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CAIRNEY, Harry 1961-

Arbroath Sep 10th 2004-Sep 24th 2005

Annan Athletic May 29th 2006-

Honours: None

Cairney took over at Arbroath after they lost their opening five league games, a sequence that extended to six after his first match in charge and he was unable to keep them in the 2nd division. A poor start to life in the 3rd led to him quitting after a 3-0 home loss to Cowdenbeath.

Cairney had managed non-league Annan Athletic before taking over at Gayfield and he returned there when the position became vacant in the close season of 2006. He was at the helm when Annan joined the SFL in 2008 and has enjoyed a modicum of success in the role with the southern club holding their own at league level.

CALDER, Bobby 1900-1983

Dunfermline Athletic Sep 1st 1947-Feb 9th 1948

Honours: None

Calder was an unusual managerial appointment in that he wasn't an ex-player but a former referee! He had finished his career as a match official by taking charge of the first ever League Cup Final then the first post-war Scottish Cup Final before becoming manager at East End Park.

There was no improvement in results during his brief time as boss with Dunfermline staying a mid-table B Division team but his resignation still came as a shock. Ostensibly on the grounds of his wife's poor health it later emerged that Calder had been disciplined for talking to the press and had lost the confidence of the board.

Dunfermline's loss was Aberdeen's gain as Calder became the Dons chief scout just over a year later, a position he held for more than thirty years and during which he unearthed many great players right in the Old Firm's backyard and sent them north, from Archie Glen all the way through to Alex McLeish.

CALDERON, Antonio 1967-

Raith Rovers Jul 1st 2002-May 19th 2004

Honours: 2nd Division Champion 2002-03

One of several Spanish players originally lured to Scotland to sample the delights of Airdrie by Steve Archibald, Calderon was with Kilmarnock when Raith approached him to take over after suffering relegation in 2002. He was an immediate success as both player and manager as Rovers returned to the 1st division as champions. Life was tougher in his second season but he did enough to keep the Kirkcaldy club up. But as his players celebrated survival after a draw with Brechin, Calderon already knew that Claude Anelka was taking over and, with a year on his contract still outstanding, refused to be demoted to be Anelka's number two. Calderon moved back to Spain where he has since coached at several lower level Spanish clubs.

CALDERWOOD, Colin 1965-

Hibernian Oct 18th 2010-

Honours: None

Having spent his entire career in England Calderwood was something of a surprise choice to replace John Hughes at Hibs. But he had a successful record as a manager, winning promotion with Northampton Town and Nottingham Forest. He was working as assistant manager to Chris Hughton at Newcastle United when he accepted the Easter Road offer.

He got off to a difficult start, losing his first three games including a home Edinburgh derby but then Hibs pulled off an amazing 3-0 win at Ibrox and won their next match at home, against Motherwell. Any thoughts that a corner had been turned were dashed by a run of nine games without a win. That was followed by an unbeaten run of seven, including five wins in a row which took Hibs away from any threat of relegation.

Calderwood's name was linked with two assistant positions in England on the eve of the 2010-11 season and he himself did nothing to dispel rumours he was considering quitting Easter Road. Eventually, he stayed on but the failure to fully commit did nothing to endear him to fans already doubtful as to his ability to take Hibs back to the upper echelons of the game.

CALDERWOOD, Jimmy 1955-

Dunfermline Athletic Nov 30th 1999-May 28th 2004

Aberdeen May 28th 2004-May 24th 2009

Kilmarnock Jan 14th 2010-May 31st 2010

Ross County Feb 17th 2011-May 7th 2011

Honours: Challenge Cup Winner 2010-11, 1st Division Promotion 1999-2000, Scottish Cup Finalist 2003-04

Like his namesake (but no relation) Colin, Jimmy Calderwood spent his entire playing career and early management years outside Scotland. But in his case he went further afield, moving to Holland to play in the late 1970s when it was rare for any British player to play abroad. He spent several years coaching and managing in the Netherlands before taking the Dunfermline job in 1999.

Calderwood took the Pars into the SPL at the first opportunity and kept them there, finishing as high as fourth in 2003-04, Dunfermline's best since 1965. The same season saw them reach the Scottish Cup Final for the first time since 1968. Despite taking the lead they couldn't hold on against Celtic and while it was a more even game than many anticipated they eventually lost 3-1 but as Celtic had already won the title, Dunfermline qualified to play in Europe for the first time since 1970.

Reckoning (probably correctly) that he had gone as far as he could at East End Park, Calderwood agreed to take over at Aberdeen. In his first season the Dons were fourth, missing out on Europe on goal difference but they were only sixth the next term. In 2006-07 they finished third, their best since 1996. That gave them a place in Europe after a five-year gap and they performed surprisingly well, beating Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk on away goals to reach the group stage of the UEFA Cup and thanks to a 4-0 win over Copenhagen they progressed to the knockout stages. Memories of past glories enveloped Pittodrie as they drew with Bayern Munich but they were comprehensively defeated in the second leg.

Aberdeen finished fourth in each of the next two seasons but with only the latter good enough to secure European qualification. Calderwood didn't see another European campaign, leaving at the end of 2008-09. There was a big difference in expectations between Dunfermline and Aberdeen. The former saw fourth as an achievement, the latter as commonplace and Calderwood came in for criticism for failing not just to win trophies but to take Aberdeen to a major final. There had been some embarrassing results in the domestic cups such as a penalty kicks defeat by Queen's Park in the League Cup. But it was the Scottish Cup that hurt the most, particularly a semi-final defeat by Queen of the South in 2008. Then, in 2009, came the result which finally put the nail in Calderwood's managerial coffin, when his old club Dunfermline came to Pittodrie in a quarter-final replay and won on penalties. It was no great surprise when club and manager parted company at the end of 2008-09.

What was surprising though was that Calderwood remained out of work until the following January when he agreed a short-term contract with Kilmarnock, then struggling to avoid relegation. There was a tense 90 minutes on the final day of the season when a 0-0 draw with Falkirk proved to be good enough to keep the Ayrshire club up and send the

Bairns down. The job was Calderwood's for the asking but he refused to take the post, citing the low budget available for players only to see his successor Mixu Paatelainen forge a top six side on the same budget.

His next move was equally baffling, replacing Willie McStay at Ross County, again on a short-term contract. For if money was short at Kilmarnock it certainly wasn't flowing with abandon in Dingwall. But this job did allow him to finally add a trophy to his CV. By rights the Challenge Cup Final should have been played in November, before Calderwood arrived in the Highlands. But horrendous weather forced a postponement until April so he was able to lead his team to victory over Queen of the South. His main task though was to avoid relegation to the 2nd division and in that he was successful. Job done, Calderwood left County at the end of the season.

CALDOW, Eric 1934-

Stranraer Aug 11th 1973-Jan 7th 1975

Honours: None

Rangers legend Caldow had management experience in non-league football in England as well as in the tough environment of the Ayrshire Juniors before pitching up at Stair Park. The Blues didn't do too badly during his term as manager but it was clear halfway through his second season they weren't going to make the top six - necessary to avoid the bottom division in the following season's reconstruction - and he resigned after a home Scottish Cup defeat to Queen's Park.

CALDWELL, Alex 1954-

Elgin City Aug 5th 2000-Dec 9th 2002

Honours: None

Caldwell was in charge when Elgin City joined the league in 2000. They didn't do as well as expected, finishing last in their first season. They improved to sixth in 2001-02 but it was only the sheer rank awfulness of East Stirling that kept them off the bottom spot again the next season and Caldwell resigned following a 4-0 home loss to Peterhead which was the ninth successive match without a win.

CALDWELL, George 1944-

Albion Rovers Jul 5th 1974-Aug 1976

Ayr United Apr 11th 1983-Oct 21st 1985

Honours: None

In his first season at Rovers they finished well below the cut-off point for reconstruction and were then mid-table in the new 2nd division. He became assistant to Willie McLean at Ayr and took over when the latter was sacked following United's plunge towards the 1st division relegation zone. They survived by a single point. 1983-84 was just as bad as despite the presence of players like Alan McInally, Robert Connor and Chic Charnley, Ayr escaped the drop by a solitary point once more.

Despite losing top players, Caldwell's side improved in 1984-85, finishing in a comfortable seventh position. But any thoughts of a revival were stilled in 1985-86 when United won just twice in their opening eleven games and were pitched into the relegation dogfight from the off. Oddly, it was after the second of those victories - against East Fife - that Caldwell resigned.

CALLACHAN, Ralph 1955-

Berwick Rangers Jun 1990-May 2nd 1992

Honours: None

Succeeded Jim Jefferies at Shielfield but the team fell back to mid-table in his first season and towards the bottom in his second. The high spots of his time came in the Scottish Cup when Berwick drew away at St Johnstone with the Premier Division side narrowly winning the replay 4-3 and also in an entertaining 7-4 win over the then Highland League Ross County. These were no substitute for league success and Callachan departed at the end of the 1991-92 season.

