

St. Anthony's Football Club

Official Matchday Programme

Season 2011/2012

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SURRIDGE

Sectional League Cup

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ARTHURLIE



Saturday 30th July 2011

Kick off: 2pm

St. Anthony's Football Club Information

St. Anthony's Football Club
McKenna Park,
Fulbar Road
Cardonald,
Glasgow



Founded: 1902
Nickname: The Ants

Home Colours

Green & White Hooped Shirts/White Shorts/Green & White Hooped Socks

Away Colours

Yellow Shirt with Green Sleeves/Green Shorts/Yellow Socks with Green trim

CLUB HONOURS

Scottish Junior Cup Runners Up: 1918/19, 1924/25

West of Scotland Cup Winners: 1937/38

Central District Division Two Winners: 2002/03

Scottish Junior League Division One Winners: 1916/17, 1918/19, 1919/20, 1920/21

Glasgow Junior Cup Winners: 1918/19, 1921/22, 1940/41, 1945/46

Glasgow Charity Cup Winners: 1917/18, 1918/19, 1920/21 1922/23

Kirkwood Shield Winners: 1919/20(shared), 1920/21, 1943/44, 1945/46(shared)

Elder Cottage Hospital Cup Winners: 1923/24, 1935/36, 1944/45

Erskine Hospital Charity Cup Winners: 1950/51, 1951/52, 1976/77

Smyllum Charity Cup Winners: 1925/26, 1933/34, 1935/36, 1936/37, 1951/52, 1955/56

Scottish Junior League Victory Cup Winners: 1918/19, 1921/22

Glasgow North Eastern Cup Winners: 1918/19, 1932/33, 1955/56

Scottish Central League 'C' Division Winners: 1947/48

Diocese Cup Winners: 1951/52

Paisley & District Junior Cup Winners: 1919/20

Scottish Junior League War Fund Cup Winners: 1917/18

Stuart Black Memorial Trophy Winners: 2008/09

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Welcome.....Arthurlie F.C.

Founded: 1874

Home Ground: Dunterlie Park, Barrhead

Nickname: The 'Lie

Home Colours: Sky Blue & White Striped Shirts/Black Shorts/Black Socks

Away Colours: Sky Blue Shirts/Sky Blue Shorts/Sky Blue Socks

HONOURS

Scottish Junior Cup Winners: 1936/37, 1997/98

Scottish Junior Cup Runners Up: 1980/81

West of Scotland Cup Winners: 1942/43, 1975/76, 1977/78, 1996/97, 2010/11

Central League Premier Division Winners: 1987/88, 1988/89, 1993/94, 2000/01

Central Division One Winners: 1986/87

Central League 'B' Division Winners: 1942/43

Central League (Western) Winners: 1936/37

West Region Division One Winners: 2002/03

Central District League Cup Winners: 1938/39, 1986/87, 1992/93, 1996/97, 1997/98, 2002/03, 2007/08

Central Region Sectional League Cup Winners: 1978/79, 1986/87, 2008/09, 2009/10

Evening Times Cup Winners Cup Winners: 1936/37, 1945/46, 1986/87, 1988/89, 1993/94, 1994/95, 2000/01, 2010/11

Erskine Hospital Charity Cup Winners: 1954/55, 1975/76, 1977/78, 1982/83, 1988/89, 1992/93

McLeod Trophy Winners: 1976/77

Renfrewshire/Dunbartonshire Junior Cup Winners: 1933/34, 1950/51, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1959/60

Renfrewshire Junior Cup Winners: 1933/34, 1937/38, 1944/45, 1949/50, 1950/51, 1954/55, 1955/56, 1956/57

Everyone at McKenna Park would like to welcome our good friends from Arthurlie for this Surridge Sectional League Cup clash which also marks our first competitive match of the 2011/12 season. The 'Lie enjoyed a fantastic season last season when they finished runners up in the Super League Premier Division behind Irvine Meadow and bagged two trophies. A 1-0 victory against Pollok at Newlandsfield saw the West of Scotland Cup take pride of place in the Dunterlie trophy room while the same scoreline against Shotts at the same venue saw the 'Lie lift the stunning Evening Times Cup Winners Cup.

