with Motherwell, Peter Bain and Sandy McLennan were both in the Thistle team, McLennan scoring the equalising goal for Partick

Feb 15*** **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 (H/L) -** By winning here Buckie Thistle had won the Highland League for the third time in their history , since they could not be overtaken by any other side. *****
Buckie – Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Clark, Gowie, Neish and McIntosh.

Buckie Terriers 3 Wanderers 1 Buckie and District Trades League

Cullen 1 Gordon (Pg) 3 “ “ “ “

Portgordon 5 Portknockie 1 Lyon Cup

Banff 4 Findochty 3 Banffshire Junior League

Feb 22 **Wanderers 4 Buckpool Celtic 2 Buckie and District Trades League**

Seatown Rovers 1 Gordons 1 “ “ “ “

Placing in the Buckie and District Trades League - Seatown Rovers, Gordons, Terriers, Wanderers, Buckpool Celtic and Cullen Seaweeds

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Cup 1st round

Portgordon 2 Keith Sports 1 Banffshire Junior League

Findochty 4 Portsoy 2 “ “ “

Mar 1 **Aberdeen ‘A’ 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen Cup semi-final.** Aberdeen had Matt Armstrong at centre forward, someone who was to become well known to many and who ended his football career in the Highland League with Elgin City.

Findochty 1 Banff 3 Banffshire Junior League

Portknockie 1 Portgordon 4 “ “ “

Buckie Terriers 3 Seatown Rovers 5 Buckie and District Trades League

	Buckpool Celtic 6 Cullen 5	“	“	“	“
Mar 15	Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League Buckie – Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Neish, Clark, Gowie and J. McIntosh				
	Seatown Rovers 5 Gordons 1	Buckie and District Trades League			
	Buckie Terriers 5 Cullen 2	Thomson Cup			
	Findochty 1 Banff 2	Wood Cup			
	Portknockie 0 Keith Sports 3	Banffshire Junior League			
Mar 22	Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 3 (H/L)				
	Cullen 3 Wanderers 5	Buckie and District Trades League			
	Gordons 2 Buckie Terriers	“	“	“	“
Mar 29	Huntly 4 Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeenshire League				
	Portgordon 6 Portsoy 0	Wood Cup semi-final			
	Cullen 0 Buckie Terriers	Buckie and District Trades League			
Apr 12	Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 Commercial Cup semi-final Buckie – Taylor, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, Clark, Neish and McIntosh				
	Gordons 7 Cullen 1	Buckie and District Trades League			
Apr 19 ***	Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Buckie created a new league record. They won the Highland League with 47 points – the previous best had been 43 by Fraserburgh. 95 goals were scored in the conceding only 36				
	Buckie Thistle 5 KOSB 1 (H/L) Buckie had Cumming in goal for Wood. (Wed.)				
	Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League (Mon) Cumming <i>retained places in goal</i>				
	Rovers 3 Buckpool Celtic 1	Buckie and District Trades League			
	Banff 2 Portsoy 1	Banffshire Junior League			
Apr 26	Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 2 Aberdeenshire League				
	Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1	Commercial Cup semi-final replay			
	Wanderers 3 Terriers 2	Buckie and District Trades League			
	Cullen 3 Buckpool Celtic 2	“	“	“	“
	Portgordon 7 Portknockie 1	Banffshire Junior League			
*****	Lyon Cup Final Portgordon 3 Findochty 1 <i>E. Innes had the three Portgordon goals</i>				
May 3	Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 AET at Banff Commercial Cup second replay of semi-final Buckie - Wood, Mutch and Geddes; Middleton, Smith and Ross; A. Smith, Gowie, Milne, Neish and McIntosh				
*****	Keith were runners up in the Highland League for the second year running.				
	Buckie Terriers 1 Rovers 9 Thomson Cup semi-final				

Buckpool Celtic 7 Portgordon 1 Buckie and District Trades League

Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (Mon) Aberdeenshire League Peterhead won the league

Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) (Frid) Buckie had Dod Johnston of Portgordon at centre forward and Green also of Portgordon at left back

***** **Final of Wood Cup Banff 0 Portgordon 3**

May 10 **Football news** - Neish who had joined Buckie from Elgin City now moved on to Partick Thistle where Bain and McLennan had been for some time.

Football news - Sandy McLennan was described in a Glasgow paper as a mixture of Quinn, Gallacher and McGrory in the manner in which he took his three goals for his side Partick Thistle against Third Lanark on Saturday. His goal-scoring exploits raised visions of the 'Highlander' leading the Scottish attack.

Buckie Thistle 5 Junior Select 1 Benefit Match for J. Murray, the Rovers' keeper who had been injured in a recent match.

May 17 **Final of the Thomson Cup Rovers 7 Wanderers 2**

Rovers 2 Cullen 2	Brown Cup (Sunlight Cup)
Portgordon 6 Wanderers 1	“ “
Findochty 4 Gordons 2	“ “
Rovers 6 Cullen 0 replay	“ “

May 31 **Football news** - At the Buckie and District Welfare Association Annual Dance (note change of name) the Rovers were awarded the Commercial Shield for winning the league Twelve players got watches – Gordons as runners-up got 12 badges. The Rovers also won the Thomson and the Brown Cup (Sunlight Cup)

June 14 *** **Football news** - **Buckie Thistle created a number of records in season 1933/34; collecting 47 points from a possible 52; winning the league in record time - by 10th February; had 11 consecutive wins; 9 double wins; undefeated at home; largest number of points between winners and the runner-up of 14.**

July 5 **Football news** - **Thistle annual general meeting** - It was disclosed that the club had made a profit of £5 on the year's working.

July 26 **Football news** - **Johnnie 'Dyles' Cowie** - A note in the 'Advertiser' told how Johnnie 'Dyles', late of Falkirk and Stenhousemuir had been coaching Wick Academy for the past year.

Aug 16 **Football news** - **Cluny Park gifted to the citizens of Buckie** - The Cluny Estates gifted the Public Park (Cluny Park) to the town of Buckie on August 7 1934 for the purposes of recreation. The name to be changed to the Linzee Gordon Park. The residents of Buckie had had the privilege of using the park for the past 30 years but only as long as it was not required for building on.

Aug 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)** - First game of the new season
Buckie - Wood, Stewart and Bowie; G. Smith, F. Smith and Ross; J. Hay, Gowie, **Calder**, W. Hay and Milne. Calder was from Lossiemouth

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 2 semi final of Commercial Cup (Monday)

Aug 23 **Inverness Citadel 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Middleton replaced G. Smith at right half

Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Huntly 6 Buckie Thistle 1 Final of Commercial Cup first leg

Buckie – Wood, Clark and Green; Middleton, Smith and Steven; Milne, Gowie, Hillocks, Stewart and Hay.

Sept 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 4 Final of Commercial Cup second leg** - Cumming was in goal as Norman Wood was hurt in an accident travelling to the match... An aggregate score of 10-2, I wonder what **The Rooks** had to say to that.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)

Buckie – Wood, Stewart and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Hillocks, Gowie, Calder, Clark and Milne.

Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 Qualifying Cup.** – Hector Mutch, a native of Keith, who had played formerly for Buckie was in the Keith side.

Football news - Buckie and District Welfare Football Association held their first annual general meeting. The following officials were elected - President – John H. Duncan; Vice President – James Cowie; Secretary – James Callaghan; Treasurer – W. McNab.

Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Ross County 2 (H/L)** -Buckie had Laing at outside left.

Oct 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 2 Qualifying Cup 3rd round**

Banff Academy 2 Buckie Secondary School 4 Herd Cup League

Oct 18 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 4 3rd round replay of the Qualifying Cup**

Oct 25 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2 4th round of the Qualifying Cup**

Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)** - Buckie had Innes of Portgordon at outside left

Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 3 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup**

Nov 15 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Buckie - Wood, Stewart and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Steven; Milne, Gowie, Calder, A. Smith and Innes - **Calder had the four goals**

Nov 22 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Coull at inside right

Nov 29 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Secondary School 8 Banff Academy 3 Herd Cup League

Dec 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, F. Smith and Bowie; Middleton, G. Smith and Ross; Milne, A. Smith, Calder, Gowie and Innes.

Dec 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, James Bowie and John Bowie; Middleton, F. Smith and G. Smith; Innes, A. Smith, Calder, Gowie and Milne. **The two Bowies were brothers, both fishermen**

Dec 20 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** I'm nae looking at the score.

Banffshire 1 Aberdeen 5 North of Scotland Schools Cup - *In the Banffshire side were G. Winchester and J. Thain from Buckie Secondary School and Jackie Calder from St Peter's R.C. School*

Dec 27 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - The game was played on Tuesday, Christmas Day

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Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Stewart and J Bowie; Cowie, F. Smith and James Bowie; Laing, A. Smith, Calder, N. Paterson (Ed. University), and Hillocks.

Jan 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 Aberdeen County Cup semi-final** - Buckie made some changes from previous game - James Bowie replaced his brother at left back; Ross returned to his normal position of left half and Cruickshank took over from Hillocks at outside left.

Jan 17 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had a newcomer, R. McKenzie at outside right

Jan 24 **Buckie Thistle 4 Junior Select 2 Challenge Match**

Buckie – Jappy, Stewart and John Bowie; James Bowie, F. Smith and Ross; Cruickshank (Aberchirder), A. Smith, Calder, Gowie and Milne.

Select – Phimister (Findochty), Flett (Findochty) and Cowie (Rovers), Ashby (Terriers), Scorgie (Portgordon), Simpson (Trades United), Hay (Thistle), Cormack (Terriers), E. Innes (Portgordon), Thomson (Findochty) and J. Innes (Thistle).

Jan 31 **Buckie Thistle 1 Beith 0 Scottish Cup 1st round Over 1000 watched the match. McNab of Fraserburgh played for Buckie and scored the goal.** Colin Harrower who was to become a character in north football was one of the linesmen

Feb 7 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 0** The game was abandoned due to snow and gale force winds. Games at Huntly and Fraserburgh were also abandoned.

Football news - Sandy McLennan the former Thistle player and prolific goal scorer scored a hat-trick for his side, Partick Thistle against Kilmarnock.

Football news a cap for former Thistle player - J. Garden (Cleanhill Farm) formerly of the Thistle and now playing for London Caley in London was capped against Wales at centre half as had been another former Thistle player Dr McKenzie.

Feb 14 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Feb 21 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had a newcomer, White, at outside left.

Portgordon 4 Buckie Terriers 1 Buckie and District Welfare League

Findochty 3 Buckie Rovers 2 “ “ “ “

Feb 28 **Buckie Thistle 0 St Johnston 1 Scottish Cup 3rd round -** Buckie held out for 85 minutes

Mar 7 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 replay of the semi – final of the Aberdeen County Cup**

Trades United 2 Buckie Rovers 1 Buckie and District Welfare League

Findochty 6 Terriers 3 “ “ “ “

Mar 14 **Terriers 2 Buckie Rovers 1 “ “ “ “**

Findochty 4 Portgordon 1 “ “ “ “

Portgordon Athletic 1 Trades United 0 “ “ “ “

Mar 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L) -** Buckie had a new man, Bennett, at centre forward - Colin Harrower was referee.

Terriers 1 Findochty 0 Duncan Shield (Welfare League)

Portgordon Athletic 1 Portgordon 0 “ “

Mar 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 0 Commercial Cup**

Buckie – Wood, Stewart and John Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Calder, Cormack, Jas. Bowie, Clark and Milne.

Rovers 3 Portgordon 1 Welfare League

Portgordon Athletic 1 Terriers 1 “ “

Findochty 5 Trades United 1 “ “

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie - Phimister, Taylor and R. Geddes; Cowie, Steven and Simpson; Hay, A. Reid, Bennett, Paterson and J. Innes.

Apr 4 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Rovers 2 Portgordon 1 Welfare League

Findochty 11 (eleven) Portgordon Athletic 0 “ “

Terriers 3 Trades United 1 “ “

Apr 11 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Elgin City 'A' 5 Aberdeenshire League

Apr 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Dundee F.C. 3 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie - Wood, Stewart and Jas. Bowie; Middleton, Steven and Ross; Hay, W. J. Cowie, Calder, Clark and Milne.

Apr 25 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie had a new face at outside right by the name of Taylor

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L) Lobban was at right back for Buckie –

Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 1 Aberdeenshire League (Mon)

Portgordon 1 Findochty 2	Buckie and District Welfare League
Trades United 4 Portgordon Athletic 0	“ “ “ “
Terriers 2 Rovers 1	“ “ “ “

Trades United 4 Portgordon Athletic 1 Duncan Shield semi-final (Welfare League)

May 2 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League**

Trades United 6 Findochty 1	Buckie and District Welfare League
Portgordon Athletic 1 Rovers 5	“ “ “ “

May 9 Portgordon 3 Portgordon Athletic 0	“ “ “ “
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Final of the Duncan Shield - Rovers 1 Trades United 0 - P. Cowie was the scorer

May 16 Rovers 2 Findochty 2	Buckie and District Welfare League
Terriers 5 Trades United 3	“ “ “ “
Rovers 4 Portgordon Athletic 0	“ “ “ “

Findochty 9 Portgordon 0	Brown Cup (Sunlight Cup)
Trades United 2 Portgordon Athletic 0	“ “
Findochty 4 Rovers 1	“ “ semi-final

May 23 **Final of the Brown Cup Trades United 0 Findochty 1**
Trades United - Cowie, R. Geddes and McIntosh; White, Reid and Stewart; J. Geddes, J. Mair, Coull, F. Mair and Gray.
Findochty - Phimister, McKenzie and Ross; Falconer, Flett and Smith; McIvor, Mair, Campbell, Herd and Anderson

May 30 Portgordon 2 Rovers 3	County Cup
Rovers 0 Findochty 1	“ “
Trades United 6 Portgordon Athletic 5	“ “

Portgordon Athletic 0 Findochty 5 Welfare League

Trades United 2 Findochty 2 + 2 corners	Commercial Shield semi-final
Terriers 3 Portgordon 4	“ “ “

Final of the Commercial Shield - Findochty 3 Portgordon 2

Portgordon - Farquhar, Taylor and Scorgie; Green, Murray and Milne; P. Farquhar, W. Reid, E. Innes, G. Reid and J. Innes.

Findochty - Phimister, McKenzie and Ross; G. Falconer, Flett and Smith; McIvor, W. Falconer, Campbell, Herd and Anderson

Terriers 2 Trades United 0 County Cup semi-finals *The scorers for the Terriers were Booth and Legge*

Rovers 3 Portgordon Athletic 2 Consolation Cup

June 6 **Final of the Consolation Cup Rovers 2 + 2 corners Portgordon 2**

Rovers – J. Murray, C. Lobban and C. McKay; J. Jappy, J. W. Cowie and P. Cowie; G. A. Cowie, J. Coull,

J. Cowie, W. J. Cowie and J. Cowie.

Portgordon – T. Farquhar, W. Taylor and A. Scorgie; W. Green, J. Murray and H. Milne; P. Farquhar, E. Innes, J. Innes, G. Reid and A. Johnston.

Final of the County Cup Terriers 3 Findochty 1

Terriers – McGregor, Geddes and Lyon; Campbell, Nicol and Burgess; Booth, J. Legg. Laing, Murray and I. W. Legg (Note that Legge perhaps should be spelt Legge.)

Findochty – Phimister, McKenzie and Ross; Falconer, Flett and Smith; McIvor, W. Falconer, Campbell, Herd and Anderson.

Trades United 4 Rovers 3 Buckie and District Trades League The names Trades and Welfare were both used seemed to be interchangeable

Football news - The presentation of prizes for the teams that had played in the Buckie and District Trades (Welfare) League took place at a dance held in the St Andrews Hall. The first league flag and badges were won by Findochty who also won the Commercial Shield and the Brown Cup. The Rovers won the Duncan Shield and Consolation Cup while the Buckie Terriers won the Banffshire County Cup.

Aug 8 **Football news - Buckie Thistle affairs -** Stewart who had played at right back for the Thistle signed for Aberdeen. with J. Noble, late of Inverness Thistle being signed to take his place. Roy and Phinn, both defenders with Rothes F.C. promised to assist. Middleton, F. Smith and J. Ross would once again form the half-line with Bowie being available later. For forwards Calder, Milne, K. Cormack and P. Laing have been signed with the assistance of W. Laing from the Terriers. In addition others likely to play at some point are Emslie, ex Huntly, J. Shanks, ex Elgin City, Murray ex Hull also Steven and other local juniors.

Aug 15 **Inverness Clach 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, A. Roy and Phinn; Neish, Smith and Ross; Hay Emslie, Calder, Shanks and Milne - rather significantly Roy and Phinn never played for the Thistle again.

Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Noble and John Bowie; Emslie, Smith and McQuarrie; Calder K. Cormack, Jas. Bowie, Shanks and Milne.

Aug 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League (Wed)

Sept 5 **Football news - Thistle in the black -** Buckie Thistle football club made a **profit of £46.18.11** on the year's working thanks largely to the good gate at the St Johnston game.

Sept 12 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 Qualifying Cup 1st round - Middleton had been restored to the half back line**

Sept 19 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 6 (F) Benefit Match for Abbie Gowie** - Buckie had a Harvey at left back

Sept 26 **Buckie Thistle 7 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Noble and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Hay, Cormack, Calder, Emslie and Milne

Oct 3 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had been tipped to win the encounter

Oct 10 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 1 Qualifying Cup 3rd round** - Shanks was at centre for Calder

Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Geddes at outside right with Neish at inside left

Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 1 Qualifying Cup 4th round.** Wick had been firm favourites

Oct 31 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** - Buckie had Emslie at left half with the rest of the team the same

Buckie and District schoolboys chosen for the Banffshire team versus Aberdeen - B. Coull and I. Thomson (Portgordon), A. Imlah, A. Geddes and P. Geddes (Buckie High School - note the name had been changed) . Reserve to travel – K. Imlah (B. H. S.) Reserves – E. French (St Peters) and P. Wood (Portknockie)

Nov 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 3 Qualifying Cup semi final** Elgin went on to win the Qualifying Cup by

beating Blairgowrie by four goals to two.

Nov 14 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Nov 21 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Nov 28 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 3 (H/L)**

Dec 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 Aberdeen County Cup 1st round**

Dec 19 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 1 replay of the above**

Dec 26 **Buckie Thistle versus Elgin City** abandoned because of torrential rain

Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County (H/L) - Buckie had a new player, Leggat at outside left.

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

Portgordon 4 Trades United 0 **Buckie and District Trades League**
Rovers 5 Terriers 4 “ “ “ “

Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 1 Benefit Match for John Bowie played on New Year's Day

Jan 9 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** W. J. Cowie and Reid of Portgordon formed the left wing.

Terriers 3 Portgordon 3 **Buckie and District Trades League**

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 3 (H/L)** - Buckie had Cruickshank of Aberchirder at outside left

Jan 23 **Leith Athletic v Buckie Thistle** **1st round of Scottish Cup - no score given but was a draw**

Jan 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Leith Athletic 2** **replay of 1st round of Scottish Cup** - Buckie had (an) Oldman at outside left. The report didn't blame him though for the defeat.

Feb 6 **Portgordon 1 Terriers 3** **Buckie and District Trades League**
Rovers 3 Trades United 2 “ “ “ “

Feb 20 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie – Wood, Bowie and Bowie; Milne, Smith and Shanks; Hay, Clark, Calder, Cormack and McLean

Portgordon 4 Wanderers 3 **Buckie and District Trades League**
Rovers 6 Trades United 1 “ “ “ “

Portgordon 1 St Peter's R.C 0 second replay of Banffshire EIS Cup semi final (coast section)

Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 2 (H/L)** *Our man's view, "one of the poorest games ever seen; Huntly most unlucky not to get a point."* He would have never got away with such comments in earlier days.

Football news 'Spot Kick snippets' reported - Phimister, Findochty goalkeeper, now with Forres Mechanics was being watched by Aberdeen F.C.
J. Garden, formerly of Buckie Thistle, now playing his football in London was one of the few successes in the recent amateur international against Wales.

Mar 5 **Nairn County 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Our man from the local Press was none too pleased at the outcome, "*soundly thrashed*" was his verdict.

Buckie - Wood, Bowie and Bowie; Shanks, Scorgie and H. Milne; Hay, Murray, Calder, Cormack and McLean Scorgie and H. Milne were from Portgordon but who was McLean? Could he have been Ian McLean from Clochan?

Wanderers 3 Trades United 2 **Buckie and District Trades League**

Buckie High School 5 Keith Grammar 1 - Buckie won the Herd Cup Huntly were runners up. the previous year Huntly had won over Buckie with better goal average, this year the roles were reversed.

Football news - Neish, formerly of Buckie Thistle and who had gone to Partick Thistle was now playing with Ross County.

Mar 19 **Wanderers 2 Portgordon 4** **Buckie and District Trades League**

Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Bowie and Bowie, Middleton, F. Smith and Ross; Hay, Clark, Calder, Cormack and McLean

Football news - Some ex Buckie Thistle players who had turned senior in recent seasons were A. Stewart – Aberdeen; G. Smith – Montrose; S. McLennan- Partick Thistle; Bain – Partick Thistle; G. Stewart – Clyde; Paterson – Leith Athletic

Apr 2 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had Newman listed at centre half

Rovers 2 Terriers 1 **Buckie and District Trades league**

Apr 16 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 2** - Buckie had Sutherland at inside right with Newman again at centre half

Apr 30 **Football news** - Lobban, captain of the Rovers who had played one or two games for the Thistle was out with Forres Mechanics.
The Thistle lost the services of J. Hay who went away 'deep sea' sailing as an engineer.
Sandy McLennan out of favour at Partick Thistle put on the transfer list at £250

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) - Buckie had Ashby (Terriers) in at right half

Wanderers 1 Rovers 2 **Buckie and District Trades League**

Season 1935/36 honours in north football

Inverness Thistle	Highland League Winners
Keith	Aberdeenshire League Winners
Elgin City	Qualifying Cup Winners
Keith	Aberdeen County Cup Winners
Nairn County	Elgin and District Cup Winners
Forres	North of Scotland Cup Winners

Buckie Thistle 5 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)

Buckie - Murray, Lobban and James Bowie; Ashby, Smith and Shanks; Clark, Middleton, Calder, Murray and Cormack.

Football note - *George Calder, who had come to Buckie from Lossiemouth signed for Elgin City.*

Trades United 1 Portgordon 3	Buckie and District Trades League
Rovers 2 Wanderers 0	“ “ “ “
Terriers 5 Trades United 1	“ “ “ “
Trades 2 Rovers 1	“ “ “ “
Wanderers 9 Newmill Athletic 1	“ “ “ “
Terriers 0 Portgordon 1	“ “ “ “

Football note - *Newmill were newcomers to the above league but Findochty and Portgordon Athletic had disappeared.*

May 21 **Rovers 0 Portgordon 0 Duncan Shield semi-final**

Trades United 1 Newmill Athletic 1 **County Cup semi-final**

Wanderers 8 Terriers 0 **Buckie and District Trades League**
Trades United 6 Newmill Athletic 1 “ “ “ “

- May 28 **Wanderers 3 Portgordon 1 County Cup semi-final**
Rovers 0 Portgordon 2 Duncan Shield
- June 4 **Final of County Cup Wanderers 2 Trades United 0** - The cup was donated by Edmund Findlay M.P. for Banffshire
Final of Brown Cup Trades United 1 Portgordon 4 - The cup was handed over by J. L. McNaughton to E. Innes, Portgordon captain. He also presented the league flag, won earlier in the season, to Rovers captain J. Cowie.
Final of the Duncan Shield Wanderers 4 Portgordon 3 Final of the Duncan Shield - The cup which had been donated by John Duncan, President of the Welfare League, was handed over by him to the captain of the winning side, W. Flett.
- June 18 **Football news** - - At the annual general meeting of Buckie and District Welfare Association John Duncan was returned as President, A. Lawson was appointed Vice President, with J. F. Callaghan Secretary/Treasurer.
- July 23 **Football news** – Buckie Thistle Football club Ltd. had a **loss on the year's working of £107.15.2.** The home gates were poorly supported. The proposal that a Supporters Club, such as many other clubs had, should be set up was mooted.
- Aug 6 **Football news** – Sandy McLennan, ex Buckie thistle and Partick Thistle signed for French football club Roubaix
- Aug 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, F. Smith and Jas. Bowie; Ashby, J. Cowie and Ross; W. Laing, A. Smith, Calder, Cormack and Duncan. Davie Duncan at outside left, from Findochty, was a schoolboy. Who was Calder? Was this the George Calder former Thistle player who was said to have signed for Elgin City?
Football news- - Inverness Citadel withdrew from the Highland League
- Aug 20 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Taylor and Jas Bowie; Cowie, F. Smith and Hillocks; W. Laing, A. Smith, Calder, P. Laing and Duncan. *Yer man from the 'Advertiser' bemoaned – “a waterlogged pitch cost Buckie at least three goals “.* A thunderstorm passed over the ground. **His comments at times were even better than those of his dad.**
Buckie Veterans 1 Keith Veterans 1 (F)
Buckie – Taylor, Nicol and G. Reid; Clark, G. McIntosh (V.C.) and Geddes, Knowles, Wilson, J. McIntosh, Newlands and Stewart.
Keith - Thom, Bruce and Gray; Merson, Singer and Whitecross; Hume, Laing, Cowie, McBean and Allan
- Aug 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 (H/L)** - Willie Laing and Davie Duncan in the Buckie team
Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire League
- Sept 3 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 Benefit Match for Norman Wood
- Sept 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Sept 17 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup 1st round (match abandoned)**
Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 2 replay of the above I'm still chortling from this score a long time after – 'Hee-Hah' - Our man from the 'Advertiser' had this to say prior to the game - “ *Buckie are bound to win this tie. They were streets ahead. Keith cannot look forward with much confidence, Thistle always dominated.*”
- Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 0 (H/L)** Buckie had N. Taylor at inside left. Was this the same Norman Taylor who was to be long associated with Buckie Rovers years after – a postman who came to Buckie from Aberdeenshire?

- Oct 8 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Johnnie Fraser and Davy Duncan in the side. both from Findochty they had played for the High School in the morning.
- Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Fraser and John Bowie; Laing, F. Smith and Taylor; Cormack, Murray, Calder, A. Smith and Duncan.
- Buckie High School 4 Gordon Schools Huntly 0 Herd Cup League** - Duncan and Hendry scored for Buckie
- Oct 22 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Oct 29 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Nov 5 **Huntly 4 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had Parle, the old Elgin City in goal as Wood was unavailable
- Nov 12 **No football**
- Nov 19 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**
Buckie – N. Wood, W. Wood and John Bowie; S. Middleton, F. Smith and W. Laing; G.K. Cormack, Murray, Calder, A. Smith and D. Duncan.
- Nov 26 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** same *Buckie team as of the 19th Nov.*
- Dec 3 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League** *Buckie had Coull at outside right in place of Cormack*
- Buckie High School won the Herd Cup for the second year running after drawing with Gordon Schools, Huntly**
- Keith 2 Vale Ocoba 2 Final of Qualifying Cup at Elgin**
- Dec 10 **Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Lobban and John Bowie; Laing, F. Smith and Middleton; Milne, Cormack, Calder, A. Smith and James Bowie.
- Keith 0 Vale Ocoba 0 replay of the Qualifying Cup**
- Buckie High School 9 Fordyce Academy 0 Herd Cup**
- Dec 17 **Vale Ocoba 4 Keith 2 2nd replay of Qualifying Cup.** Keith was minus Mitchell and Jamieson due to suspension. The game was played at Dumbarton in front of a crowd of 2000
- Dec 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Bowie and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Laing; Milne, A. Smith, Calder, Cormack and Duncan
- Dec 31 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Buckie had Geddes at right back for Bowie while Peter Bain made his return from Partick Thistle.
- Rovers 4 Fochabers 2 Buckie and District Trades League**
Rovers – Murray, Geddes and R. Geddes; Ashby, Reid and Hay; Smith, Coull, Cowie, Murray and Wilson.
Fochabers – Harrold, Legge and Reaich; Mackay, Sutherland and Teunion; Forsyth, Anderson, McKenzie, McLean and Horne.
- Football note** - Newmill Athletic and the Terriers had withdrawn from the Buckie and District Welfare League but new entrants were Mosstodloch and Fochabers Social

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- Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 3 Junior Select 3 (F)**

Jan 14 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Trades United 2 Wanderers 0 Buckie and District Welfare League
Trades team – C. McLean, J. Legge and W. Innes; Campbell Murray and Cormack; Calder, Walker, B. Coull, W. Smith and Gray.
Wanderers – Mair, Geddes and Bruce; Imlah, Dyce and Ross; Addison, Hendry, Cormack, Mair and Fraser.

Mosstodloch 2 Rovers 2 Buckie and District Welfare League

Jan 21 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics (H/L) This was the 12th successive win for Buckie Thistle**

Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 1 (H/L)**

Feb 4 **Thistle had an idle Saturday**

Feb 11 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 5 County Cup semi-final**

Banffshire 3 Aberdeenshire 1 Scottish elementary Schools Cup 3rd round - The following local boys played for Banffshire – E. French (Buckie R.C.); J. Reid (Portgordon); J. Cowie (Findochty), D. Flett (Findochty), K. Imlah (BHS); W. Hendry (BHS); E. Smith (Rathven); J. Ross (Portgordon).

Trades United 1 Portgordon 2 Buckie and District Welfare League

Football news - Two Thistle players George Calder and Alex Smith were invited on trial with Liverpool.

Feb 18 **Rovers 2 Mosstodloch 0 Brown Cup 1st round**

Portgordon 2 Trades United 0 Buckie and District Welfare League

Feb 25 **Buckie High School 2 Milne's Institution, Fochabers 1 - new competition for north schools**

Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 1 Commercial Cup 1st round
Buckie – Wood, Geddes (out of retirement) and John Bowie; Middleton, F. Smith and W. Laing; Milne, Jas. Bowie, Bain, Cormack and Duncan.

Portgordon 2 Fochabers 3 Brown Cup 1st round “P. Glass, Fochabers, was a constant menace “

Mar 4 **No football reports**

Mar 11 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** Buckie had Lobban in for Geddes at right back Seems as if Keith was going through a rough patch.

Rovers 1 Trade United 0 Buckie and District Welfare League

Mosstodloch 2 Portgordon 2 Duncan Shield
Wanderers 1 Fochabers 3 “ “

***** **Fraserburgh 4 Rothes Victoria? Aberdeenshire League**

***** **Football note** - The above score shows that a team from Rothes had made their first appearance on this competition

Mar 25 **Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire League** Buckie had Herd at left half with Calder back from trial at Liverpool.

Wanderers 2 Rovers 7 Buckie and District Welfare League

Apr 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)** This was the first time since October 3rd 1936 that the Thistle had failed to collect full points. Buckie had Geddes, a Wanderers' player at outside right.

***** **Buckie won the Highland League for the fourth time since Peterhead who were second couldn't overtake them**
Although beaten in the last game against Huntly they had still had 35 points from 22

games, Peterhead who were second had 28 points

North of Scotland Cup Final - Inverness Clach 2 Elgin City 3

Portgordon 1 Mosstodloch 1 Duncan Shield

Wanderers 9 Trades United 2 Buckie and District Welfare League

Fochabers Social 6 Rovers 3

“ “ “ “ “

Apr 8 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 0 Final of the County Cup first leg

Fochabers 3 Trades United 0 Buckie and District Welfare League

Wanderers 2 Mosstodloch 3 “ “ “ “

Apr 15 Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Last League game *Dally Allardyce, a young centre for Huntly had all three goals. Someone with the same name from the Huntly area played rugby for Scotland in the 1950's*

Rovers 3 Mosstodloch 4 Buckie and District Welfare League

Rovers – Murray, Wilson and Penwright; Ashby, G. Cowie and G. Cowie; Coull, J. Cowie, Thomson, W. J. Cowie and Henderson.

Mosstodloch – Thomson, Cattenach and McHattie; Fraser, Ross and Munro; W. Simpson, Walsh, Wilson, A. Simpson and Stewart.

Fochabers 5 Portgordon 0 Buckie and District Welfare League

Apr 22 Aberdeen 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Dewar Shield Qualifying Round

Banffshire 1 Dundee 1 Scottish Elementary Schools Cup 4th round - The Banffshire team had nine players from the local area - from Portgordon to Findochty

Trades United 1 Rovers 5 Buckie and District Welfare League

Wanderers 2 Fochabers 1 “ “ “ “

Wanderers – Herd, Geddes and Bruce; Imlah, Dyce and Ross; McIvor, Hendry, Smith, Mair and Cormack.

Fochabers – Harrold, Reaich and Lawson; MacKay Glass and Sutherland; Forsyth, Ross, McKenzie, Anderson and McLean

Buckie Thistle 6 Highland League Select 1 Benefit Match for Sandy Middleton – McKenzie of Fochabers playing for the Thistle had three goals. Sandy McLennan now playing for Elgin was in the Select side.

Trades United 1 Rovers 5 Buckie and District Welfare League

Inverness Royal Academy v Buckie High School Secondary Cup Final at Elgin

BHS team – G. Smith, A. Imlah and J. Fraser; A. McDonald, E. Dyce and J. W. Flett; L. d. Campbell, G. Hendry, W. Rae, W. Geddes and G. Cormack.

Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 2 County Cup semi-final

Buckie High School 3 Peterhead School 0 Buckie qualified to meet Inverness Royal as noted above.

Trades United 3 Fochabers Social 1 Buckie and District Welfare League

Mosstodloch 3 Wanderers 1 “ “ “ “

Rovers 1 Portgordon 3 “ “ “ “

May 6 Portgordon won the Buckie and District Welfare League with Mosstodloch coming second.

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 3 Dewar Shield qualifying ties

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 3 (H/L) last game of the season - Buckie had Herd in goal with Jimmy Smith at outside right

Portgordon 5 Trades United 3 County Cup 1st round

Banffshire 2 Moray and Nairn 3 Inter County Schools Match - Buckie High School pupils – J. Fraser, A. McDonald, E. Dyce, G. Hendry and J. Cormack all played for Banffshire.

Portgordon 5 Fochabers Social **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Trades United 2 Mosstodloch 2 “ “ “ “

Mosstodloch 1 Wanderers 0 **Brown Cup**

May 13 **Wanderers 0 Fochabers 4** **Commercial Shield**
Trades United 0 Fochabers Social 4 semi-final of **Commercial Shield**

Portgordon 8 Mosstodloch 2 1st round 3rd replay of Duncan Shield

May 20 **Mosstodloch 4 Trades United 0** **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Rovers 3 Portgordon 2 “ “ “ “
Portgordon 2 Wanderers 1 “ “ “ “
Rovers 2 Fochabers Social 3 “ “ “ “

May 27 **Fochabers 2 Trades United 0 semi-final of Thomson Cup**
Rovers 3 Mosstodloch 1 semi-final of County Cup
Fochabers 5 Rovers 3 semi-final of Brown Cup
Mosstodloch 3 Wanderers 2 semi-final of Commercial Shield

All the above games involved teams in the Buckie and District Welfare League

June 3 **Final of the County Cup Portgordon 4 Rovers 1**

Final of Commercial Shield Rovers 3 Fochabers 6

Final of Duncan Shield Fochabers 2 Portgordon 1

June 10 **Final of the Brown Cup Mosstodloch beat Fochabers**

Aug 26 **Football news - The Highland League flag presented to Buckie Thistle as winners of the competition in season 1936/37 was unfurled over Victoria Park prior to the match by Lady Findlay, wife of the MP**

Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 2 (H/L) First game of the new season

Buckie – Wood, Jas. Bowie and John Bowie; Logie, Smith and Laing; Bain, Middleton, Calder, Cormack and Duncan. Logie was a new signing from Forres Mechanics

Sept 2 **Ross County 6 Buckie Thistle 2** - Buckie had Anderson at outside right

Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L)** Lobban was at right back for Buckie

Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 3 (H/L)** Taylor of Portgordon was at right back for Buckie

Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 'A' 2 Benefit Match for Frank Smith - Phimister of Findochty was in goal

Sept 23 **Football news** - The 18th annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd took place in the boardroom. It was announced that the club had suffered a **loss of £11.12** on the year's working despite getting £100 for the transfer of Alex Smith to Liverpool. The gates had been very poor, it was hoped that there would be an improvement with the admission charge remaining at 9d but with a reduction to 6d for those unemployed.

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clachnacuddin 3 (H/L)

Sept 30 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Oct 7 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 2** - Wilson was at centre forward for Buckie

Oct 14 **Buckie High School 2 Gordon Schools, Huntly 0 Herd Cup League**

Oct 21 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, F. Smith and John Bowie; Middleton, Logie and Laing; Calder, Jimmy Smith, Wilson, Cormack and Duncan

Oct 28 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** A better result for the Keith loons

Nov 4 **Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 1 (H/L)**

Buckie High School 5 Keith Grammar School 0 Herd Cup League - *The members of the league were Buckie, Fordyce, Huntly, Banff, Keith and Dufftown. Fochabers had withdrawn.*

Nov 18 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Scottish Elementary Schools Cup – Banffshire 1 Arbroath 0 - *local representatives were - A. Legge, (Enzie Public School) and J. Smith (Findochty). Legge playing at centre forward scored the only goal of the game. He lived on the croft of Minduff, near Drybridge.*

Nov 25 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Clark at left half. A better result for the Thistle

Dec 2 **Elgin City beat Blairgowrie by 6 goals to two at Victoria Park in the Final of the Qualifying Cup** in front of a crowd of 3.700. the gate money amounted to £170. This was the second time that Elgin had won this trophy, a record for the time.

Dec 9 **Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - *“Keeper Wood saved Buckie.”*

Dec 16 **Buckie had no game as the surface of the park was unplayable.**

Dec 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 5** The match was played on Christmas Day. In the report on the game it was said: *“Thistle seemed to crack up!”* One would think this to be a fair comment

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Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 (H/L)** *“Keith lost their keeper for most of the game but Buckie played better than for some time.”*

Jan 13 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie – Wood, Bowie and Bowie; Middleton, Logie and Laing; Duncan, J. Smith, Calder, Cormack and Bain.

Jan 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had Frank Smith at right back in place of Bowie

Buckie High School played seven games in the Herd Cup League and won them all, scoring 20 goals with not one against. Stars – forwards Cormack and Hendry with Dyce and Rae in defence.

Jan 27 **Buckie had an idle day all the cup games being played**

Feb 3 **Rovers 4 Fochabers 2 Buckie and District Welfare League**

Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Rovers 6 Portgordon 4 Buckie and District Welfare League
Fochabers 2 Mosstodloch 0 “ “ “ “

Feb 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had Ross of Fochabers in team for the first time at right back

Portgordon 3 Fochabers 2 Buckie and District Welfare League
Mosstodloch 6 Buckie Terriers 0 “ “ “ “

Feb 24 **Rovers 4 Mosstodloch 3** “ “ “ “

Buckie High School football team - A. Singer, P. Reid and W. Rae; A. Imlah, E. Dyce and J. Slater; J. Stewart, Joe. Garden, Campbell, W. Innes and W. Cormack

Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire League**

Portgordon 4 Buckie Terriers 0	Buckie and District Welfare League			
Rovers 2 Mosstodloch 2	“	“	“	“
Findochty 3 Fochabers 2	“	“	“	“

Teams playing in the Welfare League this season - Rovers, Portgordon, Fochabers Social, Mosstodloch, Findochty and Buckie Terriers. Findochty had made a return

- Mar 10 **Football news from away back-** *In the ‘Advertiser’ of this date a report is given of a game played between BUCKIE and STAR on June 2 1882. BUCKIE won 1-0. “There was a large turnout with a number of ladies being present. BUCKIE were the more experienced side. BUCKIE got a goal of a ‘fluke’ it ‘stotted’ from a STAR man’s head through the goal he was protecting. STAR might have hunted the ball more.”*
Also in the same issue was a the following score – BUCKIE 4 MATRIMONIAL (married men) 2

Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 4 (H/L) Buckie had A. Imlah at right half.

Portgordon 2 Findochty 0 Buckie and District Welfare League

- Mar 17 **Football news** - From the ‘Advertiser’-“Buckie Thistle’s perilous financial position outlined – appeal to the town council for money to help them out. No support given by the Council with one councillor, Police Judge McDonald suggesting that it might be better to start another team with a grant of £40.”

Findochty 0 Mosstodloch 2	Buckie and District Welfare League			
Portgordon 2 Fochabers Social 2	“	“	“	“

- Mar 24 **From the ‘Advertiser’** “We had the odd occurrence of Mr J.L. McNaughton secretary of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd writing a letter to himself as Town Clerk asking the town council for a grant of £200 and suggesting that Buckie Town Council take over the ground and grandstand for a figure of £500, the sum which Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd still owed to Cluny Estates. The town council disregarded the letter.”

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League

Findochty 4 Buckie Terriers 2	Buckie and District Welfare League			
Rovers 0 Fochabers Social 2	“	“	“	“
Mosstodloch 2 Portgordon 3	“	“	“	“

- Mar 31 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, F. Smith and John Bowie; Bain, Logie and Middleton; Calder, J. Smith, Laing, Cormack and Duncan

Portgordon 0 Mosstodloch 4 Buckie and District Welfare League

Thistle’s financial troubles not new - A letter to the ‘Advertiser’ of this date said that the present financial troubles affecting the Thistle were nothing new but to date the third time in their history

- Apr 7 **We’re nae playing any mair** – Found in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ and first printed in the B. A. of Sept 15 1887 - Rangers (Lossiemouth) 0 Portgordon 1 The Rangers gave up in the second half when an eleven challengers from amongst the spectators took the field with Richmond scored a second goal .

Thistle try further - The town council received a second letter through their Town Clerk, John L. McNaughton who was also secretary of the football club. In the letter Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd suggested that the town council might consider taking over Victoria Park and stand, similar to the golf courses etc and leasing them back to a committee to run the team. The Council, however, decided to take no notice of the request with the letter left to lie on the table.

Four from the High School - The Banffshire school team to play Aberdeen schools in the semi-final of the

North of Scotland Schools Cup included the following pupils from Buckie High School – Dawson, Stewart, Sandison and Cowie.

Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire League

Rovers 3 Buckie Terriers 2 **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Mosstodloch 5 Findochty 1 “ “ “ “

Apr 14 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 (H/L)**

Findochty 5 Portgordon 1 **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Buckie Terriers 0 Mosstodloch 1 “ “ “ “

Apr 21 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** This was Buckie's last League game.

***** **Football news** - Compared to the previous season the Thistle didn't do nearly as well, finishing up 7th in a league of 12 teams. **The league was won by Fraserburgh with Inverness Caley at the foot of the table.**

Findochty 4 Rovers 0 **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Findochty – Phimister, A. Smith and T. Bruce; J. W. Smith, W. Smith and J. Fraser; A. Campbell, Legge, Wm. Flett, J. Herd and G. Anderson
Rovers – Murray, Lobban and J. W. Cowie; Ashby, Reid and Hay; John Coull, Hendry, Wilson, G. Cowie and E. Smith

Buckie Terriers 0 Findochty 2 **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Terriers - French, Clark and J. G. Mair; Campbell, Lyon and Spence; Thain, Calder, J. Mair, Geddes and Gray.

Apr 28 **Terriers 4 Fochabers Social 2** **Buckie and District Welfare League**
Terriers 0 Rovers 2 “ “ “ “
Rovers 0 Findochty 2 “ “ “ “
Terriers 4 Fochabers 2 “ “ “ “
Fochabers – Harrold, J. Legge and McHattie; Reaich, Glass and James; Cormack, Walker, McPherson, Roy and W. Legge.

Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen 4 (F) Yer man was delighted, “*A great game*”, he said.

Inverness Royal Academy 2 Buckie High School 1 Final of the North of Scotland Secondary Schools Cup. The same two teams met the previous year when the scores were identical Campbell scored the Buckie goals on each occasion.
B.H.S. – Duncan, Reid and J. Cowie; Stewart, Imlah and Slater; Campbell, A. Cowie, Cormack, Garden and Farquhar.

Welfare Select 4 Banks of Dee 3 Challenge Match Banks of Dee were at the time junior league leaders in Aberdeen
Select - Phimister (Find.), Lobban (Roves.) and Ross (Most.) J. C. Green (Portg.) P. Glass (Foch.) and Imlah (Portg.), Cormack (Foch.), Hendry (Rovs.), Young (Mosst.) Herd (Find.) and Gray (Terriers).

May 5 **The INVINCIBLES - one has to ask if they were?** Found in this issue a note from the B. A. of May 22 1890 - A football club has been formed here (Portgordon) under the name of the INVINCIBLES. The club has been fortunate in securing a good park for the summer season through the kindness of Mr George Hay, farmer Slackend.

The following two snippets were included – a) A match was played on Saturday 17 May 1890 between Rathven Strathlene Rangers and Findochty Ranters when the Rangers won by 2 goals to nil.
b) Portsoy played Buckie Union at the Bents, Ianstown with the Union winning by 5 goals to nil

Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League

Portgordon 2 Buckie Terriers Brown Cup (Welfare League)
Portgordon – Mclean, A. Coull and J. Coull; J. C. Green, E. Innes and H. Milne; G. Johnston, J. Innes, W. Johnston, P. Reared and H. Innes.
Terriers - French, McGregor and J. G. Mair; A. Geddes, W. Lyon and Burnett; A. Lyon, Calder, Spence, Thain and Gray.

Rovers 2 Findochty 1 Brown Cup 2nd round (Welfare League)

Buckie Terriers 2 Portgordon 5 (W/L)

Douglas' Masons 10 (ten) Pete McGrory's Select (joiners) 6 Challenge Match

S. Spence at centre forward for the masons scored 6. The masons all played well while A. Cameron in goal, Jas McKenzie, J. Reid and Charlie Stewart were the pick of the joiner's side. Mr Alex 'Pim' Simpson, a slater, was the referee.

May 12 **Rovers 6 Portgordon 4 (W/L)** This was the last game of the season. **Findochty won the league** with one point more than the Rovers.

Rovers – G. Smith, Mackay and J. Murray; Hendry, J. W. Cowie and J. Cowie; E. Smith, J. Coull, Stephen, Wilson and Thomson.

Rovers 1 Findochty 2 County Cup (Welfare League)
Mosstodloch 4 Terriers 1 “ “

May 19 **Rovers 3 Fochabers 4 semi-final of the Brown Cup**
Terriers 2 Portgordon 4 Brown Cup
Portgordon 2 Findochty 1 semi-final of the County Cup
Fochabers 2 Mosstodloch 1 semi-final of County Cup
Findochty 3 Fochabers 2 AET semi-final of the Commercial Shield

May 26 **Football news - Findochty keeper dies suddenly** - The community were shocked to learn of the sudden death at the age of 23 of James Phimister, Findochty who played in goal for Findochty and also helped out Buckie Thistle and Forres Mechanics. He was the son of Wm. Phimister, part owner of the steam drifter Heather Sprig.

Findochty 3 Rovers 3 Duncan Shield
Findochty 2 Rovers 1 replay of the above

Buckie Terriers 3 Portgordon 5 semi-final of Duncan Shield

Mosstodloch 0 Portgordon 1 semi-final of Brown Cup

June 2 **Final of the Brown Cup Portgordon 2 Fochabers 4**
Portgordon - Mclean, W. Johnston and J. Coull; MacDonald, E. Innes and Milne; G. Johnston, Imlah, J. C. Green, W. Reid and J. Innes.
Fochabers - Riddell, Forbes and McHattie; Anderson, Glass and J. Legge; James, Falconer, McPherson, Walker and W. Legge.

Buckie Terriers 1 Portgordon 5 semi-final of Commercial Shield

Rovers 6 Findochty 4 semi-final of Thomson Cup

June 9 **Football news - Another Findochty footballer dies** - The village of Findochty was shocked again to learn of the death of another young footballer so soon after that of James Phimister. Wm. Flett, 22, was one of the most brilliant young players in the area.

Final of the Duncan Shield Portgordon 1 Fochabers 3

Final of the County Cup Portgordon 0 Fochabers 1 A.E.T

Final of the Thomson Cup Rovers 2 Mosstodloch 4

Rovers - Murray, Geddes and W. J. Cowie; G. Cowie, J. W. Cowie and Hay' Smith, Hendry, Wilson, Coull and Henderson

Mosstodloch – Thomson, Cattenach and Wheeler; Geddes, Ross and Munro; Simpson, Tough, J. Young, Dunbar and Loveland.

George Tough playing at inside right for Mosstodloch was to star with Buckie Thistle in the post war years later to become joint manager

Final of the Commercial Shield Portgordon 4 Findochty 2 AET

Findochty - Jas Robertson, T. Bruce and E. Smith; Davidson, W. J. Smith and Ashby; Campbell, W. Flett, J. Smith, V. Shearer and John Robertson.

Buckie High School senior team won the Herd Cup while the junior team won the E.I.S. Schools Cup

June 16

Football news - Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd. were still appealing for funds to save them from going under. A report in the 'Advertiser' spoke of the present Thistle Football club being started in 1919 when the crowd attending games was big. In recent times the gates had been poor with the herring fishing in decline. The club were asking for help to wipe out the £500 debt and to run the team. Mention was made of the original debt being £1,500 which had been reduced to £1,000. They had been very successful, winning the league (up to 1938) five times and finding a respectable position in the league on all other occasions

The purchase of the Victoria Park off the Cluny Estates and the construction of the grandstand etc had cost £3,000

The intention was to form a syndicate from the list of subscribers who pledged the sum of from £10 to £50 or more.

June 30

Buckie 6 Fraserburgh 1 Challenge Match took place in Singapore. Both teams were members of the 2nd Gordons then stationed in Malaya

Buckie - Cormack, Watt and Spence; Ewen, Bowie and Culliane; Thomson, Watt, Johnston, Simpson and Campbell Johnston score a hat-trick with, Bowie, Thomson and Simpson getting the other goals.

The report was sent home by W. A. Spence whose home is at Mill Crescent, Buckie.

Aug 4

Football news - Buckie Thistle new players - Additions to the pool of players for season 1938/39:- Willie Ross, (Mosstodloch). T. Bruce (Findochty), Peter Glass (Fochabers) and A. Imlah (Portgordon). Others who offered to help out were Wilson and Smith (Rovers), P. Murray and J. Hillocks (Portgordon).

Aug 11

Deveronvale and Rothes Victoria admitted into the Highland League

Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L) Yer man wis ower the meen - "*Thistle in brilliant form*", he said.

Buckie - Wood, Ross and Bruce; Middleton. Logie and Laing; Smith, Bain, Calder, Cormack and Duncan

Thistle trial game of all those who offered their services, from this it was proposed to pick a team to play in the Aberdeenshire League

A team - French, Ross and Bruce; Middleton, Logie and Imlah; J. Smith, Coull (Brora Rangers), Grant (Cullen), Cormack and J. Coull.

B team - Thomson, F. Smith and J. Legge, Findlay (Cullen), P. Glass, W. Hay, E. Smith, Johnston, Wilson, Hillocks and W. Legge.

Aug 25

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 4 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie - French, Middleton and Bruce; Imlah, F. Smith and Hillocks; E. Smith, Coull, Wilson, Dr G.D. McKenzie and Duncan

Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Forres Mechanics 4 Deveronvale 0 (H/L) The 'Vale were "*outplayed*", so yer man said

Rothes Victoria 4 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) Now this was a shock the Broch were Highland League Champions.

Sept 1

Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)

Buckie - Thomson, Ross and Bowie; Middleton, Logie and Laing; Smith, Bain, Calder, Dr McKenzie and Duncan Wood the regular keeper was hurt against Peterhead.

Football news - Not a good reputation to have - A letter to the B.A. expressed disgust at the bad language heard at Victoria Park. **This was not the first time that complaints had been raised.**

Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie had Anderson in goal - Dr McKenzie had two goals

- Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire League** *Keith had beaten the Thistle by four goals to three the previous week at Victoria Park again in the Aberdeenshire League.* Jimmy Cowie was a star for Keith
- Sept 15 **Advert - Buckie Thistle Football Club Appeal - for one week Thomson's Amusements in the Commercial Park- Grand Carnival Marquee Dance on the Wednesday.**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 2 1st round of the Qualifying Cup** Our man from the 'Advertiser' enjoyed it describing it as an '*exciting game*'
- Sept 22 **First list of subscribers shown in the B.A. mostly £1 or 10/-**
- Roths Victoria 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** "*Plucky Roths go down*" was the comment of our man **This was the Thistle's first ever visit to Roths.**
- Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 0 Qualifying Cup** There was a gate of 2000 "*The Thistle were unlucky.*", we are told.
- Oct 6 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup replay**
- Deveronvale 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** Caley were bottom of the league at the time
- Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 AET second replay.** The match was played at Keith. Dr McKenzie travelled up from England to play. There was another crowd of 2000.
- Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 3 (H/L)** Buckie had Peter Glass in the side at inside right with Calder at centre
- Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 0 3rd round of Qualifying Cup** - This was the fourth meeting of the two clubs to decide who went through to meet Elgin City The game was played on Wednesday night. The gate was big again at 2,300 with £106 being collected.
- Buckie** – Wood, Ross and Bowie; Middleton, Logie and Laing; Bain, Cormack, Calder, McKenzie and Duncan.
- Oct 27 **Football information from the B.A.** - It is understood that Willie Laing, Thistle's left half, is to be turning out for Aberdeen 'A' against Clyde this coming Saturday.
- Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 4th round of the Qualifying Cup.** There was a watching crowd of over 3,000. Thistle had some absentees from the team that saw off the Broch with both Bain and McKenzie missing. The Smith brothers, Jimmy and Alex formed the right wing. The man on the spot said: "*The Thistle didn't play well on the day.*"
- Buckie High School 10 (ten) Gordon Schools Huntly 1** This was the first game of the season in the Herd Cup League
- B. H.S.** - J. Clark, D. Flett and Jos. Cowie; J. Slater, A. Imlah, and K. Imlah; P. Reid, Jos. Garden, Ian Ross. N. Innes and J. Farquhar.
- Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire League**
- Nov 10 **Football information per B.A.** Following a successful trial game, Willie Laing, who has been playing regularly for Buckie Thistle at left half, has been fixed up by Aberdeen F.C., terms having been arranged.
- Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had Norman Wood back in goal with Ross for Laing at left half. The 'Advertiser' man on the spot was not enchanted with the play of his favourites, his words being, "*The Thistle were s but a shadow.*"
- Nov 17 **Buckie High School 7 Keith Grammar School 0** Bit the Buckie loons sorted the cyards oot in the Herd Cup
- Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie High School 4 Banff Academy 0** Herd Cup League

Final of the Qualifying Cup Inverness Clach 5 Babcock and Wilcox 3

- Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 0 Aberdeenshire League** Wis the mannie nae half delighted he declared that The Thistle were in dazzling form”.
- Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 2 (H/L)** *Ye canna play aroon wi a Thistle ye nicht get yersel dabbit nicht hae been fit the ‘Advertiser’ mannie wis thinking fin they got sweet revenge for some recent pimings.*
- Dec 15 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *“Thistle run riot in the far north” was the mannie’s headline this week.*
- Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** *“Back doon tae earth this week, only the ae goal an ae pint.”*
- Dec 29 Heavy snow blanketed the pitches - Thistle game off

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- Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 5 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** This was the first meeting of the two teams in the Highland League
Buckie – Wood, Bruce and John Bowie; Logie, F. Smith and Middleton; Bain, Ross, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.
- Jan 12 Inverness Caley v Buckie Thistle (H/L) The game was off - arctic conditions.
- Jan 19 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)** The match was played to give both teams practice before their games in the Scottish Cup
- Mosstodloch 8 Buckie Hotspurs 2 Buckie and District Welfare League** *The Hotspurs were a new club in the Welfare League and this was their second game.*
- Jan 26 **Nithsdale Wanderers (Sanquhar, Dumfries) 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Cup 1st round** - The Thistle scored the equaliser in the dying seconds
- Feb 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Nithsdale Wanderers 2 replay of Scottish Cup 1st round** There was a crowd of 2,300 in Victoria Park with gate receipts amounting to £106. Buckie had Burnett at centre forward. The mannie’s headline to the match report in the ‘Advertiser’ read: *“Buckie oust Nithsdale “- Quite tame considering some of his more recent quotes.*
- Feb 9 **Blairgowrie 1 Buckie Thistle 1 2nd round of Scottish Cup-** *“Last minute goal to snatch a draw”, we are told. They were making a habit of this.*
- Rovers 4 Hotspurs 1 Buckie and District Welfare League**
- Feb 15 **Buckie Thistle 4 Blairgowrie 1 replay of 2nd round of the Scottish Cup.** There was a crowd of 3,000 with gate receipts amounting to £190.
- Feb 16 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 3 County Cup** Ian McLean, (Cuttlebrae, Clochan) ex Thistle played for Keith. Buckie had Willie Ross, ex Mosstodloch, Duncan ex Wanderers and K. Cormack ex Terriers in their side.
- Feb 23 **Third Lanark 6 Buckie Thistle 0 3rd round Scottish Cup** I remember that I was bitterly disappointed that I wasn’t taken to see the match . There was a crowd of 7000 in Victoria Park, perhaps the biggest crowd there has ever been. The Thistle held their own for 40 minutes.
Buckie - Murray, Jas. And John Bowie; Logie, Smith and Middleton; Bain, Ross, Burnett, Cormack and Duncan. *Jock Murray the goalkeeper came from Stonehaven*
A report of the above game is to be found in the Banffshire Advertiser of 23 February 1939
- Buckie High School won the Herd League Cup only losing the one goal in the competition**
- Mar 2 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 4 semi-final of the County Cup**
- Mar 9 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** The Thistle’s first visit to Banff in the Highland League
- Mar 16 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Mar 23	Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 2 County Cup Final home and away Buckie - Murray, Jas Bowie and John Bowie; Ross, Smith and Logie; Allan, Bain, Calder, Cormack and Duncan
Mar 30	Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 1 Second leg of the Final of the County Cup <i>We are told that Buckie took the Cup by virtue of the aggregate score yet they would appear to be the same – odd.</i>
Apr 6	Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire League Buckie – J. Thomson (Moss), T. Bruce (Findochty) and John Coull (Portg.), John Coull Green (Portg.), T. Sutherland (Moss.) and A. Imlah (Portg.), W. Wilson (Rovs.), W. Legge (Moss.), Albert Geddes (Portg.), Newman and Cantlay (Portg.)
Apr 13	Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)
Apr 20	Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L) Buckie had Newman at inside right
Apr 27	Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes Victoria 0 (H/L) Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) match played on Monday night Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 4 Aberdeenshire league J Herd playing for Buckie had a hat-trick Banff and District Junior Cup Cullen 5 Whitehills 2 scorers for Cullen were Grant (3), Ross and Shearer
May 4	Nairn County 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) This had been Buckie’s last chance of taking the league title. They had only had one win in last five games. They had Herd in at centre forward. Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire League Buckie - Clark, Bruce and Coull; Green, C. Lobban, and A. Imlah; W. Legge, J. Smith, J. Legge, W. J. Cowie and J. Cantlay. Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 0 Aberdeenshire League Buckie’s second team won the Aberdeenshire League without losing a game. They were to be denied the flag, however, following a protest that the league had not been completed. Dewar Shield – Aberdeen’ A’ 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Maitland Cup Final - Portsoy 4 Cullen 1 Banff and District League
May 25	Portgordon 3 Findochty 3 AET Welfare League deciding match Portgordon - Farquhar, A. Coull and W. Taylor; MacDonald, J. Coull and A. Imlah; G. Innes, J. Innes, J. C. Green, J. Cantlay and K. Imlah Find – Clark, Bruce and D. Ross; Davidson, E. Dyce and Slater; E. Legge, Garden, Findlay, Herd, Anderson Brown Cup Final - Rovers 3 Findochty 1 Rovers - A. J. Murray, J. Wilson and P. Goodall; W. Coull, J. W. Cowie, and W. Hay; John Coull, C. Lobban, W. Wilson, Jas. Coull and W. Cowie .
June 1	Duncan Shield Final – Findochty 4 Rovers 1 - The Rovers had R. Geddes at right back for Goodall while Findochty also made changes with Cowie and McKenzie displacing Legge and Anderson
June 8	Commercial Shield Final - - Findochty 4 Rovers 1 Andrew Cup Final Portsoy 4 Cullen 2 Banffshire and District Football Assoc. Usher Cup Final - Portsoy 1 Cullen 1 “ “ “ “

County Cup Final – Mosstodloch 4 Findochty 1 Buckie and District Welfare Lge.

Mosstodloch - Thomson, Cattenach and Munro; Geddes, Young and Fraser; Loveland, Simpson, Dunbar, Tough and W. Legge

Football news - The league flag and Thomson Cup were left undecided it being too late in the season with teams likely to be badly depleted with players departing for the summer fishing.

Football news - Players who took the eye during the season in the Welfare League were – Clark, Garden and Slater, Findochty; Wilson, Rovers; P. Slater, Hotspurs, Tough, Mosstodloch and Cantlay, Mosstodloch.

Football news - RAF Kinloss were to be admitted into the Highland League, now having 800 men on the station (In season 2006/2007 with a complement of twice that and more the station couldn't provide enough players to see them continue to take part in the North Junior League)

July 18 **Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie Thistle withdrew from the Aberdeenshire League due to a congestion of fixtures meaning that the league was never finished in season 1938/39.

Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**
Buckie – Wood, Ross and Bruce; Middleton, F. Smith and Dr Smith (Faber); Bain, J. Smith, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen 'A' 7 Dewar Shield (Mon.)

Aberdeen - Smith, Graham and Donald; W. Laing, Waddell and Taylor; C. Smith, Baird, Patillo, Ferguson and Williams. Willie Laing ex Buckie was in the Aberdeen side. The report on the game said how 'Stan Williams took the eye' The South African was to win the Scottish Cup for Aberdeen against the Hibs six years later.

Deveronvale 8 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)

Peterhead 3 Rothes Victoria 4 (H/L) *Last year's two newcomers beginning to show their mark.*

Aug 24 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *same team as in the opening game*

Aug 31 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** There was a crowd of 1,800 at the game. The report in the local paper said; "*Buckie got the breaks and were flattered by the scoreline – 4—3 in favour of the home side would have been a better reflection of the match. A. Imlah at right half for Buckie had a poor game.*"

Football news - War was declared on Sunday September 1939 between Britain and Germany with no reported football being played throughout the month of September.

Oct 12 **Football news - - Buckie Thistle, Keith, Rothes Victoria, RAF Kinloss (Described as Service A), RAF Lossiemouth (Described as Service B), all agreed to join with Elgin City to form an east section of the Highland League**

Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes Victoria 4 Central Highland League

Buckie -Wood, Clark and Bruce; John Bowie, Middleton and F. Smith; Imlah, J. C. Green, James Bowie, Bain, Masson, Calder Tough and Duncan. *The Clark at right back for the Thistle was J. Clark a teacher at Portgordon School who had come north with the evacuees. He was said to have been a professional with a number of Scottish clubs including Hibs and Third Lanark. In the report on the game the scribe described him as "useless"*

Elgin City 6 Service B (Lossie) 0 Central Highland League

Keith 4 Services A (Kinloss) 8 Central Highland League

Nov 9 **Services A (Kinloss) 1 Buckie Thistle 6** “ “ “

Nov 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1** “ “ “

Nov 23 **Service B (Lossie) 4 Buckie Thistle 3** “ “ “ This was described as “an unexpected result “but why, one might have asked service teams always tend to be of an unknown quality. The game

was played at Boroughbriggs.

Buckie – Wood, Bruce and John Bowie; Clark, Smith and W. Ross; Masson, Bain, Calder, Tough and Duncan.

- Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1** **Central Highland League**
- Dec 7 **Roths Victoria 4 Buckie Thistle 1** “ “ “*Roths were still undefeated but it might have been a different story, “if only Buckie had taken their chances”, the man said.*
Buckie - Wood, James Bowie and Bruce; Bain, Ross and Middleton; W. Masson, Tough, Duncan, A. Imlah and F. Masson.
- Dec 14 Nil
- Dec 21 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 5** **Central Highland League**
Buckie – Clark, Ross and Bruce; Bain, Smith and A. Imlah; W. Masson, Tough, Duncan, K. Imlah and F. Masson. The heading to the report in the Buckie paper read: “*Duncan appears to have found his position as leader.*”
- Dec 28 Nil

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- Feb 1 **Football news - There was to be no football for Buckie Thistle fans. “We lost money playing in the Central Highland League”, said Mr A. L. B. Melvin, manager of the club.**
- Mar 14 **Football news -** It was official that there was to be no war-time football, the Thistle committee deciding not to participate in the Central Highland League along with Keith, Roths, Victoria, Forres Mechanics, Elgin City and 3 service sides.
- April 18 **Buckie High School 5 Elgin Academy 1 (F)**
Buckie High – B. McBeath, P. Reid and J. Cowie; J. Stewart, A. Imlah and G. Sandison; C. Scudmore (Elgin), S. Dawson, P. McKenzie, K. Imlah and A. Watt.

Football news - - *We weren't told why Scudmore, an Elgin lad, should have been playing for Buckie but in the return game in which Buckie won by 4 goals to 2 Elgin had two Buckie lads in their side – R Krause and E. Murray.*
- May 23 **Buckie Fishermen 4 Danish Fishermen 4 (F)** match played in the Linzee Gordon Park
Buckie – J. Murray, J. Geddes and J. Bowie; J. Cowie, C. Lobban and G. Cowie; G. Cowie, A. Murray, W. Geddes, G. Stewart and A. Smith.

Football news - The Buckie team was not chosen beforehand but the players simply came forward from the gathering. Buckie played the whole of the first half with 12 men before it was noticed. It seems that they were more than five years ahead of Moscow Dynamos in this respect. (A.F.)
- June 6 **Football news - Rovers players missing** - Charles Lobban, a Rovers player prior to the war, now a stoker on HM trawler Argyllshire was reported missing. News had also been received that second Rovers' player, John Geddes, was also missing.
- June 13 **Football news - The SFA banned a proposed charity game due to be held at Victoria Park between Welfare League Select and Buckie Thistle veterans. They declared this to be unauthorised football. They had also banned a similar game at Motherwell at the same time.**
- June 20 **Football news - Thistle in the black** - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd it was declared that a considerable profit had been made on the year's working due to games in the Dewar Shield.
Directors of the Club – Wm. Smith, James Wood (Glasgow), David Reid (Portgordon) and John L. McNaughton.

- July 25 **Jones Slipway United 4 Portsoy 5 games played in aid of the Red Cross - Slip** – J. Forbes, J. Sinclair and B. Robertson; H. Milne, J. Drummond and A. Bain; R. Esslemont, J. Roy, A. Geddes, E. Smith and H. Innes. Managers – Adam Innes and A. Gowie.
- Aug 8 **Slipway United 6 Portsoy 5 Charity game.** Additional Slip players – D. McKnockater, J. Coull, J. Forbes and J. A. Farquhar.
Portsoy – R. Downie, J. Hay and J. Riddoch; P. Bain, G. Smith and R. Peterkin; W. Masson, J. Mair, F. Masson, A. Duncan and A. Henderson
- Football news** - “Jones are to be admired for keeping football alive in Buckie and at the same time raising war funds “ from an article in the ‘Advertiser’ of this date written by A. Gowie ex Buckie Thistle.
- Aug 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Slipway United 0 for Lifeboat funds**
Slip – K. Wood, Sinclair and Innes; J. Coull, A. Geddes and H. Milne; R. Esslemont, J. Anderson, E. Smith, J. A. Farquhar and J. Forbes.
Thistle –N. Wood, E. Geddes and R. Nicol; Middleton, F. Smith and J. Ross; W. Legge, G. Hendry, I. Imlah, W. Hay and J. McIntosh.
- Football news** - The Home Guard declared that they were to run three teams in a new Welfare League to be set up.
- Sept 5 **‘Herdies’ (shipyard) 3 Portknockie 3** For which charity not known
‘Herdies’ - G. Slater, C. Munro and R. Munro; J. Slater, D. Pirie and A. Wheeler; A. Smith, A. Falconer, D. Anderson, A. Cowie and G. Bruce.
Portknockie - J. Slater, T. Bruce and J. Cowie; D. Wood, P. Duff and A. Wood; W. McPherson, G. Slater, P. Wood, J. Main and P. McKenzie.
- Slipway United (Jones) 3 Army Team 9** Nine of the Army team were said to have been professional football players.
- Portknockie 1 Cullen 0 in aid of Spitfire Fund**
- Oct 10 **Portknockie 1 Cullen 0 (F)** A report on the game had this to say “*A brilliant keeper saved Cullen from a much heavier defeat.*” The keeper’s name was Jimmy Findlay who, though badly wounded during the war, was destined to star on many occasions in goal for Buckie Thistle in the post war years. (A.F)
Cullen - J. Findlay, W. Robertson and J. Geddes; F. Masson, G. Smith and J. Murray; D. Findlay, W. Rothnie A. Legge, A. Shearer and W. Masson.
- Nov 7 **New Welfare League teams** - Home Guard, Service XI, Portknockie, Argosians (BCK), Cullen and Portsoy.
- Nov 14 **Argosians** - French, Murray and K. Imlah; Henderson, Sandison and Dawson; Hendry, Slater, McKenzie, Christie and Campbell.
- Nov 21 **Home Guard football team** - Wood, Anderson and Cowie; Coull, Sinclair and Hay; Marshall, E. Cormack, E. Smith, Innes and Legge.
- Portknockie was top of the league after three games had been played with 6 points.** The rest of the clubs in descending order – Cullen ,Home Guard, Argosians, Portsoy, Service XI last with no points.
- Dec 5 **Football news - The Welfare League** - *From a report in the ‘Advertiser’ the scribe describes Jimmy Findlay of Cullen being the best keeper in the league. Dod Kelman ex Elgin City was playing for Portsoy, Sandy Middleton, ex Thistle was playing with the Argosians, the youngest team in the league. Willie Mackie, playing for Portknockie was described as the wizard of the season, a great goal scorer from well out or acute angles. George Tough, also ex Thistle and Mossdloch was also with Portknockie.*
- Dec 19 **Cullen 3 Portknockie 0 Welfare League** - This was the first defeat for Portknockie
- Services XI 5 Portsoy 1 Welfare League** - “Army now much improved” said the man from the ‘Advertiser’.
- Dec 26 **Service XI 4 Argosians 2 Welfare League**
Argosians – H. Howe, G. S. Murray and W. Geddes; J. Slater, G. Sandison and A. Imlah; J. C. Campbell, S. Dawson, Christie, K. Imlah and P. McKenzie.

1941

Feb 20 **Football news** - The Home Guard who had intended to field three teams withdrew from the Welfare League when they found they were unable to field a team.

Football news - Portknockie top of the league - A function was to be held in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie (Should this not been Portknockie?) by Portknockie Town Council to honour the team. It had been said that this was the first time in which a Portknockie football team had ever won anything. A letter to the 'Advertiser' the following week said how this was wrong in that they had won cups at Junior and Juvenile level in 1926/27. Portknockie Seafield did win the Junior or Brown Cup in 1927 (A.F)

Argosians 4 Portsoy 3 Welfare League W. Findlay was in goal for the Argosians

Feb 27 **Service XI 8 Cullen 5 semi –final of the Thomson Cup**

Mar 6 **Football news** - Portknockie was presented with the League Trophy by George Craig President of Buckie and District Welfare Football Association.

Final of the Thomson Cup - Argosians beat Portknockie The Argosians were 'wooden soonest' while Portknockie were league champions yet they won the cup.

Argosians – N. Wood, A. Simpson and K. Imlah; J. Slater, G. Sandison and Christie; W. Hendry, S. Dawson, P. McKenzie, G. Slater and W. Legge. From the line up one would say they had a number of guests playing for them (A.F)

Portknockie - J. Clark, T. Bruce, and J. Cowie; G. Slater, Albert Geddes and D. Anderson; W. Mackie, P. Wood, D. Pirie, J. Murray and P. Duff (Copt.)

1942

Nov 26 **Football news** - Norman Wood, the former Thistle keeper played in goal for the Navy against the RAF in a match in England. Norman known to many as 'Blimey' had been two years without a game. The RAF had ten first class professionals plus one internationalist. The Navy had three pros. Including Wood. Though beaten 4-0 Wood saved the Navy from a rout. This was the least number of goals the RAF had scored.

1943

Aug 14 **Football news** - Home Guard Sports and Highland Games took place in Victoria Park and included a five-side competition.

Dec 9 **Football news** - Edmund French, a former pupil of St Peter's R.C. School who played in goal for a number of teams including the Argosians in the war-time Welfare League in 1940 was wounded in action. He spent his 17th birthday on the beach at Dunkirk.

Football news - Cpl. Robert Penwright, Gordon Highlanders writing home to his parents mentioned a football match he had witnessed in North Africa. He said how G. Smith ex Buckie Thistle had a good game against the best player in the opposing side Rudd, Manchester City, playing for Ireland. The score was Scotland 3 Ireland 0

1944

June 1 **Football news - New Football League formed** - On the 25th May a meeting was called and held in Buckie High School hall (all the other halls in the town being occupied by troops), for the purpose of considering the formation of a football league in Buckie and district. An agreement was reached- the name of the league to be **Buckie and District Junior Football League**. The following officials were appointed - President – A. Middleton, Vice President, Jim Mitchell, Secretary and Treasurer, J. Scorgie c/o Bruce, Tarbuckie, Assistant Secretary, and J. Dawson. In addition W. Hay and Malcolm West formed the executive committee.

The fee for teams to join the league was set at 10/-. Teams which showed an interest and joined were – Home Guard, ATC, ACF, Portknockie, Portgordon, Jones Shipyard, RAF Dallachy, Herd and Mackenzie, Hamilton's and Findochty. All the games to be played on the Provost's Park (now erroneously known as Merson's Park - A.F.) (The Linzee Gordon Park was under cultivation.)

Football news - After six games had been played the ATC were top followed by Jones, Hamilton's,

Findochty, Portgordon, Portknockie, ACF and the Home Guard. RAF Dallachy were not mentioned

Aug 14 **Fraserburgh 3 v Buckie Colts 0 (F) In aid of Red Cross and POW Funds**

Football news - from the past - The Thistle players in 1890 - Massie (cooper), R. Nicol (cabinet maker), Alex Stewart (station clerk); Ned Gibson (law clerk), Jimmy Geddes (tailor), Bildie Geddes (painter); Davie Badenoch (butcher), Jimmy Bowie (cooper), Andrew Bowie (postman), John Johnston (printer), Doddie Geddes (grocer), Bill Campbell (tailor) John Shand (bookseller) and Archie Prince (barber). Later came John Farquhar (bank clerk), Bert Stage (clerk) Wm. Clark (photographer) and James Geddes (cabinet maker).

Football news – LAC Alex Legge, Minduff, Drybridge, died in a hospital in England. He was chosen to play for Banffshire while a pupil at Enzie Public School, Clochan.

Sept 14 **RAF Dallachy v Findochty (F)** Challenge Match played at Merson Park no score given

Sept 23 **Buckie ATC v Elgin ATC (F) Challenge** Match at Merson's Park

Football news - A letter in the 'Advertiser' from a football fan included what he considered to be a good team to represent Buckie Thistle in the first season after the war - Sammy Tuner (Herdies), Middleton (Portgordon) and Joe Hendry (ATC); Murray (ATC), Dawson (ATC) and Clark (ATC); Sykie Wallace (ATC), Geddes (ATC), J. Stewart (ex ATC), Lennie Forsyth (Hearts trialist, ex ATC and now Army XI) and P. Innes (Portgordon). The writer urged the Thistle directors to take an interest in junior football

Oct 21 **Jones Slipway v Thornbush Slipway, Inverness (F)** Challenge Match

Oct 28 **ATC vs Junior Select (F)** Challenge Match **the ATC the best team in the league were champions.**

Football news Games to be played in the Malcolm Shield Trophy between 18 November and 9 December

Portsoy v Jones at Merson Park
RAF Dallachy v Army Cadets at Dallachy
Findochty v ATC at Strathlene
Portknockie v Herdies at Merson Park
RAF Dallachy v Portgordon at Dallachy.

Football news - Mr McNiven refereed a lot of matches

Nov 30 **Findochty beat the ATC for the first time.** Nobby Clark, Geddes and Taylor were the stars for the ATC while Laing and Wood were the Findochty top men **Neither the teams nor the score was given.**

1945

Mar 27 **Buckie 5 Keith 2 (F)** match played at Merson Park
Best for Buckie were Zander Thain, D. Pirie, J. Smith and H. McKay. Dod Lemon and Jimmy Cowie showed up well for Keith Jimmy Mitchell was referee

June 21 **Football news** - The ATC disbanded at this time. They had been a very successful football side, winning the Junior League with ease. The bulk of their players would have been the High School first XI in normal times.

July 5 **Football news** - The 'Skipper' a columnist in the 'Advertiser' noted that Buckie Thistle F.C. Ltd. was to be run under a different management structure when football re-started at the end of hostilities. He spoke of facilities being made available for different sports within Victoria Park. – cricket and tennis with a racing track also being provided.

July 11 **Veterans 1 (pen) Junior Select 0** Challenge Match played at Merson Park
Veterans - Turner (Cadets), Geddes, Nicol, Lemon (Keith), Smith, Green, McIntosh, Clark, Christie, Kelman (Elgin) and Duncan.
Juniors – Taylor (ATC), Wood (Jones) Mair (Pk.), Hector (Home Guard), Pirie (Pk.), Reid (ACF), Geddes (Home Guard), Geddes (ATC), Watson (Pg.), Clark (ATC) and Innes (Pg.)
A large crowd watched the match with £7 being collected for Seafeld Hospital Special Fund. George Craig was referee.

Final of the Brown Cup - Jones Slipway 1 Portknockie 0

Aug 15 **Football news** - A meeting was held in the club house at Merson Park under the chairmanship of John H. Duncan to discuss the re-formation of Buckie and District Welfare Football Association. The following officials were elected - President J. H. Duncan - W.J. Carter, Vice President, H. McLeod, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, George Craig, Treasurer, and D. Chisholm.

Mr Duncan presented a trophy to be known as the **Duncan Cup** to be played for by all teams in the association. This was the second trophy that John Duncan had donated the other being the **Duncan Shield**. Teams that intimated their intention of joining the league - Portknockie, Portgordon, Home Guard, Findochty, Jones Slipway and ACF.

Sept 6 **Football news** - A trial game took place at Dallachy airfield between RAF and local players with the intention of picking a team to play in the Qualifying Cup matches. Deveronvale had intimated their willingness to play in the new league which had been proposed by Buckie Thistle.

The Victory Cup Qualifying stages of the Scottish Victory Cup paired Buckie Thistle with Deveronvale. Other teams involved were - Inverness Thistle, Caley and Clach, Forres Mechanics, Nairn County, Peterhead, Elgin City and Ross County.

Home Guard 4 Portknockie 5 Duncan Cup

Findochty 3 Portgordon 2 “ “

Findochty - Findlay, J. Findlay and G. Wood; Thain, Clark and Bruce; Easton, Geddes, Smith, Murray and Petrie.

Portgordon - J. Gray, Innes and Wilson; Hutchison, Watson and A. Innes; Middleton, Stewart, Thomson, Kelman and Dayton.

***** **Football news** - The first game against Deveronvale was scheduled to take place on Saturday 22 September 1945. Entry to Victoria Park was 1/- with the grandstand 1/- extra. Boys and service men and women in uniform 6d.

The Thistle team to read - Jocky Gray, D. Pirie, S. Clark, Middleton, F. Smith, A. 'Bomber' Thomson, Forwards to be chosen from Hutcheson (RAF Lossie), Wallace, Imlah, Watson, Hay, Anderson (RAF Dallachy) and H. Mackay.

Football news - In a trial game played prior to this the above team had been beaten 5-0 by RAF Lossie. The RAF Lossie team had included Moses (Wolves), Tunney (Watford), Hutcheson (Bolton), Cassidy (Manchester City) and Kelly (Northampton).

Football news - Buckie Welfare Society took the decision to back the revival of Buckie Thistle Football Club. They got permission to spend £2000 on the provision of hot and cold shower baths, new fencing and a seven foot high concrete wall around the park, plus improvements made to the pavilion such as painting. They also paid off the £500 debt outstanding to Cluny Estates.

Sept 13 **Home Guard 1 Findochty 2 Welfare League**

Home Guard - Mackie, Murray and Hay; George Gordon, Ian Hector and Murray; Stuart, John Gordon, Fraser, Geddes and Morrison.

Sept 20 **RAF Lossie 5 Buckie XI 1**

Buckie - Gray, Newman (Aberdeen) and A. Clark; Middleton, Watson and 'Bomber' Thomson; Wallace, Imlah, Newman (Aberdeen), Hay and Mackay.

RAF Lossie - King, Kellis and Alcock; Moses (Wolves), Tunney (Watford), James, Hutchison (Bolton), Cassidy (Manchester City), Ryder, Sturton, Kelly (Northampton) A collection at the game came to £12 given to the Welfare League. George Craig was referee. *"We were given an exhibition."* Said the scribe from the local paper.

Findochty 2 Jones 6 Welfare League

Army Cadets 1 Portgordon 0 Welfare League

Cadets - Turner, Stewart and Garvock; Cowie, Steven and Reid; Lobban, Goodall, Sinclair, Cormack and Murray.

Portgordon - J. Gray, P. Innes and A. Wilson; Imlah, Ericksson and Riddell, Stewart, Hendry, Forsyth Hutchison and A. Innes.

Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 0 Victory Cup 1st round.**

Football news - The original team chosen was greatly changed before the above match took place. Moses, King and Kelly, all RAF, played, Moses and Kelly both scored while King, who had made a big name for himself whilst playing football in the Middle East was in goal. .

The Thistle was represented by - King, Pirie and Clark; Moses, F. Smith and Thomson; Wallace, Imlah, Watson, Hay and Kelly.

Although blowing a gale there was a healthy crowd present with gate money being £64.2/- Tax demand amounted to £24.5.2. The 'Vale got £14.9.5 with Buckie being left with £23 .12.9.

Football news - A letter to the 'Advertiser' deplored the fact that no mark of respect, for the secretary, manager and others who had died during the war years had been shown in the form of the Thistle team wearing black armbands. This he felt was an oversight on the part of the new management.

Oct 6 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 2 2nd round Victory Cup** Buckie's share of the gate after tax amounted to £39.7/- while Peterhead got their whack
The team showed a number of personnel changes from the 'Vale game . The scorers were Connell (2) Gerrard (2) and Tough who played at inside right.

Buckie 7 Keith 2 Aberdeenshire League Connell(2), Wallace (2) Tough (1) and Gerrard (1)

Oct 25 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 2 3rd round of Victory Cup** The Caley had two Hibs players in their side which, of course, made all the difference

Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Welfare Select 1 (F)**
The Thistle was represented by - King, Fraser and Clark; Thomson, Hay and Haygarth; Wallace, Moses, Simpson, Gerrard and Kelly.
Select – S. Turner, B. Wood and Eric Slater; Ian Hector, Pirie, Clark, Geddes, Middleton, Farquhar, Hay and H. McKay.

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 6 in the Commercial Cup

'Vale – Burnett, Lindsay and Henderson; Deveney Murray and Charlton; McCallum, Christie, Bell, Burnett and Clark

Buckie - King, Fraser and Clark; Moses, McGill, Thomson; Wallace, Duff, Simpson, Gerrard and Kelly.

Buckie High School 4 Elgin Academy 2 (F)

BHS – Taylor, Sutherland and Thain, McLure, Valentine, Jas Gordon; Souter, Hendry, Walker, McKenzie and Garden.

Nov 22 **Football news** This issue of the 'Advertiser' carries a picture of the Thistle team prior to their game with Inverness Caley in the Qualifying Cup It shows S. Middleton trainer, J. Moses, coach, McGill, **Hay**, King, **Clark**, **Thomson**, Cassidy, **Wallace**, Connell, Gerrard and Kelly. There were only four local players in the team, seen here marked in bold.

Final of the new Duncan Cup - Jones 8 Findochty 5 - Yer man's verdict was that it was "*a poor game.*" With scores like this one can well imagine so.

Nov 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 0 Aberdeen and District League**

Dec 27 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 3 Final of the Commercial Cup - first leg**

Buckie – King, Bowie and Clark; Moses, Hector and (Bomber) Thomson; Milne, Ross, Daly, Brierley and Kelly.

1946

Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 Final of the Commercial Cup – second leg The Broch won the cup with an aggregate score of five goals to four** - The Buckie team showed Laing, Hector and Thomson in the half- back line. This was the last game played by Brierley who had been a good player and one much sought after. . Buckie still had the services, however, of King, Moses, Kelly and Daly.

Jan 10 **Buckie Thistle 7 Deveronvale 2 Aberdeenshire League** - Buckie had a new service player in their line – up, Taylor of Blackburn Rovers. Local players George Stewart and George Sandison were also introduced.

Buckie Thistle 'A' team – Turner, Wood, Slater; J. Slater, Pirie, Clark, Cowie, Geddes, Sievwright, W. Cowie and Mackay.

Jan 26 **Rovers 5 Portsoy 0 (F)**

Rovers – Sensohansen, Clark and Murray; Niven, Reid and Geddes; Garden, Erickson, C. Cowie, W. Cowie and Flett. ‘Jock’ Niven scored two of the goals

Jan 31 **Buckie Thistle 7 30 TB (Inverness) 0 (F)**

Buckie – Pytel, Taylor and Milne; Moses, Hector and Thomson; McNeil, Daly, Stewart, Johnston and Kelly. This was Pytel’s first game for Buckie. A Polish soldier, he was stationed locally. **George ‘Ruf’ Stewart had five goals**

Feb 7 **Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 0 Aberdeenshire League** Keith had Henry Wisniewski in goal. He was to play for Forres Mechanics for many years after this. George ‘Ruf’ Stewart had a number of goals in this match, his goal-scoring exploits led to him being watched and invited for trials by both Hearts and Dundee.

Buckie Rovers 5 Jones (Shipyard) 0 (F) Niven was again among the goals

Football information - During February 1946 Peterhead was top of the Aberdeenshire League, being followed by Buckie Thistle, Deveronvale, Aberdeen University, Fraserburgh, Keith and then Huntly in that order.

Feb 14 **Rovers 7 Portsoy 0 (F)** “Niven was outstanding” said the report in the local paper.

Feb 16 **Buckie 7 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire League** - George Stewart played his last game for Buckie at this point in his career leaving after having signed for Dundee. *****

Roths beat the Rovers at Roths

Rovers – Johansen, Thain and Murray; Niven, Reid and Geddes; Lobban, A. Reid, J. Cowie, W. Cowie and Flett.

Mar 7 *** **Football news** - Ex Provost Merson speaking at a Buckie Thistle social at Victoria Park in connection with a presentation of medals etc. said that the Welfare Society had been formed in 1941 for the benefit of young servicemen stationed in the town and had now started the new Buckie Thistle Football Club for the benefit of those lads in the town on service and those not old enough to serve. “We”, he said, “are out to give every support to any young organisation needing support for football.” (It should be said, however, that for the next ten years or more the largest percentage of the money collected by the Welfare Society, and a tidy sum it was, coming from those who patronised the dances held twice weekly in the Welfare-owned, Fishermen’s Hall, up until 1960, was siphoned off to pay the wages of the best players in the north at the time and make the Thistle the dominant force that they were then.. A.F.) He went on to speak of the ladies who formed part of the committee of the Welfare Society who had been very much involved in collecting the necessary money to get the Thistle Football club going again, mentioning in particular Mrs Tocher and Mrs Milne.

***** During the war years and up to the time that Mr Merson was speaking the Welfare Society gave considerable sums of money to a variety of organisations, including the Welcome Home Fund Committee that received a donation of £500. This can be verified from reports in the ‘Advertiser’.

Mar 28 **Rovers 2 Portknockie 0 (F)**

Football news - Buckie and District Junior League (Welfare League) started up again after the winter shut down. The teams were – Jones, Home Guard, Portgordon, Army Cadets, Findochty, Portknockie, Buckie Rovers and Cullen. Buckie Rovers and Cullen were newcomers. Fochabers, Whitehills and Portsoy made application to join but were turned down due to the distances teams would have to travel. As it happened Fochabers did get in after the Army Cadets pulled out.

Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire Cup. – first leg- semi-final**

Buckie – Hector, Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith and Ross; Currie, Johnston. Gordon, Standing and Westbury. **John Gordon at centre forward scored a hat-trick**

Football news - The report in the B. A. following the match said how John Gordon was a Buckie loon whose home was at 16 James Street. He was meantime in the RAF at Lossiemouth and would seem to be the answer to the Thistle’s goal-scoring problem following on the departure of George Stewart to Dundee. Alan Westbury married to a local girl and living locally filled Kelly’s place while Currie was meantime stationed with the RAF at Cullen. He came from Annan and was a former trialist with Queen of the South. Gordon, it mentioned, was equally at home on either wing as at centre.

Mar 31 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 5 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** reaching the final by virtue of the aggregate score of 11 goals to 3.

Buckie – Pytel, Taylor and. Laing; Smith, Ross and Currie; (Dod) Johnston, Gordon, Standing and Kelly.

Buckie Thistle 'A' played Lossiemouth in a friendly.

Buckie – Taylor, Bowie and Fraser; Hector, K. Imlah and J. Niven; Westbury, Geddes, Daly, Hay and Duncan.

Apr 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire County Cup Final first leg**

Buckie - Pytel, Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith and Ross; Gordon, Dickie, Taylor, Standing and Kelly. There were 600 Peterhead supporters at the game.

Apr 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Polish Army Select 5 (F)** A great many friendlies were being played at this time, this being only one on Saturday 13 April, "*The soldiers gave a great exhibition* ", was the heading in the B.A.

Football news - In another friendly match between the Thistle and the Polish soldiers, Sammy Turner was in goal for the 'home' side with the youthful John Valentine (16) at centre half.

Buckie Thistle v Inverness Caley (F)

Football news - The Final of the Aberdeenshire County Cup was to be played at Peterhead on April 20. The tremendous run on buses could not be met leaving a large number of disappointed fans.

Apr 23 **Buckie 1 Peterhead 2 Final of the County Cup** second leg. **Buckie won 5-4 on aggregate** in front of a crowd of 4,777 at Recreation Park. 600 supporters had travelled through from Buckie with a further 300 from the Broch.

Willie Ross was injured and a passenger for much of the game meaning that Kelly had to drop back to give support to the defence but this the rhythm of the team, we were told.

Pytel on his way home to be demobbed travelled up from Glasgow to play his last game for the Thistle and was outstanding as was Taylor and Smith.

The Buckie team was – Pytel, Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith and Ross; Taylor (Capt.) Johnston, Watson, Standing and Kelly.

May 2 **Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen University 3 Aberdeenshire League. Buckie were Champions** The game was played at Victoria Park on April 25 1946

Buckie team- J. Love (RAF Lossie) Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith, Joe Hendry, J. Gordon, Johnston, Standing, Paterson and Kelly. "*Standing was outstanding scoring five of the six goals,*" said the man from the local paper with no pun being intended.

June 6 **Buckie High School won the Herd Cup by beating Gordon Schools Huntly by three goals to one.** The scorers were Thain and Hendry.

Football news - Elgin East end sought permission to join the Buckie Welfare League

Final of the County Cup - Rovers 4 Fochabers 2 - The match was played at the Linzee Gordon Park which had now been restored as a football playing venue.

Rovers - Clark, Cowie and Leask; Niven, Taylor and Geddes; Hillocks, Reid, Calder, Cowie (Capt.) and Bruce.

Fochabers - 'Shod' Harrold, Clark and George; Flett, Young and Masson; McHardy, Wilson, Maxime, Fisher and 'Pow' Munro.

Final of the Duncan Shield - Rovers 3 Cullen 1 - The only change in the Rovers' line-up was Murray for Bruce at outside left.

Cullen - Findlay, Findlay and Paterson; J. Grant, D. Grant and Menzies; Hamilton, Johnston, Duncan, Forsyth and Blackhall.

The winning team (Rovers) also got £2.10 from Councillor John Duncan, cup donor, to help celebrate winning the trophy.

July 4 **Football news** - In a match between Jones and Cullen, Jones walked off the park at half-time and didn't return after taking exception to some of the decisions that had gone against them.

Final of the Brown Cup – Cullen 4 Rovers 3 This was the Rovers first defeat since joining the League. "*Cullen were a changed side, more than just literally,*" said the reporter of the game.

Cullen – Findlay, Wood and Peterkin; Cummings, Grant and Menzies; Kelbie, Smith, Duncan, McBeath and Blackhall

Final of the Commercial Shield - Fochabers 3 Rovers 2

Jly 11 **Buckie Rovers had a successful season - They won the Buckie and District Welfare League with the following statistics P15 W13 L0 D2 F 63 A 10 30 points They won the County Cup and the Duncan Shield, and were runners up in both the Commercial Shield and the Brown Cup.**

Football news - The Rovers held an end of the season Social and Dance at Strathlene - The report in the 'Advertiser' about their exploits read as follows: "*Few junior clubs in this area have ever made so brilliant a come back after being in abeyance and only revived during the winter months. They were too late to play in the first section of the Welfare League but played friendlies against strong opposition from Rothes to Portsoy then when the Welfare League re-started after the winter break they hit it like a cyclone. Their players, in the main newcomers to the league, struck a pattern immediately that marked them out as potential champs. Highland League clubs have had spies watching in particular Niven, Geddes, Reid, Calder, Cowie and Smith.*"

Football news Jimmy Simpson, ex Glasgow Rangers was appointed Buckie thistle's new player coach.

Jly 25 **Football news - East End Rangers (Elgin)** who sought admission to Buckie and District Welfare League joined Morayshire Junior League

Football news - 'Cluny' a columnist in the 'Advertiser' spoke of his fears for the future of Buckie Welfare League He said: "*Was it likely to become a 'parish' league with a small number of mediocre teams, were the Rovers to join either Moray Junior League or the Banffshire Junior League to gain a better challenge?*"

Aug 1 **Football news - Rovers apply to join the Morayshire Junior League** Cluny wrote: "*The Welfare League is dying on its feet - the Rovers departure will be a big loss – the finest games were seen when the Rovers took part. They brought to the Welfare League a hint of what we could get if the Welfare League were not dying on its feet*"

Aug 8 **Football news - Thistle trial game** - Buckie Thistle held a trial game on Saturday. In the probable side were Jack, Neish, W. Clark, an Elgin lad, and Jim Leask of the Rovers, who was described as '*one of the most decided finds*'. Of the trialists Niven, Cowie, Geddes, Reid and Calder all gave creditable displays. Niven, Leask and Cowie signed after the match for the Thistle

Aug 15 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** There was a crowd of 2.000 in Victoria Park.
Buckie – Cameron, Taylor and A. Clark; Laing, Simpson and Kelly; Bain, Neish, G. Smith, Patton and McLean

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie - Findlay, W. Clark and Leask; Niven, Hector and I. Reid; J. Smith, Cowie, Gordon, Geddes and Shanks "*Gordon scored three and missed a further three,*" said yer man John 'Jock' Niven and John Gordon were both to become my brothers- in- law

Rothes Victoria 4 Elgin City 2 (H/L)

***** **Football news** - Jackie Calder the former Rovers' player signed for Deveronvale. Later Bill Geddes another member of the former rampant Rovers' side signed for Fraserburgh.

Football news - From the 'Advertiser' "*The Rovers lost six of their players, a remarkable commentary on the high class quality of soccer the Rovers produced and it is a striking confirmation of the ability of Johnnie 'Dyles' Cowie (the Rovers coach) to pick and train players. 'Dyles' had an answer when asked how the Rovers would fare with the loss of six of their star players - his answer being: "There is plenty more football talent among the lads of Buckie, I will have a further 20 up to train at Linzee Gordon next week."*

Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 9th Polish Lancers 6 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 3 Morganti Cup Keith won 5-4 on aggregate. The cup was donated by Morganti Italian café owner in Nairn and predated the Highland League Cup

Buckie – Taylor, Neish and Taylor; Laing, Simpson and Kelly; Smith, Cowie, Gordon, Paton and McLean. Peter Taylor, the Rovers' keeper, was in goal when Cameron failed to appear.

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Findlay, Taylor and Leask; Laing, Valentine and Kelly; Neish, Johnston, Simpson, Paterson and McLean. Ian McLean, at outside left came from Clochan. He had been with Buckie before the war later moving to Keith and had now returned. He was to return to Keith at a later date.

Football news - Teams in the Morayshire Junior League - Forres Thistle, Burghead, Findhorn, RAF Kinloss, RAF Lossie, RNAS Milltown, 30 TB Pinefield, Bishopmill, New Elgin, Elgin East End, Buckie Rovers and possibly Grantown.

Teams in the Buckie and District Welfare League - Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty, Strathlene, **Home Guard Hibs**, Arradoul Y.C. Garmouth Legion, Fochabers and Jones. *Arradoul Youth Club, Garmouth, Fochabers and Jones were newcomers.*

Aug 29 **Aberdeen 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Dewar Shield** - The 'Advertiser' man had this to say: "*Thistle unlucky not to draw*" The Thistle had George Tough at inside left making his return after some time. it was said: "*he did not come up to expectation*"

Football news - The first game at Junior level for the Rovers - The Rovers' team for their very first match in the Morayshire Juniors was to be against RNAS Milltown and was to be chosen from the following players - Gray, Cowie, Mackay, Geddes, Mair, McIntosh, Wallace, Thain, Murray, Innes, A. Geddes, Coull and G. Findlay.

Rovers 6 30TB Pinefield 1 (F) played at Merson Park There was a crowd of 400 with the sum of £10 being collected for charity.

Rovers – Jocky Gray (Fochabers), Gordon Cowie and Hugh Mackay; D. Geddes, Mair and McIntosh; Findlay, Wallace, Roberts, K. Geddes and Innes.

Roberts had four goals both he and K. Geddes were outstanding.

Sept 5 **Buckie Rovers 4 RNAS Milltown 2 Morayshire Junior League (first game ever)**
Rovers: Gray, J. Cowie and Mackay; Geddes, Mair and Coull; Findlay, Wallace, P. Innes, Thain and A. Innes.

Sept 12 **Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Morayshire Junior League**

Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 3 1st round of Qualifying Cup

Buckie – Taylor, and Leask; Laing, Simpson and Kelly; Gordon, Johnston, Fraser, Newcome and McLean

Football news - The Thistle signed Jimmy Findlay, goalkeeper, from Cullen; his prowess between the sticks had been noticed some years before.

Sept 19 **Inverness Clach 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** This was the first visit to Inverness by the Thistle since 1939

Sept 26 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup.** There was a crowd of 4,000 at the game. Walter Taylor played his last game for the Thistle here. Said the man from the 'Advertiser' "*Taylor, a Blackburn man, was one of the best.*"

Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth F.C. 2 (H/L) - Note** that Lossiemouth had now joined the Highland League

Oct 17 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie: Taylor, Hector and Reid; Shanks, Valentine and Menzies; Tommy Hornby (Fochabers), Paterson, John Gordon, W. Cowie and Bill Geddes.

Football news - Buckie Rovers received a new strip –bright yellow jerseys with white shorts and stockings- from Father Purcell, RN chaplain at Portsmouth. He also gave a 'T' panel football. (Why he should have been so generous to the Rovers was not made known.)

Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen University 4 Aberdeenshire League**

Fraserburgh 7 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) The Broch was a goal down at half time.

Oct 31** **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 0 H/L)** Norman Wood, Thistle keeper in the years before the war came out of retirement to play.

Nov 7 **30 TB (Inverness) 3 Buckie Thistle 11 (eleven) (H/L)** This was the highest number of goals scored to date by Buckie Thistle. Paton had 8 goals.

Buckie – Cameron, Leask and A. Clark; Laing, Simpson and Smith, W. Clark, Johnston, Paton, Tough and McLean.

Nov 14 **Football news - Buckie and District Youth Football Association** was the title given to a new football organisation set up in the local area. The officials were – D. McNiven – President; Secretary Davie McQueen Committee – J. Ross, Portessie Youth Club; Dod Innes Arradoul Youth Club and Lieut. Sandy McQueen, Buckie ACF .
Clubs that entered originally - Youth Clubs of Buckie, Arradoul and Portessie also Buckie Army Cadets.

Nov 21 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Hughie Morrison of Derby County at outside right. Paton who had been a star with Buckie was to be demobbed.

Nov 28 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie – Findlay, W. Clark and Leask; Laing, Simpson and A. Clark; Morrison, Johnston, Paton, Tough and McLean.

Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie – Cameron, Dyce and Hector; Logie, Valentine and Reid; Gordon, Gervaise, Murdoch, Cowie and Shanks

Dec 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** Paton was taken up from his home in Glasgow for the game

Dec 12 **Football news -** ‘Jock’ Niven, former Rovers’ player on leave from the Control Commission in Germany , was presented with a cheque to mark his forthcoming wedding after the Rovers’ match with New Elgin on Saturday, which finished in a two all draw.

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie had Watson (Portgordon) at left half with Charlie McHardy, Elgin, at outside right.

Dec 19 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** This was the first time that the ‘Vale had taken a point off the Thistle.

Dec 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
Buckie – Findlay, W. Clark and Leask; Laing, Simpson and Dr. Smith; McHardy, Johnston, Paton, Tough and McLean. Paton was not to be taken north again now that winning the Highland League seemed to be a lost cause. Gordon Paton an ex Navy man will be remembered for scoring his eight goals against 30TB John Milne, ex Thistle player in pre-war years was in the Peterhead team. A banker and son of A. Milne, Builder, Buckie, he was playing his last game before moving to Shetland.

Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** First win for the ‘Vale over their Banffshire coastal rivals
Buckie -Findlay, Leask and Smith; Laing, Simpson and Thomson; Gordon, Tough, Johnston, McLean and W. Geddes. The man from the ‘Advertiser’ must have been sick. He described this as *“the poorest game of the season.”*
Jimmy Findlay, the Thistle keeper was to go on trial with Partick Thistle.
This must have been the last game in which John Gordon played for Buckie Thistle as there is no mention of him playing again into 1947. It is known that he emigrated to New Zealand around this time.

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Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 3 (H/L)**

Football news - The word **Victoria** dropped from the Rothes title.
Buckie had George Sandison at outside right and Skene at centre forward.

Jan 16 **Forres Mechanics 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** the words of the mannie from the ‘Advertiser’ were –
“Depleted Jags couldn’t stem Forres brilliance “ This was the biggest defeat the Thistle had suffered in their history so far. Forres had five Polish players in their side, plus Jimmy Pines, a notable goal scorer at centre forward.

Football news - Captain Alex Smith , a former player with Buckie Thistle pre war before signing for Liverpool took over from Rome Tocher as manager of Buckie Thistle . Tocher had been manager since the Thistle were revived after the war by the Buckie Welfare Society. Alex Smith was badly wounded while serving in Burma and suffered the loss of a leg which obviously ended his footballing career. He

will be remembered, however, still playing cricket for Buckie with a runner to claim runs.

Jan 23 **Where are your scouts ?** Questions were being asked in the press as to whether the Thistle officials ever watched Welfare League football. Two players had moved up to the Highland League recently – John Murray from Arradoul to Keith and George Forbes ‘Forkie’ from Fochabers to Elgin. Some things never change.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 5 (H/L)

Buckie – Cameron, Smart and Massie; Laing, Simpson and Leask; Tough, Johnston, Skene, Smith and Mclean. Joe Skene, Aberdeen Sunnybank, signed for the Thistle. Jock Massie was also an Aberdeen Junior player.

Jan 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Ross County 1 (H/L)**

Football news - From the ‘Advertiser’ ‘The Thistle are not doing too well yet Davy Duncan, still only in his twenties and local, who figured in a more successful Buckie side seems not to be considered good enough to play.’

***** **Football news - Hughie Morrison** who had experience with Derby County and first played for the Thistle in November 1946 was given his release and joined the Rovers. He scored 6 goals in a 7-1 trouncing of RAF Lossie.

Rovers : Gray, G. Cowie and Johnnie Fraser; John Coull Green, George Murray and Garden; G. Reaich, A. Cowie, H. Morrison, J. Hillocks and Hugh McKay. Reserves – Jim Campbell and George ‘Doddie’ Gordon.

Football news - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club was started with Bert Nicol as Chairman

Football news - A bad time of snow with many matches cancelled, especially those involving Junior teams

Feb 6 **Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Alex ‘Shaun’ Reid at left half and Paterson at inside left.

Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**

***** **Football news - Johnnie ‘Dyles’ Cowie** resigned as coach of Buckie Rovers claiming that his business interests left him little time to care for the Rovers. He received a parting gift of a watch, handed over by Peter Scott. Sandy Spence took over as trainer.

Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 5 Lossiemouth ‘A’ 1 (F)**

Buckie ‘A’ Findlay, J. McLean (Clochan) and Davy Wood, George Sandison, John Valentine and A. Reid; Jimmy Smith, Eric Cormack, Paterson, Thomson and Cowie. Jim McLean from Cuttlebrae Farm, Clochan was a brother of Ian McLean who has played for Buckie and Keith. Eric Cormack a brother of G. Kitchener Cormack who lost his life at Anzio in Italy during the war.

Mar 13 **Football news** – Portsoy were admitted into the Buckie and District Welfare League. They had tried for a long time but were turned down on account of distance to travel.

Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 County Cup 1st round.

Final of the Duncan Cup – Portknockie 2 Fochabers 9 The game, however, had to be replayed after a protest was made against a Fochabers’ player who had signed for no less than **three** Welfare League teams not to mention turning out for the Thistle. Murdoch by name, was suspended eventually sine die by the ruling body.

Apr 3 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Apr 10 **Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 in the semi-final of the Robertson Cup.** Campbell scored one of the goals. George ‘Doddie’ Gordon and Jim Campbell were in the Rovers’ team for the first time.

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 1 County Cup second leg.

***** **Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** The second team deputised as the first XI was playing at Banff **Buckie Thistle ‘A’** – Cameron, Wood and Sievwright (Garmouth); Sandison, Valentine and ‘Shaun’ Reid; Gervaise, Cormack, Paterson, Lamb and Cowie. Lamb and Gervaise were both from Elgin as was perhaps Cameron.

Football news - Portgordon, who before the war had a football ground up the Enzie road, received a pitch from Archie McHardy, farmer of Mains of Tannachy. This was opened on 12 April 1947 with a match against Home Guard Hibs.

Huntly 5 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup - Buckie had Bowie at right back, Hector at centre half and Lamb at centre forward.

Apr 24

Rothies 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie : Findlay, Hector and Bowie; Laing, Simpson and Leask; Cormack, Tough, Smith, Joe Hendry and Davy Duncan.

Final of Robertson Cup Morayshire Junior League at Victoria Park Buckie Rovers 5 RNAS (Lossie) 6

Football news - This was a tremendous game of football with the write up in the 'Advertiser' entitled 'The Glory of the Ten Gallant Rovers' being simply superb. Extracts are given below :

" a momentous game – vociferous enthusiasm – sterling football qualities – magnificent courage and tenacity of ten heroic yellow –clad figures, who struggled painfully to the pavilion after 110 minutes of the most gruelling football in their career"

The Rovers were down to ten men after only ten minutes of play when Johnnie Fraser was carried off with a broken ankle, and of course there were no substitutes in those days.

The Rovers were trailing by five goals to two at the start of the second half, bringing this back to 5-5 at full-time only for the Navy to score the winner in extra time. The scorers for the Rovers were Morrison (3) Hillocks (pen.) and Cowie

The Rovers retired " bruised, battered and breathless"

Rovers - Gray, G. Cowie and Fraser; Z. Thain, G. Murray and Scott; Hillocks, A. Cowie, Morrison, Reaich and J. Murray.

May 1

Buckie Thistle 1 Third Lanark 6 Benefit Match for Jimmy Simpson

Buckie – Findlay, Leask and Nimmo ('Vale); Tough, Simpson and Joe Allan (Elgin), Munro, Johnston, Bowie, Cormack and I. McLean.

Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 6 Dewar Shield - This had been left over from the previous season.

McQueen's's Challenge Cup League - This was a Juvenile League that had been started up and limited to players under the age of 19. Teams that entered – Buckpool Celtic, Bruce Avenue Rockets, High School Vics, High Street Strollers, Arradoul Wanderers, ACF Hotspurs, Buckpool Rovers, Seatown Rangers, Portessie Swifts, Gordon Street United, Portgordon Rangers, Portessie Dynamos , Findochty Wanderers and Clochan Thistle.

May 22

Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 2 (H/L) The Thistle had Sinclair, a Navy man stationed at the Freuchny Air Sea Rescue base in Buckie at right back in their last Highland League game of the season against Inverness Caley.

Final of the Duncan Cup replay – Fochabers 5 Portknockie 1

June 5

Final of the Commercial Cup 1st leg Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 3

Final of the Commercial Cup 2nd leg Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 - Buckie won the Trophy

Buckie Rovers 5 30 TB (Pinefield) 5 Hughie Morrison had all five Rovers' goals

June 12

Buckie Rovers 5 RNAS Lossie 1 - The Rovers had former player 'Jock' Niven in the side at right half. He had finished his contract with the Control Commission in Germany. The report on the Rovers' game in the 'Advertiser' had this to say about him – *"revealed all his old skill and constructive power at right half."* It also said: *"The Thistle must now regret letting Morrison go as they see his goal tally mounting up."*

Arradoul Youth Club 2 Portsoy 8 Buckie Welfare League

Arradoul- Jimmy Ewen, Jim Mclean and Crosbie Stewart; Frank Mclean, George McIvor and Jimmy Garvock; Jim Murray, Willie McGill, Wildie Duncan, Cecil Benzie and Sammy Turner.

June 26 **Final of the Moray Junior Cup Buckie Rovers 7 RNAS Milltown 2** The heading to the report on the match given in the 'Advertiser' read – **"Rovers Wore Down the Navy Challenge"**

The Rovers thus won their first ever trophy in the Morayshire Junior League at Kynoch Park, Keith on 21st June 1947. Special buses were laid on to take the large crowd of supporters to Keith to see the match with a keen demand being shown for tickets.

Rovers - Gray, Sandison and G. Cowie; Niven, Murray and Wallace; Hillocks, A. Cowie, Morrison, Thain and Westbury.

Final of the Brown Cup Portsoy 3 Fochabers 3 Buckie and District Welfare League

Fochabers - Harrold, Duncan and George; Wilson, Glass and Forbes; Shewan, White, Murray, Ross and Shanks.

Football news - Fochabers were only beaten once during the season, this being by Strathlene. Their team on most occasions being –

Strathlene - Taylor, I. Thain and Eric Slater; W. Thain, J. McIntosh and G. Cowie; Joe Hendry, J. Legge, J. Slater, J. Reid and J. Cowie.

Buckie High School won the Herd Cup League to take the Herd Cup once again. They had lifted it every year since its inception

Football news - Fochabers all but swept the board in the Buckie Welfare League in season 1946/47, winning the League Championship, Duncan Shield and Duncan Cup, also the Brown Cup. They were surprisingly beaten **twice by Garmouth Legion who won the Challenge Shield.**

Garmouth - Horne, Shand and Mellis; Mackie, Sievwright and Duncan; Morrison, Kirkpartick, Naest, McBride and Dunbar. Kirkpatrick from Peterhead was being watched by a number of Highland League sides.

Football News - The Challenge Shield was the first trophy to be won by Garmouth since 1912 when they played in the Morayshire Junior League and won the Nicholson Cup.

July 3 **Football news -** ACF Rockets, Fochabers were now playing in the Morayshire Juvenile League

July 10 **Copied from the Banffshire Advertiser of this date -** "Buckie Welfare Society made money through dances etc during the war (World War II) and thought the best thing they could do with the surplus funds and best service they could render the community was to restore Buckie Thistle. The sum of £3.000 was spent on putting Victoria Park to rights" This was said by William Smith, solicitor and member of the Welfare Society. He mentioned further that the Brown Cup (played for by Welfare League teams) had been given by Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd. (I have to say that this isn't correct as can be found from my notes – it was given by a Mr Brown a representative of John Player Cigarettes. A.F)

"Buckie Thistle originally runs junior football in the town. the SFA frowned on this so Mr R.A. Dunstan, secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Society in Glasgow was contacted and though his advice led to the establishment of Buckie and District Welfare Association in 1934 " This was said by Councillor John H. Duncan and President of the Buckie and District Welfare League and donor of both the Duncan Cup and Duncan Shield.

Football news - Both the above statements were made at the presentation of the various cups at a social evening in the St Andrews Hall.

Football news - Donald 'Shod' Harrold the Fochabers goalkeeper who retired from football in 1947 collected the cups on behalf of Fochabers. He played in goal for the village side before the war.

- July 17 **Buckie Rovers held their AGM in the Sailors' Home** . The treasurer reported that there was a good balance in hand with a profit made on the year's working.
Fifteen players had been signed for the new season with others keen to join the club. The decision was taken to enter the Scottish Junior Cup.
Officials appointed - President – Father Purcell RN. Vice Presidents – James Ross, Wm R. Murray and Councillor John Young. Chairman Peter Scott, Vice Chairman James Cowie, Secretary and Treasurer, George Craig. Committee – G. W. Findlay, Johnston Coull, Trainer – Alex Spence. Representative to Morayshire Junior committee – George Craig.
- Jly 24 **Football news** - Gordon St United won the Buckie and District Juvenile League
- From the Banffshire Advertiser** - It has been said - "The Rovers and Buckie Thistle have not always been on the best of terms **but this season the Rovers gave the senior team a set of stockings.**"
- Buckpool Celtic 4 Fochabers 3 (F)** The Celtic were a new entry into the Welfare League
- *** **Football news** - The new manager of Buckie Thistle to replace Captain Alex Smith is Captain Angus McDonald.
- Aug 14 **Buckie Rovers 8 Findhorn 1 Morayshire Junior League** - Hughie Morrison had four goals with Bill Geddes having a hat-trick.
- Aug 21 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 4 Highland League Cup 1st round** . There was no word of the second game but Buckie went through on an aggregate of 5 goals to two
- Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Highland League Cup second round** - Buckie had Legge at centre forward, Jimmy Rae at inside left and Grant at outside right.
- Aug 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
Buckie - Findlay , Wood and Leask , Allan, Hector and Tough; Sandison, Rankine, Laing, Johnston and McLean. **(Rankine was with the Fleet Air Arm at Lossiemouth).**
- Football news** - Apart from Hector the defence and half line given here was one that was to establish itself for a long time afterwards.)
- Arradoul 4 Fochabers 1 Buckie and District Welfare League**
- Arradoul 5 Cullen 0 Commercial Shield**
- ***** **Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Elgin 2 (Note the name of the opponents – they were never heard of again.)**
Rovers - Gray, Lynch and G. Cowie; Hay, Begg and Niven; Wallace, Smith, Morrison, W. Cowie and Adam.
- Football news** - Mr Norman Taylor, President of Buckie and District Juvenile Football Association , spoke at the presentation of cups for the season. The McQueen Challenge Trophy was won by Gordon Street United.
- Sept 3 **Scottish Junior Cup** - Buckie Rovers were drawn to play New Elgin in the first round of the Scottish Junior Cup. It was said that this would be the first ever Scottish Junior Cup tie to be played in Buckie This was argued against by someone who claimed that he had played in a Jones Shipyard eleven who had played and been beaten by Keith Sports about 1931. (No evidence of this was to be found in the local paper - A.F.)
- Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 Scottish Junior Cup 1st round at Victoria Park** - Morrison was in the Rovers' side
- Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 2 (H/L)** - Findlay, Wood and Leask was now the established defence.
- RNAS (Milltown) 1 Buckie Rovers 7 Morayshire Junior League** - Bill Hay had a hat-trick
- Sept 11 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 7 45 (MU) Kinloss 0 Morayshire Junior League** - Sykie Wallace deputising for Hughie Morrison at centre forward had five goals. *"'Burdie' Murray was a tower of strength at centre half, "said the report in the 'Advertiser'.*

- Rovers** - Gray, A. Geddes and G. Cowie; Niven, Murray and W. Geddes; Hillocks, A. Cowie, Wallace, Hay and W. Cowie.
- Sept 18 **Football news** - Hughie Morrison signed for Buckie Thistle again.
- Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup 1st round.**
- Buckie Rovers 2 30TB (Pinefield) 3 Morayshire Junior League**
- Buckpool Celtic 1 German POW's at Cairnfield 7 (F)** I saw the match - A.F.
- Sept 25 **Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 1 (H/L)**
- RNAS (Milltown) 3 Rovers 1 Morayshire Junior League** - Welch was at right back with Bremner at outside left for the Rovers
- Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 Qualifying cup 2nd round**
Buckie – Findlay, Wood and Leask; Allan, Rae and Tough, Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and McLean
- ***** **Football news** - Apart from a player by the name of Day, like Rankine a Navyman, who was to replace Ian McLean this was a Thistle line up that was to pick itself for some time to come and which many people, not that interested in football could recite easily.
- Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 2nd round replay of the Qualifying Cup** - Buckie had Davy Duncan in at outside left for McLean, his first game for the Thistle for a long time.
- ***** **Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round – Burghead 2 Buckie Rovers 5**
- Oct 16 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - McLean was back in for Buckie
- Football news** - Reggie Day signed for Buckie Thistle after having a good game against Aberdeen 'B' in the Aberdeenshire League. **Note the letter 'B' used to indicate the second team now instead of 'A'.**
- Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (League)**
Rovers - Newman, Begg and G. Cowie; Niven, Murray and Geddes; Wallace, Reach, Jappy, W. Cowie and Westbury. The new keeper was Dennis Choate of Portgordon. Jocky Gray (Fochabers) had been injured playing against Burghead the previous week.
- Oct 30 **Football news** - Andy Morrison, (Buckie), ex Garmouth Legion, signed for Buckie Thistle after playing a game for the reserves.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** - Thistle were top of the league - "*Rankine and Day were stars*", said the man from the 'Advertiser'.
- Nov 6 **Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- ***** **Burghead 9 (nine) Buckie Rovers 0 Nicholson Cup - The reporter at the game blamed a gale for the score line!**
- Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- ***** **Football news** - Buckie Thistle only received the Aberdeenshire League flag they had won in season 1945/46 this week in 1947
- Nov 13 **3rd round Scottish Junior Cup Buckie Rovers 5 30TB (Pinefield) 0**
Rovers – J. Gray, W. Jappy and G. Cowie; J. Niven, G. Murray, and W. Geddes; A. Wallace, A. Cowie, H. Anderson, W. Cowie and A. Westbury.
- Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**

- Nov 27 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Rovers 6 RNAS (Milltown), 2** - Morrison scored the six goals. (Had he left the Thistle again? A.F)
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 9 Peterhead 'A' 3 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie 'A' Brazil, Thain and Bruce; Laing, Hector and A. 'Shaun' Reid, Clyne (Roths), Eric Cormack, Andy Morrison, Bill Hendry and D. Duncan
- Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 7 Huntly 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Findlay, Wood and Leask; Allan, Rae and Tough; Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and Day.
- 30TB (Pinefield), 2 Buckie Rovers (League)**
- Dec 11 **Inverness Clach 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 6 45 (MU) Kinloss 0**
Rovers – Gray, Thain and G. Cowie; Niven, Murray, and Geddes; Wallace, A. Cowie, Anderson, W. Cowie and Westbury .
- Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothies 0 (H/L)**
- Dec 25 **Deveronvale 0**
- Rovers 1 30TB 2 Robertson Cup 2nd round Morayshire Juniors**

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- Jan 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 3 (H/L)** “ *Buckie's unbeaten record goes.* ”
- Buckpool Celtic** - The team chosen to play Keith on New Year's Day was – Lennie Marshall, Geddes and McIntosh; 'Doddie' Gordon, Slater and Georgie Murray; Bowie, Jim Campbell, Geddes, Reid and Bremner.
- Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 2 (H/L)**
- ***** **Cumnock Juniors 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Scottish Junior Cup 4th round ..**
The match was played on 2nd January 1948 in front of a gate of 4.500. 'Jock' Niven scored the Rovers' goal
The Rovers put up a marvellous show according to all reports, especially so after the long trip and the time of the year. They gave one of the best Junior clubs in the country a hard run for their money and were congratulated by one and all. All the Rovers' players were stars with Jocky Gray, keeper, and 'Burdie' Murray at centre half being picked for additional praise.
- Jan 15 **Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 RNAS (Lossie) 7**
- Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Football news** - Jackie Calder who formerly played for the Rovers and who later signed for Deveronvale signed for Buckie Thistle.
- Jan 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 5 (H/L)**
- Football news** - Teams entered for Buckie Juvenile and Knock Out Cup - Buckpool Celtic 'A', Portessie Swifts, Findochty Wanderers, Spurs (ACF), Fochabers Rockets, Portgordon Rangers, Arradoul Wanderers, Gordon Street United and St Andrews.
- **** **Football news** - George Jannetta Central Soda Fountain donated a trophy to the Juvenile League to be called the Central Cup
- Feb 5 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Peterhead had been unbeaten at home for three seasons
Peterhead - Bruce, Middleton and Simpson , Buchan ,Buchan and Smith.. Patterson, Paterson, Hay. Martin and Smith.

Note - The two Patersons that formed the right wing were brothers Jimmy and Willie .

Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Fraserburgh 'A' 1 Aberdeenshire League

Buckie : Valentine, Thain and Legge; Laing, Hector and Reid; Clyne, Johnston, Morrison, Tough and Duncan

Feb 12 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie : Findlay, Wood and Bruce; Sandison, Rae and Leask; Day, Rankine, Morison Tough and Duncan

Football news - A letter was received by the 'Advertiser' suggesting that the Rovers should return to the Welfare League, it being felt that they would create more interest playing local teams.

Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckpool Celtic 4 Strathlene 2 Welfare League

Celtic – Marshall, Geddes and McIntosh; Geddes, Slater and Gordon; Murray, Reid, Coull , Campbell and Bowie.

Strathlene – Murray, Slater and Garvock; Thain, Cowie and Clark; Farquhar, J. Cowie, John Hendry, Joe Hendry and Bill Hendry. **Note** The Hendry's were all brothers , a fourth brother 'Dodo' Hendry played for Keith pre war but died sometime during the conflict.

Football news - The Thomson or Consolation Cup played for before World War II by teams in the Welfare League was found in the High School. The school had been given the cup as a gift.

Feb 26 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill 4 (League)**

Fochabers 3 Buckpool Celtic 0 2nd round of the Brown Cup

Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd leg . Fraserburgh won by 5-4 on aggregate.

Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 5 RAF Kinloss 1 (H/L)**

Arradoul Y.C. 9 Cullen 2 (Welfare League)

Football news - Gordon Cowie, Rovers' player, was in the Lossiemouth Highland League team on Saturday. He didn't sign. (Gordon, a mason to trade, went to South Africa at a later date and died in 2006 - A.F.)

Football news - Buckie Rovers signed Cornal 'Collie' Cowie

Football news - Fochabers Rockets joined the Buckie Juvenile League.

Football news - A Nissan hut was erected at Linzee Gordon Park for changing rooms

Garmouth Legion 3 Buckpool Celtic 0 Welfare League

Garmouth - Horne, Marnoch and Mellis; Anderson, Nairn and Duncan; McKay, McConnachie, Kilpatrick, McBride and Dunbar.

Celtic – Coubrough, Geddes and McIntosh; Murray, Slater and Geddes; Gordon, Smith, Coull, Reid and Campbell

Welfare League table to date in order from top to bottom – Buckpool Celtic, Findochty, Portgordon, Fochabers, Arradoul Y.C., Garmouth, Strathlene, Portsoy and Cullen. Cullen had the one point after ten games had been played while Buckpool Celtic had 20

Mar 11 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie – Findlay, Wood and Leask, Sandison, Rae and Allan; Cormack, Tough, Morrison, Johnston and Duncan. *Rankine and Day were unavailable – touring with the Navy side.*

Brown Cup Final – Strathlene 4 Fochabers 1

Strathlene - Ian Taylor, Cowie and Murray; W. Hendry, Dawson, John Hendry; A. Farquhar, Falconer, Eric Slater, J. Farquhar and Clark.

Fochabers - Grant (Yankee), Duncan and George; Robertson (Rab), Davy Gray and Peter Glass; Oggie Thomson , Ross, Geordie Murray, Cecil Wilson and Kirkwood.

Buckie Thistle 2 RAF Kinloss 0 (H/L) This was the last Highland League game of the season for Buckie Thistle. Gerrard who at one time played for the Thistle was in the Kinloss side.

- May 6 **Final of the White Horse Cup – Buckie Rovers 5 + 3 corners RNAS (Los) 5 + 2 corners .** Corners counted in extra time. The match was played at Victoria Park
- Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen Junior Select 0 (F)**
- Football news -** John Dutch was at centre half for the Select with Jimmy Woodcock at left half , both players were to star with Buckie and Keith , respectively, at a later date.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Morayshire Junior Select 1 (F)**
- Football news -** In the Select side were Gray, G. Cowie, Geddes and Wilson of the Rovers.
- ***** **Football news -** How the Honours were shared *in* season 1947/48
- Inverness Clach won the Highland League with Buckie Thistle third.
Aberdeen ‘B’ won the Aberdeenshire League**
- Findochty won the Buckie Welfare League and Minor League**
- Strathlene won the Juvenile League**
- May 13 **Football news -** Rankine and Day the two Navy men who played for Buckie Thistle in season 1947/48, signed for Inverness Clach.
Hughie Morrison and Ian Hector signed for Keith while Alex ‘Shaun’ Reid, Willie Laing and ‘Dod’ Johnston signed for Lossiemouth.
- Final of the Duncan Shield Strathlene 6 Fochabers 3 AET .** This was the fourth trophy collected by Strathlene during the season.
- Buckie Rovers 9 RNAS (Milltown) 2 2nd round of the Cutler Cup**
Rovers – Gray, Jappy and Cowie; Niven, Murray and Wallace; Reaich, Cowie, A. Wilson, W. Cowie and Andy Wyper..
Football news – Andy Wyper, a slater by trade came from the Glasgow area , a member of the RECCE Corps during WWII stationed in Buckie where he met and later married a local girl . He turned ultra religious and gave up playing football. He died at a relatively early age. – A.F.
- Football news -** Portknockie who had been absent from the Welfare League for a year made application to join again. Rathven Rangers also made application. Both teams were accepted.
- May 20 **Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 5 semi-final of the Cutler Cup**
- Final of the Duncan Cup – Strathlene 6 Findochty 0**
Findochty- McIntosh, Mair and A. Flett; E. Flett, Stewart and Bruce; McKenzie, Dyce, Donaldson, Sutherland and Parker.
Strathlene - Taylor, Murray and Slater; W. Hendry, Cowie and Clark; A. Farquhar, J. Farquhar, Dawson, J. Hendry and Falconer.
- ***** **Football news -** Buckie Rovers donated a set of shirts to Portknockie (Seafield Albion- their adopted name). The shirt colours black with white collars; the shorts white with a black stripe .
- May 27 **RNAS (Loss) 1 Buckie Rovers 2 Morayshire Junior Cup 1st round**
- June 3 **Buckie Rovers 4 45 (MU) Kinloss 2 semi-final of Morayshire Junior Cup**
- June 10 **Final of the Morayshire Junior Cup - Bishopmill United 2 goals + 3 corners to the Rovers 2 goals + 2 corners.**
Rovers – Gray, Pete Marnoch and G. Cowie; J. Niven, G. Murray and W. Geddes; Wallace, J. Cowie, C. Wilson, W. Cowie and Wyper.
- Rovers AGM -** Officials appointed - Hon President – Father Purcell RN- Hon Vice Presidents - James Ross and John Young, Chairman James Cowie, Vice Chairman Alex Murray. Committee – Joe Jappy, Wm.

Cowie. George Craig-Secretary/Treasurer..

The decision was taken to remain in the Morayshire Junior League

July 22 **Football news - Ground for Portgordon** - Archie McHardy, farmer of Mains of Tannachy gave Portgordon 7 acres of land to the west of the village for a period of ten years as a football pitch etc.

Football news - Davie Gray, who has been playing for Fochabers signed for the Rovers

Football news – Jim. McLean and Ali McKay of Arradoul signed for Fochabers.

Aug 19 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 7** First game of the season – **Highland League Cup**
Buckie – Findlay, Tough and Leask; Stewart, Rae and Laing; Donaldson, Allan, Wood, Johnston and Duncan. It would seem that Laing and Johnston didn't sign for Lossiemouth as had been reported.

Aug 26 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1** 2nd round of the Highland League Cup

Burghead 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (League)

Rovers - Gray, Marnoch and G. Cowie; Innes, D. Gray and Murray; Wallace, A. Cowie, Wilson, Geddes and Wyper. Gordon Cowie, a mason with Wm. Douglas and Sons, Builders, Buckie, left for South Africa. He got a presentation from the Rovers.

Sept 2 **Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0** Cannon Cup

Buckie Thistle 3 HGTC O (H/L) This was an army team from either Inverness or Fort George

Buckie - Moulton, Tough and Leask; Stewart, Rae and Laing; Sandison, Donaldson, Allan, Johnston and Duncan

Football news - Buckie had Russell Moulton in goal for the injured Jimmy Findlay. ((Moulton a former serviceman, married in the town and a mason to trade, had been playing in goal for Arradoul.)

Seafeld Albion 0 Lossiemouth 2 (F) Lossie had sent down their Highland League side. Portknockie gave them a very good run

Albion – Morrison, Wood and Slater; Mair, Findlay and Bruce; Taylor, Thain, Grant, Falconer and Fordyce.

Portgordon 4 Garmouth 2 Welfare League

Portgordon - Tommy Pope, Innes and Cowie; Brown, Geddes and Lennie Forsyth, Wheeler, J. Esslemont, Jimmy Thomson, Reid and Coull

Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Buckie – Valentine, Tough and Leask; Stewart, Rae and Laing; Sandison, Donaldson, Hendry, Johnston and Lawrie (Lawrie was ex Dundee.)

Keith – Telfer, Hector and Innes; Oliphant, Roy and Rattray; Wm. Cowie, Reynolds, Hughie Morrison, Jimmy Cowie and Ian McLean.

Fochabers 2 Rathven Rangers 3 *"A good start for the newcomers"*

Final of the Kings Café Cup - Strathlene Swifts 3 Fochabers Rockets 1 This was a replay as the first game was drawn. The scorers for Strathlene were Souter and Clark (2) while Alan Robertson had the Fochabers goal.

**** **Scottish Junior Cup 1st round - Buckie Rovers 0 RNAS (Loss.) 1**

Sept 16 **Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 1** 1st round of Qualifying Cup The Wickers must have had help from the man above or so the mannie from the 'Advertiser' thought - *"Buckie should have won by a barrow load,"* were his words

Buckie – Valentine, Tough and Leask; 'Ru' Stewart, Rae and Laing; Sandison, Donaldson, Hendry, Johnston and Lawrie.

Arradoul Y.C. 4 Fochabers 4 (Welfare League) *"The visitors were luck,"* said the report.

Juvenile Football League Presentation At a social evening held in the St Andrews Hall for the purpose of handing over the various trophies won during the season the President Norman Taylor welcomed all

present.

The winners of the trophies were –

McQueen Challenge Cup-

Strathlene Swifts

Kings Café Challenge Cup-

Strathlene Swifts

Association Challenge cup (Minors)

Fochabers Rovers

Minor League Cup

Findochty Wanderers 'A'

Buckie Rovers 4 R.E. (Pinefield) 2 Dennis Choate was in the Rovers' goal for Jocky Gray

Sept 23 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Arradoul Y.C. 3 Rathven Rangers 1 (Welfare League)

Arradoul - John Rigby, Costello and Garvock; Bowie, McIvor and Cowie; McGill, Cormack, G. Murray, Flett and J. Murray.

Rangers - W. Findlay, Taylor and C. Laing; Green, Cowie and Allan; Watt, Brown, Ramsay, Scott and Sammy Turner.

RNAS (Milltown), 1 Buckie Rovers 7 (League)

Sept 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had Lawrie at outside left

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 6 semi-final of the Cannon Cup - Morayshire League

Buckpool Celtic 3 Fochabers 1 1st round of the Duncan Cup - Buckie Welfare League

Oct 6 **Inverness Clach 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had McKay at centre forward with Joe Hendry and Lawrie forming the left wing.

Buckie Rovers 1 RNAS (Loss.) 0 (League) The Rovers had a new man at centre forward by the name of Haywood with Murray taking over from Wyper at outside left.

Oct 13 **Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** - Alex Stewart (Findochty) making his debut for Buckie at centre forward scored a hat-trick. George 'Ru' Stewart was in the side at right half.

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 4 (H/L)**

Buckpool Celtic take photo call - They were winners of the Welfare League the previous season- Danny Coubrough (trainer) , Robbie Geddes, Jim Slater, Davie Geddes, Joe Mackay, Reid, Jimmy Leslie, A. 'Elky' Clark, George 'Doddie' Gordon, Jim Campbell, Cornal 'Collie' Cowie, Johnnie Reid and Alan Westbury.

Oct 27 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

New Elgin 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (League)

Football news - Jimmy Thomson , Tynet, a classmate at Enzie Public School in 1941/42, played at centre forward for Scotland's Youth team against England at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen, Jimmy was given his chance through Mr Dunstan, a former secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Association now resident in Buckie.

Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 6 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 R.E. (Pinefield) Morayshire Junior League

Nov 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 2 (H/L)** Davie Wood was still absent from the Thistle side being away at the Yarmouth fishing.

Fochabers 12 (twelve) Findochty 1 Buckie and District Welfare League

Fochabers – Alex Jenkins, Ian McLean and Geordie Murray; Cecil Wilson, 'Rab' Robertson and George Forbes; 'Ali' McKay, George Stephen, Oglivie Thomson, Jackie Cattenach and Tommy Hornby

Alex Jenkins was the reserve keeper. Tommy Hornby (His folk had the Red Lion pub) was capped for the ACF. (Jocky Gray had the opportunity to play in the same game but the Rovers would not give him his release - Jocky's own words told to me many years later A.F)

Nov 17 **Fort George 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Pte. John Valentine was at centre half for the army team

Buckie Rovers 4 45 (MU) Kinloss 1 (M/J/L)

Rovers – Choate, Marnoch and Haywood; Innes, D. Gray and Niven; Wallace, A. Cowie, Stewart, Cock and Wyper.

