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Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final Fort William 3 Kingussie 2

Scotland captain Gary Innes was Fort William's match-winner in the 2010 Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final, netting two of his side's goals in their victory over Kingussie at Bught Park, Inverness.

Innes's sensational strike in the final minute ensured a fourth straight Camanachd Cup win for Fort to write their names in the history books alongside Kingussie and Newtonmore as the only teams to have managed this feat.

Innes played an influential role, particularly in the first half, firing the opener and providing the assist for Bryan Simpson to extend Fort's lead.

Despite suffering from a severe lack of supply in the second period, Innes popped up in the dying seconds to net a glorious winner and earn himself the Albert Smith Medal for man-of-the-match – the second time he has picked up this honour, the first being in the 2005 triumph over local rivals Kilmallie.

Both managers had hatched their own plans for dealing with the opposition goal threat. Fort boss Peter McIntyre decided

to task two of his defenders with the job of harnessing the danger of Ronald Ross, with Liam MacIntyre designated the man marking element while veteran full back Adam Robertson was deployed in front of Ross to interrupt the supply to the ace marksman.

At the other end, Kingussie boss Stevie Borthwick charged former Strathglass player Lee Bain with the responsibility of limiting the impact of striker James Clark, Fort's hero in the last two Camanachd Cup finals.

After a bright start from Fort, they went in front in the 15th minute with Innes picking up the ball 25 yards from goal before turning to send a sizzling drive into the back of Andrew Borthwick's net.

At the other end, the ball was rarely reaching Kingussie hit man Ross and the first real threat to rookie Fort keeper Paul MacKay's goal didn't come until the 35th minute.

Kings skipper Barrie Dallas, who had the benefit of not being directly marked due to the double attention afforded to Ross, sent a tempting ball behind the Fort defence which wing centre Fraser Munro raced on to – only to see his neatly-struck drive saved by the teenage keeper.

A minute later, Fort were fortunate not to concede a penalty when Robertson appeared to chop down Thomas Borthwick when the youngster was rushing in on goal.

In the debate that followed, the upended striker's protests saw him become the second player to be cautioned, Fort's John MacDonald entering referee Billy Wotherspoon's notebook five minutes earlier for careless use of his caman.

Fort's second goal followed in the 39th minute with Innes running at the defence before slipping a cute pass in to the path of Simpson, who stroked the ball past exposed keeper Borthwick from close range.

A response from an almost subdued Kingussie was now required and their chances were considerably enhanced in the 42nd minute when an aerial ball floated in to the danger zone by Dallas wasn't dealt with by the Fort defence, falling to Ross inside the penalty area.

The big striker rarely passes up such opportunities and he clinically despatched the ball past a helpless MacKay to reduce the half-time deficit to a single goal.

The second half saw Kingussie gain control of the crucial midfield area and this meant Ross and his accomplices up front soon became more involved in proceedings. Kings were now engineering chances and shots were being directed at MacKay's goal.

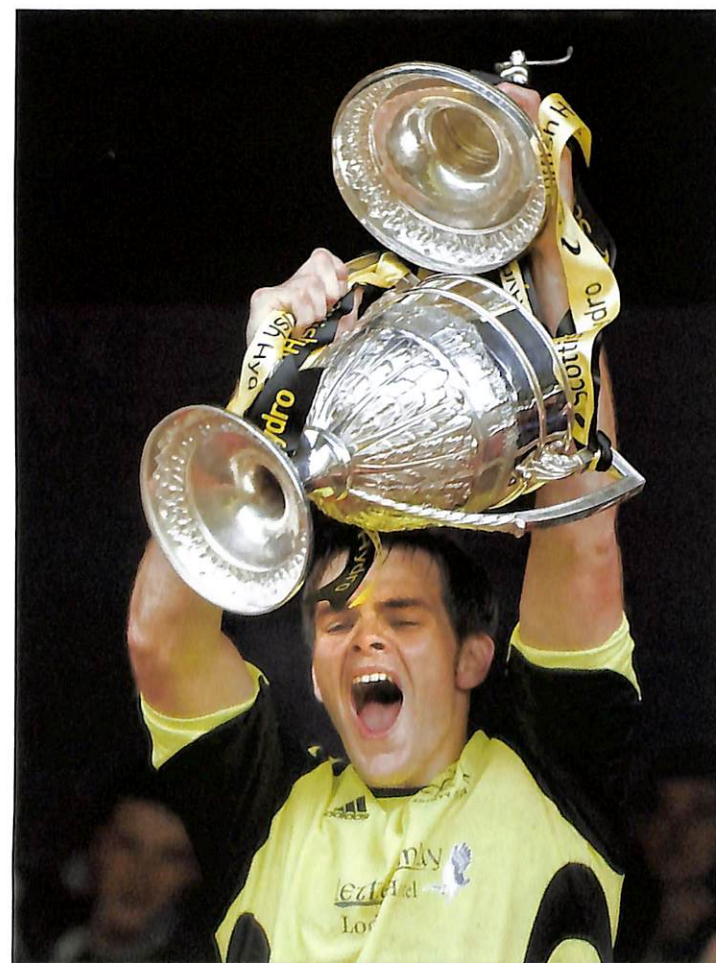
Kingussie replaced captain Dallas with midfielder James MacLean in the 72nd minute as they chased the equaliser, which came five minutes later.

An exquisite Ross pass found Thomas Borthwick on the right and the teenager calmly slotted an angled drive low past MacKay in to the corner of the net.

At this juncture, few would have bet against Kings going on to win the trophy for the first time since 2006. But Fort rallied and as the clock ran down, the holders carved out a few chances.

With less than a minute remaining, Innes raced towards MacDonald's corner hit – reaching the ball ahead of new marker James Hutchison and, from a tight angle, he first-timed a glorious shot high into the net past a stunned Borthwick for a spectacular winner.

□ Report courtesy Highland News Group



Up for the cup: Fort William captain Niall MacPhee lifts the Camanachd Cup aloft after his team's victory.



To the four! Fort William celebrate after clinching their fourth successive Camanachd Cup triumph.



Me and my shadow: Fort William's James Clark was marked closely throughout the final by Kingussie's versatile Lee Bain.

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MacPherson boys set the Celtic cup record straight!

Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final Inveraray 3 Kyles Athletic 2

Inveraray manager John Smylie won seven Glasgow Celtic Society Cup medals as a player, but has proved he could win many more as a manager.

Inveraray were 2-0 down against Kyles Athletic in front of the BBC Alba cameras at Old Anniesland, Glasgow, when Smylie altered his cup final tactics.

His clever switch led to man-of-the-match Garry MacPherson netting three goals to secure the trophy 3-2 and gave Smylie his first medal as a boss.

Smylie's master stroke was pulling Russell MacKinlay back out of the central role in attack and allowing him to drift into wider areas where he could hurt Kyles with his pace and stickwork.

MacPherson, who was chasing a competition record for winner's medals, was thrust into the central role where he could hold the ball and pressurise defenders.

The difference was felt almost immediately, with MacPherson's match-winning strikes coming within a 15-minute flurry either side of half-time.

It was a spirited comeback from the holders against an energetic Kyles side that stamped its authority on the early quarter.

Afterwards, Smylie admitted he was delighted to pocket his first medal as a boss – and a little relieved.

"It feels great to win it," the Royal Burgh chief said. "Kyles made it very difficult for us and we couldn't get going early on, but the change did help.

"It makes your job easier when you have forwards as capable as Russell and Garry.

"Garry was immense, and I am sure there will be a few celebrations after this one."

Alongside elder brother Graeme, Garry MacPherson was homing in on a 12th medal – one more than Kyles Athletic's Kerr Crawford, who was at the final in Glasgow.



It looked as if the prospect of the reward was burning inside him all day because he tormented Kyles constantly.

The Tighnabruaich outfit went into an early lead in the sunshine when Colin MacColl lashed a loose, high ball into the roof of the net after only five minutes.

They looked to have the match of Inveraray when Thomas Whyte, in eye-catching blue boots, drove home the second after half an hour.

Inveraray were struggling to establish a rhythm as the mobile Kyles centre line were always at players' heels.

However, MacKinlay began to run at them and MacPherson's finishing was clinical.

One minute after the second Kyles goal, a blocked clearance fell to MacPherson and he struck the ball sweetly into the corner.

Just before half-time, he levelled the game with a powerful shot direct from a free hit – a tactic permitted under Celtic Society rules.

Two minutes later, MacPherson was at it again. This time MacKinlay was pulled down in the box and the striker completed his hat-trick from the spot.

Kyles went close in the final seconds but MacColl ended up in the net after missing a ball on the goal-line. It was victory for Inveraray and a record for the MacPherson boys.

□ Report courtesy The Oban Times

Colville scoops Bullough treble chance

A hat-trick by Donald Colville helped Glasgow Mid-Argyll to a 3-1 victory over Kyles Athletic in the Bullough Cup Final at The Winterton, Inveraray. Colville opened the scoring after 20 minutes, and he

doubled GMA's advantage just before the break. Gordon Whyte pulled one back for Kyles soon after the interval, but Colville completed his treble midway through the second half to ensure the trophy headed back to the city.

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Ross to the fore as Kings rule...

Artemis Macaulay Cup Final Kingussie 4 Inveraray 2 (aet)

Kingussie remained on course for a grand slam of titles following their victory over Inveraray in the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final.

On a sunny Oban afternoon, spectators at Mossfield Park – and at home watching on BBC – were treated to an excellent display of shinty action and excitement.

Inveraray, determined to make it three in a row after winning the trophy for the past two years, broke the deadlock in the 14th minute with a strike from Neil Andrews.

The match stayed at 1-0 until early into the second half,

when Kingussie's Ronald Ross levelled the score. Inveraray went back in front shortly afterwards with a goal from Russell McKinlay, but the scoreline was quickly made 2-2 with Ross's second of the afternoon.

Allocated time came and went with the score still tied at 2-2 so unlike the 2009 final, where Inveraray's injury time goal secured their name on the trophy, the match went to extra time.

Within seconds of the start of extra time, Ross scored his third for the Badenoch side. Not content with a hat-trick, he went on to score his fourth and final goal – and a last minute strike from McKinlay proved no more than a consolation for Inveraray as they relinquished their grip on the trophy.

Kingussie's goalkeeper Andrew Borthwick was named man of the match, and captain Barrie Dallas was presented with the Artemis Macaulay Cup.



Ronald Ross (right), pictured here in action against Glenurquhart, scored all four goals for Kingussie in their Artemis Macaulay Cup Final victory.

