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## TODAY'S TEAMS



## MONTROSE ROSELEA

from

	Alan COULL
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# Today's Game

## AN IMPORTANT GAME FOR BOTH TEAMS

Montrose Roselea's visit to the Canniepairt this afternoon is something of a unique occasion, the Broomfield Park side having played this fixture here only six weeks ago. Unfortunately Referee McCorquodale called the event to a premature halt at half time on that occasion because of weather conditions - the first time a game has ever been abandoned on the Canniepairt.

Tayport led 1-0 through a Jackie Devine goal at the time the game was abandoned but the goal and the scoreline have been scrubbed from the records and we start all over again, level at 0-0.

We've both had five games since then. Roselea went down 0-2 to Forfar West End in the PA Cup, drew 2-2 at home to Kinnoull, went down 1-0 at Harp and lost 1-5 at home to Downfield, all in the league before coming good last Saturday with a 4-2 win at Jeanfield Swifts in the Whyte & Mackay Cup.

In contrast we went down for the first time this season at home last Saturday and will be determined to bounce back with a win this week. Defeats at home haven't been too frequent, indeed a 0-1 defeat from Forfar Albion in September 1992 has been the only occasion to date on which we have lost out in 48 Division One matches on the Canniepairt since being promoted in 1991.

Montrose have completed their home league programme and after this afternoon have only to travel to Lochee United and Carnoustie. Two points today would confirm Montrose's first division safety although, in reality, they look fairly safe now. Only full points for Jeanfield, Harp and Kirrie in their remaining games would put Roselea's position in jeopardy. An unlikely scenario.

Alan Riddell and Malcolm Dorward will be missing from the Montrose pool today and they are likely to rely on the thirteen who won well at Jeanfield. A sound defensive record away from home, losing only eleven goals in ten games, has stood Roselea well this season. This quality was well in evidence during the abandoned game when we struggled for a breakthrough.

With games running out it is imperative that we maintain the scoring form that has brought thirteen goals in our only two games played here in the league since the turn of the year.

### WHO WILL JOIN LOCHEE & WHITBURN?

Glenafton v Arthurlie and Camelon v Kilwinning Rangers, the two OVD ties which were postponed last week go ahead today with the bookies expecting the home sides to go through to the semi-final draw. Lochee are hoping for a semi-final tie at Tannadice or McDiarmid on Thursday 27th or Friday 28th April, the dates set for the two ties. The final is at Fir Park, Motherwell on Sunday 21st May and will be shown live on Grampian TV.

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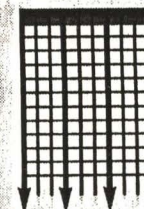
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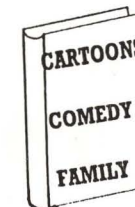
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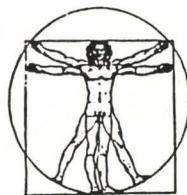
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ACTION FROM LAST WEEK'S OVD CUP-TIE



Whithorn's Mick McAvooy and Tayport's Davie Reilly battle for possession  
(photograph courtesy of 'The Sunday Post')



## Sniffing About With The Snout

THE magic of the cup is a well worn cliché but it cannot be denied. The attendance of 900 or so at the Canniepairt last Saturday was higher than any Scottish 2nd or 3rd Division matches played that day. It's just a pity that the fans didn't witness a more enjoyable game. The semi-final tie between Camelon and Kilwinning, postponed last week, is widely expected to attract a gate of around 4,000 today.

THE Tayport FC committee are away to the races again next Saturday. It's not as you might think, however, at Aintree or Ayr but Ballinluig Village Hall! It's the latest in a season of Racenights which the Committee's "team" runs for other clubs to help them raise funds. Since January the Racenight team has run Racenights for Vale of Atholl FC in Pitlochry, Tayside Region's Wateraid Charity, the fee for which was donated to the charity, Dundee Ice Hockey Club last night and there are others in the diary including Pitlochry's Golf Week in May. All helping to bring much needed funds into the club coffers.

It's been reported that St Joseph's latest dip into the transfer market has seen them secure the transfer of striker Gordon Lees from Forfar Athletic.

