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Grant PATERSON
Mark SPALDING
Andy SOMMERVILLE
Sean WILKIE
Steven STEWART
Gary MAHER
Ewan CAMERON
Hamish MACKAY
Mike GRAY
Jackie DEVINE
Billy COVENTRY
Dave REILLY
Jimmy HUNTER
Trialist

ARBROATH S. C. from

Barry GOODWIN
Brian MURRAY
Billy HARDIE
Fraser OGSTON
David Durno
Bobby WILSON
Ian GREIG
Andy MCCAFFERTY
Ian STEWART
Jeff STRACHAN
Lindsay RUSSELL
Colin KENNEDY
Danny POWELL
Gordon SMITH
Peter FEENEY
Murray CLARK

Referee : A.W. Coutts (Perth)

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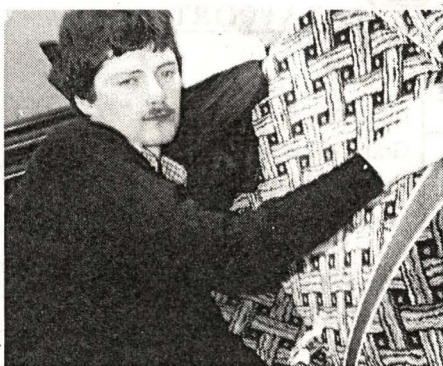
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SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER
AWAY v FORTH WANDERERS
O. V. D. SCOTTISH CUP - FIRST ROUND

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Today's Visitors

In contrast to our opponents last week, Arbroath Sporting Club are not short on experience and bring to the Canniepairt a number of familiar faces. Goalkeeping duties are shared between BARRY GOODWIN who was signed from Blairgowrie at the start of this season and BRIAN MURRAY also a close season signing, from Carnoustie. S.C. lost regular keeper Derek Balfour earlier this year to Brechin City. Barry was the man in possession last week. Brian is well known to Tayport fans through his habit of pinching a couple of yards when kicking from hand at the edge of the box!

At full back will be BILLY HARDIE, captain of the side a couple of years ago prior to a spell with neighbours Arbroath Vics. His full back partner is likely to be IAN GREIG, signed from Lewis United three seasons or so ago when he moved south with his job in a bank. In central defence will be FRASER OGSTON of De Vito's night club, S.C.'s sponsors this season. Fraser, in his second season with the club, had a taste of Senior football whilst living in Fife. Partnering him at the back will be BOBBY WILSON



(pictured right, returning from a Tayport FC trip to Belgium) who needs little introduction to club members of fifteen years' standing. Bobby was a key member of the Amateurs' title winning side of 1981/82 and Player of the Year in 1980.

In midfield is ANDY McCAFFERTY who had a year on the books at Pittodrie before moving to Forfar Athletic. Things didn't work out for him there and he was snapped up by S.C.. IAN STEWART interested Tayport when with Kinnoull during 1993 close season but we didn't agree terms with the Perth side and he moved to Seaton Park. Ex-Arbroath. JEFF STRACHAN is another ex-Red Lichtie. Moved to Gayfield a year past the close season but returned in February of this year in part exchange for PETER FEENEY who was a victim of the managerial merry go round at Arbroath and he returned to S.C. this season. Peter was signed from Shotts when he moved to the East coast with his work as a chiropodist. Another player in whom Tayport had expressed an interest at one time.

LINDSAY RUSSELL, midfielder signed around four seasons ago from the local HSFP's. Can also play wide as a striker.. COLIN KENNEDY was one of a squad of players who left Seaton Park some six years or so ago to join Forfar West End with whom he won a championship medal. Returned to S.C. this season.

Up front Arbroath will look to veteran DANNY POWELL for goals. He was certainly in the mood last week, hitting five in the 7-0 demolition of Blairgowrie. As well as playing for St Johnstone, Danny has seen service with all the Angus Senior clubs. GORDON SMITH is in his second year having joined up from the local F.P.'s. Attracting Senior interest but S.C. are anxious to retain his services for the Scottish Cup. Can also play in central defence, the role in which he turned out last week. Another front man is MURRAY CLARK who represents Scotland at cricket. Murray was a star turn on the Scots' tour of Zimbabwe last year.