Football news - Willie Cowie, a mason to trade with Douglas, Builders who had been a regular in the Rovers' side for a number of years left for Canada. Jackie Cock was signed to fill his place. ('Paddy' Cowie, Seatown, an enthusiastic follower of the Rovers for many years was a brother - A.F.)

Nov 24 **Keith 5 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Hip Hip Hooray. I was there, saw it and got the 'T shirt. . Buckie were taken to the cleaners that day, I would say.

RE (Pinefield) 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (M/J/L)

***** **Football news** - A photograph of Seafield Albion appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

Dec 1 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie – Findlay, Tough and Leask; Sandison, Imlah and Laing; Lawrie, G. Stewart, A. Stewart, Hendry and Alex Donaldson (Findochty)

Buckie Rovers 3 RNAS (Milltown) 0 (M/J/L)

Dec 8 **Peterhead 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 6 - (M/J/L) this was the first home defeat for the Rovers

***** **Football news** - A photograph of the Fochabers team that beat Buckpool Celtic by 7 goals to 3 appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'

Dec 15 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** - The Thistle had Mackay at centre forward for Alex Stewart.

Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had Imlah at centre half with Mackay retained at centre forward.

***** **Football news - Buckie loon goes senior** - Alex Wilson (15) went south to sign for Portsmouth. He signed for Buckie Rovers before he left supposedly to allow him to return to junior football if he failed to make the grade. He had been playing with Buckie Thistle 'A' team who had put on no restrictions. His signing for the Rovers meant that he could not play for Banffshire Schoolboys in the fourth round of the Scottish School's Cup at Bathgate and it is likely that he missed out on a Schoolboy International Cap

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

Buckie – Findlay, Wood and Leask; Tough, Imlah and Laing; W. Hendry, G. Stewart, A. Stewart, Joe Hendry and Donaldson.

Football news - The Banffshire Schoolboys team was beaten in the fourth round of the Scottish Schools Cup. Ali Martin was a hero in goal for the side while George Cormack, (Portgordon), replacing Alex Wilson had a good game.

Jan 12 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** “ *Buckie had been given no chance against the strong-going Strathbogie side but they upset the odds*”, said the mannie from the 'Advertiser'.

Buckie Thistle 2 Alloa Athletic 2 (F) The visitors were managed by Jimmy Simpson the former Thistle player-coach.

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 (H/L)**

RNAS (Loss.) 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (M/J/L) The Rovers lost the services of Davie Gray (Fochabers) after he took up a job in Glasgow.

***** **Football news - Tynet loon capped again** - Jimmy Thomson played for Scotland in a 3-1 win over Wales in a Youth International played at Palmerston Park, Dumfries. He didn't score but was reported to have had

a good game. Jimmy was serving his time as an electrician with Walker and Smith and playing in the Welfare League with Portgordon.

- Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 3 (H/L)** - Keith Imlah, Aberdeen University, retained his place at centre half for the Thistle.
- Feb 3 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had 'Burdie' Murray of the Rovers at centre half in place of Imlah with 'Sykie' Wallace, also of the Rovers at outside left. He scored the winning goal.
- Feb 9 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** There was a crowd of 4.000 in Boroughbriggs
Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 7 (M/J/L)
- Feb 16 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - Buckie lost three goals in the last ten minutes
Buckie Rovers 3 45 (MU) Kinloss 3 2nd round of the White Horse Cup
- Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 2 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round replay** – Peterhead won 6-4 on aggregate.
- Mar 2 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Buckie had Moulton in goal as they had had for some weeks before.
- Mar 9 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie : Moulton, Wood and Leask; Tough, Allan and Lawrie; Donaldson, W. Hendry, A. Stewart, Joe Hendry and Clark.
45 (MU) Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 5 (M/J/L)
- Mar 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)**
Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (M/J/L)
- Mar 23 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Aberdeen University Aberdeenshire League Four Rovers' players guested for the Thistle – Choate, Marnoch, Wallace and Wyper.
- Mar 30 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie/Keith Select - The following team of players was chosen to meet Glasgow Celtic in a match at Victoria Park on Saturday 8 April 1949. - Telfer (Keith), Wood and Imlah; Tough, Roy (Keith) and Oliphant (Keith) ; J. Cowie (Keith), G. 'Ru' Stewart (Capt.) Carroll (Keith) Hendry and Donaldson.
45 (MU) Kinloss 4 Buckie Rovers 1
- Apr 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 (H/L)**
- Apr 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** This was the last game of the season.
Keith/Buckie Select 1 Glasgow Celtic 3 (F) In the words of the man from the local paper :” *The score flattered the Celtic*”
Celtic – Miller, Mallan and Milne; Docherty , Boden and McCauley, Charlie Tully , McPhail, Weir, Johnston and Paton.
Donaldson scored the Select's goal after a drive from Peter Carroll had come back off the upright.
Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 semi final of the White Horse Cup - Willie Hay was now trainer with the Rovers
- Apr 20 **Banffshire School 0 Aberdeen Schools 4 Scottish Schools Cup Competition.** Graham Leggat, later to play for Aberdeen and Fulham was in the Aberdeen side. There was five Buckie loons in the Banffshire side. I remember seeing the game and much later seeing Leggat play for Fulham in London.
Peterhead won the Highland League in season 1948/49, the second time since the re-start after World War II.
Peterhead Bruce, Middleton and Simpson , Buchan, Buchan and Smith; Paterson, Paterson, Hay Martin

and Smith. (**I wrote down this team from memory in April 2007 A.F.**) The team appeared in the papers so often at the time. The two Patersons were brothers.

Apr 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ayr United 4 (F)**

Buckie and District Minor League – Clochan Thistle, joined the Minor League. Joseph ‘Joe’ a younger brother was to play for the team and persuaded me to become the manager. I remember being out of pocket from paying bus fares for some players.

Clochan Thistle 1 Army Cadet Force 1 Minor League

May 4 **Arradoul Wanderers ‘A’ 6 Clochan Thistle 1 Minor League** With my brothers Joseph playing for the Thistle and Sydney with Arradoul the atmosphere in the house at Burnside following this match must have been electrifying.

Buckie Thistle 3 St Clements (Aberdeen Junior Club) 3 (F)

May 11 **Final of the Duncan Cup Portsoy 4 Rathven Rangers 1** - “*It was something of a tragedy for the Rangers who played so well throughout the 90 minutes only to lose the place in extra time when three goals were scored by Portsoy*”, said the writer of the report on the game.

Rangers – J. Rumbles, Taylor and Sammy Turner; Scott, Mair and Cowie; Clark, Farquhar, Islay Shaw, C. Rumbles and E. Grant.

Portsoy – McKenzie, Duncan and Johnston; Forsyth, Grant and Farmer; Grieve, Mackay, Stephen, Masson and Henderson.

Final of the White Horse Cup – RNAS (Loss.) 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (Morayshire Junior League)

May 18 **Final of the Duncan Shield Buckpool Celtic 2 Fochabers 0 (Buckie and District Welfare League)**

Celtic – Joe Mackay, Clark and Slater; Geddes, R. Geddes and Redford; Gordon, Campbell, Cowie, Leslie and Westbury (Alan Westbury was a brother-in-law of Hughie Morrison both being married to Cowie girls from Gordon Street. – A.F.)

Fochabers – Adam Horne, Jim Mclean and Geordie Murray; Manser, Rab Robertson and Ali McKay; J. Cattenach, G. Stephen, Waghorne, O. Thomson and Gordon.

They moved to Lossie - ‘Dod’ Johnston (Portgordon) and Willie Laing signed for Lossiemouth. It had been known that Johnston had a few words with the Thistle management through the season. Last season they were supposed to have signed for Lossie along with ‘Shaun’ Reid but this must have fallen through.

May 25 **Final of the County Cup Buckpool Celtic 1 Portsoy 1** -

Football news - The teams agreed to share the trophy after two periods of extra time had failed to separate them. The decision by penalties wasn’t then in vogue.

Buckie Rovers 6 Burghead Thistle 3 (M/J/L) - This was the last league game of the season for the Rovers. “*The weather was hot while the football wasn’t,*” said the mannie with the pencil for the ‘Advertiser’.

Rovers - Choate, Marnoch and Campbell; Innes, Souter and J. Cowie; A. Cowie, Wallace, G. Cowie, Jappy and Kinnaird.

Final of the Kings Café Challenge Cup – Strathlene Swifts 4 Boyne Rangers 0 This was the second time in succession that the Swifts have taken this trophy

Football news - John ‘Jock’ Massie ex Hearts and Forfar skipper signed for Buckie Thistle

***** **RNAS (Loss) won the Morayshire Junior League and in a challenge match beat a Junior Select side by 3 goals to 2**

June 8 **Buckpool Celtic won the Buckie and District Welfare League for the second year in succession**

Buckie Wanderers 2 Clochan Thistle 5 (League) “*The Thistle had made a number of astute signings*

notably Ian Crombie from Portgordon , a big bustling player , strong in defence and sharp in attack , his presence giving the team a much greater presence.” A. F.

June 15 **Clochan Thistle 3 Arradoul Wanderers ‘A’ 2 (League)** This was sweet revenge and more strife in oor hoose. Arradoul Wanderers now found themselves at the foot of the Minor League

June 29 **Findochty Wanderers won the Juvenile League with Fochabers Rockets coming second for the second year running.**

Findochty Wanderers ‘A’ won the Minor Association Challenge Cup and also the league

Arradoul Wanderers 0 Fochabers Rockets 0 (Juvenile League) Lennie Marshall , goalkeeper and Islay Shaw an outfield player both played for Arradoul Wanderers though playing in the Welfare League with Arradoul (big team) and Rathven Rangers respectively.

July 27 **Football news - Former Thistle player capped in New Zealand** - An article in the ‘Advertiser’ told of how John Gordon who played for Buckie Thistle in the immediate post war years had been capped for the South Island of New Zealand against the north. It was mentioned that in his first game for the Thistle John had scored four goals from the centre-forward position against Fraserburgh and looked to be the ideal replacement for the high-scoring George ‘Ruf’ Stewart who had gone to Dundee,, but according to the reporter he never quite re-captured this original success.

Aug 3 **Football news** - The Thistle lost the services of Bill Hendry (brother of Joe) an architect, who had left to take up a job in Ayr.

***** **Football news** - Banff Rovers were accepted into the Buckie and District Welfare League as was Islavale (Keith) . The League now comprised 12 teams after the **Rovers decided to leave the Morayshire Juniors and return to the Welfare League too.**

Final of the Central Cup Strathlene Swifts 4 Fochabers Rockets 1 Best for the Swifts were – Ross, Smith and Reid with Jenkins, Geddes and ‘Goatie’ Forsyth were the Fochabers top men .

Aug 31 **Huntly 2 Thistle 3 Highland League Cup** First game of the season
Buckie : Findlay, Willie Marnoch, and Leask; Allan, Mowatt and Lawrie; Eric Cormack, Jock Massie, George Tough, Joe Hendry and Alex Donaldson.

Sept 7 **Buckie Thistle 6 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 Fochabers 2 Buckie Welfare League “ *The Rovers lacked the thrust and precision they had when they played after the war*”, said the ‘Advertiser’ mannie.

Sept 14 **Buckie Thistle 10 (ten) Inverness Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup 1st round.** There was a gate of 3.000 in Victoria Park.

Buckie : Moulton, Marnoch and Leask; Massie, Wood and Lawrie; Stewart, **Buchan** , Tough, Hendry and Donaldson.

***** **This was Martin Buchan’s first game for Buckie.**

Final of the Venice Cup Strathlene Swifts 3 Fochabers Rockets 1

Rockets – Alex Jenkins , Alan Robertson and Gordon Smith; ? Gray , ‘Ticky ‘ McGregor and Gordon Geddes; George Riddell , Willie Robertson, ‘Goatie’ Forsyth, Forbes and Bingham.

Swifts – Thomson, Murray and Smith; Ross, Reid and Clark; Sutherland, Innes, Souter, Smith and Paterson.

Sept 21 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Islavale 6 Rathven Rangers 1 Welfare League – This was the ‘Vale’s first game

‘Vale – Pennet, Webster and Watson; McKenzie, Stewart and Duncan; Russell, Dean, Simpson, Fraser and Black.

Sept 28 **Ross Country 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup 2nd round** The mannie fae the ‘Advertiser’ said :
“ *Buckie were lucky.*” Wisht! Ye canna say things like that.

Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 3 replay of the Qualifying 2nd round tie** He could have been right though.

Buckie Rovers 9 Rathven Rangers 1 Welfare League

Oct 12 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** There wis nae ten this time; the roles being reversed

Oct 19 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Oct 26 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Alex Donaldson, who signed for Buckie from Findochty Welfare League side signed this week for Kilmarnock. He got a cheque for £150 from the directors of Buckie Thistle

Nov 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)** “ *Buckie just did enough to win* “, was the mannie’s words. Sykie Wallace was keeping his place in the Thistle team , Hughie Morrison , ex Thistle and ex Keith was in the Lossie team in this game.

Buckie Rovers 2 Banff Rovers 2 Welfare League First game for two newcomers

Nov 9 **Keith 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** A rare win the cyards ower the gows, bit aye welcome.

Football news - Johnnie Davies a tricky forward player for Elgin City and who for a long time formed the left wing with Johnnie Logie signed this week for Buckie

Nov 16 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Jimmy Findlay replaced Russell Moulton in goal for Buckie

Garmouth 5 Arradoul 2 (Welfare League)

Arradoul – Lennie Marshall, Cranna and Alexander, Peter Cormack, Shand and Jimmy Garvock, Willie McGill, Sandy Paterson, John D. Flett; Wildie Duncan and Cowie.

Nov 23 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 1 (H/L)** Well ye canna win them a’. Buckie had Joe Allan at centre-forward

Dec 7 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Football news - Hughie Morrison , Willie Laing and Dod Johnston were refused training facilities at Victoria Park. The refusal did not apply to Shaun’ Reid though he was also playing with Lossie.

***** **Football news** - Buckie Thistle were asked to lodge their Minute book and cash books with the SFA; there was some question of illegal payments being made to amateurs.

Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Gibson at outside right.

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Findlay, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; Marnoch, Buchan, Tough, Davies and A. Stewart.

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Jan 4 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Football news -William W. Jappy, centre half of Buckie Rovers received a presentation on his forthcoming marriage. This was handed over by George ‘G.I’ Innes, captain.

Football news - Corsair, a new sports’ reporter with the ‘Advertiser’ spoke of the high revenue it took for the upkeep of football teams at all levels, including Buckie Thistle, which were all very much dependent on money raised at dances etc.. The Thistle was running dances every week.

Jan 11 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Jan 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Findlay, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; Marnoch, Tough, Buchan, Davies and Stewart

- Feb 1 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fort George 1 (H/L)** John Valentine was at centre half for the sodgers
Buckie: Jenkins, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; ‘Doddie’ Gordon, Buchan, Tough, Davies and Stewart.
- Football news** - Alex ‘Sandy’ Jenkins from Fochabers was in the Buckie goal.
- Feb 8 **Inverness Caley 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Findlay back in goal and Brechin of Inverurie Locos at centre forward. **Gordon was said to have had an outstanding game with his crosses of the ball into the box being excellent.** Robbie Geddes ex Buckpool Celtic and Cecil Benzie who played for Arradoul were both in the Rothes side.
- Feb 15 **Inverness Caley 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Findlay, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; Gordon, Buchan, Tough, Davies and Stewart.
- ***** **Football news** - In this game Jim Leask was commended for kicking the ball out of play when he thought McIntosh, the Caley player was badly hurt. He was given a round of applause. This was a rare event then.
- Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 Aberdeen County Cup 1st round** - Buckie had Ian Hector at centre half for the injured Mowatt with Farmer (Portsoy) at outside left.
- Mar 1 **Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Sandy Jenkins in goal for Findlay “*had an outstanding game*” we were told.
- Mar 8 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen County Cup Peterhead won 7-4 on aggregate.** In the mannie’s words – “*Jags take terrific beating at Peterhead.*”
 Buckie had Valentine in goal, Rae at centre half and Davies at outside left. Columnist, Corsair was advocating that more use should be made of local players – “*Lawrie and Buchan are not consistently good enough.*”
- Mar 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had a Billy Milne at centre forward, another trialist in an effort to find a real goal-scorer.
- Mar 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)** ‘Doddie’ Gordon was still retaining his place at outside right in the Buckie side with Milne at centre forward. Cecil Benzie, who grew up at Slackhead in the Enzie was in the Rothes team as was local player Alex McKay.
- Football news** - One of the crowd at Victoria Park on Saturday was Wm. Thomson ‘Tomphy’ a retired joiner who built the grandstand in 1919. He was a former captain of Buckie Thistle and had been in Canada for 27 years.
- Apr5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
- Apr 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Kilmarnock 2 (F)** Alex Donaldson was at outside left for Kilmarnock. The Thistle team was along the same lines as it had been for some weeks past only Gordon was dropped in favour of Wallace of the Rovers, something that did not please the reporter for the ‘Advertiser’ who declared that “*Wallace was unimpressive.*”
- Football news** - Keith decided to go all amateur in an effort to reduce their deficit.
Buckie Thistle was once again in the red at the end of the season to the tune of £400, the same as the previous year.
- Apr 19 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** Buckie had George Sandison at outside right with Joe Allan at right half.
- Apr 26 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** The reporter who wrote a report on the game described the win to be: “*A triumph for the Jags.*”
Buckie: Jenkins, Wood and Leask, Massie, Mowatt and Tough; Gordon, Buchan, Cowie, Davies and Lawrie.
- Football news** - George Cowie, to become known as ‘Georgie’, Banks of Dee, who played at centre forward in the team above later signed for the Thistle. The reporter on the game didn’t think that Cowie fitted the bill as a centre-forward, “*like Milne being too small in stature for the position*”.

- May 3 **Final of the Highland League Cup - Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 1** *“The Thistle players were too slow for the Dingwall boys”, was the reporter’s view*
Buckie : Findlay, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Tough; J. Smith, Buchan, Laird, Millar and Lawrie
Laird and Millar were two Stirling Albion players. *Corsair, the reporter for the ‘Advertiser’ said that it had been a mistake to play them adding that they – “ created a weakness which ought not to have been there.”*
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Football news - This had been Jimmy Findlay’s last game for Buckie Thistle as he was moving south. His photo is in this edition of the B.A.
- May 10 **Football news** - A photograph in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ shows representatives of Buckpool Celtic busy building the pavilion at Merson Park. In the picture are ‘Doddie’ Gordon player, Charlie McKay, mason and Peter McGrory, joiner and others not recognised (The pavilion stood on the right hand side of the road leading to the Golf Club House and opposite what was the Turner Pavilion. – A.F.)
- Lossie 5 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Jenkins, Tough and Leask; Massie Mowatt and Allan; Milne, Buchan, Rae, Davies and Lawrie. In the Lossie side were former Thistle players – Hughie Morrison and ‘Shaun’ Reid.
- Buckie Juvenile League** - Teams entered for this season – Findochty Wanderers, Buckie United, Fochabers Rockets, Portgordon Rangers, Strathlene Swifts, Buckie Wanderers and Seatown Rovers.
- May 17 **Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 0 (H/L)**
- Football news** - Eric Cormack and ‘Doddie’ Gordon’ were said to be signing for Rothes. In the event Cormack did sign but Gordon turned down the offer.
- Note - In three years Fochabers Rockets had not lost a home game in the Juvenile League**
- May 24 **Final of the Kings Café Challenge Cup Portgordon Rangers 4 Buckie United 1**
BCK. United : Sandy Milne, Reid and Eddy Shepherd; Jappy, Tommy Lawson and W. Jappy; Ernie Cowie, Danny Fearn, Robbie Gordon, Fobbie (Tibbie) Ritchie, and Cowie.
Rangers – Williamson, Smith and Reid; G. Grieve, Islay Shaw and Leslie Innes; Hay, Cowie, Roy Innes, John Farquhar and A. Murray.
- May 31 **Buckpool Celtic winners of the Welfare League Cup** - - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’. In the caption it reads that the Celtic were the first to win this cup when it was donated in 1919 (**This is much doubted for different reasons – A.F.**)
The players shown are – Thain, Campbell, Fearn, Leslie, Shepherd, Redford, Clark, D. Geddes, Martin, Murray and R. Geddes.
- Final of Kings Café Challenge Cup – Fochabers Rockets 3 Portgordon Rangers 4**
Fochabers – Bruce Gray, Tully and Marnoch; W. Gray, Geddes and Riddell, Sutherland, Bingham, Forsyth Jenkins and Leslie
Portgordon – Williamson, Smith and Reid; Cowie, Shaw and Grieve; Hay, L. Innes, R. Innes, Farquhar and Murray
- June 7 **Buckie United 6 Seatown Rovers 1 (L)** *“(Ian) Gauld stars for the Rovers “was the heading to the report.*
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Portsoy won the Welfare League and the County Cup - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’.
Portsoy – R. Forsyth, A. Duncan and J. McKenzie; E. Johnston, J...Lyness and G.F. Grant, W. Masson, D. Cochrane, F. Masson, F. Henderson and J. Stephen.
- June 28 **Photo of Portgordon Rangers appears in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’.**
Rangers - Smith, Grieve, Farquhar, Williamson, Shaw, Cowie, Hay, Shepherd, Paterson, Reid and Innes.
- Photo of Strathlene Swifts appears in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’**
Swifts – J. Smith, D. Cranna, Ross, Paterson, Gordon, McLure, W. Findlay, Riddoch, Legge, Merson, Murray, W. Smith
- July 5 **Photograph of Findochty Wanderers appears in this issue of the ‘Advertiser’**
Wanderers – Morren, Robertson, Ross, Cowie, Smith, Taylor, Campbell, Innes, Mearns, McKenzie and Lyon.

Photograph of Fochabers Rockets is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'

Rockets – Sutherland, Bingham, B. Gray, W. Gray, Forsyth, Tully, J. Gray, Geddes, Leslie, Jenkins and Robertson.

July 12 **Photograph of Buckie United is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.**

BCK United - G. Gill secy., Wm. Jappy (Beel), J. Reid, Bissett Jappy, Milne, 'Tibbie' Ritchie, Tommy Lawson, A. Reid, Ernie. Cowie, Robbie. Gordon. Jimmy Sinclair and Eddy Shepherd.

Football news - Nobody turned up at the annual general meeting called by Seafeld Albion creating grave fears that they might leave the Welfare League.

Aug 2 **New signings for the Thistle - Peter Carroll, Bobby Jeffrey and Gilbert Morrice.** – (Peter Carroll came from Keith the player, top in Aberdeen junior circles the year before, and had been chased by both Keith and Buckie with Keith winning the race for his signature. Financial problems in Keith perhaps was the reason for the club allowing such a valuable asset to depart, Buckie Thistle now being well subsidised from the money generated by the weekly dances could afford him- A.F.)

***** **Football news** - Garmouth Legion left the Welfare League and joined the Morayshire Juniors. Rathven Rangers and Portgordon both left the Welfare League while Findochty after being a year out rejoined.

Aug 16 **Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Black, Tough and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; Milne, Buchan, Carroll, Jeffrey and Morrice.

Aug 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 3 1st round, 1st leg of Morganti Cup**

Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 1st round 2nd leg of Morganti Cup

Aug 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 2 (H.L)** Buckie had Jeffrey at left half with Davies at inside left.

Sept 6 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

***** **Final of Victory Cup - Fochabers Rockets 3 Buckie United 0**
United: McPherson, Sinclair and Reid; W. Jappy, B. Jappy and Ritchie; Hay, Fearn, Gordon, Newlands and Shepherd.
Rockets: B. Gray, Tully and Marnoch; W. Gray, Robertson and Geddes; Riddell, Hammond, Forsyth, Jenkins and Leslie.

Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 2 Qualifying Cup 1st round**

A photograph of the Seatown Rovers appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'

Portgordon Rangers were beaten 12-2 on aggregate in SSJFA North Cup Final against an Inverness club

Final of the Venice Cup - Portgordon Rangers 6 Buckie United 0

Sept 20 **Final of the Grant Trophy - Findochty Wanderers 5 Fochabers Rockets 3**
Wanderers: Mearns, Taylor and S. McKenzie; M. Smith, Flett and Innes; Morren, Robertson, Ross, Cowie and J. Smith.
Fochabers: The only change from the team above was Keiro for Marnoch at left back

Sept 27 **Football news** - Buckie lost the services of player Mowatt as he was called up to the RAF.

Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 1 3rd round of the Qualifying Cup Buckie had Imlah at centres half for the departed Mowatt with Alex Stewart at outside left.

Oct 11 **Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had Pete Marnoch at outside right with Stewart at centre.

Buckie Rovers 1 Portsoy 1 Buckie and District Welfare League

Oct 18 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)** *"There was an improvement in the Thistle play"*

Findochty 0 Buckie Rovers 1 Welfare League

- Oct 25 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
Buckie: Black, Wood and Stewart; Tough, Rae and Lawrie; Milne, Buchan, Massie, Jeffrey and Stewart.
- Buckie Rovers 4 Arradoul 2 Welfare League**
- Nov 1 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
Islavale (Keith) 3 Buckie Rovers 0 Welfare League
- Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen 'A' 6 (F)**
- Nov 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 1 (H/L)**
Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 Welfare League *"The Rovers go down fighting."*
- Portsoy 6 Buckpool Celtic 1 Welfare League**
Celtic: Martin, R. Clark and R. Geddes; Redford, D. Geddes and A. Clark; Fearn, Campbell, Cowie, Thain and Westbury.
Portsoy: McKenzie, Cumming and Henderson; Grant, McKay and Lyness; Cochrane, Cheyne, F. Masson, W. Masson and Stevens.
- Fochabers 6 Strathlene 5 Welfare League**
Fochabers: Horne, Benzie and Murray; Cattenach, Alan Robertson and Rab Robertson; Thomson, Wilson, Esslemont, Duncan and Masson.
Strathlene – Taylor, Findlay and Farquhar; McRae, Ross and Reid; Cowie, Milne, Durno, Bowie and Paterson
- Nov 22 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Football news - Sandy Jenkins, Fochabers, was in goal this week for the Thistle 'A' team.
- Buckie Rovers 7 Buckie Celtic 3 Welfare League**
- Nov 29 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Islavale 4 Buckie Rovers 2 Welfare League - This was George 'G.I.' Innes's last game for the Rovers as he was to leave for the RAF on December 6th. He received a presentation. He had been captain of the side for some time.
- Dec 13 **Peterhead 6 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie : Black, Wood and Stewart; Tough, Rae and Lawrie; Allan, Buchan, Massie Jeffrey and Morrice
Peterhead: Cook, Middleton and Craighead; Buchan, Buchan and Benzie; Strachan, Bain, Hay, Martin and Hilton
- Dec 20 **No football reported, it is likely bad weather was the cause.**
- Dec 27 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Black, Wood and Stewart; Tough, Rae and Jeffrey; Milne, Buchan, Massie, Morrice and Leask.

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- Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- Jan 10 **No football reported**
- Jan 17 **Football news** – A photograph appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser' of John Gordon (Buckie), who played for the Thistle in the immediate post war era, seen in the New Zealand Air Force football team.
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Buckie Thistle 10 (ten) Huntly 3 (H/L) *"The Thistle was flattered by the score."*
Buckie: Black, Wood and Stewart; Tough, Rae and Jeffrey; Milne, Buchan, Massie, Morrice and Leask.
The absence of Peter Carroll signed from Keith in the Thistle team has been noticed

Jan 24 **Heavy snow blanketed the grounds – no football**

Jan 31 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Goalkeeper Black was injured in the game

Feb 7 **more snow, games off, leading to calls for a winter stoppage.**

Feb 14 **Football news** - The pavilion and changing rooms built on Merson Park by Buckpool Celtic blew down during a night of stormy conditions. . *****

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L) Buckie had Sandy Jenkins in goal in place of Black

Feb 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 3 1st leg of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Feb 28 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 3 2nd leg of the Aberdeenshire Cup Huntly won 6-4 on aggregate.**

Strathlene 1 Buckie Rovers 4 - Welfare League

***** **Islavale 15 (fifteen) Findochty 2 Welfare League**

Mar 7 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistles 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Jenkins, A. Smith and Stewart; Tough, Wood and Jeffrey; Marnoch, Buchan, Massie Morrice and Leask.

Football news - Lawrie had intimated his intention of immigrating to Canada
 Findochty to leave Welfare League, unable to raise a team.
 George Stewart ex Dundee now with St Mirren asks for transfer.

Strathlene 1 Buckie Rovers 1 -Welfare League

Mar 14 **No football reports**

Mar 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 5 (H/L)** Andy Mitchell who was destined to become a prolific goal scorer had a hat-trick here. **Buckie had Black normally a keeper playing at right half with Jenkins in goal.** Lawrie who was to go to Canada was not yet away and was running the line for Buckie
Caley: Bruce McGillivray and Mwrowski: Bolt, McKinnon and McIntosh; McBeath, Jamieson, Mitchell, ‘Ginger’ McKenzie and Gillies (This was a one of the best Highland teams that I ever saw with McKenzie being a tremendous player. – A.F.)

Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 7 Keith ‘A’ 3 Aberdeenshire League - ‘Goatie’ Forsyth of Fochabers scored a hat-trick.

Mar 28 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** Buckie had Forsyth at centre forward with Eddy Shepherd at inside left and both scored two goals .

Apr 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** The reports of games and football snippets was by Victoria now, previously over the years it had been Johnny Butler, Cluny and Corsair

Apr 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Jimmy ‘Jamsie’ Thain at inside left, his brother Hebbie was with Nairn County.

Apr 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 1 (H/L)**

Apr 25 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** Buckie had local youngster Anderson at centre forward. This was his first game and he scored two goals.

May 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Dundee 1 (F) Benefit Match for George Tough** Dundee was ‘*unimpressive*’, according to the match reporter. Billy Steel, the Scottish internationalist, was not on the trip which was a big disappointment to the crowd who had hoped to see him play.

Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 8 Huntly ‘A’ 0 - Milne had five of the goals
Buckie: Moulton, Allan and Smith; Murray, Rae and Geddes: J. Ritchie, Shepherd, Milne, Carroll and Forsyth.

Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

- May 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** “*Buchan was a star*”, in the words of Victoria.
- Buckie Thistle ? Ayr United? Benefit Match for Jim Leask** An advert only with no match report.
- Arradoul Wanderers 3 Fochabers Rockets 2** **First leg of semi-final of the Kings Café Cup** Scorers for the ‘Doul’ were Cormack and Garden (2)
- May 16 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 8 Keith ‘A’ 3** **Aberdeenshire League**
- Buckie Thistle 5 Keith 0 (H/L)** The reporter on the match was enthralled with the play of the Buckie team especially the “*consistent brilliance of Buchan.*” Lawrie played his last game (Not a happy week at all for us Keith loons – A.F.)
- Buckie Rovers 3 Buckpool Celtic 1** **Welfare League** The Celtic were reigning league champs.
- Arradoul Wanderers 3 Fochabers Rockets 3** **second leg of the semi-final of the Kings Café Cup.** The ‘Doul’ went through on an aggregate score of 6-5
- Football news - Jock Massie and Peter Carroll both signed for Huntly.** (*Surprisingly Carroll had seldom played for Buckie who they had chased for his signature two years before and who was seen as a great capture for Buckie when he came from Keith A.F.*)
- May 23 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)** This was meant to be a Commercial Cup tie but Peterhead fielded a sub at half-time which was deemed to be improper, leading to the match being unclassified.
- ***** **Highland League Champions - Inverness Caley won the League with 45 points from 33 games; the Thistle was second with 39 points.**
- Rovers 4 Portsoy 3 semi-final of the St Valery Cup**
Rovers - Moulton, J. Coull and A. Cowie; Murray, Allan and Thain; G. Bruce, A. Flett, Flett, J. Coull and Wyper.
Portsoy – McKenzie, F. McKay and Henderson; Forsyth, Grant and Stephen; Cochrane, Cheyne, W. Masson, F. Masson and W. Lyness.
- Portgordon Rangers 3 Seatown Rangers 2 Juvenile League**
Pg. Rangers – Grieve, Riddoch and Millar; Pirie, Camber and Cowie; Cowie, Slater, Wilson, Grant, Mair and Craig.
Seatown – Reid, Thomson and McKenzie; Edwards, Marshall and Ritchie; Farquhar, Findlay, Smith, Watson and Cowie.
- Football news -** Buckie Thistle signed Gordon Rennie a goalkeeper from Dundee.
- ***** **Final of the Kings Café Cup - Arradoul Wanderers 6 Findochty Wanderers 0** a greasy surface was blamed for the unsuspected score. The wind was once before blamed for a big Rovers’ defeat – surely the elements at the time affect both sides.
- **** **Buckpool Celtic was Welfare League Champions again.**
- May 30 **Final of the St Valery Cup -Buckie Rovers 3 Seafield Albion 1**
Rovers: Moulton, J. Coull and Cowie; Murray, Allan and Thain; Gordon, Flett, Innes, Joseph Coull and Wyper.
Albion: Guthrie, Taylor and Slater (Kim,) Wood, Geddes and Falconer; Grieve, Taylor, Wood, McCluskey and R. Taylor.
 The Rovers played the whole second half with ten men after James Coull had to retire injured.
- ***** **Buckie and District Welfare League -** Buckpool Celtic won the League with 31 points from 18 games, Findochty were bottom gaining no points at all.
- Football news -** In an article in the ‘Advertiser’ great words of praise were spoken of Bobby Paterson , secretary of Buckpool Celtic, who it described as being both energetic and enterprising. . Bobby, my brother in law, was largely responsible for bringing big Scottish Dance bands, Jimmy Shand, the Hawthorn and the like to play at dances but also ran regular dances in the Fishermen’s Hall with modern dance bands like Charlie Pressley, Fraserburgh to augment the funds of the Celtic.

- June 6 **Final of the League Cup Portsoy 2 Islavale 1 (Welfare League)**
- ***** **Buckie United 1 Findochty Wanderers 0 Juvenile League** - This was a crucial game and with the United winning the tie it meant that they had won the Juvenile League
United: Martin, Reid and Allan; Dawson, I. Gauld and F. Ritchie; Birse, Mair, Newlands, Fearn and Webster.
Findochty W. Mearns, Morren and Marshall; Flett, G. McKenzie and J. Ross, Smith, Robertson, James Ross, A. McKenzie and Cowie.
- Final of the County Cup - Portsoy 5 Fochabers 0** F. Masson had a hat-trick. This was Portsoy's seventh cup win at Victoria Park in three seasons. The team was on the same lines as in the previous cup game.
Fochabers - Horne, Murray and A. Robertson; Esslemont, R. Robertson and Cowie; Shewan, Thomson, Masson, Wilson and Munro.
- Jul 19 **Buckie Wanderers 3 Arradoul Wanderers 5 semi-final of the Venice Trophy.**
- Aug 2 **Buckie Thistle signings** - Alex Jenkins and Gordon Rennie- Goalkeepers; George Tough, Jim Leask and John Smith (Wicked), George Sandison and Wm. Marnoch (known as Pete) Backs ; Wm. Milne, Davie Wood, Bobby Jeffrey, G. Murray and Gordon Geddes –Half-Backs; Martin Buchan, Gilbert Morrice, James Thain, Alex Stewart, John Anderson , Billy Forsyth (Goatie), Jimmy Ritchie and Eddie Smith. The last was an Aberdeen junior player.
- Aug 16 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup** *"Thistle lucky to get a point."*
Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Leask; Milne, Wood and Jeffrey; Morrice, Buchan, Stewart, Thain and Black. It is not known if Black, the last named is the same player who played in goal as he wasn't listed in the signings.
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 6 Turriff 2 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie: Jenkins, Sandison and Marnoch; A. Smith, Rae and Geddes; Duncan, E. Smith, Anderson, Preston and Cowie.
- Aug 23 **Presentation of trophies won in the Welfare League** during the past season took place at a dance in the St Andrews Hall. There were no long speeches as in former years merely a vote of thanks.
Portsoy won the County Cup and League Cup
Buckpool Celtic was League Champions - Jim Campbell Capt.
Buckie Rovers won the St Valery Trophy - G.I. Innes, Capt.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Roths 0 Highland League Cup** - Buckie had goalkeeper Black in the team at outside left
- Final of the Central Cup Buckie United 3 Arradoul Wanderers 1 Juvenile League**
- Aug 30 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup 2nd round** - Buckie had Shepherd at centre forward with Gibby Hilton at outside left.
- Buckie Thistle 7 Keith 1 (H/L)** Buchan *marked his return from injury with five goals.* (I wis thinking he nicht hiv taen a bit langer tae get better – it hid been a while since the Maroons hid cam oot on top - A.F.)
- A photograph of Arradoul Wanderers recent cup winners (or those who played on the day) is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. The names are -**
G. Cranna, G. Cormack, A. Paterson, J. Murray. G. Sinclair, J. Hay, A. McPherson, Wm. Jappy, I. Shaw, G. Cochrane and I. Garden. It is noticeable how players appeared to drift about from team to team when there was a chance of winning a medal. *Isla Shaw was shown a short time before playing for Portgordon Rangers.*
- Thistle loses two players to the services** - Sandy Jenkins, goalkeeper and Gordon Geddes who normally played in the half-back line were both called up to the RAF.
- Sept 6 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 3 Highland League Cup** - Elgin won 6-4 on aggregate.

- Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 Qualifying Cup 1st round**
Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Leask; Thain, Wood and Jeffrey; Morrice, Buchan, Stewart, Shepherd and Hilton.
- Sept 20 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
Thistle 'A' 2 Welfare League Select 2 (F)
Thistle 'A' Sandy Paterson, Cormack and John Smith, Shepherd, Rae and Geddes; Duncan, E. Smith, Cowie, Ritchie and Forsyth
Select: Martin (B.C), Morrison ('Vale) and Allan (Rovers); Milne (Strath.), McKay (Strath) and Redford (B.C.), Wood (Seafield Albion), Fearn (B.C.), Hucker ('Vale), Geddes (B.C.), Smith (Arradoul).
- Final of the Venice Trophy Arradoul Wanderers 4 Findochty 6**
- Final of the Central Cup Trophy – Arradoul Wanderers 6 Fochabers Rockets 0**
Durno and Cormack were stars
- Sept 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 1 Qualifying Cup 2nd round** *"a fair result"*
- **** **Football news** The Rovers' president James Cowie 'Jimmy Quinn' left for Coatbridge where he was to take up employment at his trade as a cooper. During his long time with the Rovers he had acted in the capacity as trainer, manager as well as being president.
- Juvenile League presentation** - The trophies won in the Juvenile League during the past season were presented to the winners by Mr Norman Taylor, League President, at a dance in the St Andrews Hall organised for the occasion.
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| The McQueen Challenge Cup – | Buckie United (Capt., Danny Fearn) |
| Kings Café Challenge Cup – | Arradoul Wanderers (Capt. I. Shaw) |
| Inter Section League Cup – | Buckie United (Capt. Danny Fearn) |
| Central Café Cup – | Arradoul Wanderers (Capt. I. Shaw.) |
| Venice Trophy - | Findochty Wanderers (Capt. A. McKenzie) |
- Football news** - A football autographed by both Dundee and St Mirren players and donated by Mr George Stewart and raffled at the dance was won by Sydney Fraser, Burnside of Enzie (a close relative) only it seems that he never got it.
- Oct 4 **Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 0 2nd round of Qualifying Cup** *"The Clach were flattered by the score though they deserved to win,"* said the 'Advertiser' mannie.
- Oct 11 **Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Cowie at centre forward in place of Stewart.
- Oct 18 **Ross County 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckpool Celtic 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (Welfare League) – Geddes of Buckpool Celtic sustained a broken leg.
- Oct 25 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Buckie had Alex Stewart on the wing in place of Hilton with Cowie at Centre.
The Thistle of 1924/25 - A photograph of the Thistle team of then is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'
- Buckie Rovers 3 Arradoul 2 Welfare League**
Rovers – Moulton, Coull and Cowie; Murray, R. Allan and Reid; Gordon, Fearn, Innes, W. Allan and Wyper.
Arradoul – Marshall, Duncan and Sinclair; Scott, A. Cowie and Curran; Murray, Jappy, J. Cowie, Laing and Legge. *"Marshall was a hero for Arradoul"*
- Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**
- Nov 8 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)** Buckie had Jimmy 'Diles' Cowie at centre forward – *"Best display for weeks,"* said the local paper report.
Buckie Rovers 4 Buckpool Celtic 4 Welfare League *"A rough house – out of control"* we were told.

Nov 15	Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 (H/L)
Nov 22	Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
	A photograph in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ shows the Rovers with the ‘Fishermen’s Cup’ awarded many years before. The quality of the picture, unfortunately, is poor. The people in the picture, all named are - George Cowie (Cornal) manager, Alex Murray, Charles Cowie, John Cowie (Diles), John Murray, Peter Murray (Bodge), John Cowie (Rosie), Wm. Jappy (Gander), trainer.
Nov 29	Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 0 (H/L)
Dec 6	Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 0 (H/L) Forsyth was in the Buckie team at outside right
Dec 13	Buckie Thistle 8 Aberdeen Woodside (junior club) 2 (F)
Dec 20	Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
Dec 27	Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)

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Jan 3	Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
Jan 10	Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 1 (H/L) Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Leask; Thain, Wood and Jeffrey; Stewart, Buchan, Cowie, Milne and Morrice. Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (F) Thistle ‘A’ Black, Marnoch and John Smith; Sandison, Rae and ‘Newman’, Duncan, Cormack, E. Smith, Hilton and Ritchie. Rovers - Moulton, J. Coull and Cowie; Innes, R. Allan and Reid; Mitchell, Fearn, R. Gordon, J. D. Flett and Wyper. The Rovers had been unbeaten since midway through the previous season.
Jan 17	Inverness Caley 8 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)
Jan 24	Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 3 (H/L)
Jan 31	No football, pitches all frost bound Juvenile Football Association AGM - President – Norman Taylor; Vice President – Ronald Scott; Secretary / Treasurer - Gordon Gill. Teams entered for the new season – Findochty Wanderers, Arradoul Wanderers, Buckie United, Seatown Rovers and Portgordon Rangers.
Feb 21	Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 0 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st leg
Feb 28	Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd leg
Mar 6	Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd round 1st leg
Mar 13	Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 Aberdeenshire Cup 2nd round 2nd leg - ‘Vale won 4-3 on aggregate.
Mar 20	Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 3 (H/L) Seafeld Albion 1 Buckie Rovers 5 Welfare League
Mar 27	Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)
Apr 3	Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 3 Welfare League Buckpool Celtic 1 Arradoul 3 Welfare League Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 (H/L)

- Apr 10 **No football - bad weather**
- Apr 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Airdrie 4 (F)** Tommy Duncan, Portsoy, played his first game for the Thistle first team against Airdrie in a friendly match at Victoria Park. **He later signed for Airdrie.**
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 8 Turriff 3 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie: Black, Marnoch and John Smith; Sandison, Rae and A. McKenzie (Findochty), Jimmy Ritchie, George (G...I.) Innes, E. Smith, H. Thain (Hebbie), and Hilton.
- Apr 24 **Elgin City 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Leask; J. Cowie (Diles), Wood and Jeffrey; Morrice, Buchan, Stewart, Cormack and T. Duncan.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 3 (H/L) -match played on Tuesday evening.** A number of changes were made to the team that lost to Elgin – **Cowie, Ritchie and E. Smith all played.**
- May 1 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- May 8 **Buckie Thistle 7 Keith 3 Commercial Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Deveronvale 'A' 0 Aberdeenshire League**
- Football news -** Jim 'Diles' Cowie played in both games against Keith in the afternoon and against the 'Vale in the evening.
- The Juvenile League had started with two new teams taking part this time.** *The Spurs and Boys Brigade both entered teams.*
- May 15 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) -** Stewart Imlah played his last game for his home side, Lossie, before signing for Bury. **He was later capped for Scotland**
- May 22 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** This was the last Highland League game of the season
Buckie: Rennie, Marnoch and Leask; Thain, Wood and Jeffrey; Ritchie, Morrice, Rae, Milne and Hilton.
- ***** **Highland League Champions were Inverness Caley with Buckie Thistle coming second for the second year running.**
- May 29 **Final of Buckie and District League Cup Arradoul 2 Portsoy 4** Portsoy had won this trophy for the past three years.
- June 5 **Final of the St Valery Trophy Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 5**
- Football news -** Alex 'Bomber' Thomson a former player and trainer of Buckie Thistle was appointed trainer of Elgin City
- Football news -** Cumnock Juniors (Ayrshire) touring the north were to play a Morayshire Junior Select. Mention was made in the article of the Scottish Cup tie between Buckie Rovers and Cumnock Juniors on Saturday 2nd January 1947. The Rovers' team that day was - Jocky Gray (Fochabers), Willie Clark and Gordon Cowie; John 'Jock' Niven, George 'Burdie' Murray, Bill Geddes, Alex 'Sykie' Wallace, Sandy Cowie, H. Anderson (Lossie), Willie Cowie and Jim Murray.
- New entrants to the Juvenile League - Caledonian Rovers and H and M Rangers**
- New signings for the Thistle –** Jimmy McIntyre, Johnnie Dutch and Ted Charlton, (RAF) also Joe Hendry, John Valentine and Hebbie Thain.
- Aug 7 **A photograph of the new Juvenile team Caledonian (Caley) Rovers appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.** The names of the players and official are – D. McLean, R. Marshall, G. Smith, J. Lawson, J. Smith, G. Mair, A. Miller, H. 'Heckie' Coull, manager, J. Murray, G. Stewart, H. Taylor, E. Lyon and Wm. Bruce.
- Aug 14 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 1 (H/L)** First game of the new season and again 'my team' get their licks. The gate money came to £100, a record for any Thistle versus Keith match up till then.

Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, McIntyre, Charlton, Hendry and Stewart. The half-line shown here was to pick itself for a long time afterwards

Football news - The signing of the new men led to an exodus of local grown players. Jim 'Diles' Cowie signed for Lossiemouth after turning down an offer from Bury. He had up to five other Highland League clubs chasing his signature. Eric Cormack and Joe Allan were now both with Rothes

Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L) (Sat.)**

Rothes 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L) (Wed)

Aug 28 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup (Morganti Cup)**

Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 1 Highland League Cup** There was a crowd of 4,000 in Victoria Park
Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Dutch; Thain, Valentine and Jeffrey; Leask, Buchan, McIntyre, Hendry and Stewart.

Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 semi-final of the Highland League Cup The team was as above.

Sept 11 **Final of the Highland League Cup Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 2 - played at Elgin - gate 8.568**

Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Dutch; Thain, Valentine and Jeffrey; Leask, Buchan, McIntyre, Hendry and Stewart.

Caley: Bruce, Puller, Mrownski Bolt, McKinnon and McIntosh; McBeath, Jamieson, Mitchell, McKenzie and E. Fraser.

Football news - Islavale (Keith) who played in the Buckie and District Welfare League joined the Morayshire Junior League
Fochabers and Garmouth Legion were also members, having both joined the previous season.

Final of the Kings Café Challenge Trophy - Findochty Wanderers 2 Portgordon Rangers 0

Final of the Inter-Section League Cup – Findochty Wanderers 6 Buckie United 2

Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 1 (H/L)

Sept 18 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Final of the Central Cup Findochty Wanderers 4 Portgordon Rangers 2

Final of the President's Cup Findochty Wanderers 5 Portgordon Rangers 4

Sept 25 **Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 1 2nd round of Qualifying Cup** This was the first time since 1939 that Buckie had advanced beyond the 2nd round.

***** **Football news** Portsoy and Banff Rovers both decided to leave the Buckie and District Welfare League and hope to be admitted into the Aberdeenshire League.

Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Jenkins, Tough and Leask; Dutch, Valentine and Jeffrey; Morrice, Milne, McIntyre, Hendry and Stewart.

Oct 16 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

***** **Final of North of Scotland Juvenile Challenge Cup Buckie Spurs 4 Elgin Vics, 3 second leg -Spurs won 7-5 on aggregate**

A photograph of the Spurs team is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' – Shown are – Robbie Souter, Sandy Middleton, Jim Paterson, Alfie Bremner (keeper), Kenny Cowie (Copt.) I. Newlands, Jim Murray, George Scott, D. Robb, John Davie Flett and Doddie Andrews . Manager Sandy McQueen.

Bishopmill United 3 Garmouth Legion 2 Morayshire Junior League – match played on Cooper Park.

Oct 23 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2** semi final of Qualifying Cup

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 2 (H/L)**

Welfare League presentation of the various trophies to the winners took place at a dance arranged for the occasion in the St Andrews Hall.

Buckie Rovers won League, Commercial Shield and County Cup, accepted by R. Allan (Capt.)

Islavale won the St Valery Trophy

Portsoy won the League Cup

Football news - Danny Fearn who had played for Buckie United, Buckpool Celtic and Buckie Rovers signed for Lossiemouth after scoring two goals on his debut against Inverness Caley. He was 20 years of age.

Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 9 Turriff 3 Aberdeenshire League**

Football news - Central Hibs (Keith) who had joined the Buckie Welfare League beat Arradoul by 6 goals to 3 in their first game.

Nov 13 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 1st leg – Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2**

The presentation of the various trophies won by teams in the Juvenile Football Association took place at a dance in the St Andrews Hall arranged for the occasion.

Findochty Wanderers won no less than 5 trophies – League Challenge Cup, Inter Section Cup, Central Cup, President's Cup and Kings Café Challenge Cup
Spurs won the North of Scotland Challenge Cup and the McQueen Challenge Cup
Arradoul Wanderers were runners up in the League.

Nov 20 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 2nd leg – Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Buckie won on aggregate score of 4-3. “Buckie's Greatest Football Triumph” was the heading to the report in the ‘Advertiser’ Buckie had won the Qualifying Cup for the first time in their history.**

Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Dutch; Thain, Valentine and Jeffrey, Morrice, Milne, McIntyre, Hendry and Stewart. The crowd in the Victoria Park was 4,919 with gate receipts of £234 excluding the stand.

Football news - An application was received from John Cowie (Diles) to enter a team in the Buckie Welfare League. The team to be known as Buckie Athletic.

Football news - Neil Marnoch, a player with Garmouth Legion was called up for National Service. He joined the Gordon Highlanders as did Robbie Gordon who had played football for Buckie United, Buckpool Celtic and Buckie Rovers.

Nov 27 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Football news - John Valentine played a trial for the Hibs. No doubt a red letter day for him.

Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*Buckie had the championship look*”, said the reporter of the game.

Buckie Athletic 4 Central Hibs 2 Welfare League

Dec 11 **No football because of ground conditions**

Dec 18 *** **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** **The match was abandoned after 82 minutes on account of darkness**

Football news - Alex Donaldson returned from Kilmarnock and signed again for Buckie Thistle

Dec 25 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**

Fraserburgh Academy 1 Buckie High School 5 semi-final of the North of Scotland Cup - This was the first time that Buckie High had reached the final.

**** **Worth noting -** The Thistle 'A' team were joint leaders in the Aberdeenshire League while the first team were unbeaten in the Highland League having played nine games and collected 17 points.
The Thistle was on a high at the end of 1952.

1953

Jan 1 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Fraserburgh Toolworks 2** Aberdeenshire League *"an undeserved victory", said the heading to the report on the game. The mannie wisna feart.*

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L) *"Buckie's best season ever", said the sport's writer in the 'Advertiser'. He hid tae mak things richt quickly, or else. .*

Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)**

Jan 15 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Something like pride before a fall

Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** *"The absence of McIntyre through injury was sorely missed.", said the scribe mannie from the local paper.*

Jan 29 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *"Ach, gees a break".- A.F.*

Feb 5 **All games were off because of the Great Gale on Saturday 31st January**

Football news - The 'Advertiser' carried a lot of guff and Hoo Ha regarding the forthcoming Scottish Cup match with Ayr United with Buckie being given more than an even chance of beating the visitors, because of the way they had been playing of late and advancing into the next round. The next week's paper had another story to tell.

Feb 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ayr United 5 1st round of the Scottish Cup -** *"Jags let north football down" "Buckie were badly out of step". McIntyre played when he was unfit" "Not the full-blooded cup tie that the crowd had expected – hundred left long before the end."* These were the comments made by the sport's writer in the 'Advertiser'. One compensation was that there was a crowd of 4,400 with gate receipts of £461.4/- - £88.12 paid in entertainment tax.

Football news - Buckie and District Welfare League to restart after the winter break, Buckpool Celtic, league winners on a number of occasions were at the foot of the table, with Seafield Albion at the top of a 7 team league.

Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 0 County Cup 1st round**
Buckie: Rennie, Tough and Cormack; Thain, Dutch and Jaffrey; Morrice, Milne, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.

Buckpool Celtic 5 Buckie Athletic 0 Buckie Welfare League

Celtic : Penman, Crombie and Cowie. Findlay, Geddes and McIntosh; Shepherd, McPherson, Coull, Clark and Thomson.

Athletic - Bremner, Taylor and Lyon; Brooks, K. Cowie and Ritchie; Webster, Flett, Smith, Shepherd and Stewart.

Feb 26 **Arradoul 1 Buckie Rovers 2 Buckie Welfare League**

Rovers – A. Reid; Thain and J. Reid; Lobban, R. Allan and W. Allan; Bruce, Mitchell, Coull, McCluskey and Flett.

Arradoul : Garvock, Duncan and Newlands; A. Murray, J. Scott and J. Murray; Jappy, Souter, Cowie, Scott and McKay.

Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 1 County Cup 2nd leg.

Mar 5 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

‘A’ team to play Turriff

Buckie – S. Paterson, Newman and W. Laing; Innes, Rae and A. Flett (Findochty), E. Smith, Cormack, McKenzie, H. Thain and J. Ritchie.

Thistle team to play Peterhead –

Buckie : Rennie, Wood and Leask; Tough, Dutch and Thain; Morrice, Buchan, McIntyre, Hendry and Stewart. Bobby Jeffrey and Billy Milne had been dropped from the team that lost to Elgin.

Mar 12 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 1 semi-final of the County Cup**

Mar 19 **Buckpool Celtic 1 Buckie Rovers 1 Welfare League**

Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 3 semi-final of the County Cup 2nd leg.

Football news - George ‘Dorker’ Grieve, Portgordon, recently demobbed from the RAF was down to play for the Thistle reserves on Saturday. Elgin City was also showing an interest in the player. Whilst in the Services, George had several games for Chesterfield reserves and was seen as being a good prospect.

Mar 26 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Football news The Thistle team to play Lossiemouth on Saturday to contain Alex Flett, the former Findochty juvenile and Thistle reserve player. Flett to feature at right half with Jeffrey at left half.

Football news - Norman Taylor, president, presided at the annual general meeting of Buckie and District Sec/Juvenile F.A. Teams entered for the new season - Findochty and Arradoul Wanderers, Strathlene Swifts, Buckie Spurs, Fochabers Rockets, Buckie United and Portgordon Rangers.

Buckie Rovers 6 Arradoul 1 1st round of the St Valery Trophy

Final of the North of Scotland Schools Cup – Inverness Academy 4 Buckie High School 1

Apr 2 **No football reports due to bad weather conditions.**

Apr 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 (H/L)** *“Buckie enjoyed a slice of luck”*

Apr 16 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckpool Celtic 2 Buckie Rovers 3 - Duncan Cup – *“two poor teams, not a patch on teams of earlier times.”*

Apr 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 10 (ten) Huntly 0 (H/L) Scorers – Donaldson had 5, Buchan 3, Stewart and Hendry.

Apr 30 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)

Buckie : Rennie, Tough and Leask; Flett, Dutch and Jamsie Thain; Milne, Hebbie Thain, Stewart, Buchan and Morrice. The two Thains were brothers

May 7 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)** - There was a crowd of 2,000 at the game

May 14 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** (Mon) The scores between the two teams doesn’t make sense.

Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 0 ? (Wed)

Buckie Thistle 3 Kettering Town 0 (F)

Buckie: Rennie, Wood and Taylor; Flett, Rae and Innes; Milne, Cormack, Stewart, Hendry and Donaldson.

Thistle take a photo call A photograph of the Buckie Thistle team appears in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’.

Final of the County Cup - Seafeld Albion 2 Buckpool Celtic 1 Note - Portknockie won the Sunlight Cup, superseded by the Brown Cup, in 1935, The first name to be written on the County Cup was that of the Buckie Terriers.

- May 28 **Final of the Duncan Cup – Buckie Rovers 5 Seafield Albion 2**
- Final of the St Valery Cup – Buckpool Celtic 2 Strathlene 3**
- June 11 **A close run thing** - Seafield Albion, Strathlene and Buckie Rovers were all equal on points and could take the League title. It was to be decided with play offs.
- Jly 2 **Welfare League Champions - Seafield took the title when they beat the Rovers by 3 goals to 2.**
- Jly 23 **New signings for Buckie Thistle** - George Cowie ex Deveronvale, Willie Cowie ex Huntly and Bill Shearer ex Aberdeen University
The Thistle lost the services of Alex Donaldson, however, his wife from Ayrshire didn't settle in the Buckie area. Other who moved on was Morrice, Milne and Rennie who all signed for Fraserburgh.
- Jly 30 **Football news** - Buckpool Celtic, a most progressive club at the time, ran a very successful marquee dance at Peter Fair as they had done for a few years. I remember them well with affection
- Aug 13 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)** Ken this am getting rale seek of my team, the cyards, getting haimmered ilka time by the cod heids - (I wis tae fin oot later that it wis a lang, lang time afore they wir able tae pit ane ower their Banffshire rival A.F. Buckie had the money then off the dances and paid for the best players of the time
- A picture in the paper** - A Thistle team, perhaps the Thistle Juniors, of season 1920/21 appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'
- Those named** - G. Reid, A. Murray, K. Brookman, B. Birnie, J. Gray, W. Knowles, J. Laing, E. Hillocks, W. Hector, A. Taylor, B. Duncan, J. Mitchell, J. Thomson, J. Duncan, S. Barclay, J. Coull and I. Geddes.
- Football news** - John Valentine signed for Queen's Park
- Football news** - Cullen rejoined the Buckie and District Welfare League, the club being revived after a lapse of a number of years.
- Buckie and District Welfare League** - Only six clubs sought to enter the League in 1953. The clubs were Arradoul, Strathlene, Buckie Rovers, Seafield Albion, Cullen and Central Hibs.
Buckpool Celtic did not seek membership, their pitch being deemed unplayable at present. They said that they might seek membership after the mid season break but they didn't.
- The officials appointed at the annual general meeting were** – Hon. Pres, A. W. McDonald; President – Dod Innes, Arradoul, Vice President – John Reid, Buckie Rovers, Secretary/Treasurer, J. Farquhar.
- Final of the Kings Café Challenge Cup - Portgordon Rangers 2 Findochty Wanderers 1**
- Aug 27 **Swifts take a photo call** - A photograph of Strathlene Swifts appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.
It shows – Peter Cowie, J. Smith, D. Hay, C. Flett, D. Cowie, David Cowie, A. Thomson, R. Cowie, George Smith, S. Smith, G. Wood, J. Cowie and David Cowie.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** Alex Jenkins, goalkeeper and 'Pete' Marnoch, outfield player, ex Thistle players were both in the City side.
- Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 0 Highland League Cup** - Ach nae again!
- Final of the Central Cup – Portgordon Rangers 4 Buckie Spurs 1**
- Sept 3 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Dick Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, G. Cowie, McIntyre, Willie Cowie and Joe Hendry.
- Football news** - Bill Shearer, goalkeeper, was injured against Elgin City with his place in the game above being taken by Hamilton who played for Motherwell for six seasons and for Elgin last season. He later signed on for Buckie.

Football news - Buckie Thistle 'A' was now playing in the North of Scotland Second eleven League. There were no cups only the League to be played for.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 2 Corinthians 1 Match in the above League.

Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 4 semi-final of Highland League Cup - There was a crowd of 1,000

Sept 10 **Morganti Cup (Highland League Cup) Final Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 2**
This was the third successive Highland League Cup Final contested by Buckie and the first to be won.
Buckie: Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, W. Cowie, McIntyre, G. Cowie and Hendry.
Caley: Bruce, Morrison and Fraser; Sutherland, McFadyen and McIntosh; Cooper, Jamieson, McKenzie, Forrest and ?

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) There was a crowd of 2,500 in Christie Park

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)

Final of the President's Trophy - Buckie Spurs 4 Portgordon Rangers 4

Sept 17 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 1st round of the Qualifying Cup**

Football news - Huntly United (a name from the past) to join Buckie and District Welfare League.

Sept 24 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Caley 0 1st round 2nd leg of Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen F.C. 1 Benefit Match for Martin Buchan. *"This was no fluke score and Aberdeen had six first team players in their side "*, said the reporter from the B.A.

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**

Oct 8 **Final of the North of Scotland Juvenile Cup - Arradoul Wanderers 3 Elgin Victoria 4 A.E.T.** Elgin Vics. had been runners up on the previous two occasions.

Football news - Joe Hendry left Buckie and signed for Elgin City, another local player to lose his place in the home team to Aberdeen imports.

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 5 2nd round replay of Qualifying Cup - gate 3,500

Buckie : Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, W. Cowie, Stewart, G. Cowie and McIntyre. This was the Thistle's 15th game without defeat.

Oct 15 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Not the first time that a defeat has followed a comment made on how good the Thistle were by the reporter in the 'Advertiser'

Oct 22 **Buckie Thistle 8 Ross County 0 (H/L)** Last week's defeat a mere blip it would seem.

Fochabers 10 (ten) Balgownie 1 1st round replay of the Scottish Junior Cup - Scorers Tommy Lawson 3, Sutherland 3, Thomson 2, Wilson and McCluskey.

Oct 29 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 5 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup – There was a crowd of 3,800 in Victoria Park.**

Nov 5 **Football news** - Buckie Spurs to seek entry into the Buckie Welfare League.

Buckie Thistle 6 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)

Nov 12 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 1st leg - Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 2**

Fochabers tem to play Aberdeen St Clements in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup
Fochabers: Penman, Mellis and Murray; Robertson, Reid and Clark; Thomson, Wilson, Sutherland, McLuskey and Lawson.

Nov 19 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 2nd leg Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0** - *There was a*

gate of 3,600. **Buckie played for 30 minutes without a goalkeeper, with Tough deputising. Both 'keepers, travelling together from Aberdeen, were held up on the road and arrived late.** For Jimmy McIntyre this was his third Qualifying Cup winner's medal in three seasons.

Nov 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 6 (H/L)** (Back doon tae the grun wi a dunt – A.F.) A defeat in this game for the Thistle followed an uncanny pattern since it had happened on a number of occasions after winning a trophy as above or being for their play of goal-scoring feats.

Dec 3 **Strathlene in the picture -** A picture in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Strathlene the Welfare League side. **Shown are** – J. Pirie, G. Taylor, G. Milne, H. McKay (Copt.) I. McRae, W. Pirie, E. Shepherd, W. Findlay, J. A. Smith, A. Scott, A. Slater, A. M. Slater and W. Cowie.

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Football news - Portsoy who had left the Welfare League to join the Aberdeenshire League were again seeking re-admittance.

Presentation of Cups and Trophies won in the Juvenile League . This took place at a dance organised for the occasion.

Portgordon Rangers were Juvenile League Champions. All together the Rangers won five cups – Kings Café Cup; Central Cup, Venice Trophy, Inter Section Cup and the League Champions Cup. Buckie Spurs won the President's Cup. They also collected the Merit Cup, a new trophy, given to the team that had given the best display during the year.

Findochty Wanderers who had swept the board the previous year this year again reached the final of a number of trophies but suffered from losing seven of their team to the Forces.

Dec 10 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie 5 (H/L)** - Alex Stewart scored four of the goals

Dec 17 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Willie Allan at outsider right and 'Goatie' Forsyth at outside left, the latter being described as having '*an excellent game*'.

Dec 24 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Dec 31 **Dewar Shield – Brechin City 1 Buckie Thistle 3** - Brechin were 'C' Division leaders at the time. (In 2007 this would be the Third Division)

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Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**

Jan 14 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 'A' 3 Inverness Nelson 1 North of Scotland Second Eleven League

Jan 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)**

Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Sandy Paterson, Thistle reserve goalkeeper was called up for National Service. Gordon Geddes, former Thistle reserve player was demobbed.

Feb 4 **Buckie and District Welfare League -** The League began again after the break with two newcomers-Portsoy a former participant and Huntly United. A notable absentee was the former highly successful football club Buckpool Celtic.

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) "*Lossie were out of luck,*" said the scribe who wrote the report on the game.

Football news - Councillor John H. Duncan former President of the Buckie and District Welfare League and who had donated two trophies to the League – Duncan Cup and Duncan League was appointed President of Buckie Thistle in succession to Wm. Smith, solicitor, who had died some weeks earlier. Edward Fraser, Chemist was Vice President with Douglas Stewart as treasurer.

- Feb 11 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** “Awa ye go - am scunnered. Fit ill hive we deen that we canna win eence in a while?
Buckie: Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; G. Cowie, W. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.
Keith : Lewis, Mackie and Park; Dutch, Hendry and Alexander; Simpson, Whyte, Cormie, Cruickshank and J. Cowie.
- Feb 18 **Peebles Rovers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 2nd round, 1st leg of Scottish Cup.** The Peebles pitch had been subjected to a heavy downpour of rain on Friday and was a sea of mud. The scribe from the ‘Advertiser’ was of the opinion “*that the mud prevented the Thistle from scoring.*”
Football news John Valentine, the former Buckie Thistle player and now with Queens Park, was capped for Scotland against Wales.
- Feb 25 **Buckie Thistle 7 Peebles Rovers 2 2nd round, second leg of the Scottish Cup** the football scribe had this to say: “*Buckie was in scintillating form – this augurs well for the Glasgow tie.*” “*Jags outclass the much vaunted Peebles in the cup replay.*”
Buckie: Hamilton, Tough and Leask G. Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Forsyth, W. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.
- Mar 4 **Partick Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 3 3rd round of the Scottish Cup** “*The better team lost,*” said a Partick Internationalist. There was a crowd of 12,000.
- Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 1st leg of the Aberdeenshire County Cup**
League Champions - Elgin City second string won the North of Scotland Second Eleven League
Buckie Rovers 1 Cullen 1 Buckie Welfare League
Strathlene 1 Central Hibs 3 “ “ “One up for the Hibeers
- Mar 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)** -This should have been a County Cup game but Kynoch Park was unplayable.
- Mar 25 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistles 3 (H/L)**
- Apr 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; G. Cowie, W. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.
Teams entered for the Buckie and District Juvenile League - Portgordon Rangers, Strathlene Swifts, Buckie United, Findochty Wanderers and Buckie Spurs. **Notable absentees were the Arradoul Wanderers.**
- Apr 8 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 0 (H/L)**
- Apr 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 (H/L)
- Apr 22 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- ***** **Buckie with this last point thus won the Highland League in season 1953/54 with still five games to be played, Buckie had also won the Highland League Cup, Qualifying Cup and the Dewar Shield. They last won the Highland League in 1937/38 although they had been runners up on a number of occasions since this time.**
- May 6 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
Sad football news - Ian ‘Tommy’ Stewart, 17, of Lossiemouth, a promising junior footballer, was crushed to death when a war-time block of concrete fell on top of him as he helped fishermen friends to move the

obstacle to allow a tractor to get down to the beach. A trophy was donated in his memory - the Stewart Memorial Cup - and was played for up until 2004 when changes to the League set up meant the doing away with a number of trophies. It is believed that Forres Thistle may have been the last team to win it and so retain it in their sideboard.

Football news - Gordon Geddes, Tynet, a son of dance band leader, Bill Geddes, and former Thistle player signed for Rothes.

Football news - The future of Peterhead F.C. was said to be hanging in the balance due to financial problems. Many clubs suffered from this problem at different times. Buckie Thistle and Keith have already been mentioned but in 2008 Clachnacuddin were the latest.

May 24 **Arradoul photo call** - A photograph of Welfare League team Arradoul, originally known as Arradoul Youth Club, appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*
The photograph shows – Trainer Alex Murray, A. Murray, Adam Cowie, Alfie Bremner, Andy Morrison, Gordon McKenzie, John Murray, Dod Innes, manager, Geddes Cowie, Jim Campbell, Murray Farquhar, Dennis Gowie and John Smith.

June 24 **Final of the St Valery Trophy - Arradoul 5 Portsoy 4 The match was played at Cullen's new ground.**

Buckie and District Welfare League - Huntly won the League Championship. The Strathbogie side also won the County Cup and the Duncan Cup with a walk over of Portsoy who were unable to field a team.

July 22 **Welfare League annual general meeting** - J. L. Hay, Portsoy was elected President with Victor Walker of Cullen as Vice President.

Aug 4 **Buckie Thistle held a trial game at Victoria Park with two teams 'A' and 'B', one having the possible defence and half line the other the possible forward line**

'A' team – Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Forsyth, Andrew Slater, Norman Shepherd, Willie Allan and Sandy McPherson.

'B' team – Bill Shearer, Taylor and Marshall; Innes, Corsie and Flett; G. Cowie, W. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.

Aug 19 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** The team was that which had picked itself at the end of last season.

Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen Sunnybank 0 Benefit Match for Bobby Jeffrey. – Sunnybank was the Scottish Junior Cup holders at the time.

Aug 26 **Buckie Thistle 'A' 5 Inverness Nelson 1 North of Scotland Reserve League**
Buckie; Shearer, Morrison and Allan; A. Cowie, Innes and Milne; McPherson, Sutherland, Cormack, Robertson and Andrews.

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Buckie had made changes to normal line up with a half back line reading – G. Cowie, Corsie and Flett with Forsyth on the right wing.

Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 1 (H/L) (Wed)

Sept 2 **Buckie Thistle 8 Roths 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 1 Highland League Cup

Keith: Leith, Bathgate and Park; McDonald, Henry and Cormie; Reynolds, Wood, Campbell, Cowie and Cruickshank

Sept 9 **Portgordon Rangers smile for the camera** - A photograph of the team etc is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' and shows the following - Albert Geddes, trainer, A. Little, D. Harrold (both of Fochabers), Jimmy Thomson, Willie Allan, S. Cowie, Wm Geddes, Sandy Jessiman Gordon Geddes, Harry Farquhar, Eric Geddes, Stanley Milne and William Cowie.

Football news - Portgordon Rangers swept the board this season in the Juvenile League winning all of the trophies apart from the League Championship won by Findochty Wanderers. Eric Geddes was the top

scorer.

Eyemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 3 1st round of the Scottish Cup.

Buckie: Hamilton. Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and G. Cowie; Forsyth, W. Cowie. McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart.

Sept 23 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Sept 30 **Duns 1 Buckie Thistle 8 2nd round of Scottish Cup** Alex Stewart had four goals. Buckie's half share of the gate amounted to £25.2/- slightly more than from Eyemouth.

Buckie Thistle 'A' 4 Inverness Thistle 'A' 1 North Reserve League

Buckie: Cormack, Taylor and Marshall; Innes, Morrison and Reid, Slater, Allan, Sutherland, Robertson and Andrews.

Football news - George Cormack, Portgordon, a rather diminutive player who normally played as a forward took up position in goal when the Thistle was stuck for a keeper.

Oct 7 **Buckie Thistle 8 Rothes 0 (H/L)**

Oct 14 **The 'A' team smile for the camera** - A photograph of the Thistle 'A' team appears in this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser. It shows - Jimmy Ritchie, Alex Marshall, R. Milne, Lennie Marshall, George Innes (Capt.) Andy Morrison, George Flett, George 'Coug' Reid, trainer, J. Murray, A. Slater, Willie Allan, George Cormack, 'Kits' Geddes and Doddie Andrews.

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 4 3rd of Scottish Cup

Oct 21 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Oct 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Queens Park 1 4th round of the Scottish Cup** *"Thistle tried too hard - they outplayed Queens but victory denied them"* This was the view of the 'Advertiser' scribe.

Nov 4 **Queens Park 1 Buckie Thistle 2 replay of the 4th round of the Scottish Cup**
Buckie; Hamilton, Tough and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; G. Cowie, W. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Stewart. The heading in the 'Advertiser' read- *"Buckie turn up trumps at Hampden."* The scorers for Buckie were Alex Stewart and Willie Cowie.

Nov 11 **Forres Mechanics 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** History repeats itself, Buckie lose after a big victory. "The report on the game said: *"It could have been 8 again for the Mechanics."*

Nov 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)** *"Jimmy Thain gave a five star performance."*

Nov 25 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** *"Star man was Buchan who came to the rescue with 4 goals after McIntyre had failed to score three times."*

Dec 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** *"An inspired display by McIntyre."* Buckie had Lennie Marshall in goal after Hamilton had advised his late arrival.

Football news - George Cormack again played in goal for the 'A' team in the absence of Marshall.

Dec 9 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 7 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** McIntyre 2 Buchan 5

Dec 23 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"A jolt to league aspirations"*

Dec 30 **Deveronvale 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Deveronvale outplay the Thistle and win the points."*

Football news At the end of 1954 Deveronvale were top of the Highland League with Buckie Thistle lying in sixth place with a number of games in hand.

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Jan 6 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Tale of missed chances,"* was the heading, by Buckie, I presume.

- Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** match played on New Year's Day
- Jan 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 0 (H/L)** "*Stewart at centre didn't work*" so the paper mannie said.
- Jan 20 **No football, big freeze up**
- Jan 27 " " " "
- Feb 3 **Loco Rangers (Inv.) 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 6** -Thistle now share leadership of the Second Eleven League with Nairn County 'A'
- Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** - Buckie had Willie Allan in for Buchan.
- Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 5th round of Scottish Cup** - Buckie had reverted back to the old familiar line-up
- Feb 17 **Buckie Thistle get their picter teen** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' accompanies a write up on the chances of Buckie Thistle coming out on top in their 6th round tie in the Scottish Cup against Hearts of Midlothian
- Keith v Buckie Thistle game was off on account of Kynoch Park being snowbound.** Ach well it maybe saved us from getting another beating. I was getting rather pessimistic, you can guess.
- Feb 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Hearts 6 6th round of the Scottish Cup** - The reporter covering the game had little sympathy or anything good to say about the Thistle. His words were: "*Hearts made it look easy – Buckie were outclassed in all departments of the game.*" Having been one of the 5,400 supporters I would have to agree with him, but maybe the expectations of the fans were too high. The gate receipts of £680, including the stand would have been of considerable compensation.
Hearts – Duff, Parker and McKenzie; Mackay, Glidden and Cumming; Souness, Conn, Bauld, Wardhaugh and Urquhart.
Willie Bauld scored three of the goals. He was a first cousin of my Musselburgh brother-in-law Jimmy Bauld.
- Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 4 Aberdeenshire County Cup 1st round 1st leg** Aye aye eence mair back in the old routine- gows mak toast o the cyards.
- Mar 10 **Nairn 3 Buckie Thistle 3 Supplementary Cup** the mannie described Buckie as getting, a "*lucky draw*".
- Mar 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 0 Supplementary Cup replay.**
- Nairn County 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0** Nairn won the Reserve League - Buckie threw away the chance.
- Mar 24 **Buckie Thistle 6 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
- Mar 31 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd leg of the 1st round of the Aberdeenshire County Cup** - Buckie went through on the aggregate. Man it wis richt fine tae get a draw rather than a haimmering,
- Apr 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 2 3rd round of the Supplementary Cup**
- Apr 14 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)** G.I. Innes was in for flu victim Thain with Forsyth in for Willie Cowie.
- Apr 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen University 0 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire County Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 6 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** "*Keeper Dick Hamilton was a hero for Buckie.*"
- Apr 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Stirling Albion 4 semi-final of the Dewar Shield.**
Buckie: Hamilton, Tough and Sandy Marshall; Thain, Stewart and Jeffrey; Forsyth, G. Cowie, McIntyre, Buchan and Leask.
- Final of the Aberdeen County Cup 1st leg - Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 3** – "*Poorest game of the season*" , the mannie said. The Buckie team was as above.
- May 5 **Final of the Aberdeen County Cup 2nd leg - Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1**

(Buckie won 6-3 on aggregate)

Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 0 (H/L) (Mon.) In the mannie's words it was "*no contest*". Am saying nithin ither than it des get boring?

Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) (Wed.)

May 12 **Buckie Thistle 'A' tied with Nairn County 'A' for the championship of the North of Scotland 2nd eleven League after beating Inv. Loco Rangers by 5 goal to 1** The scorers were Jimmy Ritchie and Doddie Andrews

Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie had Lennie Marshall in goal with Forsyth and Innes forming the right wing. This had been James 'Jamsie' Innes who was to die prematurely, still in his twenties.

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

May 19 **Buckie Thistle 6 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

Football news - Buckie Thistle lost three presidents within the space of 18 months after the death of John H. Duncan. The others were Edward Fraser and Willie Smith.

May 26 ** **Football news** - James McRae was appointed the new president of Buckie Thistle with George Tough and Jim Leask as joint managers
(George Tough, a native of Mosstodloch was a baker to trade. During the war he was a pilot with Coastal Command.)

Football news High scoring, Eric Geddes, from Portgordon who formerly played for Portgordon Rangers, scored six goals for Buckie Rovers in a match against Central Hibs in the 2nd leg, of the 1st round of the League Cup. He went on to score a further four goals in the next game against Huntly United when the Rovers beat them 6-1 in the League Cup.

June 16 **Football news** - Fraserburgh claimed the Highland League title for season 1954/55 although the League had been uncompleted for the first time in 60 years. Although they were leading the table there was a good chance that they could have been overtaken by others than the Thistle. Their claim received short shift.

There were no Highland League Champions in season 1954/55

July 21 **Buckie and District Welfare League** - Central Hibs were Champions in 1955 with the Rovers as Runners –Up

Final of the Brown Cup Central Hibs 5 Portsoy 1

C/Hibs – Reid, Mackay and Milne; Leith, Morrison and King; Dean, E. Fraser, W. Fraser, I. Mann and M. Mann

Portsoy – McKenzie, Findlay and Johnston, Mackay, Bowie and Slater, Smith, Cochrane, Cormack, Still and Stephen.

Central Hibs also won the Consolation Cup, and the County Cup.

July 28 **Buckie Thistle signings** - Bobby Rose from Inverurie Locos, Norman Cook, goalkeeper from Peterhead, John Smith (Wicked), a former Thistle player recently with Rothes, Danny Fearn and Alex 'Shaun' Reid, two other local loons who were with Lossiemouth last season.

Players signed for season ahead -

Goals – Norman Cook and Lennie Marshall;

Backs and half-backs – John Smith, Alex Reid, George Tough, Jim Leask, James Thain, Bobby Jeffrey, John Dutch, Willie Allan, Andy Morrison;

Forwards - Danny Fearn, Jim McIntyre, George Cowie, Bobby Rose, Alex Stewart and Martin Buchan.

Aug 18 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie : Cook, Smith and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; G. Cowie, Buchan, McIntyre, Rose and Stewart.

Final of the St Valery Cup AET – Portsoy 4 Arradoul 1 - match played at Cullen's new ground

- Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverurie Locos (F)**
Buckie : Cook, Smith and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Fearn, Buchan, Tough, Cowie and Leask.
 Tough received a fractured cheek bone
- Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 0 (H/L)** - A defeat by Buckie was almost predictable now, unfortunately.
Keith - Low, Davidson and Park; Wildie Wood, J. Scott (ex Arradoul), Studd; Rennie, Campbell, Robson, Smith and Cruickshank.
- Sept 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 semi-final of Highland League Cup**
Buckie : Cook, Smith and Leask; Thain, Dutch and Reid; Fearn, Buchan, Stewart, Cowie and Allan.
- Sept 8 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup**
Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle semi-final of Highland League Cup
Lossiemouth 4 Huntly 0 (H/L) Former Thistle 'A' player George 'G.I' Innes played his first game for Lossie as did R. Milne from Portsoy.
- Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 2 Benefit Match** for Leask and Tough – The reporter described this as a *“magnificent game”*, with James Thain giving an *“immense performance.”*
Buckie: L. Marshall, Leask and A. Marshall; Thain, Dutch and Reid; Tough, Buchan, Stewart, Allan and Scott.
- Sept 22 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) first game of the season**
Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 7 semi-final of the Highland League Cup
- Sept 29 **Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Cup 1st round**
Buckie – Cook, Leask and Reid; Thain, Dutch and G. Cowie; Buchan, McIntyre, Rose, Allan and Stewart
- Oct 6 **Final of the Highland League Cup - Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 0 – The match was played at Banff.**
- Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** *“Willie Allan stars”*, said the paper mannie.
- Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 0 (H/L)**
Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)
Buckie Rovers 2 Arradoul 3 Welfare League Cup - This was the first fixture in this new League Cup competition sponsored by the Association so that clubs in membership could keep their players interested and in trim before the League closed down activities over the winter months.
- Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**
- Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Cook, Morrison and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Allan; Cowie, Buchan, McIntyre, Rose and Stewart.
Football news - George Tough, long time player and presently joint manager of Buckie Thistle decided to relinquish the post and to return to the playing side again with Rothes. Both he and Leask had actively retired from playing at the end of last season. In his first game against Lossiemouth he scored and helped his side to win.
- Nov 10 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *“McIntyre was absent and the team was weakened as a result”*
- Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Cook, Aitken and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Cowie, Buchan, McIntyre, Allan and Stewart.
Keith: Low, Davidson and Cruickshank; Wood, Scott and Studd; Teunion, Chalmers, Robson, Cowie and J. Scott.
Football news - Danny Fearn who was signed by Buckie Thistle from Lossiemouth at the start of the

season asked for his release as he had been offered terms by another Highland League side. John Smith (Wicket) who was signed from Rothes at the same time as Fearn and only played a handful of games at the start of the season before suffering an ankle injury that more or less ended his football career was given his release

- Nov 24 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** - This was a surprise result. With two regular players, George Cowie and Alex Stewart on the injured list the side was given little chance of beating the Caley, at home, but they **signed Bobby Auld from Fraserburgh** who scored a hat-trick.
Buckie: Cook, Morrison and Marshall; Thain, Dutch and Allan; McIntyre, Buchan, Auld Allan and Rose
- Dec 1 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**
- Football news** - The match started ten minutes late as the car carrying the Aberdeen Thistle contingent got stuck in a deep drift of snow on the Enzie Braes some six miles from Buckie and had to enlist the help of a near by farmer to get them going again.
- Dec 22 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** This was the first home defeat for Peterhead in the League this season
Buckie: Cook, Marshall and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Stewart, Buchan, McIntyre, Auld and Rose.
- Dec 29 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Yuk!

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- Jan 5 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 4 semi-final of County Cup**
- Jan 12 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*Nairn had only 9 men on the park for 15 minutes – a tragic disaster for Buckie and set back in title dreams*”, we were told this by the mannie from the ‘Advertiser’. This was similar words to a similar game the previous season.
- Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Jan 26 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 1st round of Aberdeen County Cup** - Strachan had the 3 Broch goals
- Feb 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**
- Feb 9 **Buckie Thistle 7 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** “*an avalanche of goals*”
Buckie: Marshall, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, G. Cowie, McIntyre Auld and Allan. Buckie had Bobby Auld ex Fraserburgh in the side
- Feb 16 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** “*Thistle now best placed to take the League title*”.
- Feb 23 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Football news** - There were no less than six ex Buckie Thistle players in the Rothes side.
- Mar 1 **Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 0 (H/L)**
- Football news** - **Buckie Thistle had been the top Highland League team during the past ten years.** They had played 276 league games Won 174, Drew 32, Lost 70 Goals for 859 Goals against 494 Gained 380 points. Inverness was second P 276, W-171, D-33, L-72, F815, A-475, and Pts 375. Some would say that they bought their success.
- Mar 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 Scottish North Supplementary Cup**
- Mar 15 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 5 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- Mar 30 **No football played in the Buckie area because of ground conditions.**

- Apr 5 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 1 Scottish North Supplementary Cup** . Buckie had Willie Allan in for Bobby Auld who was off sick
- Buckie and District Welfare League - Teams entered this year** – Buckie Rovers, Arradoul, Findochty, Central Hibs, Portsoy and Huntly United.
- Football news** - Jimmy McIntyre was badly injured in a collision with the Forres keeper Henry Wisniewski suffering a compound fracture of the leg. McIntyre had been five years in Highland League football
Buckie: Cook, Stewart and Reid, Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey, Buchan, Cowie, McIntyre, Auld and Allan.
- Final of Robertson Cup - Moray Juniors – Fochabers 1 RAF Kinloss 3 - played at Victoria Park, Buckie**
- Apr 19 **No football in the Buckie area - Scotland versus England International** (I watched the game with Davie Grant on T.V. at Harry Wallace, Bakers, Low Street.)
- Apr 26 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Auld at centre in place of the injured McIntyre.
- Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 1 semi-final of North Supplementary Cup**
- May 3 **Final of Aberdeen County Cup (1954/55 a whole year behind) Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 Buckie won 3-2 on aggregate.** Buckie had been knocked out of this year's competition by the same adversaries.

Andy Morrison played in goal with Cook being injured and Lennie Marshall on holiday.
- Final of the Duncan Cup Findochty 2 Portsoy 1**
- Football news** - Norman Taylor took over as secretary of Buckie and District Welfare Association. He was formerly President of Buckie and District Juvenile Football Association meantime in abeyance.
- Buckie Welfare League** - A new team was admitted to the League – *Buckie Corinthians*
- Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 ? Cup game 1st leg**
- Buckie Thistle 7 Huntly 0 (H/L)**
- May 10 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“Buckie only require one point to annex second Highland League flag in three seasons, “we were informed.*
- Buckie Corinthians 1 Huntly United 10 (ten) Welfare League** - This was the Corinthians first game.
- Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) (Sat.)**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 3 (H/L) ((Mon.)** *“Elgin snatch title from Buckie's grasp - Lennie Marshall's tragic blunder gives Elgin the winner.”* There was a crowd of 4.700 in Victoria Park, including yours truly.
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Elgin City won the Highland League in season 1955/56
- June 11 **Final of the County Cup Portsoy 7 Buckie Rovers 2** the 'Advertiser' had a photograph of the winning team.
Portsoy: F. McKay. W. Findlay, W. Murray, J. McKenzie, J. McKay, J. Stephens, M. McKenzie, D. Cochrane, Ronnie Mair, E. Evans and G. Duncan.
- June 28 **Welfare League Select 3 HMS Bulwark (aircraft carrier) 2 (F)** Ronnie Mair, Portsoy, had all 3 Select's goals.
- Aug 9 **Buckie Thistle have 15 signed players for next season - newcomers** - John Low, goalkeeper from Keith, Jocky Christie, forward from Deveronvale and Grant Craigie ex Fochabers.

- Aug 16 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 Highland League Cup**
Buckie : Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Brown, Allan and Christie.
Brown was on loan from Aberdeen.
- Aug 23 **Football news** - Graham McInnes, ex Aberdeen player signed for Buckie.
- Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 5 Highland League Cup**
- Aug 30 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 6 Highland League Cup**
Buckie – Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, G. Cowie, Allan and Christie -
Cowie had four goals
Keith – Young Cruickshank and Donald; Scott, Wood and Studd; Jimmy Logie, Smith, Charles, Walker and Ewen.
- Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 1 (Wed)** McInnes scored five goals - *Ach am nae playing ony mair, pick up the ba.*
- Buckie Rovers 4 Arradoul 3 St Valery Trophy Welfare League**
- Sept 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 semi-final of the Highland League Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 7 Rothes 1 Highland League Cup**- Buckie had scored 30 goals in this competition to date.
- Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 0 1st round of the Scottish Cup**
- Football news** - Bruce Gray, Fochabers, younger brother of Jocky Gray Rovers' keeper of yesteryear, signed for Buckie Thistle as cover keeper. . Lennie Marshall was in the Keith goal against Buckie in their last match.
- Sept 20 **Final of the Highland League Cup - Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1** The match was played at Nairn in front of 4,000 spectators. I was there. I recognised a lot of fowk who were there, shown in a photograph. The report on the game described it as a, '*dull affair*'. Jocky Christie had the both goals for Buckie.
- Football news** - Huntly United withdrew from the Buckie Welfare League due to financial problems.
- Sept 27 **Montrose 2 Buckie Thistle 4 2nd round of the Scottish Cup**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, McInnes, Allan and Christie –
"Montrose were well beaten", according to the football scribe of the 'Advertiser'.
- Football news** - Grant Craigie was from Garmouth.
- Oct 4 **Rothes 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** - Grant Craigie had a hat-trick
- Oct 11 **Buckie Thistle 9 Newton Stewart 2 3rd round of the Scottish Cup** There was a crowd of 2,200 with gate receipts of £168
- Football news** - Buckie were drawn at home against Hamilton Accies in the next round
- Football news** - Ronnie Mair, Cullen, who played for Portsoy in the Welfare League, was in the Lossie team on Saturday against Huntly and although his side lost he got great praise for his play and industry.
- Oct 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Hamilton Accies 3 4th round of the Scottish Cup** "*Hamilton snatch victory in last minute.*"
- Nov 1 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Hip, hip - we took a pint aff them at long last. "*Buckie only got the equaliser in the last quarter of an hour after Alex Stewart had been switched from full-back to centre forward.*"
- Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 5 Ross County 2 (H/L)** Buchan sustained a broken nose
- Nov 15 **Nairn 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** "*Low to the rescue.*"

- Nov 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 3 (H/L)** “*Dame fortune again smiles on Buckie. Stewart’s penalty four minutes from time gave them the equaliser.*”
- Nov 29 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 (H/L)**
Buckie : Low, Stewart and Reid; Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Rose, Allan and Christie.
- Dec 6 **Fochabers 1 Aberdeen Woodside 4 3rd round of Scottish Junior Cup** – “*Fochabers threw the game away- had many chances to score.*”
Fochabers : Gray Harrold and Smith; Reid, L. Cant and Bingham; Geddes, Thomson, McPherson, Cowie and Craig..
- Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - “*a morale booster, held on to lead grimly.*”
- Dec 13 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 0 (H/L)** “*Andy Morrison’s day, he had four goals playing at centre forward.*”
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Cowie, Morrison, Christie and Allan.
- Dec 20 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** “*Forres steal the show – Buckie the goals!*” Buckie had Freddie Smith at inside left after being transferred from Montrose.
- Final of the Brown Cup - Arradoul 2 Portsoy 2**
- Dec 27 **Final of Brown Cup - replay, Arradoul 5 Portsoy 2** - Scorers for Arradoul; Murray had 3, Thain and Shepherd.
- Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** “*Morrison lacks the mobility – evident that he is not a centre*”
- 1957**
- Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)
Buckie: Low, Thain and Reid; Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Smith, Morrison, Craigie and Christie.
- A football photograph** - In this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ there is to be found a photograph of a football team called Buckpool Celtic, a boy’s team from 1905.
- Jan 17 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 8 (H/L)** Willie Allan was at centre this week in place of Andy Morrison.
- Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup – Fochabers beat Lossie United.**
- Keith 0 Buckie 0 1st round County Cup** “*Low, the former Keith keeper, performed heroics in the first half to keep Buckie in the game.*”
Keith; Young, Cruickshank and Donald; Scott, Wood and Logie; Charles, W. Cowie, Martin, Grant and Studd. Willie Cowie now playing for his home team.
- Jan 31 **Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 2 replay of the County Cup** - Buchan had three goals
- Feb 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**
- Feb 14 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 3 semi final of the County Cup**
Buckie – Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Cowie, Smith and Christie.
- Feb 21 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie And District Welfare League - A plea has gone out for more clubs to enter the League to provide more competition. The clubs that have entered are – Portsoy, Arradoul, Buckie Rovers, Findochty, Huntly United, Central Hibs and Corinthians.
- Feb 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**
Football news - John Dutch, the Thistle centre-half is said to be considering an offer from a Canadian football club.

- Mar 7 **Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** *“Thistle scored three in six minutes “*
- Football news -** Jimmy McIntyre was fit again to take up his employment. He had been off sick for 11 months following the injury sustained at Forres.
- Mar 14 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“ Buckie stole the points”* There is one thing to be said the present football scribe for the ‘Advertiser ‘ he is far less biased than were those in days gone by.
- Mar 21 **Buckie Thistle 7 Keith 1 (H/L)** I thocht that the cyards hid got the measure o the cod heids bit I wis wrang. Smith had a hat-trick
- Mar 28 **Final of the Moray Junior Cup - Fochabers 2 New Elgin 2**
Fochabers - Gray, Cattenach and Smith; Riddel , Bingham and Craig,
New Elgin: Hendry, F. Clunas and Clark; Grant, J. Clunas and Simpson; McKenzie, Milne, Stuart, Farquhar and Allan.
- Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Apr 4 **Aberdeen University 5 Buckie Thistle 3 North Supplementary Cup - “Giant –killers” –**
‘Varsity: Ross, Smith and Innes; McGregor, Wallerston and McKenzie; Morrice, Wood, Shirrefs, Robertson and Lakin. Morrice scored four of the goals.
- Football news -** The students had already beaten Elgin City in the same competition and here they beat a full Thistle team
- Apr 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L)** Buckie required to collect 7 points from the remaining 6 games to take the Highland League title.
- Apr 18 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Final of the Moray Junior Cup - replay - Fochabers 3 New Elgin 2 -** Brucie Gray was a hero in goal for Fochabers
- New Elgin won the Morayshire Junior League**
- Football news -** Willie Allan went on loan to Lossie
Andy Morrison was called up for National Service
- Apr 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)**
- Fochabers Recreation 2 Arradoul 2 Buckie Welfare League**
- May 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 4 (H/L)**
- Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 6 1st leg of Aberdeen County Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen 3 (F) Benefit Match for Jimmy McIntyre.**
- May 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**
- Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- ***** **Buckie Thistle were Highland League Champions for season 1956/57**
This was the seventh time that they had won the title since the end of World War I. Elgin City just pipped Buckie to the post the previous season with the closest finish since 1893.
- June 20 **Football news -** *Buckie* Thistle signed Ivor Smith, former Dundee and Aberdeen forward, also Scottish Junior Internationalist.
- Football news -** Central Hibs withdrew from Buckie Welfare League due to an all too common

complaint – lack of funds.

Jly 25 **A new trophies for the Welfare League** - Mr Ferguson, Glasgow, secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Association donated a trophy to be known as the Ferguson Shield to be competed for by teams in the Buckie and Banff Welfare Leagues.

Football news - Buckie Thistle are to play Lewis United (Aberdeen Junior side) in a trial game. This is a move away from the pattern that has been followed in past years when two Thistle teams were in opposition, one containing the probable defence with the other the probable forward line.

Aug 8 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lewis United 1 (F)** “ *The Jags were too strong*”
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Cowie, Andrews (ex Elgin City), Smith and Christie. A crowd of 1,000 paid admission to see the game.

Football news - James McRae was re-elected Chairman of Buckie Welfare Society, the title which also carries with it President of Buckie Thistle F.C. Vice President – A. W. McDonald, Secretary, J. L. McNaughton, Treasurer, D. Lamont.

Aug 15 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Cup** It had been far ower lang for Keith fowk since they had seen a score like this . They would have been asking whether they had turned the corner or just a flash in the pan.

Aug 22 **Elgin City 0 Keith 2 (H/L) Cup**

Keith 3 Elgin 3 (H/L) Cup

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L) Cup

Buckie Thistle 8 Roths 1 (H/L) Cup

Aug 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 Highland League Cup** - new signing Ivor Smith had two goals

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 (H/L) Cup Yes, I’m afraid it was a false dawn.

Sept 5 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup**

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 4 semi-final of the Highland League Cup

Final of Welfare League Cup from last year – Arradoul 1 Portsoy 2

Rovers 5 Portsoy Athletic (Banff Welfare League) 6 new County Welfare Shield (Ferguson Shield)

Sept 12 **Final of the Highland League Cup Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 1** The match was played at Elgin and described by the reporter for the ‘Advertiser’ as a *‘flop’*. Buchan scored three goals.
Buckie - Low, Thain and Reid; Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Andrews, Smith and Christie. Sandy Marshall, Findochty, ex Thistle player was at left back for Nairn.

Buckie won the Highland League Cup (Morganti Cup) in seasons 1919-20; 1926-27; 1927-28; 1933-34; 1936-37 ; 1953-54; 1956-57 and 1957-58

Sept 19 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

Final of Aberdeen County Cup 1956-57 (a year late) Buckie Thistle 5 Fraserburgh 2 - Buckie won the trophy with an aggregate score of 11-5

Sept 26 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** Joe Hendry, a former Thistle player had re-signed and was in the team at outside left.

Final of the Duncan Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Portsoy 3 - Eric Geddes had two goals for the Rovers

Football news - Tommy Lawson, recently demobbed from the Navy played for Buckie in a benefit match at Fraserburgh. He also played a game for Buckie the previous season against Inverness Caley. Before being

called up he played at outside left for Fochabers.

- Oct 3 **Welfare League Cup Final - Buckie Rovers 7 Fochabers Recreation 5**
D. Murray had five goals for the Rovers, Thain and Fearn scoring the other two. The scorers for Fochabers Recreation were – Douglas with 3, McKenzie and Glass
- Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** “*Buckie were three goals down at one point.*”
- Football news** - A photograph in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ taken of the Lady Cathcart School football team shows Spencer Lyon and the Leslie twins James and John.
- The Rovers take a photo call** - A photograph in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ shows Buckie Rovers F. C. Welfare League Cup winners
Shown and named are – A. Flett, G. Thomson, J. Sutherland, A. Bremner, J. Webster, S. Milne, G. Gair, W. Hay, H. Thain, J. Newlands, E. Geddes, D. Fearn and G. Duncan.
- Oct 10 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
- Arradoul 4 Portsoy Athletic 2 semi-final of the Ferguson Shield** - Scorers for Arradoul – Thomson had 2 Reid and Wood.
- Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (H/L)** -Buckie had Joe Hendry in place of ‘flu victim Ivor Smith.
Keith: W. Bruce, Singer and Donald; Logie, Wood and Grant; Stuart, Sey, Stephen, Johnston and W. Cowie.
- Oct 24 **Morayshire Junior League, teams and positions in league as of this date** –
Burghead Thistle, New Elgin, RAF Kinloss, Forres Thistle, Fochabers, Lossie United, Bishopmill, Royal Scots (Pinefield), HMS Fulmar and Islavale.
- Football news** - Ali Farquhar, Mill Crescent, Buckie, presently playing in goal for Roths in the Highland League, suffered a severe scalp injury
- Oct 31 **Final of the Ferguson Shield 1st leg – Arradoul 3 Doune Rovers 7**
- Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** George Andrews (formerly with Elgin City) scored four goals.
- Nov 7 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 (H/L)**
- Final of the Ferguson Shield 2nd leg Doune Rovers 6 Arradoul 2** Doune Rovers were the first holders of this new trophy played between the two Welfare League, Buckie and Banff.
- Nov 14 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 2 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup** - Bobby Auld ex Buckie Thistle now playing for the Broch had a field day. “*The Broch had one of their finest hours*”, said the ‘Advertiser’ scribe.
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Craigie, Cowie, Andrews, Smith and Christie.
- Final of the St Valery Trophy Buckie Rovers 4 Portsoy 2** Scorers for Arradoul were D. Murray with 2, Gordon and Newlands. The Portsoy linesman was sent from the field by the referee.
- Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
- Nov 28 **Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Final of the Brown Cup Arradoul 4 Findochty 1** Scorers for Arradoul were – Duthie, Reid, Wood and Cowie while ‘Doddie’ Robertson had the Findochty goal.
- Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 5 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- Dec 12 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 8 (H/L)** - Buckie had scored 24 goals in their last 4 games.
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Andrews, Smith and Christie.
- Football news** - James Thain was still missing; he had asked to be rested after the game against Fraserburgh a month before.
- Dec 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 (H/L)**

Dec 28 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

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Jan 2 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 7 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)

Jan 16 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *“Buckie’s nine game winning run ended “*

Football news – The local paper reporter described Keith as being, *“Buckie’s bogey team.”* It is difficult to see how this could be; it had been a long time since Keith had beaten Buckie. I for one couldn’t care less, just enjoyed the unexpected victory. Best for Keith were – Woodcock, Bruce, Vandermotten and Christie

Jan 30 **No games – heavy snow fell all week - all football cancelled.**

Feb 6 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Feb 20 **Montrose 2 Buckie Thistle 2 1st round of the Scottish Cup**

Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Montrose 1 (AET) 1st round of the Scottish Cup**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Cowie, Craigie, Andrews, Smith and Christie.

Buckie Thistle 8 Rothes 1 (H/L)

Mar 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Falkirk 2 in the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup -**

Football news - *“The Cup holders won but it was sheer robbery – Buchan’s goal after 81 minutes was stroked off by Mr Fitzpatrick, Glasgow, the referee, “.* So said the writer of the report on the game. These and similar sentiments were expressed by more than two thirds of the 8.000 gate.

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Craigie, Andrews, Smith and Christie.

Mar 13 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Mar 20 **Buckie Thistle 5 Ross County 0 (H/L)** - Seven inches of snow were cleared off Victoria Park to allow the game to go on.

Mar 27 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Apr 3 **Ross County 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

**** **Football news -** Portgordon F.C. to be revived and join the Buckie Welfare League. Hon. President – Ed. Esslemont; Hon Vice President- Elias Sudding; President -D. McKenzie, Vice President – James Shewan; Secretary- Donald Harper; Treasurer- J. Davidson.

Football news - Dumbarton scratched from the Dewar Shield leaving Buckie to play Dundee in the Final.

Apr 10 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Teams entered for Buckie Welfare League - Buckpool Celtic, Portgordon, Boys’ Brigade, Buckie Rovers, Arradoul, Findochty and Portsoy.

Apr 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)**

***** **Football news -** Buckie Juvenile League to be revived - Teams entered – Seafeld Albion, Findochty Wanderers, Buckie Victoria, Buckie Wanderers, Buckie Spurs, Buckpool United, Portgordon Rangers.
Officials in the new League – President – Charles Milne; Secretary- Wm. Leask; Committee Members - Emil Wojcik and Ian Doran.

Apr 24 **Aberdeen Junior Select 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Benefit Match for Johnnie Dutch**

Buckie Spurs 10 (ten) Buckpool United 1	Juvenile League
Seafield Albion 3 Buckie Victoria 2	“ “
Findochty Wanderers 2 Portgordon Rangers 0	“ “

May 1 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

May 8 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** - Buckie had now scored 100 goals this season

Buckie Spurs face the camera - A photograph of the Juvenile football team is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Those shown are = A McQueen, manager – D. Slater, J. Noble, E. Corsie, K. Stewart. L. Wilson, R. Bremner, J. Grant, I Doran, H. Milton, W. Lawson. D. Doran, J. McDonald and Billy McGoldrick

Final of the Dewar Cup Buckie Thistle 1 Dundee 1

May 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 - (H/L)** - match abandoned after 75 minutes because of torrential rain.

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)

***** **Buckie were Highland League winners in season 1957/58 with 46 points from 28 games – Elgin City were second with six points fewer.**

Buckie : Low, Stewart and Reid; Jeffrey Dutch and Rose; Buchan, Craigie, Andrews, Smith and Christie.

Intersection Cup Final (Juveniles) - Buckie Wanderers 7 Seafield Albion 2

May 22 **Football news** - Buckie and District Juvenile Football Association have been able to run to earth another two of the cups that were formerly played for; they were found in a local hotel. One is the Grant Trophy. They now have five cups 2 for the League and 2 for the Inter Section League.

May 29 **Connon Cup Final - (Morayshire Junior League) Fochabers 0 Forres Thistle 5**
Fochabers: Logan, Harrold and Roy; R. Cowie, Cant and **Joe. Fraser**; W. Cowie, Slater, Sutherland, Riddell and Forsyth.

Football news - Joe was my brother, while the Slater in the Fochabers' team was Malcolm Slater, Buckie, who was home on leave from the Army. Joe played for Fochabers before being called up for the Army and later for New Elgin. He had trials for both Rothes and Deveronvale.

June 5 **Portgordon were leading the Buckie Welfare League with Buckie Rovers second**

Portsoy 4 Buckie Rovers 3 semi final of the Ferguson Shield

July 3 **Doune Rovers (Banff Welfare League) 1 Portsoy 5 1st leg of the Ferguson Shield Final**

Football news - Wm. 'Wildie' Duncan who played football for Arradoul Youth Club died at the early age of 33. He came from Broadley and was well known in the area as he played in a dance band.

Jly 10 **Juvenile Football** - Portgordon Rangers were top of the Juvenile League followed by Findochty Wanderers, Seafield Albion, Buckie Wanderers, Buckie United, Buckie Spurs, Buckie Victoria and ? Athletic.

July 17 **Football news** - Club in a financial healthy state - At their annual general meeting Fochabers were pleased to hear their treasurer say that the club was in the black. Officials appointed - President- J. P. Gray, , Vice President – J. Harrold; Secretary- J. Currie; Treasurer- W. M. Young. Committee members R. Grant and G. Murray.

Football news - Club not in a financial healthy state - Islavale were reported to be having financial problems but had decided to continue to play in the Morayshire Junior League.

Jly 31 **Final of the Ferguson Shield – Portsoy beat Doune Rovers (Macduff) 8-3 on aggregate.**

Football news - Grant Craigie who signed for Buckie from Fochabers signed for Elgin City. He had been

a regular in the Thistle title winning side. The Thistle signed Vic. Sutherland from Huntly and Jackie 'Caley' Murray from Deveronvale.

- Aug 7 **Buckie Thistle 4 Welfare Select 3 (F) Trial match**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Cowie, Sutherland, Andrews, I. Smith and Murray.
Select : Farquhar (Pg.), Mair (Rovs) and Paterson (Arrad), Crombie(Pg), Lawson (Rovs) and Cormack (Arrad), Buchan (Bck.), Slater (BB's), McKenzie (Portsoy), J. Cowie (Arrad) and Christie (Bck). **Jackie Murray was a star.**
- Aug 14 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup** *"A lucky victory "*, well said my man, a Christmas card for you.
Keith : Curran, Logie and Abel; Buchan, Woodcock and Main; Sey, Wood, Byiers and Christie.
Buckie : Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Sutherland, Murray, Andrews, Smith and Christie.

Buckie Thistle - a photograph of the team appears in the *'Advertiser'* in page 11.

League Champs - Portgordon won the Welfare League, beating Arradoul by two points; Buckie Rovers came third.
- Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 Highland League Cup** - Tommy Martin, coach of Rothes was man of the match. **Willie Grant was at centre for Rothes.** He was in the Gordon Highlanders doing his National Service at Bridge of Don.
- Aug 28 **Football news - Harry Yorston, ex Aberdeen signs for Buckie Thistle** - This was the headline on the front page of the *Banffshire Advertiser* this week.

Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 4 Highland League Cup

Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup

Football news - John Valentine played in goals for Glasgow Ranger's reserves.
- Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 Highland League Cup** - Johnnie Low, 'keeper, played at outside right after he sustained an injured finger. George Andrews went into goal.

Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)
Buckie: Low, Cowie and Reid; Andrews, Stewart and Jeffrey; Buchan, Yorston, Sutherland, Smith and Christie.
- Sept 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Cowie, Dutch and Jeffrey; Andrews, Buchan, Sutherland, Smith and Christie.
Keith: Curran, Logie and Abel; Buchan, Woodcock and Main; Wood, Johnston, Byiers, Stuart and Watt.

Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 4 Highland League Cup semi-final

Buckie Spurs 1 Inverurie Locos (F) The Locos were the Youth League Champions
- Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 8 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** *"Yorston scores and starts a goal riot"*

Football news - Jackie Murray who signed for Buckie at the start of the season was on a month's trial with Aberdeen.

Football news -Welfare League - Buckie Rovers were in three cup finals – Duncan Cup St Valery Trophy and the County Cup
- Sept 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 1 Qualifying Cup** *"Smith and Yorston were ineffective,"* the man said. Never were truer words spoken, *"You are only as good as your last game.*

Buckie Thistle 2 Bank of Dee (Aberdeen Juniors) 1 Benefit Match for George Cowie.
Buckie: Garrow, Stewart and Oglivie; Thain, Dutch and I. Smith; Christie, Cowie, Low, Murray and V. Smith.

Football news - Victor Smith was Ivor Smith's brother, Herbert Garrow, a 16 year old keeper from Fochabers while Oglivie was an Aberdeen junior player.

Oct 2 **Final of the County Cup Buckie Rovers 1 Arradoul 0** - (Buckie Welfare League)

Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 - replay of Qualifying Cup

Buckie Wanderers face the camera - A photograph on the team is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

The Wanderers won nearly all the trophies up for grabs this season in the Juvenile Football competitions including the **League Championship, Intersection Cup, Kings Café Challenge Cup, Central Cup, and the Venice Trophy. Portgordon won the Grant Trophy.**

Football news - This was the first year of the reborn Juvenile League which had been in abeyance since 1954.

Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 2 Qualifying Cup**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Cowie, Yorston, Andrews, Sutherland and Smith. Yorston had two goals.

Football news - Football played under floodlights took place at Merson Park, Buckpool for the first time ever. Sandy McQueen, manager of Buckie Spurs was the instigator, rigging up 4 large spot lights so that a game might be played.

Buckie Spurs 0 Arradoul 3 (F) J. Cowie had 2 with Paterson the other

Oct 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)** *"Buckie would try the patience of a saint, "was how the man with the pencil saw it.*

Oct 23 **Lossie 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *" Jeffrey bagged the winner."*

Final of the Nicholson Cup (Moray Juniors) Fochabers 2 New Elgin 1 *"Fochabers won the cup for the third time in five years, here it was a last minute winner"*

Welfare League Select - Farquhar (Pg.), Mair (Rovs.) and Bowie (Port.); Robertson (Buckpool Celtic), Middleton (Rovs) and Crombie (Pg.); Newlands (Rovs.), J. Cowie (Arrad.) Mackenzie (Portsoy), J. Thomson (Buckpool Celtic), D. Cowie (Arrad.), Reserve. R. Taylor (Arrad.)

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup** *" Forres snatch a dramatic equaliser"* Bruce Gray, Fochabers, who at one time was provisionally signed for Buckie played in goal for Forres .

Nov 6 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 replay of the Qualifying Cup** *" Buckie left it late."*

Nov 13 **Buckie Thistle 7 Forres 3 Second replay Qualifying Cup 270 minutes of play.** A crowd of 4.000 watched this match. *"Buckie weren't as hot as all that "*, or so the 'Advertiser' mannie said

Buckie: Low, Cowie and Reid; Thain, Stewart and Jeffrey; Buchan, Yorston, Sutherland, Smith and Christie
Bruce Gray, Fochabers, was again in the Forres goal.

Football news - Malcolm Slater signed for Glasgow Celtic.

Nov 20 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 1st leg - Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2** *"Bunny McCall, ex Elgin City was a star for the Broch."*

Nov 27 **Final of the Qualifying Cup 2nd leg - Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2**
Buckie won the Cup with aggregate score of 4-3

Buckie: Low, Cowie and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Christie, Yorston, Sutherland, Smith and Stewart.

Football news - Buckie Thistle first won the 'Q' Cup in seasons 1952/53 and did so again 1953/54.

Dec 4 **Football news** - George 'Ruf' Stewart was transferred from Accrington Stanley to Coventry City for a fee of £3,000. A former Thistle player he was first signed by Dundee later to be transferred to St Mirren before again moving to Accrington. He scored on his debut for Coventry.

Final of the Brown Cup - Portgordon 4 Arradoul 3

Football news - Rothes were top of the Highland League with 16 points from 11 games – Buckie Thistle was 12th with 7 points, only having played 5 games.

Dec 11 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Football news - George Andrews leading goal scorer with Buckie the previous season was transferred to Fraserburgh. He had been also fancied by Inverness Caley.

Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (H/L)** *“fans got their money’s worth – a fair result “* were some of the comments made in the report on the game.

Keith – Curran (ex Aberdeen), Logie and Abel; Buchan, Wood and Main; Stuart, Vandermotten, Byiers, McKenzie and Brack.

Buckie: Low, Curran, Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Yorston, Sutherland, Smith and Christie.

Dec 25 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Football news - George Smith ‘Zieg’, son of Baillie Smith, who had just been demobbed from the RAF was to have trials with Stirling Albion.

Football news – Buckie Thistle aimed to field two local players against Deveronvale on Saturday. William J. Cowie who has been playing with Fochabers in the Morayshire Junior League and James Clark who had been in the Thistle team previously against Huntly.

Final of the Dewar Shield – Arbroath 3 Keith 1 *“The winners were made to fight all the way”*

Keith – Curran, Logie and Abel; Buchan, Woodcock and Main; Christie, Vandermotten, Byiers, McKenzie and Brack

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

Buckie; Low, Cowie and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; W.J. Cowie, Yorston, Sutherland, Buchan and Clark.

Football news - Bruce Gray (Fochabers), who signed and played for Forres Mechanics against Buckie this season, obtained his release.

Football news - Elgin City were in a scoring mood scoring 51 goals in last 15 games

Jan 8 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** the match was played on New Year’s Day. George Andrews, ex Thistle, scored for the Broch.

Cambuslang 3 Fochabers 0 Scottish Junior Cup - Garrow at 16 years old was a hero in goal for the Speysiders

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L) *“ lots of glum faces around Victoria Park, only three points from last five matches, “* said the mannie fae the ‘Advertiser’

Jan 15 **Football news** - A white-out in the north and north east with roads blocked and towns and villages wholesale cut off over the weekend. Few if any games were played. Victoria Park was declared unplayable because of hard frost.

Football news – Willie J. Cowie, a local lad, signed for Buckie Thistle.
Hearts show an interest in Herbert Garrow, young Fochabers goalkeeper.

Jan 22 **No football - weather conditions won**

Jan 29 **No football – weather conditions won.**

Feb 5 **Scottish Cup 1st round - Dumbarton 4 Buckie Thistle 0** *“The Jags were right out of luck.”* The share of the gate was £257.

Buckie: Low, G. Cowie and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Sutherland, Yorston, Buchan, Smith and

Christie.

Feb 12 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie 3 Aberdeen County Cup**

***** **Football news** - The previous Saturday the Broch were the giant-killers of Scottish football when they beat Dundee F.C. Then a first division (top) in the Scottish Cup.

Feb 19 **Football news - James Cowie (Jimmy Quinn) 53, died this week at his home in Coatbridge. For many years he was President of Buckie Rovers. Mr James Cowie, Hearty House, Cliff Street, present President of the Rovers said of his namesake – “He never played football himself but he worked tirelessly for the club, players and the Welfare League. When the Rovers were reformed in 1945 he provided a strip, boots and a football. His words as always prior to a game were – “Well boys out you go and remember you are sportsmen, win or lose be a credit to the game.”**

Feb 19 **Football news** - Malcolm Slater who had signed as an amateur for Glasgow Celtic was capped for Amateur Scotland.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L) Buckie had Willie Allan in the side taking the place of Smith. He had been absent from the game for a long time.

Feb 26 **Keith 2 Buckie 0 County Cup** - Keith were holders of the trophy and the win put them in the Final again.

Football news - Herbert Garrow, the Fochabers' 'keeper was offered a trial by Chelsea.
Alex Stewart, Buckie Thistle, out for rest of season with cartilage trouble.

Mar 5 **Football news** - The death took place of George Reid (Coug) at the age of 79. He died in Dr Grays Hospital, Elgin. He was first associated with Buckie in 1896 when he was 16 years old. Later becoming a regular player with Buckie Thistle and not retiring from the playing side until 1921 when he became trainer. He continued as trainer up until the war in 1939. After the war he took over as trainer of the 'A' team.

Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) *“The win came as something of a shock since Buckie had fielded a scratch team owing to injuries.”*

Mar 12 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *“Yorston had three goals”*
Buckie: Low, Dutch and Reid; Thain, Burgess and Sutherland; Buchan, G. Cowie, Yorston, Christie and Smith.

Football news - Buckie had Norman Burgess, Bogmoor in their side at centre half, a position in which he plays for Fochabers in the Morayshire Junior League. He was to be given a further trial the following week.

Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 3 (H/L)**

Football news - Owing to a number of injuries Buckie Thistle will have to field a make-shift team. Murray Findlay (16) and Willie J. Cowie are to make up the right wing. Findlay impressed when he played against Inverness Caley earlier in the month.

Apr 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)** *“Surprise win for make-shift team – too good for the Caley”*
Buckie: Low, G. Cowie and Christie Jeffrey, Reid and Smith; W. J. Cowie, Findlay, Yorston, Buchan and Clark.

Football news - Findlay scored one of the goals. *“Murray Looks like being one of Buckie's best young prospects for some years. He has skill, enterprise and spirit and scored a good goal,”* said yer man.

Apr 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 2 (H/L)** *“Yorston the man with ideas”*

Apr 16 **Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Apr 23 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

- Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** Low played on the wing after sustaining an injury to his hand.
- Apr 30 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 2 (H/L)**
Rothes: Slessor, Tough and McFadyen; Martin, Reddie and Peddie; Philiben, Grant. Robertson, Marshall and Scott.
Buckie: Low, Cowie and Lawson; Thain, Reid and Jeffrey; W.J. Cowie. Sutherland, Buchan, Smith and Christie. Yorston had a puncture on his way to the match while Dutch reported unfit.
- May 14 ** **Rothes 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Rothes - the team of the season, too hot to handle for out of luck Jags.”*
- Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Football news** - Buckie had John Carroll, in their side. He was a brother of Peter Carroll who played for Keith, Buckie and then Huntly before giving up the game
- May 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L)**
- Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Ally Byiers had the 3 goals for Keith. It was good to see that Keith were no longer the whipping boys when they met the Thistle... The worm had begun to turn.
Keith: Curran. Logie and Abel; Stuart, Wood and Main; Grant, Hamish Moir, Byiers, Vandermotten and Brack.
Buckie; Low, Thain and Morrison, Carroll, Reid and Jeffrey; Buchan, Sutherland, Cowie, Smith and Christie.
- Buckie Rovers 8 Arradoul 3 (L) Welfare League** – James Murray had five for the Rovers.
- May 28 **Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) Buckpool Celtic 1** - Dennis Cowie scored five.
- Football news** - John Carroll signed for Huntly while Billy Bradford and Johnnie Strachan moved from Fraserburgh to Buckie Thistle.
- June 4 **Football news** - Lady Cathcart Primary School team are the team of the moment. The following results show their all round prowess - St Peters School 0 Lady Cathcart School 6; Buckie High Primary Department 1 Lady Cathcart School 10; Portessie Primary 1 Lady Cathcart School 6 and Findochty Primary 1 Lady Cathcart School 3. The last being the more notable in that Findochty have always had one of the best primary school teams in recent years. Some of the victories were reputed to be due to the new continental strip that the team have been wearing. Among their stars are the Leslie twins, John and James, the captain Spencer Lyon not to mention their giant goalkeeper John Sievwright.
A photograph in this edition shows the Lady Cathcart Primary School football team - The players are – Arnold Thain, Charles Laing, Spencer Lyon, John Sievwright, Albert Sievwright, Ronald Pratt, George Burnett, James Leslie, John Leslie, Billy Murray and Billy Green.
- June 4 **Arradoul 2 Buckie Rovers 0 1st round of the County Cup** Ian Milne had the two ‘Doul goals.
- Buckpool Celtic 4 Portsoy 2 County Cup**
- June 11 **Football news** - Fochabers reached their fifth cup final in the Moray Junior League.
- June 18 **Football news** - Two brothers Sandy and Drew Slater, bothers of Malcolm Slater, were both drowned in a rescue bid for two 12 year old girls who got into difficulties at Strathlene. Drew had a one or two games for Buckie Thistle.
- Arradoul 4 Findochty 0 County Cup**
- ***** **Fochabers had a most successful season in the Morayshire Juniors, winning the Gordon Williamson Cup, Stewart Memorial Cup and the North of Scotland Cup – easily their best season for years.**
- **** **This was the last edition of the Banffshire Advertiser until August 27. No local paper was printed between these dates because of a newspaper dispute.**

June 25	Nil
July 2	Nil
July 9	Nil
July 16	Nil
July 23	Nil
July 30	Football news (per Northern Scot) - Herbert Garrow the Fochabers goalkeeper is to go on trial with Chelsea.
Aug 6	Nil
Aug 13	Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup. (per Northern Scot.) - The Buckie scorers were Buchan and Christie with a penalty
Aug 20	Buckie Thistle 0 Roths 2 Highland League Cup - Copied from the Northern Scot - “ <i>An unbelievably bad Buckie never looked like dumping a weakened Roth's side.</i> ” Fochabers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 in the North of Scotland Cup 1st round.
Aug 27	Football news - Bobby Legge, Campbell Street, and Portessie who played for Portsoy in the Welfare League was given a place in the Thistle team to play Ross County on Saturday. Thistle team to play Ross County- Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Sutherland, Dutch and Jeffrey; Strachan, Bradford, Buchan, Legge and Christie. No score given Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 (H/L) Cup This was Buckie's first win for three weeks Fochabers 6 RAF Kinloss 0 in the 1st round of the North of Scotland Cup Final of the County Cup – Arradoul 9 Portgordon 0 ‘Doddie’ Robertson had 4, Raymie Reid 2. Eric Cormack, captain accepted the cup from James McRae, President of Buckie Thistle Football news – Arradoul had reached the final of four other trophies.
Sept 3	Football news - Buckie keeper Johnnie Low played in goal for Aberdeen against Kilmarnock when they were short of a goalkeeper. Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Football news – Ivor Smith and George Cowie were told that they could leave Buckie. Arradoul 6 Portsoy 0 semi-final of the Brown Cup
Sept 10	Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 4 (H/L) “ <i>The Thistle were beaten all the way - Lossie were more efficient and smarter</i> ” Football news - Gone it seems were the day when Thistle won games over the majority of clubs with a degree of ease. The playing field was becoming more even for all. Final of the Duncan Cup Arradoul 4 Portsoy 2 The ‘Doul was trailing 2-1 at the interval. “ <i>Arradoul - Buckie team of the Year</i> ” said the heading to the report. Doddie Robertson had two goals; his personal bag in league and cups has now reached 50. Arradoul have scored 96 goals all together this season.
Sept 17	Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) “ <i>both teams mere shadows of former times,</i> ” we were told. Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Bradford, Mair, Legge and Lawson. Buckie had Winnie Mair (Portknockie) at centre forward. Football news - George Cowie went to the Broch, Ivor Smith to Keith and Willie Allan to Nairn County.

- Sept 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup** - Malcolm Salter was in the Buckie side having been given permission by Glasgow Celtic to play for his home team whilst on leave from the Army. He was about to be demobbed.
- Football news** - Jackie 'Caley' Murray who had been signed by Buckie at the beginning of last season only to be captured by Aberdeen shortly after, was freed by the Dons and signed for Bristol Rovers after a two month's trial.
- Oct 1 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *"Bobby Legge top man with two goals."*
- Final of the Ferguson Shield Buckie Rovers 1 Arradoul 3** 'Doddie Robertson' (2) for the 'Doul.
- Football news** - To date the 'Doul' had won the Ferguson Shield, County Cup, Duncan Cup and still had the Finals of the League Cup, St Valery Cup and Brown Cup to play.
- Final of the Central Cup (Juvenile League) Buckie Wanderers 5 Buckpool United 4**
- Oct 8 **Final of the St Valery Trophy Buckie Rovers 4 Arradoul 3**
- Final of the Kings Café Cup - Buckie Wanderers 4 Buckpool United 3**
- The Wanderers also won the Inter Section Cup No score or opponents was given**
- Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 3 3rd round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup -**
- Football news** - The Buckie crowd didn't take kindly to their team losing and the referee had to be escorted from the field by the police.
- Oct 22 **Final of the Brown Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Arradoul 6** *"Jim Farquhar was a star in goal for the Rovers saving his side from a thrashing."*
- Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Lawson; Thain, Reid and Bradford; Wm. Cowie, Clark. Mair, Legge and Christie. *"Bobby Legge was once again Buckie's best player."*
- Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Morrison; Thain, Reid and Findlay; Wm. Cowie, Clark, Mair, Legge and Christie.
- Nov 5 **Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Tommy Lawson in for Andy Morrison. *"Buckie's youngsters hit rock bottom "*, were the words of the reporter for the 'Advertiser'.
- Nov 12 **Fochabers 3 Mugiemoss 2 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup**
- Final of the League Cup (Welfare League) Portsoy 2 Arradoul 7** This was the 'Doul's fifth cup win.
- Nov 19 **Buckie Rovers were Champions of the Welfare League.** The trophy was handed over to their captain, Danny Fearn, by Norman Taylor, President of the Welfare League. Each of the Rovers' players received miniature cups. The Rovers also won the St Valery Trophy. The presentation took place at the Rovers' annual supper dance held in the Commercial Hall, Colonsay Place
- Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 5 (H/L)**
Football news - Buckie had two Aberdeen junior players in their side in this match – Billy Irvine and Billy Clapperton... Bobby Rose now with Peterhead had a hat-trick
- Nov 26 **Football news** - John Dutch to continue his association with Buckie Thistle as a scout. He had stood aside in recent weeks to give youngsters a chance.
- Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** First win after six defeats in a row.
Buckie: Low, Thain and Stewart; Findlay, Reid and Bradford; Buchan, Stephen, Mair, Legge and Christie.

Bobby Stephen at inside right was formerly with Arbroath.

Dec 3 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** "*Buckie were outplayed*", said the heading to the report on the game. In the local paper. The same Buckie team played as the previous week - strange.

Dec 10 **Buckie 2 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** "*A fighting display by Buckie*", was the heading to the report this week. Buckie had Andrew Cowie, a Buckie High schoolboy leading the attack.

Fochabers 3 Woodside 2 replay of the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Garrow, Harrold and Taylor; R. Cowie, Burgess and Bingham; Geddes, King, Glass, Clark and Sutherland.

Football news - Garrow the young Fochabers' keeper was continuing to attract senior scouts.

***** **Arradoul end of season social and dance** This was held in the St Andrews Hall where the haul of trophies won during the season were on display, namely – League Cup, Ferguson Shield, County Cup, Brown Cup and Duncan Cup.

Dec 24 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Dec 31 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Dutch; Findlay, Reid and Bradford; W.J. Cowie, Stephen, A. Cowie, Legge and Christie. "*Year of disaster for Buckie*", was how the scribe, writing for the 'Advertiser', saw it.

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Jan 7 **Football news** - Buckie Welfare Society celebrated their 20th birthday in 1960. The Welfare Society ran, and owned, both Buckie Thistle and the Fishermen's Hall. The chairman of the Welfare Society was also president of Buckie Thistle.

Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (H/L)

Larkhall 2 Fochabers 2 4th round of the Scottish Junior Cup. Sandy McPherson scored both the Fochabers' goals. (His grandson Daryl McPherson was in the Fochabers' team that won the Scotscup League Division 2 in 2007. (Formerly the Morayshire League.)

Football news - Newcastle, Liverpool, Cardiff and Celtic were all keeping tabs on the Fochabers' keeper.

Jan 14 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Jan 21 **No football** - "*White fury hits the north east – towns and villages cut off by deep drifts.* " Yours truly was only one of many motorists that could get no further than Cowfords, Mosstodloch on Friday night after buying a car in Elgin for his new job with Hoover Ltd.

Fochabers 1 Larkhall 4 in the 4th round replay of the Scottish Junior Cup

Football news - Herbert Garrow the Fochabers goalkeeper signed for Newcastle.

Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Buckie had Jim Reid of Inverurie Locos at centre forward and scored twice. The report on the match had this to say- "*Strange referee's decisions rob the Thistle of two goals*" Shades of yesteryear, the reporter must have been listening to his granda.

Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** The reporter enjoyed the game this week, declaring it to be, "*a football feast.*"

Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Christie, Dutch and Bradford; Wm. Cowie, Stephen, J. Reid, Bobby Legge and Buchan.

Football news - Bobby Jeffrey asks for a transfer. Jim Reid likely to sign for Buckie. Alex Wilson who went south from Buckie as a 15 year old to sign for Portsmouth put on the transfer list.

Feb 4 **Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** "Same team as last week but once again in the doldrums."

Football news - Bobby Jeffrey signed for Rothes, ending a ten year association with Buckie Thistle.

Keith 3 Hamilton Accies 0 Scottish Cup *“The Accies never had a chance!”* it was said
Keith: Curran, Logie and Abel, Morgan, Woodcock and Main; Stuart, Cogan, Byiers, Smith and Brack.

Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - J. Reid had a hat-trick

Feb 18 **Football news** - Icy roads cause trouble everywhere. Victoria Park was ice-bound and the game cancelled

Buckie Wanderers face the camera - A photograph in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’ shows the Wanderers, *“one of the most successful Juvenile teams ever to take the field in Buckie.”* In the past two seasons they had won ten trophies - The season just past they won - the Inter League Cup, Central Cup, Kings Café Cup, Grant Cup and the Venice Cup.
They scored 84 goals and conceded 41. The top scorer was Andrew Cowie with 39 and Bill Murray with 21.

Feb 25 **No football** - A complete shut down in the Buckie area due to heavy snow and hard frost.

Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 0 H/L)** Reid had a hat-trick
Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Christie, Dutch and Bradford; Strachan, Buchan, J. Reid; Legge and T. Lawson.

Football news - Murray Findlay played for Fraserburgh on Saturday.

Buckie High football team face the camera - Those shown – I. Coutts, J. Noble, J. Cormack, J. McDonald, P. Smith, G. Laing, J. Milton, M. Findlay, A. Cowie, W. J. Cowie and J. May

Buckie High drew with Peterhead Academy in the North of Scotland Football Competition.

Mar 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 semi-final of Aberdeenshire Cup** - *“Buckie were lucky to survive – Reid scores the equaliser with last kick of the ball.”*

Mar 24 **Keith 2 Buckie 2 AET replay of the above competition**

High School 2 Peterhead Academy 1 replay of the Schools Cup

Buckie Thistle 7 Nairn County 3 (H/L) – *“J. Reid had another hat-trick”*

Apr 7 *** **Final of the North of Scotland Schools Cup Buckie High 5 Dornoch Academy 3**
Buckie: Coutts, Reid and Cormack; Noble, Smith and McDonald; Hutchison, A. Cowie, Findlay, Milton and May. The game was played at Telford Street Park, Inverness under light. This was the second time that Buckie High had reached the Final in four years. Best for Buckie were – May, Milton and Findlay. A. Cowie had two goals.

Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *“Dutch had to call off. – He was badly missed.”*

Apr 14 **No football** - International football in Glasgow

Apr 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 AET Aberdeen County Cup 2nd replay**
Buckie – Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Thain, Dutch and Christie; Mair, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Buchan.
Keith: Henderson, Logie and Abel; Stuart, Woodcock and Donald; Cogan, M. McKenzie, Byiers, C. McKenzie and Brack.

Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 0 (H/L)

Apr 28 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 6 Benefit Game

May 5 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 3 (H/L) (Mon.)** *“Buchan’s wizardry was the match winner”*

**** **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Final of the Aberdeen County Cup** - Scotland’s longest ever cup

tie.

Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L) (Wed)

Football news – Stir Milne, a native of Buckie and former Thistle player who signed for Arsenal and in time became trainer of the club is to retire. He made 114 appearances in season 1921/22 in the first team until he had his leg badly broken that ended his football playing career.

Buckie Welfare League - The teams that have entered this year are: - Buckie Rovers, Buckpool Celtic, Portgordon, Buckie Wanderers, Portsoy and Arradoul.

May 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 3 (H/L)** The last game of season 1959/60.

Buckie; Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain. Dutch and Jeffrey; Mair, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Buchan.

Football news - The Thistle suffered their second defeat from Keith within 6 days, perhaps the first time that this had ever happened, at least within living memory. The Thistle finished up in the lowest position in the Highland League table since football restarted after World War 11.

Keith: Curran, Logie and Donald; Morgan, Woodcock and Main; Stuart, McKenzie, Byiers, Cogan and Brack.

May 26 **Final of the League Cup Arradoul 6 Buckie Wanderers 2** The scorers were: - ‘Doddie’ Robertson had 3 while Jack McDonald scored the two for the Wanderers

June 9 **Football news** - Harry Yorston, who played for Buckie in season 1959/60 signed for Deveronvale. Buckie signed Ally Byiers, Steve Abel and ‘Podgie’ Main from Keith and Jimmy Wallace ex Inverness Caley

June 16 **Welfare League Champions - Arradoul won the Welfare League** when they beat the Rovers by three goals to two in the final game. – Robertson had two goals

Football news - Arradoul went nine games without suffering defeat.

June 23 **Football news - Death of the V.C.** George I. McIntosh who played for many years for Buckie starting in 1919 died in an Aberdeen hospital at the age of 63.

July 14 **Final of the Duncan Cup - Buckie Rovers 5 Portsoy 3**

July 21 **Football news** - Malcolm Slater signed for home town team, Buckie Thistle. A number of clubs were said to be keen to sign him including Oldham.

Football news - Buckie Rovers were to play Cumieston in the Ferguson Shield. The competition was open to the four top teams in the Buckie and Banff Welfare Leagues.

Aug 11 **Buckie Thistle 6 Banks of Dee 2 (F) trial game**

Football news - Three former Thistle players signed for Rothies, Martin Buchan who was with the Thistle last season, Bobby Rose who was with Peterhead and Willie Allan who was with Nairn County.

Aug 18 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 Highland League Cup**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel; Wallace (Capt.), A. Reid and Main; Slater, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Byiers.
George (G.I.) Innes, Wm. J. Cowie and Ronnie Mair were all in the Lossie team.

Football news Arradoul were going great guns - P10; W10; 20Pts.

Aug 25 **Final of the Brown Cup - Arradoul 4 Buckie Rovers 1** - G. Robertson scored three goals. His goal tally had now reached 57.

Sept 1 **Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 5 H/L Cup - Winnie Mair playing at centre forward scored all five goals.**

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 3 H/L Cup

Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Wallace, Dutch and Main; Mair, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Byiers
Steve Abel was injured against Lossie in the previous game and didn't return to play for a long time afterwards.