THE present circulation war between the national newspapers in Scotland has had a spin-off for Junior Football. There's probably a better coverage now than at any time for many years. The *Sunday Post's* coverage of the Tayport and Lochee ties last week was excellent as was the coverage in the *Sporting Post*. Even the broadsheets are getting into the act. On Sundays the *Scotland on Sunday* carries a Junior column and on Mondays *The Herald* does a full length column reporting on all the regions and listing all the results from the weekend. It all helps raise the profile of the game.

WHO'S coming up from Division Two of the Tayside League? Well, definitely Scone Thistle who secured promotion for the first time ever by defeating Bankfoot last weekend. Promotion for Scone now means that every club in the Tayside Juniors will have played in both divisions. Scone look like going on to lift the Championship. The contest to see which two clubs join them will be fought out by East Craigie, Bankfoot, Forfar Albion and Broughty Athletic.

TALK about inflation! It wouldn't have escaped Port Prog readers' notice that Alan Smart, who turned out for us and trained with us pre-season and was subsequently transferred from Caledonian Thistle to Preston North End earlier this season for £10,000 has been valued at over £1,000,000! That's the reported fee Preston slapped on his head after the Carling Premiership came sniffing around. Since the report appeared in the Press a couple of weeks ago Alan's had to be content with a place on the Preston bench.

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## The Baker's Bit

A warm welcome to our visitors Montrose Roselea and a good afternoon to the Port Support.

To say that I'm disappointed about last week's Scottish Cup defeat is an understatement. I said in last week's *Port Prog* that if our players came off the park at 4.40pm in the knowledge that everyone had given 100%, I could ask for no more. Well, I think that I was shortchanged. We simply didn't play to any standard at all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to apologise to our fans on behalf of the management and players. We know that we let ourselves and everyone else down. I feel that if we had played to any real standard, we could still be in the Scottish Cup this week. I don't want to take anything away from Whitburn but I feel that we've played and beaten better sides in the past.

I must mention Lochee United's victory at Hill O' Beath. I congratulate them and wish them every success in the semi-finals.

So, where do we go from here? Is this the end of civilisation as we know it?! Or are we allowed to have an off-day from time to time? I'd like to remind our players and fans of last season's Scottish Cup exit. We certainly had a hangover the following week - a 2-0 defeat at Downfield to be precise but we all know how our season unfolded with a third 1st Division title and a fourth Whyte & Mackay Cup victory. Add to that the Intersport, Craig Stephen and Herschell Trophies. These prizes are still on the menu. So there's really no time for hangovers.

Today's league encounter with Montrose Roselea is the first game of the rest of our season. We must now focus our thoughts entirely on what lies ahead of us. No one can win every single time. The difference which separates champions from the others is that they have ability to go at it again and again. So I challenge our players to prove to me - and our fans - that they have what it takes - starting today. Not next week but this afternoon with a victory and two points.

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## TAYPORT JUNIORS - Match Stats.....Match Stats.....Match Stats.....Match Stats.....Match Stats.....Match Stats.....

