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JOHN LAMBIE



At last we have achieved our aim of the season, namely, to stay up, and I am sure that every single Thistle fan will have been delighted in the manner in which we did it.

It has been one long, hard slog but full credit will be given to every single player, whether they played in only one or every game it was a solid team effort.

The trip to Tannadice was a frustrating one, as we played as well as we have done for ages, and only superb goalkeeping by Alan Main kept the teams level, and the goals that we lost were very disappointing. Bad luck and lapses in concentration cost us that one.

What can one say about Tuesday that has not been said already, it was wonderful, not one player had an off day and it was a

real team effort. It was interesting to note that as people picked their own man of the match nearly everyone got a vote off someone. I brought back Grant Tierney, Craig Nelson and introduced Neil McKilligan for his first start and everyone a hero.

Today's game against Celtic is one that should be enjoyed, but no way will we be easing up even with the relegation issue settled because at the end of the day, players are playing for their very existence here.

I was a wee bit disappointed with the size of the crowd on Tuesday, but every Thistle fan got their rewards for a great night both on and off the park. I am sure the local hostellers did a roaring trade until the early hours. Thanks everyone for a splendid year.

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JAGS VIEWS

Being the last home programme of the season, it is customary to take a look back at the season past and reminisce on the highs and lows. Given that, aside from Thistle's achievement in securing a Premier League place for next season, this has been one of the most depressing seasons one can remember both at club and international level, we have decided to forego that dubious pleasure. During the course of the season in this column we have thrashed out and exhausted the various reasons for this gloomy scenario, and it would serve no purpose to go over old ground again. Despite the falling gates, inability to settle on an acceptable league format and the fall of the National team, I believe we can look forward with some optimism. Aberdeen have shown signs of re-emerging as a great side again under Willie Miller, Dundee Utd. have shown enough of late to suggest they are coming good again. Both these sides have placed a heavy reliance on youth and this may pay handsome dividends next season. Hopefully these clubs, along with Celtic, will mount a serious challenge on Rangers and make for a less one-horse race championship. While we have to accept Scotland are not going to the U.S.A. one positive thing to come out of this season has been the emergence of genuine quality youngsters who could make Scotland a great football side again. In Jess, Booth, Ferguson, Smith, Wright, Robertson, along with comparative "Veterans" like John Collins and Paul McStay there is more reason to be optimistic than we have had for years. The way forward is to bring these players in now and stick with them as other major sides have done with success. As importantly, lets get rid of this new-found apathy towards the National Team in some sections of the press and among some supporters and get back to what we do best which is supporting the Scotland team to the hilt, not like the pathetic

bleetings of a certain so called expert on Sunday afternoon who suggests that Aberdeen and Rangers players should not be considered for the Estonia game.

This close season is likely to be an intriguing one. With Joe Jordan being sacked at Hearts and Jim McLean retiring at Tannadice, there will be plenty of interest in seeing who gets these posts. Will Graeme Souness be a candidate? It is quite possible there will be other managerial changes on the cards as well as the usual turnover of playing staff. With the recession and implementation of the Taylor Report affecting most clubs this is likely to take the form of swap deals rather than megabuck transfers. Hopefully, the depressing scenario of hundreds of players finding themselves on the dole will not come about.

Changes too, on the programme staffing front, with Niall Kennedy, who has made an outstanding contribution and ensured the programme maintained a place regularly among Scotland's best, stepping aside with a couple of Programme of the Year Awards to his credit over the last five years for his endeavours. Taking over are, God help us, that larger than life chappie, and D.J. extraordinaire Michael Max and one Tom Hosie, and we, of course, wish them well in the task ahead. Speculation that Old Harry, that favourite columnist of yore, was to make a comeback to make up the editorial team have been strongly denied.

As far as this column is concerned, I hope you have enjoyed reading it over the years, and if we have managed to tread on a few establishment toes without being too offensive then so much the better. Restrictions of writing a programme of course mean one is not always able to say what one believes, and at times that is a bit constraining, but then one doesn't really want to be sued by Gerry McNee's lawyers anyway.

