



# England Fire Service Football Section—Match Report

Season 12-13 Match 4 v Scotland

4th March 2013

**Venue:**  
Ross County FC,  
Dingwall,  
Scotland

**Squad;**

- 1 N Lodge (Essex)
- 2 J Parkinson (Tyne & Wear)
- 3 R Whelan (GMC)
- 4 R Stapleton (Cornwall)
- 5 J Scott (Tyne & Wear)
- 6 C Baker (Lincolnshire)
- 7 A Hildred (Lincolnshire)
- 8 M Price (West Midlands)
- 9 B Sebuliba (London)
- 10 C Lock (London)
- 11 R Tonks (South Yorkshire)
- 12 D Gilbert (Lincolnshire)
- 14 W Brown (London)
- 15 S Pickles (Humberside)

## Future Fixtures:

\* V Wales

2nd May 2013

@ Kidderminster

Harriers FC

## Scotland take the honours—but only just in a 4-3 thriller!

England were edged out in a seven goal thriller at Scottish Premier league venue Ross County FC. After a long journey, and



England Keeper Nick Lodge sees the ball go wide after a deflected strike from the Scotland midfielder as Rob Stapleton looks on

with many regular squad members missing, the team kicked off in bright sunshine on a pitch which was heavily sanded. England started the game well and Rob Tonks had the first half chance for England but couldn't test the keeper. After Scotland had a penalty appeal waved away, They did take the lead on 16 minutes though. Liam McGuinness squared for Chris Zok to put the hosts 1-0 up. England seemed shell shocked by the goal and couldn't quite find their rhythm for the remainder of the first half. Scotland capitalized on this and added a second from a corner as

keeper and defender collided and the ball was knocked home. A third goal before half time was fair for a Scottish team who had out-played England for long periods. Chris Lock with the only real chance for England in the first half but he fired straight at the keeper. England came out more determined in the second half and after 15 minutes, Gilbert replaced Scott due to injury. Scotland quickly added a fourth when McGuinness was given too much space and he fired in from 20 yards. This seemed to kick some life into the England team and it was the skipper Hildred who pulled a

goal back directly from a corner. England then scored a second when again, a Hildred corner came over and was cleared to Chris Baker who took a touch and fired a superb strike into the far corner. England pushed on with real belief and the unlikely comeback looked possible, when, with ten minutes remaining, a bullet header from Tonks made it 4-3 and set up a dramatic finale. England came close again in the final moments through Brendan Sebuliba, but alas, it wasn't to be. A fantastic second half effort wasn't quite enough and although England salvaged some pride from the match, the trophy remained firmly in the hands of the Scottish team...until next year?



England v Scotland Squad 2013