

Manx football fixtures 2004/05



A ^{Manx} Independent special supplement

Stephen Easthope

AYRE UNITED

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Peel
4, Ayre
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Mark Teare

CASTLETOWN

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, Peel
4, St Mary's
R, Rushen
R, Pulrose

Nick Leece

COLBY

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, St Mary's
4, Marown
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Kevin Ballard

D'ROYAL

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Marown
4, Peel
R, Pulrose
R, Old Boys

Steve Moran

LAXEY

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, St Mary's
4, Peel
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Paul Morley

MAROWN

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, Marown
4, D'Royal
R, Ramsey
R, Pulrose

Richard Parslow

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, St Mary's; 3, Marown; 4, Laxey. R, Colby; R, Pulrose.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, St John's; 2, Braddan; 3, Corinthians; 4, Michael.

Stephen Parry

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, St Mary's; 3, Laxey; 4, Ayre United. R, Colby; R, Pulrose.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, Braddan; 2, St John's; 3, Michael; 4, Corinthians.

Tim Glover

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, St Mary's; 3, Laxey; 4, Marown. R, Castletown; R, Pulrose.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, St John's; 2, Corinthians; 3, Gyms; 4, Braddan.

Tony Mepham

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, St Mary's; 3, Laxey; 4, Peel. R, Pulrose; R, Colby.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, Corinthians; 2, St John's; 3, Braddan; 4, Foxdale.

Eric Clague

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, Laxey; 3, Marown; 4, St Mary's. R, Colby; R, Pulrose.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, St John's; 2, Corinthians; 3, Braddan; 4, Michael.

Kevin Manning

OSA DIVISION ONE

1, St George's; 2, St Mary's; 3, Laxey; 4, Peel. R, Colby; R, Old Boys.
CFS DIVISION TWO
1, St John's; 2, Braddan; 3, Corinthians; 4, Police.

BEST FOR FOOTBALL

ISLE of Man Newspapers will keep readers up to date with all the latest action throughout the 2004/05 football season. All three titles — the *IoM Examiner*, *IoM Courier* and *Manx Independent* — will offer unrivalled coverage including match reports, previews, results and the very best photographs. Make sure you don't miss out.

Promotion race is wide open

THE battle for promotion promises to be an open affair this season with a number of teams in contention.

Braddan, St John's and Michael will be eager to make the step up after missing out last time round, while Gyms and Corinthians should be looking to bounce straight back to the top flight.

Traditionally strong second division sides such as Union Mills and Foxdale are set to maintain a good standard although, with players moving on or retiring, they may struggle compared with recent years.

After being relegated in agonising circumstances by just one goal, Corinthians will be gunning for a direct return to the top flight.

Promising teenager Jamie Stoy is expected to be handed a more prominent role by new manager Steve Burns, while the return of forward Richard Mulhern from Douglas and District will give the side focus up front.

It promises to be a season of consolidation for Gyms who won only twice during last season's relegation from Division One.

The Iveagh brothers — Player of the Year Kieran, Tyrone and Farrell — will all be available for selection while Alex Mazzota will start the season as first-choice goalkeeper following the transfer of Paul Gerrard to Laxey.

St John's have strengthened their squad in attack and defence and should be regarded as firm favourites for one of the trophies on offer.

Colin Gilbert has joined from Marown and is set to feature in central defence while Paul Corlett, who struck 30 goals last season, has joined from Michael and Nigel Lewney was a late switch from Foxdale.

Braddan will be regarded by many people as favourites for the second division title following what may turn out to be two key signings.

Striker David Kinrade has joined from Castletown while former Pulrose and St Mary's midfielder Mark Baines will bring experience to the side and both players will be looking to help their new club make that extra step needed to clinch promotion.

Michael will be aiming to build on last season's Woods Cup success and head towards the promotion placings.

The loss of top scorer Paul Corlett to rivals St John's will be a blow to any title ambitions but manager Rob Faragher retains a strong nucleus, particularly in defence where Jonathan Woodward and Kieran Quinn will be looking to protect one of the division's top keepers, Gary Burgess.