- Sept 8 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 3 Highland League Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 2 semi-final of the Highland League Cup**
- Sept 15 Final of the Highland League Cup Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1 at Elgin**
Buckie had now won the trophy five times in the past 8 seasons.
- Sept 22 **Huntly 3 Buckie 4 2nd round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup** - Bradford scored a hat-trick
- Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** First league game of the season
- Portgordon F.C. face the camera** - A photograph of the team is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' It shows:- I. Crombie, G. Innes (Capt.), I. Robertson, G. Cowie, R. Stewart, J. Davidson, J. Davidson(Manager), J. Murray, A. Farquhar, L. Cowie. W. Farquhar and G. Bruce.
- Oct 6 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 1 3rd round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup**
- Football news** - John Valentine, ex Thistle, Queen's Park and Glasgow Rangers who had been tipped to sign for Brechin City decided not to but to retire.
- Oct 13 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Christie; Wallace Reid and Main; Mair, Slater, J. Reid, Legge and Byiers.
Alex 'Shaun' Reid made his return here after being out through injury for some time.
- Final of the Ferguson Shield Arradoul 6 Portgordon 3**
- Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 2 semi-final of the Scottish Qualifying Cup** *"City gave away two gift goals."*
- Oct 27 **Football news** - The Fochabers' team chosen to meet South United in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup is: - Denoon, Harrold and Taylor; Cant, Burgess and Walker; Dennis Murray, Clark, J. Murray, Bingham and Bruce.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** Jamsie Thain and Johnnie Dutch, both veterans, made returns to the Thistle side for this game.
- Nov 10 **Final of the Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st leg Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 4** - *"George Kelly, ex Aberdeen and Stoke City played for Keith and was the chief architect in this brilliant Keith performance"* The score made good reading for a Keith loon as did the language used in the report
Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Wallace, Dutch and Main; W. Mair Slater, J. Reid, Legge and Byiers.
Keith: Curran, Logie and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Riddoch, Kelly, Fraser, Cogan and Ivor Smith.
Morgan, Woodcock and Munro was a terrific half-line for Keith on a par with Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey for Buckie. Keith supporters were to enjoy their play for some years afterwards.
- Nov 17 **Final of the Scottish Qualifying Cup - Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 3 - Keith won 7-5 on aggregate.** This was Keith's first success in the Q. Cup.
- Nov 24 **Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Thistle grab the points"*
- Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** *"Buckie had Ally Byiers at centre forward for the first time and marked the occasion with a hat-trick"*
- Final of the County Cup - Arradoul 10 Portgordon 1** - *G. Robertson had five goals.*
- Football news** - Harry Yorston was freed by Deveronvale.
- Dec 8 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Byiers (2)
- Dec 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Dec 22 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Dec 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Jim Clark who had been on loan to Fochabers returned to the Thistle. He was to sign later.

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Jan 5 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Final of the St Valery Trophy - Buckie Rovers 1 Buckie Wanderers 9 - Jack McDonald had four goals.

***** **Buckie Welfare League** - The top team in season 1960/61 was Arradoul. In addition to winning the League they also won the County Cup, Brown Cup, League Cup and the Ferguson Shield.

Football news - Mr George Kay was president of the Arradoul Club. Mr Norman Taylor was secretary of Buckie and District Football Association.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Jan 12 **Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 1 (H/L)**

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**

Jan 26 **Inverness Clach 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Feb 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and A. Reid; Wallace, Dutch and Main; Winnie Mair, J. Reid, Byiers, Bradford and Bobby Legge.

Feb 9 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 2 1st round of the Aberdeen County Cup**

Football news – Jim Clark signed for Buckie Thistle.

Feb 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Raith Rovers 2 1st round of the Scottish Cup** - There was a crowd of **5,000** in Victoria Park to watch the game.

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel; Wallace, Reid and Main; Slater, Clark, Byiers, Legge and Mair.

Feb 23 **Keith 0 Buckie 0 semi-final of the Aberdeen County Cup.**

Mar 2 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 0 replay of the semi-final of the above.**

Mar 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 1 (H/L)**

Mar 16 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Mar 23 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel; Thain, A. Reid and Main; Slater, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Mair. Ally Byiers had asked to be rested to give his injured leg time to heal.

***** **Buckie Welfare League** - It was looking as if the only two teams to put their names forward for the new season would be Arradoul and Buckie Wanderers. It was known that Buckie Rovers were considering making application to join the Morayshire Junior League while Portsoy had given notice that they were to join the Banff Welfare League. Neither Portgordon nor Buckpool Celtic had any intention of fielding teams. **With this information the Welfare League ruling committee decided to leave the League in abeyance for a year.**

Mar 30 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

April 6 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Final of the North of Scotland Cup – Fochabers 3 New Elgin 1

- April 13 **Football news** - Buckie Rovers sent a letter to Buckie Town Council asking that suitable accommodation be provided at Merson Park after their request for the use of Victoria Park had been turned down by Buckie Welfare Society. The structure erected by Buckpool Celtic some years before was now unsuitable for use. No decision was taken by the Council
- Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) (Sat)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (H/L) (Wed.)**
- Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 1 Benefit Match**
- April 20 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel; Thain, Reid and Main; Slater, Bradford, J. Reid, Mair and Byiers.
Keith: Curran, Logie and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Robertson, Vandermotten; Fraser, Scott and Smith.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen Junior Select 1 Benefit Match for Jocky Christie.**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
- April 27 **Buckie Wanderers face the camera** - A photograph in this week's 'Advertiser' carries a photograph that shows the following – Lanley Forbes, Sandy Middleton R. McKenzie, J. Hay, E. Bruce, P. Smith, D. Geddes, A. Buchan, Murray Findlay, Willie Murray and J. Duthie.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen F. C. 10 (ten) Benefit Match for Alex 'Shaun' Reid** "*Soccer science thrills Buckie crowd*", read the headline to the report in the local paper.
Aberdeen team was - Thomson, Winchester and Hogg; Burns, Kinell and Fraser; Ewen, Brownlee, Coutts, Cooke and Mulhall.
- May 4 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistles 4 (H/L) (Wed)**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L) (Sat)** Bruce Gray was in goal for Forres. J. Reid of Buckie and Ian Hector, playing for Forres, were sent off for fisticuffs.
- May 11 **Football news** - At a recent meeting of Buckie Town Council a discussion took place with regard to the Buckpool Celtic pavilion at Merson Park which had been badly damaged during a storm and which was now beyond repair. It was agreed that the nearby golf course pavilion be enlarged to serve the purpose of changing rooms etc., and that a veranda for the old men be included.
- Final of the County Cup Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly win by aggregate score.**
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel; Mair, A. Reid and Main; Slater, Bradford, J. Reid, Legge and Byiers.
- Keith 1 Elgin City 1 Highland League deciding match.** The game was played at Buckie in front of a crowd of 5,000
- May 18 *****Keith 1 Elgin City 3 Highland League deciding match replay on Wednesday.** There was another 5,000 gate; Elgin retained the title which they had won the previous year.
Keith: Curran, Logie and Cleverdon; Scott, Wood and Munro; Robertson, Fraser, Birse, Kelly and Smith.
Elgin: Jenkins, Dean and Coghill; McKenzie, McCall and Brander; Castell, W. Grant, Vic. Sutherland and T?
- June 8 **Final of the Nicholson Cup – Fochabers 3 Bishopmill United 2**
Fochabers: Denoon, Harrold and Taylor; Cant, Burgess, and Bingham; Glass, R. Cowie, J. Murray, Sutherland and Bruce.
- July 20 **Football news** - John Cowie 'Dyles' died at the age of 60, He began his football playing career with Buckie Rovers before moving up to the Thistle. He was signed by Falkirk in 1924 and was capped against Ireland. He was involved in a bad accident whilst riding a motor bike, sustaining two broken legs, a broken arm and nose. He recovered to play for Stenhousemuir, later to become player coach first for Wick Academy and later Forres Mechanics.

- Aug 3 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Alan Pressley from Arbroath, Colin McKenzie from Rothes, Cliff Meldrum from Elgin City and George 'Ruf' Stewart who played for Buckie 14 years earlier before playing for teams in Scotland and England most recently with Carlisle. He would be remembered as a prolific goal scorer.
- Football news** - Jim Clark had his registration with the Thistle cancelled on health grounds. Wallace was having problems with a back injury.
- Aug 10 **Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeen Junior Select 0 Pre-season trial game.**
- Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 1 (H/L)** The season kicked off with Highland League games instead of the Highland League Cup as in former years.
Buckie: Low, A. Stewart and Abel; Bradford, Pressley and Main; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Legge and Meldrum.
- Aug 24 **Buckie Thistle 9 Peterhead 3 (H/L)**
Rothes 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Wed)
Bishopmill 1 Buckie Rovers 2 - 1st round of Moray Junior Cup Game played at the Linzee Gordon. This was the Rovers first game back in the juniors.
Rovers: Jim Thain, Donald Murray and Kenny Stewart; A. Murray, Jimmy Robertson and Gordon Laing; Bruce. Smith, John Cowie, George Robertson, Sutherland and Raymond Reid.
- Aug 31 **Islavale 4 Buckie Rovers1 (L) (Wed)**
- Sept 7 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 (H/L)**
Bishopmill 3 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Trophy.
- Sept 14 **Buckie Rovers 5 Fochabers 4 2nd round of the Nicholson Cup**
Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)
- Sept 21 **Lossiemouth United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 10 (ten) Nairn 1 (H/L)** The Thistle beat Huntly by the same score some years before.
Buckie: Low, Stewart, Mair; Bradford, Abel and Presslie, Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Legge, Meldrum
Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) This was the first defeat of the season for Islavale.
- Oct 5 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 9 Forres Thistle 3 2nd round of the White Horse Cup
- Oct 12 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach (H/L)** This was Bobby Legge's last game for the Thistle, a bank worker he left to take up an appointment in Perth.
Football news - Buckie had scored 40 goals in the last nine games played after beginning the season in a disastrous fashion.
Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 2 (L)
- Oct 19 **Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** Colin McKenzie scored a hat-trick; Two Aberdeen junior players were in the Buckie side – Allan and Morrison.
- Oct 26 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had another Aberdeen Junior trialist, Middler, playing in this game.
- Nov 2 **Buckie Rovers 6 RAF Kinloss 2 (L) played at Victoria Park** - Raymie Reid had three goals.
- Nov 9 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Football news - Jim Reid 'Buster' sought his release from Buckie and signed for Forres.

Nov 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Bobby Legge played for Forfar Athletic on Saturday.

Nov 23 **Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**

Rovers: Thain, Stewart and Jappy; D. Murray, Jim. Robertson and Laing; Jim Newlands, Reid, Cowie, Pete Smith and B. Smith. Reserves – A. Murray, James Geddes and Duthie.

Football news - It was reported that some English clubs had been watching Bruce Smith, the Rovers' player.

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, A. Stewart and Main; Bradford, Mair and Pressley; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott and Meldrum.

Football news - Willie J. Cowie, a senior pupil at Buckie High School who had played for Buckie Thistle, was reported as having showed terrific form when he played at outside right in a match between The Rest of Scotland versus Glasgow schools. **Willie helped his side to beat the opponents by four goals to nil.**

Dec 7 **** **Buckie Rovers 0 Grangemouth United 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.** *The match was abandoned after 28 minutes after strong winds and heavy snow created blizzard conditions. Two inches of snow fell in a short time completely obliterating all the lines.*

Dec 14 **Buckie Rovers 3 Grangemouth United 0 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** – A replay of the above. The scorers were Bruce Smith with 2 goals and Gordon Laing.
Rovers: Farquhar, Stewart and Jappy; J. Cowie, J. Robertson and Newlands; J. Reid, R. Reid, G. Robertson, W. Cowie and P. Smith.

Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 1 semi-final of the Moray Junior Cup

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 0 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

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Jan 4 **Buckie Rovers face the camera** - A photograph of the Rovers appears in the 'Advertiser' of this date. Kenny Stewart, John Cowie, Alex Jappy, Jim Farquhar, Jim Robertson, Raymond Reid, Bruce Smith, Donald Murray, Jim Newlands, George Reid, Gordon Laing.

Jan 11 **Buckie Rovers 2 Petershill 2 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.** *The Rovers were trailing by two goals to nil with less than ten minutes to go. George 'Doddie' Robertson brought the two teams level when he scored in the 83rd and 84th minute*
Rovers: Farquhar, D. Murray and Jappy; John Cowie, Jim Robertson and Jim Newlands; Reid, Smith, G. Robertson, Laing and J. Murray. Donald Murray had to retire with a cracked rib.

Jan 18 **Petershill 9 Buckie Rovers 0 replay of the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.** There was a gate of 2,500.
Rovers: Farquhar, Stewart and Jappy; John Cowie; J. Robertson and Laing; B. Smith, J. Newlands, G. Robertson, R. Reid and P. Smith.

Elgin City v Buckie Thistle - The game was called off due to snow and ice.

Jan 25 **Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie team v Clach - Low, A. Stewart and Main; Bradford, Mair and Pressley; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott, and Meldrum.

Feb 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Keith: Curran, Clark and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Lowe, Fowler, Fraser, Cogan and Ivor Smith.

Feb 8 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 2 (L)**

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen County Cup- Huntly were second from the bottom of the Highland League and had not won a game since October. It had been a disastrous three weeks for Buckie Thistle.

Football news - Dundee were said to be showing an interest in Winnie Mair, the strapping centre half from Portknockie who had been a regular in the Thistle team for some time.

Feb 15 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, A. Stewart and Abel; Thain, Mair and Pressley; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott and Meldrum. The reporter from the 'Advertiser' criticised the "*shot-shy Thistle forwards.*"

Buckie Rovers 4 RNAS Fulmar (Lossiemouth) 0 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

Feb 22 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"Keith were never threatened - league leaders and potential League Champions.*

Mar 1 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 7 Bishopmill United 0 (L) G. Robertson had 3 goals.

Rovers: Coutts, Stewart and Jappy; J. Cowie, J. Robertson and Newlands; B. Smith, R. Reid, G. Robertson, J. Reid and P. Smith. Reserves – R. Cowie, C. Sutherland, and A. Grant.

Mar 8 **Buckie Thistle 8 Huntly 3 (H/L)** Norman Scott had 3 goals

Buckie: Low, A. Stewart and Abel; G. Stewart, Mair and Pressley; Bruce Smith, Slater, Scott, McKenzie and Meldrum.

Football news — Bruce Smith, 18 years old, former Fordyce Academy schoolboy, meantime playing with Buckie Rovers, scored after five minutes on his debut.

B.H.S. football team face the camera - A photograph of the High School football team appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. The players shown are – J. Burnett, J. Noble, I. Coutts, G. Laing, J. Reid, I. Golding, R. Taylor, R. Rossvoll, W. J. Cowie, W. Smith and J. Wood.

***** **Football news -** Buckie Town Council agreed that the Golf Club house at Buckpool should be extended with changing rooms for football teams to be created as part of the plans.

Mar 15 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 9 (H/L)** *"For the second week running Buckie ran riot."*

Football news - Bruce Smith had four goals. This was the heaviest defeat suffered by the Caley, present Qualifying Cup holders, since World War II.

Buckie Rovers 6 Forres Thistle 2 (L) 'Doddie' Robertson had four of the six goals.

Football news - The officials of Buckie Rovers were bemoaning the lack of interest shown by members of the public in the affairs of the team with only around 20 people bothering to come and watch. (Writing this in May 2007 one has to say that they were fortunate in getting this number with an average home date in season 2006/07 being around five with not one person travelling away. – A.F.)

Mar 22 **Buckie Thistle in the doldrums -** "Can the Thistle carry on? The town may lose its senior football team unless greater public support is forthcoming, a financial bogey casts a dark shadow" The heading to a report in the *Banffshire Advertiser* of this date that went on to say:- "No time since the war (1945) has Buckie Thistle stood on its own feet financially but has been heavily subsidised by revenue from dances ran by the parent company, Buckie Welfare Society, with money being ploughed back into improvements and alterations at both Victoria Park and the Fishermen's Hall. In 1945 the sum of £2000 was spent on Victoria Park alone to build the wall around the park and improvements to the stand and changing accommodation. The Buckie Welfare Society over and above paid of the outstanding debt of Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd and purchased Victoria Park from the Cluny Estates to ensure that it would not lose possession of an attractive and valuable amenity.

Numbers attending dances in recent weeks have seen a serious fall off (largely due to the ending of National Service and the reduction in the numbers of servicemen at Elgin, Lossie and Kinloss) leading to the Saturday dances being stopped temporarily. This has led to a decrease in revenue being enhanced by the poor attendances at matches - the last home game only raising £18- enough

only to cover transport costs to Dingwall and meals, giving the management cause for grave concern regarding the future of senior football in the town.

Football news - Bruce Smith, who has been turning out for Buckie Thistle in recent weeks may go south. He had been offered a trial with Sheffield Wednesday.

Buckie Rovers 8 Fochabers 3 semi-final of the White Horse Cup

Ross County 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Mar 29 **Football news** - A Development Fund is to be inaugurated as a means to raise money to keep Buckie Thistle in the Highland League next season. Buckie Welfare Society can no longer provide the same financial assistance due to the falling away of revenue from the weekly dances being ran in the Fishermen's Hall... A new committee is to be formed, independent of the Welfare Society, to be responsible for the running of the football club.

Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 2 HMS Fulmar 6 semi-final of the Cannon Cup

Rovers: Farquhar, Stewart and Jappy, R. Cowie. J. Robertson and Newlands; B. Smith, R. Reid, G. Robertson, J. Cowie and P. Smith. Reserves – C. Sutherland and J. Duthie.

April 5 **Football news** - Buckie High School senior pupil, Willie J. Cowie received a Scottish Football Cap at schoolboy level at outside right. He was the first north schoolboy to be capped in an under 18 International

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 1st round of the Matthew Cup

Apr 12 **Football news** - Bruce Smith and John Reid, two Rovers' players, returned home this week from their trials with Sheffield Wednesday.

Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup

Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 0 Highland League Cup

Apr 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 1 Highland League Cup** There was only 200 spectators at the Wednesday evening game.

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) This was the last league game of the season. The report on the game described the play as, "*dull stuff*".

Buckie: Low, Stewart and Abel: Thain, Mair and Pressley; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott and Meldrum.

Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen 0 Benefit Match - "*The Dons never had a look in,*" said the man from the local paper. The only change from the team that played Elgin City was the inclusion of Willie Allan, Rothes, for Steve Abel. Aberdeen had 6 regular first team players in the side they put through.

April 26 **Football news** - Bruce Smith signed for Elgin City

Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 1 Highland League Cup (Sat)

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Highland League Cup (Wed.)

Rothes 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup (Mon.)

Buckie Rovers 7 Burghead Thistle 3 (L)

May 2 **Football news** - Winnie Mair and Alan Pressley both sign for Elgin City while Malcolm Slater and Colin McKenzie signed for Inverness Caley.

Buckie Thistle signings - Bruce Roy from Elgin City. Present Thistle players who also put pen to paper were – John Low, Alex Stewart and Norman Scott.

May 10 **Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup** (Thursday) Bruce was in goal.

- May 17 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 3 (L)**
- Buckie Rovers 6 HMS Fulmar 5 (L)**
- May 24 **Final of the North of Scotland Cup Buckie Rovers 6 Bishopmill United 0**
Rovers: J. Farquhar, K. Stewart and A. Jappy; J. Cowie, J. Robertson and G. Laing; J. Newlands, W. Cowie, R. Reid, G. Robertson, J. Reid and P. Smith
- June 7 **Buckie Rovers 5 East End 0** Annual Friendly so described, though little mentions had been made before. 'Doddie' Robertson had three for the Rovers. Martin Buchan and Bobby Jeffrey both played for East End.
- Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 7 Burghead Thistle 3**
- June 14 **Final of the White Horse Cup Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 AET**
- Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 4 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup** Scorers for the Rovers G. Robertson 2 Cowie 2
- Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Bishopmill 0 Buckie Rovers 1 - Scorer - J. Cowie.**
- June 21 **Final of the Nicholson Cup – Buckie Rovers 6 Islavale 0 (Wed) G. Roberson had 3 goals**
- Final of the White Horse Cup (replay) Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3** This was a terrific game the Rovers scoring two goals in the last three minutes, the first by Jimmy Newlands and the second by 'Doddie' Robertson.
- Buckie Rovers won four trophies - a proud first season record.**
- Buckie Rovers face the camera -** A photograph in *Banffshire Advertiser* issue of June 21st shows the proud team, committee members with the trophies that had been won.
- June 28 **Football news -** Willie J. Cowie received a memento from the school (Buckie High) to mark him receiving a football Cap at under 18 schoolboys for Scotland against England.
- Aug 2 **Football news -** Lewis Cant who plays his football for Fochabers in the Morayshire Junior League broke his ankle while playing in a closed door trial for Buckie Thistle
- Thistle signings to date -** Keeper – John Low; Backs – Alex Stewart and Jimmy Greig, Findochty; Half-backs – Gordon Laing and John Cowie (Rovers) Ian Whitecross (Keith); Forwards – Robbie Riddoch (Portsoy), Bruce Roy, John May, Norman Scott and Cliff Meldrum.
- Aug 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 4 Trial game**
Thistle: Sandy Jappy, Alex Stewart and Jack McDonald; John Cowie, Jim Greig and Whitecross; Riddoch May, Roy, Scott and Meldrum.
Rovers: Skinner, R. Taylor and Billy McGoldrick; G. Laing, Jim Robertson, and Pete Smith; J. Murray, R. Reid, G. Robertson, W. J. Cowie and Flett.
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- Football news -** Buckie Thistle was to be run by a new committee – Ian Stewart, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Arthur Campbell, team manager, Jim Leask.
Committee – Alex Geddes, Wm Burnett, W. Taylor, P. Donald, George Hepburn, Wm. Leask, Ian Hendry, Harry Blackwell, Ronnie Chalmers (Fochabers), R. McKay (Garmouth), Alex Findlay (Findochty).
- Football news -** The Welfare Society made the largest contribution that it could make to the new committee towards keeping senior football alive in the community, making available the use of Victoria Park and all its facilities along with free services of the groundsman, Mr John Farquhar with certain other practical assistance.
Jim Leask, manager, said, "A much greater support for our money raising, especially the Development Fund, is required before we can feel really comfortable about the position.

- Aug 16 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 0 - Highland League Cup** - In the report on the game the scribe wrote this about Buckie – *‘They were not disgraced.’*
Buckie: Low, Stewart and Laing; J. Cowie, Hector and Whitecross; May, Roy, McDonald, Scott and Meldrum. Jack McDonald ex Rothes and Ian Hector, ex Forres, both local lads, had both signed prior to the match.
- Football news** - Jimmy ‘Jamsie’ Thain signed for Rothes. He had been ten years with the Thistle.
- Buckie Rovers 9 RAF Kinloss 0 (L) (Tues.)** G. Robertson had four with Jim Murray scoring three.
- Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (L) (Sat)**
- Aug 23 **Buckie 2 Huntly 1 Highland League Cup** The mannie fae the local paper enjoyed this game and described it as *“a thriller.”* It was the same team as the week before apart from Greig in for Hector.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 3 Highland League Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 7 Islavale 0 (L)** Robertson *had 6 goals.* The Rovers had now scored 30 goals in four games.
- Aug 30 **Rothes 3 Buckie 1 Highland League Cup**
- New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 8 semi-final of the Robertson Cup (Sat.)**
- Buckie Rovers 4 Fochabers 2 1st round of the Nicholson Cup** at Victoria Park. *Joe Fraser had one of the Fochabers’ goals. I kent him well.*
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- Football news - An ace goal scorer** - - Buckie Rovers had now scored 42 goals in 6 games, 22 of them being scored by ‘Doddie’ Robertson. For five seasons past the Findochty man had been public enemy number one for goalkeepers. In his two seasons with Arradoul he scored 59 and 69, during a season with Portsoy he nabbed 70 while with the Rovers last season it was 65.
- Sept 6 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup**
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Dennis Gowie, son of former Thistle player Abby Gowie.
- Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup** We are told that Gowie had a good game.
- Rovers 8 Forres Thistle 4 1st round of the Matthew Cup** Robertson had four while R. Reid had three.
- Sept 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)** Gowie (2)
Buckie: Low, A. Stewart and Laing; J. Cowie, Hector and Whitecross; McDonald, Roy, Gowie, Scott and Meldrum.
- Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill United 1 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Trophy.**
Rovers: Skinner, Jappy and P. Smith; R. Cowie, J. Robertson and Newlands; J. Murray, R. Reid, G. Robertson, W. Cowie and Flett.
Football news - This was the last game on a regular basis that Willie Cowie would play for the Rovers as he was to start his training as a P.E. teacher at Jordanhill in Glasgow.
- Sept 20 **Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle had an idle day as teams were involved in Cup games.**
- Sept 27 **Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)** Alex Simpson (Portknockie) was at centre forward in place of G. Robertson and proved to be a capable deputy scoring three of the Rovers’ goals.
- Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**
- Burghead 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Robertson and Reid were the scorers for the Rovers.
- Oct 11 **Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 3 (L)**

Football news - This was the first defeat of the season for the Rovers and the first time they had been beaten at Victoria Park since entering the Morayshire Junior League. They should have won here but the forwards had an off day.

Football news - There were representatives from three English clubs at the match – Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday and Cardiff, Scott Campbell and Gordon McInnes of New Elgin were believed to be the main attractions.

Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Oct 18 **Final of the Robertson Cup Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 1** *“The Rovers were lucky to get another chance.”*

Buckie Thistle 4 Ross County 2 (H/L)

Oct 25 **Football news** - Robbie Riddoch, Portsoy, was granted his release from Buckie

Forres Mechanics 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) ‘

Football news - ‘Doddie’ Robertson (Rovers) played for Forres and scored one of the goals John Mair, brother of Winnie Mair was at centre half for Buckie. He did not impress and never played again. Murray Findlay, who played his first game for Buckie Thistle for a long time against Ross County the previous week when he appeared quite impressive, was again in the team against Forres.

Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)**

A team from yesteryear - A photograph of Buckie Thistle players of 1921/22 is to be found on page 11 of this edition of the ‘Advertiser’.

The Rovers were idle as RAF Kinloss couldn’t raise a team.

Nov 8 *** **Fochabers 1 Darvel Juniors 8 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup**

Fochabers: Rizza, Flett and Lanley Forbes; Wilson, Mitchell and Dod Walker; Stewart, Gordon, Dennis Murray, Mone and Forbes. Murray had the Fochabers solitary goal.

Nov 15 **Buckie Thistle 6 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** George Kelly, ex Aberdeen, Stoke and Keith played for Buckie. Both Meldrum and Scott were left out.

Bishopmill 1 Buckie Rovers 4 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup – Simpson (2)

Football news - ‘Doddie’ Robertson the Rovers’ player signed for Forres Mechanics after two trials.

Local boys in Banffshire Schools team to play Methil - Francis Slater and James Slater of Buckie High, Raymond McIntosh and George Campbell of St Peter’s and Spencer Lyon, Lady Cathcart.

Nov 22 **Final of the Robertson Cup (replay) Buckie Rovers 6 Islavale 1**

Rovers: Skinner, Stewart and Taylor; Cowie, Jappy and Newlands; Wood, Mair, Reid, Simpson and Smith. J. Murray and Flett were reserves.

***** **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Only 150 people watched this match, clear evidence of the decrease in interest being shown in football at Highland League level.

Nov 29 **A Thistle team of yesteryear** - A photograph of Buckie Thistle players of season 1924/25 is to be found on page 11 of this edition of the ‘Advertiser’.

Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 5 (H/L) The scribe from the ‘Advertiser’ described Buckie as getting “*a real hiding – the biggest on home ground for many a year.*”

Dec 6 **** **Arthurlie 6 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** Jim Newlands got the Rovers’ goal. “*Bad finishing was the Rovers downfall and for this they paid the penalty – they had chances in first half.*”

Rovers: Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Cowie, Robertson and Newlands; Wood, Reid, Mair, Simpson and Smith.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) This was “*a good game*” the man said.

- Dec 13 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie had Charlie Macbeth former Broch player at outside left.
- Football news** - Malcolm Slater left Inverness Caley and signed for Montrose.
- Dec 20 **A way of raising money** - Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers were to run Carnival Dances in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday 25 December and Wednesday 2nd January 1963. Buses to run from Portsoy and Portgordon.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Hector and Laing; Cowie, Sang and Whitecross; Roy, Scott, Gowie, Kelly and Macbeth.
 Sang signed for Buckie
- Dec 27 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** The Thistle team was the same as above.
- Buckie Rovers 5 Forres Thistle 3 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Cup.**

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- Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** same team as past two weeks.
- Jan 10 **No football due to grounds being snowbound**
 Jan 17 “ “ “
 Jan 24 “ “ “
- Jan 31 **Football news** - Alex Simpson centre forward of Buckie Rovers left for a 14 day trial period with Cardiff City. Alex is an apprentice cooper. (Jimmy Shanks, Plumber, Fochabers, former Thistle player was a scout with Cardiff City.)
- Feb 7 **Buckie Thistle had an idle Saturday** because of frost bound ground, the **fifth on the trot**.
- Rovers v Fulmar** - game off because of ground conditions
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Robbie Porter, centre half of Burghead Thistle.
- Feb 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 5 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire County Cup.**
- Feb 21 **Bad weather again caused all games to be off.**
- Feb 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Porter in for Hector at centre half.
- Mar 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Porter and Laing; J. Cowie, Sang and Whitecross; Roy, Scott, Gowie, Kelly and Macbeth
- ***** **Football news** - Ally Byiers signed for Buckie Thistle again. Back in March 1961, after asking to be rested to help a leg injury to heal, he signed for Deveronvale and later Elgin City.
- Mar 14 **Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) Islavale 0 2nd round of the White Horse Cup.** George 'Dod' Reid had five goals with Simpson scoring three.
- Mar 21 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Low saved Buckie!"*
- Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Thistle 2 (L)** played at Victoria Park
- Football news** - Keith were said to be showing an interest in 'Dod' Reid and Alex Simpson of the Buckie Rovers.
- Mar 28 **Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Jags disappoint"*, said the local paper mannie.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)** Raymie Reid had two goals.
- April 4 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 1 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

- April 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 5 (H/L)** Alex Simpson (Rovers) was in the Keith team
Buckie: Low, Porter and Laing, Cowie, Sang and Whitecross; Ross, Scott, Gowie, Kelly and Stewart.
Keith: Curran, Anderson and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Beattie, Fowler, Simpson, Masson and Smith.
- RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 6 replay of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- April 18 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** George Kelly, previously with Keith, was the scorer
- Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 4 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- April 25 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Buckie had Doug. Stewart of Parkvale at inside right.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 0 (L)**
- May 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn 0 (H/L)** *"brightest performance for months,"* in the words of the local scribe.
Buckie: Low, Porter and Gordon Laing; John Cowie George Sang and Whitecross; B. Roy, N. Scott, D. Gowie, G. Kelly and C. Macbeth.
- May 9 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 0 2nd round replay of Moray Junior Cup**
- May 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Porter and Laing; Cowie, Sang and Whitecross; Roy, Scott, Gowie, Kelly and Macbeth.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 2nd round replay, replay, of the Matthew Cup.** There had been three draws
- Football news -** Bruce Roy signed for Forres Mechanics.
- May 23 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 1 (L) at Victoria Park.** *"Rovers well set to take the title."*
- May 30 **Final of the Matthew Cup –Rovers 3 RNAS Fulmar 0 at Boroughbriggs**
Rovers: Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Cowie, Robertson and Smith; Wood, Geddes, Mair Reid and Simpson.
- Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 2 semi -final of the Moray Junior Cup**
- June 6 *** **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 (L) with this win Buckie Rovers were Champions of the Morayshire Junior League.**
Rovers: Sutherland, Geddes and Taylor; G. Reid, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, Duncan, Simpson Fearn and R. Taylor junior. The Rovers had been badly hit with injuries necessitating the number of changes from the usual side.
- Final of the Nicholson Cup Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 -played at lesser Boroughbriggs.** The Rovers had new signing George 'Dod' Hay in the team here.
- Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 0 (L) (Mon)**
- RNAS Fulmar 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) (Wed.)**
- Football news -** During their league programme the Rovers dropped only three points in the 16 game played. They won 14 games and drew one.
- July 18 **Football news -** Five players from Buckie Rovers were chosen to represent Morayshire Juniors against Elgin City in a trial game. Alex Jappy, Robbie Cowie, Raymie Reid, Alex Simpson and George Hay.
- Football news -** George 'Doddie' Robertson applied for reinstatement to the juniors after his brief spell with Forres Mechanics. The Rovers hoped to have him back.
- July 25 **Football news -** Buckie Thistle had signed 13 players for next season, four of them being newcomers - Alex Simpson, ex Fraserburgh, Sandy Fraser, ex Keith, George Brander, ex Elgin City and Peter Morrison from Aberdeen East End. In addition nine of the previous season's players put pen to paper - Gordon Laing, Robbie Porter, John Low, George Sang, Jocky Whitecross, Norman Scott, Dennis Gowie and Charlie Macbeth. Noticeably neither George 'Ruf' Stewart nor Alex Stewart had signed.

Football news - Buckie Thistle's new committee ended the year in the black to the tune of £34. The largest expenditure was on wages amounting to £2,210.

Football news - Tommy Duncan, Portsoy, who moved to Airdrie from Buckie Thistle, was forced to retire from football due to a leg injury at the age of 27. He had been with Airdrie for 12 years. His last game was against Aberdeen on April 10th. He is a PE teacher in an Airdrie School.

Football news - 'Doddie' Robertson got his reinstatement from Forres Mechanics and was re-signed by Buckie Rovers. The Rovers also signed Sid Grant from Islavale and Jack McDonald from Buckie Thistle.

Buckie Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 Trial game - Sandy Fraser scored three for the Thistle.

Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 4 Highland League Cup** "*Thistle dithered to defeat,*" according to the local football scribe.

Rothes - Slessor, Allan and McGoldrick; Thain, Corsie and Ewen; Geddes, McIntosh, G. Grant, R. Grant and McIvor. Note the number of former Thistle players in the Rothes side plus another local loon, Corsie. **Buckie;** Low, Sang and Laing; Cowie, Morrison and Brander; Gowie, Scott, Fraser, Simpson and Macbeth.

RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) The Rovers lost the services of their keeper Rob Skinner, who went to England to work. His place was taken by Sutherland.

Aug 22 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup**

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

Rovers: Sutherland, Geddes and Taylor; Cowie, Jappy and Smith, Hay, Duncan, Robertson, McDonald and Grant.

Football news - Jimmy Robertson the long serving centre half with Buckie Rovers may be forced to quit because of an ankle injury

Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 1 semi-final of the Robertson Cup - 'Doddie' Robertson picked up where he had left off scoring three of the four goals.

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup

Aug 29 **Buckie Thistle 6 Lossiemouth 3 Highland League Cup**

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 Highland League Cup

Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Rothes 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Rovers: Sutherland, Jappy and Taylor; Geddes, Mair and Smith. Hay, McDonald, Robertson, Reid and Grant.

Sept 12 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, Sang and Laing; Cowie, Morrison, and Whitecross; Macbeth, Fraser, Gowie, Simpson and Brander.

HMS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

Sept 19 **Ross County 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 8 Fochabers 2 (L) 'Doddie' Robertson had 6 goals, his highest total since his return.

Sept 26 **Burghead 2 Buckie Rovers 3` 2nd round of the Matthew Cup**

Buckie Thistle 6 Aberdeen University 0 2nd round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup

Oct 3 **Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 1 (L)** The Rovers had Derek Walker in the side at outside left.

Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

- Oct 10 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 2** 3rd round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup.
- Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)** Jimmy Robertson played as the Rovers were short of players.
- Oct 17 *** **Elgin City 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*The worst display in years - heaviest defeat since 1946*”
Buckie: Low, Sang and Laing; Cowie, Morrison and Simpson; Meldrum, Fraser, Gowie, Davidson and Brander.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 2 (L)** The game was played at Merson Park as Victoria Park was unavailable due to a school’s game. ‘Doddie’ Robertson had all three goals. The Rovers were still unbeaten after nine games
- Oct 31 **Football news** - Malcolm Slater, former Celtic, Thistle and Inverness Caley player was transferred from Montrose, his present club, to Southend for £6.000
- Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)**
Rovers: Sutherland, Jappy and Taylor; Mair, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Newlands, G. Robertson, Reid and James Geddes.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)** Buckie were fourth from the bottom of the Highland League.
- Nov 7 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 1** 1st leg of the Scottish Qualifying Cup Final
- ***** **Buckie Rovers 0 Lewis United 3** 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup - Martin Buchan was coach to the Aberdeen side.
- Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 5** 2nd leg of the North Qualifying Cup Final
(Forres won 8-4 on aggregate)
Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Cowie, Morrison and Whitecross; Fraser, Simpson, Gowie, Davidson and Macbeth.
- Nov 21 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 3 (L)**
- Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Morrison, Sang and Simpson; Scott, Cowie, Fraser, Davidson and Macbeth. George Kelly who played with Keith and Buckie was in the Broch side.
- Nov 28 **HMS Fulmar (Lossiemouth) 3 Buckie Rovers 1** semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy. **Jack Clarke** the Fulmar keeper was in almost unbeatable form ***
- Football news** - John Mair, Portknockie, who had been a regular in the Rovers’ side left for a new life in New Zealand.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**
Football news - This was the first defeat of the season for Nairn. Davie Johnston, their prolific goal scorer had their two goals. He was later to sign for Aberdeen; Dennis Gowie scored three for Buckie
- Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 5 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing: Morrison, Sang and Simpson; Scott, Cowie, Gowie, Davidson and Macbeth.
- Dec 12 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Rovers 5 RNAS Fulmar 2 (L)**
Rovers: Sutherland, Jappy and Taylor; Geddes, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Reid, G. Robertson, Cook and Grant.
- Final of the Robertson Cup Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 2**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 7 (H/L)**
- Dec 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

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- Jan 2 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) “lucky”**
Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Morrison, Sang and Simpson; Scott, Cowie, Gowie, Davidson and Macbeth
Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 2 (L) “*The Rovers lacked a sharpshooter - three trialists in side.*”
- Jan 9 **Lochore Welfare 11 Fochabers 1 1st round of Scottish Junior Cup** - Scorer for Fochabers - Harrold. Fochabers gave up ground advantage.
Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
Football news - Peggy Murray, the only lady on the committee of Buckie Rovers, was given a farewell gift on her leaving for Wellington, New Zealand with Linda Coull.
- Jan 16 **Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 4 2nd round of the White Horse Cup**
Rovers - Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Geddes, Simpson, Reid and G. Robertson.
Football news - Jimmy Robertson who only returned to the Rovers to help out continued to retain his place in the team.
Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L) *Brora were the babes of the Highland League.*
Football news - Norman Scott who had been a regular in the Thistle team for some time was planning to leave for Australia.
- Jan 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 3 (H/L)**
Buckie- Low, Brander and Laing; Morrison, Sang and Simpson; Scott, Cowie, Gowie, Davidson and Macbeth.
Keith: Jenkins, Anderson and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Castell, Cogan, Whitlock, J. Smith and I. Smith.
Football news - Note the presence of Alex Jenkins, former Thistle and Elgin City player in goal for Keith also Rab Castell ex Elgin City.
New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 2 North of Scotland Cup
- Jan 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ayr United 3 1st round of the Scottish Cup** - There was a crowd of 2,500 at the match with gate receipts of £277 excluding the stand.
Fochabers 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) The Rovers had a new man in the team - James Wood, Portknockie. He made a scoring debut.
- Feb 6 **Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
Rovers: Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Wood, Simpson, Reid and G. Robertson.
Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 0 (H/L) Elgin had only ten men the whole of the second half.
- Feb 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Cowie, Sang and Whitecross; Porter, Fraser, Gowie, Scott and Macbeth.
Football news - Robbie Porter scored two goals in the last three minutes and was only in the team because Simpson called off late.
- Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 2 (H/L)**
Football news - **Football news** - George ‘Dod’ Hay (Rovers) was at outside right for Buckie Thistle
Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup New man Derek Walker was a t outside left.
- Feb 27 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 7 Bishopmill United 3 (L)

Rovers - Sutherland, Geddes and Jappy; George 'Dod' Walker. J. Robertson and Smith; Newlands, G. Robertson, Reid and Derek Walker.

Football news - The Rovers had George 'Dod' Walker, late of Fochabers in their side here.

Football news - Welfare dances ended - Buckie Welfare Society called a halt to the Monday night dances held in the Fishermen's Hall this week. The dances had generated a lot of capital and through the 1950's provided the bulk of the money that enabled the Thistle to pay the sums to attract the best players in the north and thus naturally played a large part in the success the team had at this time.

Mar 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

Football news - 'Dod' Hay and Alex Simpson were to form the right wing for the Thistle against Lossie on Saturday. Simpson, however, didn't play as he had an ankle injury.

Mar 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 Buckie Rovers 1 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup

Mar 19 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 2 (L)

Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 6 (H/L)** Hay and Simpson formed the Thistle right wing.

Football news - James Wood, Portknockie, recently signed by Buckie Rovers went on trial to Cardiff.

April 2 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Cowie, Sang and Smith; Scott, Davidson, Fraser, Gowie, Simpson and Macbeth

East End 2 Buckie Rovers 2 Annual Challenge Match

April 9 **Buckie Rovers 6 Islavale 1 (L)**

Rovers - Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Geddes, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Newlands, Simpson, Reid and G. Robertson.

Apr 16 **International Match - no other football played.**

April 23 **Nairn County 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Sat.)**

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) (Wed.)

Buckie; Low, Brander and Laing; Johnnie Cowie, Sang and Simpson; Fraser, Davidson, Gowie, P. Smith and Macbeth - **Dennis Gowie had all four goals.**

Buckie Rovers 6 Burghead Thistle 1 2nd round of the Nicholson Cup

Rovers: Skinner Jappy and Taylor; Geddes, J. Robertson and Smith; Anderson, Newlands, Wood, Reid and G. Robertson. This was the first appearance of Kenny Anderson in a Rovers' jersey.

April 30 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 8 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)

Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 2 - played at Grant Park, Lossiemouth

Rovers - Skinner, D. Wood and Jappy; Geddes, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Newlands, J. Wood, Reid and G. Robertson. *"Davie Wood, a new signing for the Rovers turned in a five star performance."*

May 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** - This was Buckie's last game of the season.

Buckie: Low, Brander and Laing; Cowie, Fraser and Simpson; Porter, Davidson Gowie, Smith and Macbeth

***** **Football news** - Johnnie Low, goalkeeper to leave Buckie after eight years. He was told that Buckie

wouldn't be requiring his services the next season.

May 14 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Duncan Innes (goalkeeper) and Harry Young from Huntly. Also signed was John Brown from Peterhead and Peter Smith ex Brechin who had played for the Thistle during the last five weeks of the season. In addition the following all re-signed - George Brander, Gordon Laing, Johnnie Cowie, George Simpson, Dennis Gowie and Sandy Fraser.

Buckie Rovers 4 Fochabers 0 semi-final of the Morayshire Cup.

May 21 **Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 semi-final of the Matthew Cup**
Rovers: Sandy Jappy, Davie Wood and Ronnie Taylor; James Geddes, Jimmy Robertson and Bruce Smith; 'Dod' Hay, Jim Newlands, J. Wood, R. Reid and George Robertson. *"A feature of the game was the brilliant goalkeeping by Jappy."*

Football news - A new Buckie and District Welfare League may be formed next season. The league went into abeyance in 1960, A meeting took place in Portgordon where Portgordon F.C. has been resurrected under Alex Bain. Norman Taylor, former secretary of the Welfare League was present. It is hoped to attract clubs from Fochabers to Portsoy. In the meantime Portgordon hope to arrange friendlies.

May 28 **Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 semi-final of the Matthew Cup.** The Rovers were 2-0 down with twenty minutes to go.

June 4 **Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 0**
Rovers: S. Jappy, D. Wood and R. Taylor; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Geddes, James Wood, G. Robertson, Reid and Walker. 'Doddie' Robertson had an 8 minute hat-trick

June 11 **Buckie Rovers 6 Forres Thistle 2 (L) 'Doddie' Robertson had a double hat-trick.** His goal tally to date was an amazing 69.

June 18 **Final of the Morayshire Junior Cup Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 1**

June 25 *** **Final of the Nicholson Cup - Buckie Rovers 7 Fochabers 2** G. Robertson had **four goals**. He created a new goal scoring record for the League of 74 goals in League and Cup games plus five in friendlies to give a total of 79
Rovers: Jappy, D. Wood and Taylor; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Geddes, G. Robertson, J. Wood and Walker. Was this Jimmy Robertson's last game?

Football news - Mrs Rita Taylor (wife of Norman Taylor) was made an Honorary Vice President of the Morayshire Junior Football Association. She was an active supporter and worker on behalf of Buckie Rovers.

Aug 6 **Football news** - Buckie Rovers will open the new season with a Robertson Cup semi-final against the holders Bishopmill United. The team will be chosen from the following list of players: - Penwright, D. Wood, Jappy, Taylor, Newlands, Cowie, Innes, Hay, Geddes, Simpson, G. Robertson, Reid, Walker and Anderson.

Buckie Thistle team for opening game against Lossie to be - Innes, Brander and Laing; Brown, Fraser and Simpson; Davidson, Cowie, Gowie, Smith and Young.

Buckie Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 Trial Game

Buckie: Innes, Laing and McGoldrick; Brown, Brander and Simpson; Davidson, Cowie, Gowie, Smith and Young. Billy McGoldrick, a local lad was signed from Rothes.

Rovers: Penwright, Jappy and Taylor; Newlands, Cowie and Smith, Hay, Geddes, Dennis Murray, Reid and Innes.

Football news - Fochabers F. C. Decided to go into abeyance for at least a season but to retain affiliation to both Morayshire Juniors and the Scottish Junior Football Association. The club was unable to get a committee.

Football news - The same situation arose at the end of season 2006/07 after ending as League Champions.

Aug 13 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Innes, Brander and Laing; Brown, Fraser and Simpson; Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, Smith and Young.

Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill United 3 semi-final of the Robertson Cup

Rovers: Penwright, Jappy and Taylor; Geddes, Cowie and Newlands; Hay, Walker, Simpson, Innes and Robertson.

Football news - The Rovers signed Kenneth Penwright, James Innes and Leslie Cowie. ‘Doddie’ Robertson joined the RAF while Pete Smith joined Lossiemouth F. C.

Aug 20 **Buckie Rovers 8 Lossie United 2 (L)** L. U. were newcomers to the League
Rovers: Penwright; Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Cowie: Hay, Innes, Reid, Simpson and Walker.

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 3 (L) This matched the Rovers (R/Ups) versus New Elgin (Champs)

Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup

Buckie: Innes, Brander and Laing; Brown, Fraser and Simpson; Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, Smith and Young.
Roths: Farquhar, Porter and Allan; Ralph, Corsie and Christie, Geddes, Stewart, G. Grant, R. Grant and Laing.

Buckie Thistle 1 Roths 1 Highland League Cup

Aug 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 3 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Innes, Brander and McGoldrick; Brown, Fraser and Laing; Gowie, Simpson, Davidson, P. Smith and Young.
Keith: Ross, McDonald and Cleverdon; Morgan, Woodcock and Munro; Shand, Cogan, Rowan, Middleton, and Ivor Smith.

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: Thain, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, Innes, Simpson, Walker and Farquhar.

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 3 (H/L)

Sept 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Elgin City 1 Highland League Cup**

Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) match played at Victoria Park

Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup

Sept 10 **Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United (L)**
Rovers: Penwright; Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, Cowie, James Wood, Alex Simpson and Farquhar.

Football news - ‘Doddie’ Robertson, now with the RAF. Scored nine goals for his side in an inter unit match in which they won 13-2.

Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Sept 17 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 5 (H/L)** “A fantastic game” said the football scribe

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) This was the Rovers first defeat of the season

Sept 24 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup** - George Kelly man of many clubs was in the Huntly team.

Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 3 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 5 replay of the 1st round of the Qualifying Cup** - Buckie had Reid at left back

Oct 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had John Noble ex Forres Mechanics and John Main a trialist from Lossie United in their side.
Buckie: Innes, Noble and McGoldrick; Brown, Fraser and Simpson; Gowie, Smith Main, Davidson and Young.

Football news - Buckie had Sang, Cowie and Laing on the long time injury list. Johnnie Cowie was suffering from a broken collar bone.

***** **Buckie Rovers 13 (thirteen) Forres Thistle 2 North of Scotland Cup** match played at

Merson Park. The score was 4-1 at half time with Simpson scoring three. He went on to score four more in the second period during which 'Dod' Hay also had a hat-trick. The other scorers for the Rovers were Leslie Cowie with two and a Forres defender. Forres were a young and largely inexperienced side.

Oct 15 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Final of the Robertson Cup at Kynoch Park, Keith 0 - Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 2

Rovers: Skinner, D. Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, Cowie, Simpson, Innes and Farquhar.

Oct 22 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Football news - James Wood and Leslie Cowie, Rovers' players, were in the Thistle side, Cowie at inside left and Wood at outside right. Also in the Buckie side was Tommy Christie signed from Huntly.

Nov 5 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) RNAS Fulmar 1 at Victoria Park. The Rovers' scorers were Innes (3) Simpson (3) Hay (2) Wood and Reid.

Nov 12 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Noble; Brown, Smith and Christie; J. Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, L. Cowie and McGoldrick

***** **Buckie Rovers 3 Lochgelly Albert 0 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup** "*Rovers deserved to win,*" was the verdict of the man with the pencil.

Rovers: Penwright, Wood and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, J. Wood, Simpson, Reid and Innes. Scorers for the Rovers - J. Wood had two and Simpson.

Nov 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L)**

Nov 26 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Noble; Brown, Smith and McGoldrick; J. Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, L. Cowie, and Young.

Football news - Dennis Gowie was rushed to the hospital with injuries to his nose. He was to receive a further injury to his nose when playing for Elgin City at a later stage in his career.

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 5 1st round of the Morayshire Junior Cup - Simpson had 3 goals.

Dec 3 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 3 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

Buckie Thistle 7 Peterhead 2 (H/L) "*Top form Jags head the League table.*"

Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Noble; Brown, Smith and Christie; J. Cowie, Simpson, Davidson. L. Cowie and Young. - Davidson had a hat-trick

Dec 10 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** "*Gowie was back*"

Dec 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 4 (H/L)**

***** **Rosemount (Abdn.) 6 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** "*Rovers failed to take their chances.*"

Dec 24 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 2 replay of 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup

Buckie High School 4 Keith Grammar 1

Buckie High - R. Cowie, M. Cowie and Green; Geddes, Legge and G.A. Cowie; McDonald, Slater, Taylor, J. Cowie (Copt.) and Boyd.

Dec 31 **No football, snow and ice made surfaces unplayable**

Football news - Leslie Cowie, Rovers' player, signed for Buckie Thistle. His father W. J. Cowie also played for the Rovers and Buckie Thistle.

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- Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Noble and Laing. Simpson, Smith and Christie; J. Cowie, Gowie, Davidson, L. Cowie and Young.
- Football news** - George 'Dod' Hay who had been playing regularly for the Rovers played for Nairn County on Saturday and scored a goal. He played a trial for Buckie Thistle earlier in the season.
- Football news** - Charlie Macbeth, former Thistle, and Broch and Huntly winger was now with Rothes.
- Jan 14 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 9 Islavale 1 2nd round of Gordon Williamson Cup - James Wood had five goals**
- ***** **Football news** - Johnnie Low, ex Keith and Buckie goalkeeper, now with Elgin City, was out of the side through injury this week, thus ending a remarkable run of consecutive appearances, only nine short of 500
- Jan 21 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**
- Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Buckie High School 7 Nairn Academy 1 - Buckie High was now top of the Schools League.**
- Football news** - 'Dod' Hay signed for Nairn County. Dennis Murray, the former Fochabers player signed for Huntly after playing a trial.
- Jan 28 **No football, snow and ice making ground surfaces unplayable.**
- Feb 4 **Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 6 1st round of the Nicholson Cup** game played on an ice-bound Kynoch Park.
- Buckie's game was off - Victoria Park unplayable.**
- Football news** - James Wood, the Buckie Rovers player had a trial game for Inverness Thistle. It was said that he was also fancied by Nairn County. Wood is one of Banffshire's most promising golfers.
- Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** Buckie recalled the veteran Noble as Young called off with the 'flu. He played at outside left and scored a hat-trick. He kept the position the following week.
- Football news** - Tommy Duncan who was with Airdrie for 12 years signed for Falkirk after being released by Dundee who had him on a month's trial. Duncan had told Airdrie that he would be unable to play again.
- Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Laing; Brown, Smith and Simpson; J. Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, L. Cowie and Noble.
- New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 0 semi-final of the North of Scotland Junior Cup**
Rovers: Thain. Wood and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Geddes, Simpson, Reid, Innes and Munro. The last named was a young player from Portgordon.
- Football news** - James Wood (Rovers) signed for Keith F.C... He had trials with Cardiff City, Leeds and Inverness Thistle.
- Feb 25 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 3 replays of the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup.**
- Buckie Rovers 6 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)** Walker was at outside left in place of Munro
- Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
- Football news** - Johnnie Low released by Elgin City signed for Fraserburgh.
- Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

- Mar 11 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistles 1 (H/L)**
- Football news** - George Sang was given his release by Buckie. He had been out all season with an ankle injury.
- Mar 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 2 (H/L)** James Wood scored for Keith. The old pattern had returned with Buckie coming out on top in the derby games the last three times.
Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Laing; Brown Smith and Simpson; Davidson, B. Smith, Gowie, L. Cowie and J. Cowie.
Keith: Ross, Logie and McDonald; Munro, Woodcock and Middleton; Shields, Wood, Dawson, Whytock, and Markie.
- Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Morayshire Junior Cup.**
Rovers: Thain, Wood and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands, Geddes, Reid, Simpson, Innes and Walker.
- Mar 25 **Buckie Thistle 9 Huntly 3 (H/L)** Huntly were now all amateur
- New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 3 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup**
- April 1 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 7 RNAS Fulmar 0 1st round of the White Horse Cup**
Rovers: Thain, Geddes and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Reid, Simpson, Robertson, Innes and Walker. 'Doddie' Robertson had returned from the RAF and was in the team here, scoring two goals.
- April 8 **Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *"The win took Buckie to the top of the League table."* Gowie (3)
- April 15 **Buckie had a free date**
- Rovers versus Kinloss no team or score given**
- Apr 22 **Buckie Rovers 8 Forres Thistle 1 (L)**
- Nairn 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Football news - Dennis Gowie was voted top north player by a Sunday paper.**
- Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Fraser and Laing; Christie, Smith and Simpson; Davidson, Brown, Gowie, L. Cowie and J. Cowie.
- April 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 4 (H/L)**
- Rovers played Islavale at Victoria Park on Saturday night with 6.30 kick off. No score or team given**
- May 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)** "a boring match"
- Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy**
- May 13 **Football news** - It was rumoured that Gordon Laing and Dennis Gowie were to sign for Elgin City.
- Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)** This was Buckie's last home game
Buckie: Innes Fraser and Laing; J. Cowie, Smith and Christie; Noble, Davidson, Gowie, L. Cowie and Simpson.
- ***** **Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3** The *Rovers* had now won this trophy for the third successive season.
- Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 3 2nd round of the Matthew Cup (Mon.)**
- Rovers 3 New Elgin 2 (Wed) semi-final of White Horse Cup** -The Rovers were now into their fifth cup final of the season.
- *** **Football news** - Andy Cowie who played a few games for Buckie Thistle at centre forward when still a

pupil at Buckie High School played centre forward for Linlithgow Rose and scored one of the goals for his side in a 4-1 victory over Ballieston in the Final of the Scottish Junior Cup at Hampden Park last Saturday.

May 20 *** **Football news - So many Thistle players had by this time signed for other clubs that the management could not raise a team to play Inverness Clach at Inverness on Saturday. Charles Fraser, League secretary was informed and gave permission for the game to be cancelled. The Thistle were later fined a nominal sum**

Football news - Johnnie Cowie signed for Rothes, Gowie and Laing for Elgin City and Harry Young for Keith

***** **Football news -** There were rumours that the Thistle were to close up shop but this was denied by the Thistle committee. To try to raise funds it was planned to hold the first Saturday night dance for two years in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday first.

Buckie Rovers 9 Islavale 1 replay of the Matthew Cup (Thursday)

Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) (Mon)

Football news - Three Rovers' players were chosen for the Moray Junior Select against Aberdeenshire Junior Select. Alex Farquhar, James Innes and Derek Walker.

May 27 **Football news -** Buckie Welfare Society owners of Victoria Park and the Fishermen's Hall decided to sell the hall to Buckie Town Council for the sum of £8,500.

New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 4 semi-final of the Matthew Cup

Rovers: Thain, Geddes and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Reid, Innes, Simpson, Robertson and Walker.

June 3 **Final of the Nicholson Cup Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 6 - match played at Boroughbriggs, Elgin.** The Rovers had now won this cup for the fourth consecutive time, the first time that this had been done since the inception of the trophy in 1891.

Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy - Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 - This was the first time that the Rovers had won this trophy,

Football news - Derek Walker had to withdraw from the Morayshire Select to play Aberdeenshire because of injury. The game ended in a draw.

June 10 **Football news -** Rovers had to play four games in six days - viz:- Against Kinloss on Wednesday; against Islavale on Thursday; against Bishopmill on Saturday against New Elgin on the Monday.

June 17 **RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 6 -** G. Robertson (3)

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 6 - G. Robertson (2)

Final of the Matthew Cup Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 A.E.T

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 1 semi-final of Morayshire Junior Cup after 135 minutes play. Two periods of extra time was played

Rovers: Thain, Geddes and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Reid, Innes, Robertson, Simpson and Walker.

June 24 **Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 1 (L) This was the fifth game played by the Rovers in 8 days. . They put up a "terrific performance" to take the League championship in a game which was the decider.**

Rovers: Thain, D. Geddes and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Reid, Innes, Simpson, Robertson and Walker.

June 27 **Buckie Rovers face the camera -** A photograph of the very successful Rovers side is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'

Players named - Duthie Geddes, Alex Farquhar, Raymond Reid, Jim Thain, Alex Simpson, Ronnie Taylor, Sandy Jappy, David Wood, James Innes, Jim Newlands, George Robertson and Derek Walker.

During the season the Rovers had won - the League Championship plus four trophies: - Nicholson, Matthew, Gordon Williamson and Stewart Memorial.

Football news - The success of the Rovers had spread far and they accepted an invitation to play two matches against opposition in Orkney. They were to take a bus to Scrabster before boarding the ferry. It was planned to play a game on Friday at Stromness and a second in Kirkwall on Saturday before returning home on Monday.

Final of the White Horse Cup Kinloss 4 Buckie Rovers 3 - The match was played at Elgin.
Rovers: Sutherland, Innes and Taylor; Farquhar, Jappy and Newlands; Geddes, Reid, Simpson, Robertson and Walker.

July 29 **Football news** - George Kay, a Thistle player of pre-war years, succeeded Alex Curran as secretary of Buckie Rovers.

Aug 12 **Football news - Thistle signings to date** - Innes, Christie, P. Smith and L. Cowie who had played the previous season, Alex Farquhar and James Innes from the Buckie Rovers, Jacky Jamieson from Fraserburgh, Billy McKenzie from Peterhead and David Beveridge from Forres

Football news - Buckie Thistle were fined £2 for not fulfilling their fixture against Inverness Clach. .

Buckie Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 Trial match Neil Murray, 17, from Lhanbryde played for Buckie Thistle in the trial game as did Ainslie Dey, also from Lhanbryde, and Keith Rattray from Parkvale.

Buckie: Innes, Dey and Jamieson; McKenzie, P, Smith and T. Christie; Farquhar, Innes, Rattray, L. Cowie and Murray

Rovers: Thain, D. Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; M. Cowie, Reid, Robertson, Walker and McIntosh. The following were on for a spell- Green, I. Cowie and Andrew Coull.

Aug 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 Highland League Cup**

Buckie: Innes, Kelman and Jamieson; W. McKenzie, Smith and Tommy Christie; J. Innes, Beveridge, Rattray, L. Cowie and Bruce.

Football news John Kelman and David Bruce both came from New Elgin and both signed for Buckie as did Rattray.

Johnnie Cowie, Gordon Geddes, Willie Allan and Charlie Macbeth, all formerly with Buckie, were in the Rothes team.

Rover's v Forres Thistle - neither the score nor Rovers' team was given

Aug 26 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 2 semi-final of the Robertson Cup** - G. Robertson had three goals

Rothes 5 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup - Jamieson of Buckie and Ronnie Mair of Rothes were both sent off.

Lossiemouth 6 Buckie 5 Highland League Cup

Buckie Rovers team for Saturday against Islavale: Thain, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Coull, Reid, Robertson, Simpson and Walker Reserves Green, M. Cowie, I. Cowie and Duncan.

Sept 2 **Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 6 at Kynoch Park** Scorers were Robertson with 4, Simpson and Coull.

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 Highland League Cup

Keith: Pirie, Logie and Simpson; Whytock, Walker and Middleton; Reid, Bremner, Stuart, McKenzie and Young.

Buckie: D. Innes, Farquhar and Kelman; Beveridge, Smith and Christie; J. Innes, McKenzie, Rattray, L. Cowie, and Bruce.

Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 2 Highland League Cup (Wed.) *their first win*

Sept 9 *** **Inverness Clach 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Football news - Buckie had problems fielding a team having Duthie Geddes on loan from the Rovers but still arrived in Inverness with only ten men. **Mike Bibby**, the taxi driver taking the Clach's Aberdeen contingent to the game played for Buckie at inside right and scored Buckie's second goal.

Buckie: Innes, Day and Kelman; Farquhar, Smith and Geddes; Christie, **Bibby**, Rattray, Innes and Cowie.

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup (Wed)

Football news - The Thistle was plagued with injuries to their players and in addition it seemed likely that Billy McKenzie would be forced to give up playing as he was experiencing difficulties in getting off for training.

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 3 (L)

Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** *"Buckie needs a general in the forward line"*

Football news - Jimmy Woodcock who had been six years with Keith helped the Thistle out at centre half. He later signed for Buckie.

RAF Kinloss 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Jim Thain, goalkeeper, injured his hand and was off the park for most of the game leaving the Rovers with only ten men.

Football news - Three Rovers' players were chosen for the Morayshire Junior Select to meet a Scottish Junior Football Association Eleven - Newlands, Simpson and Robertson.

Sept 23 **Rothies 0 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)**

Rovers team for Saturday to play HMS Fulmar in the White Horse Cup - I. Coull, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; A. Coull, Reid, Robertson, Simpson and Walker.

Sept 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup**

Football news - No Rovers' score or report given this week or last. Only the team to play given, this was - S. Jappy to replace Coull in goal, Ian Cowie at right half and McIntosh at outside right.

Oct 7 **HMS Fulmar 2 Buckie Rovers 5 1st round of the White Horse Cup** - Robertson had 2 as had Bruce.

Lossiemouth High School 2 Buckie High 12 (twelve) (first eleven)

High School - McVean, Legge and Ramsay; Pirie, Cowie and Green; Humphrey, Slater (Capt.), Bruce, Boyd and Cameron.

Hamilton Bros 5 Fochabers 1 (F)

Buckie Thistle 6 Huntly 1 (H/L)

Football news - **Cullen Football Club** to be re-formed - Chairman, R. Cumming; Secretary - J. Bain; Treasurer- Keith Martin.

Oct 14 **Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 2 (L) played at Victoria Park**

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup

Oct 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Farquhar and Jamieson; Kelman, Woodcock and Cowie; J. Innes, Rattray, Simpson, Christie and Bruce.

Football news - The referee had to have a police escort from the field following a dispute about the winning goal. And nae the first time this had happened.

Oct 28 **Lossiemouth F.C. 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Peter Smith who was on the transfer list after losing his place at centre half to Jimmy Woodcock, scored two goals when playing on the left wing.

Nov 4 **Hamilton United (the football team of Hamilton Bros. Engineers) face the camera.** A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Among the players were Jimmy Thain and Eric Cormack two former Thistle players.

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L) Winnie Mair who left Buckie for Elgin City and now with Inverness Caley was at centre half.

Final of the Robertson Cup Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 0 (at Keith) - *'Spencer Lyon one of the Rovers' brightest young hopes switched from left half to outside right and netted both the goals.'*

Rovers: Jappy, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Lyon. Bruce, Robertson, Simpson and Walker. Reserves - Coull, Cowie, Murray, Leslie and Reid.

- Nov 11 **Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Buckie had Derek Walker of the Rovers in the side.
- Buckie Rovers 9 Burghead Thistle 2 2nd round of the Stewart Memorial Trophy**
Rovers: Jappy, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Lyon, Bruce, Robertson, Simpson and Walker. Reserves - Coull, Cowie, Murray, Leslie and Reid.
- Football news - Alex Simpson, centre forward of Buckie Rovers was capped for Scotland at junior level.**
- **** **Football news -** Following a meeting in Buckie it was decided that the once popular Buckie and District Welfare League should be re-formed. Clubs that had shown an interest in taking part were - Portgordon, Thomson's Shipyard, Hamilton's United, Buckpool United, Cullen and Portsoy.
- Nov 18 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 1 (L)**
- Football news -** Four lads from Buckie High School were chosen for the North of Scotland Schools team - John McVean, Malcolm Cowie, Raymond Boyd and John Slater.
- Nov 25 **RNAS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 4 1st round of the Matthew Cup**
- Rovers' team to play Islavale -** Jappy, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Forwards from - Lyon, Bruce, Simpson, Robertson, Walker and Coull.
- Dec 2 **Football news -** Advert in the 'Advertiser' Buckie Rovers versus Dunfermline Jubilee in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup at Victoria Park. Admission 2/6 OAP's and boys 9d.
- The match was cancelled on account of deep snow on the park.**
- Dec 9 *** **Buckie Rovers 3 Dunfermline Jubilee 0 2nd round of Scottish Junior Cup.** *"Derek Walker created havoc having a hand in all three goals, two scored by Simpson and one by Robertson."* So said the report in the 'Advertiser'.
- Rovers:** Jappy, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Lyon, Bruce, Simpson, Robertson, Walker.
- Buckie had no match for a second week running because of snow and ice.**
- Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Farquhar and Jamieson; McCall, Woodcock and Smith; J. Innes, Kelman, Rattray, Cowie and Bruce.
Football news - George 'Bunny' McCall who was with Fraserburgh after leaving Elgin took a peg at Buckie.
- Buckie and District Welfare Legion -** In addition to those teams already mentioned the following also put their names forward - British Legion (Buckie) and Keith Dynamos. President of the League - Jack Legge; Secretary- John Bain, Cullen; Treasurer - W. J. Flaws (Hamilton's)
- Dec 23 **Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)**
- Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *"The Jags fought like tigers after being reduced to ten men after Smith had to retire with a head injury after only ten minutes of play,"* said the football report on the game.
- Dec 30 **Football news -** Tommy Christie who had been out of action due to injury for two months was able to resume training.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 2 (H/L) -** Christie was in the Buckie side at outside left.
- ***** **Islavale v Buckie Rovers -** The game didn't take place as the 'Vale were unable to raise a team.
- Football news -** Buckie Rovers were drawn away from home against Carnoustie Panmure in the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.
The Rovers' team selected to play - S. Jappy, D. Wood and R. Taylor; D. Geddes, A. Jappy and J. Newlands; G. Bruce, S. Lyon, A. Simpson, G. Robertson and D. Walker. Reserves - Coull and J. Thain.

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- Jan 6 **Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie : Innes, Woodcock and Jamieson, Farquhar, McCall and Smith; J. Innes, Rattray, Christie, Kelman and Bruce.
- Carnoustie Panmure 1 Buckie Rovers 2 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup**
'Rovers' goals scored by Robertson and Bruce'.
- Football news -** *The Rovers' committee spent £6 to buy basket-ball boots for all of the players so that they would keep their feet better on the icy surface. In so doing they heeded the advice of Matt Smith, ex Findochty now living in Brechin. It paid off with the Rovers going on to record a notable victory. The headline to the report of the game in the 'Advertiser' was "Rovers Tremendous Achievement." Alex Simpson played alongside the centre half like an extra defender, as a 'sweeper' (my word as this term had still to be coined.)*
- Jan 13 **Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 1 (H/L)**
- Football news -** Buckie Rovers were drawn away to Cambuslang Rangers in the fourth round of the Scottish Junior Cup. The Rangers had been unbeaten in their last 21 games.
- Jan 20 **Brora Rangers 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Woodcock and Jamieson; McCall, Smith and Cowie; J. Innes, Rattray, J. Christie Kelman and T. Christie,
- Buckie Rovers 7 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)** *"The Rovers moved like a well-oiled machine,"* declared the scribe. Robertson had four goals.
- Jan 27 **Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 1 1st round of the North of Scotland Junior Cup**
- Rovers' team chosen to meet Cambuslang -** Jappy, Wood and Taylor; R. Cowie, A. Jappy and J. Newlands; Lyon, Simpson, Bruce, Robertson and Walker. Reserve. Reid.
- Buckie had a free date.**
- Feb 3 ***** **Cambuslang Rangers 7 Buckie Rovers 0 4th round of the Scottish Junior Cup -** *"They were not disgraced."* Perhaps not but it seems they were fairly well beaten, one might say.
- Buckie Thistle 5 Aberdeen University 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**
- Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 2 Aberdeenshire Cup -**
Football news - Tommy Christie's younger brother, John 'Busty' in the Navy at Lossiemouth played for Buckie in this game.
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 4 Moray Junior Cup**
- Feb 17 **Football news -** Jim Leask retired from the post of manager with Buckie Thistle on health grounds. He was a player with the club for many years beginning shortly after the end of World War II when he moved to the Thistle from Buckie Rovers. He was an ever present member of the team during their very successful period through the 'Fifties' and the season when the Thistle not only won the Highland League Championship but also the Qualifying Cup, Aberdeenshire Cup and Dewar Shield.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: D. Innes, Woodcock and Jamieson, McCall, P. Smith and Cowie; B. Smith, J. Innes, John Christie, Rattray and T. Christie.
- Football news -** Dave Beveridge who was recently released by Buckie signed for Forres Mechanics
- Buckie Rovers game with New Elgin was cancelled as the Doocot Park was ice-bound.**
- Feb 24 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, T. Christie and Jamieson; McCall, P. Smith and Kelman; J. Innes, Bruce Smith, J. Christie, Rattray and Newman.

Elgin: Connell, Gerrard and Laing; Ralph, Sanderson and Grant; Dean, Graham, McIntosh, Gilbert and Morrison.

Forres Academy 0 Buckie High School 8 - McVean, Legge and Ramsay; Cowie, Green and Boyd; Pirie, McDonald, Bruce, Slater and Geddes.

Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (F) - "*Great Show*" Simpson, Lyon and Walker had the Rovers' goals while the Caley had the advantage of an 'ogee'

Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Robertson (2) Lyon (2)

Football news - The proposal that Buckie Thistle would have an all local team next season was under consideration. This would mean dispensing with six Aberdeen players, namely - D. Innes, Woodcock, Jamieson, P. Smith, McCall and Rattray.

Mar 3 **Football news** - Alex Simpson, Buckie Rovers' player and Scottish Internationalist **signed for Inverness Caley**. He had been with the Rovers for three seasons. Buckie Thistle had approached him to sign without success.

Peter Smith signed for Elgin City. He had asked for his release some time before when he lost his place at centre half with the signing of Jimmy Woodcock.

Buckie Rovers 6 Bishopmill United 0 (L)

Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) - '*Andy Kerr, a Scottish Internationalist scored three times.*'

Mar 10 **New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 3 semi-final of the Matthew Cup**

Football news - Portknockie were the latest team to join the revived Buckie Welfare League. President, R. Pearson; Vice President B. Shepherd.

Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Woodcock and Jamieson; T. Christie, McCall and Kelman; J. Innes, B. Smith, J. Christie, Rattray and D. Walker. *Derek Walker later signed for Buckie.*

Mar 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** "*Buckie showed some of their old glory.*"

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) "*A struggle for the Rovers, those players who had moved on was missed,*" was the opinion of the football scribe.

Mar 24 **Football news** - Alex Curran, the former Rovers' secretary and a postman in the town moved to his home town of Stirling. He was made an honorary member of Buckie Rovers.

Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 3 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy.

Football news - Rovers team to play in the Final of the Matthew Cup:- S. Jappy, D. Wood and R. Taylor; R. Cowie, A. Jappy and J. Newlands; D. Geddes, R. Reid, G. Bruce, G. Robertson and S. Lyon. Reserve Ian Cowie. The game was postponed on account of deep snow on the pitch.

Mar 31 **British Legion footballers face the camera** - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* - Those named were - S. Jappy, K. Stewart, D. Slater, J. Clark, R. Stuart, C. Laing, John Leslie, Danny Fearn, R. Taylor, James Leslie, and B. Murray.

Buckie Welfare League - Arradoul are the latest team to say that they will be playing in the newly revived Welfare League. President - J. Paterson; Secretary - Malcolm Cowie, Treasurer- Alistair Legge. Committee members- J. Slater, W. Jappy and Emil Wojcik

Ross County 8 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

The Rovers versus Islavale match was off because of snow and ice on Victoria Park.

- April 7 **No football** - snow and ice made conditions unplayable
- April 14 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 5 (H/L)** - **This was Elgin's 16th win in a row - a record.** *"Buckie might well have brought this to an end if Rattray had had more support"* said our man.
Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 Moray Junior Cup - Robertson (2)
- April 21 **Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** -
Football news - Sandy Jappy, the Rovers' keeper' played a trial for the Thistle in this game. Peterhead ended the game with only 9 men losing two men through injury with still twenty minutes of play left.
** George Sim scored for Peterhead from the penalty spot to set up a new British record for a defender, with 20 goals this season.
Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 2 *"The 'Vale were no push over."*
Rovers - S. Jappy, Wood and Taylor; Cowie, Jappy and Newlands; Geddes, Reid, Bruce, Robertson and Lyon. Reserve. A. Coull.
- April 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 3 Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup 1st leg.**
Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)
Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)
- May 5 **Buckie Rovers 3 RNAS Fulmar 3** *"The Rovers made a great recovery being three goals down at the interval."* Robbie Cowie scored two goals.
Teams entered for the Buckie Welfare League season 1966/67 - Findochty Wanderers, Buckpool United, Hamilton United, Portgordon United, Portsoy, Buckpool Athletic, Arradoul, Keith Dynamos, Cullen, Portknockie and the British Legion.
Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup- Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 1 - ('Vale won on an aggregate of 6-3.) *"Few stars in a forgettable match,"* was the headline in the local paper.
Buckie: Innes, Woodcock and Jamieson; Farquhar, McCall, and Cowie; J. Innes, Smith, Rattray, J. Christie and Bruce.
Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L) - Robbie Cowie had two goals. *"The Rovers had Lyon a passenger for most of the game with a back injury but the Rovers defended very well."*
- May 12 **Fraserburgh 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Final of the Matthew Cup replay - Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 1 *"The Rovers were weakened by injuries to key players."* (No Rovers' team given)
Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) last game of the season
- May 19 **Football news - Thistle signings for next season - all local** - Four of those signed have been playing elsewhere - Willie Allan, Gordon Geddes, Ronnie Mair with Roths and Leslie Watson with Huntly. One newcomer up till now was Sandy Jappy, the Rovers' keeper. The Christie brothers have also signed but are unlikely to be available. Tommy being advised to give up football while his brother, John 'Busty' a P.O in the Fleet Air Arm at Lossiemouth is to be posted away.
- May 26 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy (replay) - Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 1** - R. Cowie (2) (No Rovers' team given)
Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 semi-final of the White Horse Cup - Tommy Cruickshank (2)
- June 9 **Final of the White Horse Cup - Islavale 6 Buckie Rovers 4** - *"The Rovers were leading by four goals to nil ten minutes into the second half when the 'Vale found a chink in their armour in devastating form to score six goals."* (No teams given)
- June 16 **Football news** - With 10/11 games now having been played in the revived Buckie Welfare League of eleven teams, Portgordon led the table with 15 points from 11 games followed by Arradoul. Findochty were last with 5 points from 10 games.

- ***** **Buckie Rovers won the Morayshire Junior League for the second year running after drawing 3-3 with rivals New Elgin. The Rovers' scorers were - Cruickshank, Cowie and Geddes.**
- June 23 **Final of the Nicholson Cup - Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 3 AET**
The Rovers haul of trophies for the season included the - League Championship; Robertson Cup, Nicholson Cup and the Stewart Memorial Trophy.
George 'Doddie' Robertson was once again the top scorer in the Morayshire Junior League with 51 goals.
- June 30 **Football news** - The players of Buckie Thistle are to start training under the eyes of Alex 'Bomber' Thomson and George Tough.
 With the decision to go all local and because of the number of players this will entail using the park for training purposes, the facilities at Victoria Park will be restricted to Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers' players only. Local players with other clubs will have to make their own arrangements for training. The Club secretary is Douglas Doran with a manager yet to be appointed.
- Football news** - The latest Thistle signing is Robbie Cowie of Buckie Rovers.
- July 7 **Football news** - Mr Norman Taylor, treasurer of Buckie Rovers was re-appointed Vice President of Morayshire Junior Football Association. His wife Mrs Rita Taylor was re-elected Hon Vice President of the Association.
- Football news** - The Victoria Park Amenities Association handed over to the Thistle committee the coffee and tea stall which they had erected and also gave a donation of £100 towards the purchase of a mower.
- Football news** - Discussion took place between Buckie Welfare League and Banff Welfare League regarding the revival of the **Ferguson Shield**, a competition which formerly took place between the two. This was to take the form of Select teams from each of the two Leagues playing on a home and home basis to determine the winner.
- July 14 **Buckie Welfare League Select 2 Banff Welfare League Select 4 1st leg of the Ferguson Shield.**
- Football news** - Buckie Rovers were on the hunt for new blood after losing a number of player, namely - David Wood to Huntly; Sandy Jappy and Robbie Cowie to Buckie Thistle.
 They require a goalkeeper, centre-half, two full-backs plus two other players. Anyone who can help is asked to contact George Kay, secretary. The Rovers train with Buckie Thistle at Victoria Park.
- **** **Ferguson Shield 2nd leg Ferguson shield - Banff Welfare League Select 8 Buckie Welfare League Select 0 Winners in 1966 Banff League**
- Aug 18 **Buckie Rovers 8 Forres Thistle 3 (L)** First game of the season - Scorers for Rovers - T. Cruickshank (4) G. Robertson (3) match played at Victoria Park.
- Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Jappy, Watson and Allan; R. Cowie, MacEachen and L. Cowie; D. Geddes, Innes, Smith, Mair and Walker. Reserve Kelman.
 Donnie MacEachen, serving with the Fleet Air Arm at RNAS Lossiemouth, signed for Buckie.
- Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 1 Highland League Cup** - Buckie had Bruce Smith at centre forward (Wed)
- Nairn County 7 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) (Sat.)**
- No Rovers information given**
- Sept 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L) (Wed)**
- Rothes 5 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup (Sat)**
- No Rovers information given**
- Sept 8 **Inverness Caley 5 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 semi-final of the Highland League Cup

Welfare League - Final of the League Cup - British Legion 4 Portgordon 1

Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 1 semi-final of the Robertson Cup (First Rovers score given since August 18 but no team. This had been an unfortunate omission for a long time back.)

Sept 15 **Buckie Rovers 8 Bishopmill United 1 Nicholson Cup**

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 6 1st round of the Qualifying Cup *"The all local team confound the critics."*
Buckie: Jappy, Watson and Allan; Kelman, R. Cowie and L. Cowie; Geddes, Mair, J. Christie, Smith and Innes.

Sept 22 **Final of the Duncan Cup - British Legion 5 Portgordon 0** F. Slater had 2 goals.

Buckie Rovers 6 Islavale 4 1st round Matthew Cup -- Robertson and Cruickshank had two goals each.

Inverness Caley 5 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Sept 29 **Buckie Rovers 4 RNAS Fulmar semi-final of the Nicholson Cup** - Cruickshank (2)

Aberdeen University 2 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup

Oct 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 0 replay of the Qualifying Cup.** Buckie had Dennis Slater of the British Legion at right half.

Oct 13 **Nairn County 6 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Jappy, Watson and Innes; D. Slater, R. Cowie and Leslie Cowie; Tommy Christie, Ronnie Mair, Bruce Smith, Gordon Geddes and Derek Walker. Sub Kelman - (Gordon Geddes here belonged to Portgordon not to be confused with Gordon Geddes from Tynet.)

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 2 - (L) *The Rovers were beaten for the first time this season and for the first time by Forres Thistle since they rejoined the Morayshire League in 1961.*

Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) Buckie had two trialists in the team - Ronnie Stewart from the British Legion and Leslie Robertson, Fochabers.

Oct 27 **Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Welfare League, where the trophies went -

British Legion won the Duncan Cup and the League Cup

Arradoul won the County Cup and the Brown Cup

Portgordon were League Champions and beaten finalists in all four cups.

Buckie Rovers 2 Kinloss 0 (L) at Victoria Park.

Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)** Willie 'Peem' McDonald was at centre forward for Lossiemouth. He was a pupil at Buckie High School.

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Nov 10 **Football news** - John McVean (goalkeeper), Buckie High, was in the pool of schoolboy players to represent Scottish Schoolboys. Malcolm Cowie also of Buckie High and a brother of Willie J. Cowie, Schoolboy Internationalist, took part in the final trial match.

Buckie Rovers 4 Forfar West End 1 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup *"Three goals were scored in the last 5 minutes of the first half."*

Rovers: Thain, Legge and Taylor; Bruce, Cowie and Lyon; Mair, Slater, Robertson, Reid and Geddes. Reserve - Cruickshank.

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

- Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Jappy, Watson and Allan; Cowie, R. Cowie and Geddes; Kelman, Mair, J. Christie, Smith and Innes. Reserve - T. Christie.
- RNAS Fulmar 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *"failure to score the Rovers downfall."*
- Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 2 (H/L)**
RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)
- Dec 1 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) The Rovers had as a trialist Wm. Murray, Portgordon in the team. He scored two goals, Slater and Lyon had the others.
- Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 8 (H/L)**
- ***** **Carnoustie Panmure 4 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup**
Football news - The Rovers gave up ground rights when it was found that Victoria Park would not be available. The previous year the Rovers beat the same team by two goals to one.
- Dec 15 **No football reports given.**
- Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 6 Keith 1 (H/L)** *'This was the Thistle's first league win of the season. If the Thistle were a poor side, as was being said, one has to ask where this placed Keith who they had now beaten twice.'*
Am saying nothing – ower sick – A.F.
- ***** **Football news** a feature of the game above - Robbie Cowie scored an amazing hat-trick playing at inside left after being injured and having to leave the field for a spell. He scored his first goal in the 48th minute, the second three minutes later, finishing up with a third in 58 minutes; He then had to leave the field again after being unable to continue. The heading to the report in the 'Advertiser' read. - *"Passenger Scores"*
- The Nicholson Cup Final between the Rovers and New Elgin at Boroughbriggs was off because of ground conditions.*
- Dec 29 **Football news** - James Murray 'Costie' (80) a staunch Rovers' supporter died this week. Rovers' players and officials carried the coffin and acted as pall-bearers.
- Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Buckie were minus Sandy Jappy, keeper, and Robbie Cowie, both out through injuries.

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- Jan 5 **Buckie Veterans 3 Welfare League Select 2 (F)**
Veterans - Emil Wojcik, Andy Morrison and George Scott; Jimmy Thain, Jimmy Rae and George Innes; Ian Hector, Eric Cormack, George Stewart, George Tough and Alex Stewart.
- Select** - John McVean (Arrad), Humphrey (Find), Mitchell (Bck Ath), Laing (Legion), J. Murray (Bck Utd), Shepherd (Leg), John Leslie (Leg.) James Leslie (Leg.), Slater (Leg), McIntosh (Bck Utd), W. Murray (Leg.)
- Lenny Marshall was to be in goal for the Vets but was unable to appear and Emil, a Thistle committee man took his place.
- The goal scorers were - George Stewart (2) and Alex Stewart for the Veterans with Slater having both the Select goals.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** The two Cowie brothers Ian and Malcolm played for Buckie Sutherland, ex Rovers and Huntly keeper was in goal for the injured Sandy Jappy.
- Jan 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 3 (H/L)**
Football news - Malcolm Slater, ex Glasgow Celtic and Thistle player was transferred from Southend to Leyton Orient.

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 3 North of Scotland Junior Cup P. Murray (2)

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 1 (H/L)** *"a win at last "said yer man. He forgot about the Keith game.*

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 Morayshire Junior Cup

Feb 2 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Robbie Cowie at centre forward where he scored 2 goals.

Rovers had no game - due to play Burghead Thistle but Forest Park was flooded.

Feb 9 **Buckie 2 Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie: Jappy, M. Cowie and MacEachen; L. Cowie, I. Cowie and Innes; Smith, Boyd, R. Cowie, J. Christie, and Walker. Sub Watson. Navyman Donnie MacEachen who had been out for several months with cartilage trouble was in the Buckie side.

** *N.B. Watson went on for the injured Smith. One sub had been allowed since the start of the season but only to replace an injured player.*

Feb 16 **Forres Mechanics 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"outplayed!"*

Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead 0 replay of the Morayshire Junior Cup . Keeper Thain was injured with Flett taking his place in goal and Raymie Reid coming on as sub.

Feb 23 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie: Sutherland, M. Cowie and Allan; L. Cowie, I. Cowie and Innes; Geddes, Boyd, R. Cowie, Busty Christie and Walker. Sub - Watson.

Football news - John Kelman who was signed from New Elgin was given his release. Tommy Christie who had been having injury problems was also given his release.

Mar 2 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *Two wins over the Jags in succession we're cooking WI gas!*

Football news - Dennis Murray who had been finding the net regularly with Rothes asked for his release. - odd.

Buckie Rovers 0 Bishopmill United 0 White Horse Cup

Rovers: Thain, Wilson and Taylor; Bruce, Legge and Lyon; Cruickshank, P. Murray, Main, Robertson and Geddes. Reserves - Reynolds (G.K.), W. Flett and M. Geddes.

Mar 9 **Buckie Thistle 6 Inverness Clach 4 (H/L)** *"Donnie's (MacEachen's) dazzling display."* He scored four goals playing at centre forward.

Mar 16 **Final of the Nicholson Trophy Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 0 at Victoria Park.**

The Rovers had now won this trophy 6 times.

Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L) Leslie Cowie at centre forward for the injured MacEachen scored a hat-trick.

Mar 23 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"pure bottom of the League stuff."* The football scribe was not impressed.

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 5 replay of semi-final of the North of Scotland Junior Cup -The match was played at Mackessack Park, Rothes because a Schoolboy Cup Final was taking place on Victoria Park

Rovers: Thain, Smith and Taylor; Bruce, Legge and Lyon; P. Murray, Flett, Main, Robertson and Geddes. Reserves M. Geddes and Reynolds (G.K)

Mar 30 **Football news** - Jim Clark (24) the ex Thistle player was capped for the Scottish Police against the English Police.

Buckie Thistle 0 Nairn County 1 (H/L) *"no plaudits for either side"*

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) *"A shock result, the Rovers had all the play."* The Rovers suffered a bigger shock than this at the same venue in the late 1940's when they got one of their biggest defeats ever.

- April 6 **Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 2 2nd round replay of the White Horse Cup - "lucky!"**
- Football news** - The Rovers were in danger of losing two of their young stars - Spencer Lyon was to play two trials for Buckie Thistle during the coming week - against Elgin City on Wednesday and Huntly on Saturday.
George 'Dod' Bruce had already played a trial for Rothes.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 4** "The roof fell in after Winnie Mair was carried off in 59 minutes with an injured knee.
- April 13 **New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** The match was played on their new ground at Pinefield first laid out by the Army.
Rovers : Reynolds, Smith and Taylor; Robertson, Legge and Bruce; M. Geddes, Flett, Murray, Reid and James Geddes. Sub Newlands.
Football news - Note that the former goal-scoring ace 'Doddie' Robertson was now playing in mid-field while Jimmy Newlands had been recalled as a sub. He had not been mentioned for some time.
- Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** - "*Spencer sparkled!*" said the heading to the report He scored twice playing at outside right.
Buckie: Sandy Jappy, Malcolm Cowie and James Innes; Leslie Cowie, Donnie MacEachen and Gordon Geddes; Spencer Lyon, Raymond Boyd, Bruce Smith, Robbie Cowie and Derek Walker.
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- Football news** - John McVean, Buckie High School, was included among the 14 Scottish schoolboys invited to travel to Wales on Saturday. At the morning assembly in the school on Monday John was presented with his International tie and badge by the rector, Mr George C. McKenzie.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)** "*Buckie had lost their mid-week sparkle.*"
- April 20 **No football reports**
- April 27 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** "*a lucky two points*"
Buckie: D. Simpson, M. Cowie and D. Paterson; L. Cowie, I. Cowie and Geddes; Mair, Boyd, Smith, R. Cowie and Christie. Sub - Anderson, a former Buckie Rovers' player.
Football news - Dennis Simpson, who was to sign for Buckie was from New Elgin while Dennis Paterson (a roof slater) was a Welfare League player and had played during the season with Portgordon.
This was Bruce Smith's last game for Buckie Thistle as he was to return to Canada.
- Buckie Welfare League** - Teams entered were - Portsoy, British Legion, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen, Buckpool Athletic, Portgordon, Keith Dynamos, Buckpool United, Fochabers and Hamilton's.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United (L) at Victoria Park.**
- May 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)** This was the Thistle's last home game of the season. The report on the game the writer said "*it ended on a promising note.*"
Buckie: Jappy, Paterson and M. Cowie; L. Cowie, I. Cowie and Geddes; Lyon, Boyd, MacEachen, R. Cowie and Innes. Sub - James Geddes.
Football news - **Buckie were third from the bottom of the Highland League, which was won by Ross County**
- Football news** - At the Rovers annual general meeting the following officials were appointed - President - George Stewart; Vice President - James Cowie; Secretary- George Kay; Treasurer - Norman Taylor. Committee - Eric Lewis, Mrs N. Taylor, Mrs G. Stewart, Mrs Cowie, Mrs R. Reid, Mrs E. Lewis, Mrs M Thomson. The meeting took place in the Thistle pavilion at Victoria Park.
- May 11 ** **Football news** - John McVean played in goal for the Scottish Schoolboys XI against Motherwell.
- Football news** - Malcolm Cowie (18) signed for Southampton after playing a number of trials. Being on amateur terms with Buckie Thistle he was given his release.
- Football news** - **Thistle signings for next season** - James Innes, Leslie Cowie, Ian Cowie, Gordon Geddes, Robbie Cowie and Derek Walker.
Players released - Ronnie Mair, Sandy Jappy, John Christie, Willie Allan, Leslie Watson and Sandy Sutherland.
- May 25 **Football news** - Norman Taylor, Treasurer of Buckie Rovers, was appointed President of Morayshire Junior

Football Association. He was formerly Vice President.

Buckie Thistle Veterans 5 Welfare League Select 5 (F)

Football news President of Buckie Thistle - Alex Geddes, a member of the Thistle committee for the past four years was appointed President of the club replacing Ian Stewart. Patty Donald was appointed Vice President with Alistair Boyd as treasurer. Raymond Smith took over from Douglas Doran as secretary.

Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 1 (L) played at Victoria Park. Scorers - P. Murray (3) Willie Flett (2)

June 1 **Final of the White Horse Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 0 at Victoria Park (Tues)** The Rovers had now won this trophy four times in 6 years.

June 8 **Football news - Rovers come second again** - New Elgin were the Champions of the Morayshire Junior League with the Rovers as Runners Up

Final of the Morayshire Junior Cup Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 0 played at Rothes on Tuesday evening. Spencer Lyon had two goals

Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (Sat.)

Football news - Alex Wilson who went south to sign for Portsmouth as a 15 year old was released by the club after 17 years. He made 350 first team appearances and was capped against Finland.

June 22 **Buckie Rovers face the camera** - A photograph of the Buckie Rovers players and officials appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. The players are - J. W. Smith, R. Reid, and A. Legge. G. Walker, G. Robertson, R. Taylor, P. Mitchell, M. Geddes, S. Lyon, P. Murray and S. Geddes. Officials- G. Stewart, N. Taylor, J. Mitchell (trainer) E. Lewis.

July 27 ** **Football news - Change in the rules** - The Highland League was to fall in with the Scottish League and allow one substitute player to take over for any reason other than in the case of an injury as had been the practice this year.

Aug 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 4 Trial Match** - This was in addition to the usual Rovers v Thistle trial match,
Buckie players taking part - D. Simpson, Farquhar, Innes; L. Cowie, J. Cowie, R. Cowie; Geddes, Lyon, Boyd, Paterson, Simpson, Lovie, Walker.
Football news - Raymond Boyd, 18 year old schoolboy re-signed for Buckie.

Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 7 Buckie Rovers 1 Trial Match**
Buckie: Simpson, Farquhar and Innes; L. Cowie, I. Cowie and Lyon; W. J. Cowie, Lovie, A. Simpson, R. Cowie, and D. Walker.
Rovers: G. Walker, Smith and McGoldrick Mitchell, Slater and Robertson, Flett, M. Geddes, Murray, J. Geddes and Grant

*** **Buckie Thistle 5 Brora Rangers 4 (H/L)** “A memorable night for new signing Spencer Lyon (19) playing at outside right, scoring three goals.”

Aug 24 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 1st leg Highland League Cup

Final of the County Cup Keith Dynamos 3 Portgordon 4 Wm Farquhar (2) G. Grant and Lawtie were the Portgordon scorers.

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) P. Murray (2)

Aug 31 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers (L)** Murray Geddes (2)

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 1 semi-final of the Robertson Cup

- Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 Highland League Cup 2nd leg (aggregate 4-5)**
- Sept 7 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** “King” Willie Grant had a hat-trick for Inverness.
- HMS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** Raymie Reid was still playing and scoring as he did here.
- Final of the Lyon Cup Portgordon 6 Findochty 2**
- Final of the Duncan Cup Cullen beat Fochabers 8-6 on aggregate score.** This was a good result for Cullen having been three goals adrift from the first game.
- Sept 14 **Portgordon won the Welfare League in season 1966/67**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, M. Cowie and Innes; Lyon, R. Cowie and Geddes; Boyd, Lovie, A. Simpson, L. Cowie, and James Leask. Sub Walker.
- Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 1 Gordon Williamson Cup 1st round**
- Sept 21 **Final of the Brown Cup Findochty 3 Portsoy 1** -Scorers for Findochty - A. Middleton, W. Flett and T. Moggach.
- Final of the Legion Shield (new trophy) Findochty 2 Keith Dynamos 1**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 3 (H/L)** “Great second half rally, team received rapturous reception”
- Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 6 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup**
- Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** James Geddes (2)
- Oct 5 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Buckie’s inconsistency was shown up here since Ross County was League Champions. “A commendable display.”
- Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 3 replay of the semi-final Robertson Cup**
- **** **Football news -** Pat Donald was appointed President of Buckie Thistle with Emil Wojcik as Vice President.
- Oct 12 **Huntly 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 1 1st round of the Matthew Cup** - Scorers - P. Murray and Flett
- Oct 19 **Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Rovers’ scorers - P. Murray and G. Robertson.
- Football news -** Ian Cowie, brother of Willie and Malcolm, asked his release from Buckie.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 4 (H/L)** Jim Clark (25) played for Buckie against Ross County. Clark a policeman and former Thistle player was stationed at Macduff.
- Oct 26 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, M. Cowie and Innes; Lyon, Paterson and Geddes; Munro, Lovie, L. Cowie, Simpson and Walker. Sub - Farquhar.
- Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill United 2 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup** Scorer - Flett (3)
- Nov 2 **Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 RNAS Fulmar 2 2nd round of the Morayshire Junior Cup** - Flett (2) and Robertson
Rovers: Jappy, Smith and Green; Mitchell, Legge and Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, Flett, Reid and J. Geddes. Reserves - M. Geddes, D. Slater and Gibb.
- Nov 9 **“Player of the Year”** - Andrew Coull, Plasterer, was voted “Player of the Year” by the Welfare League. The trophy was handed over by George Stewart, President of the Welfare league at a function in the St Andrews

Hall to mark the end of the season
 It had been a good season for Portgordon who not only were League Champions but also won the County Cup and Lyon Cup
 Findochty took the Brown Cup and Legion Shield
 Keith Dynamos took the St Valery Trophy and the League Cup
 Cullen won the Consolation Cup

Buckie Thistle 6 Lossiemouth 4 (H/L) -Ally Legge of the Rovers was in the Buckie side at centre half.

Nov 16 **Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 4 2nd round of the Stewart Memorial Cup - William Flett (2)

Nov 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 2 (H/L)**

Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)
Football news - Match played 'Under the Lights' for the first time at B.B's

RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)
Rovers: Jappy, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Legge and Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, Flett, Reid and Geddes. Sub. D. Slater. **James Geddes had four goals**

Nov 30 **Buckie Thistle 5 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)** "*second half sizzler,*" was how the scribe described the game.
Buckie: Simpson. R. Cowie and M. Cowie; Lyon, Mackie and Geddes; Innes, Lovie, Boyd, Simpson and Walker.

Bishopmill 2 Buckie Rovers 8 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Rovers: Jappy, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Legge and Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, Flett, Reid and Geddes. Sub. D. Slater. **James Geddes had four goals.**

Dec 7 **Football news** - Alex Farquhar who moved to the Thistle from the Rovers was granted his release.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)

Dec 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (H/L)** "*few thrills* "

Rovers game with Lossie United off pitch due to pitch being unplayable

Dec 21 **Buckie Rovers 9 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)** at Victoria Park

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Dec 28 **Deveronvale 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** "*A goal whirlwind - this was quite unexpected since Deveronvale had been trounced by six goals by Rothes the week before.*

Football news - Fordyce playing for the 'Vale at centre forward had a double hat-trick.

Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 (L) at Victoria Park

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Jan 4 **New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup**

Rovers: Jappy, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Legge and Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, Flett, Reid and Geddes. Sub. D. Slater.

Jan 11 **No football pitches unplayable because of weather conditions**

Football news - Alex 'Bomber' Thomson resigned as trainer of Buckie Thistle with Willie Allan taking over in his place.

Buckie Welfare League - Teams entered for the new season - Fochabers, Portgordon, Keith Dynamos, Buckie British Legion, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen and Portsoy. Two teams missing that had played the previous two years - Buckpool Athletic and Hamilton's United...

Football news - Schoolboy Cap - Willie McDonald 'Peem' of Buckie High School was chosen to play at

outside right for Scottish Schoolboys against Falkirk.

Jan 18 **Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round of the North of Scotland Junior Cup**

Buckie versus Elgin City game off

Football news - Willie McDonald chosen to play in Youth International at Largs

Jan 25 **Brora Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Simpson, M. Cowie and Innes; R. Cowie, L. Cowie and Geddes; Murray, Boyd, Lyon, A. Simpson and Walker. Sub Allan.

Buckie Rovers 5 HMS Fulmar 1 1st round of the Nicholson Cup - P. Murray had three goals.

Feb 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 5 (H/L)** - Buckie had Phillip Gibb, a local junior, in goal in place of 'flu victim Derek Simpson.

Feb 8 **Lossiemouth 7 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Peter Smith, a former Rovers' player in the Lossie side had a hat-trick.

Rovers game against Lossie United off once again because of ground conditions.

Feb 15 **Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 2 North of Scotland Cup 2nd round replay - P. Murray had two goals

Feb 22 **Buckie versus Inverness Caley in the Scottish Cup was postponed on account of snow**

Feb 29 **Both the Thistle and the Rovers had a free date because of the Scotland versus England International**

Mar 7 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Moray Junior Cup**

Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 3 - (H/L)

Buckie D. Simpson, M. Cowie and L. Cowie; R. Cowie, D. Mackie and Innes; Lyon, Geddes, C. McAndie A. Simpson and Walker. Sub. Boyd. Charlie McCandie and Dennis Mackie were two new signings for the Thistle.

Football news - A letter published in the 'Advertiser' written by a reader criticised the Thistle selection and gave what he thought would be a much better line-up, including Andrew Coull, the Welfare League 'Player of the Year' at right-half.

Football news - George 'Dod' Bruce, a former player with the Rovers, was given his release by Rothes

Mar 14 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Willie Allan now trainer with Buckie played at right back. .

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L) at the Victoria Park

Mar 21 **Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 1 semi-final of the North of Scotland Cup.**

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Mar 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 3 (H/L)** "*The Thistle had the League leaders worried* "

Buckie: Simpson, M. Cowie and Allan; Lyon, R. Cowie and L. Cowie; Geddes, Lovie, A. Simpson, Innes and Walker. Sub. McCandie.

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup

Rovers: Newman, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Robertson and Slater; Flett, J. Slater, Murray, Reid and Geddes. Reserves - J. Leask, M. Geddes and T. Cruickshank.

April 4 **Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Thistle 2 semi-final of the Moray Junior Cup** - P. Murray had two goals.

April 11 **No football.**

April 18 **Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 3 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup - The Rovers had six players out injured.

April 25 **Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 semi-final of the Matthew Cup**
Rovers: Jappy, Taylor and Smith; Mitchell, Leask and Slater; M. Geddes, J. Slater, Green, Reid and Murray
The Rovers were forced to field a make-shift team because of injuries but the players did themselves proud.

May 2 **Football news** - James Clark whose home address was at Seaview Road, Buckpool, a former Thistle player, was capped for a second time for the Scottish Police against their English counterparts.

*** **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 5 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, M. Cowie and Allan; Lyon, R. Cowie and L. Cowie; Geddes, Lovie, A. Simpson, Innes, and Walker. Sub. Murray. This was Buckie's last home game of the season. , **Elgin won the Highland League with Buckie in fourth bottom place.**

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 3 AET The teams had now played 210 minutes in this North of Scotland semi-final.

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 2 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy (Tues)

Football news - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Rovers F.C. The following officials were appointed - George Stewart- President; Eric Lewis - Vice President returned unopposed with Norman Taylor being appointed secretary and treasurer. Committee - J. Cowie, J. Mitchell (Trainer), Mrs N. Taylor, Mrs G. Stewart, Mrs R. Reid, Mrs E. Lewis, Mrs J. Cowie, Mrs M. Thomson.

May 9 **Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 1 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup**

May 16 **Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 1 (L)**

Football news - Buckie Rovers were faced with a hectic week of fixtures and were down to play 4 matches in 8 days.

Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 1 (Wed) Flett had 2

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 semi-final replay, replay of the North of Scotland Cup (Sat) This was only accomplished after five and a half hour's play. Raymie Reid had two goals.

Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) (Mon)

Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (Wed.) at Victoria Park.

Peterhead 8 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) The last game of the season, some would have said thank goodness it's a' ower.

Buckie Rovers Morayshire Junior League Champions - The Rovers became League Champions this past week. They required only one point to clinch the title when they travelled to play Lossie United on Saturday but lost 3-2. On Monday, however, they were able to beat HMS Fulmar by the same margin to end the agony, going on then to draw 3-3 with Forres Thistle on Tuesday with a scratch team to add a point to their total.

Buckie Thistle A.G.M. At the annual meeting of Buckie Thistle Football Club those present learned that the Club were out of the red, though the President, Mr Pat Donald bemoaned the lack of support shown by the public of Buckie and business men in particular who seemed to have little interest in the welfare of the club. Pat "Patty" Donald was re-elected President; Frank Farquharson, Vice President; George Stewart, the former President of the Welfare League and Dennis Murray agreed to join the committee.

June 6 **Football news** - The Thistle signed Stewart Masson from Portsoy and Bruce Masson from the local British Legion football team. Both aged 17 years. In addition George 'Dod' Hay, ex Rothes was also signed. Those of last year's team who have put pen to paper include- Dennis Simpson, Jimmy Innes, Spencer Lyon, Dennis Mackie, Billy Lovie, Gordon Geddes and Derek Walker.

- June 13 **Final of the Morayshire Junior Cup Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 4** (Sat.) James Geddes had 3
- Final of the Nicholson Cup New Elgin 5 Buckie Rovers 2** (Mon.) - The Rovers had held this trophy for the past six years.
- ***** **Final of the North of Scotland Cup - New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 5** (Thurs.) at Burghead James Geddes had all five goals.
- Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1** (Sat)
- The above game ended a successful 1967/68 season for Buckie Rovers, winning the League Championship and four other trophies.**
- July 11 **Football news** - The latest signing by Buckie Thistle was Conrad Bremner, a 24 year old player formerly with Keith F.C. Alex Simpson who had been sought after by a number of clubs decided to sign again for Buckie Thistle.
- Football news - Buckie** Thistle arranged to play a trial game with Buckie Rovers at Merson Park since Victoria Park had been re-seeded.
- July 18 **Final of the Lyon Cup - Portsoy 4 Fochabers 3** (Welfare League.)
- July 25 **Portgordon won the Buckie Welfare League for the third year running.**
- Aug 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Formartine 3 (F)**
Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Geddes; Lyon, G. Cowie and A. Simpson; Hay, Masson, Grant. Cowie and Dennis Murray. Ronnie Stuart, George Cowie and George Grant were Portgordon players while Dennis Murray played for Huntly and later Rothes.
- ***** **Portknockie 2 Rothes 1 (F)**
Portknockie: A. Hay, E. Addison and A. Flett; J. Humphrey, A. Laing and W. Weir; Wm. McDonald, G. Milne, W. Shepherd, L. Mair and A. Smith.
- Aug 15 **Inverness Clach 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: D. Simpson, Stuart and J. Leask; Mackie, Cowie and Lyon; Grant, Cowie, Murray, A. Simpson and Innes. Sub. Geddes.
- Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had a number of trialists in the team. Michael Fraser in goal and Colvin Cowie at outside left, both of Keith Dynamos, also Robert Hindle and George Grant from Portgordon. Dennis Murray scored twice and Colvin Cowie once.
- ***** **Burghead Thistle 6 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** This was the opening match of the newly renamed North Regional Junior League (North Section) formerly the Morayshire Junior League. The Rovers were said to be grossly understrength with 6 players, likely to be regulars on holiday. Jacanory!
- Aug 29 **Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup** - Dennis Murray had the three goals for Buckie
- Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: D. Simpson, Innes and Leask; Geddes, Mackie and Lyon; Murray, Lovie, R. Cowie, A. Simpson and Walker. Sub. I. Cowie.
- Final of the Brown Cup - Portgordon 6 British Legion 2 (Frid)** Victoria Park
- Final of the St Valery Trophy - Portgordon 2 Portknockie 4 (Mon.)** “ “
- Final of the League Cup - Portgordon 3 Keith Dynamos 0 (Frid)** “ “
- Final of the Legion Shield - Portgordon 4 Cullen 2 (Mon)** Victoria Park

- Sept 5 **Peterhead 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Sept 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** William Flett, a young Findochty player scored three times in the last fifteen minutes for the Rovers.
- Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 2 semi-final of the Robertson Cup** Scorers - Cruickshank and Murray
- Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Innes and Leask; Lyon, Mackie and Hindle; Walker, Bremner, Murray, Simpson and C. Cowie.
- Football news** - Colvin Cowie, Keith, son of Jimmy Cowie Jun. signed for Buckie. His uncle Billy Cowie played for Buckie in the 1950's and was a member of the Thistle team that beat Queen's Park at Hampden.
- Sept 26 **Keith 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Jimmy Smith had three goals for the 'Maroons'.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 1st round of the Matthew Cup** - Scorer P. Murray.
Rovers: Ross, Taylor and McGoldrick; Smith, Slater and Mair; Cruickshank, Flett, Murray, Mitchell and Geddes. Sub. Green.
- Oct 10 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup**
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Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 8 “More than a shock for the Rovers' fans “ The biggest defeat the Rovers had suffered since re-joining the Junior League in 1961.
- Football news** - Pat Donald resigned as President of Buckie Thistle with Vice President, Frank Farquharson taking over in his place. Dickie Grant was appointed Vice President.
- Oct 10 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Innes; Hindle, A. Simpson and Lyon; Hay, Geddes, Murray, Bremner and C. Cowie. Sub. Walker.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)** **This was the first visit to Buckie by the Saints who had joined the North Juniors this season.**
- Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 5 (H/L)** 'King' Willie Grant now with Inverness Thistle had three goals.
- Islavale 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *“An understrength Rovers' side was well beaten.”*
- Oct 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)** Buckie had Len Clark (20) of Aberdeen junior team Balgownie in the side at centre half. He signed after the game.
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HMS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) Rovers had three newcomers in their side - Danny Cowie, Alan Shewan and John Green, all Portgordon. Shewan, especially, gave an impressive display, scoring two goals. P. Murray had the others.
- Oct 31 **Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 2 North Regional Cup** (new trophy)
- Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Final of the Robertson Cup Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1** at Boroughbriggs under the lights.
The Rovers played with ten men for 75 minutes after Slater was sent off.
- Football news** - Portgordon United officials - President - John Rigby; Secretary -G. Cowie and Treasurer- R. Walker.
- Football news** - **A photograph of the Buckie Thistle football team** appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser' taken during season **1908/09** when they won **the Banffshire Cup, Banffshire League and Aberdeen Charity Cup.** See page 12.

- Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Geddes and Leask; Innes, Clark and Bremner; Walker, Grant, A. Simpson, Lyon and C. Cowie. Sub Hay.
- Portknockie 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (F)**
- Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** *“an exhilarating display by the Jags.”*
- Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)**
- Nov 28 **Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Geddes and Leask; Innes, Clark and Bremner; Walker, Grant, Simpson, Lyon and Cowie. Sub. Lovie.
- Dec 5 **Arbroath Vics 9 Buckie Rovers 2 2nd round of Scottish Junior Cup** *“superior skill told.”*
- Fraserburgh 6 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Dec 12 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** *“long overdue win.”*
Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Leask; Innes, Clark and Bremner; Hay, Lovie, Simpson, Lyon and Walker. Sub. Mitchell.
- Dec 19 **Inverness High 4 Buckie High School 1 (under 15's) Final of the Cock of the North Competition.**
- Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Match played under the lights on Wednesday evening.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 6 HMS Fulmar 4 (L)** at Victoria Park. Cruickshank (2) Wm. Flett (Find.) (2)
- Dec 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**
- 1969**
- Jan 2 **No football** - Both the Rovers and the Thistle were idle with grounds unplayable due to frost and snow.
- Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
- *** **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 4** - 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup. Believe it or not the Rovers scored all seven goals; three of them were 'ogeess'.
- Jan 16 **Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Leask; Innes, Clark and Bremner; Hay, Grant, Murray (Cowie), Lyon and Walker. *This was the first time that the substitution was shown as in the team line.*
- Buckie Rovers 7 Nairn St Ninians 2 semi-final of the Matthew Cup** - played at Victoria Park
Rovers: Ross, Smith and Mair; D. Cowie. Slater and Green; Mitchell, Cruickshank, Wm Flett, Murray. B. Flett and James Geddes. The two Fletts scored two goals each also J. Geddes.
- Jan 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 5 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 2 1st round of White Horse Cup**
- Jan 30 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 1 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Trophy.**
- Feb 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)**
- No Rovers report**

- Feb 13 **No football - snowed off**
- Feb 20 “ “ “ “
- Feb 27 “ “ “ “
- Mar 6 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Thistle defence was no match for ‘Vale forwards.”*
- Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy.**
- ***** **‘Player of the Year’** James Innes was the first Thistle player to be chosen as **“Player of the Year”**. This was to become an annual award started by Mr Ian Johnston Proprietor of the *‘Banffshire Advertiser’*
- Mar 13 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie: Simpson, Innes and Leak; Geddes, Clark and Bremner; Walker, Grant, Simpson, Lyon and Cowie Sub. Stuart.
- Mar 20 **Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** ‘Doddie’ Robertson was in the Rovers’ side, making his first appearance for over a year, and he scored. Kenny Anderson was sub and went on in place of the injured Slater. *“Anderson made a difference”*, said the report on the game.
- Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 1** - This was the sixth time that this trophy had been won by the Rovers in 8 years.
Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Green and Slater; B. Flett, Cowie, Murray, Wm. Flett, and Geddes. Sub Robertson.
- Mar 27 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 7 (H/L)** -*“This was the last home game - a disaster.”* Monaghan, a trialist for Keith scored four goals.
Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Leask; Innes, Clark and Lyon; Buchan (trialist from Balgownie), Simpson, Grant, Bremner and C. Cowie. Sub. Geddes.
- New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 5 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup** - Billy Flett had two goals
- April 3 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 8 New Elgin 3 (L)** at Victoria Park
- April 10 **Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)** **The Broch had already won the League and this was their first defeat of the season.**
- April 19 **Home Thistle Vets** - A. Jenkins, Davie Wood and Willie Allan; Jimmy Thain, Jimmy Rae and George Innes; Willie Cowie, Eric Cormack, George Stewart, George Tough (Capt.), and Alex Stewart.
Versus
Aberdeen based Vets- Freddie Black, George Cowie and Bobby Jeffrey (Copt.); Billy Meldrum, John Dutch, and Bobby Auld- Forwards from - Martin Buchan, George Andrews, Freddie Smith, Ivor Smith, Jocky Christie, Peter Carroll and Gilbert Morrice. **The teams chosen**
- April 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Banks of Dee 3 (F)**
- Buckie Welfare League** - The teams that entered - Arradoul, Keith Dynamos, Portknockie, Portsoy, Ladysbridge, Portgordon, British Legion, Findochty, Fochabers and Cullen. **Ladysbridge were a new team**
- April 24 **Home Based Vets 6 Thistle Aberdeen based Vets 6** - *“The largest crowd seen in Victoria Park for a long time. - it captured the imagination.”*
- Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)** at Victoria Park.
- May 1 **Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“The last match of the season and the Thistle were hammered.”*
Elgin City won the Highland League with Buckie Thistle second bottom.

Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Low; Bremner, Clark and Geddes; Macdonald, Grant, Murray, Lyon and Cowie, Sub. Milne. Buckie had two trialists in their side- Milne and Low from Fochabers and Willie 'Peem' McDonald from Portknockie. Milne, as sub, took over from the injured Lyon on the half hour.

Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 4 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup.

May 8 **Football news -** Ian Johnston, Proprietor of the "Banffshire Advertiser" who put up the cup for the 'Thistle Player of the Year' died the previous week.

Buckie 'Bobby' capped again - Jim Clark, the former Thistle player gained his third cap playing for the Scottish Police against their English counterparts. He is serving in the Traffic Department in Elgin.

May 15 **Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 5 replay of the Gordon Williamson Cup.** 'Doddie' Robertson had two of the goals.

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 0 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup.

Aberdeen based Thistle Vets 4 Home Based Thistle Vets 4 A big crowd watched the match again.

May 22 **Final of the Nicholson Cup - Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 3** " *A below par performance by the Rovers* "

May 29 **Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 0 semi-final of the White Horse Cup** - Three Rovers' players called off.

June 5 **Football news - new signing for Thistle .** Albert Taylor, Aberdeen East End, a wing half or inside forward signed for Buckie.

Burghead Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup. Kenny Anderson had both Rovers' goals.

'Lamp Factory football team' J. Brooks, Wm. Campbell, John Murray, James Hay, George Walker, E. Grostle, James Leslie, J. D. Flett, A. Wood, James Murray and James Runcie.

They won their first game against Dufftown by six goals to two.

June 12 **Football news -** Dennis Murray and Spencer Lyon, both who played for Buckie Thistle last season signed for Inverness Clach.

Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 1 semi-final of the North of Scotland Junior Cup. This ended a dismal run of cup defeats and brought a poor season, by their own previous standards, to an end. They finished up third in the League behind Burghead Thistle and Nairn St Ninians and with only the one trophy

June 19 **Buckie Veterans 6 Inverness Veterans 2 (F)**

Appointment of Thistle officials - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle Football Club Frank Farquharson and Dickie Grant were re-elected President and Vice President respectively. Joe Coull was appointed Treasurer and Peter 'Patty' Donald secretary.

Thistle signings for the new season - Dennis Simpson, Ronnie Stuart, Con. Bremner, Colvin Cowie, Len Clark. George Grant, Jacky Jamieson, ex Rothes, George 'Dod' Bruce ex Lossiemouth, Raymond Boyd, ex Lossiemouth and Albert Taylor, Aberdeen East End.

July 17 **Football news -** Bobby Paterson, a former postman and enthusiastic ex-secretary of the once very successful Buckpool Celtic Football Club died in an Aberdeen City Hospital at the age of 56. Bobby was badly wounded in Burma during the war years. **A photograph of Bobby appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.**

Football news - Mr and Mrs Norman Taylor were both honoured by the North Regional (North Section) Junior F.A. Norman was appointed Hon Vice President, while his wife Norma was appointed Honorary President; she was formerly an Honorary Vice President. Both had been on the Rovers' committee for a number of years.

Buckie Thistle XI 3 Burghead Thistle 1 (Private Trial) After the match Buckie signed two more players, Ron Cross, ex Rothes and Jack Forrest, ex Arbroath.

Fochabers 3 Keith Dynamos 1 Welfare League - The Keith side had won the League but lost their unbeaten record here.

Aug 7 **Final of the County Cup - Keith Dynamos 4 Portsoy 3**

Buckie Thistle 2 East End 2 (Trial)

Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Geddes; Bruce, Clark and Bremner; Newman, Cross, Abercrombie, Forrest and Cowie.

Aug 14 **Final of the Brown Cup Portgordon 2 Ladysbridge 1**

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L) First game of the season.

Aug 21 **Final of the Consolation Cup Findochty 4 British Legion 3**

Final of the St Valery Trophy - Portknockie 2 Fochabers 0

Final of the Duncan Cup - Portsoy 3 Ladysbridge 0

Aug 28 **Final of the Legion Shield - Portknockie 4 Fochabers 0**

Final of the Ferguson Shield - Portknockie 3 Cullen 2

Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 2 Highland League Cup Buckie won 6-5 on aggregate

Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 2 (L) James Geddes had two goals

HMS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) T. Cruickshank had two goals also P. Murray.

Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 5 (H/L)**

Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup (Wed.)

Sept 11 **Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup North Section**

Football news - 'Dod Bruce', the former Buckie Rovers, Rothes and Lossiemouth player who signed for Buckie Thistle in July signed for Elgin City.

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 3 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Cup

Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 2 Qualifying Cup replay.**

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Sept 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen University 3 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup.**

Buckie; Simpson, Stuart and Jamieson; Forrest, Clark and Cross; Boyd, Taylor, Abercrombie, Bremner, and Cowie. Sub. Allan

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 Gordon Williamson Cup - 'Doddie' Robertson scored a hat-trick.

Oct 2 **Ross County 11 (eleven) Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** **The biggest defeat that Buckie had ever suffered. "A black day for the Thistle - Raymond Boyd was sent off while Simpson also had his name taken."** Buckie had two trialists in their side- Ian Legge at left back and Brian Cheyne at outside left. Both were from Portsoy.

Buckie: Simpson, Jamieson and Legge; Taylor, Clark and Forrest; Grant, Boyd, Bremner, Cross and Cheyne. Sub. Stuart.

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 2 (L)

Oct 9 **Football news -** The Rovers team to play Sunnybank in the first round of the North Region (North Section) Junior Cup to be chosen from the following players - Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Green and Robertson; Newlands, Cowie, Murray, Billy Flett, Wm. Flett, Murray Geddes and James Geddes.

Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) Billy Flett making his first appearance of the season, now that the cricket season was over, scored a hat-trick, Jimmy Newlands, making a rare appearance, had one and James Geddes the other.

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 5 (H/L) - Buckie were bottom of the League

Oct 16 **Sunnybank 1 Buckie Rovers 0 in the North Region Junior Cup** -played at Heatheryfold.

Buckie Thistle 5 Local Select 3 (F)

Buckie: Simpson, Stuart and Lawson; Bremner, Clark and Low; Munro, Taylor, Abercrombie, Cowie and Cheyne. Gordon Lawson (Buckie British Legion), Low was from Fochabers while Munro was from Portgordon.

Select - Hay, Pope and Geddes; McDonald, Rothnie (McGowan) and Wright; Reid, Wood, R. Leslie, McLean and King. **They were most all schoolboys.**

Football news - Malcolm Cowie, a student at Jordanhill was set to sign for Glasgow Rangers with whom he had been training. He had turned down Airdrie who had offered him terms.

Football news - The rumour was that Buckie Thistle was again keen to sign 'Dod' Bruce who had been put on the transfer list by Elgin City. John Slater, Portknockie, was on the same list.

Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 3 (H/L)** -Ali Shewan, Portgordon, was in the Buckie side at outside left.

HMS Fulmar 2 Buckie Rovers 6 2nd round of the North of Scotland Junior Cup.

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** “ *First point of the season and fully deserved.*”

Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Nov 6 **Keith 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Ex Thistle player Rattray had four goals for Keith. George Wright, a pupil at Buckie High School was in the Buckie side at outside right. **I dinna like fin they start takkin sweeties fae bairns.**

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 2 semi final of the Robertson Cup played at Victoria Park.

Nov 13 **Football news -** A photograph on page 11 in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* shows the Buckie Boy Scouts taken at a Jamboree at Birkenhead in 1929. Dickie Grant, the Vice President of Buckie Thistle is one easily picked out.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) - Graham Geddes, a local youngster was in the Buckie side at inside right.

Buckie Rovers 3 HMS Fulmar (L)

Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 7 (H/L)** 'Dod' Bruce recently signed from Elgin was in the Buckie side at inside left... Jamieson asked for a transfer from Buckie.

Buckie had now played 11 Highland League games - Goals forward 8 Goals Against 51 Points 1 - Such statistics made sad reading for those Thistle fans brought up on a rich diet of success.

Nov 27 **Nairn St Ninians 4 Buckie Rovers 4 semi-final replay of the Robertson Cup.**

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 4 (H/L) - The Thistle were minus Cross and Jamieson both hurt in a car smash enroute to the game.

Dec 4 **Brora Rangers 8 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Low; Gordon Geddes, Clark and Bremner; Abercrombie, Wright, Allan, Graham Geddes and Cowie. Sub. Tough.

“ Buckie are meantime passing through the unhappiest periods in the club's history. With the unavailability of Aberdeen players had to resort to Welfare League players “

Dec 11 **Buckie Rovers 1 Dunfermline Jubilee 0 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup.**

Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Green and Wm. Flett; Cruickshank, D. Geddes, Murray, Cowie, and J. Geddes. Sub. B. Flett. Scorer - Cruickshank.

Dec 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 5 (H/L)** - Buckie had three trialists in their side - Ian Munro, Portgordon, James Ross, Keith and Kenneth Grant, Fochabers.

Dec 25 **Nairn County 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Simpson, Geddes and Taylor; Munro, Allan and Bremner; Cross, Abercrombie, Clark, Bruce and Forrest. Sub. Tough.

Buckie second from the bottom of the Highland League - Deveronvale were bottom . The Thistle had played 15 games - goals for 10 Goals against 70 numbers of points 2

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Jan 1 **Aberdeen East End 3 Buckie Rovers 8 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** *“ A great win for the Rovers”* Goal scorers were - P. Murray (2) Flett, Cowie, Newlands, Geddes, Green and McGoldrick.

Deveronvale 8 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *“ Black day in the blackest season yet- a surprise score from the bottom team.”*

Jan 8 **Buckie's game was off - pitches snowbound. Perhaps this was a god send**

Jan 15 **Inverness Thistle 6 Buckie Thistle 0 H/L** - *“New faces but little change.”*

Buckie : Simpson, Clark and McGoldrick Bremner, Green and Forrest; G. Geddes, Wright, Allan, Cowie, James Geddes. Buckie had three Rovers' players in the team. Johnnie Cowie, the former Thistle player, had two goals for the Inverness side.

Rovers' game off because of snow.

Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 7 (H/L)** Rattray, ex Thistle was the five star man with four goals.

***** **Castlehill 4 Buckie Rovers 4 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** played at Blairhall near Dunfermline . *“The Rovers were four goals up with 20 minutes to go .”*

Rovers: Ross, B. Flett and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Green and Wm. Flett; Newlands, Cowie, Murray, D. Geddes and J. Geddes. Sub. Smith.

Jan 29 **Buckie Rovers 0 Castlehill 0 3rd round replay of the Scottish Junior Cup**

Football news - The Fraserburgh versus Buckie Thistle game was postponed as a mark of respect for the loss of the lifeboat at the Broch where six men lost their lives. The fishing boat Coral Isle from Buckie was reported missing.

Feb 5 **Huntly 7 Buckie 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had a McCauley at right half. We were not told who this was.

Buckie Rovers 0 Castlehill 3 Scottish Junior Cup 4th round replay, replay at Forfar. . International selectors were present and were impressed with Wm. Flett, Findochty, in running for a Junior International Cap.

Feb 12 **Buckie Welfare League** - Thirteen clubs sought admission this season - Buckpool United, Buckie British Legion, Portgordon United, Fochabers Rockets, Keith Dynamos, Findochty Wanderers, Portknockie, Cullen, Portsoy, Ladysbridge who had now , now changed their name to Whitehills. Trophies to play for - County Cup, Lyon Cup, Brown Cup, St Valery Cup, Duncan Cup, Legion Shield, Consolation Cup and Ferguson Shield.

Both the Thistle and Rovers' games were off - Victoria Park was unplayable while there were pitch problems at Kinloss.

- Feb 19 **Both the Thistle and Rovers game were off again - due to weather conditions**
- Feb 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 10 (ten) (H/L)** *“Ross County were without their star and leading goal scorer Jim Lyness, given permission to attend the Celtic game”* Looking at the score line one must say ‘Glory be’, thankful for small mercies . Jist fit cwid the score hae been?
- Mar 5 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Chas. Douglas and Jamieson; Geddes, Meisner and Forbes; Wright, Allan, Smith, Johnston and Innes. Sub - Bremner.
Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 1 (L) The Rovers had newcomer, George Milne from Portknockie in the side.
Football news - Buckie Thistle signed three new players - George Smith from Fochabers, also Bill Forbes and James Meisner from Bishopmill
Buckie Rovers’ game was off due to weather conditions.
- Mar 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 5 (H/L)**
Nairn St. Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 4 semi-final of the North of Scotland Cup
- Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** - Buckie had schoolboy Ronald Leslie at outside right.
New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) - P. Murray had four goals
- ***** **Football news -** At a time when Buckie Rovers were top of the Junior League Buckie Thistle were bottom of the Highland League.
- April 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Clark and Allan; Geddes, Meisner and Forbes; Taylor, Hobley, Shanks, Bremner and Cross. - Sub. Munro The crowd in Victoria Park was only 70; okay we are told it wis a coorse day.
Buckie Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (F) Both teams found that they had a free date and organised a game.
Buckie: Simpson, Newlands and Taylor , Geddes, Clark and Forbes; Leslie, Allan, Bremner, Henderson ? - Sub . Rothnie
Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Cowie, Green and Flett; Cruickshank, Mitchell, P. Murray, M. Geddes and J. Geddes. Subs- Breen and Sutherland.
- ***** **Football news - The Thistle players were now playing for expenses only. Following the Keith game in January the committee laid it on the line that no wages could now be paid and any player who wished to leave was given permission to do so. In the event not one player chose to leave.**
- April 9 **Inverness Caley 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Dennis Simpson was a star in this game as he had been so often in the past despite the magnitude of the goals scored against him”.*
Football news - Financial support - Buckie Thistle got a donation of £20 from Hamilton Engineers, Social Club Funds.
Buckie Rovers 7 Lossie United 0 Stewart Memorial Cup -
- April 16 **Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Buckie had three Rovers’ player in the their side - Wm. Flett, James Geddes and Pat Murray.
Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) -With the draw Buckie had now collected four points for the season so far.
- April 23 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 6 1st round of the Nicholson Cup**
Football news - Financial support - The local branch of the SNP gave Buckie Thistle a donation of ten guineas.
Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 7 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 3 (H/L) (Wed) The following Rovers' players were in the Thistle side - Cruickshank, P. Murray, J. Geddes and John C. Green.

April 30 **Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill 2 1st round of the Matthew Cup**

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 3 (L) (Mon) at Victoria Park P. Murray scored twice.

Football news - The Rovers were undefeated this season and only needed 2 points from the remaining games to take the title.

May 7 **Inverness Clach 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** “ *This was the last game in a season that had been the worst in the history of Buckie Thistle without a single win.* ” Dennis Murray, ex Thistle scored two goals.

Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 3 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Cup

May 14**** **Buckie Rovers 9 RAF Kinloss 3** (Thurs) - “ *The Rovers were losing by three goals to two at half time, but recovered in great style to take the League title* ”.
Billy Flett had a hat-trick; Wm Flett had 2 as had P. Murray.

May 21 **Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 2 semi final of the Nicholson Cup** - The Rovers had reached the final of this competition for the 9th successive year.

Final of the North of Scotland Junior cup - Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 0 (Mon.)

Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 semi final of White Horse Cup (Wed.)

May 28 **Buckie Rovers 2 Banks of Dee 4 North Regional Junior League Championship.** (Champs versus Champs) Banks of Dee had thus won the trophy for the second year running.
Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; B. Flett, J. Green and P. Mitchell; T. Cruickshank, Milne, P. Murray, Cowie and J. Geddes.

June 4 **Final of the Nicholson Cup at Burghead - Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1**

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 3 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - ‘Dod’? *Simmers scored all the Forres goals.*

Buckie Rovers 5 Kinloss 2 1st round of the Matthew Cup (Wed.)

June 11 **Buckie Thistle sign 6 Rovers' players** - Billy McGoldrick, Wm. Flett, John C. Green, Tommy . Cruickshank, Pat Murray and James Geddes.
The Thistle had also re-signed the following - Dennis Simpson, Gordon Geddes, Charlie Douglas, Billy Forbes, J. Meisner and George Smith.

Final of the White Horse Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 1 (Mon.)

Buckie Rovers 6 Forres Thistle 2 semi-final of the Matthew Cup (Sat)

RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) (Wed) -Rovers lost their unbeaten record.

June 18 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 12 (twelve) semi-final of the White Horse Cup (Mon.)**
Jas. Geddes (5), Pat Murray (4), T. Cruickshank (2)

Buckie Thistle AGM- - in the black - Joe Coull, treasurer, said that the club had a small credit balance on the year's working.

Robert McKenzie was appointed President with Dickie Grant, Fochabers, and Vice President. Patty Donald and Joe Coull were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. The retiring president Frank Farquharson in his address to the meeting said that the Thistle had come within an ace of packing in November. The players were told of a cut in wages and if unwilling to accept the new conditions they were free to go. The players, en bloc, however, decided to stay put.

Committee - George Tough, Willie Allan, John McIntosh, Jimmy Shanks, J. Thomson, L.

Johnston, J. Forsyth, J. Donald, G. Whyte, Frank Mair, W. J. Pirie, Ian Cole, R. Smith, Willie Adam, J. Angus, Brian Travers and John Nicol.
Jane Coull and Dora Findlay were added to the ladies committee under the presidency of Mabel Thain, Clochan.

June 25 **Final of the Matthew Cup played at Burghead - Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninians 2**
(Wed) *"This was the second triumph for the Rovers over the same opponents at the Broch within three day and brought their final tally up to 4 cups and the League Championship - a brilliantly successful season."*

Rovers annual supper dance - This was held in the Marine Hotel. Jack Clarke who presided welcomed a party of 60 which included committee members, players, partners and friends. He referred to the loss of the vice president George Stewart during the season. The toast to the club was proposed by James Cowie, while Norman Taylor, secretary replied.

During the season just finished the Rovers had won the following: - League Championship Rose Bowl, and following cups: - Matthew, Nicholson, White Horse and North of Scotland.

July 16 **Buckie Welfare League teams-** Whitehills, Keith Dynamos, Portknockie, Portsoy, Fochabers, Buckie British Legion, Findochty, Portgordon, Cullen and Buckpool. This was also their placing in the League table at the time.

Aug 13 **Roths 3 Buckie Thistle 4 Highland League Cup** *"The start of a brand new season - first game first win - a big boost."*

Buckie: Simpson, Meisener, and McGoldrick; Forbes, Green and Jessiman; Cruickshank, B. Smith, Murray, Shepherd and J. Geddes. Sub. Newman. **Bruce Smith returned to Buckie after three years in Canada signed for Buckie again and scored the winning goal.**

Aug 20 **Whitehills won the Buckie Welfare League Championship**

Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 5 (H/L) *"It was not all one way"*

No report on Rovers' game (s) or teams. The Junior League began on the 15th.

Aug 27 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie 2 Roths 4 Highland League Cup - Roths won 7-6 on aggregate.

Buckie Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 5 semi-final of the Robertson Cup *"The Rovers were team building after losing six players to the Thistle."*

Sept 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Jessiman; Flett, Green and Meisener; Cruickshank, Smith, Murray, Lyon and J. Geddes. Sub. Forbes. Spencer Lyon ex Clach had resigned for Buckie.

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Scorers for the Rovers 'Dod' Simmers and Ronald Leslie.

Sept 10 **Peterhead 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Bishopmill United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Sept 17 **Bishopmill United 5 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round of the Nicholson Cup** Alan McDonald (o.g.) Anderson scored the Rovers' goal.

Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 6 (H/L)

Final of the Legion Shield - Portsoy 3 Portgordon 1

***** **Portsoy had already won the County Cup, Brown Cup and the St Valery Cup and in addition had reached the final of both the Ferguson Shield and Lyon Cup.**

Sept 24 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Buckie had a free date; other teams were involved in cup games.

- Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 6 (H/L)**
- Oct 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 5 (H/L)**
- Oct 15 **Huntly 6 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Bruce Smith asked for his release put on the transfer list.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 2 (L) at Victoria Park.**
- The North Junior League after seven games had been played looked like this** - Nairn top then Burghead, Bishopmill, Lossie United, Kinloss, Buckie Rovers, Forres Thistle, HMS Fulmar and New Elgin. It was strange to see two normally very successful teams languishing at the bottom, or near to it, referring here to the Rovers and New Elgin.
- Oct 22 **Buckie Rovers 1 Banks of Dee 2 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup.**
Rovers: Ross, Smith and A. McDonald; Mitchell, Slater and Sutherland; McIntosh, Leslie, Simmers, J. McDonald and Milne.
- Keith 5 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** - Raymond Boyd scored twice for Buckie.
- Oct 29 **Elgin City 11 (eleven) Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - *"a hopelessly unequal contest."*
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and McGoldrick, Flett, Green, and Lyon; Jessiman, Forbes, Murray, Boyd and Young. Sub. Meisener.
- Nov 5 **Football news** - Jimmy Smith, the ex Buckie Thistle and Inverness Thistle player who took up refereeing when his footballing days were over was killed in a car smash south of Stonehaven on Monday of last week. His sister-in-law, a passenger in the car was also killed.
- The Rovers had an idle day.**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)**
- Nov 12 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"a pleasant surprise"*
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and McGoldrick; Allan, Flett and Lyon; Cruickshank, Jessiman, Forbes, Boyd and Shepherd. Sub. Murray. Scorers for Buckie - Boyd and Shepherd.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)**
- Buckie High School beat Inverness Royal Academy in the 2nd round of the Scottish Secondary School's Shield.** The Buckie team was - A. Donaldson, D. McKay and A. McIntosh; R. Leslie, A. Innes and R. Angus; G. Wright, H. Wood, M. McIntosh, E. Hay, I. McGowan. Subs- A. Sutherland (G.K) and G. Murray.
- Nov 19 **HMS Fulmar 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** *R. Leslie had (2)* Danny Fitzimmons, who was later to play, and still later manage Buckie Thistle, scored for Fulmar.
- Nov 26 **Peterhead 7 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"The pitch was like a bog - farcical conditions."*
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas, McGoldrick; Allan, Meisener, Lyon, Shepherd, Flett, Forbes, Boyd and Geddes. Sub. Green.
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle were bottom of the Highland League with only four points from the 14 games played. Caley were top with 24 points.
- Football news** - Buckie High School were to meet St Mary's Academy, Bathgate in the 3rd round of the Scottish Secondary Schools Shield on Saturday first.
Team - A. Sutherland, D. McKay, R. Angus, A. Innes, A. McIntosh, R. Leslie, E. Hay, G. Wright, M. McIntosh, H. Wood, I. McGowan. Subs. A. Donaldson and G. Murray.
- Dec 3 **Football news** - The Scottish Junior Cup game between Luncarty and Buckie Rovers was postponed because the home side's ground was unplayable after heavy rain. The Rovers had travelled as far as Aviemore before being stopped by the police there
- ***** **Football news** - Buckie Thistle were bottom of the Highland League after 15 games had been played with only four points. Inverness Caley was top with 25 points.

- Dec 10 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Luncarty 8 Buckie Rovers 1 Scottish Junior Cup.** Luncarty scored four in each half. This was an expensive tie for the Rovers - a 300 mile round trip to Perthshire plus the cost of travel as far as Aviemore on the original day set for the match.
- Dec 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 3 (H/L)** -The Thistle had Brown playing at left back. No mention was made of who he was.
- Nairn St Ninians 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Taylor scored the Rovers' goal.
- Dec 24 **Rovers' game v Burghead Thistle was off with Victoria Park waterlogged.**
- Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Meisener; Lyon, Green and M. Cowie; Flett, Boyd, Brown, Shepherd and Forbes.
- Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** "*Lyon and Cowie were best for Buckie,*" the report said.
- The Rovers had no game**

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- Jan 7 **Football news** - The Thistle were now third from the bottom of the Highland League P20 goals for 25, goals against 83 with 7 points.
- The Rovers had no game**
- Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *Unexpected - a pleasant surprise*" Boyd had both goals.
- Jan 14 **Forres Mechanics 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Meisener; Lyon, Flett and Shepherd; John Geddes, Boyd, Brown, James Geddes and Forbes. Sub. Murray.
- Buckie Rovers 4 HMS Fulmar 2 1st round of the Matthew Cup**
- Jan 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)** - Both Thistle goals scored by Murray.
- RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Kenny Anderson scored for the Rovers
- Jan 28 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - "*For the second week running Buckie were unlucky not to win.*"
Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Brown; Lyon, Green and Flett; Shepherd, Boyd, Murray, Forbes and Meisener - Sub Geddes.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 3 (L)** Simmers had two of the Rovers' goals.
- Feb 4 **Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 2 (L)**
- Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Feb 11 **Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round of the North of Scotland Cup**
- No Buckie Thistle report.**
- Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 4 (H/L)**
- Feb 25 **No football owing to poor weather conditions.**
- Mar 4 **Peterhead 6 Buckie Thistles 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 1 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Cup.**

Football news - Buckie Thistle are to form a 200 club. Entry money 10p per week with prizes of £5 and £2.50 every Monday. Every 52 weeks prizes of £100 and £50. George Tough to be promoter.

Veterans Match under 45 versus over 45 -

Under - Jenkins, Morrison and Allan; Thain, Robbie Cowie and Rab. Robertson; Doddie Robertson, Ronnie Mair, George Stewart, G. Innes and A. Stewart.

Over - Moulton, Wood and McFadyen; Tough, Rae and Laing; W. Cowie, Cormack, McKay, Johnston and J. Leslie. Cecil Roy and W. Taylor were subs.

The Unders won by 6 goals to 3.

Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin Cities 5 (H/L)**

The Rovers had no fixture

Mar 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Shepherd; Lyon, Green and Flett; Wood, Boyd, Murray, Geddes and Meisener. Sub. Cruickshank.

Football news - Hamish Wood and Michael Hendry, both senior pupils at Buckie High School, signed forms with Buckie Thistle.

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Buckie and District Juvenile League resurrected - Teams (senior) 2nd BB's, Sea Cadets, 1st BB's, 1st Portessie BB's, Scouts and Army Cadets.

Teams (juniors) - 2nd BB's, 1st Portessie BB's, 1st Buckie BB's and Cub Scouts.

Mar 25 **Buckie Thistle had no game.**

Buckie Rovers versus Forres Thistle was off as Victoria Park was waterlogged.

April 1 **Bishopmill United 5 Buckie Rovers 3 Matthew Cup** - - The Rovers had been the holders for the past five years.

Football news - A consortium of local business men led by Abby Gowie, former Thistle player and committee man, offered to put money into Buckie Thistle Football Club if they were to be given some say in running the club.

Lossiemouth 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - Scorer for Buckie - Spencer Lyon.

April 8 **Buckie had an idle day.**

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 3 (L)

April 15 **Buckie Welfare League** - The League this coming season will consist of only 8 teams as Fochabers Rockets and Buckpool United decided not to enter this time round.

The League then will consist of - Portsoy, Whitehills, Portgordon, Keith Dynamos, Findochty, Buckie British Legion and Portknockie.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) This was the last game of the season.

Buckie: Simpson, Douglas and Brown; Lyon, Green and Flett; Wood, Shepherd, Geddes, Meisener and Cruickshank. Sub Forbes.

Football news - George Tough was re-appointed manager for next season.

Football news - In a letter to the 'Advertiser' Abby Gowie asked the general public for donations of money to help Buckie Thistle to raise a good team. He said how a successful team helped the town in many ways.

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) The Broch were league leaders - Billy Flett (2) and 'Doddie' Robertson were the Rovers' scorers.

April 22 **Football news** - Portgordon United decided not to join the Buckie Welfare League after all as they were unable to raise a committee. This left the following teams - Cullen, Portknockie, Keith Dynamos, Portsoy, Buckie British Legion, Findochty and Whitehills.

Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 3 White Horse Cup

April 29 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss3 (L)** This was the Rovers' last game in what could only be described as a disappointing season with no trophies at all to show for their efforts. The scorers for the Rovers were - James Leask (2) Taylor and G. Robertson

May 20 **Football news - Buckie Thistle signed** - Donnie MacEachen, a former player who had been with Lossiemouth the previous season, Ally McHardy, ex Forres Mechanics and Willie Donald, ex Huntly. James Innes ex Lossiemouth, another former Thistle player, signed later
The following players re-signed - Charlie Douglas, Ian Brown, Wm. Flett, Spencer Lyon, John Coull Green, James Geddes and Billy Shepherd.

June 3 **Football news - Thistle Supporters Club** - Bruce Smith former Rovers and Thistle player had a letter in the 'Advertiser' in which he called for a meeting to discuss the resurrection of Buckie Thistle Supporters Club. **It was agreed to revive the club for a trial period with Bruce Smith as President.**

July 1 *** **BB's are Champions** - The 1st Buckie Boys' Brigade won the senior title in the Buckie and District Juvenile Football League. The junior title was won by the 2nd Buckie BB's. Bill Ligertwood, President, handed over the awards to the captains of both teams.

July 8 **Further Buckie Thistle signing** - Sandy Gordon of Huntly, a student at Jordanhill College in Glasgow, signed for Buckie Thistle.

Football news - John 'Tubby' Ogston, ex Aberdeen and Liverpool 'keeper agreed to turn out for Buckie Thistle in a challenge match against Falkirk, the game to be played on Monday 2nd August.

July 29 **Keith Dynamos won the Buckie Welfare League title**, beating Portknockie 3-1 in the last game. They collected 19 points from the 12 games played.

Aug 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Falkirk 4 (F)**
Buckie: Ogston, Gordon and Green; Innes, Cardno and M. Cowie; Wm. McDonald, MacEachen, McHardy, Sinclair and Lyon. Subs - Geddes and Douglas. Wm Sinclair, like Sandy Gordon was a P.E. student with Malcolm Cowie at Jordanhill.
Raymond Cardno from Maud was a student at Aberdeen University.
Ogston signed for Buckie Thistle after the match.

Football news - George Knowles 'Leslie' a Thistle player of an earlier era died in Canada at the age of 62.

Final of the Lyon Cup Keith Dynamos 3 Portsoy 0

Aug 12 **Final of the Maitland Cup (new) Portsoy 4 Keith Dynamos 2**

Final of the Brown Cup Whitehills 3 Buckie British Legion 1

Buckie Thistle 8 Formartine United 1 (F)
Buckie; Ogston, Gordon and Cowie; Lyon, Green and Innes; McDonald, McHardy, MacEachen, Sinclair and Meisener. Sub Leslie.

Aug 19 **Final of the St Valery Trophy - Portsoy 2 Keith Dynamos 1 at Victoria Park.**

Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 1 (H/L)
Buckie: Ogston, Gordon and Flett; Innes, Green and Cowie; McDonald, McHardy, MacEachen, Sinclair and Lyon. Sub. Meisener. *"Not quite what the fans had hoped for but an encouraging start."*

Aug 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Gordon; Innes Cardno and Flett; Leslie, McHardy, MacEachen, McDonald and Lyon. Sub. Meisener. Raymond Cardno was in the team and must have signed as he was regular from then on

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 1 (L)

Final of the County Cup - Portsoy 3 Portknockie 1 at Victoria Park.

Final of the Legion Shield - Buckie British Legion 5 Keith Dynamos 3 - Victoria Park
J. Lawtie had (3).

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 8 (H/L) MacEachen had (3)... Some press comments were:-
"Buckie back with a bang" "The team that came in from the cold."

Sept 2 **Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)** Rovers' scorers P. Mitchell and G. Robertson - at Victoria Park

Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Green; Innes, Cardno and Flett; McDonald, McHardy, MacEachen, Sinclair and Lyon. Sub. Leslie.

Final of the Duncan Cup - Portsoy 4 Findochty 2

Final of the Ferguson Shield Portsoy 1 Portknockie 0 Both the games at Victoria Park.

Final of the Consolation Cup Whitehills 12 (twelve) Cullen 5 (aggregate scores)

Sept 9 **Elgin City 7 Buckie 0 Qualifying Cup** *"back to earth with a bump"* Buckie had Bagshaw at centre forward in this game, a new signing from Peterhead.

Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 2 semi-final of the Robertson Cup

Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Green; Innes, Cardno and Flett; McDonald, McHardy, MacEachen, Mike Sinclair and Lyon. Sub. Bagshaw. Keith Rattray, former Thistle player had the Keith goals

Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 7 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Innes, Green and Lyon, McHardy, McDonald, Bagshaw, Sinclair and Flett. Sub. Meisener. Bagshaw (3)

HMS Fulmar 2 Buckie Rovers 9 (L) Scorers for the Rovers were - B. Taylor (3), P. Mitchell (3) Eric Hay (2) and P. Murray.

Sept 23 **Buckie Rovers 4 Rothies Decimals 2 (L)** - The Decimals joined the League this season. - P. Murray (2)

Buckie had an idle day.

Sept 30 **Football news** - Toilet and changing room facilities at Merson Park approved for next year by the Town Council

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 4 (L) at Victoria Park

Football news - Buckie Rovers team to play Rosemount in the North Regional Cup from - Ross, Smith, McGoldrick, Johnston, Walker, McKay, Murray, Murray, Mitchell, Henderson, Stewart, Leask, Robertson and Hay.

Oct 7 **Football news** - **Abby Gowie was appointed President of Buckie Thistle** in succession to Councillor Robert McKenzie. Dickie Grant Vice President, Pat Donald, secretary and James Robertson, treasurer all resigned. James Smith, Findochty became Vice President, George Kay, secretary and Alex Watt, treasurer. Grant, Donald and Robertson all remained on the committee.

Buckie Rovers 9 Rosemount 3 in the 1st round of the North Regional Cup *"A goal spree"* was how the reporter described it. . There were three hat-tricks in the game - Peter Mitchell and second half sub 'Doddie' Robertson for the Rovers and Ewen for Rosemount. The other scorers for the Rovers were - David Mackay and Eric Hay.

Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Johnston, Walker and Hay; Taylor, Mitchell, Murray, McKay and Stewart. Sub. Robertson and Leask.

Oct 14 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** - *"The fans turned out in force - first home game for a month."*

Nairn St Ninians 2 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) - Leask had two goals for the Rovers.

Oct 21 **Burghead Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 5 (H/L) - Wilkie had a hat-trick for Keith.

Oct 28 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - McHardy and McCann of Fraserburgh were sent off.

Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 (L) at Victoria Park

Nov 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)** - *"a stodgy affair by the Thistle"*

Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** - *"No real challenge"* The Thistle had Robert Barr ex Hibs at centre half. One would have thought in that case they would have won by a barrow load.
Buckie: Ogston, Gordon and Cardno; Innes, Barr and Flett; Cowie, McDonald, Bagshaw, Sinclair and Lyon.
Sub. McHardy.

HMS Fulmar 1 Buckie Rovers 6 in the Matthew Cup

Nov 18 **Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 1** *"All five goals were scored in the first fifteen minutes."*

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 1 2nd round of the North Regional Cup

Nov 25 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Barr, Pirie and Lyon; MacEachen McDonald, Bagshaw, Sinclair and G. Geddes. Sub. Gordon.

RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) at Kinloss

Dec 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Gordon, Bagshaw and Lyon; McDonald, Morris, Simpson, Flett and Geddes. Sub. D. MacEachen. Raymond Morris and James Simpson both came from Maud.

Carnoustie Panmure 3 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Dec 9 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *"The Jags complete the double in convincing style."*

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Gordon; McDonald, Cardno and Lyon; Simpson, Morris, Bagshaw, Flett and McHardy. Sub. Sinclair.

Bishopmill 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Dec 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Gordon, Pirie and Lyon, McDonald, MacEachen, Bagshaw, Morris and McHardy. Sub. Flett.

The Rovers had no fixture

Dec 23 **Inverness Thistle 8 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - *"Ogston saved the Thistle from a bigger hiding."*

The Rovers again had an idle week.

Dec 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** - *"Ogston was injured and Wood, substitute, took over between the sticks."*

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L) at Victoria Park

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Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)** *"The first time that the Thistle had completed the double over the 'Vale for many years."* The game traditionally played on New Year's Day was switched to the Monday in line with all the Highland League clubs.

- Jan 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 2 (H/L)** *“Unexpected collapse by Huntly. - third win in a row for Buckie, things are looking up.”*
New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)
- Jan 20 **Buckie Welfare League - Cornhill F.C.** made application to join the Welfare League and were accepted.
Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)
Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
- Jan 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** *“A late goal for the Caley stole the points- a draw would have been a fairer result.”*
Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Nicholson Cup
- Feb 3 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Innes, Pirie and Flett; McHardy, MacEachen, Bagshaw, Morris and Lyon. Sub. Gordon.
RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Stewart Memorial Cup
- Feb 10 **A Thistle team of yesteryear.** A photograph of the Buckie Thistle team of 1921 is to be found on page 11 of the ‘Advertiser’ of this date. All the players are named.
Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 (H/L) *“Buckie scored the winner in the dying minutes of the game.”*
Buckie: Ogston, Cowie and McDonald; Innes, Cardno and Gordon; McHardy, MacEachen, Bagshaw, Lyon, and Morris. Sub. Geddes.
Buckie Rovers 3 Rothes Decimals 1 (L) - Scorers for the Rovers - Mitchell, Leask and Eric Hay.
- Feb 17 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 1 in the North of Scotland Cup - *“lucky Buckie”*
- Feb 24 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie: Shand, Cowie and McDonald; Flett, Cardno and Gordon; McHardy, Innes, Sinclair, Morris and MacEachen. Sub. Lyon. **Shand was from Rothes, the former Inverness Thistle keeper** signed to replace Ogston who had suffered a badly gashed knee, requiring stitches, in his last game for the Thistle. **Ogston never played again for Buckie going on to sign for Huntly.**
The Rovers were due to play HMS Fulmar at Victoria Park but it was waterlogged again.
- Mar 2 **Both the Thistle and Rovers had a free date on Saturday as Elgin City was playing Kilmarnock in the 4th round of the Scottish Cup.**
- Mar 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**
RAF Kinloss 4 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Matthew Cup
- Mar 16 **Buckie High School team U 14 won the County Cup.**
Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) - *“Buckie badly need a centre”*
Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 1 (L) at Victoria Park
- Mar 23 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - *“The Thistle battled all the way.”*
Buckie had two players by the name of Morris in their team S and L.
- Mar 30 **The Buckie Player of the Year** award which had been in abeyance for a year or two, perhaps for obvious reasons, was revived this year with **Ray Cardno being awarded the honour for season 1971/72.**
Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L) *“This was the last game of the season for the Thistle. They finished up seventh from the top, the best position for a number of years.”*

Buckie: Shand, Gordon and McDonald; Flett. Cardno and Lyon; Innes, S. Morris, McHardy Sinclair and L. Morris. Sub. Bagshaw.

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 0 replay of the North of Scotland Cup.

April 6 **Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)** at Victoria Park. - Rovers' scorers - R. Mitchell and S. Lock.

April 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Mugiemoss 1 (F)**

Buckie: Shand, Cowie and McDonald; Kirkton, Cardno and Lyon; McHardy, Innes, Flett, Morris and Taylor. Sub. Gordon. Lyon was the Buckie scorer. Kirkton must have been a trialist. We were not told from where and he was never heard of again. Taylor on the left wing was likely to have been Brian Taylor of the Rovers.

April 27 **Buckie Welfare League** - Teams entered for the season - Portsoy, Cullen, Buckie British Legion, Keith Dynamos, Whitehills, Cornhill, Portknockie and Findochty.

May 4 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Mike Winton and Dennis Kennedy from Keith, Gordon Davidson from Rothes and Frank Laws from Huntly.

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 1 in the Stewart Memorial Cup

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) at Forres.

May 11 **Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 1 Dryborough Cup** - Johnnie Cowie, ex Thistle player, had two of the Inverness goals

Buckie: Shand, Cowie and McDonald; Flett, Anderson and Lyon; Winton, Laws, Kennedy, Morris and Davidson. We weren't told who Anderson was.

May 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Maud 1 (F)**

Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 8 AET semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Cup. *"The score was 3-3 at half-time and 4-4 at full, the Keith lads going for extra time and knocking in another four."*

Football news - This was another season just finished in which the Rovers failed to collect one trophy. It has to be said the coverage of their games was extremely scanty in the local paper with no team lines given for a long time, which many would feel was a shame.

June 1 **Football news** - Jimmy Simpson, ex Glasgow Ranger and Buckie Thistle player coach in season 1946/47 died this week in a Glasgow hospital aged 63. He was capped 14 times for Scotland and four times for the Scottish League.

Aug 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**

Buckie; Shand, Cowie and McDonald, Gordon Smith and Cardno; Winton. Laws and 'Dod' Bruce; Davidson and Kennedy. Sub. Innes.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) (Wed.)

Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 4 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup AET (Tues.)

Buckie: Shand, Cowie and McDonald; Lyon, Smith and Flett; Winton, Laws, Kennedy, Bruce and Davidson. Sub. Wood.

Aug 24 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 11 (eleven) Islavale 2 (Trial game) James Geddes (7), Brian Taylor (3) Sinclair and Leask

Aug 31 **Final of the Duncan Cup - Whitehills 1 Keith Dynamos 2 AET.**

Final of the St Valery Trophy Portknockie 2 Cullen 1

Buckie Rovers 4 Deveronvale 3 (F) Scorers for the Rovers - David 'Pecos' Mackay, A. Petrie and Brian Taylor.

Roths Decimals 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *"Boyd saved the day."*

Roths 4 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup

Sept 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 5 (H/L)** - 'Dod' Simmers who went on in place of the injured Bruce scored one of the Thistle goals. Simmers had been playing with the Rovers.

Buckie: Shand, Gordon and McDonald; Laws, Flett and Lyon; Winton, Davidson, W. J. Cowie, Bruce and Kennedy. Sub Simmers
'Tubby' Ogston, the former Thistle keeper was in goal for Huntly.

Sept 14 **Football news** - Willie Cowie who had been appointed Principal Teacher of P.E. at Buckie High was **appointed player coach of the Thistle** and was in the team the previous Saturday against Huntly.

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 1 in the Cannon Cup

Final of the Consolation Cup Buckie British Legion beat Cullen on penalties

Final of the Legion Shield Findochty 2 Keith Dynamos 1

Final of the Ferguson Shield Keith Dynamos 4 Portknockie 3

Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - The Thistle goal was scored by 'Dod' Simmers - *"revival came too late."*

Buckie: Shand, Cowie and Lyon; Hay, Smith and Cardno; McDonald, Davidson, Simmers, Flett and Kennedy. Sub. Gordon. We were not told who Hay was at right half.

Sept 21 **Football news** - Geordie Kay at 83 left for Australia to stay with his daughter. He had recently been secretary of Buckie Thistle. A former player with Buckie Thistle he also had a long association with Arradoul in the Welfare League and Buckie Rovers in the juniors.

Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 5 (L) Rovers' scorers - P. Murray (2) J. Geddes and B. Taylor

Sept 28 **Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** Scorers for the Rovers - B. Taylor, R. Davenport, P. Murray, P. Mitchell and James Geddes.

Buckie Thistle 1 Roths 1 (H/L)

Buckie; Sutherland, Cowie and Cardno; Lyon, Smith and Laws; McDonald, Davidson, Simmers, Flett and Kennedy. Sub. Gordon - Charlie McHardy and Donnie MacEachen formerly with Buckie were both in the Roth's side.

Football news - The youthful Thistle replacement 'keeper Sutherland was believed to have been watched by a number of senior clubs.

Oct 5 **Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 1 semi-final of the Cannon Cup** - Caberfeidh were newcomers to the Junior League and this was the first time the two Clubs had met. Willie Wood and Brian Taylor were the Rovers' scorers.

Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Oct 12 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Shand, M. Cowie and R. Cardno; S. Lyon, P. Smith and McDonald; Winton, Flett, W. J. Cowie and Kennedy. Sub. Laws.

Buckie Rovers 6 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L) - Rovers' scorers were - P. Murray (3), Taylor and Davenport

Oct 19 **Buckie Rovers 4 Stoneywood 0 Regional Cup** - Rovers' scorers - P. Murray (2) Mackay and Taylor.
Rovers: Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Boyd, Green and Mackay; Geddes, Davenport, Murray, Mitchell and Taylor. Subs. Wood and Bruce.
This was the first Rovers' team to be published in the local paper for a long, long, time.

Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) *"'Dod' Simmers was man of the match"* **This was the first time that the**

reporter for the 'Advertiser' had been seen to use this phrase.

Oct 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Shand, M. Cowie and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and McDonald; Winton, W. J. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson and Kennedy. Sub. Flett. Wright playing at outside right was Walter Wright.

Nov 2 **Football news - Beacon Football Trophy** - Buckie Youth Club holders of the Beacon Football Trophy beat Ballater Youth Club by 6 goals to 2 in the semi-final of the year's competition.

Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) at Boroughbriggs. Rovers' scorers were - Taylor (2), Murray (2) and Geddes (2)

Final of the Cannon Cup Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 1 at Boroughbriggs under the lights. The Rovers' scorers were - Brian Taylor (2,) J. Geddes (2), D. Mackay and Davenport. (Taylor scored one from the penalty spot as did Davenport).

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L) *"Victoria Park saw its biggest crowd of the season and this despite Aberdeen playing Celtic at Pittodrie."*

Buckie: Shand, M. Cowie and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and McDonald; Winton, W. J. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson and Kennedy.

Nov 9 **Forfar East End 1 Buckie Rovers 2 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup** - *"The Rovers had Sandy Hay, Portknockie, in goal. He had a good game with some brilliant saves."*

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 (H/L) *"The Thistle had on their usual team"*.

Nov 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Football news - Brothers Malcolm and Willie J. Cowie, together with Mike Winton, players with Buckie Thistle, were included in the Aberdeenshire F.A. Select to play the North F.A. In the Chic Allan Memorial Competition.

Nov 23 **Buckie Rovers 7 Lossie United 2 in the Stewart Memorial Trophy** *"This was the Rovers' 11th successive victory."* The Rovers' scorers were - Taylor (4), Murray (2) and Mitchell.

Nairn County 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) - *"The Thistle found their form too late."*

Nov 30 **Inverness Thistle 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *"Usual team with P. Smith as sub."*

Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill 0 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup - D. Mackay 'Pecos' had a hat-trick.

Dec 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Rovers had an idle day

Dec 14 **Rothies 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Shand, Cowie and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and McDonald; Winton, W. J. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson and Flett. Sub Pirie. This Thistle team had been unchanged for some weeks apart from the sub. player.

Bucksburn Community Centre 3 Buckie Youth Club 4 1st leg of the Beacon Football Trophy at Linksfield Stadium, Aberdeen

Dec 21 **Buckie Rovers 1 Caberfeidh 3 (L)** at Victoria Park - D. Mackay, Rovers, sent off for retaliation

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Final of the Beacon Football Trophy Buckie Youth Club 4 Bucksburn Community Centre 1 (aggregate 8-4) at Linzee Gordon Park on Sunday. **The Youth Club thus retain the trophy.**

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 6 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** - *"Simmers opened the scoring for Buckie in ten seconds"*

Buckie: Shand, McDonald and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and Flett; Winton, W. J. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson

and P. Smith. Sub. Kennedy.

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 6 North of Scotland Cup - Scorers for the Rovers - Geddes (2), Taylor, Sandy Hay, D. Mackay and K. Anderson.

Football news - The Rovers were drawn away to Francis Colliery, a Buckhaven (Fife) side in the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup. The tie to be played at Glenrothes, 7 miles from Buckhaven on Saturday first - Hogmanay!

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Jan 4 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** - Scorers for Buckie - Simmers (2) and Winton. *"Buckie do the double over their Banffshire coastal rivals in the festive derby duels for the second year running."*

Francis Colliery 5 Buckie Rovers 3 3rd Round of the Scottish Cup *"The Rovers went down fighting."*

G. Green had all the home team's goals playing at inside right. Taylor and Geddes with 2 had the Rovers' goals.

Islavale 1 Thorniewood United (a Glasgow Central club) 2 in the third round of the Scottish Junior Cup - The match was played at Victoria Park. Leask, Sinclair and Riddoch of the 'Vale were all booked.

Jan 11 **Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Shand, Mair and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and McDonald; Winton, W. J. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson and Flett. Sub. Smith.

Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) Bishopmill United 0 (L) - Scorers for the Rovers were - Taylor (2) Murray (2), Geddes (4), Anderson and Boyd.

Jan 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had McBean in the side at outside left.

Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 0 in the North of Scotland Cup

Jan 25 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - *"The win took them to fifth place in the League."*

Football news - A Big Shock! Willie Cowie resigned this week from the position as player coach with Buckie Thistle, as he said; *"on a matter of principle."* Contrary to what had been agreed, the management asked for a certain player to be left out of the team. He was to be given full say in who should play and as such this new order was not acceptable.

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 4 (L) - Willie Wood had the Rovers solitary goal.

Feb 1 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - *"Willie Cowie leaves Buckie"*

Buckie Rovers 1 Rothes Decimals 2 (L)

Feb 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 2 (H/L)**

Buckie; Shand, Mair and McDonald; Flett, Smith and Davidson; Winton, Wright, Simmers, Kennedy and McBean. Sub. Green.

The Rovers were without a fixture.

Football news - Kenny Malcolm coach to Banks of Dee took over as player manager and coach with the Thistle.

Feb 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Shand, Mair and Cardno; Wright, Flett and McDonald; Winton, Christianson, Simmers, Davidson and McBean, Sub. Smith. Christianson had previously been with Banks of Dee, later signed for Arbroath. He had not played since November when studying for his C. A. exams.

Caberfeidh 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) at the Doocot Park, New Elgin. *"Caber. do the double over the Rovers."*

- Feb 22 **No games for the Thistle or the Rovers because of snow and frost making grounds unplayable.**
- Mar 1 **As above**
- Player of the Year competition.** Players eligible - Sutherland and Shand, Cardno, M. Cowie, Malcolm Mair, Hamish Wood, Willie Flett. Spencer Lyon, Willie McDonald, Pete Smith, Walter Wright, Jon Christianson, Gordon Davidson, Eric Hay, Dennis Kennedy, Hando McBean, George Simmers and Mike Winton.
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Norman Perry from Lewis United. He had been capped for Junior Scotland at full back.
- Mar 8 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 5 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Thistle 3 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy** (Forres were the holders.) Geddes, Mitchell, Davenport and W. Wood all scored for the Rovers.
- Mar 15 **New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) at Pinefield - J. Geddes had a hat-trick.**
- Buckie 0 Fraserburgh 3 replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup** - Perry was in the Buckie side at left half.
- Mar 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 3 (H/L)** -Buckie had Charlie Elvin a former Aberdeen reserve player in the side at inside right. He scored one of the Buckie goals.
- Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 1 Gordon Williamson Cup** - Davenport had the goal.
- Mar 29 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 3 in the White Horse Cup** - Scorers for the Rovers - S. Petrie, J. Geddes and P. Mitchell.
- George ‘Dod’ Simmers** was chosen as Buckie’s Player of the Year for season 1972/73.
- Buckie Thistle had no fixture on Saturday**
- April 5 **Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 3 (L)** at Victoria Park. D. Mackay and Taylor scored for the Rovers.
- Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (F)** Both clubs had free dates. Simmers and Perry scored for Buckie.
- April 12 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 2** - (H/L) This was the Thistle’s last Highland League game of the season.
Buckie: Sievwright, Mair and Cardno; McDonald, Flett and Perry; Winton, Kennedy, Simmers, Davidson, and Carroll. Sub. Wright. Sievwright and Carroll were trialists from Banks of Dee.
- Buckie ended the season in fifth place in the League with 32 points from 30 games played.**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead 0 (L)** - Scorer - S. Petrie.
- April 19 **Football news** - James Innes former Buckie Thistle and Lossiemouth player died in hospital at the age of 27. He had been in ill health for some time. He captained both teams during his football career.
- Buckie Rovers 5 Lossie United 1 (L)** at Victoria Park. Scorers for the Rovers - Petrie (2), Mitchell, Taylor and Geddes (pen.)
- April 26 **Lossie United 0 Buckie Rovers 3 - in the White Horse Cup** - Scorer **J. Geddes had a hat-trick.**
- Football news** - **Buckie Youth Club donated a Challenge Cup** to be played for among Youth Clubs of the area. Buckie went through into the semi-final after beating Huntly Youth Club by 7 goals to 5. Cullen Youth Club was also in the semi-final after beating Findochty Youth Club by 2-0.
- May 3 **Buckie Rovers 0 Caberfeidh 3 in the Nicholson Cup (Wed)**
- Nairn St Ninians 2 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)** - **The Rovers scored six goals in 15 minutes after the break - Taylor had a hat-trick.** Brown, Geddes and Slater were the other scorers for the Rovers.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 5 1st round of the Bells Scotch Whisky Trophy** The Broch scored three goals in the first 15 minutes.

Buckie: Sutherland, Mair and McDonald; Wright, Flett and Perry; Christiansen, Davidson, Simmers, Kennedy and McBean. Sub. Shand.

May 10 **Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 4 (L) The Rovers was down 4-1 at half time.** The Rovers' goals were scored by J. Geddes (2) and Petrie.

May 17 **Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** This was the Rovers' last League game of the season. The Rovers' scorers were - Green (2), Taylor and Geddes.

Nairn St Ninians 5 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Matthew Cup - J. Geddes had both the Rovers' goals

May 24 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 6 semi-final of the White Horse Cup** - The Rovers' scorers was - W. Wood and J. Geddes.

May 31 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup** - Scorers - Wood and Taylor

***** **Football news** - Colin Macrae took over as president of Buckie Thistle after Abby Gowie had to retire on health grounds.

June 7 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy AET Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 1** - Green, Taylor and Geddes had the Rovers' goals.

Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (Mon).

July 12 **Football news** - Malcolm Cowie who was with Buckie Thistle was appointed trainer with Islavale.

Aug 2 **Football news** - The Thistle was left with practically no players at the end of last season but was able to cobble together a team of sorts to play and beat Aberdeen East End. - 5-1. They had now signed 11 players. From last year's side - Sandy Shand, Willie McDonald, Norman Perry, Gordon Davidson and Malcolm Mair. Newcomers - David Mackay and Brian Taylor from Buckie Rovers, Bobby Samuels ex Dundee United and Peterhead, David Forsyth ex Huntly and Peterhead, Jimmy Simpson ex Keith and Donnie MacEachen ex Lossie and Rothes who had been with the Thistle before.

Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)

Whitehills (formerly called Ladysbridge) won the Buckie Welfare League

Final of the County Cup Cullen 1 Keith Dynamos 2 at Victoria. Park. John McVean who was playing in goal for Cullen was injured and off the field when the 'Vale scored the winning goal.

Final of the Duncan Cup Cullen 5 Whitehills 2 (played two days later.)

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

Buckie: Shand, Hazel and Walker; Perry, Cassie and Samuels; Forsyth, McDonald, Simpson, Mackay and Taylor. Sub MacEachen. Bill Cassie was a former Glasgow Junior player who had recently moved up to Mosstodloch; Alex Walker was ex Deveronvale while Jimmy Hazel, ex Clach, Forres and Nairn was on trial. Cassie and Walker both signed.

Football news - Jimmy Ewen the recently appointed groundsman at Victoria Park received a well-merited pat on the back for the work he had put in to the park and the surroundings, With paint and a general tidy up of the terracing and work on the playing surface itself Victoria Park had not looked so well for a number of years. The Thistle received a donation of £300 from the Supporters Club.

Football news - In a letter to the 'Advertiser' the writer asked where the money from the 200 Club was going. He/she also asked why the Welfare Society didn't give Victoria Park to the Thistle committee so that a full-scale tidy up could be mounted, not just a lick of paint.

Aug 16 **Keith 2 Buckie 0 Highland League Cup**

Inverness Clach 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Shand, Mair and Walker; Samuels, Mackay and McDonald; Simpson, Perry, MacEachen, Davidson and Taylor. Sub. Forsyth.

Final of the Brown Cup - Whitehills 4 Buckie British Legion 1 at Victoria Park

Buckie Thistle face the camera - The photograph giving all the names of the players and trainer Alex 'Bomber' Thomson is found on page 6.

Final of the Maitland Trophy (A new one donated by Jim Maitland, publican of Whitehills)
Cullen 4 Keith 2 - The match was played at Whitehills.

Aug 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** *"beaten but Buckie gave a spirited display"*

Football news - Willie J. Cowie former player coach with Buckie Thistle signed for Keith and joined other former Thistle players - 'Dod' Simmers, Spencer Lyon and his brother Malcolm.

Final of the St Valery Trophy - B.B. Legion 5 Whitehills 4 AET.

Final of the Ferguson Shield B.B. Legion 6 Cornhill 3

Final of the Legion Shield Whitehills 11 (eleven) Keith Dynamos 3

Whitehills won the League with 25 points, Findochty were second with 16

Aug 30 **Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Lossie scored three goals in five minutes."*

Final of the Lyon Cup - B.B. Legion 4 Portsoy 3

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 2 (L) The Rovers' scorers were Costello and J. Geddes (2)

Football news - Mrs Rita Taylor was re-elected Hon president for the fourth successive year. Mr Norman Taylor was re-elected Hon. vice president for the third successive year by the North Section Junior Football Association.

Sept. 6 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** **(Inverness Thistle were the reigning Champions)** *"a first point and well deserved."*

Buckie: Shand, Cassie and Walker; Perry, Mackay and MacEachen; Leslie, Boyd, Simpson, Taylor and Davidson.

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Rovers' scorers - J. Geddes and. Hay.

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) Rovers' scorers - Geddes (2), Mitchell (2) R. Hendry and D. Wallace.

Final of the Consolation Cup B.B. Legion 7 Portsoy 4 (on aggregate) *"The Legion was poor in the League but very successful in the cup competitions."*

Sept 13 **Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Urquhart was at right half for Buckie.

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 semi-final of the Robertson Cup - The Rovers scorers were - S. Hay (2) Geddes.

Sept 20 **Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup.**

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 6 (L) - Geddes had the Rovers' goal.

Sept 27 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**- MacEachen was sent off for protesting.

Buckie Rovers 1 Rothes Decimals 0 (L) - Scorer was S. Hay.

Oct 4 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, Mair and Walker; Mackay, McAndrew and Perry; Forsyth, Boyd, Simpson, MacEachen and Stewart. Sub. Cassie. Joe Wood was in goal for Buckie as Shand had been transferred to Inverness Thistle, a former club. Grant Stewart, son of George 'Ruf' Stewart was also in the team.

Oct 11 No *Banffshire Advertiser* because of printing difficulties

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Oct 25 **Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 3 (H/L) Simpson had three goals for Buckie**
Buckie Rovers 7 RAF Kinloss North Regional Cup

Nov 1 **Buckie Rovers 6 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)** Rovers' scorers were - W. Imlach (2) Geddes, Mitchell and Hendry.
Ross County 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Nov 7 **Keith 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Scorers for Buckie - Brady and Eric Wilson o.g.
Buckie Rovers 1 Tulliallan Thistle 5 Scottish Junior Cup - Geddes *had the Rovers goal*

Nov 14 **Inverness Thistle 6 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L) Rovers' scorers - Dave Wallace and S. Hay.

Nov 21 **No football reports.**

Nov 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 5 (H/L)**

Dec 5 **No football report**

Dec 12 **Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 4 (L)** Rovers' scorers - J. Riddoch and E. Hay - Colin Keir scored two for Caberfeidh.

Dec 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 3 (H/L)**
Cups Galore - Buckie British Legion football team had a most successful season winning four trophies during the season in the Buckie Welfare League the St Valery Trophy, Ferguson Shield, Lyon Cup and Consolation Cup were all on display at their end of season bash.
The Rovers had an idle Saturday as the ground at Kinloss was unplayable.

Dec 26 **Deveronvale 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Rovers had another idle Saturday... They were to play Islavale but Victoria Park was unplayable.

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Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** “*Vale grab a goal in the last minute to equalise.*”
Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; MacAndrew, Mackay and McDonald; Boyd, Perry, MacEachen, Foreman and Brady. Subs. Mair and Simpson.

Jan 9 **Rothes 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; Mackay, MacAndrew and Perry; Brady, MacEachen, Simpson, McDonald and Boyd. Subs. Masson and Taylor.
Buckie Rovers 7 Caberfeidh 1 (L) at Victoria Park - Rovers' scorers was - Sandy Hay (2) Bill Cormack and E. Hayton.

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)**

Jan 23 **Nairn County 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

***** **Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 0 (L)** at Victoria Park. - Scorers for the Rovers were - W. Cormack (2) and S. Hay **This match was played on Sunday since with the ‘three day week’ in operation players were not available on Saturday.**

Jan 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 1 (H/L)** “*A shock result as Buckie win in a thriller.*”
RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Scorers for the Rovers - J. Slater and W. Cormack

- Feb 6 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“Buckie ended the game with ten men after Perry was sent off.”*
Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; MacAndrew, Mackay, McDonald and Masson; Perry, Simpson, Boyd and Brady. Subs. Mair and Pirie.
- RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Scorers for the Rovers - E. Hay (2) and Green.
- Feb 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** *“Last minute penalty gave the Jags share of the points.”*
- Lossie United v Buckie Rovers game was off - ground unplayable.**
- Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - *“This was another shock result.”*
Buckie: Wood, Mair and Walker; MacAndrew, Mackay and McDonald; Masson, Boyd, Simpson, Perry and Brady. Subs. MacEachen and Taylor.
- Burghead Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *“This was also a shock result.”*
- Buckie Welfare League** Three new clubs joined the League. Findochty Youth Club replaced the Wanderers, Buckpool Victoria and Macduff.
- Feb 27 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- No report on the Rovers’ game**
- Mar 6 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 4 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** - *Jimmy Simpson had (4)*
- Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 0 (L)** A minute’s silence was observed before the kick off for George Craig who died during the week. He had a long association with the Rovers, Morayshire Junior Football and football in general in the Buckie area.
- Mar 13 **Buckie Thistle had an idle day.**
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Scorers for the Rovers - Mercer and Wallace.
- Mar 20 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 4 (L)** E. Hay had the Rovers’ goal.
- Mar 27 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 3** Keith won this cup for the fifth time. Buckie made a gallant bid to land the trophy which they had last won 17 years before.
Buckie: Wood, Mair and Walker; Leslie Mackay and MacAndrew; Masson, McDonald, Simpson, Taylor and Brady. Subs. MacEachen and Boyd.
 In the Keith side were the former Thistle players - Malcolm Cowie, Spencer Lyon, and Mike Winton. George Simmers and Charlie Elvin, while Willie Cowie was on the bench. Winton, Simmers and Elvin had the Keith goals.
- Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 1st round of a new trophy - Morrison Cup** - The scorers for the Rovers were - Geddes (2), J. Green and W. Mercer
- April 3 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 1 Gordon Williamson Cup**
- April 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 3 (H/L)**
- April 17 **No football reports or scores found in the ‘Advertiser’**
- April 24 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 0 replay of game for the White Horse Cup**
- Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 2 Morrison Trophy**
- Buckie Thistle had a free date.**
- May 1 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) (Wed.)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L) (Sat.)

Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; MacAndrew, Mackay and McDonald; Boyd, Perry, Simpson, Taylor and Brady. Subs. Mair and MacEachen

Caberfeidh 5 Buckie Rovers 3 Matthew Cup (Wed.)

Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 0 replay in the Gordon Williamson Trophy

May 8 **Thistle 'Player of the Year '** Willie 'Poem' McDonald (24) was voted the Thistle 'Player of the year for season 1973/1974. Willie had played for Lossie, Nairn, Caley and Huntly before joining his home team, Buckie, three seasons ago. He was captain of Buckie this season

Fraserburgh 6 Buckie Thistle 1 Bells Scotch whisky Trophy

Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 Stewart Memorial Trophy AET (Wed.)

Stonehaven 6 Buckie Rovers 1 quarter final of the Morrison Trophy (Sun.)

May 15 **Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

May 22 **Roths Decimals 4 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**

May 29 **Football news -** Willie Cowie was once again appointed player coach with Buckie Thistle after parting company with the club 15 months before. He was to be in complete charge of all team matters, to include picking the team and method of training. Willie Cowie, speaking in November 1996, said that the reason why they had parted company the last time was because Abby Gowie and George Stewart were opposed to his training methods, which, as he said, were the most up to date at the time, and not as reported in the press. Malcolm Cowie and Spencer Lyon both also returned to the fold from Keith.

Nairn St Ninians 3 Buckie Rovers 1 White Horse Cup

June 5 **RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 4 Nicholson Cup**

June 12 **Burghead Thistle was Champions of the North League with 37 points from 22 games. Buckie Rovers shared fourth place.**

June 19 **Final of the Nicholson Cup Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 3** The Rovers were leading by two goals to nil late on in the game when it looked that the season might well end on a happier note with at least one trophy but it was not to be. The scorers for the Rovers were D. Wallace, W. Wood and J. Geddes.

July 17 **Football news -** The Thistle were given a brand new mower costing £450 from the Development Association.

July 24 **Final of the Lyon Cup AET- Macduff 5 Keith Dynamos 3** played at Portsoy.

Aug 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Falkirk 6 (F)**

Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; M. Cowie, MacAndrew and Mackay; Masson, W. Cowie, Simpson, McDonald and Taylor. Sub. Pirie - used.

Aug 14 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) -** Lyon was at right half in place of Mackay.

Football news - Sandy Innes, a local player who had been with Deveronvale for three seasons joined the Rovers as player coach.

Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 Highland League Cup (Wed.)** Spencer Lyon broke two of his toes playing for Buckie in this match.

Buckie: Wood, Leslie and Walker; M. Cowie, MacAndrew and Lyon; Masson, McDonald, Simpson, W. J. Cowie and Taylor. Subs. Perry and Mackay.

Final of the Consolation Cup Buckie British Legion 2 Cullen 1

Final of the Brown Cup Whitehills 8 Cornhill 2 played at Banff.

******* Whitehills won the Buckie Welfare League in 1974/75**

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Aug 28 **Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)** - Alan McDonald scored for the Rovers from the penalty spot.

Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Sept 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 0 (L) (Thurs)

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) (Sat.)

Sept. 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 2 1st round of the Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 Cannon Cup - The Rovers' scorers were Brian Ross and Sandy Innes.

Sept 18 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** "*Buckie shock for Elgin.*"

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 0 Stewart Memorial Trophy - Scorers were - J. Green and Wm .Imlach.

Sept 25 **Buckie Rovers 5 Caberfeidh 1 semi-final of the Cannon Cup** - Scorers for the Rovers - S. Hay (2). Wm. Hay (2) and an o.g.

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, Leslie and McDonald; Hay, Mackay and M. Cowie; Taylor, Perry, Simpson, W. J. Cowie Walker. Subs. MacAndrew and Pirie.

RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) - Scorers -Alan McDonald (pen.), Imlach and J. Green

Oct. 9 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 0 (L)** - Scorers - J. Green and A. Innes.

Oct 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 2 (H/L)** "*Huntly took all the honours going being bottom of the League.*"

Buckie; Wood, Perry and Walker; M. Cowie, Hay and McDonald; Leslie, Johnnie Cowie, Simpson, N. MacAndrew and G. MacAndrew. Subs. Taylor and Mackay both used. **Johnnie Cowie played his first game here after being signed from Inverness Thistle.**

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) - "*The Rovers were flattered by their win.*" Rovers' scorers - Green (2) and W. Wood (2)

Oct 23 **Buckie Rovers 0 Caberfeidh 5 1st round of the North Regional Dryborough Cup** - Mike Ellis scored four for Caber.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) "*The Jags played most of the game with ten men after Simpson was sent off for protesting.*"

Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood. M. Cowie and Walker; Hay, G. MacAndrew and Leslie; N. MacAndrew, J. Cowie, Simpson, Perry and McDonald. Sub. Mackay and Pirie.

Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Peterhead 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 2 (L)

Nov 13 **Football news** - George Bagshaw the former Thistle player now with Deveronvale was killed in a car smash this week.

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 (H/L) "*Buckie complete a great and rare double.*"

Buckie: Wood. M. Cowie and Walker; Leslie, G. MacAndrew and Hay; N. MacAndrew, McDonald, Simpson, Perry and Pirie. Subs. Mackay and W.J. Cowie.

Scottish Junior Cup - Buckie Rovers were drawn away to Hurlford United a team from near Kilmarnock.

Nov 20 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Nov 27 **Hurlford United 11 Buckie Rovers 0 in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup**

Buckie Thistle had no game. Victoria Park was deemed to be unplayable

Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 3 (H/L)** - Jimmy Simpson had a hat-trick.

Dec 11 **Football news** - The assets from the Fund-Raising Committee headed by Abby Gowie were handed over to Buckie Thistle Development Association.

Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)

Dec 18 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Lyon; McDonald, G. MacAndrew and Hay; Perry, J. Cowie, Leslie, N. MacAndrew and Walker.

Dec 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

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Jan 1 **Islavale 6 Rovers 4 (L) (Wed)** Jocky Riddoch had four goals for the 'Vale while the Rovers; scorers Green (3) and W. Wood.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) *"Buckie do the double."*

Buckie; Wood, M. Cowie and Lyon; Perry, G. MacAndrew and Hay; N. MacAndrew, McDonald, J. Cowie and Walker. Subs. Leslie and Mackay.

Jan 8 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Leslie (2)**

Buckie Rovers 5 Caberfeidh 0 (L) Rovers' scorers - Green (2), Hendry and W. Wood.

Jan 15 **Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 Sunday Trophy - played on Sunday.** Riddoch (2) for the 'Vale - Rovers 'scorers - Hendry and W. Wood.

Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 5 (H/L)** Gerry Graham, ex Elgin City was in the Keith side and scored.

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Mackay; McDonald, G. MacAndrew and Hay; J. Cowie, Perry, Simpson, N. MacAndrew and Walker.

Jan 29 **Buckie Thistle 5 Brora Rangers 3 (H/L)**

Football news - No mention of the Rovers. For a number of years now the reports on the Rovers had been very short, if printed at all and sadly with no team lines being given.

Feb 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 1** *"Buckie were unlucky not to take full points."*

No mention of the Rovers this week again.

Feb 12 **Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Simpson (2) *"Buckie were now second in the League table"*

Buckie: Wood. M. Cowie and Walker; Leslie, G. MacAndrew and Hay; Leslie, G. MacAndrew, McDonald, J. Cowie. Simpson and Perry. Subs. Masson and Lyon. .

Buckie Rovers 3 Rothes Decimals 4 AET North of Scotland Cup - Rovers' scorers - Green (2) and Hay.

Feb 19 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Feb 26 **Buckie Thistle 6 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** Johnnie Cowie (3) *The score was 2-1 in favour of the Jags less than ten minutes from the end when they hit a purple patch - four goals being scored in five*

minutes.

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Walker; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Hay; Masson, Perry, Simpson, McDonald and J. Cowie.

Mar 5 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle hoped to get £8.000 towards the cost of floodlights from Buckie Common Good Funds. Buckie Rovers asked for money to buy a new strip at around £100.

Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 1 (F) - Johnnie Cowie scored the Buckie goal.

Aberdeen side - Geoghan, Rougvie and McMaster; Docherty, Cooper and Craig; Drews, Gibson, Allan, McCall and Wilson. Subs. English, Robb and Street. Davie Robb who had been out of action for a long time with a knee injury played part of the game. *"We don't need Esubio, we've got Davie Robb."*

No report given of neither Rovers' game nor even a score.

Mar 12 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** N. MacAndrew scored for Buckie

Football news - The Town Council decided not to give Buckie Thistle the £8.000 asked for towards the cost of the floodlights out of the Common Good Fund.

Mar 19 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** Charlie Duncan who was to play for Buckie later had two goals for Inverness while J. Cowie scored for Buckie.

No Rovers' report.

Mar 26 **Inverness Clach 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Pirie and J. Cowie were the Buckie scorers

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Walker; McDonald, G. MacAndrew and Hay; Masson, Perry, N. MacAndrew, J. Cowie and Pirie. Subs. Simpson and Mackay.

Final of the Cannon Cup Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 2 - played at Boroughbriggs, Elgin.

April 2 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy** - Rovers' scorers - Whyte and Green.

Football news - Norman Taylor who had given 15 years service to the Rovers was presented with a silver tray and goblets after the game on Saturday.

Jags Youth team face the camera - A photograph is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Those named - A. Hunter, D. Pirie, N. Murray, G. Thain, W. Imlah, R. Gauld (Dufftown), P. Clark, I. Taylor, G. Coull, I. Flett, G. Cowie and C. Stewart.

April 9 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead 1 (L) at the Victoria Park. Rovers' scorers - Innes, Green and Henderson. **The Rovers were now favourites to win the League title.**

April 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 3 AET Bells Scotch Whisky Trophy.** *"This was the fifth successive defeat suffered by the Jags."*

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Walker; McDonald, G. MacAndrew and Hay; N. MacAndrew, Perry, Simpson, Leslie and Cowie. Subs. Masson and Lyon.

RAF Kinloss 5 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Nicholson Cup "The Rovers were lucky that this was not a league game as had been intended, played at Buckie, only the Thistle needed the park.

April 23 **Football news - Buckie Rovers were awarded £400 from the Common Good Fund, the Thistle got £2000 as did Buckpool Golf Club at the last meeting ever of Buckie Town Council. All together the Council paid out £20,000 to different organisations.**

Buckpool Victoria face the camera - A photograph of Buckpool Victoria who play in the Welfare League is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Players and committee named are - A. Simpson, manager, S. Wojcik, J. Innes, A. Robertson, J. McVean, A. Samuel, K. Geddes, G. Stewart, J. Mitchell, trainer, M. Thain, V. Gillespie, P. Munch, J. Barron, C. Milne and J. Gibbs.

Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) N. MacAndrew and Leslie scored for Buckie. **This was the last League game for Buckie. They lost their last six games yet still finished up with 32 points.**

April 30 **No football reported**

May 7 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)** - The Rovers' scorers were - Green and Geddes.

New Welfare League club F.A.L face the camera - A photograph of the team is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' The players named are - J. Leslie, C. Addison, J. McIntosh, W. Robertson, A. Thomson, J. Gordon, S. Clark, L. Birnie, I. Campbell, J. Leslie, A. Reid, D. Merson, E. Grant and S. Ewen.

May 14 **Portknockie F.C. Face the camera** - A. Photograph of the team who play in the Buckie Welfare League is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Those named are - J. Pirie, G. Morrison, D. Hendry, H. Simpson, C. Laing, W. McDonald, G. Ritchie, A. Ewen, W. Innes, W. Shepherd and W. Weir.

Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy - Buckie Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 1 - at Elgin.

May 21 **British Legion football team face the camera** - A photograph of the team is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Those in the photograph and named are - G. Burnett, I. Banks, D. Roy, A. Thain, A. Coull, A. Lawtie, I. Addie, I. Laing, S. Jappy, S. Taylor, S. Newlands, I. Coull, W. Cowie, Kevin Fraser, W. Hendry and G. Sinclair.

***** **Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 1 (L)** Scorers for the Rovers - Hay, Green and Imlah.

"Rovers take the League title in style, the first time for five years."

Caberfeidh 1 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Matthew Cup at Doocot Park, New Elgin.

Football news - Whitehills who had been very successful in the Buckie Welfare League made application to join the North Juniors. They were to get Princess Royal Park, Banff, as their home ground.

June 11 **Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 3** at Burghead.

***** **Football news - The Rovers had won the North Junior League but had no success in any of the cups played for.**

Football news - The Rovers 'mid-field' star (a new term then) Innes Flett signed for Buckie Thistle as did David Pirie, both Buckie High School pupils. Gordon Buchan, a defender, late of Arbroath was also signed.

July 30 **Football news** - The local paper reported that a match had been arranged for the Saturday between Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers. The Rovers, it was said, had a good 'keeper in Mike Matthews who already had played a trial for Elgin City. 'Luban' Geddes, son of 'Kits' Geddes was also seen as another promising player on the up and up after only the one season with the Rovers. Willie Cowie, Thistle manager, was reported as saying, **"The match underlined the harmonious relationship that exists between the two clubs and recommends the match highly to prospective spectators who enjoy a teetly struggle."**

Buckie Thistle 2 St Johnston 2 (F) Scorers for Buckie - Perry with a penalty and J. Cowie.

Buckie: J. Wood, M. Cowie and S. Lyon; G. Buchan, W. McDonald and N. Perry; I. Flett, J. Simpson, N. MacAndrew and D. Pirie. Subs. Leslie, J. Cowie and Hay were all use. Buchan was the star player for Buckie.

Aug 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Blackpool 1 (F)** Buckie led 1-0 at half time, Perry scoring with a free-kick from 25 yards. **A crowd of 1,500 attended both the games above.**

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Buchan; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Flett; McDonald, Perry, J. Cowie, Simpson and Pirie. Subs. Hay and Leslie.

Buchan, Lyon, Wood, Pirie and Flett were the top men for Buckie. *"Spencer Lyon who broke toes in the Keith game last season then was plagued by a mysterious back ailment was back to his effervescent best like a Lyon Rampant,"* in the words of the scribe from the local paper.

Football news - The Victoria Park playing surface came in for praise with one of the Blackpool players asking. "Do youse guys play bowls on that velvet carpet?" A great pat on the back for Jimmy Ewen the

groundsman.

Buckie Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 (F) Scorers for the Thistle were - Pirie, J. Cowie (3) and Perry. Bruce Smith had the Rovers' goal.

Rovers: Matthews, Imlah and McKay; Green, Johnston and W. Wood; Mitchell, Taylor, Hay, Sinclair and Hendry. Subs. Mackay and Geddes. **This was the first time that a Rovers' team line was given in the 'Advertiser' for a long time.**

Aug 13 **Football news -** Three players, Bruce Masson, Alex Walker and Jimmy Simpson were given their release by Buckie.

Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) This was the opening game of the season.

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Lyon; Buchan, G. MacAndrew and Leslie; Perry, McDonald, J. Cowie, N. MacAndrew and Pirie. Subs. Hay and Gauld.

Aug. 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 Highland League Cup**

Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 1 (H/L) - The Thistle stars were - Lyon, Wood and Gauld.

Rover's v Caberfeidh, first game, was off due to ground problems.

Final of the Ferguson Shield Cullen 5 Whitehills 2 at Portsoy

Cullen: I. Sellar, D. Slater, S. Donald, S. Petrie, B. Fletcher, J. Riddoch, G. Anderson, J. Pirie, K. Innes, A. Menzies, I. Ross and D. Sellar.

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Matthews, M. Cowie and Buchan; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Flett; McDonald, Perry, N. MacAndrew and Gauld. Sub. J. Cowie and Leslie.

Aug 27 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** McDonald had the Buckie goal. Mike Matthews was again in goal for Wood. *"Forwards fail to impress."*

Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Lossiemouth (new team) 4 (L) at Victoria Park (Tues). Rover's scorer - Green.

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss (L) at Victoria Park - Rovers' scorers - Green (2) Henderson plus an o.g.

Sept 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** - Buckie scorers - Leslie and Perry.

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 1 semi-final of the Robertson Cup - Rovers' scorer - J. Green (2)

Sept 10 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United (L) at Victoria Park** - Rovers' scorers - Innes and G. Henderson.

Roths 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup - Scorer for Buckie - Lyon in the 89th minute.

Buckie Welfare League - Findochty Youth Club had a successful season. They won the Legion Shield, Gordon Cup (new) and County Cup

Findochty Youth Club face the camera - A photograph of the pool of players is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. They are named as - R. Green, P. Reynolds, R. Coull, I. Farquhar, W. Smith, C. Farquhar, J. Anderson, R. Nicol, G. Mair, J. Sutherland, A. Hunter, S. Green, H. Smith, P. Chalmers, J. Smith and G. Cowie.

Sept 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** -Thistle scorer - Perry (2)

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Buchan; Hay, G. MacAndrew and Flett; McDonald, Perry, N. MacAndrew, J. Cowie and Lyon. Sub. Leslie and Pirie.

Sept 24 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Roth's Decimals 2 -Rovers' scorers - Imlah and Henderson

Oct. 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** - *"The Clach who were reigning champions come a cropper here."*

Final of the Robertson Cup Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 2 at Boroughbriggs, Elgin. Rovers' scorers - A. McDonald (pen.), Henderson, Geddes and Green.

Football news - Eight old age pensioners, regular Thistle fans, were given free season tickets to all Thistle home games. This amounted to £2.50 each. The tickets were donated by two local skippers, Alex Smith and George Cowie, who are always seen at Victoria Park whenever they are ashore.

Oct 8 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** - Thistle scorers - Flett, Pirie (2) and Perry.

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 2 (L) at Victoria Park -Rovers' scorers - Green (2) and Geddes.

Football news - Buckie Rovers were drawn away to Wishaw in the Scottish Junior Cup.

Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and McDonald; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Buchan; Flett, Perry, Leslie, N. MacAndrew and Caldwell... Sub. Bowie and Hay.

Football news - Johnnie Cowie was placed on the transfer list at his own request after getting a bad reception from certain elements of the Buckie crowd. His best years were spent with Inverness Thistle in partnership with Ian Stephen (Forres) and after suffering a leg break had never been the same player.

Buckie Rovers face the camera - A photograph of the team **with the Robertson Cup**, won recently, appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser' on page 4.

Those shown and named are - R. Nicol, J. C. Green, B. Taylor, M. Matthews, G. Innes, R. Hendry, A. McDonald, G. Cormack, A. Innes, D. Mackay, M. Smith and J. Mitchell, trainer.

Cullen F. C. face the camera. A photograph of the team, proudly holding the Ferguson Shield which they won recently, appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. **Davy Sellar was voted Player of the Year.**

Caberfeidh 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Rovers' scorer A. McDonald (pen.)

Football news - The Rovers were to hold a junior disco in the Fishermen's Hall. Admission 20p. 7 until 9.30pm for those 14 and under only.

Oct 22 **Football news** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows four Buckie Primary schoolboys who have been included in the North of Scotland Primary School Football team. They are - Malcolm Murray, who was a professional with Hearts and others and who became Thistle manager in 1996; David 'Parro' Findlay, Kenneth Cowie and James Sutherland.

Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) - *"a drab affair"*

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and McDonald; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Buchan; Flett, Bobby Geddes (Rovers), Leslie, Perry and Pirie. Subs. N. MacAndrew and Hay.

Oct 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Lyon; Hay, G. MacAndrew and Buchan; McDonald, Gribble, N. MacAndrew, Flett, and Perry. Sub. Phillips, Bowie. ***Buckie had two trialists in the team here - Norman Gribble and? Phillips. It would appear that Gribble was later signed but? Phillips was never heard of again.***

Wishaw 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Scottish Junior Cup 1st round.

Rovers - Matthews, Mitchell and Cormack; Clark, Mackay and Smith; McDonald, Innes, Geddes, and Henderson. Subs - Nicol and Hendry (both used)

"The Rovers were unlucky not to force a draw and a replay with the home team definitely being helped by their lucky mascot, a crow, which paced up and down the edge of the field during the whole game appearing to be quite unconcerned but cawing with great gusto when ever the home side was on the attack. It was said that the crow had been born quite near ground and had become a Wishaw supporter from an early age. He watched the entire home games from a vantage position on top of the stand although occasionally it preferred a closer look at events as it did on Saturday."

Nov 12 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 6 RAF Kinloss 2 Gordon Williamson Cup - Scorers for the Rovers - **Innes (4)** Geddes and McDonald.

Nov 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Nairn County 3 (H/L)** *"The Wee County do the double over a poor Buckie side."*

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Buchan; Hay, Smart and Flett; McDonald, Perry, G. MacAndrew, Gribble and

Leslie.

*Buckie fielded yet another new face for this game - **Robbie Smart at centre half**. He was described as a 'capture'. Like a number of others, however, he was never seen or heard of again.*

Nov 26 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Hunter had three for the Broch while Perry scored for Buckie. *Yet another new player was seen in the Buckie ranks but like so many others he didn't help them to win. This week it was? **Berrington who played at inside right**. He was from Dundee but had only recently returned from America.*

Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninians 1 in the Matthew Cup played at the Victoria Park.

Dec 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**

Dec 10 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"The 'Blue Toon' do the double."*
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and McDonald; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Buchan; Gribble, Berrington, N. MacAndrew, Perry and Pirie. Subs. Leslie and Flett.

Dec 17 **No football - bad winter weather closed all grounds.**

Dec 23 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Perry (2), Pirie and Flett.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and McDonald; Lyon, G. MacAndrew and Buchan; Gribble, Berrington, Pirie, Perry and Flett. Sub. Leslie and N. MacAndrew

Dec 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** Thistle scorer - G. MacAndrew and Pirie

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Jan 7 (no "Advertiser "on January 1st) **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)** - Malcolm Cowie had the Thistle goal.

Jan 14 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninians 5 (L) Barron (4) for the Saints, Taylor, McDonald and Innes scored the Rovers' goals

Jan 21 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"Elgin were lucky in this 'Old Firm' match."*

Jan 28 **Buckie Thistle v Rothes - The game was called off after the enclosure was deemed to be unsafe following damage caused by gale force winds. The wind also broke goal posts and the cross bar.**

Lossie United versus Buckie Rovers - match off.

Feb 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 6 (H/L)** *"An incredible 5 goal burst by the City in the second half - Jags were leading 1-0 at half time."* Leslie and Cowie had the Buckie goals.

Rothes Decimals 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)**

Feb 18 **Football news -** George Alex Cowie, Findochty, a third year pupil at Buckie High School was chosen for a training course and trial matches at Kersewell College, Carnworth the previous weekend.

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup *"A rare victory over the 'Maroons' "Gribble had both the Buckie goals."* Buckie had **new player Geoff Coutts in the side at left half.**

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Not often that the 'Vale come out on top.

Feb 25 **Buckie 0 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Buchan; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Leslie, Gribble, Berrington and Pirie. Sub. Perry and Flett.

Mar 3 **RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 7 (L)** The Rovers 'scorers were - Taylor (4), Henderson, Smith and Mackay.

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup

- Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 (F)** Both teams were without a game.
Buckie: Hay (Eric), Cowie and McDonald; Hunter, MacAndrew and Buchan; Flett, Coutts, Pirie, Berrington and Johnston. Sub. Perry and Leslie. Eric Hay stood in for 'keeper Joe Wood who was a 'flu victim. *Alan Johnston was a newcomer, signed from Elgin City to try to cure the goal-scoring problem. Andrew Hunter was a local schoolboy.*
- Mar 17 **Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 Matthew Cup** - D. Mackay scored for the Rovers
Keith v Buckie game off Kynoch Park flooded
Football news - Buckie Thistle Social Club was opened on Thursday 18 March 1976 by Ally McLeod, manager of Aberdeen.
- Mar 24 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistles 0 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 2 North of Scotland Cup at Victoria Park - Scorers for the Rovers - Nicol 2, Smith (Scammers) and Green.
- Mar 31 **Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and A. McDonald; Hunter, MacAndrew and Buchan; Flett, Perry, Pirie, Coutts and Johnston. Subs. Leslie and Gribble.
- April 7 **New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 4 in the Tom Gordon Cup (a new trophy)** R. Nicol had two, Smith and Geddes
Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 2 (H/L)
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Buchan; Lyon. MacAndrew and McDonald; Pirie, Perry, Gribble, Coutts and Johnston. Subs, Leslie and Hay. *'Tubby' Ogston was now keeping goal for Rothes.*
- April 14 **Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup** - Rovers scorers - Mitchell, Nicol, Innes, Mackay and Smith.
- April 21 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *This was Buckie's last Highland League game of the season. The team collected 24 points from 30 games, 8 short of the number for the previous season.*
Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill 2 Nicholson Cup played at the Victoria Park - Green had both the Rovers' goals
- April 28 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Bells Cup** - Thistle scorers - Coutts (2) and Gribble.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Buchan; Flett, MacAndrew and Leslie; McDonald, Gauld, Pirie, Coutts and Johnston. Subs. Gribble and Hay.
Buckie Rovers 3 Caberfeidh 2 in the Stewart Memorial Cup - For the Rovers - Mitchell (2) and Green.
Buckie and District Welfare League restarted with two new teams - Macduff and Jones. Also in were Thistle Athletic, (Buckie Thistle Youth team) and St Marnan's, Foggieloan.
- May 5 **Buckie Rovers 5 Forres Thistle 3 in the White Horse Cup** - For the Rovers - Green (2), Nicol, Smith and Geddes.
Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 in the replay of the Nicholson Cup- Mackay had both Rovers' goals
- May 12 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Bells Cup, East Section**
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Leslie; Flett, MacAndrew and Buchan; McDonald, Hunter, Pirie, Coutts and Johnston. Subs - Lyon and Hay.
- May 19 **Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 5 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Cup** - The Rovers' scorers were - Smith, Green, Nicol (2) and McDonald (pen)
Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 (L) Scorers - Geddes, Green, Nicol and Taylor.
- May 26 **The Rovers were in four finals**

They beat Burghead Thistle in the semi-final of the White Horse Cup on Saturday

They beat Bishopmill United in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Trophy on Monday

They were to play in the Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy against Burghead on Wednesday

They were to play New Elgin in the Final of the White Horse Cup on Saturday.

June 2 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Cup - Burghead Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 0** Mike Matthews had an off day

Final of the White Horse Trophy - Buckie Rovers beat New Elgin on penalties. Matthews redeemed himself by saving three penalties. Scorers for the Rovers - Green Mackay, Taylor and the youthful George Alex Cowie.

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 1 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

June 9 **Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 5 Caberfeidh 3** *The Rovers came back from being down 3-1 at the interval. Rovers' scorers - Brian Taylor (3), Nicol and Smith.*
The Rovers' team (a rare event) was - Matthews, Mitchell and Johnston; Cowie, McDonald and Mackay; Nicol, Smith, B. Taylor, Innes and Cormack.

June 16 **Football news** - The Rovers had still three more Finals to play all at Burghead - Gordon Williamson v Nairn St Ninian's ; Nicholson Cup v Forres Thistle and the Tom Gordon Trophy v Burghead Thistle.

June 23 **Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup - Nairn St Ninian's 2 Buckie Rovers 4** (*Nairn were League Champions*) Scorers for the Rovers - Taylor, Smith, Nicol and sub J. Green.
Rovers - Matthews, Murray Innes and Cormack; McDonald, Dennis Clark and Mackay; A. Innes, Cowie, Nicol, Smith and Taylor.

June 30 **Final of the Nicholson Cup Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 5** (Wed.) Scorers - S. Innes (3), Green and Taylor

Final of the Tom Gordon Cup - The Rovers beat Burghead 6-5 on penalties - Matthews saved one - those who scored for the Rovers were - McDonald, Green, Mackay, Taylor and Innes

Football news - The Rovers won 6 cups out of the 8 they had played for. John Green, captain, collected £40 from a representative of John Players, the tobacco giants, who had put up a prize of £40 to the North Junior side scoring the most goals in League and Cup competitions during the month of May. The Rovers hit 25. The prize was handed over at the annual dinner/dance held in the St Andrews Hall, A picture in the 'Advertiser' taken at the 'do' showed the presentation with all the players, management and officials of the club.

July 21 **Buckie Rovers face the camera** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the Rovers' team that enjoyed a successful football season last time round. The players named are - (back) Brian Taylor, Robert Nicol, Dennis Clark, Michael Matthews, Robert Geddes, Peter Mitchell and Sandy Innes; (front) John Green, Michael Smith, Murray Innes, David Mackay, Billy Cormack, Alan McDonald and George Cowie.

July 28 **Final of the Lyon Cup Macduff (newcomers to the Welfare League) 2 Whitehills 1**

Final of the Maitland Cup Macduff 4 Portknockie 1

Macduff were favourites to win the Welfare League.

Football news - Once again football historians have been let down as the 'Advertiser' failed to give the results in the Finals of the others Cups which was a pity.

Football news - Buckie Thistle were to have Airdrie as visitors in a friendly match on Saturday. The

'Advertiser' carried the following forecast - "Buckie should give Airdrie a run for their money. Airdrie are a fair team and only missed promotion to the Premier League. Buckie have strengthened their team by the signing of Dave Monaghan from Forres Mechanics, Bruce Masson back from the 'Vale; Ian Bruce, ex Dundee and Dave Andrews, a centre half also of the 'Vale. George Andrews has also been signed, his father played for Buckie Thistle in the late 1950's at centre forward. Still another signing is local lad Robbie Nicol who has moved from the Rovers.

- Aug 4 **Buckie Thistle 0 Airdrie 7 (F)** " There were loud rumblings of discontent heard at the end from the departing crowd as they saw the Thistle being torn apart by, not a superb team; so much for the prediction.
Buckie: Wood, M. Cowie and Bruce; MacAndrew, Andrews and Gribble; McDonald, Coutts, Nicol, Monaghan and Pirie. Subs - Lyon, Flett, and Hunter all used.
- Aug 11 **Football news** - Jim Mitchell at the age of 76 has retired as trainer of Buckie Rovers. Jim played football first of all in his home town of Peterhead, as a junior, before moving to Keith where he was in the Keith team that played Glasgow Celtic. At full-back he was in direct opposition to the legendary Jimmy McGrory. Moving to Aberdeen he played for the junior team Woodside. He came to Buckie after the war where he became involved with the local Welfare League. As an engineer his work took him all over Britain and shortly after joining the Rovers he left for Rugby where he was to stay for two years and during his time there he was invited to take charge of Rugby Town, then a team in the Southern League. On his return from down south he has spent the last 9 years as trainer of the Rovers. Although he has retired as trainer he will continue as a committee member. His son Peter is a regular member of the Rovers' side though meanwhile on the sidelines due to a leg break.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 6 (F) Benefit Match.** *Buckie had Fraserburgh United player Alfie Crawford in the team as a trialist. Also in the side was Danny Fitzimmons, ex Inverness Thistle, who had been signed after two trials.*
- Aug 18 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup** - McDonald and Fitzimmons scored for Buckie.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Flett, Nicol, Fitzimmons and Pirie. Subs, Andrews and Monaghan.
- Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - McDonald had the Buckie goal
- Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 2 Highland League Cup (Wed.)** Nicol had two and Masson one for Buckie.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** (Nairn County were Highland League Champions.) Nicol and McDonald were the Buckie scorers - "*No stopping Buckie in this form*", said the mannie
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, Andrews and Coutts; McDonald, Flett, Nicol, Fitzimmons and Masson. Subs. Gribble and Pirie.
- Sept 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 semi-final of the Highland League Cup** - ex Thistle player Jimmy Simpson scored the Inverness goal.
- Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Lyon and Bruce.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)** - Imlah had the Rovers' goal
- Sept 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)** - Nicol scored for Buckie
- Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** McDonald (pen) and Imlah had the Rovers' goals
- Sept 15 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Thistle scorer - Fitzimmons.
- Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Roths 2 Qualifying Cup** - **Robbie Nicol had all three Thistle goals**
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; MacAndrew, Andrews and Coutts; McDonald, Gribble, Leslie, Fitzimmons and Nicol. Subs. Masson and Monaghan.
- Forres Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
- Sept 29 **Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 5 (L)** at Victoria Park.
- Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Oct. 6 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup** "*Elgin snatched the winner in the last minute.*"

Football news - There were reports of trouble at the match and following this the report in the local paper read - "Twenty morons were ejected from the ground with 6 being arrested. It is most unlikely that those in trouble take time to watch Buckie plying normally."

Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 1 (H/L)** - Scorers for Buckie - Nicol (2) and Masson
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, McAndrew and Coutts; Masson, Gribble, Newman, McDonald, and Nicol. Subs. Flett and Monaghan.

Oct 20 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Dod Simmers a former Thistle player who had been with his home town Keith re-signed for Buckie and was in the team here. He could have been the Newman of the previous week
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; MacAndrew, Andrews and Coutts; McDonald, Brown, Simmers, Lyon and Nicol. Sub. Masson and Gribble. **We weren't told who Brown was.**

Victoria Park again unplayable match between the Rovers and Rothes Decimals was called off.

Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Stephen scored for Inverness

Caberfeidh 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Nov 3 **Penicuik Athletic 4 Buckie Rovers 0 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup**

Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 4 (H/L) R. Hunter had the four Broch goals. Masson and McDonald scored for Buckie.

Nov 10 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Coutts (2) McDonald and Simmers.

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L) - A. Shewan, D. Mackay and W. Wood scored the Rovers' goals.

Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Nicol and Bruce (pen)

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** - Gribble and Nicol had the Thistle goals

Rothes Decimals 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Scorer Mike Smith

Dec 1 **Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Simmers had the Buckie goal

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 2 (L) Rovers' scorers - Imlah (2) and Shewan.

Football news - A meeting took place in Portgordon with a view to having a team in the Buckie and District Welfare League next season. It had been six years since Portgordon last had a team and there was thought to be considerable interest. The prime movers were Lachlan Stewart and George Milton.

Dec 8 **No football reports**, games all off due to bad weather closing grounds.

Dec 15 **Situation the same as previous week**

Dec 22 **For the third week running weather conditions stopped all play.**

Dec 29 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) (Mon)** -Dod Simmers had the Thistle goal. Danny Fitzimmons who had been out injured for three months played in this game

Football news - Willie Cowie, manager of Buckie Thistle for the past two and a half years decided not to renew the contract which came to an end at Christmas. His reasons for deciding this were - "not enough money to build a successful team: wishing to spend more time with his family and on his career as P/T of P.E. at Buckie High."
 He said further, that he felt that it was time now for a new man with fresh ideas to take over.

"Willie, 33, transformed the team which was operating at rock bottom in the late 60's and early 70's into a team occupying a respectable middle of the League position. The Thistle was now backing in the reckoning in the Highland League this being achieved by an astute blend of young faces and players with more experience."

Football news - Dennis Clark in the Rovers' team and operating as a 'sweeper' (a new term) was voted '**Player of the Year** ' The trophy being handed over to him by team manager George Henderson at their dinner and dance in the St Andrews Hall.

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** Scorers - McDonald, Fitzimmons and Andrews
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Fitzimmons, Simmers, Masson and Nicol. Subs. Flett and Andrews.

Jan 12 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 3 (H/L)** Scorers for Buckie were - Simmers, MacAndrew, McDonald and Nicol plus an o.g.

Jan 19 **Both the Rovers and Thistle were idle** with their games put off due to weather conditions.

Jan 26 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** usual team

Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 5 (L) Rovers' scorers - Mackay, Imlah and Wood - a rare win for the 'Vale.

Feb 2 **Football news** - The Rovers held a Valentine's Dance in the Social Club - admittance 50p.

Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 1 (H/L) usual team

Feb 9 **Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Football news - The recently formed Portgordon United football club hope to acquire a pitch at Tannachy Terrace. They have started a 200 Club. The officials of the club are - President - Lachlan Stuart; Vice President, George Milton; Secretary, A. Cowie; Treasurer, D. Anderson. Committee - H. Carter, E. Cowie, J. C. Green, I. Banks and A. Reid.

Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 *the Rovers lost 5-3 on penalties.*

Feb 16 **No football reports**, both the Rovers and Thistle games fell victim to weather conditions.

Rover's players face the camera - The 'Advertiser' carried a photograph this week of Rovers' players taken at their Valentine's Day dance.

Feb 23 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - *The Buckie goal was an o.g.*

Buckie Rovers 2 Kinloss 1 (L) Rovers' scorers - Henderson and Shewan,

Mar 2 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** - *Buckie had not scored a goal since January 8th.*

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; Simmers, McDonald, Gribble, Fitzimmons and Nicol. Sub. Andrews and Masson.

Rovers were idle - match off due to ground conditions.

Mar 9 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - *Alan Johnston, the ex Thistle player scored a last minute equaliser for the Strathbogie side. Coutts and Mitchell, a trialist, scored for Buckie.*

Buckie: Matthews, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Gribble, Fitzimmons, Mitchell and Simmers. Sub. Andrews and Masson.

Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup - things back to normal

Mar 16 **Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 1 (H/L)** Scorers for Buckie - Coutts (2), Simmers, Cowie, McDonald and Andrews.

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Masson, Gribble, Fitzimmons and Simmers. Sub. Flett and Andrews.

Final of the Matthew Cup the Rovers lost 4- 3 to New Elgin on penalties.

- Mar 23 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - Scorer - Fitzimmons**
- Buckie Rovers 6 Rothes Decimals 2 in the Nicholson Cup - Alan Shewan had four goals**, the other scorers being Keith Sinclair and A. Innes.
- Mar 30 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - Willie McDonald had both the Buckie goals.**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 0 in the Nicholson Cup - The Rovers' scorers were - Innes and Henderson.**
- April 6 **Football news - George 'Geordie' Kay the former Hibs**, and Buckie Thistle player died in Australia at the age of 87.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L) - The Thistle scorers were - Bruce (pen), MacAndrew, McDonald and Cowie. The team was on the usual lines.**
- April 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** I know some folk who would have been highly delighted They scored for Buckie - Fitzimmons (2), Cowie and Coutts. Masson and Pirie were the subs.
- Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Rovers' scorers - S. Innes and K. Sinclair.
- April 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** Bruce had the Buckie goal - *"A dull affair"*
- April 27 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Bruce was the Thistle scorer for a second week.
- Buckie Rovers 7 Rothes Decimals 0 (L)** at Victoria Park - The Rovers' scorers were - A. Shewan with a hat-trick, Gordon Imlah and S. Innes with two.
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (Tues.)** D. Mackay and G. Imlah had the Rovers' goals.
- May 4 **Football news - The new president of Buckie Thistle was Alex Stewart.** Colin Macrae stepped down due to pressure of business.
- Rothes 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** The Thistle suffered their third successive defeat. Nicol and Coutts had the two Buckie goals.
- Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
- May 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 in the Bells Cup**
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; Simmers, McDonald, Fitzimmons, Flett and Nicol. Subs. Gribble and Andrews.
- Football news -** Buckie Thistle released the following players - David Pirie, Bruce Masson and David Andrews.
- Football news - Joe Wood, the Thistle 'keeper was voted 'Player of the Year '.**
- May 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)** Bruce had both the Thistle goals.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Gribble, Fitzimmons, Flett and Nicol. Subs. Andrews and Simmers.
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- Football news - The Thistle ended their best season for 12 years with 33 points from games.**
- May 25 **Buckie Rovers 4 Caberfeidh 1 (L)** Scorers for the Rovers - Clark, Smith, Imlah and Shewan.
- Burghead Thistle were Champions of the North Junior League**
- June 1 **Football news - Bob Cruickshank** was appointed president of the Buckie Thistle Social Club; James Johnston, secretary and David Main, treasurer.
- Buckie Rovers 6 Lossie United 1 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup - The Rovers' scorers were - Clark (2) Shewan (2) Green and an o.g.**
- June 29 **Football news - Buckie Thistle sign four new players - John Slater, ex Forres Mechanics; John Wood, ex**

Peterhead; Ray Cardno ex Fraserburgh (he left the Thistle five years before) and Alan Scott, ex Fraserburgh .Danny Fitzsimmons hung up his boots at the end of last season.

Football news - George Alex Cowie, Findochty, one of the best football prospects the north has produced in recent years signed this week for English First Division club West Ham. He had played a number of trials from the club but the season before last had started to play regularly for the Rovers in 'midfield' at the age of 15.

July 27 **Buckie played Aberdeen behind closed doors.**

Aug. 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Arbroath 5 (F)**

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Slater, Wood, Scott and Simmers. Sub. Nicol, Cardno and Gribble.

Aug 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Motherwell 4 (F)** *"Buckie were three up, and it could have been more, with only 20 minutes to go, then Motherwell scored four quick goals to steal the match." "A complete travesty of justice."*

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; G. MacAndrew, Cardno and Slater; McDonald, Slater, Wood, Flett and Nicol. Subs. Lyon and Reid. *Johnnie Wood had the three Buckie goals*

Marinello played for Motherwell throughout and although Willie Pettigrew, a high scoring forward at the time, was missing, the rest were all recognised first team players.

Buckie Thistle 5 Rosemount (Aberdeen Junior side) 0 (F)

Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 Highland League Cup**

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, MacAndrew and Flett; McDonald, Slater, Wood, Simmers and Nicol. Subs. Lyon and Coutts.

Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 1 (H/L)

Football news - George Lappin and George Davidson were to start up a travel club in connection with the Thistle

Aug 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 Highland League Cup** - Thistle scorers were - McDonald and Wood.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Thistle scorers - Wood, Slater, Nicol and Coutts

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 3 (L) at Victoria Park Rovers' scorers - Imlah (3) and Shewan.

Aug 31 **Football news** - Alex 'Paddy' Wylie, of Broadley, Clochan collapsed and died at the match on Saturday. I knew him well and was at the match and saw the commotion. He is buried in Bellie Churchyard, Fochabers.

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 semi-final of the Highland League Cup. Huntly equalised in the 89th minute **Buckie were less than 20 seconds away from appearing in their first League Cup Final for 17 years.**

Thistle team was - Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Slater, Wood, Flett and Nicol. Subs. Simmers and Bruce.

Buckie Thistle 5 Elgin City 0 (H/L) Some Buckie folk were left stunned at this unbelievable score.

The Thistle scorers were - McDonald (2), Coutts, Nicol and Slater.

Islavale 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) Two defeats in three days, doesn't happen too often

Sept 7 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup replay** *"So close and yet so far"*

Buckie had new signing John Smith, signed from Dundee on the bench and played for part of the game. Joe Wood was sent off for aiming a kick at Huntly player Brown.

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 1 (L) Rovers' scorers - Imlah, M. Smith and W. Cormack.

Sept 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Slater, J. Wood, Nicol and Scott. Subs. Cardno and Smith.

- Sept 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 0 (H/L)** Nicol scored
- Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 semi-final of the Robertson Cup**
- Football news** - The Rovers signed three new players - Neil 'Stan' Scott from Welfare Football, Dave Stanners from Caberfeidh and Ron McCombie formerly of Brechin YMCA.
- Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L)** Wood and Slater had the Thistle goals
- Football news** - Tough new measures were to be taken against troublemakers at Victoria Park.
- No mention of the Rovers**
- Oct 5 **Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 3 in the White Horse Cup** - *"the wheels were turning a second defeat from the' Vale this season "*
- Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 Qualifying Cup** Scorers for the Thistle - Scott, Wood and an o.g.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Scott, Slater and Simmers.
 Subs. Wood and Smith.
- Oct 12 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
The £17 collected as gate money and raffle was donated to the Stonehaven Memorial Appeal (The members on Stonehaven Junior football team were involved in an accident with some players losing their lives.)
- Oct 19 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 3 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup** There was a crowd of 1.500 at the game which the reporter described as *"a cracking game."*
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, MacAndrew and Coutts; McDonald, Slater, Wood, **Souter** and Nicol. 'Hammy' Souter was from Lossiemouth.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L) -**
- Oct 26 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - MacAndrew had the Thistle goal. - Lyon was one of the subs.
- New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Nicholson Cup 1st round.** - Grant Stewart had the Rovers' goal.
- Nov 2 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** - Nicol had the Thistle goal.
- Football news** - Alex 'Bomber' Thomson to be given a Benefit Match
- Football news** - Bruce Roy former Thistle player was appointed Youth coach.
- Nov 9 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** this was only the second league game lost this season so far. The team was on the usual lines with Slater and Nicol on the bench.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninian's 2 in the Matthew Cup** - Scorers for the Rovers - Nicol and Smith - a cup win for a change.
- Nov 16 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Wood and Cowie.
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, G. MacAndrew and Souter; McDonald, Coutts, John Wood, Fitzimmons and Nicol. Subs. Lyon and Simmers. Danny Fitzimmons who was said to have hung up his boots replaced Slater who broke his arm in training.
- Final of the Qualifying Cup played at Buckie - Peterhead 2 Inverness Caley 1**
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle were drawn away to Albion Rovers in their first encounter in the Scottish Cup for many, many years.
 Buckie Rovers were also drawn away from home in the Scottish Junior Cup. They are to play Dundee East Craigie.
- Nov 23 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Wood scored the Thistle goal.

- Nov 30 **Football news** - A £200 donation was given to Buckie Thistle F.C. From the Thistle Social Club per Bob Cruickshank, president, to start off the Thistle Floodlights Appeal.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)** *"Some really incredible misses by the Thistle forwards,"* said the writer of the report on the game.
- Dec 7 **The weather was the winner again** - Both the Thistle and the Rovers were idle due to grounds being unplayable. The Rovers were meant to be playing in Dundee.
- Dec 14 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *"A thriller"* The Thistle scorers were - Wood (2), McDonald and Simmers.
- Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle 8 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)** The Thistle scorers were - J. Wood (2), MacAndrew, Slater, Souter, McDonald and Coutts.
- Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** *"back down to earth with a bump"* Willie McDonald had the Thistle goal.
- Football news** - Three buses were booked for the match at Coatbridge.

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- Jan 4 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - There was no report on the game given in the 'Advertiser'.
- Jan 11 **Albion Rovers 1 Buckie Thistle 0** 1st round of the Scottish Cup. *"The Rovers scored in the dying seconds of the game."*
- Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 (L)**
- Jan 18 **Football news** - John McIntosh a fourth year pupil at Buckie High School attended the final trial at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh on January 7th for the Scottish Schools U15 football team.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 (H/L)** The Thistle goals were scored by Nicol, Slater and Simmers.
Buckie fielded a make-shift team - Alan McDonald of the Rovers was at centre half, Innes Flett at left back, Alan Scott in midfield with Fitzimmons and Brian Taylor as subs.
- Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**
- Jan 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** - Coutts, for Buckie, scored from the spot in the 89th minute
- Cabarfeidh 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)**
- Feb 1 **Football news** - George MacAndrew and Ian Bruce both asked for their release from Buckie Thistle following disciplinary measures taken by the club against the Aberdeen contingent who failed to turn up for training. Others involved were - John Smith, Johnnie Wood and Geoff Coutts.
- Football news** - Buckie Rovers applied for help from the Buckie Common Good Fund saying how the club provided an outlet for sport and recreation for a number of local youngsters.
- No football because of weather conditions**
- Feb 8 **Both the Thistle and Rovers were idle on Saturday** because of weather conditions.
- Feb 15 **No football for either side again.**
- Feb 22 " " " "
- Mar 1 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup**
Buckie: J. George, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, Nicol and Scott; McDonald, Souter, Simmers, Slater and Wood. Subs. Flett and Coutts. **With Joe Wood getting married on Saturday the Thistle borrowed J. George from Elgin City for the game.**
- Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 0 North of Scotland Cup - Deveronside (Banff) entered the North Juniors this season and this was the first time the two had met. Grant Stewart (son of George 'Ruf' Stewart) had the Rovers' goal.

Mar 15 **Football news** - Derek Walker, fisherman and former football player with Buckie Rovers and Buckie Thistle was lost overboard during the past week. He was 30.

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L) the report in the 'Advertiser' was compiled by teacher Donald Barr.

RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) There was a report on the game, the first for a long time.

Mar 22 **Football news - A Boys Football Club is to be set up in the Buckie area.** The was the outcome of a meeting held this week. The club will be open to all boys between the ages of 10 and 13 years. The season will run from April to June, with the possibility of extending this to August. 75 boys turned up at Victoria Park interested in playing football on the first night.

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Cardno; McPherson, Bruce and McDonald; Scott, Souter, Slater, Wood (Simmers) and Nicol. Sub. Flett. **New player McPherson was from Lossiemouth.**

Mar 29 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Lyon as sub replaced Cowie.

No Rovers' score given

April 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**

April 12 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** Lyon as sub replaced McPherson. - **Johnnie Wood had a hat-trick**

April 18 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** "*out of luck*" Bit ye surely canna hae it a time.

April 25 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United (L) at Victoria Park -Rovers' scorers - Nicol and Clark.

May 2 **No football reports at all**

May 9 **Thistle annual general meeting** - Alex Stewart, (butcher) president; Pat Donald, vice president; John Johnston, secretary and Mrs Norma Bruce, treasurer.

Buckie Thistle 7 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L) last Highland League matches of the season.

Buckie had in their side - George Adams, ex Aberdeen also John Sherran and Aberdeen schoolboy who had been capped three times as a schoolboy for Scotland. Adams had been signed with Sherran on trial at centre half.

Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Bells Cup

May 16 **Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 1 semi final of the Matthew Cup** - Scorers for the Rovers were - Mike Smith (2), Peter. Clark and W. Robertson

Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Kinloss 1 in the North of Scotland Cup - Rovers' scorers - 'Scammers' had two, P. Clark, A. McDonald and Dennis Clark

May 23 **Buckie Thistle Colts face the camera** - A photograph in the current 'Advertiser' shows players and officials - Roberts Wilson, secretary, Alex Fulton, John McIntosh, Neil Murray, Alex Sammon, Martin Reid, Kevin Fraser, John Geddes, Sandy Clark, manager, John McIntosh, Mike Johnston, Tony Cowie, Paul Munch, Ian Campbell, Donny Robertson.

May 30 **Final of the Matthew Cup - Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 1** at Victoria Park. The Rovers' scorers were - S. Innes (2) and Nicol.

Final of the North of Scotland Cup - Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead Thistle 2 at Victoria Park the Rovers' scorers were - Peter Clark (2), S. Innes (2) and Mike Smith

- Football news** - Buckie Rovers made an appeal for a secretary after Sandy Innes who had held the post for a number of years indicated that he was standing down
- June 13 **Buckpool Victoria face the camera** - A photograph of the officials and players, all named, appear in this edition of the 'Advertiser'
- July 25 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle lost Geoff Coutts to Inverness Thistle, also likely to lose Willie McDonald to Berwick Rangers while Ian Bruce is also tipped to move.
To compensate for the loss of the above the club signed in addition to George Adams, Dougie Will, ex Peterhead, Bobby Fraser, ex Fraserburgh and Dave Oxley, ex Lossiemouth F.C
- The Thistle pool of players** - Joe Wood, Malcolm Cowie, Ray Cardno, John McPherson, Hammy Souter, Alan Scott, Robert Nicol, John Slater, George Adams, Dougie Will, Bobby Fraser, Dave Oxley and Ian Bruce who had yet to sign.
Apart from Bruce all the rest had accepted the enhanced signing on fee. It was noticeable that Spencer Lyon, Dod Simmers, Johnny Wood nor Innes Flett was mentioned.
- Football news** - Danny Fitzimmons was appointed manager/coach with Bruce Roy as assistant coach. Alex 'Bomber' Thomson as physiotherapist.
- Aug 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Berwick Rangers 3 (F)**
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Adams; McPherson, Cardno and Nicol; Souter, Flett, Oxley, Fraser and Slater. Subs. Scott and Bruce.
- Aug 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 2 (F)** *Gordon Robertson, an S form signing with Aberdeen was in the Buckie team.*
- Buckie Thistle 1 Partick Thistle 3 (F)** *"John Wood scored for Buckie after the Scottish goalkeeper Alan Rough made a mistake!!"*
- Aug 15 **Buckie Victoria won the Welfare League. They also won the Maitland Trophy.** A photograph of the team was in the 'Advertiser' of this date.
- Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Keith 1 AET in the Highland League Cup**
- Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers - 2 (H/L)**
- Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** This was the first game of the season.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 1 Highland League Cup**
- Aug 29 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** No Buckie team lines yet given this season
- Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 0 (L)**
- Sept 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Oxley (2), Adams and Nicol
- Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Sept 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 1 (H/L)** Wood scored the Buckie goal. First time team given
Buckie: Wood, Scott and Adams; McPherson, Bruce and Souter; Robertson, Fraser, John Wood, Oxley and Nicol. Subs .Slater and McIntosh
- Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
- Sept 19 **Final of the Thistle Cup (Boys football) City 4 Athletic 1** The cup was donated by Alfie Morrison.
- Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup** The County were League leaders. J. Wood scored.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 1 semi-final of the Robertson Cup**

- Sept 26 **Thistle Athletic - Player of the Year - John McIntosh, Buckpool.** A photograph of the players and guests taken in the Social Club appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. It shows a much older Kevin than the last one.
- Nairn St Ninian's 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 AET in the Qualifying Cup.** Willie McDonald returned to play for Buckie after Dave Smith the Berwick Rangers manager said that he had never said or agreed to sign McDonald but allowed him to play for Berwick in a friendly. The Buckie management disbelieved this and aimed to appeal to the SFA.
- Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 0 3rd round of the Qualifying Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)** Game given a rare mention in the 'Advertiser'
- Oct 10 **Buckie 0 Inverness Caley 1 replay of the 3rd round of the Qualifying Cup**
- RAF Lossiemouth 5 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Matthew Cup**
- Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** David Sellar, Cullen, a Rovers' player was a sub and played for part of the match.
- Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
- Oct 24 **Football news** - John McIntosh trained with Bolton Wanderers. He had previously had three trials with Aberdeen.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 0 (H/L)**
- Roths Decimals 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Oct 31 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** "*Jags uncreative*" Some fowk I ken widna been happy.
- Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)** o.g. scored by S. Innes.
- Nov 7 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**
Buckie: Wood, Scott and Bruce; Cowie, Cardno and Adams; McDonald, Souter, Nicol, Oxley and J. Wood. Subs. Flett and Fraser.
- Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)**
- Nov 14 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - R. Nicol had the Thistle goal.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 2 in the North of Scotland Cup** - Rovers' scorers - Kenny Nicol (2), and Alan Shewan
- Nov 21 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 0 in the Dryborough Cup.**
- Football news** - Buckie Rovers are at home to Irvine Meadow in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup. To date Irvine Meadow had won the Scottish Junior Cup three times the most recent being in 1973. "*The Rovers, a young team*", said the reporter, "*will be tested*"
- Nov 28 **Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 4 in the replay of the Dryborough Cup**
- Dec 5 **Football news** - The floodlights at Victoria Park, the home of Buckie Thistle, will be switched on Wednesday December 6th 1978. To mark the occasion the Thistle committee organised a number of events - The Boys Club to play a game before the Thistle, with guest players, to meet a Highland League Select followed by a veteran's penalty taking competition judged by Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen manager.
- Football news** - The Thistle Development Association presented Buckie Thistle with a

complete new strip. A lemon top with green shorts and stockings. The outfits were handed over by Reaich Green.

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Irvine Meadow 4 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Dec 12 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

The Rovers were idle

Dec 19 **No football reports**

Dec 26 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** The Thistle scorers were - Adams (2), Nicol and Bruce.

The Rovers were idle

Football news - Dennis Clark was voted Buckie Rovers 'Player of the Year'. The trophy was handed over by Ian Cole, trainer, at their annual dinner/dance held in the St Andrews Hall...

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Jan 9 **Rovers and Thistle games off due to weather conditions and grounds unplayable**

Jan 16 **As above**

Jan 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 6 (H/L)** Scorers for Buckie - Wood (2) and Oxley
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Cardno, McPherson and McDonald; Robertson, Scott, Adams, J. Wood and Oxley.

Jan 30 **Football news** - Ian Bruce, who has played for Buckie at full back left this week for Australia. He was signed from Dundee two years before. He expressed a desire to leave Buckie for Elgin City following a row concerning the Aberdeen players not turning up for training but was not allowed to go.

No football - Weather conditions meant that there were no games played from February 6 to February 20 both dates inclusive.

Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle 6 Huntly 0 Aberdeenshire Cup** they scored for Buckie - McDonald, Oxley, Nicol, Malcolm, Scott and Cardno
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and McPherson; Adams, Cardno and Malcolm; McDonald, Souter, Scott, Nicol and Oxley. Subs. Robertson and Flett.

Mar 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 4 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** - -Bremner had 3 for the 'Vale. Scott and Nicol scored the Buckie goals.

Mar 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 3 (H/L)** Malcolm had the Buckie goal.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L) - The goal was scored by Dave Oxley
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Adams; McPherson, Scott and McDonald; Souter, Flett, Nicol, Malcolm and Oxley. Subs. Cardno and Tony Cowie.

Mar 20 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** - Thistle scorers were - Oxley (2) and Nicol

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 1 (L) at Victoria Park **First mention of the Rovers this year** **It is known they had no games up until February 25 at least because of ground conditions.**

Mar 27 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Scorers for Buckie - Nicol and Oxley (2)

Caberfeidh 5 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

April 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Nicol and Oxley (2)

Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Flett; Adams, McPherson and Scott; T. Cowie, McDonald, Oxley, C. Malcolm and Nicol. Subs - Cardno (McPherson) and Souter (Cowie)

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 0

April 10 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 2 (H/L)** -Buckie had a 'Newman' at inside right.

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen F.C. (F) Benefit match for Alex 'Bomber' Thomson . He also received a club blazer and a trophy.

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian's 1 in the North of Scotland Cup

April 17 **Football news** - The Rovers held a fund-raising coffee morning

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 (H/L) I ken some fowk that would have been affy pleased. Thistle scorers were - Flett and McDonald - The writer of the match report described this as being a good game regardless of the score. *"This game had the lot."*

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Stewart Memorial Cup

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 0 (L) (Tues.)

Roths 1 Inverness Thistle 0 Final of the North of Scotland Cup. Roths won the cup for the second time in their history.

April 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)** the scorers were Oxley for Buckie while ex Jag Jimmy Simpson had the Inverness goals. The match reporter said: - *"Buckie were outclassed in this a revenge match."*

Buckie Rovers versus Portessie Girl Guides - Charity Match - no score was given

Keith F. C. won the Highland League for the first time since 1962.

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) (Wed.)

Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) (Thur.)

May 1 **RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) (Sat.)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 1 (L) (Thur.)

May 8 **Player of the Year' Robbie Nicol** was voted 'Player of the Year' by Thistle fans. The trophy was handed over at the end of the season dinner dance. In the last match of the season, played earlier in the day, Robbie scored a **hat-trick** in a demolition job of Inverness Clach.

Rovers had a free date.

Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L) Scorers for Buckie - Nicol (3), Scott (2)

Buckie: Wood, D. Sellar and McPherson; Adams, Cardno and Scott; Cowie, Souter, McDonald, Nicol and I. Sellars. Subs. John Wood and Fitzimmons.

Teams in the Buckie Welfare League - Whitehills, Macduff, Portsoy, Cullen, Portknockie, Thistle Athletic, Buckpool Victoria and Portgordon United.

May 15 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

May 22 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 semi-final of the North of Scotland Cup**

May 29 **Rovers were idle**

June 5 **Highland Games** - Buckie Thistle held their second Highland Games, attracting a crowd of around 2.000. The weather was superb. It was said that the games were on their way to becoming established. Fit went wrang?

Rovers had a blank date

Did they know that Buckie Rovers were still playing football? There had been no reports on the Rovers' games not their results in the 'Advertiser' since January with the only notification of the team still going was the names of the winners of their 100 club.

June 12 **Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 1 (L)** It had been less than an illustrious season for Buckie Rovers finishing up fifth from the bottom of the league. P24; Wins 7; Draws 7; Lost 10 with 21 points.

June 19 **Roths Decimals 1 Deveronside 0 in the Final of the Stewart Memorial Cup** this was the first success for the Decimals.

The Thistle lash out for player - Charlie Duncan cost Buckie Thistle £2.000 from Peterhead.

June 26 **Bishopmill beat Buckie Rovers in the Final of the Robertson Cup**

Nairn St Ninian's were League Champions.

Aug 14 **Football news** John McIntosh, who has been playing at right back for the Thistle Youth team, Thistle Athletic, was on trial with West Ham. He had previously had trials with Aberdeen and also Bolton.

Buckie Thistle 1 West Ham 3 (F) Oxley had the Thistle goal

Buckie: Joe Wood, Tony Cowie (McIntosh) and Scott; McPherson, Alan Forbes and McDonald; Ally Christie, George Adams (Gordon Robertson) Dave Oxley and Charlie Duncan.

Trevor Brooking played for West Ham as did local lad George Alex Cowie, Findochty. He played in midfield (inside left).

Buckie Thistle 1 Roth's 0 Highland League Cup - Oxley scored for Buckie

Aug 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 Highland League Cup** - Oxley was the scorer again for Buckie
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and Forbes; Adams, Cardno and Scott; Duncan, Robertson, Christie, Oxley and Nicol. Sub. McPherson.

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 3 (L) (Mon.) first game of the new season

Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth 1 Highland League Cup The Thistle scorers were - Scott (2), Oxley and Duncan.

Aug 28 **Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 2 semi-final - of the Highland League Cup** The match reporter went wild with his description of the match - "*What a night at the Old Vic.*" - "*action, class and goals - a feast.*"

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) (Thursday)

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 4 (L)

Sept 4 **The Rovers get a mention** - The Rovers' sweep is still going with prizes of £10, £5 and £3.

Football news - A fleet of buses have been booked to take Thistle supporters through to Nairn for the League Cup Final on Wednesday night. It is expected that 1.500 will travel.

Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 1 Qualifying Cup.

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Football news - Malcolm Murray, whose grandfather Alex 'Smacker' Murray played for Buckie Thistle for many years is to join Leicester City. A Rovers' player at present Malcolm was recommended to Leicester by Bruce Smith, a friend of the Murray family and a former Thistle player. Jock Wallace, the Leicester manager has appointed Bruce the club scout for the north.

Sept 11 **Final of the League Cup Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 2** played at Nairn I wis there
"It had been 19 years since Buckie Thistle had last won the Highland League Cup but it was well worth the wait." The Buckie goals were scored by Oxley, Christie and Robertson (89th minute)
Buckie: Wood, Cowie and McDonald; Adams, Forbes and Scott; Christie, Robertson, Oxley, Duncan and Nicol. Subs. McPherson and Souter.

- Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 3 (L)**
- Sept 18 **Veterans versus Past and Present Welfare League Players in aid of The Year of the Child.** (No score given)
- Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 0** The game was abandoned after 57 minutes due to a power failure.
- Nairn St Ninian's 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Sept 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 0 (H/L)** Christie scored the winning goal
- RAF Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Oct 2 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup** win to take Buckie into the Scottish Cup - "*A lucky win*" was the opinion of the football scribe. - Christie scored the winning goal for the second week running.
- Rovers were idle - cup games being played**
- Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 (H/L)**
- Rovers were idle**
- Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Keith who were reigning Highland League champions thus ended a 12 game unbeaten run by Buckie. "*They over-ran Buckie*," said the football scribe.
- Buckie:** Wood, Cowie and Cardno; Adams, Forbes and Scott; Robertson, Souter, Oxley, McPherson and Nicol. Subs. McIntosh (Adams was hurt), Christie (McPherson).
- Oct 16 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup** There was a gate of 800. Buckie had Colin Brett at left back. The Thistle scorer was Christie.
- Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Dryborough Cup**
- Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 3 replay of the Qualifying Cup** - Dewar had 3 for the Rangers.
- Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 6 in the replay of the above competition.**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)** - Thistle scorers were - Scott and Forbes.
- Oct 30 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 1 (H/L)** -Scorers for Buckie - Oxley (2) and Christie
- Caberfeidh 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
- Nov. 6 **Elgin City 1 Buckie 1 H/L)** - Robbie Nicol scored the Buckie goal. Buckie had Alan Thain in the side at outside right with Cargill as sub.
- Arniston Rangers 3 Buckie Rovers 0 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup**
- Nov 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 3 (H/L)** Thistle scorers were - McDonald, Nicol and Christie
- Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
- Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** Thistle scorers were - Nicol, Robertson and Scott in the 89th minute
- No score for the Rovers**
- Nov 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Dec 4 **No Thistle report**
- No Rovers score**
- Dec 11 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle were to play St Mirren on 16th December in a benefit

match for goalkeeper Joe Wood. Despite heroic work by a lot of people, to get the ground into playing condition they were beaten when the wet weather continued and Victoria Park remained in a sad water-logged state.

No Thistle report

New Elgin 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Dec 18 **No report only the score was given - Inverness Thistle 8 Buckie Thistle 1**

Nairn St Ninian's 4 Rovers 4 in the Tom Gordon Cup - match abandoned due to poor light in extra time.

Dec 24 **No Thistle report**

Dec 31 **Football news** - Alan White was appointed coach of Buckie Thistle. An Englishman, White had played for Chelsea, Cardiff City and Newport County as an inside forward. He was also an amateur football internationalist. With a BSc in Agriculture he had come north to work with a firm in Banff.

Rover's game was off because of ground conditions.

No football reports were given in the 'Advertiser' throughout December

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Jan. 8 (Tues.) **Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 0 2nd round of the Scottish Cup**

Buckie: Wood. Cowie and Brett; Forbes, Scott (McDonald) and Robertson; Christie, Oxley, Duncan and Nicol. Sub - Souter. **Gate 971, receipts £417.**

Buckie Rovers 5 Islavale 1 (L)

Jan 15 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 replay of the Scottish Cup** - Thistle scorers were - Christie and Nicol.

Rovers' match off - ground unplayable

Jan 22 **No football - grounds unplayable**

Rovers were idle

Jan 29 **Dunfermline versus Buckie Thistle game postponed owing to bad state of playing surface**

Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Feb 5 **Dunfermline 2 Buckie Thistle 0 3rd round of the Scottish Cup**

No North football - all games off.

Feb. 12 **No Thistle football report**

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 3 in the Matthew Cup

Roths Decimals 5 Buckie Rovers 5 Morrison Cup - played on Sunday

Feb 19 **No Thistle football report**

Buckie Rovers 1 Roths Decimals 0 replay of the Morrison Cup - played on Sunday again

Feb 26 **No Thistle football report**

Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

- Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)** Alan Thain and Robbie Nicol scored the Thistle goals.
Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninian's 1 (L)
- Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)** Adams scored the Thistle goal
Nairn St Ninian's 0 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup
- Mar 18 **Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Duncan and Christie, both former Peterhead players scored the Thistle goals.
No Rovers' score game off with the weather
- Mar 25 **No Thistle football report**
The Rovers were idle again due to weather conditions
- April 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Nicol scored for Buckie
Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 (H/L) Thistle scorer - Nicol from the 'spot'
Roths Decimals 2 Buckie Rovers 4 3rd round of the Dryborough Cup
- April 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Oxley and McDonald.
Keith was Highland League champions designate. They went on to win the League for the second year running and with still four games to be played
Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)
- April 15 **Football news** - First indication that George Adams might be leaving Buckie to manage Fraserburgh - a big loss to Buckie if this be the case.
Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)
Buckie; Wood, Cowie and Brett; McPherson, Forbes and Souter; McDonald, Robertson, Oxley (Christie), Duncan and Nicol (Thain). *Adams wasn't listed this week nor was he the previous week.*
The Rovers didn't play.
- April 22 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle were to play Dunfermline and not St Mirren as had been originally planned for Joe Wood's benefit match. St Mirren had some big games coming up and couldn't fit Joe's game in; Dunfermline kindly stepped in
Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - Christie had the Buckie goal. Buckie had a Cuminstown youngster, Faulkner Andrew playing for them.
Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)
- April 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** - Thistle scorers - McDonald, Nicol and Thain.
Buckie; Wood, Cowie and McPherson; Cardno, Brett and Scott; Souter, McDonald, Christie, Thain and Nicol (Oxley), Sub. Forbes.
Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) (Sat.)
Buckie Rovers 3 Roths Decimals 2 (L) (Mon.)
Joe Wood's benefit match - Thistle president Alex Stewart was highly critical of those fans who failed to turn up to watch Dunfermline play Buckie in Joe wood's benefit match. *"A total of only 250 spectators on a fine sunny Sunday afternoon was a poor appreciation of the sterling services which Joe had given to Buckie", he said.*
Football news - In the game above Buckie had Faulkner Andrew, the young Cuminstown player and Derek Daun, a former Montrose player in their line up. It was expected that Andrew would be signed for next season. Buckie were on the look out for a new striker. (A new term.)

Football news Fraserburgh were dragging their heels over compensation payment for George Adams whom they had appointed as their manager. Alex Stewart, Thistle president, stressed that Adams was still a Thistle player and would remain so until the account was settled.

May 13 **Thistle 'Player of the Year'** - Colin Brett was voted Thistle 'Player of the Year'. Brett, now a veteran, came from Ross County for whom he had played for 14 years. In 1980 he was still working for the Hydro in Dingwall and travelled hundred of miles to play for Buckie.

Winner of the Match Programme Trophy - Charlie Duncan, who came to Buckie from Peterhead, won the Match Programme Trophy. Three spectators were asked to give marks to each player at each game with the results being assessed at the end of the season.

Forres Thistle were League Champions There was no report on Rovers' game

July 8 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle received nothing for George Adams although £750 had been asked. Due to an administrative error the player found himself a free agent. Adams said that he had become disenchanted with Buckie after being signed to play as 'sweeper' he had been used as a 'striker' - not his position.

Football news - Buckie Thistle did not sign Faulkner Andrew as had been anticipated as he signed for Deveronvale instead. Although the Thistle committee were criticised by some for allowing the player to 'escape' the answer given was that they had not passed on the registration form to the SFA to allow Andrew to play for his junior side until the Highland League started. In the meantime the 'Vale stepped in and signed him. **The 'Vale also signed Buckie Rovers' player Mike 'Scammers' Smith** who had guested for them on a couple of occasions when he was on leave from his offshore job.

***** **Football news** - Dave Oxley who Buckie had paid Lossiemouth F.C. £2,000 for two years before tabled a transfer request. Alan Scott did likewise with George Adams keen to take him to the Broch. They had offered John Duthie in exchange. Danny Fitzimmons had agreed to the deal while some of the committee disagreed with the manager leading to Fitzimmons resigning being followed by the president, Alex Stewart, vice president Pat Donald and committee man John McVean.

Football news - Prior to the Thistle annual general meeting a letter was printed in the 'Advertiser' from a Thistle follower suggesting that Fitzimmons should go as the writer said Mr Fitzimmons was taking the Thistle nowhere, despite the Jags winning the League Cup the year before.

July 15 **Football news** - Alan White was appointed the new Thistle manager with Bruce Roy as his assistant. To criticism levelled at the Thistle committee regarding the failure to sign promising players like Faulkner Andrew, it was not an administrative error, as was claimed with the explanation regarding the signing on and the SFA forms being given.

Football news - The first commercial manager of Buckie Thistle resigned by mutual consent, his successor being local salesman James Slater, who had promised some interesting innovations as a means of improving the finances of the club.

Football news - Probable new signings for Buckie Thistle - Tommy Wilson from Elgin City and Rex Hunter from Fraserburgh. They did sign as did Bruce Kennedy.

Changes at the 'Advertiser' - The first information on the local Welfare League and the North Junior League was given in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. This may have been due to changes in the paper staff. Jack Johnston became editor with Alan Wiseman as reporter. Sadly the Rovers' reports continued to be less than scanty and required to be accessed from the 'Northern Scot'.

Final of the Maitland Cup - Buckpool Victoria 3 Thistle Athletic 2

Final of the Brown Cup - Thistle Athletic 5 Buckpool Victoria 3

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen! 1 (F)

Buckie Thistle 2 Alloa Athletic 2 (F)

- Aug 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
- Aug 19 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Caberfeidh 1 (L)** First game of the season - Scorers for the Rovers - Smith (pen), Sinclair and Tallis.
- Aug 26 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**
- Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Rovers' scorers - Sinclair and Smith.
- Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** After the big wins since the start of the season this defeat shook the Thistle fans rigid. The football scribe of the day said that he was stunned at the news and it took him a day or two to recover, sit up and manage a lightly poached egg (Bill Lobban was the scribe.)
- Final of the Lyon Cup - Buckpool Victoria 2 Thistle Athletic 1**
- Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle 6 Ross County 0 (H/L)** *"back in the groove"*
- Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)** The Thistle player voted 'Man of the Match' at each game was to receive a prize of £25 from local fish merchant Bill Stephen.
- Sept 23 **Fort William 2 Buckie Thistle 5** 1st round of the Qualifying Cup The Thistle scorers were - Hunter (2), Forbes, Nicol and Duncan (pen.) This was the first time that Buckie had played new entrant to the Highland League, Fort William.
Rex Hunter was voted 'Man of the Match' and first player to receive £25.
- Sept 30 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Oct 7 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Stonehaven 2 Dryborough Cup** -The Rovers had new signing Billy Johnston ex Islavale in goal. Scorers - Keith Sinclair, James Ogg and Bill Taylor (pen)
- Oct 14 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 2 (H/L)**
- Oct 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 semi-final of the Qualifying Cup**
- Football news** - Reaich Green was appointed the new president of Buckie Thistle
- Oct 29 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
- Nov 4 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)**
- Nov 18 **Final of the Qualifying Cup - Inverness Thistle 5 Buckie Thistle 0 played at Elgin**
The game was marred by the number of 'supporters' of both sides who misbehaved and were ejected from the ground with quite a number of them being arrested.
- Football news** - The Thistle committee publicly declared that those sentenced would be barred from entry at Victoria Park and also from travelling on arranged supporter's buses in the future.
- Rovers sign two** - Ronnie Smith and Neil Murray 'Cropper' who both formerly played for Buckpool Victoria signed for Buckie Rovers this week.
- Nov 25 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) - Rex Hunter had a hat-trick**
- Dec 2 **Football news** - The playing surface of Victoria Park had been giving cause for much concern for some time being plagued by water-logging. A measure suggested to improve matters was to remove the turf and spread sharp sand below before replacing the turf.
- No Thistle football report given**

- Dec 9 **Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 1 (H/L)**
- Dec 16 **Victoria Park** - It was unplayable with large pools of water on the surface. Volunteers were called on to grip all over the worst parts in an effort to let the water drain away
- Meadowbank 2 Buckie Thistle 2 1st round of the Scottish Cup** - 350 supporters travelled to Edinburgh to cheer the team on.
- Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Meadowbank 2 replays of the 1st round of the Scottish Cup.** The man described it as “a historic result.” ‘Keeper Joe Wood was a hero
- Rovers have financial worries** - It was made known that Buckie Rovers were having financial worries prior to playing Shettleston (Glasgow) in the Scottish Junior Cup. They were appealing for support from former Rovers’ players and others with an interest in the club to help pay the transport costs of the Glasgow club
- Dec 30 **Help was given** - The Rovers received a number of donations including one from Cullen F.C. All of which were much appreciated said Mrs Barbara Maybury, secretary. She also said that tickets for the match were going well. The match with Shettleston was postponed.
- Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** No team lines were given, this had been the practice for a long time with the reports quite brief. The Rovers scores were never given.

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- Jan 6 **Shettleston 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Scottish Junior Cup** -
The match should have been played at Victoria Park but because of the state of the playing surface it was agreed to switch venues. Those who had bought tickets could have their money back. Shettleston scored the only goal of the game after 9 minutes of play. The Rovers had their new keeper, Sandy Sammon, signed from New Elgin, in goal. He had a great game as had Davie Sellar who shared the £25 given for man of the match with Reid of Shettleston.
From a Glasgow paper - “One of the best displays by a North Junior side in Glasgow. It was no disgrace to go out by such a small margin to the highly rated Shettleston side.”
- Stranraer 2 Buckie Thistle 2 2nd round of the Scottish Cup.** Scorer for the Thistle Kennedy and an o.g.
- Jan 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Stranraer 2 2nd round replay of the Scottish Cup** A crowd of 2,300 watched Buckie triumph over Stranraer on a porridge-like surface. Scorers for the Thistle, Hunter, Forbes and an o.g.
- ***** **A bit of history was created with this win. No former Buckie Thistle team had ever defeated two Scottish league sides in the same season, not even the legendary 1953/54 side which reached the 6th round of the old Scottish Cup.**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 1 (L) Scorers** for the Rovers - Keith Sutherland, David ‘Parro’ Findlay and Neil Murray. Findlay was only 16.
- Jan 20 **Football news** - Worst winter weather for many years - heavy snow followed by high winds meant that there was no football played on Saturday.
- Football news - Trophy for Joe** - Joe Wood who had been voted man of the match in the game against Stranraer at Buckie was presented with an engraved goblet by President Reaich Green. The goblet had been given by an anonymous donor who had been impressed by the ‘keeper’s play.
- Jan 27 **Stirling Albion 3 Buckie Thistle 1 3rd round of the Scottish Cup** There was a gate of 3,400 to watch the match. Duncan had the Buckie goal from the penalty spot John Colquhoun (17) who went on to play later for Hearts later to become a columnist

with the newspaper 'Scotland on Sunday' and a TV pundit even later, came off the bench to stun Buckie with two goals in the last 15 minutes. A newspaper headline read - *"Super Sub Stuns Buckie"*

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 0 (L) played at Merson Park This was not the first time that the Rovers had played there but was a very rare occurrence.

The Rovers top scorer Keith Sinclair and Ian Coull had the Rovers' goals. Ronnie Smith took the eye with his strong running and individual skills.

Feb 3 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 0 (L) - Sinclair had the Rovers' goal from the penalty spot.

"A good win by a young and relatively inexperienced Rovers' side. The Bish had two players booked for fouls on Ronnie Smith."

Feb 10 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Thistle scorers - Hunter, Nicol and Kennedy.

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) Sinclair had the Rovers' goal. His goal tally was now 23 and has earned himself the title of the *'cannon-ball kid'*. The Rovers had won their last five league games and had not conceded a goal in their last three.

Feb 17 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Rosemount 2 in the Dryborough Cup - David Findlay and Keith Sinclair with a penalty had the Rovers' goals.

Feb 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 3 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Rosemount 2 Buckie Rovers 1 replay of the Dryborough Cup - Dennis Clark had the Rovers' goal

Rovers face the camera - Those named in the photograph - Back - Jim Mitchell, Dennis Clark, Alan 'Dubs' Reid, Davie Sellar, Johnnie Cowie, Sandy Sammon, Ian Taylor, Mike Smith, Keith Sinclair. W. Cormack, Ronnie Smith, David Findlay and Sandy Thomson **See in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.**

Mar 3 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 3 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Mike Smith had the Rovers' goal. The Rovers were missing one or two regulars.

***** **Football news - Buckie Thistle was fined £1000 and Inverness Thistle £500 as a result of the crowd trouble at the Qualifying Cup Final played between the two clubs in Elgin some time before.**

A letter in the 'Advertiser' from Bill Lobban stressed the fact that there appeared to be different laws operating for such as the 'Old Firm' compared to small Highland League club. The fine itself was considered to be too severe. To Buckie Thistle who had been suffering financial problems for a long time the magnitude of the sentence came as a great shock.

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 4 (H/L)** *"This was the Thistle's first home defeat this season."* They had Charlie Duncan and Gordon Robertson missing.

Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 5 (H/L) -A few people I ken wid've been richt seek. *"Two defeats on the trot dented the title hopes."*

The Rovers were idle - Sandy Sammon and Ronnie Smith (Rovers) were both chosen for the North Select. Sammon played in a 2-1 defeat while Smith was on the bench. The local paper reported how Ronnie Smith had done well to be selected for the Select team after only one year in the juniors. Both the Rovers and the officials of his former club, Buckpool Victoria have reason to be proud of his achievement Jim Mitchell, one of the most loyal of junior officials, carried out the duties of trainer.

Football news - At their training session on Monday night, Buckie Rovers welcomed Robbie Harrold and three other referees who took part in the work out. A number of topics were aired and discussed. It was considered to have been a worthwhile exercise for all concerned and one which other clubs might care to take up.

Mar 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 (H/L)** - Buckie fielded their latest signing, Louis Duncan, a brother of

Charlie.

Final of the Matthew Cup Rothies Decimals 4 Buckie Rovers 3 AET - Rovers scorers were - Cowie, D. Clark and K. Sinclair. Stephen Scott had the misfortune to score an own goal.

Football news - At an SFA meeting in Glasgow, George Rattray (the former Keith player) Aberdeenshire Association representative made a strong plea for a reduction in the fine imposed on Buckie Thistle but received no support from the two Highland League clubs represented at the meeting - Inverness Thistle and Brora Rangers.

Mar 24 **Final of the North of Scotland Cup Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 3 AET.** - Cowie and N. Murray had the Rovers' goals. Davie Sellar was back in the team after being out for two months with an ankle injury. (Many years later the same ankle was still giving him pain at times.)

Mar 31 **Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Alan Scott was the scorer.

Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 0 (L) Mike Smith had the only goal of the game

April 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L) Johnnie Cowie scored both!

April 14 **Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Ouch! Nae again. Some fowk were only getting ower the last tanking from the lads across the Spey.

April 21 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Brora Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Buckie had George Thain in goal while Kenny Nicol, a brother of Robbie, and another unnamed junior also played.

Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Kinloss 1 (L) The Rovers' scorers were - Johnnie Cowie (2), Keith Sinclair (2) one from the spot and Sandy Innes who came on as a sub.

April 28 **Football news** - A new pavilion, replacing the old, is to be opened at the Linzee Gordon Park on 31st of the month.

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 (H/L) This was the last League game of the season. George Thain was again in goal with Doug Ellis of Fraserburgh United at right back.

Football news - The following Thistle players were to be released - Colin Brett, Malcolm Cowie, Willie McDonald and Ally Christie. It was thought it unlikely that Hammy Souter would be available for next season due to pressure of business and that he would return to the juniors. Malcolm Cowie was offered a position on the coaching staff.

Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup played at Kynoch Park - Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 1 Keith Sinclair scored with a penalty with but two minutes to go to the end of the 90 minutes. The game was played in a blizzard. Davie Sellar had an outstanding game.

***** **Football news** - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle F.C. Reaich Green, president, said that representatives of the club had met with representatives of the Buckie Welfare Society and re-affirmed the desire of the club to gain ownership of Victoria Park from the Society.

May 5 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup Aberdeen 5 Buckie Thistle 1**
Buckie: Wood, Scott and Brett; Wilson, Forbes and L. Duncan; Hunter, Souter (Cowie), Nicol, C. Duncan and Kennedy (Thain).
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy and Angus (Harrow); Watson (Jarvie) Garner and Miller; Simpson, Rougvie,

McGee, Harper and Scanton.

Roths Decimals 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) The Rovers' keeper made two mistakes that cost goals. Keith Sinclair scored for the Rovers late on.

May 19 **Victoria Park** - Work was taking place on the playing surface to improve the drainage. A deep drain was dug parallel to the grandstand with six feeder drains laid across the field at right angles. Bill Dalgarno and his assistant Tom Mair had done a lot of work in conjunction with the drainage work.

May 26 **Football news - Buckie Rovers were on the lookout for a new coach after their present coach, Ian Cole, had tendered his resignation. He had been five years with the Rovers and was thanked by the committee for all his hard work on and off the field.**

June 2 **Football news** - A Spring Fayre in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of Buckie Thistle F.C. raised the sum of £600.

June 16 **Buckie Rovers future in jeopardy** - An extraordinary general meeting to be held on 28 June to try to secure the future of Buckie Rovers. The annual general meeting held earlier in the month was very poorly attended when they were unable to appoint a new president after Peter Mitchell had said that he would not be standing again.

July 21 **Football news** - Rex Hunter re-signed for Buckie.

Football news - Buckie Thistle committee decided that no friendlies would be played this time round before the start of the new season to give the playing surface a chance to recover.

Football news - Jim Leask, former player and manager of Buckie Thistle retired this week in Edinburgh after spending 45 years in government service. He was to spend his retirement in Fochabers.

Football news - Buckie Rovers - Johnnie Cowie who had been playing all season for the Rovers agreed to take up the position of player/manager.
Spencer Lyon signed for the Rovers after being reinstated from Lossiemouth.
The Rovers were looking for sponsors to help pay the £3,000 it cost to run the team in a year.

Aug 11 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Wood, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and L. Duncan; Hunter (Kennedy), Paterson, Nicol, C. Duncan and Robertson. **This was the first time that a Buckie team had been given in the 'Advertiser' for a long time apart from the game against Aberdeen in the Aberdeenshire Cup.**

Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 1 (H/L)
Buckie: G. Thain (Thomson) A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson (Thomson), Forbes and L. Duncan; Hunter, A. G. Thain, Nicol, C. Duncan and G. Robertson. George Thain, keeper was injured with Thomson who had first replaced Wilson taking over in goal.

Aug 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 Highland League Cup**

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L) Benefit match for Malcolm Cowie. "The Thistle had to thank the much maligned forward, Robbie Nicol who scored both goals." There was a gate of 450 at the game.
Buckie: Wood, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and L. Duncan; Hunter, Peterson, Nicol, Kennedy and Robertson. Subs. A. J. Thain and Thomson.

Football news - Malcolm Cowie - The local paper carried a write-up of the football career of Malcolm Cowie who was then player coach with Nairn County. It read: - He had trials for Southampton and did sign forms in 1967 but due to organisational difficulties the deal never went through. While playing for Peterhead in 1968 he won an Aberdeenshire Cup medal and an R/Up's medal in the League Cup. He was playing for Inverness Caley in 1971 where he won a Qualifying Cup medal and a Highland League Cup medal. In addition at this time he was capped twice for Scotland as an amateur. He spent 1972 with Buckie Thistle before moving to Keith in 1973 where as captain of the side he won a Highland League Cup Medal and also an Aberdeenshire Cup medal. He returned to play for Buckie in 1974 and in season 1979/80 won a Highland League Cup medal and also an R/up's medal in the Aberdeenshire Cup in season 1980/81.

- Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 0 (L)** First game of the new season Rovers' scorers - Sinclair, N. Murray and A. Reid.
- Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1** semi-final of the Highland League Cup
- Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Danny Fitzimmons was now manager of Roths.
- Brora Rangers XXX Buckie Thistle xx replay of the semi - final of the Highland League Cup** - no score given
- Buckie:** G. Thain, Alan Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and L. Duncan; Hunter, A.G. Thain, Kennedy, C. Duncan and Robertson. Subs. Graham Thain and 'Beel' Bain.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 1 in the Connon Cup.** Sinclair and Sellar scored for the Rovers while Mike 'Scammers' Smith playing for the Elgin side scored their goal.
- Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 4 (H/L)** - Jenkins and Slater were the Buckie subs.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Caberfeidh 0 (L)** - Sinclair, Findlay and Rumbles had the Rovers goals. *"Recent signing Malcolm Mair was outstanding at full-back."*
- Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 4 (H/L)** Ally (Gordon?) Jenkins and? Cruickshank from Bishopmill United played as trialists for Buckie.
- Roths Decimals 5 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)** - Scorers for the Rovers were:- Keith Sinclair who came on as a sub scored three, Smith, Cowie and Murray had the other goals. Roths were 4 -0 ahead at one point. *"An entertaining match played in dreadful conditions."*
- Oct 6 **Football news** - Joe Wood (25) who has played in goal for Buckie Thistle for a number of years accepted a free transfer from the club. He joined the Thistle from school in 1973. He lost his form at the tail end of the previous season when his place in goal was taken by George Thain. He played in the first game of this season when Thain was injured but was told that he was no longer first team choice. His work in the bank took him away from Buckie quite a lot so that he could not train on a regular basis with the squad.
- Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 3 (H/L)**
- Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie:** G. Thain, A. Thain and Ellis, Wilson, Forbes and Robertson; Hunter, Kennedy, Nicol, C. Duncan and A. G. Thain. Subs. Jenkins and Henderson.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninian's 1 in the Dryborough Cup - North.** Sellars was sent off. The Rovers scored through an o.g. **The Rovers had Portknockie lad Alex Innes in goal.**
- Oct 20 **Football news - Buckie Rovers** - They went on a signing spree, signing Alex Innes, Ally Ewen and Robert Burgess from Portknockie, David Chalmers and Graeme Cormack from Buckpool Victoria and Malcolm Mair from Cullen. The teams all played in the Welfare League.
- Nairn St Ninian's 4 Buckie Rovers 3 in the replay of the Dryborough Cup**
- Rovers:** Sammon, Sellar and Mair; R. Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Cormack, Cowie, Murray, Coull and Reid.
- Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)** Gordon? Jenkins (son of Alex Jenkins, Fochabers) was one of the subs.
- Roths Decimals 2 Buckie Rovers 4 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup** - Murray (2), Reid and Cormack scored the Rovers' goals.
- Nov 3 **Buckie Rovers 5 Forres Thistle 0 semi-final of the Connon Cup**
- Rovers:** Innes, Sellar and Mair; Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Murray, Cowie, Reid, Burgess and Cormack. Subs. J. Coull and Findlay. Murray had a hat-trick while Alan Reid had two.
- Football news** - Alan Scott who was still on Buckie's books was to be swapped for John Duthie of Fraserburgh.
- Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie:** G. Thain, A. Thain and Ellis; Robertson, Forbes and Duthie; Hunter, A. G. Thain, Nicol, C. Duncan

and L. Duncan.

Nov 10 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: G. Thain, Jenkins (Wilson) and A. Thain; Robertson, Forbes and Duthie; Hunter, A. G. Thain, Nicol, C. Duncan and L. Duncan. Sub. Henderson.

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 ? Cup - Coull, Murray, and Reid scored the Rovers' goals.

Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Alan 'Dubs' Reid had the Rovers' goal.
Rovers; Sammon, Coull and Mair; Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Cormack, Cowie, Reid, Burgess and Chalmers. Subs. Sellar and Scott

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (F)**
Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 3 (H/L) - Keith were in strong contention to win their 4th Highland League title
Buckie: G. Thain, Jenkins and Ellis; L. Duncan, Forbes and Duthie; Hunter, Kennedy, Nicol and C. Duncan. Subs. Wilson and A. G. Thain.

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Neil 'Cropper' Murray had the Rovers' goal
Islavale: Brindle. G. Reid and McIntosh; Nelson, Murdoch and Ogg; Rodger, J. Reid, Milne, MacKay and Lamberton. Subs. G & I Morrison.
Rovers: Innes, Coull and Mair; Ewen, Scott and Murray; Cowie, Reid, Findlay and Cormack. Subs. Sinclair and Chalmers

Dec 1 *** **Buckie Rovers 3 Tulliallan Thistle 2 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup** - Reid, Cormack and Murray (88 minutes) scored for the Rovers.
Rovers: Sammon, Coull and Mair (Sinclair); Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Murray, Cowie, Reid, Burgess (Findlay and Cormack.

Football news - Buckie Thistle signed Malcolm Murray who had returned to the area after spending 16 months with Leicester City. Manager Alan White was also hopeful of signing Steve 'Pele' Paterson but it was thought that his terms might be too hard to meet.

Final of the Aberdeen F. C. Trophy **Buckie High School U14 football team beat Kincorth Academy, Aberdeen by 4 goals to 2 to take the Aberdeen F. C. Trophy.**
The match was played at Pittodrie.

Dec 8 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L)**
Rovers: Sammon, Coull and Mair; R. Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Murray, Cowie, Sinclair, Burgess and Cormack (Findlay) Sub. Innes not used.

Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)
Buckie: G. Thain, A. Thain and Ellis; Robertson, Forbes and Duthie; Hunter, Murray, Nicol, C. Duncan and L. Duncan. Subs. Wilson and Henderson.

Dec 15 **No football - weather conditions made grounds unplayable**

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Jan 6 **Deveronvale 7 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Thain, Jenkins (Henderson) and Ellis; Duthie, Forbes and Robertson; Hunter, Murray L. Duncan, C. Duncan and Nicol (Kennedy).

Jan 12 **No football - the weather won**

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 4 Islavale 2 (F)** Hunter (3) The Highland League game was put off on Friday, ground was solid but rapid thaw allowed the friendly to take place.

Football news Thistle sack their manager - Buckie Thistle sacked their manager Alan White. The club was said to be in severe financial difficulties and this was being made worse by the falling attendances at games due to the poor results. It was thought that a new manager might be the best way forward. (This was also thought when Danny Fitzsimmons was forced out.) Buckie tried to get George Adams back as manager but were told by Fraserburgh that it would cost them £30,000 in compensation. President, Reaich Green spoke of this figure being ridiculous and that they might as well have asked for £3 million.

Football news - In the interim period until a new manager was appointed team selection was to be left with Bruce Roy and Charlie Duncan.

