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This book is dedicated to our families as well as fellow Scotland supporters.

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## INTRODUCTION

There are no restrictions on supporting Scotland's national football team – your race, creed, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political views matter not. If you wish to come along and support international football's greatest underachievers then you are most welcome. That said, it's not for everyone though – it's not for faint-hearted, easily-offended, glory-hunters. Scotland's glory tends to be sporadic and sometimes it is not even obvious but it is to be savoured. You need a mental toughness to be able to stick with Scotland or then again maybe you just need to be daft...

The authors – Robert Marshall and David Stuart – are a couple of dafties who derive much pleasure from supporting Scotland. We also derive pleasure from the pain that often occurs when supporting Scotland. Are you still with us?

Robert attended his first Scotland match, at Hampden Park, Glasgow in 1971 when he was twelve years old. His Uncle David took him to what was Tommy Docherty's first game in charge of the national team, a Euro Championship qualifier against Portugal which Scotland won 2-1. Since then he has attended over 200 Scotland games home and away.

David saw his first Scotland game aged ten in June, 1973 against world champions Brazil at Hampden Park. Taken by his Dad, if truth be told David was going to see Brazil, but since supporting Brazil wasn't a realistic option he stuck with Scotland. He has seen Scotland on many occasions but cannot describe himself as a Tartan Army Foot Soldier, although he does walk to every home game he goes to, as Hampden Park is at the bottom of his street.

Of course there's more to supporting Scotland than turning up at Hampden Park [or wherever] to see 90 minutes of football and to sing, shout, swear, cheer, hug, cry and eat pies – sometimes humble ones. There's also the pre- and post-match rituals and festivities. There's the collecting of associated souvenirs & memorabilia and the talking of enjoyable nonsense about it all and if you are so inclined you can even write about it as well. So here's the writings of a couple of Partick Thistle supporting, ex-schemies from North Glasgow who have evolved into two dark blue anoraks and who still willingly pay good money to see eleven of their countrymen kick a ball about..

We hope that you enjoy reading our take on Scotland the football team. We make no pretentious claims about it being a uniquely insightful, definitive or seminal piece of work – we don't have coaching badges, journalist degrees or PhDs in English. It is however an honest, off-beat account of many of the various aspects relating to the ongoing Mount Florida saga which has been cobbled together by two supporters who will continue to suffer for the cause as long as it is physically possible. We have done our utmost to ensure that the contents are factually [though possibly not politically] correct. If you do spot any errors however, we [a] apologise, and [b] ask that you keep quiet about it!

In this online, electronic nightmare of a world of ours, it's good to see that there is still room for paper and print. There are still discerning individuals out there who will appreciate and hold on to this tangible piece of football memorabilia. So thank you for buying this hardback book, you free-thinking anarchist you!





Shaun Maloney celebrates scoring Scotland's first goal of the game against the Republic of Ireland during a 2016 UEFA European Championships qualifier at Hampden Park.



**KEY FEATURES**

- A selective history/alternative encyclopedia of Scotland's national football team through two separate themes written by a couple of supporters who have suffered for the cause [at home and abroad] since the early 1970s
- A humorous reminder of how Scotland, despite producing some great footballers over the decades, have surprisingly yet to win a major title with reviews of all their World Cup and Euro Championship campaigns to date as well as a peek into the future
- An offbeat look at associated aspects of Scottish international football from individual players, managers and rival teams to football collectables and personal experiences
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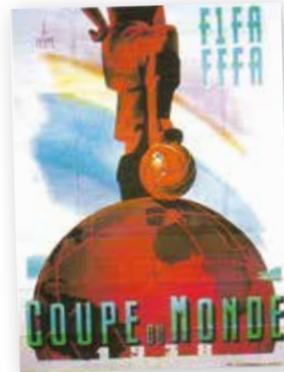
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**ISOLATIONISM**

There is the suspicion that for decades, the British looked down their collective noses at 'foreign' football. It's certainly a fact that no home nation took part in the first three FIFA World Cups [1930, 1934 and 1938] whilst Scotland also skipped the first two UEFA European Championships [1960 and 1964].

FIFA were founded in 1904 and the Scottish Football Association became members in 1910 before resigning in 1920. We re-joined in 1924 then spat the dummy again in 1928 when we resigned [along with the other three 'Home' Associations] following a disagreement over the status of amateur footballers. The SFA eventually re-joined FIFA as a permanent member in 1946



but I suspect that if we took the huff one more time there would be no getting back in – unless we called ourselves the United Kingdom, but that is another story.