Last season promised much for Union Mills who failed to live up to many people's expectations.

However, a strong junior set-up will always produce a steady supply of young players and Mills are expected to leave Ballamona for their new ground up the road at Ballaogates at the end of the season with every cause for optimism.

New Foxdale manager Terry Harrison will be forced to rely on senior players such as Player of the Year Willie Biggane, Neil Dudley, Sean Sheridan and Paul Crellin in what could be a season of transition at Billy Goat Park following a number of players leaving to join to other clubs.

Conversely, the Police have retained a



FLYING HIGH: Paul Corlett hurdles a challenge from Chris Taylor during the GH Corlett Woods Cup Final. Michael defeated the Police on penalties MW: 220204/32

Can anybody stop Geordies?

ST GEORGE'S have been installed as overwhelming favourites to retain the OSA Division One crown.

No fewer than 12 of the 13 first division managers and all six media pundits quizzed by the Sportsdesk at Isle of Man Newspapers believe the Glencrutchery Road outfit will finish top of the pile.

Manager Chris Bass has bolstered his championship-winning line-up with the additions of goalkeeper Daniel Wade, midfielder Stuart Bell-Scott and striker Craig Lunt. The club also boast an abundance of Island internationals in the shape of Callum Morrissey, Chris Feeney, Julian Ringham and Robin Bates — in addition to the past two Footballers of the Year, Jonny Myers and Chris Bass.

While St George's are tipped to confirm their status as the dominant force in Manx football, the order of the chasing pack looks more difficult to assess with St Mary's, Peel, Laxey and Marown all predicted to put in strong challenges.

Marown confounded the critics by finishing runners-up last season and there is every reason to believe the Crosby side can emulate that feat during 2004/05. Their firepower will be boosted by the acquisition of St Mary's striker Martin Reilly, while Stephen Thatcher, Stephen Hinds, Jonny Holland and Glen Hamilton will increase the mid-field/defensive options.

St Mary's, with Lee Dixon and Peter Langridge taking charge of team affairs, should mount a more sustained challenge this time around. The goalscoring burden on Golden Boot Langridge should be eased by the arrivals of Steven Priestnal and Stephen Glover and the versatile Conal Hughes should prove to be another astute signing.

Victories in the Railway Cup and Hospital Cup ensured that Laxey at last fulfilled some of their enormous potential. The quality at the club's disposal has never been in doubt but an inability to field their first-choice starting line-up on a regular basis has proven costly over the duration of a league season.

Last season represented a period of transition for Peel who lost ground on their main championship rivals. The westerners are more than capable of establishing themselves among the leading pack but may struggle to score enough goals to reclaim the league crown.

Rushen United are in the midst of a

rebuilding phase, with Mark Haywood taking charge of team affairs. Young players such as Chris Shimmin, Alex Messenger, Andrew Moody, Sam Critchley and Jack Saxon could be given the chance to shine and some of the experienced campaigners may find their places under threat.

Ayre United boast the quality to upset the established order at the top end of the table — but must discover a greater level of consistency. Disappointment over the exit of Conal Hughes and Jason

Craine should be alleviated by the arrivals of Nigel Corkill and junior Island international Niall Cummins.

After reaching two Cup Finals last season Castletown's main objective for 2004/05 will be to beat the drop. It promises to be an eventful first term in charge for Mark Teare who will aim to guide a relatively inexperienced side to safety following the retirements of Alan McCulloch, Ross Byrne and the influential Johnny Palmer.

Old Boys have defied the odds in recent seasons to preserve their Division One status. Manager Brian Gartland has nurtured a good young side at Blackberry Lane, but faces another battle to steer them clear of the relegation zone. Eleventh place or above would represent a fine achievement.

Colby have also performed heroics to stay afloat in the higher league with comparatively limited playing resources. Noel Gill takes over the managerial reins and will have to cope without key midfielder Stuart Bell-Scott following his departure to the champions. The younger players at the club will be hoping to make a major impact.

