



Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship 2023



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130th Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship Sponsored by 7plus7 Construction and R&E Hygiene Lake of Menteith - 23rd September 2023

The final of the 2023 National was at the Lake of Menteith on Saturday 23rd September and the 2023 National Champion is Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC. Derek has been incredibly consistent over the last few years and having been the National Champion in 2018 and again in 2021 he is now the National Champion for the third time. Derek was presented with the National Trophy and a £200 voucher for Angus Angling by Quint Glen, fishery manager.

Conditions at the Lake were good with overcast skies for most of the day and a light ripple or flat calm until late afternoon when a chilly breeze got up.

Derek boated 14 trout for 28lb 4.3oz and was closely followed by Sean McCaffrey of North Shetland FF who had 12 trout for 27lb 11oz. Michael Low of Menteith Ospreys was third with 11 trout for 22lb 15.5oz. Sean and Michael each received a voucher for £100 for Fishers of Penicuik. They also qualified for the 2024 international teams.



Derek Pozzi – 2023 National Champion

Derek was paired with Sandy McConnachie of Aurora Orkney FF and they went straight to the cages where he set up with a fast glass and a team of boobies. The boobies were twiddled back and he took a trout on his first cast. The same method was used throughout the morning and a further six trout came to the net. The pair left the cages for a brief spell to try other areas of the Lake but on finding that not a lot was happening they returned to the cages where Derek added a further seven trout to his catch. Sandy finished with 7 trout for 15lb 1oz which put him in 17th place and earned him a place in the 2024 international teams.

James Charters, who boated for Sean McCaffrey and Kevin Neri, was the best boatman of the day and he received a bottle of Dalwhinnie Gold malt.

The heaviest fish of the day that was brought to the scales weighed 4lb 15.8oz and was caught by George Gall of Rescobie Loch DA.

The top 20 anglers are qualified for the 2024 international teams that will be going to Ireland in the spring and Wales in the autumn.

The SANACC committee wish to thank the 33 boatmen who gave up their time to assist with the management of the final. They also wish to thank 7plus7 for sponsoring the fly measures; R & E Hygiene for sponsoring the waterproof paper; OTFA and Dounreay FFA for running the heats at Harray and Watten; and the management and staff at all of the fisheries for their assistance at all stages of the Championship.

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Lake Of Menteith

23rd September 2023

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Derek Pozzi	Thalassa Ac	14	28	4.30
2	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	12	27	11.00
3	Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	11	22	15.50
4	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	9	20	2.50
5	Douglas Beckett	Perth CSSC	9	20	0.70
6	Calum Clark	Hawick AC	8	19	15.40
7	Willie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	9	18	4.90
8	Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	8	28	3.70
9	Kevin McCabe	Chang FF ACC	8	17	14.20
10	Thomas McMillan	Dalry Garnock AC	9	17	3.60
11	Kevin Neri	Lintrathen FF	8	16	9.30
12	Joseph Wood	Bridge Of Weir (Loch) AC	6	15	14.80
13	Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	8	15	13.30
14	George Telford	Avonbank AC	7	15	11.40
15	Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	7	15	7.60
16	Ally Middlemass	Dalzell AC	6	15	5.10
17	Sandy McConnachie	Aurora Orkney FF	7	15	1.00
18	Tyler Hay	Defending Champion	7	14	15.80
19	Ben Robertson	Sunburst AC	7	14	13.10
20	Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	7	14	10.00
21	Gregor Fleming	Bridge Of Weir (Loch) AC	7	14	8.80
22	Andrew Glasgow	Ferry FF	7	13	11.30
23	David Downie	Team Fly Fishing World	5	13	8.40
24	Campbell Morgan	FNF Falcons	6	13	1.30
25 eq	Graeme Lynch	Lochend FF	6	13	0.50
25 eq	Robbie Gibson	Balfron Piscatorials	6	13	0.50
27	Stewart Barclay	Gateside FF	6	12	14.40
28	Alan McConnachie	OTFA Stromness	6	12	13.10
29	Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC AC	5	12	4.80
30	Peter Auchterlonie	Menteith Ospreys	5	12	2.90
31	Derek Purves	SANACC	6	11	13.50

32	Keith Renton	Tweed Valley Tanglers	4	11	6.10
33	Brian Fletcher	Kilbirnie AC	4	11	5.90
34	David Mateer	SPRA FFS North	5	10	10.60
35	John Kerr	Harrow AC	4	10	5.80
36	Frank Wattt	Shetland AA	5	10	4.60
37	Darren Barcik	Rainbow AC	5	10	0.90
38	George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	3	10	0.00
39	Alexander Donald	Dounreay FFA	5	9	10.10
40	David Moore	Dunfermline Artisan AC	5	9	9.50
41	eq Brad Gair	Balfron Piscatorials	4	9	3.00
41	eq Kenny Finlayson	Gartmore Aberfoyle Dist AC	4	9	3.00
43	Andrew Morgan	W.S.Sinclair FF	4	9	0.50
44	Stewart Inglis	Grimm Anglers	4	8	15.20
45	John Watt	Dunfermline Rusty Nail	4	8	15.10
46	George Charters	Black Bull FFC	4	8	12.50
47	Murray Hunter	Costa Ecosse	4	8	11.20
48	Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	4	8	4.00
49	David Wright	St Boswells, Newtown & Dist	4	8	8.30
50	Bob Mitchell	Stanley & District AC	4	7	12.20
51	Nigel Burns	Crieff AC	3	7	3.50
52	John Simpson	Glasgow Post Office AC	3	6	11.00
53	Campbell Cree	Firecats	2	6	2.00
54	Scott Robertson	NCR AC	3	6	0.90
55	Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	3	6	0.40
56	Frank Ross	Monfieth Trout AC	2	5	9.00
57	Angus Robertson	Lochan Dubh	2	5	3.40
58	Andy Gray	Harelaw FF	2	5	3.20
59	David Wales	Dalry Garnock AC	1	3	13.60
60	Paul Cushnie	Leslie Llanilar	1	3	9.00
61	Eck Moffat	Dalzell AC	1	2	15.80
62	Gil Farid	Central Belters FF	1	2	7.30
63	Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	1	2	0.20
64	Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	1	1	11.00
65	Stevie Whitehead	Dalzell AC	1	1	10.80
66	Mark Fleming	Albacats	0	0	0.00
Total			339	755	4.30

**Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing
Championship
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Semi-Final No 5 - Menteith 29th June 2023**

The last of the semi-finals was hosted by the Lake of Menteith on 29th June and the competitors had an overcast day with a north west wind that varied from light to strong. 48% of the 30 competitors (14) qualified for the final.

Top rod was Gil Farid of Central Belters with 24 fish for 47lb 8.8oz. Ben Robertson of Sunburst AC was second with 23 fish for 46lb 3.2oz and Michael Ward of Jonhstone FF was third with 23 fish for 46lb 2.8oz. These anglers took their fish on a mix of dries, fabs, boobies, cormorants and diawl bachs at Cages Bay and the Malling Shore.

Photo: Ben Robertson, Gil Farid and Michael Ward



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Semi-Final No 5 - Lake of Menteith 29th June 2023

Top 14 qualify for the final.

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Gil Farid	Central Belters FF	24	47	8.8
2	Ben Robertson	Sunburst AC	23	46	3.2
3	Michael Ward	Johnstone FF	23	46	2.8
4	Frank Watt	Shetland AA	22	44	12
5	Alexander Donald	Dounreay FFA	22	44	3.2
6	Sean McCaffrey	North Shetland FF	20	40	14
7	Paul Cushnie	Leslie Llanilar	20	39	12.5
8	Martin McCafferty	Future FF	15	29	11.1
9	Brian Duffy	Kahts Whiskers AC	14	27	15.1
10	Andrew Morgan	W.S. Sinclair FF	14	27	6.5
11	George Charters	Black Bull FFC	13	27	2.6
12	Campbell Morgan	FNF Falcons	13	27	0.3
13	Wullie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	13	26	11.2
14	John Kerr	Harrow AC	13	26	5.2
15	Malcom Russell	W.S. Sinclair FF	13	25	15
16	Jim Adams	Merkister FF	13	25	12.2
17	Alan Porteous	FNF Falcons	12	24	12.1
18	John Munson	OTFA Stromness	13	24	11.4
19	Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	11	22	4
20	John Tullet	BOSGDAC	10	19	12.8
21	Toby Bracey	Dounreay FFA	9	19	3.3
22	Ronnie Orr	Milngavie AC	9	19	0.8
23	Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	9	18	3.9
24	Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	9	17	10.9
25	Charlie Walls	Arbroath AC	9	17	8
26	Peter Allan	Phoenix FF	6	13	3.5
27	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	5	10	3.7
28	David Niven	Kilmarnock FF	5	9	15.4
29	Malcom Patterson	Milngavie AC	1	1	10.5
30	Phillipe Avril	OTFA Stromness	0	0	0
			383	771	12.00

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Semi-Final No 4 - Harelaw 23rd June

The hard conditions that have been endured during the first three semi-finals continued at Harelaw which hosted semi-final No 4 on 23rd June. Conditions were overcast with a southerly breeze that varied from light to strong during the day. 40 anglers took part and the top 19 (48%) progress to the final. The top three competitors managed to winkle out 5 fish each whilst the last four qualifiers got through with two fish.

Photo: Campbell, Keith and David



Top rod was Keith Renton of Tweed Valley Tanglers with 5 fish for 11lb 2oz. Campbell Cree of Firecats was second with 5 fish for 10lb 8.1oz and David Wright of St Boswells Newtown and District AA was third with 5 fish for 10lb 6.2oz

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Semi-Final No 4 - Harelaw 23rd June 2023

top 19 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Keith Renton	Tweed Valley Tangles	5	11	2.00
2	Campbell Cree	Firecats	5	10	8.10
3	David Wright	St Boswells N&DAA	5	10	6.20
4	Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir AC	4	8	14.30
5	Joseph Wood	Bridge of Weir AC	4	8	10.40
6	Brad Gair	Balfron Picatorials	4	8	6.70
7	Nigel Burns	Crieff AC	3	7	0.50
8	Andrew Glasgow	Ferry FF	3	6	12.80
9	John Simpson	GPO FF	3	6	12.50
10	Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	3	6	10.40
11	Stewart Inglis	Grimm Anglers	3	6	7.20
12	Brian Fletcher	Kilbirnie AC	3	6	6.90
13	Kenny Finlayson	Gartmore Aberfoyle Dis.AC	3	5	15.10
14	Calum Clark	Hawick AC	3	5	13.60
15	Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76	3	5	11.10
16	Archie Blair	PGAC	2	5	11.10
17	David C. Downie	TeamFlyfishing World	2	4	12.10
18	George Telford	Avonbank	2	4	11.60
19	Angus Robertson	Lochan Dubh	2	4	10.40
20	Stewart Barclay	Gateside FF	2	4	5.20
21	Alan Brock	Crieff AC	2	4	4.80
22	Kevin Malcolm	Strathy AC	2	4	3.00
23	Mark Stewart	Greenock IBM FAC	2	4	1.50
24	Stuart Lindsay	Select FF	2	3	13.90
25	Keith Logan	Heriot AC	1	2	11.50
26	Kenni Hope	Hawick AC	1	2	10.10
27	Trevor Gibson	Heriot AC	1	2	9.50
28	Brian Kennedy	Glasgow PO AC	1	2	4.60
29	Alisdair Mair	Lochinch AC	1	2	3.20
30	Craig Inglis	Grimm Anglers	1	2	1.30
31	Chris Tamburrini	East Kilbride AC	1	2	0.70
32	Calum Crosbie	Albacats	1	2	0.30
33	Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	1	1	13.30
34	Neill Barrett	Gateside FF	1	1	13.20
35	Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	1	1	13.00
36	eq Stevie Cowan	Ayr Travellers	0	0	0.00
36	eq Dan Brown	Cupar AC	0	0	0.00
36	eq Kevin Andrews	Lochan Dubh	0	0	0.00
36	eq William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	0	0	0.00
36	eq Alan Gilbert	Saltire FF	0	0	0.00
		Total	83	180	4.10