'Shiel are spot at end of classic final

Balliemore Cup Final

Kinlochshiel 4 Lochaber 4 (aet)

(Kinlochshiel won 2-0 on penalties)

Kinlochshiel were celebrating after their second Balliemore Cup success in four years, following a classic final against Lochaber in Fort William.

The game, played in a fiercely competitive but thoroughly sporting manner, was a superb advert for shinty.

It featured two very evenly-matched sides, neither of whom gave nor expected any quarter, and had goals galore, extra time and a penalty shoot-out to keep the spectators entertained.

After a relatively dry week in Fort William, while other parts of the west coast were soaked with rain, the pitch at An Aird was in good condition if slightly heavy.

But the strong breeze blowing the length of the field was a factor, certainly during a first half in which Lochaber – with the wind at their backs – clearly held the upper hand.

For the first five minutes Kinlochshiel could hardly get the ball past the halfway line as Lochaber pressed for an early advantage.

Young half back John Don MacKenzie was kept busy in the opening few minutes trying to shackle Lochaber full forward Angus Morrison, still a class act at the age of 42, and twice in the space of a couple of minutes MacKenzie made vital blocks to stop the former Scotland international getting a shot.

In the fifth minute Morrison resorted to shooting from distance and drove the ball just a foot wide of Shiel keeper Graham Kennedy's left-hand post, with the custodian content to watch it go behind for a bye hit.

Two minutes later Shiel stunned their opponents with a goal on the break. In an incisive move, John MacRae fed the ball in from the right for his brother Keith to run on, carry it into a central position and lash it over the left shoulder of keeper Jake Keenan into the net.

Although this clearly hurt, coming as it did completely against the run of play, Lochaber simply stepped up their assault on the Kinlochshiel goal.

Twice in the space of three minutes Graham Kennedy came to Shiel's rescue – not for the last time, as things turned out – with saves from Sean Nicolson and Angus Morrison.

Despite sound defensive work by Shiel, it always looked as if Lochaber were going to find a way through. And in the 34th minute they did just that.

Wing forward Scott Patterson beat his man on the left and fizzed in a shot on goal and Kennedy, with Sean Nicolson bearing down on him, tried to palm it out for a corner but managed only to swat it into his own net for the equaliser.

Less than three minutes later Shiel found themselves trailing. Wing back Mark Macdonald lost out in a battle with Patterson on the byeline, and the big forward took a step inside and lashed the ball into the roof of the net past a helpless keeper.

Kinlochshiel tried to hit back immediately. Wing centre Graham Morrison drove the ball upfield and Keith MacRae ran on to it but was foiled by a block from keeper Keenan.

The best chance of another goal in the first half, however, fell to Lochaber captain Nicolson who with time and space to pick his spot sliced the ball wide.

When the teams came back out following the half-time break, the wind had dropped and things began to look ominous for Kinlochshiel as the Spean Bridge side resumed the offensive.

Three minutes after the restart Morrison got clear of full back Paul MacRae and ran clear through the middle, but Kennedy managed to palm the ball behind for a corner.

A minute later, however, Lochaber increased their advantage. As wing back Zander Grant battled for possession with young

forward Ben Delaney, John Don MacKenzie was sucked in and lost his stick in the tackle.

The ball broke to the lurking Nicolson who carried it into a central position and fired it low past a sprawling Kennedy into the net.

This stung Shiel into action. Good fighting by Keith MacRae saw him win possession on the left and cut the ball inside, but Gordie MacDonald was slow to react and full back Lachie Campbell was able to clear the danger.

Campbell then cut out an attempted pass by Finlay MacRae following a short corner from Graham Morrison, and following the resulting corner – Shiel's third in a couple of minutes – Campbell again blocked a run by the eldest of the three MacRae brothers.

Still Lochaber were a threat going forward and in the 64th minute Morrison drove in from the right, riding a couple of tackles along the way, but found his path blocked by Kennedy.

The game then turned on a Kinlochshiel substitution and a couple of positional changes. Graham Morrison was withdrawn, with Fraser MacVicar dropping back to wing centre. Neil Fraser was sent on at wing forward, and Gordie MacDonald pushed up to the other wing forward position.

The changes seemed to pay instant dividends, and the west coast side pulled a goal back within a minute. Full centre Steven Callander made a powerful run forward, bouncing the ball on the end of his stick as he went, before scooping it up towards the danger area.

Keith MacRae plucked the ball out of the air and when it dropped into the path of the onrushing MacDonald coming in from the left he scooped it home one-handed past a flummoxed goalkeeper – a stunning goal, born out of instinct and crafted with practice.

Callander, who had appeared to struggle at the start of the game, was becoming ever more influential, and with 70 minutes played he tried a speculative shot from distance.

Keenan must have seen the ball late as it came at him through a ruck of players, and did well to get a hand to it to turn it out for a corner.

Two minutes later the match was all square. Neil Fraser had been tormenting the Lochaber wing back since coming on, and when one clever run took him clear of his marker he crossed the ball from the right. Finlay MacRae pulled it down, carried it forward a step and lashed it low into the corner of the net.

The stage was set for a dramatic final eight minutes, as play surged from end to end. A grounder by Lochaber's Sean Nicolson was going in at Kennedy's right-hand corner before the keeper got a foot to it.

Up at the other end Fraser again set up a half-chance for Finlay MacRae, who drove his shot just a foot wide with the keeper beaten.

Kennedy then made two more excellent stops inside a two-minute spell. First a clever lay-off by wing centre Cahal Dignan sent Morrison running clear of Paul MacRae before the Shiel keeper came out and shielded the ball to allow his full back to recover and clear the danger.

Next the Shiel keeper made another stop at the foot of a post following another effort by Morrison.

Right on the stroke of 90 minutes Nicolson was running clear for Lochaber when he was brought down by John Don MacKenzie – after receiving an earlier warning, the youngster was booked by referee Deek Cameron who had an excellent game throughout.

Three minutes later Nicolson again got away from MacKenzie and raced into space before driving a waist-high shot past Kennedy into the corner to give Lochaber a 4-3 advantage.

With stoppage time running out many a team might have allowed their heads to drop after this blow, but to their credit Shiel gave it a last go.

The ball was driven forward out of defence all the way through to Finlay MacRae who beat Campbell close to the right byeline and powered the ball towards the far top corner.

The shot was off target but the ball dropped for Gordie MacDonald who quickly cut inside to Keith MacRae, and he calmly drove it low into the corner of the net for a late, late equaliser.

In fact there was just time for the ball to be centred before Cameron blew his whistle to send the final into extra time.

After the excitement of the first 94 minutes, extra time seemed almost tame.

There was a further save by Kennedy from Morrison in the first period, Nicolson shot wide after clever play to create an opening, Finlay and Keith MacRae both hit shots high and wide, and Mark Macdonald put in a great last ditch tackle to prevent Morrison going clean through on goal.

In the second period Keith MacRae again put a shot off target. Gordie MacDonald, who appeared to be suffering from cramp, was replaced by his namesake Iain, and Lochaber sent on Keith Neville in a straight swap for Angus Morrison.

Ominously for Shiel, John Don MacKenzie was red-carded after another foul – this time on Neville – with seven minutes remaining.

The 11 men held on, however, and so it was into the penalty shoot-out. The Kinlochshiel penalty takers held their nerve better.

Lachie Campbell's spot hit low to Kennedy's right was saved by the keeper, and Keith MacRae drove the ball shoulder high past Keenan to give Shiel the advantage.

Ben Delaney (Lochaber), Finlay MacRae (Shiel) and Neville (Lochaber) all struck their penalties over the bar.

So when the third MacRae brother, John, put the ball low and hard beyond Keenan for 2-0 on penalties it was all down to Lochaber's final spot hit.

Substitute Zands Ferguson struck the ball well enough, but it hit Kennedy full on his right cheekbone and dropped clear of goal.

The keeper was his team's saviour once again, this time when it really counted and when he knew little about it!

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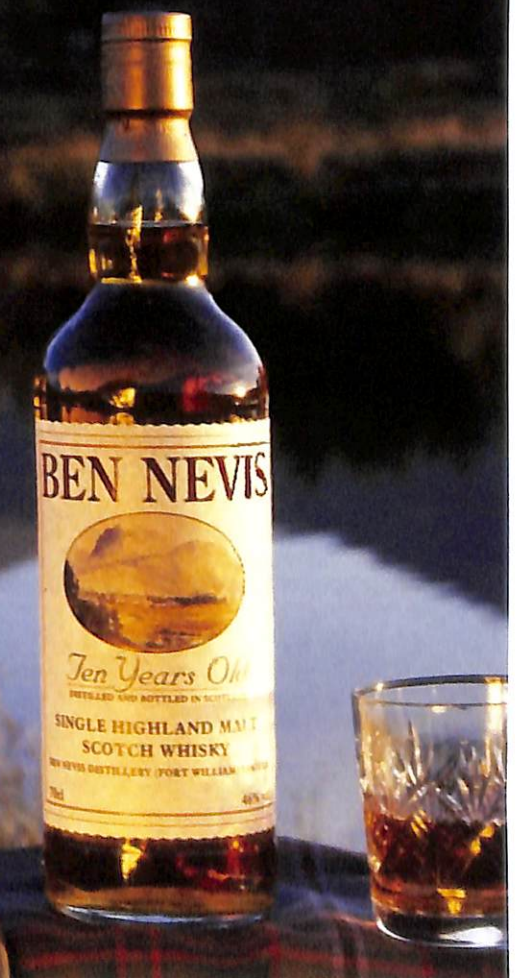
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Late drama again in MacTavish thriller!

Co-operative MacTavish Cup Final Kingussie 5 Kilmallie 4

Kingussie lifted the Co-operative MacTavish Cup for the 27th time by defeating Kilmallie at the Bught Park, Inverness.

The Badenoch side had to overcome a Kilmallie revival in the second half before Ronald Ross notched a late winner to see off the challenge of the defiant North Division One outfit.

This gave Kingussie manager Stevie Borthwick his first trophy since taking over from Jimmy Gow at the start of this season, but Borthwick saw his side lose their grip of the game before rallying to clinch victory.

As in the previous year's final, there was a thrilling end but with Kings this time celebrating a late winner rather than suffering the massive disappointment of conceding a decider in the dying minutes.

Kingussie got off to the best of starts when 17-year-old Ryan Borthwick's 25-yard drive entered the net via the hand of Kilmallie keeper Kevin Toye, and their advantage was increased in the 11th minute through Ross who sent a 20-yard piledriver high into Toye's net.

Despite these early setbacks, Kilmallie refused to be overawed and forced themselves back in to the reckoning through a Liam MacDonald goal – the tall young striker drilling a low backhand drive past Andrew Borthwick in the Kingussie goal after his first attempt had been blocked.

