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## **BAIKIE, Dave 1954-**

**Arbroath June 1997-Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 2000**

**Cowdenbeath Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2004-Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005**

**East Fife Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 2006-Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Honours: 3<sup>rd</sup> Division promotion 1997-98, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Champion 2007-08**

After a career as a player and manager in the Juniors Baikie was an initial success at Arbroath, winning the club's first promotion since the 1970s. He resigned when the board refused to sanction a signing he thought had been agreed. He returned to the Juniors but was lured back by Cowdenbeath. His resignation came after admitting an assault outside a Dundee pub on the father of one his former players, which left his victim, scarred and visually impaired for life. He was ordered to perform 300 hours community service, pay his victim £3,000 compensation and told he was lucky to escape a jail term.

After another stint in the Juniors Baikie returned as East Fife manager and led the club to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division title in 2008. He quit somewhat surprisingly towards the end of the 2008-09 season to return to the Juniors once again.

## **BAIN, John 1923-**

**Meadowbank Thistle 1974-1976**

**Honours: None**

Bain first got involved with the then Ferranti Thistle in 1952 when they were playing on a public park. Under his management they climbed to the East of Scotland League and won the Qualifying Cup. In 1974 an Edinburgh journalist suggested to Bain that the club should apply for the newly created vacancy in the Scottish Football League. Much to his (and everyone else's) surprise they were successful though the SFL insisted they change their name. Bain oversaw league entry and the move to the Commonwealth Games Stadium before taking a back seat though he remained a presence at the club for many years thereafter.

## **BAIRD, Sammy 1930-2010**

**Stirling Albion cs 1963-Feb 1968**

**Honours: Division Two Champion 1964-65**

Despite a disastrous first season in which Albion finished rock bottom of the league, Baird turned things round dramatically the next term, winning the title by nine clear points. He then kept the club in the top flight for three seasons, something that had only happened once before (and then by dint of reconstruction not results) and has never happened again. The third season proved a step too far and manager and club parted company after a 7-0 home drubbing by Raith Rovers.

**BAKER, Joe 1940-2003**

**Albion Rovers May 1981-Dec 1981**

**Albion Rovers Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1984-Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1985**

**Honours: None**

Few Albion Rovers managers last for long but the Coatbridge club has somehow lured some of the biggest names as players to try their luck at Cliftonhill. Joe Baker gave it a go twice. The first time ended amid some heavy defeats with the club struggling near the foot of the table. Sadly, the second attempt ended in much the same manner with four, five and even six-goal defeats not uncommon.

**BALTACHA, Sergei 1958-**

**Caledonian Thistle Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1994-May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1995**

**Honours: None**

Vastly experienced as a player, Baltacha was the surprise choice to lead the merged Inverness sides Caledonian and Thistle (they had yet to add the name of the city) into the Scottish League. They had a mixed start and were overshadowed by fellow newcomers and rivals Ross County. With no sign of a promised new ground in prospect either Baltacha resigned near the end of the season.

**BANNON, Eamonn 1958-**

**Falkirk May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1996-Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1996**

**Honours: None**

Given his first opportunity at relegated Falkirk, Bannon made a good start with his club second in the table in December. His unfamiliarity with registration rules led him twice to field ineligible players. On the second occasion, the player concerned - John Clark - scored the only goal of the match v St Mirren. Falkirk were deducted the points, the match was ordered to be replayed and the club was hit with a £25,000 fine. Chairman George Fulston safe in the knowledge that former boss Alex Totten had suddenly become available, made Bannon the scapegoat for the affair and sacked him. Bannon has never returned to full-time management though

he has continued to coach at non-league level, notably with Spartans who have pulled off several Scottish Cup shocks under his guidance.

**BARCELLOS, Marcio Maximo 1962-**

**Livingston July 9<sup>th</sup> 2003-Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2003**

**Honours: None**

Another bizarre appointment. The first Brazilian to coach in British football had no experience of the game at managerial level other than the Cayman Islands. He didn't stay long enough to be judged, winning two and drawing and losing three apiece of the eight league games played under his management. But homesickness, failure to agree with existing staff (particularly David Hay) and the refusal of the board to allow him to bring in his own coaching team (all, you might expect, the kind of things to be agreed BEFORE an appointment) led to him going back to Brazil after just three months. He later took over as head coach to the Tanzania national team.

**BARNES, John 1963-**

**Celtic June 10<sup>th</sup> 1999-Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2000**

**Honours: None**

Aware that the last time they brought in a high-profile player as a rookie manager (Liam Brady) it had ended in tears, this time Celtic thought they had it covered by appointing Barnes as coach working in tandem with the vastly experienced Kenny Dalglish. Unfortunately for Celtic it all soon unravelled and this time even quicker than under Brady. The high spots of his short reign were 5-0 and 6-0 thrashings of Aberdeen at Pittodrie and a 7-0 drubbing of the same team at Parkhead. But with his team ten points behind Rangers in the league they then suffered a nightmare 3-1 Scottish Cup defeat at home to 1<sup>st</sup> division Inverness Caledonian Thistle, prompting the next day's memorable newspaper headline "*SUPERCALEYGOBALLISTICCELTICAREATROCIOUS*" and Barnes's departure from Celtic Park.

**BARRY, Roy 1942-**

**East Fife Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1976-Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1978**

**Honours: None**

The former Dunfermline skipper took over at Bayview with a brief to keep the club in the 1<sup>st</sup> division, following a bad start with just one win in eleven games. That run extended to nineteen including a 6-0 home loss to Clydebank before Barry got his first win under his belt. But the team improved enough to survive in his first season. They were relegated the

next season by a comfortable margin and with no real prospect of promotion in 1978-79 Barry left to be replaced by the long-serving Dave Clarke.

