

## Lochar Thistle AFC



Lochar Thistle with new strip earlier this season

## Lochmaben AFC



Lochmaben before last seasons Tayleurian Cup Final

The league committee would like to thank the Council for the use of the Keswick Centre this evening and are appreciative of Council's support in staging this cup final. The league would also like to thank cup sponsor John Pagan & Son for their continued support.

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## League Cup Final

Friday 8th October 2010

David Keswick Centre — KO 6.45pm



**Lochar Thistle AFC**

versus

**Lochmaben AFC**



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## Lochmaben AFC

Lochmaben have been the form team in the league when it comes to cup competitions over the past 12 months or so and in that time they have lifted 5 of the last 8 cups played for and have featured in one other so they certainly know how to win. They faced Lochar in two final last year coming out on top on both occasions. They will be hoping to do so again tonight.

### Path To The final

#### Group Matches

YMCA 2-7 Lochmaben (G.White 2, D.McRobert 2, S.Hislop 2, S.Watson 1), Lochmaben 5-3 Morton Thistle (G.White 2, D.McRobert 2, S.Watson 1), Lochar Thistle 3-6 Lochmaben (D.McRobert 2, S.Hislop 2, K.Houston 1, S.Gibson 1).

#### Section 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
Lochmaben	3	3	0	0	18	3	9	+15
Lochar Thistle	3	2	0	1	8	6	6	+2
Morton Thistle	3	1	0	2	8	7	3	+1
YMCA	3	0	0	3	2	15	0	-13

#### Semi-Final Lochmaben 5-4 Maxwelltown Thistle

Lochmaben won this very open game with a goal 5 minutes from time from Shane Watson. Ahead 3-2 at half time through goals from Gary White, Shane Watson and James Rogerson. Steven Hislop added another via a penalty before they were pegged back to 4-4 in a frantic last 15 minutes.

Lochmaben are a team full of confidence at the moment they sit top of the league undefeated after a long unbeaten spell last season. The boys from the Burgh have lost only 2 of their last 20 games going back to last season and one of those was a cup final loss to Uppers so they must be confident that they can keep the run going. They will have to be at their best though to win this as Lochar will be no pushovers.

**Player Watch** - From the attacking perspective the club have a goal threat from quite a few players, Gary White and Dougie McRobert have been on target quite a few times already this season. James Rogerson has joined the team this season from Lochar and has taken a while to get going due to suspension and will be looking to get one over his old team. Ross Kuklinski and Shane Watson have started the season well in midfield. Defensively Lochmaben do lose the odd goal so will be looking for a solid display from their defence.

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## Lochar Thistle AFC



Lochar Thistle have been steadily building over the past couple of seasons and now have a pretty strong squad. They are a very strong cup side and reached 4 finals last season. They lost to Lochmaben in two exiting finals last term so will be looking to turn the tables tonight. Lochar lost to Lochmaben in the group stages of this competition so will have to turn it around to win tonight.

### Path to the Final

#### Group Matches

Morton Thistle 0-2 Lochar Thistle (D.Talaszko 2), YMCA 0-3 Lochar Thistle (T.Campbell 1, K.Krause 1, J.Nish 1), Lochar Thistle 3-6 Lochmaben (D.Milligan 2, R.Blyth 1)

#### Section 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
Lochmaben	3	3	0	0	18	3	9	+15
Lochar Thistle	3	2	0	1	8	6	6	+2
Morton Thistle	3	1	0	2	8	7	3	+1
YMCA	3	0	0	3	2	15	0	-13

#### Semi-Final Upper Annandale 0-2 Lochar Thistle

This was a great performance from a Lochar team who were now at full strength. Any win at Moffat is news but to win by 4 clear goals is an excellent result. The hero of the day was Terry Jardine who grabbed a hatrick, youngster Ross Woodward was the other scorer.

Lochar had an excellent season last term reaching 4 cup finals as well as contending for the league. They finished with only one trophy to their name but were never far away in any of the games. They did face today's opponents in two of those finals and were narrowly defeated on both occasions. They have added a lot of good young players to their squad this season and as a result there is far more competition for places. Time will tell if they have what it takes to topple Lochmaben.

**Player Watch** - Lochar have a few attacking options and with Terry Jardine hitting form at the right time they will be much more optimistic. Striker Dale Talaszko has signed from the YMCA and has fitted in well. Lochar are strong in midfield and with Darren Milligan, another signing from the YMCA, John Howie, Gary Cochrane, Trevor Campbell and Mike McGauchie they will be confident of giving Lochmaben a run for their money. Veteran sweeper Jim Brown is helping to keep the defence together.

Referee - D.McGuffie.

Assistants - S.Grier and S.McNay