Unavailable for Arbroath today for various reasons are Jimmy Stewart, Mark Kubicki and Roy Gill (all injured), Dave Durno (holiday) and Graeme Mooney (away with the Forces).

Manager is BRIAN REID, assistant is ERIC MARTIN and physio is JIM LOW.

Another of the back room staff, JAKE FERRIER is poised to join Brechin City as Youth Team Coach/Scout.

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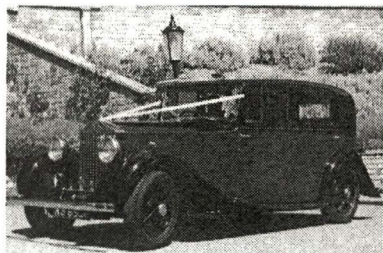
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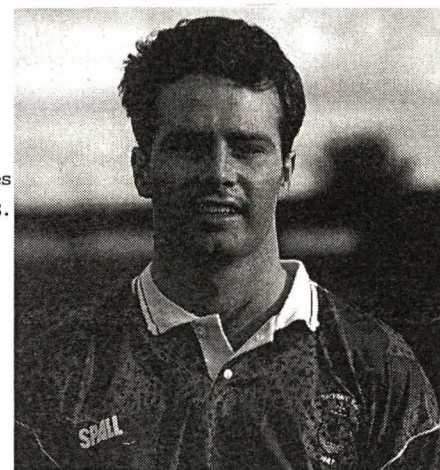
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PLAYER PROFILE

SEAN WILKIE

AGE: 25 BORN: Dundee
RESIDE NOW: Lochee. STATUS: Single.
HEIGHT: 5'9" WEIGHT: 11 stones
SCHOOLS: St Mary's P.S., St John's H.S.
OCCUPATION: Internal sales with a builders' merchant.
FORMER OCCUPATION(S): Postman. Also worked at Levi Strauss and Timex.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Brechin City, Celtic Boys, Dryburgh Ath., Menzieshill CC.
BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH: Grant Paterson.



BEST PLAYER PLAYED AGAINST: Always found Ian Cameron, then St Mirren, formerly Aberdeen and now Partick Thistle a very tricky opponent.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Newlandsfield (Pollok). LEAST FAVOURITE: Ogilvy Park (Arb. Vics)
BEST TAYPORT PERFORMANCE: The 3-0 semi final win over Auchinleck Talbot.
BIGGEST THRILL IN FOOTBALL: Winning! DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing!
BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN FOOTBALL CAREER: Parents.
HOW DID YOU JOINING TAYPORT COME ABOUT: After being released by Brechin City, Davie Baikie phoned and asked me to go across to Tayport, look at the facilities, listen to the ambitions of the club and I was suitably impressed.
HOBBIES OR INTERESTS: Music and enjoying myself.
FAVOURITE SUBJECT WHEN AT SCHOOL: P.E.. LEAST FAVOURITE: Physics.
LAST HOLIDAY SPOT: Magaluf.
FAVOURITE CLUB/PUB: Fat Sam's in Dundee.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Holsten Pils. FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian.
FAVOURITE FILM: The Godfather Trilogy.
LAST BOOK READ: 'No Mean City' by A. McArthur and H. Kingsley Long.
FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMME: Clive Anderson Talks Back.
NEWSPAPER READ: Today.
FAVOURITE WAY OF RELAXING: Sleeping.
THINGS THAT ANNOY YOU MOST: Cheats.
BIGGEST REGRET IN LIFE: Not giving Senior Football a better go.
CLAIM TO FAME: Full page spread in the Sunday Post when I was 11 years old, highlighting how unlucky I was with injuries therefore winning a competition, the prize for which was attending the Bobby Charlton Soccer School in Manchester.
YOUR IDEA OF PARADISE: Getting bathed by Cindy, Claudia, Linda, Helena, Kate etc!



SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

OVD SCOTTISH CUP NEXT WEEK



Although our players minds will be very much on the job in hand today i.e. picking up league points, the Port Support will be thinking ahead to next Saturday's OVD Scottish Junior Cup tie at Kingsmill Park, against Forth Wanderers. And by all accounts, the message to the fans is - wrap up well!

