

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ANNUAL



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Foreword

A huge amount of hard work and effort has gone into creating this annual, and it has been so much fun to get the chance to put it all together. From the interviews to the articles and everything else, it was both very interesting and enjoyable to hear the thoughts and opinions of everyone who contributed.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to this annual in some way or another, I truly mean it when I say that I could not have done it without you. From the interviewees to the guest article writers, I just want to say one thing: THANK YOU!

About the Author

Ryan is a current undergraduate student at Heriot Watt studying Computer Science. I have been a season ticket holder at my local club Raith Rovers FC since 2005, and I have followed them through the lows (of which there are many: Gary Locke, relegated to League 1, turning up to a game with no goalkeeper to name a few!) and the highs (the Ramsdens Cup victory against Rangers in extra time is still one of the greatest moments of my life!) and I will continue to follow them for the rest of my life.

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Pre-Season: Before 3 August 2019

Weekly Overview

Pre-season seems to be getting shorter and shorter every season, it seems that as soon as we finish for the year then it is about time to start heading out again every Saturday at 3 o'clock to support our team through the best and worst times of the season.

Now, we have the Betfred Cup group stages, which has meant that the number of meaningless friendly games has reduced slightly, to be replaced with some competitive matches at the start of the season instead. All I can say is, Football is Back!

Team of the Group Stage

East Fife surprised many people in this year's Betfred Cup, where they managed to beat both Dundee United and Hearts (on penalties) to secure themselves progression into the second round as one of the best placed runners-ups, which set them up for a glamour tie at home to Rangers in the second round, which was to be shown on live TV. It was a definitely a successful and enjoyable campaign for the team from Methil, and it sets themselves up nicely for the league season ahead.

Moment of the Week(s)

What would it be like to be a fan of Highland League side Fort William I wonder? Up until the 31st of July 2019, it wouldn't have been great I imagine, as they had gone 73 matches without a win. Sure, it might be a decent family club where you can spend your Saturday, but it must be slightly depressing to go home after seeing your team lose yet again. That was, until Nairn County visited Fort's home ground of Claggan Park and, armed with 9 loanee players from Inverness CT, they went and beat poor old Nairn by 5 goals to 2! It truly was a memorable match for Fort and many football supporters from around the UK, regardless of their team, sent in their support on social media. The publicity that this plucky team got was truly amazing to see, with many supporting them financially via a JustGiving page and the BBC even created a documentary all about the club. So, just one question remained: how long until we see Fort William in the SPFL League 2?!

Results

Q = qualified as group winners, q = qualified as one of best runners-up

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Hearts	4	2	2	0	3	9	Q
East Fife	4	2	1	1	2	8	q
Dundee United	4	2	1	1	2	7	
Stenhousemuir	4	1	0	3	-2	3	
Cowdenbeath	4	1	0	3	-5	3	

Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Ross County	4	4	0	0	10	12	Q
Forfar	4	3	1	1	5	9	q
Montrose	4	1	1	2	-5	5	
St Johnstone	4	1	2	3	1	3	
Brechin City	4	1	3	3	-11	1	

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Hibernian	4	3	1	0	7	11	Q
Alloa Athletic	4	2	1	1	0	7	
Arbroath	4	1	0	2	2	6	
Elgin City	4	1	1	2	0	5	
Stirling Albion	4	0	1	3	-9	1	

Group D

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Dundee	4	2	2	0	4	10	Q
Inverness CT	4	2	1	1	3	7	
Peterhead	4	1	2	1	-1	6	
Cove Rangers	4	1	1	2	1	4	
Raith Rovers	4	1	0	3	-7	3	

Group E

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Motherwell	4	4	0	0	13	12	Q
Morton	4	2	1	1	6	8	q
Queen of South	4	1	2	1	0	6	
Dumbarton	4	1	0	3	-9	3	
Annan Athletic	4	0	1	3	-10	1	

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Partick Thistle	4	3	1	0	3	10	Q
Hamilton	4	2	2	0	3	9	q
Airdrieonians	4	1	1	2	-1	5	
Queens Park	4	0	3	1	-1	5	
Clyde	4	0	1	3	-4	1	

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Livingston	4	3	1	0	7	11	Q
Ayr United	4	2	1	1	7	7	
Falkirk	4	2	1	1	3	7	
Stranraer	4	1	1	2	4	5	
Berwick Rangers	4	0	0	4	-21	0	

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts	
Dunfermline	4	3	0	1	10	9	Q
Albion Rovers	4	2	1	1	-4	7	
St Mirren	4	1	2	1	0	6	
East Kilbride	4	1	1	2	-4	5	
Edinburgh City	4	1	0	3	-2	3	

Week 1: 3 August 2019

Weekly Overview

Finally, the time has come for another league campaign to get underway. Scottish football fans all over have been waiting for this day for the longest time... since May.

Team of the Week

Cove Rangers look like a real force to be reckoned at this season and, with experienced manager Paul Hartley at the helm, they demolished relative SPFL newcomers Edinburgh City 5-0 in their first match in the Scottish leagues. They have definitely showed that they mean business with this result and don't want to end up as the league's whipping boys, and they should definitely be considered as one of the title contenders in their first season.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	3	Dundee United	3	Forfar	3	Cove Rangers	3
Hibernian	3	Ayr Utd	3	Raith Rovers	3	Elgin City	3
Aberdeen	3	Dundee	1	Stranraer	1	Albion Rovers	3
Rangers	3	Dunfermline	1	Montrose	1	Annan Athletic	3
Ross County	3	Alloa Athletic	1	Clyde	1	Queens Park	3
Livingston	1	Partick Thistle	1	East Fife	1	Brechin City	0
Motherwell	1	Arbroath	1	Falkirk	1	Stirling Albion	0
Hamilton	0	Queen of South	1	Peterhead	1	Stenhousemuir	0
Hearts	0	Morton	0	Dumbarton	0	Cowdenbeath	0
St Johnstone	0	Inverness CT	0	Airdrieonians	0	Edinburgh City	0
St Mirren	0						
Kilmarnock	0						

Week 2: 10 August 2019

Weekly Overview

So, Scottish football has well and truly started again, and we have now got through the opening round of fixtures. The first league tables are out, so let's get on with the season!

