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 **GORDON STRACHAN ENDORSES THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

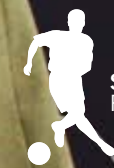
 **OWEN COYLE BACKS THE SFP'S AMBITIOUS FIRST AID PROJECT**

**ALSO;** AWARDING 9 MORE PORTABLE CHANGING CONTAINERS  
SUPPLYING ELITE INDOOR TRAINING FACILITIES  
SUPPORTING THE NEW ERA OF 3G SYNTHETIC GRASS



Scottish Football Partnership

SUPPORTING  
SCOTTISH FOOTBALL  
FROM THE  
GRASS ROOTS UP



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# Record season with over 70 projects

The Scottish Football Partnership has had a record breaking season, funding 72 projects and investing over £1,000,000 in football from grass roots to senior level in 2012-13.

One of the year's highlights was Gordon Strachan's personal endorsement of the work the Partnership is doing for grass roots football in Scotland and in particular, the continued success of its portable changing room project.

Scotland's National Head Coach said "I didn't know too much about the Football Partnerships project

beforehand. But it's important to get on the website [www.thescottishfootballpartnership.com](http://www.thescottishfootballpartnership.com) and find out about it. I'm excited by it and embarrassed I've not helped out before. When I played football at grass roots level I imagined scoring a goal in the cup final or against England at Wembley and that's the key to getting young people playing.

You've got to love the game first. You must give kids the platform and the Football Partnership is helping to do exactly that".

James Clydesdale, Chair of the SFP, said "we appreciate the opportunity to show Gordon what we are doing and welcome his enthusiasm and support for the project".

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9 Scottish FA Quality Mark clubs were awarded portable changing rooms during the funding year varying in location from Vale of Leithen Sports Club in the South to Carloway F.C on the Isle of Lewis in the North.

The SFP now have 38 portable changing room sites across Scotland and estimate in excess of 6000 young football players benefit from the project on a weekly basis.

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# Coyle backs First Aid Project

Owen Coyle joined the SFP at the launch of their ambitious First Aid project at Hampden in December 2012. Over the next 3 years over 1000 coaches working at clubs who fall under the jurisdiction of the Scottish Youth FA, Amateur FA, Women's FA, Junior FA, Schools FA and the East of Scotland League will be trained on a course developed by Dr John Maclean, the Scottish FA medical officer and Director of the Hampden Sports Medicine Centre.

The Wigan manager was Fabrice Muamba's coach at Bolton when the player had a cardiac arrest during a game against Tottenham Hotspur. Owen said, "This is a fantastic project. I appreciate its importance especially after the incident involving Fabrice. It is great to see The Scottish Football Partnership take a lead in such a vital area that will be greatly appreciated by players, coaches and parents across Scotland"







# SFP supporting Street Football

The Football Partnership linked up with Mel Young and Craig Campbell from the Homeless World Cup Organisation in June 2013 to sponsor the inaugural Edinburgh street football festival.

The three-day 4-a-side football event takes football out to the people and follows on from the successful Homeless world cup model on a more national level, with all funds raised being invested back into future events and the Homeless World cup. Mel Young said, "Five teams from Edinburgh

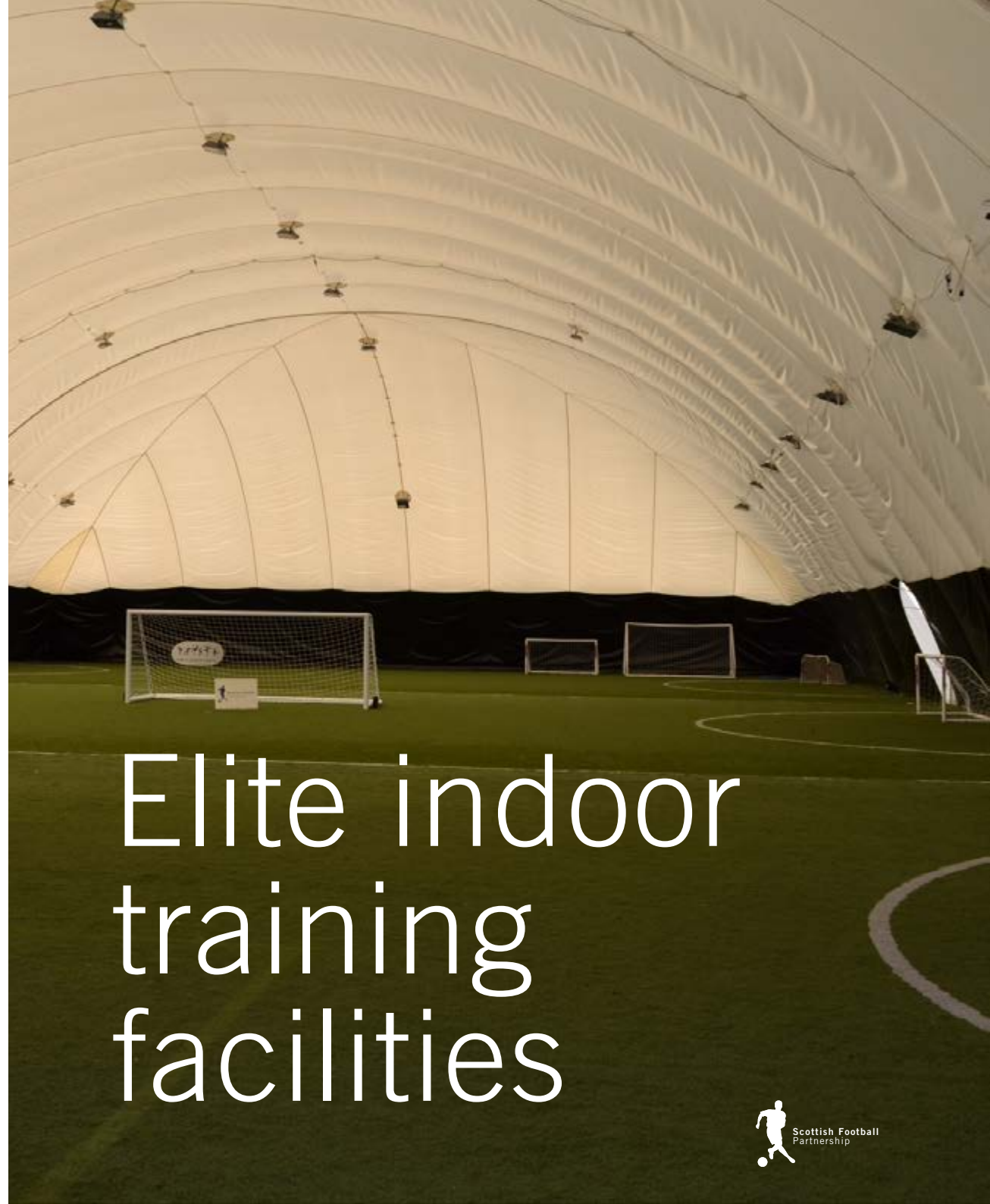
Youth Projects, eight primary schools, six local businesses and six girl's teams took part in the spectacular mini-stadium event right under Edinburgh Castle. The support provided by the SFP was crucial and we have plans to roll these events out across the country in other cities like Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow".