Last season the clubs met in the Surridge Sectional League Cup at Dunterlie Park. Despite a hardworking performance from the Ants, Arthurlie proved too strong and claimed the three points thanks to a 3-1 victory. John Johnstone, John Bradford and Denis McLaughlin were all on target for the home side while Jordan White claimed the Ants consolation in injury time.

Despite beating the Ants, Arthurlie had to settle for second place in the section. In order to qualify the 'Lie required the Ants to beat Neilston in the final match but despite being 2-0 up, the Farmers Boys progressed to the quarter finals thanks to a 4-3 victory.

Arthurlie have already recorded a win over a Govan club this season. On Wednesday night they faced Benburb at Dunterlie Park and won 5-0. Ants fans will be hoping that the 'Lie won't be heading back to Barrhead with three points and a hatful of goals to boot.

If so, Ants fans should look away now. In their last match at McKenna Park two seasons ago, the 'Lie took the lead only for Gary Madden to equalise and then the Ants missed a penalty. The Barrhead side went on to win the match 6-1 and actually went on to win the Sectional League Cup that season by beating Shotts Bon Accord in the final at Lochburn Park, Maryhill.

ENJOY THE MATCH!!!!!!

The Secretary's Office.....

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to McKenna Park for our first competitive match of the season. I am delighted to welcome the players, officials and fans from Arthurlie as we face each other in this Surridge Sectional League Cup tie.



I would like to start by telling you how disappointing the end of the season was for us last year. We seemed to be going great guns and then hit a bit of a bad spell and found it hard to recover. I do think that even though we did have a big squad, the fact we played sixteen matches in four weeks had a bearing in that. I do feel that there wasn't a team that was better than us in the division and I think sometimes it isn't whoever is the best team that gets promoted, it is the most consistent. I would like to congratulate Kilsyth Rangers on winning the league and I am delighted for the good people at Thorniewood that they have managed to get a shot at the Super League. I am sure both teams will do well.

Our final match of last season was at Newlandsfield in the semi final of the New Coins Automatics West of Scotland Cup. We played some brilliant stuff and were 2-0 up at the interval. In the second half we missed a great chance to make it three and were left to rue that missed chance. Pollok managed to score three goals in the final ten minutes to leave us all contemplating on what might have been.

This season is like a bit of a fresh start for us. You will all notice that we have lost a few players during the close season and we are currently running the rule over a few new faces to see if they are good enough for our squad. I have been very impressed by what I have seen in the preseason matches so far. I thought we played well against Beith but better finishing from the Super League side was the difference on the day. Against Albion Rovers we matched them for the first half and it wasn't until we started making some changes that the Rovers took control and won convincingly in the end. We made fewer changes in the match against East Stirling and played some good football. It looked like we were going to win that match but lost a late goal and had to settle for a 2-2 draw. Last Saturday we travelled through to Edinburgh to take on Edinburgh City in the Stuart Black Memorial Trophy. Once again there wasn't much between the sides but City took two of their chances while we failed to capitalise on the good few that we had. Our final match was against Rutherglen Glencairn on Monday night and although the match finished 0-0 it wasn't the usual bore that surrounds 0-0 matches in preseason. We dominated the first half and came close on a few occasions. The Glens came more into the match in the second half but neither team could find the net.

I have every confidence in James and Bonnar as they look to try and rebuild the squad. James has a knack for unearthing some good talent and I think he might have found a couple of good ones after seeing them in action. Tonight's match is another chance to have a look at the new faces and Arthurlie will provide a formidable test as always. I would like to wish the players all the very best for tonight's match and my only advice to the players playing the first competitive Junior match is to enjoy yourself.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players who left during the close season. I would like to thank them for all their hard work throughout last season and they will always be welcome back to McKenna Park. Also a big thank you to the players who have decided to sign on for this season and I look forward to working with you all throughout the season.

