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TAYPORT JUNIORS 1992/93

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Tayport players enjoy a cool beer after defeating Wivenhoe Town of the Diadora Premier League in a pre-season friendly in Essex.



Manager Dave Baikie flanked by coach Ronnie Robb (left) and Wimpey Senior Contracts manager Ian Mathers display the League Flag.



Front cover pic: Team captain Andy Sommerville holds aloft the Division One Championship shield.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

ABERDEEN EAST END

FOUNDED: 1887

GROUND: New Advocates Park

COLOURS: Black & Gold

BEST RUN IN SCOTTISH: 1956(R.4)

MANAGER: Vince Tocher

ASSISTANT: Jim Mackay

Longest established of the North's Junior clubs, East End were relegated last season from the Premier Division of the Bon Accord Glass League after finishing bottom of the table.

Following last season's disappointment they are making a determined bid to regain their top league status at the first attempt. The signing of several very promising youngsters to blend in with some experienced campaigners seems to be paying off.

In goal will be 18 year old Keith McIntosh while the defence will be marshalled by the veteran David Kemp who will shortly be completing 20 years with the club, and in so doing will receive a well earned testimonial.

Key man in midfield will be Charlie Davie who was reinstated from Brechin City this season. Up front the main goal threat comes from youngsters Michael Beattie and Johnny Brown along with East End's own Roy of the Rovers, Gary McInnes. Ex-Huntly player, Beattie, and Brown, who has been attracting the interest of Forfar, Brechin & Montrose, have been nominated for the Scottish Junior Under 23 trials.

Team boss Vince Tocher and his Assistant Jim Mackay formerly managed East End's Under 18 side before accepting the reins at Junior level and are currently enjoying their first full season in charge.

East End's Physio team of Terry Ritchie and George Ross is reputed to be one of the best in the North. Ritchie is no stranger to the Canniepairt, having been in charge of Bon Accord's bag when they played here in the Zamoyski last season.



► EAST END FC: (Back, from left) Brian Mitchell, Gary McInnes, Dave Kemp, Keith McIntosh, Ken Alexander, Alan Grant, Bryden Burnett. (Front) Charles Davie, Michael Beattie, Kevin Hay, Andy Cowell, John Brown, Lee Barclay.

OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 3RD ROUND PREVIEW

The Glasgow bookies may have made Tayport & Hill O' Beath joint second favourites for the competition after the draw for the 3rd round was made but a glance at the clubs which survive to contest today's ties indicates where the balance of power in the Junior game lies. Ayrshire, with only two divisions, have thirteen cup survivors while Tayside and the North, with five divisions between them, have exactly the same number of clubs retaining an interest. For the record Fife have five clubs, the East Region two and Central have twenty one clubs involved in today's ties.

HILL O' BEATH and DOWNFIELD met at exactly the same stage in last season's tournament when the Spiders crashed 3-0. Willie Grier will have learned from that game and, with a sound run of recent domestic results behind them, our Tayside colleagues will surely fare better this time round. ARBROATH VICS are at YOKER and, although Vics can boast an immaculate league record on Tayside, the Glasgow side will present them with their stiffest challenge of the season to date.

ARBROATH S.C. are at home to EAST KILBRIDE THISTLE. After a series of less than impressive results, SC will see the Scottish as their chance to show what their experienced squad is capable of. Their opponents are riding high at the top of the Reebok Central 1st Division and lost their first league game of the season just the other week when they went down 1-0 to Benburb. LOCHEE UNITED suffered a series of postponements in the last round but finally saw off Royal Albert after getting the tie switched to Dundee. They have a long trip today to play at NEW ELGIN but have the consolation of knowing that their hosts are rated as one of the weakest sides left in the draw. KINNOULL sacked their manager the other week and will be under the guidance of ex Balbeggie boss Alan Smart for their trip to Bellehill Athletic who surprisingly eliminated St Andrews United in the last round.

