

Historic Scottish Cup win for Lochend Football Academy

Lochend Football Academy under 15s made sporting history on becoming the club's first team to win a Scottish Cup.

They achieved the feat by beating Westdyke Community Club, from Aberdeen, 3-0 at Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie.

Coach Declan Fergus said: "I was absolutely delighted with the performance and result; the boys are a joy to work with and a credit to themselves.

"We've worked so hard to achieve this and finally it came to fruition.. I see first hand the effort, application and hard work that goes into every training session, every week and as I always say working hard is a talent and we are now champions of our country.

"Lochend is one of the smallest clubs in Scotland with only about 150 players at our club. To bring back the Scottish Cup to the local community is rewarding.

"As a team we've won five trophies in the last two seasons – a treble last season and a double this season. We've won our national cup and regional cup along the way.

"This is a result of high level coaching, extremely receptive and hard working players and a high performance environment."

Squad – Ioannis Tselios, Ru Hay, Max Pollacchi, Stephen Thomson, Declan MacDonald, Jamie Storey, JD Sinclair, Aaron

Moncrieff, Massine Bekkout, McKenzie Falls, Ross Mathieson, Evan Whitely, Nathan Atkinson, Rob Gleeson, Jude Stanley, James McCallum, Connor Scott, Michael Fairweather.



Lochend Football Academy celebrate Scottish Cup success. Photo credit: Colin Poultney/Scottish Youth FA.