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Semi-Final No 3 - Lintrathen 22nd June

The blue sky and light breeze returned for our third semi-final which was held at Lintrathen on 22nd June. Fast sinking lines and boobies were once again the order of the day and with 10 anglers taking part the top 5 progress to the final.

Top rod was the Defending Champion, Tyler Hay, who had 8 fish for 12lb 6.9oz. In second was Robbie Gibson of Balfron Piscatorials with 7 fish for 11lb 14.8oz and Bob Mitchell of Stanley & District AC was third with 4 fish for 7lb 5.2oz.



Robbie Gibson, Tyler Hay and Bob Mitchell

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Semi-Final No 3 - Lintrathen 22nd June 2023

top 5 qualify for the final

	Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1	Tyler Hay	Defending Champion	8	12	6.90
2	Roobie Gibson	Balfron Piscatorials	7	11	14.80
3	Bob Mitchell	Stanley & District AC	4	7	5.20
4	Ally Middlemass	Dalzell AC	4	7	3.00
5	David Kemp	Stanley & District AC	3	6	10.90
6	Mark Fleming	Albacats	2	3	11.80
7	Stephen Harper	Rainbow AC	2	3	7.30
8	Will Banett	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	1	2	2.30
9	Tony Li	GFFC	1	2	0.70
10	PJ McIntosh	Badenoch AC	1	1	12.90
	Total		33	58	11.80

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Semi-Final No 2 - Menteith 20th June

The second of the 2023 semi-finals was held at the Lake of Menteith on 20th June and with 36 anglers taking part the top 17 qualified for the final. The competition was fished to a two fish kill followed by a maximum of ten fish released and thereafter it was on a time bonus with one fish to be awarded for each complete 30 minutes of the session time remaining. The competitors set off with overcast skies and a light breeze with almost all of them heading for the deeper waters in the Cages Bay area. In the afternoon there was heavy rain and thunder with the competitors having to leave the water for a period due to the thunder.



Alan McConnachie, Stevie Whitehead & Thomas McMillan

The top rod on the day was Stevie Whitehead of Dalzell AC with 13 fish (one fish on time bonus) for 27lb 15oz. In second was Alan McConnachie of OTFA Stromness with ten fish for 22lb 13oz and third was Thomas McMillan of Dalry Garnock AC with ten fish for 22lb 12.7oz. Their fish were caught on di7s in the Cages Bay area.

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Semi Final No 2 - Menteith 20th June 2023						
top 17 qualify for the final						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Stevie Whitehead	Dalzell AC	13	27	15.00
2		Alan McConnachie	OTFA Stromness	10	22	13.00
3		Thomas McMillan	Dalry Garnock AC	10	22	12.70
4		Frank Ross	Monifieth Trout AC	11	22	0.70
5		David Wales	Dalry Garnock AC	10	21	8.00
6		Kevin Neri	Lintrathen FF	11	21	1.20
7		Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	10	20	12.10
8		Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	8	20	0.00
9		Graeme Lynch	Lochend Fly Fishers	10	19	12.60
10		Andy Gray	Harelaw FF	9	19	2.90
11		Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	8	17	5.40
12		Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC	7	15	8.60
13		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	8	15	4.60
14		Peter Auchterlonie	Menteith Ospreys	7	15	1.40
15		Sandy McConnachie	Aurora Orkney FF	7	14	10.90
16		Derek Purves	SANACC	7	13	7.80
17		David Moore	Dunfermline Artisan AC	6	12	15.50
18		Eck Moffat	Dalzell AC	6	12	9.60
19		Stevie Francis	Houshillmuir FF	6	11	7.70
20		James Kerr	Albacats	5	11	5.40
21		Colin Sutherland	Merkister FF	5	10	15.70
22		Mick Tait	Kelso AA	5	9	9.50
23	eq	Alan Lusk	Strathgryfe AA	4	9	8.70
23	eq	Mark Da Prato	SPRA FFS West	4	9	8.70

25	David Auld	Ellem FC	4	9	4.70
26	Ally Kennedy	Perth CSSC	4	8	8.60
27	Wayne Cram	West Lothian F.D.	4	8	0.20
28	Nicky Cocozza	Future FF	4	7	8.80
29	Ken Kennedy	OTFA Kirwall	3	7	5.90
30	Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	3	7	5.70
31	Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	3	6	10.60
32	David Marfizo	Brechin AC	3	6	8.30
33	Ian Hutcheon	OTFA Kirwall	3	6	7.90
34	Alex Grant	Select FF	3	5	9.40
35	Ian Buchan	Arbroath AC	1	1	14.90
36	James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	0	0	0.00
		Total	222	472	10.70

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Semi-Final No 1 - Lintrathen 13th June

The semi-finals got underway under cloudless skies at Lintrathen on 13th June. Probably best described as character building conditions the 21 competitors caught 41 trout. Top rod was David Mateer of SPRA FFS North who had 5 fish for 9lb 1.7oz. Kevin McCabe of Change FF AC was second with 6 fish for 8lb 8.6oz and Scott Robertson of NCR AC was third with 6 fish for 8lb 3.5oz. The top rods took their fish in various areas of the sawmill end on fast glass to di3 lines using boobies, fabs and standards.