ST JOSEPH'S are at home to LARKHALL who sit at present at the foot of the Reebok first division. Although Joeys struggled in the 1st. round against a Troon side who were without a win at the bottom of the Ayrshire 2nd division, they will be looking for their substantial investment in Gus Malone and Steve O'Hanlon from Cowdenbeath to start paying dividends against the Central League side. BROUGHTY ATHLETIC are at home to LIVINGSTON UNITED. The New Town club are no strangers to Tayside opposition, having met ourselves in last season's competition and trounced Brechin Vics by 4-0 in the last round. Broughty don't give much away and the East Region Division One side could just be in for a surprise.

Elsewhere, holders AUCHINLECK TALBOT are at Polo Park, Aberdeen where they meet North Region leaders F.C. STONEYWOOD. With Talbot having a horrendous time recently, including a 1-5 defeat by Beith, a very big crowd should be attracted to see if the visitors, Cup winners in five of the last seven seasons, can survive a perilous trip. VIOLET go down the water to meet LARGS THISTLE who are pushing for promotion from the Ayrshire second division and will travel in good heart after seeing off Thorniewood in the last round after three stirring ties and a penalty shoot out.

Biggest crowd of the day should be at SHOTTS where the home side take on ARTHURLIE. A third round exit would be a savage blow to the Barrhead side but they will not find things easy against a home side which boosted its Reebok title challenge with a win at Pollok on 2nd January. BO'NESS, winners over Pollok in the last round should again have healthy gate receipts when they face last year's semi finalists and current Ayrshire League leaders BEITH. ARDROSSAN, leaders of the Ayrshire second division, will get their best crowd of the season for their tie versus CUMNOCK. Cumnock kept their title hopes alive by beating Beith 3-0 the other week and are clearly in form.

Two of the other Fife sides, apart from Hill O'Beath, are at home. LOCHGELLY meet JOHNSTONE BURG while CROSSGATES entertain 14/1 shots PETERSHILL. ROSYTH are at IRVINE MEADOW and the fancied KELTY side go to PORT GLASGOW.

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FACE TO FACE

WITH

TAYPORT COACH, RONNIE ROBB



- PP - You've been involved in Senior & Junior football for a number of years now. Can you briefly trace your career for us?
- RR - I was with Lochee Boys (U 18's) in 1972 when I became Brechin City's first ever 'S' signing. Brechin farmed me out to North End in 1973 but I played only 3 or 4 games for them before being called up to Glebe Park, making my debut against Falkirk at Brockville. In 1979/80 season I was transferred to Forfar Athletic, managed at that time by Archie Knox. I was at Station Park for 3 seasons. I then moved to Kirrie Thistle, on to Downfield, then Violet before signing for a team called Tayport.
- PP - There must be some great memories from your Senior days. For example, what was the biggest match you played in, best manager you played under, your most difficult opponent, your dirtiest opponent, best Ground you played at?
- RR - Phew, that's asking a lot! Biggest match was against Rangers at Ibrox in the League Cup before a 26,000 crowd. I couldn't say who was the best or worst manager but Archie Knox was certainly the most intimidating! Stewart Kennedy, then of Falkirk but later of Aberdeen and Scotland was the most difficult opponent that I've faced. Duncan Shields of Albion Rovers, 6'7" centre half built like a brick shithouse was the dirtiest opponent that I ever faced. Best playing surface was at Palmerston (QOS) and the best dressing rooms were at Hampden.
- PP - What about your most enjoyable or satisfying moment in football?
- RR - Scoring against Rangers at Ibrox (it was on TV, too). Also scoring the winning goal against Dundee United in a forerunner to the Tennents Sixes at Bell's Sports Centre, Perth which was also screened on TV.
- PP - What about your most disappointing moment?
- RR - Losing to Glenafton in last season's OVD Scottish quarter final.
- PP - What was your happiest period in the game?
- RR - The season I was second top scorer in the second division, even although Brechin were near the bottom of the table, and my three seasons at Tayport give me the happiest memories.
- PP - You've shown at Tayport that you've got a fair eye for goal, what's the best goal that you can recall scoring?
- RR - The most spectacular was for Kirrie against Broughty Athletic (Kevin Thoms and all). The most satisfying was for Brechin against Raith Rovers. Rovers came to Brechin that day as league leaders and on a 15 game unbeaten run. We beat them 4-0. One of my two goals that day was a run from our own half in which I beat 8 players, rounded the keeper and rolled the ball into the net (honest!).
- PP - Did you ever get tapped?
- RR - I did actually, by a Premier League side, while at Brechin. I won't say who but I would have 'caesar-ed' the opportunity if everything had gone to plan.
- PP - You are a bit of a statistician as far as Tayport's concerned. Has this always been an interest?
- RR - No, I never kept a record at any of my previous clubs. I just started keeping a note at Tayport because it's the first club I've not played for regularly.

