

*THE
WICK FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION*

1894-2024

including

SENIOR LEAGUE

MACPHERSON CHARITY CUP

DUNCAN LEAGUE CUP

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WICK & PULTENEYTOWN SENIOR LEAGUE

WINTER-SEASON WINNERS

1894-95 – Thistle	1926-27 – Thistle
1895-96 – Thistle	1927-28 – Academy
1896-97 – Thistle	1928-29 – Academy
1897-98 – Thistle	1929-30 – Thistle
1898-99 – <i>Not Awarded</i>	1930-31 – Groats
1899-00 – Academy	1931-32 – Thistle
1900-01 – Groats	1932-33 – Groats
1901-02 – Academy	1933-34 – Academy
1902-03 – Thistle	1934-35 – Academy
1903-04 – Groats	1935-36 – Groats
1904-05 – Thistle	1936-37 – Thistle
1905-06 – Thistle	1937-38 – Groats
1906-07 – Thistle	1938-39 – Academy
1908-09 – Groats	1946-47 – Academy
1909-10 – Academy	1947-48 – Groats
1910-11 – Academy	1948-49 – Groats
1911-12 – Academy	1949-50 – Academy
1912-13 – Academy	1950-51 – Groats
1913-14 – Thistle	1951-52 – Groats
1919-20 – Groats	1952-53 – Groats
1920-21 – Groats	1953-54 – Thistle
1921-22 – Groats	1954-55 – Lybster Portland
1922-23 – Thistle	1955-56 – Lybster Portland
1923-24 – Groats	1956-57 – Lybster Portland
1924-25 – Academy	1957-58 – Lybster Portland
1925-26 – Thistle	1958-59 – Thistle

SUMMER-SEASON WINNERS

1960 – Thistle	1983 – Groats
1961 – Thistle	1984 – Groats
1962 – Lybster Portland	1985 – Groats
1963 – Rovers	1986 – Groats
1964 – Thistle	1987 – Groats
1965 – Lybster Portland	1989 – Groats
1966 – Lybster Portland	1990 – Rovers
1967 – Rovers	1991 – Thistle
1968 – Thistle	1992 – Thistle
1969 – Rovers	1993 – Thistle
1970 – Rovers	1994 – Thistle
1971 – Rovers	1995 – Lybster Portland
1972 – Rovers	1996 – Groats
1973 – Lybster Portland	1997 –
1974 – Lybster Portland	1998 –
1975 – Lybster Portland	1999 – Thistle
1976 – Groats	2000 – Thistle
1977 – Groats	2001 – Thistle
1978 – Groats	2002 – Thistle
1979 – Groats	2003 – Thistle
1980 – Groats	2004 – Groats
1981 – Groats	2005 – Groats
1982 – Groats	2006 – Groats

2007 – Groats
2008 – Groats
2009 – Groats
2010 – Groats
2011 – Groats
2012 – Groats
2013 – Groats
2014 – Groats

2015 – Groats
2016 – Groats
2017 – Groats
2018 – Groats
2019 – Groats
2020 – *Not Played (Covid 19)*
2021 – *Not played (Covid 19)*
2022 – Groats

MACPHERSON CHARITY CUP



Presented by Mr J. MacPherson, Jeweller, Dundee.

WINNERS

1897-98 – Groats
1898-99 – Groats
1899-00 – Thistle
1900-01 – Academy
1901-02 – Thistle
1902-03 – Groats
1903-04 – Groats
1904-05 – Thistle
1905-06 – Artillery
1906-07 –
1907-08 – Thistle
1908-09 – Academy
1909-10 – Academy

1910-11 – Academy
1911-12 – Groats
1912-13 – Thistle
1913-14 – Academy
1919-20 – Groats
1920-21 – Groats
1921-22 – Groats
1922-23 – Groats
1923-24 – Thistle
1924-25 – Thistle
1925-26 – Groats
1926-27 – Academy

WICK F.A. CHARITY CUP



Presented by the Wick Woman's Football Association

WINNERS

1957-58 – Groats	1969 – Groats
1958-59 – Lybster Portland	1970 – Rovers
1959 – <i>Not Played</i>	1971 – Rovers
1960 – <i>Undecided</i>	1972 – Lybster Portland
1961 – Lybster Portland	1973 – Groats
1962 – <i>Not Played</i>	1974 – Thistle
1963 – <i>Not Played</i>	1975 – Lybster Portland
1964 – Lybster Portland	1976 – Groats
1965 –	1977 – Groats
1966 –	1978 –
1967 – Thistle	1979 – Thistle
1968 – Thistle	1992 – Thistle

DUNCAN LEAGUE CUP



Presented by Mr J.A. L. Duncan of Barrock House, Lyth

WINNERS

1928-29 – Groats	1947-48 – Thistle
1929-30 – Thistle	1948-49 – Groats
1930-31 – Groats	1949-50 – Thistle
1931-32 – Thistle	1950-51 – Groats
1932-33 – Groats	1951-52 – Groats
1933-34 – Academy	1952-53 – Thistle
1934-35 – Thistle	1953-54 – Academy
1935-36 – Groats	1954-55 – Lybster Portland
1936-37 – Groats	1955-56 – Lybster Portland
1937-38 – Academy	1956-57 – Thistle
1938-39 – Academy	1957-58 – Lybster Portland
1946-47 – Watten Camp	1958-59 – Thistle
1946-47 – Thistle	

1894-95 Leitch Cup

	PT	WA	WR
Pultney Thistle		10 Nov 2-2	[24 Nov]
Wick Academy	[22 Dec] DD		[8 Dec]
Wick Rovers	[12 Jan]	[26 Jan]	

Wick Rovers withdrew before playing any matches

Decider
23 Mar Pultney Thistle v Wick Academy 2-0

1895-96 Wick & Pultneytown Senior League

	JoG	PT	WA
John o' Groat		28 Dec 0-2	30 Nov 1-3
Pultney Thistle	16 Nov 5-2		14 Dec 2-1
Wick Academy	19 Oct 1-1	2 Nov 1-3	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pultney Thistle	4	4	0	0	12	4	8
Wick Academy	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
John o' Groat	4	0	1	3	4	11	1

1896-97 Wick & Pultneytown Senior League

	JoG	PT	WA
John o' Groat		3 Oct 2-5	28 Nov 1-3
Pultney Thistle	21 Nov 3-2		12 Dec 2-1
Wick Academy	17 Oct 2-1	31 Oct 4-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pultney Thistle	4	3	0	1	11	9	6
Wick Academy	4	3	0	1	10	5	6
Johns o' Groat	4	0	0	4	6	13	0

Decider *at Harrow Park, Wick*
19 Dec Pulteney Thistle v Wick Academy 2-2
9 Jan Pulteney Thistle v Wick Academy 1-1
16 Jan Pulteney Thistle v Wick Academy 0-0
13 Feb Pulteney Thistle v Wick Academy 5-3

Wick & Pulteneytown Senior Football League Season – 1897-98



Pulteney Thistle
Season – 1897-98

Wick & Pulteneytown Senior League Fixtures

Groats	3	v	1	Thistle
Thistle	4	v	2	Groats
Academy	1	v	1	Groats
Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
Groats	2	v	1	Thistle

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	1	10	8	6
Groats	1	1	0	3	8	10	2
Academy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Academy failed to complete season for unknown reason and fixtures expunged from the competition.

Thistle, were again crowned champions having played Groats on four occasions to decide the outcome.

Wick & Pulteneytown Senior Football League Season – 1898-99

Wick Senior League Fixtures

Thistle	1	v	5	Groats
Academy	1	v	3	Thistle
Groats	1	v	1	Academy
Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
Thistle	2	v	3	Academy
Academy	-	v	-	Groats

* The Academy & Groats final fixture ended in dispute regarding a goal scored by Groats, which Academy disputed had entered the net via a hole in the side-netting. Academy disputed for over ten minutes at which point the referee blew for time up with the score at Academy 0-1 Groats.

The resulting protest concluded with the championship not being decided or awarded as the John O'Groats Football Club resigned from the League in protest.

Below is the League table as it stood going into the final match.

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	0	2	7	12	4
Groats	3	2	1	0	10	3	4
Academy	3	1	1	1	5	6	3

Senior League winners – Not awarded

*Wick & Pulteney
Senior Football League*

Members in connection with the Senior League Championship have come to a pretty pass. Nothing now but bickering and snarling. The circumstances attending the present rupture among the clubs have not hitherto been referred to by me. I chose to be reticent for a little, I don’t choose to be so any longer. The Thistle finished their fixtures of four matches some time ago, winning two and losing two-four points. The Groats’ and Academy had each played three matches with a total of three points each. It now remained for them to meet and play their fourth match, and it will seem at a glance that whichever team would win would be one point better off than the Thistle, and consequently the champions for the season. Should the match end in a draw then all three teams would be on equal footing.

The great interest in the match may be imagined. The teams met. The Academy, with a team that had made an easy win over Thistle, was confident of victory. The Groats had a poor lot, and nobody expected them to have any chance. The Academy, however, flunked at the start, and the Groats had all the game. The Groats scored a goal, but the Academy held that the ball had gone through a hole in the net. The referee, however, was of opinion that the goal was legitimate enough and granted the goal. About ten minutes of the time was wasted in the Academy arguing with the referee. The ball was ultimately kicked-off from the centre, when time was up the referee blew the whistle, it being too dark to play the ten minutes that has been lost in the Academy arguing. The Academy contended that the match had not been finished.

The ten minutes which had been wasted by Academy, in useless argument, against the referee’s decision (which is always understood to be final) had yet to be played?

The matter came before the League, but the Academy protested that the Groats had not scored. It was pointed out that the protest had not been properly lodged, but this was considered to be a trivial matter.

The referee held, however, that it was a goal, and this had to be granted. Of course the Thistle backed the Academy’s regards the goal, but then their next move would be to oppose the Academy’s complaint that the match was played to a finish. That would make it a draw all round. But the goal was allowed, and then the Thistle backed the Academy and said the match must be replayed. The Groats representative to the League deprecated this action, and stated that before saying whether they would concur with such ruling they must lay the matter before their club. This I understand was done, and I am told that the whole history of the League, since the Groats entered it, was raked up, and that it was practically a case of Thistle-Academy versus Groats. Some spirited Groats members, I believe, were for playing the match over again, but the majority considered that, seeing the treatment they had received and were likely to receive, the best way would be to retire quietly from the League, although it might be at some pecuniary loss to themselves, and leave it to the Academy and Thistle, who seemed to get on so amicably together to settle about the Championship.

These are the facts as the public have them. They come to me as stray items, and I have pieced them together in sequence for the benefit of those who are apt to be deluded. I have hinted on many occasions that the League was not doing anything for the furtherance of local football, and I am safe to say that unless those who form it lay aside all selfish and mean actions, they will shortly sound the death knell of northern football as far as public patronage is concerned at least.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Pulteney Thistle	4	2	2	0	10	10	4
John o’ Groat F.C.	3	1	1	1	9	6	3
Wick Academy	3	1	1	1	5	6	3

John O' Groat Journal report 1899 – “By Referee”

Wick & Pulteneytown Senior Football League

The other week I stated, as well as I could, the situation of the clubs forming the Senior League and the circumstances attending the withdrawal of the Groats. The sequel has been awaited with some impatience. It has come, and had a thunderbolt been thrown in the midst of our football enthusiasts could not have startled them more.

They Came

A large meeting was held on Wednesday night, and the Groats of course were conspicuous by their absence. They met, these brotherly bodies, who lend their goal nets and exchange their parks in such fraternal fashion, ostensibly to arrange in an amicable way a scheme whereby the League could be finished in as interesting a matter as the Groats, whom they had so successfully and diplomatically hounded off the field, and left it.

They Saw

When the League had taken its seat, it was found that the Academy had their full number of representatives forward, while it was observed that the Thistle had only two.

The President was also absent. A dark and deadly scheme was slowly but surely creeping to the breasts of the Academy delegates. What did ever Thistle do for them? Here is a chance of the cup without playing for it. Let us take it!

They Conquered

An Academy delegate was elected to the chair, and another Academy delegate rose and proposed that the Academy get the cup. Poor Thistle! I can well understand how they felt the blow. Had it been the Groats who had played that audacious card, it would have been laid down to spite, &c, but you, my brother; Et tu Brute!

Really, the Senior League has been like a little romance, tinged with tragedy, this year.

There are some who say it is a comedy, but I would fain be more serious. The competition has not been without its moral, we can notice the manly spirit of the Groats holding a'ooof from anything that was unsportsmanlike, and we observe the feelings of disgust the mercenary motives which prompted the Thistle and Academy to club together to deprive them of the trophy which the public believe they had justly won, and we pity the poor, simple, unthinking Thistle who allowed themselves to be easily duped.

The following is the position of the League table. Whereby the Academy claim to have won the cup

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Pulteney Thistle	4	2	2	0	10	10	4
John O' Groat F.C.	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Wick Academy	3	1	1	1	5	6	3

1899-00 Wick & Pultneytown Senior League

	PT	WA	WG
Pultney Thistle		19 Nov 1-2	3 Dec 2-1
Wick Academy	7 Oct 6-2		4 Nov 3-1
Wick Groats	22 Oct 2-2	17 Dec 1-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Academy	4	3	1	0	12	5	7
Pultney Thistle	4	1	1	2	7	11	3
Wick Groats	4	0	2	2	5	8	2

1900-01 Wick & Pultneytown Senior League

	JoG	PT	WA
John o' Groat		20 Oct 2-1	3 Nov 2-1
Pultney Thistle	1 Dec 1-1		17 Nov 2-0
Wick Academy	22 Sep 0-1	6 Oct 2-3	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
John o' Groat	4	3	1	0	6	3	7
Pultney Thistle	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Wick Academy	4	0	0	4	3	8	0

1902-03 Wick Senior League

	JoG	PT	WA
John o' Groat		1 Nov 0-1	20 Sep 3-2
Pultney Thistle	15 Nov 2-0		4 Oct 3-3
Wick Academy	18 Oct 2-0	29 Nov 2-2	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pultney Thistle	4	2	2	0	8	5	6
John o' Groat	4	1	0	3	3	7	2
Wick Academy	4	1	2	1	9	8	4

1904-05 Wick Senior League

	Art	JoG	PT	WA
Artillery		8 Oct 2-1	24 Sep 1-3	
John o' Groat	31 Dec 2-1		22 Oct 1-2	
Pultney Thistle	10 Dec 3-1			
Wick Academy	5 Nov 0-2		3 Dec 2-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pultney Thistle	4	3	0	1	8	5	6
Wick Artillery	5	2	0	3	7	9	4
Wick Groats	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Wick Academy	2	1	0	1	2	2	2

1901-02 Wick & Pultneytown Senior League

	JoG	PT	WA
John o' Groat		25 Dec 2-0	26 Oct 0-6
Pultney Thistle	12 Oct 3-3		18 Dec 4-4
Wick Academy	7 Dec 2-1	28 Sep 4-3	

23 Nov Groats v Thistle 1-3 stopped after 72 mins due to poor light

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Academy	4	3	1	0	16	8	7
John o' Groat	4	1	1	2	6	11	3
Pultney Thistle	4	0	2	2	10	13	2

1903-04 Wick Senior League

	Art	JoG	PT	WA
Artillery		2 Jan 2-5	31 Oct 0-1	9 Jan 2-1
John o' Groat	6 Feb 0-1		14 Nov 2-0	3 Oct 2-1
Pultney Thistle	23 Jan 2-5	[FebMar] DD		[30 Jan]
Wick Academy	17 Oct 0-5	26 Dec 0-2	12 Dec 2-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
John o' Groat	6	4	1	1	11	4	9
Artillery	6	4	0	2	15	9	8
Pultney Thistle	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
Wick Academy	5	1	0	4	5	13	2

1905-06 Wick Senior League

	Art	JoG	PT	WA
Artillery		27 Jan	16 Dec	13 Jan
John o' Groat	2 Dec		7 Oct 1-2	18 Nov 0-1
Pultney Thistle	3 Feb	30 Dec		6 Jan
Wick Academy	4 Nov 2-0	20 Jan	21 Oct 2-2	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Thistle							
Wick Artillery							
Wick Academy							
John o' Groat							

1906-07 Wick Senior League

	Art	PT	WA	WG
Artillery		15 Dec 4-6	12 Jan 0-1	15 Dec 2-0
Pultney Thistle	6 Oct 4-0		2 Feb 2-2	19 Jan 1-2
Wick Academy	22 Sep 2-2	20 Oct 0-5		3 Nov 3-2
Wick Groats	8 Sep 1-1	26 Jan 1-6	12 Jan 0-2	

23 Nov John o' Groat v Thistle 0-3 stopped due to poor light
5 Jan Thistle v Academy 4-0 stopped after 75 mins due to rain

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Thistle	6	4	1	1	24	9	9
Wick Academy	6	3	2	1	10	11	8
Wick Artillery	6	1	2	3	9	14	5
Wick Groats	6	1	1	4	6	15	3

1908-09 Wick Senior League

	WA	WG	WT
Wick Academy		31 Oct 0-0	28 Nov 4-1
Wick Groats	19 Sep 2-2		14 Nov 3-0
Wick Thistle	17 Oct 0-2	3 Oct 1-2	

5 Sep Academy v Thistle 3-0 stopped at half-time due to rain

Wick Groats	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
Wick Academy	4	2	2	0	8	3	6
Wick Thistle	4	0	0	4	2	11	0

Decider

5 Dec Wick Groats v Wick Academy 3-1

1907-08 Wick Senior League

	Art	PT	WA	WG
Artillery		21 Sep 2-3	21 Dec 2-7	4 Jan 3-1
Pultney Thistle	N/P		16 Nov 1-3	30 Nov 6-2
Wick Academy	5 Oct 7-0	11 Jan 2-1		19 Oct 2-2
Wick Groats	2 Nov 1-5	N/P	28 Dec 2-2	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Academy	6	4	2	0	23	8	10
Wick Thistle	4	2	0	2	11	9	4
Artillery	5	2	0	3	12	19	4
Wick Groats	5	0	2	3	8	18	2

1909-10 Wick Senior League

	Art	WA	WG	WT
Artillery		15/22 Jan 1-3	25 Sep 4-3	8 Jan 3-2
Wick Academy	11 Sep 8-0		25 Dec 3-0	18 Dec 2-1
Wick Groats	27 Nov 0-0	23 Oct 0-4		2 Oct 2-8
Wick Thistle	6 Nov 3-1	16 Oct 1-1	4 Dec 8-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wick Academy	6	5	1	0	21	3	11
Wick Thistle	6	3	1	2	23	10	7
Artillery	6	2	1	3	9	19	5
Wick Groats	6	0	1	5	6	27	1



**Wick Academy
Season – 1910-11**

Wick Senior League & Charity Cup winners

Back: Alan Ross, Alex Stewart, John Bremner, J. M. Swanson,

2nd row: D. Steved, William Houston, John Begg, George Skinner, William Leys,
James Bremner.

Seated: Bill Dunnett, W. Fraser, G. Campbell, John Davidson, T. Meechan, Jack Waters.

Front: John Tait, P. Calder, James H. Miller, George “Rover” Tait, Dan Bain.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

23/09/1910	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
14/10/1910	Groats	4	v	1	Artillery
22/10/1910	Artillery	1	v	4	Academy
04/11/1910	Academy	5	v	1	Groats
18/11/1910	Thistle	1	v	0	Artillery
01/12/1910	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle

#Remainder of results not recorded in JOG Journal

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	14	6	6
Thistle	3	2	1	0	5	5	4
Groats	2	1	1	0	5	6	2
Artillery	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

Senior League Champions-Wick Academy



**Wick Academy
Season – 1911-12**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

29/09/1911	Academy	5	v	1	Groats
13/10/1911	Thistle	1	v	2	Academy
27/10/1911	Groats	2	v	3	Thistle
10/11/1911	Groats	1	v	2	Academy
25/11/1911	Academy	3	v	0	Thistle
08/12/1911	Thistle	3	v	2	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	4	0	0	12	3	8
Thistle	4	2	2	0	7	9	4
Groats	4	0	4	0	6	13	0

Senior League Champions-Wick Academy



**Wick Academy
Season – 1912-13**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

18/10/1912	Academy	7	v	1	Groats
25/10/1912	Thistle	0	v	2	Academy
01/11/1912	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
15/11/1912	Academy	3	v	0	Thistle
29/11/1912	Groats	0	v	2	Academy
13/12/1912	Thistle	2	v	2	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	4	0	0	14	1	8
Groats	4	1	2	1	5	12	3
Thistle	4	0	3	1	3	8	1

Senior League Champions-Wick Academy



Wick Thistle
Season – 1913-14
Wick Senior & Junior League Champions

Wick Senior League Fixtures

17/10/1913	Thistle	4	v	3	Groats
31/10/1913	Academy	1	v	3	Groats
14/11/1913	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
	*Groats	-	v	-	Academy
	*Academy	-	v	-	Thistle
30/01/1914	Groats	1	v	1	Thistle

*Results not reported in JOG Journal

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	2	0	1	6	4	5
Groats	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Academy	2	0	2	0	1	4	0

Senior League Champions-**Wick Thistle**



Wick Groats
Season – 1919-20

Wick Senior League Fixtures

03/10/1919	Academy	4	v	4	Groats
17/10/1919	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
31/10/1919	Groats	1	v	5	Thistle
26/11/1919	Thistle	1	v	5	Groats
16/01/1920	Groats	6	v	1	Academy
31/01/1920	Academy	2	v	2	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	2	1	1	16	11	5
Academy	4	1	1	2	10	13	4
Thistle	4	1	2	1	9	11	3

Senior League Champions-**Wick Groats**



Wick Groats
Season – 1920-21

Wick Senior League Fixtures

01/10/1920	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
15/10/1920	Academy	3	v	8	Groats
29/10/1920	Thistle	2	v	4	Academy
19/11/1920	Thistle	5	v	2	Groats
17/12/1920	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
31/12/1920	Academy	2	v	8	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	1	0	14	10	6
Thistle	4	2	2	0	16	10	4
Academy	4	1	3	0	10	20	2

Senior League Champions-**Wick Groats**



**Wick Groats Football Club
Season 1921-22**

Wick Senior League & Charity Cup Winners

Back: Hamish Henderson, David Ross, Bobby Houston, Bolta Nicolson,
Willie Mackenzie, Jocker Bremner.