As a result of our less than splendid isolationism we were unable to prevent Uruguay from becoming world champions in 1930 nor Italy from lifting the trophy in 1934 and 1938. We can only wonder at what could have been achieved by the Wembley Wizards of 1928 or the 1930s Scotland teams which demolished both Czechoslovakia and Hungary – runners-up in the 1934 and 1938 World Cup Finals respectively.

Despite being a founder member of UEFA in 1954 Scotland chose not to participate



in the first two European Championships or European Nations Cup as it was then known. Only 17 nations, which excluded the British but which included the Republic of Ireland, had the foresight to take part in the initial [1958-60] competition which culminated with the USSR defeating Yugoslavia in the final in Paris.

For the 1962-64 competition 29 of UEFA's 33 member nations took part – the absentees being Cyprus, Finland, Scotland and West Germany! On this occasion Spain defeated the USSR in the final in Madrid's Estadio Santiago Bernabeu. Twelve months earlier at the same venue Scotland had crushed Spain 6-2 in a friendly match with six different Scotland players getting on the score-sheet. What's like us?

Of course you could argue that we've kind of went full circle, from self-imposed

isolationism to a wilderness where our quality of football is such that every second summer we're now on the outside looking in – women's team excepted. Let's end on a positive note however with the thought that when Scotland's renaissance comes it really will be something to savour...

**BRAZIL 1950**

Not long after the four home nations re-joined FIFA and then bailed-out football's world governing body with a revenue-raising Great Britain v Rest of Europe match at Hampden Park in 1947, it was agreed that the 1949/50 British Championship would double-up as World Cup qualifying group 5 and that the top two teams would go to the finals.

Well you can't say fairer than that, can you? Furthermore, with the qualifiers being played over just the one season it meant that Scotland [and Wales] would enjoy two home



matches whilst England and Northern Ireland would have just one each.

Unfortunately however, the SFA then decreed that Scotland would only travel to Brazil if they were British champions – arrogance, stupidity plus added pressure for the Scotland players. Here we go! Here we go! Here we go!

So just over a year after the creation of the UK's National Health Service and against a backdrop of post-war austerity Scotland played their first-ever World Cup qualifying match, against Northern Ireland at Windsor Park, Belfast on 1st October 1949 and in front of a crowd of 55,000 we duly won 8-2! Rangers' Willie Waddell netted a brace whilst East Fife's Henry Morris managed a hat-trick, on his debut... and never played for Scotland again. You couldn't make this up.

The following month Wales came to Hampden for only the second time where a crowd of 73,781 saw the Scots win 2-0. The goals came from Celtic's John McPhail and Alex Linwood of Clyde both of whom were making their debuts. McPhail would win four more Scotland caps and score another two goals whereas Linwood – you've guessed it – would never play for his country again.

England also defeated Northern Ireland and Wales and with the Irish and Welsh drawing with one another a month prior to the Scotland-England game it meant that both the big two had 'qualified' in advance of the Hampden showdown.

The Hampden showdown on 15th April 1950 turned out to be the Hampden letdown when a crowd of 133,300 witnessed an English victory. The Scottish Selection Committee gave debuts to three players – Ian McColl [Rangers], Willie Bauld [Hearts] and Willie Moir [Bolton Wanderers] none of whom scored [although a

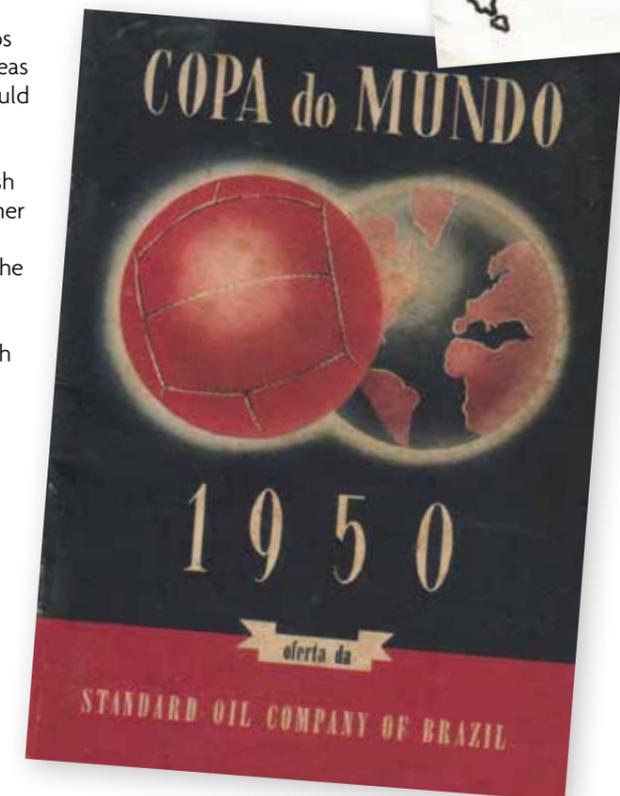


shot from Bauld hit the crossbar] and the latter of whom never played for Scotland again. The game was settled by a goal from Chelsea's Roy Bentley in the 64th minute.