Team of the Week

Raith Rovers put in a 5-star performance at home to Clyde to go top of the league at this very early stage in the season. The newly promoted side never really threatened the Rovers' defence with only two late goals for the Bully Wee taking the shine slightly off of the result. With five different scorers for the Rovers this result shows that Raith will have no trouble with scoring enough goals for their promotion push this season, but what they need to focus on is getting their defence up to scratch to ensure they do not concede any unnecessary goals which could easily end up costing them their ultimate season aim of promotion.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	6	Dundee United	6	Raith Rovers	6	Cove Rangers	4
Rangers	6	Dundee	4	Forfar	6	Elgin City	4
Ross County	4	Inverness CT	3	Falkirk	4	Albion Rovers	4
Hibernian	3	Ayr Utd	3	Airdrieonians	3	Annan Athletic	4
Hamilton	3	Morton	3	Peterhead	2	Queens Park	4
Aberdeen	3	Dunfermline	2	East Fife	2	Cowdenbeath	3
St Mirren	3	Queen of South	2	Stranraer	1	Edinburgh City	3
Livingston	2	Alloa Athletic	1	Clyde	1	Stenhousemuir	1
Motherwell	1	Partick Thistle	1	Montrose	1	Brechin City	0
Hearts	1	Arbroath	1	Dumbarton	0	Stirling Albion	0
St Johnstone	1						
Kilmarnock	0						

Week 3: 17 August 2019

Weekly Overview

Betfred Cup action this week means that league football takes a step back for a bit, but that didn't mean that there wasn't plenty of entertainment for us to enjoy!

Team of the Week

With league cup action this week there wasn't much in the way of league action, but Dunfermline should be given huge credit for their performance at last season's treble winners home ground. The Championship side showed good discipline to frustrate the Hoops and took them all of the way to extra time, with the Scottish Champions having to rely on James Forrest once more to spare themselves from a cup upset. A narrow defeat should do nothing to dampen the spirits of the Dunfermline side, who can take real heart from their performance.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	6	Dundee United	6	Falkirk	7	Cove Rangers	7
Rangers	6	Dundee	4	Airdrieonians	6	Annan Athletic	7
Ross County	4	Inverness CT	3	Forfar	6	Queens Park	7
Hibernian	3	Ayr Utd	3	Raith Rovers	6	Edinburgh City	6
Hamilton	3	Morton	3	Stranraer	4	Elgin City	4
Aberdeen	3	Dunfermline	2	Dumbarton	3	Stenhousemuir	4
St Mirren	3	Queen of South	2	Peterhead	2	Albion Rovers	4
Livingston	2	Alloa Athletic	1	East Fife	2	Cowdenbeath	3
Motherwell	1	Partick Thistle	1	Clyde	1	Brechin City	0
Hearts	1	Arbroath	1	Montrose	1	Stirling Albion	0
St Johnstone	1						
Kilmarnock	0						

Betfred Cup 2nd Round

Hibernian 5-3 Greenock Morton (AET) – 2-2 at half time, 3-3 after 90 mins

Partick Thistle 3-2 Ross County (AET) – 0-0 at half time, 1-1 after 90 mins

Celtic 2-1 Dunfermline Athletic (AET) – 0-0 at half time, 1-1 after 90 mins

Forfar Athletic 1-2 Livingston – 0-1 at half time

Kilmarnock 1-0 Hamilton Academical – 0-0 at half time

Motherwell 1-2 Hearts – 0-2 at half time

Dundee 1-2 Aberdeen (AET) – 1-0 at half time, 1-1 after 90 mins

East Fife 0-3 Rangers – 0-1 at half time

Week 4: 24 August 2019

Weekly Overview

Back to a full complement of league action this week after the Betfred Cup from last weekend and the league tables are beginning to show who will be fighting for promotion at the top of their respective leagues, and who could be facing a struggle in the attempt to avoid the relegation drop.

Team of the Week

Premiership side Livingston thrashed Ross County by 4 goals to one in Dingwall, to continue their unbeaten start to the league season. It was an excellent win for Livi and have now gone up to third place with this win, and they will be keen to continue this early season form for as long as possible to get themselves as far away from the relegation places as they possibly can. Newly promoted Ross County will have wanted to continue last season's title winning form, and against a Livingston side who lost many of their key players during the summer, they should have arguably been favourites in this match. In truth, Livingston could have scored more as they continued to drive forward despite already holding a comfortable lead. A brilliant result for Livingston but back to the drawing board for County.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	9	Dundee United	9	Raith Rovers	9	Cove Rangers	10
Rangers	9	Ayr Utd	6	Falkirk	7	Edinburgh City	9
Livingston	5	Morton	6	Airdrieonians	6	Queens Park	8
Ross County	4	Dundee	5	Forfar	6	Annan Athletic	7
Hibernian	4	Arbroath	4	Dumbarton	6	Cowdenbeath	6
Motherwell	4	Inverness CT	4	East Fife	5	Elgin City	5
Aberdeen	4	Dunfermline	2	Peterhead	5	Stenhousemuir	4
Hamilton	3	Queen of South	2	Stranraer	4	Albion Rovers	4
St Mirren	3	Alloa Athletic	1	Clyde	4	Brechin City	3
St Johnstone	2	Partick Thistle	1	Montrose	1	Stirling Albion	0
Hearts	1						
Kilmarnock	1						

Week 5: 31 August 2019

Weekly Overview

Another hectic week of football with plenty of derbies for us all to enjoy: the big one is the Old Firm where Celtic travel to Ibrox with both teams' level at top having both taken maximum points so far. Further down the Scottish football pyramid, in the Championship there is the Dundee derby at Tannadice whilst Raith Rovers take the short trip to Methil to take on East Fife.

Team of the Week

The best team of this match week has to go to Dundee United, where they managed to thrash their biggest rivals 6-2 in front of a packed Tannadice. The match started off fairly evenly, with Dundee having the ball in the net in the first few minutes, only to be controversially ruled out for offside. It was a good, even match with both sides having good chances, and the result could have been different if Dundee had taken their chances better. As it turned out however, the Tangerines capitalized on their rival's inability to take their chances and it turned into a rout for the home side. This result goes to show that United should not be taken lightly for the season ahead.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	12	Dundee United	12	Raith Rovers	9	Cove Rangers	13
Rangers	9	Ayr Utd	9	Dumbarton	9	Edinburgh City	10
Livingston	8	Inverness CT	7	Falkirk	8	Cowdenbeath	9
Aberdeen	7	Arbroath	7	East Fife	8	Queens Park	8
Motherwell	7	Morton	6	Peterhead	8	Annan Athletic	8
Kilmarnock	4	Dundee	5	Forfar	7	Albion Rovers	7
Hamilton	4	Alloa Athletic	4	Airdrieonians	7	Elgin City	6
Ross County	4	Queen of South	2	Clyde	5	Stenhousemuir	5
Hibernian	4	Dunfermline	2	Stranraer	4	Brechin City	3
St Mirren	3	Partick Thistle	1	Montrose	1	Stirling Albion	0
Hearts	2						
St Johnstone	2						

Week 6: 7 September 2019

Weekly Overview

There is only one domestic fixture taking place this week, as international duty beckons for the players and Scotland take on Russia and Belgium to try to kickstart their qualifying campaign after the Kazakhstan result which we dare not speak about. Forfar Athletic take on East Fife after the Fifers run in the Betfred Cup meant that this match had to be rearranged from its original date.