Middle: Roy Ross, Nonter Budge, Akie Miller, Andrew Mackay.

Front: D. Sutherland, David More, Donald Shearer, D. Bremner, F. MacGregor.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

23/09/1921	Academy	3	v	1	Groats
07/10/1921	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
21/10/1921	Groats	4	v	0	Thistle
04/11/1921	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
18/11/1921	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
02/12/1921	Thistle	1	v	1	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
Thistle	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Academy	4	1	2	1	5	5	3

Senior League winners – Wick Groats



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1922-23**

Wick Senior League & Charity Cup Winners

Back: John Webster, John Gunn, Bob Edwards, W. Macdonald, B. Fraser.

Middle: J. Bruce, J. Matheson, D. Budge, Tommy Farmer, Charlie Ball, Alex Macleod,
D. Hendry.

Front: D. Anderson, B. Finch, Peter Grant, Bill Macleod, R. L. Brown.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

22/09/1922	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
06/09/1922	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
27/10/1922	Thistle	4	v	4	Groats
	#Groats	-	v	-	Academy
15/11/1922	Groats	4	v	5	Thistle
	#Academy	-	v	-	Thistle

#Results unknown

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	1	0	2	11	10	4
Academy	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Groats	3	0	2	1	9	11	1

Senior League Champions-Wick Thistle



Wick Academy
Season – 1923-24

Wick Senior League Fixtures

05/10/1923	Academy	4	v	2	Groats
	Thistle	5	v	3	Academy
19/10/1923	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
07/12/23	Groats	1	v	5	Academy
	Academy	6	v	3	Thistle
21/12/1923	Thistle	1	v	2	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	20	14	6
Groats	4	1	2	0	12	13	4
Thistle	4	1	2	0	10	15	2

Wick League winners – **Wick Academy**



Wick Academy

Season – 1924-25

Wick Senior League Fixtures

19/09/1924	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
03/09/1924	Academy	3	v	2	Groats
17/10/1924	Thistle	3	v	2	Academy
14/11/1924	Thistle	0	v	1	Groats
28/11/1924	Groats	1	v	5	Academy
12/12/1924	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	13	8	6
Groats	4	2	2	0	8	9	4
Thistle	4	1	3	0	6	10	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Academy**



**Wick Thistle
Season 1925-26**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

18/09/1925	Thistle	5	v	1	Groats
16/10/1927	Academy	0	v	0	Thistle
27/11/1925	Groats	2	v	3	Thistle
11/11/1925	Academy	1	v	1	Groats
25/11/1925	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
	Groats	0	v	8	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	0	2	10	5	6
Academy	4	1	0	3	11	3	5
Groats	4	0	3	1	4	17	1

Senior League Champions – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1926-27**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

27/08/1926	Academy	5	v	1	Groats
03/09/1926	Groats	2	v	4	Thistle
	Thistle	1	v	2	Academy
17/09/1926	Academy	4	v	2	Thistle
24/09/1926	Groats	4	v	5	Academy
01/10/1926	Thistle	11	v	2	Groats

Play-off Final

08/10/1926	#Academy	1	V	0	Thistle#
22/10/1926	Thistle	2	V	2	Academy
29/10/1926	*Thistle	4	V	2	Academy*

#Thistle protested match finished 3 minutes early & replay ordered.

*Thistle win 3rd play-off final match after extra time was played.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	4	1	1	25	12	9
Academy	6	3	2	1	18	8	7
Groats	4	0	4	0	9	25	0

Senior League Champions – **Wick Thistle**



Wick Academy
Season – 1927-28

County League Champions, Wick Senior League & Charity Cup winners

Back: Don Miller, W. Macdonald, Dan Bain, George Steven, Pat Gunn, Peter Grant,
T. W. Wylie, William “Bill” Budge, Hugh Sutherland.

Middle: John Mathieson, Dan Thomson, George “Rover” Tait, Mr James H. Miller, Mr A. Stewart, Mr Jack Waters,
Buddy Miller, John Banks, Robert Tait.

Front: Jimmy Cormack & Bruce Walton

The trophy in the middle is the Portland Bowl (Inter-County Caithness v Sutherland) and not the County League trophy. Academy was presented with the County trophy the following season (1928-29) when fulfilling a League fixture in Thurso. The Charity Cup is on the left and the Wick Senior League Cup on the right.

This extract appeared in the John O. Groat Journal on 17th October 1928:

“Wick Academy and Thurso Academicals met in the Caithness County League in Sir George’s Park, Thurso, on Wednesday evening under ideal conditions and in the presence of a large spectatorate. The Academicals led at the interval by one goal to nil but in the end Academy triumphed by five goals to one. The result was not a reflex of the play, for this game was keenly contested, albeit the better team won.

Goal-scorers: - Academy Don Miller (2), Dan Thomson (2) and Dan Bain. Academicals, James R. Miller. Referee Mr Robert Smith, Thurso.

At the interval, as winners of last season’s competition, the Academy was put in possession of the handsome trophy presented by Sir Alexander Grant. Mr John A. Mackay, Thurso, president of the League presided over the presentation ceremony and the cup was handed over to Mr Jack Waters, president of the Academy by Rev. W. D. A. Mackenzie, Thurso.

With the cup and the points in their keeping, it goes without saying that it was a very happy Wick company which sat down to tea in the Commercial Hotel, Thurso, after the match, when the rites associated with cup winning were duly observed and a pleasant hour passed in music and story.”

Wick Senior League Fixtures

23/09/1927	Thistle	4	v	2	Academy
07/10/1927	Academy	3	v	1	Groats
21/10/1927	Groats	3	v	0	Thistle
18/11/1927	Academy	6	v	3	Thistle
02/12/1927	Groats	2	v	3	Academy
	Thistle	4	v	1	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	14	10	6
Thistle	4	2	2	0	11	12	4
Groats	4	1	3	0	7	6	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Academy**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

13/01/1928	Academy	6	v	4	Groats
27/01/1928	Thistle	0	v	2	Academy
03/02/1928	Groats	5	v	4	Academy
10/02/1928	Thistle	6	v	0	Groats
17/02/1928	Academy	2	v	0	Thistle
	#Groats		v		Thistle#

Match not played due to Academy already winners

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	14	7	6
Thistle	3	1	2	0	6	4	2
Groats	3	1	2	0	7	16	2

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**

County League Fixtures – 1927-28

26/08/1927	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
“	Thistle	1	v	3	Academicals
02/09/1927	Swifts	1	v	8	Thistle
“	Academy	7	v	2	Swifts
“	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
09/09/1927	Pentland	1	v	1	Academy
16/09/1927	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle
“	Swifts	3	v	8	Pentland
“	Groats	4	v	0	Swifts
23/09/1927	Pentland	3	v	1	Thistle
“	Academicals	2	v	8	Pentland

30/09/1927	Swifts	2	v	2	Academicals
20/04/1928	Academy	2	v	0	Academicals
27/04/1928	Academicals	4	v	1	Thistle
"	Thistle	4	v	3	Groats
"	Pentland	3	v	1	Swifts
"	Groats	4	v	2	Pentland
04/05/1928	Academy	4	v	2	Groats
"	Thistle	8	v	2	Swifts
"	Pentland	2	v	3	Academicals
"	Academy	5	v	0	Pentland
11/05/1928	Thistle	2	v	1	Academy
"	Groats	5	v	2	Academicals
18/05/1928	Swifts	0	v	3	Groats
"	Thistle	1	v	1	Pentland

County League Champions – **Wick Academy**

#All match dates as results appear in *John O’Groat Journal*



Wick Academy
Season – 1928-29

County League & Wick Senior League Champions

Back: Unknown, John Matheson, J. Mulraine, Unknown, Unknown.

Middle: James Cormack, Unknown, J. H. Miller, Unknown, Robert Tait, B. Walton.

Front: Ackie Gray & George “Rover” Tait.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

02/11/1928	Academy	4	v	4	Thistle
14/12/1928	Thistle	5	v	5	Academy
21/12/1928	Groats	3	v	4	Academy
11/01/1929	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
25/01/1929	Academy	5	v	4	Groats
	#Thistle		v		Groats#

Not played due to Academy already champions

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	0	2	17	16	6
Thistle	3	0	1	2	10	11	2
Groats	3	1	2	0	9	10	2

Senior League Champions –**Wick Academy**



Wick Thistle
Season – 1928-29

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

08/02/1929	Thistle	3	v	2	Academy
15/02/1929	Groats	0	v	2	Thistle
15/03/1929	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
29/03/1929	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle
	#Groats		v		Academy
	#Thistle		v		Groats

#Matches not played due to Thistle already champions

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	0	8	4	6
Academy	3	1	2	0	7	6	2
Groats	2	0	2	0	0	5	0

Senior League Champions –**Wick Thistle**



Wick Groats
Season – 1928-29

Duncan Cup Fixtures

12/04/1929	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
19/04/1929	Groats	1	v	6	Thistle
26/04/1929	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
03/05/1929	Academy	1	v	3	Thistle
10/05/1929	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats
17/05/1929	Groats	5	v	4	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	1	0	13	18	8
Thistle	5	3	2	0	15	9	6
Academy	4	0	4	0	5	12	0

Play-off Final

24/05/1929	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
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Caithness County League
Season – 1928-29

Fixtures

17/08/1928	Groats	6	v	4	Pentland
24/08/1928	Swifts	3	v	9	Pentland
“	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle
“	Academy	10	v	0	Swifts
31/08/1928	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats
“	Thistle	0	v	3	Pentland
07/09/1928	Groats	4	v	2	Academicals
“	Academicals	7	v	1	Swifts
“	Pentland	1	v	1	Academy
14/09/1928	Pentland	3	v	0	Groats
“	Groats	3	v	1	Thistle
“	Thistle	7	v	3	Swifts
21/09/1928	Academicals	2	v	4	Thistle
“	Swifts	1	v	5	Academy
28/09/1928	Academy	4	v	1	Groats

17/10/1928	Academicals	1	v	5	Academy
24/10/1928	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
26/04/1929	Academy	6	v	2	Academicals
03/05/1929	Pentland	6	v	1	Thistle
“	Pentland	4	v	1	Swifts
“	Groats	2	v	5	Academy

County League Champions – **Wick Academy**

#Match dates are as results appeared in J.O.G. Journal



Wick Thistle

Season – 1929-30

Caithness County Champions, Wick Senior League & Duncan Cup winners

Back: Jock Bremner, Sandy Miller, Alec Miller, Alec Macleod,
George Rosie, John Webster.

Middle: John Malcolm, George Webster, Pud Miller, Bill Macleod,
Jock Innes, Peter Bain.

Front: David Oag, William Gilchrist, Markie Miller, Donald Macleod, D. B. Cowper.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

06/12/1929	Thistle	0	v	0	Academy
	Groats	2	v	3	Academy
13/12/1929	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
27/12/1929	#Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
	Academy	3	v	2	Groats
07/02/1929	Thistle	2	v	0	Academy
	Groats	1	v	2	Thistle

#Match abandoned due to loss off line markings

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	3	0	1	7	2	7
Academy	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Groats	4	0	4	0	6	11	0

Senior League Champions – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Groats
Season – 1930-31**

Wick Senior League & Duncan Cup winners

Back: David Rosie, Ben Inrig, William Robertson, Franker Bain,
Alec Boyd, Unknown, William Thomson.

Front: Arthur Robertson, Dan Miller, Donald Shearer,
William Mulraine, Thomas “Tucker” Farmer, William Mackenzie.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

24/10/1930	Groats	7	v	2	Academy
31/10/1930	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
07/11/1930	Groats	4	v	2	Thistle
14/11/1930	Academy	2	v	2	Groats
05/12/1930	Thistle	3	v	0	Academy
12/12/1930	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	0	1	17	9	7
Thistle	4	1	1	2	9	8	4
Academy	4	0	2	2	5	13	2

Senior League winners – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1931-32**

County Champions, Wick Senior League, Charity & Duncan Cup winners

Back: D. Budge, J. Robertson, Jock Innes, D. Stewart, A. 'Pud' Miller, W. Riach, George Webster, D.W. Cowper, Frank More.

Front: David Oag, Alex Ferguson, William Mulraine, Bill Macleod, T. Reid, Peter Bain.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

06/11/1931	Thistle	5	v	5	Groats
13/11/1931	Academy	4	v	0	Thistle
20/11/1931	Groats	0	v	6	Academy
27/11/1931	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle
	#Thistle	-	v	-	Academy
11/11/1931	Groats	3	v	2	Academy
18/11/1931	S.F. - Academy	5	v	3	Groats
25/11/1931	*Final - Thistle	3	v	2	Academy

No result found but Thistle won this match

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	2	0	12	3	4
Thistle	4	1	1	2	8	12	4
Groats	4	1	1	2	11	16	4

*Thistle win final after a three way tie, having received a bye into final



Wick Groats
Season – 1932-33

Wick Senior League Fixtures

09/09/1932	Thistle	2	v	4	Academy
16/09/1932	Groats	1	v	2	Thistle
23/09/1932	Academy	1	v	5	Groats
21/10/1932	Academy	0	v	5	Thistle
11/11/1932	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
18/11/1932	Thistle	0	v	1	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	1	0	9	4	6
Thistle	4	2	2	0	9	6	4
Academy	4	1	3	0	6	14	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



Wick Academy
Season – 1933-34

Wick Senior League, Charity Cup & Duncan Cup winners

Back: H. Stewart, A. Harper, R. Miller, Robert Tait, Alec Clark, D. Wares,
Eric Swanson, Dan Thomson, J. Maclean, G. Bain, G. Mackenzie,
H. Sutherland, A. Miller.

Front: A. Macleod, Harald Banks, Andy Farquhar, John Banks,
James H. Miller (President), J. Cowie (Player coach), David Banks, W. Budge,
Don Macleod.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

24/11/1933	Thistle	2	v	2	Groats
01/12/1933	Academy	1	v	3	Thistle
15/12/1933	Groats	1	v	2	Thistle
	Academy	3	v	1	Groats
29/12/1933	Thistle	1	v	2	Academy
	Groats	1	v	4	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	10	6	6
Thistle	4	2	1	1	8	6	3
Groats	4	0	3	1	5	10	1

Senior League winners – **Wick Academy**



**Wick Academy
Season 1934-35**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

21/09/1934	Thistle	4	v	1	Academy
05/10.1934	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
16/11/1934	Academy	2	v	0	Thistle
30/11/1934	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
07/12/1934	Academy	9	v	2	Groats
21/12/1934	Thistle	1	v	3	Groats

Play-off Final

28/12/1934	Groats	3	v	3	Academy
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Play-off Final Replay

11/01/1935	Academy	6	v	2	Groats
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	6	3	1	2	23	13	8
Groats	6	2	2	2	14	22	6
Thistle	4	1	3	0	6	8	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Academy**



**Wick Groats
Season – 1935-36**

Wick Senior League; Charity & Duncan Cup winners

Back: Marcus Miller, James Robertson, William Sinclair.

Middle: Ackie Gray, John Budge, Jock Innes, James Hull, Arthur Robertson, Sinclair Mackay (Secretary).

Front: William Mackenzie, Dan Miller, Tommy Tait, William Mulraine, Alec Boyd, William Sutherland, R. Cormack.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

10/08/35	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle
17/08/35	Thistle	0	v	2	Groats
24/08/35	Groats	1	v	2	Academy
31/08/35	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
21/09/35	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
26/10/35	Groats	3	v	3	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	2	1	1	10	6	5
Thistle	4	2	2	0	7	9	4
Academy	4	1	2	1	8	10	3

Senior League winners – **Wick Groats**



Wick Thistle
Season – 1936-37

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Groats	2	v	2	Thistle
	Thistle	4	v	4	Academy
	Academy	1	v	2	Groats
	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle
	Groats	3	v	0	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	0	2	12	9	6
Groats	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Academy	4	0	2	2	7	12	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Thistle**



Wick Groats
Season – 1937-38

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Thistle	1	v	7	Academy
	Groats	1	v	2	Thistle
	Academy	1	v	2	Thistle
	Groats	1	v	0	Academy
	Thistle	4	v	2	Groats
	Groats	5	v	4	Thistle
	Thistle	2	v	6	Groats
	Groats	2	v	0	Academy

*Thistle v Groats abandoned twice due to poor light.

Play-off Final

	Groats	2	v	2	Thistle
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#Groats win play-off match on corner kicks (6-3)

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	2	0	12	6	6
Thistle	5	2	3	0	9	13	4
Academy	4	1	3	0	8	6	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1938-39**

County Champions; Wick Senior League, Charity & Duncan Cup winners

Wick Senior League Fixtures

04/11/38	Academy	4	v	3	Thistle
18/11/38	Groats	2	v	3	Academy
	Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
2/12/38	Thistle	2	v	3	Academy
9/12/38	Groats	2	v	2	Thistle
	#Academy	-	v	-	Groats

*Thistle beat Groats in their first match but not reported in press.

#Academy v Groats game not played due to League having already been won.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	3	3	0	0	10	7	6
Thistle	4	1	2	1	10	6	5
Groats	3	0	2	1	4	5	1



**Wick Academy
Season – 1946-47**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

08/11/1946	Groats	6	v	2	Academy
08/11/1946	Watten Camp	1	v	7	Thistle
15/11/1946	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
22/11/1946	Groats	7	v	1	Watten Camp
13/12/1946	Thistle	1	v	4	Academy
20/12/1946	Thistle	1	v	1	Watten Camp
27/12/1946	Academy	3	v	2	Watten Camp
10/01/1947	Watten Camp	1	v	2	Academy
10/01/1947	Thistle	5	v	1	Groats
	*Watten Camp	-	v	-	Groats
	*Academy	-	v	-	Groats
03/02/1947	Groats	2	v	0	Thistle

*Results not reported in JOG Journal



**Wick Groats
Season – 1947-48**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

31/10/1947	Groats	6	v	1	Watten Camp
07/11/1947	Thistle	5	v	1	Academy
21/11/1947	Groats	1	v	0	Thistle
28/11/1947	Academy	7	v	0	Watten Camp
12/12/1947	*Thistle	1	v	1	Watten Camp*
19/12/1947	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
26/12/1947	Watten Camp	3	v	6	Groats
16/01/1948	Academy	3	v	3	Thistle
23/01/1948	Thistle	2	v	2	Groats
	#Watten Camp	-	v	-	Academy
	#Academy	-	v	-	Groats
	#Watten Camp	-	v	-	Thistle

*Thistle protest each half only lasted 30 minutes

#Matches not played due to Groats already Champions

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	0	1	17	7	9
Thistle	4	1	1	2	10	5	4
Academy	4	2	2	0	12	10	4
Watten Camp	3	0	3	0	4	19	0

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Groats
Season 1948-49**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

29/10/1948	Thistle	1	v	4	Groats
12/11/1948	Groats	5	v	1	Academy
19/10/1948	Academy	0	v	3	Thistle
26/10/1948	Groats	1	v	0	Thistle
03/12/1948	Academy	8	v	4	Groats
10/12/1948	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	1	0	14	10	6
Thistle	4	1	2	1	5	6	3
Academy	4	1	2	1	10	13	3

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1949-50**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

23/09/1949	Groats	5	v	1	Thistle
30/09/1949	Portland	4	v	2	Academy
14/10/1949	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
21/10/1949	Portland	3	v	2	Groats
21/10/1949	Academy	1	v	0	Thistle
28/10/1949	Portland	1	v	1	Thistle
04/11/1949	Thistle	2	v	0	Groats
11/11/1949	Academy	5	v	3	Lybster Portland
25/11/1949	Groats	1	v	2	Academy
02/12/1949	Thistle	2	v	4	Academy
16/12/1949	Groats	4	v	2	Lybster Portland
30/12/1949	Thistle	2	v	1	Lybster Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	6	5	1	0	17	10	10
Lybster Portland	6	2	3	1	14	16	5
Thistle	6	2	3	1	8	12	5
Groats	6	2	4	0	12	12	4

Senior League Champions – **Wick Academy**

#Lybster Portland's first season in Wick Senior League



Wick Groats
Season – 1950-51

Wick Senior League Fixtures

29/09/1950	Academy	4	v	2	Lybster Portland
20/10/1950	Groats	6	v	2	Thistle
20/10/1950	Portland	6	v	1	Thistle
27/10/1950	Thistle	1	v	5	Academy
03/11/1950	Portland	1	v	4	Academy
17/11/1950	Academy	2	v	1	Thistle
17/11/1950	Portland	1	v	1	Groats
24/11/1950	Groats	6	v	1	Academy
01/12/1950	Thistle	1	v	3	Groats
15/12/1950	Thistle	6	v	1	Lybstar Portland
29/12/1950	Academy	1	v	3	Groats
	Groats		v		Lybster Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	1	1	19	6	9
Academy	6	4	2	0	17	14	8
Lybster Portland	5	1	3	1	11	16	3
Thistle	6	1	5	0	13	22	2

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



Wick Groats
Season – 1951-52

Wick Senior League Fixtures

31/08/1951	Academy	5	v	4	Thistle
31/08/1951	Portland	0	v	6	Groats
21/09/1951	Groats	5	v	1	Academy
12/10/1951	Portland	1	v	3	Thistle
19/10/1951	Academy	6	v	0	Portland
14/03/1952	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
21/03/1952	Groats	10	v	1	Portland
28/03/1952	Academy	6	v	1	Groats
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
	*Portland	-	v	-	Academy
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Portland
	*Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

*Matches not played due to Groats Champions

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	5	0	0	32	3	10
Academy	5	2	1	1	14	16	5
Thistle	4	1	2	1	8	12	3
Lybster Portland	4	0	4	0	2	25	0

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



Wick Groats
Season – 1952-53

Fixtures

24/10/1952	Academy	3	v	1	Portland
31/10/1952	Thistle	1	v	5	Groats
31/10/1952	Portland	3	v	3	Academy
07/11/1952	Groats	6	v	2	Academy
07/11/1952	Portland	2	v	0	Thistle
14/11/1952	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle
05/12/1952	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle
12/12/1952	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
19/12/1952	Groats	1	v	1	Portland
13/02/1953	Thistle	2	v	2	Portland
20/02/1953	Academy	4	v	3	Groats
27/02/1952	Portland	0	v	0	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	6	2	1	3	18	11	7
Portland	6	1	1	4	9	9	6
Thistle	6	2	2	2	12	15	6
Academy	6	2	3	1	15	19	5

Senior League Champions – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1953-54**

Wick Senior League & Duncan Cup winners

Back: Alex ‘Bobbins’ Henderson, James Mackay, Iain Swanson.

