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This is the 5th edition of powerchair football newsletter for Scotland. Another busy few months that saw our MDUK sponsored leagues come to a conclusion, our national team took a trip across the water. We also have a few words from Lewis McConnell on the Football For All programme . We hope you enjoy reading it, please let us know what you think

MDUK National League

Sunday 14th April saw both MDUK Premiership and Championship come to a conclusion for the season. Due to Glasgow Gladiators and South Ayrshire Tigers being unable to fulfil their fixtures it was over before it began in the Premiership. To be fair to our two time champions Clyde Alba they more or less clinched the title at the previous match day when they drew with Tayside Dynamo. The lack of game time didn't stop the celebrations though as the champagne flowed Red and Black. Lothian Wolves had wrapped up their second MDUK Championship in

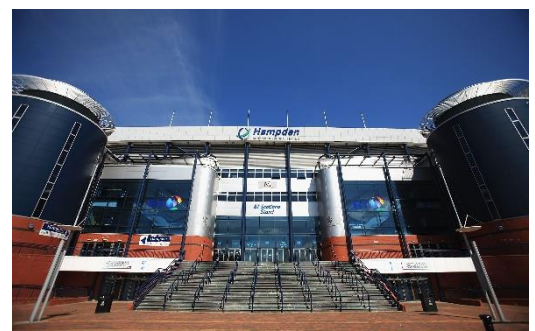


March so all that remained for them was the possibility of winning every game, but Tayside Dynamo Yellow managed to hold them to a draw which helped them clinch second place in the table ahead of Clyde Caledonia. This year also saw the introduction of Riverside into the Championship, they have developed as the season went on and they will be hoping that improvement continues into next season..

Already looking forward to next season where Clyde Alba will be looking for three in a row, can Tayside come back at them or will a rival come out of the pack to challenge?

Awards and Celebration Event

Saturday June 29th will see us take over the Lomond Suite in Hampden for our first end of season event. We will bring players, parents, friends, family and supporters together for a night of celebration of all that has been achieved over the last season. We received an enormous number of votes for players and volunteers across every club and we will very shortly be announcing the shortlist for MDUK Premiership and Championship POTY, Breakthrough Star, Most Valued Player, Volunteer of the year and Player's Player of The year. All the winners will be announce on the Night. Tickets are £10 and are available from your Club or direct from the SPFA. We hope as many of you as possible can get along. We want it to be a fun Night for all, eat drink and dance the night away





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Tri-Nations Tournament – Northern Ireland

Saturday May 11th, 2019 - Newtownards - Northern Ireland

This was the time and place for Scotland to face up to another nation for the first time, and like buses you wait for ever then two come along at once. The squad of six players, Connor McCole, Nicky Duncan, Eythan Galloway, Kieran Burns, Logan Mitchelson were led by captain Colin Shields and coaches Garry Johnstone and Craig Peattie as they headed across the water with the backing of powerchair's own Tartan Army. The games were played in



Newtownards and first up was Northern Ireland. A really close game that could have went either way, Scotland probably edging it but both teams defended superbly and neither side were able to breakthrough. The game ended in a 0-0 draw, both teams were probably a bit disappointed they couldn't get a winner. Next up The Republic of Ireland, sure to be a big challenge for us. And so it turned out, The Republic dominated possession although Scotland's defence were well organised and battled really hard they fell behind to a goal scored when a Scottish hit in was intercepted and slotted home confidently by the Irish number 7. The second half followed the same pattern with The Republic doubling their lead midway through the half. Two late goals meant a disappointing 4-0 loss for the Scots who may have felt their defensive display deserved more. The final game ended in an exciting 2-2 draw. Both teams look in good shape as they head to Finland for the Nations Cup. We wish you both all the best.



Football for All

Edition II of the Football for All Leadership Programme (programme designed to promote employability, entrepreneurship and networking for disabled people in the football world), is currently being launched. After a 1st edition that was a success, with 75% of the participants (all them disabled people) employed in sports organizations in a period of 5 months after the end of the courses and with 15 football projects being developed by our participants in 11 different countries, we are now preparing the II Edition of the Programme, that will take place in Lisbon, from 20 to 27 of October 2019 (+ 8 months of project implementation). Lewis McConnell took part last year and we would be delighted, if this year, we could also have a Scottish participant in this Programme and that we could help him to start a career in the football industry.

Lewis gave us his views on the programme: The Football For All Leadership Programme has been an incredible experience. In Lisbon I learned so much about how to create and manage a project. Each day classes were delivered by top lectures from all over the world. On the last day in Lisbon we had to present our projects which I received good feedback on - my project is developing new clubs in Scotland. I have been working on my project with the SPFA. I have been busy supporting Grampian



who will have it's first training session very soon. We've also been in talks with Morton FC, Inverness and Perth. I've found my project really exciting and it's been a pleasure to try and help grow the sport in Scotland. [Click here for more information](#)



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2019 Nations Cup

The Nations Cup gets underway on May 22nd in Pajulahti, Finland. Unfortunately we won't be there but it is shaping up to be a fantastic tournament, not only the prospect of being crowned Champions of Europe but the top 5 Nations will qualify for the FIPFA World Cup in 2021 in Australia. All the games will be streamed live by PowerSoccerShop and are available on this [LINK](#) Good luck to all Competing Nations.

Wednesday May 22				Saturday 25th May			
19:30	Finland	v	N. Ireland	09:15	France	v	N. Ireland
Thursday May 23				Sunday 26th May			
10:00	England	v	Austria	09:15	7th place	v	6th place
11:15	Rep. of Ireland	v	Denmark	10:30	1st place	SEMI 1	4th place
12:30	France	v	Finland	11:45	7th place	v	5th place
13:45	N. Ireland	v	England	13:00	2nd place	SEMI 2	3rd place
15:00	Austria	v	Rep. of Ireland	14:15	6th place	v	5th place
16:15	Denmark	v	France	15:30	Losing SF 1	3rd Place	Losing SF 2
Friday 24 th May				16:45	Semi Final 1	FINAL	Semi Final 2
09:15	Finland	v	England				
10:30	N. Ireland	v	Austria				
11:45	Rep. of Ireland	v	France				
13:00	Denmark	v	Finland				
14:15	N. Ireland	v	Rep. of Ireland				
15:30	England	v	France				
16:45	Austria	v	Denmark				

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 Daniel EGEBERG
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2019 Key Dates

May 20 th to 27 th 2019	EPFA Nations Cup	Nastola
26 th May 2019	SPFA Scottish Cup	Stirling
2 nd June 2019	SFA Para Football Association AGM	Hampden
9 th June 2019	SPFA AGM	Hampden

2019 Power Soccer Shop Scottish Cup

It's back – The Scottish Cup was lost from the calendar last year due to a fixture backlog, I'm blaming the beast from the east 😊. This year we are sponsored by Power Soccer Shop. The format of the day will be in line with this years League Cup event. Two groups of four with the winners of each group contesting the final and the runners-up contesting 3rd and 4th place. The trophy will be presented by MSP for Lothian – Jeremy Balfour. The timetable for the day is:

PITCH 1				PITCH 2			3rd & 4th Play off		
Group A			Kick- Off	Group B					
Team 1	v	Team 2	11am	Team 1	v	Team 2	Group 1 Runner up	2pm	Group 2 Runner up
Team 3	v	Team 4	11.40am	Team 3	v	Team 4	Final		
Team 1	v	Team 3	12.20pm	Team 1	v	Team 3			
Team 2	v	Team 4	1pm	Team 2	v	Team 4	Group 1 Winner	2.45pm	Group 2 Winner

Tables and Fixtures

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