Team of the Week

Not much of a selection to choose from this week, so this week the award goes to East Fife, who managed to win 2-1 away to Forfar Athletic to go top of the Ladbrokes League One. After going behind, 2 quick goals from Scott Agnew and former Heriot Watt University player Anton Dowds quickly changed that and the Fifers were able to hold on for an important victory.

Scotland 1-2

Russia

McGinn (10)
(40)

Dzyuba

O'Donnell (og

59)

David Marshall	Marinato
Stephen O'Donnell	Guilherme
Charlie Mulgrew	Mario Fernandes
Liam Cooper	Andrei Semyonov
Andrew Robertson	Giorgi Jikia
John McGinn	Fyodor Kudryashov
Callum McGregor	Magomed Ozdoyev
Scott McTominay	Roman Zobnin
James Forrest	Alexsei Ionov
Oliver McBurnie	Alexsandr Golovin
Ryan Fraser	Yuri Zhirkov
	Artyom Dzyuba
Jon McLaughlin	
David Bates	Roman Neustadter
Ryan Jack	Maksim Belyayev
Michael Devlin	Denis Cheryshev
Kenny McLean	Dimitri Barinov
Robert Snodgrass	Fyodor Smolov
Stuart Armstrong	Ilzat Akhmetov
Matt Phillips	Andrey Lunev
Ryan Christie	Vyacheslav
Craig MacGillivray	Karavev
Johnny Russell	Soslan Dzhananov

Scotland 0-4

Belgium

Lukaku (9), Vermaelen (24),
Alderweireld (32), De Bruyne (82)

David Marshall	Thibaut Courtois
Stephen O'Donnell	Toby Alderweireld
Charlie Mulgrew	Thomas Vermaelen
Liam Cooper	Jan Vertonghen
Andrew Robertson	Thomas Meunier
Robert Snodgrass	Leander
Kenny McLean	Dendoncker
Scott McTominay	Youri Tielemans
Callum McGregor	Nacer Chadli
Ryan Christie	Kevin De Bruyne
Matt Phillips	Dries Mertens
	Romelu Lukaku
James Forrest	
John McGinn	Hans Vanaken
Oliver McBurnie	Yannick Carrasco
Ryan Fraser	Simon Mignolet
Jon McLaughlin	Matz Selz
David Bates	Yari Verschaeren
Michael Devlin	Divock Origi
Stuart Armstrong	Adnan Januzaj
Craig MacGillivray	Dennis Praet
Johnny Russell	Christian Benteke
Greg Taylor	Benito Raman

Greg Taylor

Anton Miranchuk
Alexander Erokhin
Sergei Petrov

Michy Batshuayi

Week 7: 14 September 2019

Weekly Overview

After the disappointment of Scotland once again, it was time to go back to domestic football who will hopefully provide a bit more entertainment and enjoyment compared to the national team.

Team of the Week

The best performance of the week goes to Clyde, who thrashed Stranraer 6-1 at Broadwood Stadium, with David Goodwillie scoring five of the goals. The Blues had some good chances initially, but soon it would all change as they give away a penalty, giving away a red card in the process. Goodwillie calmly slotted home the penalty to begin his rout. 3-0 down at half time, with only 9 men on the pitch, Stranraer decided to bring on a couple of substitutes to try to change their fortunes. Despite another penalty making it 4-0, the Blues' replacements started to make an impact, and shortly afterwards got a goal back to begin the comeback. The joy was short-lived however, with Darren Smith and Goodwillie scoring two late goals to seal the win. This was a fantastic win for Clyde to mark out their playoff credentials, but things were not going to get any easier for Stranraer as they faced title challengers Falkirk the following week.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	15	Dundee United	12	East Fife	14	Cove Rangers	16
Rangers	12	Ayr Utd	12	Raith Rovers	12	Edinburgh City	13
Motherwell	10	Inverness CT	10	Falkirk	11	Cowdenbeath	12
Aberdeen	8	Arbroath	8	Airdrieonians	10	Queens Park	8
Livingston	8	Dundee	8	Dumbarton	9	Albion Rovers	8
Kilmarnock	7	Morton	6	Clyde	8	Annan Athletic	8
Ross County	7	Queen of South	5	Peterhead	8	Elgin City	6
Hamilton	4	Alloa Athletic	4	Forfar	7	Stenhousemuir	5
Hibernian	4	Partick Thistle	2	Stranraer	4	Stirling	3
St Mirren	3	Dunfermline	2	Montrose	1	Brechin City	3
St Johnstone	3						
Hearts	2						

Week 8: 21 September 2019

Weekly Overview

The season is beginning to shape up, with the early title challengers and relegation-threatened sides taking up their respective places in the table. In the Premiership, we have the first Edinburgh derby of the season to look forward to, with both sides needing a win after their poor starts to the season.

Team of the Week

Dunfermline finally get their first win of the season, seeing off managerless Partick Thistle 3-0, which leaves the Jags bottom of the table. A deflected shot from Kevin Nisbet, who joined from rivals Raith Rovers in the summer, and a solo effort from Ryan Dow put the Pars two goals up going into the break, before Kyle Turner secured the points shortly into the second half. The result was a deserved and much needed victory, who have been able to escape the bottom of the Championship and will now hope to make a push for the promotion playoff positions. On the other hand, Thistle were nowhere near good enough in this match and they will need to improve quickly if they want to escape the relegation zone down to League One. First, they are going to need to appoint a new manager, preferably sooner rather than later.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	18	Dundee United	15	East Fife	15	Cove Rangers	19
Rangers	15	Ayr Utd	15	Raith Rovers	15	Edinburgh City	16
Aberdeen	11	Inverness CT	13	Falkirk	14	Cowdenbeath	15
Motherwell	10	Morton	9	Airdrieonians	10	Annan Athletic	9
Ross County	10	Arbroath	8	Dumbarton	10	Queens Park	8
Livingston	8	Dundee	8	Forfar	10	Albion Rovers	8
Kilmarnock	7	Dunfermline	5	Clyde	9	Stenhousemuir	8
Hearts	5	Queen of South	5	Peterhead	9	Elgin City	6
Hamilton	5	Alloa Athletic	4	Stranraer	4	Stirling	4
Hibernian	4	Partick Thistle	2	Montrose	1	Brechin City	3
St Mirren	4						
St Johnstone	3						

Week 9: 28 September 2019

Weekly Overview

It is time for another exciting round of fixtures in the Scottish footballing calendar, and the title race in League One looks like it could be quite a good one this year. Raith Rovers, East Fife and Falkirk are all separated by just one point, with the latter two facing off at Falkirk Stadium this week.