In the match programme under the heading 'Terracing Titbits' we were advised that if Scotland qualified we would sail from Southampton on the RMS *Alcantara* [which had seen action during World War Two as an armed merchant cruiser and then as a troopship] – whilst England would fly to Rio. Adeus Brasil.

To their credit, the English FA and some of their players pleaded with the SFA to change their mind and accompany England on the South American adventure but the 'Tartan Blazers' stubbornly refused to see sense.

The finals themselves [the fourth overall] were a somewhat chaotic, lopsided affair with only thirteen nations taking part. Travel



logistics and costs had resulted in several withdrawals/declined invitations.

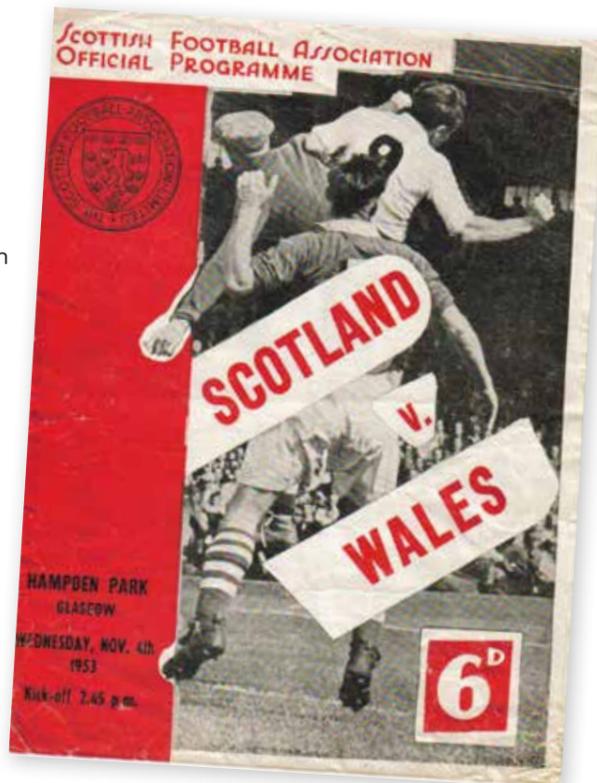
England were one of the favourites to win the competition but it all went beautifully wrong. er, I mean there was a shock result when our neighbours and friends lost 1-0 to the USA in Belo Horizonte. Three days later a 1-0 defeat by Spain in Rio de Janeiro saw the English Out! Out! Out! Sorry, sometimes I just can't help myself.

Anyway, the competition concluded by way of a round-robin, mini-league involving Brazil, Spain, Sweden and Uruguay. Come the final match at Rio's Maracana Stadium a draw would have given the hosts the trophy whereas Uruguay had to win to top the group – which they did 2-1 after going behind. Of course better World Cups lay ahead for Brazil but just not in their own country. There would be World Cups for Scotland too – appearances at the finals that is for unlike Brazil we're still awaiting our first trophy win. [It could happen...hic!]

#### SWITZERLAND 1954

For the second successive World Cup our friends at FIFA decreed that a British Championship would double-up as a qualifying group with the top two teams going to the finals. Yippee! With no alteration to the scheduled 1953/54 British Championship fixtures it meant that like

four years previous, Scotland [and Wales] would have the advantage of two home games to England and Northern Ireland's one. Hurrah! Furthermore ...cue drum roll... unlike in 1950, the SFA agreed that Scotland would go to the finals even if they did not finish the season as British champions. Praise the Lord!



On 3rd October 1953 [just four months after the coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second but only the FIRST of Scotland] a good start was made when Scotland travelled to Belfast's Windsor Park [did you see what I just did there?] and defeated Northern Ireland 3-1. 58,248 saw two of Scotland's goals scored by East Fife's Charlie Fleming on his debut and as was the 'custom' in those days, Charlie never played for his country again!