***Felix McKenna,
Secretary,
St. Anthony's F.C.***

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SurrIDGE Sectional League Cup 2010/11

Section 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neilston	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Pollok	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
Arthurlie	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
St. Anthony's	4	1	0	3	9	11	3
Benburb	4	0	0	4	4	11	0

August 3rd 2010

Pollok 2 v 1 St. Anthony's

August 4th 2010

Neilston 3 v 1 Benburb

August 7th 2010

Benburb 1 v 3 Arthurlie

Pollok 0 v 1 Neilston

August 11th 2010

Neilston 0 v 0 Arthurlie

St. Anthony's 4 v 2 Benburb

August 14th 2010

Arthurlie 3 v 1 St. Anthony's

Benburb 0 v 1 Pollok

August 18th 2010

Arthurlie 1 v 2 Pollok

St. Anthony's 3 v 4 Neilston

Neilston qualify for the quarter finals and face Petershill at Brig O' Lea for a place in the semi final. Find out how they got on over the next page.

Surridge Sectional League Cup 2010/11 Final Sections

SECTION 1							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Lanark United	4	3	1	0	12	3	10
Larkhall Thistle	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
Lesmahagow	4	2	0	2	11	12	6
Stonehouse Violet	4	1	1	2	8	13	4
Royal Albert	4	0	0	4	4	12	0

SECTION 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Shotts Bon Accord	4	4	0	0	19	2	12
Wishaw Juniors	4	3	0	1	19	4	9
Carlisle Rovers	4	2	0	2	6	9	6
Forth Wanderers	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
Newmains United	4	0	0	4	3	19	0

SECTION 3							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Petershill	4	4	0	0	10	3	12
Bellshill Athletic	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Thorniewood United	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
St. Roch's	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
Shettleston	4	0	0	4	6	15	0

SECTION 4							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
East Kilbride Thistle	4	3	1	0	9	5	10
Rutherglen Glencairn	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Cambuslang Rangers	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Blantyre Victoria	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
Vale of Clyde	4	1	0	3	6	8	3

SECTION 6							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ashfield	4	4	0	0	13	4	12
Yoker Athletic	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Clydebank	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
Maryhill	4	1	1	2	8	14	4
Glasgow Perthshire	4	0	0	4	6	12	0

SECTION 7							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Greenock Juniors	4	4	0	0	12	5	12
Vale of Leven	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
Renfrew	4	1	1	2	9	9	4
Johnstone Burgh	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Port Glasgow	4	0	1	3	3	10	1

SECTION 8							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Kilsyth Rangers	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Dunipace	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Cumbernauld United	3	0	1	2	4	7	1

Surridge Sectional League Cup 2010/11 Knockout Stages

Quarter Finals 25th August 2010

Ashfield	3 v 3 (2v4 pens)	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
Greenock Juniors	0 v 2	Shotts Bon Accord
Lanark United	2 v 0	East Kilbride Thistle
Neilston Juniors	1 v 6	Petershill

Semi Finals 1st September 2010

Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	2 v 2 (3v4 pens)	Lanark United
Petershill	1 v 1 (5v6 pens)	Shotts Bon Accord

FINAL 6TH OCTOBER 2010

@ Clyde Gateway Stadium, Rutherglen

Lanark United	0 v 1	Shotts Bon Accord
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The Ants Pre-Season

The Ants kicked off their 2011/12 preseason campaign at Bellsdale Park to take on Super League outfit Beith. Beith were Super League champions at the end of the 2009/10 season which earned them a place in the Senior Scottish Cup. In the first round they played fellow junior side Linlithgow Rose. Goals from Marc McShane and Joe Bradley earned them a second round tie at home to Glasgow University. As expected the Mighty dealt with the Uni boys with relative ease. Stephen O'Keane, John Sheridan and Derek McCulloch had Beith on

easy street before the Uni pulled one back. Any hopes of a comeback were dashed when Joe Bradley and Martin McGarvey saw the home side go in at the interval 5-1 ahead. Further goals from Andy Reid, John Craig and Kenny McLean made the final score 8-1 to Beith. The Third round tie was always going to be more difficult and it was proven to be when Beith were paired with Airdrie United. The match at the Excelsior Stadium look like giving Beith the biggest result in their history when Brian McKeown and Kenny McLean put them 2-0 ahead. Beith

went down to ten men with ten minutes to go and lost two late goals as Airdrie somehow managed to force a replay. Despite the match being played in November the replay didn't take place until the 4th of January 2011. The bad weather forcing several postponements before a real cracker of a match took place. Airdrie looked to be cruising through when they went 4-0 up early in the second half but goals from O'Keane, Craig and Fraser ensured it was a fraught ending to the match for the Senior Club. Unfortunately for Beith,

they left their comeback too late and their dreams of Scottish Cup glory were gone. Beith finished the 2010/11 season in 7th position in the Super League Premier Division and lost in the fifth round of the Emirates Junior Cup to Kilbirnie Ladeside. After a 3-3 draw at Kilbirnie, Beith couldn't make home advantage count and were defeated 1-0. Their New Coins Automatics West of Scotland Cup campaign was ended at the hands of eventual winners and tonights opponents, Arthurlie who won 4-1 in the quarter finals.