Forth is a pretty exposed place where they say it's been known to snow in July.

Not much in the way of home comforts either but the locals are friendly we hear.

Forth play in the first division of the Reebok Central League. (last season's final league table is reproduced above) Unlike ourselves, the Central League starts with a league cup so very few league games have been played by any west coast sides at this stage in the season.

Forth are no exception, having played only three league games. After a bright start to the season when they qualified for the quarter finals of the League Cup (beating Shotts at Shotts on the way), the league form has disappointed. Losses have been recorded against Ashfield, Benburb and neighbours Lanark.

It's not so long ago that Forth tasted the glory of a Scottish Junior Cup run. In 1981 Forth reached the semi finals, only to lose at Love Street to Pollok after a replay. The attendance record for Kingsmill Park was set on that cup run when 2,324 watched Forth defeat East Kilbride Thistle in the Quarter Final.

Forth Wanderers have been around a long time, ninety years to be precise, and in that time have produced several players who have made their name at Senior level. Of those, the best known is Willie Waddell who stepped up to Rangers. Another player who started with Forth and went on to play for his country was George Wood who kept goal for Arsenal and Everton in the late seventies and early eighties. Peter Millar who played with Arbroath in the seventies was also a product of Forth.

With Forth's colours being red, they will have to play in their change strip. The referee and the linesmen next week are from the East Region

Supporters' buses will be running to Forth and any person who has not already booked is requested to contact Mary Walker at today's game or phone 553647 as soon as possible.

Forth don't normally issue a programme but we understand that a programme is being produced on this occasion.

CENTRAL REGION

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FIRST DIVISION									
Maryhill	26	18	2	6	47-17	38			
Baillieston	26	15	4	7	33-22	34			
Vale of Clyde	26	14	4	8	42-37	32			
Kilsyth Rangers	26	12	7	7	35-23	31			
Benburb	26	12	4	10	47-36	28			
Vale of Leven	26	13	2	11	40-34	28			
Glasgow Perthshire	26	8	8	10	39-36	24			
Ashfield	26	10	4	12	39-44	24			
Neilston	26	10	4	12	40-53	24			
Forth Wanderers	26	8	7	11	32-46	23			
Lanark United	26	8	6	12	48-48	22			
Thorniewood United	26	8	6	12	36-41	22			
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	26	7	4	15	39-57	18			
Johnstone Burgh	26	6	4	16	30-52	16			

The Baker's Bit

Arbroath S.C. provide our league opposition this afternoon and I'd like to begin by welcoming their players and officials to the Canniepairt. I can't really comment too much on last week's game. As you probably know I was away on club business. But by all accounts daylight robbery wasn't the name for it.

I can recall Graeme Souness once saying that given time and the correct instructions, he could organise a Sunday pub team to defend a goal which his own Rangers side would find it hard to break down.

I did say in this column last week that Bankfoot were a well organised side and they do follow instructions. They came with one glimmer of hope. That way was to pack their defence and hope to frustrate us. Their luck was obviously in. It worked. They hung on and hung on and no doubt we b-gan to get more and more frustrated as the minutes ticked on. Unfortunately the outcome was there for all to see

To say that I was disappointed when I heard the result is an understatement. But life goes on. Let's not forget we've played ten games this season with seven shut-outs and no team on Tayside has scored more league goals. And let's remember we started the game without Devine, Coventry, D.Reilly and Cameron whose total contribution last season was over 90 goals. Without goalscorers of this calibre, the burden of putting the ball in the net has fallen heavily on Hamish who has responded tremendously. Like all strikers he's allowed to have an off day from time to time. Remember the same side defeated Carnoustie the week before, Hamish banging in a hat-trick.

I wonder if you recall a league game here in season '92/93? Forfar Albion were the visitors. They did exactly what Bankfoot did. Packed their defence, the goalie had a daft day, saving everything in sight. They went up the park twice, once to score, the other to head for the pavilion at full time with a 1-0 victory - unbelievable.

Tayport went on to play twice at Firhill that season. I could also bring to your attention a result last season when Largs Thistle lost at home by 10-1 in the early stages of the season and we all know what they went on to achieve. So we must all learn lessons and hopefully move on to better things.

