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Glasgow: In a League of Its Own

BY JONATHAN CLEGG

English football is dominated by Scottish managers, and from one city in particular

GLASGOW, Scotland—There are some 240 overseas players in the English Premier League. They're spread all over the map—35 from France, seven from Senegal, one each from Uruguay, Mali and Greece. By some measures, it's the most cosmopolitan league in all of sports. But when it comes to the men prowling the sidelines, some of the very best come from this same cold, industrial city of 600,000 in western Scotland.



Press Association—Birmingham City manager Alex McLeish, left, shakes hands with Alex Ferguson of Manchester United. Both men were raised in Glasgow.

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A Message from Our President

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Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments served after the meeting.

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society Friends:

Our February meeting went well. Second VP David McCrossan served some excellent pizzas and fresh green salad, then entertained and informed us with a first class presentation on the "Languages of Scotland." He showed some great film clips, too. Great job, David, well done!

My wife Terry and I attended the Caledonian Club's "Ladies' Appreciation Night," in South San Francisco February 26th. The tasty dinner was prepared by Alex (the Pie Man) and Jean Henderson. It was a fun evening, with good company as well as a deejay and karaoke, with lots of dancing and singing. Chief Davey Scott and I even managed to commandeer the microphones and blast out our version of "Danny Boy." This event was my first visit to their clubhouse, formerly an old VFW post, that now has a gleaming dance floor, a Tartan carpeted barroom, and a full commercial kitchen. It's a warm and welcoming place.

I have received communication from Glasgow University, where Professor Catriona McDonald heads up Modern Scottish History. Contact me for web details, if you are interested. The Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers are having a concert March 27th. Flyers are available with complete information.

Recently, I came across a copy of the "Arbroth Declaration of 1320." I'll have this reminder of Robert Bruce and a most memorable time in Scottish history matted and framed and present it to The Society.

The problems we had with our website appear to have been resolved. Our next meeting, March 21, 2011, is a members' dinner night and we have a full house signed up. Enlightenment during dinner will be provided by a representative from the Scottish Development Council, and the meal will be catered by Chef JGA. Next month, we begin with Scotland Week and the Caledonian Club's Tartan Ball, for which I'm hoping we can fill at table of ten. Hope to see you all regularly at Green Street.

Yours aye,

John Allison



March 21st Membership Program

Guest Presenter: Calum Lancaster

Of Scottish Development International

Scottish Development International (SDI) is the official government body which promotes Scotland as investment location and helps Scottish companies looking to enter overseas markets. SDI has an active Bay Area presence through its local office. Senior Vice President, Calum Lancaster, will explain the work of the agency, and the prospects for the Scottish economy through increased collaboration with key US industry sectors.

March xxx Tartan Ball

March 27th Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers in Concert



Sponsored By The Calaveras Arts Council
Bret Harte Performing Arts Center
located in the Bret Harte Union School District
Building near the KFC
323 Highway 49
Angels Camp, CA 95222

Afternoon Performance - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

"Show starts at 3 pm. Step back in time to a traditional taste of Scotland while the Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers share Scottish dances old and new. With beautiful costumes and Celtic flair, you'll sure to have an eyeful of charm."

For more information and tickets, checkout the [Calaveras Arts](#) web page.

St. Andrew's Society of SF & Related Calendar of Events for 2011

Membership meeting
March 21st
Calum Lancaster
Scottish Development International

Membership meeting
April 18th
Patrick Alexander
Celebrating The Royal Wedding

Membership meeting
May 16th
Calum Lancaster
The Story of McCrae's Battalion

Membership meeting
June 20th
Scottish Engineers
The Scottish Engineer: the greatest generation preserves the Jeremiah O'Brien for future generations

July 18th
No Meeting this month

August 15th
No Meeting this month

Membership meeting
September 19th
Clark Chelsey, Ph.D
Scottish Philosophers and the Founding Fathers

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Both Manchester United's Alex Ferguson and Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish, who will face off in the Premier League on Sunday, were born in Glasgow. Alex McLeish, who masterminded Birmingham City's Carling Cup triumph last Sunday, is a Glaswegian, as is Everton's David Moyes, the third-longest serving manager in the top division. Two of the game's rising stars, Bolton's Owen Coyle and Blackburn's Steve Kean, also grew up here.

Less than 1% of the U.K. population lives in Glasgow, but six of the 20 Premier League managers learnt the game there—more than from any other country, including England. This volume is more than matched by quality: Since 1986, three Glaswegians—Ferguson, Dalglish and former Arsenal coach George Graham—have won the league title a combined 17 times.

Four decades ago, when Manchester United's Matt Busby, Celtic's Jock Stein and Liverpool's Bill Shankly occupied the dugouts at Britain's biggest clubs, Scotland's coaching superiority was a matter of course. But at a time when the Scottish national team is an also-ran in world football—Scotland is currently ranked 53rd in the world and has failed to qualify for the last six major tournaments—the rise of a new generation of Glaswegian coaches belies the notion that Scottish football is in a tailspin.