Team of the Week

Rangers were able to close the gap in the Scottish Premiership, with just one point separating them and Celtic, after they demolished Aberdeen 5-0 at Ibrox. With Celtic only managing a draw against Hibs in the lunchtime kickoff, Rangers were able to take full advantage with a dominant performance against the Dons. Tavernier scored two penalties, with Greg Stewart, Alfredo Morelos and Defoe also scoring to record an emphatic victory for the Ibrox side. This was not a good performance from Aberdeen, and they never really looked like coming away from this game with anything, which will be the most disappointing thing for Derek McInnes. Even with seven players out injured, McInnes would have been hoping for a good performance in order to try to frustrate them as the match went on, but this simply did not happen, and they allowed Rangers to dominate the entire match.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	19	Dundee United	18	Raith Rovers	18	Cove Rangers	22
Rangers	18	Ayr Utd	18	East Fife	16	Edinburgh City	19
Motherwell	13	Inverness CT	13	Falkirk	15	Cowdenbeath	18
Aberdeen	11	Morton	9	Clyde	12	Stenhousemuir	9
Ross County	11	Dundee	9	Airdrieonians	11	Annan Athletic	9
Livingston	8	Arbroath	8	Dumbarton	10	Queens Park	8
Kilmarnock	8	Dunfermline	6	Forfar	10	Albion Rovers	8
Hamilton	8	Queen of South	6	Peterhead	9	Elgin City	6
Hearts	6	Alloa Athletic	5	Stranraer	5	Brechin City	6
Hibernian	5	Partick Thistle	5	Montrose	4	Stirling	5
St Mirren	5						
St Johnstone	3						

Week 10: 5 October 2019

Weekly Overview

There are more Scotland games to look forward to this week, but first we have another exciting round of SPFL fixtures to look forward to, including an exciting clash of Raith Rovers and Falkirk.

Team of the Week

This weekend the performance of the week has to go to Livingston, where Gary Holt's side beat the champions Celtic 2-0 at the Tony Macaroni Arena. This result meant that Rangers could go top of the Premiership with a win against Hamilton, which they managed with ease. After many years without Rangers in the topflight, and even when they came back, they were uncompetitive at the start, it seems that we might finally have someone who can challenge the Hoops come the end of the season. The sending off of Ryan Christie was a pivotal moment in that match, and Livingston were excellent and well-disciplined to ensure that they pulled off one of the biggest shocks of the season so far. Celtic fans weren't happy, and would this season end of their recent trophy dominance in Scottish football?

Russia	4-0	Scotland	Scotland	6-0	San Marino
Dzyuba (57, 70)			McGinn (12, 27, 45)		
Ozdoev (60), Golovin (84)			Shankland (65), Findlay (67)		
			Armstrong (87)		
Marinato Guilherme	David Marshall	David Marshall	Aldo Simoncini		
Mario Fernandes	Liam Palmer	Liam Palmer	Manuel Battistini		
Andrei Semyonov	Michael Devlin	Michael Devlin	Luca Censoni		
Giorgi Jikia	Charlie Mulgrew	Stuart Findlay	Cristian Brolli		
Fyodor Kudryashov	Andrew Robertson	Andrew Robertson	Alessandro D'Addario		
Magomed Ozdoyev	Callum McGregor	Scott McTominay	Marcello Mularoni		
Dimitri Barinov	John Fleck	Callum McGregor	Enrico Golinucci		
Alexsei Ionov	Ryan Fraser	Ryan Christie	Alex Gasperoni		
Alexsandr Golovin	John McGinn	John McGinn	Filippo Berardi		
Yuri Zhirkov	Robert Snodgrass	James Forrest	Mattia Giardi		
Artyom Dzyuba	Oliver Burke	Lawrence Shankland	Nicola Nanni		
Vladislav Ignatiev	Jon McLaughlin	David Marshall	Matteo Zavoli		
Maksim Belyayev	Stuart Findlay	Charlie Mulgrew	Alex Della Valle		
Denis Cheryshev	Declan Gallagher	Ryan Fraser	Marco Palazzi		
Ilzat Akhmetov	Johnny Russell	Declan Gallagher	Lorenzo Lunadei		
Daler Kuzyaev	James Forrest	Johnny Russell	Marco Bernardi		
Andrey Lunev	Stuart Armstrong	Stuart Armstrong	Andrea Grandoni		
Vyacheslav Karavev	Lawrence Shankland	Lewis Morgan	Luca Ceccaroli		
Soslan Dzhanaev	Ryan Christie	Craig MacGillivray	Jose Hirsch		
Noklay Komlichenko	Craig MacGillivray	Stephen O'Donnell	Giacomo Muraccini		
Dmitriy Chistyakov	Stephen O'Donnell	Greg Taylor	Fabio Tomassini		
Sergei Petrov	Greg Taylor				

Week 11: 19 October 2019

Weekly Overview

It is Scottish Cup weekend, and this is where the League Two clubs join the competition. Will there be any upsets this time? Who knows, as the beauty of the cup is that anything can happen on the day.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	22	Dundee United	18	Raith Rovers	20	Cove Rangers	22
Rangers	22	Ayr Utd	18	East Fife	20	Cowdenbeath	21
Motherwell	16	Inverness CT	17	Falkirk	19	Edinburgh City	19
Aberdeen	15	Queen of South	12	Dumbarton	14	Stenhousemuir	12
Kilmarnock	14	Dundee	12	Airdrieonians	14	Annan Athletic	12
Ross County	12	Arbroath	11	Clyde	13	Elgin City	9
Livingston	11	Dunfermline	10	Forfar	10	Queens Park	9
Hamilton	9	Morton	10	Montrose	10	Albion Rovers	8
St Mirren	8	Alloa Athletic	9	Peterhead	9	Brechin City	7
Hearts	7	Partick Thistle	8	Montrose	7	Stirling	6
Hibernian	7						
St Johnstone	4						

Scottish Cup 2nd Round

Albion Rovers 1-1 Fort William – *1-0 at half time*

Annan Athletic 2-2 Brechin City – *2-0 at half time*

Auchinleck Talbot 1-0 Cove Rangers – *0-0 at half time*

Clachnacuddin 0-7 Brora Rangers – *0-4 at half time*

Cowdenbeath 1-1 Broxburn Athletic – *0-0 at half time*

East Kilbride 3-1 Gretna 2008 – *2-1 at half time*

Elgin City 3-1 Berwick Rangers – *1-1 at half time*

Formartine United 2-2 Gala Fairydean – *0-1 at half time*

Lochee United 1-1 BSC Glasgow – *1-0 at half time*

Penicuik Athletic P-P Stenhousemuir – *postponed due to weather conditions*

Roths 1-3 Inverurie Loco Works – *1-2 at half time*

Spartans 0-2 Queens Park – *0-2 at half time*

Stirling Albion 2-0 Strathspey Thistle – *2-0 at half time*

Week 12: 26 October 2019

Weekly Overview

It is definitely becoming increasingly interesting at the top of each of the four divisions, with Celtic just one goal better off than Rangers and Raith Rovers being level on points with East Fife, who remain unbeaten so far this season. Stark's Park could be the place to be this week, as the top two go head-to-head as they both try get in the driving seat for the rest of the season.