Clinching the FA Cup was the obvious highlight for Ramsey who suffered an otherwise indifferent campaign that ended with the narrowest of escapes from relegation. Andy Hudgeon, who has served the club so well as a player, takes over at the helm for the new campaign and will aim to consolidate the club's position in the top flight.

Douglas Royal return to Division One with renewed confidence after winning the second division title and making some useful summer signings. While it may take time for Royal's young side to gel, they should be good enough to cement their place in the top division.

Pulrose United may find it a lot tougher to avoid being dragged into a scrap for survival at the bottom of the table.

The loss of Kevin Cain and Michael Dawson is a major blow to the ambitions of new management duo Kevin Clarke and Mark Gawne and will stretch an already threadbare squad.



UP FOR THE CUP: Laxey skipper Michael Cowin holds aloft the Railway Cup on Boxing Day JM: 261203/124



SPOT-ON: Ramsey keeper Andy Perry celebrates after pulling off the decisive save in the FA Cup penalty shoot-out MW: 120404/45

Brian Gartland

OLD BOYS

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, St Mary's
4, Peel
R, Pulrose
R, Colby

Kevin Middleton

PEEL

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Laxey
4, Peel
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Kevin Clarke

PULROSE

1, Peel
2, St George's
3, Marown
4, St Mary's
R, Old Boys
R, Colby

Andy Hudgeon

RAMSEY

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Marown
4, Laxey
R, Colby
R, Pulrose

Mark Haywood

RUSHEN

1, St George's
2, Laxey
3, St Mary's
4, Marown
R, Pulrose
R, Colby

Chris Bass

ST GEORGE'S

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Marown
4, Laxey
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Lee Dixon

ST MARY'S

1, St George's
2, St Mary's
3, Peel
4, Laxey
R, Old Boys
R, Pulrose

Rushen United aiming to retain women's championship

HSBC Division One
RUSHEN manager Roger Mulligan will be looking to add another championship to the six trophies he has collected since taking over at Croit Lowey three years ago. His chances will be bolstered by signing Island player Gill Whittle. Douglas Royal should be aiming to make a real impact on the title race after capturing a cup double last time round. Despite losing captain Sam MacDonald to Ramsey, Paul Beck can rely on

established performers such as Bekki Cole, Kerri Williams and Sarah Breen. Malew manager Paul Clague will demand a vast improvement following a season of underperformance. The Clagh Vane club possess quality in abundance with Sarah Quinn, Natalie Johnson, Tricia Fleming and new signings Donna Shimmin and Tracey Cowley. Tough-tackling Island player Dawn Whetnall has signed for Gyms and will strengthen a squad which includes the

improving Christine Liggins and Island keeper Bev Craige. Peel will be bolstered by the return of Emma Faulkner and Lisa Kelly from College. They will be looking to impress alongside established players such as Andrea Lace, Ann Parry and Jo Dawson. Promoted Marown will rely on the goalscoring talents of Jackie Ashman who will be ably supported by Sarah Morley, Julie Evans and Charlotte Alderson.

HSBC Division Two
Castletown manager Neil Garlick will be looking to promising youngsters Steph Hall and Sarah Denny to combine with the experience of Sarah Jackson in order to launch another promotion bid. With players such as Jenna McStay, Catherine Cretney, Emily Moore and Island player Dawn Hallam, Laxey could emerge as promotion dark-horses. Corinthians' successful youth system is now beginning to pay dividends with

players from the successful under-14s side forcing themselves into the senior ranks, while a successful recruiting drive by Ayre manager Ty Smith has helped to boost numbers at Andreas. One club that can't wait to get started is Michael United who finished on a high last season after sealing their first win. Ramsey are new kids on the block and will be something of an unknown quantity. However, they should not be underestimated.



