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A Long Time Coming

The Inside Story of Scotland's Return to the World Cup

By Andy Bargh

Key features

- Exclusive first-hand accounts from 12 Scotland players, including two goalscorers from the momentous win over Denmark, charting the team's journey through the Nations League and World Cup campaign
- Rare insider perspective from the author, who commentated on 12 Scotland matches in this period and hosts the Hampden Roar podcast
- Resonates deeply with Scotland fans, capturing a long-awaited achievement nearly three decades in the making
- Insightful recollections from travelling journalists who followed the team throughout the campaign
- Two colour photo sections showcasing key moments from the Nations League and the 2026 World Cup qualifying journey
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

A Long Time Coming tells the inside story of Scotland's dramatic return to the World Cup after a painful 28-year wait. Following the disappointment of Euro 2024, Steve Clarke's side faced a daunting Nations League campaign in League A, impressing against superior opposition before a heavy play-off loss to Greece. With Clarke hinting this World Cup qualification campaign might be his last, and with many key players approaching 30, the pressure was on. FIFA's new format meant six games across ten weeks would decide everything, leaving little margin for error. A favourable qualifying draw and confidence from their Nations League performances offered hope as they lined up in Copenhagen. True to form, Scotland turned a sprint into a gruelling test of endurance, culminating in one of Hampden Park's greatest nights. Told through exclusive player interviews, this is the story of Scotland's journey from despair to delirium on the road to their first World Cup since 1998.

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