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St Mirren F.C were Awarded funding in September 2012 from the SFP to assist them in creating an Elite indoor training facility. Saints Chief Executive Brian Caldwell said, "We would like to thank The Scottish Football Partnership for the assistance and financial support they have provided St Mirren Football Club. Our ambitious project to create a state of the art indoor training facility at St Mirren Park would not have been possible without the grant funding which has been made available to us. The new air dome structure is the first of its kind in Scotland and we are confident that our model will provide other clubs with a working example of how indoor facilities can be achieved, within reasonable budget levels, for professional players as well as Elite Youth and Community organizations".







# 3G – The evolution of the game

During the last 12 months The Scottish Football Partnership has worked closely with Professional clubs including Falkirk F.C and Queen of the South F.C as well Grass roots clubs in the shape of the Gartcairn Football Academy, North Berwick Colts, Preston Athletic Youth F.C and Dunbar Colts as

they have strived to move away from natural grass surfaces to the new era of 3G synthetic grass. The support provided for the aforementioned clubs for 3G pitches equates to an investment of £160,000 for the professional and non-professional game in Scotland.

# Sample award list

## SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT/ NATIONAL FOOTBALL SQUAD

Programme ..... £40,000

## SYFA NATIONAL FUN 4'S

Goal posts ..... £120,000

## RANGERS REX

Blind Party supporters Audio System ..... £2,000

## FORRES MECHANICS F.C

First Aid Room ..... £2,520

## AUCHINLECK TALBOT F.C

Spectator enclosure ..... £10,524

## SCOTTISH AMATEUR FA

Coach Education ..... £3,500

## MONTROSE F.C

Community Youth Award ..... £10,000

## RAITH ROVERS F.C

Main Stand Fire Alarm System ..... £5,176

## 9 SCOTTISH FA QUALITY MARK CLUBS

Portable changing rooms ..... £315,000

## SELKIRK F.C

Stand ..... £15,110

## INVERNESS CLACHNACUDDIN F.C

Spectator Enclosure ..... £16,386

## KILMARNOCK F.C

Floodlights ..... £40,000

## NAIRN COUNTY F.C

Main Stand upgrades ..... £20,000

## STEINS THISTLE F.C

3G Maintenance equipment ..... £3,500

## PARTICK THISTLE F.C

Turnstiles ..... £40,000

## FORFAR ATHLETIC F.C

Floodlights ..... £29,400



RANGERS REX - Blind party supporters audio system



# Team work

‘The process of working collaboratively with a group of people in order to achieve a goal’

The Scottish Football Partnership is a vibrant organisation which continues to provide financial assistance to clubs across all levels of football in Scotland. This would not be possible

without the knowledge and desire to help shown by our Board of Directors who give up their spare time voluntarily to assist Scottish Football. Through our work in the

Facilities Forum we have fostered closer working relationships with the Scottish FA and Sportscotland. Working together as a team and utilising our vast array of contacts

within the game continues to help us make informed decisions, so that our limited budget is spent to the betterment of our national sport. The financial assistance which we offer

clubs remains an integral part of there being games of football played across the length and breadth of the country every Saturday.



If you would like to see more of what The Scottish Football Partnership are up to, or to apply for your own funding, please visit us online

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