PRIZE GUY: Isle of Man Footballer of the Year Chris Bass junior MW: 170604/48

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Colby v Ayre
Ramsey v Pulrose
Castletown v Laxey
D'Royal v St George's
DHSOB v Marown
Peel v St Mary's

CFS DIVISION TWO
Union Mills v Foxdale
Doug and Dist v RYCOB
Jurby v Onchan
Ronaldsway v Malew
Gymns v Braddan
Police v Michael
St John's v Corinthians

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

**6.15pm kick-off
CFS DIVISION TWO**
RYCOB v Jurby
Union Mills v Doug and Dist
Michael v St John's
Braddan v Police
Malew v Gymns
Onchan v Ronaldsway
Foxdale v Corinthians

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**6.15pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v Ramsey
Rushen v Colby
Marown v Peel
St George's v DHSOB
Laxey v D'Royal
Pulrose v Castletown

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ramsey v Rushen
Castletown v Ayre
D'Royal v Pulrose
DHSOB v Laxey
Peel v St George's
St Mary's v Marown

CFS DIVISION TWO
Doug and Dist v Foxdale
Jurby v Union Mills
Ronaldsway v RYCOB
Gymns v Onchan
Police v Malew
St John's v Braddan
Corinthians v Michael

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v D'Royal
Rushen v Castletown
Colby v Ramsey
St George's v St Mary's
Laxey v Peel
Pulrose v DHSOB

CFS DIVISION TWO
RYCOB v Gymns
Union Mills v Ronaldsway
Doug and Dist v Jurby
Braddan v Corinthians
Malew v St John's
Onchan v Police
Foxdale v Michael

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Castletown v Colby
D'Royal v Rushen
DHSOB v Ayre
Peel v Pulrose
St Mary's v Laxey
Marown v St George's

CFS DIVISION TWO
Jurby v Foxdale
Ronaldsway v Doug and Dist
Gymns v Union Mills
Police v RYCOB
St John's v Onchan
Corinthians v Malew
Michael v Braddan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v Peel
Rushen v DHSOB
Colby v D'Royal
Ramsey v Castletown
Laxey v Marown
Pulrose v St Mary's

CFS DIVISION TWO
RYCOB v St John's
Union Mills v Police
Doug and Dist v Gymns
Jurby v Ronaldsway
Malew v Michael
Onchan v Corinthians
Foxdale v Braddan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
D'Royal v Ramsey
DHSOB v Colby
Peel v Rushen
St Mary's v Ayre
Marown v Pulrose
St George's v Laxey

CFS DIVISION TWO
Ronaldsway v Foxdale
Gymns v Jurby
Police v Doug and Dist
St John's v Union Mills
Corinthians v RYCOB
Michael v Onchan
Braddan v Malew

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v Marown
Rushen v St Mary's
Colby v Peel
Ramsey v DHSOB
Castletown v D'Royal
Pulrose v St George's

CFS DIVISION TWO
RYCOB v Michael
Union Mills v Corinthians
Doug and Dist v St John's
Jurby v Police
Ronaldsway v Gymns
Onchan v Braddan
Foxdale v Malew

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
DHSOB v Castletown
Peel v Ramsey
St Mary's v Colby
Marown v Rushen
St George's v Ayre
Laxey v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
Gymns v Foxdale
Police v Ronaldsway
St John's v Jurby
Corinthians v Doug and Dist
Michael v Union Mills
Braddan v RYCOB
Malew v Onchan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v Laxey
Rushen v St George's
Colby v Marown
Ramsey v St Mary's
Castletown v Peel
D'Royal v DHSOB

CFS DIVISION TWO
RYCOB v Malew
Union Mills v Braddan
Doug and Dist v Michael
Jurby v Corinthians
Ronaldsway v St John's
Gymns v Police
Foxdale v Onchan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

**2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Peel v D'Royal
St Mary's v Castletown
Marown v Ramsey
St George's v Colby
Laxey v Rushen
Pulrose v Ayre