**BAXTER, Bill 1924-2002**

**East Fife Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1969-Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1970**

**Raith Rovers Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1970-Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1971**

**Honours: None**

Having played and coached in England for over twenty years Baxter returned to Scotland in the late 1960s and first coached with, then took over from, Jimmy Bonthron at East Fife. After a transitional season Baxter's East Fife made a terrific start in 1970-71, losing just one of their first eleven games so it came as something of a surprise when he switched from a club on its way to the top division to one recently relegated but he calculated that the potential at Stark's Park was significantly higher than that at Bayview. He was right in his assessment but unable to move Rovers out of mid-table and the end came after a 5-2 home defeat by Stirling Albion.

**BAXTER, Bobby 1911-1991**

**Leith Athletic 1947-1950**

**Cowdenbeath cs 1951-Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1955**

**Honours: None**

Leith Athletic lost their B Division place in 1947-48 and were unable to recover it under Baxter who also managed the Edinburgh Monarchs speedway team at the same time. After a short spell out of the game he returned to manage Cowdenbeath. His departure came in unusual circumstances. With his team losing 2-0 at home to Alloa, Baxter had a half-time argument with members of the Board and handed in his resignation on the spot.

**BEATH, Bobby**

**Albion Rovers Aug 1950-1952**

**Honours: None**

Spent two uneventful years in charge at Cliftonhill before being replaced by club director Tom Fagan.

**BEATTIE, Frank 1933-2009**

**Albion Rovers Dec 1972-cs 1973**

**Stirling Albion July 18<sup>th</sup> 1973-Sep 1974**

**Honours: None**

Kilmarnock's title-winning captain was another in the long list of short-lived Albion Rovers managers before joining Stirling Albion where he worked under general manager Bob Shankly. He had a reasonable first season before making way for Alex Smith. Coached his local amateur team Cambusbarron Rovers to victory in the Scottish Amateur Cup.

**BENNETT, Alex 1881-1940**

**Third Lanark Aug 1921-May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1924**

**Clydebank (1) May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1924-cs 1926**

**Honours: Division Two promotion 1925**

One of the greats of the Edwardian era who played for both halves of the Old Firm, management turned out to be less successful as Thirds struggled during his term in charge. Took the original Clydebank into the top flight but they were relegated the following season

**BENNETT, Reuben 1913-1989**

**Ayr United May 1953-Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1955**

**Honours: None**

Ayr failed to make a promotion challenge during his two seasons in charge and with crowds dwindling to below 1,000 and a Scottish Cup defeat to non-league Inverness Caledonian, Bennett left Somerset Park near the end of 1954-55. Later he joined the coaching staff at Liverpool and for many years was part of the famous 'bootroom' under Bill Shankly and then Bob Paisley.

**BENNIE, Bob 1900-1972**

**Raith Rovers Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1933-Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1934**

**Honours: None**

Raith Rovers were going through a poor time in their history when Bennie became manager and they effectively treaded water during his year in charge.

**BINNIE, Lawrence**

**East Stirlingshire Aug 1966-Dec 1966**

**Honours: None**

Earns a footnote in the record books as East Stirlingshire's first manager (though the Steedman brothers were effectively co-managers). He lasted just a few months, winning only one of nineteen league matches and that

not coming until thirteen matches in. With no wins in five League Cup matches as well a change of manager became inevitable.

**BIRRELL, Billy 1897-1968**

**Raith Rovers Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1927-Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1930**

**Honours: None**

Performed the creditable task of keeping Rovers up in 1928 but they were relegated the next season. They failed to make any impact on the promotion race in 1929-30 and they were mid-table when he left to try his luck south of the border. After almost a decade in the Third Division South with Bournemouth and QPR he landed a top division job managing Chelsea a few months before war broke out. Chelsea were by no means regarded as one of the top clubs in those days and Birrell did a good job in keeping them in the top flight in the six seasons he spent there after the war.

**BISSETT, Jimmy 1898-????**

**Dundee cs 1928-1933**

**Honours: None**

His five years at Dens Park saw Dundee finish in the top half just once though he saw off the challenge from Dundee United by keeping Dundee in the top flight while their rivals see-sawed between the two divisions. There was a humiliating Scottish Cup defeat to their city rivals but the high spot of his management was also in the Scottish Cup when Dundee knocked out Rangers 2-1 at Ibrox in 1931.

**BLACK, Eric 1963-**

**Motherwell Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2001-Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Honours: None**

Previously assistant to Jozef Venglos at Celtic, Black arrived at Fir park with former England skipper Terry Butcher as his assistant and with Pat Nevin as Chief Executive all seemed set for a rosy future. But after just 26 league matches, only seven of which were won, chairman John Boyle put the club into administration. Nevin resigned over the decision and Black also walked away, leaving Butcher in charge. Black joined Coventry as assistant to Gary McAllister and later took over in his own right. He was dismissed by Coventry in 2004 and since then has worked chiefly as assistant to Steve Bruce, at Birmingham City, Wigan Athletic and Sunderland.

**BLACK, Jim 1943-**

**Stenhousemuir Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1981-cs 1984**

**Honours: None**

Took over from long-serving Harry Glasgow towards the end of the season and had three full years in charge with a seventh place finish in his final season being the best.

**BLACK, Kenny 1963-**

**Airdrie United Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2006-June 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Honours: Challenge Cup Winner 2008-09**

Replaced Sandy Stewart at New Broomfield and was in charge for almost four eventful years. He couldn't prevent relegation via the play-off finals at the end of the season and failed to achieve an instant return thanks to another play-off final defeat the next year. However the demise of Gretna created a spare place and gave Airdrie an unexpected promotion back to the 1<sup>st</sup> division. They struggled in 2008-09 and were again relegated in the play-off finals. Black's team was involved in the play-offs for a fourth successive season at the end of 2009-2010 but when they didn't even reach the final it marked the end of the road for him at Airdrie.