Middle: David Bruce, James Murray, Bill Mackay, Tommy Dunnet, Donald Macleod.

Front: Adam ‘Georgie’ Wilson, Alistair Macleod, Billy Sutherland, Billy Farmer.

27/11/1953	Academy	4	v	1	Portland
04/12/1953	Groats	3	v	4	Thistle
11/12/1953	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
11/12/1953	Portland	0	v	2	Groats
18/12/1953	Academy	1	v	1	Groats
18/12/1953	Thistle	2	v	1	Portland
25/12/1953	Groats	2	v	3	Portland
01/01/1954	Thistle	4	v	0	Groats
01/01/1954	Portland	1	v	0	Academy
15/01/1954	Academy	1	v	2	Thistle
29/01/1954	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
05/02/1954	Portland	0	v	0	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	5	0	1	15	6	11
Portland	6	2	3	1	6	10	5
Academy	6	1	3	2	9	10	4
Groats	6	1	3	2	10	15	4



Lybster Portland

Season – 1954-55

County League Champions, Wick Senior League & Duncan Cup Winners

Back: Bill Larnach, Davy Larnach, Donald Omand, Don Gunn,

Jack Sinclair, George MacIvor, Sandy Miller

Front: Jocky Sutherland, Jimmy Dunbar, George Mackay, Eric Larnach, Robbie Larnach,
Bob Gordon, Stanley Larnach.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

24/12/1954	Portland	3	v	2	Thistle
24/12/1954	Academy	5	v	3	Groats
14/01/1955	Thistle	4	v	3	Groats
11/02/1955	Groats	0	v	4	Portland
25/03/1955	Portland	1	v	1	Groats
01/04/1955	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
01/04/1955	Portland	1	v	0	Academy
15/04/1955	Thistle	0	v	2	Portland
22/04/1955	Groats	1	v	2	Academy
29/04/1955	Academy	2	v	2	Portland
19/05/1955	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
13/05/1955	Groats	2	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	4	0	2	12	5	10
Academy	6	3	1	2	14	9	8
Thistle	6	2	3	1	12	16	5
Groats	6	0	5	1	11	19	1



Lybster Portland
Season – 1955-56

Wick Senior League Fixtures

21/10/1955	Academy	4	v	0	Thistle
21/10/1955	Portland	4	v	0	Groats
14/10/1955	Groats	4	v	6	Thistle
14/10/1955	Portland	3	v	1	Academy
28/10/1955	Groats	4	v	7	Academy
28/10/1955	Portland	6	v	1	Thistle
04/11/1955	Academy	0	v	3	Portland
11/11/1955	*Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
18/11/1955	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
25/11/1955	Groats	0	v	5	Portland
02/12/1955	Academy	2	v	6	Groats
09/12/1955	Thistle	0	v	3	Portland
16/12/1955	Thistle	5	v	1	Groats

* Match finished early due to bad light & replayed

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	6	0	0	24	2	12
Academy	6	3	3	0	17	20	6
Thistle	6	2	4	0	16	21	4
Groats	6	1	5	0	15	29	2

Wick League winners – Lybster Portland



Lybster Portland
Season 1956-57

Wick Senior League Fixtures

24/08/1956	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
31/08/1956	Academy	0	v	1	Portland
05/10/1956	Portland	3	v	1	Thistle
19/10/1956	Portland	5	v	1	Groats
26/10/1956	Academy	0	v	7	Groats
09/11/1956	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
09/11/1956	Portland	4	v	1	Academy
16/11/1956	Academy	2	v	0	Thistle
23/11/1956	Groats	2	v	2	Portland
30/11/1956	Thistle	0	v	4	Groats
07/12/1956	Thistle	0	v	2	Portland
14/12/1956	Groats	4	v	0	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	5	0	1	17	5	11
Groats	6	4	1	1	21	9	9
Academy	6	1	4	1	4	17	3
Thistle	6	0	5	1	4	15	1

Wick League winners – **Lybster Portland**



Lybster Portland
Season – 1957-58

Wick Senior League Fixtures

25/10/1957	Thistle	6	v	0	Academy
01/11/1957	Academy	2	v	5	Groats
01/11/1957	Portland	7	v	3	Thistle
08/11/1957	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats
08/11/1957	Portland	2	v	1	Academy
15/11/1957	Academy	1	v	2	Thistle
15/11/1957	Portland	2	v	2	Groats
22/11/1957	Groats	6	v	1	Academy
29/11/1957	Thistle	2	v	5	Portland
06/12/1957	Groats	6	v	1	Thistle
15/12/1957	Academy	1	v	4	Portland
20/12/1957	Groats	1	v	2	Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	5	0	1	27	10	11
Groats	6	4	1	1	24	11	9
Thistle	6	2	4	0	17	24	4
Academy	6	0	6	0	7	25	0

Wick League winners – **Lybster Portland**



Wick Thistle
Season – 1958-59

Wick Senior League Fixtures

26/09/1958	Academy	3	v	3	Thistle
03/10/1958	Groats	2	v	3	Portland
17/10/1958	Portland	3	v	1	Academy
24/10/1958	Academy	1	v	1	Groats
24/10/1958	Portland	2	v	3	Thistle
31/10/1958	Thistle	5	v	2	Groats
14/11/1958	Thistle	4	v	1	Academy
14/11/1958	Portland	2	v	1	Groats
21/11/1958	Academy	2	v	1	Portland
28/11/1958	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
05/12/1958	Thistle	5	v	1	Lybster
12/12/1958	Groats	2	v	6	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	4	0	1	20	9	9
Lybster Portland	6	3	3	0	12	14	6
Academy	6	1	3	2	9	14	4
Groats	6	1	3	1	8	12	3

Wick League winners – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1959**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

12/06/1959	Groats	1	v	4	Thistle
19/06/1959	Thistle	4	v	3	Portland
26/06/1959	Portland	3	v	0	Groats
	Thistle	5	v	0	Groats
	*Groats	-	v	-	Portland
	*Portland	-	v	-	Thistle

*Results not known due to strike at the John O’Groat Journal office and not printed.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	0	13	4	6
Lybster Portland	2	1	1	0	6	4	2
Groats	3	0	3	0	1	12	0

Senior League winners – **Wick Thistle**

#This was the first season of summer football after the switch from winter football and Wick Academy unable to participate due to S.F.A. restrictions.



**Wick Thistle
Season - 1960**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Thistle	v	Groats
	Portland	v	Rovers
	Groats	v	Portland
	Rovers	v	Thistle
	Portland	v	Thistle
	Groats	v	Rovers

Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle							

No results or fixtures available in local press, but Wick Thistle inscribed on trophy.

Wick Thistle Champions.



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1961**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

23/06/1961	Thistle	5	v	1	Rovers
23/07/1961	Portland	1	v	7	Thistle
	*Rovers	-	v	-	Groats
30/06/1961	Thistle	4	v	0	Portland
07/07/1961	Rovers	1	v	4	Thistle
07/07/61	Groats	3	v	4	Thistle
07/07/1961	Portland	0	v	2	Groats
14/07/1961	Groats	4	v	1	Rovers
14/07/1961	Portland	7	v	1	Rovers
14/07/1961	Thistle	4	v	1	Groats
28/07/1961	Groats	2	v	1	Portland
	*Rovers	-	v	-	Portland

*Results unknown

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	6	0	0	28	7	12
Groats	5	3	2	0	12	7	6
Portland	5	1	4	0	9	16	2
Rovers	4	0	4	0	4	16	0

Wick League winners – **Wick Thistle**



Wick Rovers
Season – 1963

Wick League Fixtures

05/07/1963	Rovers	4	v	3	Groats
12/07/1963	Groats	0	v	6	Portland
12/07/1963	Thistle	2	v	3	Rovers
19/07/1963	Groats	1	v	6	Rovers
19/07/1963	Portland	3	v	2	Thistle
26/07/1963	Portland	1	v	1	Rovers
	Thistle	3	v	3	Groats

*No other results reported but Rovers & Lybster Portland must have finished equal in final League table.

Play-off Final

30/09/1963	Rovers	6	v	2	Lybster Portland
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	4	3	0	1	14	7	7
Lybster Portland	3	2	0	1	10	3	5
Thistle	3	0	2	1	7	9	1
Groats	4	0	3	1	7	19	1

Wick League winners – **Wick Rovers**



Wick Thistle
Season – 1964

Wick Senior League Fixtures

14/08/1964	Rovers	1	v	1	Groats
21/08/1964	Thistle	4	v	4	Portland
21/08/1964	Rovers	4	v	1	Portland
28/08/1964	Thistle	5	v	0	Groats
			v		
			v		

*No other results reported

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	4	1	1	25	14	9
Rovers	6	3	2	1	18	12	7
Lybster Portland	6	2	3	1	16	16	5
Groats	6	1	4	1	14	29	3

Wick League winners – **Wick Thistle**



Lybster Portland
Season – 1965

Wick League Fixtures

30/04/1965	Portland	4	v	1	Groats
02/06/1965	Rovers	5	v	1	Thistle
	Thistle	1	v	2	Portland
25/06/1965	Portland	4	v	3	Rovers
25/06/1965	Thistle	3	v	3	Groats
09/07/1965	Groats	2	v	0	Rovers
	Rovers	4	v	0	Portland
16/07/1965	*Groats	-	v	-	Portland
23/07/1965	Rovers	0	v	0	Groats
	Portland	7	v	3	Thistle
	Groats	2	v	6	Thistle
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Rovers

*Results unknown

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	5	4	1	0	17	11	8
Rovers	5	2	2	1	12	11	5
Groats	5	1	2	2	8	13	4
Thistle	5	1	3	1	14	19	3

Wick League winners – **Lybster Portland**



Lybster Portland

Season – 1966

Wick Senior League & Sinclair Mackay Cup winners.

Back: Ronald Aitkenhead, Hugh Calder, Peter Sutherland, Don. Sutherland, Douglas Sutherland, Dan. Sutherland, Mr W. R. S. Macdonald.

Front: David Sinclair, Alec. Calder, Stanley Larnach, David Larnach, Billy Mackay

Wick Senior League Fixtures

12/08/1966	Groats	4	v	3	Thistle
1908/1966	Thistle	1	v	0	Rovers
	Portland	2	v	0	Groats
	Rovers	2	v	2	Groats
26/09/1966	Groats	4	v	2	Rovers
	Rovers	2	v	6	Portland
	Portland	5	v	2	Thistle
02/09/1966	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
	*Portland	-	v	-	Rovers
	Thistle	3	v	6	Portland
	Groats	5	v	4	Portland
09/09/1966	Rovers	5	v	3	Thistle

*Portland failed to make a team. Rovers awarded points.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	5	4	2	0	23	10	8
Groats	6	3	2	1	16	16	7
Thistle	6	2	3	0	12	16	4
Rovers	5	1	3	1	6	13	3



Wick Rovers
Season – 1967

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Rovers	5	v	1	Thistle
	Groats	5	v	6	Portland
	Thistle	7	v	1	Groats
	Portland	1	v	2	Groats
	Thistle	5	v	4	Portland
	Groats	2	v	4	Rovers
	Rovers	4	v	2	Groats
	Portland	5	v	4	Thistle
	Rovers	6	v	1	Portland
	Groats	4	v	8	Thistle
	Portland	1	v	2	Rovers
	Thistle	1	v	3	Rovers

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	6	6	0	0	24	8	12
Thistle	6	3	3	0	26	22	6
Portland	6	2	4	0	18	24	4
Groats	6	1	5	0	16	30	2

Wick League winners – **Wick Rovers**



Wick Thistle

Season – 1968

Caithness County Champions, Wick Senior League, Charity & Sinclair Mackay Cup winners

Back: J. Booth, Ian Edmonstone, Adrian Ella, Alistair Stephen, D. Booth, C. Harper.

Front: Billy Farmer, Tommy Dunnett, James Macalpine, G. Booth, David Geddes.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

02/09/1968	Groats	5	v	4	Portland
	Portland	2	v	4	Rovers
	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
09/09/1968	Rovers	1	v	3	Thistle
	Groats	1	v	1	Rovers
	Portland	0	v	2	Thistle
16/09/1968	Thistle	2	v	3	Rovers
23/09/1968	Thistle	4	v	3	Portland
	Rovers	1	v	6	Groats
	*Groats	-	v	-	Thistle
	*Portland	-	v	-	Groats
	Rovers	-	-	-	Portland

*No results found

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	5	4	1	0	12	8	8
Groats	4	2	1	1	13	9	5
Rovers	5	2	2	1	10	14	5
Lybster Portland	4	0	4	0	9	18	0



Wick Rovers

Season – 1969

Wick Senior League winners

Back: Drew Robertson, Willie Beattie, William Robertson, George Mackay, Drewie Farquhar, Unknown.
Front: Alan Turner, Roy Mackenzie, George Webster, Stuart Gunn? Keen Green.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Groats	0	v	2	Thistle
	Thistle	1	v	2	Portland
	Portland	5	v	0	Groats
	Rovers	3	v	0	Portland
	Thistle	0	v	2	Rovers
	*Rovers	-	v	-	Groats
	Thistle	4	v	1	Groats
	Groats	2	v	2	Portland
	Rovers	1	v	0	Thistle
	*Portland	-	v	-	Thistle
	Groats	4	v	1	Rovers
	Portland	2	v	7	Rovers

*No results reported

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	5	4	1	0	14	6	8
Portland	5	2	2	1	11	13	5
Thistle	5	2	3	0	5	6	4
Groats	5	1	3	1	7	14	3

Wick League winners – **Wick Rovers**



Wick Rovers
Season – 1970

Wick Senior League Fixtures

	Thistle	8	v	0	Portland
	Rovers	9	v	3	Groats
	Thistle	3	v	2	Rovers
	Groats	4	v	4	Portland
	Portland	-	v	-	Rovers
	Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

*No other results reported.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	6	5	1	0	-	-	10
Groats	6	3	2	1	-	-	7
Thistle	6	2	4	0	-	-	7
Lybster Portland	6	1	4	1	-	-	3

Wick League winners – **Wick Rovers**



**Wick Rovers
Season – 1971**

Caithness County League Champions & Inter-County Miller Cup winners
Wick Senior League, Charity & Sinclair Mackay Cup winners

Back: James Farquhar, Willie Bain, David Tait, George Mackay, Gordon Reid, Mike Hurray.

Front: Alan Turner, Ken Green, Andrew Robertson,
Andrew “Drewie” Farquhar, George Webster, Willie Robertson.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

13/08/1971	Groats	3	v	1	Thistle
“	Portland	1	v	1	Groats
“	Groats	4	v	3	Rovers
20/08/1971	Rovers	4	v	1	Thistle
“	Thistle	0	v	5	Lybster Portland
“	Groats	4	v	1	Lybster Portland
27/08/1971	Thistle	0	v	1	groats
“	Portland	2	v	3	Rovers
“	Rovers	0	v	1	Groats
“	Portland	7	v	4	Thistle
03/09/1971	Rovers	4	v	0	Lybster Portland
“	Thistle	0	v	6	Rovers

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	6	5	1	0	22	9	10
Groats	6	4	1	1	14	8	9
Lybster Portland	6	2	3	1	16	16	5
Thistle	6	0	6	0	7	26	0



**Wick Rovers
Season – 1972**

Wick Senior League Fixtures

28/04/1972	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
“	Portland	1	v	3	Rovers
05/05/1972	Groats	1	v	1	Portland
“	Rovers	4	v	1	Groats
“	Groats	1	v	3	Rovers
“	Thistle	1	v	1	Rovers
“	Portland	1	v	0	Thistle
“	Rovers	3	v	1	Portland
“	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
12/05/1972	Thistle	6	v	2	Groats
“	Portland	6	v	2	Rovers
28/07/1972	Rovers	4	v	2	Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	6	3	1	2	17	14	8
Thistle	6	2	2	2	16	13	6
Lybster Portland	6	2	3	1	14	15	5
Groats	6	2	3	1	12	17	5

Wick League winners – **Wick Rovers**



**Lybster Portland
Season – 1973**

County League & Wick Senior League Champions

Back: Eric Larnach, Ian Young, Jamesie Mackay, Donald Eyers, Roy Mackenzie, Dan Miller, Tommy Forbes.

Front: Hamish Macleod, Unknown, Ian Ross, Pat Miller, Alan Miller,
James ‘Tam’ Sutherland.

Wick Senior League Fixtures

Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
Lybster Portland	2	v	0	Groats
Rovers	1	v	1	Thistle
Lybster Portland	5	v	0	Rovers
Groats	2	v	3	Lybster Portland
Thistle	2	v	0	Rovers
Rovers	4	v	0	Groats
Lybster Portland	4	v	3	Thistle

Remaining results not reported

League table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	5	1	0	14	5	10
Rovers	6	3	2	1	5	8	7
Thistle	6	2	3	1	9	7	5
Groats	6	1	5	0	4	12	2



**Lybster Portland
Season – 1974**

Fixtures

Groats	2	v	0	Thistle
Thistle	0	v	0	Groats
Thistle	1	v	8	Lybster Portland
Lybster Portland	2	v	2	Rovers
Rovers	0	v	3	Groats

Only results recorded.

League Table	P	W	L	D	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	5	0	1	11
Rovers	6	2	2	2	6
Groats	6	2	3	1	5
Thistle	6	0	4	2	2



Lybster Portland Season – 1975

Back: Gordon Reid, Charlie Donaldson, Ian Young, Stuart Cummings, George Mackay, Eric Larnach, G. Douglas, Alan Bremner, John Ross.

Front: Jamesie Mackay, Dan Miller, Hamish Macleod, Roy Mackenzie, Donald Eysers, David Rosie, Alan Miller, James 'Tam' Sutherland.

Seven trophies

*Unfortunately football results were poorly recorded in the press in season 1975 with no Wick League fixtures, results & League table available.

Lybster Portland won all the Wick F.A. trophies (League, Charity, Cormack & Senior Citizens Cups) available to them except the Sinclair Mackay Cup which was won by Wick Groats.

This was also the first season in which the Caithness North East Rural Football League & Caithness League joined together to form the Caithness Amateur Football Association's Division I & Division II.

Lybster Portland was placed in Division II and was League Champions and also County Leitch Cup winners.

Portland retained the Inter-County Miller Cup to bring their trophy haul to seven for the season.



Wick Groats

Season – 1976

Wick League Champions

Back: James ‘Cassa’ Coghill, Sandy Anderson, Ian MacIvor, Ian Anderson,
Alan Turner.

Middle: J.Tait, John Gill, Clair Falconer, Alfie Sinclair, Willie Sinclair, Colin Campbell, Donald Ewing, Alan
Lannon, John Malcolm, Andy Grant,
Alistair Macgregor.

Front: Graeme Sinclair, Dom Mulraine, Donnie Munro, Arthur Robertson, Jimmy Hull, Ackie Gray, B. Budge, J.
Marshall, J. Watt, Jock Plowman, Willie Mitchell.

Wick Groats would go on to become Wick Senior League Champions from 1976 to 1989 concurrently.



**Wick Groats
Season – 1977**

Wick Senior League, Charity, Sinclair Mackay, Cormack & Senior Citizens Cup winners

Back: Donnie Munro, Andy Grant, Dom Mulraine, John Malcolm, Willie Sinclair, David Farquhar, Alfie Sinclair,
James ‘Cassa’ Coghill, Ean Johnston.

Front: Jock Plowman, Alistair Macgregor, Colin Campbell, James Baillie, William Wydmuch, Peter Sinclair, Alan
Turner.