Date	Opposition	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Att								
Aug 17	Lochee United (H)	W 1-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Gray	Sommerville	P. Reilly	Stewart	1	Maher	Mackay	D. Reilly	Vannet	Devine (4)	Cameron (11)	349							
Aug 20	Kirrie Thistle (L)	W 5-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Stewart	1	Sommerville	P. Reilly	Hunter	Maher	Mackay	1	D. Reilly	2	Devine (8)	Gray	Cameron (11)	129					
Aug 24	NORTH END (L)	W 1-0	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Stewart	Sommerville	Wilkie	Miller	Maher	1	Cameron	D. Reilly	Devine	Gray	Malone	135							
Aug 27	LOCHEE UTD (L)	W 3-2	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Gray	Sommerville	Wilkie	1	Stewart	Maher	Mackay	2	D. Reilly	Cameron	Hunter (11)	Irons (10)	178						
Aug 31	Dundee Violet (L)	D 1-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Stewart	Maher	Mackay	1	D. Reilly	Cameron	Gray (7)	Vannet	142							
Sept 3	Lochee Harp (L)	W 7-0	Brown	P. Reilly	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Miller	Stewart	Mackay	3	D. Reilly	2	Vannet	Gray (8)	Cameron (2)	185						
Sept 10	ST. JOSEPHS (L)	D 0-0	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Miller	Mackay	Cameron	Maher	Stewart	(11)	Gray	498							
Sept 17	KINNOULL (L)	W 4-0	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Gray	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Miller	1	Mackay	1	Stewart	1	Vannet	1	Spalding (5)	Maher (7)	149				
Sept 24	Carnoustie (L)	W 3-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Maher	Mackay	3	Stewart	Vannet	Gray (7)	P. Reilly	238							
Oct 1	BANKFOOT (P1)	D *0-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	P. Reilly	Wilkie	Hunter	Maher	Mackay	Stewart	Vannet	Gray (8)	D. Reilly (11)	134								
Oct 8	ARBROATH SC (L)	W 5-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	1	Wilkie	Hunter	Gray	Mackay	3	D. Reilly	1	Devine	1	Stewart	Maher	209				
Oct 15	Forth Wanderers (S1)	D 1-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Stewart	Mackay	D. Reilly	Devine	Maher (8)	Gray	222								
Oct 22	FORTH (S1R)	W 4-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	1	Maher	Mackay	2	D. Reilly	1	Devine	Cameron (8)	Gray (11)	353					
Oct 29	MONTROSE (N)	W 3-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Gray	1	Wilkie	Cameron	Stewart	Mackay	D. Reilly	Devine	2	Hunter (8)	Maher	147						
Nov 5	Downfield (L)	W 3-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Maher	Mackay	2	D. Reilly	Devine	Cameron (4)	Stewart	1	(11)	257					
Nov 12	BALBEGGIE (S2)	W 4-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	1	Mackay	1	Gray	Stewart	Maher	Cameron	D. Reilly	1	Devine	Irons	1	(11)	236				
Nov 19	Jeanfield Swifts (L)	W 2-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Stewart	Maher	Mackay	1	D. Reilly	1	Devine	Cameron (11)	Gray (7)	155						
Nov 26	DUNDEE VIOLET(L)	D 0-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Mackay	Wilkie	Hunter	Maher	Cameron	D. Reilly	Devine	Gray (9)	Vannet (11)	177								
Dec 3	Port GLASGOW (S3)	W 1-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Malone	Hunter	Maher	Mackay	D. Reilly	1	Devine	Cameron (9)	Stewart (4)	293							
Dec 10	FORFAR W.E. (L)	W 1-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Stewart	Sommerville	Mackay	Hunter	Cameron	Cameron	1	D. Reilly	Devine	Vannet (11)	Spalding (4)	151							
Dec 17	Arbroath Vics (N2)	W 4-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Stewart	Cameron	Mackay	4	D. Reilly	Vannet	Gray (2)	Maher	93							
Dec 24	North End (L)	W >3-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	1	Spalding	Sommerville	Wilkie	Stewart	Maher	Mackay	1	D. Reilly	Cameron	Gray (10)	Hunter (7)	317						
Jan 7	Montrose Rose (L)	W 4-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	1	Sommerville	Wilkie	Hunter	Stewart	Mackay	2	D. Reilly	Cameron	1	P. Reilly (7)	Devine (10)	189					
Jan 14	LOCHEE HARP (L)	W 8-1	Mann	P. Reilly	1	Paterson	Spalding	Nicolson	Wilkie	Miller	1	Stewart	Mackay	4	D. Reilly	Cameron	2	Gray (7)	Devine (8)	138				
Jan 21	KILSYTH RGRS (S4)	W 1-0	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Spalding	Nicolson	Wilkie	Hunter	Cameron	1	Mackay	D. Reilly	Devine	Miller (11)	Stewart (9)	555							
Feb 4	Forfar West End (L)	D 1-1	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Stewart	Nicolson	Wilkie	Hunter	Maher	Cameron	1	D. Reilly	Devine	Spalding (11)	Gray (8)	177							
Feb 18	Arbroath SC (L)	D 0-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Spalding	Sommerville	Nicolson	Stewart	Maher	Cameron	D. Reilly	Devine	Hunter (7)	Wilkie (8)	182								
Feb 25	CARNOUSTIE (S5)	W 1-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Wilkie	Sommerville	Nicolson	Hunter	Stewart	1	Mackay	D. Reilly	Devine	Cameron (11)	581								
Mar 4	KIRRIE TH (L)	W 4-0	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Miller	Nicolson	Wilkie	Hunter	Stewart	Mackay	D. Reilly	Cameron	4	Maher (8)	Vannet (9)	128							
Mar 11	LONGSIDE (N3)	W 4-0	Mann	Miller	Paterson	Wilkie	P. Reilly	Nicolson	Hunter	Cameron	Mackay	2	D. Reilly	2	Maher	Gray (7)	Stewart	239						
Mar 18	WHITBURN (S6)	L 0-2	Mann	P. Reilly	Paterson	Wilkie	Sommerville	Nicolson	Hunter	Cameron	Mackay	D. Reilly	Maher	Stewart (7)	Miller (9)	892								
Mar 25	MONTROSE (L)																							
Apr 1																								
Apr 8	Downfield (N)																							