The Ants, who had lost a number of players during the close season played well against a Beith side who had ex Ants midfielder Gary McGrath in their ranks. Despite playing some nice football at times, it was the Super League side who came out on top thanks to goals from Kenny McLean and Callum Hardie.

Next up for the Ants was Scottish Second Division side Albion Rovers. The Ants with a few trialists in their line up match their senior counterparts for the most part of the first half. An opening goal from a fluffed Boyle overhead kick was cancelled out by Jamie Docherty who calmly lobbed Flaherty in the Rovers goal following a great pass from Miller. The sides went in level at half time but with the Ants chopping and changing, Rovers started to take control. Rovers sent on a few first team players and this was evident as two goals from Hamilton along with strikes from the impressive Acquah and Gilmartin put the seal on a 5-1 victory for the seniors.

A late goal by Jamie Benton earned East Stirling a 2-2 draw a couple of nights later. East Stirling started the match the brightest and took the lead when Andy Stirling fired a 25 shot past Black in the Ants goal. The Ants started to get back into the match as the half wore on and got a deserved equaliser just on the stroke of half time. Miller played a ball into the box and continued his run. The Shire were unable to clear the ball and Miller gathered and shot past the keeper. The second half saw the Ants in the ascendancy from the off but unable to get a second goal. That was until the 67 minute when a ball from the left was headed home by Jamie Docherty. A brilliant header from the wee man who had to reach back in order to get his head on the ball. As the final whistle loomed it looked like the Ants would earn their first victory of pre season. However, the Shire had other ideas and made the most of some hesitancy in the home defence as Benton pounced on a loose ball and shot home from six yards.

In the final warm up match of preseason, the Ants drew 0-0 against Super League First Division side Rutherglen Glencairn. The Ants had the lions share of possession of the first half but were unable to convert that into goals. The second half saw the Glens come more into the game and came close with a shot that hot the bar. A good run out for both teams as they reach full fitness for the new campaign.

Stuart Black Memorial Cup

Edinburgh City 2 St. Anthony's 0 Meggetland Sports Complex, Edinburgh Saturday July 23rd 2011

The Ants headed along the M8 to try and reclaim the trophy they won for the first time at the start of the 2008/09 season.

This season's match took place not at City's home of Meadowbank Stadium but at Meggetland Sports Complex next to Boroughmuir rugby ground. Glorious sunshine greeted the teams as they stepped on to the astroturf pitch and you could see both sides were out to win the match and the Cup from the start. The Ants started with new signing Graham Black in goal with Tam Miller and Ronnie McDonald

the only defenders that Ants fans would recognise from last season. Stephen Fitzpatrick took up his position on the left with Ross Cumming and Jamie Docherty among others who were instantly recognisable to the Ants followers. The Ants started the match well but fell behind in the eleventh minute. A cross from the right fell awkwardly in front of Black who was unable to hold. A City player managed to nip in and cut the ball back to James Elliott who made no mistake from 8 yards. This was a bit of a blow to the Ants but they kept

going and looked likely to score an equaliser as the half wore on. Fitzpatrick and Docherty tried their luck from distance but to no avail and Stobie in the home goal was a match for anything the Ants threw at him. Just before the interval, though, City doubled their lead. Michael Dick picked up the ball 25 yards out and showed the Ants how it's done by dispatching his effort past the helpless Black. The second half started brightly with the Ants on the front foot. They earned themselves a penalty when a shot by Docherty was handled

in the box. Docherty took the kick himself but Stobie managed to keep it out. The visitors still kept at it and really should have pulled one back when Ross Cumming hit the bar from close range when it could be argued, it looked easier to score. The Ants made a few substitutions and kept going until the end. Both teams had a couple of close calls but it was the home side who won the match and retained the Stuart Black Memorial Trophy.