Ross restored Kingussie's two-goal advantage when he received the ball outside the penalty area and meandered towards goal, shaking off the challenge of three defenders before slipping his shot into the net from close range.

With a 3-1 lead at the interval and the wind at their backs in the second half, the game looked to be well under Kingussie's control – but what followed stunned the Premier Division champions, who appeared to have no answer to a fast-moving Kilmallie attack as they laid siege on the Kingussie goal.

In the 47th minute Scotland international John Stewart started the Kilmallie comeback with a low 20-yard drive which deflected off keeper Borthwick's outstretched foot high into the net.

The big keeper then had to pull off a couple of vital saves but, with Kilmallie creating a wave of goalscoring opportunities, it was no surprise when the equaliser came in the 59th minute.

This time it was the Kingussie keeper who was at fault when he ventured outside his penalty area to attempt a clearance and Michael Rodgers nipped in to steal the ball before neatly cutting inside and clinically finishing from 10 yards.

Five minutes later Kilmallie went ahead for the first time when MacDonald notched his second of the match to give his side a 4-3 lead.

A Fraser Massie shot was saved by Borthwick, with the rebound eventually breaking to MacDonald who made no mistake with a well-struck finish.

Kingussie looked a spent force as the impact of

their opponents' remarkable fightback sent confidence levels soaring in the Caol side.

But anyone who writes Kingussie off does so at their peril, and Ryan Borthwick made space for himself around the penalty spot before unleashing a fantastic drive high past the despairing Toye to tie the scores at 4-4.

The game was poised and when the winner did come in the 89th minute from Ross to complete his hat-trick, it was a disaster for Kilmallie keeper Toye.

Ross got on the end of a corner hit, following his own knock on into the penalty area before being presented with the easiest of chances, tapping the ball home when the keeper totally missed his clearance.

Toye had little time to recover from his error as two minutes later he inadvertently kicked the ball after failing to connect with his clearance, giving Kingussie a penalty. Ross, however, shot wide from the spot.

□ Report courtesy Highland News Group



Just for kicks: action from the pulsating MacTavish Cup Final.



Hoops they've done it again: Kingussie went one better than the previous year by winning a dramatic MacTavish Cup Final.

Lochaber retain juvenile trophy

Lochaber retained the MacTavish Juvenile Cup with a 4-2 win over Glenurquhart at the Bught Park, Inverness, prior to the senior final.

Connor Sweeney put the holders ahead with a 14th minute strike, and Scott Knox ensured Lochaber of a 2-0 interval lead with a goal after 20 minutes.

A Duncan MacKinnon double in the 56th and 60th minutes put Lochaber 4-0 ahead, before Glenurquhart responded with two goals in the last five minutes from Jack Hosie.

Lochaber's buckshee back Brennan MacDonald was named man of the match.



Ross the boss: Kingussie's match-winner Ronald Ross rounds Kilmallie keeper Kevin Toye.



Don't they just Lovat: the victorious Lovat team following their Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final triumph.

Chris has trophy in safe keeping!

Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final Lovat 4 Glenurquhart 1

Lovat overcame local rivals Glenurquhart to lift the Sutherland Cup at the Eilan, Newtonmore, after taking the lead within seconds of the throw-up – 17 seconds to be precise.

The ball was played wide to Greg Matheson on the Lovat left. Matheson – who was an unused substitute in Lovat first team's draw with Kingussie earlier in the day – fired on target and his shot was blocked with his legs by Glenurquhart keeper Gary MacKintosh, only for Lovat's Lewis Tawse to burst forward and tuck the rebound into the net.

The remainder of the half belonged in the main to Glenurquhart. They had a series of shots at the Lovat goal and those that were on target found the Balglate side's keeper Chris MacCallum in sparkling form.

He pulled off a series of fine saves which would eventually earn him the BBC ALBA man of the match award. If the Glen could have converted even some of their chances, they would have been out of sight by the interval.

Just when it looked as if Lovat were going to survive until the break, some invention from the impressive Ruairidh Cameron created an opportunity for youngster Kelvin MacKenzie and he beat MacCallum to make it 1-1 at half-time.

Glenurquhart buckshee forward Cameron had only just passed a fitness test to play in the final, but he was clearly becoming more and more troubled by his hamstring problem as the half wore on and he was replaced at the break.

Glenurquhart missed Cameron's creativity, and another

significant move at the break saw Lovat managers Allan MacRae and James White push buckshee back Alan MacPherson on to full centre and he nullified Glenurquhart's physical presence in the middle of the park and went on to have a very good final.

Lovat surged forward and Greg Matheson gave them the lead after 52 minutes when he scored from a tight angle on the left.

Just four minutes later Lovat extended their lead when Jimmy MacKenzie cleverly created a chance for Jamie Matheson who beat keeper MacKintosh to make it 3-1.

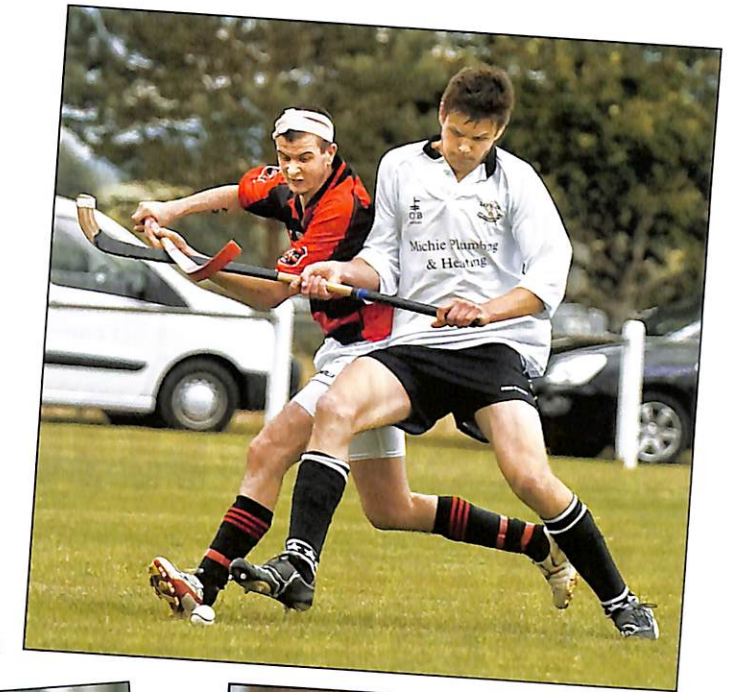
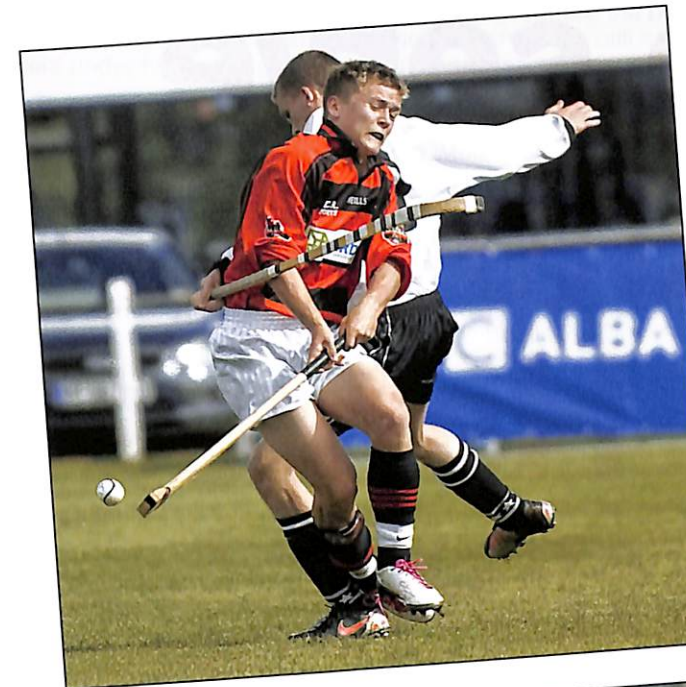
Lovat sealed victory after 77 minutes in controversial circumstances when Greg Matheson claimed to have knocked the ball over the line.

As the youngster turned away in celebration, the goal judge awarded the goal although the benefit of television replays showed the ball had not crossed the line. Fortunately, the decision did not seem to make a significant difference to the outcome.

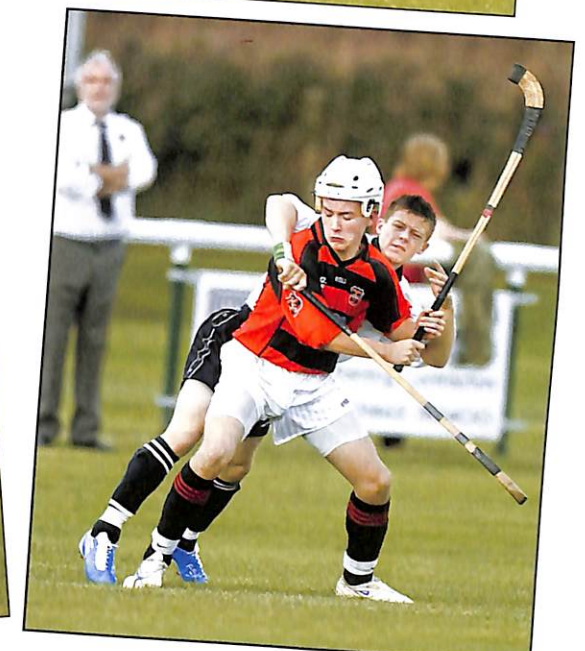
Lovat were well served by keeper Chris MacCallum and Alan MacPherson, especially in midfield. They must also have been pleased with the performance of 15-year-old wing back Michael MacKenzie, who played very well, and Greg Matheson was his usual threat in attack.

The Glen were left to plot revenge for when the same sides met in the Strathdearn Cup Final. They undoubtedly missed playmaker Ruairidh Cameron and they were caught out in defence a couple of times during the game, which is unlike them.

Lovat captain Jimmy MacKenzie was presented with the Sutherland Cup by Harvey Aberdeen from sponsors Aberdeen Considine.



Action from the Lovat v Glenurquhart cup finals double header



Revenge is sweet for Glen

Glenurquhart secured the Strathdearn Cup when a Kelvin MacKenzie double gave them a 2-1 win over Lovat at Braeview Park, Beauly.

MacKenzie put Glenurquhart ahead after 35 minutes, and the Glen took that lead into the half-time break.

He added his second on the hour mark and although Greg Matheson pulled a goal back for Lovat five minutes later, Glenurquhart held on to take the cup to Drumnadrochit.