CAMERON, Colin 1972-

Cowdenbeath Jun 6th 2011-

Honours: None

Succeeded Jimmy Nicholl at the Fife club when Nicholl resigned to take up the assistant's post at Kilmarnock.

CAMERON, John 1872-1935

Ayr United Aug 17th 1918-May 10th 1919

Honours: None

Cameron had been a talented amateur as a player with Ayr Parkhouse and Queen's Park and had been capped by Scotland. Turning pro with Everton he was also secretary of the Players Union before becoming secretary, player AND manager of Tottenham Hotspur in which capacity he won the FA Cup in 1901 while that side was still in the Southern League.

Cameron was one of the pioneers of the game on the continent, taking up a position as coach to Dresden FC in 1912 and, as he was still there when war broke out in 1914, he was interned for almost the duration of the conflict before being released under a prisoner exchange in the summer of 1918.

His impact on Ayr United was immediate as he took over a team which had finished last in the eighteen-club Scottish League and, through some shrewd signings in a market complicated by the return of men from the forces throughout the season, took them up to sixth place a position bettered previously just twice in their history and not equalled again until 1973.

Unfortunately, almost four years in wartime confinement had taken their toll on Cameron and he felt unable to continue with Ayr.

CAMERON, Kenny 1942-

Montrose Dec 6th 1975-Mar 1979

Honours: None

Taking over when Alex Stuart moved to Ayr, Cameron inherited the best Montrose team in their history and he kept them on track for the remainder of the 1975-76 season when they finished third in the 1st division - or thirteenth of the then 38 league clubs. There was also an epic Scottish Cup quarter-final contest with Hearts which went to three games before the Edinburgh side scraped through.

As the Links Park side had also reached the semi-finals of the League Cup before Stuart departed, 1975-76 was always going to be a hard act to follow but Cameron's team performed well the next season, finishing fifth in the league. They slipped in 1977-78, becoming caught up in the relegation struggle but managed to finish eleventh, five points clear of the drop.

They did well in the League Cup in 1978-79, reaching the last eight and holding Celtic to a draw at Links Park before losing the second leg 3-1 for a 4-2 aggregate defeat. 4-2 was also the score for the visitors when Celtic visited in the Scottish Cup later in the season. But the league was always a struggle, with some hefty defeats. There was just one home victory in seven months and not even the fact that it came against arch-rivals Arbroath was enough to save Cameron and he left in March 1979 as Montrose's spell in the middle division drew to a close.

CAMPBELL, Bobby 1922-2009

Dumbarton Apr 19th 1961-May 25th 1962

Honours: None

Much was expected of Dumbarton under the leadership of the former Scotland internationalist who returned north from a coaching job with Reading. His sole season in charge proved to be disappointing though as the Sons slid down the table to third last. Nevertheless Dumbarton wanted to retain his services but he was tempted back south to become head coach at Bristol Rovers where he later returned to management.

CAMPBELL, Dick 1953-

Cowdenbeath Aug 8th 1987-Oct 17th 1987

Dunfermline Athletic Jan 6th 1999-Nov 2nd 1999

Brechin City May 30th 2000-Jan 4th 2005

Partick Thistle Jan 4th 2005-Mar 27th 2007

Ross County May 17th 2007-Oct 2nd 2007

Forfar Athletic May 8th 2008-

Honours: 3rd Division Champion 2001-02, 2nd Division Promotion 2002-03, 2005-06, 3rd Division Promotion 2009-10, Challenge Cup Finalist 2002-03

Twin brother of Ian. His first managerial experience with hometown club Cowdenbeath was little short of disastrous with just one win in twelve games. Campbell returned to coaching and it was almost twelve years later before he got the opportunity to manage again when Bert Paton stepped down at Dunfermline with the club bottom of the inaugural SPL. Campbell, who had been Paton's assistant, did enough to earn the appointment on a permanent basis even though the Pars were relegated and were further behind the pack at the end of the season than when he had taken over.

The Pars were unbeaten in their first eleven games the next season but draws kept them off the top of the table and when they lost their first game, to leaders St Mirren, Campbell resigned, citing the abuse his family were having to take from frustrated Fifers.

At the end of the season he took over at Brechin City, a club he had formerly captained, this time with Bert Paton as HIS assistant. City had finished third bottom of the league but Campbell had them challenging for promotion straight away, finishing third in 2000-01. The next season was even better as the Glebe Park romped away with the 3rd division title, finishing twelve points clear of Dumbarton. But Campbell's work wasn't over yet. In 2002-03 his team pulled off an amazing second successive promotion to take them back to the 1st division for the first time since the 1994 reconstruction. At that level they were competing against largely full-time clubs and were unable to survive more than twelve months.

Undeterred Campbell had his team on course for another 2nd division title when he was offered the chance to take over at Partick Thistle, a club in freefall. Just relegated from the SPL they were in the 1st division relegation zone and Campbell and assistant Jimmy Bone arrived too late to prevent the Jags dropping into the 2nd division as his old club Brechin passed them on the way up.

Under normal circumstances 2005-06 shouldn't have been considered a good season for the Jags. They could only finish fourth in the 2nd division, a whopping 31 points behind champions Gretna and 13 adrift of runners-up Morton. But circumstances weren't normal. Play-offs had been introduced for promotion and relegation and despite losing at home, Thistle dramatically seized a penalty kicks victory at Peterhead to return to the 1st division after one season away. Despite this success, Campbell had never been a fans favourite at Firhill and when results turned sour in 2006-07 he was forced out with just a few matches remaining and the club looking more or less safe from the drop.

He wasn't out of work for long as relegated Ross County were looking for a manager who knew how to win promotion from the 2nd division and Campbell's record indicated he fitted the bill. After just eight league games and with County top of the table he was sacked because his style of football wasn't attractive enough for the Dingwall directors.

It was for the ones at Forfar though. There was only one way to go with a club that had just finished bottom of the 3rd division. Mid-table respectability was achieved in his first season then promotion via the play-offs in 2009-10 before launching another assault on promotion the following season. But the 2009-10 campaign became mired in controversy when Campbell was featured in a tabloid newspaper after being recorded singing '*Derry's Walls*' in a karaoke bar full of Rangers supporters in Spain. Campbell, whose wife and children are all Catholic, was embarrassed by the incident which was blown up out of all proportion by the 24/7 feeding frenzy of the modern media.

In March 2011 as his team looked set fair for a 2nd division play-off place, Forfar announced that Campbell had been diagnosed with kidney cancer and that whenever his health precluded him from carrying out his duties, his twin brother Ian would fill the breach. The Loons reached the play-offs but were beaten by Ayr United.

CAMPBELL, Ian (1) 1937-2008

Forfar Athletic 1970-1972

Honours: None

Campbell, a PE teacher in Dundee, succeeded Jake Young at Station Park but was unable to build on the latter's comparative success as Forfar slid back to near the foot of the league, a position they had been accustomed to for most of the previous decade. The big event of his tenure was the establishment of the record club attendance when Rangers visited in the Scottish Cup in February 1970 and won 7-0 in front of 10,780 - the only home five figure gate in the club's history. He accepted an offer from Jim McLean to move on to the coaching staff at Tannadice and stayed there for over twenty years.

CAMPBELL, Ian (2) 1953-

Brechin City Jan 4th 2005-Mar 13th 2006

Honours: 2nd Division Champion 2004-05

Twin brother of Dick (and younger by twenty minutes). Has usually worked alongside his brother but when Dick moved to Partick Thistle, took the management plunge himself, inheriting a team on course to win the 2nd division title which they duly did. Life was much tougher in the 1st division and with relegation inevitable, he bowed out after a 5-1 defeat at Clyde. Has since hooked up with his brother again at Forfar, taking command when Dick has been unable to on account of illness.

CAMPBELL, Tommy

Forfar Athletic cs 1992-Dec 5th 1996

Arbroath Dec 5th 1996-May 1997

Montrose May 1997-Oct 17th 1998

Honours: 3rd Division Champion 1994-95

Took charge of Forfar following relegation from the 1st division. They couldn't get out of the 2nd in the next two seasons and found themselves in the 3rd when that division was established in 1994-95. Campbell's Forfar romped away with the title, thirteen points in front of Montrose and a massive twenty ahead of third-placed Ross County. They found it difficult in the 2nd and, despite accumulating a comparatively respectable forty points, were relegated at the end of the season. Forfar were on course for promotion again when he made a shock switch to Arbroath, then second bottom of the league. The Red Lichties finished bottom of the table while the Loons went up.