On Sunday past I was fortunate to attend the SFA Technical Association's Annual Seminar and Practical Coaching Session. We had a couple of demonstrations from two of the most respected coaches in the game today. In the morning we had Alan Irvine, Blackburn Rovers Youth Development Officer and in the afternoon, the Swiss International Team Manager, Roy Hodgson. I could see why he's steered clubs such as Malmö (Sweden) and Neuchâtel Xamax (Switzerland) to domestic and European success as well as the Swiss International team who have really emerged on the world stage since his arrival as team manager. Excellent coaches and a great day.

Moving back to this afternoon's league game - it's vital that we keep the pressure on our rivals. Only a victory will do for Tayport. I'm more than optimistic of continued success but it can only happen with 100% commitment from every player. Let's earn two points this afternoon.

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"Tayport's reward for a sparkling first half performance was two points to keep the pressure on St Joseph's at the top of the A.T. & T. League Division One"

- Fife Herald (30/9/94) Carnoustie 1 Tayport 3.

"Tayport too strong for understrength Gowfers"

- Carnoustie Guide & Gazette (1/10/94)

"Second division promotion hopefuls Bankfoot have a mountain to climb at Tayport.... the first division champions must be hot favourites to make round two"

- Courier (1/10/94) 0-0 Bankfoot went through on penalties.

"Tayport had all the pressure but couldn't find the way past the Bankies defence, and Bankies took full advantage of the situation, winning the penalty shoot-out 5-3"

- Sunday Mail (2/10/94)

"The major upset in the PA Cup 1st Round on Saturday was the defeat of first division champions Tayport, beaten in a penalty shoot-out by second division Bankfoot"

- Courier (3/10/94)

"...Bankfoot confounded all the pundits and the odds by ousting the mighty Tayport from this competition. It's safe to say that it's one of the biggest shocks in Tayside football for a long time"

- Perthshire Advertiser (4/10/94) Tayport 0 Bankfoot 0 (Bankfoot won on penalty kicks)

"Tayport's defeat by Bankfoot in the P.A. Cup was the big talking point last weekend. The Fifers did have chances but couldn't breach the Bankies defence and went out in a penalty shoot-out"

- 'Junicus' in the Evening Telegraph (5/10/94)

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Today's Game

ARBROATH S.C. will prove a tough nut to crack. Any team which travels to Carnoustie and Downfield and returns with full points is worthy of respect. S.C.'s results this season to date have, nevertheless been somewhat erratic and some of the good work has been undone by defeats at home to Harp and away to Violet.

The two most recent games between the teams have been settled by the odd goal and there is no reason to think that today's game will be very different.

Last week Arbroath were crushing Blairgowrie by 7-0 in the Perthshire Advertiser Cup, a match which was a personal triumph for Danny Powell with a nap hand of goals. Meanwhile here at the Cannieapirt we were finding it impossible to break down Bankfoot's nine man defence.

The Bankies set out their stall from the word go. Prevent Tayport from scoring and take a chance at a penalty shoot-out seemed to be their plan - and it worked a treat. Helped, it has to be said by some efficient goalkeeping and some pretty inept finishing. Anyway, it's history now and as the lady said in that famous movie 'Tomorrow is another day'.

Arbroath are minus several of their pool for various reasons and we, too, are struggling with injuries. On the treatment table this week were Andy Sommerville, Gary Maher, Fraser Mann, Paul Reilly, Billy Coventry and Jackie Devine. Reilly looks like being out again for some time while Covy and Divvy are improving by the day. Another certain absentee is Kevin Vannet who suffered a dislocated shoulder last week against Bankfoot. Noticed George Malone at training this week. Could there be yet another comeback in the offing?

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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 1	Gray (8)	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 2 (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 (P)	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)															
Oct 15	Forth Wanderers (S)															
Oct 22																
Oct 29																
Nov 5																
Nov 12																
Nov 19																
Nov 26																
Dec 3																

Home Matches in Capitals Figures after players names indicates goalscorers.

Figures in brackets indicates number of player substituted.