- PP - After having played for Kirrie, Downfield and Violet what did Dave Baikie say to get you to throw your lot in with Tayport?
- RR - Davie Baikie persuaded me to come over to Tayport by convincing me that we had a future in the game by using our talents together to field a side which we would have been proud to play in. We had both basically finished playing but had a wealth of experience which we could offer to the game.
- PP - Obviously success came quickly in the first season at the Canniepairt. Did this surprise you?
- RR - Well, not totally, because we signed the players we knew were good enough and they've not let us down on that score.
- PP - What do you put the success achieved so far down to then?
- RR - Very briefly I would say that it is down to having great players who are willing to listen and learn. The preparation the management and committee put in is also a prime factor.
- PP - Tayport have put you through the SFA coaching courses haven't they? Which certificates do you hold?
- RR - I've got the SFA 'C' and 'B' (level 1) certificates.
- PP - Tayport has come a long way in a relatively short time. How far can you envisage that they can go?
- RR - We can go to the very top of the tree in Junior circles. I've seen a few of the top sides in Scotland but have yet to see anyone better than us at our best.
- PP - Where can you see improvements being made?
- RR - We could improve if every player had the same attitude and commitment as the manager. I know that it's difficult but a pool of players with that sort of commitment would be nigh on impossible to overcome.
- PP - Your first taste of the Juniors was a short spell at North End Park some 20 years ago. How have you seen the Juniors change in that time?
- RR - I don't think that much has changed really in that there have always been periods when particular teams have dominated - Carnoustie, Lochee United, Downfield for example. It's Tayport's turn now and somebody's going to have to beat us to take over (That's a long way off yet, though).
- PP - What improvements would you like to see made in the Junior game?
- RR - I'd like to see decent dressing rooms at every Junior club and also a greater Press coverage of games played.
- PP - One of your strengths is assessing our opponents. Do you enjoy this task, particularly when it means you often miss an important game?
- RR - Yes, I must confess that I do enjoy watching other teams, spotting strengths and weaknesses. We then work on these points in training and it's a great feeling when they come off. Obviously missing our games is annoying but the homework is essential if we're to pass our exams!
- PP - You only play occasionally now. Do you miss the playing side of the game greatly or does coaching give you as much satisfaction?
- RR - I'd be lying if I said that I didn't miss the playing side but the little games at training go a long way to whet the appetite (that's when I can get a game!).
- PP - The emergence of Tayport as a Junior side seems to some extent to have stimulated the game at a local level. Do you agree or disagree?
- RR - Tayport's emergence has to be good for the game locally and other sides have seen what it takes to be successful. If they settle for what they've got they'll always be second, third or fourth - never first. We, as a club, are happy to see others trying to emulate us.
- PP - You're bound to have had some laughs when on those under-cover assignments?
- RR - Yes. One that comes to mind was last season going down to watch Arthurlie. I was sidetracked to a committee member's old aunt's house in Denny. On the way back I ended up back in Denny. She was poorly and I just followed the committee guy in. I found myself in her room hoping she would be better soon! I was late back in Dundee to go out with Gina. Would you have believed an excuse like that?
- Thanks, Robbo.