That meant revenge for a Glenurquhart team who lost out to Lovat in the Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final.



Second time lucky: Glenurquhart bounced back to beat Lovat and lift the Strathdearn Cup.

Kingussie serve up six of the best at Marine Harvest shinty festival

Kingussie won the Marine Harvest Premier Sixes following an entertaining day's shinty at An Aird, Fort William.

The tournament brought together shinty's 10 Premier Division sides and the draws split them into two groups. Playing at An Aird in Group A were Kingussie, Newtonmore, Oban Camanachd, Lovat and Glenurquhart. Group B played at the BA Club and featured Fort William, Inveraray, Kyles Athletic, Glasgow Mid-Argyll and Bute.

The sides played with a fluorescent yellow ball to see if it would help television coverage.

Newtonmore won Group A after 1-0 victories over Lovat, Oban Camanachd and Glenurquhart, with a 2-1 defeat to Kingussie their only reverse. Kingussie finished in second place with two wins, a draw and a defeat to Lovat.

Inveraray won Group B following three wins and a draw with Glasgow Mid-Argyll, who finished in second place.

The first semi-final brought together Newtonmore and Glasgow Mid-Argyll. Around 30 seconds from the half-time break, Steven MacDonald cut in from the right, turned on to his right side and fired a low shot which seemed to deceive GMA keeper Donald Oliver and put Newtonmore 1-0 ahead.

Owen Fraser was the provider as Newtonmore went 2-0 up 90 seconds from the end. Evan Menzies made space before turning and firing home.

'More attacked again from the throw-up and Mid-Argyll keeper Oliver saved an Owen Fraser shot with his feet, but Menzies thumped in the rebound.

The game ended on a sour note for referee Duncan Kerr as he was accidentally caught on the top of the head by Steven MacDonald's caman at the throw-up following the third goal.

He had to leave the field and received pitchside attention from medic Eilidh Fraser from Kingussie before making a trip to the Belford Hospital to have the wound attended to. Oban referee Billy Wotherspoon took over for the last minute of the game.

Inveraray faced Kingussie in the second semi-final. Andrew Borthwick made a good save from Chris Crawford after four minutes when the Inveraray man fired on target following a free hit.

Less than a minute later, Ryan Borthwick played the ball forward to Thomas Borthwick who crossed from the right and Fraser Munro prodded the ball into the net to score the only goal of the game.

The final brought together Badenoch rivals Kingussie and Newtonmore. The sides had met earlier in the day in the group stages, with Kingussie running out 2-1 winners.

The final was refereed by 2009 Marine Harvest Referee of the Year Team MacDonald, who had picked up his award earlier in the day.

Rory Kennedy went close for Newtonmore in the opening minute but shot wide. Then Rory Fraser deflected an Evan Menzies shot on to his own post after two minutes and the ball rebounded to safety.



A long ball from Norman Campbell from deep in his own half came off Rory Fraser's stick and bounced just outside the D, but keeper Borthwick seemed to lose the flight of the ball and it went under his feet to give Newtonmore the lead.

Thomas Borthwick collected a Lee Bain pass but blazed the ball over the bar a minute later, and Ryan Borthwick forced a good save from Michael Ritchie in the 'More goal.

Thomas Borthwick had a shot blocked in the sixth minutes after good battling from Fraser Munro, but when the ball fell to Borthwick on his backhand he blasted the ball into the net, giving Ritchie no chance and levelling the game at 1-1.

Ritchie raced from his goal after eight minutes to deny Ryan Borthwick and keep the scores even at the break.

The winning goal came a minute into the second half. Fraser Munro played a ball out of defence which Michael Ritchie palmed away for a corner.

Ryan Borthwick played the corner in from the right, low across the edge of the D and Thomas Borthwick crashed an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Borthwick made a great save with his foot to deny Campbell, and he made an even better stop above his head to deny a Steven MacDonald rocket shot in the final minute.

Kingussie's 16-year-old starlet Thomas Borthwick was named BBC ALBA player of the tournament for some sparkling performances throughout the afternoon, and he was presented with his trophy by Charles Kennedy MP.

Kingussie captain Rory Fraser twisted his knee during the final so, as he watched on, Fraser Munro climbed the An Aird steps to be presented with the winner's trophy by Marine Harvest managing director Alan Sutherland.

Lucy McNulty turned a cross from the right by Kirsty Deans into the net to make it 1-0 right at the start of the second half. A good individual goal from McNulty made it 2-0 soon afterwards.

Kirsty Deans collected a ball from Lauren Doherty on the left midway through the half and calmly shot low past the keeper at her right post.

Orla Coughlin had a chance to pull a goal back for the South near the end but her shot went wide.

The north trio of Kirsty Deans, Jane Nicol and Lucy McNulty were too strong for the South as their side ran out 3-0 winners.

North captain Jane Nicol was presented with the trophy by Marine Harvest managing director Alan Sutherland.

Banavie and Newtonmore win

Youth shinty was given prominence at the Marine Harvest Premier Sixes Clash of the Camans at An Aird.

The day's shinty started with a local primary school tournament hosted by Camanachd Association development officers Ronald Ross and Darren Reid. Banavie Primary School won the three-team competition.

Later in the afternoon, Newtonmore and Beaully Primary Schools served up a terrific match in the Primary Schools Shinty World Cup Final with Newtonmore running out 1-0 winners.



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North women power to victory

The Women's North v South six-a-side match took place just before the Premier Sixes Final at An Aird.

The South played with the wind in the first half in what was a 10 minutes each way game. There was no scoring during the first period, but the An Aird breeze favoured the North in the second period.

Glenurquhart club of the year again

The Marine Harvest Annual Awards for the 2009 season were presented by Charles Kennedy MP at a packed reception during the Clash of the Camans festival at An Aird, Fort William.

Winners were:

Club of the Year – Glenurquhart

Coach of the Year – Norman MacArthur

Youth Coach of the Year – Willie Cowie

Player of the Year – Ronald Ross

U-21 Player of the Year – Grant Irvine

U-17 player of the Year – Greg Matheson

U-14 player of the Year – Finlay MacMillan

Referee of the Year – Ted MacDonald

Volunteer of the Year – Andrew MacMaster

Donella Crawford Youth and Schools Volunteer of the Year – Donnie MacLean, Lochaber High School

Marine Harvest Fair Play Award – Skye Camanachd became the first winners

Glenurquhart were named Marine Harvest Club of the Year for the second consecutive season.

The Glen first team, under the guidance of joint managers Billy MacLean and Dave Menzies, enjoyed an extremely successful season in shinty's top division after winning promotion the year before.

The reserve side won Marine Harvest North Division Two with a side which included a mix of youth and experience.

Glenurquhart were also successful at youth level with their under-14 team competing well and their under-17 side finishing London Shield runners-up after losing out to Skye Camanachd in the final.

John Barr and Eddie Tembo gained senior international recognition, and Ally MacKintosh and Lewis MacLennan represented the Scotland under-21s. Drew MacLennan and Ewan Brady were selected for the North under-17 and under-14 sides respectively.

The Glen also launched a new club website and are featured on the Keeping out of the D blog.

Glenurquhart chairman and Shinty Shop proprietor Russell Fraser accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Keeping the Camanachd Flag Flying – 150 Years of Aberdeen University Shinty Club

Season 2011 will see Aberdeen University Shinty Club celebrate their 150th birthday and in doing so become the first shinty to reach this significant milestone.

The reason that a small university team from the east coast of Scotland will be able to celebrate this achievement before any other shinty club is because on Saturday November 9, 1861, 38 individuals whiled away their time in the ancient sport of their forefathers.

However, more significantly they decided to constitute themselves into a shinty club and in doing so document rules not only for membership of their club but also rules for conducting the game of shinty.

This historic document is now the earliest surviving shinty club constitution, and is held by the University of Aberdeen.

The club were keen to enter their 150th year with some success behind them, but Lochaber proved too strong for an improving Aberdeen side. Both teams vied for supremacy in the early part of 2010 without either side managing to pull decisively away from the other.

Lochaber, however, gained an early success by knocking Aberdeen out of the Strathdearn Cup; and Glenurquhart ended Sutherland hopes for another year, leaving North Division Three as the only opportunity for success.

The league was going down to the wire and, despite a home win over the Spean Bridge men, a 6-5 away defeat to Lochcarron saw the league require a play-off.

Despite a six-week lay-off Aberdeen took the game, played at Castle Leod in Strathpeffer, to their opponents. However, somewhat against the run of play Aberdeen fell behind to their opponents on two occasions – only to equalise both times.

Despite the momentum appearing to switch behind the university team, Lochaber gathered themselves and scored a decisive winner in the dying minutes of the game.

Indeed much like season 2010, or even the play-off game, the last 150 years have been something of a rollercoaster ride for Aberdeen University with the club fading away on a handful of occasions before being revived.

For many former Aberdeen players the main priority has been survival, but through their efforts the foundations have been prepared for periods of astonishing achievement.

This journey has seen the club be represented at the founding of the Camanachd Association and be gifted the Littlejohn of Invercharron Challenge Vase by Alexander Littlejohn.

This developed into the Scottish University Shinty Championship and has become the most valuable trophy in university sport, and arguably the match of any trophy in British sport.

Success on the field was a long time coming and it took 16 years before the club claimed its benefactor's trophy in 1921-22.

Post-World War Two and the club started to enjoy more



Pictured at the 2011 Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup draw at Kings College Playing Fields, Aberdeen, where the final will be played to mark Aberdeen University Shinty Club's 150th anniversary, are (from left): Ian Diamond (Principal, University of Aberdeen), Steven MacKenzie (honorary president, Aberdeen University Shinty Club), and Ritchie Whyte (Partner, Aberdeen Considine Solicitors).

regular success in the Littlejohn fixtures. This eventually led to the team joining the MacGillivray Junior League in 1963-64 to provide more regular competition than the annual forays into the Sutherland and Strathdearn competitions. By the early 1970s the team was one of the most exciting in the country.

They would dominate the junior honours in season 1972-73 by winning the Sutherland and Strathdearn Cups before challenging the established order at senior level in season 1973-74, when a play-off defeat to Lovat was all that prevented the team from playing Newtonmore for the MacGillivray senior league title.

The fact that Aberdeen had a better goal difference than Lovat made this defeat even harder to accept. However, in doing so, this made them the first (and only) university side to win, and then retain, the Sutherland Cup.

Further Sutherland Cup successes followed in 1993-94 and 2005, to add to Strathdearn victories in seasons 1977-78 and 1978-79. There have also been league successes with the club winning North Division Three in 2001-02 and North Division Two in 2005.