Team of the Week

Airdrie travelled to Station Park where they beat Forfar by four goals to one, a result which marks out their promotion playoff credentials for the rest of the season. Forfar were arguably the better team in the first half and went into break 1-0 up. However, it was very much a game of two halves and shortly afterwards Airdrie had pulled level through Dale Carrick. Less than a minute later, all of Forfar's hard work had been undone, with Calum Gallagher putting the Diamonds in front. Further goals from Callum Smith and Ally Roy made sure of the three points and consigned Forfar to a fourth successive league defeat. Forfar will need to start picking up points soon if they do not want to be dragged into a relegation battle, starting at title challengers Falkirk next weekend.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	25	Dundee United	24	Raith Rovers	21	Cove Rangers	25
Rangers	25	Ayr Utd	21	East Fife	21	Edinburgh City	22
Kilmarnock	17	Inverness CT	20	Falkirk	19	Cowdenbeath	12
Motherwell	16	Dundee	18	Airdrieonians	17	Elgin City	12
Aberdeen	15	Arbroath	14	Dumbarton	17	Annan Athletic	12
Ross County	13	Dunfermline	13	Clyde	16	Stenhousemuir	12
Livingston	12	Queen of South	13	Montrose	13	Queens Park	9
Hamilton	9	Morton	13	Forfar	10	Albion Rovers	8
Hearts	8	Alloa Athletic	10	Peterhead	9	Stirling	7
St Mirren	8	Partick Thistle	8	Stranraer	7	Brechin City	7
Hibernian	8						
St Johnstone	7						

Week 13: 2 November 2019

Weekly Overview

It is semi-final weekend in the Betfred Cup as the two Edinburgh clubs face off against the two Old Firm clubs. Will we see the two giants of Scottish Football battling it out in the final later? Or will there be an upset with one of the Edinburgh sides getting to the final?

Team of the Week

Cove Rangers were able to see off playoff contenders Cowdenbeath 3-1 to ensure that they remained top of League Two. David Cox put the Blue Brazil ahead, but Cove quickly hit back as an own goal and Fraser Aird's strike put them into the driving seat. Going into the second half, Aird scored his second of the game to make sure of the three points and ensure that Cove Rangers would stay at the top for another week. A disappointing result for Cowdenbeath, but they must not be disheartened as they are well on track for a promotion playoff position, but they must stay consistent throughout the season as there are a number of teams who will be thereabouts come the end of the campaign.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	28	Dundee United	27	Falkirk	22	Cove Rangers	28
Rangers	28	Ayr Utd	24	Raith Rovers	21	Edinburgh City	25
Motherwell	22	Dundee	21	East Fife	21	Elgin City	15
Aberdeen	19	Inverness CT	20	Airdrieonians	20	Cowdenbeath	12
Kilmarnock	17	Arbroath	17	Dumbarton	17	Annan Athletic	12
Ross County	14	Dunfermline	16	Clyde	16	Stenhousemuir	12
Livingston	13	Queen of South	13	Montrose	16	Queens Park	12
St Johnstone	10	Morton	13	Peterhead	12	Stirling	10
Hamilton	10	Alloa Athletic	10	Forfar	10	Albion Rovers	8
Hibernian	9	Partick Thistle	8	Stranraer	10	Brechin City	7
Hearts	8						
St Mirren	8						

Betfred Cup Semi Final

Rangers 3-0 Hearts – *1-0 at half time*

Hibernian 2-5 Celtic – *1-3 at half time*

Week 14: 9 November 2019

Weekly Overview

There are some interesting matches this week, as Dundee take on their rivals Dundee United, whilst League One leaders Falkirk face off against playoff hopefuls Airdrie. League One definitely seems like it could be an interesting title race this season, and it's anyone's guess who comes out on top.

Team of the Week

Managerless Hibernian, with caretaker Eddie May in charge, secured an excellent 4-1 win away to St Johnstone. This was a much-needed three points for the Edinburgh side, who have had a poor start to the season, and they will hope that this gives them a boost to start climbing up the table. Christian Doidge was undoubtedly one of the best players on the park, as he netted a hat-trick to give his side the three points which will go some way to showing that the £300,000 Hibs paid for him in the summer was worth every penny. Scott Allan scored the other goal for Hibs, with Stevie May grabbing a late consolation for the Perth side. They could have had even more, but Hibs will be very happy with their performance and will be hoping that this is the start of a good run of form to help them climb up the table.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	31	Dundee United	30	Raith Rovers	24	Cove Rangers	31
Rangers	31	Ayr Utd	24	East Fife	24	Edinburgh City	26
Aberdeen	24	Dundee	21	Airdrieonians	23	Cowdenbeath	22
Motherwell	22	Inverness CT	20	Falkirk	22	Elgin City	16
Kilmarnock	18	Arbroath	20	Montrose	19	Queen's Park	15
Ross County	14	Dunfermline	16	Dumbarton	17	Annan Athletic	15
Livingston	13	Queen of South	16	Clyde	16	Stenhousemuir	12
Hibernian	12	Alloa Athletic	13	Peterhead	15	Albion Rovers	11
Hearts	11	Morton	13	Stranraer	10	Stirling	10
Hamilton	11	Partick Thistle	11	Forfar	10	Brechin City	7
St Johnstone	10						
St Mirren	8						

Week 15: 16 November 2019

Weekly Overview

It's quarter final week of the Tunnock's Caramel Wafer Cup, which can only mean one thing: free biscuits! There are a few league fixtures, with Dundee United hoping to go nine points clear at the top of the Championship, but it's international week, so Scotland can provide us with some more disappointment.

Cyprus	1-2	Scotland	Scotland	3-1	Kazakhstan
Efrem (47)		Christie (12), McGinn (53)	McGinn (48, 90) Naismith (64)		Zainutdinov (34)
Urko Pardo		David Marshall	David Marshall		Dmytro Nepogodov
Andreas Karo		Liam Palmer	Liam Palmer		Serhiy Malyi
Nicholas Ioannou		Greg Taylor	Greg Taylor		Aybol Abiken
Giorgos Merkis		Ryan Jack	Ryan Jack		Aleksey Shchetkin
Jason Demetriou		Declan Gallagher	Declan Gallagher		Bauyrzhan Islamkhan
Georgios Efrem		Scott McKenna	Scott McKenna		Yuriy Pertsukh
Charis Kyriakou		James Forrest	James Forrest		Aleksandr Marochkin
Pieros Sotiriou		John McGinn	John McGinn		Garfurzhan
Ioannis Kousoulos		Steven Naismith	Steven Naismith		Suyumbayev
Fotis Papoulis		Callum McGregor	Callum McGregor		Dmitry Shomko
Ioannis Kosti		Ryan Christie	Ryan Christie		Baktiyor Zainutdinov
					Yuri Logvinenko
Demetris Theodorou		Jon McLaughlin	Jon McLaughlin		Stas Pokatilov
Panayiotus Zachariou		Graeme Shinnie	Graeme Shinnie		Temirlan Erlanov
Andreas Avraam		John Fleck	John Fleck		Olzhas Kerimzhanov
Tasos Kissas		Michael Devlin	Michael Devlin		Islambek Kuat
Christos Wheeler		Lewis Morgan	Lewis Morgan		Askhat Tagybergen
Matija Spolijaric		Oliver Burke	Oliver Burke		Georgy Zhukov
Kostakis Artymatas		Stuart Armstrong	Stuart Armstrong		Nuraly Alip
Kypros Christoforou		Lawrence Shankland	Eamonn Brophy		Abat Aimbetov
Grigoris Kastanos		Oliver McBurnie	Oliver McBurnie		Maxim Fedin
Michalis Ioannou		Craig MacGillivray	Craig MacGillivray		Sergei Miroshnichenko
Neophytos Michael		Ryan Porteous	Ryan Porteous		Igor Shatskiy
Giorgos Economides					