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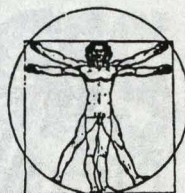
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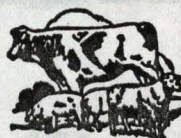
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PRESS COMMENT

" Non-stop Tayport won in a canter "

- Sunday Mail 13/12/92 (Tayport 4 Kirrie Thistle 0)

" A shock looked on the cards when League Leaders Tayport found themselves 0-2 down against Carnoustie but, like true champions the Fifers came storming back..."

- Evening Telegraph 30/12/92 (Carnoustie 2 Tayport 2)

" In an astonishing league match at Carnoustie, Tayport grabbed a point with a Hamish Mackay penalty 2 minutes into injury time "

- Fife Herald 1/1/93 (Carnoustie 2 Tayport 2)

" We need new players"

- Auchinleck Talbot manager after his side's 5-1 thumping by Beith recently - Evening Times 17/12/92

" a brief bout of unseemliness followed "

- how a full scale rammy in a rugby match is described !
- Fife Herald 25/12/92

" Deveronvale manager John Holt is set to add at least three Tayside-based players to the Banffers' squad in the coming weeks to dispel what he called 'pub-team syndrome' "

- Press & Journal after Holt had given Newport Amateurs' goalkeeper Alan Morris his debut in 'Vale's 0-1 defeat against Highland League leaders Buckie Thistle (4/1/93)



A fine body (but not so fine bodies) of men ! Some members of the Tayport F.C. committee pictured on pre-season tour with sponsor, Andy Robertson (3rd from left) and the sole supporter on the trip, Charlie Walker (extreme right).

BOOKER SECURITIES AWARD

DAVE BOOKER of 'BOOKER SECURITIES' is today sponsoring an award for the Tayport player who, in the opinion of one of the players not selected for today's match, has provided the most entertainment in this afternoon's cup tie.

The winner of the award will receive, courtesy of 'BOOKER SECURITIES', a meal for two at a selected restaurant.

TODAY'S TEAMS



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Scott's father and father-in-law are both season ticket holders here at the Canniepairt and Scott is one of our Port Prog advertisers.

APPEARANCES 1992/93

Prev.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
52 F.Mann	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
82 G.Malone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
103 G.Paterson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 H.Mackay	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
48 P.Reilly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
- K.Lynch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
55 J.Devine	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
100 M.Spalding	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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84 G.Lamont	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
89 W.Coventry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
63 G.Irons	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
82 A.Sommerville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
74 J.Hunter	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
23 R.Robb	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
17 D.Baikie	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
- I.Harris	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 S.Wilkie	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
93 G.Cushnie	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
78 F.Dolan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

GOALSCORERS 1992/93

(total before this season in brackets)

D.Reilly	17 (82)
H.Mackay	15 (9)
J.Devine	8 (28)
K.Lynch	6 (-)
I.Harris	6 (-)
W.Coventry	7 (28)
G.Lamont	4 (29)
A.Sommerville	3 (17)
P.Reilly	2 (2)
M.Spalding	1 (5)
J.Hunter	1 (4)
K.Thoms	- (63)
G.Malone	- (1)
G.Paterson	- (3)
G.Irons	- (11)
G.Cushnie	- (18)
S.Wilkie	- (1)
F.Dolan	- (2)

SHUTOUTS

F.Mann	8 (29)
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THIS SEASON'S RESULTS