The engine of Glasgow's success is football's unshakable primacy in this city's culture. Its passion for the game is fuelled by a history of tough, blue-collar labor in manufacturing and shipbuilding. For decades, its gray skies and gritty reputation formed the bedrock of working-class life in Scotland, which some say has strengthened Glasgow's connection to football and its ideals of teamwork.

"It's a pretty rough environment," says Barry Wilson, a 22-year-old construction worker. "But we love our football." Historians say football first became a Glaswegian obsession when Scotland and England played out a goal-less draw here in the first international game in 1872. Today, Istanbul is the only other European city to house three football stadiums with capacities over 50,000, but it has a population of 13 million compared with Glasgow's 600,000.

"It's got this extraordinary football heritage," says David Goldblatt, the author of "The Ball is Round: A Global History of Football." "If Paris was the place where modern art was invented at the turn of the 20th Century, I would argue that Glasgow is the place where modern football was invented."

Although the rules of the modern game were codified in London in the 19th century, in many ways the sport was fashioned north of the border. The rivalry between Rangers and Celtic, the top two teams in Glasgow, dates back to 1888 and the clubs have shared about 80% of the total Scottish football titles ever since.

To nature, add nurture: Scotland has long been known as a pioneer in the education of young coaches. The Scottish Football Association's coaching school down the Ayrshire coast at Largs was established in the late 1970s and has become a cradle for some of the world's best coaches. England's Fabio Capello and Arrigo Sacchi, the former AC Milan and Italy coach, both attended classes here. So did Real Madrid's José Mourinho. By contrast, England only began to recognize the UEFA qualification system in 2003.

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Glasgow first became the leading source for football coaches in the late 1960s with the successes of Manchester United's Matt Busby and Jock Stein at Celtic. These two men became the first British managers to lift the European Cup, the latter with a team made up entirely of players born within a 30-mile radius of Glasgow.

Bill Shankly—who grew up all of 35 miles away in Ayrshire—achieved similar success at Liverpool, winning the last of his three championships in 1973 and paving the way for the team's domination of English football for the best part of two decades.

As well as a common adherence to toughness and discipline, these three coaches shared a commitment to attacking, entertaining football. Their ideals have since shaped new generations of Glaswegians, first through their assistant coaches and former players and later their descendants.

Ferguson was heavily influenced by the hard-nosed approach to management favored by Stein, having served as his assistant with the Scotland national team. Now Ferguson is the trailblazer for a new batch of Scottish managerial talent, guys like Birmingham's McLeish, who starred in Ferguson's European Cup Winners' Cup-winning Aberdeen side of the early 1980s.

The structure of Scottish football also makes it an ideal proving ground for young coaches. Unlike many of Europe's top leagues, which typically comprise 20 teams, there are just 12 clubs in the Scottish Premier League. Teams play each other up to four times a season, meaning the players have a good idea of the strengths and weaknesses of their opponents. All of which places a greater onus on the men on the sidelines to win the tactical matchup. But some say what really separates Glasgow coaches from the rest of the Premier League managers is the tangible fear of returning home a failure.

"There's a chip on your shoulder when you go down to England," says Jamie Reynolds, a 41-year-old retail manager and a member of a Glasgow Rangers fan group. "It's like following Scotland to Wembley in the old days—you're carrying the reputation of Scotland as a football nation. So you dare not lose."



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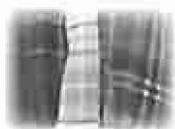


Tartan Ball

It's time once again to dust off your kilts, sporrans and dancing shoes for our annual Tartan Ball!

Saturday, April 9, 2011

- Scottish Highland Dancers •
 - Dancing to Bob Gutierrez's Music •
- (Fantastic for the young and older!)*



Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

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For Reservations Contact

George McCombe, 1st Chieftain
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Life Members who have elected to make additional contributions for 2010.

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Membership meeting

October 17th

To Be Confirmed

Membership meeting

November 21st

British Consul General
Scotland and the UK: an-
nual review from the British
Consul General

Membership meeting

December 19th

Erskine Trust-supporting
Scotland's Heroes
Erskine: Meeting Yester-
day's and Today's Needs.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

It is moved that the St Andrews Society of San Francisco donate the sum of \$500 to the John Muir Association to fund scholarships to the John Muir Day Camp for local children who need financial help to attend the event which is held at John Muir's house.

Dunsmuir **S**cottish **D**ancers

In Concert



Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 3:00 PM

Bret Harte Performing Arts Center

323 Highway 49

Angels Camp, CA 95222

Tickets: <http://www.calaverasarts.org/ovation.html>

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RECITALS: The Crystal Ballroom 9:00am to 4:00pm

COCKTAILS: The Regimental Room 5:30 to 6:45pm

**AWARDS BANQUET : Commandant's Room 7:00 pm
DRESS: FORMAL / BLACK TIE**

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