They enjoyed better knockout success in the domestic cups, beating Hearts on penalties at Tynecastle in the League Cup and winning 3-2 on penalties after a 2-2 draw against Ross County in the 2008-09 Challenge Cup to bring the first piece of national silverware to New Broomfield since the club's foundation.

**BLACKLEY, John 1948-**

**Hamilton Academical Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1982-May 14<sup>th</sup> 1983**

**Hibernian Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> 1984-Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1986**

**Cowdenbeath Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1987-1988**

**Honours: League Cup Finalist 1985-86**

Given his chance as player-manager at Hamilton, Blackley's role was undermined shortly into his reign when Bertie Auld was brought in as 'consultant.' Blackley left at the end of the season. At Easter Road it was a case of one Hibs legend replacing another when he took over from Pat Stanton. Results were poor with just 23 victories in 84 league matches, though these included triumphs at Parkhead and Ibrox but not Tynecastle. In fact Blackley's team failed to win once in nine Edinburgh league derbies.

Cup runs in Blackley's only full season in charge in 1985-86 were the highlights of his Easter Road stay. In the League Cup Hibs put six past both Cowdenbeath and Motherwell then knocked out Celtic on penalties after a 4-4 draw and eliminated Rangers over two legs before losing 3-0 to Aberdeen in the final. In the Scottish Cup another flamboyant win over Celtic, 4-3 at Easter Road, took them to the semi-finals where Aberdeen once again crushed their aspirations 3-0.

After Hibernian he had a brief spell in charge at Cowdenbeath before withdrawing from the front line of football management, aged forty, spending more than twenty years since in coaching.

**BLAIR, Jimmy**

**Third Lanark July 5<sup>th</sup> 1954-Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1955**

**Honours: None**

The former Thirds star was brought in when the club missed out on promotion in 1953-54 but they fell back in his only full season in charge. He was sacked following a 6-1 defeat away to Morton to be replaced by director Bill Hiddelston.

**BLYTHE, Sam 1905-1954**

**St Mirren Oct 1936-Jan 1941**

**Honours: None**

A well-known scout for Sunderland and Leeds United amongst others, he helped keep the Buddies in the top flight following a season in the lower league even if, at times, it was touch and go finishing one and two points respectively above the drop zone in his two full peacetime seasons.

**BOLLAN, Gary 1973-**

**Livingston Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 2009-**

**Honours: 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Champion 2009-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Champion 2010-11**

Was appointed in strange circumstances a day before the start of the season with Livingston having been in administration, threatened with liquidation then demoted from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> division for breaching SFL rules. They appealed unsuccessfully against that decision so Bollan took charge of a team in the bottom flight.

They won the title by fifteen points and found the 2<sup>nd</sup> division just as easy the following season, becoming the first club to win both divisions in successive seasons since Gretna. Despite such early success as a manager

the test for Bolland is what happens next now that Livvy are back playing alongside clubs of similar stature and resources.

**BONE, Jimmy 1949-**

**Arbroath Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1985-Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1986**

**Airdrieonians May 19<sup>th</sup> 1989-May 14<sup>th</sup> 1991**

**St Mirren May 1992-Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1996**

**East Fife Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1996-Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1997**

**Stenhousemuir Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 2001-Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Honours: 1<sup>st</sup> Division promotion 1990-91, Challenge Cup Finalist 1993-94**

One of the great management survivors of Scottish football. He wound down his long playing career (which included Canada & Hong Kong as well as both sides of the Tweed) at Arbroath where he took over a team at the foot of the league and brought them back to mid-table before leaving to become number two to Alex Smith at St Mirren.

He also coached at Dundee United before returning to management with Airdrieonians. They finished 1<sup>st</sup> division runners-up in his first season but only Champions St Johnstone were promoted. Another runners-up spot followed in 1990-91 but this time the Diamonds were promoted thanks to league reconstruction. Bone didn't follow them to the Premier Division, opting instead to spend a year coaching in Zambia and South Africa before returning to manage a St Mirren team just relegated after fifteen years in the Premier Division.

The Buddies were close to returning in his first season but never in the hunt after that, with a losing Challenge Cup Final scant consolation, though Bone's job was never under any real pressure. But when the board sacked assistant Kenny McDowall in a cost-cutting measure two days before the start of the 1996-97 season, Bone resigned in protest at the action and in sympathy with his workmate, an act which won him respect across the game.

He wasn't out of work for long, taking over at East Fife but former boss Steve Archibald's prediction that a part-time outfit couldn't survive in the 1<sup>st</sup> division proved to be correct as Bone's new club lost fifteen league matches in succession and the only league game they won under his command that term was the last match of the season and the 28<sup>th</sup> with Bone as manager.

With little prospect of a return, Bone resigned after a Scottish Cup loss to Stranraer. He received offers of work from places as diverse as Northern

Ireland and the Middle East but opted to remain in Fife, coaching at Dunfermline before becoming assistant at Dundee.

Management lured him back to take over at Stenhousemuir for his last official post which lasted less than a season with the Warriors winning just four of Bone's 25 league games in charge. But for the upheaval surrounding Airdrie and Clydebank they would have been relegated.

Since then Bone has remained in coaching and has been 'on call' as a caretaker manager when needed but now past the age of sixty he is unlikely to see a major opportunity come his way again.

#### **BONETTI, Ivano 1964-**

**Dundee July 10<sup>th</sup> 2000-July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002**

**Honours: None**

After playing for ten Italian and three English clubs Bonetti, with his brother Dario as assistant, pitched up at Dens Park, courtesy of the Marr Brothers then in control of the club. Despite several high-profile signings, most notably the Argentinian Claudio Caniggia, Dundee only scraped into the top six and fell away to ninth the following season despite the manager predicting a place in the top three.