* - Lost on Penalties

Letter in brackets after opposition indicates competition as follows :

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Past Encounters

SPIDER REPLIES

1990/91	Tayport	1	Arbroath SC 2 (Cream of the Barley R3)
	Tayport	2	Arbroath SC 1 (Whyte & Mackay Final)
1991/92	Arbroath SC	0	Tayport 1 (League)
	Tayport	1	Arbroath SC 0 (League)
	Tayport	2	Arbroath SC 0 (Whyte & Mackay Final)
1992/93	Tayport	3	Arbroath SC 0 (League)
	Arbroath SC	0	Tayport 5 (League)
	Arbroath SC	0	Tayport 0 (Intersport R3)
	(Arbroath SC won 4-1 on pens.)		
	Tayport	4	Arbroath SC 2 (Whyte & Mackay Final)
1993/94	Tayport	4	Arbroath SC 1 (League)
	Arbroath SC	1	Tayport 2 (League)
	Arbroath SC	0	Tayport 1 (Intersport Semi Final)

TAYPORT P 13 W 10 D 1 L 1 GOALS FOR 26 AGAINST 7

The last occasion on which the sides met here on the Canniepairt was 23rd October 1993 when a crowd of 176 saw Tayport win 4-1 with goals from Sommerville, Cameron, Lamont and Devine. Tayport were without Hamish and D.R. who were both playing for Scotland at Bo'ness. The Arbroath S.C. game kicked off at 12 noon to allow a coachload of support to travel through for the International.

Dear Sir,



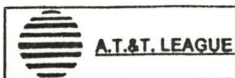
Reference the article in the Bankfoot programme, "Beware! The Spider Returns". I wish to give my version of events leading to the hand ball at Cambusbarron. You make it sound as if I'd lost my marbles, catching the ball from a throw-in when we're pressing for the equaliser in round 6 of the Scottish Cup.

What really happened was, with 3 or 4 minutes to go, I had the ball on about my own penalty spot and was about to clear it into their half when I was tripped from behind by a Cambusbarron forward. In falling I landed on the ball and, in so doing, picked it up in a hurry to take the free kick. The referee gave a penalty! The rest is as you state. I was exiled from Tayport and had to seek refuge at Harris FP, Ashdale, Kelso and Barnhill before it was safe to come back 18 years later. Just think, had it not been for that referee, I could have been sweeping for the Juniors!

Yours in football,

Spider

P.s. We won our Scottish Cup tie in Aberdeen 2-0 and I didn't catch the ball once.



THE A.T. & T. LEAGUE STORY SO FAR

With the league season one third complete, it's worth taking a look to see how things are developing.

For our own part, although we sit in second place as opposed to top spot at this time last season, we are actually one point and one goal, in terms of goal difference, better off. Last season, though we had scored two more but had conceded three more. Three clean sheets last year but five this time round.

After having had Downfield snapping at our heels for the past three seasons, a new challenger has emerged in the shape of St Joseph's. With thirteen of their pool having been acquired from the Seniors at a considerable cost, it is hardly surprising that the latest threat to our dominance of the Tayside game comes from Fairfield Park.

Early season talk was of a challenge from Kinnoull and Carnoustie but neither outfit was particularly impressive against us last month. Lochee United and Montrose both had sticky starts but both have put a few results together and will be looking to challenge at the top.

The biggest disappointments have been experienced by the followers of North End, Forfar West End and Downfield. The champions have dropped only nine, six and seven points in winning the last three titles. These clubs have already lost eight, eleven and eight points respectively. North End persuaded Mike Feeney to stay in the hope that this was to be their year but it looks as if the glory will have to come from the Cup. The well documented departure of John Young from Downfield to Elgin City left a gap that any club would be hard pushed to fill. Forfar West End haven't looked very clever for a while now and Manager Dave Reid will be expected to pull things round at Strathmore Park pretty soon.

Under the stewardship of Phil Smith, Violet were promising to emerge from the shadows of recent seasons but injuries have not been kind to them.

Things are looking black for Harp, Jeanfield Swifts and Kirrie Thistle. Why should that comment be made this early in the season, you may ask. Simply because, in the past three seasons, the three teams which have occupied the bottom three slots at this stage of the season have been relegated. Similarly, the title has gone to one of the two teams in the top two places at this stage. Interesting to see how things do work out come May 1995.