Wales visited Hampden on 4th November and a six-goal thriller ensued in front of 71,387. Scotland were 2-0 up at half-time thanks to goals from Allan Brown [Blackpool], and Bobby Johnstone [Hibernian]. John Charles pulled one back early in the second half for Wales before Hibs' Lawrie Reilly restored the Scots' two-goal cushion. Ivor Allchurch cut the deficit to one in the 73rd minute and then John Charles got the equaliser two minutes from time.

Scotland had two debutants against the Welsh – Johnny MacKenzie of Partick Thistle who would play for Scotland at the World Cup finals and centre-half Willie Telfer of St Mirren who would never play for Scotland again. With Telfer the story goes that he was a 'gentleman-player' who refused to commit a 'professional foul' to prevent one of John Charles' goals and so

incurred the wrath of the Scottish selectors.

England defeated both Wales and Northern Ireland to head the group at this stage and on 31st March 1954 [three days before the Scotland-England encounter] Wales missed their chance to draw level with Scotland [and ultimately force a play-off] by losing 2-1 to Northern Ireland in Wrexham.

So both England and Scotland had qualified prior to them taking to the field at Hampden on 3rd April and Scotland now had our first manager – Andy Beattie – albeit on a temporary basis and with the actual title of 'Official in Charge'. Allan Brown gave Scotland the lead against the English after only seven minutes but then England took control and raced to a 4-1 lead before a last-minute goal from Willie Ormond of Hibernian made the final score semi-respectable in front of 134,544.

In a similar scenario to the Wales game, Scotland gave debut caps to two players – the aforementioned Willie Ormond who would go on to play at the World Cup finals [and indeed manage Scotland at a World Cup finals 20 years later] and Celtic defender Mike Haughney who would be filed

under S for scapegoat and never play for Scotland again.

At the finals although each team was allowed to bring a squad of 22 players – the SFA decided however that 13 [which included only one goalkeeper] would be sufficient for our purposes. The squad was weakened further by the absence of any players from Glasgow Rangers who went instead on a close-season tour of Canada which clashed with the World Cup in Switzerland.

Just to add to the pantomime of it all, the Scotland players were forced to train in their club jerseys which earned them the nickname of 'The liquorice allsorts'. Also, Scotland in conjunction with England threatened to walk out of the World Cup if FIFA adopted a last-minute proposal to allow substitutes.

Anyway, Scotland were drawn in group 3 along with Austria, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay. However, FIFA had decided that the two seeded teams in each group should not play one another and consequently only two rather than three matches would be played so Scotland avoided fellow non-seeds Czechoslovakia. No, I don't understand the logic of it either.

On 16th June 1954 at the Sportplatz Hardturm, Zurich Scotland played their first-ever match at a World Cup finals in front of a crowd of 25,000... and lost 1-0 against Austria. Scotland, [skipped by Preston's Willie Cunningham in the absence of Rangers' George Young] played well and came close to scoring on several occasions. Apparently back home the narrow defeat was greeted as a minor victory. Aaaargh!

Things then got farcical again however when just before the Uruguay game, Andy Beattie resigned his Scotland duties citing internal disagreements with SFA officials with lack of control over team selection a particular problem.

For that historic game against the Austrians the team comprised of seven home Scots with Aberdeen,



Celtic, Dundee, Hibernian and Partick Thistle all represented. Scotland's line-up was unchanged for the game against Uruguay in the Saint Jacob Stadium in Basle, so the unlucky/lucky duo who didn't see any World Cup action were George Hamilton of Aberdeen and Celtic's Bobby Evans who was the most experienced player in the squad. Amazingly, Scotland were the only finalist whose squad included players from clubs outwith their own national league – the previously mentioned Cunningham and Tommy Docherty [Preston North End], John Aird [Burnley] and Allan Brown [Blackpool].

The game against Uruguay was shown live on British television – a rare 'treat' in those black and white days of austerity and in the sweltering Swiss heat and with 34,000 in the stadium watching [and no doubt laughing] Scotland had their arses well and truly felt. Apparently the Uruguayans had body-checked, handled frequently, kicked and gouged throughout but they also put the ball in the Scotland net no fewer than SEVEN times without reply. Oh those fiendish foreigners, why they even resorted to using the ball and making it do all the work.

So Scotland's first World Cup was a bit of a disaster, well actually it was a total disaster but surely we would learn from our mistakes? Aye, right.

Uruguay would defeat England in the quarter-finals and ultimately finish fourth with the Austrians besting them in the play-off for third place. The surprise winners of the competition were West Germany who defeated the much-vaunted Hungary 3-2 in the final.

1954 wasn't a total write-off for north of Hadrian's wall however as apparently that was the year the Osprey recolonized Scotland. Better them than the English....again.