The transfer fees and salaries during the Bonetti era went a long way towards placing Dundee in administration but at first the board seemed set on continuing their pursuit of the exotic, travelling to South America in a bid to lure a Paraguayan manager to Tayside to replace Bonetti before eventually settling on the more homespun Jim Duffy.

#### **BONTHRONE, Jimmy 1929-2008**

**East Fife Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1963-Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1969**

**Aberdeen Aug 1971-Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1975**

**Honours: None**

Bonthrone's East Fife had two third-place finishes, two fourths and a fifth but never quite made the jump to a promotion spot before he was lured to Pittodrie as Eddie Turnbull's number two.

He stepped up when Turnbull moved on to Hibernian, taking over a team that had chased Jock Stein's Celtic all the way the previous season. Bonthrone's Dons also finished runners-up in his first season but ten points behind Celtic. Although he kept Aberdeen near the top of the table with two fourths and a fifth in the next three seasons crowds were drifting away and a poor start to the inaugural Premier Division with just one win in the opening seven games following a dreadful League Cup campaign

saw Bonthronne depart Aberdeen and management while still in his mid-forties.

**BORTHWICK, Walter 1948-**

**Arbroath cs 1991-Dec 1991**

**Honours: None**

Borthwick had a reasonable record during his short time at Arbroath but when offered a choice between the security of a job with the SFA and the hazardous position of club manager, unsurprisingly opted for the former.

**BOYLE, Jimmy 1967-**

**Airdrie United June 18<sup>th</sup> 2010-**

**Honours: None**

Became Airdrie United's third manager at the outset of the 2010-11 season but didn't achieve the main goal of reaching the play-offs.

**BRADY, Liam 1956-**

**Celtic June 19<sup>th</sup> 1991-Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1993**

**Honours: None**

Celtic's response to the 'Souness revolution' at Rangers was like something from the Bizarro universe of the Superman comics where everything is the reverse of what it should be. Like Souness they brought in a great player in Liam Brady to manage the club. But they did it five years too late and after Souness had already left Ibrox. Unlike Souness, Brady had no intention of bringing his own influence as a player to bear on the dressing room being a manager only. Unlike Souness he didn't have an experienced coach steeped in Scottish football like Walter Smith by his side. Unlike Rangers they didn't back their manager with large amounts of cash, and, crucially, unlike Rangers they waited until the European ban on English clubs had been lifted so that the temptation to move north which had enticed England stars to Ibrox no longer existed - even if Celtic had been prepared to pay the price to bring them.

It was a disaster waiting to happen and began to show early in Brady's reign when he appeared to shrug off a penalties defeat at Airdrie in the League Cup as no great deal. For a top English side to lose away on penalties to a struggling one from the same division in the least regarded domestic competition may be no big thing but for Celtic this was a humiliation and Brady's failure to recognise it as such showed he had much to learn about Scottish football. The stylish play of his time with Arsenal, Juventus, Sampdoria and Inter was no preparation for midweeks at Broomfield. Worse followed a month later when Celtic were hammered

5-1 by Xamax Neuchatel in the UEFA Cup. With a Scottish Cup semi-final defeat to Rangers, a poor third place in the league behind Rangers and Hearts and two home defeats by their ancient rivals, only an away win at Ibrox in the league prevented the season from being a total disaster.

They had been ten points behind Rangers that season (equivalent of 17 if three points for a win had applied) and finished thirteen behind (equivalent 22) in 1992-93, again ending up third with, this time, Aberdeen splitting the Old Firm. The League Cup saw a semi-final exit to Aberdeen but further humiliation was heaped upon Brady's head with a 2-0 Scottish Cup loss away to a Falkirk side on course for relegation.

Perhaps the high spot of Brady's time at Celtic Park came in Europe when Celtic came back from a 2-0 first leg deficit to beat Cologne. Even here it was followed by failure when Borussia Dortmund became the first team to ever win both legs of a European tie against Celtic.

The end came shortly after a League Cup semi-final defeat by Rangers in September 1993. Following a 2-1 defeat at St Johnstone which left Celtic in ninth place, one point and one place away from the relegation zone, Brady was dismissed. Ironically, rivals Rangers lost at home the same night and were only two places and one point ahead of Celtic. The Parkhead side were still in Europe but clearly the board had decided that Brady was not going to break Rangers grip on Scottish football.

After a brief and similarly unsuccessful spell at Brighton, Brady has worked chiefly as head of youth development at Arsenal.

#### **BRAND, Ralph 1936-**

**Albion Rovers June 1973-Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 1974**

**Honours: None**

Rangers legend Brand already had experience of working at the sharp end in English football as manager of a Darlington team that finished 92<sup>nd</sup> of 92 in the Football League. At Albion Rovers he managed to avoid a similar rock bottom position but more by virtue of how poor others were than anything else. The one positive during his short stay was a fine League Cup run in which Rovers won their section and a two-legged eliminator then beating local rivals Airdrie twice before exiting narrowly, 5-4 on aggregate, to Kilmarnock in the quarter-finals.

#### **BRANNIGAN, Kenny 1965-**

**Queen's Park Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2003-Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**Queen of the South Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010-**

**Honours: Challenge Cup Finalist 2010-11**

Brannigan, who had a temperamental history as a player (he was dismissed by Kilmarnock for headbutting a former team-mate during a league game), was engulfed in controversy again in his first management position as Queen's Park coach. Early in the 2004-05 season he was accused of manhandling one of his players as he made a substitution and of assaulting a supporter. The incidents led to his departure from Hampden after two less than stellar seventh place finishes.

At Queen of the South he has kept the Dumfries club mid-table in the 1<sup>st</sup> division and reached the Challenge Cup Final in 2010-11 where they lost 2-0 to Ross County.