27/7	H v Balbeggie	(F) W	9 - 0
1/8	H v Shettleston	(F) W	1 - 0
5/8	H v Lochgelly Albert	(F) W	8 - 0
8/8	A v Wivenhoe Town	(F) W	2 - 1
9/8	A v Broomfield	(F) W	5 - 2
15/8	A v Kirrie Thistle	(L) W	2 - 1
19/8	A v Jeanfield Swifts	(L) W	1 - 0
22/8	H v East Craigie	(L) W	2 - 1
26/8	A v North End	(L) W	3 - 0
29/8	H v Arbroath S.C.	(L) W	3 - 0
5/9	A v Kinnoull	(L) W	3 - 1
12/9	H v Forfar Albion	(L) L	0 - 1
19/9	A v Forfar West End	(L) D	1 - 1
26/9	H v Lochee United	(L) W	5 - 2
3/10	A v Lochee Harp	(L) W	4 - 1
10/10	H v Kinnoull	(L) W	11 - 1
17/10	H v Downfield	(L) W	1 - 0
24/10	A v Luncarty	(Z) W	9 - 0
31/10	H v Cumbernauld	(S) W	7 - 1
7/11	H v Violet	(L) W	3 - 1
14/11	A v Forfar West End	(P) W	1 - 0
21/11	H v Carnoustie	(L) W	5 - 3
28/11	H v Benburb	(S) W	3 - 0
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"The Baker's Bit"

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our supporters and the players and officials of our visitors to the Canniepairt this afternoon. It's been quite a frustrating time since our last Port Prog , a 4-0 victory against Kirrie Thistle almost a month ago. I felt our performance that day wasn't bad without being great but we did try to play a passing game and we did convert four of the numerous chances created on the day and, of course, gained two points.

It also must be said that it had been a fortnight since our previous game. I feel it is important for the players and the team to train twice in midweek in preparation for the weekend match. That's why this past month has been so frustrating for us. The weather has severely hindered our work in midweek, restricting it to running with very little ballwork, and of course we've had two fixtures, in Arbroath and Perth, postponed.

We did manage to fix up a friendly away to Culter who are presently sitting second in the North Region Premier League. It turned out to be a very worthwhile exercise. We played some sparkling stuff, winning 5-2. You may think that it's a bit odd to travel sixty miles in midweek for a friendly but I feel we need these games to keep our pool of players match fit and, unfortunately, local teams just don't seem to want to know. The same must be said of the two Saturday fixtures which we lost and we tried in vain to rearrange a fixture. Once again no team was keen to play at Tayport or on their own patch. We couldn't even get a friendly. It seems that that is the price which we have to pay for success.

Over the Christmas and New Year period we'd hoped to fix up two fixtures on consecutive Sundays but had to settle for one on Monday 28th, away to Carnoustie. A series of unforeseen circumstances severely disrupted our preparation for this game. On reflection, 0-2 down and a number of missed chances behind us and only 15 minutes left, it seemed to me a fitting end to a hellish day. But to the players' credit, they dug deep to salvage a point. On the day it was probably a point gained, but, make no mistake, lessons have been learned and hopefully, the off the field errors will not be repeated.

That point has seen us finish 1992 seven points ahead in the league. Our players and supporters must realise that there's a long way to go. It only needs a couple of reversals to allow our main rivals back into the race.. As the saying goes, the show's not over 'til the fat lady sings !

I know that we start today's third round Scottish cup tie as favourites but I'm sure that our opponents, Aberdeen East End, will know that only a 100% performance from their players on the day will do. I will be reminding our players of East End's last visit to this neck of the woods, defeating Downfield 2-1 in a pre-season challenge.

Our players must realise that there must be no room for complacency. We must match our opponents' attitude and commitment. Do this and I'm sure our quality will see Tayport F.C. in the next round.

Support The 'Port, Dave Baikie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -

Kevin and Lyn Thoms on the birth of their daughter, Nicole, on December 22nd.

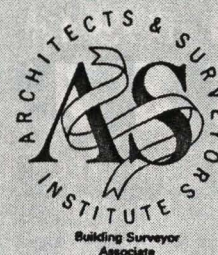
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Committee man Ian Macmillan who became engaged to Pamela Shepherd at Christmas.



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GEORGE HITS THE HEADLINES

Remember George Norrie ? Kenspeckle figure in Broughty Ferry, erstwhile plumber with the Public Works Department (where he worked with our own Jim 'the fox' Rae) and manager/coach with Tayport Amateurs in the mid 1980's...

Remember Workington Town who lost their English League status to Wimbledon ?