Tunnock's Caramel Wafer Cup Quarter Finals

Raith Rovers 3-2 Elgin City – *2-1 at half time*

Rangers U21 2-0 Wrexham – *1-0 at half time*

Stenhousemuir 1-4 Partick Thistle – *0-1 at half time*

Inverness CT 0-0 Clyde – *0-0 at half time, Inverness win 4-2 on penalties*

Week 16: 30 November 2019

Weekly Overview

Last weekend was the Scottish Cup, with clubs from League One and some of the Championship joining the action, and there was a few interesting upsets: namely East Fife losing at home to BSC Glasgow, Dunfermline losing to Stranraer, and Auchinleck Talbot holding Arbroath to a 1-1 draw. But now we are back to league action, so let us see what that brings.

Team of the Week

Things are not going well so far for Partick Thistle this season, as they were demolished 5-1 by Dunfermline. An early sending off for Thistle's Tam O'Ware was clearly a sign of things to come, as Kevin Nisbet showed everyone the form that earned him the League One top scorer last season, by scoring four goals past the Jags goalkeeper Sneddon. Reece Cole scored a consolation for Partick, but it was too little, too late, and manager Ian McCall must find a way to improve Partick's form as otherwise they will be facing an increasingly difficult struggle to avoid the drop down to League One. Dunfermline, on the other hand, will have gained confidence with an excellent performance after being knocked out of the cup by lower league opposition last weekend, and this sets them up well to try to gain some momentum to move up the table.

Scottish Cup 3rd Round

Linlithgow Rose 1-4 Falkirk – *1-2 at half time*
Dumbarton 3-1 Forfar Athletic – *1-1 at half time*
Stranraer 1-0 Dunfermline Athletic – *0-0 at half time*
Stirling Albion 0-2 Clyde – *0-1 at half time*
Raith Rovers 1-0 Peterhead – *1-0 at half time*
Queen of the South 1-2 Queen's Park – *0-2 at half time*
Partick Thistle 1-0 Penicuik Thistle – *1-0 at half time*
Inverurie Loco Works 0-1 Broxburn Athletic – *0-0 at half time*
Morton 1-1 Brora Rangers – *1-1 at half time*
Formartine United 0-4 East Kilbride – *0-1 at half time*
Elgin City 1-3 Alloa Athletic – *1-0 at half time*
Edinburgh City 4-3 Annan Athletic – *3-0 at half time*
East Fife 3-4 BSC Glasgow – *2-1 at half time*
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic 2-1 Montrose – *2-1 at half time*
Albion Rovers 1-4 Airdrieonians – *0-1 at half time*
Auchinleck Talbot 1-1 Arbroath – *1-0 at half time*

Week 17: 7 December 2019

Sunday 8 December 2019
Betfred Cup Final
Hampden Park

Referee: William Collum
Attendance: 51,117

Rangers	0 - 1	Celtic
Morelos (m/penalty, 63)		Jullien (60) Frimpong (Red, 63)
Allan McGregor James Tavernier Connor Goldson Filip Helander Borna Barisic Joe Aribo Ryan Jack Glen Kamara Scott Arfield Alfredo Morelos Ryan Kent	Starting XI	Fraser Forster Jeremie Frimpong Kristoffer Ajer Christopher Jullien Jonny Hayes Callum McGregor Scott Brown James Forrest Ryan Christie Mohamed Elyounoussi Lewis Morgan
Wes Foderingham Jermain Defoe Oluwaseyi Ojo Jon Flanagan Nikola Katic Brandon Barker Greg Stewart	Substitutes	Craig Gordon Nir Bitton Tomas Rogic Michael Johnston Olivier Ntcham Odsonne Edouard Boli Bolingoli Mbombo

Week 18: 14 December 2019

Weekly Overview

There are some exciting title races to look forward to this year with Celtic, Raith Rovers and Cove Rangers all having slight advantages in their respective divisions. In the Championship however, Dundee United have notched up seven straight wins to move 10 points clear and it is looking increasingly unlikely that anyone will catch them.

Team of the Week

Montrose showed that they should not be underestimated in the race for the playoffs this season as they won 4-0 at home to Clyde. A disappointing first half in terms of clear-cut chances, before Andrew Steeves put Montrose ahead just before half time. Clyde started the second half the better team, with Aaron Lennox having to pull off some good saves from McStay and Goodwillie, but it was the Links Park side who increased their advantage with Blair Lyons putting them 2-0 up. As Clyde grew more attacking to try to get back into the game, the home team increased their advantage with Martin Rennie scoring a double in the closing minutes to put the game beyond doubt. An excellent performance from Montrose to stay within touching distance of the promotion playoffs, but Clyde must improve to ensure they do not get dragged into the relegation battle by the end of the season.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	46	Dundee United	42	Raith Rovers	32	Cove Rangers	37
Rangers	41	Inverness CT	29	Airdrieonians	32	Edinburgh City	35
Aberdeen	32	Ayr United	28	East Fife	29	Cowdenbeath	26
Motherwell	31	Dunfermline	25	Falkirk	28	Annan Athletic	24
Kilmarnock	23	Dundee	25	Montrose	26	Elgin City	19
Hibernian	22	Arbroath	22	Dumbarton	24	Queen's Park	19
Ross County	20	Queen of South	19	Peterhead	19	Stirling	17
Livingston	19	Partick Thistle	18	Clyde	18	Stenhousemuir	16
St Mirren	15	Morton	16	Forfar	15	Albion Rovers	15
St Johnstone	15	Alloa Athletic	14	Stranraer	10	Brechin City	13
Hearts	12						
Hamilton	12						

Week 19: 21 December 2019

Weekly Overview

Celtic, currently with a run of nine straight league wins, have built up a five-point lead in the Scottish Premiership and will face a home match against Aberdeen this weekend. Rangers, who have a game in hand, travel to play Hibernian and they must make sure that they put in a good performance to ensure that they do not end up dropping further behind their rivals in the title race.

