Scotland in the Seventies
The Definitive Account of the Scotland Football Team 1970–79

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Key features
• Colourful romp through a rollercoaster decade for the Scottish national team
• Ronnie McDevitt has followed Scotland for nearly 50 years, attending more than 100 overseas international matches
• Previous books include Scotland in the Sixties, We’ll Support You Evermore, Except for Viewers in Scotland and More Than Argentina, a revisionist biography on Ally MacLeod
• Colour photo section including action images and pictures to accompany the narrative
• Campaign planned to fans, via Scottish football media contacts, across broadcast, web and print

Description
The 1970s saw a change in the fortunes of the Scottish national side. After a gap of 16 years World Cup qualification was achieved for the finals in West Germany in 1974. Credited as the only undefeated side at the tournament, the sobering trip to Argentina four years later prompted more realistic future expectations. In a decade in which the SFA celebrated its centenary, the scandal of the Copenhagen Five and a breakdown in relations between the press and players were significant events – while, on the park, players of the calibre of Dalglish, Hartford, Jordan, Souness and McQueen replaced the old guard. Scotland in the Seventies looks beyond the decade’s 89 matches, examining the role of the managers – Brown, Docherty, Ormond, MacLeod, Stein – and the circumstances surrounding the many memorable games. Extensive newspaper and video archive research is complemented by the memories of star contributors including Bobby Brown, Archie Macpherson, Asa Hartford, Eddie Gray, Willie Morgan, Willie Johnston, Bobby Clark, Jim Bone and John Blackley.