What's the connection ? Well, George Norrie, who moved south to Morecambe to work at his trade became involved with Morecambe of the HFS Loans League (from whom he recommended Jamie McGowan to Dundee), is now team boss at Workington Town.

A recent magazine article revealed how Workington, last season owed the bank £30,000, needed to spend £15,000 on essential safety work and were bottom of the HFS Loans League first division. The clubs' accountants advised that 'closure was the only option'.

However a 'Save the Reds' campaign was launched. Local TV and newspapers took heed of the club's plight, the District Council funded the safety work, the club was spared relegation when three league members joined the new League of Wales and at an eleventh hour meeting the Allerdale District Council promised to takeover the upkeep of the club's stadium.

George, never one to resist a challenge, was in the midst of it all. The article states '...on the field there are definite signs of improvement. The Reds young Scottish manager George Norrie has assembled a squad which is more than capable of holding its own in the division..... after the long dark years in the wilderness Workington have finally started out on the road to harnessing their enormous potential.'

Good on you, George, the best of luck.

PROGRAMME REVIEW

The editor of the Port Prog has received a number of Programme Reviews of various Junior clubs' programmes and it is our intention to publish these reviews on a regular basis.

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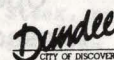
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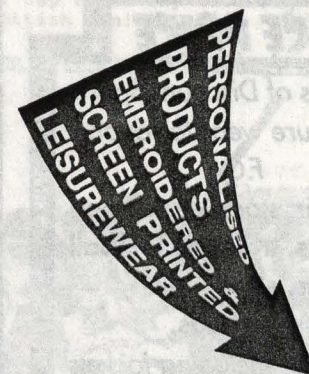
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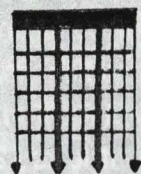
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AGE - 44. **PLACE OF RESIDENCE** - Tayport. **FORMERLY STAYED** - Perth.
OCCUPATION - Lorry Driver. **FORMER OCCUPATIONS** - Many incl. farm worker,
slater & factory worker
AMBITION WHILST AT SCHOOL - To leave!
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY - A Scottish Cup Tie between St Johnstone &
Dunfermline sometime in the 1960's.
OTHER TEAM FOLLOWED - St Johnstone.
FAVOURITE PLAYER - Davie Reilly.
BEST TAYPORT GOAL - Hamish Mackay v Downfield to clinch the title.
MATCH FOR WHICH YOU HAVE THE FONDEST MEMORY - Away v Arthurlie last year.
FAVOURITE GROUND - The Canniepairt. **LEAST FAVOURITE** - Glenesk Park.
MATCH SNACK - Nicoll's pie and a Bovril.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED AT THE CLUB? - Formation of Social
Club.
IF YOU HAD A DREAM...FOR TAYPORT FC ? - To lift the Scottish Cup.
FAVOURITE PUB - John Moir's Bar, Perth. **FAVOURITE TIPPLE** - whisky,vodka..
FAVOURITE MEAL / FOOD - Steak, egg & chips
HOBBIES - Golf & social drinking. **LAST BOOK READ** - Dandy Annual borrowed
from Rich Rennie !
MUSICAL TASTES - Adam on the pipes.
FAVOURITE MOVIE STAR - Jodie Foster.
NEWSPAPERS READ - Daily Record & Sunday Post.
WHAT GETS ON MY NERVES - People who say that they are going to away
games but don't turn up for the bus.
MY IDEA OF PARADISE - Firhill on Junior Cup Final Day watching Tayport
lift the 1993 Scottish Junior Cup.

Dougie pictured below (arrowed) with the Port Support at the Pollok 7's



LETTER TO THE EDITOR
FROM ANDY 'BUNT' ROBERTSON
PRESENTLY WORKING IN CHINA BUT WRITING FROM

HONG KONG

HILTON

THE HILTON - THE HOTEL

Dear Lads,

After leaving Tayport for the far waters of Taiwan in October, I finally gave in to the agony of not knowing a 'Port score since my departure. Were they still in the Scottish? Had the injury situation cleared or got worse? Maybe Big Ecky was on the bench (Oh no !) and we were heading for relegation ! ?