**BREWSTER, Craig 1966-**

**Inverness Caledonian Thistle Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2004-Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Dundee United Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2006-Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Inverness Caledonian Thistle Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 2007-Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Honours: None**

An intelligent and dedicated player with bags of experience both in Scotland and on the continent, Brewster, as player-manager, fitted the bill for the Inverness club in their first season in the SPL as they sought to recover from the twin blows of playing home matches over 100 miles away in Aberdeen and the loss of manager John Robertson to Hearts.

Under Brewster the Highland club not only survived they did so quite comfortably. His success there prompted a move to Dundee United. Brewster had been a boyhood fan of the Tannadice club and was idolised as the man who scored the goal which won Dundee United the Scottish Cup after six losing finals. But it turned sour pretty quickly with just two wins in 28 SPL matches and inevitable dismissal after just nine months.

He returned to bottom of the table Inverness as manager after a short spell playing for Aberdeen and quickly turned their fortunes round but the next season was more difficult and following a defeat at Hamilton which was the seventh in succession he was axed by the board.

Brewster moved on to Ross County as assistant and even turned out as a player in 2009-2010 but he left at the end of the year when Willie McStay came in as manager. It's likely that Brewster will return to management at some stage in the future.

**BRITTON, Gerry 1970-**

**Partick Thistle Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2003-Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**Stranraer May 30<sup>th</sup> 2006-Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2008**

**Honours: None**

Thistle had just two points from fourteen matches when Britton and Derek Whyte were appointed joint managers at the beginning of December 2003. Even at that stage of the season relegation was well nigh inevitable but the pair managed to average almost a point per game for the rest of the term. They started off in the 1<sup>st</sup> division not too badly but a winless run of seven matches prompted the club to push the panic button. It made no difference as Thistle suffered a second successive relegation anyway.

Britton branched out on his own at Stranraer but was unable to keep them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division as they were relegated following a play-off defeat. The Blues were on the way towards another play-off spot, this time for promotion back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> when Britton resigned to move back to Firhill as assistant to Ian McCall, a position he held for two years before quitting the game to become a full-time solicitor.

**BROGAN, John 1954-****Stirling Albion Nov 1988-Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 1994****Arbroath Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1995-Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1996****Honours: 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Champion 1990-91**

When Jim Fleeting was lured to Kilmarnock following his brief but successful spell with Albion, Brogan stepped in as player-manager. He kept the Binos in the promotion race, finishing fourth in 1988-89 then third (ironically losing out by a single point to Fleeting's Killie) a year later. It was third time lucky in 1990-91 as Albion romped home by eight points from Montrose to clinch their first promotion since 1977. That was when the hard work began of keeping them in the 1<sup>st</sup> division, a level Albion had not played at for a decade.

Brogan did so though not without difficulty. They were eighth in 1991-92, four points clear of the drop and tenth a season later with a three-point margin between them and relegation. In 1993-94 they were ninth and further away from the bottom two places than ever when Brogan was sacked after a 3-0 home defeat by Brechin City. This season was different though as the SFL was reconstructed into four divisions and all clubs finishing below seventh were effectively relegated.

His time at Arbroath was less successful and he departed with the club on course to finish bottom of the league. Brogan has since managed a number of clubs at Junior level with varying degrees of success.

**BROWN, Bobby 1923-****St Johnstone June 1958-Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1967**

### **Honours: Division Two Champion 1959-60, 1962-63**

The last amateur to play for Scotland, Brown started out in management charged with restoring St Johnstone to the top flight for the first time since the war. His team won the title in 1959-60 and narrowly avoided relegation the next season. But a dramatic last day in 1961-62 in which his team's loss at home to Dundee gave the Dens Parkers the league title, also condemned St Johnstone to relegation. Within twelve months they were back up again, this time to stay until after the 1975 reconstruction. Although never finishing higher than 13<sup>th</sup> in the eighteen-club league St Johnstone were rarely in any serious danger of the drop. In 1961-62 they also reached the League Cup semi-finals for the first time under Brown, eliminating Celtic, Hibernian and Partick Thistle in the group stage then Motherwell over two legs before losing to Rangers in extra time. Two years later but from an easier (Division Two) group they reached another semi but were well beaten by Hearts.

It was still something of a surprise when Brown was appointed Scotland's first full-time manager and his record there can be seen in greater detail in the Scotland managers section.

### **BROWN, Craig 1940-**

**Clyde July 1977-cs 1986**

**Motherwell Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 2009-Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Aberdeen Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 2010-**

### **Honours: 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Champion 1977-78, 1981-82**

In many ways Craig Brown's path is similar to Bobby's in that he won a lower league title twice and suffered a relegation in-between and was later appointed Scotland manager. But the former Clyde boss took longer to reach the national manager's position.

He took over at Clyde when they were at a low ebb both on and off the field, having fallen into the 2<sup>nd</sup> division and being taken to court by former boss Stan Anderson. But within a year Brown had built a side to win the title. Two years later they were relegated again. Many managers would have been dismissed at this point but Clyde stuck with Brown and after a year's consolidation they again won the 2<sup>nd</sup> division title. The next four seasons saw them survive in the 1<sup>st</sup> though they were never more than six points away from going back down.

Brown had been part-time at Clyde and in retrospect would seem to have got out at the right moment. His last home game in charge was also the club's last at their long-time Shawfield home and they began almost eight years of nomadic existence before decamping to Broadwood.

Andy Roxburgh became Scotland boss following the 1986 World Cup and appointed Brown as his full-time assistant. Brown succeeded Roxburgh as manager and stayed in post until 2001. This part of his career is dealt with in more detail in the Scotland managers section.