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	49	Dundee United	45	Raith Rovers	32	Cove Rangers	40
Rangers	44	Inverness CT	32	East Fife	32	Edinburgh City	38
Motherwell	34	Ayr United	28	Airdrieonians	32	Cowdenbeath	29
Aberdeen	32	Dundee	28	Falkirk	31	Annan Athletic	24
Kilmarnock	23	Dunfermline	25	Dumbarton	27	Elgin City	22
Livingston	22	Queen of South	22	Montrose	26	Queen's Park	19
Hibernian	22	Arbroath	22	Clyde	21	Albion Rovers	18
Ross County	20	Morton	19	Peterhead	19	Stirling	17
St Mirren	16	Partick Thistle	18	Forfar	18	Stenhousemuir	16
St Johnstone	16	Alloa Athletic	14	Stranraer	10	Brechin City	13
Hamilton	15						
Hearts	12						

Week 20: 28 December 2019

Premiership

Celtic	52
Rangers	50
Motherwell	37
Aberdeen	36
Livingston	25
Hibernian	23
Kilmarnock	23
Ross County	21
St Johnstone	20
St Mirren	19
Hamilton	18
Hearts	13

Championship

Dundee United	46
Inverness CT	32
Dundee	28
Ayr United	28
Dunfermline	25
Queen of South	25
Arbroath	25
Partick Thistle	21
Morton	19
Alloa Athletic	17

League 1

Raith Rovers	35
Airdrieonians	33
Falkirk	32
East Fife	32
Montrose	29
Dumbarton	28
Peterhead	22
Clyde	21
Forfar	18
Stranraer	11

League 2

Cove Rangers	43
Edinburgh City	41
Cowdenbeath	29
Annan Athletic	27
Elgin City	22
Stirling	20
Queen's Park	19
Albion Rovers	19
Stenhousemuir	16
Brechin City	14

Week 21: 4 January 2020

Premiership

Celtic	52
Rangers	50
Motherwell	37
Aberdeen	36
Livingston	25
Hibernian	23
Kilmarnock	23
Ross County	21
St Johnstone	20
St Mirren	19
Hamilton	18
Hearts	13

Championship

Dundee United	49
Inverness CT	35
Ayr United	31
Dundee	29
Dunfermline	25
Queen of South	25
Arbroath	25
Partick Thistle	22
Morton	12
Alloa Athletic	18

League 1

Raith Rovers	38
Airdrieonians	36
Falkirk	35
Montrose	32
East Fife	32
Dumbarton	28
Peterhead	22
Clyde	22
Forfar	18
Stranraer	12

League 2

Cove Rangers	46
Edinburgh City	44
Cowdenbeath	32
Annan Athletic	27
Stirling	23
Elgin City	22
Queen's Park	22
Albion Rovers	19
Stenhousemuir	16
Brechin City	14

Week 22: 11 January 2020

Premiership

Celtic	52
Rangers	50
Motherwell	37
Aberdeen	36
Livingston	25
Hibernian	23
Kilmarnock	23
Ross County	21
St Johnstone	20
St Mirren	19
Hamilton	18
Hearts	13

Championship

Dundee United	52
Inverness CT	35
Ayr United	31
Dundee	29
Dunfermline	25
Queen of South	25
Arbroath	25
Morton	25
Partick Thistle	22
Alloa Athletic	18

League 1

Raith Rovers	39
Falkirk	38
Airdrieonians	37
East Fife	33
Montrose	32
Dumbarton	28
Clyde	22
Peterhead	22
Forfar	19
Stranraer	12

League 2

Cove Rangers	46
Edinburgh City	44
Cowdenbeath	32
Annan Athletic	27
Elgin City	25
Queen's Park	25
Stirling	23
Albion Rovers	19
Stenhousemuir	17
Brechin City	15

Week 23: 25 January 2020

Premiership

Celtic	58
Rangers	53
Motherwell	41
Aberdeen	37
Livingston	31
Hibernian	29
Kilmarnock	23
St Johnstone	23
Ross County	22
St Mirren	20
Hamilton	18
Hearts	17

Championship

Dundee United	53
Inverness CT	35
Ayr United	34
Dundee	29
Dunfermline	28
Arbroath	28
Morton	26
Queen of South	25
Alloa Athletic	24
Partick Thistle	22

League 1

Raith Rovers	42
Falkirk	41
Airdrieonians	38
East Fife	33
Montrose	32
Dumbarton	28
Clyde	25
Peterhead	25
Forfar	19
Stranraer	13

League 2

Cove Rangers	52
Edinburgh City	47
Cowdenbeath	35
Elgin City	28
Annan Athletic	27
Stirling	26
Queen's Park	26
Albion Rovers	20
Stenhousemuir	20
Brechin City	15

Week 24: 1 February 2020

Premiership

Celtic	61
Rangers	54
Motherwell	41
Aberdeen	38
Livingston	34
Hibernian	30
Kilmarnock	26
St Johnstone	24
Ross County	22
St Mirren	21
Hamilton	18
Hearts	18

Championship

Dundee United	53
Inverness CT	36
Ayr United	35
Dundee	30
Dunfermline	31
Arbroath	31
Morton	27
Queen of South	25
Alloa Athletic	25
Partick Thistle	23

League 1

Raith Rovers	45
Falkirk	42
Airdrieonians	38
East Fife	36
Montrose	35
Dumbarton	28
Clyde	25
Peterhead	25
Forfar	22
Stranraer	14

League 2

Cove Rangers	53
Edinburgh City	47
Cowdenbeath	35
Elgin City	31
Annan Athletic	27
Stirling	29
Queen's Park	29
Stenhousemuir	23
Albion Rovers	21
Brechin City	15

Week 25: 8 February 2020

Premiership

Celtic	67
Rangers	60
Motherwell	41
Aberdeen	38
Livingston	34
Hibernian	30
Kilmarnock	29
St Johnstone	27
Ross County	25
St Mirren	22
Hamilton	19
Hearts	18

Championship

Dundee United	53
Inverness CT	36
Ayr United	35
Dundee	33
Dunfermline	31
Arbroath	31
Morton	28
Queen of South	26
Alloa Athletic	25
Partick Thistle	23

League 1

Raith Rovers	46
Falkirk	42
Airdrieonians	39
East Fife	36
Montrose	35
Dumbarton	29
Peterhead	25
Clyde	25
Forfar	22
Stranraer	15

League 2

Cove Rangers	53
Edinburgh City	50
Cowdenbeath	36
Elgin City	34
Queen's Park	32
Stirling	29
Annan Athletic	27
Albion Rovers	24
Stenhousemuir	24
Brechin City	15

Week 26: 15 February 2020

Premiership

Celtic	70
Rangers	63
Motherwell	41
Aberdeen	38
Livingston	34
Hibernian	33
Kilmarnock	29
St Johnstone	28
Ross County	26
St Mirren	22
Hamilton	20
Hearts	19