BY IAIN CAMERON

Note from the new eds:

There is always a certain sadness when we reach the end of a season. Certainly one of our disappointments will be the fact that there will be no Iain Cameron copy to read and see who is feeling the full force of a Cameron onslaught this time. Iain's copy is, for us, the highlight of the programme and midway through the season, it looked as though this would be Iain's last season due to work commitments. However, we are pleased to report that Iain will make fleeting appearances next season with his forthright views as well as a couple of new faces to give us some variety. Especially then to Iain Cameron, thanks again.

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STARS IN STRIPES

Paul McLaughlin in Conversation.

Full Name: Paul Cedric Cuthbert Bradley McLaughlin

Nickname at School: Frank Cannon

First Game Played In: St. Vincent De Pauls under 5's v St. Mirren under 5's. It was 24 each and we lost on penalties 18-17.

Position as a youngster: I usually played 'keeper as I filled the goal.

Player most Admired: Andy Irvine, his shots went over the bar, just like mine.

Boys Clubs: Annesland Waverly under 14, 15 16 17 18 and 21.

Team mates now playing pro: Wullie McGlumpher with some unpronounceable team in the Faroe Isles

Best goal seen: Anything by Isaac English, I am a real admirer of his, I especially liked his goal at Dundee last season.

Best game played in: A pre season friendly at Armadale, I finally got a set piece on target, but Kevin Budd saved my penalty.

Worst game played in: My debut for Annesland Waverly, I was rotten and scored a 30 yard own goal in the last minute.

Highlight of your career: Being

called into the managers office and not being slagged for a poor performance.

Greatest Ambition: To play nearly as many games in a row as Isaac English

Ground most like to play on: Firhill, I heard it is really good there.

Best player played with: Newman, he is such a versatile player

Outstanding Young Player: Gordon Chisolm

Team enjoy playing against: Balintore, I scored a goal against them. Can we play them every week

Moment on the pitch you would rather forget: In a reserve game between Clydebank and Queens Park, I scored for Clydebank before realising I had signed for Queens Park the week before.

Managers biggest criticism: Why were you born

Premier Division Player you would sign tomorrow: Willie Jamieson, a good player, not as good as me, but a good player.

Any Rule change: Any shots over the bar worth 2 goals

Consider becoming a referee: No, I would never last the 90 minutes



What would you have been if not a footballer: I did not realise I was a footballer

Tell a secret of Thistle player: Julian Broddie needs a translator for the gaffers team talks.

Watch football on Saturday if Thistle are not playing: Yes, I watch Annesland Waverly, but it is not a patch on the famous '79 team

Any interest in a junior side: Yes Johnston Burgh, my pal Spud McPherson once played a trial game with them

Keep fit in the summer: No, I don't even keep fit during the season.

Summer football: Summer or winter, I am rotten at both

Other members involved in football: My second cousin twice removed manages the Annesland Waverly under 14's

Least favourite T.V. Programme: Blue Peter, I really miss Valerie Singleton and Shep

T.V. Programme you would like to star in: Prisoner Cell Block H, for the lovely women in it, especially Bea.

Personal Faults: A very slight vision problem

Idea of a perfect holiday: 3 weeks in the SECC watching endless replays of the Tennents Sixes

Best advice given: Sign for Annesland Waverly

Worst advice given: Don't worry we will fill this questionnaire in for you.

Spend money foolishly on anything: I collect Victorian Chamber Pots

Anyone in History you would like to have been: Tony Cascarino, at least he scored

Singer you sound like in the bath: The cabaret act from the Titanic

First Album bought: The Dandy

Last concert attended: Status Quo 30th revival

One thing people would be surprised to learn about you: In my spare time I am a Cordon Bleu chef.

Rate Your Ability in:

Heading: What is that

Shooting: Always within 50 yards of the target

Passing: At least twice a day

Tackling: I have been known to tackle a fish supper, 3 Mars Bars and 12 pints in the one night

Speed: 0-5 MPH in 24 Hours

Include Yourself in a team of best players played with.

The Annesland Waverly side of 1979. It was a great side with Spud McPherson a stand out. Davie Irons and Paul McStay would be the subs.