Fixtures

	Groats	v	Thistle
	Portland	v	Rovers
	Thistle	v	Rovers
	Rovers	v	Groats
	Portland	v	Thistle
	Groats	v	Portland
	Thistle	v	Groats
	Rovers	v	Portland
	Rovers	v	Thistle
	Groats	v	Rovers
	Thistle	v	Portland
	Portland	v	Groats
	Groats	v	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Wick Groats							
Thistle							
Lybster Portland							
Rovers							

No fixtures or results available



Wick Groats

Back: Alfie Sinclair, Ean Johnstone, Sam Campbell, James Gray?

Middle: Donald Munro; Unknown, James Harrold, James Baillie, Pat Miller, Andy Grant, David Farquhar.

Front: James Coghill, Unknown, Jock Plowman, William Wydmuch, John Malcolm.

Players and officials of Wick Groats F.C. face the camera during their annual dinner dance in the Rosebank Hotel. In the foreground are the trophies won in the past season, including the Wick Senior Citizens Cup which the club have now won outright. The other trophies are the Wick Senior League, Sinclair Mackay Memorial Cup, James Cormack Cup, Leitch Cup & Lybster Senior Citizens Cup.

A happy Jock Plowman, 47 Seaforth Avenue, Wick, celebrates 50 years with the club. Jock, who has been club president for the past ten years, got a surprise while attending the dinner when a cake in the shape of a football pitch was wheeled into the hall. Jock (67) was also presented with a Caithness Glass bowl in recognition of his many years of service to the club.



**Wick Rovers
Season – 1990**

League Division Two, Steven Cup, Eddie Mackay Cup & Wick League winners

Back: Gunn; Alan Simpson, Sam Campbell, Garry Munro, Robert Munro, Ian Coghill, Mark Elder, Ken Wood (C.A.F.A. Secretary)

Seated: Gordie Macdonald; Willie Robertson, Garry Farquhar, Robin Aitken, Garry Mackay, Paul Durrand.

Front: Terry Candeland (Captain) & Alan Hendry (J.O.G. Journal)

A very successful season for the Wick Rovers who started of the season by winning the Wick Senior League before going on to become the County League Division Two Champions. The Steven Cup, for Division Two teams only was also won along with the Eddie Mackay Memorial Cup (Played-off between the top two teams in Division One and Division Two).

In the Rovers line-up is Garry Farquhar who would go on to greater things in his foot-balling

career. He joined the professional ranks with St Johnstone and had a couple of seasons there before joining Inverness Caledonian Thistle, Brora Rangers (Highland League) and then back at Wick Academy (Highland League).

Rovers had long been in the shadows' of their town rivals Groats & Thistle, but 1990 proved to be one of their most successful seasons since the 1971 County League winning season.



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1992**

**County League, Eddie Mackay & Ian Mackay Cup winners
Wick F.A. Senior League, Charity, Sinclair Mackay & Cormack Cup winners**

Back Row: Raymond Watt; Peter Gunn, Andy Cormack, Grant Campbell, Mark Elder,
Jack Shearer.

Middle Row: Andrew Carter; Alistair Trail, Jimmy Macadie, Donald “Tank” Coghill, Mr. J. Harper, Andrew O
Sullivan, Richard “Tichie” Hughes, Andrew “Rabbits” Munro, Angie Macleod, Malcolm Mackay, Dom Mulraine.

Front Row: Kenny Newlands; Arthur Bruce, Alec Thomson, Tommy Sutherland.

Wick Thistle had a very successful season in 1992, winning 10 trophies in all.

Thistle was County League Champions for the first time in 20 years and added three other County trophies, the Leach, Ian Mackay and Eddie Mackay Cups.

They also annexed a clean sweep of the Wick Football Associations trophies, the Senior

League, Charity, Sinclair Mackay and Cormack Cups.

Indeed Thistle were Wick Senior League Champions four seasons on the trot, seasons 1991 to 1994, having been in the Wick Groats shadow for many seasons as the Red half of the town collected many trophies.



Lybster Portland

Season – 1995

Wick League Champions

Back: George Groat; Hugh Calder, John Ross, Unknown, Gareth Miller, Andrew Macleod, David Miller, John Young.

Front: John Paul; Warren Gordon, David Dunbar, James Macleod, David Evers, Unknown, Donald Henderson.

No results available

John O’Groat Journal report.

Lybster Portland F.C. players and management are pictured with the Wick Senior League trophy, which got their 1995 season off to a flying start. This year they are playing in a new strip donated by Lybster contractors, John Gunn and Son.



Wick Groats
Season – 1997
Wick Senior League Champions

Back Row: Unknown; Russell Bain, Mark Miller, Graeme “Gravy” Miller, Sinclair, Greg Shearer, Scott Macdonald, John Martin, William Gunn, Alan Shearer.

Front Row: Stewart Ross; Unknown, Graeme “Grumpy” Miller, Derek Shearer, Ian Munro, Paul Macdonald, John “Zeeky” Munro.

Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	1	1	18	7	10
Thistle	5	2	1	2	11	7	8
Rovers	5	2	2	1	13	18	7
Shillinghill	5	2	2	1	10	8	7
Francis Street Club	5	2	3	0	8	14	6
Lybster Portland	5	1	3	1	7	13	4

No results available



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1999**

Wick Senior League Champions

Back: Tony Fell, Russell Miller, Jimmy Macadie, Gordie Reid, Tommy Sutherland, Unknown and Arthur Bruce.

Kneeling: Mark Elder, Scott Turner, Colin Cormack, John Farquhar, Unknown.

Front: Russell Beattie (League top goal-scorer), Martin Walker (Captain).

Wick Senior League

Wick League	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	3	0	1	17	2	10
F.S.C	4	3	1	0	7	5	9
Groats	4	2	1	1	13	6	7
Rovers	4	1	3	0	9	14	3
F.S.U	4	0	4	0	3	23	0

F.S.C. = Francis Street Club

F.S.U. = Francis Street United



**Wick Groats
Season – 2004**

Wick Senior League Champions

Back: Brian Sinclair, Stewart, Russell Bain, Malcolm Cowie, Craig Shearer,
Darren Shepherd, Christopher Taylor, Stewart Ross, Stuart Sutherland, Alan Farquhar.
Front: Colin Mackenzie, Garry Macgregor, Kyle Ross, Craig Ross, Unknown, William Gunn.



Wick Groats
Season – 2009

County League & Wick Senior League Champions & David Allan Shield winners

Back:

Mickie Lochry; Stewart Ross, Derek Shearer, Christopher Taylor, Jimmy Budge, Graeme Williamson, Kevin Miller, Garry Macgregor, Callum Swanson, Unknown.

Front:

Alan Larnach; Shaun Stewart, Sandy Sutherland, Sutherland, Andrew Cummings, Kyle Ross, James Mackay, Craig Ross.



**Wick Groats
Season – 2010**

County League & Wick Senior League Champions & David Allan Shield winners

Back:
Donald Campbell; Alan Larnach, Craig Ross, Shaun Stewart, Stewart Ross,
Graeme Williamson, Kevin Miller, Christopher Taylor, Sutherland, Kevin Anderson.
Front:
Alan Hughes; James Mackay, Sandy Sutherland, G. Macnab, Kyle Ross,
G. Macnab, Andrew Cummings, Derek Shearer.

Groats had a successful season, winning the Wick League in April and then going on to become County Champions and David Allan Shield winners. This was

the beginning of a period of dominance from the Groats in county football with many trophies coming their way.



Wick Groats

Season – 2015

Highland Amateur Cup & County League Champions

Caithness F.A. Macleod Cup, Macintosh Cup, Allan Shield & Wick Senior League winners

Back:

Kevin Anderson; Webster, G. Macnab, Christopher Taylor, G. Macnab, Graeme Williamson, Graeme Miller, Stewart Ross, Alan Sinclair, Unknown, Gavin Sinclair, Kyle Henderson, Derek Shearer.

Front:

Sandy Sutherland; Kyle Ross, Sutherland, Greg Shearer, Alan Hughes, Shaun Stewart, Bryan Mc’Kiddie, Henstridge, John Budge.

A Clean Sweep

The dominance of County football continued for Wick Groats as they won every trophy available to them in 2015. Wick Senior League winners once again before the County League got underway, Groats went on to lift all three knock-out competitions, the Colin Macleod Memorial Cup, Iain Macintosh Memorial Cup and the David Allan Shield.

They then completed the County honours clean sweep by adding the County League title to the cabinet and for good measure the Scottish Amateur Football Association’s Highland Amateur Cup for the second time. The final took place at Caledonian Stadium in Inverness with Groats running out 3-1 winners against Black Isle outfit Avoch.



Wick Groats

Season – 2019

Highland Amateur Cup & County League Champions

Caithness F.A. Macleod Cup, Macintosh Cup, D. Allan Shield & Wick Senior League winners

Back:

Kevin Anderson; Ryan Campbell, Gavin Sinclair, Billy Miller, Graeme Williamson, Alan Sinclair, Ben Sinclair, Christopher Taylor, Craig Ross.

Front:

Graeme McNab, Ben Risbridger, Stewart Ross, Kyle Ross, Sandy Sutherland, Mark Macadie, Unknown, Shaun Stewart.

Wick Groats line up after another trophy laden season. The Groats won every trophy available to them, starting of with the Wick Senior League then winning all the Caithness County trophies (County League, Colin Macleod Memorial Cup, Eain Macintosh Memorial Cup & the David Allan Shield). This was topped off when the Groats were once again crowned Highland

Amateur Cup winners, for the fourth time, by beating Avoch F.C. 1-0 in the final played at Dudgeon Park, Brora.

It would be another three years before Groats were able to defend their haul of trophies due to the Covid 19 Pandemic which swept the world and put on hold any local sporting activities.

MACPHERSON CHARITY CUP

John O’Groat Journal report - 1898



“For some time past the football public have been told that a Charity Cup was to be presented to the clubs of this town, and we have great pleasure in now intimating that such a thing has really taken place. We have been favoured with a sketch of this magnificent cup which we reproduce above.

The donor is Mr J. Macpherson, jeweller, Princes Street, Dundee, a native of Wick, and whose father and mother reside in Huddart Street, Pulteneytown. Mr Macpherson, who served his apprenticeship with Mr John Davidson, watchmaker, late of Wick, has a large growing business in Dundee, and his gentlemanly manner and sociability have helped to make him extremely popular in his sphere of business. The cup, which, including wooden base, stands 18 inches high, is of chaste design, the curved work being artistically executed and

reflects much credit on Mr Macpherson’s workmanship.

The cup will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated by the football players of the town, and the thanks of everyone will go out to Mr Macpherson for his timely generosity, seeing that Senior League engagements are now over, a charity competition will go a long way to sustain the interest in the game.

The cup was received through Mr David Sutherland, Royal Hotel, Pulteneytown, when the Charity Football Association was formed. Mr Charles Fletcher, M.A, was unanimously elected President. In the absence of the representatives of the John O’Groat F.C. further business was postponed until Tuesday evening first, where it is hoped they will be able to put in an appearance.”



John O'Groat F.C

Season – 1897-98

Back: A. Clyne, J. More, D. Mackay, Jimit Doull

Middle: J. Nicol, D. Gunn, G. A. O. Green (President), J. Green,
R. Mackay, Dan Baillie (Capt),

Front: A. Manson, T. Forbes, Archibald “Akie” Miller, Jim Tait, J Leslie.

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

Groats	3	v	1	Academy
Thistle	1	v	1	Groats
Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
Academy	2	v	2	Groats
Academy	2	v	2	Thistle
Groats	3	v	3	Thistle

Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	1	0	3	9	7	5
Thistle	4	0	0	4	8	8	4
Academy	4	0	1	3	8	9	3



John O'Groat F.C
Season – 1898-99

Back: A. Clyne, Unknown, Jimit Doull, J. More, A. Macleod,
 I. MacAndrew (Secretary).

Middle: D. Mackay, J. Leslie, T. Forbes, D. Gunn, F. Miller, A. Bain

Front: A. Manson, Jim Tait, Archibald “Akie” Miller

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

28/01/1899	Groats	1	v	1	Thistle
11/02/1899	Groats	3	v	0	Academy
25/02/1899	Thistle	4	v	4	Academy
11/03/1899	Thistle	0	v	3	Academy
25/03/1899	Academy	1	v	2	Groats
08/04/1899	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	0	1	9	4	7
Academy	4	1	2	1	8	8	3
Thistle	4	0	2	2	7	11	2



Thistle
Season – 1899-00

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

19/01/00	Academy	4	v	3	Thistle
03/03/00	Groats	0	v	5	Academy
17/03/00	Thistle	4	v	3	Academy
31/03/00	Groats	1	v	2	Thistle
13/04/00	*Academy	3	v	2	Groats*
21/04/00	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
28/04/00	Thistle	2	v	0	Groats

* Match replayed

Play-off Final

05/05/00	#Thistle	5	v	2	Academy
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League Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	5	4	0	1	16	10	8
Academy	5	3	0	2	17	12	6
Groats	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**

Thistle win Play-off match to decide winners



**Academy
Season – 1900-01**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

11/01/01	Groats	4	v	2	Thistle
26/01/01	Academy	1	v	2	Groats
08/02/01	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
23/02/01	Thistle	4	v	0	Groats
08/03/01	Groats	0	v	2	Academy
23/03/01	Academy	5	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	0	1	11	6	6
Groats	4	2	0	2	6	9	4
Thistle	4	1	0	3	12	12	2

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**



Pulteney Thistle
Season – 1901-02

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

	Academy	3	v	1	Groats
08/03/02	Thistle	5	v	1	Academy
28/03/02	Groats	0	v	3	Thistle
05/04/02	Thistle	6	v	1	Groats
19/04/02	Academy	0	v	3	Thistle
	Groats	1	v	3	Academy

League Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	4	0	0	17	2	8
Academy	4	2	0	2	7	10	4
Groats	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Groats F.C.
Season 1902-03**

Back: William Thomson (Secy); Frank More, Jimit Doull, William Munro,
Anson Bartlett, James Bruce.

Middle: Unknown, Unknown, William Harrold, J. A. Brims (President),
J. G. Leitch, Daniel Georgeson.

Front: William Bruce; Hugh 'Bogie' Henderson, James H. Tait, J. Thomson,
D. Budge, T. More.

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

07/02/1903	Academy	2	v	1	Thistle
21/02/1903	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
28/02/1903	Academy	0	v	2	Groats
27/03/1903	Thistle	0	v	1	Groats
01/04/1903	Groats	1	v	0	Academy
	Thistle	0	v	1	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	4	0	0	7	2	8
Academy	4	2	2	0	3	4	4
Thistle	4	0	4	0	3	6	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Groats**



Wick Groats

Season – 1903-04

Back: James Bruce, William Thomson (secretary), Frank More, Jimit Doull (captain), Anson Bartlett, William Munro, William Harrold.

Middle: J. Bruce, D. Budge, J. A. Brims (President), Sergt-Inst. Baikie J. G. Leitch (treasurer), H. Henderson.

Front: William Bruce (vice-captain), D. Georgeson, J. Bremner, J. H. Tait, J. Thomson, T. More

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-Finals

08/04/1904	Artillery	3	v	1	Academy
	Thistle	1	v	1	Groats
	#Groats	3	v	2	Thistle#

#Groats win re-played match

Final

	Groats	2	v	0	Artillery
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Charity Cup winners - Groats

Competition played on a knock-out basis



Pulteney Thistle
Season – 1904-05

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-Finals

25/02/1905	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
	#Artillery	3	v	4	Thistle
	Thistle	5	v	0	Artillery

#Match void cup tie replayed

Final

	*Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
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*Result of final not known due to match report not found in the JOG Journal.

Thistle were Charity Cup winners on photographic evidence.



Artillery

Season – 1905-06

Players only - Back: Addie Sutherland, Ack Stewart, J. Sutherland

2nd Row: John Christie, Sergt-Inst Burgess, Alex “Sach” Macleod

3rd Row: R. Durrand, Combe, George ‘Rover’ Tait.

Front: John Tait and Dan W. Bain

Charity Cup Semi-Finals

06/04/1906	Lybster Portland	3	v	2	Dunbeath Rangers
20/04/1906	Artillery	5	v	4	Groats

#Results of matches involving Academy & Thistle not known

Final

*Artillery		v		Lybster Portland
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*No result reported on final - **Artillery** were Charity Cup winners



**Artillery F.C.
Season 1906-07**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

	Artillery	5	v	6	Groats
	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
09/03/1907	Academy	2	v	0	Artillery
	#Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
	Academy	1	v	0	Groats
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Artillery

#Thistle winners of this match but no result recorded.

*No result found of this match but should Thistle have won it then a play-off match would be played with Academy to determine cup winners. Only one round of matches was to be played.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	3	2	0	1	4	1	5
Thistle	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Groats	3	1	1	0	6	6	2
Artillery	2	0	2	0	5	8	0

League table as it stood on 26/05/1907

*Charity Cup winners unknown



Wick Thistle
Season – 1907-08

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

21/02/1908	Thistle	4	v	1	Academy
21/02/1908	Artillery	3	v	2	Groats
	*Academy	-	v	-	Artillery
	*Groats	-	v	-	Thistle
	*Academy	-	v	-	Groats
24/03/1908	Artillery	2	v	6	Thistle#

#This result and match report appeared in the Northern Ensign newspaper and stated that Thistle were Charity Cup Champions due to that result.

*No other results or League table available.



**Wick Academy
Season – 1908-09**

Senior League Champions 1909-10, 11; Charity Cup Winners 1908-09. 10, 11

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

	*Groats	-	v	-	Academy
23/01/1909	Thistle	1	v	1	Groats
30/01/1909	Thistle	1	v	2	Artillery
06/02/1919	Artillery	0	v	11	Academy
13/02/1909	Academy	3	v	5	Thistle
20/02/1909	Groats	2	v	1	Artillery
27/02/1909	Academy	4	v	0	Groats
06/03/1909	Groats	2	v	4	Thistle
13/03/1909	Artillery	3	v	10	Thistle
	#Academy	-	v	-	Artillery
	#Thistle	-	v	-	Academy
	#Artillery	-	v	-	Groats

*Match postponed due to weather

#Results not known as not reported in press

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	5	3	1	1	21	6	7
#Academy	3	2	1	0	18	5	4
Groats	4	1	2	1	5	10	3
Artillery	4	1	3	0	6	24	2

League table as it stood on 26/03/1909 Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1909-10**

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

	#Academy	2	v	2	Groats#
	Artillery	-	v	-	Thistle
	Artillery	-	v	-	Groats
	Thistle	-	v	-	Academy
	Academy	-	v	-	Artillery
	Groats	-	v	-	Academy
	Thistle	-	v	-	Artillery
	Groats	-	v	-	Artillery
	Academy	-	v	-	Thistle
	Groats	-	v	-	Thistle
	Artillery	-	v	-	Academy
	Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

#Fixture's null & void after one match.

Thistle withdrew from the competition in protest. No reason given in press.

Revised fixtures

	Artillery	1	v	3	Academy
22/04/1910	Academy	4	v	0	Groats
	Groats	-	v	-	Artillery

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Artillery	1	0	1	0	3	4	0
Groats	1	0	1	0	4	3	0

*Competition reverted to a one round set of fixtures.

Final fixture not played due to Academy already winners.



WICK ACADEMY FC.

SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1909-10-11

CHARITY CUP WINNERS 1908-9-10

Wick Academy
Season – 1910-11

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-finals

17/02/1911	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
	*Artillery	-	v	-	Thistle

*Result unknown

Macpherson Charity Cup Final

14/04/1911	Academy	5	v	1	Thistle
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Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**

#Competition played on the knock-out system

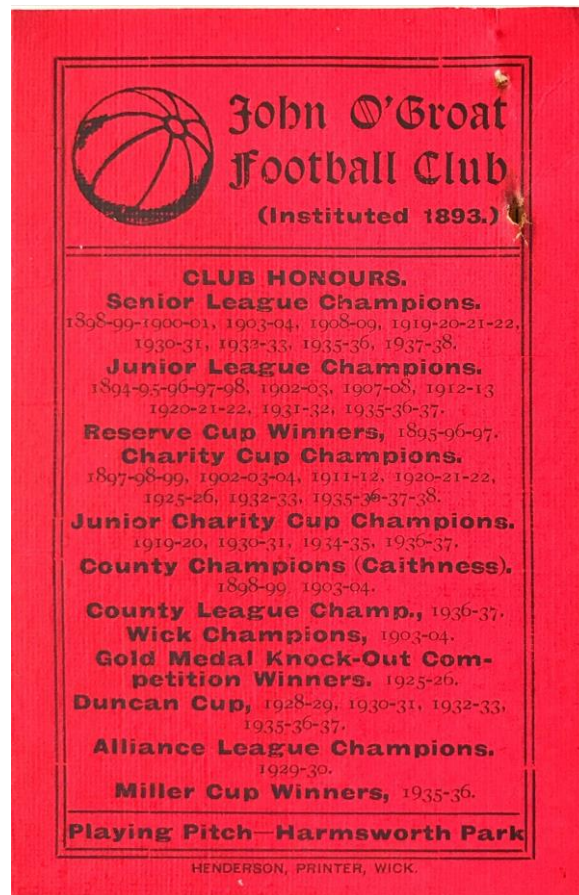


Wick Groats
Season – 1911-12

Macpherson Charity Cup

09/02/1912	Groats	3	v	1	Thistle
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No other results reported



This Wick Groats membership card confirms Wick Groats as Charity Cup winners in season 1911-12.