Numerous Aberdeen University players have gone on to make their mark in the shinty world, but perhaps the most significant of these must be Peter English.

Founder and first editor of the Shinty Yearbook, vice-president of the Camanachd Association, co-founder of Aberdeen Camanachd and the Aberdeen Shinty Festival do not really do justice to his influence, as can be gathered from his obituary in the Shinty Yearbook.

The current team wanted to mark their 150th birthday in suitable style, having missed the club's centenary in 1961. The club are publishing a book "Keeping the Camanachd Flag Flying – 150 Years of Aberdeen University Shinty Club" charting the formation and progress of the club.

This also includes memories from Aberdeen University players from the 1920s onwards – some well known, some lesser known!

The title of the book was inadvertently provided by Peter English when he wrote agreeing to provide his memories from his time in Aberdeen, and commending the club on keeping shinty alive in Aberdeen. Unfortunately Peter would pass away before he could make good his promise.

The club are delighted that the Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final will be held in Aberdeen on July 30, 2011. The University of Aberdeen's Kings College Playing Fields will be venue for the final.

This will be the first time that a final of any sort (apart from the Littlejohn competition) has been hosted by the city. The final also provides the opportunity to reintroduce shinty to Aberdeen and show the shinty world what the University of Aberdeen and the wider city has to offer.

No less important, it also provides the club with the opportunity to reconnect with former players.

Introducing shinty to youngsters from city schools will be national shinty development officer Ronald Ross MBE. He will be visiting schools in the run-up to the final and will run a "Come and Try Shinty Festival" on the morning of the final.

Meantime, while the potential stars of the future are being put through their paces, former players are invited to join the current team in the Tartan Day parade down Union Street. The action then returns to Kings College for the final and presentation.

To cap it all, the traditional after-match meal will be expanded into a ceilidh and fund-raising auction at the Beach Ballroom.

This "grand reunion" for the finalists, invited dignitaries and Aberdeen University players past and present will provide everyone with the opportunity to bid for some fantastic prizes while dancing the evening away to Schiehallion (featuring Glenurquhart Shinty Club's Stuart MacKintosh).

The club are extremely grateful to Aberdeen Considine who have been generous in their support of the 150th book and auction.

The club have negotiated a 20 per cent discount for tickets bought in advance. Details can be obtained from the contacts listed below.

Similarly, anyone wanting to buy a book, or former Aberdeen players looking to participate in the Tartan Day Parade or buy tickets for the grand reunion should contact either:

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International matches round-up

Scots take the upper hand at Croke Park...

Ireland (2-15) 21-22 (2-16) Scotland

Scotland's senior team recorded an impressive Croke Park victory in the first test international against Ireland.

The Irish were quickest out of the blocks and they ran up a (1-2) 5-0 (0-0) lead within the first six minutes of the game, which included a Shane Dooley goal – after a great run down the left by Andrew O'Brien of Wicklow – and a point apiece from Offaly man Dooley and Antrim's Neil McManus.

The nearest Scotland came in the early stages was a free from Fort William's Duncan Rodger which whistled just wide of an upright. Fort William's Niall MacPhee scored the Scots' first point from distance a minute later.

Scotland captain Gary Innes took a nasty blow to the face after eight minutes and the Fort William player required touchline treatment and a couple of stitches before returning to the field of play.

Scotland gradually fought their way back into the match and efforts from Fort William's John MacDonald and Kingussie's Ronald Ross helped to put their side level (1-3) 6-6 (0-6).

The Scots took the lead for the first time in the match after 25 minutes. John MacDonald made a great run down the right and cut the ball back to Ronald Ross.

Scotland's top marksman saw his shot well saved by Irish keeper Paul Dermody from Kildare. However, the rebound came to Kinlochshiel's Finlay MacRae and he smacked the ball between the posts to put Scotland (1-3) 6-7 (0-7) ahead.

The Irish quickly levelled before the Scots found the back of the net for the first time after 31 minutes when Finlay MacRae reacted first to a cross from the left to stroke the ball calmly into the net and put Scotland (1-4) 7-10 (1-7) ahead.

A minute later John MacDonald set up Gary Innes and he steered the ball past Dermody into the net to put the Scotland (1-4) 7-13 (2-7) in front.

Play quickly switched to the other end and Scotland keeper Stuart MacKintosh from Glenurquhart made a terrific save from Shaun Dooley before clearing the danger. Dooley put the resultant dead ball between the posts.

Just when it looked as if the Scots were going to take a (1-5) 8-13 (2-7) advantage into the break, the Irish broke with pace. Keeper MacKintosh raced from his goal in a bid to avert the danger, but the ball broke to the right wing and Shaun Dooley knocked the cross down into the net to reduce the visitors' lead to (2-5) 11-13 (2-7) at the break.

The goal meant that manager's son Dooley scored 10 of Ireland's 11 first half points after a breathtaking first 35 minutes.

Scotland vice-captain Ronald Ross scored a two-pointer from in front of goal a couple of minutes into the second half to put his side (2-5) 11-15 (2-9) in front.

Scotland captain Gary Innes was now really beginning to impose himself on the match and he saw a hit from the left drop agonisingly past the goal a couple of minutes later as the Scottish forwards tried to get a vital touch.

Innes put another two-pointer between the posts to make it (2-5) 11-17 (2-11) after 42 minutes. Scotland continued to press and Dermody saved well from Gary Innes in the 55th minute.

The Irish picked off another point before Dermody again made good stops from Gary Innes and John MacDonald to leave the Irish trailing (2-6) 12-17 (2-11).

Dermody then made a fantastic diving save to his left after Ronald Ross had teed up Gary Innes.

A couple of points from each side left Scotland (2-8) 14-19 (2-13) in front before Scotland keeper MacKintosh had to look lively to thwart Shaun Dooley.

Ireland fought their way back into the game to reduce the Scotland lead to (2-12) 18-20 (2-14) after 63 minutes.

The increasing Croke Park crowd ahead of the second International Rules Test between Ireland and Australia helped to create a tense atmosphere as Scots head coach Drew McNeil paced the touchline, urging his troops on.

Scotland failed to clear their lines and a ball between the posts reduced the deficit to (2-13) 19-20 (2-14) – giving the visitors only a single-point lead.

Shaun Nicolson and Ronald Ross combined after 65 minutes but keeper Dermody did well to stop Ross.

A crucial Finlay MacRae two-pointer five minutes from time gave Scotland some breathing space and a (2-13) 19-22 (2-16) lead.

Ireland scored a couple of one-pointers in the closing minutes through John Rowley from Laois and eight-times GAA All Star and Ireland captain Tommy Walsh, but Scotland held on to secure a (2-15) 21-22 (2-16) victory.

Ireland scorers: Shaun Dooley 2-4 (1 65) / Patrick Horgan 0-5 (1f) / Neil McManus 0-3 / Eoin Nolan 0-1 / John Rowney 0-1 / Tommy Walsh 0-1.

Scotland scorers: Ronald Ross 0-6 (3f) / Finlay MacRae 1-3 (1 65) / Gary Innes 1-2 (1 65) / John MacDonald 0-3 (1f) / Shaun Nicolson 0-1 / Niall MacPhee 0-1.

International matches round-up

...but Irish bounce back at the Bught

Scotland (3-7) 16-21 (5-6) Ireland

Ireland won the Marine Harvest Quaich with a dramatic 21-16 win over Scotland in the second leg of the international double header at the Bught Park, Inverness.

Scotland held a 3-1 advantage following their 22-21 victory in the first meeting between the sides at Croke Park a fortnight earlier. The victory earned the Scots two points, and each sided gained a bonus point for scoring two goals.

The Scots retained the same squad from the first game, with Ireland making just one change as Offaly's Rory Hannify replaced the injured Stephen Clynych from Meath.

Scotland started brightly on a heavy Bught Park pitch and Kingussie's Ronald Ross gave the healthy crowd something to cheer about when he slammed the ball past Kildare keeper Paul Dermody after terrific lead up play from Kyles Athletic's Roddy MacDonald.

However the Irish fought back and Willie Hyland from Laois pulled a point back, before a rasping drive from Offaly's Shane Dooley put the visitors a point ahead (1-0) 3-4 (1-1).

Scotland captain Ross looked to be on a mission and he put his side ahead again when he scored two points with a free from the left.

The end-to-end nature of the game continued and after 20 minutes, Down's Gareth "Magic" Johnston put the ball over the bar to square the game (1-2) 5-5 (1-2).

A couple of minutes later Fort William's Gary Innes, wearing a helmet after having a broken nose he sustained in the first game reset during the week, saw a goalbound effort brilliantly saved by Irish keeper Dermody when the ball looked sure to be heading for the top left corner of the net. Innes put the resultant dead ball wide of the target to pass up a two-point opportunity.

However, Innes did put the Scots in front with a ball over the bar to make it (1-3) 6-5 (1-2).

The pace of the game was frantic and the desire to win from both camps ensured a particularly physical contest. The field of play was certainly no place for the faint-hearted.

After 31 minutes Scotland keeper Stuart MacKintosh from Glenurquhart made a brilliant save low to his right to deny Brendan Murtagh after the Westmeath man collected a cross from the right.

Scotland suffered a blow moments later when Ross went over his ankle as he battled for possession and he had to leave the field.

It turned out that Ross, who had delayed an ankle operation to play in the international series, suffered ligament damage to his other ankle. Glenurquhart's Andrew Corrigan came on in his place.

Fort William's John MacDonald scored a two-pointer which looked to have given Scotland a three-point interval advantage, but in injury time Antrim's Neil McManus burst through the middle of the home defence and gave MacKintosh no chance to make it (1-5) 8-8 (2-2) at the break.

The second half was only a couple of minutes old when John MacDonald avoided a couple of tackles to tuck the ball into the net and put Scotland (2-5) 11-8 (2-2) in front.

That meant both sides had earned a bonus point for scoring two goals so Scotland led the series 4-2. Ireland's only hope was to win the game by at least a two-point margin to square the series at 4-4 and overturn Scotland's aggregate lead.

Innes was denied a point 10 minutes into the second half when a great effort came back into play off an upright.

Shane Dooley was, as in the first game, a constant threat and he netted his second a couple of minutes later after some poor home defending.

The Irish then scored three points in six minutes through Shane Dooley, Neil McManus and Brendan Murtagh as the game swung (2-5) 11-14 (3-5) in their favour.

A scramble in the Irish goal area 10 minutes from time saw keeper Dermody lie on the ball and referee Deek Cameron awarded Scotland a penalty. The Irish players and bench were unhappy, but the decision looked correct.