Kevin McCabe, David Mateer and Scott Robertson

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Semi-Final No 1 - Lintrathen 13th June 2023						
top 10 qualify for the final						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		David Mateer	SPRAFFS North	5	9	1.70
2		Kevin McCabe	Change Flyfishers AC	6	8	8.60
3		Scott Robertson	NCR AC	6	8	3.50
4		John Watt	Dunfermline Rusty Nail	4	7	6.40
5		Derek Marklow	Loanhead & District AC	2	4	2.80
6		George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	2	4	1.20
7		Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	2	4	1.00
8		Darren Barcik	Rainbow AC	2	3	14.50
9		Murray Hunter	Costa Ecosse	1	2	7.70
10		Douglas Beckett	Perth CSSC	1	2	5.50
11		Iain Lindsay	Port Glasgow AC	1	2	3.40
12		Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	2	2	1.10
13		Greig Thomson	NCR AC	1	2	0.50
14		Wullie Leach	Change Flyfishers AC	1	1	14.20
15		Neil Anderson	Monikie AC	1	1	14.10
16		Conner McGurk	Central Belters FF	1	1	13.90
17		Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	1	1	13.20
18		Derek Hissett	Change Flyfishers AC	1	1	11.40
19		Ronnie Gilbert	Thalassa AC	1	1	10.00
20	eq	Jim Hay	Dunfermline Railway AC	0	0	0.00
20	eq	Ron Gray	Rescobie Loch DA	0	0	0.00
			Total	41	71	6.70

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Heat 9- Lake of Menteith 25th May 2023

Heat 9 of the National was at the Lake of Menteith and with 28 anglers taking part the top 14 go through to the semi-finals. Top rod with 20 fish for 39lb 9oz was Keith Logan of Heriot AC. Tony Li of GFFC was second with 19 fish for 37lb 15.6oz and Stuart Lindsay of Select FF was third with 17 fish for 33lb 14.4oz



Tony Li, Keith Logan and Stuart Lindsay

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Heat 9 - Menteith 25th May 2023

Boat	Q	Angler	Club	FISH	LBS	OZ	TOTAL	
1		Kevin Malcolm	Strathly AC	2+8	4	15.40	20lb 15.4	12
		Ronnie Glass	Kelso AA	2+13	3	11.70	29lb 11.7	4
2		John Laurenson	GFFC	2	4	4.50	4lb 4.5	
		Douglas Fairbairn	SPPM AC	2+4	3	9.00	11lb 9	
3		Alastair MacGillivray	SPPM AC	2+4	3	12.50	11lb 12.5	
		Ian Jones	Lochgelly SRC AS	2+2	3	11.90	7lb 11.9	
4		Keith Logan	The Heriot AC	2+18	3	9.00	39lb 9	1
		Tony Li	GFFC	2+17	3	15.60	37lb 15.6	2
5		Ken Oliver	Strathgryfe AA	2+9	4	7.00	22lb 7	9
		Dan Brown	Cuper AC	2+11	3	12.40	25lb 12.4	7
6		Charlie Wilkinson	Cuper AC	2+6	3	7.40	15lb 7.4	
		Ross Carnagie	West Lothian FD	2+8	3	5.30	19lb 5.3	
7		Mike McKenna	Aberdour AA	2+2	3	13.70	7lb 13.7	
		David Wilkie	SPPM AC	2+2	3	10.50	7lb 10.5	
8		Stephen Harper	Rainbow AC	2+8	4	2.30	20lb 2.3	13
		Keith Renton	Tweed Valley Tanglers	2+11	4	15.00	26lb 15	5
9		Keith Doig	Perth Anglers Club	2+4	2	14.00	10lb 14	
		Kenny Hall	SPRA FFS East AC	2+1	4	2.90	6lb 2.9	
10		Jim Hay	Dunfermline Railway AC	2+11	3	15.90	25lb 15.9	6
		Stuart Lindsay	Select FF	2+15	3	14.40	33lb 14.4	3
11		Kenny Findlayson	Gartmore Aberfoyle & Dis. AC	2+9	3	5.60	21lb 5.6	11
		Trevor Gibson	The Heriot AC	2+9	3	14.20	21lb 14.2	10
12		Gary Wilkinson	Cuper AC	2+6	3	5.00	15lb 5	
		Stuart Marklow	Loanhead & Dist.AC	2+7	4	1.20	18lb 1.2	
13		William Davidson	Black Bull FFC	2+10	2	12.20	22lb 12.2	8
		Mike Thompson	Dalry Garnock AC	2+1	3	7.50	5lb 7.5	
14		Graham Faulds	Phoenix AC	2+4	2	10.50	10lb 10.5	
		Murray Hunter	Costa Ecosse	2+8	4	0.20	20lb 0.2	14

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Heat 8- Loch Leven 23rd May 2023

Heat 8 of the National was at Loch Leven and with 13 anglers taking part the top 7 go through to the semi-finals. Top rod with 6 trout for 8lb 2.25oz was Mick Tait of Kelso AA. David Wales of Dalry Garnock AC was second with 7 trout for 7lb 5.375oz and Sean McCaffrey of North Shetland FF was third with 2 trout for 3lb 1.25oz.