Wick Thistle
Season – 1912-13

Back: D. Miller, D. Stewart, A. Bremner, R. Murray, S. Leask, D. Hendry.
Middle: A. Murray, W. Swanson, G. Sinclair, F. Harper, J. Matheson, G. Nicolson.
Front: Peter Duchart, F. Marshall, C. Manson, R. More, J. Malcolm

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

18/01/1913	Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
01/02/1913	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
15/02/1913	Groats	4	v	1	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Groats	2	1	1	0	6	4	2
Academy	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**

Only one round of fixtures played.



**Wick Academy
Season – 1913-14**

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-Final

07/02/1914	*Groats	-	v	-	Thistle
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*Result not reported in JOG Journal – Thistle winners

Macpherson Charity Cup Final

27/02/1914	Academy	1	v	0	Thistle
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#Competition played on knockout basis & Academy
received bye into final.



**Wick Groats
Season 1919-20**

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-Final

13/02/1920	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
27/02/1920	#Thistle	4	v	1	Academy

#Thistle win semi-final replay

Macpherson Charity Cup Final

02/04/1920	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
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*Competition played on a knockout basis with Groats
receiving a bye into final



Wick Groats
Season – 1920-21

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

21/01/1921	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
04/02/1921	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle
18/02/1921	Academy	1	v	5	Groats
01/01/1921	Groats	5	v	1	Academy
11/03/1921	Academy	3	v	4	Thistle
08/04/1921	Thistle	2	v	3	Groats

Play-off Final

29/04/1921	Groats	4	v	2	Thistle
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	1	1	16	11	7
Thistle	5	2	2	1	14	14	5
Academy	4	1	3	0	10	13	2

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Groats**



Wick Groats

Season – 1921-22

Wick Senior League & Charity Cup winners

Back: Hamish Henderson, David Ross, Bobby Houston, Bolta Nicolson,
Willie Mackenzie, Jocker Bremner.

Middle: Roy Ross, Nonter Budge, Alex Clyne, Akie Miller, Andrew Mackay.

Front: D. Sutherland, David More, Donald Shearer, D. Bremner, F. MacGregor.

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

	Academy	2	v	4	Groats
24/02/1922	Groats	4	v	4	Thistle
31/03/1922	Academy	3	v	4	Groats
14/04/1922	Thistle	0	v	4	Academy
28/04/1922	Thistle	1	v	4	Groats
05/05/1922	Academy	4	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	0	1	16	10	7
Academy	4	2	2	0	13	11	4
Thistle	4	0	3	1	8	16	1



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1922-23**

Wick Senior League & Charity Cup winners

Back: John Webster, John Gunn, Bob Edwards, W. Macdonald, B. Fraser.

Middle: J. Bruce, J. Matheson, D. Budge, Thomas “Tucker” Farmer,
Charles Ball, Alex Macleod, D. Hendry.

Front: D. Anderson, B. Finch, Peter Grant, Bill Macleod, R. L. Brown.

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

12/01/1923	Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
26/01/23	Groats	7	v	4	Academy
09/02/1923	Thistle	4	v	3	Academy
02/03/1923	Groats	0	v	1	Thistle
	#Academy	-	v	-	Groats
	#Academy	-	v	-	Thistle

#Results not known

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	0	8	5	6
Groats	3	1	2	0	9	8	2
Academy	2	0	2	0	7	11	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Thistle
Season 1923-24**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

01/02/1924	Academy	2	v	2	Thistle
15/02/1924	Groats	1	v	4	Academy
28/03/1924	Thistle	9	v	2	Groats
04/04/1924	Thistle	4	v	1	Academy
25/04/1924	Academy	4	v	3	Groats
09/05/1925	Groats	0	v	4	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	3	0	1	19	4	7
Academy	4	2	1	1	11	7	5
Groats	4	0	4	0	6	21	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**



**Wick Thistle
Season 1924-25**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

23/01/1925	Groats	3	v	2	Academy
06/02/1925	Academy	0	v	3	Thistle
20/02/1925	Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
20/03/1925	Academy	4	v	5	Groats
10/04/1925	Thistle	5	v	1	Academy
24/04/1927	Groats	0	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	4	0	0	14	3	8
Groats	4	2	2	0	10	12	4
Academy	4	0	4	0	7	16	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**



Wick Groats
Season – 1925-26

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

05/03/1926	Groats	6	v	4	Thistle
02/04/1926	Academy	1	v	1	Groats
23/04/1926	Thistle	0	v	3	Academy
	#Thistle		v		Groats#
	#Groats		v		Academy#
	#Academy		v		Thistle#

#No other results available.

Play-off Final

21/05/1926	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	0	2	16	12	8
Academy	5	2	1	2	14	11	6
Thistle	4	0	4	0	10	17	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1926-27**

Back: T. W. Wylie, Pat Gunn, George Steven.

Middle: Jimmy Cormack; George “Rover” Tait, Robert Tait, James H. Miller, Unknown, John Mathieson.

Front: Dan Bain, Sid Toman, Willian Miller, ‘Buddy’ Miller, Bruce Walton.

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

11/03/1927	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
01/04/1927	Thistle	1	v	3	Academy
08/04/1927	Academy	2	v	2	Groats
22/04/1927	Groats	1	v	7	Groats
29/04/1927	Academy	0	v	3	Thistle
06/05/1927	Groats	3	v	4	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	1	1	9	9	5
Thistle	4	2	2	0	13	7	4
Groats	4	1	2	1	9	15	3



**Wick Academy
Season – 1927-28**

Back: Don Miller; W. Macdonald, Dan Bain, George Steven, Pat Gunn, Peter Grant, T. W. Wylie,
Unknown, Hugh Sutherland.

Middle: John Mathieson, Dan Thomson, George “Rover” Tait, James H. Miller, Mr A. Stewart, Jack
Waters, ‘Buddy’ Miller, John Banks, Robert Tait.

Front: Jimmy Cormack & Bruce Walton

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

13/01/1928	Academy	6	v	4	Groats
27/01/1928	Thistle	0	v	2	Academy
03/02/1928	Groats	5	v	4	Academy
10/02/1928	Thistle	6	v	0	Groats
17/02/1928	Academy	2	v	0	Thistle
	#Groats		v		Thistle#

Match not played due to Academy already winners

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	14	7	6
Thistle	3	1	2	0	6	4	2
Groats	3	1	2	0	7	16	2



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1928-29**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

08/02/1929	Thistle	3	v	2	Academy
15/02/1929	Groats	0	v	2	Thistle
15/03/1929	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
29/03/1929	Academy	2	v	3	Thistle
	#Groats		v		Academy
	#Thistle		v		Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	0	8	4	6
Academy	3	1	2	0	7	6	2
Groats	2	0	2	0	0	5	0

#Matches not played due to Thistle already champions



**Wick Academy
Season – 1929-30**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

14/02/1930	Thistle	5	v	1	Groats
28/02/1930	Academy	2	v	1	Thistle
11/04/1930	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle
18/04/1930	Thistle	1	v	5	Academy
25/04/1930	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
02/05/1930	Academy	5	v	3	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	1	0	13	7	6
Groats	4	2	1	1	9	12	5
Thistle	4	1	2	1	10	11	3

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1930-31**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

20/03/1931	Groats	4	v	1	Academy
03/04/1931	Academy	4	v	1	Thistle
01/05/1931	Academy	3	v	3	Groats
08/05/1931	Thistle	4	v	3	Groats
15/05/1931	Thistle	1	v	2	Academy
	#Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

Result not known but Thistle won or drew this match

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	1	1	10	9	5
Groats	3	1	1	1	10	8	3
Thistle	3	1	2	0	6	8	2



Wick Thistle
Season – 1931-32

Back: D. Budge, J. Robertson, Jock Innes, D. Stewart, A. “Pud” Miller, W. Riach,
George Webster, D.W. Cowper, Frank More.

Front: David Oag, Alex Ferguson, William Mulraine, Bill Macleod,
T. Reid, Peter Bain.

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

18/03/1932	Academy	4	v	1	Groats
01/04/1932	Thistle	6	v	1	Groats
15/04/1932	#Thistle	5	v	1	Academy
22/04/1932	Groats	5	v	2	Academy
29/04/1932	Groats	4	v	5	Thistle
06/04/1932	Academy	2	v	2	Thistle

#Match abandoned

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	0	0	17	6	6
Academy	3	1	2	0	7	11	2
Groats	4	1	3	0	11	18	2



Wick Groats
Season – 1932-33

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

20/01/1933	Groats	6	v	0	Lybster Portland
27/01/1933	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
03/02/1933	Thistle	5	v	7	Groats
24/02/1933	Groats	4	v	1	Academy
17/02/1933	Academy	P	v	P	Lybster Portland
	Lybster Portland	-	v	-	Thistle

*Matches not complete due to Groats already winners

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	3	3	0	0	17	6	6
Thistle	2	1	1	0	8	8	2
Academy	2	0	2	0	2	7	0
Lybster Portland	1	0	1	0	0	6	0

Competition played-off on basis of one round of matches as opposed to the usual two rounds.



Wick Academy Season – 1933-34

Back: R. Miller, Robert Tait, Alec Clark, D. Wares, Eric Swanson, Dan Thomson,
J. Maclean, G. Bain, G. Mackenzie, H. Sutherland, A. Miller.
Front: A. Macleod, Harold Banks, James H. Miller (President), John Cowie (player-coach),
David Banks, William Budge, Don Macleod.

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

11/05/1934	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
18/05/1934	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle

#Played on knock-out basis with Academy receiving bye into final

Academy winners of all Wick Association trophies for season.



**Wick Academy
Season 1934-35**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

08/03/1935	#Groats	2	v	2	Academy
10/05/1935	Academy	5	v	3	Groats
17/05/1935	*Academy	5	v	4	Thistle

Competition was played for on a knock-out basis due to lack of
dates to play League system.

This match initially played as first League match and replayed
on a knock-out basis.

Thistle drew a bye into the final.

*Academy Macpherson Charity Cup winners.



**Wick Groats
Season – 1935-36**

Back: Marcus Miller, James Robertson, William Sinclair.
Middle: Ackie Gray, John Budge, Jock Innes, James Hull, Arthur Robertson,
Sinclair Mackay (Secretary).
Front: William Mackenzie, Dan Miller, Tommy Tait, William Mulraine, Alec Boyd,
William Sutherland, R. Cormack.

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

30/01/36	Thistle	1	v	5	Groats
10/01/36	Academy	4	v	1	Thistle
	Groats	0	v	5	Academy
14/02/36	Academy	5	v	0	Thistle
28/02/36	Groats	2	v	0	Thistle
	Groats	2	v	1	Academy
06/03/36	Groats	1	v	0	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	1	0	10	3	8
Academy	5	3	2	0	16	8	6
Thistle	4	0	4	0	2	14	0



Wick Groats

Season – 1936-37

Senior & Junior teams

County League & Inter-County Miller Cup Champions

Wick Charity & Duncan Cup winners

Wick Junior League & Cup winners

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

19/02/37	Thistle	2	v	5	Academy
	Academy	4	v	1	Thistle
09/04/37	Groats	4	v	2	Academy
23/04/37	Groats	6	v	0	Thistle
30/04/37	Groats	9	v	2	Thistle
	Academy		v		Groats

*Result unknown but was either a win or draw for Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	3	3	0	-	19	4	6
Academy	3	2	1	-	9	7	4
Thistle	4	0	4	0	5	24	0

Groats were Charity Cup Winners



Wick Groats
Season – 1937-38

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

13/05/38	#Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
20/05/38	*Groats	4	v	2	Academy

Competition played on knockout basis and Groats received a bye to the final.

#Academy won semi-final match by two corners to one.

*Groats win final 4-2



**Wick Academy
Season – 1938-39**

Players recognised Back: David Banks (third from left), J. Falconer (goalkeeper), Dan Thomson (third from right).

Front: Murray Harper (first left), James H. Miller (President), Andy Farquhar (2nd from right), D. B. Cowper (extreme right).

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

24/02/39	Groats	2	v	5	Academy
10/03/39	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
28/04/39	Thistle	2	v	0	Groats
05/05/39	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
12/05/39	Academy	2	v	0	Groats
	Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	3	0	1	11	4	7
Thistle	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Groats	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

*Groats v Thistle not played due to League having been won by Academy



Wick Thistle
Season – 1945-46

Back: George Green (Secretary), Peter Bain (President), W. Milne, David Oag, John Haddow, Stanley Lunn, James Corner, Ian Mackenzie, Gordon Grant,

R. Fraser.

Front: Joe Anderson, Ian Bremner, Hugh Malcolm, Jock More, Peter Malcolm,
James Bremner, J. Webster.

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

26/04/1946	Thistle	3	v	2	Academy
03/05/1946	Academy	2	v	6	Groats
17/05/1946	Academy	1	v	1	Thistle
	Groats	2	v	3	Academy
10/05/1946	Groats	5	v	2	Thistle
24/05/1946	Thistle	4	v	3	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	1	1	10	11	5
Groats	4	2	2	0	16	8	4
Academy	4	0	3	1	8	11	1



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1946-47**

Macpherson Charity Cup Semi-Finals

30/05/1947	*Academy	2	v	1	Groats
30/05/1947	*Thistle	3	v	2	Watten Camp

*Both matches went to extra time

Final

06/05/1947	Thistle	3	v	0	Groats
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#Competition played in knockout format.

Watten P.O.W. Camp Guards were invited to take part in competition



**Wick Thistle
Season 1947-48**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

09/04/1948	Academy	0	v	0	Thistle
16/04/1948	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats
23/04/1948	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
30/04/1948	Thistle	4	v	2	Academy
15/05/1948	Academy	2	v	2	Groats
	*Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

*Match not played due to Thistle Champions

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	2	0	1	7	3	5
Academy	4	0	1	3	6	6	3
Groats	3	0	1	2	5	7	2

**Macpherson Charity Cup
Season – 1948-49**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

22/04/1949	Groats	1	v	3	Academy
06/05/1949	Academy	3	v	3	Thistle
	Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
	Academy	-	v	-	Groats
	Thistle	-	v	-	Academy
	Groats	-	v	-	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts

#There were no other results available or recorded.
Season may have over-run and not been completed?



**Wick Groats
Season – 1929-50**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

10/02/1950	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
17/03/1950	Academy	1	v	0	Thistle
31/03/1950	Thistle	0	v	1	Groats
19/05/1950	Academy	2	v	2	Groats
19/05/1950	Thistle	4	v	3	Academy
26/05/1950	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	1	0	3	8	7	5
Academy	4	1	1	2	8	8	4
Thistle	4	1	2	1	7	8	3

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Groats**



**Wick Academy
Season – 1950-51**

Macpherson Charity Cup Fixtures

04/05/1951	Thistle	1	v	2	Groats
11/05/1951	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
18/05/1951	Academy	2	v	1	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Groats	2	1	1	0	3	3	2
Thistle	2	0	2	0	2	4	0

Charity Cup winners – **Wick Academy**

#Competition comprised of only one round of matches



**Wick Groats
Season 1956-57**

Macpherson Charity Cup fixtures

15/03/1957	Groats	5	v	0	Thistle
15/03/1957	Portland	1	v	4	Academy
29/03/1957	Thistle	5	v	3	Academy
29/03/1957	Portland	1	v	7	Groats
05/04/1957	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
19/04/1957	Thistle	0	v	8	Portland
26/04/1957	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats
03/05/1957	Academy	1	v	1	Portland
10/05/1957	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle
03/05/1957	Groats	2	v	2	Portland
03/05/1957	Groats	4	v	2	Academy
	*Portland	-	v	-	Thistle

*Match not played due to Groats already winners

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	6	4	1	1	23	7	9
Academy	6	3	2	1	15	14	7
Lybster Portland	5	1	2	2	13	14	4
Thistle	5	1	4	0	10	23	2

John O'Groat Journal report
8th March 1957

For the first time since the 1950-51 Season the Wick Senior Charity Cup will be played for.

For the past few years it has not been possible to find time to play for this trophy, the seasons programme being fully occupied with the other Wick and County contests-namely, Wick Senior League, Wick Duncan Cup, Miller Cup-as well as inter-town and inter-county games.

It seems when the weather has been unfavourable, resulting in matches being postponed, it has taken clubs all their time to complete their fixtures in those contests before the end of the season.

This year there have been few postponements through the weather and the number of games for the County Cup was reduced by making it a knock-out competition.

Thus Wick Association's other contests have been completed much earlier than usual and they are able to go ahead with the Charity Cup.



Wick Groats
Season – 1957-58

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Fixtures

18/04/1958	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
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John O'Groat Journal report

Academy Drop Out of Charity Cup

As members of the S.F.A., whose season closed yesterday, Academy has had to drop out of the Charity Cup competition. With Thistle already knocked out by Lybster, this leaves Groats and Lybster as finalists. No date has yet has been fixed for the final.

Charity Cup Semi-Final

16/05/1958	Thistle	0	v	2	Lybster Portland
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Charity Cup Final

20/06/1958	Groats	3	v	2	Lybster Portland
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Charity Cup winners – **Wick Groats**

A new Charity Cup replaced the Macpherson Charity Cup, which was donated by the Wick Woman's Football Association.



**Lybster Portland
Season – 1958-59**

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Semi-final

29/05/1959	Thistle	2	v	2	Groats
	*Groats	1	v	0	Thistle

*Groats win replay

Charity Cup Final

05/05/1959	Groats	0	v	6	Lybster Portland
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Charity Cup winners – **Lybster Portland**

Academy withdrew from competition due to S.F.A. regulations.

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Season – 1960

Charity Cup Fixtures

15/07/1960	*Thistle	8	v	1	Groats
22/07/1960	Portland	1	v	1	Groats
29/07/1960	Groats	1	v	0	Thistle
29/07/1960	Thistle	3	v	2	Portland
05/08/1960	Groats	3	v	2	Portland
05/08/1960	Portland	3	v	3	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
Groats	4	2	1	1	6	11	5
Portland	4	0	2	2	8	10	2

*A protest was lodged by Groats claiming that Thistle had played an ineligible player in their match in which they lost 8-1.

The player in question was Alistair Macleod, a former Thistle player, who they claim was still a registered professional footballer since 1958 and had not been re-registered as an amateur.

The Wick F.A. & Caithness F.A. requested that Groats provide evidence to back up their claim.

No record was found of the outcome or reported in the press and therefore the Charity Cup winners are unknown. Thistle, was leading the table on a better goal average but usually there would be a play-off match to decide the winners.

#Academy withdrew from local football competition due to their membership of the S.F.A



**Lybster Portland
Season – 1961
Wick F.A. Charity Cup**

Charity Cup Semi-finals

28/07/1961	Portland	6	v	3	Groats
28/07/1961	#Wick Rovers	0	v	3	Thistle

Final

18/08/1961	Thistle	2	v	2	Portland*
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John O’Groat Journal Report **Charity Cup Won on Coin Toss-up**

A toss of a coin decided the destiny of the Wick Charity Cup on Wednesday night after the final between Thistle and Lybster Portland ended in a draw following a period of extra time.

The coin fell in favour of Lybster and they took the trophy.

After 90 minutes’ play the score was level at two each. A period of extra time failed to change it.

The marksmen were: - Thistle – Meiklejohn (2); Lybster-Troup and W. Mackay.

The cup was presented by Mr George More, a former Academy and Queen’s Park player.

Wick Rovers had replaced Wick Academy in local football competitions.



**Lybster Portland
Season – 1964**

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Semi-finals

11/09/1964	Portland	6	v	0	Groats
11/09/1964	Rovers	5	v	3	Thistle

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Final

16/09/1964	Rovers	1	v	4	Portland
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Wick Thistle

Season - 1968

County League, Wick League, Charity Cup & Sinclair Mackay Cup Winners

Back: H. Miller (Secretary), J. Booth, Ian Edmonstone, Adrian Ella, Alistair Stephen, D. Booth, C. Harper.

Front: Billy Farmer; Tommy Dunnet, James Macalpine (Capt), G. Booth, David Geddes.

No fixtures or results available



Lybster Portland
Season – 1972
Inter-County Miller Cup
Wick F.A. Charity Cup, Sinclair Mackay & Cormack Cup winners

Back: Tam Mulraine; R. Macleod, Donald Eysers, Unknown,
 Ian Young, Jamesie Mackay, Hamish Macleod.
 Front: Alec Calder; Ian Ross, Pat Miller, Alan Miller,
 Roy Mackenzie, James Baillie, Tommy Forbes

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Semi-finals

25/08/1972	Rovers	0	v	5	Lybster Portland
	Groats	3	v	8	Thistle

Wick F.A. Charity Cup Final

01/09/1972	Thistle	1	v	3	Portland
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**Wick Thistle
Season – 1979
County League Division Two Champions
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Wick F.A. Charity Cup Winners

Back: Alistair Trail, Alex Geddes, Sam Campbell, Willie Webster,
William “Boxer” Bain, Tommy Sutherland, Andy Sinclair (Manager)
Front: Ian “Zeeky” Munro, Andrew O Sullivan, Stephen “Snag” Wright,
Robbie Sutherland, Terry Munro.

No fixtures or results available



Wick Groats
Season – 1928-29

Duncan Cup Fixtures

12/04/1929	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
19/04/1929	Groats	1	v	6	Thistle
26/04/1929	Academy	3	v	0	Groats
03/05/1929	Academy	1	v	3	Thistle
10/05/1929	Thistle	3	v	4	Groats
17/05/1929	Groats	5	v	4	Academy

Play-off Final

24/05/1929	*Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	1	0	13	18	8
Thistle	5	3	2	0	15	9	6
Academy	4	0	4	0	5	12	0

* Groats win League final play-off match



**Wick Thistle
Season – 1929-30**

Back: Jock Bremner, Sandy Miller, Alec Miller, Alec Macleod, George Rosie, John Webster.