Home Matches in Capitals Figures after players names indicates goalscorers.

Letter in brackets after opposition indicates competition as follows:

P - Perthshire Advertiser Cup W - Whyte & Mackay Cup

Figures in brackets indicates number of player substituted.

H - Herschell Charity Trophy

C - Cream of Barley Trophy

\* - Lost on Penalties

L - A.T. & T. League Division I

N - Dundee North End Centenary Cup

> - One Own Goal

S - OVD Scottish Cup

I - Intersport Shield





## TAYSIDE A. T. & T. LEAGUE DIVISION I

Statistics 1994/95 up to and including 18th March, 1995

Guide to Current Form - all competitions - most recent result to the right

Team	Last 10 Results
Arbroath S.C.	L D L D W L W D D D L
Carnoustie Panmure	W D D W W D L L D L
Downfield	W W D D L L W W W W
Forfar West End	L W D L D W L L D W
Jeanfield Swifts	L D L L L W L W L L
Kinnoull	L D L L L D D L W D
Kirrie Thistle	D L D W L L L W L D
Lochee Harp	L L L W W L D L W L
Lochee United	W D W D W W W W W W
Montrose Roselea	D L L D W L D L L W
North End	L L W W W D D L W W
St Josephs	W W W L W W L W W W
Tayport	W W W W D D W W W L
Violet	W W W D L W W W W W

### Results Chart - League Matches Only

A.T. & T. LEAGUE DIVISION I RESULTS 1994/95	A	C	D	F	J	K	K	L	L	M	N	S	T	V
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DOWNFIELD	2-3	0-2		2-0			3-2			0-1	2-1		0-3	0-1
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### HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Tayport	19	14	5	0	55	9	33
St Josephs	17	15	1	1	48	16	31
Lochee United	19	11	5	3	51	24	27
Dundee Violet	23	10	6	7	38	36	26
Downfield	17	11	1	5	36	20	23
Carnoustie	21	8	7	6	36	29	23
North End	18	10	2	6	37	33	22
Arbroath S.C.	22	7	6	9	36	44	20
Kinnoull	22	6	7	9	36	42	20
Montrose Rose	23	4	9	10	24	38	17
Forfar West End	22	5	5	12	23	35	15
Lochee Harp	23	5	3	15	25	68	13
Jeanfield Swifts	22	4	3	15	22	38	11
Kirrie Thistle	22	3	4	15	16	54	10

### SHARPSHOOTERS

Goals	Player	Club
33	Mackay	Tayport
25	McLaren	St Joseph's
19	Kelly	Carnoustie
18	Graham	Lochee United
14	Mckay	Jeanfield Swifts
	Ross	North End
12	Cameron	Downfield
11	Cooper	North End
	Cameron	Tayport
	D. Reilly	Tayport
10	Brown	St Josephs
	Heggie	St Josephs
	Harkins	North End
	Fisher	Lochee United
	MacDonald	St Joseph

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## BAKER BITES THE BULLET

'Port manager Dave Baikie escaped relatively unscathed from what could have been an explosive situation in a local public house last Sunday. No, it wasn't the return of the 'Carnoustie Casuals'. Several weeks ago, Dave had agreed to a question and answer session in the lounge of Cobbies Inn, giving everyone - club members, occasional supporters and even detractors - the opportunity to air their views - or find out his - on various aspects of the team and club.