Mick Tait, David Wales and Sean McCaffrey

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Heat 8 - Loch Leven 23rd May 2023

top 7 qualify for the semi-finals

Boat	Q	Angler	Club	FISH	LBS	OZ	TOTAL	
1	6th	Derek Halliday	Kelso AA	2	1	5.500	1	5 1/2
		Duncan Gray	Roths Oak AC	1	0	15.375	0	13 3/8
4		Robert Wilson	Glencoe FF	0	0	0.000	0	0
	3rd	Sean McCaffery	North Shetland FF	2	3	1.250	3	1 1/4
8		Peter Hottenger	Watch Water FF	0	0	0.000	0	0
		Davie Couper	Kilbirnie AC	0	0	0.000	0	0
15		Gary Ormiston	Roths Oak AC	1	0	13.625	0	13 5/8
17	4th	David Moore	Dunfermline Art. AC	2+1	2	13.375	2	12 3/8
	1st	Mick Tait	Kelso AA	2+4	8	2.250	8	2 1/4
19		Scott Henderson	Glencoe FF	1	0	9.625	0	9 5/8
	7th	Ian Simpson	Aberdour AA	1	1	0.375	1	3/8
20	2nd	David Wales	Dalry Garnock AC	2+5	7	5.375	7	5 3/8
	5th	Willie Simpson	Roths Oak AC	2	1	12.500	1	12 1/2

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship Sponsored by 7Plus7 Construction and R&E Hygiene Heat 7- Loch Harray 21st May 2023

On 21st May, 19 hopeful anglers fished for a semi final place in the Harray heat of the National qualifier. Conditions were far from ideal, with bright sunshine and light winds adding to the fact that there is an algal bloom at present on the loch. The 10am start saw most boats heading north, dropping off at all the quiet corners on the way, with a few making the long run to Decca and Esslemont areas. It was too long before there were anglers prospecting different areas, Plan A clearly not working out, and this continued for the rest of the day as feeding fish were proving very difficult to locate. The 5pm weigh in would show who had caught enough to qualify, and it quickly became apparent that it had been an exceptionally hard day.

The match is fished to a 6 fish kill, then catch and release any subsequent fish, with 12ozs awarded for each returned fish. Top rod on the day was Ken Kennedy with an exceptional 9 fish for 7lb 10zs, with boat partner Colin Sutherland boating 7 for 6lb 14 ozs and Sandy McConnachie in 3rd with 6 for 5lb 14ozs. The other anglers who join them and now go forward to various semi finals at the Lake of Menteith, in no particular order are as follows, John Munson, Malcolm Russell, Andrew Morgan, Jim Adams, Ian Hutcheon, Alan McConnachie, and Phillipe Avril. A special mention must be made of the visiting anglers from north and south for supporting this heat so well and we hope to see you back in 2024. Ken and Colin had most of their fish in Merkister Bay, as did some other qualifiers, but for others it was a case of a fish here and there. DI3 and Fast Tip lines were the line of choice for the most successful anglers, with flies being mostly small and black Pennel type or bright orange or peach, with Ken taking most of his fish on Tooty Frooty Dabbler and Crafty Devil muddler.



Ken Kennedy, Colin Sutherland and Alan McConachie

Scottish ational Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Loch Harray - 21st May 2023						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Ken Kennedy	OTFA Kirkwall	9	7	10.75
2		Colin Sutherland	Merkister FF	7	6	14.50
3		Sandy McConachie	Aurora Orkney FF	6	5	14.00
4		Alan McConachie	OTFA Stromness	7	5	12.00
5		Andrew Morgan	W.S. Sinclair FF	6	4	0.50
6		Malcolm Russell	W.S. Sinclair FF	3	3	10.25
7		Jim Adams	Merkister FF	4	3	4.50
8		Phillipe Avril	OTFA Stromness	4	3	0.00
9		John Munson	OTFA Stromness	3	2	11.25
10		Ian Hutcheon	OTFA Kirkwall	3	2	10.75
11		Brian Foreman	W.S. Sinclair FF	4	2	5.50
12		Stephen Breivik	Shetland AA	3	2	5.50
13		James Harcus	Aurora Orkney FF	2	2	0.00
14		Leslie Miller	Finstown FF	2	1	7.00
15		Kenny Adam	Aurora Orkney FF	2	1	6.00
16		William Taylor	Laurencekirk & District AA	1	1	3.50
17		George Brown	Stromness FT	1	0	12.50
18	eq	Stuart Leslie	OTFA Kirkwall	0	0	0.00
18	eq	Ian Cannop	Caithness FFC	0	0	0.00
		Total		67	57	0.50

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 6 - Loch Watten 13th May 2023

Heat 6 of the National was at Loch Watten and with 6 anglers taking part the top 3 go through to the semi-finals. Top rod with 5 trout for 7lb 5.5oz was Toby Bracey of Dounreay FFA. In second place with 2 trout for 2lb 7oz was Frank Watt of Shetland AA and in third was Alan Porteous of FNF Falcons with 2 trout for 2lb 4.5oz.



Alan Porteous, Toby Bracey and Frank Watt

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship Sponsored by Ridgeline UK Heat 6 – Loch Watten - 13th May 2023 Top 3 qualify for the semi-finals					
		Retained trout		Returned Trout	
1	Toby Bracey	3	5lb 5.5oz	2	7lb 5.5oz
2	Frank Watt	2	2lb 7oz		2lb 7oz
3	Alan Porteous	2	2lb 4.5oz		2lb 4.5oz
4	James Simpson	2	2lb 0.5oz		2lb 0.5oz
5	Kevin Imlach	1	14.5oz		14.5oz
6	James McLeary	0			

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 5 - Lintrathen 9th May 2023

Heat 5 of the National was at Lintrathen on 9th May and with 35 anglers taking part the top 18 go through to the semi-finals. Top rod with 12 fish for 19lb 3.7oz was the 2021 National Champion, Derek Pozzi of Thalassa AC. In second place with 8 fish for 12lb 12.6oz was SANACC Chairman Derek Purves and in third was Peter Auchterlonie of Menteith Ospreys with 8 fish for 12lb 5.7oz.

