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Here's how The Perthshire Advertiser described Jeanfield Swifts' winning goal in PA Cup at Downfield last Saturday.

"The goal which clinched the tie" for them must be one of the most bizarre goals ever scored in football. With the score at 2-2 and Downfield applying a lot of pressure, the ball was cleared from Swifts' goalmouth falling to a Downfield player who was in the centre of the pitch. He in turn decided to pass the ball back to his goalkeeper Grant Clark. Nothing wrong in that but out came the keeper to kick

clear only to slice the ball back towards his unquarded goal. He made a despairing attempt to stop it but to no avail as it trundled over the goal line"

Poor Clarky. At that moment, apart from cursing that passback rule and rueing the day he was ever dubbed "El Loco" he'd be wishing a chasm could have opened up there and then allowing him to have dropped out of sight. It wouldn't have been funny at the time but as the years roll on I'm sure the veteran goalie will have a good chuckle when the incident is recalled, as it surely will be.



TODAY'S OTHER TIES

The quarter final stage of the DNECC is dominated by Tayside JFA clubs. Sole survivors from the North Region are FC Stoneywood, a side with whom we are familiar here at The Canniepairt. FC Stoneywood have a tall order against St Joseph's at Fairfield Park. This is the last 'major' cup open to Joeys and new boss Kenny Cameron will be very anxious to avoid a slip up. The Dyce club invested a lot of £'s in buying ex-Dundee FC and Nantes star striker Ray Stephen and this is the sort of game in which they will be looking for a return.

Downfield and Carnoustie meet at Balgowan Avenue and again the stakes are high for both clubs. Panmure supremo DJ Laing hasn't tasted much success since he took over the Carnoustie operation and a semi-final place will be a step towards realising some of the club's ambitions

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PRESS REPORT

- "Tayport were in devastating form as they powered their way into the third round of the Perthshire Advertiser Cup......Lochee had high hopes of adding the Fifers' scalp to their collection following an impressive run since the appointment of a new manager several weeks ago. However, by half-time their hopes were in tatters with 'Port three ahead and the home side reduced to ten men, and although they finished with only nine players on the park, this in no way detracts from a stunning Tayport performance"
- Fife Herald (1/3/96) Lochee United 2 Tayport 8.

"Kelty didn't start the season too well but they are now on a roll and can provide us with our sternest task to date"

- Port boss Dave Baikie in *The Courier* previewing Tayport v Kelty (2//3/96)

"Tayport defeated Kelty Hearts 3-1 in the Cup at Canniepairt. It was another solid show from Port who had Hamish Mackay back in the attack following injury. He celebtated with a hat-trick"

"In the Taycars Trophy Tayport and Lochee United scored excellent victories over Kelty Hearts and Glenrothes respectively. Hearts made a bright start to their tie but failed to make a teliing impact on start Tayport"

- The (Fife) Courier (4/3/96) Tayport 3 Kelty Hearts 1

"Rob Roy - who are already gearing up for their Scottish Cup quarter final showdown against Tayport on March 16 - once again issued their battle cry to the Junior football world. Two seasons ago they were struggling in the depths of the Central League's second division. Now a place in the Premier Division is in their sights and they are ready to fight for a semi final place in the Scottish Cup."

- Kirkintilloch Herald (6/3/96) following Wishaw 1 Rob Roy 4.

JOCK SYMINGTON

It is with regret that we learned of the death earlier this week of club member Jock Symington. Jock had been unwell recently and had been in hospital on a couple of occasions but, despite illness, Jock had managed to get to as many matches as possible. Such was his enthusiasm and support for the team that he travelled up to Aberdeen for the Stoneywood replay only four weeks ago.

Jock was not only a regular attender at games, occasionally wearing that distinctive lum hat, but was often to be seen at The Canniepairt during the week helping out with the various chores that needed to be done. He was particularly helpful at the club's car boot sales where he assisted at the entry gate and with the raffle.

A popular and genial character, Jock will be missed, not just at the Canniepairt, but at Scotscraig Bowling Club where he was also a member. Our condolences go to his family.



THE OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP



Next Saturday we entertain Kirkintilloch Rob Roy in the sixth round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup, incidentally the eleventh successive occasion on which we have been drawn at home. Is this a record? Rob Roy were represented at The Canniepairt last Saturday when two committee men took a trip through to suss out the lie of the land and book lunch at the St Andrews United Social Club. They tell us that 400 fans followed them to Carnoustie so, if that was indeed the case, a healthy attendance can be expected here next Saturday.