Little did he know that he would find himself in the hot seat only 24 hours after a very disappointing exit from the OVD Cup. However, the general mood of the gathering, after a few observations and discussions on the previous day's disaster, was one of pride and pleasure in the achievements of the club in its five year history. The manager believed that the league championship and the cups that the club were still involved in this season were well within the grasp of the current squad but agreed, when questioned, that new blood may be needed next season - his priorities being a midfielder, a wide player and possibly a striker.

Dave had no hesitation in naming George Grier as the greatest influence in his distinguished junior career and of his own ambitions stated that he was delighted with the cooperation he'd had since joining Tayport, but admitted if an opportunity to try his luck at senior level came along, he would give it a try. When pushed for his tip for the 'Scottish' Dave hoped that Lochee United would go all the way, but believed that Camelon could be the side to lift the trophy this year.

The achievement of the evening was finally satisfying Adam Williamson's curiosity regarding Fraser Mann's stomach upset which dogged him during the weekend of last season's OVD tie at Camelon. Dave eventually convinced Adam that Fraser had not been 'unwell' during the actual 90 minutes and the only thing the keeper 'let slip' in the match were a couple of goals which took the game to a replay!

Dave fortified a now much-discussed belief in junior circles that strengthening of the leagues through amalgamation was the way forward for the game.

The pace of the questions never let up and, with time getting on, Dave called proceedings to a halt when he noticed Cougs' eyelids getting heavy as he succumbed to the rigours of a bingo game earlier in the evening.

## FIFE TAYSIDE LEAGUE?

There has been talk of a merger between the Tayside Junior FA and the Fife Junior FA. To get an idea of how such a League would look we've taken last season's final tables from both Associations and merged them. The following tables show how the "Fife Tayside League" might have looked.

PREMIER DIVISION	FIRST DIVISION	SECOND DIVISION
TAYPORT	CARNOUSTIE	CLACKMANNAN
HILL O' BEATH	GLENROTHES	TULLIALLAN THIS.
DOWNFIELD	VIOLET	KIRRIE THISTLE
OAKLEY UNITED	ROSYTH REC.	BANKFOOT ATHLETIC
NORTH END	JEANFIELD SWIFTS	SCONE THISTLE
DUNDONALD BLUEBELL	LOCHGELLY ALBERT	EAST CRAIGIE
ST JOSEPH'S	LOCHEE HARP	BLAIRGOWRIE
ST ANDREWS UNITED	THORNTON HIBS	BALBEGGIE
KINNOULL	FORFAR ALBION	BRECHIN VICS
KELTY HEARTS	LOCHORE WELFARE	COUPAR ANGUS
ARBROATH SC	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	ELMWOOD
CROSSGATES PRIMROSE	ARBROATH VICS	LUNCARTY
FORFAR WEST END	LOCHEE UNITED	KIRKCALDY YM
NEWBURGH	MONTROSE ROSELEA	CUPAR HEARTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ?



## GIVE A GAME A BAD NAME!

Spotted this article in the press a few weeks ago. It appeared before the infamous Dalry v Whitburn match but we thought that it might be a trifle insensitive to have printed it in last week's programme. Once again it shows the junior game up in a less than complimentary light but it's worth a chuckle nevertheless!

I'm afraid we are mining a rich seam of Juniors football havoc and mayhem. This week, rounding off a season of daft chronicles from that head-butting sport, I must relate what is the ultimate kicking-and-ramming account from those fetid, jockstrapped plains. The following alarming tale comes from an ex-police officer, who contacted me last week and whose authentic voice I preserve here. For obvious reasons, persons must remain anonymous, for no grander principle than that the law itself is compromised.