CFS DIVISION TWO
Police v Foxdale
St John's v Gymns
Corinthians v Ronaldsway
Michael v Jurby
Braddan v Doug and Dist
Malew v Union Mills
Onchan v RYCOB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Rushen v Pulrose
Colby v Laxey
Ramsey v St George's
Castletown v Marown
D'Royal v St Mary's
DHSOB v Peel

CFS DIVISION TWO
RYCOB v Foxdale
Union Mills v Onchan
Doug and Dist v Malew
Jurby v Braddan
Ronaldsway v Michael
Gymns v Corinthians
Police v St John's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**2pm kick-off
Rearranged fixtures**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Rushen v Ayre
DHSOB v St Mary's
D'Royal v Marown
Castletown v St George's
Ramsey v Laxey
Colby v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
Union Mills v RYCOB
Police v Corinthians
Gymns v Michael
Ronaldsway v Braddan
Jurby v Malew
Doug and Dist v Onchan
St John's v Foxdale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE**
Ayre v Colby
Pulrose v Ramsey
Laxey v Castletown
St George's v D'Royal
Marown v DHSOB
St Mary's v Peel

CFS DIVISION TWO
Foxdale v Union Mills
RYCOB v Doug and Dist
Onchan v Jurby
Malew v Ronaldsway
Braddan v Gymns
Michael v Police
Corinthians v St John's

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**1.15pm kick-off
G. H. Corlett Woods Cup
Preliminary Round
Bank of Scotland International
Railway Cup Semi-finals
2pm kick-off
Rearranged fixtures**

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FOOTBALL

2004-05

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Ramsey v Ayre
 Colby v Rushen
 Peel v Marown
 DHSOB v St George's
 D'Royal v Laxey
 Castletown v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Jurby v RYCOB
 Doug and Dist v Union Mills
 St John's v Michael
 Police v Braddan
 Gymns v Malew
 Ronaldsway v Onchan
 Corinthians v Foxdale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Rushen v Ramsey
 Ayre v Castletown
 Pulrose v D'Royal
 Laxey v DHSOB
 St George's v Peel
 Marown v St Mary's

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Foxdale v Doug and Dist
 Union Mills v Jurby
 RYCOB v Ronaldsway
 Onchan v Gymns
 Malew v Police
 Braddan v St John's
 Michael v Corinthians

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
 Kick-off 1.15PM
 Bank of Scotland International
 Railway Cup Final

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2005

1.15pm kick-off
 Bank of Bermuda FA Cup
 Preliminary Round
 2pm kick-off
 Rearranged fixtures

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 D'Royal v Ayre
 Castletown v Rushen
 Ramsey v Colby
 St Mary's v St George's
 Peel v Laxey
 DHSOB v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Gymns v RYCOB
 Ronaldsway v Union Mills
 Jurby v Doug and Dist
 Corinthians v Braddan
 St John's v Malew
 Police v Onchan
 Michael v Foxdale

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

1.15pm kick-off
 G. H. Corlett Woods Cup 1st Round
 2pm kick-off
 Rearranged fixtures

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

2pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Colby v Castletown
 Rushen v D'Royal
 Ayre v DHSOB
 Pulrose v Peel
 Laxey v St Mary's
 St George's v Marown

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Foxdale v Jurby
 Doug and Dist v Ronaldsway
 Union Mills v Gymns
 RYCOB v Police
 Onchan v St John's
 Malew v Corinthians
 Braddan v Michael

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2pm kick-off
 Bank of Bermuda FA Cup 1st round
 Rearranged fixtures

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Peel v Ayre
 DHSOB v Rushen
 D'Royal v Colby
 Castletown v Ramsey
 Marown v Laxey
 St Mary's v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
 St John's v RYCOB
 Police v Union Mills
 Gymns v Doug and Dist
 Ronaldsway v Jurby
 Michael v Malew
 Corinthians v Onchan
 Braddan v Foxdale

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Ramsey v D'Royal
 Colby v DHSOB
 Rushen v Peel
 Ayre v St Mary's
 Pulrose v Marown
 Laxey v St George's