Edinburgh City captain for the day, Dougie Gair collects the trophy from City treasurer Alick Milne (left)



The Edinburgh City team with Stuart Black Memorial Trophy after their 2-0 victory (right)

Stuart Black Memorial Trophy



Ants manager James McKenna and assistant manager Bonnar McKenzie are all smiles, despite the 2-0 defeat to Edinburgh City (left)
The excitement looks like it has got the better of Ants president Fred Barrows as the Ants depart from the Capital (right)



Ants webmaster Martin McKenna, just fresh off a month in Turkey has just realised that he has a website to update when he gets back from Edinburgh!!!

Everyone from St. Anthony's would like to thank everyone at Edinburgh City for making our trip through, so enjoyable. A special thank you to Alick Milne who went out of his way to make sure that everything went smoothly on the day. We would like to thank the bar staff at the Boroughmuir Rugby Club for their hard work in keeping us all hydrated in the summer sunshine and also the staff back at the Edinburgh City Club who kept us fed and watered for the evening.

We would like to congratulate Edinburgh City on winning the marvelous Stuart Black Memorial trophy after an entertaining and hard fought match. We are looking forward to welcoming Edinburgh City through to McKenna park next season as we try and keep the Cup in Glasgow at the third time of trying. Also a big thank you to everyone who came to the match and donated to the CHSA Scotland charity.

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Surrridge Sectional League Cup 2011/12

Section 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arthurlie	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Pollok	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
ST.ANTHONY'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neilston	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Benburb	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

Results So Far

Wednesday 27th July 2011

Arthurlie 5 v 0 Benburb

Neilston 0 v 3 Pollok

Section 5 Fixtures Saturday 30th July (2pm Kick Off)

Pollok v Benburb

ST. ANTHONY'S v Arthurlie

Forthcoming Fixtures Section 5

Wednesday 3rd August 2011 (6.45pm)

Arthurlie v Neilston

Benburb v ST. ANTHONY'S

Saturday 6th August 2011 (2pm)

Neilston v ST. ANTHONY'S

Pollok v Arthurlie

Wednesday 10th August 2011 (6.45pm)

Benburb v Neilston

St. Anthony's v Pollok

West Region Fixtures, Saturday 30th July 2011

(Kick offs 2pm unless stated)

SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 1			SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 2		
Lesmahagow	v	Larkhall Thistle	Forth Wanderers	v	Newmains United
Stonehouse Violet	v	Lanark United	Shotts Bon Accord	v	Carluke Rovers

SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 3			SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 4		
St. Roch's	v	Peterhill	Rutherglen Glencairn	v	Cambuslang Rangers
Thorniewood United	v	Bellshill Athletic	Vale of Clyde	v	Blantyre Victoria

SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 6			SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 7		
Ashfield	v	Glasgow Perthshire	Renfrew	v	Greenock Juniors
Clydebank	v	Yoker Athletic	Vale of Leven	v	Johnstone Burgh

SURRIDGE SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 8		
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	v	Cumbernauld United
Rossvale	v	Kilsyth Rangers

ARDAGH GLASS SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 1			ARDAGH GLASS SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 2		
Kilbirnie Ladeside	v	Dalry Thistle	Darvel Juniors	v	Irvine Meadow XI
Kilwinning Rangers	v	Ardrossan Winton Rovers	Irvine Victoria	v	Ardeer Thistle
Largs Thistle	v	Beith Juniors	Saltcoats Victoria	v	Hurlford United

ARDAGH GLASS SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 3			ARDAGH GLASS SECTIONAL LEAGUE CUP SECTION 4		
Girvan	v	Craigmark Burntonians	Cumnock Juniors	v	Glenafton Athletic
Maybole Juniors	v	Whitletts Victoria	Kello Rovers	v	Muirkirk Juniors
Troon	v	Annbank United	Lugar Boswell Thistle	v	Auchinleck Talbot

The Season That Was.....2010/11

The semi finals of the Emirates junior Cup contained a couple of surprises in the shape of East Region outfit Musselburgh Athletic and Ayrshire District League side, Dalry Thistle. Both sides met each other in the two legged semi final and it was Musselburgh who progressed to face the mighty Auchinleck Talbot who disposed of Bo'ness United in the other semi final. A crowd of over 6,000 turned up at Rugby Park for the Junior showpiece and they would have all been kept thoroughly entertained. Talbot took the lead just before half time through Michael McCann but with 15 minutes to go, Chris King equalised for the Burgh. The match went to extra time and Brian Young scored Talbot's second goal and ultimately, the goal that won the Cup and took the Emirates Junior Cup back to Ayrshire.