His only other position prior to taking up the Motherwell job was a two-year stint at Preston North End after his time with Scotland and Brown was pushing seventy and it had been more than five years since his last full-time position when he emerged as the surprise choice as Motherwell manager. Nevertheless he made an immediate impact with his trademark - and much criticised when with Scotland - defensive tactics as Motherwell conceded just one goal (against Rangers) in his first nine league games. All told he put together an unbeaten run of twelve matches which helped take Motherwell into Europe.

They got past two stages before losing to Danish side Odense but just three weeks short of a year at Fir Park, Brown caused a sensation by quitting, along with assistant Archie Knox, to take up the vacancy with Aberdeen. The move created bad feeling between the two clubs, exemplified by a physical altercation between Brown and Motherwell chairman John Boyle when the clubs met at Fir Park in April 2011. Brown's immediate impact at Pittodrie, while not as great as at Motherwell, was sufficient to remove the threat of relegation which hung over Aberdeen at the time of his arrival.

#### **BROWN, Jimmy**

**Dumbarton Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 1999-Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 2000**

**Honours: None**

Brown took over at a difficult time for Dumbarton. They were in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division and waiting to vacate their ancestral Boghead ground for a new stadium. They finished sixth in Brown's only full season in charge, beating East Fife in the last ever Boghead match in front of a crowd of over 3,000 - their largest for fifteen years. Brown's position wasn't helped by the new stadium not being ready at the start of 2000-01 so the Sons had to share with Albion Rovers and lost all six of the games at Cliftonhill for which Brown was in charge. Allied to poor away form this resulted in his dismissal one month before the opening of the new stadium.

#### **BROWN, John 1962-**

**Dumbarton Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 2007-Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007**

**Clyde Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2008-Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 2009**

**Honours: None**

'Bomber' Brown agreed to take the Dumbarton job on the Wednesday then changed his mind a day later, citing "*the most personal and private reasons*" Whatever they were they didn't stop him from assuming the post at Broadwood two months later where he avoided relegation by virtue of success in the play-offs. His team earned more points in 2008-09 but were relegated automatically after finishing last in the 1<sup>st</sup> division. Part-time football followed and Clyde were bottom of the table and sliding inexorably towards a second successive relegation when Brown was sacked exactly two years to the day he had said 'yes' to Dumbarton.

### **BROWN, Ken**

**Forfar Athletic Apr 1957- cs 1958**

**Honours: None**

Appointed as Forfar's first ever manager but results showed only the slightest of upward ticks so the Station Park club soon reverted to team selection by committee and brought in David Gray as coach.

### **BROWNLIE, Jimmy 1885-1973**

**Dundee United June 1923-Apr 1931, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1934-Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1936, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1938-June 30<sup>th</sup> 1939**

**Honours: Division Two Champion 1924-25, 1928-29. Division Two promotion 1930-31**

No one did more to earn the title of 'Mr Dundee United' between the wars than Jimmy Brownlie. The former Third Lanark and Scotland goalkeeper was appointed manager of the then Dundee Hibs and was retained by the new board as the club rejoined the Scottish League under its new name. He was more than just the Secretary-Manager. During his first season he was also a player.

He took United into Division One after just two seasons and kept them up for two. They narrowly missed promotion in 1927-28 but returned again the following year. United were relegated after a solitary season but Brownlie gained a third promotion in 1931 before leaving in circumstances which were unclear at the time and remain unknown to this day.

Dundee United almost went under in 1934 during a period in which the Scottish League lost several clubs. They survived under new ownership and the first thing the new board did was to re-appoint Brownlie as manager. He transformed the team from second bottom to fourth place in a single season but when a fresh financial crisis erupted in October 1936 his services were dispensed with as financial guarantor George Greig demanded sole control over the club.

When Greig sold his shareholding in 1938 Brownlie returned again, this time also as a director. The last peacetime season was a middling one and pressure of work forced Brownlie to leave the post for a third and final time. He resigned from the board at the same time but remained a regular spectator at Tannadice for many years.

**BROWNLIE, John 1952-**

**Cowdenbeath 1988-May 21<sup>st</sup> 1992**

**Meadowbank Thistle Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1993-Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1994**

**East Stirlingshire Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1997-Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1998**

**Arbroath Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 2000-Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 2003**

**Honours: 2<sup>nd</sup> Division promotion 1991-92, 2000-01**

Brownlie succeeded former Hibernian team-mate John Blackley at Cowdenbeath and built up a promotion-winning team. After missing out by a point in 1991 they succeeded a year later by claiming the point needed in a tense match away to rivals Alloa watched by a crowd of over 5,000 - huge by 2<sup>nd</sup> division standards. Had Cowdenbeath lost Alloa would have gone up instead.

Incredibly, Brownlie's reward for bringing Cowdenbeath their first promotion since 1970 was the sack. He coached with Clyde then had a brief and unhappy spell at Meadowbank before taking up the perpetual challenge that is East Stirlingshire. Brownlie improved 'Shire, taking them into the top half of the table before leaving for a coaching position at Raith Rovers.

Taking over from Dave Baikie at Arbroath he kept that club's progress on an upward trend as they won promotion to the 1<sup>st</sup> division, a level they had last played at in 1980. The Red Lichties finished a creditable seventh in 2001-02 but keeping a part-time team at that level is well-nigh impossible for any length of time and they were relegated the next season.

A bad start to 2003-04 saw the inevitable axe descend. Brownlie has continued to work as a coach at both junior and senior level and has stepped in as caretaker manager when necessary.

**BRYCE, Tommy 1960-**

**Partick Thistle June 1998-Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 1999**

**Honours: None**

With Thistle dropping down to the third level for the first time ever, Bryce had an uncomfortable start to management. There were some decent results early on but a winless streak from mid-January threatened

the Firhill club with the further ignominy of 3<sup>rd</sup> division football so Bryce was sacked and the familiar Maryhill rescue service call of 'Send for Lambie' was given a fresh airing.