#### SWEDEN 1958

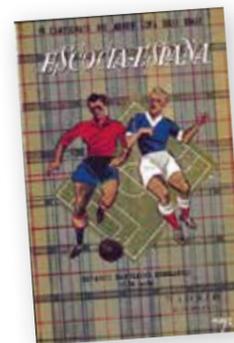
For Scotland's third attempt at winning the World Cup, FIFA abandoned their British Championships-doubling as a qualifying group approach and so we were all pitched into proper European qualifying sections for the first time. Somewhat ironically all four home nations qualified to comprise exactly

one quarter of the 16 finalists. Rock n Roll!

Scotland were drawn in qualifying group 9 alongside Spain and Switzerland and we played three of our four qualifying matches in May 1957 with the final game in November of that year.

On 8th May [with petrol rationing still in place because of the Suez crisis] Scotland got off to a flier with a win at Hampden against Spain [who had surprisingly drawn their opening qualifier 2-2 at home to the Swiss]. A crowd of 88,890 saw Scotland twice take the lead and twice get pegged back before two late goals from Jackie Mudie meant a hat-trick for the Blackpool inside-forward and a 4-2 victory for the Scots – Charlton Athletic's John Hewie got the other goal.

On 19th May [just four days after Britain tested its first hydrogen bomb] Scotland travelled to the Saint Jacob Stadium, Basle and defeated Switzerland 2-1. The home side had taken the lead after only 12 minutes but that man Mudie drew Scotland level before half-time. Celtic's Bobby Collins then got the winner in the 71st minute to ensure a much more pleasing visit to Basle than the previous sojourn three years earlier when we took a 7-0 doing from Uruguay at the 1954 World Cup finals. Scotland were skippered by



Rangers' George Young who was winning his 53rd and final cap.

On 26th May [six days before the first Premium Bond winners were selected by the computer ERNIE], Scotland lost 4-1 to Spain

in the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, Madrid. This time the Scots were run ragged by Alfredo Di Stefano and Ladislao Kubala. Scotland's goal came from Hibernian's Gordon Smith.

Going into the final qualifier against Switzerland, Scotland knew a victory would ensure a trip to Sweden the following summer and on 6 November 1957 [with Sputnik 1, the first artificial Earth satellite visible in the night skies] a crowd of 58,811 at Hampden Park saw the Scots triumph 3-2. Archie Robertson of Clyde gave Scotland the lead after 29 minutes but the sides went in at the break level. Second-half goals from Jackie Mudie and Alex Scott of Rangers gave Scotland a comfortable lead before a strike from Roger Vonlanthen made for a nervous last ten minutes or so.

Scotland were on their way to Sweden [without a manager] but three months before the World Cup finals commenced disaster struck... when Elvis Presley was conscripted into the US army. Fortunately we would have the likes of the Everly Brothers and Lord Rockingham's XI to fall back on. In Sweden all four British sides avoided one another with Scotland going into group 2 alongside France, Paraguay and Yugoslavia.

On 8th June 1958 Hearts' Jimmy Murray scored Scotland's first-ever goal at a World Cup finals when he netted the equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Yugoslavia at the Arosvallen Stadium, Vasteras in front of a crowd of just 9,591. It was the only goal Jimmy would manage in his five Scotland appearances. With Scotland chasing a winner, Jackie Mudie had a perfectly good goal disallowed – apparently.

Three days later Scotland took to the field at the Idrottsparken, Norrkoping where a crowd of 11,665 witnessed Scotland lose 3-2 to Paraguay, who had topped a qualifying group which included Uruguay and Colombia. The South Americans were supposedly the weakest team in the group but two errors from goalkeeper and captain, Tommy Younger of Liverpool saw the ball end up in the back of the Scotland net.



It was Younger's 24th and final Scotland appearance. A goal from Mudie had made it 1-1 whilst another from Bobby Collins pulled it back to 3-2 with 14 minutes remaining.

On 15th June Scotland met France in the Eyravallen Stadium, Orebro needing a win to stay in the tournament. 13,554 saw a 2-1 victory for France however with their first-half goals coming from the great Raymond Kopa and the even greater Just Fontaine. In between, John Hewie hit the post with a penalty before Rangers' Sammy Baird pulled one back in the second half.

So Scotland finished bottom of their group whilst France and Yugoslavia progressed to the quarter-finals where they defeated Northern Ireland and lost to West Germany respectively. [Wales also made it to the quarter-finals whilst England did not.] France would lose to eventual tournament winners Brazil in the semi-finals but would clinch third place with a win over the Germans.

