



*Institute Football Club*

# Newsletter

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## Chairman's Update



I commend the efforts of our media team and supporters club in highlighting the need for better communication between the club and it's supporters. Particularly in the absence of a functioning website, which we hope to remedy in the next few weeks.

I hope that this publication can develop into a regular match day program and that we can have regular input from relevant people and production support from volunteer supporters. In the meantime, here is an update on some important club issues.

## Riverside Stadium



We have now reached an agreed settlement with the insurers. However, we have been told that we will never again be able to acquire flood insurance for that site, as it is situated in the fourth most prone flood plain in Northern Ireland.

Consequently, we decided that re-investing the current insurance settlement in the reinstatement of the Riverside, without the possibility of future flood insurance, would be untenable and a dereliction of duty in terms of ensuring the club's long term survival.

Thankfully, Sport NI, who provided the original grant for the development of the stadium, have agreed that it would be in keeping with the conditions of that grant for us to reinvest any insurance claim in the development of an alternative site.

However, our lease agreement with the landlord, the YMCA, obliges us to return the site to 'green field status' and this will take a very considerable chunk of the insurance settlement, leaving less residual finance to put towards the development of an alternative site. We are currently in the process of negotiating the exact details and projected costings of the demolition process.

## Potential Relocation

Some time ago, an independent report, commissioned by DCSDC, identified **Clooney Park West** as the optimum choice for our eventual relocation. Since then, we have engaged with local community groups and clubs to develop a shared vision for the development of that site. It has proven to be a slow and complex process. However, we have a history of persistence and resilience that underpins our continued pursuit of a positive outcome and an assured future for our club.



## The Immediate Future

Until all of the above issues can be resolved, we are grateful for the opportunity to avail of the newly refurbished Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium. Indeed, without the support of DCSDC, our political representatives, and the local community, our deserved promotion to, and continued membership of the NIFL Premiership, may well have been in jeopardy. Finally, a word of thanks to all of you who continue to support the club through these difficult times, and to the visiting supporters whose impeccable behaviour and cooperation continues to defy the sceptics. Ardens Sed Virens!!!

*Bill Anderson*



## Message from the Manager

Firstly I would like to welcome you all to this afternoons early kick off at the Brandywell against Linfield.

The games have been coming thick and fast and it feels that every week we are meeting a tougher opponent than the previous week.

This week is no exceptions, but what a challenge. This is a game we should all relish supporters and players alike.

The attitude and response from the group since I arrived (8 weeks ago now) has been amazing, they have all adapted really well to the new belief system and objectives we have set as a team, each and every one of them have been a credit to you and the club.

That being said, we are under no illusions about the task ahead today and the rest of the season. We have set standards and must continue to push and get to the next level. If we continue to perform with the belief, commitment, trust and resilience we have shown then the rest of this campaign can be exciting for us all.

The welcome both my son and I have received from everyone at the club has been immense and I thank you all. I cannot promise league titles or silverware, but I can promise a work ethic, commitment to the club and a burning desire to achieve more than has ever been imagined at the club over the next few seasons and beyond.

With regards to the squad, Caoimhan Bonner suffered a bad ankle injury (away to Newry in the league cup). We were anticipating him being out for maybe 3 months .This week we got some positive news from the doctor, he should be able to begin his rehab in early January. Skinny is a top lad and Ruari Lynch and our medical support team will work with him diligently to get him back in the squad at the earliest date. He is a player I have great faith in and has been a joy to work with.

Cormac Burke has been working hard to recover from a hamstring strain. Progress is going well (in no small part down to his own desire and professionalism) to get back to full fitness.

It is also great to have Evan Tweed fit again and back fighting for a place in the team .

I must also mention Conor Tourish and Aidy McCauley ( both signed pro deals over the past weeks ) who have been immense over the last 4 games .

On top of that the performances of our Young guns , Shane McNamee , Aaron Mc Gurk and Jack Bradley has been refreshing and boxes well for the long-term .

With that said , sit back enjoy the game and get behind the lads .The one thing I can guarantee is that we will run and fight for every ball today ..

Enjoy the game today but more importantly enjoy the journey we have embarked on .

Also a special mention to Charlene and Sam McClintock ( from New Buildings) my special guests to the game. Sam will accompany the team into the pitch today .

*Sean Connor*

# Club News

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## SUPPORTERS CHRISTMAS BONUS BALL

The Supporters club are running a Christmas Bonus Ball Draw. To enter, all you need to do is buy a ball. The price of a ball is £20. You can buy as many or as a few as you like! The draw will be conducted on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, at our home fixture VS Glenavon. The winner will receive £500. Anyone looking for a ball please contact Ian Culbert or Dean Nutt.