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK						
Heat 5 - Lintrathen - 9th May 2023						
Top 18 qualify for the semi-finals						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Derek Pozzi	Thalassa AC	12	19	3.70
2		Derek Purves	SANACC	8	12	12.60
3		Peter Auchterlonie	Menteith Ospreys	8	12	5.70
4		Frank Ross	Monifieth AC	6	9	14.50
5		Kevin Neri	Lintrathen FF	5	8	12.80
6		James Gardiner	Ruthven FF	5	8	10.40
7		Charlie Walls	Arbroath AC	5	8	3.60
8		David Marfizo	Brechin AC	5	8	1.70
9		Jim Youngman	Ellem FC	5	7	13.60
10		Ally Kennedy	Perth CSSC	4	7	8.60
11		Paul Cushnie	Leslie Llanilar AC	4	5	12.20
12		Eck Moffatt	Dalzell AC	3	5	10.80
13		Brian Duffy	Kahts Whiskers AC	3	5	0.10
14		David Auld	Ellem FC	3	4	14.20
15		Bruce Chisholm	Lintrathen FF	3	4	11.90
16		Alexander Donald	Dounreay FFA	2	4	3.40
17		Stevie Whitehead	Dalzell AC	3	4	1.80
18		Iain Buchan	Arbroath AC	2	3	15.40
19		Steven Thomson	Canmore AC	2	3	13.00
20		Mark McCrum	Arbroath AC	2	3	11.70
21		Paul Merrifield	Kahts Whiskers AC	3	3	11.20
22		Jamie Robertson	Ruthven FF	2	3	9.60
23		John P Maestri	Military Veterans FF	2	3	9.00
24		Glen Lamont	Military Veterans FF	2	3	1.60
25		Ian Wilson	CSSC Rosyth	2	2	12.00
26		Ewan Scott	Canmore AC	2	2	4.90
27		Ed Brown	The Dundee AC	1	1	12.90
28		Stuart Robertson	Brechin AC	1	1	11.70
29		Roddy Mackay	The Dundee AC	1	1	11.30
30		Lenny Young	Kahts Whiskers AC	1	1	8.50
31	eq	Douglas Dargie	Leslie Llanilar AC	0	0	0.00
31	eq	Jim Thompson	Perth Anglers Club	0	0	0.00
31	eq	Cameron Duncan	Perth CSSC	0	0	0.00
31	eq	Aston Scott	Canmore AC	0	0	0.00
31	eq	Chris Skivington	Military Veterans FF	0	0	0.00
		Total		107	175	2.40

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Heat 4 - Frandy Fishery 2nd May 2023

Frandy Fishery hosted the 4th heat of the National on 2nd May and with 25 anglers taking part the top 13 go through to the semi-finals. Top rod with 15 fish for 30lb 8.9oz was Stephen Francis of Househillmuir FF. In second place with 12 fish for 24lb 3.6oz was Michael Ward of Johnston FF and Ronald Orr of Milngavie AC was third with 8 fish for 16lb 0.2oz.



Stephen Francis

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK						
Heat 4 - Frandy - 2nd May 2023						
Top 13 qualify for the semi-final						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Stephen Francis	Househillmuir FF	15	30	8.90
2		Michael Ward	Johnston FF	12	24	3.60
3		Ronald Orr	Milngavie AC	8	16	0.20
4		Greig Thompson	NCR AC	8	15	13.10
5		Nicky Cocozza	Future FF	7	14	0.60
6		Malcolm Patterson	Milngavie AC	5	10	10.90
7		Angus Robertson	Lochan Dubh	4	9	7.80
8		Martin McCafferty	Future FF	5	9	7.10
9		Gil Farid	Central Belters FF	4	8	11.60
10		Scott Robertson	NCR AC	4	8	5.50
11		Ronnie McKean	East Kilbride AC	4	8	3.50
12		Mark Da Prato	SPRA FFS West	4	8	0.90
13		Andrew Kemp	Perth RASC AC	4	8	0.70
14		Allan Young	Stanley & District AC	4	7	11.10
15		Stevie Plank	Johnston FF	3	6	13.10
16		Alan Steven	Tartan Tyers	3	6	7.70
17		Donald Mackenzie	CSSC Rosyth	3	6	4.70
18		Alan Smith	Aberdour AA	3	5	14.40
19		Tom Ganley jnr	CSSC Rosyth	3	5	13.00
20		Fred McDonald	NCR AC	3	5	12.90
21		Malcolm Miller	Caurnie AC	3	5	12.60
22		Walter Archibald	Costa Ecosse	3	5	10.00
23		Douglas Borthwick	Monikie AC	3	5	2.90
24		Owen Cook	Lochend FF	1	1	14.30
25		David Carr	Tweed Valley Tanglers	1	1	9.70
Total				117	236	8.80

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 3 - Lake of Menteith 27th April 2023

Heat 3 of the National was at the Lake of Menteith on 27th April and the 59 anglers caught a total of 461 fish. The top 30 rods go through to the semi-finals. Top rod was Gregor Fleming of Bridge of Weir Loch AC with 22 fish for 43lb 7.8oz. In second place was Nigel Burns of Crieff AC who also had 22 fish but with a lighter weight of 43lb 6.2oz. Third place went to Neil Anderson of Monikie AC who had 16 trout for 31lb 8.1oz.



