

## Lochar Thistle AFC



Lochar Thistle before last years QoS Final

## Upper Annandale AFC



Uppers at Palmerston after their 2007-08 QoS victory

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## Queen of the South Cup Final

Friday 13th May 2011

Palmerston Park — KO 7pm



**Lochar Thistle AFC**

versus



**Upper Annandale AFC**



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Lochar Thistle have are having a great season and have virtually sewn up the league title. Thistle have featured in all 4 of the finals this season including a 2-0 win in the Tayleurian Cup over Uppers. They will be hoping for a repeat of that result this evening.

### 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 1 **Morton Thistle 0-6 Lochar Thistle**

Lochar swept away a disappointing Morton in this one sided match. Mike McGauchie with two and singles for Terry Jardine, William Dempster, Alan Milligan and Gary Cochrane sealed Morton's fate.

Semi-Final **Lochar Thistle 5-2 Dynamo Star (AET, 2-2 after 90 mins)**

Although they played well on the night Lochar were a bit fortunate to get through this tie. A missed sitter for Star in the last minute of the 90 allowed the game to go to extra time. Lochar proved too strong in the extra period and ran out 5-2 winners. Scorers on the night were Terry Jardine, Ross woodward, William Dempster, Mike McGauchie and an OG.

Lochar Thistle look very likely to win the league title for the first time since 1982 a break of some 29 years. The club have put together a very good squad over the past 2 years and have a great blend of experience and youth. Although they have had the better of their exchanges with Uppers this season they can take nothing for granted tonight. When the clubs met in the Tayleurian Cup final two weeks ago both teams were under strength and the strong breeze wind didn't help either team, that said Lochar had the desire and energy to win the game if they can match that effort tonight they will feel they can make it two in a row.

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## Upper Annandale AFC



Uppers had a chance at the start of the season to make league history by winning the title 5 times in a row. Despite showing a great level of consistency throughout the season Lochar and Lochmaben have been better winning and have won the vital league games. Uppers are a strong cup team and will look to win this one tonight.

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

R.Carlyle, R.Dawson, P.Pagan, G.Watson, K.Alston, N.Roddick, R.Johnstone, K.Jack, G.Jardine, I.Jardine, J.Hughes, S.Campbell, R.Swan, D.Fergie, David McDowall, M.Johnstone, M.Leighfield, M.Swan, S.Porteous, S.Jackson, J.Carlyle, B.Hines, M.Cook, J.Borthwick, Kevin Wilson

### Path to the final

Round 1 **YMCA 0-4 Upper Annandale**

Uppers overcame a stuffy YMCA team at the Kingholm to progress to the semi-final stage. Goals from Neil roddick, Marc Leighfield, Ryan Johnstone and Kevin Wilson saw them through.

Semi-Final **Upper Annandale 3-1 Lochmaben**

Uppers defeated Cup specialists Lochmaben in this close fought encounter on Monday night. Two goals from Michael Swan and a single for Marc Leighfield were enough to secure a cup final place.

Uppers have been rebuilding over the past couple of seasons and it was to their credit they lifted the league title last season. This season things have been a bit more difficult but even so they still had a chance until with two games to go. This cup is their last chance of silverware this season so they will be fired up against an inform Lochar side. Both side have won this cup twice, so neither team has history on their side. Uppers will have key defender Ross Dawson who was sorely missed in the Tayleurian final back tonight. This gives them a better chance and I feel they will upset the odds and lift the cup with a narrow win.

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Match officials tonight are : Wullie Vivers, Sandy McNay and Robert Morrison.