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Foxdale v Ronaldsway
 Jurby v Gymns
 Doug and Dist v Police
 Union Mills v St John's
 RYCOB v Corinthians
 Onchan v Michael
 Malew v Braddan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2pm kick-off
 G. H. Corlett Woods Cup Semi-finals
 Bank of Bermuda FA Cup 2nd round
 Rearranged fixtures

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Marown v Ayre
 St Mary's v Rushen
 Peel v Colby
 DHSOB v Ramsey
 D'Royal v Castletown
 St George's v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Michael v RYCOB
 Corinthians v Union Mills
 St John's v Doug and Dist
 Police v Jurby
 Gymns v Ronaldsway
 Braddan v Onchan
 Malew v Foxdale

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Castletown v DHSOB
 Ramsey v Peel
 Colby v St Mary's
 Rushen v Marown
 Ayre v St George's
 Pulrose v Laxey

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Foxdale v Gymns
 Ronaldsway v Police
 Jurby v St John's
 Doug and Dist v Corinthians
 Union Mills v Michael
 RYCOB v Braddan
 Onchan v Malew

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Laxey v Ayre
 St George's v Rushen
 Marown v Colby
 St Mary's v Ramsey
 Peel v Castletown
 DHSOB v D'Royal

CFS DIVISION TWO
 Malew v RYCOB
 Braddan v Union Mills
 Michael v Doug and Dist
 Corinthians v Jurby
 St John's v Ronaldsway
 Police v Gymns
 Onchan v Foxdale

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

2pm kick-off at The Bowl
 G. H. Corlett Woods Cup Final

EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28
 2pm kick-off at The Bowl
 Bank of Bermuda FA Cup Final

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 D'Royal v Peel
 Castletown v St Mary's
 Ramsey v Marown
 Colby v St George's
 Rushen v Laxey
 Ayre v Pulrose

CFS DIVISION TWO

Foxdale v Police
 Gymns v St John's
 Ronaldsway v Corinthians
 Jurby v Michael
 Doug and Dist v Braddan
 Union Mills v Malew
 RYCOB v Onchan

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

2.30pm kick-off
OSA DIVISION ONE
 Pulrose v Rushen
 Laxey v Colby
 St George's v Ramsey
 Marown v Castletown
 St Mary's v D'Royal
 Peel v DHSOB

CFS DIVISION TWO

Foxdale v RYCOB
 Onchan v Union Mills
 Malew v Doug and Dist
 Braddan v Jurby
 Michael v Ronaldsway
 Corinthians v Gymns
 St John's v Police

CUP FIXTURES

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

2pm kick-off
 IoM Bank Junior Cup
 Preliminary Round

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

5.30pm kick-off
 Hospital Cup Preliminary Round

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

2pm kick-off
 IoM Bank Junior Cup 1st Round

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

5.30pm kick-off
 Hospital Cup 1st Round

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

2pm kick-off
 IoM Bank Junior Cup 2nd Round

SUNDAY, MAY 1

5.30pm kick-off
 Hospital Cup 2nd Round

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6.30pm kick-off
 Paul Henry Gold Cup Semi-finals

SATURDAY, MAY 7

2pm kick-off
 IoM Bank Junior Cup semi-finals

SUNDAY, MAY 8

5.30pm kick-off
 Hospital Cup Semi-finals

SATURDAY, MAY 14

2pm kick-off at The Bowl
 Paul Henry Gold Cup Final

FRIDAY, MAY 20

6.30pm kick-off
 Isle of Man Bank Junior Cup Final

SUNDAY, May 22

5.30pm kick-off
 Hospital Cup Final

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St George's set the standard

Langy aiming to top scoring charts



TITLE GLORY: St George's celebrate clinching the 2003/04 OSA Division One title. Can they repeat that success this season?

ST GEORGE'S emerged as the dominant force in Manx football last season after clinching the OSA Division One championship for the first time since 1995.

The title victory completed a remarkable turnaround for the Glencrutchery Road club who narrowly avoided relegation just two years earlier.