Here is his story of Juniors fear and loathing: "I'll never forget the day as long as I live. It was maybe three years back. I was a beat-man at Blackhill police station, and there had been robberies and a murder during the week, and the station had even been petrol-bombed on the Friday night. The natives, shall we say, were restless.

"So the following day, the Saturday, the Sarge says to me and a colleague: 'Away up to the football at Petershill and get away from this for a while.' There was an unwritten rule in the Blackhill station at the time that during turbulent weeks like these, an afternoon patrolling the football was given out as a wee bonus. Not that Blackhill was that bad a place to be a copper in. There were some houses you could pop into and have a nice wee sandwich in. And there were others where a pal of mine got more than just his tea.

"Anyway, off my pal and I went, up to Petershill, who were playing Darvel in the Junior Cup. It was the usual story for coppers on the beat there. We turned up at 1.30 and were warmly greeted inside the boardroom. There were copious amounts of whisky poured for us. By about half-past two, we were both fairly steaming. I remember thinking my head was hummin' a bit.

"At 2.55 we went outside, to be greeted by this absolutely heaving crowd. We couldn't believe it! There must have been about 3,000 there, and the atmosphere was rank hostility.

Feeling poorly, I turned to my pal and said: 'If there's any trouble here, you and I are done for!' Then it happened. We were standing between the two dugouts, trying to look like some sort of show of force, when halfway through the first half, the biggest rammy you've ever seen in your life broke out! It was in the wee enclosure across the pitch from where we were standing. The supporters just started hammering the daylight out of each other, kicking, punching, with bodies piling up everywhere. 'Really shiting it, me and my pal quickly sprinted across the pitch. Meanwhile, the game just continued. We jumped right in among them, and it was like one of those old cowboy bar-room brawls, with blood and snorter and saliva flying everywhere. By this time, bodies were piled on top of each other, and everyone was punching everyone else. The game still carried on.

"We both lost our hats. My pal had his shirt ripped off. I grabbed my radio and put out a code 21, which in polis-terms is a rallying cry for immediate reinforcements. The one major trouble-maker was this big fat guy, who I wrestled with for about 10 minutes before arresting. Underneath him was this other wee guy, neat and well-dressed, who had been walloping anything that moved. Everyone in there was the worse for drink.

"We finally got them back to the dressing-rooms, frog-marching them across the pitch, with the game still going on. I was covered in blood and snot by this time, and I said to the big fat guy: 'Right, this is the jail for you, pal!' Then, all gargly, he suddenly replied: 'aah, I think thurz a problem here ... ah'm actually in the Serious Crime Squad.' I couldn't believe it! And then he turned to the wee well-dressed one, who was pushed out his head, and said: 'So is he. He's a detective constable, and ah'm a detective inspector. So thurz a problem here.' Eventually they were lifted, taken off, and given a mild reprimand. It was all hushed up by the Glasgow force. The magistrate, I was told, couldn't consider the case for laughing.

"I remember the following week, back at the station, a bottle of whisky mysteriously arrived on my desk. I also remember thinking: if it's my Blackhill beat or these juniors, give me Blackhill any day."

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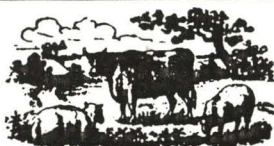
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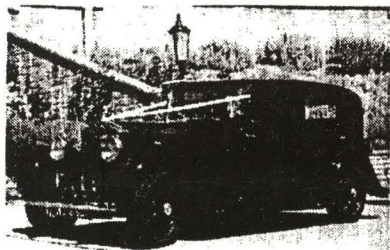
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## CHAMPIONSHIP ENTERS FINAL PHASE

The league season is drawing rapidly to a close. Some clubs have completed their home or away programmes and after today, Montrose will have only two games to play Violet, Arbroath SC, Kinnoull and Harp will have only three.

The relegation issue, with three teams going down, is all but settled. Barring an unexpected burst of winning form, the present bottom three, Kirrie Thistle, Jeanfield Swifts and Lochee Harp, will drop out. Kirrie, having just been promoted, always looked prime candidates and Harp, having flirted with relegation last season, were always a good bet to join them.