Scotland still had a lot to learn about the intricacies of tournament football not least maintaining discipline. Indeed it has been suggested that some of Scotland's players over-indulged at the well-stocked restaurant in their Swedish hotel – not alcohol mind you, but food which included large breakfasts, three course lunches and dinners plus generous portions of creamy Swedish cakes and sandwiches at the 10.00pm suppertime. Trust Scotland to pig their way out of a World Cup...

#### CHILE 1962

There were only 56 entrants overall for the seventh FIFA World Cup which would be hosted by Chile in 1962. A weird and wonderful qualifying draw involved some European qualifying groups having African or Asian sub-groups which would result in 'group finals' of Spain v Morocco and Yugoslavia v South Korea. For Ian McColl's Scotland however things were more straightforward as we were placed in a three-team group along with Czechoslovakia and the Republic of Ireland and all four of our scheduled matches were played one right after the other between 3rd May and 26th September 1961.

Scotland kicked off their qualifying campaign against the Irish at Hampden with Cliff Richard and The Shadows riding high in the UK music charts and less than three weeks after a 9-3 humping from the old enemy at Wembley. Scotland put their Wembley woes behind them though and ran out comfortable 4-1 winners with two goals apiece from Rangers' Ralph Brand and David Herd of Arsenal. Celtic's Pat Crerand made his Scotland debut and 46,696 were there to see it.

Four days later and again the Scots enjoyed another comfortable victory over the Irish, winning 3-0 at Dublin's Dalymount Park. Ralph Brand was on the scoresheet again whilst Everton's Alex Young weighed in with a double.

Seven days after the Dublin success however Scotland travelled to Bratislava and got thumped 4-0. Rangers supplied six players that day and two of them were amongst a group of five who never played for Scotland again.

By the time the Hampden game against Czechoslovakia came around in September, the Berlin wall had gone up and Denis Law had returned to the fold - as a Torino player. Scotland twice went behind with Liverpool's Ian St. John then 'The Lawman' himself drawing us level before Denis the Menace struck the winner with seven minutes remaining. Again Hampden was less than half-full with 51,590 in attendance. This would be the last World Cup qualifier



at Mount Florida that anyone would travel to by tram as Glasgow's tramways closed the following year. [One for the public transport enthusiasts amongst us.]

Anyway, in October Czechoslovakia then defeated the Republic of Ireland home and away to draw level on points with Scotland and as their superior goal difference was not part of the qualification process a one-game play-off was required and the



Heysel Stadium, Brussels was the chosen neutral venue.

On 29 November 1961 in front of a disappointing crowd of 7,000 [where were cheap flights or the Channel Tunnel when you needed them?] Dunfermline Athletic goalkeeper Eddie Connachan made his Scotland debut as did Dundee winger Hugh Robertson, indeed Dundee supplied three players that day. Twice Ian St. John gave Scotland the lead and on the second occasion we held it until eight minutes from the end when Adolf Scherer equalised. Into extra time we went, Spurs' John White hit the bar before Czechoslovakia scored twice more and Scotland checked into Heartbreak Hotel...again.

At the actual finals in Chile, Czechoslovakia went all the way to the final itself where they took the lead against Brazil before eventually going down 3-1. Could have been us, matey...