Campbell then left Arbroath for rivals Montrose - a decision which left the Gayfield club fuming and demanding, fruitlessly, Campbell pay them the £4,500 they had paid Forfar as compensation - and again made the wrong decision as Arbroath won promotion while Montrose languished in second bottom. There was no improvement at the start of 1998-99 and

Montrose were bottom of the league when Campbell suffered a heart scare when he was taken to hospital during a youth match in early September. He was unable to play an active role after that with Brian McLaughlin stepping in as caretaker until Campbell was forced to quit on medical advice a month later.

CAMPBELL, William

Third Lanark 1939-1944

Honours: None

A club director who took over the administrative side during wartime until manager George McMillan was re-appointed in 1944.

CARABINE, Jimmy 1911-1987

Third Lanark Nov 23rd 1946-May 1st 1950

Honours None

Former player Carabine came in at a difficult time for Third Lanark. On the field the team had made a poor start to the season and off it they were forced to play their home matches for a season and a half at Hampden while Cathkin underwent necessary and long overdue repairs. It was to the manager's credit they finished ninth and eleventh respectively. With a full season at their own ground Thirds moved up to seventh in 1948-49 but fell back to twelfth place the following season.

Carabine had fallen out with the board though and tendered his resignation at the end of March 1950 but in sharp contrast to the way these things are done now, agreed to carry on until the end of the season so that a new manager could be appointed for the following term.

Carabine never returned to management, instead going into sports writing for many years. He was killed in a road accident in Rutherglen in December 1987.

CARSON, Tom 1959-

Dumbarton Nov 4th 2000-May 3rd 2002

Honours: 3rd Division Promotion 2001-02

Assistant to Jimmy Brown, Carson replaced his former boss just in time for the Sons last match at their temporary Cliftonhill home and their first at their new stadium. The new ground gave a slight lift to performances but the team couldn't rise above mid-table. Carson did better in 2001-02 with big - by 3rd division standards - crowds of almost 2,000 turning out to see the Sons clinch promotion.

A bright future beckoned for Carson but it turned sour very quickly. His disputes with Director of Football Davie McParland seemed to be resolved in his favour when the latter quit, but just a week after winning promotion Carson quit too, saying he was embarrassed by some of the things said at board meetings. Carson has not returned to management since.

CHAPMAN, Jim 1965-

Albion Rovers Jun 15th 2005-May 7th 2007

Dumbarton Dec 31st 2007-Oct 27th 2010

Honours: 3rd Division Champion 2008-09

Spending two full seasons at Cliftonhill is like a lifetime at other clubs but Jim Chapman managed it, gradually improving the club's position in both terms. Yet his - and his coaching team's - reward was the sack after a dispute with Director of Football Robert Watt.

Chapman was soon back in the game, appointed on Hogmanay 2007 and had the satisfaction of beating Albion Rovers in his first match in charge. There wasn't much he could do for the Sons promotion prospects that season but he led them back to the 2nd division as champions a year later. Dumbarton finished in mid-table in 2009-10 but a dreadful start the next season with nine defeats and a draw in their first ten league games saw Chapman moved to the position of Director of Football with erstwhile number two Alan Adamson taking over, initially as caretaker.

CHAPMAN, John

Airdrieonians Aug 17th 1910-Oct 31st 1921

Honours: None

Two fourth-place finishes were the best Airdrie achieved under Chapman before he was made an offer he couldn't really refuse - manager of Manchester United. Although not the worldwide name they are today, United had still been one of the great English sides before the First World War. Unfortunately they were relegated with Chapman at the helm. He brought them back up but early in the 1926-27 season the FA sent a telegram to Old Trafford telling them that for "*improper conduct*" in his role as secretary-manager, Chapman was suspended forthwith and for the remainder of the season. Although the nature of the breaches of conduct were never made public United sacked him on the spot.

It is a peculiarity that the first three Airdrieonians managers all ended up being suspended by either the English or Scottish FA though never during their time at Broomfield.

CHEYNE, Alex 1907-1983**Arbroath May 6th 1949-Apr 23rd 1955****Honours: None**

The man whose goal against England in 1929 was regarded as the origin of the '*Hampden Roar*,' replaced Archie Anderson at Gayfield and was in charge when the club saw its record crowd of 13,510 for a Scottish Cup tie against Rangers in 1952 which the Red Lichties lost 2-0. That was also the season when Arbroath finished bottom of the B Division after finishing fourth from last and third bottom in Cheyne's first two seasons. They improved to eighth in 1952-53 but that turned out to be Cheyne's best season. In finishing third last in 1953-54 they escaped dropping into the C Division by a single point and when they struggled again in 1954-55 with just four teams below them there was only one conclusion to be drawn. Thus ended a Scotland playing legend's only attempt at management.

CHISHOLM, Gordon 1960-**Dundee United Mar 14th 2005-Jan 10th 2006****Queen of the South May 7th 2007-Mar 22nd 2010****Dundee Mar 22nd 2010-Oct 15th 2010****Honours: Scottish Cup Finalist 2004-05, 2007-08**

While Chisholm wasn't actually handed a Scottish Cup Final to add to his CV on a plate, Dundee United had already reached the semi-finals when he moved up from assistant to succeed Ian McCall as United slipped to the bottom of the SPL. Victory over Hibs followed before United lost 1-0 to Celtic in the final. Chisholm managed to guide the team to ninth place and last day safety as neighbours Dundee were relegated instead. He was confirmed as permanent manager three days later. Yet just eight months after that Chisholm became the fourth United manager to be sacked in less than four years even though the club were nowhere near the drop zone.

He returned as number two to McCall at Queen of the South and took over from his old boss once more when McCall moved on to Partick Thistle. He had a good league record at Palmerston Park, finishing fourth and fifth in his two full seasons there but once again it was in the Scottish Cup that the spotlight fell on him. Peterhead, Linlithgow Rose, Morton and Dundee were all beaten without conceding a goal as Queens marched into their first semi-final since 1950. They beat Aberdeen in a sensational match, taking the lead four times and being pegged back on three occasions but eventually, in a match which produced seven goals in 38

minutes, holding out for the last half hour to reach the final for the first time.

In the final against Rangers they looked dead and buried at half-time, trailing 3-0. But two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half made it a real contest with Rangers hanging on at the finish. Their achievement also meant European football for Queens though they switched their match against the Danish team Nordsjaelland to Airdrie and were beaten comfortably over two legs.

With Queens again doing well in the league it was no great surprise when the other half of Tayside came calling and Chisholm joined Dundee in March 2010, too late to influence the promotion race that season but great things were expected the next. Alas, all did not go according to plan and when Dundee were placed in administration for the second time in several seasons, Chisholm, along with his backroom staff and several players were dismissed.

CHRISTIE, Charlie 1966-

Inverness Caledonian Thistle Jan 13th 2006-Aug 20th 2007

Honours: None

Given his chance when Craig Brewster moved to Dundee United, Christie kept the Highland club in the SPL with some ease. But just three games into 2007-08 (admittedly three defeats) Christie made way for the man he replaced.

CHRISTIE, Frank 1927-1996

East Fife Oct 20th 1973-Sep 25th 1976

Honours: None

After a poor start to the season with one win and five defeats, East Fife sacked Pat Quinn and replaced him with Christie. The new man missed out on an historic achievement by a week. Not due to take up the cudgels until October 20th he wasn't there when kit man Alex Doig selected the side which beat Rangers to give East Fife their first - and last - win at Ibrox. Christie narrowly failed to keep his team in the top flight. Scoring was their problem - only nine goals at home all season. Even so they only lost out to Fife rivals Dunfermline on goal difference - by three goals - and vanished from the top division, never thus far to return.

The important job the next season wasn't to gain promotion, for there were no promotion slots on offer, but to finish in the top six and thus gain a place in the new 1st division in 1975-76. At times it was touch and go but eventually East Fife made it into fifth place. So the next season saw them play in a third different division in three seasons. This time it was

the men from Methil who had the upper hand on their rivals from the west of the county as they stayed up while the Pars, three points behind them, went down. 1976-77 opened badly with only one win in the first seven league games and, as is so often the case, the manager paid with his job.

CHRISTIE, Norman 1925-2010

Montrose Aug 12th 1959-Aug 1968

Honours: None

In Liverpool it may have been the Fab Four or Shankly. In London everything swung around Carnaby Street and the Americans put men on the moon while needlessly and savagely destroying Vietnam but in Montrose the 1960s are best remembered as the Norman Christie era.

Christie succeeded the first Links Park boss George Hill but it was he who was the first to select the team free from boardroom interference. Thus it was that the team which had finished last twice inside four seasons since being elevated from the C Division at last began to move up the table, with fifth place in 1961-62 and again in 1963-64 their best finishes.

It wasn't all upward progress. There was some embarrassment in the League Cup in 1964-65 when Montrose lost all six sectional matches but in 1966-67 they reached the last eight for the first time and drew 3-3 at home with Division One Airdrie before losing the second leg.