Buckie Rovers 6 Turriff United 2 (F) They scored for the Rovers - Murray (3), Scott, Sinclair and Cormack

Jan 26

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L) The scorer was Hunter

Buckie: G. Thain, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes Murray; Hunter, Kennedy, Nicol, C. Duncan, and L. Duncan. Subs. Jenkins and A. G. Thain.

Halbeath 3 Buckie Rovers 0 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup - Sandy Sammon saved a penalty for the Rovers

Feb 2

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 0 (L) - Murray had both the Rovers' goals

Rovers: Sammon, Coull and Mair; Smith, Ewen and Scott; Murray, Cowie, Reid, Findlay and Cormack. Subs. Sinclair and Gordon Russell.

Feb 9

Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L) Reid and Cormack were the Rovers' scorers

Feb 16

Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 4 (H/L)

Buckie: G. Thain, David Leslie and A. G. Thain; Alan Thain, Forbes and Nicol; Hunter (Henderson), Murray, Jenkins (Kennedy), C. Duncan and L. Duncan This was David Leslie's first game for Buckie.

Football news - The opinion was that the Thistle were going nowhere with a need to get a replacement for Alan White very quickly.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) The Rovers' scorers were - Cormack (2), Sinclair (2) while Coull and Burgess both scored from the penalty spot.

Feb 23

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 AET in the Nicholson Cup. Reid and Murray were the Rovers' scorers, Murray bringing his total goals for the season up to 20.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Football news - Thistle appoint new management team - John Fitzpatrick and Alex Walker, two Aberdonians, were appointed joint managers of Buckie Thistle.

Fitzpatrick joined Manchester United direct from school and was with them for 11 seasons until forced out of the game with injuries to his knees. Alex Walker was previously a player with Buckie.

Mar 2

Final of the Cannon Cup Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 0 J. Cowie had the Rovers' goal.

Rovers: Innes, Coull and S. Scott; R. Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Murray, Cowie, Burgess, Sinclair and Cormack. Subs. Reid and Findlay.

Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 0 (L) - Murray, Cowie and Cormack were the marksmen for the Rovers.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup

Buckie: G. Thain, Alan Thain and Ellis; Kennedy, Forbes and Wilson; Nicol, C. Duncan, Hunter, L. Duncan and Murray. Subs. A.G. Thain and Henderson.

Football news - Buckie Rovers - Four Rovers' players were chosen to represent the North versus the East in the annual fixture - Sammon, Lyon, R. Smith and Alan Reid.

Mar 9 **Football news - Buckie Rovers** - Alex Innes (17) signed as keeper with Buckie Rovers went on trial with Leicester. He had recently played a trial for Rothes in the Highland League against Keith.

Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 1 semi - final of the Nicholson Cup played at Merson Park. Cormack with two and Lyon had the Rovers' goals.

Mar 16 **Buckie Rovers 0 Rothes Decimals 0 (L)**

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) The match reporter described this as *"an exciting game"*
Buckie; G. Thain, A. Thain and Jenkins; Wilson, Forbes and Ellis; Nicol. L. Duncan, Hunter, C. Duncan and Murray. Subs. A. G. Thain and Henderson.

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) at the Victoria Park. Cowie scored with a penalty goal

Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 4 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 in the Stewart Memorial Cup. Sinclair and Coull with a penalty had the Rovers' goals. David Mackay, 'Pecos', playing for Lossie, had their goal.

Mar 30 **Football news - Buckie Rovers** issued an appeal for assistance in compiling an accurate history of the club. When was the club formed? Did it take over from another club? Did they play on other grounds apart from those of today? What nicknames or other names did they have? What if any were their previous colours? Have they had any outstanding officials or players? How many players progressed to senior level? A complete list of the honours they have won.
Bruce Smith, their secretary was hoping to have this information so that it might be included in the commemorative booklet being prepared to celebrate 100 years of Scottish Junior football.

I believe that I answered all of the questions posed above in a booklet that I compiled some years ago and after the appeal, which I have still to have published. I became involved with the Rovers in 1986 and was still involved in 2007. - Allan A. Fraser alias A. L. Nath

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Joe Wood, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and Kennedy; Murray, C. Duncan, Hunter, Nicol and L. Duncan. Subs. A. G. Thain and Jenkins.

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 H/L) Some were said to be dancing in the streets of Buckie. To get a win over Elgin was like winning the coupon to some. The reason why Elgin was always seen as arch enemies was beyond me. Buckie had Mosstodloch keeper, Ainslie Gordon on trial as keeper in this game.

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 0 (L) The Rovers' scorers were - Burgess, Reid and Sinclair who came on as a sub.

April 6 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Two good results against Keith and Elgin City, both of whom were title aspirants."* Gordon was again in goal for Buckie. The reason for the absence of George Thain was not given.

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L) at Victoria Park - The victory took the Rovers to the top of the League. Steven Scott and Alan Reid had the Rovers' goals.

Final of the Nicholson Cup - Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 at Kynoch Park. Cowie, Sinclair and Coull with a penalty were the Rovers' scorers.
This was the tenth time in 21 years that the Rovers had won the Nicholson Cup.

April 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** *"Their fifth League victory of the season."*
Buckie: Gordon, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and Kennedy (Henderson), Murray, C. Duncan, Nicol, Hunter, and L. Duncan. Sub. Jenkins.

Lossie United 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) - Murray had the Rovers' goal - *"This was keeper Sammon's tenth*

shut out."

April 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)** - *"The Thistle suffered their 14th League defeat to mark a sad end to the home League programme."*
Buckie: Gordon, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and Kennedy (Henderson), Murray, C. Duncan, Nicol, Hunter (Jenkins) and L. Duncan.

Forres Mechanics 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) A sub. Fraser replaced Hunter.

Football news - Buckie Thistle put Hunter on the transfer list. He had been top Thistle scorer for the past two seasons. L. Duncan who came from Keith was also up for transfer. Gordon Jenkins, Fochabers, who was signed from Bishopmill United, also George Thain and Alan. G. Thain was all freed while Craig Henderson was released.

Nairn St Ninian's 4 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) *"A great game - 10 man Rovers recovery"*

Cormack, Murray, Coull and Cowie had the Rovers' goals

Sandy Sammon committed two fouls leading to two penalties while he was red carded. Sinclair went in to goal where he performed majestically - said the match scribe - *"Sinclair a hero,"* was one of his quotes.

April 27 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 (L)** Murray had the Rovers' goal
Rovers: Sammon, Coull and Sinclair; Smith Ewen and Lyon; Murray; Cowie, Reid, Burgess and Cormack (Findlay). Sub. Sellar.

Buckie Rovers 0 Bishopmill United 0 AET **Gordon Williamson Cup** Rovers won 5-4 on penalties.

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Dave Oxley, now with Fraserburgh, scored

Buckie: McRae, A. Thain and Ellis; Wilson, Forbes and Kennedy; A. G. Thain, Duncan, Hunter, Nicol and Murray. We were not told who McRae was.

May 4 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)** This marked the Rovers' 16th League win. Alan Reid had both the Rovers' goals.

Football news Thistle AGM - At the Thistle annual general meeting Bruce Smith and Billy McGoldrick passed on the good wishes of the Rovers and the hope that the long standing harmonious relationship between the two clubs should continue.

Highland League Select 1 Scottish Junior Select 0 at Victoria Park.

Buckie Thistle - Player of the Year - Alan Thain was voted Thistle 'Player of the Year'

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 3 (L) *"The Rovers needed two points to take the title."*

Final of the Stewart Memorial Trophy Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninian's 0 at Elgin. Ronnie Smith had the Rovers' goal.

May 18 **Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Mechanics 2 Matthew Cup** - The Rovers were trailing by two goals to nil at half time.

Lossie United 6 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Matthew Cup

Rovers: Innes, Sinclair and Mair; Smith, Ewen and Lyon; Murray, Cowie (Sellars), Reid, Coull and Cormack (Findlay)

Football news - Buckie Thistle sign three new players - Derek Reid ex Huntly; Graham Cumming ex Elgin City and Dave Watson freed by Huntly.

May 25 **Nairn St Ninian's 2 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**

June 1 **Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 8 in the Gordon Williamson Cup** *"Alex Innes playing as striker because of injuries and suspensions scored five goals."*

June 8 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 2 semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

- June 15 **Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 3**
- ***** **Buckie Rovers face the camera** - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.
They won the Connan Cup, Nicholson Cup and the Stewart Memorial Trophy. In addition they were R/Up in the League losing to Nairn St Ninian's on goal average.
- June 29 **Football news** - Buckie Rovers had a loss of £546 on the year's working.
- Aug 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brechin 1 in the semi-final of the Chivas Regal Tournament** held at Keith . Brechin won 8-7 on penalties.
Buckie: Innes, Watson and Mason; Wilson, Forbes and D. Smith (Anderson); Murray, Ellis, Pirie, Nicol and Cumming.
- Football news** - David Pirie a former player with the Thistle was signed on a fortnightly contract. Donald Smith ex Dundee and Huntly was not signed.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Arbroath 1 ?** Buckie won 5-4 on penalties.
- ***** **Football news** - The Highland League decided to follow the pattern of the English Leagues last season and award three points for a win.
- Aug 17 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 2 Highland League Cup**
Buckie: Innes, Thain and Watson; Forbes, Mason and Murray; Cumming (Reid), Nicol, Cowie, and Anderson. Sub. Walker.
- Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**
Rovers: Sammon, Coull (Murray), and M. Mair; Ewen, Sellars and Milne; Cowie, Sinclair, Henderson and Reid. Sub. D. Mair.
- Final of the Duncan Cup (W/L) Buckpool Victoria 3 Portknockie 1**
Victoria: M. Johnston, Geddes and Taylor; Lamont, J. Johnston (Copt.) and Thain; Scott (Wojcik), Bain, Nicol (Shearer), McPherson and Russell.
Portknockie: Redhead, D. Reaich and Innes; Pirie, McKay and G. Reaich; Duncan, Adam, Strachan, Slater and Muir.
- Aug 24 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)**
- Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 3 Highland League Cup** - "Jags go down fighting."
- Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**
- Aug 31 **Buckie Rovers 5 Islavale 2 (L)**
Rovers: Sammon, Sellar and Mair; Smith Cowie and Ewen; Reid, Henderson, Murray, Sinclair and Milne. Subs. Lyon and Coull.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninian's 1 (L)**
- Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Final of the Brown Cup - Buckpool Victoria 4 Whitehills 2 (W/L)**
- Final of the St Valery Trophy Buckpool Victoria 4 Portsoy 0 G. Russell (3)**
- Final of the Anderson Memorial Trophy - Buckpool Victoria lost to Macduff 4-3 on penalties.**
- Sept 6 **Supercup competition staged at Victoria Park**
- Sept 14 **Buckie Thistle 6 Huntly 0 (H/L)** - Reid had three goals for Buckie
Buckie: Innes, Thain and Mason; Wilson, Forbes and Cowie; Pirie (Cumming), Nicol, Reid, Watson, and

Anderson. Sub. Bain.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - Bain took over from Pirie in last few minutes of the game

Nairn St Ninian's 3 Buckie Rovers 2 AET in the Robertson Cup

Rovers: Sammon, Sellar and Sinclair; Cowie, Lyon and Milne; Reid, Henderson, Ewen, Murray and B. Mair. Subs. M. Mair and Ian Coull.

Buckpool Victoria face the camera - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the successful Buckpool Victoria side that won the Buckie Welfare League and also four cups.

Football news - Buckie Thistle - Andrew Bain signed for Buckie Thistle on amateur forms.

Sept 21 **Roths Decimals 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 4 in the Qualifying Cup - It was 34 years to a day since Wick beat Buckie Thistle 2-1 in their very first meeting.

Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 4 (H/L) *"The game was won and lost in midfield."*

Buckie : Ritchie, Thain and Watson; Wilson, Forbes and Murray; Pirie (Cumming), Masson, Reid, Nicol and Anderson. Sub. Bain.

"Buckie missed the services of Neil Cowie while Malcolm Murray was completely off form."

Mike Ritchie, who was in goal, came from Banff. He was later to become a referee. We weren't told why Innes was unavailable.

Oct 5 **Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Qualifying Cup**

Buckie: Ritchie, Thain and D. Pirie; Wilson, Forbes and Masson (Watson); P. Pirie, Murray, Reid, Nicol and Anderson (Cumming.)

Deveronvale 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (F)

Oct 12 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - Raymond Pirie signed for Buckie. He was released at his own request from Montrose. He went straight from the school in Aberdeen to Middlesbrough where he stayed for 4 years before returning to play for Montrose for a year and a half. He is only 21 years old.

Buckie Thistle 2 Motherwell 6 (F) It had been said that Motherwell, managed by Jock Wallace, were interested in Malcolm Murray only he didn't have a good game and no approach were made. It was Wallace, of course, who signed Murray earlier in his career for Leicester City.

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 4 (H/L)

Buckie; Ritchie, Thain and Mason; Wilson, Forbes and Murray; R. Pirie, D. Pirie, Nicol, Reid, and Anderson. Subs. Bain and Cumming.

Buckie Rovers 4 Deveronside 2 (L) played at the Linzee Gordon Park.

The Rovers had Graeme Roy in goal. This was his first full game. Mike Smith had a great game.

Football news - Buckie Rovers are to start a Development Club. Cost of tickets to be £3 per month. Expenses continue to increase with the cost of transport alone costing £1,000

Oct 19 **Buckie Rovers 0 Inverurie Locos 1 in the Dryborough Cup** - Gary Innes was in the Rovers' side.

Football news - Buckie Rovers signed Alan Milne ex Islavale also Mike 'Scammers' Smith who was with Caberfeidh last season. Brian Mair and Gary Innes came from Portknockie while Craig Henderson was released by Buckie Thistle. Graeme Roy and Stewart Slater also stepped up from Welfare League football.

Buckie had an idle day.

Oct 26 **RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *"The Caley were reigning League champions."*

Buckie: Connell, Thain and Mason; Wilson, Forbes and Murray; R. Pirie, D. Pirie, Reid, Nicol, and Cumming. Sub. Bain.

Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 0 (H/L)

Football news - Buckie Thistle called an extraordinary meeting in the Town House on Friday 29 October to discuss the continuance of the club.

Nov 2

“Buckie Thistle is on the brink of extinction because of cash crises. Players and management gave their services free at Nairn on Saturday . The club has an outstanding debt of £45.000 , much of this being due to the Tax Authorities and dating from two years previously arising from player’s expenses not being taxed.”

Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) *“This could well be the last Thistle match.”*

Buckie: Connell, Thain and Watson; Wilson, Forbes and Cowie; R. Pirie, Murray, Reid (Bain), Nicol and D. Pirie.

Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Nov 9

Deveronvale 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Football news - Buckie Thistle - The sum of £160 was collected from Buckie Thistle supporters at the Banff game and given to the players as a gesture for turning out for a second week without payment. Robbie Nicol accepted the money on behalf of his team mates and said how he was taken aback but at the same time very grateful to the fans for their generosity.

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Stewart Memorial Trophy

Rovers: Roy, Milne and Reid; Ewen, M. Mair and R. Smith; Gary Innes, Findlay, J. Cowie and B. Mair. Subs. Murray and Henderson.

Football news - The Thistle committee were to have a private meeting with local business people regarding the plight of Buckie Thistle.

The result was a **Save Buckie Thistle Appeal was launched.** The aim being to raise the sum of £15,000 within three months. A 14 strong committee was set up under the leadership of Jim Leask.

Football news - Thistle managers resign - Fitzpatrick and Walker resigned after hearing of the developments claiming that they had never been informed of anything.

Buckie Rovers 4 Rothes Decimals 3 (L) Cowie had two goals

Nov 23

Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 0 (H/L)

Buckie; Connell, Thain and Mason; Murray, Forbes and Watson; R. Pirie, Cowie, Nicol, Reid and Anderson. Subs. D. Pirie and Neil Scott.

Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 2 (H/L)

Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

Football news - Buckie Thistle - Mike Ritchie, goalkeeper and Doug Ellis, full back were given their release.

Football news - A donation of £100 was given to the Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund by Rob Niven, a son of Jock Niven former Rovers and Thistle player, meanwhile working as an architect in Doha in the Middle East

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Football news - Buckie Thistle - A Thrift shop to help the Thistle Appeal Fund was opened, selling clothing and toys etc.

Broxburn Athletic 5 Buckie Rovers 0 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sellars; Ewen, Mair and Smith; Milne, Henderson, Reid, Cowie and Sinclair. Subs. Murray and Findlay.

Inverness Thistle 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckpool Victoria - 1978 - 1982 Eric Geddes took over from Emil Wojcik as president in 1978 when they won the Ferguson Shield, Duncan Cup, Maitland Cup and the League Championship.

In 1979 they again won the Maitland Cup and the Legion Shield also the Consolation Cup. They were third in the League.

In 1980 Johnnie Cowie took over as manager when the Vics again won the Welfare League, the Lyon Cup, the Jim Ross Trophy, the Ferguson Shield, St Valery Trophy and the Maitland Cup.

Buckpool Victoria played in the Inter League twice reaching the semi-final and in 1981 were R/Up.

Johnnie Cowie returned to Buckie Rovers as manager in 1982 leaving the Vics as League R/Up and winners of the County Cup and the Ferguson Shield.

Eric Hay became manager in 1982 when the Vics again won the Welfare League, Maitland Cup, Duncan Cup, Brown Cup, Ferguson Shield and the St Valery Trophy.

Football news - Buckie Thistle - The Thistle Appeal received a donation of £100 from ex player and president of Inverness Clach, Mr T. P. McHardy.

Dec 7 **Buckie Rovers 4 Caberfeidh 0 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 0 (H/L) - His Jags didn't win but they didn't lose, would my friend, the Thistle scribe, have been happy this time round I wonder.

Buckie: Connell, Thain and Mason; Murray, Forbes and Watson; N. Scott, N. Cowie, Nicol, R. Pirie and Anderson. Sub. Bain and Reid.
'Bomber' Thomson was in charge of the team.

Dec 14 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** **Up to this date the Rovers had played 33 consecutive league games without defeat - a 15 month period beginning 15 September 1981 at Dovecot Park, Elgin.**

Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sellar; Ewen, Sinclair and Milne; M. Smith, R. Smith, Reid, Murray and Cowie. Subs. Mair and Henderson.

Dec 21 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - Les Mason was placed on the transfer list.

Dec 28 **No football**

1983

Jan. 4 **Football news - The Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund** - Isla St Clair, the local born singer and T.V. star agreed to help out the Jags by appearing in a concert to be arranged in Elgin Town Hall.

Football news - The Thistle Appeal Fund - Leslie 'Chicory' Douglas who had an estate agents business in Buckie in Buckie was the prime mover behind a number of events staged to win money for the Appeal. He also donated a full strip to the team. He was later to fall from grace and ended up doing time in jail, to my mind, however, it was still a pity that no recognition was given in the local paper of the good things he had done not only for the football team but other things in Buckie, such as providing a Christmas tree, when he died a number of years later.

Jan 11 **Portgordon United 1 Buckie Thistle 11 (eleven) (F)** Ian Banks had the Portgordon goal
Portgordon: Boyne (Mackie), S. Ewen and A. Shewan; Thomson, Douglas and Farquhar (Gardiner); W. McIntosh, Thain (Morrison), I. Shewan (J. McIntosh) and Milne.

Football news - Buckie Thistle - John and James Leslie took over the charge of the Thistle team.

Buckie Rovers 9 Forres Thistle 0 (L) - Murray (4), Milne (3) The first game after a month long break
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sinclair; R. Smith, Ewen and Sellar; Milne, Cowie, Murray, M. Smith and Reid. Subs. Findlay and B. Mair.

Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund - A donation of £500 was received from Portgordon F.C.

- Jan 18 **Huntly (all amateur) 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: McIntyre, Watson and Mason; Cowie, Forbes and R. Pirie; Murray, Scott, D. Pirie (Bain), Nicol and Anderson (Reid). McIntyre was an Aberdeen junior player.
- The Rovers had an idle day** . They were sitting on top of the League having played 16 games and collected 28 points.
- Jan 25 **Football news - Buckie Thistle -** Dave Watson, current Jags defender and ex Huntly player was appointed manager of Buckie Thistle this week.
- Football news - Buckie Thistle -** Tommy Wilson the player Watson replaced in the Thistle team was given a free transfer.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 3** - A cup game played at the Linzee Gordon Park.
- Lossiemouth F.C. 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Castle, Thain and Mason; Watson, Forbes and Murray; Nicol, Scott, Reid (D. Pirie), Cowie and Anderson.
- Feb 8 **Rovers match was off** - Linzee Gordon Park was flooded as a result of the worst storms for years that battered the Moray Firth coastline, declared to be not unlike those of January 31st 1953. Findochty, Cullen and Portessie were badly affected.
- ***** **Football news - Buckie Thistle -** Of the £17,300 owing to local businesses and industry by Buckie Thistle F.C. **£12,500 was wiped off due to the generosity of the creditors.**
- Feb 15 **Buckie Common Good Fund - no help** - Moray District Council turned down a plea by Buckie Thistle F.C. for a grant of £15,000 from the local Common Good Fund to help pay off the debts of £35,000. the local councillors argued that too many people in the town were opposed to the Common Good Fund being used in this way - a precedent could be created, it was said.
- Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Football news - Buckie Thistle -** Alan Forbes was placed on the transfer list at his own request.
- Feb 22 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 'A' 4 Aberdeenshire Cup**
 ***** **Buckie:** Munro, Thain and Anderson; Watson, Forbes and Scott (MacPherson); Murray, R. Pirie, D. Pirie, Cowie and Nicol (Bain) It was not said but it is believed that the keeper was Mike Munro while this would seem to be Alan 'Mickey' MacPherson's first game for Buckie
Aberdeen: Gunn, McIntyre (Muir) and McMaster; Robertson, Hamilton and Lyons; Gray (McGachie), McCall, Watson and Falconer.
- He stood out** - Derek Anderson was one Thistle player who impressed the Don's manager Alex Ferguson.
- March 1 **Buckie Thistle 5 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Anderson; Watson, Forbes and R. Pirie; D. Pirie, Murray (Bain), Reid (Scott), Cowie and Nicol.
- Football news -** Malcolm Murray was set to move to Hearts following a week's trial.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth F.C. 1 (F)** The Rovers' scorers were - Mike Smith (2) and Johnnie Cowie.
- Mar 8 **Football news -** It was said that it was unlikely that Buckie would receive the full amount agreed with Hearts for Murray as they too were struggling in a financial sense.
- Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 4 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sinclair; M. Smith, Sellar and Lyon; Milne, Cowie, Murray, Henderson and Reid. Subs Ewen and R. Smith. The first time that Spencer Lyon had figured in the Rovers' team for a long time.
- Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and R. Pirie; Watson, Nicol and Scott; D. Pirie, Murray, Reid, Cowie and Anderson. Subs. Bain and MacPherson.

- Mar 15 **Caberfeidh 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** “*The Match of the Day*”
 Spencer Lyon sustained a broken leg in the 75th minute with his place being taken by Gary Innes.
Rovers: Roy, Sinclair and Sellar; Ewen, M. Mair and Lyon (Innes); Milne, R. Smith, J. Cowie, M. Smith and C. Henderson. Sub. B. Mair.
- Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Mar 22 **Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; Watson, Nicol and Scott; D. Pirie, R. Pirie, Reid, Cowie and Anderson. Subs. Bain and MacPherson.
- ***** **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - The Jags signed 17 year old Alan MacPherson from the Youth team after an impressive performance in a closed door trial against Banks of Dee in which Buckie won 3-2.
- Mar 29 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - George Jappy resigned as secretary of Buckie Thistle F.C. on personal reasons. He had held the position for three years.
- Ross County 6 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Football news** - A bar in Northern Ireland sent a donation of £110 to help Buckie Thistle through their financial difficulties. The son of a former Buckie woman who lives near by is a regular in the bar.
- Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
- April 5 **Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- ***** **Save Buckie Thistle Concert** - The concert held in Elgin Town Hall in aid of the **Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund** raised the sum of £1,250. It was an evening that will be long remembered. Isla Clair was the star of the show but she was ably supported by a wealth of local artistes.
- April 12 **Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup** - The Rovers went through 6-5 on penalties.
- April 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)** David Pirie had been missing for the past three games.
- ***** **RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) for the League Championship**
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sellars; Innes, Ewen and Sinclair; R. Smith, M. Smith, A. Milne, Reid and Cowie. Subs. Henderson and M. Mair
- April 26 **The Rovers face the camera** - A photograph in this week's **Banffshire Advertiser** shows Ali Ewen (Capt.) accepting the League (North) Championship Shield from the League president, Jimmy Grant (Burghead) after Saturday's match against Burghead Thistle. The match was played at Merson Park as the Linzee Gordon was unplayable. The local paper also had a photograph of the title-winning squad.
- Buckie Rovers 6 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 3 (H/L)** **The** last league game of the season at Victoria Park.
Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; R. Pirie, Watson and Cowie (Reid); N. Scott, D. Pirie, Nicol, MacPherson and Anderson. Sub Scott.
- Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** The Rovers last away game - unbeaten in the League.
- Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Tom Gordon Trophy**
- Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** There was loud wailing and gnashing of teeth among some Thistle supporters. “*The last Highland League game of a very disappointing season*”, said the match report.

- May 17 **Buckie Rovers face the camera - again** - A good photograph shows the team enjoying their end of season dinner and dance held in the Marine Hotel. They had won the North Junior League Championship for the first time in 8 years. **Alan Milne was voted Player of the Year by both players and the committee.**
- Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 5 in the Nicholson Cup**
- New Elgin 4 Buckie Rovers 2 semi-final of the Nicholson Cup.**
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sellars; Innes, Ewen and Sinclair ; Milne, R. Smith, M. Smith, Cowie and Reid.
 Subs. Henderson and M. Mair.
- May 24 **Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 0 (L)** - The last League match. Sinclair scored with a penalty. The Rovers collected 41 points from a possible 48 and were only beaten once in 24 games.
- Football news - The Hearts retain Malcolm Murray.** He had been on a month to month arrangement but was then given a year's contract after the Hearts had clinched promotion to the Premier League with a win over Dumbarton.
- Football news - Player of the year - Neil Cowie** who came to Buckie Thistle from Keith was voted Thistle 'Player of the Year'.
- May 31 **Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 1 AET in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Trophy . Lossie went through 4-3 on penalties .**
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Sellar; Innes, Ewen and Sinclair; R. Smith, M. Smith, A. Milne, Henderson and Reid. Subs. Slater and M. Mair.
- Sunny Bank 7 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Lovie Shield - Play-off North of Scotland Challenge between the North League winners and the East (Premier) League winners.**
 Same Rovers' team as above save Cowie replaced Henderson.
- June 14 **Football news -** George Alex Cowie who signed for London team West Ham from Buckie Rovers as a fifteen year old signed this week for Hearts on a free transfer. He declined the offer of a new contract with the London club.
- July 5 **Buckie Rovers A.G.M.** At their annual general meeting the Rovers' treasurer said how the club had a loss of £546 on the year's working yet were still in the black to the tune of £1,157.89.
 The Rovers' president, Billy McGoldrick spoke of the team winning the league but having little luck in the cups. **He spoke too of losing the use of Victoria Park** through no fault of the Rovers and said that a meeting was scheduled to take place between the two clubs. Rovers and Thistle to discuss the matter.
 The Development Club which had only been going for 8 months was proving to be very successful. Over the year the Rovers had spent £5,359.85 and taken in £6,517.74 making a profit of £1,157.89.
 Willie Grant's lottery showed a clear profit of £922.05. The Development Club in 8 months took in £2,332 and paid out £1,025. They had run 9 discos which showed a profit of £808. with the loss of the use of Victoria Park it meant that they lost out in that they could not charge admission but still made £367.86 through match raffles.
- July 26 **Portgordon win the Welfare League** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Eric Geddes, president of the Buckie Welfare League handing over the League Champion Shield to the Portgordon captain Sandy Ewen.
- Aug 2 **Football news** - Cullen Football Club ran a three day gala and raised the sum of £2,200.
- Aug 9 **Football news - Buckie Thistle sign the following** - Eric Shearer centre half of Inverurie Locos; Donald Smith, ex Peterhead striker and Ally Link who had been playing football in Australia for past three years. The club was also hopeful of signing Ali Ewen of the Rovers.
- Buckie Thistle played a number of friendlies with the scores in the games being:-**
 Buckie Thistle 7 Hall Russell's XI 1; Lewis United 1 Buckie Thistle 7 Buckie Thistle 8 Inv. Locos. 3

Buckie Rovers 4 Turriff United 1 (F) at Linzee Gordon Park. Joe Wood was in goal for Turriff. The Rovers had Bruce Farquhar on trial also Steve Mackie who replaced Roy in goal at half-time. George Gardiner replaced Murray. The three trialists all played for Welfare League Champs, Portgordon.

Teams in the Buckie Welfare League and their placing: - Portgordon -27 points; Buckpool Vics. -22; Portsoy- 18; Thistle Athletic -17; Cullen - 13; Portknockie - 12; Whitehills 10; St Marnan's 7 and Macduff-5. All played 22 games.

Buckie Thistle 6 Parkvale 1 (F)

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain (Ewen) and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and Anderson; Reid, Link, Smith D. Pirie (Scott) and Nicol.

Football news - A Gala Day held on the Sunday staged as part of the campaign to 'Save Buckie Thistle' grossed £1,100.

Aug 16 **Inverness Clach 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - "no luck in opening match"**

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and Link; Nicol, MacPherson (D. Pirie), Reid, Smith and Anderson.

Buckie Thistle 6 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)

Aug 23 **Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)**

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and Link (Ewen); Nicol, MacPherson, Smith (D. Pirie), Reid and Anderson.

Buckie Thistle 5 Rothies 0 (H/L) - Neil Cowie and Neil 'Stan' Scott as subs replaced Reid and Anderson.

RAF Kinloss 6 Buckie Rovers 6 AET in the semi - final of the Robertson Cup - The Rovers went through 4-3 on penalties. New signing Kevin Donald from Cullen scored

Aug 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 in the Tennents Highland League Cup**

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and Cowie; Nicol, MacPherson, Link (Smith), Reid, and Anderson. Sub. D. Pirie.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Caberfeidh 2 (L)

Rovers: Roy, Sellars and Alan McDonald; Reid, Sinclair and M. Smith; Milne, R. Smith, Murray, Donald and Henderson. Subs. Innes and Cowie.

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L) *"a hard chauve"* The Rovers had Farquhar at centre-forward with Cowie and Murray on the bench.

Sept 6 **Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *This was the Rovers first 'away' defeat in 24 consecutive games - going two whole League competitions without a defeat.*

Rovers: Roy, Sellars and Innes; McDonald, Sinclair and R. Smith; M. Smith, Milne, Reid, Donald and Henderson. Subs. Murray and Coull.

Buckie Rovers 5 Forres Thistle 1 (L) at the Linzee Gordon Park - The Rovers had Kevin Stewart, son of George 'Ruf' Stewart at centre half. R. Smith and N. Murray were missing.

Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup Described as *"one of the most exciting games seen for years."*

Buckie Thistle face the camera - A photograph of the Thistle team, including both Ali. Ewen and Neil Scott, is to be found in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1 AET semi-final of the Highland League Cup (F/T - 1-1)

Sept 13 **Final of the Tennents Highland League Cup at Elgin - Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0**

A crowd of 2,500 watched the game played in a day of high winds and heavy rain. *"The Thistle was outclassed - lost their flair."*

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and Cowie; Nicol, McPherson, Smith (D. Pirie), Reid

and Anderson. Sub. Ewen.

Nairn St Ninian's 4 Buckie Rovers 1 - A Cup game - The Rovers had new signing, Kevin Stewart from Thistle Athletic in the side.

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)

Buckpool Victoria face the camera - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser. After a very successful season the previous year their only trophy this time round was the Maitland Cup. They came third in the League.

Elgin City 1 Buckie 1 Qualifying Cup -

Fochabers F.C. 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) "The first meeting of the two old adversaries for 20 years."

Rovers: Roy, B. Farquhar and Innes; Cowie, Sellars and Sinclair; M. Smith, R. Smith, Reid, Donald and Henderson. Subs. Murray and Milne.

Sept 27

Final of the Robertson Cup played at Keith - Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 1

Rovers: G. Roy, Coull and K. Stewart; A. McDonald, D. Sellars and R. Smith; A. Milne, J. Cowie, A. Reid, M. Smith and C. Henderson. Subs. K. Sinclair and G. Innes.

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 3 (L) at the Linzee Gordon Park

Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 2 replay of the Qualifying Cup - Weel, weel then, oot o this ane tee.

Oct 4 ***

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) Mike Smith 'Scammers' had all five goals

Buckie Thistle 4 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L) "Thistle trialist Gary Stephen scored late on."

Oct 11

Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (H/L) "An inspired fight back by Buckie." Buckie signed two new players - Gary Stephen from Banks of Dee and former Huntly and Peterhead player, John Proud.

Roths Decimals 0 Buckie Rovers 0 1st round of the Dryborough Cup - Alan McDonald was in the Rovers' side at right half.

Oct 18

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L) New man Stephen had both the Buckie goals.

Buckie Rovers 2 Roth's Decimals 1 replay of the Dryborough Cup played at wind-swept Linzee Gordon Park.

Rovers: Roy, Farquhar and Innes; Stewart, Coull and Sellar; M. Smith, R. Smith, Milne, Cowie and Donald. Subs. Sinclair and Henderson.

Oct 25

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 (H/L)

Inverness Caley 7 (H/League champs) Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) - New signing for the Rovers, David Farquhar from Portgordon scored after coming on as sub for the injured Sellar.

Portknockie won the Duncan Shield (Cup?) and the Anderson Trophy.

Nov 1

Inverness Thistle 6 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Perhaps this score-line was a shock to Buckie fans.

Buckie: Mitchell, Nicol and Mason; R. Pirie, Shearer and MacPherson; Reid (Scott), Stephen (D. Pirie), Smith, Cowie and Anderson.

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

Nov 8

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 2 (L) - D. Farquhar had two of the Rovers' goals.

Nov 15

Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninian's 4 (L) at the Linzee Gordon Park. The Rovers had A. McKay at left back.

Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 0 (H/L)

Nov 22 **** **Football news - Leslie ‘Chickory’ Douglas gave Buckie Thistle two complete sets of strips, including boots at a cost of close on £800.** This was something that might have been mentioned in the local paper when he died at a relatively young age.

Buckie Thistle 4 Brora Rangers 4 (L)

***** **Football news -** Buckie Rovers had a club crest designed - showing a Scaffie fishing boat and the motto “Weel May Yer Boatie Row” **It may be remembered that these words were said by Mr Smith, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Buckie, when he handed over the Commercial Shield for the first time to Buckie Rovers for winning the Welfare League.**

Nov 29 **Fraserburgh 5 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

F. C. Stoneywood 5 Buckie Rovers 1 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Rovers: Roy, Farquhar and Sellar; R. Smith, Reid and McDonald; Henderson, Innes, Cowie, Milne and M. Smith. Sub. Coull and Donald.

Dec 6 **Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninian’s 2 (L)** - match played at Merson Park

Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 (H/L)

Dec 13 **Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)**

Rovers: Roy, B. Farquhar and Sellar; Reid, Coull and Henderson; Milne, M. Smith, Cowie, Donald and R. Smith. Subs. Murray and Innes.

Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Football news - David Pirie, Portknockie, was reinstated to the juniors after a year and a half with Buckie Thistle. He had scored three goals this season. He signed for Turriff for whom he scored twice in his first game against Lewis United.

Dec 20 **Football news - Buckie Rovers** got a new football strip from Doolin and Clarke, Painters, Buckie. It was handed over by Jack Clarke a former president of the club.

Buckie Rovers 2 Rothes Decimals 2 (L) - The last game for two weeks, with a break over the festive season.

Football news - Buckie Rovers were notified that they were to receive a grant of £5,000 from Moray District Council towards the provision of an enclosed field at Merson Park.

Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Mitchell, Scott and Mason; Pirie (Ewen), Shearer and MacPherson, Nicol, Stephen (Cowie), Smith, Link and Anderson.

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** *“match played under atrocious conditions.”*

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Jan 4 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“A weak Buckie side due to suspensions and injuries.”*

Buckie: Mitchell, Link (Thain), Ewen, Buchannan and Shearer; Scott, Nicol, Stephen, McPherson, Smith and Cowie. Sub. Colin Nicol.

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 “title contenders”

Rovers: Roy, Innes and Coull; Henderson, Reid and Sellar; Murray, Milne, Donald, M. Smith and R. Smith. Sub. Clark and B. Farquhar.

Lossiemouth F.C. 1 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L) Subs. Colin Nicol and Dave Watson. This was Buckie’s first win at Lossie for three seasons and the biggest score.

Jan 17 No games - playing surfaces unplayable because of heavy snow cover

Jan 24 “ “ “ “ “

Jan 31 “ “ “ “ “

Feb 7 “ “ “ “ “

***** **Football news - The Jags future again uncertain, storm damage at Victoria Park was to cost hundreds of pounds to repair. There was also a problem with Donald Buchannan who was ‘signed’ from Deveronvale. Although his registration was sent off in time the office in Glasgow was closed for the festive break and did not receive the form. In essence Buckie played him without being signed.**

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Mitchell, Thain (Ewen), Mason. Link and Shearer; McPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Anderson), Pirie and Cowie.

Rover’s v Bishopmill - The game didn’t take place as the Elgin side were unable to field a team.

Feb 14 **Football news - The future of Buckie Thistle Boys’ Club** was in doubt with a very disappointing response. This had been the trend for the past few years.

Fochabers 3 Rosslyn Rosemount 2 in the Dryborough Cup (North) - This was Fochabers’ first season in the North Juniors since they had started up again and the first time they had played at Victoria Park for a long time.

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Clark; Paterson, Meisener and Dunbar; Tawse (Smith), D. Will (Jenkins), Bowie, and K. Will and McConnachie.

Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 1 (L) - The first defeat of the season for Deveronside.

Rovers: Roy, Innes and R. Smith; Coull, Sellars and Reid; M. Smith, Henderson, Donald, Milne and Murray. Subs. K. Sinclair and B. Farquhar.

Football news - Buckie Thistle were fined £500 for fielding the ‘unsigned’ Donald Buchannan. They aimed to appeal on account of the Glasgow office being closed.

Feb 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 1 (H/L)**

Formartine 0 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Dryborough Cup

Rovers: Roy, Innes and D. Clark; McDonald, R. Smith and Donald; Henderson, Reid, Milne, M. Smith and D. Farquhar. Sub. Coull and Sinclair. Dennis Clark played his first game for the Rovers here for a long time.

Feb 28 **Roths Decimals 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Lossie United 0 Fochabers 5 in the Stewart Memorial Cup

Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Aberdeenshire Cup

Mar 6 **Buckie Rovers 2 Banks of Dee 4 in the Dryborough Cup**

Mar 13 **Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**

Rovers: Roy, Innes and Sellar; Reid, R. Smith and B. Farquhar; Donald, Coull, Murray, Sinclair and Milne. Subs. Cowie and M. Smith.

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) only changes from team above were Henderson for Farquhar.

Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (L) Raymond Cardno ex Buckie and Fraserburgh was now playing for Forres. Sandy Valentine, whose father John played for Buckie Thistle, Fort George Queens Park and Glasgow Rangers was in the Forres side.

Football news - The fine put on the Thistle for fielding Buchannan was reduced on an appeal from £500 to £25.

Football news - Robbie Nicol had clocked up 300 consecutive appearances for Buckie Thistle at this

date.

Mar 20

Fochabers 5 Rothes Decimals 1 (L)

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Clark; Paterson, Meisener and Dunbar; Bowie, Tawse, Jenkins, K. Will (D. Will), McConnachie (Fraser)

Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

Elgin City 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Mar 27

Football news - The nearby resident to Merson Park were up in arms and opposed to the Rovers plans to fence off part of the park as a football pitch.

Football news - Eoin Gess (sic) Jess 13 year old native of Portsoy and pupil at Banff Academy signed 'S' forms for Glasgow Rangers. He is the first player from this area to do so. He was spotted by Jock Wallace's north scout Harry Dunn who took Malcolm Murray to Leicester at the start of the decade. (I'm not sure that this is correct but has simply copied what was written in the 'Advertiser'.) Eoin celebrated his signing by scoring all his side's three goals in the final of the North of Scotland U13 Cup against Culloden at Victoria Park last Thursday.

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninian's 1 The match was abandoned after 75 minutes due to the atrocious weather conditions. The match was being played at Merson Park as Victoria Park was flooded.

Rovers: Roy, Innes and Clark; Sellar, R. Smith and Henderson; Milne, M. Smith, Sinclair, Murray and A. Reid. Subs. Coull and B. Farquhar.

April 3

RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 2 (L)

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L) - Buckie had a trialist, Graham Catto on the bench. He played for part of the game.

Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian's 2 AET in the Stewart Memorial Cup - The Rovers went through 5-3 on penalties.

April 10

Fochabers 1 Sunnybank 2 in the semi-final of the Dryborough Cup

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 4 1st round of the Nicholson Cup

April 17

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) This was Buckie's last Highland League game of the season

Buckie: Mitchell, Ewen and Mason; Shearer, Buchannan and Link; Nicol, McPherson, Smith (Catto), Cowie and Anderson. Sub. R. Pirie.

Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 4 in the Stewart Memorial Cup at Merson Park. In his report on the game the scribe said, "*The Rovers were blown out, almost literally.*" Nothing changes much at Merson's

Rovers: Roy, B. Farquhar (Innes) and Coull; R. Smith, Clark and Reid; Cowie, Donald (Murray), Sinclair, Sellar and M. Smith.

April 24

Fochabers 4 New Elgin 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Football news - The Buckie Thistle Youth team won their League. They were managed by the Leslie twins, John and James.

Football news - Neil Scott was freed by Buckie Thistle.

May 1

Fochabers 1 Deveronside 1 (L)

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

May 8

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Rovers: Roy, B. Farquhar and Innes; Sellar, Coull and Henderson; M. Smith, Reid, Cowie, Donald and

Sinclair. Subs. Milne and Murray.

Lossie United 2 Fochabers 5 (L)

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)

Deveronside 0 Fochabers 0 in the semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Cup - The 'Side went through 5-4 on penalties.

Football news - 'Player of the Year' - Donald Smith was voted Thistle 'Player of the Year'.

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) "100 goals up!" This was the second year running that the Rovers had achieved this."

Islavale 1 Fochabers 5 (L)

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Clark; Paterson, Meisener (Fraser) and Dunbar; Smith, Tawse, Bowie, K. Will and McConnachie. Sub. Allan.

Buckie Thistle 2 Hearts 3 (F)

Buckie: Innes, Pirie and Ewen (Thain), Shearer, Buchannan and MacPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Smith (McKeown), Bain (Tallis) and Anderson (Catto).

Alex Innes was in goal for Buckie after being freed by Motherwell. Graeme Tallis was released by Keith the week before while McKeown was formerly with Keith and Lossiemouth.

Hearts: Smith, Kidd and George Cowie; Jardine (Gauld), MacDonald and Levein; Bowman, Malcolm Murray, Park, Jimmy Bone (O'Connor) and Willie 'Bud; Johnston.

May 15 **Fochabers 3 Caberfeidh 2 AET in the semi- final of the Tom Gordon Cup**

Football news - Buckie Thistle were £700 better off through gate receipts at the Heart's game, arranged as part of the Malcolm Murray deal. Les Douglas, 'Save Buckie Thistle Fund' chairman said "Good crowd, excellent weather, plus money in the bank left everyone happy. "

Football news - Neil Cowie left the Thistle for Keith. Tallis and Catto were invited to train with the Thistle players.

May 22 **Football news** - Les 'Chickory' Douglas resigned as chairman of 'S.B. T. F.' and as vice chairman of Buckie Thistle F.C. after, as he said, they had reached their objective of saving the club. His business commitments meant that he could not give up any more time.

Final of the Stewart Memorial Shield Deveronside 3 RAF Kinloss 0 at Victoria Park. The 'Side had already won the Matthew Cup and were described as the top North junior team in season 1983/84.

Caberfeidh 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Fochabers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 5 (L)

May 29 **Roths Decimals 1 Fochabers 3 (L)**

Fochabers 3 Forres Thistle 2 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

Nairn St Ninian's 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) This was the Rovers' last League game of the season.

Rovers: Roy, B. Farquhar and Innes; Sellars, Coull and R. Smith; Henderson, M. Smith, Reid, Donald and Sinclair. Subs. Murray and Cowie.

June 5 **Burghead Thistle 3 Fochabers 3 AET in Gordon Williamson Cup** Fochabers won 4-3 on penalties.

Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)

June 12 **Final of the Tom Gordon Cup at Burghead - Burghead Thistle 2 Fochabers 4 AET** "a memorable match," was how the scribe described the game.

Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 2 AET in semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup

Rovers: Roy, Farquhar and Coull; Henderson, Sellars and Innes; Milne, Reid, Cowie (Murray), M. Smith, and R. Smith (Donald).

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and R. Clark; Paterson, Meisener and Dunbar; Smith, D. Will, Bowie, K. Will and Tawse. Subs. Fraser and McConnachie.

June 19 **Final of the Gordon Williamson Cup at Burghead - Caberfeidh 3 Fochabers 4 AET**
“another cup for Fochabers”

Final of the Nicholson Cup - Deveronside 2 Fochabers 0 *“Fochabers had a weakened side through late call-offs.”*

Deveronside ; Angus, Craib and Morrison; Watt, Farquhar and Stevenson; Rodger (Scott), Robertson, Adamson, Herbertson and Wright (Stewart.)

Fochabers - Gordon, Fraser and McKen; Paterson, Meisener and Dunbar; D. Smith, Will, Bowie, K. Will and Tawse. Sub. Allan.

June 26 **Rovers AGM -** The treasurer reported that the club had a profit of £1,508 on the year's working.

The team had won only the one trophy - the Robertson Cup. They scored a total of 112 goals and lost 99.

The Development Club took in £3,559 compared to £2,332 in the previous 12 months. £1,740 had been paid out with profits being £333 upon the previous year. Willie Grant's lottery took in £1,250 and paid out £599.

Dr Jim Tuckerman was appointed president to succeed Billy McGoldrick.

July 17 **Isle of Skye Select 0 Fochabers 4 (F)** played at Portree. The Speyside team had enjoyed tremendous hospitality and it was hoped that this would become an annual event. (I believe that this never happened, A.F.)

July 24 **Thistle Gala Day -** It was hoped to clear £900 profit on the day.

July 31 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fochabers 0 (F)** Played behind closed doors.

Football news Thistle's new signings - Alex Innes and Graeme Tallis both signed for the Thistle as did Bruce Morrison from Sunnybank.

Final of the Legion Shield - Buckpool Victoria 2 Portgordon United 1 (W/L)

Aug 7 **Buckie Thistle 5 East End 0 (F)**

Aug 14 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *Caley were once again reigning Highland League Champions*

Buckie: Innes, Thain and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Tallis (Catto), Morrison, Smith, Link and Anderson.

Buckie Welfare League placings as of this date having played 18 games - Macduff - 28 pts; Buckpool Victoria 22 pts; Cullen 19 pts.; Portgordon 18pts; Whitehills 16 pts; Portknockie 13pts; Portsoy 12pts.

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Portgordon United face the camera - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the 'Paraffin City' team as they show off the trophies they had won during the season - The Anderson, Maitland and Lyon Cups. The photograph also shows Stevie Mackie as their keeper. He was to become a star at centre forward for Buckie Rovers in the years ahead.

Aug 21 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup**

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers; Roy, McDonald and Coull; Henderson, Sellar and Shewan; Cowie, Reid, Donald, Smith and Sinclair. Subs. Murray and Geddes. Alan Milne, former Rovers' player was in the 'Vale side.

Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L) Danny Fitzimmons, now Lossie manager, was on the bench.

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

Fochabers: Gordon, Grimsley (Laing), Slater, McKen and McKay; Dunbar, Clark, G. Smith, Ness, K. Will and Henderson. Sub. Davie Smith

Aug 28 **Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 1 in the semi-final of the Highland League Cup** - Buckie were losing finalists the previous season."

Inverness Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 1 (L) "*Rab Adamson was the danger man.*"

Fochabers 4 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)

New Elgin 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

Roths Decimals 5 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Deveronside 1 Fochabers 0 in the semi-final of the Robertson Cup

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 2 2nd round of the Cannon Cup

Sept 4 **RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)**

Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Sellar; Shewan, Sinclair and Smith; Coull, Henderson, Reid, Young and Cowie. Subs Innes and Donald.

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol, Morrison, Smith Catto (Tallis) and Anderson. Sub. Thain.

Buckie Rovers 1 Caberfeidh 2 (L) **The match was abandoned after 75 minutes** when it became too dark. Inadequate information had been given re kick off time with the game starting 20 minutes later and even with no half-time it was no use.

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Deveronside 1 Fochabers 1 (L)

Nairn St Ninian's 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

Sept 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)** Graeme Tallis scored his first game for the Thistle after coming on as a substitute in place of Shearer.

Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Tallis was in the starting line at inside right.

Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 2 (L)

Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Shewan; Sellar, Sinclair and Smith; Henderson, Coull, Young Cowie and Reid. Young at centre forward for the Rovers was a new player while Shewan who has been a regular this season is likely to have been 'Yogi' Shewan a brother of Alan Shewan who also played for the Rovers at an earlier time.

Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup** - "*Drinks all round, I bet, that night in Buckie, after putting the 'Princes of Darkness', (as one Thistle scribe was wont to call Elgin City), to the sword.*"

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)

Caberfeidh 1 Fochabers 8 (L) - Davie Smith had 4 goals

Sept 25 **** **Final of the Highland League Cup at Elgin - Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 1**

This was the 3rd Final in four years that Buckie had lost in Elgin. They went into this latest game as favourites to win, that they didn't was a big disappointment to all Jags' fans.

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol, Morrison, Smith (Stephen), Tallis (Catto) and Anderson.

Football news - Sandy Valentine and Ray Cardno, who had been mentioned before and the connection with Buckie, were in the Forres side.

- Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 4 (L)** at Merson Park.
- Oct 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 2 in the Qualifying Cup** - *“ Once again Buckie lost out to unfancied opposition.”*
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L)**
- Caberfeidh 1 Fochabers 2 in the Matthew Cup**
- Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 2 (H/L)**
- Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Thain and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, Morrison and Catto (Shearer) . Sub. Mitchell (G.K)
- Fochabers 0 Forres Thistle 3 (L)**
Fochabers: Gordon, Simpson (Grimsley) and Clark; McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; D. Smith, Easton (Barlow), K. Will and Graeme Bowie.
- Nairn St Ninian’s 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Shewan; Sinclair, Coull and Henderson; Smith, Reid, Young, Donald and Mair. Subs. Murray and Cowie.
- Oct 16 **Forres Thistle 1 Fochabers 2 in the Dryborough Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 0 Lewis United 0 in the 1st round of the Dryborough Cup**
- Oct 23 **Keith 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“weakened by injuries to key players “* A time worn phrase.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** The absentees were miraculously all better by Wednesday.
- Burghead Thistle 2 Fochabers 2 (L)**
- Lewis United 2 Buckie Rovers 1 in the replay of the Dryborough Cup**
Rovers; Roy, Sellar and Innes; Smith, Shewan and Sinclair; Cowie, Henderson, Murray Coull and Mair. Subs. Young and Donald.
- Oct 30 **Aberdeen F.A. Select 1 North F.A. Select 1 (F)** played at Buckie - Robbie Nicol and Alan McPherson of Buckie Thistle both played for the North.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Fraserburgh 3 (L)**
- Roths Decimals 0 Fochabers 1 in the Tom Gordon Cup**
- Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 3 Roths Decimals 0 (L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Caberfeidh 2 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, Sellar and Coull; Smith Henderson and Young; Smith, Henderson, Young, Cowie and Mair. Subs. Donald and Murray ‘Cropper’.
- Nov 13 **Lossie United 1 Fochabers 2 (L)**
- Rovers 1 New Elgin 1 (L)** - Johnston (Craig?) was a sub for the Rovers.
- Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Mitchell, Ewen and Shearer (Catto); Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol, Morrison, Stephen, Smith and Anderson . Sub. Tallis.
- Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Innes was back in goal in place of Mitchell.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian’s 2 (L)** The Saints scored both their goals in the last two minutes.

Forres Thistle 1 Fochabers 3 (L)

Football news - *Buckie Wanderers were the Champions of Buckie Thistle Boys Club in 1984.* The managers were Alfie Morrison and Bernard Wojcik

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Clark; Sinclair, Innes and Henderson; Young, Coull, Donald, Sellar and Mair.
Subs. R. Smith and Murray.

Buckpool Victoria - The only trophy won by the Vics this season was the British Legion Shield, they were however, R/Up in the League. David Chalmers was voted Vics 'Player of the Year'.

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H/L)

Fochabers 3 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**

Fochabers 3 Kelty Hearts 2 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Clark; McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; D. Smith, D. Will, G. Bowie, K. Will and G. Smith (Henderson). Sub. Easton.

Tranent 6 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Scottish Junior Cup

Rovers: Roy, Sellar and Innes; Smith, Clark and Sinclair; Shewan, Coull, Donald, Henderson and Mair.
Sub. Cowie.

Dec 11 **Football news - Buckie Thistle - The Club once again face an uncertain future as a result of the thoughtless and irresponsible behaviour of one of their fans, At the recent match at Nairn a linesman was attacked by a spectator. There are real fears of a large fine or even the ground being closed for a spell, both of which could be a major disaster at this time.**

Football news - Buckie Thistle held a **Fashion Show** in the Fishermen's Hall as a fund-raising project.

Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 0 (H/L) - Colin Nicol and Reid were the two subs.

Fochabers 4 Caberfeidh 1 (L)

Lossie United 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Football news - Michael Muir was voted 'Player of the Year' of Cullen F.C.

Dec 24 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Catto; Pirie, Buchannan and Tallis: Nicol, Stephen (Ewen), Smith, Morrison and Anderson.

Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: Roy, Sellar and Clark; Innes, Smith and Henderson; Reid, McDonald, Sinclair, Donald and Mair.
Sub. Coull and Cowie.

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Jan 8 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and Tallis (Cormie); Nicol, Stephen (Mason), Smith, Morrison and Catto.

Mason came on as sub for the first time in many months. Dave Cormie took over from the injured Tallis.

Fochabers 3 Deveronside 4 (L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 2 (L) " *continuing a run of bad results for the Rovers.* "

Jan 15 **Fochabers 0 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 0 in the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup**

The match was played at Kynoch Park Keith on a bone hard surface like a skating rink. A crowd of 300 watched the game.

No football - The games involving both the Thistle and the Rovers were off due to ground conditions

Football news - Buckie Thistle got off with a severe censure following on the altercation between a spectator and a linesman at a Highland League game at Victoria Park between Buckie Thistle and Nairn County. Jim Leask, speaking on behalf of the club made a good case for non closure of the ground claiming a precarious financial position. The SFA showed compassion and common sense.

Football news - Buckie Rovers signed three 15 year olds - Craig Johnston, Robert Geddes and goalkeeper, James Hardie.

Jan 22 **Lossiemouth F.C. 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Caberfeidh 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Roy, Coull and Reid; Cowie, Clark and Sellar; Smith, Innes, Shewan, Sinclair and Mair (Geddes) Sub. Henderson.

Fraserburgh 4 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Ewen; Pirie, Buchanan and MacPherson; Nicol, Smith, Catto (Stephen), Morrison and Anderson. Sub. Reid.

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Matthew Cup

Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 5 Fochabers 1 replay of the 3rd round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and G. Smith; McKay, Dunbar and D. Smith; Tawse (Easton), Bowie, K. Will, Henderson and Farquhar.

Feb 12 **Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Buckie Thistle turn down a bid of £1.000 by Inverness Caley for Donald Smith.

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 4 in the 1st round of the Nicholson Cup

Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Sellar; Clark, Reid and R. Smith; Shewan, Innes, Cowie, Sinclair and Murray. Subs. Donald and Henderson.

Inverurie Locos 0 Fochabers 0 in the 2nd round of the Dryborough Cup

Feb 19 **Fochabers 1 Inverurie Locos 2 replay of the 2nd round of the Dryborough Cup**

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Stewart Memorial Shield .The Rovers won 6-5 on penalties.

Feb 26 **Fochabers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 0 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup.**

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Bishopmill United 7 in the 1st round of the Tom Gordon Cup.

Rovers: Roy, Shewan and Innes; Donald (Coull), Clark and McDonald; Geddes, Smith, Cowie, Henderson and Reid. Sub. Murray. (This was the first game in which I wrote the report - some baptism - A. F.)

Fochabers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Buckie Thistle 2 Junior Select (East section) 0 (F) Buckie fielded Graham Anderson of Elgin and were considering signing him. Colin Nicol was a reserve for Buckie

March 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin Cities 1 (H/L) - .** Buckie were second top of the League

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) A much changed Rovers' side, which included club president, Dr Jim Tuckerman in at centre half while Andrew 'Beel' Bain ex Thistle also played.

Rovers: Roy, Muir and Innes; Henderson, Tuckerman and Smith; Bain, Cowie, McDonald, Findlay and Sinclair. Subs. Clark and Coull.

Fochabers 2 Nairn St Ninian's 0 (L)

Mar 19 **No football** - A surprise heavy fall of snow put paid to any football games with the Thistle and Rovers' games both being off.

Football news - Malcolm Murray made his Premier League debut for the Hearts versus Dundee United at Tynecastle. Hearts lost 1-0.

Mar 26 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 in the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Catto (Thain); Pirie, Buchannan and MacPherson; Smith, Stephen, Nicol, Morrison and Anderson. Sub. Tallis.

Fochabers 4 Lossie United 0 (L)

Bishopmill United, 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

April 2 **No football reports - games off**

April 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** - "Buckie had now failed to beat Forres in three games this season."

Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 4 (H/L)

Roths Decimals 3 Fochabers 4 (L)

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Farquhar; McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; D. Smith, G. Smith, G. Bowie, K. Will, and Henderson (Tawse). Sub. Breen. The Decimals had two ex Fochabers' players in their ranks - Meisener and Ness.

April 16 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0** "A six year wait for any silverware and a 28 year wait to win the Aberdeenshire Cup. For manager Dave Watson this was the third time lucky. He had taken his team to two Highland League Cup finals only to fall at the last hurdle. Alan 'Mickey' MacPherson had a great game, scored one of the goals and was voted 'Man -of-the - Match.'" There was a gate of 7,000 at Keith.

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Morrison; Pirie, Buchannan and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Catto), Tallis (Ewen) and Anderson.

RAF Kinloss 2 Fochabers 4 (L) Fochabers were top of the League.

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L) played at Linzee Gordon Park.

Rovers: Roy, Coull and Innes; Henderson, Tuckerman and Sinclair; Smith, Cowie, Reid (McDonald), I. Shewan and Donald. Sub. Geddes.

April 23 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 1 2nd round of the Matthew Cup played at Merson Park

Islavale 2 Fochabers 4 (L)

April 30 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 (H/L)** - This was the final match of the season

Buckie: Mitchell, Shearer and Catto; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson (Tallis); Nicol, Stephen, Smith, Morrison and Anderson. Sub. Ewen.

Fochabers 6 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L) Fochabers took the title with this win.

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Clark (Farquhar); McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; D. Smith, D. Will, G. Bowie, K. Will and G. Smith (Tawse).

Fochabers were still in five competitions but this was a day to remember.

Buckie Rovers 1 Roth's Decimals 0 (L)

May 7 **'Player of the Year'** Alan 'Mickey' MacPherson was voted Thistle 'Player of the Year'.

Caberfeidh 1 Fochabers 3 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup

Buckie Rovers 3 Roth's Decimals 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

- May 14 **Fochabers 0 Deveronside 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup** Deveronside has become the Speysiders bogey team.
- Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** - This was the Rovers last League game of the season.
Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Innes; Smith, Clark and Sinclair; Sellar, Cowie (Coull), Reid, Donald (Geddes) and Henderson.
- May 21 **Fochabers 4 Forres Thistle 3 AET in the Nicholson Cup**
- Fochabers 3 Rothes Decimals 2 in the Nicholson Cup**
- May 28 **Fochabers 0 Bishopmill 2 in the Matthew Cup**
- Fochabers' team face the camera** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the Fochabers' team being presented with the League Trophy by Bill Cruickshank (Islavale) president of the North Section. Fochabers also took the Chisholm Trophy for the best defensive record.
- Nairn St Ninian's 5 Buckie Rovers 3 AET in the 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Buckie Thistle -** At their annual general meeting the cash problem which has dogged them for a long time re-surfaced. The club continue to find great difficulties in remaining financially solvent.
- June 4 **Buckie Rovers 0 Fochabers 4 in the Stewart Memorial Shield**
Rovers: Roy, Coull and Innes; Smith, Clark (Mair), Sinclair; Sellar, Cowie (Muir), Reid, Donald and Geddes.
Fochabers: Gordon, Smith and McKen; McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; Smith, Will (Farquhar), Bowie, Will and Tawse (Breen).
- Fochabers 4 Nairn St Ninian's 0 in the semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 2 in the semi-final of the Matthew Cup** played at Merson Park. *"Gone was the last chance of any silver."*
Rovers: Roy, Sellar and Innes; Smith, Reid and Sinclair; Henderson, Donald, Murray, Coull (Cowie) and Geddes. Sub. Clark.
Deveronside: Angus, Stevenson (Burnett) and D. Morrison; Watt, Neilson and A. Morrison; Rodger, Montgomery (Craib), Scott, Herbertson and Wright.
- June 11 **Final of the Nicholson Cup - Bishopmill United 1 Fochabers 2**
- FC Stoneywood 3 Fochabers 2 in the Section play off.**
Fochabers were leading 2-1 with three minutes to go when Stoneywood drew level with a dubious free kick going on then to snatch the winner with almost the last kick of the ball.
- Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed David Neill from Montrose for a three figure sum, the money being provided by the Thistle Social Club.
- Bishopmill United 2 Fochabers 2 in the semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield.** The Bish went through 5-4 on penalties.
- Rovers end of the season 'Do' held in the Buckpool Golf Club** - Gary Innes won all three awards, voted 'Player of the Year' by the players and committee and also collected the trophy as 'Best Young Player'
- June 25 **Portgordon United win the Welfare League and face the camera** - A photograph in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* shows the team after winning the Buckie Welfare League by beating Whitehills by four goals to one. Stevie Mackie formerly keeper of the side now playing at centre forward was among the goals.
- July 9 **Final of the Lyon Cup Portsoy 3 Portgordon 3 AET - Portsoy won 4-3 on penalties.**
- July 16 **Final of the British Legion Shield Portgordon 3 Portknockie 2**

- July 23 **No football**
- July 30 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fochabers 4 (F)** *“Pele’ Paterson guested for Fochabers.”*
- Final of four team Stonehaven Tournament - Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1** Graeme Tallis suffered a bad injury to his mouth which required hospital treatment.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Cowdenbeath 2 (F)**
Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Pirie; Buchannan, MacPherson and Nicol; Morrison, Smith, Stephen, G. Anderson and D. Anderson. Subs. Ewen and Catto.
- Aug 13 **Football news -** Abby Gowie ex Thistle football player and subsequent Thistle official died this week.
- Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 9 (nine) Fort William 1 (H/L)** *“The Fort were the League’s newcomers.”*
- Football news -** The Thistle received a new strip, given by Robert Patient, a local fishing boat skipper and follower of the Jags.
- Aug 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** *“a last minute goal rescued a point.”*
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 in the Tennents League Cup** *“following a long dreich summer this game was played under blue skies and bright sunshine.”*
- Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 2 (L)** Ray Cardno former Highland League player with Buckie, Fraserburgh and Forres, was in the Banff team.
Rovers: Redhead, Taylor and Sellar; Scott, Innes and Shewan; Sutherland, Sinclair, Mackie, Smith (Henderson) and Reid. Sub. Donald. New players in the Rovers’ side were - Alan Redhead in goal, Neil Scott, Joe Innes, David Sutherland, Stevie Mackie and Ronald ‘Rocco’ Taylor
- Fochabers 1 Islavale 2 (L)** *“Champs defeated.”*
- Deveronside 1 Fochabers 0 (L)**
Fochabers: Gordon, G. Smith and Farquhar; McKay, McKen and Dunbar (Breen); Ettles, McIntosh, T. Henderson, K. Will and McRae.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 6 (L)**
- Aug 27 **Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 4 Tennents Highland League Cup - Huntly went through - 5-4 on penalties.**
- Buckie Rovers 5 Fochabers 9 (nine) (L)**
Rovers: Redhead, Taylor and G. Innes; Muir (J. Innes) Shewan and Sutherland (Henderson); Mackie, Sinclair (Nicol), Smith and Reid.
Fochabers - Gordon, J. Smith (Breen), Farquhar; McKay, McKen and D. Smith (S. Henderson), McIntosh, T. Henderson, Will and Ettles.
- Roths Decimals 1 Fochabers 8 (L)**
- Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, McDonald and Sellar; Henderson, Shewan and Innes; Graham Sutherland, Willie Geddes, Reid, Smith (Sinclair) and C. Nicol. Sub. R. Geddes.
- Sept 3 **Inverness Clach 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Caberfeidh 5 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** The report on the game was written by Karl Fraser
- Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 0 (L)** The Rovers had George Webster in goal in place of Redhead. - Karl wrote the report on this game too.
- Burghead Thistle 2 Fochabers 5 (L)**
- Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)**

Fochabers 5 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)

Fochabers: Gordon, McKen and Farquhar; McKay, Jenkins and Dunbar; G. Smith, McIntosh, T. Henderson, K. Will and Ettles (Breen). Sub. Slater.

Sept 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)** this was Danny Fitzimmons last match in charge of Lossiemouth.

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Cannon Cup

Rovers: Roy, Muir and McDonald; Henderson, Innes and Sinclair; Nicol, Geddes (Sutherland), Mackie, Reid and Shewan (Scott).

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 4 (L)

Sept 17 **Final of the Tennents League Cup at Buckie - Elgin City 1 Keith 3** There was a gate of 1.500 Up the 'Maroons'.

Nairn St Ninian 0 Buckie Rovers 5

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Sept 24 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *Boy oh boy, we're cooking wi gas!*

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Neill; Pirie, Buchannan and MacPherson; Nicol, G. Anderson (Stephen), Smith, Morrison and D. Anderson. Sub. Tallis.

Fochabers 0 Bishopmill United 1 (L) Will was sent off.

Rovers didn't play

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L) (Wed.)**

Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (Sat.)

Caberfeidh 2 Fochabers 3 (L)

RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 2

Rovers: Roy, Muir and Sellar; Henderson, G. Innes and Sinclair; Smith, Nicol, Mackie, Reid (Joe Innes) and Scott. Sub 'Rocco' Taylor

Boys League Football - Albion were champions

Oct 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 in the 3rd round of the Qualifying Cup.**

Buckie: Innes, G. Anderson and Neill (Shearer), Pirie, Buchannnn and MacPherson: Nicol, Smith (Tallis), Stephen, Morrison and D. Anderson.

Keith: B. Milne, McKay and M. Milne; Mathieson, Emslie, Fettes (Forrest), McDonald, Cowie, Barbour, French and Maver.

***** **This was a good result for Buckie since Keith were not only Highland League Cup holders but also reigning Highland League Champions**

Fraserburgh United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Dryborough Cup - Rovers: Roy. Taylor and MacDonald; Henderson, Innes and Sinclair; Scott, Reid, Mackie, Nicol (Geddes) Muir (Smith).

Fochabers 2 Lewis United 2 in the Dryborough Cup

Buckie Thistle - George Tough, a native of Mosstodloch who had a long association with Buckie Thistle as player, manager and coach died this week.

Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 1 (H/L)** Tallis scored the winning goal.

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Lewis United 1 Fochabers 2 in the Dryborough Cup replay.

Rovers 1 Fraserburgh United 2 in the replay of the Dryborough Cup - Remy Hunter, the former Thistle player was in the Broch side and scored one of their two goals.

Ronnie Smith broke his leg in the 58th minute.

Rovers: Roy, Taylor and McDonald; Henderson, Innes and Sinclair; Scott (Geddes), Reid, Mackie, Nicol,

Smith (Sutherland).

Oct 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fort William 0 in the Qualifying Cup.** Buckie were through to the final for the first time since 1980.
Buckie: Innes, G. Anderson and Mason; Pirie, Buchannan and Neill; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, Morrison and G. Anderson - Sub. Shearer and Catto.

Roths Decimals 4 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Common Cup.

Oct 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 2 (H/L)** - Fraser was in goal for Innes who was a flu victim.

Buckie Rovers 1 Leven Juniors 6 in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Rovers: Roy, Joe Innes and Sellar (Sutherland); Henderson, G. Innes and Sinclair; Reid, Geddes, Mackie, Scott and Alex McGettrick (Nicol)

Fochabers 0 Oakley 1 in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup

Nov 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Lossie United 5 Buckie Rovers 7 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Nov 12 **Neither the Rovers nor Thistle played** - ground s being water-logged due to torrential rain.

Football news - Alex McGettrick, formerly with Caberfeidh, joined the Rovers; he had opened a chip shop in Cullen.

Nov 26 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) second game?**

Buckie 4 Elgin City 1 (H/L) - "*Buckie bounce back*". Splice the main brace - free drinks on the house.

Fochabers 3 Caberfeidh 3 (L) The Speysiders were down 3-1 at one stage.

***** **Football news** - Johnnie Cowie left the Rovers to take over as manager with Roths in the Highland League. Bruce Roy moved from Buckpool Victoria to manage the Rovers.

Football news - Since John Cowie had also been secretary of the Rovers this was another post to be filled. Allan Fraser, already writing the reports on the Rovers' games for the 'Advertiser' allowed himself to be persuaded to become secretary.

Bishopmill United 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Dec 3 **No football reports in the 'Advertiser' this week.**

Dec 10 **Queen's Park 3 Buckie Thistle 0 in the 1st round of the Scottish Cup** - There was to be no repeat of 1954 when the Thistle team of the day beat the Amateurs at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Buckie: Innes, Shearer and Ewen; Pirie, Neill and MacPherson; Nicol (Catto), G. Anderson (Mason), Smith, Morrison and D. Anderson.

Fochabers 4 Roths Decimals 0 (L)

Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Rovers: Webster, Sellar (Taylor) and Nicol; Scott, Alan Thain and Sutherland; Reid, Henderson, Geddes, Mackie and McGettrick (Muir).

Dec 17 **Buckie Thistle 12 (twelve) Nairn St Ninians 2 (F)**

Buckie: Fraser, G. Anderson (David Leslie) and Mason; Ewen, Shearer and MacPherson (Sutherland); Stephen, Smith, Morrison and D. Anderson.

Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: Webster, Nicol and Scott; A. Shewan, Innes and Henderson; Sutherland, (I. Shewan), Reid, Mackie, Geddes and McGettrick (Sellar.)

Fochabers 0 Burghead Thistle 2 (L) "*The Speysiders worst display of the season against the League's bottom side.*"

- Dec 23 **Buckie Rovers 4 Rothes Decimals 1 (L)**
Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
- Dec 30 **No football reports in this issue of the ‘Advertiser’.**

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- Jan 7 **Farewell to the manager** - Buckie Rovers held a ‘Do’ for Johnnie Cowie who had been their player/manager and who was leaving to join Rothes as manager in the Highland League. He joined the Rovers in 1980 after being reinstated from Lossiemouth F.C. In 1981 the Rovers were R/Up in the League, losing out on goal difference. In season 1982/83 the Rovers won the League; season 1983/84 they won the Gordon Williamson and Nicholson Cup; season 1984/85 was barren.
- There were no football reports in this issue of the ‘Advertiser’**
- Jan 14 **Inverness Caley 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** The first game of the New Year.
Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Neill; Pirie, Shearer and MacPherson; G. Anderson (Catto), Stephen, Smith, Morrison and D. Anderson.
- Fochabers 3 Forres Thistle 3 (L)**
- Jan 21 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 3** This was the Rovers first game of 1986
Rovers: G. Webster, Sinclair and G. Innes; Scott, Joe Innes and Reid; Sutherland, Geddes, Mackie, Nicol, Henderson (Sellar). Sub McDonald.
- Jan 28 **No football -**
- Feb 4 **Lossie United 1 Fochabers 4 (L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 5 in the Matthew Cup preliminary round.**
- Feb 11 **No football reports in this edition of the ‘Advertiser’**
- Feb 18 **Stonehaven 1 Fochabers 1 in the 2nd round of the Dryborough Cup.**
- Football news** - Buckie Rovers received a donation of £500 from the Buckie Thistle Social Club towards erected a spectator rail round the playing surface at Merson Park.
- March 4 **No football played because of ground conditions**
- March 11 **Fochabers 0 Stonehaven 4 in the replay of the 2nd round of the Dryborough Cup**
- Caberfeidh 3 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Nicholson Cup** - The Rovers went through on penalties - Karl Fraser was the match reporter.
Rovers - Webster, Sinclair (Sutherland) and Sellar; Scott, McDonald and Shewan; R. Taylor, Innes, Mackie, Geddes and Nicol.
- March 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 0 (H/L)** “*A surprise result as Peterhead was top of the League.*”
- Buckie Thistle 4 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**
- Bishopmill United 2 Fochabers 2 (L) #**
- Forres Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 in the preliminary round of the Tom Gordon Cup**
- March 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 4 Forres Thistle 2 (L)**
- Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** The Rovers had ‘Beel’ Bain at outside left - Karl wrote the

report on the game.

Buckie Thistle 0 Nairn County 0 (H/L) Gary Innes of the Rovers was in the Thistle side at right back and *“performed with credit.”*

April 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)** G. Innes came on as sub. Buckie finished with ten men after G. Anderson was sent off.

Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) *“First win at Kingsmill in five seasons.”* **Stephen had a hat-trick.**

Buckie Rovers 1 Caberfeidh 6 (L)

Rovers: Webster, Taylor and Nicol; Thain, MacDonald and Henderson; Shewan, G. Gardiner, Mackie, Geddes and Scott.

Fochabers 1 Portgordon 0 (Youth League) -De Barros scored for Fochabers. **He was still playing for Lossiemouth United in 2007**

April 8 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Gary Innes played

Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 2 (H/L) *“Buckie again finished the game with ten men after Morrison was dismissed...”*

Buckie Rovers 6 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)

Rovers: Webster, I. Innes and Nicol; Scott, MacDonald and Henderson; Gardiner, Shewan, Mackie, Geddes (Reid) and Sutherland. Sub. Joe Innes.

Fochabers 4 Stonehaven 3 1st round of the Dryborough Cup

Fochabers: Gordon, Ken McKen and Gavin Farquhar; Tawse, ‘Pecos’ Mackay and Mike Dunbar; Davie Smith, Henderson, Kevin Will (G. Smith), and Clark. Sub. Ettles.

April 15 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, David Leslie and Mason; Ewen, Buchannan and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, Baxter and D. Anderson. Subs. Sutherland and Muir. Baxter was a trialist from King Street Juveniles in Aberdeen.

Turriff 2 Fochabers 3 in the 2nd round of the Dryborough Cup *“This was the second time in three seasons that Fochabers had managed to reach the semi-final of this competition. Keeper Gordon, ex Buckie Thistle, was unable to continue after half time with McLaughlan taking over between the sticks.”*

Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Lossiemouth 3 (L)

April 22 **Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** No free drinks this time round lads - Sorry!

Fochabers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 (H/L) Shearer suffered a head injury that required hospital attention, manager Dave Watson took over in his place.

Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) - Keith Sinclair came on as a sub.

F. C. Stoneywood 2 Fochabers 1 in the semi-final of the Dryborough Cup. *“The first away defeat of the season.”*

April 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** - This was the last home League game of the season.

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Mason; Buchannan, Morrison and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, G. Anderson and D. Anderson. Sub. Watson.

Forres Thistle 1 Fochabers 4 (L)

Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Webster, Taylor and Sellar; Scott, I. Innes and Macdonald; G. Innes, Gardiner, Mackie, Geddes (Gauld) and Nicol. Sub. N. Calder.

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

May 6 **Huntly 2 Buckie 0 (H/L)** “ Buckie had now been beaten for the third time during the season by John Fitzpatrick’s team. Fitzpatrick, of course was formerly the Thistle manager.
Buckie: Fraser, Ewen and Mason (G. Anderson), Buchannan, Morrison and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, G. Innes and D. Anderson.

Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) “A ten year long hoodoo ended”, said Bill Lobban the Thistle scribe.

Roths Decimals 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) This had to be the saddest day in the long proud history of Buckie Rovers when players on both sides completely lost the place, swapping punches and using loud and profane language to opponent and referee alike. Seven players were sent off, four of them being Rovers - Scott, Mackie, Thain and Taylor. The referee, J. Gibson of Elgin would have been justified in sending off a further two. It was sheer mayhem.

Rovers: Webster, Taylor and Sellar; Leslie, Joe Innes and G. Gardiner; Thain, Scott, Mackie, Nicol (Reid), Henderson and G. Innes.

Fochabers 1 New Elgin 3 (L) “*Deveronside took the League title as Fochabers gave it up through playing a lot of rubbish at times and throwing away points,*” said Gavin McLean the Fochabers’ scribe.

Islavale 0 Fochabers 3 (L)

May 13 **Lossiemouth F.C. 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 4 (L) “*sanity returned.*”

Final of the Matthew Cup Deveronside 0 Fochabers 2 “*Hoodoo laid to rest*” “Pecos’ Mackay had an outstanding game for Fochabers - Graeme Tallis ex Keith and ex Buckie Thistle player was in the Deveronside team.

Fochabers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)

Fochabers 1 Deveronside 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup

May 20 **Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 6 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup - Stevie Mackie had a hat-trick**

Roths Decimals 1 Fochabers 0 in the Nicholson Cup - Fochabers were without five of their regulars - Duggie Will, Gavin Farquhar, Alan Tawse and Mike Dunbar while keeper Gordon played at right back and Gordon Jenkins played his first game for 7 months.

Nairn St Ninians 4 Fochabers 2 (L)

Caberfeidh 8 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Stewart Memorial Shield. - Karl wrote the match report.

Rovers: Webster, Taylor and Sellar; MacDonald J. Innes and Nicol; Gardiner, Scott, G. Innes, Geddes and Henderson.

Cullen were tops - A Cullen team came out on top in the first ever North East of Scotland Youth League seven -a-side competition held at Fochabers. The team was - George Clark, David Sellar, Malcolm Mair, Kenny Strachan, Neil Clark, Gary Anderson, James Hardie, Kevin Donald and George Wright.
Cullen beat Keith 1-0 in the Final after beating Portsoy 6-0 in the semi-final to take the Jimmy Shanks Memorial Trophy.

May 27 **Player of the Year - Ali Ewen** was voted Buckie Thistle **Player of the Year**

Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Rovers: Trialist, Russell and Sellar; Scott, J. Innes and Nicol; Gardiner, G. Innes, Geddes, Webster and Henderson. Sub. Findlay.

Deveronside 1 Fochabers 4 (L)

Forres Mechanics were Highland League Champions in 1986. The first time that they had ever won the Highland League.

North Regional Shield - Deveronside 4 Banks of Dee 1 - Deveronside were only the second north team in 12 years to win against the League Champions of the East section. In the Deveronside team were Graeme Tallis, Alfie Morrison and Ray Cardno. Also in the team were Gary Mitchell in goal and Alan Scott both ex Buckie Thistle. (I saw the game - A.F.)

June 3 **New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 6 in the Nicholson Cup**

RAF Kinloss 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

Fochabers 3 RAF Kinloss 1 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup

June 10 **RAF Kinloss 3 Fochabers 4 in the Stewart Memorial Shield**

Fochabers 5 RAF Lossiemouth 3 in the Stewart Memorial Shield

New Elgin 1 Fochabers 3 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

***** **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth in the Nicholson Cup.** The match was played at Cullen after the date had been rearranged and Merson Park had been previously booked for the date of the match.

***** **Final of the Nicholson Cup played at Burghead - RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 6**
 This was to be Alan MacDonald's swansong as he was hanging up his boots. It was also a last game for Gary Innes who was moving up to Buckie Thistle.
 This was the first piece of silverware that the Rovers had won in two seasons. Stevie Mackie had a hat-trick - the partnership between him and Gary Innes was an outstanding feature of the game.
Rovers: Geo. Webster, Alan MacDonald and Davie Sellar; Neil Scott, Joe Innes and Colin Nicol; Geo. Gardiner, Craig Henderson, S. Mackie, Willie. Geddes and Gary Innes.

June 17 **Fochabers 2 Caberfeidh 4 AET semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield.**

June 24 **Fochabers F. C.** - The season 1985/86 ended on a sour note for Fochabers F.C. when they were unable to field a team to meet Deveronside in the semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup. This was due to the date of the match being changed at the last minute from Monday to Tuesday evening and a number of players could not get their release to play at so short notice, they therefore had no alternative but to scratch.

July 15 **** **Football news - Buckie Thistle - At their annual general meeting the committee of the club made a plea for greater public support to pay off the debts of £30,000 to the tax man. The sum of £350 was required each week if a winning bonus had to be paid. Even if the team lost the bill was still £200.**

July 22 **Football news** - Kevin Will (Fochabers) who had been a regular scorer of goals for the Speysiders during the past two seasons was invited to sign for Buckie Thistle.

July 29 **Football news** - Donald Smith was to give up football to concentrate on his golf. It was thought that he would get reinstated to play in the junior ranks.

Buckie Thistle 1 East Stirling 0 (F) The game was played on a Sunday, believed to be the first time ever for the Thistle.

Buckie - Innes, G. Anderson and Mason; Ewen, Shearer and MacPherson; R. Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Colin Nicol), Morrison (Barclay), and D. Anderson. Sub. Sutherland.

Turriff 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)

Aug 5 **Buckie Thistle 4 Stonehaven 2 (F)**

Aug 12 **Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 0 AET Stewart Memorial Shield** - Trevor Foster who had been an outstanding player for the service side for a long time had another good game here.

Rovers: Webster, Russell and Campbell; Leslie, Innes and Nicol; Sutherland, Gardiner, Geddes, Scott and Tait.

The new players in the Rovers' side were Mark Russell, Eddy Campbell, David Leslie and Raymond Tait. Gary Innes was now with Buckie Thistle while Alan MacDonald had retired. Alan 'Dubs' Reid may also have made this decision.

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Mason; Shearer (D. Anderson), Buchannan and Pirie; Nicol, Stephen, Smith, G. Anderson, and Barclay. Sub. C. Nicol. (Wed)

Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 1 (L) Fochabers had only four players in their team who were playing the previous year.

Fochabers - Gordon Bowie, McKen (Easton), McConnachie, Andrews Taylor and Webster; D. Smith, Ettles, T. Henderson, Sutherland and Clark. (G. Smith).

Aug 19 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 2 (L)** Karl wrote the report and as usual makes good reading.

Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 3 Stewart Memorial Trophy

Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1

Buckie Thistle 3 Cove Rangers 1 Tennents Highland League Cup

Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

Fochabers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)

Islavale 0 Fochabers 0 (L)

Roths Decimals 1 Buckie Rovers 8 (L)

Aug 26 **Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Tom Gordon Trophy**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 5 (L) Karl wrote a good report on the game.

Rovers: Webster, Russell and C. Nicol; Leslie, Kevin Stewart and Gardiner; Muir, Tait, K. Nicol, Mackie and Willie Geddes.

Deveronside 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) Rab Adamson had a hat-trick for the 'Side. Karl wrote the report.

Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup

Buckie: A. Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Shearer and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Barclay, Mason (G. Innes) and D. Anderson. Sub. G. Anderson.

Elgin City 0 Buckie 0 in the R.B. Farquhar Highland League

Fochabers 3 Forres Thistle 0 (L)

Deveronside 4 Fochabers 0 (L) "This was the biggest defeat that Fochabers had suffered up till then while keeper Gordon Bowie saved them from a hammering."

Sept 2 **Roths Decimals 1 Fochabers 7 (L) (Tues)**

Fochabers - Bowie, Sutherland and Clark; MacKay, Taylor and Andrews; McDonald, D. Smith, Henderson, Ettles and Easton. Sub. G. Smith and McKen.

Nairn St Ninians 0 Fochabers 1 (L) (Sat)

Fochabers 1 Islavale 1 (L) (Thur.)

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 0 in the semi-final of the Highland League Cup "This was the third time that Buckie had reached the final in four seasons.

Buckie: A. Innes, Ewen and Morrison, Pirie. Shearer and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Barclay, G. Innes and d. Anderson. Sub. D. Buchannan.

Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 5 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 5 (L) "Yuk - five again!" The Rovers had Mike Munro guesting for them in goal.

Rovers: Munro, K. Nicol and C. Nicol; K. Stewart, Joe Innes and Muir; Gardiner, Mackie, Geddes, and

Webster.

Cullen were Champions of the Buckie Welfare League, collecting 26 points from 16 games played. Portgordon were R/Up with 21 points.

Final of the Ferguson Shield Portgordon 4 Cullen 1

Sept 9 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 5 in the semi-final of the Highland League Cup** - *"Fifth time in four years that Buckie had reached the final under Dave Watson."*

Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) Munro was again in the Rovers' goal

RAF Kinloss 0 Fochabers 3 (L)

In the Youth League - Fochabers 1 Banff Rovers 0 at Banff.

Fochabers: McLaughlan, Grimsley and McKay; Clerihew, Taylor and Johnston (Prosser); Campbell, Dunbar, Watson, Ettles and Teasdale.

Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L) (Tues)**

Final of the Tennents Highland League Cup Buckie Thistle 5 Ross County 0

"Third time to reach the final in four seasons but in 1983 and 1984 the event had ended in disappointment."

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Shearer (Buchanan) and MacPherson; Nicol, Stephen, Barclay (G. Innes), Mason and D. Anderson.

Ross County were all amateur

As Bill Lobban the scribe said, *"Buckie had at last overcome the danger that they lost their bottle when faced with the big occasion."*

Alan 'Mickey' MacPherson was voted Man of the Match.

Fochabers 3 Lossie United 1 (L)

Rovers 4 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L) played at Victoria Park. Gordon 'Gogs' Redford came off the bench to replace Willie Geddes.

Sept 23 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 1 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup**

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 1 (L) *"First defeat this season for the Banffers."*

Fochabers: Bowie, Clark and McConnachie; Mackay, McKen and Webster; D. Smith, Ettles, Henderson, K. Will (Andrews), and G. Smith. Sub. Graham Sutherland.

This was Kevin Will's first game for a long time, only now having recovered from a long term injury.

Buckie Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 2 (L) S. Mackie and K. Nicol were on the bench.

Fochabers 3 Elgin Community Centre 2 in the Youth League.

Sept 30 **Football news** - Graeme Bowie ex Fochabers player and now with Keith F.C. and Steve 'Pele' Paterson ex Manchester United and now with Forres Mechanics were both travelling in a taxi in which the Mosstodloch driver was killed. The two football players were both injured.

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)

Islavale 1 Fochabers 2 in the Nicholson Cup

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 2nd round replay of the Qualifying Cup

Buckie Rovers 0 Buchannan Hearts 4 Dryborough Cup

Oct 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 1 (H/L)** *"Cove newcomers to the Highland League this season"*

Caberfeidh 5 Fochabers 3 (L) *"This was Fochabers first defeat this season."*

Football news - Buckie Rovers and Buckie Thistle held talks where the sharing of training facilities was discussed.

RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Oct 14 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L)** ‘Doddie’ Stephen had a hat-trick, his first of the season.

Forres Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Nicholson Cup - “*Rovers the holders knocked out*” - Karl wrote the report on the game.

Fochabers 2 Burghead 1 (L) Craig Henderson and Ian ‘Yogi’ Shewan both ex Buckie Rovers were in the Fochabers side.

Oct 21 **Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L) “*tears for souvenirs*”

Football news - There were fears that Buckie could be losing their manager Dave Watson to Keith.

Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 3 (L) “*A good result against the strong-going Speysiders.*”

Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell; Leslie, Innes (Geddes) and Tait; Gardiner, Nicol, Mackie, Redford and Webster. Sub. D. Sutherland.

Rovers face the camera - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Full marks for Cullen F. C. - Cullen Football Club struck a blow for Buckie and District Welfare League football when they took the prestigious Tom Gordon Trophy in a competition played annually at the end of the summer involving the top teams of Elgin, Strathspey and Speyside leagues as well as Buckie when they beat Grantown by four goals to one in the final. The match was played under the lights at Boroughbriggs.

Cullen thus ended a very successful season during which in addition to taking the Welfare League title they also won two cups.

The team in the final was - G. Clark, I. Riddoch (Dickie), and Mair; Strachan, Wright and Duncan; N. Clark, Addison, Sellar, Donald (Hardie), and Anderson.

Oct 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)**

Football news - Dave Watson agreed to stay with Buckie

Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

New Elgin 6 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Fochabers 1 Nairn St Ninians 1 1st round of the Dryborough Cup

Nov 4 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Ewen (G. Anderson) and Shearer; Pirie, Buchannan and G. Innes; MacPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Morrison and Mason. Sub. D. Anderson.

Lossie United 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Russell and Sutherland; Leslie, Innes and Nicol; Gardiner, Tait, Mackie, Redford (Geddes), and Webster. Sub. Campbell.

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 1 Dryborough Cup replay

Portgordon United face the camera - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. They had won two cups this season - The Ferguson Shield and the Maitland Trophy

Nov 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)** “*No goals, no football, an old cliché, only too true on this occasion,*” said Bill Lobban who wrote the report on the game.

Buckie Rovers 7 Bishopmill United 0 (L) Raymond Tait and Willie Geddes both had hat-tricks - Karl Fraser wrote the report on the game.

Forres Thistle 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

Nov 18 **Fochabers 2 Rothes Decimals 1 (L)** Davie Mackay 'Pecos' was on the bench for Fochabers.

Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Nov 25 **Bishopmill United 1 Fochabers 3 (L)** Donald Morrison was the Fochabers scribe. He spoke of the magic formula desired by all football managers called a 'blend'. He said how certain teams were going through the painful process of reconstruction while the expensive team of Deveronside were seen to be wilting slightly. It had been a refreshing season up to now, he said.

Buckie Rovers 5 Forres Thistle 1 (L) Allan Fraser, later to be known as A. L. Nath, the long time Rovers' scribe summed up the teams performance at the present time when he wrote - "*Rovers; enigmatic form continues.*"

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)

Dec 2 **Keith 0 Buckie 0 (H/L)** Buckie fielded their new 18 year old signing from Aberdeen East End, Gary Whyte, a 6 foot two striker.

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Buchannan and MacPherson; Nicol, Barclay, Whyte, Mason and D. Anderson. Subs. G. Innes and S. Dawson of Lewis United.

Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 4 (L)

Burghead Thistle 8 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) Fourteen goals not out - it's just not cricket. Rain stopped play.

Dec 9 Lochgelly Albert 3 Fochabers 2 in the Scottish Junior Cup

Buckie Thistle 6 Huntly 1 (H/L) Derek Reid made his return to the Buckie team after a long time off through injury. A computer boffin working in London he travelled home each weekend to his wife and family at Inch. He last played for Buckie a season and a half before when he developed cartilage trouble against Huntly.

Buckie Rovers 2 Dunfermline Jubilee 2 in the Scottish Junior Cup The match was played under lights at Victoria Park on Wednesday evening.

Buckie: Munro, Russell and Nicol; Leslie, Innes and Tait; Gardiner, Redford, Mackie, Geddes and Webster. Sub. Campbell and Sutherland.

Dec 16 New Elgin 0 Fochabers 3 (L)

Football news - The Rovers replay with Dunfermline was postponed because the Fife Park was waterlogged.

Dec 23 **Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Mark Russell had a great game, the prime architect behind each of the three goals. Webster was in goal, deputising for Munro who was on honeymoon.

Burghead Thistle 2 Fochabers 1 (L)

Football news - The Rovers' Christmas raffle was a success with the top prize being £200. The president, Dr Jim Tuckerman spoke of the support given the public who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 5 (H/L) "*In generous mood against the League leaders.*"

Dec 30 Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Dunfermline Jubilee 4 Buckie Rovers 0 in the replayed 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup played at Oakley United's ground.

Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell; Leslie, Innes and Nicol; Gardiner, Redford, Mackie, Geddes (Sutherland) and Webster. Sub. Ian Taylor.

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Jan 6 Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)

Buckie: A. Innes, Ewen and G. Innes; Pirie, Morrison and MacPherson; Nicol (D. Anderson), Stephen (G.

Anderson), Whyte, Mason and Barclay.

Jan 13 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle are to receive £1,081 from the SFA. The Highland League clubs were given a share of cash earned from Scotland's participation in the World Cup. The sum each received was based on the performance of the individual clubs in the Qualifying and Scottish Cups in the past four seasons. Caley were the best performers and thus received the most.

No football for either the Thistle or Rovers due to grounds being unplayable through bad weather.

Football news - The death took place last week of Jim Mitchell who had a long association with Buckie Rovers as trainer and bag man.

Jan 20 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Jan 27 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Rothes Decimals 4 (L) *"This was the Rovers first game since December 20 and showed themselves to be more ring rusty than were the visitors."*

Fochabers 1 RAF Kinloss 4 (L)

Feb 3 **Buckie Thistle 6 Deveronvale 1 in the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Fochabers 3 Lossie United 2 in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Cup

Caberfeidh 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Jim Tuckerman was on the bench

Feb 10 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 2 (L)**

Cove Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) Whyte had two goals

Nairn St Ninians 0 Fochabers 2 in the Nicholson Cup

Fochabers: Bowie, Sutherland and Taylor; C. Henderson, Mackay and Webster; MacDonald, Ettles, Henderson, K. Will (Slater) and Ingram. Sub. G. Smith

Feb 17 **Deveronside 3 Fochabers 4 (L)** Henderson scored twice in injury time for Fochabers to do the double over the League Champs.

Deveronside: Mitchell, A. Scott and Neilson; Cardno, Alan Forbes and Milne; Stevenson (A. Morrison), G. Tallis, Adamson, Baird and Wright. (A fair side by any token full of ex H/L players, easy to see which team had the money then A.F 2007.)

Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L) Robbie Nicol scored to bring his total to 20 for the season so far, Stephen had 15. D. Anderson 13 and G. Whyte (only since November) 11.

Feb 24 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup.** Robbie Nicol injured himself and was to be out for six months.

Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Taylor and Campbell; Leslie, Innes and Nicol; Sutherland (Redford), Bain, Geddes, Tait and Webster. Sub. Russell.

Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes (H/L)**

Deveronside 3 Fochabers 0 in the Matthew Cup

Buckie Rovers 4 Caberfeidh 5 (L) Tuckerman played at right half. Findlay was on the bench.

Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 0 (H/L)** Stephen had two goals with one disallowed for his hat-trick.

Lossie United 3 Fochabers 2 (L) - Lossie were two goals down at one stage.

Buckie Rovers 9 New Elgin 3 (L) **Raymond Tait had three as did Stevie Mackie.** Ronnie Smith came off the bench to make his first appearance for the Rovers since October 1985 when he suffered a broken leg.

Mar 17 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** -This made it 11 consecutive win for the Thistle while

they had gone nine times nap since the start of the season.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 2 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)

Mar 24 **New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Matthew Cup** - The Rovers had Calum Leslie on the bench. He was from Elgin or Burghead and married to a Buckie girl.

Fochabers 5 Nairn St Ninians 5 (L)

Mar 31 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1**

April 7 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup replay - Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 - The first Buckie Thistle team to collect two trophies in the same season since season 1957/58. There was a gate of 1,000 to watch the game played at Buckie.**

Buckie: A. Innes, Morrison and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and MacPherson; G. Anderson, Barclay (G. Innes), Whyte, Mason (Stephen) and D. Anderson.

Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L) - *"Things were back to normal with but around 100 folk watching this match."*

Fochabers 1 Caberfeidh 4 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 1 in the Matthew Cup - The Rovers won 4-3 on penalties.

April 14 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 3 Deveronside 5 in the Gordon Williamson Cup *"Fochabers were unlucky to lose having a stand-in keeper on the day"*, said scribe Gavin McLean.

April 21 **Final of the Tom Gordon Cup played at Kynoch Park - Deveronside 2 Fochabers 0**

RAF Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) This was the Rovers last League game of the season. *"End of season stuff,"* quoth the scribe.

Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell; Taylor, Innes and Tait; Nicol, Mackie, Geddes (Webster) and Redford.

Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 7 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup. Calum Leslie was in for Taylor with some positional changes made since the previous game.

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

April 28 **Rovers 0 Lossie United 2** 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup. *"Not the same team at all with excitement at a premium and could not compare with that seen at the start of the hairst at Cuttlies."* (A farm near Clochan in the Enzie, where A.F. spent much of his teenage years.)

Buckie Thistle AGM - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle F.C. the treasurer, Jimmy Robertson, spoke of there being a loss on the year's working of £116. The 1986/1987 season was voted the most successful for the Jags since the 1950's.

May 5 **New Elgin 4 Buckie Rovers 7 in the quarter final of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

May 12 **Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 5 in the semi-final of the Gordon Williamson Cup**

May 19 **Thistle 'Player of the Year'** - Gary Whyte was voted the *Banffshire Advertiser* Buckie Thistle 'Player of the Year' for season 1987/88. He polled 59 votes of the 165 cast by supporters at the last home game against Brora Rangers

June 2 **Final of the Watson/Robertson Cup (a new trophy) Portsoy 2 - Cullen 1** - A report of the Welfare League game, the first for many years, was written by Charlie Beresford, a Buckie

High School Modern Languages teacher and a player with Portgordon United. Unfortunately no team lines were included.

Football news - Buckie Thistle signed Steven McBeath, a prolific scorer of goals with King Street 'A' in Aberdeen, also Edward Rennie, a midfield player with Cumiestown United, an Aberdeenshire junior team.

Football news - Joe Innes was voted Buckie Rovers 'Player of the Year'.

June 16

Final of the Ross Cup Cullen 4 Portknockie 0 - write up by Charlie Beresford

A photograph of the winning team receiving the trophy is to be found in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*

Cullen: G. Clark, Riddoch and Cormack; Wright, Strachan and D. Sellar; Duncan, N. Clark, Kev. Donald, Bruce, and Anderson. Subs. Dickie and Leslie

Portknockie: Findlay, Innes and Coull; Smith, Newlands and Wilson; Walls, Slater, Shepherd, Douglas and Pirie. Subs. MacDonald, Ken Donald.

Football news - Buckie Thistle organised and ran a summer fete in Cluny Square.

June 23

Buckpool Victoria 2 Portgordon United 2 (W/L)

Victoria: McKinlay, Stewart and Morrison; Calder, J. Johnston and Cowie; McIntosh, Colin Findlay, Reid, Milne, Craig Johnston and Farquhar. Sub. Barry Taylor.

Portgordon: Boyne, M. Strachan and Gordon; A. Strachan, Cowie and McIntosh; Findlay, Reid, Milne, Johnston and Rumbles. Subs. Ewen and Farquhar.

June 30

Final of the Anderson Cup (new trophy) Portgordon 1 St Marnans 3 - report by C.B.

St Marnans: McKinnon, Watson and Oden; Andrew, Cairns and Webster; Cocker, Ross, A. Inglis, Ewan and Willox. Subs. L. Inglis, Henderson and Shaw.

Buckie Rovers AGM - - At the annual general meeting of Buckie Rovers F.C. president, Jim Tuckerman slammed the public of Buckie for their apathy when it came to supporting the local junior team. He spoke too of the mercenary attitude of some local players who forsook their home side for cash given elsewhere. He also spoke of the saleroom mentality of certain clubs in the League who used the cheque to attract the best players.

The meeting was very poorly attended with only one person apart from those was on the committee the previous year, being present. The club, however, were in the black to the tune of £1.200, with the president thanking the members of the committee for raising this sum.

Officials appointed to serve for the coming year - President - Jim Tuckerman; vice president - Eric Geddes; secretary- Allan Fraser; treasurer- Ian Rennie; trainer/coach- Spencer Lyon. Committee - Jack Clarke, Mrs Moira Geddes and Spencer Lyon.

July 21

Portgordon 1 Lossiemouth F.C. 8 - This was a friendly match played to mark the centenary of organised football in Portgordon. The first recognised game was played between Portgordon Richmond and a Lossiemouth side in 1887. The game was won by Portgordon Richmond as a report in the *Banffshire Advertiser* of May 1887 tells us.

Portgordon : Raymond Boyne, Mark Strachan and James Thain; Alan Strachan, Innes Cowie and Charlie Beresford, Colin Findlay, Davie Reid, Barry Taylor, Peter Gordon and Richard Milne . Subs. John Farquhar, Craig Johnston and Sandy Ewen.

Players in both teams received medals to mark the occasion, gifted by local publican, Peter Thain.

Parkvale 2 Buckie Thistle (F)

Buckie Thistle 5 Caberfeidh 2 (F)

Turriff 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (F)

Cumiestown 0 Buckie Thistle 10 (F)

July 28

Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 2 - 1st round of Aberdeenshire F.A. Centenary Cup - "Buckie did not play well"

Buckie; Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Buchannan and Rennie; Barclay (G. Anderson), Stephen, Whyte, Yule and D. Anderson (McBeath). Raymond Yule from Mugiemoss Amateurs (Aberdeen) was signed by

the Thistle prior to the game

Fochabers 0 Elgin City 2 (F)

Fochabers: Ritchie, Sutherland and Cooper; McKeown, Clayton (Campbell) and Webster; Ettles, Taylor, Harvey, McReadie, (Connolly) and Anderson (Ingram). Subs. McKen and Laing.

Aug 4 **Buckie Thistle 4 Montrose 2 (F)**

Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Buchanan and MacPherson; Nicol (D. Anderson), Stephen (McBeath), Whyte, Yule (Proud) and Mason (Barclay). Bill Lobban the writer of the match report spoke of "*an impressive display by Buckie*"

Aug 11 **Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) The first game of the season

Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell; Trialist, Innes and Bain; Sutherland, Redford, Geddes, Tait and Trialist. Sub. Newman

Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Fochabers: Dodsworth, Sutherland and Cooper; McKeown Clayton and Webster; Ingram, Taylor, McCreddie, Harvey, Connolly (Campbell). Sub. Ettles.

Aug 18 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 New Elgin 0 (L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 in the Tennents Highland League Cup

Football news - Ian Porterfield, Aberdeen F.C. manager cut the tape to open Merson Park, the new home ground of Buckie Rovers. He was presented with a silver salver to mark the occasion. Although a photograph was taken of the two teams no score was taken nor was the names of the players. The only player recognised in the Aberdeen line up, looking back from a number of years down the line, is Brian Irvine.

It was a very cold night for August but there was a fair crowd and £250 was raised off entry money and a raffle. (Ian Porterfield died in the first week of September 2007 as a result of cancer which he had been suffering from for some time. He was 62.)

Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Gary Innes, ex Rovers and Buckie Thistle player was in the Banff team.

Rovers: Redhead, Russell and Campbell, Leslie, Innes and Bain (Boyd), Muir, Lappin, Geddes, Redford and Tait. Sub. Taylor.

Deveronside: Mitchell, Innes and Neilson; Cardno, Dobbin and Cormack; Milne, Tallis, Baird, Bowie, and Pratt (Barron), Sub. Stevenson

Buckie Rovers 6 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) This was the first competitive game played on the new surface. Eddy Campbell was the first Rovers' player to be booked for taking a throw-in from a wrong position.

Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 1 in the Tennents Highland League Cup**

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 0 in the Stewart Memorial Shield

Fochabers: Mcleod, Mackay and Taylor; McKeown, Clayton and Webster; Sutherland, Campbell, McCreddie, Connolly and Harvey. Sub. Henderson.

Buckie Rovers 4 Fochabers 7 (L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth F.C. 0 (H/L) - Gary Whyte had a hat-trick. Bill Lobban praised Whyte for his skill and ability, scoring eight goals already. *Les Mason another Thistle player left his hat-trick at home, his wife producing triplets.*

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Campbell and Taylor; Leslie, Innes and Trialist; Russell (Findlay), Sutherland (Boyd), Geddes, Mackie and Tait.

- ***** **Football news -** Bruce Roy gave up the post of manager of Buckie Rovers in mid-week claiming that his work as a traveller left him insufficient time to do the job as he would have liked. Spencer Lyon, coach and trainer, took charge for the Lossie game.
- ***** **Football news -** Dennis Clark took over as manager of Buckie Rovers. He was a player with the Rovers between the years 1974-1978. During this time he won all of the medals apart from those given to the winners of the North Juniors east and north sections ply of. He appointed Keith Sinclair as his assistant. Keith hung up his boots a year before but went on to make more come back than Frank Sinatra. Dennis Clark spoke of trying to reverse the trend of local players plying their football outwith the town and also his intention to try to sign a couple of experienced players.
- Sept 1 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 4 in the Tennents Highland League Cup** With this win the Thistle had now reached the final of this competition for the fourth time in five years, missing out only in season 1985/86
- Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 2 Deveronside 1 (L)** David 'Pecos' Mackay headed two late goals to win the match
- Fochabers 2 Caberfeidh 1 (L)** Caberfeidh were League Champions
- Roths Decimals 0 Buckie Rovers 4 in the Cannon Cup**
Rovers: Munro, Taylor and Campbell; Leslie, Innes and Smith; Russell, Sutherland (Lappin), Geddes (Boyd), Mackie and Tait. - The match was played at Deanshaugh, Elgin.
- Sept 8 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 0 in the Qualifying Cup** - Buckie finished with ten men after Ray Pirie was sent off.
- Football news -** George Stephen agreed to remain with the Thistle.
- Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) (Wed.)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)** - The Rovers had Alan Thain at right back and 'Reekie' Coull at centre-half.
- Fochabers 7 Roths Decimals 1 (L)**
- Sept 15 **Thistle fund-raising.** The recently formed Buckie Thistle Development Association staged a summer fete.
- Final of the Tennents Highland League Cup played at Elgin - Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1**
Once again Boroughbriggs, Elgin, proved to be a graveyard for Buckie hopes. Four cup finals had been lost there in the past 7 years. "Unlike many of the others this was not an inglorious defeat, Buckie played well and might be counted unlucky to lose on this occasion," said Bill Lobban who wrote a report on the game.
Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Mason; Shearer (Yule) Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol (McBeath), Stephen, Whyte, Barclay and D. Anderson.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Caberfeidh 5 in the Stewart Memorial Shield**
Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell; Leslie, Innes and Smith; Redford, Lappin, Mackie, 'Moppy' Sutherland (Geddes) and Boyd (Bain)
- Nairn St Ninians 4 Fochabers 2 (L)** This defeat ended a great winning run by the Speysiders. Three players were sent off, including the Fochabers' captain, Webster.
Fochabers: M. McLeod, Sutherland and Cooper; McKeown, Clayton and Webster; Colin Nicol, McKen, Taylor, McCreadie (Mackay) Connolly and Harvey.
- Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin 3 (H/L)**
 Buckie had Gary Loch in their side; he came from Peterhead in a swop deal with Peterhead for George Stephen who went after all. Buckie also signed John Proud, an Aberdeen junior player who had helped them out on a number of occasions.

Fochabers 2 Islavale 2 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 2 in the semi-final of the Cannon Cup

Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 5 Cove Rangers 1 (H/L)** Gary Whyte (2)

Fochabers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 4 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup *They were dancing in the streets of Buckie - VE Day again! - get that?*

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 0 (L)

Oct 6 **Buckie Thistle 5 Ross County 0 quarter final of the Qualifying Cup** - *"Whyte, Yule and Loch all starred."*

Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Ewen; Pirie, Shearer (D. Anderson) and McPherson; Mason Barclay, Whyte, Yule (McBeath) and Loch.

***** **BURGHEAD 2 FOCHABERS 14 (FOURTEEN) (L)** Club history was created by this score, the highest score ever in a competitive match. Harvey scored five with 11 being scored in the second half.

Fochabers: McLeod, Nicol and Cooper; McKeown, Sutherland and Webster; Harvey, McKen Clayton (McCreadie), Connolly and Taylor.

Buckie Rovers 2 Caberfeidh 2 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Bryan Slater and Campbell; Coull, Mackay and Taylor; Russell, Redford, Geddes (Mackie), Leslie and Smith. Sub. Joe Innes. David 'Pecos' Mackay, signed from Fochabers, was in the Rovers' team at centre-half.

Oct 13 **Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Nicholson Cup *"Mackay was a star for the Rovers"*
Craig Henderson returned to the Rovers from Fochabers.

Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)

***** **Cullen F.C. faces the camera** - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. Cullen, it was said, had had their best ever season. They not only won the Welfare League title but also 6 of the 11 cups that were up for grabs. The report went on to say that in doing this Cullen were the most successful team ever to play in the Buckie Welfare League since its inception. (This may or may not be correct.) In the League Cullen were 9 points ahead of Portgordon, who came second. They lost only the one game drew one and won 16.

They won the League the previous year also, losing once again only the one game.

For the record -

They lost in the final of the Watson/Robertson Cup 2-1 to Portsoy

They won the Ross Cup with a 4-0 win over Portknockie.

They won the Wm. Lamont Cup by beating Buckie United 2-1

They won the Banks Cup when they beat Portsoy 3-0

They won the Ferguson Shield win a 3-2 victory over Portsoy

They beat Buckie United by 7-2 in the final of the St Valery Trophy

Finally they beat Portgordon 3-0 to take the Duncan Cup.

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 3 in the semi-final of the Qualifying Cup-** *"Once again the Thistle flopped on the big occasion."*

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (L) Mike 'Scammers' Smith who had not been heard of for a long time was in the Rovers' side on this occasion.

Fochabers 0 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Oct 27 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**

Roths Decimals 1 Fochabers 5 (L)

Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Morrison (Rennie) and Mason; Ewen, Buchannan and McPherson (G. Anderson); McBeath, Barclay, Whyte, Loch and D. Anderson.

Buckie Rovers 0 Neilston Juniors 5 in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Portknockie face the camera - A photograph of the Portknockie football team that won the Consolation Cup by beating Buckpool Victoria appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Nov 3 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 4 Rothes Decimals 1 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Slater and Campbell; Leslie (Tait), Mackay and Coull. Russell (Redford), Henderson, Mackie, Geddes and Smith.

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

Final of the Robertson Cup played at Keith - Deveronside 3 Fochabers 1

Nov 10 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Nov 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 in the North Regional Cup (new) - Mackie scored both goals.

Nov 24 **Fochabers 0 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)**

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) “*Something of a surprise score line*”, was an expression used by the scribe. **Buckie:** Innes, Morrison and Ewen; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; D. Anderson, Mason, Whyte (D. Anderson), Yule (Barclay) and Loch.

Rothes 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - Rothes had George Scott and Neil Scott in their side

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 0 (L) - Mike Smith was the best player on the field.

Dec 1 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)** The Rovers had trialists on the bench

Fochabers 0 Dunipace 2 in the Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Mcleod, McKen and Cooper; Clayton, Sutherland and Webster; McCreadie (Nicol), Taylor, Connolly (Anderson), Masson and Harvey.

Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

Dec 15 **Fochabers 1 F.C. Stoneywood 2 2nd round of the North Regional Trophy** played at Victoria Park, Buckie. The Aberdeen side wouldn't play at Fochabers.

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 2 - 2nd round of the North Regional Cup

Dec 22 **Fochabers 6 Lossie United 1 (L)**

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 5 - The Rovers had Alistair Boyne, the Portgordon keeper guesting for them with Mike Munro a postie, being busy with Christmas mail. In really bad weather conditions Boyne had a good game as had Graeme Lappin; his best yet.

Rovers: Boyne, Russell and Campbell; Tait, Mackay and Coull; Lappin (Sutherland) Smith (Henderson), Mackie, Geddes and Redford.

Dec 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Dec 30	Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)
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Jan 5	Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 0 (H/L) Buckie: Innes, G. Anderson and Morrison; Pirie, Barclay and McPherson; D. Anderson (Ewen), Mason, Whyte (McBeath), Yule and Loch.
Jan 12	Buckie Thistle 2 East Stirling 3 in the 1st round of the Scottish Cup - “great fight back just failed”
	Caberfeidh 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)
	Islavale 3 Fochabers 5 (L)
Jan 19	Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
	Bishopmill United 1 Fochabers 0 (L)
	Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 5 (L) Rovers: Munro, Russell (Henderson) and Campbell; Tait, Mackay and Coull; Lappin, Redford, Mackie, Geddes (Sutherland) and R. Smith.
Jan 26	Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 3 (L)
	Weather conditions stymied the Buckie game - ground being frost bound
Feb 2	Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 2 AET in the Tom Gordon Cup
	Roths Decimals 0 Fochabers 3 in the Tom Gordon Cup
	No Thistle report
Feb 9	Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 3 in the 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Cup Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Ewen; Pirie, Barclay and G. Anderson; Mason, Whyte, Yule and McBeath (Nicol), Sub Rennie. This was the first time that Robbie Nicol had been listed for a long time, being out injured.
	Fochabers 3 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)
	New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)
Feb 16	Buckie Rovers 8 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) Rovers: Munro, Russell and Campbell (Coull); R. Smith, Mackay and Redford; Lappin, Henderson (Sutherland), Mackie, Geddes and M. Smith.
	Caberfeidh 0 Fochabers 4 in the Gordon Williamson Cup
Feb 23	Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)
	Fochabers 8 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)
	Banks of Dee 2 Buckie Rovers 1 in the 3rd round of the Regional Cup - Munro and Mackay were stars for the Rovers
Mar 1	Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie: Innes, Ewen and Morrison; Pirie, Barclay and McPherson; Nicol, Yule, Whyte, Brown, and Anderson. Subs. Rennie and McBeath.
	Nairn St Ninians 1 Fochabers 0 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup
Mar 8	Heavy snow rendered ground unplayable - no football reports
Mar 15	Lossiemouth F.C. 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Fochabers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 1 in the Nicholson Cup

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 1 (L)

Caberfeidh 1 Fochabers 1 (L)

Fochabers: G. Bowie, Nicol and Cooper; McKen, Sutherland and Webster; George (McCreadie), Taylor, Connolly, Clayton and Harvey. Sub. Masson.

Mar 29 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 0 (H/L)** - Neil and George Scott were still playing for Rothes.

Buckie Rovers 9 (nine) Burghead Thistle 1 (L) The Broch had only ten men

April 5 **Football news** - Dod Innes who was for a long time connected with Arradoul Youth Club and latterly the Arradoul football club in the Welfare League died this week.

Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Nicholson Cup *"The Rovers contrive to lose."*

Fochabers 1 Islavale 1 AET Fochabers won 6-5 on penalties

April 12 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (l) played at Boroughbriggs.

Fochabers 2 Forres Thistle 1 (L)

April 19 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**

***** **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)** *Karl wrote this report. The first for a long time and well written.*
Jimmy Brindle, the former Islavale keeper was in goal for Munro while Alan 'Dubs' Reid made an unexpected return after over two years out, agreeing to help out Dennis Clark in an emergency. Alex McKay, a Welfare League player was in the team at right back with Colquhoun on the bench. We weren't told who he was.

RAF Kinloss 1 Fochabers 0 (L)

April 26 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *"starting to make this a habit"*

May 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 2 (H/L) *"Title hopes cruelly dashed"*, was the headline to the report. A lot of Buckie fowk were sickened by the score including oor Karl.

***** *"This was probably the most disappointing result that the Thistle fans had suffered for a long time. Buckie went into this game with the odds stacked in their favour of winning and taking a major step towards taking the Highland League title for the first time in many years. A combination of nerves allied to Peterhead's defensive experience saw them lose a game they should have won. Caley, joint aspirants for the title, had a narrow one goal victory to make Saturday a miserable day all round for the Buckie faithful."*

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 4 (L) (Thursday evening)

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Matthew Cup

Deveronside 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

Football news At the annual general meeting of Buckie Thistle Football Club the treasurer could tell those present that the club were in the black to the tune of £3,214 and had won nothing. The previous year they had a debt of over £100 and had won two cups.

May 10 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"The dream finally died in the mud. Buckie had to win by seven clear goals to force a play-off with the Caley and this was never on."*

Inverness Caley took the Highland League title with 74 points from 34 games - Buckie had 72.

RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 7 (L)

Bishopmill United 4 Fochabers 0 in the Matthew Cup

May 17 **Nairn St Ninians 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Rovers: Munro, Taylor and Campbell (Coull), Tait, Mackay and Redford; Sutherland, Russell, Mackie, Lappin (Geddes) and Ronnie Smith.

Note - Stevie Mackie scored the goal here to bring his goal tally to 47 for the season. After playing trials for both Rothes and Elgin City he went through a barren spell but was once more back on the goal trail.

Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 1 AET in the Tom Gordon Cup - Mackie had the Rovers' goal. The Rovers won 5-4 on penalties.

Fochabers: McLeod, Nicol and Cooper; McKen (McCreadie), Sutherland and Webster; George (Milne), Taylor, Connolly, Harvey and Clayton.

Rovers: Munro, Russell (Geddes), and Coull; Tait, Mackay and Redford; R. Smith, Sutherland, Mackie, Henderson, and Lappin. Sub. Campbell.

May 24 **Final of the Nicholson Cup - Deveronside 2 Fochabers 3 played at Merson Park.**

Note. Deveronside were League Champions. This was the first silver that Fochabers had won in two seasons.

Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

May 31 **Rothes Decimals 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) - Mackie had two goals**

Top scorer - Gary Whyte, Buckie Thistle, was the top scorer in the Highland League with 36 goals, the highest Buckie scorer since Rex Hunter, who had 34 in season 1980/81.

Final of the Watson/Robertson Cup Cullen 3 St Marnans 0

June 7 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle to start a Development Draw.

June 14 **Final of the Tom Gordon Cup - Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 2**

June 21 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle held their annual summer fete in Cluny Square on Saturday, realising the sum of £550.

Thistle 'Player of the Year' - This year two players shared the honour of being chosen Thistle 'Players of the Year' and recipients of the Banffshire Advertiser Trophy - They were Alex Innes and Bruce Morrison who had the same amount of votes.

July 5 **Buckie Rovers AGM** - In his manager's report on the year Dennis Clark mentioned that Stevie Mackie had scored 49 goals during the season to win a competition ran by the Evening Express.

Jack Clarke, a former president of the club, again agreed to take up the post after Dr Jim Tuckerman intimated that he had no desire to continue.

July 19 **Portgordon United 1 Rothes XI (H/L) 6 (F) (Sat.)**

Portgordon: R. Boyne, M. Strachan and J. Thain (G. Liddle); C. Beresford, Wm .McIntosh, D. Reid, I. Shewan, P. Gordon, S. Bruce, R. Milne, B. Taylor (B. Farquhar.)

Note. Portgordon had already played three Welfare League games during the week.

July 26 **Buckie Thistle 8 Fochabers 0 (F)**

Football news - During the close season Buckie Thistle had signed Ian Bruce from Turriff, Michael Megginson from Inverurie Locos and David Morland from Crombie Sports.

Buckie had Alex Sammon, the former Rovers' keeper between the sticks in place of Alex Innes who was on holiday.

Buckie Thistle 11 (eleven) Mugiemoss Amateurs 2 (F) Not all that much of a friendly one could say.

Football news - Ali Ewen was now working offshore and as such was unavailable to play for Buckie Thistle on a regular basis.

Aug 2 **Final of the Duncan Cup - Cullen 2 St Marnans 0**

Forfar 4 Buckie Thistle 3 (F) *“an exciting game,”* Bill thought.

Aug 9 **Buckie Thistle 2 Queens Park 2 (F)**

Fochabers 0 Inverness Clach 2 (F)

Final of the Ian Banks Cup - Cullen 4 St Marnans 1 played at Portgordon

Cullen face the camera - A photograph in this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser shows the Cullen team with the trophy mentioned above.

***** **Fochabers 0 Elgin City 6 in the Sutherland Cup**

Elgin City thus retained the Sutherland Trophy donated by the Grant Arms and presented to the winners of an annual challenge match involving the village team.

Aug 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** - The opening game of the season
Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Bruce; Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson; Nicol Rodger (Megginson), Whyte (McBeath), Yule and Anderson.

Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 4 in the Tennents Highland League Cup - *“Buckie were hit by injuries”*

RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 3 (L)

Fochabers: McLeod, Nicol and Cooper; Stewart, Clayton and Harvey; George, Ettles, Connolly, McCreadie (Milne) and Gary Wood. Sub Noble - Gary Wood was reinstated from Lossiemouth F.C.

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 5 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Tait and Campbell; Scott, Redford and Morrison. Henderson (Coull) C. Johnston, Lappin, S. Bruce and A. McGettrick. Sub Sutherland.

Note. Craig Johnston and Steve Bruce were trialists from Portgordon; Alfie Morrison was signed from Deveronside while Neil Scott, a former Rovers' player was reinstated from Rothes.

Aug 23 **Rothes 2 Buckie Thistle 8 in the Highland League Cup**

Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Mackay of Rovers and Clayton of Fochabers were sent off for fisticuffs.

Fochabers: McLeod, Nicol and Cooper; Ettles, Sutherland and Webster; George (Stewart), Harvey Connolly, Clayton and Wood. Sub. McCreadie.

Rovers: Munro, Tait and Campbell; Scott, Mackay and Redford; McGettrick, Morrison, Lappin (Coull), B. Slater and R. Smith. Sub 'Moppy' Sutherland

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 in the Tennents Highland League Cup

Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 0 (L)

Rothes 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) Buckie had now scored 16 goals within the space of seven days against the luckless Rothes side.

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 8 (L) - Connolly and Clayton had three a piece

Aug 30 **Huntly 1 Buckie 0 in the Tennents Highland League Cup** - *“Jim Findlay a scoring sensation”*

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L) *“Dave Morland starred for Buckie.”*

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 3 (L)

Forres Thistle 3 Fochabers 1 in the semi-final of the Robertson Cup

Islavale 0 Fochabers 1 (L)

Note. *The 'Vale had no less than four of Fochabers' League-winning side of season 1984/85 playing here - K. Will, G. Farquhar, Dunbar and G. Smith.*

Cullen won the Buckie Welfare League for the third time on the trot

Sept 6

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - Buckie had Willie Dobbins of Deveronside in their line -up

Football news - Buckie Thistle was voted **Team of the Month for August** and received £100 from the local TSB manager. The TSB were sponsoring the Highland League.

Forres Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Alan Thain, the former Thistle player, made one of his occasional guest appearances and played at right back. The match scribe described the fare as *"poor stuff."*

Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Sept 13

Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Morland; Pirie, Dobbins and McPherson; Nicol (Anderson), Yule, Whyte, Megginson and Rodger.

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Stevie Mackie was in goal in place of the injured Munro while the Rovers had Mike Teasdale, ex Rothes Decimals at centre forward.

Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Final of the St Valery Trophy Portgordon 5 Cullen 2

Note. This was the first time that Portgordon had lifted this trophy.

Football news - Robert Duthie, an Income Tax official, who was heavily engaged in minor football in the town died suddenly at the early age of 43. (Neil Duthie, a Rovers' player of the late 1990's and still playing for Buckie United in 2007 was his son.)

Sept 20

Huntly 2 Buckie 1 in the Qualifying Cup - Mike Tremlett, the recently appointed reporter on the *Banffshire Advertiser* and writer of the report on the game, spoke of Huntly, Joey Harper's side, *"shoe-horning"* the Thistle out of the Cup.

Fochabers 4 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)

Final of the Ferguson Shield Portsoy 1 Banff Rovers 0

Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Rovers: Roy, Tait (Slater), and Campbell (R. Smith); Scott, Mackay and Coull; McGettrick, M. Smith, Mackie, Morrison and Russell.

Note. Graeme Roy was playing his first game of football in three years and played well.

Sept 27

Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 1 (H/L)

Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Fochabers 6 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 3 AET in a cup game - The Rovers went through 4-2 on penalties. Munro was back in goal.

Oct 4

Football news - Dave Watson the Thistle manager moved to Cove Rangers to take over the Aberdeen side. Raymond Yule who had been playing as an amateur with Buckie moved to Cove Rangers with manager Watson.

Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 2 (H/L) *"four defeats in a row"*

Note. Ian Chalmers picked the team. Alan McPherson, an ever present player for a long time, was dropped.

Final of the Consolation Cup Portknockie 1 Buckpool Victoria 0

Fochabers 3 Burghead Thistle 3 North Regional Cup - The Broch were 3-0 up at one point.

Oct 11 **** **Football news** - Buckie Thistle appointed Bob Summers as their new manager to replace Dave Watson. Summers were a long time defender with Inverness Caley where he won a bundle of honours. He moved to Buckie from a coaching position with Cove Rangers.

Brora Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - The Buckie side was described as 'naïve' by the new manager.
Buckie: Innes, Morrison and Bruce; Megginson, Buchannan and Pirie; Rodger, Barclay, Whyte, McPherson and Nicol. Sub. Anderson.

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 3 in the Stewart Memorial Shield. Tallis played for the Banff side while Gary Innes was on the bench.

Buckie Rovers 5 Nairn St Ninian 4 AET A cup game, but which?

**** **Final of the Billy Lamb Memorial Cup Cullen 6 Portgordon 1** This was Cullen's fourth cup success of the season

***** **Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 2 AET in the Stewart Memorial Shield - Amazingly the Rovers won 11-10 on penalties** - The report on the game was written by Mike Tremlett.
Rovers: Roy, Redford and R. Smith (Johnston); Coull, Mackay and Morrison; Scott, M. Smith, Willie Geddes, McGettrick and Russell (Tait).

Burghead Thistle 5 Fochabers 4 in the North Regional Trophy replay. *"The first win in over a year for Burghead but well deserved," said match reporter Gavin McLean of Fochabers.*

***** **Football news** - Gary Whyte was to move to Forfar for a 'substantial sum'. *"He will be missed by Buckie for his ability to score although this has been poorer this season than last," said Bill Lobban.*

Oct 25 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 0 (H/L)** - This was Gary Whyte's last game for the Jags.

Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Craigmark Burtonians 1 Fochabers 1 in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup - They were from Ayrshire.

Inverurie Juniors 2 Buckie Rovers 6 in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Note. The Rovers played in a black and white strip gifted by Paul's Malt.

Rovers: Roy, Tait and R. Smith; Redford (Mackie), Mackay and Morrison; Scott (Johnston), M. Smith, Geddes, McGettrick and Russell.

Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 (H/L)**

Note. Gordon Robertson was back with Buckie Thistle while Bruce Morrison moved to Montrose.

Sunnybank 4 Buckie Rovers 2 AET in the Zamoyski Challenge Trophy - *"The Rovers gifted this tie to the Aberdeen side, playing with only ten men for the last twenty minutes and into extra time after Craig Johnston was sent off, while, unbelievably Eddy Campbell scored two 'ogees'.*

Fochabers 0 Craigmark Burtonians 2 in the 1st round replay of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Nov 8 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Robertson had the Buckie goal.

New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) - Roy retained his place in the Rovers' goal.

Culter 3 Fochabers 0 in the Zamoyski Challenge Cup

Nov 15 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Rodger scored a rare goal

Note. Alan Duguid signed from Deveronvale was in the side.

Nov 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 4 (H/L)** The Yardie beach for Q Coull wi Silas Jappy in an ill teen
Buckie: Innes, Morland and Bruce; Pirie, Buchannan and Duguid (Street); Rodger, Barclay, Morrison, Nicol and Anderson.

Note. Bobby Street, substitute, was the assistant manager and ex Aberdeen F.C. player.

Nairn St Ninians 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Note. Ali Ewen ex Buckie Thistle was at left half for the Rovers.

Bishopmill United 3 Fochabers 1 (L)

Nov 29 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 4 TSB (H/L)**

Note. Bob Summers, Thistle manager, played at left back for the team and scored two goals, real 'Roy of the Rovers' stuff. Street was on the bench.

Jeanfield Swifts (Perth) 8 Buckie Rovers 0 2nd round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup - Any comment regarding the Rovers' performance on this occasion would simply be superfluous.

Dec 6 **Football news** - Dod Johnston, Portgordon, ex Thistle player of the immediate post WWII years died on November 26. He played in such teams as - Findlay, Wood and Leask, Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and Day.

Buckie Thistle 4 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L) -Bob Summers was again in the Thistle team at right back and was on the target again.

Burghead Thistle 1 Fochabers 1 (L)

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) **Note.** Colin Nicol, back with the Rovers, was in the side here.

Dec 13 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth F.C. 1 (H/L)** Rodger had the Thistle goal

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)

Note. Cullen keeper, Jim Hardie, who at one time signed for the Rovers, was in the Rovers' goal here as Roy had the flu and Munro was needed by the Post Office.

Fochabers 1 Islavale 0 (L)

Dec 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Morland and Bruce; Pirie, Summers and McPherson; Rodger, Barclay, Nicol (Morrison), Robertson and Duguid.

Final of the Stewart Memorial Shield Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 1 - The Rovers were reduced to ten men when Johnston was sent off.

Rovers: Roy, Tait (Sutherland) and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay and Morrison; M. Smith, Johnston, McGettrick, R. Smith and Russell (I. Taylor).

Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Forres Thistle 1 Fochabers 4 (L)

Dec 27 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Note. Gary Loch had his first game for Buckie for over a year as he had been plagued with back trouble.

Buckie: Innes, Barclay and Bruce; Pirie, summers and Robertson; S. McBeath, Duguid (Street), Nicol (Loch), Morrison and McPherson.

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Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 4 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** - Neil Morrison scored and made other two

Jan 10 **Lossiemouth F. C. 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)

Buckie Rovers 4 Lossie United 1 (L) John MacPherson and Hammy Souter both former Thistle players were in the Lossie team.

Rovers: Roy, Nicol and Campbell; Redford, Mackay and Morrison; M. Smith, Johnston, Mackie, R. Smith and Tait. Subs Russell and McGettrick

- Jan 17 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** - Colin Ord, a trialist from Crombie Sports was on the bench but was not used.
- New Elgin 0 Fochabers 3 (L)**
Fochabers: McLeod, Stewart and Taylor; Milne (Dallas), McKen and Webster; Wood, Harvey Mackie (Fraser), Ingram and Connolly
- Jan 24 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 3 (L)** The star man for the Rovers was Raymond Tait.
- Fochabers 0 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)**
- Jan 31 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 3 in the Matthew Cup**
- Fochabers 1 Bishopmill United 3 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Feb 7 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Note. The Gary Loch fairy tale return continued, scoring twice in this game to make it four goals in three games after being a year out.
- Fochabers 1 Lossie United 0 (L)**
- F. C. Stoneywood 1 Buckie Rovers 1 Simpson Sports Regional Cup** *“late goal denies Rovers victory”*
The first time that a Rovers’ game had been written about by someone other than Karl or me for a long time.
- Feb 14 **Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeenshire Cup -** Man mountain Andy Smith who was to later star with Airdrie and then Dunfermline scored the only goal of the game for Peterhead.
- Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 3 AET in the Matthew Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 1 in the Gordon Williamson Cup.** Mike Munro was in the Rovers’ goal in place of Graeme Roy who was attending a wedding. Mr Versatile Raymond Tait was at centre forward for Stevie Mackie now working offshore.
- Feb 21 **Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“Morland Muddy Maestro”* read the headline to the report on the game. (I like it.) Rodger was on the bench.
- Fochabers 1 New Elgin 1 (L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 F.C. Stoneywood 2 AET in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup** *“A freak goal beats the Rovers”*
This match was played at Victoria Park as the Aberdeen side would not play at Merson Park. Some years before they forced Fochabers to play their game at the same venue. - fashious b-----s.
Rovers: Roy, R. Smith and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay and Morrison (Scott); M. Smith, Johnston, Redford, Tait and McGettrick (Russell).
- Feb 28 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Lossie 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 1 (L)**
- Mar 7 **Football news -** The death took place this week of Sandy Imlach who played for Buckie Thistle in season 1938/39.
- Buckie Thistle 6 Rothes 0 (H/L)**
- Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** The Rovers had Baxter in the side in place of Johnston. He was a Fifer and was meantime working with ‘Pecos’ in Elgin. Sadly he wasn’t another ‘Slim Jim’.
- Fochabers 3 Forres Thistle 4 (L)** Fochabers had Corsie in the side in place of McKen.
- Mar 14 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** The scribe who wrote the report waxed eloquently - *“Luck is a highly precious, jealously guarded but thoroughly unpredictable commodity, especially in*

football - *Forres had it all*". Nae bad at a.

Note. Alex Innes staved his finger in the warm up and was unable to play. Morrison took over in goal with Innes on the bench. It is a pity that no one told Bob Summers of how Alex had once scored five goals at centre forward for the Rovers.

Fochabers 0 Bishopmill United 2 in the Nicholson Cup

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 4 (L) *"It didna happen affen that the cyards hid the beating of the Rovers"*

Mar 21 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"Poorest game yet."* *"The Inverness team had no more ability but showed greater application and appetite."* I like the language.

Fochabers 3 Forres Thistle 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup

The Rovers face the camera - A photograph of the team appears in this edition of the *'Banffshire Advertiser.'* The Rovers had been voted 'Team of the Month' and received payment of £25. They had no game on Saturday as Fife Park was unplayable for their game against Islavale.

Mar 28 **Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Mark Pennie was on the bench for Forres. He later played for the Rovers and was playing and scoring for the Thistle in September 2007
Rovers: Roy, Nicol and Campbell; Redford, Mackay, and R. Smith; M. Smith, Johnston, Mackie (Tait), Baxter and McGettrick.

Nairn St Ninians 4 Fochabers 2 AET in the Matthew Cup

April 4 **Fochabers 1 Deveronside 0 (L)** This was the first defeat for the League Champions -Tallis played with G. Innes on the bench.

Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle had a free date.

April 11 **Buckie Thistle 5 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 2 (L) Colin Nicol was the star man for the Rovers

Football news - Buckie Thistle Centenary Draw - Agents required in Buckie, Banff, Elgin and Keith. - Good commission paid.

April 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 1 (H/L)** The visitors were League Champs elect. 'Doddie' Stephen, ex Thistle player scored the only goal of the game.

April 25 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Buckie ends the season a high note, "said the headline.* A win over arch rivals, Elgin City, was always seen as something to relish.
Buckie: Innes, Morland and Bruce; Pirie, Summers and McPherson; Duguid, Morrison, Loch, Robertson and D. Anderson.

RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) Ali Ewen was the star man for the Rovers

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 3 AET in the 2nd round of the Nicholson Cup.