The loss of Jeanfield from the top division reflects just how quickly a club's fortunes can change. A succession of changes in management hasn't helped and for some time now the Perth club has seemed resigned to the inevitable.

In a division of only fourteen clubs, it is a fact that there is a more than 20% chance of being relegated, so there is little opportunity to grab a lifeline once you're on that slippery slope to division two.

Excepting ourselves and St Joseph's, the remaining nine clubs in the division don't have even the equivalent of a UEFA Cup place to play for but they will have a big say in whichever club does win the title.

We have our noses slightly in front at the minute, two games in front, two points in front and a better goal difference but St Joseph's will argue that they hold the whip hand, needing only a draw when we meet to pip us - should each team collect the same amount of points in the run-in.

Work it out for yourself - here are the games both teams have to play - Tayport v Montrose (H), Carnoustie (H), Downfield (H) and Jeanfield (H). v Kinnoull (A), Lochee United (A) and St Joseph's (A).

St Joseph's - v Carnoustie (H), Kinnoull (H), Kirrie Thistle (H), Harp (H), Lochee United (H) and Tayport (H). v Downfield (A), Jeanfield (A) and North End (A).

Folk ask "When are you due to play the Joey's?" Good question. But, apart from the first couple of months of the season, fixtures are not planned in advance so the games are scheduled weekly by the Match Secretary to ensure that, as far as possible, all teams are in action. You wouldn't have to be Einstein to guess that, should the teams remain neck and neck in the race for the title, the St Joseph's v Tayport match will be slotted in as the climax to the league season.

Of course, in the unlikely event of a collapse by both Tayport and St Joseph's, Lochee United are waiting in the wings, their confidence boosted by their superb OVD Cup win.



## Press Comment

"Whitburn are one of the top teams in the East Region and will be difficult to beat. They operate a strict 4-4-2 system giving little away at the back"

Tayport manager Dave Baikie in 'The Courier' (18/3/95)

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"It will be a tense affair and Tayport will be hoping for their experienced men to show the way. Hamish Mackay and Dave Reilly are two of the best finishers in junior football and with Ewan Cameron also among the goals, they have no problems up front"

- 'The Courier' previewing Tayport v Whitburn" (18/3/95)

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"Whitburn also made progress to the next stage, at the expense of Tayport at a snow-free Dundee (?). Tayport, beaten finalists two years ago, never got into their stride and fell behind to a Jardine header in 40 minutes."

- 'Scotland on Sunday' (19/3/95)

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"The two quarter finals of the Scottish Junior Cup that went ahead saw two of the unfancied teams come through"

- 'Scotland on Sunday' (19/3/95)

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"Tayport's hopes of joining Lochee in the semi-finals were dashed when they found Whitburn too hot to handle. The Fifers could make little headway against a well-organised defence and created few scoring opportunities."

- 'The Sunday Post' (19/3/95)

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"There was mixed fortune on Tayside with the much-fancied Tayport going out to goals by Whitburn's Keith Jardine and Paul Taylor. The second goal following shortly after the dismissal of Tayport's centre-half Sommerville for a double booking"

- 'The Herald' (20/3/95)

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"We just did not perform and I was bitterly disappointed, said Port manager Dave Baikie"

- 'The Courier' (20/3/95)

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"Tayport crashed out of the OVD Scottish Cup with a desperately disappointing display against Whitburn at the Canniepairt last Saturday. The home side's performance can best be judged by the statistic that reveals that, during the entire 90 minutes, their solitary effort on target was a Cameron free-kick ..."

- 'The Fife Herald' reporting on Tayport's Cup defeat (24/3/95)

## Tayport Juniors 1994/95

Back (left to right): A. Bell (physio), J. Devine, G. Miller, S. Stewart, A. Sommerville, F. Mann, M. Gray, H. Mackay, G. Irons (coach), D. Baikie (manager)

Front: P. Reilly, E. Cameron, J. Hunter, G. Paterson, K. Vannet, S. Wilkie, B. Coventry.  
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