**BRYCELAND, Tommy 1939-**

**St Mirren Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1972-May 27<sup>th</sup> 1973**

**Honours: None**

Bryceland replaced Wilson Humphries when the latter decided the classroom was less threatening than the terraces and returned to teaching. He just missed out on promotion but for St Mirren this was an ignominious failure as it meant a second successive season out of the top flight for the first time. Fourth and two points away from promotion turned into fifth and seven points away the next year and that marked the end of Bryceland's management career.

**BUCHAN, Jimmy 1881-????**

**St Johnstone 1920-1922**

**Honours: None**

St Johnstone's second manager, taking over from Peter Grant while the club was still in the Central League. Was in charge when they rejoined the Scottish League in 1921-22.

**BUCHANAN, Archie (1)**

**Ayr United Jan 1926-Sep 1931**

**Honours: Division Two Champion 1927-28**

Buchanan was more a Secretary than a Manager as we understand the word. He took over from Jimmy Hay when the latter was suspended by the SFA and remained in post until Alex Gibson became manager well over five and a half years later. In that time Ayr won the Division Two title with Jimmy Smith scoring a British league record of 66 goals in a single season. And while with the exception of 1929-30 when they finished ninth, they struggled to stay in the top division they eventually scraped their way to safety. It wasn't a bad record for a club with no effective manager

**BUCHANAN, Archie (2) 1928-1984**

**Cowdenbeath cs 1959-cs 1960**

**Honours: None**

Buchanan's sole season in charge was a strange time at Central Park. In the league Cowdenbeath flopped badly, finishing rock bottom, six points behind East Fife. And in the Scottish Cup there was an ignominious 3-0

defeat by non-league Eyemouth United. Yet the season had started promisingly as they won their League Cup section without loss then beat East Fife home and away to reach the semi-finals for the first time. They were thrashed 9-3 by Hearts but that didn't alter the fact that they won as many League Cup matches (six) in nine matches as they did in the league over 36 games.

**BUCHANON, David**

**Hamilton Academical 1922-1923**

**Honours: None**

Accies manager in between the more celebrated pair of Alex Raisbeck & Scott Duncan, Buchanon's main job was to preserve their top flight status after the introduction of automatic promotion and relegation. In this he was successful even if he left no margin for error.

**BURLEY, George 1956-**

**Ayr United Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1991-Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1993**

**Heart of Midlothian June 30<sup>th</sup> 2005-Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**Honours: Challenge Cup Finalist 1991-92**

With eleven Scotland caps and winner's medals in the FA & UEFA Cups Burley was an impressive catch as a player for Ayr even if he was nearing the end of his career. In the time-honoured tradition he entered into management while still active on the pitch. He was in charge for 128 league matches during which his side never challenged for promotion but nor were they threatened by relegation. It was league reconstruction which did for Burley at Somerset Park. Fearing the club may miss the cut-off point of seventh place in 1993-94 the board sacked him two days before Christmas.

Burley was out of Scottish football for almost twelve years. He played a few more games at Falkirk, Motherwell and Colchester before entering management again with the English club. From there he moved on to Ipswich where he had spent the bulk of his playing career. At Portman Road he guided the club to promotion then on to fifth in the Premiership and into the UEFA Cup. He won the Manager of the Year award for 2000-01, as chosen by his fellow bosses. But when Ipswich were relegated in 2002 Burley was dismissed. He moved on to Derby where he took over a club near the foot of the table to the Premiership play-offs.

He came back to Scotland with Hearts and made an explosive start, winning the opening eight matches. After eleven league games and having played every club once Burley's Hearts had won nine and drawn two and held a three-point lead at the top of the table. However, Burley's

relationship with Hearts' new majority shareholder Vladimir Romanov had been rumoured to have been uneasy from the start and when Romanov announced his intention to take total control at Tynecastle there came a parting of the ways. To this day neither side has offered an exhaustive account of the reasons behind Burley's departure. But what can be said with certainty is that a glorious opportunity to break the Old Firm monopoly on the title was missed.

Burley took over at Southampton and was still with the south coast club when the call came to manage Scotland and his record as national team boss is dealt with in that specific chapter. Afterwards he returned to management in England with Crystal Palace and in an echo of his holiday sacking at Ayr nearly twenty years earlier the London club dispensed with his services on New Year's Day 2011.

**BURNS, Tommy 1956-2008**

**Kilmarnock Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1992-July 12<sup>th</sup> 1994**

**Celtic July 12<sup>th</sup> 1994-May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1997**

**Honours: 1<sup>st</sup> Division promotion 1992-93, Scottish Cup Winner 1994-95**

Burns's move to Kilmarnock as a player had been the catalyst for the Ayrshire club's revival after several years in the doldrums and when Jim Fleeting left near the end of 1991-92 after failing to win promotion, the former Celtic star was handed the chance to see what he could do as manager. Four wins and a draw in the remaining games was enough to see him appointed on a permanent basis.

Burns (and assistant Billy Stark) continued as a player and his first full season was a great success as Killie won promotion on the final day to end a ten-year exile from the top flight. Staying up was a difficult task as three clubs were due to be relegated in 1993-94 but, just as in the previous season, a goalless draw on the last day was good enough and Kilmarnock ended the season in eighth, a position last achieved in 1980 and not surpassed since 1970. Having also seen his team narrowly (and many would say undeservedly) lose out on a Scottish Cup Final place when beaten in a semi-final replay thanks to a controversial Rangers goal, Burns was now hero-worshipped by the Rugby Park faithful.