Innes held his nerve and with a keeper and two defenders between him and the goal, he took the sensible option and put the ball over the bar for a two-pointer to reduce Ireland's lead to a single point at (2-7) 13-14 (3-5).

With only six minutes remaining, home keeper MacKintosh had to look lively to deal with a high effort on goal but with the ball back in play Ireland secured another point through Willie Hyland to go two points ahead.

The Irish struck what looked to be a killer blow a couple of minutes from the end of regulation time when the irrepressible Johnston burst forward and gleefully slotted the ball past MacKintosh to make it (2-7) 13-18 (4-6).

Ireland had one hand on the Marine Harvest Quaich but Scotland weren't about to concede and Kinlochshiel's Finlay MacRae, who was one of the Scots' top performers over the two games, played a great cross from the right and Innes took his points tally to six as he fired home to reduce the deficit to (3-7) 16-18 (4-6).

Scotland needed two more points to win the series but as the game entered injury time, Ireland had the final say when Dooley scored at the death, just as he did in 2009, to make it (3-7) 16-21 (5-6). This was Dooley's third goal of the afternoon and fifth strike over the two-game series.

With just seconds remaining, Lochaber's Shaun Nicolson was accidentally hit in the mouth with a hurling stick and he required several minutes' treatment before leaving the field with two of his teeth in his hand. They were later reset at nearby Raigmore Hospital.

The final score of Scotland (3-7) 16-21 (5-6) Ireland squared the series at 4-4 but Ireland triumphed with a 42-38 aggregate score in the closest of outcomes.

That concluded an entertaining two-match series which attracted a sizeable crowd of interested shiny supporters, although it was disappointing that such a major sporting event was not covered by live television. > **Continued on next page**

International matches round-up

Under-21s left to rue missed opportunities

Ireland Under-21s (3-6) 15

Scotland Under-21 (1-3) 6

Ireland under-21 came out on top in the shinty/hurling international against their Scottish counterparts at Ratoath.

The match was late in starting as the women's international which preceded the game was held up for 30 minutes following a nasty injury to Scotland's Fiona Mathie. Fortunately she was able to rejoin her team-mates later in the day following hospital treatment.

Scotland started with the wind at their backs but the Irish scored the first two points of the day.

However, Scotland fought back to find the back of the net through Kyles Athletic's Tom Whyte, which meant the visitors went into the break with a (0-2) 2-3 (1-0) lead.

The Scots' interval advantage could have been greater and they were left to rue four missed two-point opportunities.

Ireland scored three goals at the start of the second half, which made it difficult for Scotland to recover. Meath's Neil Henderson scored two of them and Kerry's Darragh O'Connell netted the other.

Kilmallie's Michael Rodger, who captained the Scottish side, scored a 2two- pointer and Oban Camanachd's Scott MacMillan added another in what was an even remainder of the game. But Ireland ran out (3-6) 15-6 (1-3) winners.

Scotland were well served by Michael Rodger, Lovat's Daniel Grieve, and Newtonmore pair Rory Kennedy and Owen Fraser.

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Scotland: Stuart MacKintosh (Glenurquhart), Norman Campbell (Newtonmore), John Barr (Glenurquhart), Neil MacDonald (Lochaber), Duncan Rodger (Fort William), Ian MacDonald (Bute), Chris Bamber (Fort William), Niall MacPhee (Fort William), Gary Innes (Fort William), Finlay MacRae (Kinlochshiel), John MacDonald (Fort William), Roddy MacDonald (Kyles Athletic), Ronald Ross (Kingussie), Scott Campbell (Newtonmore), Andrew Corrigan (Glenurquhart), Paul Gow (Kingussie), Grant Irvine (Kyles Athletic), Shaun Nicolson (Lochaber). **Management:** head coach Drew McNeil (Fort William); assistant coaches Kenny Ross (Lochcarron), George Hay (Glasgow Mid-Argyll), Scott McNeil (Fort William); trainer Neil Bowman (Kingussie); doctor Dr Karen Massey (Newtonmore).

Ireland: Paul Dermody (Kildare), Aaron Graffin (Antrim), Darren McCormack (Westmeath), Tom Murnane (Kerry), Jackie Tyrrell (Kilkenny), Eoin Nolan (Carlow), Tommy Walsh (Kilkenny), Rory Hannify (Offaly), Willie Hyland (Laois), Patrick Horgan (Cork), Gareth Johnston (Down), Neil McManus (Antrim), Andrew O'Brien (Wicklow), Shane Dooley (Offaly), Paul McCormack (Armagh), Barry McFall (Antrim), Brendan Murtagh (Westmeath), John Rowny (Laois). **Management:** manager Joe Dooley (Offaly), selectors Kevin Ryan (Carlow), Jim McKernan (Down).

Neck injury casts cloud over women's clash

Ireland (6-9) 27-8 (2-2) Scotland

Ireland cruised to victory in the camogie/shinty international when they beat Scotland at Ratoath.

Cavin's Roisin O'Keeffe gave the home side a great start when she found the net with an early strike.

The Irish made it difficult for the Scots' defence, and keeper Elizabeth MacGregor from Badenoch & Strathspey pulled off a string of good saves.

Scotland lost the services of Tir Conaill Harps' Fiona Mathie when she had to leave the field with a nasty neck injury following a collision. There was a lengthy delay before Mathie left the field, but fortunately she was released from hospital later in the day.

Colette McSorley from Armagh scored twice for the Irish as they took their first half tally to three goals. Ireland led (3-7) 16-3 (1-0) at the break, with Badenoch's Janette MacGregor finding the net for Scotland.

Ireland's McSorley went on to complete her hat-trick early in the second half, before Scotland enjoyed a period of pressure and Irish keeper Roisin McKenna from Monaghan saved well from Forth's Katy Smith.

Scotland found the back of the net for the second time through Badenoch & Strathspey's Jane Nicol.

However, Ireland continued to dominate and Tyrone's Aisling Corr netted after 53 minutes to end any thoughts of a Scottish fightback.

Further goals from Westmeath's Jemma Egan and Kildare's Susie O'Carroll clinched a comfortable victory.

The camogie/shinty internationals began in 2004, the centenary year of the Camogie Association. Ireland won the title in 2004 and 2005, and Scotland recorded a hat-trick of wins in 2006, 2007 and 2008 before Ireland reclaimed the crown in Inverness in 2009.

Ireland: Roisin McKenna (Monaghan), Niamh Breen (Kildare), Regina Gorman (Kildare), Clodagh Byrne (Carlow), Rosie Crowe (Cavan), Isabel Kiernan (Monaghan), Laura Gribben (Armagh), Brid Grennan (London), Bernie Murray (Armagh), Jemma Egan (Westmeath), Pamela Greville (Westmeath), Susie O'Carroll (Kildare), Shauna Jordan (Tyrone), Roisin O'Keeffe (Cavan), Colette McSorley (Armagh), Brid Boylan (Cavan), Aisling Corr (Tyrone), Aine Charlton (Mayo), Claire Coffey (Meath). Head coach Tom O'Mahony (Kildare).

Scotland: Elizabeth McGregor (Badenoch & Strathspey), Beth MacDonald (Glengarry), Elaine Wink (Glengarry), Laura MacKay (Glengarry), Katy Myerscough (Glasgow Mid-Argyll), Laura McCafferty (Glasgow Mid-Argyll), Kirsty Deans (Badenoch & Strathspey), Siobhan Martin (Tir Conaill Harps), Jeanette McGregor (Badenoch & Strathspey), Katy Smith (Forth), Jane Nicol (Badenoch & Strathspey), Fiona Mathie (Tir Conaill Harps), Joanne Gilanders (Glengarry), Orla Coughlan (Tir Conaill Harps), Lisa Norman (Glasgow Mid-Argyll), Lucy McNulty (Glengarry), Janice Aitken (Tir Conaill Harps), Aisling Gribbon (Tir Conaill Harps), Lucy MacLeod (Strathglass). Head coach Alex Mathie, physio/first aid Sarah Murdin.

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North women keep a firm grip on both representative cups

The North retained both their trophies in the annual women's shinty representative matches against the South in Oban.

The senior and under-18 games were sponsored for the first time by the Artemis Macaulay Association, and were played in excellent conditions at Mossfield Park.

In the senior match, the North eventually ran out 4-1 winners with Glengarry's Joanne Gillanders hitting a hat-trick.

The final scoreline was harsh on the South, who enjoyed a good share of the match but were undone by a burst of two goals in as many minutes early in the second half.

South applied early pressure and were rewarded after eight minutes when Forth's Katy Smith latched on to a free hit and fired a bullet-like drive into the net.

North equalised midway through the first half when Gillanders followed up to score after keeper Sophie Moyles (Forth) had saved smartly from Gillian Currie (Strathglass).

The teams turned round level, but five minutes into the second half Gillanders punished the South defence for failing to clear their lines – and a minute later Kirsty Deans (Badenoch & Strathspey) pumped the ball forward for Gillanders to complete her treble.

Ironically Gillanders, a student based in Glasgow, had travelled to the match with some of her South opponents so her performance would have made the return journey interesting!

After a brief break in play when referee Dougie Cameron inadvertently blew for full-time eight minutes early, North rounded off their victory when Badenoch & Strathspey's Jeanette MacGregor fired in a well-struck shot which took a wicked deflection off Katy Myerscough (Glasgow Mid-Argyll) and gave keeper Moyles no chance.

Earlier in the afternoon the North under-18s had beaten their South counterparts 5-1 in a match which showcased the rich young talent coming through in the women's game.

North made the running from the first whistle and it was no surprise that they took an 11th minute lead through captain Paige MacDonald with a low shot to the keeper's right.

South's best effort in the opening quarter came via a determined run from Alice Bragg (Linlithgow) but, after carrying the ball a long way, she fired over the bar.

North increased their lead six minutes before the break when



Kitted out: personal trainer Stephanie Dunstaffnage (centre) presents new sponsored strips to the North and South senior women's representative teams before going on to help the North to victory in the annual match at Mossfield Park, Oban.

Annie Butterworth (Glengarry) crossed for Kathleen Cameron (Lochaber) to score – and four minutes later Butterworth turned from provider to scorer with the North's third.

South pulled a goal back in the final action of the first half when a bye hit was returned with interest into the back of the North net.

Rachel McCafferty (Glasgow Mid-Argyll) had marshalled the South defensive effort well throughout the opening period, and that continued after the break to ensure the scoreline remained unchanged until six minutes from the end when Sophie Paterson (Badenoch & Strathspey) looped the ball into the net from close range to make it 4-1.

Kirsty Delaney (Lochaber) rounded off the scoring with a neat turn and shot just before the end for the North, whose youngest player Zoe Smith (Fort William) produced an eye-catching display which marked her out as one to watch for the future.