Irvine Meadow were crowned West Region Super League Champions for the second time in three seasons. They finished a massive 13 points ahead of second placed **Arthurlie** and lost only 3 matches. **Petershill** avoided the dreaded drop into the Super League First Division with a 1-0 aggregate win over **Glenafton** Athletic who finished third in the Super League First Division. Lanark United and **Rutherglen Glencairn** were the unlucky sides who did not take the plunge.

Ashfield staged a brilliant fight towards the end of the season to finish Super League First Division Champions. They just managed to pip **Clydebank** who looked like certainties to win the league but in the end had to settle for promotion to the top flight. **Glenafton** in third placed lost out in the play off against **Petershill** and therefore stay in the Super League First Division. With four teams facing the drop into the District Leagues, it was **Bellshill Athletic** and **Vale of Clyde** who dropped into the Central District First Division with **Kilwinning Rangers** and **Annbank United** also playing District football this season.

In the Ayrshire District League, **Ardrossan Winton Rovers** were crowned Champions ahead of Emirates Junior cup semi finalists, **Dalry Thistle**. Both sides gained promotion to the Super League First Division. **Craigmark Burntonians** finished bottom of the pile but there is no relegation from the Ayrshire District League.

The Central District First Division was a tight affair as usual. **Kilsyth Rangers** took advantage of a late slip up by **Thorniewood United** to win the title. The Wood managed to secure second spot thanks to a good run of victories as well as the Ants suffering a horrendous run in. **Blantyre Vics**, who were bottom of the table for most of the season, took the drop into Division Two along with **Shettleston** finished the season in the third relegation spot but earned a reprieve as **Rossvale** have joined the Junior ranks and this now means there are no spare teams in the divisions.

Yoker Athletic pip **Larkhall Thistle** to the Second Division title and **Benburb** join them despite a late rally from **St. Roch's Newmains United** end the season bottom of the table but can't be relegated from the second Division. This season sees a new name in the Second Division with Bishobriggs based **Rossvale** joining the ranks. They will be groundsharing with **Petershill**.

Arthurlie won the New Coins Automatics West of Scotland Cup with a 1-0 win over Pollok at Newlandsfield. Pollok who beat The Ants in the semi finals couldn't make use of home advantage with Michael Keenan scoring the only goal.

Pollok won the Central League Cup with an amazing 7-3 victory over **Shotts Bon Accord**. Kevin Bradley, Ian Diack, Shaun Dillon and Roddy Hunter all on the scoresheet.

Shotts Bon Accord win the Surridge Sectional League Cup thanks to a 1-0 victory over **Lanark United** at the Clyde Gateway Stadium, Rutherglen. Tom Hanlon the man who separated the sides.

In the Final match of the season, **Arthurlie** travelled to Newlandsfield once again, this time to face **Shotts Bon Accord** in the final of the Evening Times Cup Winners Cup. Once again, the Lie lifted the trophy thanks to a 1-0 win. Mark Blakey was the man on target in the first half to ensure the Barrhead side won a Double.

MCKENNA PARK NEWS



NEW COIN AUTOMATICS WEST OF SCOTLAND CUP

The Ants have been drawn to face Vale of Clyde in the first round of the New Coin Automatics West of Scotland Cup. The match will take place at Fullarton Park, Tollcross on Saturday 15th October with a 2pm kick off. Ants fans will be hoping for a result similar to the last one they had at Fullarton Park. Last season, the Ants beat the Vale 3-0 in the first round of the D&D Programmes Central League Cup. Last season the Ants got to the semi final of the tournament but lost out 3-2 to Pollok at Newlandsfield.