In Division two most of the clubs have played only four league games but Scone Thistle have made a determined start. Along with Bankfoot they just missed out on a step up last season and both look likely to be there or thereabouts again. Of the Dundee based teams, East Craigie and Broughty Athletic should be to the fore in the promotion stakes.

Balbeggie and Luncarty are in bottom two places and few would bet against that being the case come the end of the season.

It is surprising, however, to find Forfar Albion struggling, only fifteen months after finishing fourth top of the first division.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hancock's Finest Half Hour

RAY GALTON and ALAN SIMPSON

It is Saturday evening and TONY HANCOCK and SID JAMES are sweating on the possibility of TONY scooping the pools. TONY has seven draws on his coupon and his fortunes depend on a late kick-off fixture at Stamford Bridge between Chelsea and East Cheam.

TONY: What's the time?

SID: Ten past five.

TONY: Oh this is impossible. It's dark outside. They can't play in this. They won't be able to see where they're going. They'll have to have little lamps strapped to their heads ... that's no way to play a game. How are they expected to head a ball like that?

SID: They play under floodlights, you great twit.

TONY: That's unreliable for a start. Get a fuse for a couple of minutes ... wallop, ten goals. The goalie hasn't got a chance. Who's in goal for East Cheam, anyway? (SID refers to the paper.)

SID: Um ... Chalky White.

TONY: Chalky White. Oh well, we've had it. We won't get a draw with him between the sticks. Biggest score in history. Ninety minutes of kick-offs and goals. He's useless, that man. He stands there leaning up against the goalpost measuring himself. He can't see what he's doing, that's his trouble. Not only can't he see them coming - he has a job finding them once they're in. Wandering about the back of the net poking around here and there ... he kicked his hat out twice last week. Who else have they got out?

SID: Mel Pritchard centre-forward.

TONY: Mel Pritchard. There's a fine example of athletic prowess for you. Runs out on to the field and he's out of breath. I saw him play his first match. He kicked off and had to have a cartilage operation. Chelsea will murder that lot.

SID: What did you put them down for a draw for?

TONY: Because they're match number three, my brother-in-law's birthday. Mel Pritchard, what a load of old rubbish. I suppose he'll be playing in slippers again; his corns'll be playing him up.

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SID: What do you know about it, going on there as if you're an expert.

TONY: Oh come now, Sidney, if anybody is entitled to air his opinions on football it's me. The experience I've had. Playing for years I was ... you talk to me. Schoolboy International, 1936 ... Mr Magic, the Wizard of Dribble. Lovely pair of feet I had ... both pointing in opposite directions ... nobody knew which way I was going. I would have been playing still but I had to give it up.

SID: What, did you get injured?

TONY: No, no. It was when they did away with the long shorts ... we had to show our knees, well I wasn't having that ... fifty thousand people laughing their heads off ... it wasn't worth twenty quid a week. Did I ever tell you about the highlight of my career?

SID: No, but you're going to, aren't you?

TONY: Picture the scene ... Wembley Stadium, 1939 ... packed to capacity ... Duke of Rutland in the box, the cup in front of him ... the bloke in the white suit, up on the rostrum bawling his lungs out ... Land of Hope and Glory? Then we appeared. Ninety thousand throats roaring a welcome, ninety thousand pairs of eyes all on me ... will he do it again ... will he get another hat-trick in the first five minutes? Will he score from the halfway line with a double back flip overhead scissors kick facing the wrong way? We kicked off then, with the hope of all the crowd pinned on me ... tragedy struck. I went up to a high centre and headed the goalkeeper into the back of the net. Out cold I was. I was carried off in a deathly hush ... stunned silence. Concussion, multiple bruises, cauliflower earhole and a fractured bracket. They were lost without me, ten minutes to go one-nil down. Their main hope lying on a stretcher surrounded by doctors. I came to. One-nil down they said, I don't know what came over me, but I remember fighting my way through the crowd and then there I was standing on the touchline surrounded by fourteen unconscious St John Ambulance men, three doctors and a copper. My country, that's all I kept saying, I must not let my country down. Oh, call it outdated patriotism if you like, but that's the way I'm built. The referee signalled me on, I swallowed a couple of aspirins and limped on to the field, clutching the bloodsoaked sponge to the sixteen stitches on the back of my head. We started to attack and the crowd shouted as one man ... 'Give it to Hancock'. The ball was cleared high in the air and I caught it on my forehead, balanced it there, tilted my head back and with my nose holding it into position, I was off. Past one man, past two