By the time Christie resigned - of his own volition and under no pressure from the board - he had established Montrose as a decent team and laid a platform for his successors - notably Alex Stuart - to build on.

CHRISTIE, Terry 1943-

Meadowbank Thistle Dec 27th 1980-1992

Stenhousemuir Oct 3rd 1992-Jan 24th 1999

Alloa Athletic Jan 24th 1999-Nov 16th 2003

Honours: 2nd Division Champion 1986-87, Challenge Cup Winner 1995-96, 1999-2000, 2nd Division Promotion 1982-83, 1999-2000, 2001-02, Challenge Cup Finalist 2001-02

Moved from Newton Grange Star to become Willie McFarlane's assistant at Meadowbank then took over in his own right. Christie transformed Edinburgh's third club from joke status to respected opponents. Never previously higher than fourth bottom, that seemed to be their continuing destiny until 1982-83 when they took the 2nd division by surprise, finishing runners-up and gaining promotion. Surviving in the 1st division was even

more of an achievement but after two seasons they were relegated and most assumed their climb to have been some kind of blip.

That turned out not to be the case. Even in their relegation season they made headlines, as Christie's men knocked Hibs out of the League Cup and marched on to the semi-finals where they held Rangers to a draw in their home leg (played at Tynecastle). Back in the lowest division they finished third then shocked everybody by holding off 'bigger' teams like Raith Rovers, Ayr United and Stirling Albion to win the title and move up again.

1987-88 was more incredible still as Meadowbank finished runners-up in the 1st division. They were denied promotion thanks to reconstruction. There is though no truth in the widespread rumour that this was a deliberate attempt to prevent them from getting into the Premier Division. The process was well-known and understood before the first ball of the season had been kicked. Nevertheless, Meadowbank Thistle were now ranked fourteenth in Scotland - a terrific achievement for a part-time club and its equally part-time manager who continued to teach for a living through almost quarter of a century in football management.

They never finished as high again but remained an established 1st division team under Christie before a dispute with the club ownership eventually brought his long reign to an end. It was no great surprise that they were relegated as soon as Christie departed.

But as one door slams shut.... Christie wasn't out of football for long, taking over at Stenhousemuir, another 2nd division club of little distinction and one which had never won anything of note in over seventy years in the league. In his first full season he took them to third place, good enough to guarantee them a spot in the third level of Scottish football in the new four-division set-up which started the following season. It's doubtful though whether that should be classified as a promotion as the team was still playing in the 2nd division with two divisions above them. Christie kept them at this level for four seasons until they were relegated in 1998.

But once again it was in the knockout tournaments that the owner of the most famous duffel coat in Scottish football drew admiration from his peers. In the Scottish Cup in 1994-95 he took his little club on an amazing run. After ousting East Stirlingshire and Arbroath to reach the last 32 Stenhousemuir began to mix it with the big boys. They drew away to 1st division St Johnstone then destroyed them 4-0 at Ochilview in the replay. That brought a visit from Aberdeen and on a day never to be forgotten by those in attendance Stenhousemuir deservedly defeated their illustrious opponents 2-0 to reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 1950.

Dreams of a semi-final place proved to be just that when Hibernian visited in the last eight and won 4-0. Nevertheless it has been a magnificent achievement.

It was almost emulated the next season when the same two opponents in Arbroath and East Stirlingshire were again defeated - though in different order - before another Premier scalp was claimed when they beat Falkirk 2-0. With a home match next against Caledonian Thistle, then in the 3rd division, another quarter-final loomed but the Highlanders won 1-0. But those two seasons speak volumes about Christie's achievements at Stenhousemuir. The first is the only time they have played in the quarter-finals for over sixty years and the second the only other occasion they have been in the last sixteen in the past half-century.

They didn't do as well in the League Cup, though they pushed Falkirk to extra time and lost out to Hearts at Tynecastle only on penalty kicks. But there was now another knockout competition, specifically designed for those clubs not in the Premier Division, the Challenge Cup. It was in this competition that Terry Christie and Stenhousemuir made history.

It may have been aimed at the smaller clubs but in 1995-96 the entrants included such luminaries of the Scottish game as St Mirren, Dunfermline Athletic and both Dundee clubs. Stenhousemuir started out with a bye then defeated Montrose before being drawn away to Dundee in the quarter-finals. That, most assumed, would be the end of the road. They were wrong. Stenhousemuir travelled to Dens Park and dominated proceedings throughout, winning 3-1 to add Dundee's scalp to their ever-growing list of giants slain. Another away win, at Stirling Albion, followed and suddenly they were in the final of a national competition for the first time since the Qualifying Cup more than ninety years previously.

Their opponents were Dundee United, a club slumming it briefly outside of the top flight for the first time in 35 years. A team that less than eighteen months earlier had lifted the Scottish Cup at Hampden. A team that just over a year ago had been playing in the European Cup-Winners Cup. Now they were here, at McDiarmid Park, Perth, on level terms with little Stenhousemuir.

Surely United wouldn't fail where their neighbours had? Yet Christie's men gave as good as they got and while the game itself was no classic they matched their opponents over 120 gruelling minutes as both full-time and extra time elapsed with neither side able to score. Now it came down to penalty kicks and with the steely determination Christie had bred into his side it was Stenhousemuir who emerged triumphant by 5-4. There were few if any who could remember those Qualifying Cup victories at the start

of the century but the Stenhousemuir contingent among the 7,856 present would never forget this triumph near the 20th century's close.

Christie had Stenhousemuir on course for a quick return to the 2nd division and the club's first genuine promotion in 1998-99 when he left for Alloa in January 1999. His final game in charge was a Scottish Cup tie at Ibrox in which his side gave a good account of themselves in losing 2-0 and in which his skipper and successor at Ochilview, Graeme Armstrong, played his 1,000th competitive game.

The Challenge Cup continued to be popular with Christie at Alloa. In his first season they reached the final, winning every game away from home along the way. The final was played at Airdrie and the opponents were the fancied Inverness Caledonian Thistle, a team that later that season would put Celtic out of the Scottish Cup at Parkhead.

Not only was Christie now with a new club, this final was a total contrast to his previous one though the end result was the same. Goals rained down as the match finished 4-4 after extra time. But once again it was Christie's team that held their nerve better to win 5-4 on penalties. Alloa enjoyed a good Scottish Cup run that season as well after surviving an early scare against Whitehill Welfare. They drew away to Kilmarnock then knocked the SPL side out in the replay before drawing at home to Dundee United. Beating two SPL teams turned out to be too much to ask and they lost easily in the Tannadice replay.

Two years later they were back in the Challenge Cup Final, facing Airdrieonians in what turned out to be that club's final season. The final was played at Broadwood but it was third time unlucky for Christie as Alloa lost 2-1 over 90 minutes.

His first full season at Recreation Park saw Alloa end up second and gain promotion to the 1st division. But this was a much harder league to stay in than in his Meadowbank days as now there were only ten clubs in it and the Wasps came straight back down in 2001. Undeterred, Christie promptly took them back up again as runners-up to Queen of the South. Once again it proved a step too far as Alloa were relegated on goal difference.

Alloa got off to a bad start the next season and a home defeat to Berwick was the fifth successive loss. It was enough to persuade Christie to go. He explained that he had been in senior football as player and manager for 43 years and it was simply time to quit. And with that he hung up his duffel coat and left management for good.

CLARK, John 1941-

Cowdenbeath Mar 1984-Dec 17th 1985

Stranraer Jan 8th 1986-May 3rd 1986

Clyde Aug 9th 1986-May 2nd 1992

Honours: None

Previously assistant to Billy McNeill at Aberdeen and Celtic, he took over a struggling Cowdenbeath side near the foot of the table and transformed them into promotion contenders, finishing fourth in his only full season in charge. Cowden were surprised to see him resign, even more so when he took over at Stranraer shortly afterwards. He could do nothing to move them off the bottom of the table in his few months there and moved on to Clyde when Craig Brown joined the Scotland set-up.

He joined Clyde just as they began their travels, having vacated Shawfield and keeping them in the 1st division whilst playing 'home' matches at first Firhill and latterly Douglas Park was always going to be a struggle. Yet for five years Clark did so, never more memorably than on the last day of the 1988-89 season when a 97th minute goal for Clyde against St Johnstone kept them up and sent Kilmarnock down. But his luck ran out in 1990-91 and they were relegated. They failed to make it back at the first attempt, finishing fifth, and Clark resigned after six years at the helm.

He returned to Celtic, where he had played for twelve years, as kit-man and can still be seen on the Celtic bench at every match, the last of the *Lisbon Lions* still active in football today.

