



Calling young footballers born in 1998! Help us enhance the legacy of Norrie McCathie



The Norrie McCathie Benevolent Fund is a registered charity, formed in 1997, to honour the memory of one of Dunfermline Athletic FC's greatest players. The Head of Football Development for the Fund is a former team mate of Norrie McCathie, Graeme Robertson, who is also a full-time, professional coach at Livingston FC.

Recognising and fulfilling potential

The fund aims to identify children in West Fife with footballing potential, and to enhance this potential through the structure of its coaching programme and Development Squads.



Currently, the fund supports development squads ranging from Under-8 to Under-15. We provide twice-weekly coaching through the winter months, indoor and outdoor, the latter on the all-weather surface at Dalgety Bay. We believe strongly that high quality coaching and facilities are critical in providing the opportunity for young players to realise their potential.

Broadening the experience

Another key aspect of the 'Norries' philosophy is to encourage development by providing as broad an experience as possible. We have been active participants in the Fife Sevens since their inception and have also sought to provide the youngsters with a wider exposure to the game. This has led us to provide the opportunity for all Norries squad members to participate in the Haarlem Cup, in their Under-11 season. This is one of Europe's foremost youth tournaments and the experience has broadened the social and footballing horizons of all those who have participated. As an added bonus, we even managed to win the trophy in 2004.

A new squad for 2006

We are now seeking young players who could be part of our Under-8s squad for 2006. We plan to hold 'participation level' coaching sessions, on Saturday mornings at Dalgety Bay, between late October and Christmas. If you (or, if you are a parent, your son/daughter) have a birthday in 1998 and would like to be part of this, please call [Graeme Robertson on 07831 774011](tel:07831774011), or [Andrew Kay on 07811 278280](tel:07811278280) (evenings only, please).

If you'd like to find out more in general about the 'Norries', please check out our website at www.nmbf.org.uk.



Mr Robertson with the youngsters and the trophy. Back, from left: Greg Stoddman, Robert Jones, Kristoffer Patrick, Ross McLean, Jamie Starobous and Ryan Smith. Front: Brett McClure, Ross Brown, Scott Clarke, Stuart Condie and Alexander Bowman.

A SQUAD of young Fife footballers have brought back the Haarlem Cup to Scotland after beating their Dutch opponents 5-0 in the final.

The under-11s from the Norrie McCathie Benevolent Fund played teams from Holland and Poland during the tournament, scoring 28 goals and only conceding three.

They are coached by Graeme Robertson and Kris Robertson, of Perthshire in Dunderritton.

Mr Robertson said he was very proud of the team, who had gone out to seek revenge after Scotland's 6-0 humiliation by Holland last year.

He said, "It is so well in another country is a great achievement for them. They drew 3-3 in the first game but over the next eight games did not concede one goal."

Taking part gave the youngsters a chance to test their skills against foreign players and experience the excellent Dutch facilities.

The NMBF is already preparing to take the next squad of under-11s to the competition next year.

Team's miserly defence help bring home trophy