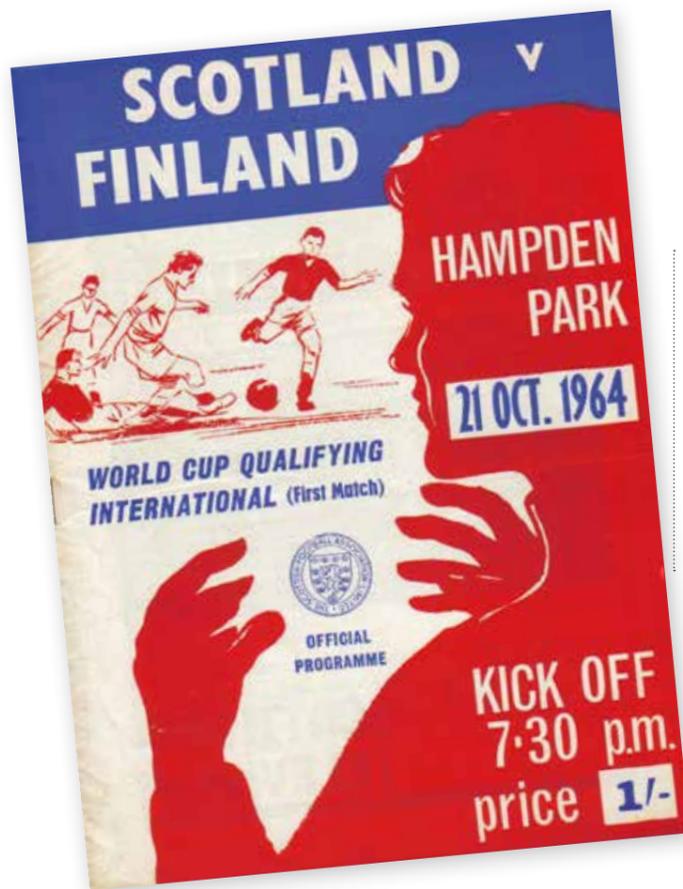
#### ENGLAND 1966

By the time our qualifiers for the eighth FIFA World Cup kicked-off in October 1964, the Beatles had conquered the world. However, Liverpool's contribution to Scotland's attempt at world domination would be restricted to Everton's Alex Scott being capped against Finland in the opening qualifier and an appearance by Anfield's Ron Yeats in the final qualifier against Italy. Poland were Scotland's other qualification rivals and just to make things more difficult for ourselves, Scotland's managers worked in a part-time capacity – Ian McColl for the opening qualifier then Jock Stein for the remaining five.

And so the attempt to win an invite to our next door neighbour's big party began with a routine 3-1 victory over Finland at Hampden. 55,332 saw Scotland go 3-0 up by half-time thanks to goals from skipper Denis Law [Manchester United], Celtic's Stevie Chalmers and David Gibson of Leicester City.

A debut cap was awarded to central defender Jackie McGrory of Kilmarnock whilst his club-mate Robert Forsyth played in goal winning his third cap. At the end of season 1964/65 the Ayrshire club would be crowned champions of Scotland – yes really!





Poland. Disaster for Scotland – to coin a phrase. Rangers' 18 year old Willie Johnston made his debut on that woeful Wednesday evening.

Two games against Italy in November and December remained and Scotland would have to win both of them to top the group and qualify for England 66 – a win and a draw would earn us a play-off. Scotland managed to achieve the first victory, in dramatic fashion at Hampden Park when two minutes from time John Greig unleashed a powerful shot past William Negri in Italy's goal.

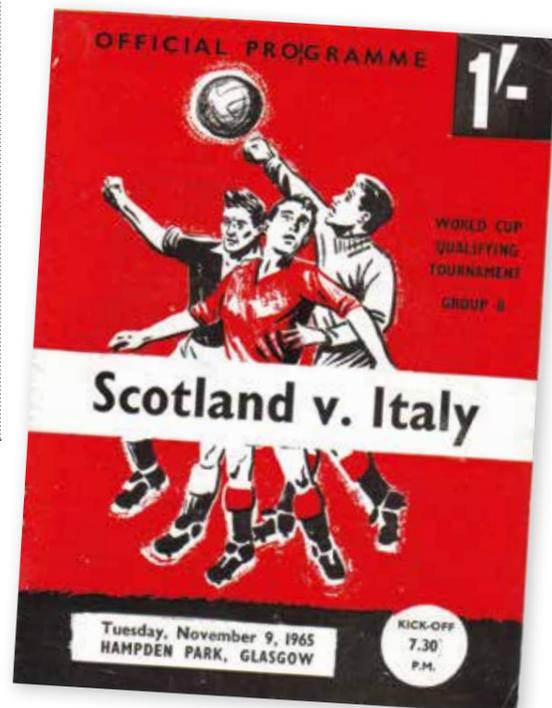
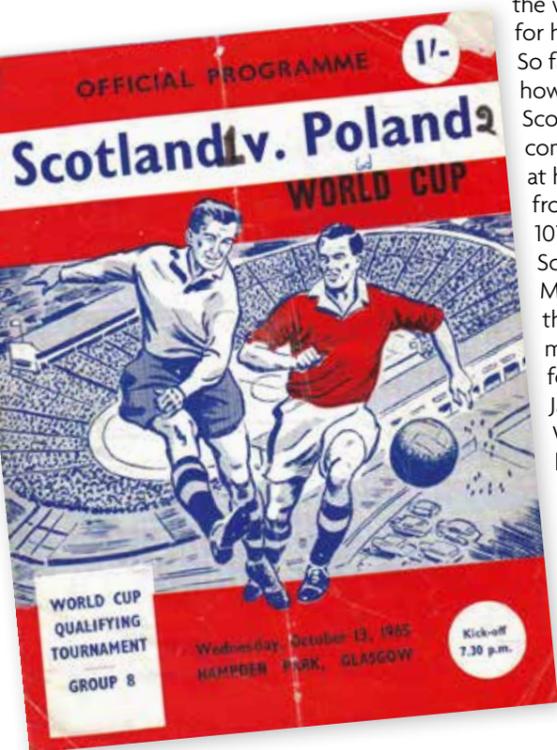
A crowd of 100,393 had seen Scotland successfully complete part one of the Italian job. Unfortunately however part two would be beyond us, when a weakened Scotland team [no Billy McNeill, Jim Baxter, Willie Henderson or Denis Law] travelled to Naples and saw their World Cup dreams die – 3-0 at the Stadio San Paolo.