CLARK, Nobby 1950-

Queen of the South Jun 1984-Aug 4th 1986

Stranraer Aug 4th 1986-1987

Honours: 2nd Division Promotion 1985-86

Clark was an instant management success at the club he made over 300 playing appearances for. He picked things up after a disappointing end to 1983-84 and put the club back on an even keel. He made some major changes to personnel for the next season and everything clicked into place in 1985-86 with Queens winning promotion behind Dunfermline. Yet right at the moment of his triumph things turned sour. The board refused to sanction strengthening the team for the 1st division and, on top of that, failure to increase wages led to several players leaving. Clark felt he couldn't continue under these conditions so he left for Stranraer.

He lifted the Blues away from the bottom of the league in his first season but they had drifted back to the bottom by the time he left early in the 1987-88 season. An accountant by profession Clark kept up his involvement in the game by undertaking 'spying' missions for Motherwell for several years.

CLARK, Sandy 1956-

Partick Thistle Nov 3rd 1989-Mar 2nd 1990

Heart of Midlothian May 5th 1993-Jun 20th 1994

Hamilton Academical Sep 10th 1996-Sep 5th 1998

St Johnstone Sep 6th 1998-Sep 24th 2001

Berwick Rangers Oct 14th 2004-May 11th 2005

Honours: 2nd Division Promotion 1996-97, League Cup Finalist 1998-99

Given his break when John Lambie left Firhill for Hamilton, initially things seemed okay but a run of thirteen games without a win took its toll. With Thistle losing at venues like Cliftonhill and Recreation Park his reign was abruptly terminated.

He took over at Hearts at the tail end of 1992-93 but his one full season wasn't a good one either with the Edinburgh club finishing too close to the relegation zone for comfort. Clark enjoyed more success at Hamilton where he took over early in the season and guided them back into the 1st division as runners-up to Ayr United. It was a struggle to survive in the higher sphere but they just managed to do so and 1998-99 got off to a promising start with the first five games unbeaten when Clark received an offer from newly promoted St Johnstone to return to the top division in the newly created SPL to replace Tannadice-bound Paul Sturrock.

His first season was absolutely glorious. Saints finished third in the league and qualified for Europe. The first time they had achieved either since 1971. They reached the League Cup Final - for the first time since 1969-70 - without conceding a goal, knocking out both Edinburgh clubs, only to lose 2-1 to Rangers. And they reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup for the first time in a decade, losing once more to Rangers.

That was always going to be tough to follow. In Europe they got past the first round before losing to Monaco though earning an excellent draw at home. And while they slipped a bit in the SPL they were still good enough to finish fifth. The next season was more worrying. Although the SPL had expanded to twelve clubs St Johnstone slipped back to tenth.

St Johnstone chairman Geoff Brown has never been noted for his patience where managers are concerned and eight games into 2001-02 with his side bottom with three draws and five defeats he sacked Clark following a 4-0 defeat at Easter Road.

Clark wasn't short of work, always being in demand for coaching jobs and media punditry though it was a while before he gave management another

crack, taking over at Berwick Rangers, but the Shielfield side finished bottom of the 2nd division at the end of Clark's short reign.

CLARKE, Dave

East Fife Jan 28th 1978-Feb 9th 1987

Falkirk Feb 21st 1987-Aug 29th 1988

East Fife Apr 25th 2001-Jan 16th 2002

Honours: 2nd Division Promotion 1983-84

East Fife were already hurtling towards relegation to the 2nd division when club record appearance holder Clarke took over and there was nothing he could do to prevent it. He was given a surprising amount of time to forge a side capable of returning and it was six years before promotion was achieved. But once back in the 1st he kept them there and an impressive fifth in 1985-86 drew admiring glances from elsewhere. He attracted more attention in 1986-87 after East Fife held Rangers to a goalless draw over 120 minutes and were only beaten 5-4 on penalties (the first of an amazing seven consecutive seasons East Fife lost a League Cup tie in penalties). When he steered East Fife into contention for promotion, Falkirk, fighting to avoid relegation from the Premier, came calling and after nine years in charge and nineteen since he first signed up as a player, Clarke left Bayview.

Falkirk had lost seven games in succession when he took over and that run extended to eleven before they won a point under him. Clarke was in charge for ten matches before he won one but it was a crucial one, away to relegation rivals Hamilton. The Bairns won only twice in the fourteen matches played under his command but the second was a shock victory away to Celtic which secured Premier football for another season.

It was a struggle again the next season, with three clubs scheduled to go down and it wasn't until mid-September that Clarke's team finally won at home - in his fifteenth attempt as manager. The Bairns actually won five more points than the previous season but again finished third from last and this time that wasn't good enough.

Surprisingly, Clarke was the first managerial casualty of 1988-89. Two draws and a defeat wasn't the greatest of starts but far from disastrous. Nevertheless Falkirk dismissed him and Clarke remained out of the game until his first love came calling near the end of the 2000-01 season.

Sometimes the old saying about never going back turns out to be accurate. It certainly was in Clarke's case. It took eight matches to get a win on the board and there were some embarrassing defeats. After a run of four successive losses Clarke called it a day.

CLOUGHERTY, Mark 1951-**Dumbarton Aug 8th 1987-Jan 16th 1988****Honours: None**

The Sons had narrowly missed out on promotion to the Premier in 1986-87 but lost manager Alex Totten to St Johnstone. In came long serving player Mark Clougherty to replace him. Disputes over players contracts and an opening day 5-0 defeat by Clyde didn't augur well and Dumbarton struggled throughout. Defeat in a vital home fixture against Queen of the South which left Dumbarton in the bottom two was the signal for the end of Clougherty's brief spell in management.

CLUNIE, Jim 1933-2003**St Mirren Jun 5th 1978-Nov 26th 1980****Kilmarnock Jan 31st 1981-Sep 29th 1984****Honours: 1st Division Promotion 1981-82**

Former player Clunie was coaching at Southampton when he agreed to take on the difficult task of replacing Alex Ferguson at Love Street. But he built on Fergie's achievements to take the Buddies first to mid-table then to third place - a position they hadn't reached since 1893 - and into Europe for the first time. For good measure his team also won the Anglo-Scottish Cup, the only Scottish success in that competition.

They did reasonably well in Europe, progressing past the first round and drawing at home with French giants St Etienne before losing in France and by the end of November were seventh in the league and had just beaten Celtic at Parkhead the previous Saturday. It was a sensation therefore when St Mirren - in a repeat of their Ferguson decision - sacked Clunie four days after that Parkhead triumph.

He wasn't out of work for long, taking over from Davie Sneddon at Rugby Park two months later. Kilmarnock were already certainties for relegation but Clunie brought them back up twelve months later. A second relegation wasn't laid at his door either as Killie, then a part-time club, were always going to struggle to survive in a ten-club top division. But there were rumblings when the Ayrshire team failed to mount a promotion challenge in 1983-84 and more when they slumped towards the wrong end of the 1st division in 1984-85. A 5-0 home thrashing by Airdrieonians was the final blow and a management career which had looked promising four years beforehand came to a sudden end.

COCHRANE, John 1890-1961**St Mirren Jul 1916-Apr 21st 1928**

Honours: Scottish Cup Winner 1925-26

Johnstone-born Cochrane became St Mirren manager in the middle of the First World War and spent twelve seasons at Love Street. Usually in the middle of the table the Buddies got a shock in 1920-21 when they finished last. Promotion and relegation were introduced the next season and the team improved to eighth. After that they were always in the top half of the table under Cochrane, finishing sixth for the next three seasons then fourth in 1925-26, tenth the year after that and fifth in his final season.

Cochrane also oversaw ground improvements and brought in some talented players to Paisley but his greatest achievement came in 1925-26 when the Buddies lifted the Scottish Cup for the first time. They defeated Mid-Annandale before surviving a scare at Arbroath, winning after a replay. Home wins over Airdrieonians and Partick Thistle - both recent winners of the trophy - took them into a semi-final where they beat Rangers 1-0. In the final they defeated holders Celtic 2-0.

In 1928 Cochrane accepted an offer to join Sunderland and took his trainer Andy Reid with him. At Roker Park the pair built up a team comprised of Scottish stars and local talent and won the club's sixth league title in 1936 - their first since 1913 and their last to date. Twelve months on Sunderland won the FA Cup for the first time and Cochrane became the first man to have managed both Scottish and English cup winners. He left Sunderland in early 1939 only to pop up at Reading at the start of the next season but war intervened to bring an end to a long and largely successful career.

COCHRANE, Robert

Morton Aug 15th 1908-Apr 30th 1927, Aug 8th 1931-Apr 21st 1934

Honours: Scottish Cup Winner 1921-22, Scottish League Runner-Up 1916-17

His first period at the helm lasted for almost two decades but was brought to an end by relegation in 1927 after 27 years in the top division. But it was the Scottish Cup which made Bob Cochrane a Greenock hero. Morton fancied their chances in the first post-war tournament in 1919-20 but lost out to Kilmarnock in the last four. Two years later they beat Vale of Leithen at home, Clydebank after an away replay, Clyde at home and Motherwell away to reach the semis again.