Neil Anderson, Gregor Fleming and Nigel Burns

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK						
Heat 3 - Lake of Menteith 27th April 2023						
Top 30 qualify for the semi-finals						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		Gregor Fleming	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	22	43	7.80
2		Nigel Burns	Crieff AC	22	43	6.20
3		Neill Anderson	Monikie AC	16	31	8.10
4		Derek Hessett	Change FF AC	15	29	13.00
5		Calum Crosbie	Albacats	15	28	14.10
6		Kevin McCabe	Change FF AC	15	28	10.40
7		Stewart Barclay	Gateside Fly Casters	14	27	11.90
8		Wullie Leach	Change FF AC	14	27	6.90
9		Cambell Cree	Firecats	13	27	4.70
10		George Gall	Rescobie Loch DA	13	24	2.60
11		Douglas Beckett	Perth CSSC	12	22	13.90
12		Neill Barrett	Gateside Fly Casters	11	22	0.90
13		Alisdair Mair	Lochinch AC	11	21	6.40
14		Alan Brock	Crieff AC	10	21	0.70
15		David Downie	Team Flyfishing World	11	20	13.70
16		Chris Tamburrini	East Kilbride AC	9	20	6.30
17		Craig Inglis	Grimm Anglers	10	20	3.80
18		PJ Mackintosh	Badenoch AA	10	19	8.00
19		Joseph Wood	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	10	19	0.20
20		Calum Clark	Hawick AC	9	18	2.20
21		Kenni Hope	Hawick AC	8	17	12.20
22		Ewan Clark	Strathtyrum AC	9	17	6.10
23		Jim Glancy	Greenock IBM Freshwater AC	9	17	2.00
24		John Watt	Dunfermline Rusty Nail	8	16	13.60
25		David Mateer	SPRA FFS North	9	16	13.00
26		Ron Gray	Rescobie Loch DA	9	16	9.80

27	Kenny Sichi	Priory AC	8	16	4.60
28	Archie Blair	Port Glasgow AC	7	13	13.50
29	Aaron Phillip	Monikie AC	7	13	5.10
30	Mark Stewart	Greenock IBM Freshwater AC	7	13	0.50
31	Bradley Chalmers	Gateside Fly Casters	7	12	15.30
32	Allan Smith	Badenoch AA	7	12	14.10
33	Tony Began	Bridge of Weir Loch AC	6	12	7.50
34	Andy Smith	Costa Ecosse	6	12	3.80
35	Frank Johnstone	Barrhead AC	6	11	13.30
36	Kenneth Craig	Brechin AC	6	11	9.90
37	Alasdair Anderson	MFF Young Guns AC	6	11	9.80
38	Kevin McIntyre	Stranraer & Dist AC	5	11	9.10
39	Robert Ewing	Saturday AC	6	11	7.00
40	Brian Quinn	Glencoe FF	5	10	14.90
41	Allan Barbour	Firecats	5	10	9.80
42	Kenny Thom	Strathtyrum AC	5	9	2.40
43	Charlie Rankin	SPRA FFS West	5	9	2.00
44	George McMahon	Butcher Boy AC	5	8	14.50
45	Iain McCleod	Strathtyrum AC	5	8	10.00
46	Kevin Craig	Firecats	4	7	6.20
47	Ron Ganley	Westcoast Fly Fishing Club	3	7	3.80
48	Sandy Crawford	Barrhead AC	3	5	12.30
49	Tom Loch	Stranraer & Dist AC	3	5	6.00
50	Lee Lindop	Westcoast Fly Fishing Club	3	5	5.80
51	John Reilly	Barrhead AC	3	5	0.80
52	Andy Anderson	Pentland Civil Service AC	3	4	12.50
53	Kevin Levell	Hawick AC	3	4	9.30
54	David Halliday	Westcoast Fly Fishing Club	3	4	6.60
55	Chris Hamill	Dunfermline Rusty Nail	2	3	11.50
56	Gordon Walder	Saturday AC	1	1	7.10
57	Matthew Dean	Team Flyfishing World	1	1	4.80
58	Andrew Boreland	Butcher Boy AC	1	1	3.70
59	Ewan McMahon	Butcher Boy AC	0	0	0.00
		Total	461	900	8.00

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 2 - Harelaw - 20th April 2023

The 2023 National moved to Harelaw on Thursday 20th April for the second heat. 39 competitors took part and between them they caught a total of 44 trout. Top rod was James Kerr of Albacats with 5 fish for 11lb 13.9oz. In second place was Alan Lusk of Strathgryfe AA with 5 fish for 11lb 1.6oz and in third was Greig Davie with 4 fish for 8lb 13.9oz. The top 20 qualified for the semi-finals.



James Kerr and Alan Lusk

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship						
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK						
Heat 2 - Harelaw - 20th April						
Top 20 qualify for the semi-finals						
		Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
1		James Kerr	Albacats	5	11	13.90
2		Alan Lusk	Strathgryfe AA	5	11	1.60
3		Greig Davie	Thalassa AC	4	8	13.90
4		Graeme Lynch	Lochend FF	3	6	6.00
5		Campbell Morgan	FNF Falcons	2	5	14.20
6		Alex Grant	Select FF	2	5	7.90
7		Michael Burke	Phoenix FF	2	5	7.60
8		Ben Robertson	Sunburst AC	2	4	14.80
9		Conner McGurk	Central Belters FF	2	4	14.40
10		Colin Macdonald	Saltire FF	2	4	13.10
11		Peter Cameron	Househillmuir FF	2	4	7.40
12		John Kerr	Harrow AC	1	2	15.10
13		Peter Allan	Phoenix FF	1	2	11.50
14		Andy Gray	Harelaw FF	1	2	10.80
15		Wayne Cram	West Lothian FD	1	2	9.10
16		Neil Cockburn	Phoenix AC	1	2	7.60
17		George Charters	Black Bull FFC	1	2	6.10
18		John Tullet	BOS Glasgow District AC	1	2	5.00
19		Thomas McMillan	Dalry Garnock AC	1	2	4.60
20		David Niven	Kilmarnock FF	1	2	3.60
21		Paul Clarke	Priory AC	1	2	2.50
22		Mark McNaughton	Lochend FF	1	2	0.70
23		Brian Pitchers	Milngavie AC	1	1	13.40
24		Archie MacGilp Jnr	Lochgilphead & Dist.AC	1	1	12.90
25	eq	Peter Edge	Saltire FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Donald Miller	St. Mungo AC	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Stevie Welsh	Dalbeattie AA	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Mario Fionda	Harelaw FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Jamie O'Meara	Black Bull FFC	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Archie MacGilp Snr	Lochgilphead & Dist.AC	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Graeme Frew	Drumbowie FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Scott Patterson	St. Mungo AC	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Chris Harkess	Phoenix FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Jack Evemy	Lochgilphead & Dist.AC	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Andrew Durk	Strathgryfe AA	0	0	0.00
25	eq	David Cook	Kilmarnock FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Brian Brown	Kilmarnock FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Adam Forrest	Harelaw FF	0	0	0.00
25	eq	Gary Hamilton	Harrow AC	0	0	0.00
			Total	44	104	9.70