ALL CHANGE AT MCKENNA PARK

At the start of the season there is a usual influx of new faces which then gets whittled down to a select few and we see more well kent faces as the season progresses. This season, though, the Ants have a lost a number of players from last season. Goalkeeper Jon Connolly has left the club to have a shot at the Super Premier League with Rob Roy. Gary McGrath has also stepped up to the Super Premier League and joined Beith while Bernie McDonald and striker Gary Madden have joined Neilston. Mark Ritchie, Gerry Brown and Greg Harvey have stepped down a division to move to St. Roch's while Graham Jaap will be a face that we will see at McKenna Park in a few weeks time in the colours of Cambuslang Rangers. Defender David Craig and young midfielder John McGowan have both been released by manager James McKenna.

We had a big squad last season so there are a few old faces still there but we have added tow goalkeepers to the squad. Zander Cowie form Pollok and Graham Black from Tower Hearts. Neil Reynolds and John Borris from Forth and Craig Fry from Maryhill. You can be assured that Cotter is still casting his eye over a few more players as he tries to get the squad ready for the start of the league season in two weeks time.

For those of you here for the first time this season you will notice a face missing from the dugout. Last season's assistant manager Brian 'Tosh' McIntosh has decided to step down from his position. He made the decision to leave shortly after the West of Scotland Cup semi final defeat to Pollok. Tosh has decided to call it a day so he can concentrate on his work and family commitments. In his place comes Bonnar McKenzie. Bonnar joined the club last year as a striker but James has decided to use his experience in the Junior game to help try and take the Club forward. Bonnar is an ex Arthurlie favourite from his time there earlier in his career.

May we take this opportunity to welcome the new faces to the club and hope that they enjoy success in their time at McKenna Park. We would like to wish Bonnar all the very best in his new role and there aren't many better that he can learn from as he takes his first steps in the dugout than our very own Cotter!!!! A big thank you to all the players who gave their all last season and have headed for pastures new and a special thank you to Tosh for his help in the last couple of seasons. Hopefully it wont be long before we see him back in the Junior game.

THE ANTS UP BEN NEVIS

It's not very often that you can say that a member of the Ants committee was at the top of Ben Nevis, but that was the case just a couple of weeks ago. Ants treasurer Anthony McKenna and a few friends climbed to the summit of Britain's highest mountain to raise money for Cancer Research. So far he has raised in the region of £700.00 and there is still time for you to donate.

Anthony was diagnosed with testicular cancer in October last year and he would like to try and raise as much money as possible. If you are interested in donation you can do this in a few ways. Either speak to a member of the Ants committee who will gladly take your details. Donate online at www.justgiving.com/Anthony-McKenna or you can text a donation by texting ANTS76 and your amount e.g. £2 to 70070.

A big well done to Anthony, Andy Wilson, David Clarke and David Partridge on a fantastic achievement. In the next programme against Pollok, Andy Wilson will be giving a light hearted insight to the climb up 'The Ben'. You won't want to miss it, it is really funny.

100 YEARS AGO - SPECIAL FEATURE

St Anthony's players had been selected to represent the Scottish Junior League, the Glasgow Junior FA and other local associations before, but on 1st April 1911, our left-back Bobby Thomson became the first Ants player to represent his country. He turned out for the Scottish Juniors against England at Firhill Park. The Birmingham Counties District FA represented the English, who never had a grade of football equivalent to the Juniors up here, and the team included several reserve players from First and Second Division Football League clubs. The Scotland team was –

CAMPBELL (Cambuslang Rangers), McCORMACK (Perth St Leonard's), THOMSON (St Anthony's), TURNBULL (St Ninian's Thistle), McALPINE (Strathclyde, captain), BROWN (Dundee Harp), TOUGH (Mugiemoos), GOODWIN (Ardrossan Winton Rovers), GERRY (Larkhall Thistle), McCONNELL (Cronberry Eglinton), and TAYLOR (Arniston Rangers).

Taylor put the Scots ahead in 20 minutes, converting a Tough cross following good work by McAlpine and Goodwin. But Houghton equalised right on half-time from an apparently offside position; a shot which went in-off the crossbar and which Campbell never saw. Gerry got Scotland's winner two minutes from time from a Tough corner.



Thomson, Brown and McCormack cannot stop Houghton scoring the equaliser.