Their opponents were Aberdeen and had either of the Old Firm been involved the match would have been played in Glasgow but the SFA ordered it to go ahead at Dens Park. Despite this disadvantage Morton won 3-1 to win the right to face Rangers at Hampden. Morton weren't exactly confident. They made no arrangements for post-match

celebrations and weren't even returning to Greenock after the game. Nor did they even consider the possibility of a replay as they were scheduled to play a friendly against Hartlepools United 48 hours later.

But, in what turned out to be a physical game even by the standards of the time, Morton emerged triumphant. It was left to their chairman to receive the trophy while Cochrane got hold of some Queen's Park officials to 'borrow' some champagne. The next day saw possibly the most bizarre Scottish Cup victory celebration as Cochrane, the trophy, and his players got off a train in Hartlepool to be met by the town band and a crowd of locals who accompanied them on their way to their hotel.

Cochrane returned to Morton four years after his departure to find the club back in Division One but struggling. He couldn't keep them up and they were relegated in 1933. When they failed to regain their place the following season he left again, this time for good.

COLLINS, Gerry 1955-

Partick Thistle May 24th 2003-Nov 30th 2003

Honours: None

When '*The Great Lambini*' left Partick Thistle for a third time, having secured their SPL status, long-time assistant Collins succeeded him but a terrible start to 2003-04 finished his managerial career before it had properly begun. With just two points from fourteen games, including ten successive defeats, Collins was sacked at the end of November 2003.

COLLINS, James

Dumbarton May 8th 1914-Mar 1919, Sep 1920- Apr 23rd 1921

Honours: None

Dumbarton's first manager took over shortly before the outbreak of war and in the circumstances did a fine job, considering the club had just completed its first season in the top flight in the 20th century. He took them away from the foot of the table to thirteenth in his first season then to ninth, tenth and eighth in the three seasons after that. When you consider that the highest the Sons have finished in over ninety years since is tenth then that was a job well done. They struggled in his final season in charge and he resigned in March to concentrate on the administrative side but came back as manager for 1920-21 when Dumbarton struggled, finishing second bottom.

COLLINS, John 1968-

Hibernian Oct 31st 2006-Dec 20th 2007

Honours: League Cup Winner 2006-07

Inherited a team that under Tony Mowbray had won much praise for their style of play. Beating Hearts in the League Cup quarter-finals a week into the job wasn't a bad start and Hibs went on to win the trophy for the first time in fifteen seasons.

All was not well though and rumours abounded concerning disputes with players over the alleged severity of his training regime. Unhappy with the transfer budget available, Collins resigned after little more than a year in charge and has since become a regular TV pundit. It is surprising, given his record in his short spell in charge, that management hasn't beckoned elsewhere.

COLLINS, Ralph 1924-

Airdrieonians Jul 11th 1967-Oct 28th 1970

Honours: None

Trainer when he succeeded Archie Wright, he kept Airdrie clear of relegation worries then took them to seventh in his second season, the first time in a decade they had finished in the top half of the table. 1969-70 wasn't quite as good but the Diamonds were well clear of the drop zone. Cups were less successful though they produced a Scottish Cup quarter-final against Rangers in 1968 which was narrowly lost. Collins also took Airdrie into the inaugural Texaco (later, Anglo-Scottish) Cup where they pulled off a sensational penalties victory over Nottingham Forest.

But Collins was a part-time manager and a shift worker into the bargain, so it was a difficult juggling act he had to perform, and he resigned in late October 1970 with Airdrie lying a healthy seventh in Division One.

COLMAN, Donald 1878-1942

Dumbarton Aug 19th 1922- Jan 1931

Honours: None

Never played senior football until he was 27 and changed his name from Cunningham to avoid the wrath of a disapproving father, he is also credited with the invention of the dugout - or technical area to give it its modern name. Despite being in his forties Colman was still a player when he succeeded Pat Travers as manager and turned out occasionally for the first team until close to his 45th birthday.

He took over at a bad time with the Sons just relegated from the top flight. In his first season he introduced future *'Wembley Wizard'* Alex Jackson into the team and steered them to fourth place but that was as close as they came to regaining their lost status as they became stalled in mid-table, even sliding close to the bottom on a couple of occasions.

Even so Colman retained his reputation as an innovative coach and worked in Norway during the Scottish close season. His old boss Travers offered him a position as coach at Aberdeen in 1931 which Colman was happy to accept.

COLVILLE, Harry 1924-1999

Cowdenbeath May 11th 1960-Apr 29th 1964

Honours: None

A dedicated sportsman who also played cricket and curling, Colville took up the Central Park cudgels two weeks after his playing career came to an end. He assumed command of the worst club in the league and had an up and down experience in his four seasons in charge. He took Cowden into the top half in his first season but they slipped closer to the bottom the next. It was the top half again in 1962-63 but third bottom in his final season.

COMBE, Bobby 1924-1991

Dumbarton Aug 9th 1959-Nov 10th 1960

Honours: None

Long-time Hibernian servant Combe appeared to be winding down his career at Boghead when he was offered the opportunity to become the club's first full-time manager in a bid to make the final push to win the promotion the Sons had just missed out on over the past few seasons. But although they finished sixth in his only full season in charge, with some big names arriving at Boghead, they were never really in with a shout of going up. Dumbarton reached the quarter-finals of the League Cup for only the second time early in 1960-61 but a comparatively poor start to the league, coupled with Combe's refusal to move west from his Edinburgh home brought an end to his time in management.

CONN, Sammy 1961-

Cowdenbeath Feb 22nd 1997-Nov 15th 1997

Honours: None

His short spell at Central Park encompassed the end of one season and the start of another. Travelling from his Irvine home to Fife took its toll and he made way to give Craig Levein his start in management. Later a youth coach at Ayr United then involved in the Ayrshire Juniors, Conn became yet another former footballer to be diagnosed with the debilitating Motor Neurone Disease.

CONNELL, Davie

East Stirlingshire Oct 3rd 1987-Aug 16th 1989**Honours: None**

Took over from Dennis Lawson. Took them to sixth place before falling back a bit to ninth in his only full season. A poor start in 1989-90 led to a panicked board removing him. Like so many others before and after him he moved into the ranks of the Juniors.

CONNOLLY, John 1950-**Queen of the South May 6th 2000-May 3rd 2004****St Johnstone May 3rd 2004-April 4th 2005****Honours: 2nd Division Champion 2001-02, Challenge Cup Winner 2002-03**

Connolly had been out of Scottish football for a long time, coaching in non-league football in the north-east of England when he was appointed at Palmerston Park. He took over a side that should have been relegated to the 3rd division, spared only by a points deduction that sent Hamilton down instead. He made wholesale changes to the team, bringing in ten new players during the summer. After achieving mid-table in his first season his team ran away with the 2nd division title the next, finishing eight points clear at the top to bring 1st division football back to Dumfries after a thirteen-year gap.

Queens adapted easily to the higher league, finishing fifth in each of the next two seasons and in 2002-03 Connolly brought silverware to the club with a Challenge Cup success, beating Peterhead, Morton and Dumbarton without conceding a goal then winning a thrilling encounter 5-3 away to St Mirren before going on to beat Brechin City 2-0 in the Broadwood final.

It was no great surprise when his former club St Johnstone moved in for him near the end of 2003-04. But the Perth club fell back in his sole season in charge, ending up eighth in the table, as Queen of the South continued to rise and Connolly became the latest but not the last manager to fall foul of Saints chairman Geoff Brown.

CONNOR, Frank 1936-**Cowdenbeath Dec 1975-Sep 18th 1977****Berwick Rangers Nov 6th 1980-Jul 16th 1982****Raith Rovers Mar 21st 1986-Nov 5th 1990****Honours: 2nd Division Promotion 1986-87**

Better known for a long and distinguished career in coaching, Connor has had three spells in management. Originally number two to Dan McLindon at Central Park he succeeded him before leaving Cowdenbeath for a coaching job with Celtic. He took over a Berwick Rangers side that had already shipped nine goals in one match and six in another and was already doomed to relegation. He managed to bring some respectability back to the scorelines and had them challenging for promotion the next season, finishing fourth, just two points short of a return to the 1st division. Connor was number two to Jock Wallace at Motherwell and David Hay at Celtic before becoming Raith Rovers manager at a time when the Kirkcaldy club were stuck in the middle of the 2nd division.

Within a season he had them promoted as runners-up to Meadowbank Thistle. He kept Rovers in the top half of the 1st division but could never quite build a promotion-winning team, not all that surprising as the board refused to sanction full-time football at Stark's Park. Once again he found the lure of being number two at a bigger club too tempting and he moved to Hearts as assistant to Joe Jordan.