Under the guidance of Chris Bass senior and Steve Falconer, St George's swept to the top of the table in impressive fashion.

They won 18 and drew three of their 24 league fixtures to finish nine points clear of their nearest rivals.

Geordies — who also won Combination One — also boasted the most prolific attack (100 goals scored) and meanest defence (29 conceded) to underline their strength in depth.

Team success was matched on an individual level as Chris Bass junior collected the Footballer of the Year award after a string of outstanding performances.

Marown, largely overlooked by pundits in the pre-season predictions, produced a late surge to clinch the runners-up spot yet again.

Title favourites St Mary's had to settle for third place after another rollercoaster campaign, despite Peter Langridge claiming his customary position at the top of the Golden Boot scoring chart.

Laxey lacked the consistency to mount a serious challenge in the league, but highlighted their huge potential by clinching both Cups.

The Glen Road club triumphed 3-2 in the Railway Cup final against St Mary's on Boxing Day in one of the best matches of the season.

And they completed a memorable double by defeating Castletown to lift the Hospital Cup in May.

Ramsey also experienced a season to remember after clinching the FA Cup — with Castletown again the beaten finalists — and escaping relegation by the narrowest of margins.

In fact the battle for top-flight survival went down to the wire with Corinthians losing out by just one goal at the end of a dramatic evening.

Gymns' fate had been sealed long before the final weeks of the season as they managed just two wins from 24 league outings.

CFS Division Two also witnessed a remarkable finish with Pulrose United — led by Player of the Year Kevin Cain — capturing the second promotion spot after St John's failed to overcome Foxdale in their final match.

Douglas Royal scooped the second division championship and emulated the feat of St George's as their unbeaten combination team also finished top of the pile.

Royal lost out to Braddan in the final of the Paul Henry Cup, while Michael United scooped their first item of silverware for many years by lifting the Woods Cup following a penalty shoot-out victory over the Police.



BALL BOYS: Golden Boot winner Peter Langridge of St Mary's (left) challenges St George's skipper Jonny Myers JM: 140204/50

PETER Langridge will be aiming to maintain his position as OSA Division One's leading marksman this season.

The St Mary's striker, the Island's all-time top scorer at international level, notched 33 goals during 2003/04 to once again claim the Golden Boot.

Footballer of the Year Chris Bass junior and Craig Lunt, who are now St George's team-mates, bagged 24 apiece, while Island forwards Callum Morrissey and Jonny Cowley both struck 22 times.

Nick Hurt emerged as the most prolific scorer during the previous campaign with 40 goals in CFS Division Two, with Paul Corlett second in the chart on 30 and Alan Cowley next best on 27.

Ramsey's Barry Sharpe led the way in Combination One, while the Combination Two goalscoring honours went to Luke Wosser of champions Douglas Royal.

OSA Division One

Peter Langridge (St Mary's)	33
Chris Bass junior (St George's)	24
Craig Lunt (Corinthians)	24
Callum Morrissey (St George's)	22
Jonny Cowley (Ayre United)	22
Steven Priestnal (St George's)	18
John Callow (Laxey)	17
David Kinrade (Castletown)	14
Martin Torr (Ayre United)	14
Chris Hawke (Peel)	13
Tony Duggan (Peel)	11
James Teare (Ayre United)	11
Jonny Myers (St George's)	11
Juan Killip (Marown)	11
Greg Hoskisson (Castletown)	10
Lee Dixon (St Mary's)	10
Les Coates (Gymns)	10

CFS Division Two

Nick Hurt (St John's)	40
Paul Corlett (Michael United)	30
Alan Cowley (Douglas Royal)	27
Gavin Faragher (Douglas Royal)	24
David Skellan (Pulrose United)	20
Steven Oates (RYC&OB)	20
Wayne Lisy (St John's)	20
Tony Rodgers (Ronaldsway)	19
Craig Taylor (Douglas Royal)	18
Steve Gardner (Police)	18
Steven Hawley (Pulrose United)	18
Paul Crellin (Foxdale)	17
John Quirk (Douglas Royal)	16
Kevin Quayle (Union Mills)	15
Sean Rooney (St John's)	15
Adam Hawkes (Braddan)	14
Gary Smith (Union Mills)	14
Kieran Quinn (Michael United)	14
Nigel Lewney (Foxdale)	14