So, at the cost of £20 per second I decided to phone what I thought was the pivvy number, only to get a wrong number (typical! - Ed.). Dialing again, the same voice quizzed - what number was I looking for? The voice turned out to be none other than Jim Rodger's, that erstwhile Tayport bookie. When I explained I was phoning from China, no mucking about, it took Jim only ten seconds (£200's worth) to give me the number.

Dropping the phone as quickly as Dave Baikie drops players, I called the pivvy and waited with baited breath but no answer. I then phoned Big Eck Beat but, after umpteen rings, I realised that he would be doing the hoovering and would think that it was me on the phone anyway. Undaunted, I phoned my parents and got the old man. He thought that the 'Port had won a big game the previous week but I thought that's another £200 down the drain - what bleedin' big game!!?

Soldiering on, Abby was next and, lo and behold, a mine of information unfolded by way of young Danny Oswald at the cost of £400. The end result of all this was that I would have been cheaper paying for a ticket to fly home!

Where are you, Tam Maloney, whom I will never buy a pint again let alone be able to afford to, if you do not produce 'Port scores as promised !

At this point in time (5/12/92) my informant had told me that the 'Port had marched into the next round of the Scottish on the 9th of January. Get stuck in lads, you've no one to fear, especially with the best support in the land behind you.

Come on, let's hear you in China on the 9th (you probably will if Eddie's shouting - Ed. !).

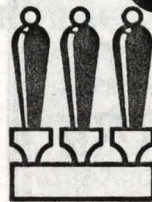
Support the 'Port,

Yours aye, Bunt.

IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME !

They say that football's a funny old game but what about rugby? When the Howe of Fife played Buckhaven recently, there was only one goalpost at one end of the pitch, so, when it came to taking kicks at goal, they all had to be taken at the other end !

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THE ROAD TO HAMPDEN? (OR RUGBY PARK, OR FIRHILL...)

Protests, riots and civil disorder. Yes, the Scottish Junior Cup is a rollin' once again

The First Round of the Scottish Junior Cup is traditionally a red card day in the football calendar (no, I don't mean red letter). The draw is usually made in a cavernous smoke-filled social club deep in ex-mining territory. Those club officials who attend are sworn to secrecy, lest the paying public find out about these matches in advance of their being played. Many clutch 1971 editions of the A.A. Book of the Road, praying that their teams are not sent to a ground without a licence to serve alcohol.

The nearest equivalent to Hell for Central belt teams is an away draw to a club in the Dry Cleaning Well North League (North Section). This division includes such giants as R.A.F. Lossiemouth, Lossiemouth United and Athletic Lennie (O.K. that last one was made up). Some of these teams play in little more than semi-enclosed fields, settings so inadequate that even the S.J.F.A. force them to play home Cup games elsewhere. They are therefore obliged to find a ground within a 10 mile radius which "effectively prevents the public having access thereto without payment and has dressing room accommodation including full toilet and washing facilities".

Such luxuries are rarely available to spectators at Junior grounds. Toilets can usually be classed in three separate categories: 1) A bush or longish grass, normally but not always, distinguishable from the pitch, 2) A wall often specifically constructed for that purpose, 3) An unlit room full of groundman's equipment, strategically placed goal nets and hibernating butterflies. The latter facility, superficially the most attractive, can be the most hazardous and several times I have emerged with bruising to the shins far worse than any witnessed on the park. The nets can frequently ensnare large numbers of fans; those who like a good drink before the game may commonly spend most of the match in this sorry plight.

There are compensations, though, for receiving a distant draw, not least almost certain passage to the next round and full reimbursement from the home team of all travel expenses. Those 'designer extras', neutral linesmen, frequently do not appear until the Third Round, but the referee is amply rewarded for his additional duties by his £10 match fee.