Connor moved back to Celtic when Liam Brady was manager and stayed there under Lou Macari and Tommy Burns. He never returned to permanent management though he was caretaker at Celtic between Brady's departure and Macari's arrival, enjoying an unbeaten spell including a European tie. He later coached at Morton and Ayr United.

CONNOR, Robert 1960-

Ayr United Mar 1st 2005-Feb 26th 2007

Honours: None

Took over with eleven games of the season remaining and facing the possibility of 3rd division football. Despite not getting a win until his fifth match in charge and no more after that, Ayr just managed to avoid the drop. In his only full season in charge they ended up with the same points total (42) but moved up to a comfortable sixth. The hope was for a promotion play-off spot in 2006-07 but a disastrous run with just one win in fourteen games, two points off the relegation play-offs and supporters vociferously demanding the manager's head, Connor was axed three days short of two years in the job.

COOPER, Neale 1963-

Ross County Jun 1996-Nov 11th 2002

Peterhead Jan 10th 2008-Mar 22nd 2011

Honours: 3rd Division Champion 1998-99, 2nd Division Promotion 1999-2000

After two near misses in his first two seasons in Dingwall (missing out on goal difference and by a single point) his team stormed to the 3rd division title in 1998-99 and their first promotion since joining the league five years earlier. There were three promotion places on offer the next season thanks to reconstruction and County claimed the third place. Many thought they had risen too far too fast but they finished a respectable sixth in their first season in the 1st division and despite a bad start rose to fourth the next term and, satisfyingly, ahead of rivals Inverness Caledonian Thistle for only the second time (and to date the last) since both clubs joined the SFL in 1994.

Cooper's teams had also produced some impressive stuff in the League Cup too. In 1997-98 they beat Dundee United before losing to Hearts only on penalties at Tynecastle in the last eight. They gained revenge for that in 2001-02, knocking out Hearts on penalties in Dingwall, then going on to beat Dundee before losing 2-1 at home to Rangers in the quarter-finals.

But just about every manager has a shelf life and Cooper's expired in the autumn of 2002 with just one win in eleven games and County struggling near the bottom of the table. Cooper joined Hartlepool United in the close season of 2003 and took them to sixth in the Second Division (now League One) and the play-offs. He resigned just before they reached the play-offs again the next year. A short spell with Gillingham was less successful and he came back to Scotland as coach under Steve Paterson at Peterhead, eventually taking over in January 2008. They just missed a play-off place in his first season, lost in the play-offs in 2008-09 and just missed out on reaching them again in 2009-10. The next season was a poor one and with Peterhead anchored to the bottom of the table and no sign of improvement, Cooper left after just over three years in charge.

COOPER, Neil 1959-

Forfar Athletic Nov 1st 2000-Jan 14th 2003

Honours: None

Promoted Forfar had won only two league matches out of fifteen when Cooper was appointed and it took the new boy five games to notch up his first success - but what a win it was, 7-0 at home against Stenhousemuir. That was the spark which helped Forfar survive on goal difference. They were in contention at the other end of the table in 2001-02, finishing third. Forfar were having another good season in 2002-03 when Cooper left to take up a position as youth coach at Aberdeen.

CORMACK, Peter 1946-

Partick Thistle Dec 4th 1980-May 12th 1984

Cowdenbeath Dec 5th 2000-Dec 15th 2000

Morton Jul 20th 2001-Mar 14th 2002

Honours: None

Former Hibby Cormack was the replacement at Firhill when Bertie Auld departed for Easter Road. He inherited a mid-table side and despite winning only four of the remaining twenty league matches they finished sixth. But Thistle lost their first five games the next season and were always struggling, eventually finishing four points from safety. Cormack was given the chance to bring them back up but they could only finish fourth then third, on both occasions five points away from promotion. How he was expected to build a promoted team when both Alan Rough and Maurice Johnston were transferred was a question to which no one could give an easy answer. Thistle offered him part-time terms to stay on but Cormack departed for coaching posts elsewhere, including Cyprus, Botswana and assistant to Alex Miller at Hibs while Thistle stayed mired in the 1st division for another eight years.

He had been out of the game for a few years when he was offered the job at Cowdenbeath, replacing Craig Levein. He accepted only to find coaching staff and players in revolt at his appointment as they expected the job to go to Levein's assistant Gary Kirk. After ten days and without a single game being played the club chairman sacked Cormack inside a MacDonald's!

His final position was at Morton where he had previously been assistant. He took over when the Greenock club had just been relegated from the 1st division, having been lucky to survive a major financial crisis. He was unable to transform their fortunes and resigned with Morton facing a second successive relegation. Cormack may have enjoyed one moment of schadenfreude the day before his departure from Cappielow when his Cowdenbeath nemesis - Gary Kirk - complained in the press that he had been sacked by mobile phone.

At least Cormack got a Big Mac from the Cowden chairman.

COUGHLIN, John 1963-

St Mirren Sep 5th 2002-Nov 25th 2003

Berwick Rangers May 13th 2005-Oct 6th 2007

Stenhousemuir Oct 12th 2007-Dec 11th 2010

East Stirlingshire May 31st 2011-

Honours: 3rd Division Champion 2006-07, 2nd Division Promotion 2008-09

Tom Hendrie's assistant at St Mirren, Coughlin took over when Hendrie was sacked. It was a dire season for the Buddies but eventually they just managed to avoid relegation to the 2nd division. With just three wins in the first fourteen games the next season, Coughlin bowed to the inevitable. He had a better experience at Berwick, taking them to the play-offs in his first season and winning the 3rd division title the next. Berwick struggled in the higher sphere, winning just one of their first nine games but Coughlin was a wanted man and left the wee Gers for Stenhousemuir even though the latter were in the 3rd division.

In 2008-09 he brought them up via the play-offs and kept them in the 2nd division the next season but with a real struggle on their hands to avoid relegation in 2010-11, Coughlin departed shortly before Xmas, taking up the role of head coach at East Stirlingshire in the close season of 2011.

COWIE, Doug 1926-

Raith Rovers May 21st 1963-May 8th 1964

Honours: None

Cowie left playing and coaching at Morton to take over after Rovers had been relegated in humiliating fashion, failing to win a home game. Raith made no impact on the promotion race in his season in charge, ending up in a disappointing mid-table position. Cowie resigned, returning to coach at Cappielow and later became a scout for Dundee United.

COX, Jackie 1911-1990

Hamilton Academical Dec 4th 1953-Aug 21st 1956

Ayr United Aug 21st 1956-Nov 28th 1961

St Mirren Dec 28th 1962-May 6th 1965

Honours: Division Two Champion 1958-59

Cox succeeded veteran manager Andrew Wyllie at an Accies already doomed to relegation. They narrowly missed out on returning the next season but fell back into the pack in 1955-56 though they didn't do badly in the Scottish Cup, reaching two quarter-finals only to lose both to Celtic. Midway through the League Cup sectional games (which at that time preceded the league season) Cox was offered the chance to manage Ayr United in their first post-war season in the top flight. He couldn't keep them up however and fifth place, eleven points away from promotion in 1957-58 didn't augur well. But Cox's side were sensational in 1958-59, winning promotion by fifteen clear points from Stenhousemuir in third and the title by nine points from runners-up Arbroath

The next season saw Ayr finish eighth in Division One, their best since reaching the same position in 1934 and one which wouldn't be surpassed until 1973. With Ayr also reaching the last eight of the Scottish Cup this was easily his best season at Somerset Park. After that, 'second season syndrome' appeared to kick in and Ayr struggled, eventually failing to avoid the drop. They weren't doing badly in 1961-62 and it was something of a surprise when Cox left after five years with Ayr in fifth, four points off a promotion place and with a game in hand.

Just over a year later, struggling St Mirren gave Cox the chance to succeed Bobby Flavell (ironically, Flavell had taken over from Cox at Ayr). He kept the Buddies up, finishing twelfth in both 1962-63 & 1963-64. They dropped three places the next season but thanks to the sheer rank awfulness of the bottom pair of Airdrie and Third Lanark were never in danger of going down. At the end of 1964-65 the St Mirren directors took the decision to place the players on a part-time footing. Cox was in violent disagreement with this move and promptly resigned, never to return to management.

COYLE, Owen 1966-

Falkirk Jan 30th 2003-May 20th 2003

St Johnstone Apr 15th 2005-Nov 22nd 2007

Honours: 1st Division Champion 2002-03 Challenge Cup Finalist 2006-07

Promoted alongside John Hughes to joint player-manager when Ian McCall left for Dundee United. The pair kept the Bairns on course for the 1st division title but strict SPL ground requirements meant they weren't promoted. Hughes continued at Falkirk while Coyle went back to playing, though coaching as well. Towards the end of the 2004-05 season he replaced John Connolly at St Johnstone. In his first season St Johnstone were runners-up in the 1st division but ten points behind champions St Mirren. They amassed one point fewer in 2006-07 to finish second again, this time losing out on promotion by a single point, to Gretna. They also did well in the knockout tournaments this season, beating Rangers away to reach the semi-finals of the League Cup where they lost to Hibs and also reaching the last four of the Scottish Cup, losing to Celtic.