“Bitmark”, writing in the Daily Record & Mail, reported that “Thomson, of St Anthony’s, fully justified his selection. A judicious blend of brains and strength, he came through his first International with flying colours. His kicking, like that of McCormack’s, was neither so free nor so convincing to start with as I should have liked, but once warmed to his work the Moore Park defender showed real ability.”

ANTS' JUNIOR INTERNATIONALISTS SO FAR

LACHLAN BOWIE, 1 cap 1921, 0 goals, first senior club - none

JOHN BURNS, 1 cap 1918, 0 goals, first senior club - Celtic

PADDY CAHILL, 3 caps 1919 & 1920, 0 goals, first senior club - Bo'ness

DAVID CHALMERS, 1 cap 1921, 0 goals, first senior club - Clydebank

JAMES “GINGER” DUNN, 1 cap 1920, 1 goal, first senior club - Hibernian

JOHN GILCHRIST, 1 cap 1919, 0 goals, first senior club - Celtic

FELIX GILLON, 1 cap 1925, 0 goals, first senior club - Ayr United

DOUGIE LOCHEAD, 1 cap 1925, 0 goals, first senior club - St Johnstone

TOMMY McINALLY, 2 caps 1919, 2 goals, first senior club - Celtic

JOHN McPHERSON, 1 cap 1946, 2 goals, first senior club - Rangers

BOBBY THOMSON, 1 cap 1911, 0 goals, first senior club - Huddersfield Town

Please note that this list only includes the eleven players capped while at St Anthony's. Other players were capped before joining the club or after leaving. Note also that Paddy Cahill captained his country.

MAJOR MEETINGS

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

1941/42 round 1 Arthurlie 1 St Anthony's 3

WEST OF SCOTLAND CUP

1975/76 round 2 St Anthony's 0 Arthurlie 0
replay Arthurlie 1 St Anthony's 0

1988/89 round 2 St Anthony's 3 Arthurlie 2

"EVENING TIMES" CUP-WINNERS CUP

2002/03 Q-final St Anthony's 1 Arthurlie 0

The Ants have the advantage in major competitive matches, although to be fair we have usually come off second best in our Sectional League Cup meetings.

Back in 1941/42 we might have gone on to win the Scottish Junior Cup had we not lost our two best players in January – Seton Airlie to Celtic and Charlie Watkins to Rangers. It was customary back then to allow Junior clubs to retain their stars until eliminated from the "Scottish", but military call-ups meant that the Old Firm were desperately short of players and had to sign Airlie and Watkins mid-season.



Fast forwarding to December 1988 and Arthurlie manager Fergus Ferguson was apparently apoplectic with rage at the Ants' 3-2 win in the "West". Something to do with an offside decision. But our striker Dixie Kilcullen wasn't bothered – he bagged a sensational hat-trick!

By coincidence, both times we met in the "West" the Barrhead boys later beat us in the final of the Erskine Hospital Charity Cup – 4-2 in 1976 and 1-0 in 1989.

(History Pages courtesy of Alastair Hay)

APOLOGIES

You will notice a few omissions from the programme this weeks compared to previous issues. There is no half time quiz, players profile or a word from the management. Due to a lot of information being given to me and with it being the first programme of the season, we have had to leave some things out. I hope you still appreciate the content in the programme and most of these features will return in due course.

We have decided to give Cotter a wee break and let him speak about his thoughts for the coming season when we face Pollok in our next home match.

I still hope you have enjoyed the content of the programme but if you have anything you would like to say please email myself at

TONIGHT'S SQUADS



Graham Black
John Borris
Zander Cowie
Ross Cumming
Gary Dickson
Jamie Docherty
Stephen Fitzpatrick
Craig Fry
Mark McCuish
Ronnie McDonald
Abou Mansare
Thomas Miller
Carlo Rea
Neil Reynolds
Jordan White

Manager:
James McKenna

Assistant Manager:
Bonnar McKenzie

Coaches:
James Taylor
Paul Downie



Pedram Ardalany
John Paul Boyle
Kieran Cannon
Steven Crawford
Ryan Deas
Craig Higgins
Gary Livingstone
Steven McKeown
Denis McLaughlin
Anthony McParland
David Merriman
Steven Miller
Alan Muir
Thomas Murdoch
Keith Ross
Paul Stewart

Manager:
Sandy McLean

Assistant Manager:
Colin Lindsay