FROM THE ARCHIVES

men, past three men, forty-five yards, the ball never touched my head, they thought I was holding the lace in my mouth ... my speed was incredible, the wind had caught my shorts and I couldn't stop, into the penalty area, feinted past the back, round the outside of the half-back, sidestepped the goalie, dropped the ball on to my foot and wallop, broke the back of the net ... a brilliant goal ...

SID: (*Enthusiastic*) One—all.

TONY: Two-nil. I'd forgotten they changed ends at half-time.

SID: And that was your last game?

TONY: Yes. The rest of the team came up, walloped the life out of me, walked off and left me. I was still lying there when the dog racing started in the evening. Still that's the way it goes. What's the time?

SID: Quarter past five.

TONY: Oh I can't wait that long ... a fortune within my grasp ... not knowing ...

SID: Well, let's go down and see the game then.

TONY: Of course ... what a good idea ... it'll be just like old times ... Chelsea ... I only ever played at Chelsea once, it was ten minutes to go, we were two-nil down, I was hobbling on the right-wing with a broken ankle waiting my chance, when the ball ...

SID: Are you coming or not?

TONY: Oh all right then.

They go to the door and leave with TONY still chatting, following SID.

TONY: I was only going to say that the ball came to me and I trapped it with my good ankle and set off on a mazy dribble that took me half way down the field, we were playing the W formation at the time ...

FADE after they've gone out of the door.

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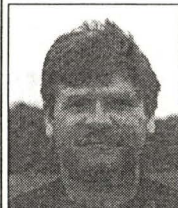


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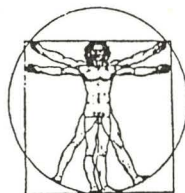
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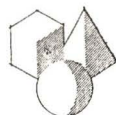
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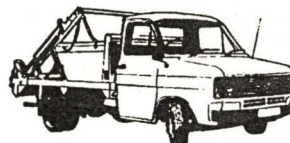
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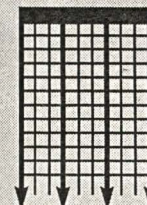
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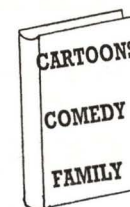
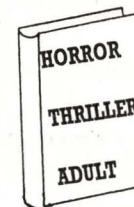
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Sniffing About With The Snout

ALAN Smart who did his pre-season training with us on signing for new Scottish League side Caledonian Thistle and who caught the eye of those who took in the closed doors friendly v Bankfoot in July has become a transfer target for Celtic. His manager Sergei Baltacha was quoted this week as saying about the former McDiarmid Park boot boy - "Alan did well in a friendly against Celtic a couple of weeks ago at Telford Street and he must have impressed Celtic Reserve Team Manager Frank Connor. We're just waiting to hear the arrangements to go down to Parkhead. He's a talented lad who works hard on his game."

DESPITE the fact that the fare isn't always the best (take last week for example), punters get not a bad deal from watching Junior football. £1 for admission compares very favourably with the £4 asked to get into see a National League Div. 1 rugby match - especially for standing in what amounts to an open field as is the case at Edinburgh Accies. - and you only get 80 minutes worth of play!

THERE was an enquiry on the Tayport Amateurs bus coming back from their Scottish Cup tie in Aberdeen last Saturday. Tayport were 2-0 up and the tie was entering its final stages when Craig Wilson found himself clean through only to blow the chance. Who claimed the winning 2-0 Match Result Ticket? Craig Wilson no less!

ELGIN City are very keen to sign Arbroath S.C.'s Gordon Smith. City manager Ian Fleming was impressed by Gordon's display last midweek for Elgin and needs him to boost a side which he described as 'outclassed' when beaten 4-1 by Brora last Saturday.