St Johnstone were still among the division's leading clubs in 2007-08 and Coyle led them to the Challenge Cup Final but days before that match was due to take place he left for Burnley. He has since enjoyed considerable success in England, taking Burnley into the Premiership in 2009, the first time in 33 years they had played in the top division before moving on midway through the 2009-10 season to Bolton Wanderers.

COYNE, Tommy 1962-

Clydebank Aug 12th 2000-Feb 1st 2001

Honours: None

It wasn't easy for Coyne with Clydebank. Appointed just after the start of the season by a club under new owners, playing home games in Greenock, just relegated from the 1st division with only ten points all season and with a 'football consultant' in Tony Fitzpatrick creating all kinds of demarcation problems. Coyne didn't do a bad job but just twenty matches in and with the club in administration he was sacked by the administrators at the request of a potential new owner. A brutal introduction to the world of football management

CRAIG, Joe 1954-

Cowdenbeath Dec 17th 1985-Jun 25th 1987

Honours: None

Given his chance when John Clark left, Craig's side just missed out on promotion in 1985-86 but were only mid-table in his two full seasons in charge. Sacked after arguing with the directors in the close season.

CRAIG, Tom 'Tully' 1895-1963

Falkirk Apr 24th 1935-May 11th 1950

Honours: Division Two Champion 1935-36, League Cup Finalist 1947-48

Craig took over for the last match of the 1934-35 season with Falkirk already relegated. He ensured their stay in Division Two was of the shortest possible duration as the Bairns, scoring 132 goals, won the title by seven points from St Mirren with Morton a further four behind in third. They also reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup before losing to Third Lanark. Falkirk were a team transformed upon their return to the top echelon, finishing seventh, fourth and fifth in the three remaining peacetime seasons and were second in the table when war broke out.

Matches and tournaments contested between 1939-46 are regarded as unofficial but Falkirk fans weren't bothered about that distinction when they won the Eastern Division under Craig in 1939-40. They lost 2-1 to Rangers at Hampden in the East-West decider.

When the league officially restarted in 1946-47 Falkirk were only eleventh but they improved to seventh the next season. They were impressive that term in the new League Cup, in only its second official season. Falkirk came through an all A Division group before beating Hamilton after extra time to reach the semi-finals. They shocked most of Scottish football and

perhaps even themselves by beating holders Rangers 1-0. They were overwhelming favourites to beat lower league East Fife in the final but the match finished in a drab 0-0 draw after 120 minutes and it was the men from Methil who lifted the trophy, winning the replay 4-1.

Craig guided Falkirk to fifth in 1948-49, a position they have never since bettered and which wasn't equalled until 1995. It was their defeat of Dundee on the last day of the season that cost the Dens Parkers the title. The Bairns fell away badly and quickly the following term, ending up third bottom though with a comfortable gap in points between them and the relegated sides. But it was time up at Brockville for Craig whose only other management position was a year spent with Linfield in Northern Ireland.

CRAPNELL, Jimmy 1903-1991

Alloa Athletic cs 1945-1946

St Johnstone May 1947-Jan 6th 1953

Honours: None

The former Airdrie and Scotland star's first management job was at Alloa before being charged with the task of restoring St Johnstone to the top flight. Despite finishes of sixth, fourth and fifth he never got any closer than eight points away from promotion and resigned in early 1953 with Saints perilously close to the foot of the B Division.

CRAWFORD, Ian 1922-

East Stirlingshire Dec 28th 1966-Feb 24th 1970

Alloa Athletic Apr 9th 1971-Mar 14th 1972

Honours: None

Was appointed not just as manager and secretary but given a place on the board as well. Crawford moved 'Shire into the middle of the table but resigned citing boardroom interference in the playing side. Spent almost a year at Alloa but resigned with the club in the same low spot in the league as where he found them.

CRAWFORD, Stevie 1974-

East Fife Apr 14th 2009-Oct 25th 2010

Honours: None

Took over near the end of 2008-09. East Fife finished seventh in his only full season in charge. Dangerously close to relegation when he resigned, and remained in the awkward position of a player for East Fife under new

manager John Robertson until moving to Cowdenbeath as a player in the January 2011 transfer window.

CREASE, Jimmy 1950-

Berwick Rangers Aug 8th 1992-Jan 23rd 1994

Albion Rovers Feb 18th 1995-Dec 22nd 1995

Berwick Rangers Nov 12th 2008-

Honours: None

Berwick were in a much better position when Crease left them first time round than when he started out. Albion Rovers were anchored at the bottom of the league when he took over and there was little he could do to improve their fortunes. He had two brief caretaker spells back at Berwick before taking over again in late 2008 since when he has moved them up from near the bottom to mid-table.

CRINES, John

Hamilton Academical Aug 21st 1968-1969

Honours: None

Director who took on management responsibilities following the long reign of Andy Paton. Hamilton began sliding towards the bottom of the league. In 1970, wearing his directorial hat, Crines was one of the prime movers in the abortive bid to merge Accies with Clyde.

CUNNINGHAM, Andy 1891-1973

Dundee Jun 1937-May 1940

Honours: None

It was a real coup for Dundee to persuade Cunningham to become manager. A great striker in his day for Kilmarnock, Ranges and Scotland he had been the oldest debutant in the English first division at 38 and become only the second ever manager at Newcastle United. Within two years Newcastle had won the FA Cup and twelve months later finished fifth in the league. But a year after that they had been relegated and when they failed to come back immediately club and manager went their separate ways.

Cunningham had a similar, immediate, mercurial effect at Dens Park. In one of the most incredible seasons any Scottish club has ever had, they went from peak to trough. Dundee won their opening six matches and were top of the table until almost the end of September. They fell away after that but were still fifth a month later when a winless run of nine games dropped them down to fourteenth early in the New Year. They

arrested the slide and on February 5th pulled off an amazing result with a 6-1 win over Rangers at Dens Park to climb back up to twelfth (of twenty). They repeated that scoreline against St Johnstone at the end of the month to back into the top half of the table, in ninth place and with games in hand on several teams. In mid-March, they were still ninth and when they beat Ayr United 5-1 on April 11th they were in eleventh place with four games remaining and a game or games in hand on four of the clubs below them. Yet they lost their next three matches and went into the final game in seventeenth, away to Ayr one place and one point above them. They drew 0-0. Of the clubs below them Clyde beat bottom team Morton as expected but Queen of the South won unexpectedly at Ibrox and this condemned Dundee to relegation after 45 years in the top flight. They had led the league for a month, conceded only four more than they scored and never been in a relegation position until the final day. Under three points for a win they would have been fourteenth.

Even going by Cunningham's Newcastle days this was extraordinary but Dundee's first ever season in Division Two was dull by comparison with the Dens Parkers finishing sixth and never really in the promotion race. When war broke out they led the division with three wins and a draw from four games. Dundee were sixth in the Eastern Division in 1940 and the club then closed down for the next four years. By then Cunningham had given up on management and gone into sports journalism.

CUNNINGHAM, Willie 1930-2007

Dunfermline Athletic Mar 30th 1964-Jun 22nd 1967

Falkirk Nov 2nd 1968-Apr 28th 1973

St Mirren Jun 1973-Oct 19th 1974

Honours: Division Two Champion 1969-70, Scottish Cup Finalist 1964-65

Cunningham has a rare managerial claim to fame. His first job was to succeed Jock Stein (who he had played under) and in his last he made way for Alex Ferguson (who had played under him). He took Dunfermline to the Scottish Cup Final in his first season at Dunfermline, a match they lost to Stein's Celtic. They also missed out on the league championship by a single point. His teams also did well in Europe, playing seventeen matches during three seasons, in which time they reached the quarter-finals of the Fairs Cup. After three successful seasons he suddenly resigned in the close season, prompting speculation regarding a move to the USA or to Rangers, both of which turned out to be groundless.

He returned over a year later to a Falkirk team in dire straits and couldn't avoid relegation but he took the Bairns back up immediately. He kept

them in the top flight, with seventh place in 1970-71 their best for over twenty years. Cunningham was offered - and turned down - the Scotland job to remain at Brockville. But in another surprising move, he left to join St Mirren, then in Division Two. His only full season at Love Street wasn't a good one as the Buddies fell down the table to an embarrassing eleventh. Cunningham instituted a major player clearout long before the end of the season in a bid to build a team capable of at least making the top six in 1974-75 to qualify for the new 1st division. But after ten games they were stuck in mid-table and, at 44, Cunningham's career was over.