Middle: John Malcolm, George Webster, Pud Miller,
Bill Macleod, Jock Innes, Peter Bain.

Front: David Oag, William Gilchrist, Markie Miller,
Donald Macleod, D.B. Cowper.

Duncan Cup Fixtures

09/05/1930	Groats	2	v	4	Thistle
16/05/1930	Thistle	8	v	1	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	2	2	0	0	12	3	4
Groats	2	0	2	0	3	12	0

Academy withdrew due to S.F.A guidelines as winter season had ended.



Wick Groats

Season – 1930-31

Back: Sinclair Mackay (Secretary), David Rosie, Ben Inrig, William Robertson, Franker Bain, Alec Boyd, William “Sykes” Sinclair, William Thomson, Unknown.

Front: Arthur Robertson, Dan Miller, Donald Shearer, William Mulraine, Thomas “Tucker” Farmer, William Sutherland.

Duncan Cup Fixtures

26/12/1930	Groats	4	v	2	Academy
09/01/1931	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
16/01/1931	Academy	4	v	4	Groats
23/01/1931	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
30/01/1931	Thistle	0	v	5	Groats
	#Thistle	-	v	-	Academy

Match not played due to Groats already winners

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	0	1	17	8	7
Academy	3	0	1	2	7	9	2
Thistle	3	0	2	1	3	10	1



Wick Thistle
Season – 1931-32

Back: D. Budge, J. Robertson, Jock Innes, D. Stewart, A. “Pud” Miller, W. Riach,
George Webster, D.W. Cowper, Frank More.

Front: David Oag, Alex Ferguson, William Mulraine, Bill Macleod, T. Reid, Peter Bain.

Duncan Cup Fixtures

29/01/1932	Thistle	9	v	3	Groats
05/02/1932	Academy	1	v	0	Groats
12/02/1932	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
26/02/1932	Groats	1	v	4	Thistle
11/03/1932	Groats	3	v	2	Academy
	Academy	3	v	3	Thistle

Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	2	0	2	17	7	6
Academy	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
Groats	4	1	3	0	7	16	2



Wick Groats
Season – 1932-33

Duncan Cup Fixtures

25/11/1932	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle
09/12/1932	Thistle	3	v	3	Groats
	Groats	6	v	3	Academy
16/12/1932	Thistle	6	v	2	Academy
	Groats	5	v	3	Thistle
06/01/1933	Academy	0	v	1	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	0	1	15	9	7
Thistle	4	1	2	1	14	13	3
Academy	4	1	3	0	8	15	2



**Wick Academy
Season – 1933-34**

Back: H. Stewart, A. Harper, R. Miller, Robert Tait, Alec Clarke, D. Wares, Eric Swanson, Dan Thomson, J. Maclean, G. Bain, G. Mackenzie, H. Sutherland, A. Miller, A.M'Cutcheon.

Front: A. Macleod, Harald Banks, Andy Farquhar, John Banks, J. H. Miller (President), J. Cowie (Player Coach), David Banks, W. Budge, Don Macleod.

Duncan Cup Fixtures

19/01/1934	Thistle	2	v	8	Academy
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Groats
02/02/1934	Academy	3	v	2	Thistle
09/02/1934	Groats	1	v	1	Thistle
23/02/1934	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
16/03/1934	Groats	7	v	5	Academy

*No result recorded. Thistle either won or drew match.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	1	1	18	10	5
Groats	3	1	1	1	9	8	3
Thistle	3	0	2	1	5	12	1



Wick Thistle
Season – 1934-35

Duncal League Cup Fixtures

18/01/1935	Academy	1	v	7	Thistle
25/01/1935	Thistle	5	v	2	Groats
01/02/1935	Groats	1	v	3	Academy
15/02/1935	Groats	2	v	1	Thistle
22/02/1935	Academy	0	v	5	Groats
01/03/1935	Thistle	3	v	3	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	4	3	1	1	16	8	5
Groats	4	2	2	0	10	9	4
Academy	4	1	2	1	7	16	3



Wick Groats
Season – 1935-36

Back: Marcus Miller, James Robertson, William Sinclair.

Middle: Ackie Gray, John Budge, Jock Innes, James Hull, Arthur Robertson,
Sinclair Mackay (Secretary).

Front: William Mackenzie, Dan Miller, Tommy Tait, Bill Mulraine, Alec Boyd,
William Sutherland, R. Cormack.

Duncan League Cup fixtures

08/11/1935	Groats	3	v	2	Academy
22/11/1935	Academy	2	v	2	Thistle
29/11/1935	Thistle	3	v	8	Groats
13/12/1935	Thistle	3	v	9	Academy
20/12/1935	Groats	4	v	1	Thistle
	Academy	5	v	0	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	4	3	1	0	15	11	6
Academy	4	2	1	1	18	9	5
Thistle	4	0	3	1	9	23	1



Wick Groats
Season – 1936-37

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

04/12/36	Groats	6	v	3	Academy
18/12/36	Thistle	5	v	2	Groats
25/12/36	Academy	0	v	11	Groats
01/01/37	Thistle	6	v	2	Academy
15/01/37	Groats	5	v	3	Thistle
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Academy

Play-off Final

12/02/37	Groats	3	v	0	Thistle
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	4	1	0	27	11	8
Thistle	5	3	2	0	14	12	6
Academy	4	0	4	0	5	19	0

*Academy scratched & Thistle awarded points.



Wick Academy
Season – 1937-38
Duncan League Cup winners

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

21/01/38	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
28/01/38	Groats	1	v	2	Academy
11/02/38	Thistle	2	v	4	Groats
18/02/38	Academy	6	v	2	Groats
25/02/38	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
	*Thistle	-	v	-	Academy

* Thistle v Academy not played due to League already won.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	3	2	0	1	10	5	5
Groats	4	2	2	0	10	12	4
Thistle	3	0	2	1	6	9	1



**Wick Academy
Season – 1938-39**

Duncan Cup Fixtures

20/01/39	Groats	1	v	5	Thistle
27/2/39	Academy	3	v	3	Thistle
03/02/39	Thistle	1	v	1	Groats
10/02/39	Academy	6	v	2	Groats
17/02/39	Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
	Groats	3	v	6	Academy

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	4	2	0	2	16	9	6
Thistle	4	1	0	3	10	6	5
Groats	4	0	3	1	7	18	1



Wick Groats
Season – 1950-51

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

26/01/1951	Thistle	5	v	1	Portland
02/02/1951	Groats	1	v	0	Thistle
02/02/1951	Portland	4	v	0	Academy
23/02/1951	Portland	2	v	6	Groats
23/02/1951	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
02/03/1951	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
02/03/1951	Portland	0	v	2	Thistle
09/03/1951	Academy	1	v	1	Portland
23/03/1951	Thistle	2	v	7	Groats
30/03/1951	*Thistle	A	v	A	Academy
27/04/1951	Thistle	2	v	3	Academy
27/04/1951	#Groats	w/o	v	-	Portland
04/05/1951	Academy	2	v	2	Groats

*Match abandoned due to snow.

Groats awarded points due to Portland unable to field a team.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	0	2	18	8	8
Academy	6	2	1	3	11	12	7
Thistle	6	2	4	0	12	15	4
Portland	5	1	3	1	8	14	3

Duncan Cup Winners – **Wick Groats**



Wick Groats
Season – 1951-52

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

04/04/1952	*Academy	2	v	0	Thistle
04/04/1952	Portland	2	v	1	Groats
18/04/1952	Thistle	1	v	3	Groats
18/04/1952	*Portland	5	v	4	Academy
25/04/1952	*Groats	5	v	1	Academy
25/04/1952	Portland	0	v	1	Thistle
02/05/1952	Groats	1	v	3	Portland
02/05/1952	*Thistle	1	v	1	Academy
09/05/1952	Groats	2	v	0	Thistle
23/05/1952	Thistle	5	v	2	Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Groats	5	3	2	0	12	7	6
Lybster Portland	5	3	2	0	12	12	6
Thistle	6	2	3	1	8	10	5
*Academy	4	1	2	1	8	11	3

* League table as it stood before Academy forced to pull out of competition on instruction from the Scottish F.A., due to the end of the winter season. Academy's results expunged from the League meaning remaining three teams level on four points. Thus meaning the competition completed on a knockout basis with Thistle drawing a bye into the final.

Duncan Cup Semi-Final

30/05/1952	Groats	3	v	1	Portland
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Duncan Cup Final

06/05/1952	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
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Wick Thistle
Season – 1952-53

Duncan Cup fixtures

27/02/1953	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
06/03/1953	Academy	1	v	2	Portland
13/03/1953	Thistle	2	v	3	Groats
13/03/1953	Portland	1	v	4	Academy
08/05/1953	Groats	2	v	2	Academy
15/05/1953	Thistle	5	v	2	Portland
14/08/1953	Portland	0	v	4	Thistle
14/08/1953	Academy	3	v	2	Groats
21/08/1953	Portland	3	v	2	Groats
21/08/1953	Thistle	1	v	0	Academy
04/09/1953	Groats	8	v	0	Portland
11/09/1953	Groats	1	v	5	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	4	2	0	18	9	7
Academy	6	3	2	1	13	8	6
Groats	6	2	3	1	18	15	5
Lybster Portland	6	2	4	0	8	24	4

Duncan Cup Winners – **Wick Thistle**



Wick Academy
Season – 1953-54

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

12/02/1954	Thistle	1	v	0	Portland
12/02/1954	Groats	0	v	0	Academy
26/02/1954	Academy	3	v	0	Portland
05/03/1954	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
05/03/1954	Portland	2	v	2	Groats
12/03/1954	Thistle	3	v	2	Groats
19/03/1954	Academy	1	v	1	Groats
26/03/1954	Portland	0	v	1	Thistle
02/04/1954	Academy	3	v	1	Thistle
16/04/1954	Groats	1	v	2	Portland
23/04/1954	Portland	1	v	3	Academy
30/04/1954	Groats	4	v	5	Thistle

Play-off Final

17/12/1954	Thistle	2	v	2	Academy
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Play-off Final replay

07/01/1955	Academy	4	v	0	Thistle
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Academy	8	4	0	3	18	7	11
Thistle	8	4	2	1	15	17	9
Groats	6	0	3	3	10	13	3
Lybster Portland	6	1	4	1	5	11	3

Duncan Cup winners – Wick Academy

Final held over from previous season due to Academy having completed their S.F.A season and bad weather meant replayed final not played until January 1955



Lybster Portland

Season – 1954-55

Back: Bill Larnach, Davy Larnach, Donald Oman, Donald Gunn, Jack Sinclair,
George McIvor, Sandy Miller.

Front: Eric Munro, Jocky Sutherland, Jimmy Dunbar, George Mackay, Eric Larnach,
Robert Larnach, Bob Gordon, Stanley Larnach.

Duncan Cup Fixtures

03/06/1955	Groats	3	v	1	Thistle
03/06/1955	Portland	1	v	0	Groats
10/06/1955	Thistle	2	v	3	Portland
10/06/1955	Portland	7	v	1	Thistle
10/06/1955	Groats	0	v	5	Portland
24/06/1955	Thistle	5	v	3	Groats

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	4	4	0	0	20	6	8
Groats	4	1	3	0	6	12	2
Thistle	4	1	3	0	9	16	2

Duncan Cup Winners - Lybster Portland

#Academy unable to take part due to S.F.A season finished



Wick Thistle
Season – 1955-56

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

23/11/1955	Groats	3	v	5	Thistle
23/11/1955	Portland	4	v	1	Academy
30/11/1955	Academy	1	v	4	Thistle
30/11/1955	Portland	4	v	2	Groats
06/01/1956	Thistle	2	v	2	Portland
13/01/1956	Groats	5	v	2	Academy
20/01/1956	Thistle	1	v	3	Groats
03/02/1956	Academy	1	v	1	Portland
10/02/1956	Thistle	3	v	1	Academy
17/02/1956	Groats	0	v	6	Portland
02/03/1956	Academy	2	v	1	Groats
02/13/1956	Portland	1	v	2	Thistle

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	6	4	1	1	17	11	9
Lybster Portland	6	3	1	2	17	8	8
Groats	6	2	4	0	15	19	4
Academy	6	1	4	1	8	17	3

Duncan Cup winners - **Wick Thistle**



Lybster Portland
Season – 1956-57

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

21/12/1956	Thistle	2	v	3	Portland
28/12/1956	Academy	1	v	5	Groats
04/01/1957	Groats	3	v	2	Thistle
11/01/1957	Academy	2	v	1	Portland
01/02/1957	Portland	4	v	0	Groats
01/02/1957	Academy	4	v	0	Thistle
08/02/1957	Groats	4	v	1	Academy
15/02/1957	Thistle	3	v	5	Groats
15/02/1957	Portland	-	v	-	Academy*
22/02/1957	Academy	4	v	1	Thistle
29/02/1957	Thistle	0	v	1	Academy
01/03/1957	Groats	2	v	5	Portland

*Portland awarded points as Academy failed to make a team.

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	5	4	1	0	18	6	10
Groats	6	4	2	0	19	16	8
Academy	5	3	2	0	12	11	6
Thistle	6	0	6	0	8	24	0

Duncan Cup winners – **Lybster Portland**



Lybster Portland
Season – 1957-58

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

17/01/1958	Academy	1	v	2	Thistle
21/02/1958	Groats	1	v	4	Portland
28/02/1958	Thistle	4	v	1	Groats
28/02/1958	Portland	5		2	Academy
07/03/1958	Groats	4	v	2	Academy
07/02/1958	Portland	4	v	2	Thistle
14/03/1958	Thistle	2	v	1	Academy
14/03/1958	Portland	3	v	3	Groats
28/03/1958	Groats	3	v	3	Thistle
04/04/1958	Academy	0	v	1	Portland
11/04/1958	Academy	2	v	4	Groats
27/04/1958	Thistle	7	v	1	Portland

League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lybster Portland	6	4	1	1	18	15	9
Groats	6	3	1	2	19	16	8
Thistle	6	2	3	1	17	15	5
Academy	6	1	5	0	9	17	2

Duncan Cup winners – **Lybster Portland**



Wick Thistle
Season – 1958-59

Duncan League Cup Fixtures

19/12/1958	Thistle	3	v	0	Academy
26/12/1958	Portland	2	v	3	Groats
06/03/1959	Academy	2	v	4	Portland
13/03/1959	Groats	1	v	1	Academy
13/03/1959	Portland	3	v	2	Thistle
20/03/1959	Groats	2	v	5	Thistle
20/03/1959	Portland	3	v	2	Academy
03/04/1959	Groats	0	v	1	Portland
10/04/1959	Academy	2	v	3	Groats
17/04/1959	Thistle	2	v	2	Lybster
24/04/1959	Thistle	3	v	1	Groats

Duncan Cup Play-off final

01/05/1959	Portland	1	v	2	Thistle
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League Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Thistle	7	5	1	1	23	12	11
Lybster Portland	7	4	2	1	16	13	9
Groats	6	2	3	1	10	14	5
Academy	6	0	5	1	10	20	1

Duncan Cup winners – **Wick Thistle**

CLUB INTER-COUNTY



Miller Cup

Caithness & Sutherland

Presented by, Mr James H. Miller of Wick Academy F.C.

Winners

Winter-season

1933/34 – Brora Wanderers	1950/51 – Brora Amateurs
1934/35 – Wick Thistle	1951/52 –
1935/36 – Wick Groats	1952/53 – Brora Amateurs
1936/37 –	1953/54 – Thurso Swifts
1937/38 –	1954/55 – Wick Thistle
1938/39 –	1955/56 – Brora Amateurs
1947/48 – Helmsdale United	1956/57 – Lybster Portland
1948/49 – Incomplete	1957/58 – Thurso Acks
1949/50 – Helmsdale United	1958/59 – Thurso Acks

Summer-season

1960 – Lybster Portland	1969 – Wick Thistle
1961 – Thurso Acks	1970 – Wick Groats
1962 – Dounreay Athletic	1971 – Wick Rovers
1963 – Brora Rangers	1972 – Lybster Portland
1964 – Dornoch	1973 – Thurso Swifts
1965 – Thurso Acks	1974 – Lybster Portland
1966 – Helmsdale United	1975 – Lybster Portland
1967 – Brora Wanderers	1976 – Wick Groats
1968 – Thurso Acks	1977 – Thurso Pentland



Wick Football Association
Sinclair Mackay Memorial Cup
Presented in memory of Mr Sinclair Mackay of Wick Groats F.C.

1962 – Groats	1981 – Groats
1963 – Rovers	1982 – Groats
1965 – Rovers	1983 – Groats
1966 – Lybster	1984 – Groats
1967 – Rovers	1985 – Thistle
1968 – Thistle	1986 – Groats
1969 – Groats	1987 – Groats
1970 – Rovers	1988 – Thistle
1971 – Rovers	1989 – Groats
1972 – Lybster	1990 – Groats
1973 – Lybster	1991 – Thistle
1974 – Rovers	1992 – Thistle
1975 – Groats	1993 – Shillinghill
1976 – Lybster	1994 – Groats
1978 – Groats	1995 – Groats
1979 – Groats	1996 – Groats
1980 – Thistle	1997 – Thistle



Thurso Swifts
Season – 1899-00
Thurso F.A. Senior League Champions

SWIFTS-OLDEST SURVIVING

Actually, Swifts are Thurso's oldest surviving club. They came into being a year before Academicals but were moribund (disbanded) a few years between 1900-1910 and later again dropped out for seven seasons when adversity became too regularly severe. Swifts in their dark days found it hard to retain promising young players who naturally preferred to find places in a winning combine and on occasions failed to muster a complete eleven.

Previous to the First World War Swifts tasted honour now and again-for instance, they were cup holders in

1903-04 and again in 1909-10, and held the Charity Cup in 1913. In their earliest years they had the services of a first-rate goalkeeper, William Hunter to name. He was a painter to trade and in the winter when work was slack moved to Edinburgh as a professional footballer with St. Bernard's, then a first class team. Indeed, they were Scottish Cup holders in 1895. As a goalkeeper he was described in one word "magnificent"



Thurso Swifts
Season – 1900-01
(Joint) Thurso F.A. Senior League winners

Swifts shared the League title with Academicals



Thurso Swifts Football Club
Season – 1904
Thurso F.A. Senior League & Stratton Charity Cup winners

Thurso League 1904	P	W	D	L	Pts
Swifts	4	3	1	0	7
Acks	4	1	1	2	3
Britannia	4	0	2	3	2

No results available.



Thurso Academicals
Season – 1908-09
Thurso F.A. Senior League & Stratton Charity Cup winners



Britannia Football Club
Season – 1910-11
Thurso F.A. League; Charity, Miller, Thurso & Roslyn Cup winners



Thurso Academicals
Season – 1911
Thurso Senior League; Charity, Miller & Thurso Cup winners



Britannia Football Club
Season – 1912-13
Thurso F.A. Senior League; Miller & Roslyn Cup winners



**Thurso Academicals
Season – 1914
Thurso F.A. Senior League; Stratton Charity Cup & Thurso Cup winners**



Thurso Academicals
Season – 1920
Thurso F.A. Senior League; Stratton Charity & Thurso Cup winners



Thurso Pentland Season – 1921-22

Thurso F.A. Senior League; Charity, Miller, Manson & Thurso Cup winners

Back: David Sutherland; John Rosie, Neil Mowat, Alex. Inrig, John Macdonald, Alex. Manson.

Middle: John Sutherland; Jimmy Rosie, Sinclair Henderson, John Sinclair, Albert Edwards, Colin Morrison, William Smith (trainer).

Front: Donald Henderson; Robert “Robbie” Smith, John “Jock” Smith, Angus Munro.

Newspaper article 1976

The “Courier’s” popular Down Memory Lane picture series continues this month with a topical sports picture. Next week on December 3rd, Thurso Pentland Football Club celebrates their Golden Jubilee with a dinner in the Park Hotel.

Our picture is of the cup winning squad of players in the club’s first season back in 1921/22. It is reproduced by permission of Mr Donald Henderson, Manson’s Lane, Thurso, who appears in the bottom left hand corner of the picture which was taken for the occasion outside the bowling green clubhouse.

Mr Henderson—a tricky inside forward in his day who says at 73 that he still feels like a game—will be joined at the dinner by the only other surviving Thurso resident in the team, Mr John Rosie (74), uncle of Bailie John Rosie. Mr Rosie is second from the left in the back row.

Pentland F.C. was created between the war with players drawn into its ranks from the Acks, Swifts and

Britannia Club and in the early days included three sets of brothers, Rosie, Henderson and Smith.

Those in the picture, Mr Henderson told us are:

Back row—David Sutherland, John Rosie, Neil Mowat who was a barber; goalkeeper Alex. Inrig an ex-fireman believed to be in Australia, John Macdonald who was a postman, and Alex Manson who is now living in Edinburgh.

Middle row: John Sutherland, tailor, postman Jimmy Rosie, Sinclair Henderson, John Sinclair, Albert Edwards, Colin Morrison, now in Australia, and trainer William Smith.

Front row: Donald Henderson, Robert Smith, another tailor, John Smith who worked in the gasworks and joiner/contractor Angus Munro.