Once the draw is made and the fixtures leaked, the keen follower of the Juniors has

to select a game to watch. This year I searched for one in which it seemed improbable that both teams would finish the match with a full complement of players on the pitch. Spoilt for choice as ever then, I decided on Lochee Harp v Dalkeith Thistle. It looked to have everything - Tayside and East Region, Dundee v Edinburgh, Minnows v well, Minnows. Unfortunately Harp had two players out, one suspended for 8 months, the other for 10.

As described in T.A.G. 30 the City of Dundee is replete with Junior grounds. Even the exotic suburb of Lochee has two. Indeed I was briefly tempted by Lochee United v Scone and called in at the ground. Ten



Lochee Harp — pioneers of the surrealist movement in Junior Football?

minutes before kick off there were 3 people inside, so I stuck to plan A and headed for Beechwood Park.

Appropriately fronted by a boxing club, Beechwood Park has survived waves of vandalism, as the patchwork quilt tarpaulin clubhouse roof testifies. There is a sturdy perimeter wall, covered terracing behind one goal, a couple of advertising hoardings with the inscriptions entirely washed away, and some rusting, long since disused floodlight pylons which swayed unneringly in the wind. Harp produced a worthy programme for the occasion with a wonderful Dali-esque drawing on the cover. No less creative was the "Beeche Kiss" fanzine inside. The club is principally run by 3 men called Kelly and play in green and white

hoops. A nursery team for Rangers they are not.

Harp lumbered out, looking for all the world as though they were seeking sponsorship from the lager of the same name. As the game itself wore on there was a disturbing lack of yellow cards. The home side missed an early penalty to the delight of the busload of fans from Dalkeith, but half time arrived without goals or bookings. Long before the whistle blew most of the crowd were queuing for pies in the club house, gazing wistfully at pictures of successful Harp sides from 1905. The ambition of the present team was limited to securing a draw, thus guaranteeing an enormous piss-up at the replay. The uncannily accurate programme notes suggested this was inevitable and sure enough the game ended 2-2. A case for Bruno Gianvillia? Lochee Harp's travels in the Scottish Cup are legendary - one year at Cumnock their fans desperate for drink and selflessly prepared to risk their lives to get it, left in a taxi at half time for the nearest bar.

At least the second half proved more eventful and, at long last, produced a rash of yellow cards. I asked a friendly Committee Member if the 80 or so shivering souls represented their average gate. He waved airily towards a few elderly gents (all called Kelly I believe) and indicated that they were the average crowd. He also related a tale of how he had come on as substitute two weeks ago, due to a shortage of players, followed playfully at every turn by his loyal and enthusiastic dog.

A few minutes from the end of a remarkably good natured Cup tie there was a scuffle on the touchline involving the visiting manager and the Harp centre forward, a huge man who looked like a refugee from Murrayfield. As the final whistle blew the dog owning occasional substitute asked me if I was "staying for the fight?" Sure enough the big Number 9 led a deputation of players over the perimeter wall and started brawling with the visiting fans. The referee, a very small man, sheepishly slunk off ahead, pretending that he was completely unaware of the mayhem behind him. Feeling that my choice of match had been vindicated after all, it was time to repair to the surreal surroundings of the Planet Bar, Lochee, and contemplate the replay.

Duncan Mackay

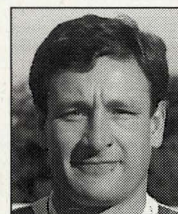
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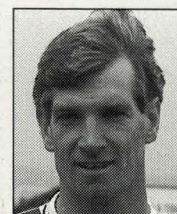


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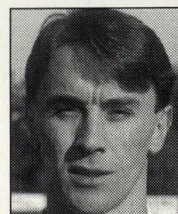
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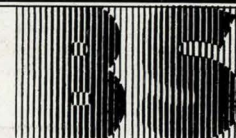


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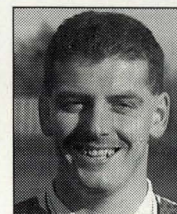
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