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British Legion Cup Final
Friday 22nd April 2011
Galabank, Annan — KO 6-20pm



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Lochmaben have had a very good time of it over the past 2 seasons lifting a fair few of the cups along the way. This season they have already added the League Cup defeating tonight's opponents 4-2 in an exiting final at the Keswick Centre in October. Last season the two clubs met in several of the finals and each time the Burgh came out on top.

Squad for tonight (team to be selected from the following players)

R.Paisley, C.Scobie, A.Maxwell, A.Thom, D.McRobert, C.Common, S.Hyslop, S.Ramsay, J.Anderson, B.Gough, P.Johnstone, K.Houston, S.Callender, G.McCulloch, S.Johnstone, S.Houston, R.Watson, L.Maxwell, S.Brown, C.Robson, M.Boyd, R.Kuklinski, G.White, C.Lauder, J.Rogerson

Path to the final

Round 2 **YMCA 1-3 Lochmaben**

Lochmaben defeated a plucky YMCA team 3-1 at the Kingholm in February. Goals from Stephen Hyslop, Gary White and James Rogerson saw them through.

Semi-Final **Dynamo Star 2-4 Lochmaben**

Lochmaben defeated a determined Dynamo Star team 4-2 after taking a commanding 3-1 half-time lead. Goals from Stephen Hyslop, Gary White, Keith Houston and Stephan Ramsay were enough to see them through to tonight's final

Lochmaben have had a great couple of years winning quite a few of the cup competitions along the way. A slow start in their league challenge last season saw them come up short to a more consistent Upper Annandale side. This season they are still in the hunt for the league championship although they do need other teams to do them a favour against their main rivals for the title this year and tonight's opponents Lochar Thistle. The sides have met three times this season with Lochmaben claiming victory twice, once in the League Cup section and again in the final and Lochar winning their league match at the Barony in early February.

The British Legion Cup was presented to the league by the Local British Legion Association in time for the 1957/58 season and it has been played for in every season except 99/00 due to the foot and mouth restrictions that were in place that year. The first winners were Dumfries Amateurs but amateur greats Lincluden Swifts hold the record for most wins. Of their 11 cup final appearances they have won 8, winning 5 in a row in the early 1960s. Of the current teams, the YMCA lead the way with 4 victories. Both teams tonight have won the cup twice before, Lochmaben being the current cup holders.

Lochar Thistle AFC



Lochar Thistle are having one of their best league campaigns for many a year and look like they may pick up the championship for the first time since 1982, although they still have a couple of difficult game left, one of which is against tonight's opponents. Last season Lochar and Lochmaben met several times in cup finals with Lochmaben coming out on top each time. They will be hoping to reverse their fortunes tonight.

Squad for tonight (team to be selected from the following players)

C.Jones, T. Jardine, M.McGaughie, S.Woodward, A.McKenna, J.Howie, D.Talaszko, K.Krause, C.Coulter, D.Milligan, W.Dempster, R.Caskie, G.Cochrane, A.Milligan, D.Patterson, R.Woodward, B.Steele, S.Scott, M.Neill, J.Brown, R.Chambers, R.McColm, K.McQueen, K.Proudfoot

Path to the final

Round 2 **Upper Annadale 1-2 Lochar Thistle**

Lochar won a tight game against Moffat side Upper Annandale in February with Terry Jardine bagging both goals.

Semi-Final **Lochar Thistle 2-1 Maxwelltown Thistle**

Lochar won 2-1 again, this time at home to Maxwelltown Thistle in another tight hard fought match. A two goal burst midway through the first half was enough to see them overturn a one goal deficit, the goals coming from John Howie and Terry Jardine.

Lochar have been near the top of the league for several seasons but this year they have got their strongest squad for some time. A mixture of keen young players mixed with experienced players such as Jim Brown have seen them reach this stage of the season with only two defeats in local ties in 25 games. However, both of those defeats have come at the hands of Lochmaben so they can take nothing for granted tonight. Lochar are better equipped now with several signings being made since those defeats so everything is set up for a cracking match this evening.

Tonights referee is Sandy McNay. The Assistants are W.Vivers and R.Morrison

Current Form (last six matches)

Lochmaben — WWWWL
Lochar Thistle — WWWWL