## AWAY FIXTURE vs BALLYMENA

The supporters club have organised a supporters bus to our away game Vs Ballymena United on Saturday 24th November. The bus will leave Drumahoe Coffee Stop at 1pm and will depart the Ballymena Showgrounds at 5.15pm sharp. The price for the bus is set at £10 per head. Contact Ian Culbert on 07874279607 to book a seat.

## INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB MONTHLY DRAW

The Club's monthly draw is a vital fundraising source for the club itself. It costs £10 per month with the winner receiving £100 and 2x£50 prizes for second and third. Anyone interested could you please contact Andrew Russell or Trevor Hewitt to get involved. Previous winners for September and October are as follows-

### **September:**

- 1st Helen Welsh - £100
- 2nd Maurice Forbes - £50
- 3rd Ian Gilchrist - £50

### **October:**

- 1st J McFadden - £100
- 2nd Kevin McLaughlin - £50
- 3rd Marcia Coll - £50

## **FIRST TEAM FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER**

**\*Please note the earlier kick-off times for our home fixtures against both Linfield and Coleraine\***

### **Institute vs Linfield**

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November*

*Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium*

*Kick-off: 1pm*

Our most grateful thanks is extended to our Match sponsors for this fixture:  
**Curran and Hepburn Electrical Engineers & Contractors.**

### **Ballymena United vs Institute**

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*

*Ballymena Showgrounds*

*Kick-off: 3pm*

### **Institute vs Coleraine**

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

*Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium*

*Kick-off: 1pm*

Our most grateful thanks is extended to our Match and Ball sponsors for this fixture.

Match sponsor: **Lisahally Power Station**

Ball Sponsor: **Exclusive Doors & Floors**



## YOUTH ACADEMY FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER

### Under 16:

#### **Institute vs Ballinamallard**

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November*

*Caw Pitch, Nelson Drive*

*Kick-off: 11am*

#### **Linfield vs Institute**

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*

*Midgley Park, Belfast*

*Kick-off: 11am*

### Under 18:

#### **Ballinamallard vs Institute (League)**

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November*

*Fisher Park*

*Kick-off: 8pm*

#### **Institute vs Ballinamallard (Cup)**

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

*Venue: TBC*

*Kick-off: 1:30pm*

### Under 20:

#### **Institute vs Ballymena**

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*

*Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium*

*Kick-off: 2pm*

#### **Larne Olympic vs Institute**

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

*Inver Park*

*Kick-off: 2pm*

# INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CLUB

## BOARD MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Charlie Ferguson

**CHAIRMAN:** Bill Anderson

**V. CHAIRMAN:** Andrew Russell

**TREASURER:** Keith McElhinney & Gary McMackin

**SECRETARY:** Robert McGonigle

### **MEMBERS:**

Louise Connor

Shauna Doherty

Charlie McGirr

Brian Dougherty

Nicky Morton

Ian Culbert

Paul Howie

David McClements

John Connor

### **FOOTBALL STRUCTURE**

**Manager:** Sean Connor

**Asst Coach:** Paul McLaughlin

**Asst Coach:** Sean Friars

**Asst Coach:** Mark Scoltock

**Goalkeeper Coach:** Anthony Blake

**Physiotherapist:** Ruairi Lynch

**Club Doctor:** Noel Boyle

**Head of Youth Academy:** Eddie Seydak (U/20's 18's 16's)

**Head of Youth Development:** Gary Fowler (U/15 down and Foundation Level)



# **INSTITUTE FC**

## **FIRST TEAM SQUAD**

**2 Ryan Morrow**

**3 Colm Mc Laughlin**

**4 Caoimhan Bonner**

**5 Dean Curry (Captain)**

**7 Jamie Dunne**

**8 Niall Grace**

**9 Stephen Curry**

**12 Mark Scoltock**

**14 Jake Morrow**

**15 Conor Tourish**

**16 Gareth Brown**

**17 Jamie McIntyre**

**19 Joe McCready**

**20 Brendan McLaughlin**

**21 Paul Wells (Goalkeeper)**

**24 Aidan McCauley**

**27 Evan Tweed**

**28 Shaun Leppard**

**29 Graham Crown**

**30 Shane McNamee**

**31 Rory Brown (Goalkeeper)**

**32 Cormac Burke**

**33 Aaron Mc Gurk**

**34 Jack Bradley**