But he was a Celtic man first and foremost and his relationship with the Ayrshire club and their fans was put under severe strain by the nature of his move to Parkhead with both Burns and Celtic chairman Fergus McCann denying any previous contact or 'tapping' before Burns was appointed Celtic boss on the singularly most inappropriate date on the calendar for such an appointment. SFA and league investigations led to a

six-figure fine for Celtic, compensation for Kilmarnock and a ruling that Burns (and Stark who had followed him to Parkhead) could not be registered as a Celtic player - though this was unlikely in any case.

Far from challenging Rangers at this time, Celtic hadn't even finished second since winning the title in 1988 and Burns was further hampered in his initial season by having to play home games at Hampden while Celtic Park was converted to an all-seater stadium. A bad start became even worse when they lost the League Cup Final to 1<sup>st</sup> division Raith Rovers on penalty kicks. Celtic could only finish fourth - and a poor fourth at that - in the league and Burns was already under pressure from McCann to deliver success when the Scottish Cup provided some respite as victory over Airdrie in the final gave Celtic their first trophy since 1989.

Burns had by now assembled the players he wanted and with the team restored to Celtic Park they were at last able to challenge for the championship. In 1995-96 Celtic lost just once in the league. Unfortunately it was to Rangers with the other three league matches between the pair drawn. Their points tally of 83 was the equivalent of 59 under two points for a win, equal to the record for a 36-game season established by Aberdeen in 1985. Yet they finished second to Rangers by four points. To rub salt into their wounds their old rivals knocked them out of both domestic cups as well. In Europe Paris St Germain became the second team to win both legs of a tie against Celtic.

In 1996-97 Celtic were striving to prevent Rangers from equalling their own record of nine successive titles, established in the sixties and seventies under Jock Stein. It was clear that Rangers team was ageing but Celtic went back not forwards this season. Their previous season's points tally would have been enough but this time they lost seven games, including, humiliatingly, all four against their bitter rivals. Yet despite this twelve point difference in games between them, Celtic were only five behind at the finish as they again ended as runners-up. One win against Ranger would have been three points more for them, three less at Ibrox and nine-in-a-row averted.

They exited the League Cup against Hearts and Hamburg became the latest continental opponents to win both legs of their tie but Celtic did win one important game and against Rangers at that, in the Scottish Cup. That took them into a semi-final against 1<sup>st</sup> division Falkirk. But in an echo of the Raith Rovers debacle the match was drawn with Falkirk winning the replay.

That was the end for Burns. Without even waiting until the end of the season, McCann dismissed the manager on the eve of a league match at

Easter Road much to the fury of a crowd that gathered outside the ground in support of Burns.

Despite several offers, notably from St Johnstone and former club Kilmarnock, Burns never returned to club management in Scotland. He coached at Newcastle under Kenny Dalglish and had an unsuccessful spell as Reading manager before becoming Scotland's assistant manager under Berti Vogts then Walter Smith. He was in charge of the national team for one match as caretaker.

With McCann departed Burns returned to Celtic Park under Martin O'Neill as head of youth and combined that role with first team coach under Gordon Strachan.

Burns was diagnosed with skin cancer in 2006 and while initial treatment was successful it returned two years later. Tommy Burns died at the age of 51 in May 2008.

#### **BUSBY, Drew 1947-**

**Queen of the South June 10<sup>th</sup> 1982-May 12<sup>th</sup> 1984**

**Honours: None**

Busby came in following relegation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division in 1982 but his two seasons in charge saw QoS finish mid-table on both occasions. They were on course for promotion in 1983-84 but a dramatic collapse in the last eight matches with five defeats and three draws saw them fall back into the pack and Busby left at the end of the season.

#### **BUTCHER, Terry 1958-**

**Motherwell Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 2002-May 16<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Inverness Caledonian Thistle Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 2009-**

**Honours: League Cup Finalist 2004-05, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Champion 2009-10, Challenge Cup Finalist 2009-10**

Butcher's management career is the reverse of the usual story in which a manager forges a name for himself in Scotland before trying his luck in England. He had managed both Coventry City and Sunderland and been labelled in some quarters as a failure. Given the history of both clubs following his departure, Butcher's achievement in keeping them in the top flight suggests this verdict needs to be revised.

He was appointed assistant to Eric Black at Motherwell and when the latter departed when the club went into administration it would have been easy for Butcher to follow. To his credit he refused to go. Instead he set about the difficult task of keeping Motherwell in the SPL while operating under stringent financial constrictions.

Motherwell finished last in his first season and by rights should have been relegated but the inability of 1<sup>st</sup> division champions Falkirk to meet SPL ground requirements gave 'Well a reprieve which Butcher grabbed. He steered Motherwell into the top six in the next two seasons and while they were in the bottom half in his final year they were nowhere near a relegation place.

He also took Motherwell to their first League Cup Final in exactly fifty years but they seemed to freeze on the day with Rangers winning easily.

Butcher's next move was a surprise one as he set off for Australia and Sydney FC but it was an unhappy time and he was sacked after less than a year in charge. An unproductive spell at Brentford followed before he became number two to George Burley when the latter was Scotland manager.

Inverness Caledonian Thistle called for him in January 2009 when they faced relegation from the SPL. Under Butcher the club made up ground on all the other teams in the drop zone over the remaining matches and they went into the last day ahead of Falkirk and level on points with St Mirren, needing just a draw to survive. But a home defeat by the Bairns condemned them to relegation on goal difference.

It was a short stay downstairs as Butcher's team roared back, becoming the first side to be relegated from the SPL to finish as 1<sup>st</sup> division champions the following season. The team made a good start to life back in the SPL, in particular carrying over their fine away form. They were undefeated in their final ten away games in the 1<sup>st</sup> division and their opening nine the SPL, thus going more than a full calendar year without tasting defeat on the road, from a loss at Firhill in November 2009 to defeat at St Johnstone in January 2011.

Although Butcher's team faded after that they only just missed out on the top six and were never in any danger of going back down.