Rovers: Roy, Johnston, Tait; Scott. Campbell, Morrison; M. Smith, Nicol, Mackie, Baxter and Russell (Henderson). Sub. Coull

May 2 **Banffshire Advertiser not printed for three weeks** - Scores taken from the Northern Scot -

Nairn St Ninian 4 Buckie Rovers 0 2nd round of the Tom Gordon Cup

May 9 **Football news - Peterhead won the Highland League with 74 points.** Buckie Thistle was in ninth place with 54 points.

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

May 16 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)** Nicol and A. McGettrick had the goals.

- May 23 **No football**
- May 30 **Final of the Nicholson Cup at Victoria Park - Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 3** - Star man for the Rovers was Alex McGettrick
Rovers: Roy, Scott and Tait; Campbell, Mackay and Morrison; M. Smith (Russell), Nicol, Redford (Lappin), R. Smith and McGettrick.
Deveronside: Mitchell, Rennie and Neilson; Cardno, Milne and Cormack; Smith, Tallis, Baird, Pirie, Pratt (Bruce). Sub. Anderson.
- Final of the Watson/Robertson Cup Whitehills 2 St Marnans 2 AET - Whitehills won 6-5 on penalties**
- June 13 **Final of the Wood Cup Portgordon United 2 Banff Rovers 1**
- June 20 **Thistle signed the following** - George Alex Cowie ex Dunfermline player to replace Dave Morland who had moved to Forfar; Dave Galbraith from Cove Thistle; Colin Ord and Graham Keith from Craigmyle Sports in Aberdeen. In addition Paul Wrack has been signed on a one year contract from Montrose.
Departures - Buchannan to Deveronvale; Mike Barclay sold to Peterhead and Graeme Rodger who went to Huntly in a deal involving a swop for Eddie Copland plus money.
- June 27 **Rovers AGM** - The entire committee and officials were returned enbloc after being proposed and seconded from the floor.
Dennis Clark , manager, said he was convinced that the failure of the Rovers to lift any silver this season as the previous one was related to the problem of not having a settled team with so many of the players now working offshore. Indiscipline, too, by some players, that saw them suspended for crucial games had also been costly.
- July 25 **Buckie Thistle 3 Culter 3 (F)**
- Final of the Maitland Cup Keith Welfare 1 Banff Rovers 0** Banff had been favourites.
Note. Keith Welfare were a new team in the Buckie Welfare League only joining this season
- Aug 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Glasgow Celtic (XI) 3 (F)** The match took place to mark the centenary of Buckie Thistle
***** Alex Innes the Thistle goalkeeper was the star of the match with some superlative saves including one from the penalty spot.
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Pirie, Wrack and McPherson; Duguid (Ord), Robertson, Morrison, (Galbraith), Loch (McBeath), and Anderson. Subs Gordon and Summers
Celtic: Bonner, Morris (Balmer) and Rogan; Aitken, Whyte and Elliot; Mathie, Fulton, Dziekinaski (Walker), Coyne and Burns. Subs. McGarrich, McStay and Mille.
Burns and Walker had the goals.
- Buckie Rovers' signings** - Michel Smith, Gordon Redford, Graeme Roy, Graeme Lappin, Alfie Morrison, Alex McGettrick, Craig Johnston, Eddy Campbell, David Mackay, Colin Nicol, Raymond Tait, Ronnie Smith and Alistair Ewen.
Jim Slater was in the Rovers' team that played Buckie in a friendly and was also included against Dyce scoring in both games but was not in the list of signings nor was Stevie Mackie.
- Aug 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 1 Preliminary Round of the Tennents League Cup**
Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 in the replay of the above
- Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)** Donald Smith and Megginson, both formerly with Buckie scored the goals.
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Pirie, Summers and McPherson; Ord (Middleton), Robertson, Loch, McBeath and Anderson.
- Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 4 (H/L)** a "*pathetic performance*" was the opinion of the writer of the match report. Link was a sub but wasn't used.
- Buckie Rovers 5 New Elgin 2 (L)** This was the first game of the new season. The Rovers had four first

choice players out through suspension .

Rovers: Roy, Scott and Ronnie Smith; Redford, Morrison and Alan Shewan; McGettrick (Darren Graham), Mike Smith, Ian Shewan, Jim Slater, Kevin Donald (Mark Wood). This was Mark's first game for the Rovers.

Fochabers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Fochabers: McLeod, Stewart and McKen; Meisener, Dallas and A. Grant; Corsie, Ingram (I. Grant), Connolly (Inkson), Bowie and Milne.

Football news - Kevin Stewart, ex Buckie Rovers' player and son of George 'Ruf' Stewart, ex Buckie Thistle, Dundee, etc., etc., scored all 7 goals in a win over Cullen in the Welfare League. Kevin had a further two against Portsoy in the Ross Cup together with a hat-trick against new Welfare League team, Keith Welfare, **twelve goal s altogether - some week!!**

Final of the Duncan Cup Banff Rovers 3 Portgordon 2

Playing away from 'home' - The team below is formed from ex Thistle players meantime playing with other teams in the Highland League at the present time:-

Mike Ritchie ('Vale), Gary Innes (Roths) and Dobbins (Cove Rangers); Buchanan ('Vale), D. Ellis (Fraserburgh) and Megginson (Cove Rangers); Barclay (Peterhead), N. Cowie (Keith), Yule (Cove Rangers), Stephen (Peterhead) and D. Smith(Cove Rangers). Subs. D. Thomson (Cove Rangers), Scott Brown (Keith), Charlie Duncan (Fraserburgh).

Aug 29

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Pirie, Wrack (Link) and McPherson; Ord, Robertson, Loch, Neil Morrison and D. Anderson (Street).

Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *"The Rovers bogey side"*

Rovers: Roy, Redford (Lappin) and R. Smith; Ewen, Nicol (Johnston) and Campbell; McGettrick, M. Smith, I. Shewan, Morrison and J. Slater.

Note. The Morrison listed here could have been 'Mo' Morrison from Keith and not Alfie

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)

Sept 5

Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 2 in the Qualifying Cup

Deveronside 5 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Nicholson Cup. The match was played on the Banff Academy playing fields for which both teams got into trouble.

Mike Matthews came out of retirement to take Roy's place in goal.

A minute silence was observed prior to the start of the match as a mark of respect for former Rovers' player Robbie Cowie who died during the week at a very early age. Robbie also played for Buckie Thistle.

Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 1 (L) This game was played in the evening under lights at Victoria Park on a wet, wet night. David Leslie replaced the injured Ian 'Yogi' Shewan.

Fochabers 2 Burghead Thistle 2 AET in the Nicholson Cup. Fochabers went through 4-3 on penalties

Sept 12

Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) - Loch had a hat-trick, his first for Buckie.

Buckie: Innes, Middleton and Bruce; Pirie, Keith and McPherson; Ord, Robertson and Morrison (Street); Loch and McBeath. Sub Galbraith.

Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Matthew Cup

Fochabers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L)

Fochabers: Dunn, Stewart and A. Grant; McKen, Dallas and I. Grant; D. Grant, Milne, Bowie, Smith , and Connolly (Ingram) Sub. Davidson.

Sept 19

Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Qualifying Cup.

Buckie Rovers face the camera - A photograph of the team , together with all the names of the players is to be found in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

RAF Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) - David Leslie was in the team replacing the injured Jim

Slater.

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 3 (L)

Sept 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth F.C .0 (H/L)** *“The most miraculous transformation since Lot’s wife turned into a pillar of salt. Buckie switched from cup chumps to league winners, beating Lossiemouth who had comprehensively put the League Champions, Peterhead, to the sword only a week before.”* Great reading.

Buckie: Innes, Thornton and Robertson; Bruce, Summers and McPherson; Middleton, Ord, Loch, McBeath, Galbraith and Morrison. Sub. Street.

Football news - Duncan Middleton who had now played several times for Buckie was signed this week. We weren’t told where he came from.

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 3 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 3 (H/L) *Inexplicably, the Thistle committed suicide”* More good prose.

Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead Thistle 2 (L) Mr A. Campbell, referee, had a b..... a game.

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)

Fochabers 1 Bishopmill 3 (L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 1 in the Simpson Sports Regional Trophy *“The Rovers had 80% of the game forcing 11 corners to the Banff side’s 4 but still were the losing side, simply inexplicable.”*

Oct 10 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** - Galbraith had both the Thistle goals

Burghead Thistle 1 Fochabers 4 in the Matthew Cup

Fochabers: McDonald, McKen and Taylor; Milne, Webster (Dallas), A. Grant, D. Grant, Ingram, Connolly, Smith and Bowie (Inkson).

Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Rovers: Leslie (Wood) and Campbell; Nicol, Mackay and Morrison; McGettrick, Smith, I, Shewan, Lappin and J. Slater (Geddes).

**** **Final of the Consolation Cup Buckpool Victoria 2 Portknockie 1** The photograph of the winning team was in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 1 (H/L)** - Buckie had Thornton at right back.

Longside 3 Fochabers 2 in the Zamoyski Trophy Gavin McLean, the Fochabers’ scribe, felt that the Speysiders were *“unlucky”* to lose.

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) *“Rovers were goal shy”* David Mackay was the Rovers’ star man. Baxter who played a few times for the Rovers was in the New Elgin side.

Oct 24 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 5 (L) The Rovers were struggling to field a team with both the Smiths and Jim Slater unavailable. They had the loan of Bryan Slater, ex Rovers, from Roths.

Oct 31 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *“One of the best game seen all season with the Thistle ending a seven game unbeaten run by the City.”* In that case one would have thought the language would have been more colourful and inspiring.

Troon 3 Buckie Rovers 0 in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup - The report on the game was written by Sonny Johnston aka the ‘Bow Bard’

Rovers: Roy, Tait and Campbell; Slater, Mackay and Ewen; McGettrick, Nicol, Shewan, Smith and Morrison. Subs. Lappin and Wood.

Nov 7 **Football news** - Mike Tremlett who had written a lot of the football reports moved to the Sports Desk of the P & J in Elgin and new man Brian Wilkinson took his place with the ‘Advertiser’.

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle were given a free date following their big centenary celebration the night the day before.

One hundred Years of Football - The story is told **on page 9** of this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

Nov 14 **Inverness Caley 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** - Bill Lobban had his name on the top of the report.

Burghead 0 Fochabers 5 (L)

RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) - *Lappin was the Rovers star man with four goals.* It had been a long time since hat-tricks had been a common event in Rovers' games.

Rovers: Roy, B. Slater and Stewart (R. Smith); Campbell, Mackay and Morrison; Nicol, M. Smith, Shewan (Wood), McGettrick and Lappin.

Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Nov 28 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 2 (L)

Fochabers 1 Cambuslang 2 in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Dec 5 **Buckie Rovers 6 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)**

Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Dec 12 **Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Fochabers 1 Islavale 0 (L)

Football news - Johnnie Cowie resigned this week as manager of Rothes in the Highland League.

Dec 19 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Dec 26 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

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Jan 2 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Thornton and Bruce; Keith, Wrack and McPherson; Pirie, Robertson, Loch, Galbraith and McBeath. Subs. Ord and Duguid.

Jan 9 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** "*same team three times in a row, shades of the 1950's* ", said the reporter, Bill Lobban.

Jan 16 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fort William 1 (H/L)**

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 2 (L) "*The Banff team had no less than ten players with senior experience in their line up - money talks!*"

Deveronside: Mitchell, Kelly and N. Rodger; Cardno, McKenzie, McDonald, ex Elgin, Anderson, Tallis (Neilson), Baird, Pirie, and G. Rodger. Sub. Cormack.

Rovers: Roy, Slater and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay and Morrison; Nicol, M. Smith, R. Smith, McGettrick and Lappin. Subs, Shewan and Wood were both used.

Jan 23 **Buckie Thistle 5 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)** Thornton was out injured which meant that the Thistle team had a change for the first time for some weeks.

- Feb 6 **Aberdeen 'A' 1 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Aberdeenshire Cup**
Aberdeen: Watt, Wright (Ferguson) and Watson; C. Robertson, Miller, and Jess; Bett, Gibson, Harvie (McLeod) and Cameron. The 'Advertiser' had a photograph of Willie Miller on the ball.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 0 Fochabers 1 (L)**
- Feb 13 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 1 New Elgin 0 in the Stewart Memorial Cup**
- ***** **Football news** The Bishopmill versus Buckie Rovers match at Boroughbriggs ended prematurely when referee Martin Johnston was felled by a blow from Gary Henderson after he had been sent off for a bad foul on Alfie Morrison, the Rovers player
- Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 0 (H/L)**
- Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen 'A' 6 in the replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup**
Aberdeen: Watt, Ferguson and Watson; Simpson, Thomson and Lithgow; Gibson, Gardner, Van Der Ark, Harvie (McLeod), and Roddie (Booth).
- Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 1 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, Slater (Strachan) and R. Smith; Campbell, Mackay and Morrison; Nicol, M. Smith, Lappin, McGettrick and Wood (Boyd). **Note.** Alan Strachan who had been playing with Portgordon agreed to help the Rovers out.
- Fochabers 3 Lossie United 4 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- March 6 **The Buckie game was off with Victoria Park waterlogged following heavy rain**
- Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, Slater and R. Smith; Campbell, Mackay and Morrison; Nicol, M. Smith, Lappin (Gauld), McGettrick and Wood. Sub. Boyd.
- Fochabers 0 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)** The game was switched to Nairn because the school playing field was water-logged. . Gavin McLean, scribe, was of the opinion that Fochabers were most unlucky not to win having 80% of the game while Nairn's goal looked suspiciously offside.
- Mar 13 **Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Forres Thistle 3 Fochabers 1 AET in the Matthew Cup**
- Mar 20 **Lossiemouth F.C. 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Buckie lose their unbeaten record."*
- ***** **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 4 in the 1st round of the Tom Gordon Cup** **Rovers ended the game with 9 men**
- Fochabers 0 Bishopmill 0 in the Nicholson Cup - Fochabers went through 7-6 on penalties.**
- Football news -** Buckie Thistle Boys Club received £300 from Buckie Common Good Fund.
- Mar 27 **Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Stewart Memorial Shield** - write up by Jack Johnston.
Rovers: Roy, Slater and Dave Chalmers; Campbell, Mackay and Morrison; Nicol, M. Smith, R. Smith, McGettrick and Wood. Sub. Lappin.
- Fochabers:** McLeod, Stewart and I. Grant; Smith, Taylor and Ingram; Inkson (Mackie), Milne, Connolly, Davidson and Wood. Sub. Laing, not used.
- April 3 **Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 2 in the Cannon Cup** - Chalmers was again in at right back for the Rovers.
- Fort Williamson 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

- April 10 **Ross County 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 4 in the Tom Gordon Trophy** - Mark Wood scored both the Rovers' goals. Sonny Johnston did the write up.
- Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- April 17 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Deveronside 1 Fochabers 1 (L)**
- **** **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 3 (L)** The Rovers had Gordon Bowie ex Fochabers and Rothes Decimals keeper in goal for the absent Roy. **Keith Sinclair was on the bench!**
- April 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 4 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 2 Lossie United 2 (L)**
- Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Bowie, Slater and Chalmers (Newman); Redford, Mackay and R. Smith; Nicol, Mark Duncan, Lappin, Russell (McGettrick) and Wood. **The Rovers had Duncan, Russell, Chalmers and Newman as guest players in the side.**
- May 1 ******Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 (H/L)** **Elgin City won the Highland League Championship with this point.**
- Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Islavale 0 Fochabers 1 in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Cup**
- May 8 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** This was Buckie's final League game of the season and the centenary year.
Buckie: Innes, Thornton and Bruce; Summers, Wrack and McPherson; Duguid, Ord (Street), Galbraith, Loch and Middleton. Sub. Johnnie Cowie.
- Burghead Thistle 1 Fochabers 4 in the semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield.**
- Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** *"The Bish were scratching for a side before the game." "A terrible display by the Rovers."* Karl Huldall, a fourteen year old lad replaced Wood. Another sub, Trialist, was not used.
- Bishopmill United 1 Fochabers 5 (L)**
- May 15 **No football**
- May 22 **Final of the Tom Gordon Cup - Deveronside 1 Fochabers 2**
Fochabers: Mcleod, Stewart and I. Grant; Milne, McKen and Ingram; Wood, Taylor, Mackie, A. Grant, and Connolly (Davidson). Sub. Laing.
Scorers - Wood and Connolly for Fochabers and Baird for Deveronside.
- June 19 **Football news** - Gary Henderson, the Bishopmill player who assaulted the referee, Martin Johnston, during the game with Buckie Rovers earlier in the year was banned for 9 years, fined £100 and ordered to pay £370 in compensation. He would be unable to play organised football again until December 31 1999.
- Football news** - A letter about **Clochan Thistle written by A. F.** appears on page 4 of this edition and columns, 3, 4 and 5.
- Aug 7 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forfar 1 (F)** Gary Whyte, the former Thistle player had the visitor's goal
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Pirie; Wrack, Bruce and Darren Still (Gary Clark), Mathieson (Middleton), Robertson (Ord), McBeath, McPherson and D. Anderson. Sub. Allan.

Football news - Thistle signings - Ian Mathieson came from Keith where he had been for past five years. Darren Still, Martin Allan and Gary Clark, all 18 years of age, were signed from Torry Vics. Loch went to Elgin City while Duguid was reinstated to an Aberdeen junior side.

- Aug 14 **Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Pirie, Wrack and Ord; Mathieson, Robertson and McPherson; McBeath and Anderson. Subs. Still and Clark. Not used.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 2 (H/L)**
- Aug 21 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 0 Tennents Highland League Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** The first game of the new season and as has been so often the case around five players were missing through suspension or whatever.
- Aug 28 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce (Middleton); Pirie, Wrack and Still (Allan); Mathieson, Robertson, Clark, McPherson and Galbraith.
- Deveronside (League Champions) 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Rovers: Roy, Slater and R. Smith; Redford, Campbell and M. Smith; Sutherland, Martin, Ewen, McGettrick, Geddes and Lappin. Sub. George Murray, a brother of Neill 'Cropper' Murray. Martin was from Keith.
Note. Grant Martin was signed from Islavale.
- New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) Mike Matthews was in the Rovers' goal.**
- Fochabers 8 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
- Sept 4 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 4 in the Qualifying Cup**
- Bishopmill United 0 Fochabers 1 (L)**
Fochabers: Mcleod, Stewart and Christie; Milne, Anderson and I. Grant; Wood, Nicol, Martin, (Davidson), Connolly and Gauld (Mullen).
- Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** Gordon Bowie was again in goal for the Rovers.
- Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)**
Rovers: Brindle, Slater and Ewen, R. Smith, Mackay and Campbell; Martin, M. Smith, McGettrick, Redford and Lappin. Subs, Geddes and G. Murray.
Note. Jimmy Brindle, ex Islavale keeper was in goal for the Rovers.
- Sept 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)** Forres had still to be beaten this season.
- Lossie United 5 Buckie Rovers 2 1st round of the Matthew Cup**
Rovers: Brindle, Slater and Jim Innes; Redford, Mackay and Campbell; Martin, Smith, Geddes, McGettrick and Lappin. Subs. Wood and Murray.
- Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 5 New Elgin 3 AET in the Nicholson Cup**
- Sept 18 **Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 1st round Nicholson Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)**
- Cove Rangers 1 Elgin City 2 Final of the Tennents H/L Cup.**
- Sept 25 **Brora Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) "not one for the purists"**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Middleton; Mathieson, Wrack and Allan (Thornton), Ord, Robertson, Clark (Street), Galbraith and Anderson
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)**

Football news - The Rovers were presented with a new strip from the painting firm of Doolin and Clarke. It was handed over by partner in the firm and club president, Jack Clarke.

Buckie Rovers face the camera - A photograph was taken at the presentation which appears in the edition of the 'Advertiser'. The players are all named - Roy, Slater and Ewen; Wood, Mackay and Campbell; Martin, Murray, Geddes (Jim Innes), McGettrick and Redford (K. Sinclair).

Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 4 (L)

Oct 2 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Rovers 3 Aberdeen Parkvale 1 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Rovers: Roy, Slater and Ewen; Lappin, Mackay and Campbell; Martin, M. Smith, Jim Innes, McGettrick and G. Murray. Subs. Geddes and Wood. **Note** Jim. Innes was a son of George 'G.I' Innes.

Buckie Thistle 3 Ross County 2 (H/L)

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 4 (L)

Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 0 in the Inter Region Zamoyski Cup

Football news - A photograph is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' that shows the 'Bulb' Factory quine's football team that beat a team from the mills in Keith 3-1 during a Portessie Gala Day. The names of all the girls are given.

Oct 16 **Football news** - Mark Cowie at 13 years one of the most promising young footballers of the area has been offered a trial by Chelsea.

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth F. C. 0 (H/L)

Banks of Dee 3 Fochabers 1 in the 1st round of the Simpson Sports Cup

Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Rovers: Roy, Slater (Sinclair), Innes, Redford and Mackay; McGettrick (Wood), Martin, M. Smith, Mackie, Murray and Lappin.

Welfare League football - Portgordon United 3 North Star 0 Scottish Welfare Cup Scorers - Kevin Donald, Graham Fielding and Alan Thain.

Oct 23 **Forres Mechanics 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Note. The Rovers had two guest players in the team - David Gordon from Keith, ex Islavale and Davie Reid who played for Portgordon United. Gordon had been out of the game for two years. Keith Sinclair who was endeavouring to recapture his youth was on the bench.

Oct 30 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (H/L) It was admitted that Elgin were under strength.

Buckie Rovers 4 Fochabers 3 (L) **Stevie Mackie had a hat-trick** - a rare event - such things were about as much out of fashion as bikes wi widen wheels.

Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 in the Aberdeenshire Cup - Huntly went through 4-3 on penalties.**

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Simpson Sports Cup

Rovers: Roy (Murray), Martin, and Innes; Redford, Slater and M. Smith; McGettrick, Campbell, Mackie, and Lappin. Sub. Wood. **Note.** Roy who was having a good match was forced to retire through injury with Mackie taking his place in goal and Murray going on as a replacement.

Fochabers 2 Nairn St Ninians 3 (L)

Nov 13 **Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** *“Buckie lay back in grande poseur style”* Dig the French!

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L) - Gordon Bowie was in goal for the injured Roy.

New Elgin 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Nov 20 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Pirie and Ord; Mathieson, Wrack and Bruce; Still, Robertson Clark, McPherson, and D. Anderson (McBeath). Sub. Allan

Note. Prior to the game Alan McPherson signed a three year contract for the Thistle which took him up to 1994 (In February 1997 when these notes were taken he was still going strong and had just recently passed his 500th appearance for the club.) (Ten years later in season 2006/2007 he played for Islavale in the Premier Section of the North Juniors before becoming their manager.)

Derek Anderson and Ray Pirie had both played ten years for Buckie Thistle at this date.

Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 4 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup replay.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 2 in the Nicholson Cup

Nov 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Ord and Pirie; Mathieson, Wrack and Bruce; Still, Robertson, Clark, McPherson and Anderson. Subs. McBeath and Galbraith

Buckie Rovers 2 Wishaw Juniors 3 in the 1st round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Rovers: Bowie, Slater (Gordon) and R. Smith; Redford, Mackay and Ewen; J. Innes, M. Smith, Mackie, McGettrick and Lappin. Sub. Martin

Barbecue 3 Fochabers 1 2nd round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Mackie, Lees and Wright; Rylance Munro and Clark; Allen, McIntosh, Smart, McGregor and McColl. Subs. Harvey and Ward.

Dec 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: Bowie (Mackie), Slater and R. Smith; Innes, Mackay and M. Smith; Martin, Geddes, McGettrick, Lappin and Murray.

Dec 11 **No football - snow sports instead.**

Dec 18 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)**

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 2 (L) Alex Grant had two goals

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 4 H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Pirie and Ord; Mathieson, Wrack and Bruce; Still (McBeath), Robertson, Clark (Galbraith), McPherson and Anderson.

Note. Neil Cowie was signed from Elgin but too late to play in this game. Could this be the same player who left Buckie some years before for Keith?

Dec 24 **Fochabers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)** - *“This win took Fochabers to top of the League.”*

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) - Joe Harper, the former Aberdeen player who had been manager of Huntly was now in charge of Deveronvale.

Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Pirie and Ord (Neil Cowie); Mathieson, Wrack and Bruce; Still, Robertson, McBeath, McPherson and Anderson (Galbraith).

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- Jan 8 **Lossiemouth F.C. 6 Buckie Thistles (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Pirie and Middleton; Mathieson, Wrack and Bruce; Cowie, Robertson, McBeath, McPherson and Anderson (Still). Sub. Galbraith
- Bishopmill United 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
Rovers: Bowie, Wood (Slater) and McDonald; Campbell, Mackay and M. Smith; Johnston, Martin, Gordon, McGettrick and Lappin (Murray).
Note - Did Alan McDonald, former Rovers' player who retired in 1986, make a rare guest appearance here?
- Jan 15 **No football but plenty snow and hard frost**
- Jan 22 **As above.**
- Jan 29 **Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 1 Fochabers 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup**
- Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 6 in the Stewart Memorial Shield - *Stevie Mackie had four goals***
- Portgordon United 1 Broomhill (Falkirk) 3 in the Brewers Welfare Cup**
United - Mike Munro, Douglas and J. Thain; Ken Strachan, A. Strachan and A. Thain; D. Reid, Fielding, Donald, Shewan and Boyd. Subs. M. Strachan and Beresford.
- Feb 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fort William 3 (H/L) “*First points for the Fort and first win over the Thistle.*”**
- Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 in the 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Feb 12 **Coorse weather won again - no football**
- Feb 19 **Fochabers 2 Lewis United 2 in the Zamoyski Trophy - Fochabers won 6-5 on penalties**
- Buckie Rovers 5 Islavale 1 (L)**
- Feb 26 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Aberdeenshire Cup** - Bob Summers made another come back at centre half in this game.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
- Lossie United 3 Fochabers 1 (L)**
- Mar 5 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 1 in the replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup**
- Fochabers 1 New Elgin 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup**
- Mar 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes Ord and Bruce; Mathieson, Keith and Still; Cowie, Pirie, McPherson, Galbraith and Anderson Subs. Robertson and Allan
- New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Cannon Cup AET The Rovers won 4-2 on penalties.**
- Burghead 2 Fochabers 1 in the Cannon Cup**
- Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*Morale all round very low* “, said the match reporter, Bill Lobban
- Mar 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L)** - *Match reporter, Bill Lobban spoke of the supporters sighing for an out and out goal scorer such as Stevie Mackie of the Rovers.*
- Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 1 (L)** “*a great game*” - *Mackie had another hat-trick*
- Mar 26 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 3 (H/L)** This was the Thistle's second last home game.
- March 23 **Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 9 (nine) (L)** The Rovers had lost by the same margin on two occasions before against Burghead Thistle in the 1940's and against Petershill in the replay of a Scottish Junior Cup

tie.

Rovers: Bowie, Jim Innes and R. Smith; Martin, B. Slater and M. Wood.; D. Gordon (G. Murray), S. Mackie, M. Smith and A. McGettrick (Lappin).

'Side: Mitchell, Geddes and N. Rodger; Cardno (Morrison)? and Paterson; Anderson (I. Cormack), Tallis, Baird, Pirie and G. Rodger.

Fochabers 1 Lochee United 2 AET 3rd round of the Zamoyiski Cup - "*Colin Nicol had his best game since his return from the Rovers*", said match reporter, Gavin McLean.

April 2 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie; Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Summers and Still (Ord), Robertson, Pirie, Galbraith, McBeath and Anderson. Sub. Clark.

April 9 **Ross County 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

April 16 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

RAF Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Trialist, Innes and B. Slater; Redford, Mackay and Ewen; M. Smith, R. Smith, Mackie, Lappin (Murray) and Gordon.

**** **Fochabers 2 Deveronside 1 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup** - *Fochabers had now beaten Deveronside three times this season.*

April 23 **Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Islavale 0 Fochabers 0 (L) "This was the first time that Fochabers had failed to score this season."

April 30 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 1 (H/L)** The last thistle home game - Keith do the double over their nearest neighbours.

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Ord and Cowie; Pirie (Still), Robertson, D. Anderson, McPherson and Galbraith (Clark).

Thistle 'Player of the Year' - The winner this year of the *Banffshire Advertiser Trophy* awarded to the Thistle player who received the most votes cast by spectators was **Ian Mathieson**.

Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 2 (L)

May 7 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Stewart Memorial Shield - The Rovers won 6-5 on penalties.**

Rovers: Bowie, Innes and Campbell; Redford, Mackay and Ewen; Lappin (McGettrick), Wood, Gordon, M. Smith and R. Smith (Slater).

RAF Kinloss 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Lossie United 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

May 14 **Lossie United 3 Fochabers 3 AET in the Stewart memorial Shield - Fochabers won 4-2 on penalties**

May 21 **Fochabers 0 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)** "*Fochabers three points away and lost out in the title chase with the Banffers winning it again.*"

Fochabers 5 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

League top three - Deveronside, Fochabers then Lossie United. The Rovers came sixth.

***** **Deveronside 2 Fochabers 5 in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Cup** - *This was the Speysiders fourth successive victory over the 'Side.*

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 4 (L)

May 28 **Islavale 3 Fochabers 0 in the semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield**

June 4 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Shield Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 3**

Rovers: Bowie, Slater and Campbell; Redford, Mackay and Ewen; Wood (R. Smith), M. Smith, Mackie, Gordon and Lappin. Sub. Innes.

Vale: McLaughlan, Geddes and Simmers; Farquhar, Gordon and D. Grant; Milne, Dunbar, Woolly, Laing and A. Grant. Subs. Winton and Henderson. both were used.

Final of the Tom Gordon Cup Fochabers 5 Lossie United 1 at Forres

Fochabers: McLeod, Stewart and I. Grant; Milne, Anderson and A. Grant; Wood, Colin Nicol, Mackie, Gauld and Connolly. Subs. Christie and Davidson.

June 18 **Football news** - Buckie Youth team member Eddy Clark was voted 'Player of the Year' by all the other member clubs.

July 2 **Buckie Rovers AGM** - The officials and committee were returned enbloc. The team manager, Dennis Clark had the sad tale to relate that another season had gone past without the team winning any silver ware.

July 9 **Football news** - Buckie and District Welfare League became full members of the Scottish Welfare Football Association as up till now they had only been affiliated members which meant that they played all their games during the summer months. Under the new set up the season would be extended from August through to June or July.

The teams in the Buckie and District Welfare League in 1990/91 were: - Banff Rovers, Buckie United, Buckpool Victoria, Cullen, Portknockie Portgordon United, Portsoy, St Marnans, Turriff Thistle and Whitehills. It was hoped that former teams from Keith, Cornhill and Macduff might rejoin.

July 16 **Portknockie face the camera** - A photograph in this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser shows Welfare League team. Portknockie being presented with a new strip. Among the players is a well kent face, Keith Sinclair.

Football news - the following player left the Thistle - Ray Pirie was reinstate and is to play for an Aberdeen junior club; Derek Anderson went to Keith while Steve McBeath joined Deveronvale. Money changed hands for all three though in the case of Pirie and Anderson because of length of service this had been very little.

Buckie signed a couple of veterans - Dave Gibson on a free transfer from Peterhead and Andy Fettes who had played a long time for Keith. Gibson played a long time for Inverness Caley before immigrating to Australia returning to play a few games for Peterhead. In addition the club also signed Michael Smart, an 18 year old player from Torry Vics in Aberdeen.

Aug 6 **Buckie Thistle 0 Hibs 3 (F)**

Hibs: Woods, Snowdon and Tortalano (Farrell); Milner (Ingram), Orr and Cooper; Micky Weir, Raymer, Gareth Evans, Bailey and Nicholls, Subs Gardiner not used. **Note. Gareth Evans returned to the Hibs as a coach in the close season of season 2007/08.**

Buckie; Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Cowie; Gibson, Robertson (Smart), Clark (Allan), McPherson and Galbraith (Still). Subs. Ord and Thornton, not used.

Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 1 in the Tennents Highland League Cup

Aug 13 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Cowie; Gibson, Still, Clark, McPherson and Galbraith. Sub. Ord and Smart

Football news - Two players who played regularly last season, Middleton and Wrack appeared to have disappeared although their departure or destination has not been mentioned.

Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 in the Highland League Cup

Aug 20 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Highland League Cup**

Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) "Buckie were in scintillating form", we were told in the match report.

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) "not a good start," said the report written by Sonny Johnston.

Rovers: Jim Brindle, B. Slater and Campbell; Redford, Mackay and Wood; Lappin, Morrison ('Mo'), Gordon, Mike Slater, and Smith. Subs. Innes and Mair. **Note.** Morrison was from Keith.

Burghead Thistle 0 Fochabers 7 (L)

Fochabers: Mcleod, Stewart and Christie; McKen, Anderson and Bartlett; Mood?, Younie, Mackie (Nicol), Milne and Connolly (Gauld).

Aug 27 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 0 in the replay of the Tennents Highland League Cup.** *Bill Lobban, the match reporter, spoke of the Thistle having a look of class that had been largely missing for a few seasons in recent time.*

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 in the semi-final of the Highland League Cup

Fochabers 1 New Elgin 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L)

Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) report by Sonny Johnston *It was a long time coming but this made the win all that sweeter.*

Rovers: Brindle, Eddy Clark and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay and Gary Innes; Lappin, Wood(Gordon), Redford, B. Slater and M. Slater. Sub. Jim Innes.

Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers (L) The Rovers were missing Ewen and G. Innes both oilmen and back offshore meaning that the winning team of the previous week had to be rejigged. *Jimmy McIntosh late of Forres Thistle was a guest player.*

Sept 3 **A team from the past** - A photograph of the once very successful Welfare League team, **Buckpool Celtic** appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. The players in the team are all named :- Robbie Geddes., Jim Slater, David Geddes, Joe Mackay, Alex Reid, Jimmy Leslie, Bill Clark, George 'Doddie' Gordon, Jim Campbell, Collie Cowie, Johnnie Reid and Alan Westbury. Also in the photograph is Danny Coubrough who was trainer.

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 AET in the replay of the semi-final of the Tennents Highland League Cup

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Still; Gibson, Cowie, Ord McPherson (Allan) and Galbraith.

Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 1 in the Robertson Cup

'Side: Mike Munro, Kelly (Barron), and A. Cormack; Morris, McLean and Alan Grant; Burnett, I. Cormack, Bowie, Pirie and Gerrard. Sub. Neilson.

Lossiemouth F.C. 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) - A minute's silence was observed prior to the kick off as a mark of respect for Sandy Middleton, former Thistle player of pre-war years.

Sept 10 **Fort William 3 Buckie Thistle 6 in the Qualifying Cup**

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 0 (L)

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 AET in the Tom Gordon Cup. The game was played on the new Logie Park where there was very little grass after the long dry summer.

Note. Alan Kirkwood, from Edinburgh, a colleague with Dennis Clark with Moray Council, was in the Rovers; team. He had played junior football in the Capital.

Sept 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L) There were 97 paying spectators at the game**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson Fettes and Cowie; Gibson, Ord (Still), Clark, McPherson, and Galbraith (Smart).

Football news We now know who the Bill Lobban is who has written the reports of Buckie games for a long time as his photograph was shown this week. A good looking chiel tee, a still wi some hair it could be seen despite the tribulations of the job and an ardent Thistle supporter to boot.

Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Fochabers 2 Bishopmill 3 (L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 2 (L)

Sept 24 **Fochabers 5 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup**

Fochabers: McLeod, Stewart and Christie, Anderson, Young and Grant; Wood, Milne (Connolly), Mackie, Bartlett and Gauld. Sub. Davidson

Rovers: Brindle, Clark and Smith; McIntosh, Mackay and Campbell; Lappin (Wood), Innes, Redford, Slater and Morrison (Gordon).

Football news - Allan Fraser, match reporter and secretary of Buckie Rovers, got into trouble from the 'Heid Yins' because of remarks made regarding Paul Watson who was referee. This led to the birth of A. L. Nath as scribe from then who was still sojering on in 2007.

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 in the Scottish Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 in the Matthew Cup

Fochabers 0 Lossie United 5 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Oct 8 **Forres Thistle 4 Fochabers 1 (L)**

Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 2 AET in the replay of the Qualifying Cup

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 0 (H/L)

15 Oct. **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 2nd round of the Qualifying Cup**

Aberdeen East End 3 Fochabers 3 AET in the Zamoyski Cup. Fochabers won 6-5 on penalties

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 2 in the 1st round of the Zamoyski Cup

Rovers: Brindle, Clark and Campbell; Sutherland, Mackay and Wood; B. Slater (M. Smith), Innes, Redford Morrison (R. Smith) and M. Slater.

Oct 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 in the TSB Highland League**

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 2nd round replay of the Qualifying Cup

Buckie: Innes, Keith (Ord), and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Robertson; Gibson, Cowie, Clark, McPherson and Galbraith (Still).

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 AET? Forres won 4-3 on penalties - Report written by A. L. Nath, his first.

Fochabers 5 Deveronside 1 in the semi-final of the Tom Gordon Cup. The Speysiders continued to have a jinx on the Banffers. Fochabers had been the holders of this trophy for the past two seasons.

Oct 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 3 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Final of the Robertson Cup Lossie United 2 Fochabers 1

Fochabers: McLeod, Young and Christie; McKen, Bartlett and Grant; Wood, Stewart, Mackie, Gauld and Connolly. Subs. Davidson and Milne.

Burghead Thistle 1 Fochabers 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

Nov 5 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

OVD Scottish Junior Cup 1st round - Edinburgh United 5 Buckie Rovers 1 - Mackie had the Rovers' goal

OVD Scottish junior cup Fochabers 0 Linlithgow Rose 4 played at Rothes.

Nov 12 **Buckie Thistle 3 Cove Rangers 2 in the Evening Express Aberdeenshire Shield** - Buckie had long term absentee, Wayne Thornton in place of the injured Graeme Keith.

Fochabers 1 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 5 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 (H/L)

I have forgotten now but I can believe that the Buckie 'Squeak' was edged in black this week with the three teams reported on all losing

Nov 19 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L)**

Ross County 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) - Buckie had James Phimister former Bona Accord keeper in goal in place of Alex Innes who was injured. Bill Lobban was on the opinion he couldn't be blamed for the defeat.

RAF Kinloss 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Nov 26 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 in the Aberdeenshire Shield** - Alan Brand, a trialist, was in goal for Alex Innes.

Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth F.C. 0 (H/L) *This week the Thistle had a third change of keeper, this time it was Derek Arris.* According to Bill Lobban Arris was a widely travelled keeper in Highland League circles.

Fochabers 5 Nairn St Ninians 0 (L)

Lossie United 6 Buckie Rovers 3 1st round replay of the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Dec 3 **Inverness Caley 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *Derek Arris was again in goal but was sent off for an infringement.*

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Wood and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay, and B. Slater (Wojcik); Morrison, Clark, Mackie, Lapin, and M. Slater. Sub. Kirkwood.

Dec 10 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Jim Findlay signed from Huntly scored on his debut

Dec 17 **Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 1 (H/L) **New signing Jim Findlay scored a hat-trick, the first for a Buckie player for a long time.**

Islavale 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Dec 23 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 (L)** One of the few games to escape the weather conditions that made so many grounds unplayable. The Rovers had Elgin lad Geordie Robertson in their side.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Robertson; Gibson, Still, Findlay, McPherson (Clark) and Galbraith. Sub. Ord.

Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 1 (H/L) **Findlay had another hat-trick** having now scored 8 goals in four starts and seemed to be the answer to Buckie's long time goal scoring weakness.

Fochabers 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) - Note. Ali Ewen was sent off for an alleged last man foul on Connolly within the box. This was the first time in his career

Fochabers: McLeod, Young and Christie; Milne, Bartlett and Grant; Cassie, Stewart, Connolly, Thomson and Gauld. Subs. McKen and Nicol.

Rovers: Brindle, B. Slater and R. Smith; Ewen, Mackay and Innes; M. Smith, Robertson, Mackie, Morrison (Bowie) and Campbell. Sub. Wood.

1992

Jan 7 **No football reports**

Jan 14 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *"The win here made it five wins in a row, the best for four years."*

- Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Nairn St Ninians 3 Fochabers 2 (L)**
- Jan 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)**
- Fochabers 9 (nine) Burghead Thistle 0 (L)** Raymond Mackie had four with Ricky Thomson 3
- Jan 28 **Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 2 (L)** The Rovers do the double over their erstwhile bogey team
The report was again written by Sonny Johnston as A.L. Nath had the flu. Was it whispered that he might care to take this more often? The Rovers' team was along the usual lines with G. Bowie and Park as subs.
Deveronside: D. Gerrard, M. Gerrard and Kelly; Anderson, I. Cormack and Milne; Burnett, Mclean, Bruce, Pirie and Grant. Subs. Morrison and A. Cormack. Notable changes in the Banff side, no Mitchell, Cardno, Tallis, Baird or the Rodgers.
- Fochabers 3 RAF Kinloss 2 (L)**
- Fort William 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** Was this the first time that the Lochaber men had beaten Buckie Thistle, if not it was only the second time.
- Feb 4 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Feb 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 3 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Cup** The pair had now met seven times this season.
- Fochabers 2 Lossie United 2 in the Zamoyiski Cup**
- New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 1 AET in the Stewart Memorial Shield** - The Rovers won 4-2 on penalties. Cowie as sub replaced Robertson for the Rovers.
- Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)**
- Fochabers 4 RAF Kinloss 5 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup** - *Fochabers had Lawrence in goal.*
- Feb 25 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 2 in the 1st round replay of the Aberdeenshire Cup**
- Fochabers 1 Islavale 3 in the Stewart Memorial Shield.**
- ***** **Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 0 (L)** Note - The Rovers received a **new strip from Moray Seafoods**, handed over by the proprietor, Charles Eckersley
- Mar 3 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Rovers: Brindle, Clark (Sutherland), Campbell, Morrison, B. Slater and Wood; Smith, Robertson, Kirkwood, Bowie (Penny) and M. Slater.
- ***** **Note.** The Rovers had as guest players two Forres lads, Graham Sutherland and Mark Penny. Graham Sutherland was the son of John Sutherland a former Forres Thistle player. The two were to sign for the Rovers with Mark continuing to play for a good length of time for the Rovers. He was still playing in season 2006/07 for Forres Thistle
- RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 1 in the Nicholson Cup**
- Mar 10 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Ord and Smart; Keith, Summers and Robertson; Gibson, Still, Clark, McPherson and Findlay. Subs. Cowie and Street. Notable absentees through injury being Mathieson, Galbraith, Fettes and Bruce.
- Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Matthew Cup**
- Mar 17 **No luck on Paddy's Day, the bad weather won all round with no football**

- Mar 24 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 3 (L)**
- Fochabers 3 Lossie United 6 (L)**
- Mar 31 **Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 0** in the **Nicholson Cup** - *Playing in goal for the absentee Brindle the Rovers had veteran Keith 'Burridge' Sinclair.* (At this time John Burridge was a goalkeeper who was prepared to travel all round the British Isles to help out any team stuck for a keeper, one such team was the Hibs.)
Rovers: Sinclair, Clark and Campbell; Redford, Mackay and B. Slater, Wood, M. Smith, Morrison, Bowie and M. Slater. Sub. Kirkwood.
- Final of the Tom Gordon Cup Fochabers 1 Bishopmill United 2** at Burghead
- April 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 0 (H/L)** The report on the game was by Easton Thain
- Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 (H.L)** - match report by George Jappy
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Smart; Mathieson, Bruce and Still; Gibson, Ord, Clark, McPherson and Findlay (Cowie). Sub. Fettes.
Keith: Thain, Thow (Watt); Watson, Grant and Barclay; Gibson, Douglas, Begg, Leslie, Yeats and D. Anderson. Sub. Coull.
- April 14 **New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L)** *"Fochabers saw their title hopes dashed"*
- April 21 **Inverness Thistle 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 1** The report was written by Andy Newlands.
- Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Robertson; Gibson, Still, Clark, Cowie and Findlay. Subs. Smart and Ord.
- New Elgin 0 Fochabers 3 (L)**
- April 28 **RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 2 (L)**
- Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- May 5 **Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
Brindle, Morrison and R. Smith; G. Innes, Mackay and Campbell; Wood, Clark (Mathieson), Kirkwood (Huldall), M. Smith and M. Slater.
This match ended another trophyless and most disappointing season for the Rovers.
- Player of the Year - Dave Gibson** was the Thistle player voted by the fans as the **Player of the Year** and recipient of the **Banffshire Advertiser Trophy.**
- Bishopmill United 3 Fochabers 0 (L)**
- Final of the Tom Gordon Cup Bishopmill United 2 Fochabers 1 AET.**
Fochabers: McLeod, Young and Christie; Milne, Anderson and Nicol (Davidson); Thomson, Stewart, Mackie, Grant and Connolly .Sub. McKen.
- May 12 **Fochabers 0 Deveronside 3 (L)**
- May 19 **Fochabers 1 Lossie United 2 (L)**

- May 26 **Fochabers 3 Islavale 3 in the semi-final of the Matthew Cup. The 'Vale won 3-2 on penalties.**
The season went all pear-shaped for the Speysiders losing their last five games on the trot.
- Lossie United won the North Section with 43 points from 22 games played, Forres Thistle were second then Islavale.**
- June 2 **Football news** - Jim Leask retired as president of Buckie Thistle after ten years. Murray Thain was appointed the new president.
- June 9 **Welfare League - Cullen won two trophies - The Anderson Cup and the St Valery Trophy.**
- July 21 **Buckie Thistle 1 Partick Thistle 3 (F)** Malcolm Murray, local lad and former Thistle player, played for the visitors.
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Fettes (J. Mathieson) and Cowie (A. Mathieson); Ord, Still, G. Clark, McPherson and Smart (Street).
- July 28 **Buckie Thistle 0 Falkirk 6 (F)** A photograph of Buckie Thistle appears in the Banffshire Advertiser of this date.
- Aug 4 **Inverness Thistle 4 Buckie Thistle 0 Press and Journal Highland League**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes, Robertson; Gibson, Still (Ord), Clark, McPherson and Findlay (Galbraith). The match report was by Bill Lobban
- Aug 11 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 5 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Flett and Robertson; Gibson, Still, Clark, McPherson and Findlay. Subs. Ord and Galbraith. *"Jags overwhelmed in Caley storm,"* so said Bill Lobban.
- Football news** - A minute's silence was observed prior to the match on Saturday as a mark of respect for Alex 'Bomber' Thomson who died the previous week. A former player in the immediate post WWII years and later trainer he was a long time connected with the club.
- Aug 18` **Huntly 4 Buckie Thistle 0 H/L)**
- ***** **Football news** - Bobby Jeffrey who played at left half for Buckie Thistle in their halcyon days in the 1950's died this week. The half-line which picked itself week after week read - Jamsie Thain, Johnnie Dutch and Bobby Jeffrey.
- Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 3 (L)** Football news - Fochabers had a much changed team from that that ended the previous season
Fochabers: Dunn, McLeod and Christie; Gauld, Young and Inkson; Laing, 'Pogo' Paterson (Campbell), Suarez, Cassie (Graham) and Mitchell.
- Elgin City 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** - *"This was getting to be something of a habit - five years had gone by since the City had beaten the Jags at Boroughbriggs."* Not an event worthy of free drink now.
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Fettes and Ord (Robertson); Cowie, Still, Clark (Findlay), McPherson and Galbraith. The match report was written by Paul Munch
- Nairn St Ninians 7 Buckie Rovers (L)** *"Nae the kind of start one would have liked,"* said A. L. Nath.
Rovers: Jimmy Brindle, Ronnie Smith and Raymond Tait, Gary Innes, Bryan Slater and Eddy Campbell; Mark Wood, Colin Nicol, David Kirkwood ((Mike Slater), Mike Smith, Gordon Redford. Sub. Trialist.
Note. Raymond Tait who had been with Culter for the past two seasons and Colin Nicol who was with Fochabers were both signed again for the Rovers.
- Aug 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 3 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 4 (L)** The Rovers had 'Toby' Burgess in the team at inside right with? Shields on the bench. Who the latter was I don't know but Burgess, a Buckie lad, had played for the Rovers some seasons before.
- Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)**
- Sept 1 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 2 (L)** A rare victory by the Rovers over their closest neighbours.

Rovers: Brindle, Sellar and R. Smith; Donald, Campbell and Tait; Wood, Nicol, Mackie, M. Smith and M. Slater. Subs. Mathieson and Sinclair.

Note. The Rovers had two players from yester year in the team with another named as a substitute. Davie Sellar was at right back, Kevin Donald at right half while Keith Sinclair was on the bench.

Sept 8

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Qualifying Cup

Buckie: Innes, Bruce and Smart; Mathieson, Fettes and Robertson; Gibson, Still, Galbraith, Clark and Findlay. Subs. Keith and Ord.

Buckie Rovers 4 Deveronside 4 (L) *“The Rovers struggled to field a team.”*

Rovers: Brindle, Murray Laing and Campbell; Donald, Cowie; Smith, Wood, Nicol, Mackie, M. Slater, and Lappin (‘Pogo’ Paterson)) Sub. B. Slater

Football news - The Rovers were presented with **holdalls from Jake Robertson**, Moravian Garage.

Fochabers 0 Forres Thistle 1 in the semi-final of the Robertson Cup

Fochabers: Dunn, McLeod and Christie; Gauld, Young and Murdoch; Laing, Suarez Inkson, Paterson and Mitchell (Graham). Sub. Chisholm.

Sept 15

Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L) *“Cove Rangers had beaten Nairn County 11-0 in the Qualifying Cup the week before.”*

Note. Buckie had Paul Thomson of Lads Club, Aberdeen junior side, in goal in place of Innes who was unavailable.

Fochabers 3 New Elgin 4 AET in the Tom Gordon Cup

Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *“A rare win for the Brochers over the Rovers”*

Rovers: Keith Sinclair, McGettrick (Kirkwood) and B. Slater; G. Innes, Mackay and Smith; Wood, Nicol, Jim Innes, Paterson and M. Slater.

Note. Keith ‘Burridge’ Sinclair ‘plugged the hole’ once again when the Rovers were stuck for a keeper...

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 4 in the replay of the Qualifying Cup

Sept 22

Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth F.C. 3 (H/L)

Note. Buckie had Stuart Invergarrity in the side at right half.

Photograph shows a team from the past. This was **Buckie Wanderers** - Juvenile Champions in season 1958/59

Players named - Atholl Reid, James Murray, Edward Bruce, Bill Flett, Rob. McKenzie, Ian Brown, with Jimmy Leslie, trainer, Charlie Davidson, John May, Jim Clark, Willie John Cowie, Andrew Cowie and Peter Smith. The photograph appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Cannon Cup.

Note. ‘Pogo’ Paterson from Mosstodloch and grandson of Dickie Grant scored his first goal for the Rovers here.

Sept 29

Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Note. Kenny Taylor, signed from Inverness Caley played his first game for the Thistle at centre half.

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 3 in the semi-final of the Cannon Cup

Fochabers 0 Nairn St Ninians 3 (L)

Note. Like the Rovers the Speysiders were not having their sorrows to seek with their new side taking its time to gel

Oct 6

Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)

Formartine 3 Buckie Rovers 5 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup preliminary round. .

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick (B. Slater) and Campbell; Ewen, Redford, Tait, Wood, Nicol, Mackie, Smith (Paterson) and M. Slater. **“A muddy great show by the Rovers.”**

Islavale 5 Fochabers 1 (L)

Oct 13

Fort William 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *“The Lochaber lads triumph again as they did the last time the*

two met.”

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Inverarrity and Robertson; Gibson Still, Clark, McPherson and Findlay. Subs, Taylor and Street not used.

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Note. Jason Gault, an Elgin lad, started his first game for the Rovers at outside left.

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 4 in the Zamoyski Cup competition.

Deveronside - Munro, Gerrard (Barron), Anderson, Taylor, Bartlett, Bowie, Alan Grant, Alex Grant, Ian Grant (Mackie), Pirie and Cormack.

Note The ‘Side had five ex Fochabers players in their side plus Mike Munro formerly with the Rovers. “*Thirty pieces of silver*” being the attraction

Oct 20 **Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes Still, Clark, McPherson and Findlay. Subs. Gibson and Ord.

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Note. Neil Duthie playing his first game for the Rovers opened the scoring.

Fochabers 2 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)

Buckie Thistle 4 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L) “*Two former Thistle players were listed for the Mechanics - Lock was on the right wing while Thornton was on the bench.*”

Oct 27 **Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 East End 6 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Fochabers 1 Lads Club 0 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup. “*This was only the Speysiders second win of the season and they played with ten men for 55 minutes.*”

Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 5 Huntly 0 (H/L)** “*This was the first league win over Huntly since season 1987/88*”

Buckie: Innes (Gibson), Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Still, Clark, McPherson and Findlay. Sub. Keith.

Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)

RAF Kinloss 2 Fochabers 1 (L)

Nov 10 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Fochabers 1 Lossie United 2 AET in the Stewart Memorial Shield.

Buckie Rovers 2 Crombie Sports 2 AET in the Zamoyski Cup - Crombie won 5-4 on penalties

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick and Campbell; Paterson, Innes and Duthie (Nicol); Smith, Slater, Wood, Kirkwood (Tait), and Gault.

Nov 17 **Inverness Caley 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L)

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (P & J H/L)**

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) - A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for ‘Wick’ Allan the G.O.M. of North Junior Football who died this week at the age of 94.

No Fochabers’ reports for two weeks; having great problems with the playing area.

Dec 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 1 in the Aberdeenshire Shield - The Thistle won 6-5 on penalties**

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Still (Cowie) Clark, McPherson and Galbraith (Gibson).

OVD Scottish Junior Cup Lanark 1 Buckie Rovers 0 - *Report* written by Sonny Johnston - good stuff - some priceless quotes “*a team bag bides langer in the cup than the Rovers.*” The Rovers

were seen as, *"hicks from the sticks"*.

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick and Campbell; Ewen, Mackay and B. Slater; Nicol, Smith, Wood, M. Slater and Gault. Subs. Paterson and Duthie.

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L) *"Over the past 5 seasons Buckie had only won once before at Mosset Park."* In January 1947, with the help of a number of Polish ex servicemen, the Mechanics beat Buckie by 8 goals to one and it looked as if Thistle might gain full revenge here.

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Keith and Robertson; Fettes, Still, Clark, Gibson and Galbraith. Subs. Findlay and Cowie.

OVD Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round - Fochabers 1 Shettleston 7 - played at Victoria Park

Dec 8 **RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** The Rovers were 'Team of the Month' for October.

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L) Buckie were top of the Highland league at this point with 40 points from 19 games played.

Dec 15 *** **Final of the Aberdeenshire Shield - Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 2** played at Keith **This was the first trophy won by the Thistle since winning the Aberdeenshire Cup in season 1987/88 The scorers for Buckie were Clark and Robertson while Rougvie, ex Aberdeen, scored an o.g.**

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Still, Clark McPherson and Galbraith. Subs. Gibson and Keith.

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 1 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick and R. Smith; Innes, Mackay and B. Slater; Nicol, M. Smith, Wood (Tait), M. Slater and Gault. Sub. Duthie.

RAF Lossiemouth 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Dec 29 **No games - the weather won.**

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Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Keith; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Ord (Cowie), Gibson, McPherson and Findlay. Sub Inverarity

Jan 12 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)

Jan 19 **Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** The win brought the Rovers to the top of the League with 27 points from 13 games played.

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick and R. Smith; Ewen, Mackay and B. Slater; Nicol Wood, Mackie, M. Slater (Paterson) and Gault (Duthie).

Fochabers were having problems with their park following the heavy rains of recent weeks

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 1 (H/L)

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (H/L)** - The match was abandoned due to the mess of the playing surface.

Feb 2 **Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)**

Rovers: Brindle, McGettrick and Campbell; Innes, Mackay and B. Salter; Nicol, M. Smith, Wood, M. Slater and Gault. Subs. Paterson and Duthie.

Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Aberdeenshire Cup

Fochabers 1 Culter 1 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Fochabers: Dunn, Inkson and Christie; Gauld, Thomson and Murdoch; Suarez, Paterson and Davidson (Anderson) Sub. Lawson (Was this Tommy doing a Sinatra?)

Note. Playing for Culter was - Dave Oxley, Donald Buchannan and Les Mason all former Thistle players.

This was Fochabers first home game since November.

Feb 9 **Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 2 Lossie United 1 AET in the Matthew Cup

Feb 16 **Culter 3 Fochabers 0 in the replay of the Simpson Sports Regional Cup** *“Dunn, the Fochabers keeper, was an absolute star.”*

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Still (Ord), Galbraith, McPherson and Gibson. Sub. Keith.

***** **RAF Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Stewart Memorial Shield.** The Rovers were voted ‘Team of the Month’ for November and December.

Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and R. Smith; Ewen, Mackay and B. Slater; Nicol, Mackie, M. Slater, M. Smith and Gault. Subs. McGettrick and Duthie.

Football news - Brian Murdoch ‘Murdie’ ex Islavale signed for the Rovers and played his first game against the RAF.

Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)** The referee called a halt to the match after 20 minutes because of the intensity of the wind.

Islavale 1 Fochabers 0 in the Nicholson Cup - The match was played in farcical conditions.

Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L) The referee abandoned the match after 25 minutes due to the intensity of the wind and the cold. *“did providence intervene?”*

Mar 2 **No football reports - the weather won.**

Mar 9 **Fochabers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)** Lossie were reigning League Champions

Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Fettes, Ord (Still), Gibson, McPherson and Galbraith (Keith).

Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, R. Smith (Paterson) and McGettrick; Innes, Murdoch and B. Slater (J. Innes); Nicol, Duthie, M. Smith, Wood and Gault.

Mar 16 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 Bishopmill 1 in the Matthew Cup

Buckie Rovers 5 Nairn St Ninians 4 (L) This was a replay of the game abandoned in February. Colin Nicol was missing as he was guesting for Forres Mechanics

Mar 23 **RAF Kinloss 3 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Matthew Cup**

Fochabers 5 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Fochabers: Dunn, Mcleod and Christie; Gauld, Young and Suarez; Fraser, Murdoch, Bruce, Paterson (Laing) and Thomson (Franklyn).

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Mar 30 **Cove Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *“The first time that Buckie had lost at Cove since the team entered the Highland League.”*

Buckie: Innes, Smart and Bruce; Mathieson, Keith and Still; Findlay, Ord and Gibson, McPherson and Clark. Sub Inverarity.

Burghead Thistle 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

Rovers had a free date - no report

April 6 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach 4 (H/L)**

Fochabers 1 Deveronside 2 (L)

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 4 in the Nicholson Cup - "*Seamus Connolly and Gary Wood were a deadly duo for the Thistle.*" The Rovers ended the game with nine men as both Colin Nicol and Gordon Redford were sent off.

Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and R. Smith; Ewen (M. Smith) Redford and Wood; McGettrick (B. Slater), Nicol, Mackie, M. Slater and Gault.

‘A sad day for the Rovers ‘ The Rovers lost the services of Ali Ewen who was carried off with a suspected broken ankle after only 11 minutes of play. This marked a sad end to Ali's football career as he never played again. It was a bad break and meant that he was off work, as an off-shore oilman, for many months. He was, to my mind, the most stylish players I ever saw play for the Rovers and only played at junior level as his work off shore meant he was unavailable to play regularly for Buckie in the Highland League.

April 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 (H/L)** "*Buckie came back from the dead.*"

Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

April 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fort William 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, M. Smart (Ord) and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson; Keith, Still, Galbraith, Gibson, Findlay (Inverarity).

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 4 (L)

Fochabers 4 New Elgin 5 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

May 4 **Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Sonny Johnston wrote the report on the game. (Perhaps this goes without saying.)

Elgin City won the Highland League with Buckie Thistle in 9th position.

May 11 **Thistle ‘Player of the Year’** Ian Mathieson was voted by the fans the ‘**Thistle Player of the Year**’ and the recipient of the **Banffshire Advertiser Trophy**.

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 2 (L) Stevie Mackie had a **hat-trick**, a somewhat rare event by any Rovers' player at the time.

Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 0 (L) The service side appeared to be poorer than it had been formerly.

Deveronside 3 Fochabers 0 (L)

New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 2 AET in the semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield. The Rovers won 6-5 on penalties.

May 18 **Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Mackie had a **hat-trick**. He was beginning to make a habit of it after me saying that such things were rare commodities.

May 25 **Fochabers 1 Deveronside 6 in the Gordon Williamson Cup** - Fochabers had their keeper sent off early on in the match

Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup. Assistant manager and veteran Rovers' player, Keith Sinclair, was on the bench.

June 1 **Football news** - Willie Cowie, a native of Keith and son of Jimmy Cowie, a member of the very successful Thistle team of the mid 1950's died on May 23.

- *** **League Championship for the Rovers - *Buckie Rovers won the North Section League for the first time in ten years after beating Islavale by three goals to nil at Merson Park.*** The goal scorers were - Michael Smith, Michael Slater and Neil Duthie.
Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and R. Smith; Innes, Mackay and B. Slater; McGettrick (Paterson), Duthie (Nicol), M. Smith and M. Slater.
See report on the game on page 11 of this edition of the 'Advertiser.'
- ***** **Football news** - An interesting side to the game is that depending on the outcome of the game the League title could have gone three ways. Had Islavale won they would have taken the title while had it been a draw the title would have gone to Deveronside. *"Let us say that the gods were kind."*
- June 8 **Football news** - Another Thistle star of the 1950's, Jimmy McIntyre, died this week. He will be remembered as a swash-buckling, successful centre forward who saw his football career come to a sad end when he received a horrific leg break in a collision with the Forres goalkeeper during a match at Mosset Park, Forres.
- ***** **Veni, Vidi, Vici - They came, they saw, they conquered - The Rovers were the first team to win the new inter-league Wick Allan North Regional Trophy by beating the East Section league winners Inverurie Locos by three goals to one in the most exciting game I have ever witnessed. Each man in the Rovers' team was 'Simply Superb'.** The newspaper pundits gave the Rovers no chance of beating the strong going Locos side, the match being described as a 'bridge too far' for the Rovers to cross.
Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch (Campbell) and R. Smith; Innes, Mackay and Slater; McGettrick, M. Smith, Mackie, Redford (Nicol) and Gault.
- June 15 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Shield - Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 0 at Banff.**
Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and Campbell; Redford, Wood and Mackay; Slater, McGettrick, Smith, Mackie, Paterson and Duthie. Sub. Nicol.
With the Rovers forced to make changes from the successful team of the week before they failed to win their last game which made the end of a momentous season something of an anti-climax
- June 22 ***** **Football news** - Portgordon United stepped up to the Juniors rank.
- July 6 **Football news** - Buckie Rovers A.G.M- The treasurer reported that the finances were relatively sound, helped greatly by the proceeds from a successful Sportsman's Dinner. The post of president was unfilled while Michael Johnston accepted the role of vice president.
- July 27 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen F.C. XI 3 (F)**
Buckie had two guests playing - Martin Allan and? Ritchie.
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; I. Mathieson, K. Taylor and J. Matheson (Corser); Inverarity (Toshy), Still, Allan, Findlay, Ritchie (McPherson).
Aberdeen: Watt, Riley and Glass; Winnie, McLeish and Cooper (McCulloch); Nisbet (Christie), Ferguson, Milne, Gilbert, Robertson (Adams). Sub. Stillie (G.K) not used.
Football news - Neil Cowie and Andy Fettes both left Buckie Thistle. Raymond Elder was signed from Raeden Thistle.
Buckie Thistle 0 Meadowbank Thistle 2 (F)
Football news - Sonny Johnston a member of Buckie Rovers' committee for some time agreed to become president of the club.
- Aug 10 ***** **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 1 (H/L) Elgin City were Highland League Champions in season 1992/93 but lost the title by default.**
Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Taylor and Still; J. Matheson (Smart), Gibson, Clark, Robertson and Findlay. Sub. Inverarity.
- Aug 17 **Lossiemouth F.C. 0 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup**

Football news - Cornhill joined the Buckie and District Welfare League

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 1 (L) - Dougie Will came back as manager of the Speyside club.

Fochabers - McLaughlin, Fraser and Christie; Smith, Murdoch and Tewnion; Suarez, Cormie (Will), Paterson, Younie and McDonald. Sub .Laing.

Ross County 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

New Elgin 3 Portgordon United 0 (L) The first game in the Juniors for the United.

No Portgordon team was given but the short report said that new signings, G. Bowie, Eddy Clark, Joe Innes, P. Hay and B. Taylor and all showed promise. New Elgin had the edge on fitness

Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L) - The new pavilion was opened at Merson Park by Councillor. Bill Jappy.

Rovers: Brindle, Nicol (McGettrick) and B. Geddes, Innes, Murdoch and Gault; R. smith (B. Slater), Tallis, M. Slater, M. Smith and Winton.

News signings for the Rovers - Graeme Tallis from Forres Mechanics also Kevin Winton and Paul Geddes from Islavale. Brian 'Brains' Geddes a brother of Paul was signed later in the week.

Aug 24

Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 in the Highland League Cup

Deveronside 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Scorer Gault. Tallis who had been formerly with Deveronside was sent off. Gary Johnston, ex Islavale, was in the Rovers' side.

Fochabers 1 Lossie United 2 (L)

Portgordon United 2 RAF Kinloss 5 (L)

Portgordon: Erskine, Cormack and Jamie Shewan; Clark, Farquhar and Hay; McKay, Gardiner, I. Shewan, Reid and Gordon. Subs. Bowie and Brewin. Reid and McKay had the Port's goals.

Aug 31

Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon United 0 in the Matthew Cup

Rovers: Brindle, Geddes and Gault; Redford, Mackay and B. Slater; McGettrick, M. Smith (R. Smith), Mackie, Johnston, M. Slater (Winton).

Portgordon: Bowie, Davidson and J. Shewan; Clark, A. Shewan and Farquhar; Gardiner, Strachan, Innes, Reid and McKay.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Caley 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Inverarity (Ord) and Taylor; Still, Galbraith, Gibson, Clark, Robertson, and Findlay (Elder).

Deveronside 5 Fochabers 1 in the Matthew Cup

Fochabers: Dunn, Cormie and A. Fraser; Smith, I. Fraser and Suarez; Younie, McDonald, Thomson, Will, Paterson and Tewnion.

Two former Fochabers' players, Raymond Mackie and Bartlett were in the 'Side team.

Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 4 (L) The Rovers had Colin Campbell, a Welfare League player in the side at right back. 'Pogo' Paterson who previously played for the Rovers was a star for Fochabers

Sept 7

Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) The match report was written by Keith Sinclair.

Bishopmill United 0 Fochabers 5 in the 2nd round of the Cannon Cup

Sept 14

New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Matthew Cup

Portgordon United 3 Burghead Thistle 3 (L) The United gained their first point.

Fochabers 2 Forres Thistle 4 (L)

Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth F.C. 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Smart; Mathieson, Taylor and Still (Gibson); Elder, Robertson, Clark, Galbraith and Findlay. Sub. Bruce.

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

***** **Buckie Rovers 5 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)** This was the first visit to Buckie by the new club from Grantown.

***** **Football news -** The Rovers were presented with a **new strip from Slater Sports with tops from A.C. Coull, Plumber.**

Buckie Thistle 6 Fochabers 2 (F) The game was played on Wednesday evening. ? Murray was in goal for the Thistle.

Lossie United 1 Fochabers 3 in the semi-final of the Cannon Cup

Sept 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 3 Qualifying Cup**

Burghead Thistle 0 Fochabers 4 (L) *“First time in two years that Fochabers had won two games on the trot.”*

Bishopmill 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

***** **Portgordon United face the camera -** A photograph of the team now playing at Junior level appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L)**

Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 1 (L) A minute’s silence was observed in memory of Billy Johnston ex Islavale player and also for Willie Laing, ex Thistle and Aberdeen player both of whom died during the week.

Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 in the preliminary round of the Simpson Sports Trophy.

A football team of yester year - A photograph of a **Buckpool Celtic U15** appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. All the players are named. It was handed in by Charlie Mackay who was associated with the club.

Oct 12 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 6 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 in the semi-final of the Matthew Cup

Fochabers 4 Hermes 2 in the Preliminary round of the Zamoyski Inter Regional Trophy.

Oct 19 **Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Smart and Gibson; J. Matheson, Robertson (Street), Robertson, Galbraith, and McPherson. There were two Robertson’s listed. Gordon Robertson had been one but we weren’t told who the other one was.

*** **Buckie Rovers 0 Lesmahagow 3 (The ‘Gows’) in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup**
Rovers: Brindle, B. Geddes and Christie (Winton), Innes, Mackay and Gault (Slater); P. Geddes, Tallis, Johnston, Smith and Jim Pirie.

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 2 in the Nicholson Cup

Oct 26 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Inverarity and J. Matheson, Smart, Robertson, Galbraith, McPherson (Street) and Gibson.

Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Kinloss 2 in the Zamoyski Trophy.

Final of the Cannon Cup - New Elgin 0 Fochabers 4 -The first trophy won by the Speysiders for three seasons. The match was played at Mosset Park, Forres under the lights.

Fochabers: Dunn, Cormie and Christie; Anderson, Fraser and Younie; McDonald, Will, Thomson, Smith (Inkson) and Paterson. Sub. Murdoch.

Fochabers 4 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)

Nov 2 **Portgordon United 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** - Stevie Mackie, a Portgordon loon, had two goals. This was the Rovers first visit to play Portgordon in the Junior League.
Portgordon: Bowie, Cormack and Clark; Geddes, Joe Innes and G. Gardiner; W. Farquhar, (Jamie Shewan), D. Reid, A. Shewan, I. Shewan and Henderson (Davidson).
Rovers: Brindle, B. Geddes and Christie; Mackay, Murdoch and M. Smith (Nicol); Johnston, Tallis (M. Slater), Mackie, R. Smith and Gault.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Nov 9 **Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 0 in the 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Shield**
Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Keith and Gray (Begg); Smart, Robertson, Gibson, McPherson and Galbraith. Sub Matheson.
Buckie had signed Mark Girling and Steve Gray from Huntly also Jason Begg on a short term basis to ease the injury problem.

Fochabers 2 Culter 3 in the Zamoyski Challenge Trophy

Buckie Rovers 2 Buchanhaven Hearts 3 in the Simpson Sports Competition.
Rovers: Brindle, Brian Geddes and Paul Geddes; Murdoch, Mackay and Gault; McGettrick (Nicol), Tallis, Gary Johnston, Mike Slater (Winton) and Mike Smith.

Fochabers 3 Inch 2 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Nov 16 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Keith and Begg (J. Matheson); M. Smart, G. Robertson, Gibson, McPherson and Galbraith (Findlay).

Wishaw 3 Fochabers 1 in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup

Fochabers: Dunn, Cormie and Christie; Anderson, I, Fraser and Younie; McDonald, A, Fraser, Tewnion, Thomson, Paterson and Suarez (Murdoch).

RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Nov 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Deveronside 3 Fochabers 0 (L) The Banff side had Randall in goal

Nov 30 **Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 4 (L)**

Football news - The book 'Happy Days at the Old Vic' written by Easton Thain about Buckie Thistle was now on sale at £7.99

No reports for either Buckie Thistle or Fochabers in this edition of the B. A.

Dec 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Ross County 3 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 6 AET in the Nicholson Cup. Gary Johnston had a hat-trick for the Rovers.

Final of the Matthew Cup Buckie Rovers 3 Strathspey Thistle 2 played under the lights at Mosset Park, Forres on Wednesday evening. I missed what was said to have been a cracker of a match as I, a teacher, had a 'Parent's Evening'. **Mackie had a hat-trick.** Apart from winning the Inter Section, Wick Allan Memorial Trophy this was the first **piece of silver ware won by the Rovers** since they won the **Nicholson Cup** in their last game of the season at Burghead in **season 1985/86 Keith Sinclair wrote a report on the game**
Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and Christie; B. Slater, Campbell and Gault; P. Geddes, Tallis, Mackie, Johnston and M. Smith. Subs. R. Smith and Winton.

Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)

Dec 14 **Lossiemouth F.C. 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Lossie United 1 (L) A minute's silence was observed prior to the kick off as a mark of respect for the president of the North Section, Gill Scott, President of Fochabers F.C. I remember Gill as the man who reported me to the beaks for 'abusing' Mr Watson the referee and was responsible for me dispensing with my own name and choosing A. L. Nath as a pseudonym. It was no big deal (The reason for reporting me was that as a member of the Rovers' committee I shouldn't have picked faults with the referee.)

Dec 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Still; Smart (Gibson), McPherson, Findlay, Galbraith and Clark.

Fochabers 0 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)

The Rovers didn't play

Dec 28 **No football owing to grounds being out of commission**

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Jan 4 **No football owing to grounds being out of commission**

Jan 11 **No football owing to grounds being out of commission**

Jan 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 2 in the Press and Journal Highland League**

Fochabers 4 Portgordon United 1 (L) played at Merson Park as the ground in Fochabers was water-logged.

Lossie United 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, B. Geddes and Christie; P. Geddes B. Slater and Gault (Ronnie Smith); Mike Smith, Tallis, Mackie, Johnston, Mike Slater and McGettrick

***** **A football team from the past** - A photograph in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* shows **Buckie Spurs taken in 1952**. Those shown are - George Scott, Sandy Middleton, Alfie Bremner, Sandy McQueen (manager), Bob Souter, Grant Bruce, Doddie Andrews, Kenny Cowie, James Murray, Oglivie Dawson, John Davy Flett and Ritchie Clark.

Jan 25 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Portgordon United 1 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Portgordon: Erskine, Shewan and Morrison; D. Mackay, Farquhar (Clark) and Nicol; Reid, Gardiner, McGettrick, G. McKay (Geddes) and Lappin. One cannot help but note all the ex Rovers players in the United team, namely Alfie Morrison, David Mackay, Eddy Clark, Colin Nicol, Alex McGettrick and Graeme Lappin. Joe Innes was also with Portgordon though not named here. .

Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 3 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Murdoch and Christie; B. Geddes, Alan Forbes, and P. Geddes (Mackie); Johnston, Tallis, Smith, Jim Pirie (Gault) and M. Slater.

Note Alan Forbes was signed from Forres for what is believed to have been a fair sum. We were never told but it is believed that he was being paid a retainer which did not find favour with a lot of people least of all the president Sonny Johnston who relinquished the post.

Feb 1 **Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon United 0 in the Tom Gordon Cup**

Feb 8 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 2 in the Nicholson Cup**

Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 3 in the 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Cup. Wm. Sutherland was a sub.

Feb 15 **Buckie Rovers 5 Portgordon United 2 (L)**

Fochabers 1 Deveronside 4 in the Simpson Sports Regional Cup

Fochabers: Dunn, I. Fraser and Christie; Anderson, Massie and Cormie; McDonald (A. Fraser), Younie, Thomson, Paterson, and Smith. Sub. Suarez

- Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 3 (H/L)**
- Feb 22 **Buckie Rovers 5 Islavale 2 (L)**
- Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** A third win for the Lochaber men over their visitors from the Moray Firth coast.
- RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 4 (L) - ‘Pogo’ Paterson had a hat-trick** for the Speysiders.
- Mar 1 **No football due to bad weather conditions.**
- Mar 8 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Gibson and Bruce; Mathieson, Taylor and Robertson (Cusiter): Galbraith (Sutherland), Findlay, Clark, Smart and Begg.
- Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- New Elgin 1 Fochabers 0 in the Nicholson Cup**
- Mar 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**
- Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
- Nairn St Ninians 4 Portgordon United 2 (L)**
Portgordon: Coull, Davidson, Morrison, Mackay, Innes, Nicol, Milne, Reid, Mackie, Farquhar, McGettrick. Subs, Shewan and Clark Yet another Rovers’ player jumped ship with Stevie Mackie finding himself surrounded by recent former colleagues in Nicol, Mackay and McGettrick and others.
- Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 2 (L)** *Handyman Keith Sinclair once more put on the goalie’s gloves to help out.*
- A team from the past -** This edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* shows a photograph of the **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ team of the 1950’s** The players named are - Jimmy Ritchie, Sandy Marshall, R. Milne, Lenny Marshall, G. I. Innes, Andy Morrison, G. Flett, G. Reid, J. Murray, A. Slater, Willie Allan, George Cormack, Kits Geddes and Doddie Andrews.
- Mar 22 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Portgordon United 0 Lossie United 2 (L)**
- Fochabers 1 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)**
- Mar 29 **Portgordon United 1 Strathspey Thistle 2 AET in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 6 in the 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup.**
- April 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**
- Portgordon United 2 Strathspey Thistle 2 (L)**
- April 12 **Neither the Rovers or the Thistle played due to the pitches being snow-bound. Snow in April and plenty of it. Keith was cut off for hours. The early buses from the coast were stuck at Fochabers on Saturday morning.**
- Inverness Thistle 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** Bill Lobban was of the opinion that the surface was more suited to the growing of rice rather than rye grass.
- April 19 **Portgordon United 1 Islavale 3 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** “*The ‘Vale do the double. - the Thistle play was sleeping inducing*”, was the comment one read in the match report.

RAF Kinloss 5 Buckie Rovers 3 in 2nd round of the Tom Gordon Cup

April 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *"The defeat put a halt to the Rovers' league challenge."*

Fochabers: Watt, Cormie and Christie; Anderson, Masson and McDonald (Suarez) Younie, Murdoch, Graeme Bowie, 'Pogo' Paterson and Smith. Sub. Tewnton.

Rovers: Brindle, P. Geddes and Christie; B. Geddes, Forbes and Duthie; M. Smith, Tallis (Stuart), Johnston, R. Smith and Gault. Sub. Murdoch.

Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) A somewhat rare win nowadays for the 'gows' over the 'cyards'. **Buckie had Cameron Amaira in goal.**

Buckie: Amaira, Keith and Smart; Mathieson, Bruce, and Still; Gibson, Clark, Galbraith and McPherson. Subs. Begg and Findlay

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 2 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup - Sonny Johnston did not write the report this time round - 'nuff said. Sonny and the Rovers had parted company over the signing of Alan Forbes.

Fochabers 5 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

RAF Kinloss 2 Portgordon United 2 (L) The Port did well to force a draw against a strong RAF side.

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

Islavale 1 Fochabers 3 (L) - The match reporter, Gavin Mclean, Fochabers, described his team's play as *"devastating"*.

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 3 (L)

Fochabers 0 Islavale - in the Tom Gordon Trophy.

Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 3 (L)

Portgordon United 0 Forres Thistle 4 (L)

Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) This was the first visit to Grantown by the Rovers.

Rovers: Brindle, B. Geddes, and Christie, Stuart, Forbes and Campbell; Duthie Tallis (Johnston), P. Geddes, Smith, Gault (Sinclair).

Craig Johnston, son of Sonny, and Neil Sinclair son of Keith were both in the Rovers' side.

May 10 **Thistle 'Player of the Year'** - The fan's choice as Thistle 'Player of the Year' and recipient of the **Banffshire Advertiser Trophy** was goalkeeper **Alex Innes**.

Inverness Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) This was the Thistle's last game of the season

***** **Football news - Huntly won the Highland League with 85 points from 34 games. They scored 95 goals with only 21 scored against. Buckie came eighth in the table.**

Bishopmill United 1 Portgordon United 2 (L)

Portgordon: Coull, Geddes and Morrison; Mackay, Clark and Reid; McGettrick, Cowie, Farquhar, Russell and Bain. Subs. Lappin and Shewan both used.

May 17 **Nairn St Ninians 5 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Rovers: Brindle, R. Smith and Gault; Stuart, Forbes, B. Geddes, Tyson, M. Smith, G. Johnston and Duthie. Subs. D. Taylor (Forres) and N. Sinclair. **Note.** Graham Tyson was a trialist from Lhanbryde.

Fochabers 1 Islavale 4 (L)

***** **Football news - Bobby Street resigned as assistant manager with the Thistle; Kenny Taylor left to become manager of Cove Rangers; Bob Summers signed a new three year**

contract.

May 24 **Lossie United 5 Fochabers 1 (L)**

Strathspey Thistle 4 Fochabers 5 (L)

May 31 **Portgordon United 1 Fochabers 2 AET in the Stewart Memorial Shield.**

Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 5 in the Gordon Williamson Cup This was the Rovers last game of the season.

Rovers: Brindle, Stuart and Christie, Innes, Forbes and Campbell; Duthie (B. Geddes), P. Geddes (Slater), Johnston, Smith and Gault. **Note.** Austin Stuart was from Keith

New Elgin 1 Fochabers 4 semi-final of the Stewart Memorial Shield.

June 14 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Shield Deveronside 3 Fochabers 1**

Fochabers: Dunn, I. Fraser and Tewnion (Smith), Anderson, Masson Cormie, Suarez McDonald, Cassie (Alexander) and Paterson. Sub. Inkson,

Honour for keeper - Michael Munro, a Buckie loon, goalkeeper with Deveronside and formerly with the Rovers was voted 'Player of the Year' by the club.

Aug 2 **Buckie Thistle 6 Lads Club 0 (F)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Henderson and Kev. Mann; McPherson, Ord (J. Mathieson), Sutherland, Robertson and Gibson.

Football news - The Thistle newcomers were - Kevin Mann, ex Keith; Will Sutherland who guested a few times the previous season; Mark Girling, ex Huntly, who played a month for Buckie during season 1992/93 and Colin Henderson, ex Rothes.

Gary Clark, Daren Still, Michael Smart and Jim Findlay all left for greener pastures, while Graeme Keith gave up the game. Jim Findlay must have been a big disappointment to the Thistle fans for after setting off with a great scoring burst, including a number of hat-tricks, as time progressed the goals he scored became relatively few.

Aug 9 **Elgin City 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** It is not known whether the Thistle scribe was left stunned by the score but the report was very subdued

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; I. Mathieson Henderson and Ord (J. Mathieson); Gibson, Mann, Sutherland (Galbraith) McPherson and Begg.

Aug 16 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 in the Highland League Cup** - Huntly was Highland League Champions so this was a good result away from home too.

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; I. Mathieson, Henderson and Begg. Gibson, Mann, Galbraith, McPherson and Robertson. Subs. Sutherland and Ord- not used. Ex Buckie player Inverarity was on the bench for Huntly as was 'Pogo' Paterson from Fochabers, both of whom played.

Burghead Thistle 0 Fochabers 4 (L) Dunn who had kept goal for Fochabers for the past two years had moved up to Rothes while 'Pogo' Paterson was on trial with Huntly.

Fochabers: Watt; Jack and Christie; Stewart, Masson and Cormie; Tewnion (Alexander), McDonald, Hendry, Cameron, Cassie and Davidson.

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, Geddes and Duthie; Innes, Murdoch and Burnett; P. Gordon, Wright (Tallis), Johnston, Laing, (D. Gordon), and Smith.

Note. John Riddoch in the Rovers' goal was a son of Jocky Riddoch ex Islavale and brother-in-law of Michael Munro. The Deveronside keeper. Derek Burnett was previously with Deveronside; Murray Laing was a local Welfare League player while Wright was an Englishman who had recently come to work in the area. Paul Gordon like Burnett was from the Banff area.

Portgordon United 4 Nairn St Ninians 4 (L)

Aug 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 0 in the Highland League Cup**

Portgordon United 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Portgordon: Brindle, Campbell (Coull) and Morrison; Geddes, Slater, Nicol; Mair, Findlay, Mill, Lappin

and McGettrick. Sub. Reynolds.

Rovers: Riddoch, B. Geddes and P. Gordon; Innes, Murdoch and Burnett; Duthie, Smith, Gary Johnston, Davie Gordon (Hay), Cowie (Tallis).

Islavale 4 Portgordon 3 (L)

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 0 Tennents Highland League Cup

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Robertson; McPherson, Mann, Galbraith (Sutherland), D. Gibson and Begg. Sub. Ord.

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)

Football news - Buckie Rovers were presented with a new strip by Sinclair Nets

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 0 (L) *Deveronside were reigning League Champions*

Strathspey Thistle 2 Fochabers 2 AET - The Thistle won 7-6 on penalties

Aug 30

Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 5 (L)

RAF Kinloss 4 Fochabers 1 (L)

Fochabers 1 Strathspey Thistle 0 (L) Mark Wood who started off his Junior career with the Rovers signed for Fochabers from Bishopmill United.

Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth F.C. 4 in the semi final of the Tennents Highland League Cup

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Ord and Robertson; McPherson, Mann, Galbraith, Gibson and Begg. Subs. Sutherland and J. Matheson not used.

Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) *Alan Thain 'Thainie' scored for the Rovers and then was knocked unconscious and had to be taken to hospital. He never played for the Rovers again.*

Rovers: Riddoch, P. Gordon and Duthie; Neil Sinclair (Wm. Farquhar), Campbell and Burnett; Cowie 'Zico', Tallis, Johnston, Smith, A. Thain (D. Gordon).

Note. 'Pogo' Paterson who was back playing for Fochabers **had a hat-trick**. He was a great player at Junior level but had personal problems.

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) The Rovers had father and son, Keith and Neil Sinclair, on the bench and both played part of the game.

Sept 6

Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 2 (H/L)

Fochabers 1 Islavale 1 AET in the Nicholson Cup The 'Vale won 5-3 on penalties.

Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 3 in the Nicholson Cup

Sept 13

Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 0 (H/L) Wick were newcomers to the Highland League

Note. Steven Bruce (Cullen) who had been with Forres Mechanics signed for Buckie and was in the team here at centre forward.

Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Portgordon United 1 Islavale 3 in the Nicholson Cup.

Final of the Robertson Cup Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 0

Rovers: Riddoch, Innes and Duthie; Murdoch (Cowie), Forbes and P. Gordon; Burnett, Tallis (D. Gordon) Johnston and J. Mathieson.

Sept 20

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Ord and McPherson; Gibson, Robertson, Steven Bruce, Galbraith and Begg. Sub. Mason and Summers not used.

Football news - The Rovers were given a new strip and kit bags by Jake Robertson

of Moravian Motors.

- Sept 27 **Portgordon United 1 Fochabers 0 (L)** -- Lappin scored the goal to win the game.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 0 in the Qualifying Cup**
- Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 3 (L)** Willie Farquhar (Portgordon) was now with the Rovers.
- Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 2 (L)**
- Oct 4 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Bishopmill United 6 Portgordon 1 (L)** George Gardiner who played for both the Rovers and Portgordon wrote a report on the game. A Portgordon loon, he might have chosen a better game.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 2 (L)**
- RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H.L)** *"Jags delight the fans"*, said Bill Lobban.
- Oct 11 **Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 1 in the Quarter Final of the Qualifying Cup** - *Buckie Thistle found themselves in the Scottish Cup for the first time for many years.*
Buckie; Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Ord and Begg; Gibson, Robertson, Steve Bruce, Galbraith and R. Smith.
- Buckie Rovers 0 Turriff United 1 in the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy.**
- Buchanhaven Hearts 2 Fochabers 1 in the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy.**
- Oct 18 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 4 (H/L)**
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OVD Scottish Junior Cup - Lochgelly Albert 2 Buckie Rovers 0 - matches report written up by Keith Sinclair and Teresa Innes.
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OVD Scottish Junior Cup Portgordon United 0 Hall Russell 6 match report by A. L. Nath.
Portgordon: Brindle, Campbell and Morrison; Mackay, Joe Innes and Colin Nicol, McGettrick (R. Coull), Lappin, Mackie, Shewan and Mair. Sub. Reid.
- Fochabers 1 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
- Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"confidence oozing away"*.
- Oct 25 **Forres Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
Rovers: Riddoch (**K. Sinclair**), Mitchell and Gordon; Burnett, Forbes and Campbell; Bryce, Tallis, Innes (Geddes), Cowie and Duthie.
Note. The Rovers had Bryce and Innes from Buckie Welfare League in the side also John Mitchell from Whitehills. Riddoch was hurt in trying to stop Frisken from scoring with the G. O. M. Keith Sinclair riding to the rescue with his Burridge stint once again taking over between the sticks. Would this be his final appearance? We had still to find out.
Bryce was sent off leaving the Rovers with only ten men.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 3 in the semi-final of the Qualifying Cup**
- Nairn St Ninians 0 Fochabers 2 (L)**
Fochabers: Crawford, Jack and Christie: Newlands, Cormie and Wood; Tewnion, McDonald, Inkson, Paterson and Alexander. Sub. Gauld.
- Nov 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth F. C. 6 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Girling and Mann; Mathieson, Ord and Bruce; Gibson, Robertson, Galbraith, McPherson and Smith.
- Hermes 1 Fochabers 0 in the Great Northern Trophy** *"Gavin said," Fochabers were most unfortunate*

not to win."

Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) One can almost hear Bill Lobban say, "*A win at last - Ronnie Smith brings relief.*"

Buckie Rovers 9 (nine) RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, P. Gordon and B. Geddes; Forbes, M. Smith and Duthie; Tallis (Christie), Slater (Campbell), Cowie and D. Gordon.

Scorers were - Cowie (3), Forbes (2) B. Geddes, Tallis, Duthie and an o.g.

Lossie United 4 Portgordon United 2 in the Great Northern Trophy

Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)** Buckie had John Teasdale, Elgin, at centre forward in this game; he scored one of the goals.

Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Mark Pennie, Forbes, played for the Rovers and scored one of the goals.

Portgordon United 2 RAF Kinloss 2 (L) Another good result for the 'Paraffin City' against Kinloss.

Buckie Thistle 3 Peterhead 0 in the Aberdeenshire Shield

Nov 15 **Buckie Rovers 4 Nairn St Trinians (sic) 4 (L)**

***** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup - Fochabers 2 Aberdeen East End 3**

Nov 22 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Mann; Gibson, Robertson, Teasdale (S. Bruce), Galbraith and Smith.

Forres Thistle 5 Portgordon United 1 in the Tom Gordon Cup

New Elgin 4 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Nov 29 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

RAF Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Note. Stewart Donald, Dufftown, played and scored twice. Banks, a substitute, replaced Mike Smith. We weren't told who he was.

Fochabers 6 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L)

Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 0 in the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Shield

Portgordon United 0 Deveronside 2 (L)

Dec 6 **Buckie Rovers 5 Strathspey Thistle 3 (L)**

Rovers: Riddoch, Geddes and Duthie; Innes, Forbes and Cowie 'Zeco'; Smith, Tallis, Pennie, Donald (Clark) Slater (Pirie).

New Elgin 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Fochabers: Cameron, Cormie and Bowie; Stuart (Gauld); Wood, Murdoch, Smith (Tewnion), Paterson and Inkson.

Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Islavale 3 Portgordon United 0 (L)

Dec 13 **Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon United 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)

Fochabers 0 Islavale 0 (L)

Dec 20 **Lossiemouth F.C. 5 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Keith; Mann, Henderson (McPherson), Ord; Gibson, Robertson and Galbraith (Bruce) Begg and Smith. .

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Note. John Strachan, Forres and Stuart Donald, Dufftown, both signed for the Rovers.

Rovers: Riddoch, Geddes and Gordon; Tallis, Forbes and Cowie; Smith, Strachan, Pennie, Slater and Donald.

Fochabers 0 Lossie United 1 (L)

Dec 27 **Deveronvale 'A' 2 Buckie Thistle 'A' 0 in the Aberdeenshire League**

No juniors report- Rovers or Fochabers

No report of Buckie Thistle.

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Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Mann; D. Gibson, G. Robertson, J. Begg, A. McPherson and Smith.

Jan 10 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Islavale 1(L)

Rovers: John Riddoch, Brian Geddes and Phil Gordon; John Strachan, Alan Forbes and Neil Duthie; Mark Cowie, Gary Innes, Mark Pennie (Jim Pirie), Stuart Donald and Mike Slater. Sub. Graeme Tallis.

Buckie United 1 Falkirk? 0 in the Scottish Welfare Cup -. Willie Farquhar was the scorer.

Jan 10 *** **Tennents Scottish Cup 2nd round - Buckie Thistle 1 Berwick Rangers 4**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Mann; Gibson, Robertson, Begg (Galbraith), McPherson and Smith.

Fochabers 1 Portgordon 2 (L)

Fochabers: Watt, Stuart and Christie; Cormie, Bowie and Cameron; Newlands, Murdoch, Wood, Paterson and McDonald. Subs. Tewnion and Jack

Portgordon: Brindle, Campbell and Nicol; Mackay, Innes and Reid; R. Mair, Mike Findlay, Stevie Mackie, Geddes (Morrison), Lappin and McGettrick. Stevie Mackie had both the Portgordon goals.

Jan 17 **Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers2 Fochabers 1 (L)

Jan 24 **Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 0 (H/L)** Corser came off the bench to replace Begg.

Buckie Rovers 3 Aberdeen East End 1 in the Great Northern Regional Trophy.

Feb 7 **Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 4 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill United 0 in the Stewart Memorial Shield. - Mark Pennie had a hat-trick

Feb 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 6 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Begg (Corser); Gibson, Robertson, S. Bruce (Galbraith), McPherson and Smith.

Portgordon United 0 Bishopmill United 3 (L) report by A. L. Nath

Rovers didn't play

Feb 21 **Portgordon United 0 Burghead Thistles 0 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead 0 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, Strachan and Campbell; Geddes, Forbes and Burnett; Cowie, Smith, Pennie (Murdoch),

Duthie, Donald (Slater).

Fochabers 1 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)

Feb 28 **Cove Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Bishopmill United 0 Fochabers 5 in the Tom Gordon Cup

Portgordon United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Portgordon: Brindle, Ian Campbell and Mill: E. Clark, Joe Innes and Reid; Mair, Findlay, Lappin, Nicol (Morrison), and Smith. Sub. Coull.

Rovers: Riddoch, G. Innes and J. Strachan: D. Burnett, (Gordon), Forbes and Geddes; Cowie, Smith, Pennie and Donald (Tallis).

Mar 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Ross Bremner, Girling and Bruce; Corser, Henderson and Begg; Gibson (Keith), Robertson, S. Bruce, McPherson and Smith. **The stand in keeper was only 15.**

New Elgin 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Deveronside 1 Fochabers 2 (L) “The Speysiders do the double “

Fochabers: Watt, Jack and Christie; Cormie Manson and Cameron; Tewnion, McDonald (Alexander), Cassie, Paterson and Newlands. Sub. Grant.

Mar 14 **Buckie Thistle 7 Nairn County 1 (H/L)** Gordon Robertson had a hat-trick, the first of the season.

Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Fochabers 2 Forres Thistle 2 (L)

Mar 21 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Gary Whyte, a former Thistle player, now with the Strathbogie club got both goals.

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 3 in the Great Northern Regional Cup

Mar 28 **Buckie Thistle ‘A’ 2 Peterhead ‘A’ 0 in the Aberdeenshire League**

Buckie ‘A’ - Stewart. Gibb and Robertson; McPherson, Slater and Taylor; Begg, Cardno, Fearn, Bruce, and Smith. Subs. Graham and Sinclair

Islavale 4 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

Portgordon United 0 Deveronside 5 in the Matthew Cup

Bishopmill United 0 Fochabers 3 (L)

April 4 **Inverness Clach 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce: Mathieson Henderson and Mann; Gibson, Robertson, S. Bruce (Begg), McPherson and Smith.

Islavale 2 Fochabers 1 in the Matthew Cup

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

April 11 **Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)** last home game of the season.

Buckie: Innes, Keith and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and Mann (Corser); D. Gibson, Robertson, Begg, McPherson, Smith (Steven Bruce).

Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 5 in the Matthew Cup

April 18 **Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** last game of the season

Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 0 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, Strachan and Campbell (Stewart); Geddes, Forbes and Burnett: Johnston, Smith, Pennie, Duthie and Donald (Tallis). **Note** Stewart could be Austin Stuart from Keith who played for the Rovers

previously.

Lossie United 3 Fochabers 1 in the Stewart Memorial Shield

April 25 **Lossie United 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

May 2 **No football reports**

May 9 **Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L)**

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 in the Matthew Cup

Rovers: Duthie, Strachan and Campbell; Geddes, Forbes and Gordon; Johnston, Cowie, Pennie, Smith and Tallis (Burnett). Sub. Murdoch.

Note. Neil Duthie was in goal for the absent Riddoch.

May 16 **Nairn St Ninians 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Lossie United 2 Fochabers 1 (L)

May 30 **No football reports**

June 13 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 3 AET in the Stewart Memorial Shield**

June 20 **Final of the Tom Gordon Cup Lossie United 3 Fochabers 0 AET.**

Fochabers: Watt, Jack and Christie; McDonald, Masson and Cormie; Bell, Newlands, Paterson, Tewnion (Wood) and Cameron. Sub. Bowie.

July 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeen F. C. XI 2**

Aberdeen: Stillie, McCulloch and Buchan; Bell, Freeland and Christie; Reeley (Moffatt), Gilbert, (Kpedekpo) D. Mathieson), Rowson and Craig.

Buckie: Innes, Slater (G. Robertson) and I. Bruce; I. Mathieson, Henderson and Corser; Mann, Begg, S. Bruce, McPherson and Wilson Robertson ex Caley.

Football news - Buckie signed Eliot Smith from Aberdeen F.C. They also resigned Niall Corser and Mark Slater on two year contracts. Evan Lumsden, a pal of Corser signed as did Wilson Robertson late of Inverness Caley.

Other changes - Galbraith retired, Graeme Keith, Dave Gibson and Colin Ord returned to Aberdeen juniors.

Buckie Rovers AGM - Dennis Clark, manager of the club reported that 'Pogo' Paterson, who had previously played for the Rovers had been signed again from Fochabers. Also returning to the fold, he said, was Eddy Clark from Portgordon.

The treasurer, Mrs Chrissie Sinclair said that the finances were still in the black although all round expenses continued to rise.

Officials elected to serve for the forth-coming season were - Jake Robertson of Moravian Garage, president; Secretary Keith Sinclair, treasurer, Mrs Chrissie Sinclair.

Committee - Malcolm Smith, Spencer Lyon, Brian Murdoch, Eileen Murdoch, Gary Innes, Teresa Innes and George Mair. Conspicuous absentees - Allan Fraser who resigned during the season on a matter of principle as did Sonny Johnston who had been president.

Aug 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Caley Thistle 5 (F)** This was the combined clubs of Inverness Thistle and Inverness Caley who had left the Highland League.

Aug 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Nairn County 3 (H/L)** - First game of season 1995/96

Buckie: Innes, Mark Slater and Mann; Mathieson, Henderson and D'Arcy (Begg), Corser, G. Robertson (S. Bruce), McPherson and Wm. Robertson.

Note. D'Arcy previously played for Rothes.

Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 0 I the Tennents Highland League Cup**

Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, Strachan, Duthie, Tallis (Burgess), Phil Gordon, Burnett, Wood, Innes, Pennie (Munro), Farquhar and Paterson.

Note. Toby Burgess was a guest player, Mark Wood; a former Rovers' player had been signed from

Fochabers while Malcolm Munro was a Welfare League player on trial. Willie Farquhar was signed from Portgordon. The absence of Alan Forbes was noted.

RAF Kinloss 4 Fochabers 2 (L) No report only the score

Forres Thistle 2 Portgordon United 1 (L) No report only the score

Aug 22

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)

Cove Rangers 6 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: McKay, Wood and Neil Sinclair; Gordon, Innes and Tallis; Farquhar (Pennie), Paterson, Burnett and Johnston (Munro). Sub. Murdoch

Note. Stuart McKay, a local lad, was in the Rovers' goal in place of the absent Riddoch.

Lossie United 5 Fochabers 3 (L)

Fochabers: McKenzie, Nicol and Christie; Thomas, Graham and McDonald; Bell, Cargill, Barclay, Stewart, Mike McLeod (Mal. McLeod). Subs. Davidson and Masson.

RAF Lossiemouth 3 Portgordon United 1 (L)

Aug 29

Roths 5 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Wood and Sinclair, Gordon, Clark and Campbell; Tallis, Burnett and Farquhar (Munro). Subs Murdoch and McLean

Note. Jimmy Brindle was in the Rovers' goal. He had left the Rovers along with a number of his fellow players the previous season when it was learnt that a number of players were being paid a retainer along with their expenses while he and other were not. The payment to such as Alan Forbes also led to Sonny Johnston resigning as president and from the committee of the club.

Fochabers 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Stuart McKay was again in the Rovers' goal.

Fochabers: Crawford, Nicol and Mal. McLeod; Thomas, Manson and Cargill; Bell, Mike McLeod, McDonald, (Graham), Stewart (Harvey) and Barclay (Davidson)

Note - It should be noted that a greater number of substitutes were allowed now, with up to three allowed to play.

Bishopmill 1 Fochabers 3 Stewart Memorial Shield

Sept 5

Buckie Thistle 5 Wick Academy 2 (H/L)

Portgordon United 2 Fochabers 1 (L)

Portgordon: Coull, Davidson and Morrison; Shewan, Mackay and Mike 'Scammers' Smith; Davidson, Hay, A. Strachan, Reid, and Stronach. Subs. Johnston and Wheeler.

RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Note. Jimmy Brindle was again in the Rovers' goal as was Stevie Mackie both having been resigned from Portgordon.

Football news - The Buckie and District Welfare League had restarted. **Portsoy were the champions the previous year.**

Buckie Rovers 5 Portgordon United 2 in the Tom Gordon Cup - Mackie was on the bench and replaced Pennie and then scored. Portgordon were up 2-0 at half time before fading dramatically.

Fochabers 3 Hermes 3 Great Northern Trophy preliminary round

Football news - An obituary for Wm. 'Beel' Dalgarno is to be found on page 12. Bell was for a long time groundsman at Victoria Park and a keen supporter of the Thistle for many years, travelling away to all the games.

Sept 12

Fort William 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Another win for the bold Lochaber men.

Buckie: Innes, Mann and I. Bruce; Mathieson, Slater and D'Arcy; Corser, Begg, Lumsden (Smith), McPherson, and S. Bruce (Robertson).

Islavale 3 Fochabers 0 (L)

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 4. This was a cup game. A. L. Nath was there and wrote the report. Things were looking up.

Rovers: Brindle, Sinclair and J. Strachan; Wood, Burnett and Phil Gordon; Johnston (Pennie), Farquhar (Paterson), Mackie, M. Slater (Tallis) and Duthie. Sub. Munro.

Sept 19 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Strathspey Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 3 in the Matthew Cup. The Rovers won 6-5 on penalties Riddoch as a sub replaced Clark.

***** **Hermes 11 (eleven) Fochabers 2 in the preliminary round replay of the Great Northern Trophy.**

Sept 26 **Golspie Sutherland 1 Buckie Thistle 3 in the Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Rovers 0 Buchanhaven Hearts 2 in the Great Northern Regional Trophy.

Note. George Webster, a Rovers' player of ten years before was in the Hearts' side.

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan and N. Sinclair (Tallis); Gordon, Burnett and Duthie; Wood, Campbell, Farquhar (Pennie), Paterson and Johnston. Subs. Munro and Clark.

Fochabers 0 New Elgin 3 in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup

Longside 7 Portgordon United 0 in the Great Northern Regional Trophy

Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Mann and I. Bruce; Mathieson, Slater and D'Arcy (Girling); Corser, Begg, Lumsden (Smith), McPherson (Ogston) and Robertson.

Fochabers 2 Nairn St Ninians 6 (L)

Fochabers: Crawford, Nicol and Christie (McLeod); Cargill, Masson and Geddes (J. McDonald); Bell, Harvey, McLeod, Stewart (Suarez). N. McDonald.

Portgordon United 2 Burghead 2 (L) Only the score no report given

Buckie Rovers 2 Deveronside 1 (L) *"Cooking wi gas now, two wins in succession for the Rovers over their greatest rivals."*

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan and Campbell; Gordon, Burnett (Clark) and Duthie; Wood, Tallis, Pennie, Paterson and Sinclair (Murdoch). Sub. Riddoch.

Oct 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth F. C. 2 in the Qualifying Cup**

Inverurie Locos 8 Buckie Rovers 4 in the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy - The Rovers could not repeat their great win in the Wick Allan Trophy two years before, unfortunately.

Fochabers 0 Culter in the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy.

Maud 1 Portgordon United 1 AET Maud won 5-4 on penalties. In the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy.

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 2 (H/L)

Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) A lot of fowk were mair than chuffed one cwid say. There were great hopes that Buckie would do much better than they had done for a number of years and finish in the top three.

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Mark Slater and Corser; Man n (Ogston), Begg (E. Smith), R. Smith (Lumsden), McPherson and Robertson.

***** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup - Portgordon United 0 St Rochs 5**

Portgordon. McKay, J. Innes and M. Innes (Morrison); Clark, Mackay (Reid) and Mathieson; Steve Lyon

(Dean), Mike Smith, Toole, Cowie 'Zeco' and McGettrick. Subs, Coull and R. Smith.

Final of the Robertson Cup Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 5 - the game was played at Mosset Park, Forres, on Sunday.

Brindle; Strachan, N. Sinclair and P. Gordon; Burnett, Duthie and Wood; Tallis, Mackie (Paterson), Johnston (Riddoch) and Innes (Pennie).

Note. The Rovers had the game won by half time when they played really well, the second half being poor in comparison.

Oct 24 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)**

Strathspey Thistle 2 Fochabers 1 (L)

RAF Kinloss 4 Portgordon United 2 (L)

Oct 31 **Lossiemouth F.C. 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 3 (H/L)

Fochabers 2 Forres Thistle 5 (L)

Lossie United 4 Portgordon United 1 (L)

Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 8 (L)

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

Rovers 1 Fochabers 0 (L) This game should have been described as 'Sinclair United'. Neil played, his brother Craig was on the bench their Dad, Keith, wrote the report on the game and their Mam. Chrissie was a spectator.

Neil Duthie unfortunately had his leg broken during the game.

Portgordon United 0 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L) Only the score given, no report

Nov 14 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Innes, Girling and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson and E. Smith (Corser); Mann, Begg, R. Smith McPherson and Robertson

OVD Scottish Junior Cup - Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 0

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan and Innes; Gordon, Burnett and Slater; Wood, Tallis (Riddoch), Pennie, Johnston, and Munro. Sub. Paterson.

Nov 21 **Peterhead 7 Buckie Thistle 2 Aberdeenshire Cup**

Note. *Buckie played out the latter part of the game with only ten men for after Elliot Smith had been withdrawn it was found that there was no number 15 but two numbers 14 numbered shirts so Mark Slater was not allowed on.*

Buckie Rovers 0 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L) *Three Rovers' players were sent off*

Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 4 (H/L)

New Elgin 7 Fochabers 1 (L)

Portgordon United 2 Strathspey Thistle 4 - only the score given, no report

Nov 28 **Fraserburgh 7 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 4 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)

Fochabers 1 RAF Kinloss 5 (L)

Portgordon United 3 Bishopmill United 5 (L) only the score given

Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 (H/L)** The Jags do the double over their long time rivals - broad smiles.

Buckie: Innes, Girling and I. Bruce; Corser (Slater), Henderson and D'Arcy; Mann, McPherson, Begg, R. Smith and Robertson.

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 0 (L)

Fochabers 2 Lossie United 0 (L) This was the Speysiders first win in 13 games.

Portgordon United 2 Islavale 4 (L) only the score given

Dec 12

Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Sinclair and Campbell; Burnett, Gordon and Wood; Tyson (Robertson), Gault, Mackie, Munro (Slater), and Innes (Pennie). Subs. Riddoch and Murdoch.

Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

New Elgin 2 (o.g) Portgordon United 1 (L) only the score given

Fochabers 3 RAF Lossie 3 (L)

Fochabers: Crawford, Mal McLeod and McKay (Williams); Geddes, Masson, Nicol; Mike McLeod, McDonald, Graham (Stein). Cassie, Bell. Sub. Cargill.

Dec 19

Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Bishopmill United 5 Fochabers 0 (L)

Rovers 3 Portgordon United 3 (L)

Rovers: Riddoch, Sinclair and Tallis (Pennie); Burnett, Gordon and Wood; Tyson, Gault, Salter, Johnston and Munro (Brindle). Subs. Strachan and Goldie

Portgordon: McKay, McGettrick (Coull) and Chisholm; Reid (Morrison), R. Smith and Lyon; Clark, Mathieson, S. Bruce, Graham Thain, and Mike Smith. Subs. Innes and Dean. Manager Spencer Lyon.

Dec 26

Football news - "Adrift for the Cup" an article telling of the first Buckie Thistle trip to play Wick Academy - see **page 12**

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Jan 5

No football reports given

Jan 12

Buckie Rovers 3 Bishopmill United 3 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan, and Sinclair; Burnett, Innes and Wood; Tyson, Gault, Mackie, Slater and Munro (Paterson). Subs - Pennie, Murdoch, Farquhar and Riddoch

Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 0 (H.L)

Buckie: Innes, Begg and Bruce; Corser, Henderson and Corser; Lumsden, Mann, McPherson, R. Smith, S. Bruce (E. Smith) and Robertson.

No reports or scores of Portgordon and Fochabers

Jan 19

Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Portgordon United 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)

Portgordon: McKay, McGettrick and Mark Chisholm; Stewart, Mathieson and S. Lyon; Mike Smith (Graham Thain), Bruce, R. Smith Toole, (Ali McRae), Innes, (Dean), Subs. Coull and Morrison.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 3 (L)

Fochabers: Ness, Mal. McLeod and McKay; Cargill, Stewart and Mike McLeod (Williams); Nicol, McDonald, Bell, Cassie, Graham (Williams). Match report by Bill Cassie

Jan 26

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Nairn St Ninians 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan, Campbell (Farquhar), Gordon, Burnett (Murdoch), Gault, Wood, Tyson, Mackie, Pennie, and Johnston. Sub. Munro.

Fochabers 1 Burghead 1 (L)

Portgordon United 2 Forres Thistle 8 (1 o.g.) Stewart McKay, keeper scored for Portgordon with a long kick.

Feb 2 - **“White out” - no Rovers or Buckie Thistle report.**

Fochabers? New Elgin? (L)

Fochabers: Ness, McLeod, Christie, Geddes, Masson, Cassie, Bell, Nicol, Stewart, McKay and Cargill. Subs. Graham and Grant.

Feb 9 **Rovers’ game was off**

No Buckie Thistle game

Fochabers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)

Portgordon 4 Burghead Thistle 3 (L)

Feb 16 **Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**

Fochabers 1 Islavale 9 (nine) (L)

Buckie Thistle didn’t play

Feb 23 **Cove Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** *First game for three weeks because of the weather.*

Buckie: Innes, Gibson and Bruce; Corser, Henderson and Lumsden’ Mathieson, Mann, smith, Begg and McPherson.

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 2 AET in the Matthew Cup 2nd round

Rovers: Brindle, Wood and Campbell; Gordon, Burnett and Farquhar; (Pennie), Gault, Tyson, Mackie, Munro (Paterson) and Innes.

Burghead Thistle 0 Fochabers 3 in the 2nd round of the Tom Gordon Cup

Mar 1 **Huntly 9 (Nine) Buckie Thistle 2 in the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Rovers 3 Strathspey Thistle 4 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

Fochabers 1 Portgordon 2 (L)

Portgordon: McKay, McGettrick, Chisholm, Matheson, Lyon, McDermott, Smith, Bruce, Graham, M. Smith, Stewart, Sub. Coull, Morrison, Innes and Cowie.

Mar 8 **Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)**

Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 1

Buckie; Innes, Slater and Bruce; Mathieson, Henderson, Lumsden, Mann (D’Arcy) Begg, R. Smith (E. Smith), McPherson and Robertson.

Fochabers 1 Islavale 4 1st round of Matthew Cup

Portgordon 1 New Elgin 7 (L) Robbie Nicol had the Port goal

RAF Lossiemouth 4 Fochabers 0 in the Stewart Memorial Shield.

March 15 **Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Tom Gordon Cup**

Rovers: Brindle, Strachan, Farquhar, (Sinclair), Burnett, Gordon, Wood, Munro (Gault), Tallis, Innes, Pennie (Tyson) and Slater.

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 0 semi-final of the Tom Gordon Cup

Fochabers: Ness, McLeod, Christie, Cargill (Graham), Masson, Grierson, Harvey (Geddes), McKay, Stewart, Cassie and Bell.

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 1 (L)

- Marc 29 **Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 0 (H/L)**
- Strathspey Thistle 1 Portgordon United 1 (L)** *game ended with nine men of both sides.*
- April 5 **Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Stewart Memorial Shield**
Rovers: Brindle, Strachan, Pirie, Innes, Burnett. (Sinclair), Wood, Tyson, Tallis, Mackie, Munro and Pennie.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Innes, Summers, Bruce, Mathieson, Slater, Mann, D'Arcy (Lumsden), Murray, McPherson, Begg (R. Smith), Robertson.
- Portgordon - no score or report.**
- Forres Thistle 1 Fochabers 0 (L)**
- April 12 **Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) (Wed.)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 4 (H/L)**
- Strathspey Thistle 3 Portgordon 4 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Fochabers 2 Bishopmill United 2 in the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- April 19 **Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
- Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)** Last game of the season
- Portgordon United 0 Lossie United 0 (L)**
Portgordon: McKay, McGettrick, Chisholm, Clark, Matheson, Lyon (Innes), Graham, McDermott, Bruce (Morrison), Smith, (Fielding) and Nicol.
- Portgordon 0 RAF Lossiemouth 6 (L)**
- Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 0 semi -final of the Tom Gordon. Cup**
- April 26 **Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Stewart Memorial Trophy**
- Fochabers 2 Strathspey Thistle 4 (L)**
Fochabers: Crawford, McLeod, Davidson, Geddes, Masson, Gault. Cargill Cassie, Grant (Younie), Grierson and Bell. Sub. Anderson.
- May 3 **Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 2 (L)**
- May 10 **Lossie United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Fochabers 0 Islavale 7 in the 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
- Portgordon United 0 Deveronside 2 (L)**
Portgordon: McKay (Coull), Chisholm, McLennan, Clark, Morrison, Lyon, Innes (Stewart), McDermott, Fielding, Nicol and Matheson.
- Aug 9 **Islavale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)**
- Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Turriff United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (F)**
- Aug 16 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossie United 1 (L) first game of the new season**
- New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

	Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 4 Highland League Cup
	Buckie 0 Huntly 2 in the Highland League Cup
Aug 23	Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)
	Deveronside 0 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Robertson Cup
	Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 1 (L) (Wed.)
Aug 27	Deveronside 2 Portgordon 1 (L)
	Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L)
	Fochabers 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)
Sept 3	Lossie United 5 Fochabers 0 in the 1st round of the Nicholson Cup
	Portgordon United 2 Fochabers 3 (L)
	Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)
	Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 2 in the 1st round of the Nicholson Cup
	Portgordon United 0 Islavale 2 in the 1st round of the Nicholson Cup
	Fochabers 1 Strathspey Thistle 6 (L)
	Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)
Sept 10	Portgordon United 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Portgordon: Riddoch, Clark (McGettrick) and Gordon; Shewan, D. Graham and Proctor; Stuart, Toole, Reid (Cargill), Smith, Morrison (M. Graham). Rovers:
Sept 17	Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)
	Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 1 (H/L)
Sept 24	Buckie Rovers 7 Inverurie Juniors in the Dundee North End Trophy
	Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clach 2 (H/L)
	Fochabers 0 Bishopmill United 1 (L) Fochabers: Ness, McLeod, Christie, Younie, Masson, Ormiston (Anderson), Dean, Murray, Mann (B. Henderson), Cargill and Loveland (G. Henderson).
Oct 1	Nairn St Ninians 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (L)
	RAF Lossie 8 Fochabers 0 Great North Preliminary Round Fochabers: Ness, McLeod, Christie, Younie, Masson, McKay, Ormiston (Davidson), Murray, Dean, Mann (Loveland).
	Portgordon 0 RAF Kinloss (L)
	Fort William 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)
Oct 8	Portgordon United 0 RAF Kinloss 4 (L) no team given or report.
	Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Buckie: Dunbar, Corsie and Lamberton; Murray, Henderson, McPherson, Begg, Graham, D'Arcy, Smith and Bruce.
	Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Burnett and Innes; Mark Chisholm, Nicol and Wood; Farquhar, McDonald, Pennie, Slater and Gault.

Fochabers 0 Forres Thistle 3 (L)

Fochabers: Ness McLeod and G. Christie; Masson (Ormiston), McKay, Younie, B. Dean, B. Henderson (G. Henderson), Murray (A. Dean), and Loveland. Sub. Mann.

Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Rothes 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie, Lamberton, Corser, J. Matheson, Murray, A. Matheson (Low), Begg, Graham and Smith.

Buckie Rovers 4 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

Rovers: Brindle, Burnett, Innes, McDonald, Chisholm (Campbell), Duthie (Gault), Wood, Tallis, Farquhar, Slater and Pennie. Subs. Nicol, Cruickshank and Tyson.

Fochabers 0 RAF Lossiemouth. 3 (L)

Fochabers: Ness, McKay, G. Christie, C. Christie, Masson, B. Dean, Younie, Gault (McLeod), McIntosh, Loveland (G. Henderson) and S. Dean (Murray). Subs. Ormiston and Mann

***** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup -Portgordon United 0 Stoneyburn 2**

Oct 22 **Cove Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Dundee North End Trophy

Fochabers 2 Forres Thistle 2 AET Dundee North End Trophy - Fochabers won 6-5 on penalties.

Oct 29 **Buckie Rovers 4 Inverurie Juniors 2 in the Great Northern Regional Cup**

Portgordon United 0 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Nov 5 **Fochabers 1 Burghead Thistle 2 (L)**

Fochabers; Ness, McKay and Christie (Gault); C. Christie, Masson, Ormiston (Younie), Henderson (Mann), Cassie, McIntosh, Dean and Loveland. Sub. McLeod.

Nairn St Ninians 8 (eight) Portgordon United 0 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Peterhead 4 (H/L)

Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie, Lamberton, Corser, J. Matheson, Henderson, Slater (Smith), Murray, McPherson, A. Matheson (Graham), Begg and Bruce.

Final of the Robertson Cup Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 1

Rovers: Brindle, McDonald (Cruickshank), Campbell, Chisholm, Farquhar (Nicol), Wood, Duthie, Slater, Mackie, Cowie (Paterson) and Gault. Subs. Pennie and Tyson.

Nov 12 **Peterhead 9 (Nine) Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** ***

Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 2 (H/L)

Portgordon 1 Strathspey Thistle 4 (L)

***** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup Stoneyburn 2 Buckie Rovers 1**

***** **OVD Scottish Junior cup Fochabers 1 Jeanfield Swifts 6**

Nov 19 **Deveronside 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Fochabers 0 Portgordon United 2 (L)

Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)

Nov 26 **No football - snowed off!**

- Dec 3 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Rovers: Brindle, Chisholm, Innes, McDonald, Campbell, Duthie, Nicol, (Gault), Wood, Cruickshank, Pennie and Tyson. Subs, Tallis, Belcher and Farquhar.
- Nairn St Ninians 3 Fochabers 1 (L)**
Fochabers: Ness, McKay, McLeod, Christie, Masson, Dean, Cassie, Gauld, B. Henderson, Loveland (Mann) and D. Smith... Subs. G. Henderson and Ormiston.
- Portgordon United 2 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)**
- Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Dec 10 **Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 0 Deveronside 4 (L)**
- Dec 17 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie and Lamberton, J. Matheson, Henderson, Corser (Graham), D'Arcy, Murray (A. Matheson), Bruce, Slater (Begg) and McPherson.
- Dec 17 **Buckie Rovers 3 Islavale 1 (L)**
Rovers: Brindle, Burnett and Innes; McDonald, Nicol and Chisholm (Campbell); Pennie, Duthie, Mackie, Tyson (Cruickshank) and Wood. Sub. Gault, Tallis and Belcher.
- Portgordon United 0 Deveronside 3 (L)**
- Dec 24 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Portgordon United 1 (L)**
Portgordon: McKay, McGettrick and Proctor; Stuart, Clark and M. Smith, R. Smith G. Thain (Davidson), Stephen, Simmers, and Mair (Morrison). Subs. Graham and Coull.
Rovers: Brindle, Burnett and Cruickshank; McDonald, Nicol (Sinclair), Chisholm, Pennie (Farquhar), Duthie, Mackie, Tyson and Wood. Subs. Campbell, Tallis and Belcher.
- Dec 31 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Dunbar, Corser, Lamberton, J. Matheson, A. Matheson, McPherson Graham (Slater), Bruce, Smith. Subs. D'Arcy and Begg, both used.
- 1997**
- Jan 7 **Buckie were meant to play away to Fort William but the ground was waterlogged.**
- Jan 14 **Football news** - Former Thistle and Rovers' player Ronald Leslie died this week at the early age of 42. He played for Buckie Thistle in the early 1970's and with other local clubs apart from Buckie Rovers. He was a native of Ianstown and moved with his family to Peterhead where he had a fishsalesmen's business. He is survived by his wife, Alison and their two children.
- Buckie Thistle 5 Inverurie Juniors 0 (F)**
- Feb 4 **RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Brindle, Burnett, Cruickshank, McDonald, Nicol, Gary Innes (Chisholm), Duthie (Cardno), Tallis (Farquhar), Mackie, Tyson and Wood. Subs. Lyon and Malcolm Munro a former Rovers' player who returned from the Welfare League.
- Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 0 (H/L)**
- Feb 11 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 in the 1st round of the Jarlaw Aberdeenshire Cup - This game marked the 500th appearance of Alan 'Mickey' McPherson in a Thistle jersey.**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)**
Rovers: Jimmy Brindle, Derek Burnett (Banff), Robert Cruickshank, Steven Lyon, Mark Tyson (Lhanbryde), Colin Nicol, Mark Chisholm, Neil Duthie, Bruce Cardno, William Farquhar, Mark Pennie (Forres), Mark Wood. Sub. John McDonald (Elgin) and Jason Gault (Elgin).

Football news - Steven Lyon, a son of ex Rovers and Thistle player, Spencer Lyon, and Bruce Cardno a son of Raymond Cardno also ex Thistle, signed for the Rovers. They had both been with Buckie Thistle. Together with Rob Cruickshank and Mark Chisholm this meant that the Rovers had four early teenagers in their match against the Thistle as shown above.

Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 in the replay of the 1st round of the Jarlaw Aberdeenshire Cup**

Buckie Rovers 6 Forres Thistle 0 in the Stewart Memorial Trophy. - Brendan Belcher, yet another 16 year old local player was in goal in place of Brindle who with injuries to his knees is likely to give up the game soon.

RAF Kinloss 1 Portgordon united in the 1st round of the Stewart Memorial Trophy

Feb 25 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 1 (L) Pennie had a hat-trick.** Brindle was back in goal.

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Dunbar, Corser, Lamberton, Murray, Henderson, J. Matheson, McPherson, A. Matheson, Graham, Bruce and Begg.

Note. The two Mathiesons were brothers who with McPherson, Murray, Graham and Bruce were all Buckie lads.

Mar 4 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** *the biggest winning margin of the year.*

Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 1 in the 2nd round of the Stewart Memorial Shield.

Portgordon versus New Elgin game was abandoned after 26 minutes because of high winds.

March 11 **Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Note. Ben Clark who had been playing with Buckie United in the Welfare League went on as a sub as did Mike Slater who formerly played for the Rovers.

Buckie Rovers 1 Inverurie Locos 3 in the Great Northern Regional Cup

Rovers: Brindle, Innes and Cruickshank, McDonald, Nicol, Chisholm (Eddy Campbell), Duthie, Tallis, Mackie, Pennie, Wood (Farquhar), Subs. Lyon and Munro.

Islavale 8 Fochabers 0 in the Gordon Williamson Cup

Fochabers: Ness, Ormiston (Loveland), G. Christie, C. Christie, Masson, Gauld, Mann, Dean, McKay, Smith and Henderson. Sub. Davidson.

March 25 **Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 1 in the 1st round of the Matthew Cup** - Yuk! Craig Sinclair, the second son of Keith and Chrissie Sinclair was in the Rovers' team while Belcher was in goal. Craig Bartlett had an outstanding game for Deveronside.

Note. It doesn't make for good reading if you are a Rovers' fan but since their entry into the North Juniors Deveronside had won 31 of the ties between the two sides to the Rovers 13. up to this point. *One could say that they were their bogey side.*

Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 4 (H/L)

April 1 **Strathspey Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** The Rovers had another 16 year old player between the sticks for this game - Ross Mclean. Belcher was unfit and Brindle had finally given up the game.

Fochabers 3 Lossie United 2 (L)

Football news - Buckie Thistle U18 were in the semi-final of the Highland League Youth League Cup. They beat Elgin in the previous round.

Buckie Thistle had an idle day.

April 8 **Peterhead 'A' 4 Buckie Thistle 'A' 1 in the Aberdeenshire League**

There was no Thistle, Rovers, Portgordon or Fochabers reports in the 'Advertiser'.

April 15 **RAF Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Duthie had two of the Rovers' goals.

Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Forres Thistle 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

April 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 3 (H/L)** This was the penultimate game of the season at Victoria Park

Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) The football scribe described this as a ‘good performance’ by Buckie.

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 3 Stewart Memorial Shield

April 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 4 The last game of the season.**

Buckie; Dunbar, A. Mathieson (Corser), Lamberton, Cormie, J. Mathieson, Henderson, McPherson, Murray, Bruce, Begg (R. Nicol), Smith (Clark)

Note. This was the end of Malcolm Murray’s first season in charge. The Thistle finished in 13th place with 29 points. The Thistle played with a number of untried boys throughout the season.

Player of the Year - Paul Lamberton was voted by the fans as the Thistle ‘**Player of the Year**’ and recipient of the *Banffshire Advertiser* Award.

Buckie Rovers 4 Forres Thistle 1 (L)

New Elgin 4 Fochabers 1 in the Matthew Cup

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L) Gary Watt a player with Highland League experience was in the Rovers’ goal for the youthful Belcher.

May 6 **Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 0 (L)** The Rovers ended the game with ten men after Mackie was sent off for a foul on ‘Side keeper Mike Munro.

Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Portsoy won the Buckie and District Welfare League - Collecting 55 points from the 20 games played. At the other end of the table the once most successful Buckpool Victoria only gathered 4 points.

May 13 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 2 (L)** “*Rovers stumble in league race*”

New Elgin 3 Fochabers 0 (L)

Fochabers 1 Nairn St Ninians 5 (L) Fochabers were without some of their regular players and Alistair Cowie, Buckie, the club secretary played and we are told had a fair game. His dad Adam Cowie was a stalwart when he played for Arradoul.

May 20 **No football reports.**

June 3 **Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Rovers: Watt, Cruickshank (Munro), Pennie, McDonald, Nicol, Chisholm, Duthie, (C. Sinclair), Tallis (Tyson), Mackie, Farquhar and Wood. Subs. Lyon and Belcher. **Pennie had an outstanding game.**

Football news - Islavale won the North Section League title, the first time for two decades, the Rovers were second.

Note also - that once again it had been a fruitless year in terms of silver for Buckie Rovers.

June 17 **Welfare League** - Besides winning the League title Portsoy also won the Banks and Lamb Cups. Portknockie won the Duncan Cup by beating Buckpool Victoria on penalties.

Worth reporting - A testimonial game was played for Kevin Donald of Cullen F. C. Kevin also played for Buckie Rovers but played 1,200 games for his home side Cullen scoring in excess of 700 goals in this time. At his peak he was scoring 60 goals a season. On one occasion he scored 27 goals in 9 matches while on another he scored 16 goals in 3 matches played over a five day period - four in the first, four in the second and 8 in the third which in itself was a club record.

- July 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 East Stirling 2 (F)**
 Buckie; Dunbar, Corser, Mutch (I. Grant ex Keith), Cormie, Mathieson, Lamberton, D'Arcy (Clark), Murray (Trialist), McPherson, Kevin Will (Bruce), Neil Duthie ex Rovers.
- Football news** - Kevin Will came as assistant manager while John 'Scouse' Mutch was with Elgin City the previous season.
- Aug 5 **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Aug 12 **Buckie Rovers 4 Deveronside 2 (L)**
Rovers: Wilson Low (Morrison), Chisholm, Cruickshank, Shewan, Lyon, Burnett. Nicol, Wood (Cardno), Fielding, and Pennie. Subs. Munro and Belcher.
Note. Wilson was a trialist keeper from Portsoy, Nicky Low, Malcolm Fielding and Mike Shewan were three local youngsters who had been playing in the Thistle Youth team **Fielding had a hat-trick.**
 Note. This game was the first in a mini competition played on a geographical basis for a new trophy known as the **Morayshire Cup**
- Aug 19 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 0 (L).** Wilson was again in goal for the Rovers who were playing in the team's traditional strip of white jerseys with black shorts.
- New Elgin 5 Fochabers 0 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 1 in the Qualifying Cup**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 in the Highland League Cup**
- ***** **Portgordon 3 Fochabers 0 (L)** The match gave rise to a farcical situation. Portgordon had only one local loon in their side, Roger Coull while Fochabers had three, the rest including all the reserves and the managers of both sides were from Inverness.
- Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Aug 26 **Forres Thistle 2 Fochabers 3 (L)**
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Craig Bartlett, ex Fochabers and Deveronside player had both the Rovers' goals. He was from Rothes.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 4 (H/L)**
Buckie: Dunbar, Ian Grant, Lamberton, Mutch, Mathieson, Cormie (E. Smith), D'Arcy, Murray, Clark (Bruce), Will, McPherson.
- Portgordon 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Scorer - Bartlett.
Portgordon: Marchbank, McGettrick, Pollard, Macrae, Graham, Karval, Yarrack, Russell, Coull, S. Geegan, Mike Smith. Subs. D. Geegan and Thain. Nine of the team were from Inverness.
Rovers: Munro, Cruickshank, Low, Shewan, Chisholm. Lyon, Fielding (Farquhar) Wood, Pennie, Bartlett, Christie. Subs. Cardno, Nicol and Belcher. **Note.** Mike Munro was guesting for the Rovers in goal.
- Sept 2 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 1 (L)**
- Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L)**
- Fochabers 1 Burghead 2 (L)**
Fochabers: Crawford, Grassick (McKay), Christie, Gauld (Pirie), Dean, Slater, Inkson, Murdoch, McCormack, Davie Smith (Cameron), C. Smith.
- Sept 9 **No football, all games cancelled as a mark of respect for the funeral of Princess Di.**
- Sept 16 **Banks of Dee 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Regional Trophy** - match played at Inverurie.
- Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
- Lossie United 6 Fochabers 2 (L)** Seamus Connolly ex Fochabers had five of the six goals for his side.

- Sept 23 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Strathspey Thistle 2 Fochabers 0 in the Dundee North End Trophy.**
- Banks of Dee 2 Buckie Rovers 1 in the Dundee North End Centenary Trophy** - played at Inverurie.
Note. The Rovers believed that they had been robbed, the referee making some ridiculous decisions.
- Sept 30 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 Qualifying Cup.**
- Nairn St Ninians 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Note - History didn't repeat itself. In the days when Spencer Lyon played for the Rovers the keeper Sandy Sammon was sent off and Spencer took over in goal. The Rovers at this time were trailing by four goals yet they went on to win the match with an incredible turn about. On this latest occasion they were again four down at one point but were only able to drag two goals back although they had the chances to draw at least.
- Oct 7 **Deveronvale 5 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 (L)** The scorer was Mark Pennie.
Note The Rovers back six players were all under 18 years of age - Belcher (16), Low (16), Barclay (17), Shewan (17), Cruickshank (17), Chisholm (18). The rest of the team was - Burnett, Tallis (Fielding), Mackie, Wood (Lyon), Pennie. Subs. Munro, Christie and Nicol.
Note. Craig Christie had returned to the Rovers some weeks before.
- RAF Lossiemouth 0 Fochabers 1 (L)**
- Oct 21 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth (L)**
Rovers: Steve Innes (Cullen), Low, Christie (Farquhar), Mike Shewan, Burnett, Chisholm, Wood, Tallis (Cardno), Bartlett (Pennie), Nicol, Cruickshank. Subs. Lyon and Barclay.
- Strathspey Thistle 3 Fochabers 1 (L)**
- Oct 28 **Buckie Rovers 0 Lossie United 1 (L)**
- Cove Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** The scorer was Clark
Note. Doug Rougvie, former Aberdeen player who had been player manager with Huntly before being 'sacked' was at centre half for Cove.
- The Rovers had an idle day**
- Nov 4 **Portgordon 2 Forres Thistle 4 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie, Lamberton, I. Grant, J. Mathieson, Malcolm Murray, D. D'Arcy, A. McPherson, Clark (Graham), Will (Bruce), Smith.
- Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Mini League for the Morayshire Cup**
Rovers: Stewart McKay, Low, Christie, Cruickshank, Burnett, Chisholm, Wood, Tallis (Lyon), Bartlett (Farquhar), Nicol, Barclay (Fielding), Subs. Pennie and Alfie Morrison.
Note - Stewart McKay, keeper, was signed from Buckie Thistle.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach 0 (H/L)**
- Nov 11 **** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup Stoneyburn 6 Buckie Rovers 1** "Bairns Get a Spanking" The host team carried too many big guns for the Rovers' youngsters.
Rovers: McKay, Low, Christie (Cardno), Cruickshank, Farquhar (Pennie), Chisholm, Burnett (Barclay), Tallis, Fielding, Wood, Nicol. Subs, Lyon and M. Shewan.
- Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)**
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- Nov 18 **Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 2 (L)

Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Nov 25 **Buckie Rovers 3 Kinloss 0 (L)**

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 1 semi-final of the Jarlaw Aberdeenshire Cup

Fochabers 2 Deveronside 3 (L)

Dec 2 **Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 10 (ten) (L) “one way traffic” need it be said.

Dec 9 **Portgordon 1 Bishopmill United 3 (L)** McGettrick and Davidson were the only local players in the Port side.

Peterhead 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

***** **Final of the Morayshire Cup - Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 2 at Logie Park, Forres on Sunday.**

Note. Robert Cruickshank the Rovers young full-back had his leg broken after only 19 minutes of play.

Rovers: McKay, Low, Cruickshank (Farquhar), Chisholm, Shewan, Christie (Wood), Cardno, Tallis, Fielding, Bartlett, Burnett (Nicol). Subs. Munro and Pennie.

The scorers for the Rovers were - Burnett and Low. **Low was voted Man of the Match**

Fochabers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 (L) - This was the Speysiders second League win of the season

Dec 16 **Islavale 9 Fochabers 0 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 3 (L)

Dec 23 **Buckie Rovers 1 Portgordon 3 (L)** The football team celebrated the village’s 200th anniversary of its founding in style with their first victory over the Rovers since joining the North Juniors. It was rather sad though that they only had one local loon in their side, (and not from Portgordon) Mike Davidson.

Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 4 (H/L) - Buckie finished the game with only 9 men with the referee coming in for some choice words

Dec 30 **Football news - Stewart McKay (Buckie Rovers; keeper)** won the **Young Player of the Year** award presented by **Buckie Thistle.**

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Dunbar, Chisholm (Low), Lamberton, G. Grant, J. Mathieson, McPherson, D’Arcy, Murray, Bruce, Will (Fielding), Graham.

Note. Chisholm, Fielding and Low, all Rovers’ players were guesting for the Thistle as was George Grant of New Elgin. Fielding, Low and Grant were to sign for Buckie a week or so later

1998.

Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Dunbar, Low, Lamberton, Grant, Mathieson, McPherson, D’Arcy, Murray, Bruce, Will and Clark.

Jan 13 **New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Fochabers 2 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L)

Jan 20 **Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Rovers: McKay, Nicol (Barclay), Christie (Lyon), Shewan, Farquhar, Chisholm, Duthie, M. Slater, Bartlett (Munro), Wood, Burnett. Sub. Morrison.

Football news - Neil Duthie and Mike Slater had both returned to the Rovers from Buckie Thistle in the place of Malcolm Fielding and Nicky Low. David Barclay was another former Thistle Youth player.

Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 5 (H/L)

Jan 27 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**

Fochabers 1 Strathspey Thistle 3 (L)

Inverness Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie and Lamberton, Low, I. Grant, McPherson, Graham, Murray (D'Arcy), Bruce (Clark), Will (Fielding), G. Grant.

Feb 10 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L) (Wed.)

Fochabers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Feb 17 **Buckie Rovers 2 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L) Note.** The Rovers had Gary Innes guesting for them in this game, playing at centre half. He made a big difference to the defence. Stevie Mackie was also home on leave from the oil rigs and was on song

Football news - Innes had chosen not to sign for the Rovers at the start of the season and when home from the rigs had been turning out for Buckie United in the Welfare League. Mike Munro, the former Deveronside keeper and also now an oil man was too playing for the United when available.

Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 3 (H/L)

Nairn St Ninians 2 Fochabers 0 (L)

Feb 24 **Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L)**

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Dunbar, Cormie, Lamberton, I. Grant, J. Mathieson, McPherson, D'Arcy, Smith, Bruce (Clark), Will, G. Grant.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Fochabers 1 (L) - There were only three local lads in the Fochabers' line up - Younie, Masson and D. Smith. Grassick was on the bench. The rest of the team and subs were from Inverness.

Mar 3 **New Elgin 3 Fochabers 0 (L)**

There were no Rovers or Thistle reports in the 'Advertiser'

Mar 10 **Bad weather led to many matches being off including those locally**

Mar 17 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Peterhead 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 0 Wick Academy 2 (H/L)

Mar 24 **Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 0 in the 1st round of the Nicholson Cup**

Rovers: McKay, Wood (Barclay), Burnett (Nicol), Christie, Farquhar, Chisholm, Lyon, Tallis, Mackie, Munro (Cardno), Sub. Morrison and Belcher.

Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Bishopmill United 2 Fochabers 2 (L)

Mar 31 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 (H/L)**

Fochabers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L)

The Rovers had a blank week.

April 7 **Lossiemouth F. C. 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** This was the Thistle's last game of the season and the first time since 1995 that they ended with a win. Fielding and Low both played from the start with 'Zico' Davidson coming on as a sub.

The North and East were involved in the Archie Cook Memorial Trophy - no other games played.

April 14 **Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** This defeat at Boroughbriggs on a surface unsuitable for playing football almost certainly meant that the Rovers had lost any chance they might have had of taking the League title.

Portgordon 0 Islavale 6 (L)

April 21 **Buckie Rovers 5 Burghead Thistle 0 in the 1st round of the Gordon Williamson Cup**
Note. Cardno, Lyon and Munro all scored their first goals of the season for the Rovers. Munro's goal was from the penalty spot. The other scorers were Bartlett and Wood.

April 28 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 3 (L)**
Rovers: McKay, Wood, Duthie, Nicol, Farquhar, Chisholm, Lyon, Tallis, Bartlett (Munro), Cardno, Barclay (Burnett), Subs. Morrison and Mackie.

Final of the Tom Gordon Cup - Portgordon 2 Fochabers 1

at Pinefield on Sunday
This was the first piece of silver to be won by Portgordon since joining the Juniors. Fochabers had now failed to win any trophies since 1993.

Portgordon: Bowie (Pearson), S. Graham, Wann, Murphy (Pollard), B. Graham, McRitchie, Yarrick, Russell, McDonald (McPhee), Geegan, McGettrick. Sub. Coull.

Note - The only Portgordon loon in the squad was Roger Coull who didn't play as he was suffering from a leg injury. Gordon Bowie, in goal, was from Spey Bay, he was replaced after being injured. Alex McGettrick was originally from Elgin but having married a Buckie lass had been around the local area for a good number of years.

Fochabers: Munro, Inkson, Christie, Masson, Younie, Cameron, Donnelly, Slater, Inkson, Gauld and Grassick. Subs. J. Smith and G. Smith... There were more local loons in the side than there had been at some times during the season, the rest were from Inverness as was the manager.

May 5 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Kinloss 1 (L)**

Football news - Milne's High School, Fochabers won the U14 North of Scotland Cup for the first time in their history when they beat Golspie High School by four goals to two. A promise of better things in the future for the big Speysiders.

May 12 **Fochabers 1 Strathspey Thistle 5 (L)**

Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) The Rovers were 'party-poopers' since the 'Vale only required a draw to win the League for the second consecutive year.

Football news - Buckie Thistle A number of changes among the officials took place at the Buckie Thistle annual general meeting. The following all tendered their resignations - Murray Thain, president; George Jappy, secretary; Paul Munch treasurer. They were replaced by Raymond Cardno as president, George Jappy as vice president; Bill Lobban as secretary and Ann Cardno as treasurer.

May 19 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 in the 1st round of the Cannon Cup**
Rovers: McKay, Wood, Duthie, Christie, Nicol, Chisholm, Lyon, Farquhar, Mackie (Barclay), Burnett and Cardno. Subs. Morrison and Munro.

Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 3 (L)

The Welfare League - Buckie United, a team chock- full of ex junior players, won the Planwell Roofing

League after beating Banff Rovers by four goals to one in the deciding match. The goals were scored by two former Rovers' players Mark Russell and Colin Bryce.

May 26 **Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *"Rovers do the double."*

Note - Brian Murdoch, bus driver, had his first game of the season for the Rovers. Alfie Morrison also played as the Rovers found it difficult to field a team through players being unavailable for this mid-week evening game up in Grantown. As it was a team of old men and walking wounded pulled off a remarkable victory.

Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 2 in the semi-final of the Connon Cup. The Bish won 4-3 on penalties. The Rovers lost their keeper Stewart McKay early on due to injury with Tallis taking over between the sticks.

Football news - The above was the Rovers 6th game in 15 days, although perhaps not on a par with the marathons of years gone by it does call into question the wisdom of having a two week shut-down over Christmas and the New Year.

June 2 **Portgordon 3 Deveronside 2 (L)** Portgordon had a young Buckie lad in their side, Ali McRae who came off the bench to replace Alex McGettrick in the second half.

June 9 **Strathspey Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 2 in the 2nd round of the Gordon Williamson Cup** - This was another long journey for a mid-week game, this by itself having an effect on players being available and meant that the visitors could only name eleven fit player. Robbie Cruickshank, who had his leg broken some months before was on the bench although he wasn't called upon to play.

Rovers: Belcher, Wood, Duthie, Shewan, Farquhar, Chisholm, Lyon, Nicol, Bartlett, Christie and Tallis.

Welfare League - Buckie United won the Planwell Roofing Welfare League and also the St Valery Trophy and the Watson Cup.

Their League analysis was - P20, W15, D4, L1 F64, and A17 - 49 points.

The Buckie Rovers annual general meeting 1998, held in the Town House in June will be remembered for the extremely poor turn-out, all told amounting to eight persons that included the management team of Graeme Tallis and Dennis Clark.

The treasurer, Mrs Lorraine Harper said that although considerable efforts had been made to raise funds during the past season there had still been a loss of over £2,000 on the year's working. This was a pattern which had continued on from the previous season and was entirely explained by the detrimental effect of the National Lottery which had put paid to a good money-raising draw.

A proposal from the floor that the officials be returned en-bloc, if they were prepared to continue was seconded. They all agreed and were reappointed as follows - Robbie McKay, Ugie Hotel, Keith, president; secretary, Keith Sinclair; treasurer, Mrs Lorraine Harper. The others present agreed to continue or become committee members - Mrs Elaine Murdoch, Mrs Chrissie Sinclair and Allan Fraser.

(As a matter of interest the number attending the meeting in June 2006 was so small that the AGM really didn't take place. In 2007 the number was six which included the secretary/treasurer Dave Roberts, the management team of David Robertson and Keith Ingram also Allan Fraser, Gary and Teresa Innes. Sonny Johnston said that he was prepared to become a committee member though he could not be present.)

July 28 **Peter Fair 1998** was surely one of the wettest ever with trailers having to be trailed in and out and lorry loads of stones dumped to ensure the lorries etc didn't disappear out o' sight. Fowk wir widin' tae their oxters throwe (rhymes with cow) mud with a real danger that bairns wud be lost for iver amon the glaur. I made my first visit to the Fair for over twenty years an' I'm nae sure fan I'll be back.

Buckie Thistle 0 Livingstone 8 (F) A relatively new team, led by the inimitable Jim Leishman, sometime poet and football manager. Livingstone were then in the second division and tipped by the reporter to win the league.

The Thistle team was - Dunbar, Cormie, Lamberton: McPherson (Bruce Cardno), J. Matheson: Murray, G.Grant (Smith), M.Graham (M. Fielding), S. Bruce (R.Green), Will (D'Arcy), Trialist (I.Grant).

- Aug 4 **Buckie Thistle 0 Fort William 0 (H/L)**
Buckie; Dunbar, Cormie and Rattray; Lamberton, Matheson (I.Grant), Murray: D'Arcy McPherson, Green, Bruce (Will), G.Grant (Graham).
- Peterhead 4 Buckie Th. 0 Jarlaw Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round**
- Aug 18 **Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Morayshire Mini League Cup**
This was the Rovers first visit to the new Simpson Park, home of the 'Vale.
Rovers: Barron, Cruickshank (Slater) and Burnett; Duthie, Nicol and Chisholm; Tyson, Franklyn, Grant, McLean, Sinclair (Lyon). Subs. Barclay, Morrison and Bartlett.
- The new Rovers' signings were** - Rob Barron, Banff; Alan Grant and Andy McLean, Keith; Andy Franklyn, Rothes.
- Deveronside 3 Rovers 4 Morayshire Mini League Cup**
Rovers: Innes, Cruickshank (Barclay), Burnett; Duthie, Nicol and Chisholm; Tyson (Lyon), Wood, Grant, McLean, Franklyn (Sinclair). Subs. Christie and Morrison.
The goalkeeper, Innes, was guesting from Portsoy.
- Portgordon 7 Fochabers 0 Morayshire Mini League Cup**
Eddy Clark on the bench was the only local lad named, the rest were all from the Inverness area.
The Fochabers' team also had a fair sprinkling of Inverness players and read as follows -
Fochabers: Duncan, Lang and Rennie; Hossack, Gough and McRae; Inkson, Grassick, McDonald and Cameron. Subs. Smith and Ormiston.
- Buckie Thistle had an idle day.**
- Aug 25 **Strathspey Thistle 3 Rovers 1 (L)**
The B.A. carried a photograph of the Rovers being presented with a new strip prior to the game with the 'Vale.
Reading from the left at the back Alfie Morrison, Rob. Cruickshank, Andy McLean, Graeme Tyson, Derek Burnett, Rob. Barron, Craig Sinclair, Craig Bartlett.
Front - Steve Lyon, Andy Franklin, Mark Chisholm, Colin Nicol, Neil Duthie, Alan Grant, Mike Slater.
- RAF Lossie 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) McLean had three.**
- Forres Mechanics 1 Thistle 4 (H/L) Will had three**
Note - Ryan Green at C/F was a former Elgin junior player who had been with Nairn County the previous season.
- Sept 1 **Buckie Th. 4 Lossiemouth F.C. 0 (H/L)**
- Islavale 2 Rovers 1 Robertson Cup S/F**
- Fochabers 1 Portgordon 12 (twelve) (L) "Fochabers in crises"**
- Sept 8 **Rovers 0 Hall Russell United 2 Dundee N.E. Centenary Trophy 1st Round**
- Wick Academy 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Sept 15 **Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 0 (L)**
- RAF Lossie 5 Fochabers 0 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 (H/L)**
- Sept 22 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres 1 (H/L)**
- Rovers had an idle day.**
- Portgordon U.2 Dyce Juniors 3 Great Northern Regional Cup**
One local loon in the Portgordon team - Davidson.
- Sept 29 **Hall Russell U. 3 Rovers 1 G. N. R. Cup**

Elgin City 4 Thistle 3 (H/L)

Kinloss 1 Fochabers 1 Nicholson Cup S/F Kinloss won on penalties by 2 to 1

Oct 6 **Rovers 3 Islavale 3 (L)** Stewart Mackay was in goal for the injured Barron

Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Oct 13 **Buckie Rovers 4 Fochabers 0 (L)**

***** **Cove Rangers 6 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Kevin Will, assistant manager tendered his resignation.**

Oct 20 **Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 0 (New competition) Robbie Nicol Memorial Trophy.**

Robbie Nicol was connected with New Elgin for a long time and died earlier in the year.

Rovers: Barron, Tallis and Christie; Bartlett, Shewan and Chisholm; Franklyn (Grant), Wood (Sinclair), Slater Farquhar and Burnett. Subs. Nicol, Lyon and Duthie.

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Oct 27 **Portgordon 5 Fochabers 0 Robbie Nicol Trophy**

Fochabers had a number of local lads in their side including the two Smiths, Davie and Jamie, father and son. Again Mike Davidson was the only local lad in the Portgordon line up.

A team from the past - The B.A. carried a good photograph of **former Welfare League champions - Buckpool Celtic** with all the players and committee named.

Rovers 3 Bishopmill 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle had a free date.

Nov 3 **Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Deveronside 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) It was being asked had the hoodoo been broken with two wins in succession to the Rovers over their auld enemy.

Nov 10 **OVD Scottish Junior cup Buckie Rovers 3 Bankfoot Athletic 4 Rovers threw it away.**

New Elgin 5 Fochabers 0 (L) Alex Goodall was now playing in goal for Fochabers. Keith Ingram was one of the subs, later to become manager.

Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 2 (H/L)

Brendan Belcher was in goal for Rothes. He was only 18 and had played for the Rovers several times during the previous season. He came from Portgordon.

Nov 17 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 5 (H/L)

Burghead Thistle 1 Rovers 4 (L)

Fochabers 2 Strathspey Thistle 4 (L) Fochabers had at least five local loons in their side.

Nov 24 **Malcolm Murray, manager of Buckie Thistle for the previous 2 and half years tendered his resignation. The news made the front page of the Buckie Squeak.**

***** **In all he had been in charge for 82 games winning 23, drawing 15 and losing 44. Bill Lobban, football reporter, using a quote from elsewhere, described this as a, "losing record".**

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 1 (L)

Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers (H/L)

Buckie -Dunbar, Low and Lamberton; Cormie, Matheson and Rattray; G.Grant, **Murray** (Bruce), Green, McPherson, I.Grant. This was Malcolm's last game in charge. He left Buckie to sign for Keith

- Dec 1 **Football news** - Alan Scott was appointed manager of Buckie Thistle to take over from Malcolm Murray. Scott had once been a player with Buckie Thistle before going to manage Deveronside, then Deveronvale but had been out of management for some time.
- Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
Buckie - Dunbar, Low (B.Cardno), I.Grant; Cormie, Matheson and Lamberton (Miller, a young local loon), G.Grant, McPherson, Green Rattray and Bruce.
- Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 2 (L)**
Rovers - Barron, Nicol and Christie; Bartlett, Sturton (Shewan) and Duthie; Franklyn, Wood, Slater (Cruickshank), McLean (Farquhar), Grant. Subs. Lyon, Tallis.
 Sturton was a trialist from Elgin.
- Burghead 8 Fochabers 0 (L)**
- Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Clach. 3 (H/L)**
- The Rovers had an idle day - parks unplayable**
- Dec 15 **Buckie Thistle 0 Peterhead 2 (H/L)** Buckie had three trialists out - Rob Scott, son of the manager, Steve Rattray, ex Lossie and 'Vale and Graeme Robertson, Inverurie Locos.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)** Neil Miller was in at O/L
 Malcolm Fielding, Mark Graham and Steven Bruce, all local loons had disappeared.
- Lossie United 1 Rovers 3 (L)** Third win for the Rovers this season over Lossie.
 Mackay was in goal for Barron who was late in arriving.
 Grave concern was being expressed regarding the Rovers' play, only a half-time team
- Dec 22 **Football news** - Jim Mathieson the Thistle mid-field player sustained a compound fracture of his leg whilst playing against Peterhead in an Aberdeenshire League match on the Wednesday evening. He was to be out for the remainder of the season.
- Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Mike 'Scammers' Smith made a surprise appearance for the Rovers going on to play as a substitute in the later stages of the game.
- Dec 29 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)**
Buckie -Dunbar, Cormie and Scott; Hulse, Forbes and G.Grant (M.Rattray); S.Rattray, Stephen, Green, McPherson and I. Grant
 Hulse was on loan from Huntly, while both Alan Forbes and Stephen were home for a spell from Australia where they intended to return.
- 1999**
- Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- Jan 12 **Rovers 6 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
Rovers - Barron, Nicol and Christie (Burnett); Cruickshank, Lyon and Chisholm; Franklyn, Wood, Grant, Farquhar (McLean), Duthie (Slater), Subs. Shewan, Bartlett.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 3 (H/L)**
- Jan 19 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Heavy snow meant no junior games were played.**
- Jan 26 **Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) played** at Boroughbriggs (Who fell foul of the traffic warden?)
- Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 0 (H/L)** Sub. Duglowski played for Buckie.
- Fochabers 0 Islavale 2 (L)** Andy McLean now back with the 'Vale played and scored. Bruce Cardno was also in the 'Vale team, he had been with the Rovers at the start of the season.
- Feb 2 **Islavale 5 Rovers 0 (L)** *"A humiliating defeat - the Rovers never performed "*

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Feb 9 **Rovers 5 Portgordon 2 (L)**

Mark Graham former Thistle player had signed for the Rovers and was in the team here.

Bishopmill United 5 Fochabers 1 (L) Gavin McLean, the Fochabers' scribe blamed poor defending. He was to say this a few times.

Feb 16 **New Elgin 3 Rovers 1 (L)** *"This was a game that the Rovers had to and should have won. They had all the play."*

Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 2 (H/L) Steven Bruce had returned to the fold at Victoria Park but Fielding had moved to Deveronside.

Kinloss 2 Fochabers 0 (L) Gavin blamed the defence again.

Feb 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)** Buckie had more new names in their line-up with a Cormack playing throughout with Bates and Farquhar coming on as subs.

Nairn St Ninians 12 (twelve) Fochabers 1 (L) Surely the headline to the report of this game was the understatement of the year - *"Fochabers Hammered"*
This was the second time this season that the luckless Fochabers had had a dozen scored against them.

Buckie Rovers 3 Strathspey Thistle 2 (L)

Mar 2 **Forres Thistle 4 Fochabers 0 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Kinloss 1 Matthew Cup 1st round

Buckie had an idle day played a match against a Ross County eleven, behind closed doors. The previous mid week they had met a similar team from Caley Thistle .

Mar 9 **Burghead Thistle 2 Fochabers 1 (L)** Fochabers were *"unlucky"* said Gavin the Fochabers' scribe.

Fochabers - Goodall, Stronach and Smith (Grant) McWilliam, Morrison and Inkson;
Ingram(Stuart), Munro, Simpson(Ormiston), Stewart and Grassick.

Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *'Nightmare at Nairn'*

Buckie - Dunbar, Cormie and Scott; Lamberton, Forbes and Miller; McPherson, I.Grant (Low), Green, Bruce, G.Grant, Sub. Robertson.

Mar 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 4 (H/L)**

Fochabers 0 New Elgin 1 (L) *"Potential Champs held to narrow victory."*

Buckie Rovers 4 Kinloss (RAF) 0 Gordon Williamson Cup 1st Round

Rovers - Barron, Nicol and Christie (Lyon); Chisholm, Cruickshank Burnett; Duthie, Wood, Mackie (Graham) Farquhar (Bartlett) and Grant. Sub. Morrison.

Mar 23 **Lossiemouth United 1 Fochabers 2 (L)** *'First Win of the Season'*

Fochabers: Goodall, Inkson and Stronach (Burnett); Younie, Shand and Munro; Ingram, Stewart, Grassick, Donald, K. Stewart (Smith).

Buckie Rovers 4 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L) *"The RAF ended with nine men!"*

The Thistle had a blank day.

Mar 30 **Bishopmill 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Clive Williamson Trophy 1st round** *"The Rovers didn't perform, team upset through injuries."*

Rovers - McKay, Nicol and A.Morrison; Cruickshank, Lyon and Chisholm; Wood, Graham, Mackie, Slater and Duthie.
Subs all used were - Bartlett, Franklyn and Grant - also Farquhar.

April 6 **Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 2 - Matthew Cup, 2nd Round**

With Rob Barron still on the injured list the Rovers had Stephen Innes in goal for this match.

Fochabers 2 Portgordon United 4 (L)

Fochabers - Goodall, Stronach (K.Stewart), Smith, Stewart, Ormiston, Inkson, Munro, Morrison, Simpson, Ingram, Grant. Sub. Peters.

Portgordon United - Munro, Milligan (Gardiner), Ross, Laing, McRitchie, Hutchinson (Wilson), Graham, Geegan, McKain. (Note all the Portgordon players were from the Inverness area including soldiers from Fort George)

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *"Superiority showed"*

Buckie -Dunbar, Cormie, Scott, Lamberton, Forbes (Low), Reid, Bremner (Miller), MacPherson, R.Green, Duglonski, G.Grant.

Note - Duglowski had a good game but it was said that he was likely to be moving to Ross County, and then league leaders in the Third Division of the Scottish League.

April 13 **Buckie Rovers 6 Kinloss (RAF) 0 (L)**

Rovers - Steven Innes, Rob. Cruickshank, Colin Nicol, Derek Burnett, Mark Wood, Mark Chisholm (Craig Bartlett), Andy Franklyn (Mike Shewan), Mark Graham (Stevie Mackie), Mike Slater, Willie Farquhar, Neil Duthie. Subs. Craig Christie and Alfie Morrison.

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *"Drieck stuff!"*

Rob Cruickshank and Willie Farquhar of the Rovers were guesting for the Thistle.

Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *"Buckie had hard luck"*

Buckie: - Dunbar, Low (Davidson), Scott, Cormie (I.Grant), Forbes, Bates, Miller, Cormack, Green, McPherson, G.Grant (Lamberton).

Fochabers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 0 (L) *"First home wins of the season for Fochabers."*

Fochabers: Goodall, Morrison, Christie, Stewart, Inkson, Munro, Gilchrist, Dean (Ingram), Grant, Simpson (Stewart), Subs. Peters, King, Smith.

April 20 **Welfare League** - Cullen F.C. playing in the (Buckie) Planwell Roofing Welfare League won their second piece of silverware of the season when they lifted the Bank's Cup after beating Turriff Thistle by four goals to one.

The leaders in the league were Whitehills P17, Pts 41; Buckie United P13, Pts 36; Portsoy P17, Pts 34.

The Rovers, Portgordon and Fochabers all had an idle day following the Section Dinner on the Friday evening, held in Elgin.

Final of the Robertson Cup Islavale 3 Nairn St Ninians 1 Stefan Green scored two goals and won the 'Man of the Match' award.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (League Cup) The Thistle had beaten the 'Vale for the third time this season.

Malcolm Murray, formerly manager of Buckie Thistle, now manager of the 'Vale, was in their side.

Buckie: - Dunbar, Low, Scott, McPherson, (Bates), Lamberton, G.Grant (Hulse), Miller (Bruce), Cormack, Green, Duglowski, and I.Grant.

Apr 27 **Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)** *"Thistle Lacked That Killer Instinct"*

Buckie - Dunbar, Low, Scott, Hulse, Lamberton Bates, G.Grant, Cormack, Green, Bruce (D'Arcy), I.Grant (Cowie).

Thistle 0 Huntly 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 1 (L) *The Rovers make it three wins in a row over their rivals to banish surely the hoodoo that for a long time had plagued them.*

May 4 **Nairn St Ninians 7 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *"Was the league title lost here?"*

Rovers - Barron, Cruickshank (Christie), Nicol, Burnett (Bartlett), Shewan, Duthie, Slater, Graham, Wood, Farquhar (Mackie), Grant.

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale I A.E.T. (Rovers won 5-4 on penalties) Matthew Cup

May 11 **Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)**

Rovers - Barron, Farquhar, Duthie (Morrison), Bartlett, Shewan, Cruickshank (Graham), Slater, Wood, Mackie, Nicol, Grant.

Welfare League In the Planwell Welfare League *Buckie United* became champions for the third time in four years. Their stats. read P17, W15, D0, L2, F53, A14, and Pts 45. Their nearest challengers, Whitehills, were four points behind.

Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) No God-given right to win every game.

May 18 **Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

May 25 **Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (A.E.T) Rovers won 5-4 on penalties**

Robbie Nicol (ex New Elgin manager etc) Memorial Trophy ¼ Final

Rovers - Barron, Cruickshank, Nicol, Farquhar, Shewan, Chisholm, Slater (Wood), Burnett (Morrison), Graham, Duthie, Grant. Subs. Bartlett, Mackie, Tallis.

Portgordon United won the Morayshire Mini League to take the Rosebowl after beating Islavale by two goals to one at Pinefield. Goals were by Eddie Nicol and George Russell. Both players hailed from the Inverness area or the army at Fort George.

June 1 **Buckie Rovers 3 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)** Nairn had a number of points deducted from their total plus a hefty fine for fielding illegal players. The secretary and manager also both packed in just before this game.

June 8 **Buckie Rovers 2 Strathspey Thistle 6 semi-final of the Robbie Nicol Memorial Trophy**

Rovers - Barron, Nicol, Duthie (Mackie), Grant, Shewan, Chisholm, Farquhar, Wood, Burnett (Cruickshank), Graham, Slater. Subs. Bartlett, Morrison.

Bartlett hung his boots up after this game. He was at one time with Fochabers, then Deveronside before coming to the Rovers. He might have started his career with Rothes Dynamos but this is unknown.

June 15 **Final of the Matthew Cup Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3** at Canal Park, Banff.

Rovers - Barron, Nicol, Grant, Cruickshank, Shewan, Chisholm, Farquhar (Morrison),

Wood, Graham, Duthie, Slater. Sub. Tallis .

Goals were scored by Chisholm, Slater and Wood, pen. Minty had both the Forres goals.

***** **Football news** - This was the last game in which Dennis Clark and Graeme Tallis, joint managers, were in charge of the Rovers.

Football news - The Rovers won the one trophy and ended up second to Islavale in the league. The Rovers were struggling for players before the end of the season with the 18 signed at the start of the season dwindling away, for different reasons, to only 13 being available for the last game.

Buckie Rovers AGM - The number of interested people attending the Rovers' AGM was small as was expected, being on a par with recent years. Dennis Clark gave his final report as manager wishing the Rovers and the new partnership of George Wright, Cullen, and Spencer Lyon, Buckie the best of good fortune in the season ahead.

The committee was returned enbloc with Robbie McKay as president, new comer Alan Strachan as vice president, Keith Sinclair as secretary and Mrs Lorraine Harper as treasurer.

Long time committee member and former secretary, Allan Fraser, had said that he wouldn't be continuing, having difficulty in hearing what was being said at meetings. (He did later rejoin the committee but didn't attend meetings.) He promised, however, to continue to do all he could in other ways for the club as well as writing reports of their exploits for the Buckie 'Squeak' under the pseudonym of 'A.L. Nath'.

Aug 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: - **Rae**, Grant (Cormie), Lamberton, **Anderson**, McPherson, **Rattray (Mair)**, **Duncan**, **Stephen**, **Green (Bridgeford)**, **Scott** and Cormack.

Of the 8 new signings since last season 6 started the game and two came on as substitutes, all indicated by names in **bold** print.

The 'keeper Michael Rae, was from the Black Isle and was formerly on Glasgow Rangers' books as was Levi Stephen who had played a few games for the Thistle the previous season before returning again to

Australia. John Scott was a son of the manager, Alan Scott, he too had previous senior experience in England with Liverpool. The other newcomers were - Gordon Duncan, Scott Anderson, Alan Mair and Steve Rattray.

Aug 10 **Peterhead 4 Buckie Thistle 1 1st round of the Aberdeenshire Cup**

Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

This was a good result by a greatly changed Rovers' side. The new players are shown in **bold** print.

Rovers: - **Innes, Costello, Brockie**, Cruickshank, **Mathieson (Cormack)**, Nicol, **Davidson (Mowat)**, Shewan, Graham (**Farquhar**), Wood, **Fielding**. Subs. Morrison, **Wojcik**.

Football news Stephen Innes in goal moved up from Cullen, Welfare League team while Richard Cormack was with Buckie Victoria, also in the Welfare League. A son of Billy Cormack a former Rovers' stalwart. Jason Brockie, John Costello, Andrew Farquhar and David Mowat were all fifteen or sixteen years old and formerly played with Deveronvale's Youth team. Another youngster was Michael Wojcik, a promising goalkeeper. Malcolm Fielding was formerly with the Rovers, later going to Buckie Thistle, before returning to the Rovers from Deveronside. James Mathieson, still recuperating from a bad leg break with Buckie Thistle, was on extended loan.

Football news - Departures since last season, including the two managers, Dennis Clark and Graeme Tallis, were Derek Burnett and Rob Barron (Banff). Burnett was known to have signed for Deveronside. Willie Farquhar had gone to Islavale, Mark Chisholm to Deveronvale. Alan Grant (Keith) had also moved to Deveronside as had Craig Christie (Rothies)

It would seem, too, that the irrepressible Stevie Mackie had hung up his boots. Craig Bartlett (Rothies) was another player who finished with the game at the end of the season.

Aug 17 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 2 (L)**

Rovers: Wojcik, Costello, Brockie, Cruickshank(Mowat), Mathieson, Nicol, Slater(Farquhar), Shewan, Graham, Wood, Fielding (Lyon),. Subs. Cormack and Innes (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 3 Kinloss 1 (L)

The Thistle had an idle day

Aug 24 **Deveronside 4 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Note. The 'Side had three ex Rovers' players in their line-up - Craig Christie, Derek Burnett and Alan Grant. It had been expected that Grant would stay with the Rovers having played in all their pre-season friendlies. He made the difference between the two teams and will be missed.

Note. The Rovers had a further two new faces on the bench - Petrie and McBain though they were given no opportunity to show their paces.

It may be remembered by some that the same Petrie played in a friendly match for the Rovers against a Turriff side some five/six years before. (Sonny Johnston and yours truly, Allan Fraser, got somehow left behind in Turriff, after the game, and had to get someone to come from Buckie to take us home.)

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 1 (L) 'Beaten by an Inspired 'Keeper '

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Brockie, Lyon, Mathieson, Cormack, Slater, Shewan, Wood, Fielding. Subs, Costello, Farquhar, Nicol and Davidson.

Sept 1 **Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 1 Robertson Cup Semi - Final**

Sept 7 **Sunnybank 4 Buckie Rovers 1 'Concept Inter-Regional Trophy 1st Round '**

The young Rovers' side were not disgraced against the strong going and highly experienced 'Bank side.

Rovers: Innes, Mowat, Brockie, Nicol (Cruickshank), Cormack, Cowie, Lyon, Shewan, Graham (Farquhar), Wood, Fielding, (Slater). Sub. Costello.

Buckie Thistle 0 Brora Rangers 1 H/L (The report was now being written by 'Jags Man' (Easton Thain) with long time reporter in the process of moving away from Buckie to Livingstone)

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, Bridgeford (Low), Rattray, Duncan (Miller), Stephen, Green, J. Scott (Mair), Cormack.

Sept 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 H/L**

Buckie Rovers 0 Buchanhaven Hearts 2 'Great Northern Trophy 1st Round' *"Hearts Bypass the Rovers"* Do you like the headline?

Sept 21 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 'Qualifying Cup'**

Buckie Rovers 0 Buchanhaven Hearts 2 Preliminary round of the Inter Regional Cup

Sept 28 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 5 H/L** *"Brilliant Buckie Hammer Huntly"*
Not for many a long day had the Thistle been able to trounce Huntly by such a score
Huntly had been kingpins in the Highland League for some years past.

Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Both sides chockfull of young inexperienced players.
Local loons in the Fochabers' side were Jimmy Smith, Grassick, and Davie Munro ('Pow' was his granddad)

Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Ross Co. XI 2 (F)**

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 3 (L)

Oct 12 **OVD Scottish Junior Cup 1st round - Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 1** - at Burghead.

Rovers: Innes, Costello, Brockie, Cowie, Mathieson, Cormack (Nicol), Lyon, Shewan (Fielding), Graham, Wood, Slater (Davidson). Subs. Cruickshank, Mowat.

The B.A. carried a picture of the Rovers reading from left to right at back - M. Davidson, M. Wood, R. Cruickshank, R. Cormack, S. Innes, M. Shewan, J. Brockie, C. Nicol, S. Wojcik. Front Andrew. Farquhar, M. Slater, M. Cowie, S. Lyon, J. Costello, J. Matheson.

Peterhead 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) Bill Lobban making a return with his pencil for this game said how the Jags' new found optimism following their win against Huntly, something of a surprise in recent times, was sadly quashed by the Blue Tooners

Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 1 H/L

Oct 19 **Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** Rovers had **nine** teenagers on the park from 'go' with a further four on the bench. Fochabers, too, had also gone for youth. A healthy situation all round.

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 2 H/L

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Miller (Cormie), Bruce (Mathieson), Stephen, Green, Scott, Cormack.

Buckie Thistle Youths 1 Rothes Youths 1 Highland Youth Cup Buckie won on penalties by 5-4.

Buckie Youths : Wojcik, Mowat, Brockie, Low, Costello, Morrison, McHardy,(Lamont), Miller (I. McRae), Farquhar, A. McRae, Davidson (Anderson). Rothes were cup holders.

Oct 26 **Buckie Thistle 1 Elgin City 1 H/L**

Buckie Rovers 2 Portgordon United 1 (L)

Portgordon - Munro, Pollard, Pierce, Hutchinson, Harkness, Shewan, Mclean, Gray, Wharton, Geegan, McDonald. Subs. Murphy, Paterson. (Jamie Shewan was the only local lad in the team)

Rovers - Wojcik, Mowat(Farquhar), Brockie(Munro), Costello, Cruickshank, Cormack, Cowie, Lyon, Davidson. (All local)

Nov 2 **Buckie Thistle 5 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 6 Lossiemouth United 2 (L) *"Mark 'Sparky' Wood restored to the side after injury had four goals."*

Nov 9 **Wick Academy 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Nov 16 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Cup 1st round**

Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)

Rovers: Wojcik, Costello, Brockie, Jamie Shewan, Cormack(Cruickshank), Cowie, Slater, M. Shewan, Davidson (Bowie - trialist), Wood, Sinclair(Graham), Subs. McBain, Fielding.

Note. Jamie Shewan, a brother of Mike, had moved to the Rovers from Portgordon. He was to make a mark for himself.

Nov 23 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 4 Aberdeenshire Shield Semi-Final .

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 (H/L)

Nov 30 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Mark Wood had both goals to keep up his good goal-scoring run. He was presently top scorer in the North juniors. Forres were top of the league.

Dec 7 **Games off on account of storm-bound pitches.**

Dec 14 **Buckie Rovers 1 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)

Dec 21 **No football**

Dec 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** Played on the Monday following Christmas which fell on Saturday.

The report on the game was written by yours truly.

Buckie: - Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Duncan(Bruce) Stephen (Cormie), Green, Scott, Cormack (Miller).

Note. Mark Chisholm, the ex Rovers' player was at full-back for the 'Vale.

Last game of the year, century and Millennium

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Jan 4 **They were the best** - The Rovers didn't play on Saturday thus A.L Nath (Allan Fraser) hadn't their report to write, however, he had taken time to choose, to his mind at least, the best Rovers' players he had seen play over the past 15 years. From this list he had chosen his ideal Rovers' eleven, plus three substitutes.

For the record a pool of twenty players was selected.

Pool - David Mackay, Stevie Mackie, Gary Innes, Ronnie Smith, Mike Smith, Ali Ewen, Jimmy Brindle, Graeme Roy, Colin Nicol, Eddy Campbell, Mark Wood, Mark Chisholm, Neil Duthie, 'Pogo' Paterson (Mosstodloch), Jim Slater, Jim Pirie, Brian Geddes (Keith), Alan Grant (Keith), Alan Macdonald and David Sellar.

Team Brindle, Geddes (Capt.) and Sellar; Ewen, Mackay and Innes; Slater, Wood, Mackie, Grant and R. Smith . Subs. M. Smith, Chisholm, Duthie.

Jan 11 **Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**

Rovers: Innes, Wood (Graham), Brockie, Cruickshank (Cormack), Costello (M. Shewan), Mowat, J. Shewan, Mathieson, Cowie, Sinclair, Slater. Sub. Lyon.

Fochabers 2 Kinloss 2 (L) No team given.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Jan 18 **Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** A great effort by the youthful Rovers outfit to put the much vaunted 'Vale to the sword. Mike Slater scored two super goals to provide A.L. Nath (Allan Fraser) with the perfect heading to his report - *"Simply Super Slater Strikes"* Craig Sinclair had the other

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Mathieson, J. Shewan, Cowie, Costello (M. Shewan), Wood (Graham), Slater, Sinclair. Subs. Cormack, Lyon, Davidson.

Robbie Cruickshank played his last game for the Rovers here before going on a year's sabbatical wandering through Europe.

Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Rae, Cormie (Robbie Nicol), Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Bruce, Stephen, Green, Scott, Girvan (Miller), Sub. Low.

Buckie had lost the services of Levi Stephen, he having decided to return to Australia for a spell.

Jan 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 5 Nairn St Ninians 2 (L) "Rovers Do The Double"

Feb 1 **Neither the Thistle nor the Rovers played on Saturday due to weather conditions.**

Rovers face the camera - There was a photograph of the Rovers in the Buckie paper dressed in their brand new purple with white trim strip, presented by Scotscoop, Bookies.

Reading from left to right back in the photograph they were – Trainer, Graeme Roy, a former Rovers' keeper, Jim Mathieson, Mark Davidson, Craig Sinclair, Mike Shewan, Mark Wood, (Capt.), Richard Cormack, Jamie Shewan, Mark Graham, Jason Brockie and George Wright, Manager.

Front left to right – Michael Fielding, Steven Lyon, David Mowat, Michael Wojcik, Michael Slater, Mark Cowie and John Costello.

Feb 8 **The Rovers had a blank Saturday**

Fochabers 2 Strathspey Thistle 2 (L) A. L. Nath report. *'Fochabers Survive To Earn A Point'*.

Fochabers: – Goodall, Stronach, Grant, Mathieson, Christie, Anderson (Porter), Stewart (McDonald), Hutchison, Grassick, Munro, Graham(Davidson). Subs. McWilliam, Ingram.

Keith 4 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Cormie, McPherson, Rattray, Bruce (Miller), Milne (Cormack), Green, Thain (Low), Craik.

Feb 15 **Buckie Rovers 3 RAF Lossiemouth 0 Clive Williamson Trophy 1st Round.**

Buckie Thistle had a blank Saturday

Feb 22 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 New Elgin 3 Rovers 1st round of the Morayshire Rose Bowl The Rovers won 3-1 on penalties) **Wojcik** had a great game throughout putting the cap on with **saving three penalties** in the shoot-out.

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Costello, Lyon, Mathieson, J. Shewan, Cowie, Graham, Wood, Slater, Sinclair (Davidson). Subs. M. Shewan, Cormack, C. Nicol, Brockie.

Feb 29 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)** Great win for the Thistle - *"Thistle Tame the Tigers!"*

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Duncan, McPherson, Rattray, Bruce, Milne, R.Green, Scott, Craik, Subs. Cormack, Low, Cormie.

Portgordon United 0 Buckie Rovers 7 (L) "'7-UP' toast For Rampant Rovers" **Hat-trick for Mark Wood with four for Craig Sinclair.**

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat (M. Shewan), Brockie, Costello, Mathieson, J. Shewan (Cormack), Cowie, Graham (Slater), Wood, Lyon, Sinclair. Subs. Davidson, Nicol.

Mar 7 **Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes Victoria 2 H/L**

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Bruce, McPherson, Rattray, Duncan (Anderson), Milne, Green (Cormack), Scott, Craik (Thom).

Football news - Last Wednesday night saw Buckie Thistle captain, Alan 'Mickey' McPherson, record yet another milestone in a distinguished career for the club.

This loyal servant, who has stood by the club for 17 years, reached his 600th competitive appearance for the Jags.

In his time he has won two Aberdeenshire Cup-winners' medals, one league Cup-winners' medal and one Aberdeenshire Shield winners' medal.

In the final of the 1984/85 Aberdeenshire Cup, against Fraserburgh, at Victoria Park, he won, also the 'Man of the Match' award.

Prior to the game against Rothes he received three presentations in the boardroom: from the club he received a unique clock on a triangular base, and from the supporters, a footballer statuette. The third gift was a bottle of whisky from Charlie Glass, Fochabers.

Mar 14 **RAF Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** 'A Surprise Beating'

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Cormack (Graham), Costello, Matheson, J. Shewan, Cowie (M. Shewan), Lyon, Wood, Slater (Davidson), Sub. Nicol.

Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 0 (H/L)

Mar 21 **Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** Guest writer - Keith Sinclair replacing A. L. Nath who with his donkey was off to a wedding in the 'Big Smoke'.

***** **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle (H/L)** Included this week with the report was a caricature of the new Thistle scribe, 'Jags Man' alias Easton Thain who had taken the place of Bill Lobban who had moved away from the town.

On the bench was Mr 'Evergreen', Robbie Nicol.

Mar 28 **Strathspey Thistle 5 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** "Jags Deflate Rovers' Title Hopes"

Buckie Thistle 0 Clachnacuddin 0 (H/L) "Draw Ends Title Hopes"

April 4 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Matheson, McPherson, Rattray, Cormack, Milne, Cormie (Low), Thom, Bruce (Robbie Nicol), Sub. Miller.

Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Rovers had a blank day

***** **Football news -** Portgordon United were in a bad way, finding it difficult to field a team and with their manager Mr Steve Geegan going into hospital they decided they couldn't play the remainder of their league games and also scratched from all the cups. Prior to this decision being made they suffered some really bad results which hastened the decision to fold, albeit temporarily. Comparative newcomers to the junior scene, during the past two seasons they had depended almost entirely on players from the Inverness area. The club was fined £30 for failing to fulfil fixtures. Peter Thain, President said they would think about fielding a team in the juniors next season.

April 11 **Lossiemouth United 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (Cup game)**

***** **Elgin City 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *91 years of Jags v City derby games came to an end on Saturday at Boroughbriggs, Elgin. Elgin City, being admitted to the Scottish League, would be playing in the Third Division come August.*

Elgin City - Pirie, Grant, McDonald, Arnott (Ellis), Morrison, Noble, Whyte, Russell, Mair, Cameron and Youngson. Subs. Ross, Blackhall.

Buckie Thistle - Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Cormack (Miller), Milne, Green, Thain (Cormie), Bruce. Sub. Low.

Clachnacuddin 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

April 18 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 4 Matthew Cup 1st Round** . "Cupholders fall at the first hurdle"

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Brockie, M. Shewan, Matheson, J. Shewan, Cowie (Davidson), Graham (Costello), Wood, Lyon, Sinclair (Cormack), Sub. Nicol.

Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (League Cup) Buckie was in a hard section along with Keith and Peterhead.

April 20 (Press & Journal report) **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 1** Highland League Champions, Keith, had hopes of taking two trophies this season but went down to Buckie Thistle in the Highland League Cup. Grant scored

for Buckie.

April 25 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 Highland League Cup.**

The last game between the two, as Peterhead, like Elgin City, was to move up to the Scottish League, Third Division, in August.

Unfortunately though the Thistle had beaten both Keith and Peterhead, in their section, they had lost to Fraserburgh who then drew with Keith to move into the semi-final.

This was Buckie's last game of the season, a season in which they showed a vast improvement on some recent ones and came very close to winning a trophy.

The Buckie team in the last game was - Rae Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Duncan, Milne, Green Thom (Cormie), Bruce (Miller), Sub. Low.

Peterhead - Pirie, S. Clark, Morrison, Cheyne, Watson (Simpson), Copeland, Yeats (Smith), G. Clark, Gibson, Brown, Livingstone. Sub. Yule.

Football news - Buckie Thistle Supporters' Club, which had been in abeyance for a number of years, was likely to be resurrected, greater interest in the team being shown by their much improved form during the past season.

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 5 (L) *"Rovers' scratch team gets cuffed"*

Rovers: Wojcik, Costello, Brockie, M. Shewan, Matheson, Nicol, Cowie, Lyon, Davidson (Petrie), McBain (Farquhar), Sinclair. Subs. J. Shewan, Cormack.

Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 5 Robbie Nicol Trophy - Second Round *"Three for Wood"*

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat (Cormack), Brockie, Costello (Fielding), Matheson, Nicol, Cowie, M. Shewan, Davidson, (Farquhar), Wood, Sinclair.

May 2 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *"Thankfully – Wojcik had his fingers in the dyke"* (Moray suffered badly from floods during the week.)

May 9 **Lossiemouth United 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 4 (L)

Rovers: Wojcik, Mowat, Brockie, M. Shewan (Costello), Matheson, J. Shewan, Cowie, Lyon, Wood, Slater, Davidson (McRae). Subs. Nicol, Cormack. Alisdair McRae, a new signing for the Rovers was yet another local youngster blooded. He had previously played for Portgordon.

May 16 **Rovers had an idle week**

Fochabers 0 Deveronside 2 (L)

May 23 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 4 (A.E.T.) Clive Williamson Trophy 2nd Round –**

June 13 **Deveronside 5 Buckie Rovers 0 in the semi-final of the Robbie Nicol Memorial Trophy** *'Score flattered the Champs.'* The 'Side players were, all round, much more experienced than the Rovers.

Prior to the match with the Deveronside the young Rovers outfit had not played for nearly three weeks and were ring-rusty and came second to Deveronside who were still very much on a high.

Deveronside were the North Section League Champions and on June 3rd beat the East Champions, Longside, at Banff, to win the Wick Allan Memorial Shield. This was the first time that it had been won by a north team since the Rovers won it 6 years before.

Rovers AGM. The Rovers had to call for a second meeting when too few people attended the first. With the help of a bit of blurb in the Buckie Squeak 10 people turned up for the second one two weeks later.

Keith Sinclair, secretary, had words of praise for the twin managership of George Wright and Spencer Lyon for what had been achieved with a largely young and inexperienced side. They had won no trophies but to end up fifth in a very competitive league was no mean feat, he said.

Unfortunately Spencer Lyon had decided that he was to sever his links with the Rovers for

reasons only known to him. Although he had left the Rovers to become manager of Portgordon F.C. he had returned after a year and had in his time spent many years with the Rovers.

It was proposed that the officials be returned enbloc if they were of a mind to carry on. they agreed and this was carried – President – Robbie Mackay, Chairman - Alan Strachan, Secretary- Keith Sinclair, Treasurer – Chrissie Sinclair. Team Manager – George Wright; Coach- Graeme Roy; Committee members – Stephen McIntosh, Ian Wood, Gary Wiseman, Graeme Roy and Allan Fraser.

Jly 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 (F)** Peterhead were now in the Scottish League.
Buckie: Rae (Wojcik), Grant (Low), Lamberton, Anderson, (Matheson) McPherson, Rattray (Davidson), Duncan (Thom), Rowley (Hulse), Green (Stewart), Milne, Bruce, (Craik),

Football news - See Thistle team above - Craig Stewart came from Sunnybank but had previous experience in the Highland League. Charley Rowley came from Turriff. He was previously with Deveronvale. Wojcik was the Rovers' keeper. It was not known if he had been signed. Thom was on trial from Huntly Amateurs. Neil Davidson, a new signing, was with Buckie United the local Welfare League side.

Jly 25 **Buckie Thistle 1 Hibs Under 21 0 (F)** Buckie deserved to win by higher margin the Hibs youngsters failing to shine as they might have done
Buckie – Rae, Thom (Davidson), Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley (Low), Stewart (Green)), Bruce (Hulse), Craik (Matheson).
Hibs – Wm. Bauld, Lindsay (Shand), Holland (Gibson), Gwyn, Ewast, Crossley, Jeffrey (Oglivie), Barr, (O'Connor), Riordan, Reid and Cormack (Black) **We were to hear more of the players shown in bold.**
The loudest roar of the afternoon was reserved for a male streaker who endeavoured to create a bit of interest as he gambolled over the park, with nothing on bar his socks. Not really a pretty sight! They were three a penny at the open Golf Tournament at St Andrews but this was the first one on record at Victoria Park.

Aug 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 2 (F)**
Buckie Thistle 1 Brechin 0 (F)
Buckie: Rae, Thom (Davidson), Lamberton, Anderson (Matheson), McPherson (Low), Rattray, Duncan (Hulse), Milne, Stewart, Bruce, Craik. Sub. Wojcik.

Aug 8 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** First game of season 2000/2001.
Buckie: Rae, Grant, Matheson, Anderson McPherson, Rattray, Duncan (Rowley), Milne (Thom), Stewart (Davidson), Bruce and Craik.

Aug 15 **Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 0 (H/L)** Rothes had a young Buckie lad in their line-up in McRae. He had a good game, showing lots of promise. He was formerly in the Buckie Youth squad. (He joined Buckie in season 2007/2008.)

Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 2 (L) see Rovers' team below.

Football news - The Rovers had lost the services of Mark Wood who had joined Islavale for a sizeable fee, Michael Wojcik who, as was reported had joined New Elgin after he had hoped to be picked up by Buckie Thistle and James Mathieson who had rejoined the Jags.

For the game against Burghead they had Mikey Munro as a guest in goal. The rest of the team was – Nicol, Brockie, Costello, Cormack (Fielding), J. Shewan, Mowat, M. Shewan, Farquhar, (McRae), West, Sinclair. Sub. Collie.

Newcomers were Phillip West and ?Collie. Willie Farquhar had been signed by the Rovers the previous season but was rarely seen, here he scored two goals.

Aug 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 2 Aberdeenshire Cup.**

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 “ “This game was played on Wednesday 23 Aug.

**** **Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** This was the Rovers first visit to the village School Park to meet the newcomers to the North Juniors. The Rovers were robbed when the home side scored the equaliser with the very last kick of the game.
A feature of the Whitehills' pitch was that it was short and narrow compared to Merson Park.

Whitehills – Mackinnon, Ord, Bray, Adamson, Preston, Curtis (Predle), Allan, Stephen, Munro, Reid (Wilson), Brook.

Buckie Rovers – Munro, Nicol (Smith), J. Shewan, Cormack, Brockie, Fielding (McRae), Sinclair, Costello, M. Shewan, Farquhar, West.

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 2 Gordon Williamson Cup 1st Round)

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 County Cup replay

Aug 29 **Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie- Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Davidson, Duncan, Milne, (Rattray), Stewart (Craig), Bruce, Rowley. Sub. Low.

Buckie Rovers 6 Kinloss 4 (L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)

Sept 5 **Buckie Rovers 0 Bishopmill 3 in the North Regional Cup**

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat (Smith), Brockie, Cruickshank, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon, M.Shewan, Farquhar (Nicol), West, Cowie (Slater), Subs. McRae, Costello.

Keith U-18 3 Buckie Thistle U-18 0 Youth Football I like that score-line

Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Davidson (Stewart), Duncan (J. Mathieson), Milne, Rowley, Bruce, Craik (Low). Subs. Hulse, Rattray.

Sept 12 **Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 4 Morayshire Trophy**

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Qualifying Cup (North) 1st Round

Sept 19 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L)

Sept 26 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 (H/L)** Keith end Buckie's unbeaten league runs. (As was to be expected. - A.F.)

Buckie Rovers 0 (Aberdeen) Lads' Club 3 Concept Inter –Regional Trophy 1st Round

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Cormack (Fielding), J. Shewan, Lyon, Smith, Sinclair (Farquhar), West (McRae), Nicol. Sub Costello.

Oct 3 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Qualifying Cup Quarter Final**

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton (Youngson), Annderson, McPherson, Rattray, Duncan, Milne, Rowley (J. Mathieson), Bruce, Craik (Stewart). Subs. Thom, Davidson.

Forres Thistle 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (AET) Matthew Cup 1st round.

Oct 10 **Buckie Rovers 3 Strathspey Thistle 3** “Rovers stage a miraculous recovery “

Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 0 (AET) Thistle won 4-3 on penalties to gain entry to the Scottish Cup for the first time since 1994/95.

Buckie: Rae, Grant (Davidson), Youngson, Anderson, McPherson (J. Mathieson), Rattray, Milne, Stephen Duncan (A. Mathieson), Bruce, Craik. Subs Rowley and Stewart.

Football news - – Nicky Low had gone on loan to Deveronside, Levi Stephen had returned from Australia again while Andrew Mathieson, a brother of Jim who had experience with Dundee played as a substitute.

Oct 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 2 Qualifying Cup (North)**

Kinloss 6 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Rovers had young Colin Rigby in goal. His grandfather John played for Arradoul and Portgordon.. Young Colin's debut was not of the best.

Oct 24 **Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 4 (L)** “Rovers Fashion Their Own Defeat”

Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *“Thistle Lose Their Jagged Edge”*

Oct 31 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Rae, Grant, J. Mathieson, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce, Craik. Subs. Duncan, Stewart, Reid, Milne, Davidson.

Football news - The Jags had the newly signed Brian Thomson in their line up. **A sum of £1,000 was supplied by the recently reborn Supporters Club to help obtain the signature of the former Huntly and Peterhead striker.**

The Rovers had a free date.

Nov 7 **Buckie Thistle 1 Clach 1 (H/L)** Inverness Clach were still unbeaten after ten years at Victoria Park.

Buckie Rovers 2 Sauchie Juniors 7 OVD Scottish Junior Cup 1st round. *“A day that the Rovers’ keepers will want to forget.”*

Rovers: Rigby (Belcher), Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Costello, Shewan, Lyon, Fielding (Sinclair), Farquhar (Cormack), West, Smith. Subs. Nicol, McRae. **Rigby never played for the Rovers again.**

Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill 0 Stewart Memorial Trophy Semi-Final Report by Keith Sinclair who was standing in for A.L. Nath enjoying the sunshine of Malta.

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon, Costello, Sinclair, Fielding, Smith, Subs. Farquhar, Nicol, M. Shewan, Rigby.

Nov 21 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 (H/L)** *“Buckie shock Keith “*

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Davidson. Anderson, McPherson, Bruce, Milne (Stewart), Stephen, Thomson (Reid), Rowley and Craik. Subs. Duncan, J. Mathieson, Youngson.

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Alan ‘Mickey’ McPherson made his 500th Highland League appearance for Buckie Thistle in this game – a proud record by any standard.

Bishopmill United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *“Rovers lose their cool and the match, ending the game with only nine men”* Report by Keith Sinclair the Rovers’ secretary.

Nov 28 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 Semi –Final of the Aberdeenshire Shield** . They will play Cove Rangers in the final at Peterhead on Tuesday December 5th.

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Bruce, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Duncan (Stewart), Davidson (Thomson), Craik (Reid). Subs. Miller and Robbie Nicol.

Deveronside 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *“Buckie Rovers Topple League Leaders”.* A good all round display by the youthful Buckie combine

Rovers: Belcher, Costello, Brockie, Cruickshank, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon, Farquhar, Sinclair, Fielding (M.Shewan), Smith (Nicol), Sub. Rigby.

Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fort William 0 (H/L)** Goal Scorer – ‘Marra’ Bruce

Buckie: Rae, Grant (Milne), Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Duncan (Stewart), Stephen, Rowley (Reid), Bruce, Craik. Subs. Davidson, J. Mathieson.

Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 5 (L) *‘Rovers in Defensive Blunderland,’* said A.L. Nath.

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat (M. Shewan), Brockie, Costello, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon, Smith (Nicol), Sinclair, Fielding | (McRae), Farquhar. Subs. Cruickshank, Rigby.

Dec 12 **Football news - No football -** games were off nation -wide because of the heavy rain leading to widespread flooding. Buckie Thistle were due to play Edinburgh City at Meadow Bank Stadium in Edinburgh but the ground declared unplayable only a brief few hours before the match was due to start, with the team and supporters already in Edinburgh.

The game was then due to be played in midweek only to be again cancelled due to frost.

Dec 19 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 1 (L)** The game was switched to Buckie after Simpson Park was again unplayable.

Football news - The Rovers had a youngster, Kevin Smith, from Aberlour on the bench; he had performed well in a friendly, the previous week.

Dec 26 **Edinburgh City 0 Buckie Thistle 1 1st Round Scottish Cup.** Scorer Charlie Rowley.

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Thomson (Reid), Bruce (Stewart), Craik (Milne), Subs – J. Mathieson, Davidson.

***** **Football news** - This was the Thistle's first Scottish Cup win since January 10th 1987 when they beat Stranraer 3-2 at Victoria Park. Manager Alan Scott played in the Thistle team that drew 2-2 with Meadowbank Thistle, at the same venue, in the memorable run of 1980/81.

Football news - The Rovers didn't have a game as in line with all other north section clubs no games were played on two consecutive Saturday games over the festive season.

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Jan 2 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Jan 9 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 4 (L)**

Football news - A disappointing start to the New Year for the Rovers. **Although some kind benefactor had left a five pound coin on the centre spot as an inducement to win the home side never looked to have this in hand.** There was a crying need for a steadying influence in defence and a goal scorer up front where good chances to score were passed up. The score line could have been much different if the clock could be turned back and they had such as Mark Wood, Stevie Mackie or further back 'Doddie' Robertson in the side. Oh, too, for someone like 'Pecos' Mackay, who was not only a rock that was difficult to get by but his commanding personality in the team was of immense value.

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat (Nicol), Brockie, Costello, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon (Farquhar), K. Smith, Sinclair, McRae. Sub – Rigby (G.K)

Buckie Thistle 2 Hamilton Academicals 0 2nd Round Scottish Cup. Scorers Stephen, Stewart.

Buckie Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Thomson (Reid), Bruce (Craik), Stewart (Milne). Subs – J. Mathieson, Duncan.

Football news - **The Banffshire Advertiser was printed partly in green and white to mark the occasion with the result making front-page news.**

It is probably fair to say that the visitors were the better football team (I was there and saw them) but the Thistle got the goals that counted and the defence played extremely well, especially when under considerable pressure towards the end. A crowd of 1,800 saw the match, the largest number seen in Victoria Park for many a long day.

To celebrate the victory the Banffshire Advertiser was liberally splattered with dabs of green throughout. The front-line heading read – 'Jags Millennium Magic'

Jan 16 **No football for either the Thistle or Rovers – pitches unplayable**

Jan 23 **Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup - Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 2** at Peterhead Match played on a Tuesday evening had a major effect on the size of the crowd.

No game for the Rovers – Fochabers ground waterlogged.

Jan 30 **Ross County 2 Buckie Thistle 1 3rd round of the Scottish Cup** '*County Pip Buckie's Battlers*'

In front of a large crowd of there own supporters at Dingwall, Buckie lost out narrowly to the strong going

First Division side.

Thistle – Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray (Milne), Rowley (Reid), Stephen, Thomson, Bruce, Craik (Stewart), Subs. Duncan, Davidson.

No football - The Rovers game against Nairn St Ninians was called off with the Showfield ground still frozen.

Feb 6 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** Played under wintry conditions.

Still no game for the Rovers with all the north junior games off because of snow –covered pitches.

A match took place at Merson Park in a cup game between Wilson's XI of Aberdeen and Bishopmill. Played in farcical conditions with the lines being constantly swept of snow. The Aberdeen side won by four goals to two after extra time had been played.

Rovers - no football - The largest snowfall for forty years that fell between Sunday and Tuesday to give anything from 7 to 18 inches over much of the area, meant that the chances of the Rovers having their first game in over a month looked extremely slender.

Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Buckie: Rae, Milne, Lamberton Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley (Stewart), Stephen, Thomson (Duncan), Bruce, Craik (Reid). Subs – Davidson, Matheson.

Feb 13 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - The president of Buckie Thistle, Mr Ray Cardno, tendered his resignation. His wife, Anne, who had been the club treasurer also resigned. Mr Cardno took the trouble to point out that there had been no fall out within the club but for various reasons, including work commitments and others of a more personal nature, both his wife and himself had decided that it was time to call it a day. Mr Cardno said that he still intended to remain on the Thistle committee.

Vice president, George Jappy, also resigned; giving his reason that he had aged parents to look after.

The list of resignations continued with the secretary, Mr Easton Thain also handing in his notice. Mr Thain had recently taken up employment which meant he could not be available as often as he would wish and thought it only right that he should hand over the task to someone who was able to attend all meetings and be present on match-days.

Stepping into the jobs of secretary and treasurer came Mrs Katrina Lobban, wife of Mr Bill Lobban, a committee member and former secretary. Mrs Lobban was said to have a vast experience of secretarial work.

No football for either the Thistle or Buckie Rovers as grounds was still snow-bound.

Feb 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) *'Rovers Win Duel in the Sun'*

Rovers' team – Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Smith, Cormack, J. Shewan, Lyon (Nicol), Cruickshank, (McRae), Sinclair, Costello, Farquhar (Innes). Innes was a trialist, formerly with Buckie United

Football news - Steve Lyon had two toes broken in a challenge and as such was likely to be out of action for some time.

Feb 27 **RAF Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Football news - The Rovers had Neil Miller on loan from Buckie Thistle on the bench. Brian Innes who was a trialist and substitute the previous week was also on the bench here as was his brother, Stewart. All three had the opportunity to show their paces during the game.

Buckie Thistle had a blank Saturday, with grounds once again being declared unplayable because of snow.

Mar 6 **No games for either the Rovers or Buckie Thistle with bad weather once more make grounds unplayable.**

- Mar 13 **Buckie Rovers 1 Deveronside 3 (L)** *'Scoreline flattered the visitors.'*
Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Cormack (B. Innes), J. Shewan, Miller (Sinclair) M. Shewan, Farquhar, Costello, Smith. Subs. Nicol and S. Innes.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 0 (H/L)**
Buckie team - Rae, Grant, Lamberton, J. Matheson, McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Stewart (Reid), Bruce (Davidson), Milne. Subs. Thomson and Robbie Nicol.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)**
- Mar 20 **Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)**
- Mar 27 **The Rovers had a free date**
- ***** **"Buckie say goodbye to the Welfare League". After being in existence since 1934, apart from a lapse of six years from 1961 until 1967, the Buckie Welfare League finished at the end of season 2000/2001.**
The teams that made up the Buckie Welfare League during the last season agreed to make application to join the much larger Moray and District Welfare League. The teams involved being, Banff Rovers, Buckie United, Buckpool Victoria, Cullen, Portsoy and St Marnans
- Football news** - A.L. Nath watched Buckie United kick off with a match against Elgin pub team, Kingsmill and saw them beaten by the only goal of the game. The United had the bulk of the game but could not score. Other east teams did much better – Portsoy beat Keith Thistle by 7 goals to one; Cullen beat fellow newcomers, Lhanbryde United by 6 to one; Banff Rovers also had a winning debut defeating Aberlour Villa, at Aberlour by 5-2.
 St Marnan's playing at home had a narrow victory of four goals to 3 over Elgin visitors, Stable Bar.
 Buckpool Victoria had a free date.
- Apr 17 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)**
- Strathspey Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *'Rovers add to the Goliath Story'*
Rovers' team- Coull, Nicol (S. Innes), Brockie, Costello, J. Matheson, Mowat, Miller, M. Shewan, Smith, McGettrick (B. Innes), Subs. Farquhar, Cormack.
- Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** Scorers Duthie 2, Matheson 1 (Wednesday)
- Football news** - The Rovers had signed Neil Duthie and James Matheson both of who had previously played for the Rovers. Neil had been with Buckie United while James had been more or less a regular with Buckie Thistle all season.
- Apr 24 **Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (L)** A surprise defeat for the Rovers and a rare win for the RAF lads. (Wednesday night)
- New Elgin 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (Morayshire Cup – Semi-Final)**
Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, Matheson, J. Shewan (Sinclair), Miller, M. Shewan, McGettrick (Farquhar), Cowie, Costello (Cormack), Subs. B. Innes, S. Innes.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**
- ***** **Cove Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** Cove Rangers, as Highland League Champions, received the HFL Trophy at half-time.
- Football news** - Portgordon United is to have a team in the North Juniors next season after having a year out. Johnnie Cowie, former Highland League player and manager of teams, both at Junior and Highland League level agreed to become manager of the Port side.
- May 1 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** This was the last game of the season for Buckie Thistle. They

finished in third place after promising for a long time to do better.

Thistle team for the last game was - Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Milne (Stewart) (Craik), McPherson, Rattray, Rowley, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce (Davidson), and Reid. Sub Nicol.

Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 5 Robbie Nicol Memorial Trophy 2nd Round

May 8 **No games – Regional Final at Turriff played between Inverurie Locos and Forres Thistle. The Locos won by three goals to one after the Thistle had their keeper red carded at half time. This was seen as a harsh and wrong decision and spoilt the game.**

May 15 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** Brilliant weather caused an under strength Rovers' team to wilt in the sun.

Rovers: Belcher, S. Innes, Brockie, Costello, Matheson, Cowie, Miller, Shewan, B. Innes (Nicol), McGettrick, Farquhar. Subs – Cruickshank, M. Smith.

***** **Deveronside won the Scotscup Junior League for the second year running. On Saturday they beat the depleted Nairn St Ninian side, reduced to eight players, by 8 goals to nil.**

Football news - Fochabers were left without a manager when Keith Ingram decided to depart with still a number of games to be played. The Speysiders were passing through surely the most traumatic period in their history, losing 33 goals in just three games and scoring only once. It has to be said that they were turning up to play some of them with only nine men.

For the records the scores were –

Burghead Thistle 13- Fochabers 0 (L) Saturday

Fochabers 0 Forres Thistle 11 (L) Monday

Islavale 9 Fochabers 1 Clive Williamson Trophy. 1st Round.

May 22 **Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 6 (Wed)** Clive Williamson Trophy 1st round. *“This was the biggest defeat suffered by the Rovers this season and they were, quite frankly torn apart in a game, which literally matched men against boys.”* A.L. Nath was seen as a parrot.

May 29 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Costello, Cruickshank, J. Matheson, Cowie, Miller, M. Shewan, Cormack, A. Matheson (Nicol), Farquhar (McGettrick), Sub. B. Innes.

June 5 **Final of the Stewart Memorial Cup Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 2** played at Forest Park, Burghead.

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat (Mike Slater), Brockie (Cormack), Cruickshank, J. Matheson, Costello, Miller, M. Shewan, West (Sinclair), A. Matheson, Cowie. Subs. – Nicol, S. Innes. Mike Slater and Phil West played here for the first time for many months.

June 12 **Final of the Morayshire Cup Islavale 5 Buckie Rovers 1** played at Forest Park, Burghead. The Rovers ended the game with only nine men after the two Matheson brothers, Jim and Andrew, were both sent off.

Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Cruickshank, J. Matheson, Costello, Miller, M. Shewan, Sinclair, A. Matheson, Cowie. Subs. Nicol, Farquhar, Smith (all used), Cormack, McGettrick.

July 3 **Football news - Capped for Scotland** - Milne's High School pupil, Kyle Macauley, was selected for the Scottish Schoolboys football squad. Kyle a son of Mr and Mrs Donald Macauley, Westmorland Street, Fochabers, trains with Buckie Thistle three times a week. He played matches in Northern Ireland as part of the Scottish squad.

Kyle, who wants to be a professional footballer when he leaves school, also plays with the Aberdeen 14's squad and has been in training in Aberdeen for the past four years.

July 17 **Forfar Athletic 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)**

July 24 **Buckie Thistle 0 Cowdenbeath 3 (F)**

Buckie: Wojcik, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson , Doug. Rougvie (Bruce), Holmes, Milne, Green(Reid), Rattray (Craik)(Donaldson), Rowley(Duncan), Subs. Thomson, Henderson.

Football news - Buckie created a surprise when they fielded big Doug Rougvie, ex Aberdeen, who had been drafted in to take the place of Scott Anderson who has been suspended for the first few games of the season. Ryan Green, formerly with the Thistle but who moved to Elgin City the previous season had also been resigned and was in their line-up. He also played the previous week against Forfar.

July 31 **Buckie Thistle 0 Glasgow Rangers XI 2 (F)**

Buckie: Rae, Grant (Bruce), Lamberton, Anderson (Davidson), McPherson, Rougvie, Holmes (Reid), Stephen (Milne), Green (Thomson), Rattray (Stewart), Rowley (Duncan).

Rangers XI – Smith, Adamczuk, Leven, (Walker), Pantilla, Malcolm, Kaupilla (Gibson), Mettai, Gibson, (Russell), Dobbie (Feeney), MacDonald, Carson (Trialist), Sub. Nugent, Brightoc

Aug 7 **Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** First game of season 2001/2002.

Buckie Thistle – Rae Grant, Lamberton, Rougvie, McPherson, Rattray, Holmes, Stephen, Green, Thomson, Rowley, Subs. Bruce, Reid, Duncan, Milne, Stewart.

Aug 14 **Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Cup** - Buckie equalised with almost the last kick of the game after being **outplayed for most of the game** and only saved by sterling work from keeper Rae. said the report.

Buckie Rovers 1 Dufftown 0 (Grill Cup – Mini League Section 1) *“The Mixed Grill was Poor Fare,”* said A.L. Nath.

***** **Football news - The junior scene was changed** at the start of this season in the north east of Scotland (other sections to follow later). In the north, Deveronside as League Champions, joined the top section of the east clubs (i.e. playing with what we would have called Aberdeenshire teams) all clubs in the North played in this new competition, the Grill Cup, which saw the teams divided into sections. Dufftown were a new team who had moved up to the juniors this season, they were, however, founder members of the old Morayshire League. **After being out for a season, Lossiemouth United and Portgordon both re-joined.**

Aug 21 **Buckie Rovers 3 Forres Thistle 2 (L)** Willie Farquhar marked his return after two years with Islavale to score two goals here.

Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (Grill League Cup)

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 4 (Aberdeenshire Cup replay)

Aug 28 **Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 1 (H/L)**

Buckie: Rae Grant, Lamberton Anderson, McPherson , Rattray, Duncan, Stephen, Thomson (Green), Bruce (Reid), Rowley (Milne)

***** **Inverurie Locos 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** **This was the first ever visit of Buckie Thistle to Harlaw Park, Inverurie. The Locos had still to win a match since moving up to the senior ranks.**

Bishopmill United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 Grill Cup – Section 1 *“Rovers make it four wins in a row”.*

Rovers: Rob Barron, David Mowat, Jason Brockie, John Costello, Robbie Cruickshank, Frank. McGettrick, Neil Miller, Mike Shewan, Willie Farquhar (Colin Nicol), Jamie Shewan (Smith), Steven Lyon (Jamie McGettrick). Sub. Mike Slater.

Football news - Robbie Cruickshank probably played his last game for the Rovers on this occasion. Robbie went on a ‘walk-about’ a year before during which time he met a Polish girl. Now after getting sufficient ‘Higher’ passes at Moray College he enrolled for a University course in Poland.

RAF Lossie 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)

Rovers: Brendan Belcher, Mowat (Scott), Brockie, Costello, F. McGettrick, Lyon, J. McGettrick, (Mair), Farquhar, ‘Zeeg’ Cowie, Craig Sinclair D. (Stewart), Sub. Nicol

- Sept 4 **Buckie Rovers 1 Wilson's XI 2 Rollstud Regional Trophy – Preliminary Round**
- Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caledonian Thistle?** (F) Wednesday night
Buckie; Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Milne (Stewart), Holmes, Stephen, Thomson (Green), Reid (Duncan), Rowley Davidson) (Henderson).
- Sept 11 **Glentanar 7 Buckie Rovers 1 Grill League Cup Quarter Final** “*Rovers Go Down in the Glen*”
The Rovers were left without a keeper after a death in the family saw Brendan Belcher absent. Craig Sinclair agreed to take over in goal .
- Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (Scottish Qualifying Cup (North))**
- Sept. 18 **Buckie Rovers 5 Lossiemouth United 1 Brockie had three.**
Rovers: Belcher, Mowat, Brockie, Costello, Smith (Mair), F. McGettrick (Nicol), Lyon, Miller, Farquhar, J. Shewan, Cowie (J. McGettrick).
- Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**
As at all matches, played on Saturday, a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for all those who lost their lives in the atrocity at the World Trade Centre in New York on Tuesday 11, September, when it was struck by two 'planes' under pressure from suicide teams.
- Sept 25 **Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 3 (L) ‘**
- Thistle ‘A’ 6 Peterhead ‘A’ 1 Aberdeenshire League**
Buckie ‘A’ - Richard Gorski, Nicky Low, Rob Scott, Craig Stewart (Neil Davidson), Chris Henderson, Stevie Rattray, Trialist (Neil Mair), James Milne, Ryan Green, Stuart Reid, Mark McIntosh (Willie Cruickshank)
- Oct 2 **Buckie Rovers 0 Sunnybank 1 Cup game** “*Dismissed But Not with Ignominy*”, said A. L. Nath
Rovers: Brendan Belcher, David Mowat, Jason Brockie, Jamie. Shewan, John Costello, Michael. Shewan, Steven Lyon, Neil Miller, Willie Farquhar, Andrew. Matheson (Colin Nicol), Craig Sinclair (Jamie. McGettrick), Subs- Frank. McGettrick, Darren. Stewart, George Cowie.
- Buckie Thistle 8 Golspie Sutherland 0 Qualifying Cup 1st round.**
- Oct 9 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Milne (Duncan), Rattray, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce, Reid (Green), Subs. – Davidson, Henderson, Craik.
- Kinloss2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Belcher, Costello, Brockie, M. Shewan, J. Shewan, Mowat, Lyon, Miller, Farquhar, Matheson (Stewart), Sinclair (J. McGettrick), Sub. Nicol, F. McGettrick.
- Oct 16 **Buckie Rovers 1 Strathspey 2 (L)**
Rovers: B. Belcher, J. Costello and J. Brockie; M. Shewan, J. Shewan and D.Mowat; S. Lyon, N. Miller, W. Farquhar, M. Cowie and J. McGettrick. Subs – C. Nicol, C. Sinclair, D. Stewart and F. McGettrick.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**
- Oct 23 **New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
- Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Qualifying Cup (North)**
Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, Davidson, Milne (Craik), Holmes, Stephen (Rattray), Thomson, Bruce, Reid (Green). Subs – Rowley, Henderson.
- Oct 30 **Buckie Rovers 1 St Ninians 1 (L) “Nairn Keeper's Display Broke Rovers' Hearts”**
- Final of the Qualifying Cup (North) Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 5 - at Keith**
Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Davidson (Craik), Holmes (Green0, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce (Rattray), Reid. Subs – Rowley, Milne.
The Thistle had high hopes of ending their 43-year wait for another success in this tournament but fell sadly at the last hurdle. They were forced to play with ten men when

Anderson was sent off for a "last man" foul after only 11 minutes of play. It was argued that Chisholm had similarly fouled Davidson of Buckie in the third minute with the referee waving play on. The Thistle camp had perhaps reason to believe that they were ill done by.

Nov 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Clachnacuddin 3 (H/L)**

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Nov 13 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (AET) Aberdeenshire Shield 1st Round (Buckie won 4-3 on penalties)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)

Oakley United (Fife) 2 Buckie Rovers 1 OVD Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round

Football news - Oakley United were Fife League Champions last season but the young Rovers' side gave them a good run for their money.

The Rovers' team was :- B. Belcher, D. Stewart (N. Miller), J. Brockie, J. Costello, J. Shewan, D. Mowat, S. Lyon (F. McGettrick), M. Shewan, W. Farquhar, M. Cowie (J. McGettrick), C. Sinclair. Sub. George Cowie.

Nov 20 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 6 (L)** "*Rovers in Blunderland*" was how the game was described by A.L. Nath. Mark Wood, a Buckie loon and former Rovers' player, scored five of the six goals, at least four of which were gifts; goals given away through cardinal errors made by different Rovers' players, including keeper Rob Barron, Banff, who had been playing with Portsoy in the Elgin and District Welfare League.

Scottish Cup 1st round Stirling Albion 2 Buckie Thistle 1 last minute goal for Albion robbed the Thistle of a replay.

The Thistle team- Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, Davidson, Rattray, Holmes, Stephen, Thomson (Rowley), Bruce (Catto), Reid (Green). Sub. Milne, Craik

Nov 27 **Bishopmill United 2 – Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** "*Rovers Deserved More*" - Played with ten men for 87 minutes after keeper Barron was sent off.

Rovers: Barron, Stewart (Belcher), Brockie, Costello, Shewan, Mowat, Lyon, Miller Farquhar, M. Cowie, Sinclair (McGettrick), Sub. Nicol, F. McGettrick, G. Cowie.

This was Frank McGettrick's last game for the Rovers, getting his release to become coach with Burghead.

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 1 - Aberdeenshire Shield Semi-Final.

Dec 4 **Portgordon United 0 Buckie Rovers 2** "*The Rovers Greater Experience Deciding Factor*"

Rovers' team – Belcher, Stewart, Brockie, Costello, J. Shewan, Mowat, M. Shewan, Miller, Farquhar, M. Cowie, McGettrick. Subs. Nicol, A. Matheson, G. Cowie (all used) Sinclair.

Portgordon – Hutcheson Gordon, Thomson, M. Smith, Cormack, Coull, Robertson, King, Fielding, G. Smith, Farquhar, Subs. White, Lamont (used), Mitchell, Imlach, Sutherland.

Dec 11 **Roths 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

***** **Football news** - Bill Lobban, president of Buckie Thistle stepped down this week from the post, claiming that his work with the Thistle was taking up too much of his time and starting to intrude in his home life. Stepping into his shoes was Easton Thain, committeeman and formerly secretary. The change meant that Buckie Thistle had had four different presidents within a period of 18 months. Raymond Cardno who resigned towards the end of last season but before the AGM. Alistair Miller followed him in an interim capacity with Bill Lobban becoming president at the AGM

Dec 18 **Buckie Rovers 1 Whitehills 2 (L)**

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Dec 25 **Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 0 (L)** last game of 2001 "*Close as the Score*"

Rovers - Belcher, Stewart (M. Robertson), Brockie, J. Shewan, Nicol, Mowat, Lyon, Miller, G. Cowie (Matheson), M. Cowie, McGettrick (M. Shewan). Sub. Sinclair.

Fochabers – Peter, Cook, Slorach, Burnett, C. Gibson, Grant, Shade, Stewart, Blackhall, Swanson, Fraser.
Subs. – Adam, D. Gibson (both used).

Victoria Park was unplayable - Buckie versus Deveronvale game off

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Jan 1 **No football.** Princess Royal Park was unplayable for derby ties between the Thistle and the 'Vale'. The Rovers had a week off.

Jan 8 **Buckie Rovers 2 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle had another idle Saturday. The ground at Victoria Park was deemed to be too hard due to frost.

Jan 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn Co. 1 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Barron, Nicol, (McGettrick), Brockie, M. Shewan, J. Shewan, Mowat, Lyon, Miller, Farquhar, M. Cowie (Robertson), Sinclair (G. Cowie), Subs. Stewart, Belcher.

Jan 22 **Strathspey Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie – Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Holmes, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce (Rowley), Milne (Green), Subs – Reid, Davidson and Craik.

Jan 29 **Neither Buckie Thistle or Buckie Rovers played on Saturday - grounds unplayable.**

Feb 5 **Buckie Rovers 3 Kinloss 0 Gordon Williamson Cup 1st Round**

Rovers:– Barron, Stewart and Brockie; Costello, Cruickshank and Mowat; Lyon, Cowie (Robertson), Farquhar, J. Shewan(Nicol), Sinclair. Subs – McGettrick, M. Shewan, Belcher.

Buckie Thistle had an idle day.

Strathspey Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie – Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson, Rattray, Holmes, Stephen, Thomson, Bruce (Rowley), Milne (Green), Subs – Reid, Davidson and Craik.

Feb 12 **Buckie Rovers 2 Dufftown 3 (L) First visit to Merson Park of newcomers to the 'North Juniors'**

Rovers: Belcher, Stewart (Nicol) Scott Brockie, Costello, Cruickshank, Mowat, Lyon, Robertson (M. Cowie), Farquhar (M. Shewan), J. Shewan, Sinclair. Subs – Nicol and G. Cowie.

Buckie Thistle was again idle -

Feb 19 **Nairn St Ninian 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)

Feb 26 **Buckie Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 1**

Rovers: Barron, Costello, Brockie, Matheson (Stewart), Robertson, Mowat, Lyon, G. Cowie, Farquhar, M. Cowie (Nicol). Sub Belcher (G/K)

Buckie Thistle had another idle Saturday .- four on the trot.

Mar 5 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, Mark Slater, Rattray(Reid), McPherson, Stephen, Thomson (Green), Bruce (Catto), Rowley. Subs – Davidson, Craik.

Football news - Mark Slater, a Buckie loon who was with Dundee F.C. For some time and now a signed player with Peterhead has been loaned to Buckie Thistle in order to get himself fit. Due to bad weather conditions this was his first game since he moved to Buckie in the second week of February.

Mar 12 **Buckie Thistle 1 Annan Athletic 1 (AET) Thistle won 4-3 on penalties)**

- ***** **Football news** - This was the first game Buckie had played in a brand new competition – Inter –League Cup ; pitting teams from the Highland League against those from the South. The win put Buckie into the semi-final.
- Whitehills 0 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** Described by one newspaper reporter as a game between two neighbours. A twenty odd mile between the two places makes them gye distant neighbours one would think
- Mar 19 **Lossiemouth United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Football news - A interested spectator at the game was a Rovers committee member of the 1960's, Miss Peggy Murray who spent most of the intervening years in New Zealand and then Australia before returning to Buckie when she retired. Her grand nephew, Matthew Robertson has been playing for the Rovers for some time now. (It was sad to learn that Peggy died on Sunday 27 April (2002) in Australia where she had paid a return visit 'Down Under' to visit some friends. A funeral service took place in St Peter's Church on Friday 3 May in remembrance of Peggy.)
- Wick Academy 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- Mar 26 **Rovers had a free date**
- Portgordon United 0 Whitehills 2 (L)** *"Port Found The Hills Rather Steep To Climb"* said A.L. Nath
The Port team was - Hutchison, Cormack, Imlach (Thain), Farquhar, Coull, McLennan (Laing), Middleton, S. Murray, Fielding (M. Murray), Smith, and Forbes. Subs. Innes, Smith.
Football news - The Port side was composed of all local loons apart from the goalkeeper, who, it is believed, came from Inverness. Johnnie Cowie the former Buckie Thistle, Inverness Thistle player was manager.
- Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (A.E.T.) Highland League Cup (Forres won 5-4 on penalties)**
Football news - Buckie were without their regular keeper, Rae, having been handed a last minute suspension arising from an incident at the Broch game. It was too late for Buckie to acquire the services of another keeper so outfield player, Brian Thomson, was between the sticks.
Buckie: Thomson, Rowley, Lamberton, Anderson, McPherson and Catto (Davidson), Holmes, Stephen, Green (Rattray), Bruce and Reid (Craik)
- April 2 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill 1 (L)** *"Dame Fortune Makes It A Happy Easter For The Rovers"*
- Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** *"Midnight Robbery"* said scribe, Easton Thain.
- April 9 **Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 3 (L)** *"Rovers Go Down Again to Their Bogey Team"*
Rovers: Barron, Costello, Brockie, M. Shewan, Nicol (Scott), Mowat, Lyon, Robertson, Farquhar, J. Shewan, Sinclair. Subs. Cowie and Stewart.
- Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
- April 16 **Buckie Rovers 0 Kinloss 3 (L)**
- Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 0 ? Cup game -**
Football news - The defeat meant that Buckie were to end season 2001/2002 with no silver to put on the sideboard. Three days before they had over ran Huntly in a league game.
- Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Rae, Grant, Lamberton, Anderson, Davidson, Rattray, Reid, Stephen, Green (Milne), Catto (Bruce), Craik (Holmes). Subs - McPherson, Rowley.
- April 23 **Buckie Thistle 5 Fort William 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 1 (H/L)**
- ***** **Football news** - First visit - This was the new Highland League team, Inverurie Locos, first visit to Victoria Park on a night as cold as charity. I saw the game with a friend of our Keith's, John Innes, an official of the Inverurie team.
- Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)** *"Colin Goes Out Where He Came In"*
- **** **Football news** - This game marked the swan song of Colin Nicol who made his debut for the Rovers against

the same side in August 1985. He had a chance to score from the penalty spot but the home keeper made a good save. Although he left the Rovers to play for Fochabers for a spell he returned and had been a good servant to the 'Lily-whites'. Colin who enjoys playing football is to take a peg with Buckie United, who play in the Elgin and District Welfare League.

Fochabers - Peters, Bradbury (Fenwick), Stronach, Nicoll, Gibson, Fraser, Swanson, Grassick, Blackhall, Duncan, Smith, Subs. Adam (used), Scott, Grant.

Rovers - Barron, Stewart, Nicol (M. Shewan), Cowie, Brockie, Mowat (Miller), Lyon, Matheson, Farquhar, J. Shewan, Costello, Sub. Sinclair.

Footnote - Colin didn't finish playing altogether for he came back to play for the Rovers some time later when they were stuck.

April 30 **Whitehills 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Football news - The Rovers had young Kyle Rae of Portsoy on the bench and came on as a substitute to score on his debut. Fifteen-year-old Rae is a grandson of former Buckie Thistle centre half, Jimmy Rae.

Buckie Rovers 1 New Elgin 2 (L) *"The Rovers Didn't so Much Lose This Game as Have it Stolen From Them".*

Football news - A substitute trialist in this game was Rob Smith from Portknockie. He had had an outing some time previously.

Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 1 (H/L) A bad result for the 'Vale who were in with a chance of taking the Highland League title.

Football news that made the front page of the 'Advertiser' - Alan Scott, manager of Buckie Thistle, tendered his resignation from the club following the side's draw with Deveronvale. It had been reported several months before that he was unsettled and seemed to blame the lack of support from the committee. The assistant manager, Billy Anderson, also handed in his notice. Scott had been four years with Buckie Thistle and during his time the team had progressed dramatically from resting at fourth bottom to a likely fourth top position this year.

Several weeks ago Alan Scott had stated in the local press that unless certain changes were made at boardroom level he would be left with no alternative to leave.

In a prepared statement, following Mr Scott's resignation, the president, Easton Thain, said that the management felt that it was inappropriate for the manager to make such demands in the media and also that it was not the place for the manager to make demands.

Inverness Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) Billy Anderson was in charge for his last game with the club.

May 7 **Buckie Rovers 4 Portgordon United 1 (L)** with A.L. Nath absent being away in Aberdeen watching a production of 'Olivier' in which his grandson Stephen was one of the caste, notes on the game were taken by Rovers' secretary, Dave Roberts.

The game was interesting for the fact that three old-timers played, Eddy Campbell and Mike 'Scammers' Smith for the Port and Neil Duthie for the Rovers scored the goals. Dave had all three in his 'best for' groups.

The teams were - **Rovers** - Barron, Stewart, Costello, J. Shewan, Brockie, Mowat, Lyon, Cowie, Farquhar (Smith), **Duthie** (Mair), and Sinclair.

Portgordon. - Hutchison, Cormack, Innes, **Smith**, Coull, **Campbell**, Lamont, Imlach (Clark), Fielding, Farquhar, Forbes. Subs - Mitchell, King, Thain, and Gordon.

Scottish Non League Squad - Two Buckie Thistle players have been selected for the new Scottish Non League squad.

They are goalkeeper, **Michael Rae** and defender, **Scott Anderson**, who will join eight other Highland League players and eight from the South of Scotland League in the squad.

The Scottish lads will be taking on their English, Welsh and Irish counterparts in a home international tournament later this month.

The Jags are the only club in Moray to have players included in the squad.

Buckie Thistle 2 Wick Academy 0 (H/L) Robbie Nicol was in charge of the team following the departure of former managers Scott and Anderson.

May 14 **Dufftown 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Football news - The Rovers made their first ever visit to Westburn Park the home of newcomers to the league, Dufftown. Surroundings were good but the playing surface was terrible with a large area in the

centre of the park nothing but sharp sand. and hardly playable.

Football news - The Rovers introduced another new player for this game with C. Wilson of Portsoy taking his place in the centre of defence. Until he tired in the second half he played very well making a number of decisive clearances.

From the files - An old photograph in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser* is that of the **Buckie Territorial Football team** that played in the Buckie Welfare League prior to WWII.

In the photograph are Davie Lochrie (official), Alex 'Cak' Campbell, T. Booth, Stuart Dawson, A. Geddes, Richard Penwright, Georgie Cormack, Danny Coubrough (Trainer), Gordon Cowie, G. K 'Kitchie' Cormack, Nicol, Alex 'Smacker' Murray and Willie Burnett.

Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 (H/L) " *Jags end season on a high note* "

Football news - With goalkeeper Rae with the Scottish non-league team in England stand in manager, Robbie Nicol had to call on the services of **Mikey Munro**, the former Rovers and Deveronside keeper who hadn't played competitive football for at least two years.

Also in the Thistle line up was **15-year-old striker, Kyle Macauley from Fochabers** who scored a 'brilliant goal' on his debut. It was reported that Kyle who has been undergoing training with Aberdeen F.C. was on the point of signing for Derby County.

May 21 **Islavale 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** The Rovers won their last game of the season and how better to end it with a win over their bogey team. The first win over their 'Banffshire' rivals in two years.

Both teams had a number of trialists with Hay in the 'Vale goal not having the best of a debut.

The Rovers' team was - Barron, Stewart (Shewan), Brockie, Costello, Wilson, and Mowat. Lyon, Miller, Rae, Souter (Mair), Cowie. *Two of the trialists, Wilson and Rae scored*

May 28 **Football news - Kevin Will a former Thistle player became manager of Buckie Thistle on Thursday with Robbie Nicol as second in command.** They replaced Alan Scott and Billy Anderson, respectively. A number of players have also left the club with their contracts up. They included, Scott Anderson, a son of the former assistant manager who joined Deveronvale, Michael Rae and Holmes who joined Nairn County and Graeme Grant who was signed by Elgin City. Stephen Bruce was to move to America.

Thistle signed Mark Wood of Islavale, Jamie Shewan of Buckie Rovers, Richard Bowman a 'keeper from Rothes and Greg Pirie from Aberdeen junior side, Hermes.

There were changes too in the Thistle boardroom with brothers Mark and Murray Duncan being two new members. Their father is John Duncan (Construction) while they are both heavily involved with Planwell and Red Seal Roofing parts of the Duncan Group. Mark became president at the Thistle AGM.

June 11 **Changes at Buckie Rovers -** The Rovers management team of George Wright, Graeme Roy and David Findlay, Physiotherapist, handed in their notice at the June meeting of the club after some members of the committee had expressed a vote of no confidence in their handling of team affairs. **Allan Fraser a committee member with a long association with the club was not a party to the decision (I had no knowledge of it) that had been taken and felt that the managers had been badly treated and made his feelings known.** He also wrote a letter to the Northern Scot deploring the way things had been handled. George said he knew that things, which ought not to have taken place, went on behind the manager's back, which made his job as manager untenable. Some committee members spoke of wide-scale unrest among the players. Perhaps the shenanigans that went on had much to do with this ally to the new junior set up where the winning of trophies had been made very difficult.

The Rovers weren't long in appointing a new manager though with Graeme Tallis, who was manager of the club some years ago taking over. The haste that this was done would tend to lead some to believe that this move had been on the cards for some time. Jackie Reid, (Keith) who resigned as manager of Deveronside became co-manager.

July 2 **The Rovers AGM** took place in the Town House on Wednesday 26 June when a larger

crowd was present than has normally been the case.

Dr Jim Tuckerman was elected President/Chairman, Alan Strachan vice chairman and Dave Roberts, secretary/treasurer. The last two being re-elected. The following became members of the committee - George Davidson, Gary Wiseman, Allan Fraser, David Findlay, John Findlay, Dennis Clark, Jimmy Brindle, Raymond Tait, Ian Wood, Mike Munro, and Mike Johnston

Dr Tuckerman was previously President of the Rovers in the early years of the 1980's

July 9 **New Optimism at Victoria Park** - Club president – Mark Duncan revealed that already more than £200 had been paid for season tickets. The previous year this had amounted to only £65 and the previous year £110. A target of £500 ticket sales has been set. Season tickets cost £55 for adults and £30 for juveniles and OAP's

Buckie Rovers – Following the resignation, I prefer the word sacking, of co-managers George Wright and Graeme Roy last month the Rovers fixed up Graeme Tallis and Jackie Reid (formerly with Deveronside) for the job.

Also fixed up was former Rovers' player, Colin Nicol to help with coaching. Former Buckie United manager and Buckie Thistle physio, Jim McAllister, a person with a wealth of experience was also to play a part in coaching. Working under Jim as physio will be another former Rovers' player of some years back, David 'Parro' Findlay who will also help out on the training field.

Most of last year's squad has been re-signed and it is hoped to bring in some experienced players to bolster the squad.

July 23 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (F)**
Buckie: Bowman, Taylor (Davidson) (Low), Lamberton, Pirie, McPherson (Milne), Rattray (Angus), Catto (Gairns), Shewan (Rowley), Green (Grant), Reid (Wood), Craik (Thomson).

July 30 **Buckie Thistle 0 Arbroath 1 (F)**
Buckie: Bowman, Pirie, Lamberton (Cardno) McPherson (Angus), Taylor (Davidson), Milne (Gairns), Shewan (Thomson), Catto, Wood, Reid (Rowley), Craik (Macdonald).

Turriff United 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (F)

Aug 6 **Buckie Thistle 6 Rothes 0 (H/L) Mark Wood the former Rovers and Islavale striker scored four goals.**
Buckie: Bowman, Angus, Catto (Shewan), Davidson, (Thomson), Lamberton, Rattray, Milne, Taylor, Green (Reid), Wood, Craik, Subs. Rowley, Gairns.

Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 2 Prelim Round of Aberdeenshire Cup.

Aug 13 **Wick Academy 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) 'Biggest score over Wick since they came into the Highland League in 1994'**

Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 Aberdeenshire Cup

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead Thistle 2 Grill League Cup (First game of season 2002/2003)

Rovers: Rob Barron, Darren Stewart, Mike Slater (Shaun Clark), Nicky Low, Ian Grant, Steve Lyon, Andy Matheson, Willie Farquhar, Mike Findlay (Mike 'Scammers' Smith), Craig Sinclair, George Cowie, Subs – Neil Miller, Alan Paterson, Brendan Belcher (GK)

Football news - Low, Grant and Findlay had all been with Deveronside the previous season while Barron had previously been with the Rovers. Ian Grant, Keith, left around a month later to join Islavale.

Aug 20 **Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Football news - Former Rovers' player, Gary Innes who had also been with Deveronside had signed for the Rovers and was here playing in the centre of midfield.

Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 (H/L) 'A Grim Game'

Buckie: Bowman, Thomson, Lamberton, McPherson, Davidson, Rattray (Rowley), Milne, Taylor, Green (M. Shewan), Wood, Gairns (Reid), Subs – McGuigan, Catto.

Buckie Rovers 5 Kinloss 0 (Grill League Cup)

Aug 27 **Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Lossie 0** (L)

Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1 Grill League Cup

Rovers: Barron, Mowat, Brockie, Low, Grant, Lyon, Cowie, Smith (Sinclair), Farquhar, Slater, McIntosh, Subs – Mike Shewan, Costello, Nicol, Belcher.

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Sept 3 **Lossiemouth United 1 Buckie Rovers 2** (L)

Rovers: Barron, Mowat, Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Burnett (Shewan), Farquhar (Costello), Matheson McIntosh (Shand), Subs – Belcher, Miller.

Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup

Sept 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Roths 1 (AET) Buckie won 4-3 on penalties - Qualifying Cup**

Buckie Rovers 1 Burghead Thistle 0 1st Rd North/Tayside Cup

Sept 17 **Buckie Rovers 1 Hermes 0 Rollstud Regional Cup – Preliminary Round**

Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L)

Sept 24 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Qual. Cup “Vale end Scottish Cup Dreams”**

Kinloss 0 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) *“Rovers Come Alive to Score Five”*

Oct 1 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 2** (H/L) *“First defeat in the league.”* Former Thistle player Charlie Rowley scored one of the Forres goals.

Buckie: Bowman, Thomson, Lamberton (Grant), McPherson, Pirie, Rattray, McDonald, (J. Shewan), Taylor, Wood, Gairns (Reid), Craik. Sub. Cardno.

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Rovers: Barron, Mowat (Cowie), Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Costello, Shewan (Slater), Farquhar (Shand) Mathieson, Findlay Subs P. Forbes, Belcher.

Football news - Graham . Shand was a trialist from Welfare League side Cornhill, while Paul Forbes was young local lad a grandson of Peter Cormack, plumber and ex Arradoul goal scorer.

Oct 8 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 2** (H/L) Jamie Shewan ex Rovers player scored a super goal.

**** **Buckie Rovers 0 Forth Wanderers 3 OVD Scottish Junior Cup**

Rovers: Barron, Mowat, Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Costello. Cowie (Forbes), Farquhar (Shewan), Matheson, Findlay. Subs .Dave McIntosh, Nicol, Belcher (G.K)

Oct 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fraserburgh 0** (H/L)

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Report by Dave Roberts, Rovers’ secretary. A. L. Nath was off on ‘travels with his donkey’ to the sunny land of Sardinia.

Rovers: Barron, Mowat, Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Matheson, Findlay, Costello, Campbell, Subs - Farquhar, Burnett, Masson, Shewan, McIntosh.

Oct 22 **Clach 1 Buckie Thistle 0** (H/L)

Buckie: Bowman, Thomson (Wood0, Grant (Milne) McPherson, Pirie, Lamberton, Shewan (McDonald0, Catto, Gairns, Taylor, Davidson, Subs. – Craik, Reid.

Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)

Oct 29 **Nairn St Ninians 1 Buckie Rovers 2** (L)

Rovers: Barron, Mowat (D. Burnett), Brockie, Low (McIntosh), Farquhar, Lyon, Cowie, Costello, Findlay, Matheson, Masson. Subs-Miller, Robertson, Nicol.

Football news - Paul Robertson was a young lad from Portsoy, Graeme Masson, formerly played in the H/L with the ‘Vale’ and others. Derek Burnett was with the Rovers two or three years before and came from

Banff.

Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 4 (H/L) *"A minute's silence was observed before the game in memory of former Thistle star, Martin Buchan, who died the previous week."*

Buckie: Dunbar, Thomson, Grant, McPherson, Pirie, Lamberton, Milne, Taylor, Wood, Gairns, Shewan.
Subs – Craik, McGuigan, McDonald, Angus, Reid.

Nov 5 **Buckie Rovers 2 Forfar West End 3** (AET) **Inter Regional Cup 2nd Round**

Buckie Thistle had a free date as they were meant to play **Keith** but they were involved in the **final of the Highland League Cup**.

Nov 12 **Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 1** (L)

Rovers: Barron, Low (Mowat) Brockie, Masson, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Shand, Farquhar, Matheson, Campbell. Subs. Costello, Miller, Paul Forbes, Shewan.

Buckie Thistle 2 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Bowman, Thomson, Macdonald, McPherson, Shewan, Lamberton, Gairns, Taylor, Wood (McGuigan), Milne (Reid) and Craik. Subs Rattray, Cardno and Grant.

Buckie Thistle under 18 beat Stirling Albion by three goals to two in the Scottish Youth Cup played at Forthbank Stadium.

Bck U18 -Lee Sweeney, Paul Forbes, Mike Macdonald, Adam Wilson, Darren Stewart (David Angus) Neale Henderson, Kyle Mackay (Andrew Smith), Matthew Gairns, Paul Laing, Stuart McGuigan, Ashley Forbes (Darren Deery), Subs – Jamie McInnes, Gareth Thain.

Football news - It should be noted that several of the players have played quite often in the Thistle big team with Stewart and Forbes turning out on an occasion with Buckie Rovers.

Nov 19 **Fochabers 2 Buckie Rovers 4** (L) This was the only junior game to survive with all grounds waterlogged, parts of Moray, especially Elgin and Rothes experiencing the worst floods for 200 years. In some parts of the city the water was up to three feet deep after the River Lossie burst its banks in a number of places. Bridges were swept away as at Rothes, only being replaced in the second week of January.

The school playing field at Fochabers was remarkably dry, as I was told it would be by my brother Stewart who was a pupil there and played often on the ground.

Apart from the floods it was a momentous week sport wise, Celtic beating Blackburn Rovers and Scotland's rugby team putting one over the Springboks for the first time in 30 years.

Buckie Thistle didn't have a game, their match at Nairn being a victim of the atrocious weather.

Nov 26 **Buckie Thistle 5 Wick Academy 0** (H/L)

The Rovers had an idle day.

Dec 3 **No football for either the Thistle or the Rovers**. Buckie were meant to play away to Rothes but the park and pavilion suffered badly from the recent floods and was unplayable.

Dec 10 **Deveronvale 4 Buckie Thistle 0** (H/L) *"The score line lies. Buckie were far more in the game that this would suggest,"* said the reporter.

Buckie: Bowman, Thomson (Craik) Lamberton, McPherson, Pirie, Catto, Davidson,(Rattray), Gairns, Wood, Milne (McGuigan), and McDonald.

Buckie Rovers 3 Whitehills 0 (L) *"Say it for F and M - Not Foot and Mouth but Farquhar and Matheson did the damage here."*

Rovers: Barron, Low, Brockie, Masson, Innes, Lyon (Robertson), Cowie, Shewan (Campbell), Farquhar, Matheson, Shand (Burnett), Subs- Costello and Belcher (G.K)

Dec 17 **Islavale 3 Buckie Rovers 1** (L) *'Not A Great Keith Show'*

Buckie Thistle 5 Nairn County 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Bowman, Pirie, Lamberton, Gairns (Rattray), Slater, Catto, McDonald, Taylor, Shewan, Milne

(McGuigan), Craik (Grant). Subs Wood and Davidson.

- Dec 24 **Buckie Rovers 1 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L)** *“A good result against the top team in the league at present”*
The scribe asked fit wye Santa didna gang a the wye and fill their stocking instead of only half full
Rovers: Barron, Low, Masson, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, (Costello), Shand (Findlay), Farquhar, Matheson, Campbell, Subs. Robertson, Forbes, Mowat. Brockie,

Buckie Under 18 sides made history when they reached the last eight of the BP Scottish Youth Cup after beating Dunfermline by three goals to two at East End Park.

Bck U18 - Michael Smith, Kyle Mackay, Michael McDonald, Adam Wilson, David Angus, Neil Henderson, Ashley Forbes, Matthew Gairns, Peter Laing, Stewart McGuigan and Sean McCartney. Paul Forbes (used) Darren Stewart (used) Scott Mair, Jamie McInnes, and Andrew Smith (used). **Nae many Buckie loons - three subs - Stewart, Forbes and Mair.**

Buckie Thistle had a blank day.

- Dec 31 **Buckie Rovers 1 Dufftown 3 (L)** *“The Rovers were over generous hosts here; they threw the game away.”*
Rovers: Barron, Low, Brockie, Masson, Innes, Costello (Burnett), **Bruce**, Shand, Farquhar, (Cowie), Matheson, Campbell. Subs – Miller, Robertson and **Robbie Cruickshank**

Football news - R. Cruickshank was home on holiday from Poland where he is attending college. Bruce who was playing was the former Thistle player, Steven Bruce, who is also a student meantime, but in the USA, home on holiday and guesting for the Rovers here.

Note that there was no break over the festive season as had been the practice for many years.

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Buckie Thistle 2 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Bowman, Pirie, Lamberton, Gairns, Slater Craik, McDonald, Taylor, McGuigan, Shewan, Grant. Subs, Wood and Rattray (used), Milne, Reid, and Angus.

- Jan 7 **Buckie Thistle and also Buckie Rovers were idle on Saturday** as were by far the bulk of teams in both the junior and Highland League ranks because of **frozen pitches**. One junior game did go on this was at Whitehills where the home team lost to the visitors Islavale.

- Jan 14 **Buckie Rovers 5 Nairn St Ninians 1 (L)** Steven Bruce had a field day here besides scoring two goals he had a hand in others and generally gave the visiting side a torrid time.
Rovers: Barron, Low (Mowat), Brockie, Masson, Innes, Lyon, Costello, Burnett (Paul Robertson) Bruce, Matheson, Shand (James Morrison) Subs, Cowie and Nicol.

Football news - James Morrison a young lad from Aberchirder while Paul Robertson was from Portsoy, both had been playing in the Elgin and District Welfare League. Frozen pitches saw all other junior games off also those in the Highland League. Merson Park was just playable and no more with the surface having quite a bone.

New signing for Buckie Thistle - He is John Coutts a former trialist for Manchester United. The 21 year old striker, who was bought from Cove Rangers for undisclosed sum has signed a two and a half year contract with Buckie Thistle, and it is hoped that the investment will aid the Victoria Park side in boosting its place from fourth in the league to compete with leaders Deveronvale.

Since signing for Cove Rangers, John has also attracted the attention of Aberdeen, Ross County and Livingstone.

Said manager, Kevin Will:” *He’s still a young player and we hope that he utilises the platform we will give him to go on to a higher level”.*

- Jan 21 **Buckie Rovers 1 Turriff United 2** (Cup game) *“The Rovers gifted this game to their adversaries, with an ‘ogee’ and a blatant mistake.”*

Football news - A minute’s silence was observed prior to the game as a mark of respect for two people who had connections with the Rovers and passed away the previous week. Jim Penman who played in goal at one time for the Rovers and Mrs Moira Geddes a dedicated committee member, along with her husband Eric, for many years.

Keith 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *“Missed Chances Prove Fatal”*

- Feb 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)** *“Top two’s Classic Derby”*
- Buckie Rovers 3 Kinloss 1 (L)**
Rovers: Barron, Paul Robertson, Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Burnett, Farquhar (Mike Slater), Matheson (Graham Shand) Costello (Shewan), Subs. Morrison, Nicol.
- Feb 11 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Rovers: Bowman, Pirie, Lamberton, Catto, Slater, Cairns (Davidson), Shewan, Taylor, Coutts, Green (Milne), Macdonald. Subs – Wilson, Craik, and Wood.
- **** **Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** A minutes silence was observed prior to the kick off in memory of John ‘Jock’ Niven (my brother –in-law) a stalwart right half with the Rovers after the WWII who played in the first ever cup won by the Rovers at Junior level and scored their goal in their first ever Scottish Cup tie away to Cumnock Juniors on Saturday January 2nd 1948. Jock liked his football and was seen at every home game almost up to the last, watching the match from a seat in his car.
- Feb 18 **Buckie Thistle U-18’s 1 Ayr United 2 Quarter Finals of the Scottish Youth Cup**
The Buckie team was – Michael Smith, Kyle McKay (Paul Forbes). Mike McDonald, Adam Wilson, David Angus, Neil Henderson, Sean McCartney, Paul Laing, Stuart McGuigan, Darren Stewart (Ashley Forbes), Sub – Jamie McInnes, Scott Mair, Lee Sweeney (G.K)
Football news - There were only about three of the players from the local area, the rest were all imports.
- Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 2 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers had a blank day** - their opponent’s ground being unplayable.
- Feb 25 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** (Wed.) A good win over the League Champs.
Buckie: Bowman, McPherson, Lamberton, Davidson, Slater, Wilson, Shewan (Milne), Taylor, Wood (McGuigan), Coutts, McDonald (Craik), Subs – Gairns, Angus.
- Football news** - Alan ‘Mickey’ McPherson who played his first ever games for Buckie Thistle with a substitute appearance against the Dons in an Aberdeenshire Cup at Victoria Park and played here against the Broch was the recipient of two gifts at the match on Saturday. One was handed over by committeeman, Joe Jappy, on behalf of the Club with the other by George ‘Bunny’ Murray on behalf of the Supporters Club.
- Farewell Johnny Dutch** - The keystone in the famous Thistle half line of the 1950’s - Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey died this week. His body was cremated with the ashes strewn on the sward of Victoria Park.
- Buckie Rovers 4 Lossiemouth United 0 (L)** *“ Four but It Should Have Been More”*
- Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 3 Clachnacuddin 2 (H/L)**
- Forres Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *“ The Rovers Fail To Topple the League Leaders”*
Rovers: Barron, Mowat (Robertson), Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Costello, Farquhar (Slater), Matheson (Findlay), Shand. Subs. Campbell, Nicol.
- Mar 11 **Islavale 2 Buckie Rovers 1** Gordon Williamson Trophy 1st round With this result the ‘Vale had now beaten the Rovers 10 times in the last 12 meetings between the two. The ‘Vale appeared to have taken on the mantle once held by Deveronside when they were the Rovers’ bogey side.
- Inverurie Locos 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie –Bowman, McPherson, Lamberton, Slater, Wilson, MacDonald, Davidson, (J. Shewan), Coutts, McGuigan (Gairns) and Green. Subs. Milne and Wood.
- Mar 18 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 5 (H/L)** *A good result for the cyards*
- Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** In this game Michael ‘Scammers’ Smith was replaced by his son Nikki who was on the bench while Colin Nicol replaced Jason Brockie.
- Mar 25 **Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 1 (L)

Football news - The Rovers received six all weather manager and subs tops from Zafar Ali, of Buckie Furniture Centre, sponsoring these for the club.

April 1 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Fochabers 2 (L)

April 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Bowman, Pirie, Lamberton, Davidson, (McGuigan), Shewan, Catto (Wilson), MacDonald, Taylor, Green (Wood), Coutts and Gairns. Subs. McPherson and Craik

Dufftown 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Rovers: Barron, Robertson, Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Findlay (Slater), Costello, Farquhar (Smith), Matheson, Shand (Nicol), Sub. Mowat and Cowie.

B.T. U18 2 Keith U18 0 The under 18 years of age Thistle team lifted **The Highland League Youth Cup** for the first time. It has to be said that the only local lads who took any part in the game were Paul Forbes and Darren Stewart with Darren replacing his buddy. The rest were all from the Aberdeen area with a number regularly appearing in the big team.

Apr 15 **Cove Rangers U18 1 B.T. U18 3** For the second Sunday running Buckie Thistle U18 side secured well-merited silverware as they clinched **The Highland Youth League (East) Championship** for the first time in the club's history. Darren Stewart was the only local loon in the Buckie side.

Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Apr 22 **Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Strathspey Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Apr 29 **Neither the Thistle or the Rovers had games on Saturday**

May 6 **As above**

May 13 **Rothies 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** This was the Thistle's last game of the season and **finished up third from the top the same position as the year before.**

Buckie: Bowman, McPherson, Lamberton, Craik (Grant), Wilson, Gairns (Milne), Shewan, Taylor, Wood, Coutts (Green) and MacDonald. Sub. Angus.

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 1 (L) This was the Rovers' last game of the season. **The League had been won by Forres Thistle**, so there wasn't all that much enthusiasm showed by either side.

Rovers: Barron, Low, Brockie, Farquhar, Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Costello, Findlay, Matheson (Nicol), Shand (Smith), Subs, Robertson and D. Wood.

May 20 **B. T. U18 3 Clach U18 2.** The Buckie Thistle U18 team won the overall **Highland Youth League Championship** at Grant Park, Lossiemouth on Sunday. On this occasion four local loons played a part in the winning of the trophy. Paul; Forbes was replaced by Dale Munro while Darren Stewart was replaced by Dale Fraser.

Jun 24 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** this week unveiled ambitious plans for the building of a new purpose-built function hall and sponsor suite at their Victoria Park ground. A picture shows Jags president, Mark Duncan and his brother Murray holding up the plans. The two are the sons of John Duncan of John Duncan Construction and Planwell Roofing.

Jly 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Greenock Morton 1 (F)**

Buckie: Main, Small, Lamberton, Gairns (J. Milne), Wilson, Munro, Shewan (Grant), Taylor, (Craik), C. Milne, Bartlet (Moir), McDonald. Sub. Flannigan.

New Thistle players included Kevin Main from Lossiemouth and Small, who was with Rothies. A number of trialists also played one being Steve Bartlett who showed up well, according to the report and scored the Thistle goal. Donnie Munro, a Fochabers loon, was with Huntly the previous season

Buckie Thistle 0 Stirling Albion 3 (F)

Football news - Main played in goal for Stirling who arrived without a keeper. He had a great game.

Buckie: Bowman, Davidson, Grant (Wilson), Munro (Gairns), Small, Lamberton, Smith (Shewan), Taylor, C. Milne, Bartlet (J. Milne), MacDonald. Sub Moir.

Jly 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Ross County 0 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Montrose 2 (F)

Buckie Thistle Supporters Club AGM - president – Alistair Jamieson, vice president – James Jappy, Secretary – Pauline Rigby, Treasurer – James Newlands.

Aug 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fort William 1 (H/L)**

Buckie; Bowman, Small, Lamberton, Munro, Angus, Davidson, Shewan, S. Taylor, C. Milne, McGuigan, MacDonald. Subs – Grant, Main (GK)

Aug 12 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Buckie: Main, Slater (Smith), Lamberton, Angus Small, Wilson, Shewan, Davidson, C. Milne (McGuigan), J. Milne (Taylor), MacDonald. Subs – Grant, Gairns.

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverurie Locos 1 Aberdeenshire Cup

Buckie Rovers 3 Banchory St Ternans 0 Grill League Cup

Rovers: Barron, Massie, Low, Collins (Costello), Innes, Lyon, Cowie, Taylor, Wood, Findlay (Munro), Brockie (MacPherson), Subs. Campbell, Robertson.

Football news - Substitute Munro was Dale Munro son of Mike Munro former keeper with the Rovers and Deveronside, while Daryl McPherson is the son of Mikey McPherson a legend with Buckie Thistle who this season signed for Forres Mechanics. Both are teenagers and show a lot of promise. Both play for Thistle Youth team. Dod Massie was from Huntly Michael Collins was from Keith.

Aug 19 **Wilson's XI 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Grill League Cup**

Football news - A majority decision (I opposed on the question of travelling times and cost) saw the Rovers join the First Division East this season which meant they will have to travel longer distances to meet teams in Aberdeen, Portlethen, Fraserburgh and Peterhead not to mention Maud, Banchory and Ellon. This was their first game played at Keith Park, part of the Bon Accord Sports Complex near the beach.

Rovers: Barron, Low, Massie, Collins, Innes, Lyon, Cowie (Farquhar), Taylor, Wood, Costello (Robertson), Brockie. Subs – Nicol, Tallis.

Newcomers in the team include – Mark Taylor, bought for a substantial fee from Speyside, Dod Massie was bought from Islavale. Mike Collins came for free formerly with Islavale while Mark Wood returned from Buckie Thistle. He again didn't cost the Rovers anything.

Buckie Rovers 0 Maud 1 (L) *"Three points thrown away."*

Rovers: Barron, Low, Campbell (M. Slater), Innes, Massie, Lyon, Cowie, Collins, Wood, Mike Findlay (Robertson), Brockie. Subs- Costello, McPherson, Farquhar.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverurie Locos 3 (H/L)

Buckie; Main, Slater, MacDonald, Small, Angus, Lamberton, Shewan (Gairns), Wilson (S. Taylor), C. Milne, J. Milne (McGuigan), Davidson. Subs – Smith, R. Taylor.

Aug 26 **Fraserburgh United 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** **"Rovers collect first points"**

The Rovers had Mike Laing (a man of many clubs) in their side; he had been signed earlier in the week and made a difference in defence.

Football news - The Rovers' pool was too small with manager Tallis having to put himself on when Shand was injured.

Rovers: Barron, Robertson, Brockie, Laing, Massie, Lyon, Costello, Taylor, Wood, Shand, (Tallis), Farquhar (Nicol), Subs Cowie, D. Wood.

Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead Thistle 0 (L) *"Four but it could have been more "*, said A. L. Nath.

Keith F. C. 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Sept 2 **Buckie Rovers 1 Dyce Juniors 2 (L)** *"Shot-shy Rovers again squander league points"*

Nairn County 2 Buckie Thistle 5 (Q/Cup)

Buckie: Main. Slater, Small. Catto, Pirie, Smith (More), Shewan, S. Taylor (Wilson), Milne (Gairns), R. Taylor, MacDonald. Subs. Lamberton and Bowman.

Cullen won the Elgin and District Welfare League First Division. The League consists of two leagues a Premier and a First Division. **Cullen played 16 games won 13 and drew three.**

Sept 9 **Parkvale 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *‘Jimmy’ Shand hits the right notes to send them reeling* ‘said A. L. Nath Shand, a Cornhill lad, had the two goals for the Rovers.

Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 3 (H/L) *“Jags come back down to earth”*

Sept 16 **Buckie Rovers 3 Buchanhaven Hearts 2 (L)**
Football news - Mike Laing, formerly with Dufftown, now a signed Rovers’ player, and Duncan Lamont who plays with Cullen both came on as substitutes in the second half.

Nairn County 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Football news - **New floodlights were installed at Victoria Park this week. It is reckoned that the final bill for the lights will be £11,000. The sum of £8,000 has already been raised since the ‘Floodlight Appeal’ Fund was begun in February.**

Sept 23 **Ellon United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *“Rovers lose two strikers through injury - Wood and Findlay likely to be out for some time.”*

Rovers: Barron, Brockie, Low, Laing, Lyon, Massie, Collins, M. Wood (D. Wood), Findlay (Nicol) (Costello). Sub Tallis.

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3 Scottish Qualifying Cup (North) quarterfinal *“Jags Glory was Taylor Made,”* said Jagsman. Buckie up and down form continues with this win over the reigning Highland League Champions.

Buckie; Bowman, Slater, Pirie, Catto Angus, MacDonald, Shewan, S. Taylor, Milne (Munro), R. Taylor (Lamberton), Coutts (Smith) Subs – More, Main (GK)

Sept 30 **Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *“Buckie show an amazing lack of consistency”*

Buckie Rovers 3 Hall Russell United 2 (L) *“The Rovers scratch team steals the points”*

Oct 7 **Inverurie Locos 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Semi Final of Qualifying Cup.** Buckie will face the Clach in the Final.

Buckie Rovers 1 Banchory St Ternans 2 (L)

Oct 14 **Lewis United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** *“Feckless Finishing sees Rovers Forfeit the Points”*

Rovers: Mair, Robertson, Brockie, Laing, Innes, Costello (Williams), Low, Massie, Shand, Lyon, Collins. Subs – Nicol, Wood, M. Wood, and Taylor.

The Rovers had Cullen keeper, David Mair in goal in place of the injured Barron.

Clachnacuddin 4 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) A minute’s silence was observed prior to the start of the game in memory of two former Clach players, **Dennis Murray and Jimmy Pines**, both whom had died during the week. Jimmy Pines also played for Elgin City.

Oct 21 **Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie - Main, Slater, Lamberton, Small, Pirie, Wilson (Catto), More, Taylor, Milne, Bartlet (Gairns), Smith (Macdonald). Subs – Angus, Shewan.

Buckie Rovers 1 Buchanhaven Hearts 1 AET (Rovers won 4-2 on penalties) NCR North/Tayside Inter Regional Cup 1st Round

Oct 28 **Buckie Thistle 2 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)**

Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Semi- final of the Aberdeenshire Shield

Buckie Rovers 1 Maud 1 (L)

The Rovers had Mike Munro in goal in place of the injured Barron. The rest of the Rovers’ team was

Robertson and Lamont; Low, Innes, Lyon; Costello (Laing), Taylor, Findlay (Wood), Collins and Brockie. Subs – Smith, Williams, and Nicol.

Nov 4 **Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Clachnacuddin 1 Thistle Final of Qualifying Cup Buckie won 6-5 on penalties

*** **Buckie Thistle won the Scottish Qualifying Cup for the first time since 1958.**

The Clach had to play the two periods of extra time with only 9 men as they had two players sent off before the end of normal time.

The Thistle team was - Main, Slater (Gairns), Lamberton, Munro, Pirie, Shewan, Smith, S. Taylor, Milne, R. Taylor (Coutts), and Macdonald. Subs – Wilson, Bowman (GK)

Jamie Shewan, a Buckie loon, formerly played for the Rovers, while Munro was from Fochabers, and a grandson of 'Pow'. Main was from Lossie while Lamberton was from Keith.

Nov 11 **Cambuslang Rangers 4 Buckie Rovers 0 OVD Scottish Junior cup 2nd Round.**

Rovers - Barron, Williams, Brockie, Massie, Robertson, Lyon, Collins, Taylor, Smith, Shand, Slater. Subs – Findlay, Tallis, Reid, Wood, and (Tom?) Cobley.

The Rovers were short of players for this tie as can be gathered from the names of those on the bench. Cobley is believed to have been someone who just offered his services on the day. Williams was a Keith lad.

Buckie Thistle 2 Wick Academy (H/L)

Nov 18 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** A.L. Nath, wrote the report of the game; such an honour doesn't come along that often!

For the record the **Thistle team** was – Main, Slater (Small), Lamberton, Gairns (Wilson), Pirie, Munro, Shewan, S. Taylor, Milne (R. Taylor), More and Macdonald. Sub – Angus.

Glad of the help - Buckie Rovers received a set of kit bags from Regency Car Sales, Buckie, while GT Seafood's, Peterhead, gave a set of training tops. Co- manager and former player Graeme Tallis owns the firm GT Seafoods.

The Rovers had a free date.

Nov 25 **Arbroath Sporting Club 3 Buckie Rovers 1 North/Tayside Inter Regional Cup 2nd Round.**

Rovers: Barron, Lamont, Brockie, Low, Robertson (Williams), Campbell (Nicol), Collins, Taylor, Smith, Costello, Wood, Sub - Tallis.

Smith was a young player namely Mike Smith from Portsoy. He was a son of Grant Smith ex Deveronside.

Spartans 6 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Cup 1st Round “Spartans Slay the Jags”

Football news - The Spartans, an Edinburgh club who play in the South of Scotland league, ran rings round the Thistle, so disappointing for everybody but more so for those from these airts who now live in the capital or thereabouts and went to see the Jags play and hopefully win.

Buckie Rovers 6 Whitehills 1 (L)

Football note - The Rovers were at last able to field probably their strongest team for the first time for a long time, with good replacements on the bench. A new addition to the team being **Nathan Sharp, the ex Islavale player**, signed on loan from Huntly until the end of the season. One of those on the bench being Willie Farquhar who had been missing for over three months with his work as an electrician taking him south to London.

Rovers: Barron, Robertson (Campbell), Brockie, Low, Sharp, Massie, Collins, Taylor, Wood, Shand (Farquhar), Findlay (Smith), Subs – Lyon, Costello.

Mark Wood scored two goals, as did Smith.

Buckie Thistle 0 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)

Dec 9 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** **Note.** This win meant that the Thistle had beaten Fort William eight times on the trot in Lochaber.

Buckie: Main, Pirie, Lamberton, Catto, Angus, Macdonald, Smith (Shewan), Munro, Milne (Gairns), Coutts (R. Taylor) and more. Subs – Wilson and Slater.

Dufftown 0 Buckie Rovers 4 (L) Dod Massie (a Huntly lad) **had a hat trick**

- Dec 16 **Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *“Rovers Dared to Meddle”*
- Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 0 (H/L)**
- Dec 23 **Buckie Rovers 2 Hall Russell’s United 2 (L)** **Note.** The Rovers were without a keeper. Barron was still out through injury and no replacements to be had. The decision was taken to play striker. Mark Wood in goal.
Rovers: Wood, Robertson, Brockie, Low (Lamont), Sharp, Lyon, Lyon, Collins, Taylor, Farquhar (Smith), Massie, Shand. Subs – Costello, Wood, and Nicol.
- Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Main, Pirie, Lamberton, Gairns (Wilson), Angus, Munro, More, S. Taylor, R. Taylor (McGuigan), Coutts (Davidson) and Macdonald. Subs – Smith, Slater.
- Dec 30 **Buckie Rovers 1 Fraserburgh United 1 (L)**
- Inverurie Locos 3 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** **Note-** Buckie were leading by three clear goals until the Locos put on a sub, Low, in the 70th minute. This proved to be an excellent change with Low going on to score a hat-trick before the end to bring the two teams level.
- 2004**
- Jan 6 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)**
- The Rovers had a free day on Saturday January 3**
- Jan 13 **Dyce Juniors 1 Buckie Rovers 5 Camstruction League -** **Note-** The Rovers began the year 2004 in excellent fashion scoring five but might well have added to this number. Mark Wood had three and Dod Massie two. Nathan Sharp had gone back to Huntly from where he had earlier joined the Rovers on loan.
Rovers: Barron, Lamont, Brockie, Low (Findlay), Innes, Lyon, Shand (Smith), Taylor, Wood, Farquhar (Collins), Massie. Subs – Robertson, Nicol.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)** *“An excellent win over the league champions.”*
Note - R. Taylor was signed from Keith this week.
- Jan 20 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Buchanhaven Hearts 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** *“From Dons to Dunces in one Easy Lesson”*
- Jan 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**
Buckie: Main, Pirie, Small, Davidson, Angus Munro, Shewan, Catto, McGuigan (Coutts), More (Smith), MacDonald. Subs Slater, Lamberton and Grant.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Lewis United 1 (L)** *“Bonny Strip (Hibs colours) Evokes Happy Memories’ for this scribe.*
Rovers: Barron. Robertson, Brockie, Lamont, Innes, Lyon, Collins (Smith), Findlay (Taylor), Wood, Farquhar (Shand), Massie. Subs – Nicol, Costello.
- Feb 3 **Buckie Thistle – no game due to inclement weather conditions**
- Buckie Rovers – no game** - “““
- Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle 5 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)** **Note -** The win made it five successful games in a row for the Jags.
- Buckie Rovers 3 Dufftown 0 (L)** *“Visitors Get the Brush off”* said the scribe. **Note -** To ensure that the game went on willing hands including the two Rovers managers swept the lines clear of snow before the start.
- Feb 24 **Banchory St Ternans 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Barron, Lamont (Findlay), Brockie (Robertson), Low, Innes, Lyon, Collins, Taylor, Wood, Farquhar (Shand), Massie. Subs Smith, Costello.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Clachnacuddin 0 (H/L)** **Note -** David Angus scored for the Thistle. The reporter had

the following title to his report - quite apt – “*David Slays Clach ‘Goliath’*”. Clach were looking potential league winners.

Buckie: Main, Pirie, Small, Davidson, Angus, Shewan, More, Munro, Milne (Gairns), Coutts (McGuigan), McDonald (Grant). Subs – Slater, Taylor.

Mar 2 **The Rovers had an idle Saturday- the pitch was unplayable because of a thick covering of snow. Only one junior game was played.**

Buckie Thistle was also idle.

Mar 9 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Ellon United 3 Morrison Cup 1st round.

Mar 16 **Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 6 (L)** “*The ‘Hills were very poor – a mere chopping block.*”

Buckie: Barron, Lamont (Costello), Brockie, Low, Innes, Lyon, Collins, Taylor, Wood, Shand (Findlay), Massie (Smith), Subs – Robertson, Nicol.

Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Pirie, Small, Davidson, Angus, Munro, More (McGuigan), Taylor (Gairns), Milne, Coutts (Smith), MacDonald. Subs – Slater and Grant.

Mar 30 **Buckie Rovers 0 Ellon United 4 (L)** **Note** - Ellon thus had beaten the Rovers three times this season.

The Rovers’ team was – Barron, Lamont, Nicol (Mike ‘Legs’ Smith), Costello (Nicky Smith), Robertson, Lyon, Collins, Taylor, Wood, Shand, Findlay, and Subs. Mike ‘Scammers’ Smith, Brockie and D. Wood.

Note that Mike ‘Scammers’ Smith, now very much a veteran, agreed to take a perch on the bench when the Rovers found themselves struggling for a team. His son, Nikki, went on as a substitute.

Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 2 Highland League Cup

Buckie; Main, Pirie, Small, Catto, Angus, Munro, Shewan, Gairns (Taylor), McGuigan (Milne), Smith (More), Macdonald. Subs Davidson and Slater.

April 6 **Both the Rovers and the Thistle were idle on Saturday**

April 13 **Buckie Rovers 2 Deveronside 3 (L)** The referee was more than kind to the Banff team, granting two penalties

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Football news - A photograph in the ‘Advertiser’ of this date shows Mark Slater as captain of the Thistle U21 side receiving the trophy for their success in winning the Aberdeen and District FA league.

April 20 **Hall Russell United 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Camstruction League**

Rovers: Rob Barron. Mike Slater (Gary Innes) John, Costello, Nicky Low, Duncan Lamont, Mark Taylor, Colin Nicol, Mike Findlay, Nicky Smith, Dod Massie, Graeme Shand. Sub, Graeme Tallis and Jason Brockie

Note- Five regular players were missing Mike Slater helping out by making a rare appearance for the Rovers.

Football news - Buckie Youths – The name of a new team in the Elgin and District Welfare League sponsored by Buckie Thistle and playing in the same strip. Graeme Roy, late of the Rovers was coach also David Findlay who was bag man. **In their first ever tie they lost away to Newmill by 1 goal to nil.**

April 27 **Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** last game of the season

The Rovers had an idle day.

May 11 **Maud 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Cam /League** last game of the season “*Mad spell see the Rovers Pay the Penalty*”

Rovers: Barron, M. Slater (Wood), Nicol (N. Smith), Lamont, M. Shewan, Steve Lyon, Shand, Taylor, Wood (Tallis) Massie, M. Smith. Sub. Sub. Brockie.

Buckie Youths 9 Buckie United 4 (W/L)

May 18 **Buckie Youths 8 Macduff United 3 (W/L)**

May 25 **Football news - Best in Scotland** - 'The Best in Scotland' accolade was awarded to the 'Thistle Review' in the 29th Non League Football Programme of the year awards. The 'Thistle Review' was awarded 154 points, one point more than two junior clubs, Blackburn United and Tayport. The 'Thistle Review' also won the Highland League Programme of the Year ahead of Fraserburgh, 25 points ahead of the next Fraserburgh. The 'Thistle Review' had now won this particular competition four years on the trot. The editor is Easton Thain.

June 1, 8th and 15th no football news in the 'Advertiser'.

June 22 **Buckie Thistle has signed the following new players** - Duncan Stewart a twenty year old striker from Peterhead and Neil Murray (18) full back from Formartine. Mark Slater, a defender, left the Thistle to join Deveronvale while Scott Taylor, who played in mid-field, joined Inverurie Locos. The management team of Kevin and Doug Will signed extensions to their contracts taking them to the end of season 2005/2006.

July 6 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed Aberdeen midfielder Kevin Souter who was released from the Premier League club comes from Portsoy.

July 13 **Nil of football interest to report**

July 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Ross County 1 (F)** Buckie fielded their three new signings – Neil Murray, Kevin Souter and Duncan Stewart.

The Thistle team was - Main, Murray (Lamberton), MacDonald (Clark), Munro (Smith), Small, Pirie, Shewan (Gairns), Souter, Milne (McGuigan), Stewart and More. Souter got rave acclaim

Thistle 1 Aberdeen 2 (F)

Buckie: Main (Hamilton), Murray (Shewan), MacDonald (Grant), Munro (Davidson), Lamberton, Small, Gairns, Souter, McGuigan, Stewart (Milne), More (Smith). Sub. Pirie

July 27 **Thistle 4 Shotts Bon Accord 0 (F)**

Buckie: Hamilton, Shewan (S. Clark), MacDonald, Gairns (Davidson), Pirie, Lamberton, Munro, Souter, McGuigan (Bartlet), Stewart (Coutts), More. Subs. Small, Main.

Aug 3 **Nothing of football interest to report.**

Aug 10 **Football news - A new function hall was opened at Victoria Park on Friday evening 6 August 2004 by Joey Harper, ex Aberdeen ex Aberdeen F.C. and former Thistle player of the 1950's George Cowie. The large new complex was sponsored by the two Murray brothers, Mark and Murray of Planwell Roofing part of the local John Duncan Construction Company.**

Buckie Youths, the Welfare League side won the Planwell Roofing Cup, their first ever trophy, on the same evening to make it a night to remember. They beat the Brander Arms by three goals to one. The Buckie Youths only came into being this season when the joined the Elgin and District Welfare League

The team was - Redford, D. Clarke, Brockie, Costello, Leslie, Moir, S. Clark, M. Smith, Ewen, N. Smith (Herd), and west. Subs – Bell, Fraser, McPherson and Leslie.

Note - Brockie and Costello played for Buckie Rovers in the juniors. McPherson is the son of 'Mickey' McPherson long time servant with Buckie Thistle, N. Smith and M. Smith are the sons of Michael 'Scammers' Smith who played in the Highland League with Rothes and also with Buckie Rovers. Apart from Ewen and Moir the rest were all local loons.

Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) 'Jags get a rude awakening'

Buckie: Main, Shewan, Lamberton, Munro, Small, Gairns (McGuigan), More, Souter (Stewart), Bartlet (Coutts), Milne, MacDonald, Subs. Murray, Gordon.

Aug 17 **** **Buckie Rovers Player Crisis** - A...L. Nath (Allan Fraser) scribe for the 'Advertiser' and long time Rovers committee man wrote - 'The club were unable to field a team because of the shortage of players and had no other option than to forfeit the points in their away game against Stoneywood in the Grill league Cup.

The problem arose because eight players were given their release, on a gentlemen's agreement, to allow them to play Welfare League football on the understanding that they would return to the Rovers at kick off time. Taking advantage of their release they chose to sign for other clubs. It was a sad day for the Rovers as never before in their proud history had this ever happened.