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship
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Heat 1 - Lake of Menteith - 18th April 2023

The 2023 National got underway at the Lake of Menteith on Tuesday 18th Apri. 52 competitors took part and between them they caught a total of 208 trout. Top rod was Ronald Gilbert of Thalassa AC with 12 fish for 23lb 5.6oz. In second place was Scott Pozzi of Rainbow AC with 11 fish for 20lb 4.3oz and in third was Ally Middlemass of Dalzell AC with 9 fish for 18lb 13.10oz. The top 26 qualified for the semi-finals.



Ronald Gibert, Scott Pozzi and Ally Middlemass

Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship							
Sponsored by Ridgeline UK							
Heat 1 - Menteith 18th April							
top 26 qualify for the semi-finals							
			Competitor	Club	Fish	Lbs	Ozs
	1		Ronald Gilbert	Thalassa AC	12	23	5.60
	2		Scott Pozzi	Rainbow AC	11	20	4.30
	3		Ally Middlemass	Dalzell AC	9	18	13.10
	4		Stevie Cowan	Ayr Travellers FF	9	16	12.30
	5		Iain Lindsay	Port Glasgow AC	6	14	9.90
	6		Peter Shepherd	Bridge of Allan 76 AC	7	14	4.50
	7		Tyler Hay	Defending Champion	7	14	1.50
	8		Kevin Andrews	Lochan Dubh AC	7	13	7.00
	9		Brian Fletcher	Kilbirnie AC	6	12	11.00
	10		Darren Barcik	Rainbow AC	6	11	13.60
	11		Brian Kennedy	GLasgow PO AC	6	11	12.40
	12		Mark Fleming	Albacats	5	11	0.30
	13		Derek Marklow	Loanhead & Dist.AC	6	10	5.20
	14		Brad Gair	Balfron Piscatorials	5	10	1.30
	15		Dave Wright	St Boswells Newton & D	5	9	14.50
	16		Jim Mckinlay	East Kilbride AC	5	9	11.10
	17		John Simpson	GLasgow PO AC	5	9	9.90

	18		Andrew Glasgow	Ferry FF	5	9	5.00
	19		David Kemp	Stanley & Dist.AC	5	9	0.30
	20		Michael Low	Menteith Ospreys	5	8	0.70
	21		Bob Mitchell	Stanley & Dist.AC	3	8	0.30
	22		Will Barnett	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	4	7	9.20
	23		Robbie Gibson	Balfron Piscatorials	4	6	14.60
	24		George Telford	Avonbank AC	4	6	11.70
	25		Alan Gilbert	Saltire FF	3	6	10.40
	26		Stewart Inglis	Grimm Anglers	4	6	9.60
	27	eq	Scott Reith	FNF Falcons	3	6	4.00
	27	eq	Martyn Shaw	Select FF	3	6	4.00
	29		James Mackie	Balbeggie AC	3	6	2.90
	30		David Bicket	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	3	6	2.40
	31		Douglas Scott	Earlston AA	3	5	11.90
	32		Conner Wales	Balfron Piscatorials	2	5	11.60
	33		Bradie Heggie	Lintrathen AC	3	5	9.10
	34		Ben Warren	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	3	5	8.50
	35		Brian Clifton	SPRA FFS East AC	3	5	8.00
	36		Gordon Findlay	Balbeggie AC	2	5	3.80
	37		Colin Fairgrieve	Earlston AA	2	4	14.30
	38		Alan Harvie	Ardrossan Eglinton AC	3	4	12.10
	39		Derek Keenan	Greenock IBM Freshwater AC	3	4	11.60
	40		Charlie Pryde	Figgate AC	1	4	0.00
	41	eq	Kenny McClymont	Glasgow PO AC	2	3	7.50
	41	eq	Bob Smith	Balbeggie AC	2	3	7.50
	43		Calum Inglis	Grimm Anglers	2	3	4.70
	44		Ralph Fleming	Kilbirnie AC	2	3	3.30
	45		Neil Duff	Leslie & Glenrothes AC	1	3	1.70
	46		Lee Anderson	Rescobie Loch DA	2	2	15.20
	47		James Campbell	Ayr Travellers FF	1	2	15.20
	48		Duncan Stanners	Largs & Dist AC	1	2	13.50
	49		Grant Sutherland	Perth RASC AC	2	2	9.00
	50		Graeme Henry	Dunoon & Dist AC	1	2	4.20
	51		Craig McKean	Central Belters FF	1	1	2.90
	52		Jamie Greenhil	Stranraer & Dist AC	0	0	0.00
				Total	208	409	4.20