It was of little or no consolation that come July 1966 Italy would have a disastrous World Cup finals at Roker Park, Sunderland where they lost to the USSR and Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough where a North Korean victory ensured that the two communist cousins progressed from the group stage at the expense of Italy [and Chile]. As for the remainder of the tournament, well a two-goal hat-trick by Geoff Hurst in



On 23rd May 1965 Scotland travelled to the Slaski Stadium, Chorzow, Poland where they earned a creditable 1-1 draw thanks to a Denis Law equaliser. Four days later the Scotland roadshow moved on to the Olympic Stadium, Helsinki where we came from behind to win 2-1 with goals from Rangers' duo Davie Wilson and John Greig. Wilson's goal was his ninth in 22 Scotland appearances however

the winger never played for his country again. So far so good then, however on 13th October Scotland made a complete arse of things at home to Poland. In front of a crowd of 107,580 Celtic and Scotland skipper Billy McNeill gave his team the lead in the 14th minute which we held for 70 minutes until Jan Liberda equalised. Worse was to follow however a mere two minutes later when Jerzy Sadek hit the winner for



the final against West Germany gave our nearest and dearest the cup – but mercifully for us, they seldom mention it...

Incidentally, the month before the Queen presented the Jules Rimet trophy to Bobby Moore she did a decent thing by officially opening Glasgow airport and thereby offering up another escape route.

### ITALY 1968

Scotland deemed the third European Championship worth participating in and as a bonus/sop the 1966/67 and 1967/68 British Championships doubled-up as qualifying group 8.

Hippies, Carnaby Street, the Kinks – England was swinging whereas Scotland were minging, well at least they were against Northern Ireland in Belfast in October 1967 [qualifying match number 4] when they lost 1-0 to a George Best-inspired home side in front of 55,000 spectators, a result which would prove to be extremely costly.

1967 would be a right mixed bag for although highlights would include a Wembley win, a Scottish club conquering Europe and the introduction of the dessert delicacy Angel Delight, that year would also see the demise of Third Lanark FC, Glasgow trolleybuses and steam passenger trains!

Back to the start however, and Kilmarnock boss Malky MacDonald was Scotland's caretaker manager for the first two games of the qualifying campaign which kicked-off on Saturday 22nd October 1966 with a 1-1 draw with Wales at Ninian Park, Cardiff. Ron Davies had given Wales the lead in the 76th minute before Denis Law equalised with four minutes remaining. Unbelievably, the match took place just the day after the Aberfan disaster when an accumulated rock and shale tip suddenly slid downhill into the south Wales village killing 116 children and 28 adults.

A month later Scotland defeated Northern Ireland 2-1 at Hampden Park but not before the visitors had taken the lead after only nine minutes. Bobby Murdoch got the equaliser with a long-range shot in the 14th minute with his Celtic clubmate and Scotland debutant, Bobby Lennox hitting the winner in the 35th minute. Indeed there were six Parkhead players in the line-up that day and

five of them would gain legendary status as part of Jock Stein's 'Lisbon Lions' Celtic team who in May 1967 became the first British side to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

In 1967 Bobby Brown left St Johnstone to become Scotland's first full-time manager and in April came the Wembley showdown with the then world champions England who fielded almost their entire 1966 winning line-up, Jimmy Greaves for Roger Hunt being the only change.

Scotland led 1-0 at half-time thanks to a goal from Denis Law but for all Scotland's dominance that's the way the score remained until the final 12 minutes when each team scored two apiece. Bobby Lennox made it 2-0 for Scotland in the 78th minute before Jack Charlton pulled one back for the hosts six minutes later. Three minutes after that, 'new boy' Jim McCalliog of Sheffield Wednesday made it 3-1 for Scotland before Geoff Hurst netted for England with two minutes remaining. Sunderland's Jim Baxter, who had been excellent that day, taunted the English further by playing 'keepie-uppie' with the ball but it might have been better if instead we had pressed for more goals, to try and avenge the 9-3 gubbing from England six years previous.