The club has recently acquired a new set of strips, the same as worn by the original team in black and green.



**Thurso Pentland
Season – 1922-23**

Thurso F.A. Senior League; Charity, Miller, Manson & Thurso Cup winners

(Players only) Back: Unknown, Alex Inrig, James Rosie

Middle: Robert Smith, Alex Manson, John Smith, John Rosie

Front: Colin Morrison, Sinclair Henderson, Angus Munro, Donald Henderson.

HOW THE PENTLAND STARTED

The foundation of Pentland F.C. was unwittingly laid by returning ex-Servicemen round about 1917 when they grouped together to provide opposition for naval ratings. If the sailors were keen to play, so were Thursonians, glad to return to something like peace and pleasant pursuits after years of turmoil. Hence one game led to others. The sailors were enthusiasts—they even shouldered goal-posts from Scrabster. But at this time their Thurso opponents were homeless and appeared in jerseys of which remarkably few were alike.

In 1918 this band of brothers—some of them had been wounded in the war—came under the chairmanship of Mr Donald G. Murray and turned out in royal blue jerseys as Thurso Club. This name had to be dropped with the advent of season 1919-20, when the other clubs resumed activities. The players, however, wanted to keep together and at a meeting in the Temperance Hall under the chairmanship of Mr Walter Forbes of the town's St-Clair Hotel and decided to seek membership of Thurso F.A. under the name of Pentland Football Club.

The club's first minute book records that Pentland were formed on 19th November, 1918, and that the office-bearers were: President, Robert A. Manson; vice-president, William Morrison, secretary and treasurer, Alfred Miller; committee—D. Murray and A. Cowie; John Smith was named as captain of the side and D. Sutherland vice-captain. At the end of the first year the cash balance was £8 5s 2.5d.

Pentland took the place of the established and successful pre-war outfit, Britannia. They were disbanded after eight of their players were killed in the First World War.

Britannia's colours were green and white, which the new club Pentland adapted to green with a black band to in memory of those who fell in the Great War. The colours still remain, along with the gunners' emblem marking the wartime origins of the club.

Pentland's first match was away to Castletown and resulted in a 4-2 win to the Thurso side. Their first competitive match also ended in a 3-1 win over Swifts in the Thurso League.



Thurso Academicals

Season – 1928

Back: Mr Milleer; Tommy Allan, ‘Donker’ Miller, ‘Timbo’ Mackay.

Middle Row: Mr Mackay; Hector Sutherland, James ‘Brem’ Bremner , Jack Shearer, Walter Gunn, Robbie Macbeath, Alfie Cormack.

Seated: J. Hutchinson; D. Mackay, Jim Cutt, James R. ‘Torch’ Miller

Front: Meiklejohn & W. T. ‘Macca’ Macontosh.

. Thurso Academicals F.C. was certainly on top form when this photo was taken in 1928, as the previous season they were the inaugural County Champions. A couple of names are short in identification

Caithness County (Charity) Cup

Season – 1926-27

Rd1

06/05/1927	Groats	8	v	2	Swifts
06/05/1927	#Thistle	-	v	-	Academicals#

#No record of result but Academicals were winners

*Academy & Pentland received a bye into semi-finals

Semi-Finals

13/05/1927	Academy	3	v	8	Academicals
13/05/1927	Pentland	3	v	2	Groats

Final

20/05/1927	Academicals	2	v	1	Pentland
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County Champions – **Thurso Academicals**



Thurso Pentland F.C.
Season – Unknown
Thurso F.A. League; Stratton Charity, Miller & Manson Cup winners

Date unknown but thought to be between 1929 to 1932



**Thurso Academicals
Season – 1932-33
County League Champions
Thurso F.A. Senior League; Stratton Charity & Manson Cup winners**

Thurso Academicals had a very successful playing season in 1932-33. They won the County Championship after a final match with Wick Groats (the first play-off final ever in the competition) and also secured three senior trophies in Thurso-the League, Manson and Charity Cups.



Thurso Swifts Football Club

Season – 1946-47

Thurso F.A. League; Miller, Manson & Charity Cup winners

Back: Colin Shanlin (Secretary), R. Hannah, David Farquhar, Adam Dundas, J. 'Geeger' Macgregor (coach).
 Middle: W. Gunn, James Mackay (President), William Phimster, (Captain), A. Begg (Original member), Jacky Cameron.

Front: W. Munro (old player), Gilbert "Pintle" Campbell, Nap Sinclair, M. Sutherland, William 'Billy' Swanson;
 Thomas Cook and James Sutherland (Committee).



Thurso Academicals

Season – 1949-50

Caithness County Champions

Thurso F.A. Miller Cup & Mackay Cup winners

Back: Robert McIvor, George Malcolm, George Campbell, George Sinclair, Leslie Sutherland, David Mackenzie, Bill Cowie (Vice-captain).

Front: Ronnie Sutherland, David Macdonald, Hamish Horne, George ‘Rosser’ Ross, Freddie Morrison.

County Championship

Knock-out Rd1 (2 Legs)

19/08/1949	Academicals	2	v	1	Lybster Portland
“	Pentland	0	v	0	Thistle
“	Academy	8	v	2	Groats
26/08/1949	Lybster Portland	2	v	1	Academicals
“	Thistle	3	v	2	Pentland
“	Groats	3	v	2	Academy

Semi-Finals (2 Legs)

26/08/1949	Swifts	2	v	3	Thistle
02/09/1949	Academicals	2	v	3	Academy
09/09/1949	Thistle	3	v	1	Swifts
14/10/1949	Academy	0	v	2	Academicals

County Cup Final (2 Legs)

30/09/1949	Thistle	1	v	4	Academicals
14/10/1949	Academicals	4	v	1	Thistle



**Thurso Academicals
Season – 1950-51**

**County Cup Champions, Inter-County Mackenzie Shield winners
Thurso F.A. League; Charity, Miller, Manson & Mackay Cup winners**

Back: George Campbell; Ronnie Sutherland, Hamish Horne, George Sinclair, George Malcolm, Leslie Sutherland, Bob MacIvor.

Front: Donald Macdonald; David Mackenzie, George Ross, Walter Sinclair (president), Bill Cowie, Freddie Morrison, Murray Elder.

**County Cup Fixtures
Rd1 (2 Legs)**

18/08/1950	Academy	3	v	5	Groats
25/08/1950	Thistle	1	v	3	Academicals
01/09/1950	Swifts	3	v	6	Portland
01/09/1950	Groats	3	v	2	Academy
“	Academicals	5	v	1	Thistle
“	Portland	-	v	-	Swifts*

*No result found

County Cup Semi-finals (2 Legs)

13/10/1950	Groats	1	v	2	Pentland
“	Portland	0	v	2	Academicals
20/10/1950	Academicals	7	v	2	Portland
27/10/1950	Pentland	0	v	2	Groats

County Cup Final (2 Legs)

03/11/1950	Academicals	1	v	2	Groats
10/11/1950	Groats	2	v	6	Academicals

County Champions – Thurso Academicals (7-4)



Thurso Swifts

Season – 1955

Thurso F.A League Champions

Charity, Miller, Manson, Coronation & Mackay Cup winners

Back: Peter 'Boysie' Campbell, George Mitchell, Adam Dundas, Derry Morrison, Downard, Unknown, Unknown

Front: Unknown, David Mackay, Cathol Steven, James A. Mackay, Unknown, Unknown, Jimmy Mackay

Clean Sweep of Thurso F.A. Trophies

It was another successful season for the Thurso Swifts. Following on from the previous seasons Inter-County Miller Cup victory over Brora Amateurs and their County League Championship win in 1951-52 Swifts swept all before them in the Thurso F.A. competitions.

Up first was the Thurso League followed by the Manson and Mackay Cups. Swifts then recorded a 2-1 win over Pentland in the Thurso Miller Cup, followed by a 5-2 victory over Thurso Juniors in the Coronation

Cup. Swifts completed the clean sweep when they overcame Acks 4-0 in the final of the Stratton Charity Cup and the Swifts line up that night was: J. Campbell; Steven and Adam Dundas; D. Mackay; Downard and Mackenzie; Mitchell, J. Mackay, Gunn C. Mackay and G. Mackay.

Downard had lined up the previous season against Swifts whilst playing for Brora Amateurs in the Inter-County Miller Cup final.

CAITHNESS AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



(Thurso F.A. & Wick F.A.)



A. J. Mackay Cup

County League Winners Winter Season

1926-27 – Thurso Academicals
1927-28 – Wick Academy
1928-29 – Wick Academy
1929-30 – Wick Thistle
1930-31 – Wick Academy
1931-32 – Wick Thistle
1932-33 – Thurso Academicals
1933-34 – Thurso Academicals
1934-35 – Thurso Pentland
1935-36 – Wick Academy
1936-37 – Wick Groats
1937-38 – Wick Academy
1938-39 – Wick Academy

1946-47 – Wick Groats
1947-48 –
1948-49 – Thurso Swifts
1949-50 – Thurso Academicals
1950-51 – Thurso Academicals
1951-52 – Thurso Swifts
1952-53 – Wick Groats
1953-54 – Thurso Academicals
1954-55 – Lybster Portland
1955-56 – Lybster Portland
1956-57 – Thurso Swifts
1957-58 – Lybster Portland
1958-59 – Wick Thistle

Summer Season

1960 – Wick Groats
1961 – Wick Groats
1962 – Thurso Pentland
1963 – Thurso Academicals
1964 – Thurso Academicals
1965 – Thurso Swifts
1966 – Dounreay Athletic
1967 – Thurso Academicals

1968 – Wick Thistle
1969 – Thurso Academicals
1970 – Wick Rovers
1971 – Wick Rovers
1972 – Wick Thistle
1973 – Lybster Portland
1974 – Wick Rovers



Caithness Amateur F.A. and Caithness Rural Football League Amalgamate



A. J Mackay Cup

**County League Division One Champions
Summer Season**

1975 – Castletown
1976 – Castletown
1977 – Wick Rangers Supporters
1978 – Castletown
1979 – Halkirk
1980 – Wick Groats
1981 – Thurso Pentland
1982 – Thurso Pentland
1983 – Wick Groats
1984 – Halkirk
1985 – Wick Groats
1986 – Halkirk
1987 – Halkirk

1988 – Pentland United
1989 – Castletown
1990 – Pentland United
1991 – Pentland United
1992 – Wick Thistle
1993 – Pentland United
1994 – Holborn
1995 – Wick Groats
1996 – Pentland United
1997 – Pentland United
1998 – Pentland United
2000 – Pentland United
2001 – Pentland United



John Macdonald Memorial Cup

**County League Division One Champions
Summer Season**

2002 – Wick Thistle
2003 – Pentland United
2004 – Pentland United
2005 – Thurso Academicals
2006 – Pentland United
2007 – Castletown
2008 – Pentland United
2009 – Wick Groats
2010 – Wick Groats
2011 – Pentland United
2012 – Wick Groats
2013 – Wick Groats

2014 – Wick Groats
2015 – Wick Groats
2016 – Wick Groats
2017 – Wick Groats
2018 – Wick Groats
2019 – Wick Groats
2020 – *Not played (Covid-19)*
2021 – *Not Played (Covid-19)*
2022 – Pentland United
2023 – Wick Groats
2024 – Pentland United



Sutherland Cup

Caithness County League Division Two Champions

1975 – Lybster Portland	1988 – Thurso Swifts
1976 – Halkirk	1989 – Wick Thistle
1977 – Pentland United	1990 – Wick Rovers
1978 – Thurso Pentland	1991 – Holborn
1979 – Wick Thistle	1992 – Watten
1980 – Thurso Academicals	1993 – Shillinghill
1981 – Thurso Swifts	1994 – Keiss
1982 – Dunbeath	1995 – Shillinghill
1983 – Wick Caledonian	1996 – Lybster Portland
1984 – Holborn	1997 – Thurso Academicals
1985 – Thurso Academicals	1998 – Castletown
1986 – Wick Thistle	1999 – Wick Rovers
1987 – Thurso Pentland	



Eddie Mackay Memorial Cup

County League Division Two Champions

2000 – Halkirk	2013 – Castletown
2001 – John O’Groats	2014 – Wick Thistle
2002 – Dounreay Workshops	2015 – Castletown
2003 – Thurso Pentland	2016 – Wick Thistle
2004 – Wick Groats	2017 – Lybster
2005 – Thurso Swifts	2018 – Castletown
2006 – Thurso Pentland	2019 – Wick Thistle
2007 – Wick Groats	2020 – <i>Not played (Covid-19)</i>
2008 – Thurso Pentland	2021 – <i>Not played (Covid 19)</i>
2009 – Staxigoe United	2022 – Castletown
2010 – Thurso Academicals	2023 – Lybster
2011 – Wick Thistle	2024 – Keiss
2012 – Thurso Pentland	

CAITHNESS NORTH EAST RURAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League Champions

1930 – Keiss	1956 – Watten
1931 – Castletown	1957 – Castletown
1932 – Castletown	1958 – Keiss
1933 – Castletown	1959 – Keiss
1934 – Castletown	1960 – Castletown
1935 – Castletown	1961 – Castletown
1936 – Castletown	1962 – Keiss
1937 – Castletown	1963 – Castletown
1938 – Castletown	1964 – Halkirk
1939 – Keiss	1965 – Halkirk
1947 – Castletown	1966 – Halkirk
1948 – Halkirk	1967 – Castletown
1949 – Watten	1968 – Keiss
1950 – Watten	1969 – Castletown
1951 – Castletown	1970 – Castletown
1952 – Castletown	1971 – Halkirk
1953 – Watten	1972 – Castletown
1954 – Castletown	1973 – Halkirk
1955 – Castletown	1974 – Halkirk

Trophies used
Clyne Bowl (1930)
Keiss Castle Challenge Cup (1931 to 1935)
Mackenzie Cup (1936 to 1949)
Mr & Mrs J. Sutherland Cup (1950 to 1974)



Clyne Rose-Bowl
1930
Presented by Mr George Clyne (Noss)



Keiss Castle Challenge Cup
1931 – 1935
(Presented by Keiss Castle Estates)



Mackenzie Cup
1936 – 1949
Presented by Councillor Bill Mackenzie
(Castletown)



Sutherland Cup
1950 – 1974
Presented by Mr. and Mrs J. Sutherland
(Mount Pleasant House, Castletown)

Rural League Champions Trophies

J. Abrach Mackay Cup



Winners

1930 – Keiss	1966 – Halkirk
1931 – Castletown	1967 – Halkirk
1932 – Keiss	1968 – Castletown
1933 – Keiss	1969 – Halkirk
1934 – Halkirk	1970 – Keiss
1935 – Castletown	1971 – Castletown
1936 – Castletown	1972 – Castletown
1937 – Halkirk	1973 – Castletown
1938 – Castletown	1974 – Halkirk
1939 – Castletown	1975 –
1947 – Halkirk	1976 – Castletown
1948 – Watten	1977 – Halkirk
1949 – Watten	1978 – Castletown
1950 – Watten	1979 – Halkirk
1951 – Staxigoe	1980 – Halkirk
1952 – Staxigoe	1981 – Halkirk
1953 – Castletown	1982 – Halkirk
1954 – Watten	1983 – Halkirk
1955 – Staxigoe	1984 – Halkirk
1956 – Halkirk	1985 – Pentland United
1957 – Halkirk	1986 – Pentland United
1958 – Watten	1987 – Halkirk
1959 – Stirkoke	1988 – Pentland United
1960 – Castletown	1989 – Castletown
1961 – Keiss	1990 – Pentland United
1962 – Halkirk	1994 – Pentland United
1963 – Pentland United	1995 – Pentland United
1964 – Halkirk	1996 – Pentland United
1965 – Halkirk	1997 – Keiss

Paterson Cup



Winners

1931 – Keiss	1966 – Halkirk
1933 – Keiss	1967 – Halkirk
1934 – Keiss	1968 – Castletown
1935 – Halkirk	1969 – Keiss
1936 – Castletown	1970 – Castletown
1937 – Castletown	1971 – Halkirk
1938 – Staxigoe	1972 – Castletown
1939 – Keiss	1973 – Halkirk
1947 – Staxigoe	1974 – Halkirk
1948 – Halkirk	1975 – Castletown
1949 – Watten	1976 – Halkirk
1950 – Castletown	1977 – Wick Rangers Supporters
1951 – Stirkoke	1978 – Halkirk
1952 – Staxigoe	1979 – Halkirk
1953 – Watten	1980 – Dunbeath
1954 – Castletown	1981 – Pentland United
1955 – Staxigoe	1982 – Halkirk
1956 – Unknown	1983 – Halkirk
1957 – Watten	1984 – Pentland United
1858 – Staxigoe	1985 – Halkirk
1959 – Keiss	1986 – Halkirk
1960 – Halkirk	1987 – Halkirk
1961 – Castletown	1988 – Pentland United
1962 – Keiss	1989 – Halkirk
1963 – Castletown	1990 – Pentland United
1964 – Bower	1991 – Pentland United
1965 – Castletown	1995 – Castletown

Barton Robertson Cup



*Presented by Mr Barton Robertson
(Provost of Thurso)*

Winners

1962 – Keiss
1963 – Castletown
1964 – West Rural Select XI
1965 – Halkirk
1966 – Halkirk
1967 – Halkirk
1968 – Halkirk
1969 – Keiss
1970 – East Rural Select XI
1971 –
1972 –
1973 –
1974 – Halkirk
1975 – Castletown

Malcolm League Cup



*Presented by Mr Jackie Malcolm (Bower)
(Chairman of Rural League)*

Winners

1969 – Bower	1981 – Halkirk
1970 – Keiss	1982 – Halkirk
1971 – Castletown	1983 – Pentland Utd
1972 – Castletown	1984 – Pentland Utd
1973 – Keiss	1985 – Halkirk
1974 – Castletown	1986 – Pentland Utd
1975 – Castletown	1987 – Halkirk
1976 – Halkirk	1988 – Pentland Utd
1977 – Castletown	1989 – Halkirk
1978 – Castletown	1990 – Halkirk
1979 – Castletown	1991 – Halkirk
1980 – Halkirk	1992 – Pentland Utd

Mackay Shield



Presented by Mrs Chrissie Mackay (Halkirk)

Winners

1970 – Halkirk
1971 – Castletown
1973 – Halkirk
1974 – Halkirk
1975 – Castletown
1976 – Halkirk
1978 – Halkirk
1979 – Halkirk
1980 – Halkirk
1981 – Halkirk

1982 – Halkirk
1983 – Halkirk
1985 – Halkirk
1987 – Pentland United
1988 – Halkirk
1989 – Castletown
1990 – Pentland United
1993 – Keiss
1994 – Halkirk

Walter Long Cup



Presented By Mr Walter Long
(Dounreay employee)

Winners

1973 – Halkirk
1974 – Castletown
1975 – Castletown
1976 – Pentland United
1977 – Wick Rangers
1978 – Halkirk
1979 – Halkirk
1980 – Halkirk
1981 – Castletown

1982 – Keiss
1983 – Keiss
1984 – Halkirk
1985 – Pentland United
1986 – Halkirk
1987 – Halkirk
1988 – Halkirk
1989 – Watten
1990 – Pentland United



**Keiss Football Club
Season – 1930**

Back: Wildie Budge, Willie Leith, Frank Bain, Jim Mowat, Jim Bremner.

Middle: Jamesie Mowat, Ben Inrig, Addie Bremner.

Front: Rory Bremner, William Robertson, Alex B. Henderson, Davie Henderson, George Walsh.

Keiss were the inaugural winners of the Rural League when they went unbeaten all season. They only dropped two points in drawn games with Halkirk and Mey. Keiss received the Clyne Bowl as champions and still have the trophy today as it was only competed for in the first season. The Abrach Mackay Cup was also won, beating Halkirk 6-1 in the final after beating Mey 5-3 in the semi-finals.

Keiss played on their now infamous sloping, Bayview Park, pitch which was gifted to them from the Keiss Castle Estate. Their results were:

CLYNE BOWL

Keiss 2-2 Halkirk
 Scouts 2-3 Keiss
 Keiss 4-0 Watten
 Mey 1-1 Keiss
 Keiss 5-1 Castletown
 Watten 0-1 Keiss
 Halkirk 1-3 Keiss
 Keiss 5-2 Scouts
 Castletown 0-6 Keiss
 Keiss 5-2 Mey

MACKAY CUP S-F & Final

Keiss 5-3 Mey
 Keiss 6-1 Halkirk



Castletown Football Club

Season – 1931

Rural League & Abrach Mackay Cup winners

Back: Patty Sutherland, Unknown, Geordie Bain

Middle: Don Sutherland, Hugh Sutherland, J. “Curly” Sutherland

Front: George Abrach Mackay, Ally Sutherland, Murdo M. Mackay, Tom Gunn, William Mackay.

Above the Castletown team line up for the camera in 1931 after a successful season in which they won their first silverware in the Caithness Rural League.

The League was won when a play-off match was required to separate Castletown and Keiss, who both ended the season on 14 points. The match took place on 15th July at Sir George’s Park, Thurso. Castletown ran out 3-1 winners and were presented with the magnificent new Keiss Castle Challenge Cup, which had replaced the Clyne Rose-bowl, as Rural League champions. The J. Abrach Mackay cup which had been donated by the well known and respected Castletown Councillor, and whose sons George, Murdo and William also played for

the local team, was also won for good measure to complete the double.