OSA Combination One

Barry Sharpe (Ramsey)	27
Graham Shaw (St Mary's)	21
Paul Ledsham (Marown)	18
Carl Sandland (St George's)	14
Scott Mylchreest (Peel)	14
Ciaran McNulty (St George's)	12
Nick Cowell (Corinthians)	12
Paul Craig (DHSOB)	12
Kieran Leaver (Castletown)	11
Lee Cowley (Laxey)	11
Graham Cryer (St Mary's)	10
Jason Craine (Ayre United)	10
Nick Ford (St George's)	10
Russell Lewin (Marown)	10

CFS Combination Two

Luke Wosser (Douglas Royal)	23
Liam Harrison (St John's)	18
Shane Larkin (Braddan)	17
Mike Musson (Police)	16
Alex McNeer (Braddan)	14
Gordon Crowe (Braddan)	14
Ross McWhinney (Union Mills)	14
Danny Rice (Douglas Royal)	13
Mark Coulthard (St John's)	12
Darren Peters (St John's)	11
Martin Costain (Foxdale)	11
Barry Kirkham (Braddan)	10

Statistics compiled by Colin Moore

HOW THEY FINISHED... 2003/04 LEAGUE TABLES

OSA Division One						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
St George's	24	18	3	3	100	29
Marown	24	16	0	8	47	42
St Mary's	24	15	2	7	78	47
Laxey	24	14	4	6	69	36
Peel	24	12	6	6	57	37
Rushen	24	11	3	10	40	46
Ayre	24	10	4	10	67	57
Castletown	24	9	3	12	45	45
DHSOB	24	6	7	11	45	68
Colby	24	5	7	12	37	67
Ramsey	24	5	6	13	31	53
Corinthians	24	6	3	15	48	71
Gymns	24	2	6	16	31	97

CFS Division Two						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
D'Royal	26	21	3	2	128	39
Pulrose	26	20	3	3	98	22
St John's	26	20	2	4	125	34
Braddan	26	17	3	6	86	40
Michael	26	16	4	6	84	49
Union Mills	26	13	3	10	83	46
Foxdale	26	13	3	10	77	61
Police	26	11	4	11	71	73
RYCOB	26	10	3	13	65	66
Ronaldsway	26	8	2	16	60	98
Doug & Dist	26	6	5	15	63	89
Onchan	26	6	3	17	44	90
Jurby	26	0	2	24	20	165
Malew*	26	0	2	24	12	144

OSA Combination One						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
St George's	24	21	2	1	86	24
Peel	24	16	2	6	92	40
Marown	24	15	3	6	92	60
Laxey	24	13	1	10	67	54
Ayre	24	11	2	11	53	59
St Mary's*	24	10	6	8	65	53
Castletown	24	10	3	11	53	51
Corinthians	24	10	3	11	65	67
Rushen*	24	9	7	8	55	45
Ramsey	24	8	2	14	72	98
DHSOB	24	7	1	16	44	82
Gymns	24	4	3	17	41	107
Colby*	24	4	1	19	36	81

CFS Combination Two						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
D'Royal	24	22	2	0	115	22
Braddan	24	16	3	5	92	39
St John's	24	16	2	6	87	39
Union Mills*	24	15	4	5	75	32
Foxdale	24	13	4	7	67	54
Michael	24	9	7	8	44	40
Ronaldsway	24	10	4	10	49	68
Police	24	8	1	15	55	90
Malew	24	6	5	13	36	73
Pulrose	24	6	4	14	59	80
Onchan	24	4	5	15	37	76
Doug & Dist	24	3	7	14	40	79
Jurby	24	3	2	19	35	99

* Points deducted

RYCOB withdrew from the league