Glengarry and Mid-Argyll take honours

Glengarry retained the Valerie Fraser Women's Camanachd Cup with a 5-0 win over Tir Conaill Harps at Mossfield Park, Oban.

Loval under-17 player Laura Gallagher scored twice for 'Garry and Lucy McNulty, Annie Butterworth and Helen Nelson netted the other goals.

Earlier in the day, Forth won the Caledonian Canal Division Two Challenge Cup Final with a 6-3 win over Strathglass. The

Edinburgh side's victory was based on a player-of-the-match display from Katy Smith.

In the women's leagues, Glasgow Mid-Argyll took the National Division One title and their B team finished top of South Division Two.

Glengarry B won a play-off 3-1 against Strathglass to secure the North Division Two championship, after the teams had finished level on points.

Lochaber spot on

London Shield Under-17 Final

Lochaber 1 Skye 1 (aet)

(Lochaber won 2-0 on penalties)

Lochaber held their nerve in a penalty shoot-out to pip Skye in the London Shield Under-17 Final at Braeview Park, Beaulieu.

Both sides were at full strength going into the final, and Skye made a bright start with Will Cowie forcing Lochaber keeper Callum MacDonald to save with his feet and clear for a corner in the opening minute.

Skye pressed their opponents' goal without troubling the keeper again in the early stages, but Lochaber broke with speed after six minutes and Duncan MacKinnon played in Stuart Callison but his shot took a deflection as it went narrowly past a post.

Callison threatened again three minutes later when he fired over the bar with Skye claiming for a kick in the build-up.

Skye took the lead 60 seconds afterwards through Jordan Murchison. There seemed little danger when Murchison collected a pass 25 yards from goal but the youngster quickly turned his man before rifling a great drive high into the net.

Skye continued to attack the Lochaber goal but they suffered a blow after 14 minutes when Will Cowie was forced to leave the field after being hit on the arm by a swinging caman. Chris MacLennan replaced him, and an X-ray at Raigmore Hospital in Inverness confirmed there was no bone damage to Cowie.

A Conor Sweeney free hit for Lochaber found Callison a couple of minutes later but his shot went wide. At the other end Murchison played a good cross into the danger area after 21 minutes, but the ball drifted past a post with none of the Skye forwards able to make contact.

The Skye defence was caught out after 24 minutes when Lochaber broke down the left and Scott Knox lost his marker to collect a pass and tuck the ball past Iain MacLeod in the Skye goal to level the game.

Murchison turned his man, only to see Lochaber keeper MacDonald make a fine save as he tipped the ball away for a corner.

Skye full forward John Gillies received a blow to the hand during the first half but bravely played on. However, it was clear at the interval that he was unable to grip his stick and he was replaced by Cowie who was called back into action.

It later transpired that Gillies had suffered a couple of broken bones in his thumb.

MacDonald saved a Paul MacKinnon shot in the opening

minute of the second half, and Chris MacLennan netted from a Mark Mortimer corner moments later but his effort was ruled out for offside.

A good run and shot from Callison four minutes into the second half produced a good save from Skye keeper MacLeod.

MacKinnon was a constant threat to the Lochaber defence and he produced some good lead-up play to set up MacLennan but his shot went just the wrong side of the post.

Lochaber then had their best spell in the game and pressed the Skye goal for a 15-minute period, but the islanders' defence held firm.

Referee Robert Morrison had to intervene when a scuffle broke out between Lochaber's Brennan MacDonald and Skye's MacKinnon and the duo, along with Skye's Martin Bruce who was attempting to act as peace-maker, were lectured.

Skye finished the game strongly and Cowie played in MacLennan, but MacDonald made a brilliant save to his right from MacLennan's shot to keep his side on level terms.

There was still time for both sides to produce a winner, and Pat Toal shot wide for Lochaber seven minutes from time.

In the final minute, Skye's Murchison made space for himself on the left – only to see his snap shot rise just over the junction of bar and post.

Referee Robert Morrison's final whistle took the match into a 20-minute extra time period. Toal shot inches wide of target, and some resolute defending from Iain Grant prevented Callison from getting a shot on goal in the first period of extra time.

In the second period a good passing move between Bruce, MacKinnon and Cowie created a chance for Murchison but his rocket shot went wide.

Lochaber's MacKinnon saw an effort well left by MacLeod as it went inches wide of the goal.

Skye survived some pressure from a Lochaber corner in the closing seconds before the match went to a penalty shoot-out.

Skye will be disappointed not to have converted any of their penalties as successful spot hits from MacKinnon and Knox were enough to take the London Shield to Spean Bridge.

Both sides put on an entertaining display in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd who were highly complimentary of the shinty on show.

Skye were well served by Iain Grant, Shaun Hedley and Scott MacLeod who formed a formidable defensive barrier. Martin Bruce was outstanding in midfield, and Paul MacKinnon was particularly creative in attack.

Lochaber can thank keeper Callum MacDonald for a couple of excellent saves, and Danny Delaney and Brennan MacDonald were also big influences in their side.

Dublin double for Scottish select squad

The Scottish Hydro Under-17 National District Select Squad won both their encounters against the Offaly Development Squad and the Dublin Development Squad during their tour of Dublin.

In their first match, they defeated the Offaly Development Squad 15-10. The Scotland points and goals came from Greg Matheson (Lovat), Drew Macdonald (Newtonmore), Lewis Cameron (Oban Camanachd) and Gary McKerracher (Oban Celtic).

The following day they overcame the might of the Dublin Development Squad, despite being 9-8 behind at half-time. The final score was an impressive 22-12 to the Scots.

The Scots' goals came from Drew MacDonald, Thomas Borthwick and Ben Delaney.

Points were scored by Garry McKerracher, Ben Delaney, Thomas Borthwick and Drew MacDonald.

Speaking on his return from the tour, national development officer Ronald Ross said: "To win both the matches is a great achievement for the squad and the sport of shinty itself.

"We showed great character and strength to come back against Dublin after being down at half-time, and I am in no doubt that all members of the squad are shinty stars of the future."



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Skye gain revenge

Skye Camanachd B won the Scottish Hydro Under-14 Development Shield with an 8-3 win over Milngavie & Bearsden at the Bught Park, Inverness, on Camanachd Cup Final day.

Skye took an early advantage in the match with two goals from Will Cowie. Both were high shots from the middle of what was a very short pitch. Skye went 3-0 up following a great 20-yard strike by Angie Grant.

Goal number four was a rebound from a Cowie shot which was well tucked away by Iain MacLeod, before Cowie completed his hat-trick to make it 5-0.

Milngavie & Bearsden had plenty of opportunities in the first half, but they were denied by good goalkeeping by Iain MacKenzie and tenacious defending from Stevie MacKinnon. Skye were fortunate to go in at the break with a 5-0 advantage.

When Cowie scored shortly after the restart, it looked to be all over as a contest.

But Milngavie & Bearsden had other ideas and stormed back into the match with goals from Calum McLay, Calum Forsyth and a Cameron Dyver penalty which gave MacKenzie little chance, reducing the deficit to 6-3.

Skye went on to seal victory and avenge the previous year's defeat in the final against the same side when James Pringle played in Primary 7 pupil John Gillies to score his first goal in his first game for Skye.

Andrew Grant sent a low drive into the corner of the net just on the final whistle to make it 8-3.

This was a good all-round team performance in which Lorna MacRae and Caitlin Maclean made a telling contribution. They were well supported by MacKenzie in goal, Pringle, Shaun Henderson and Gillies. It was also good to see MacKinnon and Grant back playing shinty after time away.

Stevie MacKinnon played a captain's role and was delighted to pick up the trophy after the previous year's disappointment.

Hat-trick for KLB

Kinlochbervie completed a third successive triumph when they travelled across to Stornoway to take part in the Minch Medal shinty tournament.

The first game was between hosts Lewis and a team from Uist. It was a good game with both sides showing great improvement in their all-round game. Uist, however, just got the better of Lewis with a 3-2 win.

Next up was Kinlochbervie v Lewis and there was a storming start from the KLB side. Lewis fought bravely, playing some good shinty, but couldn't hold off the onslaught as KLB won 5-1.

Scorers for Kinlochbervie were Donald Mackay (2), Oliver Feliz, Mathew Hathaway and captain Taylor Mackay.

After a short break, KLB and Uist played the deciding game, with both sides having a great chance of victory.

Uist drew first blood with a great goal midway through the first half, and they scored again just before the break, so KLB knew they were going into the second half on the back foot.

However, the team are nothing if not resilient and captain Mackay spurred his team on with a great goal from midfield. Next Donald Mackay found the back of the net to great celebrations from the sidelines, but the jubilation was short-lived as Uist rapidly claimed a third goal and looked like taking the competition from the Sutherland team.

With shouts of encouragement and direction from the sidelines the young players fought bravely on, with time fast running out. With seven seconds to go, Oliver Feliz netted to level the scores at 3-3.

As the final whistle blew, Kinlochbervie and their fans jumped for joy as they took the tournament on goal difference.

Halkirk retain crown

Eight teams from primary schools across Caithness and north Sutherland gathered at Thurso High School for the annual Caithness Primary Shinty Sixes tournament.

It was the third consecutive year the popular tournament had been organised by the Thurso primaries' active schools coordinator Kenny Russell.

The teams taking part were divided into two mini leagues of four, and they proceeded to do battle for the first hour of the afternoon.

At the close of this first phase of play, Bettyhill and Halkirk proceeded to the semi-finals from league A, and Castletown and Miller Academy, Thurso, progressed from league B.

The semi-finals proved comfortable affairs for the Bettyhill and Halkirk teams, as they cruised past Miller Academy and Castletown for a repeat performance of the previous year's final.

Unlike before though, when Halkirk dominated and won 5-0, the rematch was a far more closely-fought affair.

Bettyhill were favourites, having already beaten Halkirk in the mini league earlier in the afternoon. But Halkirk opened the scoring early in the final and took their Sutherland opponents by surprise.

Bettyhill fought hard for the remainder of the 10-minute final but couldn't break down a strong Halkirk defence, and when the whistle blew Halkirk took the honours.

Lewis lift festival cup

Camanachd Leodhais won the Hebridean Celtic Festival Cup 4-1 against Uist Camanachd at Bayhead in Stornoway.

The Leodhasach team were leading 2-0 at half-time thanks to goals from James "Titch" Morrison and Calum Stamper. Lewis made it four in the second half through Stamper again and a mighty 80-yard effort from Paul Duke.