Last week's games saw the last eight experience mixed fortunes. Pollok, had to come from behind three times to scrape a 3-3 draw in the Whyte & Mackay (West of Scotland) Cup at Muirkirk against a side fifth from the bottom of the Ayrshire second division.

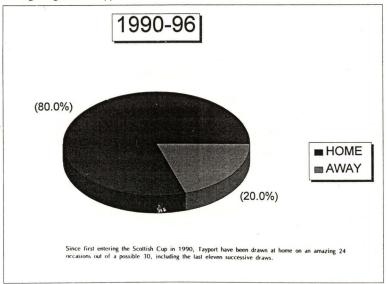
Auchinleck fared worse. They made their exit from the same competition, beaten by the only goal of the game by Cambuslang who are bottom of the Reebok Premieth Division. To add to their misery, manager Dennis Gray, who doubles up as the Scottish Infernational Team Manager, was red carded.

Arthurlie, Pollok's opponents a week today, lost only their second league game of the season and missed out on the chance to go second top of the Reebok Premier League, when they went down to two Henry Templeton goals for Maryhill

Kilwinning needed a penalty late in the game to see off Beith, who had played the entire second half with ten men, by 2-1. Prolific marksman Archie Halley hit a hat-trick in Glenafton's 6-0 drubbing of Saltcoats in a local cup-tie.

Camelon had an excellent 4-0 away win over Ormiston Primrose while Rob Roy were also in scoring form, winning 4-1 at Wishaw in the Central Region's C.P.S. Cup.

A reminder of next Saturday's ties. Pollok v Arthurlie; Auchinleck v Glenafton; Camelon v Kilwinning Rangers and Tayport v Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. Kick-offs are at 2.45pm.



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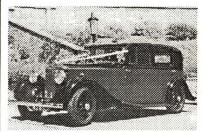
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TODAY'S GAME

We welcome Forfar Albion to the Canniepairt today for this quarter final tie in the Dundee North End Centenary Cup, the successor to the Zamoyski Cup, which pitches all the Junior clubs north of the River Tay and one from south of the Tay - Tayport-together in a cup competition second only to the OVD Cup in terms of prestige.

This is only Albion's second appearance at this stage of the competition. Their previous quarter final appearance was in 1993/94 when they were eliminated by eventual winners, St Josephs, by the only goal of the game.

This season, goals from the Scotts, David and Neil, accounted for Coupar Angus by a 2-0 margin in the 1st round. In the next round Albion were level 1-1 with Scone on the 90 minute mark but three goals in extra time saw them sail into the third round. Craig Traill, Alfie Simpson, Mike Thomson and Wayne Lawson were their goalscorers.

Next team to fall at the Guthrie Park hurdle were Deveronside and again it was the Scott duo who did the damage in a 2-1 Albion win on 17th February.

Albion have built on that result, gaining a good 2-2 draw at North End the following week and seeing off Coupar Angus by 4-1 in the Perthshire Advertiser Cup last Saturday.

Albion rely on virtually the same decided which went down 5-1 in the league here in November. Scott Reid's injury time goal for Albion that afternoon was the only goal conceded by Tayport in 920 minutes of football from the end of September to the beginning of September.

The Forfar Dispatch commented on that game thus - At the end of the 90 minutes they (Forfar) were well beaten, but the young members of the squad will have taken a lot of experience from the occasion and will learn from it" I just hope they've not learned too much!

Tayport will be without Keith Nicolson but Jim Henry, signed in December, and Sean Wilkie, an absentee in that last fixture, are in the squad.

Keith Nicolson, recovering from a cartilage operation, made a surprise return last week, finding a place on the bench against Kelty. Paul Reilly's fight to regain fitness after breaking a leg in September, continues. Although not yet fit to return to work and a few months off a jersey yet, he is managing to do some light work at training.

It's a weel kent trio in charge of the game. Jim McBurney has the whistle and his linesmen are Jimmy Miller and Keith Smith.

TAY CARS TROPHY

It's understood that the draw for the quarter final stage of the Tay Cars Trophy will take place tomorrow (Sunday). It's quite a strong field which goes into the hat. Tayport, Downfield and Lochee United from Tayside and from Fife there is Hill O'Beath, St Andrews United, Dundonald Bluebell, Oakley United and Rosyth Recreation. It's understood that the Tayside clubs will be seeded to be kept apart in the draw.