IT'S safe to assume that we'll have some neutrals at the game this afternoon. Our respective Scottish Cup opponents, from Forth and Kilbirnie Ladeside, are likely to be in attendance.

THE rivalry between Brechin and Forfar knows no bounds, as witnessed in a tricky situation in a Forfar pub recently. Two loons, enjoying a quiet pint had moved on from the traditional talk of football, cricket and the like to their respective thoughts on the people of Brechin.

One was entirely unequivocal in his opinion and put it rather forcibly: "Don't talk to me about Brechin folk. They're either fitba' players or whores." A fellow patron, the type that blocks out the sun and has more tattoos than skin, wandered over to take issue and informed our loon that his sister was from Brechin. "Really, what position does she play?" came the quick response.

TAYSIDE A. T. & T. LEAGUE DIVISION I

Statistics 1994/95 up to and including 1st October, 1994

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

Team	Last 9 Results
Arbroath S.C.	L W L D W D L W W
Carnoustie Panmure	W L D W W W W L D
Downfield	L W L W L W W L W
Forfar West End	W L L W L D L L W
Jeanfield Swifts	L L W D L L L L W
Kinnoull	W D W D W L L W W
Kirrie Thistle	L L L L L W L L L
Lochee Harp	W L W L L L L L L
Lochee United	L W L L D D W W D
Montrose Roselea	L W L D D W L W L
North End	W L D D W D W L W
St Josephs	W W W W W D W W W
Tayport	W W W D W D W W D
Violet	L D W D L L W W L

Results Chart - League Matches Only

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KINNOULL	3-2			2-1			3-0				2-1			
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TAYPORT						4-0			3-2		1-0	0-0		
VIOLET	2-1					1-1				1-6			1-1	

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St Josephs	8	7	1	0	24	7	15
Tayport	8	6	2	0	24	4	14
Carnoustie	9	5	2	2	19	9	12
Downfield	9	5	0	4	15	12	10
Kinnoull	8	4	2	2	13	12	10
Lochee United	9	3	3	3	18	12	9
Montrose Roselea	9	3	2	4	13	11	8
Arbroath S.C.	8	3	2	3	17	15	8
Dundee Violet	8	3	2	3	12	14	8
North End	8	3	2	3	12	17	8
Forfar West End	8	2	1	5	11	18	5
Lochee Harp	8	2	0	6	6	27	4
Jeanfield Swifts	8	1	1	6	7	17	3
Kirrie Thistle	8	1	0	7	5	22	2

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Goals	Player	Club
11	Mackay	Tayport
	McLaren	St Joseph's
5	Graham	Lochee United
	Heggie	St Joseph's
	Malone	St Joseph's
	Kelly	Carnoustie
	Gove	Montrose
4	D. Reilly	Tayport
	Mailer	Kinnoull
	Stewart	Arbroath S.C.
	Cranston	Carnoustie
	Craik	Carnoustie
	Traynor	Violet

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. Vannart, S. Wilkie, B. Coventry.
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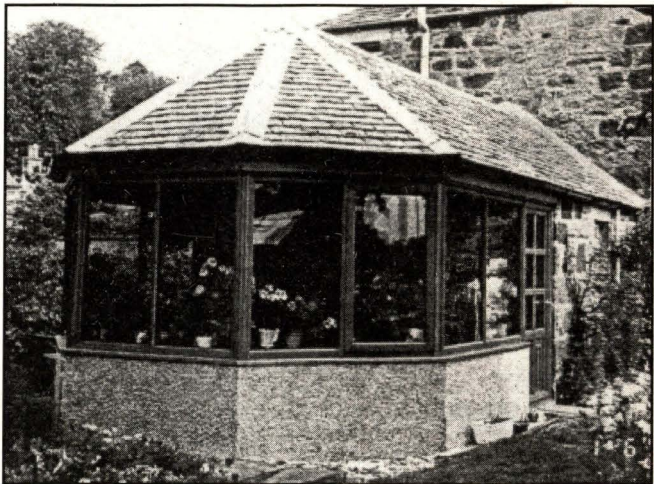


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