Championship

Dundee United	54
Inverness CT	36
Ayr United	35
Arbroath	34
Dundee	33
Dunfermline	31
Morton	28
Queen of South	26
Alloa Athletic	26
Partick Thistle	23

League 1

Raith Rovers	46
Falkirk	45
Airdrieonians	42
East Fife	39
Montrose	38
Dumbarton	29
Peterhead	25
Clyde	25
Forfar	23
Stranraer	16

League 2

Cove Rangers	56
Edinburgh City	50
Cowdenbeath	36
Elgin City	34
Queen's Park	35
Stirling	32
Annan Athletic	27
Albion Rovers	24
Stenhousemuir	27
Brechin City	15

Week 27: 22 February 2020

Premiership

Celtic	76
Rangers	64
Motherwell	42
Aberdeen	41
Livingston	38
Hibernian	37
Kilmarnock	32
St Johnstone	32
Ross County	29
St Mirren	25
Hamilton	21
Hearts	19

Championship

Dundee United	57
Inverness CT	39
Dundee	36
Ayr United	35
Arbroath	34
Morton	32
Dunfermline	31
Alloa Athletic	27
Queen of South	26
Partick Thistle	23

League 1

Raith Rovers	49
Falkirk	48
Airdrieonians	45
East Fife	42
Montrose	38
Dumbarton	32
Peterhead	26
Clyde	25
Forfar	24
Stranraer	16

League 2

Cove Rangers	59
Edinburgh City	51
Cowdenbeath	36
Queen's Park	35
Elgin City	34
Stirling	32
Annan Athletic	30
Stenhousemuir	27
Albion Rovers	24
Brechin City	16

Week 28: 29 February 2020

Premiership		Championship		League 1		League 2	
Celtic	76	Dundee United	57	Raith Rovers	49	Cove Rangers	62
Rangers	64	Inverness CT	39	Falkirk	48	Edinburgh City	52
Motherwell	42	Ayr United	38	Airdrieonians	45	Queen's Park	38
Aberdeen	41	Dundee	36	East Fife	45	Elgin City	37
Livingston	38	Morton	35	Montrose	41	Cowdenbeath	37
Hibernian	37	Dunfermline	34	Dumbarton	35	Stirling	35
Kilmarnock	32	Arbroath	34	Clyde	28	Annan Athletic	30
St Johnstone	32	Alloa Athletic	27	Peterhead	26	Stenhousemuir	27
Ross County	29	Queen of South	26	Forfar	24	Albion Rovers	24
St Mirren	25	Partick Thistle	23	Stranraer	16	Brechin City	17
Hamilton	21						
Hearts	19						

Scottish Cup Quarter Finals

Hibernian 5-2 Inverness CT – *1-0 at half time*

St Johnstone 0-1 Celtic – *0-0 at half time*

Hearts 1-0 Rangers – *0-0 at half time*

St Mirren 0-2 Aberdeen – *0-1 at half time*

Week 29: 7 March 2020

Premiership

Celtic	80
Rangers	67
Motherwell	46
Aberdeen	45
Livingston	39
Hibernian	37
St Johnstone	36
Kilmarnock	33
St Mirren	29
Ross County	29
Hamilton	27
Hearts	23

Championship

Dundee United	59
Inverness CT	45
Dundee	41
Ayr United	40
Dunfermline	37
Arbroath	36
Morton	36
Alloa Athletic	31
Queen of South	28
Partick Thistle	26

League 1

Raith Rovers	53
Falkirk	52
Airdrieonians	48
Montrose	47
East Fife	45
Dumbarton	38
Clyde	34
Peterhead	26
Forfar	24
Stranraer	16

League 2

Cove Rangers	68
Edinburgh City	55
Elgin City	43
Cowdenbeath	41
Queen's Park	40
Stirling	36
Annan Athletic	31
Stenhousemuir	29
Albion Rovers	24
Brechin City	17

Week 30: 14 March 2020

Weekly Overview

There have been some interesting developments in the world of Scottish football, as due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the SFA and SPFL joint response group has announced that all levels of the game (from professional clubs right down to the grassroots) has been postponed until further notice.

After the news of the previous day where the Premier League and EFL announced their suspension, it was clear that Scotland was going to follow quickly, and it will be interesting to see developments over the next few weeks.

It is looking like the coronavirus outbreak will continue to spread exponentially, and when it is eventually contained what will happen to the leagues? Some possibilities are:

- The European Championships are postponed to 2021, and the leagues can continue into the summer to allow them all to be finished as normal. This is probably a good scenario, but who knows how long coronavirus will continue for? This could go on for many months yet, which leaves no time for this before the next season must start
- The league ends as it stands now, and the promotion / relegation clubs are whoever are currently in those positions. For the Premiership, Championship and League 2 there probably won't be many complaints as these league leaders are miles ahead of the others. League 1 however remains a very close title race between Raith and Falkirk so both clubs will want the season to be finished to try to finish top of the table. And clubs at the bottom of their respective tables will argue that they would be able to stay up if they got to play their remaining games, so ending it now would be unfair as they haven't had the full amount of planned fixtures to avoid relegation
- Italy, the most affected country in the whole of Europe currently, have been considering just ending the season right now with no clubs being relegated, or having a title winner. This may sound logical, but what about the teams from the league below who do not get the promotion they deserve?

However, the health of the general population must always take priority over a game of football, and we wait to see what will happen in the future. This is no ordinary situation, and no one can predict what will happen next.

Post Season

Well, that brings an end to another season of Scottish Football. It certainly was not the end that anyone was expecting, and it was disappointing that we did not get to witness the dramatic season climaxes that often occur at the end of the season.

Clubs celebrating winning the league on the last day of the season, with the helicopter delivering the trophy, and fans staying in the stadium long after the full-time whistle are some of the most glorious moments as a football fan and it was disappointing that supporters did not get to experience that this season.

But this was not a normal situation, a global health pandemic caused the entire world to create emergency measures to try to stop the spread of the virus.

From the heartbreak of losing a cup final, to the unbelievable feeling of winning the league after a long, hard season, we choose to attend football because we enjoy following our team through the highs and lows they encounter, and we will be able to do it all again next year.

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Season Awards

In Scotland

League Winners

Scottish Premiership

Celtic

Scottish Championship

Dundee United

Scottish League One

Raith Rovers

Scottish League Two

Cove Rangers

Cup Winners

Scottish Cup

Celtic

Betfred League Cup

Celtic

Tunnock's Caramel Wafer Cup

TBC

(Raith Rovers / Inverness CT)

Outside Scotland

League Winners

English Premier League

Liverpool

Serie A

Juventus

Bundesliga

Bayern Munich

Ligue 1

PSG

La Liga

Real Madrid

Cup Winners

Champions League

Bayern Munich

Europa League

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