The fact that now the Welfare League overlaps the Junior League by a considerable margin means that it is not so easy to get players to shift especially if, as in the case of Buckie Youths, they are having a successful season.'

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Aug 24 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 1** (H/L) first win of the season.

**** **Buckie Rovers 2 Dyce Juniors 2** Grill Cup - The game was played on Tuesday evening with the Rovers team made up, in the main, of youngsters from the Buckie Youth Welfare League side. A.L. Nath wrote - "Young Rovers Deserve Credit"

Rovers' team – Barron, McPherson, Galloway (Fraser), Nicol (Leslie), Robertson, Lyon, Clark, Findlay, Wood (N. Smith), M. Smith, Shand. Subs – M. Smith, Paterson.

***** **This was to be the Rovers one and only game played in season 2004/2005 as they were forced to go into abeyance. If the committee had chosen to do otherwise and then found they couldn't field a team they were liable to be kicked out. The likelihood of being unable to field a team was very real since it couldn't be expected that the young players could play on the Saturday in the juniors and then in the Welfare League the following day. Buckie Thistle who were behind the Youth side weren't prepared to allow this anyway, stating that it was the Rovers' problem.**

Aug 31 **Golspie Sutherland 0 Buckie Thistle 6** Qualifying Cup (North)

Buckie: Main, Murray (Lamberton), MacDonald (Gordon Pirie), Davidson, Greig Pirie, Small, More, Souter, Milne, Gairns (Stewart), Subs – McGuigan, Grant.

Buckie Thistle 3 Inverurie Locos (Aberdeenshire League) first game

Buckie: Main, Murray (Rothney), Forbes, Gordon Pirie, Davidson, West, S. Clarke, Gairns, Bartlet, Stewart, More (Sherritt).

Note - Prior to the start of the game the Thistle were presented with the League Flag won by the U21 side in season 2003/2004.

Sept 7 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 3** (H/L)

Football news - "Down But Not out – We Will Return" wrote A.L. Nath, former secretary and long time committee man, in defiant mood as he gave the information that Buckie Rovers had reluctantly gone into abeyance for this season having withdrawn from the league and all cup competitions. The club was given an ultimatum by the ruling body the SJFA who said there was no other logical course that could be taken.

Sept 14 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 0** Scottish Qualifying Cup – North quarter final

Buckie; Main, Murray (Gairns), MacDonald, Davidson, Small, Lamberton, More, Souter, Coutts, Milne (Stewart), Munro. Subs – Bartlet, Catto and Angus.

- Sept 21 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 3 Replay of the above.** “No trips in the Scottish Cup for Buckie this year.”
- Sept 28 **Inverurie Locos 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeenshire Shield**
Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 0 (H/L)
- Oct 5 **Buckie Thistle had an idle day**
- Oct 12 **Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 2 (H/L)**
Football news - The Thistle Club and their supporters received a shock following the game when it was discovered that the Will brothers, Kevin and Doug, manager and assistant manager respectively, had handed in their notice. They had been at Victoria Park for two and a half years and during this time the team had won the Qualifying Cup for the first time in 45 years and had a great winning streak last season, which lasted for twenty games. According to the club’s president, Mark Duncan, ‘This separation is by mutual consent “, going on to thank and praise the contribution made by Kevin and Doug.
- April 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**
- Apr 12 **Clach 2 Buckie Thistle 5 Semi-Final of Highland League Cup** - Clach were the holders. ‘*Brilliant Buckie Crush Clach*’ was the headline to the match report.
- April 19 **Inverurie Locos 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Final of the Highland League Cup Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (A.E. T.) (League Cup Final) Deveronvale won 3-2 on penalties
Thistle team was - Main, Murray, Lamberton, Souter, Davidson, Munro (Shewan), More (Pirie), Catto, McGuigan (Small), Coutts and McDonald. Subs – Stewart and Angus.
- May 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**
Football news - Buckie Thistle F.C. will have two of their players in the semi-professional Scotland side taking part in the four nation tournament in the Republic of Ireland between May 23 and 28. The two are Kevin Souter and John Coutts. Donnie Munro also looked a cert to join the squad until he suffered a head knock during a trial game at Banff.
- May 10 **Huntly Buckie Thistles (H/L)**
- May 17 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)** The last game of the season - “*A Stroll in the Sun*’ was how the game was described by guest football scribe A. L. Nath , who waxed eloquently about the glorious weather and scenery on the way to and from Lochaber. **Note** - Fort William allowed something like ten of their first team players to go off on holiday and had to draft in youngsters to take their place. One thought that their supporters were taken for a ride when they were charged to see the match.
- May 24 **Football news** - A call off by one of the Scottish semi-professional players allowed Donnie Munro after all to join his club mates John Coutts and Kevin Souter in Ireland.
- May 31 **In a tussle between Buckie United and Buckie Youths the United won by three goals to two.**
- June 7 **No football news -**
- June 14 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle are to play a number of pre-season friendlies - v Partick Thistle and Elgin City at home and Turriff and Montrose away. The Highland League campaign kicks off on July 30 away to Lossiemouth., with their first home game being on Saturday August 6 against current champions Huntly.
- June 21 **Football news** - Buckie Thistle signed 22 year old striker **Shawn Scott** from Lossiemouth
- June 28 **No football played or news**
- July 5 **No football played or news**

- July 19 **Buckie Thistle 3 Partick Thistle 2 (Friendly)** The ‘Magyars of Maryhill’ have fallen a long way since they narrowly beat the Thistle in the ‘Scottish’ by five goals to three at Firhill in 1954 but they are still a League side albeit Div 2.
The Thistle team – Main, Pirie, (Grant), Lamberton, Angus, Munro, Small, R. Smith (Shewan), Souter (McGregor), McGuigan (Scott), Coutts (N. Smith), MacDonald (Clarke).
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Football news - Buckie Rovers - -With the new season less than a month away Buckie Rovers were rocked when their newly installed manager, George Brodie, from Aberlour, resigned from the club. He took over as manager of Dufftown after the Dufftown manager, Jackie Reid; he a former Rovers assistant manager quit the post.
The Rovers have fixed up Keith Ingram who has wealth of experience with a number of other junior with David Robertson (Buckie) as his assistant.
- July 26 **Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 2 (Friendly)**
Buckie Thistle 3 Islavale 0 (Friendly) Jamie Shewan had a hat-trick . The scribe thought that the Keith side deserved more and showed up well. The ‘Vale had no less than five Buckie loons in their ranks, Brothers Jim and Andy Mathieson, Steve Lyon, George Cowie and ? Mair.
Montrose 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (Friendly) The scribe Easton Thain, aka Jagsman , informed us that the last time that Buckie had won a match of any kind on a Scottish League ground was away back in September 1956 when they won a Scottish cup tie at Montrose.
- Aug 2 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) First game of season 2005/06**
Thistle team – Main, Murray, Pirie, Angus, Small, Souter (R. Smith), Munro, Scott (Hamilton), McGuigan (Shewan) and Macdonald. Subs - Grant and McGregor.
Davidson who went to Australia and looked to be lost to the Thistle made a quick return and scored two goals here.
Buckie Youths 3 Moray Social 0 - Moray Welfare League – Mike Simpson Memorial Cup Final.
Youth team - Redford, Clark (M. Leslie), Brockie, Mair, D. Leslie, Fraser, Burnett, M. Smith (Lake), Evans, N. Smith (McGregor) and Bell. Subs – Christie and Barclay.
The two Smiths were the sons of Mike ‘Scammers’ Smith who played for the Rovers and in the Highland League.
- Aug 9 **Buckie Rovers 5 Kinloss 2 (League 2 – North)**
Rovers’ team – Collie, Ingram, Philip, Gary Innes, Paul Robertson, Grant, Burr, McMullan, Darren Stewart, McPherson and Bremner. Sub B. Innes. Though the local paper said Bremner scored twice, this was a mistake, it should have read McPherson. The only former Rovers’ players and local lads in the side were Gary Innes, Paul Robertson, Duncan Philip, and Stewart. The rest were all from the Elgin area apart from Buckie loon Billy Innes on the bench.
Buckie Rovers 1 Longside 2 (Grill League Cup)
Football news - There were a number of changes in the Rovers’ line up, the main one being Stuart Knight in goal. The Elgin lad is on Elgin City’s books.
Burghead 4 Buckie Rovers 4 Grill League Cup
Buckie Thistle 0 Huntly 0 (H/L)
- Aug 16 **Buckie Rovers 4 Burghead 4 (Grill League Cup)**
Rovers: Knight, K. Stewart, K. Innes, G. Innes, Robertson, McMullan, Grant, Munro, Hayter, McPherson and D. Stewart. Subs. Mitchell, Philip, Burr, Ingram and S. Innes. **Knight was on loan from Elgin City, the Rovers paid £500 for his services.**
Buckie Rovers 0 Ellon United 4 (Grill League Cup)
Rovers: Knight, Ingram, Mitchell, D. Stewart, K. Stewart, McMullan, Stephen, Munro, Ronnie Mair, C. Grant and K. Grant. Subs – S. Innes, C. Nicol, P. Robertson and Mike Munro.
Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill 0 (Grill League Cup)
- Aug 23 **Maud 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Grill League Cup** “Maud deserved to win – tell that to the birds”
Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (A.E.T.) Aberdeenshire Cup semi-final

Thistle team - Main, Murray, Lamberton, Angus, Grant, Munro, Shewan, R. Smith, Scott, Coutts and Macdonald. Subs – Hamilton and McGregor.

Aug 30

Final of the Premier Division Cup – Buckie Youths 2 Dicey's Bar 0

Youth team was - Redford, Bell, Bryce, C. Lake, D. Leslie, Fraser, R. Mair, M. Smith, N. Mair (M. Leslie), Evans and McGregor (C. Smith). Subs – A. Lake, Walker and Clark.

RAF Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (League)

Rovers' team – Knight, Campbell, K. Grant, D. Stewart, Stephen, C. Grant, Philip, Munro, MacPherson, McMullan (Bremner), Subs – Ingram, Mitchell, Innes and Nicol.

Buckie Rovers 7 Whitehills 0 (League) Lorne McPherson (Hopeman) and Dale Munro (Mike Munro's son) both had hat-tricks.

Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle - Scottish Qualifying Cup (North) 1st Round

Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, Angus, N. Davidson, Small, R. Smith (R. Davidson), Munro, Shewan, Coutts and MacDonald. Subs – Grant, Hamilton, Pirie and Clarke.

Sept 6

Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 2 - Buckie won 3-2 on penalties to win the Aberdeenshire Cup.

Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, Angus, R. Davidson, Small, Shewan, Munro, Scott (R. Smith), Coutts, MacDonald. Subs- Grant, Pirie, McGuigan, McGregor.

Rovers 0 Burghead Thistle 5 (L)

Rovers: Munro, Campbell, Ingram, Nicol, Stewart, C. Grant, Mitchell, Robertson, Philip, McPherson, Munro. Subs – Innes, K. Grant, D. Stewart (all used).

Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 2 (H/L)

Sept 13

Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian's 0 (L)

Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Sept 20

New Elgin 4 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: Knight, Stephen, McIntosh, Robertson, Stewart, Philip (Stewart), C. Grant (Bremner), Burr, Munro, McPherson, K. Grant. Subs – Mitchell, Ingram, Innes.

Inverurie Locos 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Scottish Qualifying Cup Quarter Final.

Sept 27

Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 1 (L)

Oct 4

Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 0 (H/L)

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Oct 11

Lossie United 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)

Wick Academy 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, Angus, McGuigan, Grant, Shewan, Munro, Scott (Hamilton), Low, MacDonald (McGregor), Subs- Small, Smith.

Oct 18 ****

Football news - *Buckie Youths* who had had a very successful season taking the Premier League title and winning four out of five of the competitions they entered have decided **not to play in the Welfare League next season but are to make application to join the Junior ranks under the management of David 'Parro' Findlay, Austie Grant and Graeme Roy.**

Buckie Rovers 1 Fochabers 2 (L)

Rovers – Peters, Philip, K. Grant, Innes, Stewart (McIntosh), Robertson (Campbell), Burr, Stead (Leslie), McPherson, Smith, Stephen, Subs – C. Grant, Munro.

Rovers were third from the top of the league after playing 9 games and with 14 points. New Elgin were

top.

Oct 25 **Kinloss 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** Following meetings between the Rovers and Buckie Thistle management five members of the successful Buckie Youths team were included in the Rovers' side here. The team was Rovers: Knight, Stephen, **Brockie, Dale Fraser, Stewart (C. Grant), Leslie, M. Smith (N. Smith)**, Green, Mark Wood, McPherson, McIntosh. Subs – Simpson, Philip and K. Grant. Mark Wood made a rare appearance and scored.

Inverurie Locos 1 Buckie Thistle 0 semi/final of the Aberdeenshire Shield.

Buckie: Main, Murray (Hamilton), Lamberton, Angus, R. Davidson, Small, Shewan (R. Smith), Munro, Scott, Low, MacDonald. Subs – Grant, McGuigan and Clarke.

Nov. 1 **Football news** - A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows Mark and Murray Duncan officials of Buckie Thistle holding up a Rovers' shirt Austie Grant and David Findlay in the background along with Dave Roberts, David Robertson and Keith Ingram of the Rovers. After meetings between the two clubs it was decided that they would work in close harmony. ***Buckie Youths would not now be applying to join the juniors*** but members of the Youth team would be available to play for the Rovers with Grant and Findlay coming as coaches.

Buckie Rovers 3 Glentanar 3 (Glens won 3-1 in penalties) Rollstud Cup 1st Round.

Fraser, Bell, Mair and N. Smith 'Buckie Youths' all played for the Rovers.

Buckie Thistle 2 Clach 1 (H/L)

Nov 8 **** **Rovers 1 Craigmark Burtonians 5 1st Round of OVD Scottish Junior Cup.**

Rovers: Knight, Stephen, Bell (McIntosh), Fraser, Stewart, Robertson, McPherson, Green, Wood, Smith (Simpson), Philip (C. Grant), Subs – Leslie, K. Grant. **This game may well be remembered, unfortunately, because of a monumental brawl that developed involving officials and players from both sides.**

Brora Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Nov 15 **Whitehills 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**

Rovers: Knight, Grant (Mair), Philip, Leslie, Stewart, Robertson, M. Smith, Wood, Simpson (Campbell), N. Smith, Stephen. Sub. D. Ingram.

Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L) Buckie were 4th in the league after playing 12 games and with 24 points, three behind the leader.

Nov 29 **Inverurie Locos 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** The Thistle managed a draw after three defeats by the Locos on the trot.

Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) Dave Roberts took the notes as A. L. Nath was suffering from the flu.

Dec 6 **Buckie Thistle 7 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L) Buckie:** Main, Murray, Lamberton, McGuigan, R. Davidson (McGregor), Small, R. Smith, Shewan, Scott, Low (Clarke), MacDonald (Hamilton). Subs – Findlay, Munro.

Football news - The last time that Buckie had scored seven goals was on March 11 1995 against Nairn County at Victoria Park when the score was 7-1. The beat Golspie Sutherland 8-0 in the Scottish Qualifying Cup in 2001.

Rovers had an idle day – teams involved in the 'Scottish'

Dec 13 **Buckie Rovers 0 New Elgin 2 (L) 'Early gifts for Rovers' visitors'**

Rovers: Knight, Robertson, Campbell, Fraser, Green, Stephen, McPherson, M. Smith, Wood, Simpson (N. Smith), Philip (Grant), Subs – Bell, Leslie, Ingram.

Buckie Thistle 1 Rothes 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, McGuigan (Munro), R. Davidson (Hamilton), Small, R. Smith, Shewan, Scott, Low, McDonald, Subs – Grant, MacGregor, Clarke.

Dec 20 **No football**

- Dec 27 **No football**
- 2006**
- Jan 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 1 (H/L)**
- Jan 10 **Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 5 (L)** **Note.** Forres were the best team to play the Rovers this season so far, according to A. L. Nath.
- Huntly 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**
- Jan 17 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 1 Gordon Williamson Trophy 1st Round**
- Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Buckie: Main, Murray (R. Davidson), Lamberton, Souter, Grant, Small, N. Davidson, Munro, Shewan, Low (McGuigan) and MacDonald (Smith), Subs – Pirie, Clarke.
- Jan 24 **Fochabers 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** *“The Speysiders do the double over nearest neighbours.”*
Fochabers – Munro, A. Burnett, Ramsay, Gibson, McPherson, Stuart, Burchill, Grant, I. Burnett, Blackhall, Robertson. Subs Grassick and Henderson (used) Cheyne, Lamont and Downey.
Rovers - Knight, Campbell (Grant), Robertson, Fraser, Stewart, McMullan, Stephen, Philip (Mair), Wood (McPherson), Green, Smith. Subs – Ingram. Simpson.
- Jan 31 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 1 (L)** ‘Rovers play Well to Win This Coastal Derby’.
- Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *‘Roths deserved at least one point’*
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- Football news - A new team from Buckie is set to grace the opening of the Moray and District Welfare League, due to kick off in April. *Buckie Victoria* has been formed as part of plans, entitled ‘Future for Football’ hatched by Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers. The new team are set to play in the first division of the league. Dennis Clark, former player and manager with Buckie Rovers is involved with the new team. Training will start in mid February with friendly games being played every Sunday until the season starts. The rationale behind the setting up of this new team is to give lads of 15 and over a chance to play football to compensate for the lack of school football in the area. It is also seen as an important step in developing local players with a view to improving their chances of stepping up to Junior and Highland League football, hopefully with Buckie Rovers and Buckie Thistle respectively.**
- Thistle Goalkeepers** - A photograph in this week’s ‘Advertiser’ showed two former Thistle keepers and the present day custodian – Johnnie Low who played from 1956 to 1965; Brian ‘Joe’ Wood from 1973 to 1981 and t Kevin Main who came to Buckie from Lossiemouth in 2002
- Feb 7 **Buckie Thistle 2 Fort William 1 (H/L)** For the second week in succession the Thistle were fortunate to collect full points. The scribe felt that Fort William was robbed.
- RAF Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *‘Rovers Do the Business in Dour Struggle’*
Rovers: Knight, Ingram (K. Stewart), Stephen, D. Stewart, Robertson, Fraser, Grant, Green, Smith (Bell), Munro (Simpson), McPherson.
- Feb 14 **Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian’s 3 (L)** Kennedy had all three goals for Nairn
- Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** Winning goal scored by John Coutts.
- Feb 21 **Buckie Thistle 5 Wick Academy 0 (H/L)** *‘Coutts was the man for Buckie’*
Buckie: Main, Shewan, Lamberton, N. Davidson, R. Davidson, Grant, Scott (Small) R. Smith (MacGregor), Bruce (Low), Coutts and MacDonald. Subs. Murray and Stewart.

- Buckie Rovers 2 Whitehills 1 (L)** *'Rovers Carry the Luck'*
- Feb 28 **Kinloss 1 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)**
- Cove Rangers 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *“The final curtain as regards the Thistle’s championship hopes.”*
- Mar 7 **Snow wins** - A ‘white-out’ no football in Buckie or in much of the north as heavy snow blanketed the playing fields.
- Mar 14 **Buckie Rovers 0 Bishopmill 1 (L)**
Rovers: Knight, Mair, Bell, D. Stewart, Robertson, McMullan, Campbell (Grant), McPherson, Smith, Green (Munro), and Philip. Subs – Leslie, Ingram and K. Stewart.
- Buckie Thistle 1 Forres Mechanics 1 (H/L)**
- Mar 21 **Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**
Rovers: Knight, Grant (K. Stewart), Bell (Ingram), D. Stewart, Robertson, McMullan, Leslie (Campbell), Fraser, Smith, Munro and Philip. Subs Herd and Clark.
- Clachnacuddin 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, Grant, R. Davidson (McGregor), Small, N. Davidson (R. Smith), Shewan, Low, Coutts (Bruce) and MacDonald
- Football news - This edition carried a piece from Mark Duncan, President of Buckie Thistle, in which he criticised the management of Buckie Rovers for underhand doings concerning players. This was to lead on to a lot of mud slinging from Mr Duncan and Keith Ingram manager of Buckie Rovers that was to continue through to April 25 with each letter becoming more and more vitriolic. Gary Innes, a Rovers committee man and player also got in on the act.** (My opinion is that for the sake of both clubs and everyone concerned with them it would have been better if it all had been left unsaid. - A. F.)
- Mar 28 **New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)**
Rovers: Knight, Ingram, D. Ingram, Bell, Innes, P. Robertson, Fraser, L. McPherson, Campbell (K. Ingram), Smith, D. Stewart (K. Stewart), Herd (A. McPherson), Subs. Clark and D. Robertson.
- Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (Highland League Cup)**
- April 11 **Buckie Rovers 2 Lossiemouth United 2 (L).** *“A First Class Coastal Derby”*
- Apr 18 **Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (Highland League Cup) Nairn won 3-0 on penalties.)**
“Penalty Pain Destroys Dream”.
Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton, Grant, R. Davidson, Small, N. Davidson, Munro (Shewan), Bruce (Scott), Coutts (Low) and Macdonald. Subs R. Smith and Angus.
- Rovers had no game**
- April 25 **Rovers had no game**
- Aug 8 **Buckie Rovers 0 Formartine 8 (Grill League Cup)**
Rovers: Fox, Bell, Sievwright (Thain), Low (Leslie), Stewart (Philip), Fraser, Stephen, Sopel, Green, Fielding. Subs – Ingram, Thomson.
- August 15 **Buckie Rovers 0 Longside 3 - Grill League**
- RAF Lossie 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
- Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 1 (H/L)**
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- Aug 22 **Buckie Rovers 3 Whitehills 3 (L)**
Rovers: Fox, Stephen, Sievwright, Slater, D. Garrett. Stewart, Philip (Fraser), Grant, Sopel, M. Green, Fielding (D. Green), Subs – Leslie, K. Stewart, G. Stewart. (Wed)
- East End 6 Buckie Rovers 1 (o.g) (Grill League Cup)**

Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Murray, Lamberton (Smith), Shewan, R. Davidson, Grant, Matheson (Mackinnon), Munro, Bruce, Coutts, Low. Subs – Hamilton, Clark and Strong.

Aug 29 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Scottish Qualifying Cup (North) 1st Round.**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 1 (L) '*Champion Show by the Rovers*' (Wed.)

Glentanar 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (Grill League) (Sat)

Rovers: John Riddoch, Bryan Bell, Darren Stewart, (Copt.), Darren Leslie, Kevin Stewart, Duncan Philip. David Ingram, M. Green, Craig Grant, Kevin Sopel and Dale Munro. Subs Kenny Munro, Scot Davidson, Jamie Sutherland.

Sept 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 3 (H/L)**

Football news - New signings for the Thistle – Defender, Lewis Duguid and Scott Robinson both 17 from Dyce Boys Club. Also signed Dale Fraser (19) another defender.; a local lad who had been out with the Rovers Recently they signed Darren Strong a goalkeeper from Rothes and Matthew Edmund a striker from Hermes . Winger Shane Clark has been loaned to Junior Premier Side Islavale.

Lads Club 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (Grill League) Rovers: Fox, Bell, Sievwright (Innes), Ingram D. Stewart, Philip, Garrett, Leslie (K. Stewart), Sopel, Sutherland, Grant (Munro),

Sept 12 **Nairn St Ninian's 8 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Sept 19 **Buckie Rovers 1 Dyce Juniors 5 (Regional Cup)**

Wick Academy 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Quarter Final of Scottish Qualifying Cup (North)

Buckie: Main, Murray (McKinnon), Lamberton, Small, R. Davidson (Shewan), Grant, Matheson, Munro, Bruce, Coutts, (Low), N. Davidson. Subs. Edmund and Strong.

Sept 26 **Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 2 Replay of ¼ of the Scottish Qualifying Cup

Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle 2 Keith 0 (H/L)**

***** **OVD Scottish Junior Cup. 1st round - Buckie Rovers 0 Lochee United 8**

Rovers: John Duguid, Sutherland (Mair), Wilson, Sievwright, Stewart, Philip, Grant, Stephen, Sopel, Green (Smith), Garret. Subs McCallun (used), Leslie and Fox (G. K)

Oct 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 2 Aberdeenshire Shield** (Wed. night.)

Buckie: Strong, Shewan, Lamberton, Small, R. Davidson, Fraser, Matheson, Hamilton, Mackinnon, Bruce, N. Davidson. (Dale Fraser formerly a player with Buckie Youths also played for the Rovers before signing for Buckie in September.)

Buckie Rovers 1 Maud 5 (Inter-Regional Cup)

Oct 17 **Lossiemouth United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)**

Rovers: Fox, Grant, Bell (Stephen), Slater, Stewart, Philip, M. Smith, N. Smith, Garrett, Munro (Mair), Fielding (Sopel), Sub – M. 'Scammers' Smith.

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (Qualifying Cup)

Football news - Buckie put John Coutts on the transfer list. He had asked to be rested for four weeks and now has said that he doesn't want to play. Said by a committee man to be one of the finest players to play for Buckie for many years. (He signed later for Deveronvale.)

Oct 24 **Buckie Rovers 2 Fochabers 3 (L)**

Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 Replay of the semi final of the Qualifying Cup.

Oct31 **Buckie Thistle 2 Nairn County 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (L) Nikki Smith had a hat-trick.

- Nov 7 **Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)**
Rovers: Mike Munro, Wood (Innes), Bell, Low, Stewart, Philip, Garrett, N. Smith, Sopel, Green (Mair), M. Smith (Grant). Sub John Duguid (G.K)
- Wick 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**
Buckie: Kevin Main, Jamie Shewan, Paul Lamberton, Kevin Small, Ritchie Davidson, Michael Grant, Andy Matheson, Donnie Munro, Stephen Bruce, Lewis Mackinnon, Mark Hamilton. Subs – David Angus, Neil Murray, James Lawrie, **Mark Wood** and Darren Strong (G.K) Note the presence of Mark **Wood** on the bench. He came on as a substitute in the second half.
- Football news** - Mark Wood and Mike Laing, both, who played for the Rovers at one time, played for Rothes against Huntly this week.
- Nov 14 **Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 0 (H/L)** *‘Jags Maul the Tigers’*
- Nairn St Ninian’s 2 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** *‘Rovers Do Well to Topple League Leaders’*
- Nov 21 **Bishopmill 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)** the game was played at Pinefield as Deanshaugh is under re-development.
- Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 0 (H/L)**
- Nov 28 **The Rovers didn’t have a game**
- Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 2 (H/L)**
- Dec 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**
- Buckie Rovers 2 Burghead Thistle 1 (L)**
- Dec 12 **Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 0 Tennent’s Scottish Cup 2nd round**
Buckie: Main, Stewart, Lamberton Small, R. Davidson (MacDonald), Grant, Matheson, Munro, Bruce, Coutts (MacKinnon), N. Davidson (Hamilton), Subs – Angus and Strong.
- New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**
Rovers: Duguid, Thomson, Bell, Low, Stewart, Philip (Grant), S. Mair, Garrett, N. Smith, Munro (R. Mair), M. Smith (Sopel), Subs – Fielding, Wilson.
- Dec 19 **Buckie Rovers 1 Lossiemouth United 1 (L)** With the Thistle game off at Fort William on account of a waterlogged pitch and other junior games off because of pitches being frost bound there was a bigger crowd than normal at the game.
- Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)** Mark Chisholm, ‘Vale captain’ scored an own goal in the last minute.
- Lossiemouth United 6 Buckie Rovers 1 Gordon Williamson Trophy 2nd round** could have been 8-6
- Dec 30 **Forres Mechanics 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
- Fochabers 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) a disaster** – The Rovers had enough chances to win and win well and threw the points away.
- 2007**
- Jan 9 **Buckie Rovers 2 Nairn St Ninian’s 3 (L)**
Rovers: Duguid, M. Smith, Bell, Low (Ingram), Stewart, Philip, Garrett, Green, N. Smith, Munro (S. Mair), R. Mair (Sopel) Subs – Thomson, Leslie. **Note.** Duguid was a P. E. Teacher at Buckie High.
- Clachnacuddin 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** **The Thistle returned to top of the league unbeaten for more than a year.**
Buckie: Main, Shewan, Lamberton, Small, R. Davidson (Smith), Angus, MacKinnon, Munro, Bruce (Hamilton), Coutts and Low (Edmond). Sub Strong.
- Jan 16 **The Rovers had no game**

Buckie Thistle had a free date

Jan 23 **Burghead Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Cove Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) Undefeated now since January 14 2006

Jan 30 **Buckie Thistle 5 Brora Rangers 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 1 Bishopmill United 2 (L)

Feb 6 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *'Magnificent Run Over'* Thistle unbeaten in the H/L for more than a year goes as they are cuffed by Keith. Well done the cyards, says I.

Buckie Rovers 4 Whitehills 0 (L)

Rovers: Duguid, Leslie, Bell, Wilson, Stewart, Philip, Mair, **Grant** (Thomson), N. Smith, M. Smith, R. Mair (Green). Subs – Wood and Ingram. Was this going to be Craig Grant's last appearance for the Rovers. He was the only Elgin- side player left playing for the Rovers when there were eight at the start of the season in 2005.

Feb 13 **RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (L)** *'Keeper receive great cheer'*.

Note - The Rovers had Graham Flynn in goal in place of John Duguid who was a reserve. He went on late as an outfield player and scored the last goal of the game. Flynn had experience in the H/L with Lossiemouth.

Buckie versus the Clach game was put off on ground conditions (ice) after the Inverness had travelled.

Feb 20 **Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Nairn St Ninian's 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) Nairn scored from a penalty given in the last minute of normal time to win the game.

Feb 27 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inverurie Locos 1 (H/L)** *'A Titanic Struggle by Two Top Teams'* was the Jagsman's title to his report.

Buckie Rovers 4 New Elgin 1 (L) **Note-** New Elgin last year's champions and the year before were but a shadow of their team then with a number of players having been lost to the Highland League. The Rovers played quite well when they got going.

***** **Fochabers won the Scotscup Division 2 League** after winning their game against RAF Lossie by 8 goals to 1. **Note-** This was the first time that the Speysiders, who now describe themselves as the 'Bears', had won the league for twenty one years.

Mar. 6 **Lossiemouth 1 Buckie Thistle 2 Highland League Cup**

Buckie; Main. Shewan, Lamberton, Small, R. Davidson, Grant (Low), Matheson (Stewart), Munro, Bruce, Coutts, Mackinnon. Subs – Angus, Hamilton, Strong (G. K).

Fochabers 5 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) The Rovers were leading by three goals at one point in the game. For interest sake - the last time that the Rovers had beaten Fochabers was in November 2002, nae something for them to be pleased about.

Fochabers were presented with the League Trophy prior to the kick off, this being handed over to the team captain Duncan Lamont, a Buckie loon, by John Kelly of Scotscup, Bookies, sponsor of the league.

Mar. 13 **Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 1 (L)** **the last league game of season 2006/07**

The Rovers' team was – Graham Flynn, Darren Leslie, Bryan Bell, Nicky Low, Darren Stewart, Duncan Philip, Scott Mair, Dale Munro, Nikki Smith, Anthony Wilson and Michael Smith. Subs Ryan Mair, Michael (Zu-Zu) Smith (all used) Darren Wood and John Duguid (GK).

Note. A minute's silence was observed prior to the match in memory of Georgie Grant. George played football for Fochabers in the Juniors and also played for Buckie Thistle. He was often an onlooker at the Rovers' home games.

Mar 20 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 1 Highland League Cup AET – (Buckie won 5-4 on penalties)** **Note-** *'Buckie knock the holders out of the Highland League Cup to set up a home semi-final against Nairn County on April 14 giving the Jags a great chance to appear in the final for the first time since 1987,'*

said the report on the game. .

Rovers didn't have a game - With their league programme now completed the Rovers were idle

Mar 27 **Rovers were again idle**

Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)

Apr 3 **Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"pulsating encounter"* Neither of the clubs did themselves a favour in the race to be Highland League Champs as the other contenders all won.

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 3 - Subsidiary League Cup (What a name!)

Rovers: Flynn, Wilson Bell; Low, Stewart, Philip (Mitchell), S. Mair, Munro (R. Mair) N. Smith (Thomson), Mike Smith, Michael Smith (Zu-Zu). Subs – Darren Leslie and David Ingram. Nikki Smith and Michael Smith are brothers and sons of Michael 'Scammers' Smith.

Apr 10 **Buckie Thistle 1 Inv. Clach 1 (H/L) (Wed)**

Rothies 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie – Main, Shewan, MacDonald (N. Davidson), MacKinnon, Matheson, Munro, Bruce, Coutts and Hamilton, Subs – Grant, Stewart, Angus and Strong (GK)

Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 1 Subsidiary League Cup Sec. 2

Rovers – Flynn, Thomson (Philip), Bell, Low, Stewart, Leslie, S. Mair, Munro (Mitchell), Mike Smith, Michael Smith (Zu-Zu) (N. Smith), and R. Mair. Subs – Ingram and Duguid (G.K)

Apr 17 **Rovers had an idle day**

Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 semi –final of the Highland League Cup. **Note** - Not since 1987 had the Jags tasted victory in a Highland League Cup semi-final but that long wait ended with a merited, if uninspiring win, over Nairn County at Victoria Park on Saturday, said match reporter 'Jagsman' (Easton Thain who had been writing the reports on the Thistle's games for a few year's past, taking over from Bill Lobban.)

Apr 24 **Portgordon Victoria 8 St Marnans 2 Elgin and District Welfare League** *First game of season*

Vics. Riddoch, Clark, Simpson (Slater), D. Leslie, Innes, Thain, Davidson, Smith, Thursby, M. Leslie (Christie), McLaughlin (Morrison). Subs Johnston and Markuszeuski

Note - The name of the team was changed from **Buckie Victoria** to **Portgordon Victoria** as they were to play their home games on Portgordon's ground.

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie Rovers 6 Whitehills 2 semi-final of North Section Subsidiary Cup

May 1 **Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 2 (H/L)** *"Title Dream Dies"*

Buckie: Main, Shewan, McDonald, Small, R. Davidson, Grant (Angus), Stewart, Munro, Bruce, Coutts and Hamilton (Lamberton), Subs – Matheson, Urquhart.

Inverurie Locos 3 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *Last League game for Buckie, they finished up with 56 points from 26 games played with a third place behind Inverurie and Keith.*

May 8 ***** **Keith 3 Nairn County 0 (H/L)** *Keith won the Highland League on goal difference with Inverurie Locos coming second after they could only draw with Cove Rangers Keith last won the Highland League in the year 2000.*

Keith: Shearer, Watt, Lonie, Robertson, Nicol, Keith (Still), Donaldson (Lennox), Walker (Craig)), Perry, Somers and Wood.

It had been a good season for the 'Maroons' having won the under 19 Highland Cup, the Aberdeenshire League and Aberdeenshire Shield and were beaten finalists in the Qualifying Cup

***** **Final of the North Subsidiary Cup - Buckie Rovers 2 Hall Russell's 2 - H/R's won 5-4 on penalties.** The game was played at Turriff on Thursday evening.

Rovers: John Riddoch, John Mitchell, Bryan Belle, Nicky Low, Darren Stewart, Duncan Philip, Scott Mair,

Dale Munro, Mike Smith, Michael Smith (Scott Thomson), and Ryan Mair, subs -Gary Innes, Darren Leslie, David Ingram and Graham Flynn (G.K)

May 15 **Portgordon Victoria 2 Moray Police 0** (Welfare League)

Vics: Riddoch, Smith, Simpson, Clark, Johnston, D. Thain (Thursby), Davidson, Christie, Leslie (Coull), McLaughlin (Morrison). Unused subs. - Slater and Markuszeuski.

Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 5 Final of the Highland League Cup played at Princess Royal, Park, and Banff. *"Nightmare at Banff"* was the heading to the report by 'Jags Man' (Easton Thain.)

Buckie: Main, Shewan, Grant (Hamilton), Small (Urquhart), R. Davidson, MacKinnon, Matheson (Strong), N. Davidson, Bruce, Coutts and McDonald. Subs - Angus and Robison.

Keith: Shearer, Watt, Lonie, Robertson, Perry, Nicol, Donaldson, Walker (Lennox), Keith, Wood, (Craig), Somers (Still). Subs - Niddrie, Cheyne. Keith had a hat-trick, the first player to do in the Highland League Cup final since Ally Christie, also of Keith in season 1975/76. The other scorers were Donaldson and Craig.

May 22 **Cats Whiskers 2 Portgordon Victoria 1 Mike Simpson Memorial Trophy** (Scribe - Daniel Mair)

May 29 **Keith Thistle 2 Portgordon Victoria 3 (W/L)** scribe - Daniel Mair

Buckie United 4 Portgordon Victoria 2 in the Planwell Cup (W/L)

United - Belcher, McIntosh (Davidson), Bain, Costello, Farquhar, Miller, Main, smith, Thain (Russell), Duthie, Wood (Mair). Subs. Bruce and Gardiner.

Victoria - Riddoch, Clark, Slater, D. Leslie, Johnston, D. Thain, Davidson, Smith (G. Thain), Christie, M. Leslie, (Coull), McLaughlin (Morrison). Subs. Simpson and MacPherson.

Change of title - The Highland League that came into being in 1898 changed its name this week to

June 5 **Portgordon Victoria 4 Banff Rovers 3 (W/L)** *"Vital win for the Vics"*, said scribe Daniel Mair Banff Rovers were potential title challengers.

Football news - Buckie lad Jamie Cooper has been recognised for his football skills by Huntly Football Club's Under 16 squad. The youngster was named as the Manager's Player of the Year and he received a trophy from footballing legend Kevin Keegan, who visited the squad's training session recently. Kevin Keegan talked to the team, watched the youngsters during their trials and signed autographs... Huntly youth squad, which started last year, attracts a number of players from the Buckie area.

Football news - Local youngsters who enjoy playing football are being encouraged to sign up for regular training with Huntly Youth Football Club.

The club attracts members from Buckie, Keith, and Huntly areas and is currently on the lookout for new players in the under 13s (born after January 1 1995) and under 14s (born after January 1 1994) age groups.

Huntly Youth Team first entered a 17s team in Aberdeen Juvenile Football League in 2004 and 2005. Some of these players are now playing with Highland League teams at 19s and 21s. It is hoped that the teams can keep moving forward and enjoy success.

Training begins on Friday June from 7.00pm at Huntly's all weather pitch. Any players and adults who can help should attend on the night or contact John Veitch on xxxxxx xxxxxx

June 12 **Football news** - Manager Duncan Shearer signed 22 year old Craig MacMillan from Cove Rangers. He is said to be a prolific goal-scorer having scored 23 goals last season, 20 of these being in the Highland League. It is believed that he has cost the club a fee in the five figure category. He has penned a three year deal.

MacMillan is from Inverness as is Shearer and he had first knowledge of the player having him as a youngster when he and 'Pele' Paterson were with Caley Thistle. Shearer describes the capture of MacMillan as being a great coup for Buckie Thistle.

June 19 **Portgordon Victoria 11 Lossie Inn 0 (W/L)**

Vics: Barclay, Clark and McPherson (Smith); D. Leslie, Johnston and D. Thain; Christie, Davidson (G. Thain), Thursby, M. Leslie, and McLaughlin (Morrison). Subs. Slater and Innes.

June 26 **Football news - Buckie Thistle** - Manager Duncan Shearer has announced his latest signings for the club. They are Graham 'Spider' Stewart who has decided to remain with the club after it was believed he was to move elsewhere and Craig McMillan who has been bought from Cove Rangers. MacMillan scored 23 league goals for Cove last year and it is hoped that he will improve on this with Buckie. With the loss of Donnie Munro from left midfield the position it seems will now be filled by Stewart.

Brander Arms 3 Portgordon 5 (W/L) report by Daniel Mair.

Vics. Barclay, Clark and McPherson; D. Leslie (Johnston), Innes and Smith; Christie, Davidson (Thain), Thursby, M. Leslie and McLaughlin (Slater). Subs. Morrison and Markuszeuski.

Football news - Fochabers who were League Champions of the Scotscup north section of the juniors in season 2006/07 will not be playing next season as they were unable to find a manager to replace the one who led them to success but who has now gone to senior club Peterhead. Deveronside, however, who had a year in abeyance are to make a come back.

July 3 **Vic Bar 1 Portgordon Victoria 7 Welfare League Football** report written by Keith Sinclair.
“The win made it the Vics seventh win out of eight games - an impressive performance by any standards.”

July 10 **Tomintoul 6 Portgordon Victoria 1 (W/L)** as they say football is a funny old game.

Thistle's latest signing - The latest player to join the Victoria Park side is 18 year old Brian Neill, a former prospect with Aberdeen F.C. He normally plays in midfield but the two-footed player may well find himself playing in a more defensive role to plug the gap left by the departing club captain Paul Lamberton

July 17 **Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen 3 (F)** This was a testimonial game for long serving player and team captain Paul Lamberton who will be absent next season as he and his wife go off on a world-wide trip.
Buckie; Main (Strong), Shewan (G. Grant), Lamberton, Angus (M. Grant), Matheson (Urquhart), Mackinnon (Small), T. Low (Hamilton), (Craik), Neill (R. Davidson), Bruce (Green), MacMillan (Edmond), MacDonald (McPherson). A number of former team -mates made guest appearances.
Aberdeen: Langfield, Touzani (Severin), D. Smith, Nicholson (Maguire), Diamond, Considine, Foster (Mair), Clark (Lovell), Brewster (De Visscher), Mackie and Heauval. Sub. Kelly.

Another Thistle signing - Last Monday saw manager Duncan Shearer succeed in capturing former Peterhead wing wizard Tony Low on a one year deal.

Low worked with Shearer when the pair was at Caley Thistle before the former moved to Nairn County. Low it will be noticed was in the Buckie side in the Lamberton testimonial game.

Football news - A new sponsor's suite was opened at Victoria Park on Sunday afternoon by Aberdeen F.C. manager Jimmy Calderwood. This has been created where the old board room used to be at a cost of £25,000. The lounge can accommodate 40-50 people on match days and includes two plasma TV's and an excellent sound system.

July 24 **Culter 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (F)** “A super performance by the Jags' new signing Tony Low capped by two fine goals that secured the Jags victory was the highlight of the game against the current North Super League (Juniors) champions.
Buckie: Main, Shewan (Stewart), Lamberton, Grant (Angus), R. Davidson (Urquhart), Mackinnon (Small), T. Low, Neill, Bruce, MacMillan and MacDonald (Hamilton).

July 31 **Buckie Rovers 5 Nairn St Ninians 0 (F)**
Rovers - David Mair, Ross Thomson, Bryan Bell, James Matheson, Michael Smith (Scott Mair), Steve Lyon, Nikki Smith, Michael (Zu-Zu) Smith, Shaun Clark, Paul Forbes, Ryan Mair. Subs. Michael Smith (Scammers), David Robertson and David Ingram.

Football news - Nicky Low, who works offshore and whose home now is in Aberdeen was finding the travelling through to Buckie tedious was transferred to Ellon United with a good sized fee coming the Rovers' way.

Portgordon Vics. 8 Cullen 2 in the W. J. Tewnion Trophy.

Victoria - Barclay, Clark, Slater (Markuszeuski), D. Leslie, Innes, Thain, Johnston, Smith, Thursby, M. Leslie, McLaughlin (Morrison). Subs. Riddoch, Christie (neither used).

Cullen - Buchan, Zielinski, Stewart, Coull, Mill, Strachan, R. Mair, S. Strachan, S. Mair, Grant (Ross), I. Mair. Sub. Sinclair (not used).

Football news - Cullen were a Premier League team, so that this was a first class result for the Vics who play in the league below.

Buckie Thistle 1 Banks of Dee 0 (F)

Buckie- Strong, Shewan (Matheson), R. Davidson (Urquhart), MacKinnon (Grant), Stewart, Small, Hamilton (N. Davidson), Neill, Bruce (Edmond), MacMillan, T. Low (MacDonald). Subs. Lamberton, Angus, Main (G.K)

Aug 7 **Dufftown 3 Buckie Rovers 2 in the Grill League Cup** “*Rovers deserved better.*”

Buckie Rovers 2 Deveronside 3 in the Grill League Cup - “*Bogey team return to haunt the Rovers.*”

Rovers: David Mair, Thomson, Forbes, Matheson, Bell, Lyon, Grant (S. Mair), Michael Smith (Stewart), N. Smith, Mike Smith, R. Mair. Subs. Leslie, Ingram, and N. Mair.

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L) First game. “*Wing Wonders Wizardy.*”

Buckie: Strong, Shewan, Lamberton (R. Davidson), Grant, Stewart (N. Davidson), Small, T. Low, Neill (Matheson), MacKinnon, MacMillan and MacDonald. Subs - Urquhart and Edmond.

Moray Police 2 Portgordon Victoria 5 (W/L) “*Police Cop it from Vics.*”

Victoria: Riddoch, Marandola, Slater, D. Leslie, Clark, Thain, McLaughlan, Smith, Christie, M. Leslie and Morrison. Subs - Innes and Markuszeuski.

Aug 14 **Whitehills 1 (o.g.) Buckie Rovers 0 Grill League Cup** - “*Nae Muckle Tae Write Hame Aboot.*”

Aug 21 **Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 2 (L)** The Rovers had on a new strip, the traditional all white with black lines around top of the socks. This was given by President of the club and assistant manager, David Robertson of J. P. Pozzi. Newsagents, Buckie.

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United (L) (Tuesday)

Rovers: Flynn, Ingram, Bell, S. Mair, Innes, Lyon, Thomson, Stewart, N. Smith (Clark), Mike Smith, R. Mair (Munro). Sub. M. Smith ‘Scammers’.

Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle in the semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup.

Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L) ‘*Deadly Finishing Tames Tigers*’ was the ‘Jagsman’s headline

Buckie: Main, Shewan, Grant, MacRae (R. Davidson), Matheson, Small, Low, Neill, MacKinnon, MacMillan and MacDonald (Bruce). Subs. Lamberton, Stewart and Strong (G.K.)

Aug 28 **Buckie Thistle had a free date**

Sunnybank 3 Buckie Rovers 3 in 1st round of the Sunnybank went through 8-7 on penalties.

The Aberdeen side play in the Premier League two leagues above the Rovers. The Rovers put on a very good performance and were leading 3 -2 when the ‘Bank score the equalising goal in the last minute of normal time.

Rovers - Flynn, Thomson, Bell, Matheson, Stewart, Michael Smith, Mike Smith, N. Smith, Forbes, R. Mair, S. Mair. Subs. Munro and S. Clark (both used) D. Clark.

Sept 4 **Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)**

Forres Mechanics 5 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Shewan, Grant, Macrae, Matheson, (R. Davidson), Small, T. Low, (Stewart), Neill, MacKinnon, MacMillan (Bruce) and R. Davidson. Subs - Hamilton, Strong (GK)

Sept 11 **Buckie Rovers had a free date.**

Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L)

Keith 0 Deveronvale 4 semi final of Challenge Cup I was at the match in Keith, the first time that I watched the ‘Maroons’ play for over twenty years and was left much disappointed with the play of the Highland League champions. This was their first defeat in 23 games. Here they were over run by Deveronvale. Mark Chisholm former Rovers’ player and ‘Vale captain was a star for the Banff side and scored one of the goals.

Sept 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 0 Aberdeenshire Cup Final played at Huntly.**

Buckie: Main, Shewan, R. Davidson, MacKinnon, Matheson Small, T. Low, MacRae, Bruce (Edmond), Macmillan and Hamilton (Stewart), Subs - Angus, A. Low and Strong (G.K)

Keith: Shearer, Watt, Lonie, Mackay (McSween), Niddrie, Perry, Still, Walker, Somers (Craig) and O’Driscoll (Nicol), Subs. Lennox and Cheyne (G.K)

Burghead Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)

Rovers: McConnachie, Fraser, Bell, Innes, Stewart, Lyon, N. Smith, Munro (Michael Smith), S. Mair, (R. Mair) and Mike Smith. Subs Philip (used) and Thomson.

Portgordon Victoria 3 Lhanbryde United 1 (W/L)

Victoria: Riddoch, Marandola (Gerrie), Slater, Clark, Johnston, Cormack, Christie, Smith, Thursby, Leslie and McLaughlin. Sub. Morrison (unused).

Sept 25 **Lossiemouth F. C. 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)**

Hillhead 3 Buckie Rovers 2 in the 1st Round of the G.A. Inter Regional Cup (Hillhead were a Premier League side.)

Oct 2 **Buckie Rovers 3 Deveronside 4 (L)** Rovers denied by a keeper who had a miraculous game. David Mair (Fu-fu) was in the Rovers' goal in place of regular keeper Darren McConnachie who was required by Lossiemouth F.C. McConnachie was only on loan.

Glasgow University 1 Buckie Thistle 2 1st round of the Scottish Cup

Oct 9 **St Rochs 1 Buckie Rovers 0 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup - "Rovers Hopes Go Down The Clyde"**

We are told that the Glasgow team were lucky to hold on to their one goal lead with the Rovers having by far the better of the second half. In financial terms it didn't pay the Rovers to draw as they would have had to pay the expenses of the south side, so that it was a win or nothing

Rovers - John Riddoch, Forbes, Bell, Stewart, Matheson (Munro), Lyon, N. Smith, S. Mair, Mike Smith, Clark (Fielding), Philip (Thomson). The two keepers that had been playing for the Rovers for the past month or so, McConnachie and Mair were gone. McConnachie, who was on loan from Lossiemouth F. C. had been recalled while David Mair had been signed by Rothes. This puts the Rovers in something of a fix since John Riddoch is not always available.

Portgordon Victoria 3 Brander Arms 5 (W/L) "*Vics Finish On A Low*" being beaten here and at home by a team in mid table after a disappointing show.

Buckie Thistle 2 Rothes 1 (H/L) Buckie score the winner in the last minute to remain at the top of the Highland League with 15 points from 6 games played

Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeenshire Shield (Wed) Buckie were losing 2-0 after ten minutes of play "*A remarkable Recovery.*"

Oct 16 **RAF Lossie 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** The Rovers were short of a number of regulars who chose to go to Hampden to watch Scotland play the Ukraine rather than play for the Rovers. A number of youngsters had to be drafted in to fill their places.

Rovers - John Riddoch, R. Thomson, Keith Clark, James Matheson, Anthony Wilson, Steven Lyon, Kyle Stewart, (Gareth Thain), Dale Munro, Shane Clark, Scott Mair, Ryan Mair. Subs - Russell McLaughlin, Mike 'Scammers' Smith, David 'Pozzi' Robertson. The goal scorers were Shane Clark and Scott Mair.

Deveronvale Buckie Thistle (H/L)

Buckie: Main, Neill, Duncan, MacKinnon, Matheson, Small, T. Low (Hamilton), MacRae, Bruce (A. Low), MacMillan, Stewart (Edmond), Subs - Angus, Urquhart.

Buckie had their latest signing Robert Duncan from Cove Rangers in the team at left back.

Portgordon Victoria 1 Buckie United 4 in the Final of the W. J. Tewnion Trophy played at Kynoch Park. Keith.

Portgordon - Riddoch, Cormack, Slater (Marandola), Clark, Johnston, Thain, Christie, Smith, Thursby, Gerrie (Morrison), McLaughlin. Sub. Markuszeuski.

United: Wilson, Reid (McLean), Bain, Costello, Innes, Paterson, Main (Smith), Farquhar, Duthie (Bruce), Findlay, Wood. Subs. Russell and Thain.

The more experienced United came out on top in this encounter but the young Portgordon team have reason to be proud of their performances this season, beating Premier League teams on their way to the Final and coming second to Tomintoul in the League, which means they will be playing in the Premier League next season.

Oct 23 **Buckie Thistle 2 Inverurie Locos 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Main, Neill, Duncan, MacKinnon, Matheson, Small, Hamilton, (MacDonald), Macrae, A. Low

(Edmond), MacMillan (Bruce), Stewart. Subs. Angus and Strong. Buckie had new signing from Cove Rangers Bob Duncan in their line up.

Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 1 semi final of the Aberdeenshire Shield (Tues.)

Buckie Rovers 3 Whitehills 1 (L)

Rovers: Muir, Wilson, K. Clark (Philip), Matheson, Stewart, Lyon, M. Smith, Munro, S. Clark (Thomson), S. Mair (N. Smith), R. Mair. Subs. Fielding, Fraser.

Oct 30 **Lossiemouth United 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L)** *“The young Rovers’ side deserved to draw, putting in a good shift against the potential League Champions and a team with a lot of experienced players.”*

Buckie Thistle 4 Nairn County 1 - 2nd round of the Scottish Cup *“Jags to the four in the cup,”* was the headline. obviously the ‘Jagsman’, Easton Thain was mair than delighted.

Nov. 6 **Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 0 (H/L)** report as usual by Jagsman - *‘Jags Trim Wick.*

Buckie: Main, Neill, Duncan, MacKinnon, Stewart (N. Davidson), Small (Angus), T. Low (Hamilton), MacRae, Bruce, A. Low and MacDonald. Subs - Edmond and Strong (G. K)
‘Marra’ Bruce had three goals and awarded the title of ‘Man of the Match’.

Football news - Buckie Thistle were drawn away to Greenock Morton in the third round of the Scottish Cup. The game to take place on Saturday November 27.

New Elgin 6 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) An unbelievable score line - the Rovers could have had this game won within the first 15 minutes.

Rovers: Muir (Thain), Wilson (Ord), Forbes, Philip, D. Stewart, Lyon, N. Smith, M. Smith (Munro), S. Clark, S. Mair and R. Mair. Subs. Thomson and K. Clark. Both Muir and Wilson were forced to retire with injuries.

The game was refereed by a lady official; the first time ever for the Rovers.

Nov 13 **Buckie Rovers 2 Bishopmill United 0 (L)** *“Rovers reign supreme in the rain.”*

Nairn County 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) *“Wingers Wonderful Winners”*, was how the ‘Jagsman’ saw it.

Nov 20 **Buckie Thistle 3 Inverurie Locos 0 - Final of the Aberdeenshire Shield played at Huntly.** *“Superb Shield Success “was* this week’s alliteration by the ‘Jagsman’

Football news - Buckie Thistle secured this trophy for only the second time in their history, the last being in 1992. It also means that for the first time since 1986/87 the Jags have won two trophies in one season having already secured the magnificent Aberdeenshire Cup back in September when they beat Keith in the final.

Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 1 (H/L) *“A Draw was a Fair Result”* thought match reporter Allan Fraser aka A. L. Nath, a closet Keith supporter and regular Buckie Rovers match reporter, who was given promotion for the day.

Buckie: Main, Neil, Duncan, MacKinnon, Matheson, Small, Macdonald (Low) Macrae, Bruce, MacMillan (Davidson) and Stewart. Subs- Angus, Shewan and Hamilton.

Keith: Shearer, Watt, Niddrie, Nicol, Still, Mackay, Morrison, (Lennox), Donaldson, Walker, Perry and Wood. Subs - Lonie, Somers, Fyfe and Cheyne (G.K)

Nov 27 **Greenock Morton 3 Buckie Thistle 2 - Scottish Cup.** *“How Cruel Was This Score”*

Football news - Buckie were said to have played tremendously well and were most unlucky not to have brought Morton back to Buckie in a replay when the Greenock side scored the winning goal in injury time.

Said the ‘Jagsman’: Thistle raised their game to a new level and made Morton look ordinary at times. The ending was gut-wrenching.”

Lossiemouth United 5 Buckie Rovers 2 - Elginshire Cup League (a new trophy) The score did not do the Rovers any justice running their much vaunted hosts close until they scored two lucky goals in the last three minutes of the game.

Rovers: Anthony Wilson, Thomson, Bell, Matheson, Fraser, Lyon, Philip, Munro (Ingram), Clark, Mair, Smith. Subs. M. Smith senr. and Thain.

Dec 4 **Buckie Rovers 5 RAF Lossiemouth 2 Elginshire League Cup** The Rovers had Craig Masterton of Lossiemouth in goal, the sixth change of keeper this season

Cove Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Football news - The top four teams in the Highland League at this date in order were - Inverurie Locos, Buckie Thistle, Cove Rangers and Keith. The Locos had played 13 games, the Thistle 12, Cove Rangers 11 and Keith 10 with only six points separating the Locos and Keith. The bottom three in order was Rothes, Lossiemouth and Fort William last.

Dec 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 0 (H/L)**

Buckie: Main, Neill, Duncan, MacKinnon, Matheson, Small, MacDonald (Shewan), MacRae (N. Davidson), Low (Bruce), MacMillan and Stewart. Subs. Angus and Strong.

Whitehills 1 Buckie Rovers 4 Elginshire League Cup “*Rovers to the Four*”

Rovers: Barclay, Thomson (Clark), Bell, Wilson, Stewart, Philip, N. Smith, Munro (Robertson), Forbes, S. Mair (M. Smith), R. Mair. Subs Findlay and Thain.

Dec 18 **Buckie Rovers 1 Lossiemouth United 4 Elginshire Cup** - Heading read ‘*Book Early for Christmas*’ after the referee chose to book no less than ten players, five from each side.

Rovers: Masterton (on loan from Lossiemouth F.C.) Paul Forbes, Bryan Bell, Anthony Wilson (Dale Fraser), Darren Stewart, Steven Lyon, Nikki Smith, Dale Munro, Michael Smith, Duncan Philip (Paul Robertson), Ryan Mair (Shaun Clark), Subs - ? Thomson and Gareth Thain.

Football news : Lossiemouth had no less that five ex Highland League players in their line up - Marco De Barros, ex Huntly, S. Scott, ex Thistle, and Forres Mechanics , S. Mathieson, ex Forres Mechanics and D. Coull ex Lossiemouth.

Buckie Thistle 3 Clachnacuddin 1 (H/L) ‘*Jags win but that’s all.*’

Thistle: Main, Neil, Duncan, MacKinnon, Matheson (N. Davidson), Small, MacDonald, Macrae, Bruce, MacMillan (A. Low), Stewart. Subs - Angus, Shewan, Strong.

Dec 25 **Buckie Rovers had no game;** due to week-long hard frost the ground at Banff was unplayable.

Buckie Thistle had no game for the same reason. No Highland League games were played on Saturday.

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Jan 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)** This game was actually played in December, the last game of 2007.

Buckie Rovers 3 Burghead 2 (L) “*The Rovers hiv the luck o the De’il*”

Jan 15 **Buckie Thistle - game off due to ground conditions**

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Football news - Because of frost-bound grounds there were no Highland League games played while only one north Junior game went on. A great number of games throughout Scotland, at different levels were cancelled.

Jan 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 0 (H/L)**

Football news - A dream debut goal by teenager Andy Courage sealed a deserved victory for the Jags on Saturday in the club’s first game of 2008. Thrown into the deep end late on, he pounced to secure the final goal of the game after the ball broke into his path...

Buckie - Main, Neill, Duncan, Mackinnon, R. Davidson (Bruce), Small, T. Low, Macrae (Shewan), A. Low, MacMillan, McDonald (Courage.) Subs- Angus and Strong.

Deveronside 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) *A win over the old enemy*

Rovers - Wilson, Forbes, Bell, Robertson, Stewart, Philip (Clark), M. Smith (Thomson), Munro, N. Smith, S. Mair, R. Mair (Fraser), Sub- Lyon.

Jan 29 **Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Lossie 3 (L)**

Football news - The papers had this as a shock result but it wasn’t all that really. The RAF had been playing well recently and probably their best team for a long time. That being said the Rovers were understrength and their goal-scoring ability was poor on the day.

Fort William v Buckie Thistle - The game was off on account of the ground being water logged.

Feb 5 **Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 1 (H/L)** *'Jags Reclaim Top Spot'* The game at Victoria Park was one of very few games in the Highland League to take place, the ground being passed by the referee though ground conditions were far from ideal.

Football news - Buckie Thistle's championship campaign received a major boost at the weekend when Brian Neill, ex Aberdeen player, signed a two and a half year contract extension.

The Rovers' game was off - Ground conditions led to all Junior games not being played.

Feb 12 **Rothies 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Whitehills 4 (Elginshire League) *'Whitehills were worthy of their win'*

Football news - This was only the second time that Whitehills had beaten the Rovers since coming up into the Juniors, the last time was at home by and by an own goal.

The Rovers had their ninth keeper of the season in the above game. He was Steven Todd of Lossiemouth.

Feb 19 **Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 0 (H/L)**

Feb19 **Bishopmill United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** The match was played at Fochabers *'Fochabers Hoodoo Continues'*

Rovers: Wilson, Forbes, Bell, Robertson, Stewart Lyon, N. Smith, Munro (M. Smith), Clark, Mair, Thomson (Philip). Subs. G. Innes and 'Scammers'.

Buckie Thistle 0 Deveronvale 0 (H/L) *"As Close as Expected."*

Thistle: Main, Neill, Duncan, MacKinnon, R. Davidson (MacDonald), Small, T. Low, MacRae, A. Low, MacMillan (Bruce), Stewart. Subs - Shewan, Matheson and Strong.

Feb 26 **Inverurie Locos 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *"Unbeaten Run Over"*

Football note - The defeat ended a Thistle winning run that had continued from the past September.

Buckie Rovers had an idle day

Mar 4 **Buckie Thistle 2 Rothies 3 (League Cup)**

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)

Mar 11 **Buckie Thistle 3 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 2 (L) *"Rovers were Party Poopers"*

Football news: The United only required to draw to win the game but were well beaten by a rejuvenated Rovers' side that looked good on the day, scoring three crackers of goals through Nikki Smith, Steve Lyon and Scottie Mair. The Rovers had beaten the potential champs by the same score line at Merson Park earlier in the season. It was a big disappointment for the two bus loads of Lossie supporters who turned up in party mood and also for Jack Whitehead (Secretary) and the League President who came through from Aberdeen to hand over the League Cup with a win for the United seen as a certainty.

Mar 18 **Fort William 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Ugliest Win all Season"*

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 5 (L) *"Rovers go Nap in Lively Encounter"* Some great goals again

Rovers' team - Riddoch, Mike Smith, Bell, Robertson (Michael Smith), D. Stewart, Philip, N. Smith, Munro, Clark, S. Mair, R. Mair (Thomson). Sub. K. Stewart. **Note.** Michael 'Zu-Zu' Smith had just returned from Australia. He had been absent almost since the start of the season.

Football news: The United won the League when they drew with Burghead Thistle but they must have been disappointed that there were no officials on hand to hand over the trophy. It says something about how the North League is seen by those in Aberdeen.

Mar 25 **Wick Academy 2 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)** *"Hat-trick Hero (Andy Low) Downs Wick"*

Football news – The Thistle remain top of the Highland League with 53 points from 23 games played, two

points ahead of Cove Rangers who have played the same number of games. In theory Keith are still best placed to retain the title with 41 points and five games still to be played to catch up with the top two, but they have still to put the points in the bag.

Buckie Rovers 6 Whitehills 2 (L) “*Hills Suffer as Rovers Goal Spree Continues.*”

Apr 1 **Clachnacuddin 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** “*Not a Good Result*”

RAF Lossiemouth 3 Buckie Rovers 3 Elginshire League Cup “*Rovers Go Off the Boil*”

Apr 8 **Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** “*Dreams all but Shattered*”

Keith team – Shearer, Watt, Walker, Nicol, Niddrie, Somers, Still, Fyfe (Smith), Wood, Lennox (Morrison), and Donaldson (Craig) Subs – MacKay and Cheyne (GK)

Buckie team - Main, Neil, Duncan, Mackinnon, R. Davidson (MacDonald), Small, T. Low, MacRae, Bruce (Shewan), A. Low, Stewart. Subs – Matheson, N. Davidson and Strong (GK).

Buckie Rovers 2 Deveronside 0 (L) “*Greater Experience Told in the End*”

Rovers – Todd, Thomson (Clark), Bell, Forbes, Stewart, Lyon, Fraser, Munro (M. Zu-Zu Smith), Philip, Mair (Matheson), Mike Smith. Sub. N. Smith.

Apr 15 **Buckie Rovers had free date**

Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) ‘*Jags Have all the Luck*’

Apr 22 **Buckie Thistle 1 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)** ‘*It’s All Over Now*’

Buckie: Main, Neill, Duncan, Mackinnon, Matheson, Small, T. Low (Macrae), N. Davidson (Angus), Bruce, A. Low and Stewart. Subs – MacDonald, Shewan and Strong (G.K)

Football news - The defeat ended any lingering hopes that Buckie had a chance of winning the Highland League for the first time in fifty years

Football news - Duncan Shearer’s three year reign as Buckie Thistle manager came to an end on Monday when he parted company from the club, along with assistant manager Graham McBeath. Club President Mark Duncan thanked Mr Shearer for his contribution to Buckie Thistle, stating that the time had come for a change of management.

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 0 Semi-Final of the Elginshire Cup ‘*Forwards and Defence Combine to lose Rovers the Tie*’

Rovers: Todd: Thomson, Bell, Robertson, D. Stewart, Michael Smith, N. Smith, Munro, Mike Smith (R. Mair), S. Mair, Philip. Subs- Lyon and K. Stewart

Apr 29 **Fraserburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

May 6 **Bishopmill United 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** Played at Fochabers - “*Last game of season- good game*”

Rovers; Steve Todd, Paul Forbes, Bryan Bell (Capt.) Paul Robertson, Darren Stewart, Duncan Philip, Nikki Smith, Steve Lyon, Michael Smith., Scott Mair and Mike Smith. Subs – Ross Thomson, Kyle Stewart and Dale Munro.

Football news – Big Mike Smith, from Portsoy, played his last game for the Rovers having signed for Rothes in the Highland League

May 13 **Football News** - Those of us with more than a passing interest in football affairs were surprised to read the latest chapter in Buckie Thistle’s managerial history when Kevin and Doug Will were unveiled as the successors to Duncan Shearer. Back in the year 2002 the two brothers filled the positions of manager and assistant manager before leaving some years later after a disagreement between Kevin Will and Thistle President Mark Duncan. The Will brothers then managed Inverurie Locos for a spell.

Portgordon Victoria 2 Bishopmill Villa 2 (W/L) **Welfare League**

Portgordon Victoria 3 St Marnans 0 (W/L)

Victoria - Swanson, Clark, Greig, McIntosh, Johnston (Collie), Wilson, Gerries, D. Thain, G. Thain (Christie), Mair, McLaughlan. Subs – Markuzzeuski, McLean and Morrison.

- May 20 **Portgordon Victoria 1 Buckie United 2 (W/L)** *After an appeal the United were fined for plying unsigned played and had the three points deducted*
- June 3 **No football news -**
- May 27 **Portgordon Victoria 1 Rothies A 2 (W/L)** *Rothies edge close contest*
- June 17 **Portgordon Victoria 1 Burghead 3 (W/L)**
- June 24 **Football news -** Buckie Thistle's squad for the coming season received a double boost last week when the club unveiled central defender Iain Good and winger Paul Napier as their latest signings. Thirty-year-old Ian good, who counts, Aberdeen, Peterhead, Forfar Athletic and Arbroath among his former clubs, has penned a one year deal with the Jags. Paul Napier is twenty one years old and like Good is a former Aberdeen F. C. player.
- Aberlour Villa 3 Portgordon Victoria 0 (W/L)** *Aberlour were league leaders –*
- July 1 **Newmill 1 Portgordon Victoria 3 (W/L)**
- Tomintoul 1 Portgordon Victoria 3 First round of Planwell Cup**
- Football news -** Buckie Thistle Supporters' Club will be holding a membership application night at Victoria Park Hospitality Lounge. Past and present members can attend on Friday July 4 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm to fill in application forms and pay due fees. Supporters who sign up before August 15 will be entered into a free draw for four season tickets and the same number of hospitality tickets, courtesy of Buckie Thistle. The first away travel will be to Forfar on July 12 in a pre-season friendly, and a limited amount of seats are available on the coach.
- July 8 **Portgordon Victoria 4 Springfield 3 (W/L)** *Good form continues*
- Football news -** Efforts to bring midfield dynamo Donnie Munro (Fochabers lad) back to Buckie Thistle have been put on ice for the moment, although chances of a deal emerging are by no means dead. The Will brothers have added a third coach to the back ground staff, he is Duncan Ord, a former midfielder with Elgin City and Montrose.
- Friendlies -** Buckie Thistle are to play at least four pre-season friendlies. Forfar Athletic will provide the first test on July 12 then on the 19th they will be away to Turriff United. Two home ties follow, the first against Caley Thistle reserves on Wednesday July 23 with a 7.30pm kick off and on Saturday the opponents will be Elgin City.
- July 15 **Forfar Athletic 0 Buckie Thistle (F)** *'Lucky, Lucky Loons'* or so said the 'Jagsman' (Easton Thain)
Buckie – Main, Shewan (Davidson), Urquhart (Angus), Small, Good, Neill (Matheson), Hamilton (Edmond) Macrae, Bruce, Napier and MacDonald (Duncan).
- Portgordon Victoria 8 Cullen 1 (W. J. Tewnion Cup)** *'Vics cruise into the Semis'*
- Football news –** A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows manager Kevin Will with his first three signings for the Thistle – winger Paul Napier, striker Charlie Brown and defender Iain Good.
- Football news -** Thistle Treasurer, Paul Munch has reported that Season Ticket sales have been very good and up on this time last year. The tickets are priced at £80 for adults and £45 for juveniles and OAP's. The tickets are available from Slater Sports, Cluny Square, and Buckie.
- Buckie Rovers -** The club had mixed fortunes in their friendly matches played pre-season. They were beaten 4--2 away to Lossiemouth United, they beat Dufftown 1-0 at home and were trounced, rather heavily, to the tune of 7-0 at home by Forres Mechanics after holding them to 0-2 at the break, with one being a disputed goal. The Rovers took the opportunity to blood a few young players.
- Portgordon Victoria 1 Portsoy 2 (A.E. T.) Planwell Cup.**
- Turriff United 2 Buckie Thistles 1 (F)**
- July 22 **Buckie Thistle 2 Edinburgh City 0 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caley Thistle Youths 2 (F)

Portgordon Victoria 2 Aberlour Villa 2 (W/L)

July 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caledonian Thistle Youths 2 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Edinburgh City 0 (F)

Portgordon 2 Aberlour Villa 2 (W/L)

Nairn St Ninian's 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (League decider play off) *The Rovers Go Up and Deservedly So*
Rovers – Steve Todd, Dale. Fraser, Bryan. Bell, Paul. Robertson, Shaun McIntosh, (Kyle. Stewart), Shane. Clark, Dale. Munro, Nikki. Smith, Michael. Smith and Ryan. Mair. Subs – David. Ingram, Dean. Clark, Sam. Clark and Dale Coull. **Note** – The three Clarks were brothers.

Football news - The above game was a 'play off' to see who would play in the 1st Division next season This came about because the 'Lads Club' had withdrawn from the League leaving a vacancy. The Saints had been relegated while the Rovers had been second to Lossiemouth United and were given the opportunity to take part in the agreed play off.

Football news - With the old established Aberdeen side **Lads Club** deciding to go into abeyance this left a vacancy in the First Division of the North Juniors. Being second to Lossiemouth United in the league the Rovers were offered the position but Nairn who had been relegated from the First Division protested and it was decided to have a play off. Though the management not to mention the players, were keen to achieve promotion A. L. Nath, aka Allan Fraser, a long standing member of the club was of a different mind. He considered that promotion meant more travelling and increased expenditure making things difficult for a very small committee.

Aug 5 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)** *"Jags held in Opener "*

Thistle – Main, Shewan, Duncan, Davidson, Good, Small, Hamilton, (Robison), Macrae (Neill), Brown, Bruce, Napier (Low), Subs- Edmond, Urquhart.

Strathspey Thistle 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (Grill League) *"No Fortune but a Brave Attempt"*

Rovers: Markuszewski, Forbes, Bell, Robertson, D. Ingram. Bryceland (S. Clark), D. Clark (K. Ingram), Stephen, Stewart, Smith, Mair. Subs – S. Mair and Todd

Football news - The Rovers' management were faced with the difficult task of finding replacements for the ten players who would have been likely to have played had they not been injured, on holiday or working in the event they had to field five youngsters in the keeper, Bryceland, Stewart and both Clarks while 50 year old Michael 'Scammers' Smith played the full ninety minutes. It is likely that he was the oldest Rovers' player to have done so, at least in modern times.

Aug 12 **Buckie Rovers 0 RAF Lossiemouth 1 (Grill League)**

Buckie Thistle 3 Rothes 0 (SFA Challenge Cup North)

Burghead Thistle 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (Grill League Cup) *"Almost a fairy tale ending but not quite"*

Football news- Michael 'Scammers Smith' (half a hunner) went on as substitute after 75 minutes of play and scored the Rovers goal which looked as if it would be the winner only for the captain, Brian Bell to unfortunately score an own goal in the last minute.

Aug 19 **Buckie Rovers 6 Deveronside3 (Grill League)**

Buchanhaven Hearts 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (Ist Division) *'Never at the races'*

Buckie Rovers: Scott Riddoch. Dean Clark, Bryan Bell, David Ingram, Dale Fraser, Darren Stewart, Grant Bryceland (McIntosh), Shane Clark, Dale Munro (Stewart), Scott Mair, Ryan Mair. Subs. Shaun McIntosh, Kyle Stewart and Michael 'Scammers' Smith.

Football News - This was the Rovers first game in the new league since being promoted and by this showing they were out of their depths. They need to get a regular keeper as this was their fourth change already since the start of the season and they need to get younger players it is not right that they should be depending on Mike Smith at 50 years of age.

Buckie Thistle 2 Huntly 4 (H/L) *'Jags all at sea against Huntly'*

Thistle – Main, Shewan, Duncan, Davidson, Angus, MacDonald (Low), Hamilton (Bruce), Neil, Brown, MacRae and Napier. Subs – Matheson, Edmond and Duguid.

Aug 26 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 4 Aberdeenshire Cup - “Buckie Battlers Batter Broch”**

Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 1 SFA Challenge Cup (North) – “Right Result at Banff”

Thistle- Main, Shewan, Duncan, Davidson, Small, Angus, Napier, MacRae (McDonald), Brown (Edmond), Bruce (Matheson), Neill. Subs – Hamilton and Strong (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 1 Inverness City 4 Grill League Cup - “The new Boys were the Masters”

Rovers - Thatcher (Todd), D. Clark, Innes, Ingram, D. Stewart, Lyon, S. Clark, K. Stewart (Philip), Bryceland, S. Mair, R. Mair (M. Smith Jnr.) Sub- M. Smith Senr.

Football news - The Rovers’ manager Keith Ingram was not having his troubles to seek they were being foisted upon him. Long gone it seems are the days when players at junior level would do anything before missing a game, should they be fit, lest someone take their place and they were out in the cold. To some extent, at least also, there were those who felt that they were morally obliged to the club they had signed for and that they must play if at all possible, to do otherwise was to let the side down. Today, however, we have players of a different calibre who absent themselves on the slimmest of excuses. This was the situation on Saturday when Keith was left scratching to field a side, starting from the goal out. The keeper this week was a young laddie, Alex Thatcher from Findochty, the sixth keeper change in the six games since the start of the season.

Football news - This was the first ever visit of Inverness City to Merson Park, having joined the North Juniors this season. One could say they have adopted the title that might have better chosen by Inverness Caley Thistle after the Caley and Thistle joined forces to step up to the Third Division.

Bishopmill Villa 5 Portgordon Victoria 3 (W/L) “League hopes fade for the Vics”

Portgordon - Swanson, Clark, Greig (G. Thain), Johnston (Innes), McIntosh, Wilson, Christie, Cormack, Mair, Collie, McLaughlan (D. Thain). Subs – McLean, Gerrie.

Sept 2 **Forres Thistle 4 Buckie Rovers 2 (Grill League) “Mistakes Made Change the Script”**

Football news - The Rovers had this game well in hand and likely to draw until two bad defensive errors saw the Thistle score two gift goals and change the score-line complexion completely.

Buckie Thistle 6 Wick Academy2 (H/L)

Football news – The Thistle had their two most recent signings, Munro and Charlesworth, in the team here and both score, Roddy Munro a former Jag’s player getting two.

Sept 9 **Buckie Thistle had an idle day.**

Strathspey Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) “Rovers most unlucky not to share the points”

Football news – The Rovers had new signing David Blackhall in their line-up here. David played in the Fochabers league winning side two years ago but was Lossiemouth in the Highland League last season and up till now. He did enough here to show that once match fit he will be a good asset.

Portgordon Victoria 3 Bishopmill Villa 3 Cup Final (A.N.E. T Bishopmill won 3-0 on penalties)

Football news – For the second year in a row Portgordon were defeated in the final of the W. J. Tewnion Memorial Trophy. Portgordon took the lead on three occasions and at one stage were 2-0 up. The game was played at Kynoch Park, Keith.

Sept 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Keith 2 (Aberdeenshire Cup)**

Football news – Buckie won this trophy last year.

Buckie Rovers had an idle day.

Sept 23 **Cove Rangers 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) “Disappointing Defeat was how Daniel Mair, guest scribe described it from Buckie’s point of view.”**

Buckie Rovers 4 Islavale 1 (L) First points for Rovers in the new league “Rovers score four – It might have been more.”

Buckie United 0 Portgordon Victoria – (W/L) “Vics end on a high”

Portgordon Vics – Markuszeuski, Clark, Greig, McLean McIntosh, Wilson, Christie, Thain (Collie), Mair (Morrison), Cormack (Gerrie), McLaughlan

Buckie United – Belcher, Matheson, Costello, Innes, MacIennan, Smith, Pirie, Farquhar, Thain, Geddes, Reid, Subs – Mackie, Cowie and Innes (all used) Smith.

Sept 30 **Roths 1 Buckie Thistle 4 Scottish Cup 1st Round – “Decisive Deadly Minute “**

Buckie Rovers 1 Culter 6 Preliminary Round of Regional Cup “There wisna this space atween the sides”

Oct 7 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverurie Locos 3 (H/L) “Costly individual errors’**

Buckie Thistle 2 Peterhead 1 (Wed.) Aberdeenshire Shield

Buckie – Main. Cumming, Duncan, Good Small (Shewan), Hamilton, Napier, MacRae (Low), Brown (Charlesworth), MacMillan and MacDonald. Subs – Munro and Matheson.

Football news - Buckie suffered the loss of Charlie Brown who received a bad leg injury and forced to retire. It was though initially that his leg or ankle was broken but fortunately this wasn't the case although the injury sustained will keep him on the sidelines for a week or two.

Buckie Rovers 1 Dyce Juniors 4 Scottish Junior Cup 1st round ‘Rovers suffer from defensive blunders’

Rovers –Todd, K. Clark, D. Clark. Fraser. Lamont, Bryceland (Kyle Stewart), Stephen (Munro), Smith, Blackhall, Mair and Philip. Subs. – Nil

Oct 14 **Lossiemouth United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (First Div)**

Football news - Once again the Rovers management, committee and players who turned up were let down when a number of players failed to turn up choosing instead to attend the Scotland v Norway football match in Glasgow. Some of the present crop of players lacks the kind of loyalty and commitment that was second nature to players of days gone by.

Buckie Thistle had an idle day.

Oct 21 **Buckie Thistle 0 Keith 3 (H/L) ‘Defeat but hopeful signs ‘**

Football news – ‘At the end of a turbulent week in the Jag's history, during which the management team of Kevin and Doug Will were sacked, the team, under the temporary guidance of one time club president, and former player, Raymond Cardno, slipped to another League defeat and yet said ‘Jags Man ‘there were some hopeful signs against Keith team that was good but hardly spectacular.’

Football news – The search for a new Buckie Thistle manager got under way last Friday afternoon when the club parted company with their management team of Kevin and Doug Will.

Appointed to the hot seat jobs in May of this year, the parting of the ways represents the end of the brothers' second spell managing the Jags, having previously exited Victoria Park in October 2004.

Banks of Dee 3 Buckie Thistle (A.E.T) Aberdeenshire Shield. ‘Jags left shield shocked’

Football news – ‘Buckie Thistle relinquished their hold on the Aberdeenshire Shield last Wednesday night with a woeful display at Spain Park in their first-ever competitive fixture with the reigning North Junior Super League champions, who thoroughly deserved their victory as they outfought, outthought and outgunned a Jags side that could hardly string two passes together, couldn't tackle to save themselves and some of them showed no desire for the fight, and that is not good enough, so wrote the ‘Jags Man’

The defeat by the junior side played a large part in the parting of the ways of Buckie Thistle with the Will brothers.

Buckie Rovers 2 Buchanhaven Hearts 7 (Cup game)) ‘Second half collapse see Rovers trounced.’

Rovers – Todd, Bryceland, Bell, D. Clark (K. Clark), Stewart, Riddoch, S. Clark (S. Mair), Munro (Stephen), N. Smith, Blackhall and R. Mair – Subs – M. Smith and Philip.

Football news – The Rovers had new signing Gordon Riddoch from Lossiemouth United in their side here and had a brilliant start scoring the first goal of the match after only three minutes. The Rovers were leading 2-1 at the interval going on to lose six goals during the second half.

Oct 28 **Lochee United 3 Buckie Thistle 0 - Scottish Cup ‘Bluebells Blunt the Thistle’**

Football news – For the second time this season the Thistle were beaten by a Junior side. Lochee deserved to win though Buckie ended the game with nine men after Small and then Charlesworth both received red cards.

Football news – A new chapter was opened at Buckie Thistle F.C. last Tuesday when Gregg Carroll was officially unveiled as the club's new manager.

The experienced and highly-respected former Deveronvale boss takes over from the Will brothers, Kevin and Doug, who departed Victoria Park after their 157 day tenure brought a string of disappointing results for the club.

Mr Carroll, 37, will be taking Gary Hake, who served with him at Banff and former Aberdeen, Peterhead and Rothes midfield player Colin Smith to Buckie as coaching staff.

Widely tipped to take over the reins following the Will's departure, Mr Carroll brings with him a pedigree that saw him guide Deveronvale to the only two Highland League Championships in their history in 2003 and again in 2006 during his ten year tenure at Princess Royal Park.

Nov 4 **Cruden Bay 0 Buckie Rovers 5 (L)** Nikki Smith had a hat trick

Buckie Thistle 2 Clachnacuddin 3 (H/L)

Nov 11 **Deveronvale 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *"Postie (Shewan) Delivers as Jags Shock Vale"*

Buckie Rovers 3 Formartine United 2 (L) *"Rovers Do the Double with a Dazzling Display"*

Nov 18 **Buckie Thistle 4 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)** Charlesworth had a hat trick

Buckie: Main, Shewan (Davidson), MacDonald (Duncan), Small, Lamberton, Neill, Napier, MacRae, Brown (Hamilton), Charlesworth and Munro. Subs – Matheson and Small (G. K)

Forres Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) *"Rovers deserved more than a draw"*

Rovers: Todd, Lamont, Bell, Robertson Bryceland (K. Clark), Philip, Blackhall, Munro (D. Clark), Smith and Riddoch. Sub- K, Ingram.

Nov 25 **Lossiemouth 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2. Fraserburgh United 1 (L)

Dec 2 **Roths v Buckie game off due to ground being frozen solid**

Buckie Rovers v Parkvale match off due to similar ground conditions

Dec 9 **Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 2 (H/L)**

Glentanar v Buckie Rovers - game off.

Football news - The Aberdeen team's ground was passed as playable at 8am meaning that the Rovers travelled through to Aberdeen only to be told ten minutes before the kick off that the game was off as the referee had judged the ground on part of the pitch was dangerous to play on due to hard frost. This meant that the Rovers were out of pocket to a considerable extent.

Dec 16 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 6 (H/L)**

Buckie: Main, J Shewan McDonald (A. Matheson), Lamberton, Duncan, Small, Napier, MacRae, Brown (MacMillan), Charleworth, and Munro (Cumming) Subs - Angus and Strong (GK)

Buckie Rovers 1 Strathspey Thistle 1 (L) *"A Draw Was the Correct Result"*

Rovers - Steve Todd, Paul Robertson, Bryan Bell (Copt.), Duncan Lamont, Duncan Philip (Dale Munro), Gordon Riddoch, (Darren Stewart), Shane Clark, David Blackhall, Nikki Smith, Scott Mair and Ryan Mair. Subs – Dale Fraser, Keith Clark, and Dean Clark

Football news – Keith Clark is the son of Dennis Clark a former player and manager of the Rovers, while Shane and Dean Clark are brothers. A younger Clark brother has also played on an occasion.

Dec 23 **Buckie Thistle 1 Roths 0 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 3 Lossie United 0 (L)

Dec 30 **Buckie Thistle was idle** –due to a frost bound pitch at Nairn.

No Junior games played in the north

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- Jan 3 **No game for Buckie Thistle or the Rovers both grounds rock hard**
- Jan 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Fraserburgh 0 (H/L)**
Buckie - Main, Shewan (Angus), Macdonald, Lamberton, Small, Napier, Macrae, MacMillan (Brown), Charlesworth (Bruce), and Munro. Subs. Neil and Strong (G. K)
Buckie Rovers 1 Hall Russell United 6 (L) *'Rovers Suffer a Rude New Year Awakening'*
Rovers – Todd, Robertson (Forbes), Bell, Lamont, Philip, Riddoch, Blackhall, Munro (Bryceland), Smith S. Mair and R. Mair (Fraser). Subs. Clark and Stewart
- Jan 20 **Huntly 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**
Buckie Rovers 1 Strathspey Thistle 1 (Morrison Cup) **Rovers went through 3-2 on penalties**
- Jan 27 **Buckie Thistle 7 Fort William 1 (H/L)** *Craig MacMillan scored six goals*
Buckie Main, Napier, MacDonald, Lamberton, Duncan (Angus), Small, Shewan, MacRae, MacMillan, Charlesworth(Matheson) and Brown (Bruce). Subs. Davidson and Fraser (GK)
Football news – The win above meant that Buckie had gone nine wining games on the trot Craig MacMillan became the first Thistle player to score a double hat-trick in a game since Gordon Paton, a Glaswegian then stationed with the Fleet Air Arm at Lossiemouth scored eight in a Highland League match against the 30th Training Battalion at Fort George on November 2 1946.
The Rovers game was off due to a frost-bound pitch.
- Feb 3 **Inverurie Locos 1 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L)**
Glentanar 5 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) *'Rovers Come a Cropper Down in the Glen'*
Rovers Todd, K. Clark, Bell, Lamont (Robertson), Stewart, Philip, Shane Clark, Bryceland Blackhall, Riddoch (Noble), Munro (Mair) Subs – Dean. Clark, Sam Clark
Football news - Jamie Noble who replaced Riddoch was a young lad from Portknockie. Shane Clark, Dean Clark and Sam Clark were brothers.
- Feb 10 **Buckie Thistle didn't play** – pitches unplayable owing to weather conditions
Buckie Rovers 2 FC. Stoneywood – (L) *'Defeat snatched from jaws of victory'*
- Feb 17 **Buckie Rovers 1 Buchanhaven Hearts 4 (L)**
Buckie Thistle was idle – weather conditions made pitches unplayable
- Feb 24 **Fraserburgh 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** This made it ten wins out of the last eleven games for the Jags.
Parkvale 0 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) *'Rovers top the rot'*
Rovers : Todd, Fraser, Bell, Innes, Stewart Philip (Clark), Munro (Bryceland), Riddoch, Blackhall, Mair, and Lamont. Sub. Ingram.
Football news – Large scale changes are about to take place within Buckie's football scene as closer relations are to be formed among all of Buckie Thistle's development squads.
The biggest change to come from the shake up is a merger between Buckie Thistle Boys club and Buckie thistle Youth Development. This will see both stages losing their current titles and being renamed as Buckie Thistle Football Development.
Football news – Buckie Thistle manager Gregg Carrol has given the club a huge boost by putting pen to paper on a new two and a half year deal.
- Mar 3 **Buckie Thistle 0 Cove Rangers 2 (H/L)** *'Cove end Jags unbeaten run'*
Buckie : Main, Napier, MacDonald, (Hamilton), Lamberton, Duncan, Angus , Shewan, MacRae (Matheson), MacMillan, Charlesworth (Bruce), and Munro, Subs, Neil and Fraser (G.K)

- Mar 10 **Buckie Rovers 5 Cruden Bay 1 (L)** *'Riddoch opens and closes the scoring'*
Fraserburgh United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) *'Rovers suffer from lack of reserve strength'*
Buckie Thistle had an idle day.
- Mar 17 **Wick Academy 4 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** *'Academy teach Jags a lesson'*
Formartine United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) (Game abandoned) *'The wind was the winner here'*
Rovers: Todd, Fraser, Bell, Clark, Stewart, Philip, Riddoch, D. Munro, Smith, Mair, Blackhall. Subs. K. Munro, Ingram, Robertson
Football news – For the second week running the Rovers only had one reserve player on the bench. Ingram and Robertson, manager and coach respectively, were subs in name only and as unlikely to play as on the previous week at Fraserburgh The Rovers have been plagued with long term injuries to Steve Lyon, and Ryan Mair while Gary Innes Shane Clark and Dale Fraser work offshore and are only available when ashore; added to this youngsters Keith Clark and Grant Bryceland play for the school team and again are not always on hand to play.
- Mar 24 **Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 0 ? Cup** – *'Dire first half ends hopes'*
Keith: Shearer, Watt, Lonie, Walker, Niddrie, D. Nicol. Still, Perry (Mackay), F. Nicol (Tritton), Fyfe and Harris. (S. Keith), Subs. Morrison and Downing (G. K).
Buckie: Main, MacDonald (Good), Angus, MacRae Lamberton, Small, Napier (Hamilton), Munro, Brown, MacMillan (Bruce), and Shewan. Subs. Matheson and Fraser (G. K)
- Mar 31 **Keith versus Buckie league game was off with** Kynoch Park being water logged.
Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 3 (L) *'Thistle carried the extra sting'*
Disappointment Although the Thistle game was off the only likely Buckie follower present at Merson Park was Easton Thain who normally writes the Jag's reports, *not another one of the hundred or so football minded persons in the town thought it worthwhile to come over and give the Rovers, most of whom are local lads, their support – a poor show.*
- Apr 7 **Buckie Thistle 4 Lossiemouth F.C. 0 (H/L)** *'Jags back to winning ways'*
Dufftown 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L)
Rovers " Pirie, Innes, Bell, Fraser, Stewart, Philip (Cowie), Riddoch, Bryceland (Munro), Smith, S. Mair (R. Mair), Blackhall. Sub. D. Clark. (No not Dennis but Dean)
Football news - With Steve Todd on holiday the Rovers had James Pirie from Cullen in goal. Another youngster Gavin Cowie replaced Duncan Philip late on in the match.
- Apr 14 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 1 (H/L)** *'Jags Serve up Fair Fare'*
Buckie - Main, Duguid, Good, Lamberton, Angus, Macrae, Shewan, Munro, Napier, Macmillan, (Bruce), and Davidson. Subs. Duncan, Hamilton, Strong (G. K)
Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L) *'Deadly Donnie Sets up Win'*
Buckie Rovers 3 Lossiemouth United 0 Morrison Cup S/F *'Rovers Purple Patch Came Late'*
Rovers: Todd, Fraser, Bell, Lamont, Stewart, Philip, Munro, Bryceland (R. Mair), Smith, S. Mair (Blackhall), Riddoch, Sub. Clark.
Portgordon Victoria 5 Buckie United 1 (W/L) *'Vics Vanquish United'*
Portgordon: Barclay, Clark, Greig, Wilson, McIntosh, Thain, Campbell, Wood, Christie (Morrison), Thursby (Cormack), Harrold (Hart), Sub- Innes.
United " Riddoch, Milton (Gordon), Gibbs (Murray), Main, Duncan (Reid), S. Thain, Gerrie, McKay, G. Thain, Fielding, Duthie. Subs. Geddes, Peyt.
- Apr 21 **Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *'Jags Stroll in the Sun'*
F.C. Stoneywood 0 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) *'The Rovers Keep Things Square with the Toonsers'*
Aberlour Villa 1 Portgordon Victoria 2 (W/L)
Football news - **Portgordon** Vics received a new strip from Billy Miller, contractor and plant hire... A photograph of the team is found on page 14 which shows Anthony Wilson receiving a shirt from Lauren

Miller daughter of the donor. The photograph was taken at Linzee Gordon Park before their game against local rivals Buckie United.

Apr 28 **Clachnacuddin 1 Buckie Thistle –(H/L) “Jags Struggle to Win”**

Buckie Rovers 1 Glentanar 3 (L) “ Defeat Clawed From the Jaws of Victory”

Football news - With regular keeper Steve Todd Mike Munro, now a super veteran gallantly stepped into the breach and had more than a passable game, which included saving a penalty, until the wheels came off the cart in the closing minutes and the Aberdeen side scored two unbelievable goals to steal the points

Banff Rovers 1 Portgordon Vics 6 (W/L) “ Six Appeal for Vics”

May 5 **Nairn County Buckie Thistle (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 Parkvale 4 (L) “Rovers lose the place and the match”

Football news - Keith Ingram, the Rovers’ manager tendered his resignation at the end of the match, becoming more and more disillusioned at never being able to field the team that he wanted due to players not turning up. It was extremely galling since many of the games that had been lost the Rovers had more than competed but owing to lack of substitutes meant no changes could be made when players became tired.

May 12 **Buckie Thistle had an idle day.**

Hall Russell’s United 3 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) ‘Rovers Fight back Restores Pride’

Rovers - S. Riddoch, Fraser, Bell, Lamont (Munro), Stewart, Philip, (N. Smith), G. Riddoch, Bryceland, Clark, Mair and Blackhall, Subs. M. Smith and G. Cowie.

Football news – Keith Ingram was still manager here, David Robertson, President, persuading him to stay for the present and perhaps, at least, until the end of the season.

Football news - The Rovers with regular keeper Steve Todd still on the injured list had Scott Riddoch, a sixteen year old Buckpool loon in goal.

The Rovers were trailing by three goals to nil when they stage a great fight back to square the game and might well have won having all the play in the closing minutes.

Portgordon Victoria 4 Rothes 1 (W/L) ‘Four Just Fine for Vics.’

Vics: Barclay, Clark, Greig, Wilson, McIntosh, Harrold (Cormack), Christie (Morrison), Wood, Thain (Collie), Mair and Thursby. Sub. Matueze.

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Note Buckie Thistle’s season ended poorly at the weekend as they slumped to their biggest home defeat by Forres in many a year. They finished fifth from the top of the league below Cove Rangers, Champions, then Deveronvale, Inverurie Locos, and Keith.

May 26 **Islavale 4 Buckie Rovers 4 (L)** Rovers’ scorers were – Gordon Riddoch with two, Bryan Bell and Duncan Philip

Islavale 0 Buckie Rovers 1 Morrison Cup S/F.

Rovers Todd, Fraser, Bell, Lamont, Stewart, Philip, Riddoch, Bryceland (Clark, Smith, Mair (Munro) Blackhall (Robertson).

Islavale Riddoch, A. McPherson, Wood, Stewart, Green, Reid, Cruickshank, (Flett), D. McPherson, Shan, Cowie, Ross Subs. . . . Sinclair and Sutherland (both used) R. McPherson.

June 2 **Football news** - A large crowd assembled to watch the annual Springbank Football Tournament at Merson’s Park on Sunday May 24, which saw teams from P1 up till S1 from Buckie, Keith, Huntly and Banff taking part.

June 9 **Buckie Rovers 2 Formartine United 2 Final of the Morrison Cup** – *‘Rovers suffer heartbreak at the Haughs’* Formartine won 5-4 on penalties. The game was played at the Haughs, Turriff, on Tuesday evening.

Rovers - Todd, Fraser, Bell, Lamont (Bryceland), Stewart, Philip, Riddoch, Clark, Smith, S. Mair (Munro), and Blackhall. Subs. Robertson and R. Mair Team mascot – Scott Innes. (Son of Gary and Teresa).

Formartine United 2 Buckie Rovers 7 (L) *‘Seven and Going on Ten for the Rovers’* **Rovers** - Steve Todd, Dale Fraser, Bryan Bell, Paul Robertson, Dean Clark, Duncan Philip, Gary Innes, Grant Bryceland, Nikki Smith, Gordon Riddoch, David Blackhall. Subs Mike ‘Scammers’ Smith and David ‘Pozzi’ Robertson

Formartine United - Fyfe, Urquhart, Watson, Cunningham, Stratton, Vigurs, Symon, Morrison, Cadger, Mackie, and A. Buchan. Subs. Barron, Robertson and Shinnie all used also Bremner, D. Buchan.

Football news – This was Formartine’s last game in the juniors as they will be playing in the Highland League in August. They chose to field a quite different team from that who played in the final and according to their report on the game were left embarrassed.

For Nikki Smith and David Blackhall of the Rovers this was also their last game at junior level, at least for the present, as Nikki was to sign for Lossiemouth F. C. and David for Rothes.

Tomintoul 1 Portgordon Victoria 2 Mike Simpson Cup report by Keith Clark

Vics – Barclay, Clark, Greig, Gary Innes, McIntosh, Wilson, Christie, Thain, Cormack, Harrold, and Campbell. Subs. Morrison ,M Markuszewski

June 16 **Bishop Villa 5 Portgordon Victoria 2 Semi-Final of Mike Simpson Cup** *‘Vics fall at semi-final hurdle’*

Moray Social 3 Portgordon Victoria 7 (W/L) *‘Seven heaven for Vics’*

Football news – Last week Buckie Thistle signed former Deveronvale forward Ian Murray. The 33 year old striker put pen to paper on a deal that will keep him at Victoria Park for the next two seasons. The prolific goal scorer joins the Thistle from junior side Maud and Buckie had to beat off stiff competition for his services from Highland League Champions, Cove Rangers, Deveronvale and newcomers Turriff United.

June 23 **Football news** - Buckie Rovers top players of the season were – Grant Bryceland, Young Player of the year; Nikki Smith, Players’ Player of the year and the Manager’s Player of the Year, Gordon Riddoch, Committee’s Player of the Year.

Portgordon Vics 5 Banff Rovers 1 (W/L)

Bishop Villa 3 Portgordon Vics 2 (W/L)

June 30 No football

July 7 **Portgordon Vics 6 Rothes A 0 W. J. Tewnion Cup game**

July 14 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverness Caledonian Thistle 2 (F)**

Buckie Main (Strong), Shewan (D. Angus), Lamberton, Small, McKinnon, Munro, (C. Angus), Lepkowski (Hamilton), Macrae, Charlesworth (MacMillan), Napier (Allan), and Duncan (Smith) Sub. Bruce.

Portgordon Vics 3 Burghead United 4 (W/L)

Vics: Barclay, Clark, Thain, Reid, McIntosh, Wilson, (Cormack), Davidson, Collie (Wood), Mair, Harrold (Thursby), Campbell. Subs – Greig Morrison.

July 21 **Rothes A 3 Portgordon Vics. 5 (W/L)**

Buckie United 1 Bishopmill United 2 (W.T. Tewnion Cup) *'Failure to score beats Buckie' by A...L. Nath*

Dundee Violet 1 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)

July 28 **Edinburgh 3 Buckie Thistle 0 (F)**

St Marnans 1 Portgordon Vics. 4 (W/L)

Portgordon Wilson, Clark, Greig. Reid, Wood, Thain (Collie), Davidson, Mclean, (McIntosh), Thursby, Christie, L. Morrison, Subs. Slater, A. Morrison.

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 0 (F)

Buckie Rovers v Rothes (F) No score given

Aug 4 **Banks O' Dee 0 Buckie Thistle 4 (F)**

Buckie Thistle 2 Lewis United 0 (F)

Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 2 (H/L) *'Disappointing Opener For Jags'*

Buckie- Main, Shewan (McMillan), Duncan, Lamberton, McKinnon, Small, Lepkowski (Davidson), MacRae, Napier, Murray and Munro (Bruce). Subs. MacDonald and Strong (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 2 East End 2 (Grill League Cup)

Rovers: Todd, Gauld (Clark), Bell, P. Robertson, D. Stewart, Philip, Forbes, Rae, K.I, Stewart, Mair, K. J.Stewart, Subs. Ingram, D. Robertson.

Football news; The Rovers fielded Kyle Rae, Kyle J. Stewart? Gauld and Kyle I Stewart, all new signings but with a number of players working offshore and on holiday they had no substitutes apart from the management duo.

Football news - An appeal has been launched to find participants for a new over 40s football league in Buckie.

One of those behind the appeal, Easton Thain, noted that it was intended very much to be a social affair rather than a serious competition. He said we already have seven or eight guys but would need 15 or 16 to make a go of it.

“Hopefully we will be able to start playing in September or October at the artificial pitch in Buckie.”

Aug 11 **Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)**

Dufftown 2 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) *'Rovers only find some form in second half'* Wed.

Rovers: Todd, Hay, Bell, Robertson, D. Stewart, Philip, Smith, (Riddoch), Rae, K. I. Stewart, Mair (Gauld) and Forbes. Sub. K. J. Stewart.

Football news – The Rovers had two trialists in the match above; Hay at full back was from Portsoy and Grant Smith, in midfield on loan from Buckie Thistle. It was good to hear that amicable relations had been restored between the two clubs.

Buckie Rovers 0 Deveronside 2 Grill League Cup *'Rovers Under the Grill'*

Aug 18 **Buckie Thistle 3 Formartine United 2 (H/L)** *"Jags Wonder Half"* Buckie was losing two nil at the break

Buckie: Main, K. Angus, MacDonald (Brown) McKinnon, Lamberton, Small, Munro, Stewart, Bruce (Charlesworth), MacMillan (Murray) and Napier. Subs- Shewan and Strong (G. K)

Formartine United: Gray, Cumming, Graham, Vigurs (A. Maitland), Simpson, Irvine, Forsyth (Morrison), Shinnie (R. Maitland), McKay, Young and Somers. Subs. Sievwright and Horne (G.K)

Football news - This was Formartine United's first visit to Victoria Park since moving up to the Highland League this season from the Juniors; they didn't appear to be over-awed in any way and deservedly led at the interval. Buckie really stepped up a gear when they put on three new subs and scored with two unsaveable shots, plus another to turn the game on its head.

Ellon 5 Buckie Rovers 0 Grill League Cup *"Lack of reserve strength played a part"*.

Aug 25 **Brora Rangers 0 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)** *"MacMillan is Hat-Trick Hero"*

Buckie Rovers 6 Parkvale 2 (L) *"Rovers Triumph as 'Vale Wilt in the Sun'*

Rovers Todd, Gauld, Bell, Wood, D. Stewart, Bryceland, (N. Mair), Riddoch, D. Munro, Stewart, S. Mair, (Clark), and Philip. Subs- K Munro. Robertson and D. Mair (G. K)

Football news - Shaun Wood, a teenager from Portsoy, was in the side at number 4 and had a good game.

Portsoy 1 Portgordon Victoria 6 (W/L)

Portgordon Vics. Barclay, Greig, Innes, Reid, Paterson, (I. Morrison), Wilson, Davidson (Grant), Thain, Thursby, Collie (Thatcher) and McIntosh

Sept 1 **Buckie Thistle 3 Formartine United 2 Aberdeenshire Cup** **Tues.**

Buckie Thistle 5 Rothes 0 (H/L)

Buckie Strong, K. Angus, Duncan, Small, McKinnon, Munro, Napier, Stewart, Brown (Bruce), MacMillan (Davidson), and Sutherland (Murray). Subs – MacDonald and Shewan.

Hermes 3 Buckie Rovers 0 GA Engineering Cup *"Rovers Generous to a Fault"*

Rovers: D. Mair, Gauld (Clark), Bell, Murdo, D. Stewart, Phillip, Riddoch, Bryceland, K I Stewart, S. Mair (K.J. Stewart), Wood. Sub. Ingram.

Portgordon Vics. 1 Aberlour Villa 1 (W/L)

Vics. Barclay, Clark, Greig, Reid, Matheson, Wilson Christie), Davidson, Mair, Collie (Harrold), McIntosh, Subs – Cormack and Morrison.

Football news - Buckie Thistle swooped again in the transfer market to sign a further two players. Zander Sutherland, a 21 year old winger has signed a two year deal at Victoria Park... He has previously enjoyed spells with SFL clubs Caledonian Thistle and Elgin City. Making a return to Victoria Park the other signing is Graham Stewart, a midfield player who had a previous spell with the Jags.

Sept 8 **Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 3 Semi-final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** Keith was holders. An interesting side issue was that Buckie hadn't beat Keith, at Keith for many years, and had become a bogey team

Buckie – Main, Duncan, K. Angus, Stewart, McKinnon, Small, Napier, Munro, Brown (Bruce), Murray (Sutherland), Subs – Shewan, MacDonald, Strong (G.K)

Keith. Shearer, Watt, Lonie, MacKay, Niddrie, Nicol, Still, (Tritton), S. Keith, Walker, Harris, and Lennox. Subs – Donaldson, Downing and Good. .

Cove Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Portgordon Victoria Moray Social 0 (W/L)

Rovers had no game as the Pinefield ground was flooded.

Sept 15 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 0 Final of the Aberdeenshire Cup** played at the Haughs, Turriff

Both the Buckie goals were scored by Stephen 'Marra' Bruce, who was accorded the title of 'Man of the Match'.

Buckie: Strong, C. Angus, Duncan, Small, MacKinnon, Munro, Napier, Stewart, Bruce (Shewan), MacMillan and Sutherland. (Macrae). Subs. D. Angus, MacDonald. Portgordon P

Brander Arms 1 Portgordon Vics. 3 Semis- Final of Planwell Cup

Buckie Rovers 2 Banks O' Dee 3 (Regional Cup) 'No Just Reward for the Rovers'

Rovers: Todd, Gauld (Murdo), Bell, Fraser, D. Stewart, Philip, Riddoch (Bryceland), Robertson, K. I. Stewart, S. Mair (Rae), Wood. Subs. K.J. Stewart, Munro, D. Mair (G. K).

Sept 22 **Buckie Rovers 0 Inverness City 4 (L)** 'Rovers Find Goal-Scoring Difficult'

Football news – Although the City had played the Rovers at Merson Park before in a cup game, this was their first time in the league.

Buckie Thistle 8 Fort William 0 (H/L)

Sept 29 **Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 0 Scottish Cup 1st Round**

Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 0 (L) "Rovers score two but miss double this"

Rovers: D. Mair, Forbes, Bell, Fraser, K. Stewart Wood), Philip, Riddoch, S. Clark (Gauld), Blackhall, S. Mair, D. Clark (Munro). Subs. D. Stewart, Widdrington (G.K).

Oct. 6 **Forres Mechanics 0 Buckie Thistle 0 Replay 1st Round of Scottish Cup. Buckie won 4-1 on penalties.**

Buckie: Main, C. Angus, Duncan, Small, McKinnon, Munro, Napier, Stewart, Bruce, (MacMillan, Murray and Sutherland (Davidson), Subs. Shewan, D. Angus and Lepkowski.

Fraserburgh United 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L) (Match abandoned after 25 minutes)

Buckie United 1 Portgordon Vics 2 (W/L) 'Vics Feeling Just Champion'

Portgordon Vics - Barclay, Clark, Greig, Innes, Wood, Wilson, Christie, (Davidson), Thain, (McLean), Mair, Matheson, McIntosh, (Harrold), Subs – Collie, Morrison

Football news - Portgordon Victoria playing in the Premier League of the Elgin and District Welfare League were champions in their first season upstairs. They had three former Highland League players in their side each of whom saw service with Buckie Thistle - Gary Innes, Mark Wood and Andy Matheson., the latter only stepping down during the season.

Oct 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 2 (AET Aberdeenshire Shield)** Wed. night

Buckie: ain, Shewan, Duncan (McKinnon), Lamberton, D. Angus (Small), Davidson, Munro, Stewart, Brown (Napier), MacMillan and Sutherland. Subs – C. Angus, Bruce.

Keith: Shearer, Watt, McCall, Still (Triton), Walker, Nicol, Harris, (S. Keith), MacKay, C. Keith, Lennox and Craig (Donaldson), Subs. McKenzie and Collins.

Buckie Thistle 1 Inverurie 0 (H/L)

Stonehaven 6 Buckie Rovers 2 (L) 'Forgettable Few Minutes Sink Rovers'

Oct 20 **Buckie Thistle 0 Inverurie Locos 2 Aberdeenshire Shield Quarter Final**

Buckie Rovers 5 Bishopmill 1 (L) 'All Goes Right For the Rovers on the Day'

Rovers: Todd, Fraser, Bell (Murdo), Robertson, Stewart (Bryceland), Philip, Forbes, Munro (Mair), Blackhall, Riddoch and Wood. Subs- Gauld, Smith, Widdrington (G.K)

Oct 27 **Deveronvale 2 Buckie Thistle 2 Scottish Cup** 'Cup Cracker at Banff'

Buckie Rovers 0 Glentanar 0 (L) 'Football in keeping with the weather – poor to miserable.'

Portgordon Victoria 2 Bishop Villa 1 Planwell Cup Final

Portgordon: Barclay, Clark, Greig, Reid, Wood, Wilson, Davidson, Thain, Mair, Matheson and McIntosh. Subs – Slater, Collie, McLaughlan and Morrison.

Football news - The game was played at Victoria Park on Friday night.

Nov 3 **Buckie Thistle 1 Deveronvale 3 (after extra time) Scottish Cup**

Buckie: Main, C. Angus, Duncan, Small, McKinnon, Munro, Shewan, Stewart, Murray, MacMillan, and Sutherland. Subs. Charlesworth and Strong (G.K)

Football news - The Jags Scottish Cup dream was dashed at Victoria Park on Saturday but the Thistle put up a magnificent effort after being controversially reduced to ten men after just 23 minutes and then even more controversially reduced to nine men with eleven minutes left.

Buckie Rovers - They were meant to play Maryhill F. C. in Glasgow in the Scottish Junior Cup but the pitch was waterlogged following a period of sustained rainfall. The ground it seems was well named Lochburn Park.

Nov 10 **Buckie Thistle 3 Keith 1 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers – As of the previous week the Glasgow ground Lochburn Park was waterlogged and unplayable

Nov 17 **Nairn County 1 Buckie Thistle (H/L)**

Maryhill F. C. 11 Buckie Rovers 0 Emirates Scottish Junior Cup “Slaughter of the Innocents.”

Rovers – Todd, Robertson, Forbes, Fraser, Stewart, Philip, Riddoch, Munro (Bryceland), Blackhall, Mair (Gauld) and Wood (Murdo).

Nov 24 **Buckie Thistle 6 Strathspey Thistle 1 (H/L)** This was the Grantown side’s first visit to Victoria Park. **Buckie:** Strong, Shewan, Duncan, D. Angus, McKinnon, Munro, Davidson, (Stewart), MacRae, Brown (MacMillan), Charlesworth (Bruce), and Sutherland. Subs. Small and Main (G.K).

Football news – A minutes silence was observed prior to the kick off in memory of for Buckie Thistle player, George Sandison, who passed away. The writer remembers him playing in the following team – Findlay, Wood and Leask, Allan , Rae and Tough, Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankin and Day, towards the end of 1947 George also played for the Rovers and was in the team that won their first ever trophy, the Morayshire Cup.

Lossiemouth United 3 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) ‘*Fortune wasn’t with them on the day.*’

Dec 1 **Lossiemouth F.C.1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)**

Buckie Rovers 2 New Elgin 0 (L) “*The keeper was the Rovers’ top man*”

Football news - A minutes silence was observed prior to the kick off as a mark of respect for Ian Wood ‘Woodie’ a regular attendee at Rovers’ home games until ill health made his appearances more rare and for George Sandison , a member of the Rovers’ team when they won their first ever trophy ‘The Morayshire Cup’ at Junior level, both of whom died recently.

Dec 8 **Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 0 (H/L)**

Football news - Buckie Thistle signed defender Hamish Munro the former Forres and Peterhead stopper who can also play in midfield. Munro who recently returned to this country from Australia to study at Robert Gordon’s University in Aberdeen has signed a two year contract.

Football news - Last week saw half season Buckie Thistle tickets go on sale for those who may well have missed out on a full season ticket before the start of the season. The tickets which may be had at Slater’s Sports cost £45 for an adult and for a juvenile of OAP and are valid for the Jags remaining home league games for season 2009-10.

Parkvale 0 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) Riddoch *came off the bench to score two*

Football news - - For the second game on the trot Dale Munro (son of Mike Munro former Rovers and Deveronside keeper) repeated his performance of the previous week wrapping up the scoring with a thunderous long-range free-kick.

Football news – Buckie United marched into the quarter finals of the Scottish Welfare Cup after ousting former winners Blairhall in a penalty shoot-out.

It means that the coast side are just one win away from equalling their best ever run in the competition. The United – co-managed by Rothes Highland League player Ian Macrae and George Mclean- were just one game away from relegation in the Moray Premier League this season have clearly reserved their best form for the national tournament.

The game at the Linzee Gordon Park ended 0-0 with penalty kicks to be taken

Dave Main, Neil Duthie and Ben Mair all converted and with a Blairhall player missing their second kick it was let to the previous round's hero Jordan Gerrie to fire home the winning penalty and spark scenes of wild celebration from the home side.

The United have twice reached the semi-finals in their history and await the quarter final draw to see if they can emulate their achievements of the past.

Veteran Neil Duthie a long serving united player who also played for the Rovers and the Thistle is to hang up his boots after the cup run.

The United team was – Belcher, Sinclair, Farquhar, Clark, Walls (Mair), McLean (Cooper), Main, Thain, Gerrie, Duthie, Macrae (Bruce).

Dec 15 **Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** *“Jags Triumph in Pulsating Derby”*
Buckie Strong, Shewan, C. Angus, Macrae, D. Angus (Duncan), MacKinnon, D. Munro, Stewart, Charlesworth, (Brown), Bruce and Sutherland. Subs- MacMillan, McDonald, and Main (G.K).

The Rovers had no game – ground at Banff was judged to be too hard because of frost.

Dec 22 **Buckie Thistle 3 Forres Mechanics 2 (H/L)** *“Full mettle Jags”*
Buckie: Strong, Duncan, Shewan, D. Angus, MacKinnon, Macrae, Sutherland, D. Munro, (McDonald) Charlesworth (Murray), Bruce and Stewart (H. Munro), Subs. Brown and Main (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 1 Fraserburgh United 5 (L) *“No Christmas cheer for the Rovers”*
Rovers: Todd, Gauld, Forbes, Robertson, Stewart, Philip, Riddoch, Munro (Bryceland), Wood, Mair (Blackhall), Fraser (Smith), Subs. - Murdo, Bell, Widdrington (G.K)

Football news –The year started badly for the Rovers and ended in a similar vein, losing 11 goals in total to two Aberdeenshire teams while scoring only two in return

Dec 29 **No football** for either the Thistle or Rovers due to heavy snow and hard frost.

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Football news – Thistle player Paul Napier the former Elgin City player, described as wing wizard, signed a three year extension to his present contract with the club.

Jan 19 **Buckie Thistle 2 Cove Rangers 1 (H/L)** *“Martin’s Magic Moment”*
Buckie Strong, C. Angus, Shewan, D. Angus, MacKinnon. Munro (Davidson), Macrae, Stewart, Bruce, Charlesworth, (MacMillan), and Sutherland. Subs- MacDonald and Main. (G.K)

Buckie Rovers 2 Stonehaven 1 (L) *“A Well Deserved Victory”*
Rovers: Mike Widdrington, Michael Gauld, (Paul Forbes), Bryan Bell, Dale Fraser, Paul Robertson, Duncan Philip, Tony Fraser, Stuart Wood (Dale Munro), David Blackhall (Scott Mair), Gordon Riddoch, Michael Smith. Subs - ? Murdo, Kieran Ingram and Steve Todd (G.K)

Football news - Tony Fraser, an Elgin lad, had previously played in the Welfare League.

Jan 26 **Buckie Thistle 3 Turriff United 0 (H/L)**

Forres Thistle 0 Buckie Rovers 6 (L) *“Six Appeal for Rovers”*

Feb 2 **Buckie Thistle were idle** due to weather conditions

Feb 9 **Buckie Rovers 0 Forres Thistle 4 (F)** Their opponents Hillhead failed to appear -
Buckie Thistle 1 Wick Academy 0 (H/L) *“Martin Does it Again”*

Deveronside 1 Buckie Rovers 3 (L) *“Rovers leave it late”*

Feb 16 **Buckie Thistle 1 Huntly 1 (H/L)** *“Jags held by the Tigers”*

Inverurie Locos 3 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L) *“Jags run derailed by Locos”*

Buckie Thistle 0 Aberdeen XI 1 Benefit match for Neil 'Zico' Davidson Played on Sunday
Aberdeen F.C. Youths – Nelson, Davidson, (Brown), J Robertson, Jarvis, Shaughnessy, Sorensen (Bolger), Jack, McRobbie, (Hansson), Megginson, (Gibson), and Low Best for the 'Loons' was said to be Low.

Football news - Alan 'Mickey' McPherson and Paul Lamberton were in the Buckie team.

New Elgin 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) “*Rovers need a goal scorer*”

Rovers; Widdrington, D. Fraser, Bell, Robertson, Stewart (Munro), Philip, T. Fraser, Gauld (Forbes), Mair, Riddoch, and Wood (Blackhall). Subs – Smith, Ingram, Bryceland, Flynn (G.K)

Mar 9 **Buckie Thistle 5 Clachnacuddin 1 (H/L)**

Football news - With the race for the Highland League title looking like it will go to the wire, and Buckie still very much in the mix, Jag's manager Gregg Carrol strengthened his squad last week when he captured the signature of Robbie Brown, the former Deveronvale midfielder who becomes reunited with his former boss.

Hillhead 2 Buckie Rovers 3 (Morrison Cup) “*Battling Display see Rovers through*”

Mar 16 **Buckie Rovers 1 Dufftown 0 (L)** “*Rovers do enough to win*”

Keith 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)

Mar 23 **Buckie Rovers 1 Hillhead 0 (L)** “*Cracking Goal Settles Tie.*”

Rovers: Flynn, D. Fraser, Gauld, Robertson, Stewart, Munro (Ingram), Blackhall, Riddoch, and Wood. Subs. Smith, Mair, Innes and Widdrington (G.K).

Buckie Thistle 1 Fraserburgh 1 (H/L) (Wed.) “*Right Result at the Vicky*”

Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle 7 (H/L) “*Jags in Cup Cruise*”

Buckie: Strong, C. Angus, (H. Munro), MacDonald, Small (MacKinnon), D. Angus, R. Brown (Duncan), Napier MacRae, Charlesworth, C. Brown, and Sutherland. Subs. Lepkowski and Main (G.K)

Football news - The above game marked Buckie Thistle's first visit to Seafield Park, Grantown, and the home of Strathspey Thistle, who entered the Highland League in August 2009.

Mar 30 **Formartine United 0 Buckie Thistles 1 (H/L)** (Wed.)

Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County (H/L) “*Jags win ugly again*”

Fraserburgh United 2 Buckie Rovers 1 (L) “*Broch on their 'ain midden heid' take the points*”

Apr 6 **Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 3** (League Cup ¼ Finals)

Apr 13 **Stonehaven 1 Buckie Rovers 1 (Morrison Cup 2nd Round)** Stonehaven won 5-4 on penalties
Fort William 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L)

Buckie Main, McDonald, H. Munro, D. Munro, MacKinnon, Small, Napier, Macrae, (D. Angus, MacMillan (C. Brown), Murray, and Sutherland. (Stewart). Subs. Duncan and Riddoch (G. K.)

Buckie Rovers 0 Islavale 0 (L) “*Game fails to live up to billing*”

Rovers Widdrington, Gauld, Bell, Robertson, Noble, R. Mair, (McLaughlan), Wood (S. Ingram), Blackhall, Bryceland (N. Mair), and S. Mair. Subs K. Ingram and Flynn (G.K.)

Football news - The Rovers were forced to ring the changes for this game on account of a number of players being absent for different reasons and had cause to thank those who came in to take the place of those missing. Shaun Noble, playing here as sweeper, was from Elgin as was S. Ingram who took over from the injured Wood. Russell McLaughlan played for Portgordon in the Welfare League last season. Ryan Mair who played consistently for the Rovers some time back until injured made his return while Neil Mair, who was also playing in the Welfare League last season has also played for the Rovers before on the odd occasion.

The Vale looked strong up front with George Cowie, Andy Matheson, Kenny Hendry and Richard Shanks all playing in the Highland League last season and although they began as if they were to demolish the Rovers they quite dramatically ran out of steam, with no less than three of them being replaced.

- Apr 20 **Fraserburgh 0 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)** “ *A good point for the Thistle*”
- Inverness United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** “ A poor Rovers side were put through the wringer”
- Apr 27 **Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** “ *Wonder Strikes Decisive* “ (Wed.)
- Football news** – The win took Buckie back to the top of the League with 74 points from 31 games
- Strathspey Thistle 0 Buckie Thistle (H/L)** “ *Buckie Steal a March* “
- Football news** – Thanks to a hard earned victory at Grantown on Saturday Buckie moved five points clear of second placed Cove Rangers.
- Hillhead 2 Buckie Rovers 0 (L)** “**Rovers suffer from inability to score.**”
- Rover’s** “ Flynn, D. Fraser, Bell, Robertson, Gauld, Philip (Riddoch), T. Fraser (D. Clark), Munro, Blackhall, S. Clark and Wood... Sub. Ingram
- May 4 **Roths 0 Buckie Thistle 2 (H/L)** (Wed.)
- Wick Academy 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)** “League Glory as Jags left feeling just Champion”
- Buckie:** Main, MacDonald (Duncan), H. Munro, MacRae, (D. Munro), Small, C. Angus, Napier, R. Brown, Bruce (MacKinnon), Charlesworth and Stewart. Sub. C. Brown and Strong (G.K).
- Football news** – Buckie Thistle won the Highland League for the first time since 1958 with 80 points from 33 games. And still one game to be played at home to Brora Rangers.
- Buckie Rovers 2 Lossiemouth United 4 (L)** “*Rovers Generosity was their downfall.*”
- May 11 **Bishopmill United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (L)** “*No VE Day at Pinefield for Rovers*”
- Rovers Flynn,** Gauld, Bell, Robertson, Stewart (D. Fraser), Forbes, T. Fraser, Munro (Blackhall), Mai, Riddoch, Wood (Grant). Sub. Gary Innes.
- Football news** – This was the last game of the season and it has to be said that the Rovers didn’t play well, probably as poor as they have been all season. The game also saw the departure of Bryan Bell, captain and regular fixture in the Rovers side for the past few years. He was known to have signed for Buckie Thistle where he had been playing in the under 21 side all season. He left with the good wishes of all those associated with the Rovers. Also likely to be missing next season is Gordon Riddoch who aimed to move to Australia
- May 18 **Buckie Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 0 (H/L)** ‘*Last game of a Momentous Season* ‘
- Buckie** “Main, MacDonald (D. Angus), H. Munro, D. Munro, C. Angus, Small, Napier, (Murray), Macrae, Charlesworth, Bruce (C. Brown), and Stewart. Subs. Duncan and Strong (G. K)
- Football news** At the end of the match the Highland League Championship Trophy was handed over to the Thistle captain Kevin Small by SHFL President Eddie Innes, becoming the first Buckie captain to have the honour of receiving this since 1958, fifty-two years ago.
- May 25 **Days of Yore** - A photograph appears in page 12 of this edition which shows the grandstand at Victoria Park as it was in the early days shortly after being opened, perhaps in the early 1920’s. The picture shows a crowded stand and field as they watch Poch Hector run by at an athletic event. The picture belonged to former Jag’s player Bert Nicol, a friend of Hector’, and was handed in to the ‘Advertiser’ by his daughter Anne Mair.
- June 1 **Youth Football Tournament.** – Over 700 children congregated at Merson Park over the past weekend for Buckie Thistle Football Development’s annual Springbank Tournament, with ages ranging from Primary 1 to under 15. The usual one-day tournament was extended to a two-day event this year to accommodate the Youth and Girl’s sections, which took place on the Saturday. A total of 36 teams entered for what turned out to be an excellent day of football on the Saturday with teams coming from as far away as Fort William, Brora and Invergordon to name a few. On the Sunday there were 51 teams registered, coming from as far as Letham in Perthshire and Fort William as well as many others.
- June 8 **Troubled times at Victoria Park** -Buckie Thistle fans have been rocked by the bombshell news that club President Mark Duncan and his brother Murray, a Director of the club, are to leave the club. The duo has quit the title-winning side after what they believe is behind the scenes manoeuvring to change direction at the club. After a month of soul-searching, the Duncans, have decided to bring to a close their

eight-year association with the club, which began at a time when the Jags were at a very low point in their history.

Portknockie F.C. – A photograph appears in page 12 of this edition which shows the Portknockie F.C. League -winning side of season 1940-41... All in the picture are named as follows - J. Falconer (Provost of the village and John Mair, Coal Merchant, the players being Albert Green, Tommy Bruce, Jackie Clark, David Anderson, Joe Cowie, William Mair, William Mackie, Peter Wood, David Pirie, Pat Duff, George Slater and James Murray.

- June 15 **Board Seek Duncan's Return** - The shock resignation of brothers Mark and Murray Duncan from their roles at Buckie Thistle F.C (President and Board member respectively). Took another twist last Sunday when it was revealed that they are to be asked to return to the club.
- June 22 **Carroll crowned manager of the year** - Buckie Thistle manager Greg Carroll topped a trophy-laden season with one of his own when he scooped the Highland League Manager of the Year Award last week. With typical modesty, Mr Carroll sought to spread the credit for the award amongst his colleagues. "I am delighted to have won the award with so many other managers worthy of collecting it", he said. "People tend to forget when they hand out these awards that a manager cannot do his job without the players, backroom staff and the whole club doing theirs." The award is testament to everyone at the club and nobody should forget that."
- June 29 **Jags swoop for Locos stopper** - Buckie Thistle manager has wasted no time in adding to the Highland League champion's squad after agreeing terms with Michael Morrison. The former Inverurie Locos man is highly rated as one of the leagues's most experienced defenders and the Elgin-based stopper has committed him to a two year stay at Victoria Park.
As Morrison comes in so central defender Dave Angus, central defender moves out. He had been told by the club recently that he was free to leave and it is understood has taken a peg with Huntly.
A number of pre-season friendlies have been lined up; the first being on July 7 when they meet old Highland League rivals Elgin City at Victoria Park. On Saturday the Jags will be away to Forfar followed by a home game against Dundee United at home on July 1. This being an evening game. On Saturday July 17 they will play Deveronvale in Mark Chisholm's testimonial game. On Wednesday 21st July they will travel to play Newmachar with all proceeds going to a charity nominated by former Thistle keeper Joe Wood. This too, will see an evening kick off. The last of the six friendlies will be on Saturday 24th July when they play junior club Dundee Violet at Victoria Park.
The first 'real' game of season 2010/2011 will be a league game against Clach at home on July 3
- July 6 **Wins for Buckie teams in Winter League** - Buckie Tigers a P6/7 league side won their section in the first Moray Winter League. A photograph shows the team taking a photo-call with manager Caroline Cameron with Jamie Shewan and Neil Davidson of Buckie Thistle looking on. The players are - Greg Newlands, Ethan McNeil, Ryan Duthie, Connor Cameron, Matthew McMillan, Ethan Cowie, Steven McLennan Scott Vass, and Liam Wood
A second Buckie team- the Pumas (P6) took the runner up spot. A second photo shows the team with the manager Martin Christie. The players are – Rob Coull, Ryan Matheson, Lee Cowie, Evan Smith, Brodie Christie, Ryan Brindle, Joseph Campbell, and David Wilson.
Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (F) 'Jags Sink Cit Slickers'
Buckie: Strong (Main), Duncan, Bell (Angus), Davidson, Small (McKinnon), Morrison (Wood), Napier, Shewan, MacMillan (Gardiner), Charlesworth (Low) and Sutherland (Lepkowski). Sub Stewart
Football News - The report had the following words to say about the new players, Morrison was an imposing figure in defence; the youngsters Bryan Bell and Darren Wood caught the eye standing out well while Andrew Gardiner looked a class act. Bell was previously with Buckie Rovers and Wood with Islavale.
- July 13 **Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 1 (F)**
Forfar Athletic 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (F)
- July 20 **Buckie Thistle 1 Dundee United Youths 1 (F)**
Buckie Thistle 3 Dundee Violet 1 (F)
- Aug 3 **Buckie Thistle 3 Clachnacuddin 1 (H/L)** 'Champions Show Killer Instinct'
Buckie: Strong, Angus, Duncan, Wood, Small, D. Munro, Napier (Charlesworth), Macrae (Davidson), Low, MacMillan (Gardiner) and Sutherland. Subs. Shewan and Main (G. K.)

Football news - The Thistle as Highland League Champions were applauded on to the field on Saturday by their opponents of the day the players of Clachnacuddin. They then went on to make a successful start to their title defence with a deserved victory albeit they were not at their fluent best and the score line did flatter them a bit.

Football news - The first new Highland League title flag to fly at Victoria Park for 52 years was unveiled on Saturday prior to the kick off against Clachnacuddin. A picture in the 'Advertiser' of this date shows the flag being shown off by the proud Thistle manager, Gregg Carrol, Eddie Innes HFL President; Alan Scott, John Grant HFL Secretary and Mark Duncan, Buckie Thistle President.

Aug 10`

Brora Rangers 2 Buckie Thistle 1 (H/L) 'Champions brought down to earth'

BUCKIE; Strong, Duncan, Angus, Macrae, Wood (H. Munro), Small, Napier, Stewart, Low, MacMillan (Murray), and Sutherland. Subs. Charlesworth and Main (G.K)

Burghead Thistle 3 Buckie Rovers 4 (Grill League Cup) 'A Goal Abune Them A'

Football news - The Rovers opened their new season account with a trip to the Broch and had guesting for them in goal veteran Mike Munro, gallantly helping the club out of a fix.

The Rovers scored four goals with one by David 'Coco' Blackhall being a superb individual effort and worthy of acclaim. Also in the team were Stevie Grant who played a few games the previous season, Scott Davidson who had played the previous season for Deveronside and was to return there, also Jordan Sutherland and Scott Thain, two schoolboys, with ? Kerr on the bench.

Buckie Rovers 0 Banchory St Ternans 3 (Grill League Cup) 'Beaten but effort worthy of credit'

ROVERS: Widdrington, Gauld, Stewart, Robertson Sam Clark, Kerr (Milton), Shane Clark, R. Mair, (Taylor) Sutherland, Thain and Wood. Sub. Flynn (G. K)

Football news – Andy Milton and Kris Taylor were two other local youngsters like Scott Thain and Jordan Sutherland.

Aug 17

Buckie Thistle 3 Wick Academy 1 (H/L)

Buckie Thistle 3 Huntly 1 (Aberdeenshire Cup)

Football news – The death took place recently of Vic Sutherland who joined Buckie Thistle in the summer of 1958 from Huntly and made his home debut on August 9 at home against Deveronvale in the Highland League Cup scoring the second goal in a 2-0 win for the Jags.

He had an interesting football career. During his National Service days he was posted to Kenya and played for a Kenya Select. In the late 1950's he played a trial match for Bury and promptly scored a hat-trick and yet they didn't sign him.

He scored 20 goals in 48 games for Buckie before moving to Elgin City.

New Elgin 3 Buckie Rovers 0 (Grill league Cup) 'Forgettable Encounter for Rovers'

Aug 24

Buckie Thistle 5 Formartine United 1 (Aberdeenshire Cup) 'Mercurial, Majestic, Magnificent 'Easton Thain (Jags Man) gets carried away.

Clachnacuddin 3 Buckie Thistle 5 (H/L) 'Another Thistle Nap Hand'

Football news – The Jags campaign to retain their Highland League title was given a huge fillip last week with the news that talismanic striker Ian Murray has signed a new deal. Experienced forward Murray, 34, has penned a deal tying him to the Victoria Park side for another two years.

Buckie Rovers 1 RAF Lossiemouth 2 (Grill League Cup) 'Listless Rovers Shot Down'

ROVERS; Bain, Kris Taylor (Cooper), Forbes, Sam Clark, Robertson, Scott Mair, Ryan Mair, Thain (Tony Fraser), Blackhall and Sutherland (Munro).

Football news – The Rovers continued to blood local youngsters with the introduction of Craig Bain in goal and? Cooper being introduced at full back

Following this game it was learnt that Mike Widdrington, goalkeeper, had tendered his resignation and was being allowed to go. Though the whole story was not told to all there were those who saw most of the games, like yours truly, who felt that this perhaps was not the wisest of decisions as Mike had been seen to play some good games for the Rovers and was now quite experienced

Fraserburgh United 4 Buckie Rovers 1 (Grill League Cup) ‘*Another late collapse by the Rovers*’
Rovers – Bain, Forbes, Milton (Sam Clark, Fraser, Robertson, Bryceland (Sutherland), R. Mair (Blackhall), Munro, Shane Clark and Thain. Sub- Taylor and Flynn (G.K)

Formartine United 0 Buckie Thistle 3 (H/L)

Buckie – Main, Duncan, Angus, Davidson, McKinnon, Small, Low (Napier), Shewan (Stewart), Murray, McMillan, and Sutherland (Macrae). Subs – Charlesworth and H. Munro

Fraserburgh 2 Buckie Thistle 4 (Semi-final Aberdeenshire Cup)

Buckie Rovers 1 Forres Thistle 1 (L) ‘*Innes Inspirational*’

Rovers : Graham Flynn, Shane Clark, Mike Gauld, Paul Robertson Gary Innes, Grant Bryceland, Tony Fraser, Dale Munro, David Blackhall, Jordan Sutherland, Shaun Wood. Sub – Kris Taylor, Andy Milton, Sam Clark, Jamie Cooper. Scott Thain and Craig Bain (G. K)

Football news – The Rovers had Gary Innes in the team at centre half and what a difference he made. Gary now a veteran and an oilman whose work takes him off shore for four weeks at a time were simply magnificent in this game. He inspired the rest of the team to produce arguably their best performance for some time. It is such a pity that he can’t be available as his presence showed up a department where the Rovers are weak and which he filled admirably.

The Rovers were presented with a new strip from J. G. Ross, Bakers. This was handed over by George Robertson, Production Manager and father of Captain Paul Robertson. A photograph appears in this edition of the *Banffshire Advertiser*.