Castletown would go on to dominate the Rural League up until the out break of WW2 in 1939. Winning the League continuously from 1931 to 1938 and as a result retained the Keiss Castle Challenge Cup for all time, much to the annoyance of the Keiss club who put in an unsuccessful protest to the Caithness Rural League Association.

Castletown had in their ranks a top county player in Murdo Mackay, son of Abrach, who found prominence in the successful Thurso Pentland team in the Thurso League as well as representing Caithness and scoring in the Portland Bowl (1931) and Archer Shield (1935) matches.



**Wick Boy Scouts Football Club
Season – 1931**

Pictured here above in 1931 is the Wick Boy Scouts football club that was invited to join the Rural League at its inception in 1930 to even up the numbers to six teams. This decision incensed the Lybster Portland football club and its supporters who were excluded from joining the League for reasons not known, although it was widely acknowledged that the Latheron Parish side would prove too strong an opposition for all the rest and Lybster at that time was considered a long distance to travel for regular matches. What ever the reason it was the Scouts who took their place in the league with the ruling that their players were not to be playing for any of the Wick F.A. Senior League teams of Academy, Groats or Thistle.

The Scouts reached two cup finals in their time in the League from 1930 to

1939 and did not appear in the League when it resumed after WW2.

Both finals were lost to Keiss, the first being the Paterson Cup in 1933 in which a replay was required after the teams had drawn 3-3 at the Harmsworth Park in Wick. Five days later the two teams played again at the same venue with Keiss winning narrowly 4-3.

In 1939 the same two teams contested the Paterson Cup final and after a 3-3 draw in Halkirk, the replay at Sir George's Park, Thurso ended in a 6-2 win for Keiss.

The Wick Scouts played an integral part in the history of the Rural League, helping to establish it in the early days so that it would flourish after the League reformed following the aftermath of the War and were sadly missed as were Mey Football Club.



**Halkirk Football Club
Season – Unknown**

Back: George Henderson, George Andrew, William Mackenzie, David Bain, Angus Munro, A. McPherson and J.S. Sutherland (Trainer).

Front: William Sutherland, Hamish Sinclair, Ken Mackenzie, Dugald McLarty, Murdo Campbell and John Paul.

Halkirk were founder members of the Caithness North East Rural Football Association in 1930 and had been formed for a number of years previously and were considered to be one of the strongest teams in the county. They acquired the services of a number of south road workers who were working on the county roads upgrades, whose skills helped the local players form a formidable team.

Halkirk were involved in the Rural League's first competitive match when they played away to Keiss. The match finished in a two all draw in which Halkirk defender Paterson was deemed to be their outstanding player on the night.

Halkirk's first trophy win came in 1934 when they won the J. Abrach Mackay cup and followed that up the following year to win the Paterson Cup in 1935.

The Mackay cup was again won in 1937 before eventually in 1948 they became Rural League champions for the first time, and for good measure added the Paterson cup as well to the trophy cabinet.

The "Black Cats" would go on in later years to form a great rivalry with Castletown and fought out many a cup final and league title races with their north coast neighbours.



Castletown Football Club

Season – 1936

Rural League; Mackay & Paterson Cup winners

Back: T. Gunn; S. Mackay and G. Bain.

Middle: W. Swanson; W. Sutherland, J. “Curly” Sutherland, A. Murray and D. Allan.

Front: A. Sutherland; George Mackay, R. McBay, G. Grant and Billy Swanson.

The Castletown team line up after becoming the first team to complete a clean sweep of the Rural League trophies in the 1936 season.

This season there was a new trophy presented to the Rural League winners by Councillor Bill Mackenzie and family, which replaced the Keiss Castle Challenge Cup as a result of Castletown winning it four years in succession.

The Mackay Cup and the Paterson Cup was also annexed to complete the 1936 “treble”.

Keiss lodged their displeasure to the Rural League Association for allowing Castletown to keep the Keiss Castle Challenge Cup; however, it came to no avail as the cup remains in Castletown’s possession to this day.



Keiss Football Club

Season – 1962

Rural League, Paterson & Barton Robertson Cup winners

Back: James “Peem” Mackay, Harry Fraser, Alistair Cormack, Jackie Mowat,
Neil Harrold, John Mackay

Front: Gordon Mackay, Ramsay Mackay, Bill Mackay,
Harry Cormack, Jack Campbell

With Rural League football finished for another year, Keiss have proved to be the top team. Three of the four trophies have been won by them and all season they looked like champions.

Castletown, last years champions, after a shaky start made a grandstand finish and are runners-up in the League. Halkirk, Watten and Pentland all had their moments but never really threatened the “big two.” Staxigoe, Bower and Stirkoke all had a disappointing season and occupy the bottom places.

CUP COMPETITIONS

In the cup competitions Halkirk were Abrach Mackay Cup winners and Castletown runners-up.

Keiss in the the inaugural Barton Robertson Cup were winners, beating rivals Pentland United 3-1, played at Sir George’s Park, Thurso, as an event during Thurso Gala week. The final trophy being the Paterson Cup which was also won by Keiss, defeating Halkirk 4-2 at the Harmsworth Park, Wick.



**Castletown Football Club
Season – 1963**

Rural League; Paterson & Robertson Cup winners

Back: Alistair Macleod; Billy Hossack, Peter 'Boysie' Campbell, Will Macleod, Jock Fulton, Gilbert Campbell.
Front: Tommy Farmer; Kenny Farmer, Tom Gunn, Will Farmer, Harry Crowden.

Table	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Castletown	12	12	0	0	68	17	24
Pentland	12	7	3	2	43	23	16
Halkirk	12	7	4	1	51	29	15
Keiss	12	6	4	2	34	30	14
Bower	12	6	6	0	29	32	12
Staxigoe	11	2	7	2	25	59	6
Watten	10	2	8	0	18	34	4
Stirkoke	11	0	10	1	11	55	1

Robertson Cup final

Castletown	4	v	2	Keiss
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Paterson Cup final & replay

28/07/1963	Castletown	2	v	2	Keiss
30/07/1963	Castletown	4	v	2	Keiss



Halkirk Football Club

Season – 1965

Season – 1964 Rural League, Mackay Cup & Paterson Cup winners

Back: I. Jack, Jocky Campbell, Hugh Ross, P. Macleod, James Falconer,
Ackie Falconer, J. Slater, Ronald “Biz” Mackenzie, George Mitchell.
Front: M. Sutherland, George Mackay, L. Sinclair, Donnie Mowat,
Christie Cameron.

Halkirk line up at the beginning of the 1964 season, one in which the club would finish as Rural League champions, the first such title since 1948.

The Mackay and Paterson cups, the latter against Bower, were also won and this was the start of a dominant period for Halkirk as they would go on and become League champions three years in succession and also come out tops in most of the knock-out cup competitions.

This well rounded team had Ackie Falconer, an imposing figure, marshalling the defence, the hard working Christie Cameron in midfield and the scoring machine of Ronald “Biz” Mackenzie in attack.

Halkirk would become a tough nut to crack, especially when playing on their own patch at the Recreation Park. Halkirk would go on to dominate the Rural League scene with Castletown for the next decade with Keiss and Bower chipping in with occasional trophy wins.



Halkirk Football Club
Rural League, Abrach Mackay & Barton Robertson Cup winners

Back: Jocky Campbell, Donnie Mackay, Christie Cameron, Charlie Swanson, Robert Burns, Henry Ross, Donnie Mowat, Ackie Falconer, Andrew Campbell.

Front: James Cormack, Alistair Gunn, Ronald "Biz" Mackenzie, James Falconer, Donald Campbell.

Above is the Halkirk team of 1965' who were Rural League, Mackay Cup and Barton Robertson Cup winners.

Halkirk were in a period of domination in the Rural League and were to make a clean sweep of the four trophies the following year to make it three League titles in a row. Here was as good a team as Halkirk had ever produced and they continued to prove a tough nut to crack in any game. Castletown and occasionally Keiss were to prove their biggest rivals in deciding the destination of the silverware and they attracted large attendances to their encounters.

Halkirk's success continued all the way through until 1974 and the amalgamation of the Rural League and the Caithness County League in 1975.



Halkirk Football Club

Season – 1966

Rural League, Mackay, Paterson & Barton Robertson Cup winners

Back: Alan Spencer, James Cormack, Donnie Mackay, Charlie Swanson,
Ackie Falconer, Robert Burns, Donnie Mowat.

Front: Jocky Campbell, Arthur Campbell, Ian “Nean” Banks,
Ronald “Biz” Mackenzie, Donald Campbell.

Above is the very successful Halkirk team who regained their Rural League crown and made a clean sweep of all four Rural Football Association trophies available to them this season.

Having won three trophies last year also, that now brings their total to seven in two seasons, a remarkable achievement by any standard.

A play-off match with County Champions Dounreay Athletic has been proposed by some in the county as to which team would be the true Caithness Champions but there has been no such game arranged thus far. Hopefully both teams could come to some arrangement and play such a match, which would surely pull in a good crowd of spectators.



Castletown Football Club

Season – 1967

Rural League Champions

Back: Peter ‘Boysie’ Campbell; Alistair Macleod, Alan Gunn,
Davie Oag, Coghill, Davie Swanson.

Front: Ackie Manson; Karl Sutherland, Jock Fulton, D. Mackay, Kenny Farmer,
Harry Crowden, John Gunn.

John O’Groat Journal Report

Pictured above is the Castletown Football Club who recently won the 1967 Rural Football League Championship. The boys from Back Park clinched the title on their biggest rival’s home ground (Recreation Park), playing before a crowd of 600 spectators in Halkirk. Alistair Macleod scored two of the goals for Castletown and the other goals being scored by Jock Fulton. It was sweet revenge for Castletown as a week previous Halkirk defeated Castletown 3-1 in the final of the Paterson Cup, again in front of 600 or so spectators at Sir George’s Park, Thurso.

Halkirk were winners of the two other knock-out competitions, the Mackay and Barton Robertson Cups.

Abrach Mackay Cup Final
12th June 1969



Halkirk Football Club

Back: James Banks, C. Miller, James Cormack, Charlie Swanson, Ackie Falconer, Christie Cameron.
Front: Jocky Campbell, D. Sutherland, Ian "Nean" Banks, Hugh John Mackay, William "Beely" Manson, Alistair Gunn.

Above is the Halkirk team lined up prior to the Abrach Mackay Cup final at Sir George's Park, Thurso.

Halkirk's opponents were their deadliest rivals Castletown and on this occasion Halkirk were crowned winners in front of a crowd of over 400 noisy spectators by five goals to two.

Halkirk would also contest the inaugural Malcolm Cup final later in the season

against Bower, however, Bower pulled off a sensational win by three goals to two to win the trophy.

A play-off match was needed to determine the Rural League championship and it was once again Halkirk up against Castletown at Sir George's Park, Thurso and luck was with the green and whites on this occasion and Castletown ran out 3-2 winners.

Abrach Mackay Cup final
12th June 1969



Castletown Football Club

Back: Davie Oag, Peter "Boysie" Campbell, Alan Gunn, Ackie Manson,
Alan Florence, Murray Coghill.

Front: Dickie Mackay, Derek Rhodes, George Florence, Cyril Farmer,
Kenny Farmer.

Castletown line up before kick-off in the Abrach Mackay Cup final against Halkirk, played at Sir George's Park, Thurso.

A crowd of over 400 witnessed these two deadly rivals battle it out to take the silverware. On this occasion it was Halkirk who prevailed by five goals to two and win the first trophy of the 1969 season.

These two Rural giants attracted large

attendances whenever they met and it was no different when the same two teams lined up in a winner takes all Rural League play-off final after both teams finished on equal points. On the same venue it was indeed the green and whites who came out on top 3-2 to take the Championship. Kenny Farmer was their hero on the night when the classy forward bagged a well taken "hat-trick."

Barton Robertson Cup Final

Sir George's Park, Thurso

Saturday 14th June 1969



Keiss Football Club

Back: Chic Anderson, Harry Fraser, Jimmy Miller, George Mackay, Jim Harrold, Bill Mackay

Front: Donny Cormack, James Simpson, Johnny Harrold, Willie Bain, David Robertson.

Above is the Keiss team who line up before their Barton Robertson Cup final tussle with Bower at Sir George's Park, Thurso.

This cup competitions final match was traditionally played as part of the Thurso Gala celebrations and the donor of the trophy was Mr Barton Robertson, a well known player of the Thurso Pentland Football Club.

Keiss and Bower fought out a 1-1 draw and had it all to do again in the replay seven days later. That match turned into an epic contest, with two periods of extra-time being necessary to separate the teams which were locked at 3-3. Keiss got the vital winning goal which was scored by veteran Bill Mackay.

Barton Robertson Cup Final

Sir George's Park, Thurso

Saturday 14th June 1969



Bower Football Club

Back: Jim Farquhar, Murr Miller, Don Macleod, A. Gunn,
Andy Thain, Alan Sutherland.

Front: Hamish Steven, Jimmy Dunbar, Hamish Macleod,
Jock Swanson, Willie Gunn.

Barton Robertson Cup finalists Bower line up to face the camera before taking on Keiss in a rare cup final appearance. The Bower combine put up a fighting display in atrocious weather which saw the match end in a 1-1 score-line. A replay was necessary seven days later at the same venue. Again the match was marred with unfavourable weather but did not dampen the enthusiasm of the "Bower Boys" in which Jimmy Dunbar was the outstanding player throughout both matches. Indeed the County player who also starred for Lybster Portland in the County League should count himself unlucky to find himself on the losing side as his team lost

a late goal deep into the second period of extra-time to bring the final score 4-3 to Keiss. Bower had victory within their grasp during normal time and the first period of extra time only on both occasions conceded late goals.

However there was a silver lining to Bower's season as they notched a rare cup final win against Halkirk to win the inaugural Malcolm League Cup, which was presented by Bower man Mr Jackie Malcolm who was then secretary of the Rural Football Association. Hamish Macleod got the all important goal in a 3-2 victory, their first since their Paterson Cup win in 1964.



**Castletown Football Club
Season – 1971**

Back: Terry Hossack, George Florence, Alan Mowat, Henry Gunn, Alan Gunn,
Cyril Farmer, Will Farmer.

Front: Billy Florence, Drew Manson, Ackie Manson,
Murray Coghill, Alan Florence.

Castletown line up in their new kit of white jerseys and green shorts & socks before another successful season for Castletown beckoned. They were to finish the season as winners of the Mackay Cup and Malcolm League Cup and also won the Mackay Shield for the first time.

This new kit did not go down so well with the local villagers who preferred the traditional green and white hoops/stripes and the club quickly reverted back to the traditional kit.

Halkirk and Keiss were still Castletown's main rivals for the silverware honours and their star player at the time was Alan Mowat (Ally Mo), who along with Will Farmer and Murray Coghill would go on to play Highland League football with Brora Rangers.

Henry Gunn was another fine talent and with goalkeeper Alan Gunn in fine form, Castletown once again had a formidable team that would continue to claim silverware for almost all of the 1970's.



**Castletown Football Club
Season – 1971
Abrach Mackay Cup Malcolm Cup & Mackay Shield winners**

Back: Davie Oag, Ackie Manson, Alan Gunn, Kenny Farmer, Unknown?
George Florence?

Seated: Alan Mowat, Will Farmer, Peter “Boysie” Campbell, Murray Coghill, Drew Manson, Henry Gunn.
Front: Cyril Farmer & William “Bunter” Florence.

Trophies continued to come Castletown’s way with another three won in 1971. The back-bone of the late 1960’s team was still playing a prominent role in their successes.

Alan Gunn, Davie Oag, Ackie Manson, Murray Coghill, and Kenny and Will Farmer were seasoned campaigners and with younger players Henry Gunn, Drew Manson and unquestionably one of Castletowns’ best ever players Alan Mowat starting to shine.

“Ally Mo” as he is known to those in Castletown would also play for Brora Rangers in the Highland League and was equally held in high regard in Brora and the wider Highland League circles. Later he teamed up with “Willie” Bain the former Keiss player when he moved to Castletown where together they formed a deadly partnership (and great friendship) in County League football up until William’s untimely death in 1981.



Halkirk Football Club Season – 1973

Back: William Sinclair; Hamish ‘Trapper’ Falconer, Alistair Gunn, Charlie Swanson, Laurence Sinclair, Ackie Falconer, James Banks.

Front: Innes Burns; A. Coghill, A. Rettie, Hugh-John Mackay (capt.),
Ian ‘Neen’ Banks, Eain Sinclair and Beelie Manson.

Halkirk Football Club-Caithness Rural League Champions 1973-are pictured with their trophies.

As well as the League Championship trophy the club also won the Mackay Shield, the Paterson Cup and the Walter Long Cup, leaving only two trophies to be shared by the remaining teams. (Castletown won the Abrach Mackay Cup and Keiss won the Malcolm League Cup).

For the first time in their history the club participated in the Thurso League and gave a very credible performance by finishing runners-up to Thurso Swifts.

In the County Cup, open to all teams in Caithness, the club knocked out County League winners Lybster Portland, but were only to fall to their old rivals Castletown at a later stage in the competition.

Throughout the season 35 games were played and 136 goals were scored.

Top goal-scorer for the season was centre-forward I. ‘Neen’ Banks with 53 goals.



**Halkirk Football Club
Season – 1974**

Rural League, Mackay Cup, Paterson Cup, Barton Robertson Cup & Mackay Shield

Back: Alistair Gunn; Laurence Sinclair, James Falconer, Charlie Swanson, Unknown, Ewen Sinclair, Beely Manson, Unknown.

Front: Unknown, Hugh-John Mackay, Ian “Nean” Banks, Hamish Falconer, Unknown, Innes Burns.

Pictured above is the highly successful Halkirk team who have ended up the very last Rural League champions before the merger with the Caithness Amateur Football Association and Caithness Rural League. A County League Division One and Two will now be formed for the 1975 season. As Rural League champions, Halkirk have earned the right to play in Division One. Halkirk were also winners of four of the other six Rural Cups up for grabs, with

Castletown winning the Malcolm Cup and Walter Long Cup.

Upon amalgamation with the County League the Rural League continued to play all of their knock-out cup competitions as did the Wick and Thurso Association's as pre and end of seasons competitions. The Sutherland Cup which was presented to the Rural League champions would now be awarded to the new Division Two champions.



**Castletown Football Club
Season – 1975**

Back: Murray Mackay, Billy Florence, Ackie Manson, Ronnie Gunn, Alan Gunn, Andrew Johnston, Willie Bain,
Angus Gunn

Front: Jimmy Miller, John Blake, Drew Manson, Henry Gunn, Billy Dunbar,
Willie Farmer

The successful Castletown team proudly display their haul of trophies for the 1975 season. This was the first season that the Rural Football League and Caithness Amateur Football Association's County League combined to finally make it an all Caithness competition.

Castletown had been campaigning to gain entry to join the county set up for more than 70 years and they wasted no time in showing the town teams that they were worthy of their inclusion. In fact Castletown were to go on and retain their League title the following season and again in 1978.

The old rural trophies were still

competed for as pre-season and post season knock-out competitions and Castletown were winners of five of the six cups up for grabs, the Paterson cup, Walter Long cup, Mackay Shield, Malcolm cup and the Barton Robertson cup.

The 1970's was a very successful period in the clubs history, winning a total of five league titles, two Rural League and three County League's, as well as five Mackay cups, three Paterson cups, seven Malcolm cups, two Walter Long cups and the Mackay Shield. A remarkable haul and their old rivals Halkirk were just as successful as they competed for most of the silverware going into the 1980's.



**Wick Rangers Supporters Club
Season – 1977
County League, Leach Cup, Paterson Cup & Walter Long Cup**

Wick Rangers Supporters Club was not on the go for a long period of time but in that time they managed to win a few trophies. There was a youth Rangers Supporters Club on the go from the early 1970's that competed at different levels in the Caithness youth Association competitions run by Mr George Macpherson who also managed the senior team.

Rangers played in the Rural League in season 1977 and won both the Paterson and Walter Long Cups. Having been promoted the previous season Rangers Supporters then went on to win the County League Division One and also the County Cup (Leach Cup)

in the same season to round of a very successful season.

The club appears to have ceased to exist shortly after that as there was no more reference to them in the local press.

Players that are identified in the photo are, Back row: David "Para" Mackay; Peter Harrold, Ronnie Mackay, Neil Groat, Unknown, Jimmy Miller (goalkeeper), Sam Campbell, David "Daper" Rosie, Davidson, Unknown, George MacPherson. Front: Alec Reid; Willie Harper, Alan Miller, Stuart Watt, William "Boxer" Bain, Robbie Sutherland, Richard "Tichie" Hughes, John Coghill.



Halkirk Football Club

Season – 1979

County League Champions

Abrach Mackay, Paterson & Walter Long Cup winners

Back: Ian Campbell, Laurence Sinclair, Innes Burns, Neil Mackay, James Mackay, Will Farmer.

Front: Sanny Campbell, Peter “Cat” Mackay, Brian “Tattie” Elder,

Alan “Bobo” Mackay, Ewen Sinclair, Leslie “Caker” Watt.

Halkirk were County League Champions for the first time in 1979 after Wick Groats and Thurso Pentland ran them close in the in the closing stages.

Halkirk were emerging once again as a force with their blend of experience and youth seeing them also reach the final of the Highland Amateur Cup. The competition in only its

second year of existence pitted the Caithness side with Orkney’s South Ronaldsay in the final played at Sir George’s Park, Thurso.

Unfortunately and to huge disappointment, the favourites to lift the trophy went down 2-1 to the Orcadians and the trophy sailed over the Pentland Firth