Ruairidh "Blot" MacDonald scored a fine consolation strike for the Uibhistich. The game was watched by a large crowd and the level of play received praise from several shinty players who were in the crowd.

All the players and referee Sean Cameron received tickets to watch Runrig at the big tent on the closing night of the Hebridean Celtic Festival.

Kings' MacKay triumph

Kingussie Primary School lifted the MacKay Cup with a 7-1 win over St Columba's Primary School at Mossfield Park, Oban.

The final was played before the Artemis Macaulay Cup final and it was the first time Kingussie have won the trophy in 19 years.

Roddy Young, son of former Kingussie player Dallas Young, scored a hat-trick. Ruari Anderson scored twice – and his father Davie Anderson, one of the Kingussie greats, coaches the youngsters.

Dillon Borthwick, son of first team keeper Andrew Borthwick, was also on target – as was Alexander Michie, who was impressive in the semi-final win over Portree Primary School.

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South starlets shine

Some 200 young shinty stars from 24 primary schools competed in the South of Scotland Primary School Six-A-Side Championships at Taynuilt.

Idyllic conditions drew a large crowd to cheer on shinty's future stars from across the south, with teams as far afield as Aberdeen and Tighnabruich making the long trip to compete.

Spectators were treated to a feast of shinty on the perfect playing surface at Taynuilt, which allowed the players to display the skills they had to offer.

All the teams competed fantastically and the games were extremely hard fought but in the right manner. The young players were a credit to their clubs and schools as they all showed great sportsmanship both on and off the pitch.

In the P5 and under section, despite some great endeavour by all the young teams, Rockfield Rovers were the outstanding side and went on to claim the trophy without conceding a goal and were deserved winners.

Along with Rockfield Rovers, St Columba's, Milngavie and Bearsden, and Rockfield Rockets claimed their place in the semi-finals after winning through their group stages.

Milngavie and Bearsden made it through to the final and fought a close battle before being edged out by Rockfield who are a team to watch out for in years to come.

Other teams in the section such as Ardrishaig, Lochgoilhead and Achahoish (who continue to produce a team despite there being just 15 or so pupils on their school roll) all can be extremely proud of their performances.

Taynuilt were also fantastic and were rewarded with their young player Ellis Hunter winning the player of the tournament after a day of eye-catching performances.

In the senior section it was a much closer fought affair with little to separate all the teams in the section, and it took penalty shoot-out in a semi-final and the final before the winner could be decided.

The victorious team that held their nerve was Inveraray. Milngavie and Bearsden, along with Rockfield and St Columba's, made up the other semi-finalists and Rockfield won through on penalties against St Columba's to the final.

The final saw two very evenly matched teams battle it out in a fascinating encounter, and after full time and extra time the teams were locked at 1-1.

Inveraray slotted home all their penalties in the shoot-out to win the trophy. Rockfield did have some cause for celebration as James Mackenzie was voted player of the tournament for a great display of mi-field play throughout the competition.

Alan Hill, who was nominated as an honorary member of the Camanachd Association, at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, was on hand to present the prizes to the teams, all of whom took something away from the event.

Argyll and Bute development officer, Darren Reid, who attended the event, said: "I cannot thank enough all the volunteers who give up their time to ensure the event ran smoothly, and for the parents and coaches for the hours they spend coaching and organising their teams for occasions such as this.

"Everyone involved in these events helps to give these young players every opportunity to play and enjoy shinty, and this provides the crucial first step on the player pathway.

"If the talent that was on display in Taynuilt can be harnessed and nurtured, the sport will be in very safe hands indeed in the south of Scotland."

LHS up for the cup

Three teams contested the under-14 MacPherson Cup for secondary school teams at Canal Park, Caol, and Lochaber High School emerged triumphant.

From the outset the competition was keenly contested, with the first game resulting in a draw between Charleston Academy and Dingwall Academy.

Once Lochaber entered the arena, however, they quickly asserted their presence with strong midfield play, excellent defending and creative work from the forward line ensuring their opponents had to work hard to stay in touch.

Every game was hotly contested and there were impressive displays of skill from all the teams - and there were certainly no passengers in terms of effort and commitment.

Winning all four of their games without conceding a goal, Lochaber nevertheless had to work hard for their top place. The battle for the silver medals saw Dingwall and Charleston closely matched and finishing on the same points.

A single goal was all that separated them in the end, and this slimmest of margins edged Charleston into the runners-up spot.

Schools Camanachd Association president Graham Bell said: "Very well done to all the players for a very entertaining couple of hours of shinty, and of course to the school coaches who not only accompanied, encouraged and inspired their teams but also drove them to and from the venue.

"Next year we hope to see some south schools represented again in what has historically been a national competition worthy of the name."

The Schools Camanachd Association would also like to thank Nicola MacIsaac for covering both ends of the spectrum by not only setting up the goals but also presenting the cup and medals; Highland Council for providing the park free; and Astie Cameron and Willie MacDonald for refereeing throughout the day.

Drummond win again

Drummond School, Inverness, retained their title when the Camanachd Association's annual National Disability First Shinty Festival, in its ninth year, took place in Aviemore.

Six schools and more 60 children from across Scotland took part in the two-day event. The teams which included Stanecastle School, Arbroath Academy, James Reid School and Fairview School were all put through their paces with some shinty coaching sessions, culminating in a tournament on the second day to crown the winning team.

The final of the tournament saw cup holders Drummond School take on Stanecastle School. Following some excellent shinty displays, Drummond School finished on top - ensuring they hold on to the trophy for another year.

In speaking of the event, Highland shinty development officer Ronald Ross said, "It is great to see that the festival is as popular as ever, with schools from as far north as Dornoch and far south as Ayrshire coming along.

"Of all the youth shinty events the Camanachd Association runs the Disability Festival is one of the most satisfying as the children get the opportunity to compete in shinty - a sport that is not as easily accessible as other sports.

"We are all very much looking forward to next year's event!"

The event is run with the support of Scottish Disability Sport and the Sportsman Charity.

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Six of the best...

Twelve teams from across the country took part in the Artemis Macaulay Association sponsored national under-17s six-a-side tournament at Mossfield Park, Oban, which provided an excellent setting for two leagues to battle it out for a chance of lifting the trophy.

From league one Lochaber A won through to the semis with five wins out of five, and they were joined by runners-up Kilmory who showed some excellent skill to be the only south team to make the knockout stages.

League two was convincingly won by Kingussie who also had a 100 per cent record through the group stages, and they were joined in the semi-finals by Lovat who secured their place by scoring one goal more than Glasgow Mid-Argyll.

In the first of the semis Lochaber proved too strong for Lovat and cruised through to the final, winning 5-1. The second semi-final was tighter and Kilmory held Kingussie to a 1-1 draw before Thomas Borthwick, who was on fine scoring form, secured Kingussie's place in the final with a golden goal in extra time.

Lochaber continued to dominate in the final and captain Danny Delaney proved too strong at full back for a Kingussie which failed to score for the first time on the day.

Lochaber didn't have the same problem and managed to put three past Kingussie to ensure the trophy was going back to Spean Bridge for the second successive year.

Camanachd Association director Charles Young, who donated the trophy for the competition, was on hand to present it to Lochaber captain Delaney.

Kingussie's Thomas Borthwick was presented with the player of the tournament trophy after a great display of shinty throughout the day which saw him score a total of 11 goals.

National development officer Ronald Ross said: "Today's event showcased some excellent shinty talent and it was great to see so many teams take part."

"Our thanks must go to the Macaulay Association for the continued sponsorship of this event and to the referees for the day, Billy Wotherspoon and Alan MacKechnie, and also to the players and coaches across all 12 teams who showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day."

Kinlochbervie triumph

Kinlochbervie High School's S1s and S2s won the Macrae & Dick Shinty Development Cup at the Bught Park, Inverness.

They triumphed in the tournament against teams from Kinlochleven High School, Fortrose Academy, Inverness High School, Inverness Royal Academy, Culloden Academy, Harlaw Academy (Aberdeen) and Grantown Grammar School, conceding just one goal.

It's a huge achievement for the youngsters of Kinlochbervie Camanachd, who work hard at their shinty and deserved the success.



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Kyles Athletic	18	11	3	4	49	26	25
Inveraray	18	9	2	7	48	40	20
Glenurquhart	18	6	3	9	29	40	15
Lovat	18	5	3	10	29	48	13
Oban Camanachd	18	4	2	12	24	46	10
Bute	18	3	3	12	31	44	9
Glasgow Mid-Argyll	18	2	0	16	19	105	4

Marine Harvest North Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kilmallie	16	12	2	2	79	21	26
Lochaber	16	12	1	3	68	32	25
Kinlochshiel	16	10	1	5	61	30	21
Skye	16	7	4	5	39	43	18
Lochcarron	16	6	4	6	36	48	16
Caberfeidh	16	4	6	6	32	40	14
Beaulie	16	5	4	7	30	48	14
Inverness	16	2	3	11	26	66	7
Strathglass	16	1	1	14	23	66	3

South Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glenorchy	12	12	0	0	46	7	24
Oban Celtic	12	7	2	3	34	29	16
Kilmory	12	5	1	6	27	30	11
Taynuilt	12	4	2	6	27	27	10
Ballachulish	12	4	2	6	27	38	10
Lochside Rovers	12	4	1	7	26	38	9
Inveraray	12	2	0	10	22	40	4

North Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glenurquhart	18	13	1	4	65	30	27
Glengarry	18	10	4	4	31	23	24
Newtonmore	18	10	3	5	65	35	23
Fort William	18	10	2	6	52	34	22
Kingussie	18	9	2	7	62	42	20
Lovat	18	7	2	9	43	45	16
Skye	18	5	5	8	34	53	15
Kinlochshiel	18	5	5	8	30	57	11
Kilmallie	18	5	1	12	31	55	7
Beaulie	18	3	1	14	25	64	7

South Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kyles Athletic	12	9	3	0	46	12	21
Aberdour	12	6	2	4	29	28	14
Tayforth	12	6	1	5	42	26	13
Glasgow Mid-Argyll	12	4	4	4	31	22	12
Strachur	12	4	3	5	22	22	11
Col Glen	12	3	2	7	16	49	8
Bute	12	2	1	9	17	44	5

North Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lochaber	16	13	0	3	75	21	26
Aberdeen University	16	13	0	3	73	27	26
Caberfeidh	16	10	4	2	49	21	24
Lochbroom	16	8	1	7	34	36	17
Boleskine	16	6	3	7	41	47	15
Inverness	16	6	2	8	30	45	14
Lochcarron	16	6	1	9	35	45	13
Strathglass	16	2	2	12	19	68	6
Ardrnamurchan	16	1	1	14	19	65	3

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