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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT

THE OVD Cup-ties at Glenafton and Vale of Leven two weeks ago each attracted attendances in excess of 1,500, not that it reflected in the half-time draw prizes. Each paid out three prizes - £10, £5 and £2. Wonder what is paid out when the attendance is 150?

REGULARS at the Canniepairt will have noticed an improvement in the line-marking in recent months. No, I know they're still not any straighter but they are much clearer thanks to our new line marking apparatus. It had quite an up-market previous address - Ibrox Stadium, no less, from where the still artified at Tayport.

BACK on an old hobby horse but it does appear a bit strange that Tayport FC is forever, it seems, being asked to account for itself at Tayside meetings, the last meeting being a classic example, yet some clubs persistently fail to get their match scores into the Press on Saturday evenings and nothing ever gets done about it.

COULD be a hectic run-in at the end of the season for Tayport. At the moment we've played exactly the same number of games as we had played this time last season. But, as we're in more competitions this time round and have played four fewer league games, we could have a bit of congestion. In theory 38 more game are possible but we've only got 14 Saturdays, 9 Mondays and 9 Wednesdays (assuming we start on 15th April), traditional days for midweek fixtures, before the season must end prior to 15th June.

BRE Ltd., who were the sponsors last week for thr Tay Cars Trophy match v Kelty Hearts, selected Stevie Ross as the Man of the Match. Few would disagree with the sponsor's choice who supplied the ammunition for Hamish to hit his 15th hat-trick for the club.

THE Port Prog for the recent OVD tie against Bon Accord stirred up some controversy. (It's ok , Jock, It's not that sort of controversy!) You will recall that the Prog showed a photo of a Bon Accord officials being presented with a large photo of the 1905 Bon Accord team by Tayport groundsman Abby Walker and his wife Mary when Bon Accord last visited Tayport in 1992. Well, it would appear that the photo has since disappeared and the Aberdonians are anxious to lay the hands on it.

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THE BAKER'S BIT

For the second time this season we have Forfar Albion as our visitors. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them and our fans to The Canniepairt this afternoon.

I must admit to having been ever so slightly apprehensive going into last weekend's home encounter with Kelty Hearts. Knowing their pedigree coupled to the fact that they hadn't lost in their past 17 fixtures gave me food for thought. I genuinely felt that the game was going to be a yardstick as to how far along the road we'd come. I got my answer with the 3-1 victory.

It wouldn't have been unrealistic to say that the game could have been over as a contest by half-time. I felt that, apart from the opening ten minutes or so and a period in the second half, we caused them many more problems than they caused us and played some good stuff at times into the bargain.

As to how far along the road we've come, well, I suppose that depends on your destination, doesn't it? Mao Tse Tung once said "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step". I say that our players took that first step when they signed for Tayport FC and have taken many more to have reached the stage we're at right now. Our goal is still a way to go but it's in sight. I feel we can reach our destination but must, to a man, genuinely believe in our own ability as individuals and collectively.

As you will probably know by now Patty received brilliant news on Tuesday night telling him that he'd been included in the Scotland pool for the forthcoming tournament on the Isle of Man.. Not before tiem, I hear you say, but I suppose that we're a wee bit biased and, who knows? He may be joined by DR who is on standby.

I can vividly recall the day when I discovered I'd been chosen for the Scotland pool. OK, you're asking yourself, how can be remember that far back. Well, it was exactly 15 years ago on a Monday morning at breakfast time. I opened *The Courier* to find my name - Baikie (Lochee United) - No one had taken the time to inform me and, as I took it in, the hairs on the back of my neck stood on end. Thurned to Anne and said "I've been picked for Scotland" She then uttered the immortal words "Oh no, this isn't another game you're going to be playing, is it. Any bloody excuse" If my head was swelling, it certainly shrunk with a bang. True story. I think she was proud really.

This afternoon our visitors for this Dundee North End Centenary Cup quarter final are Forfar Albion. Our players surely don't need reminded as to the importance of today's game. If we can reproduce the quality of play and attitude we've shown in recent weeks, then I'm confident we can achieve our first semi-final of the season.

Support The Port,

Dave Baikie.



PORT SUPPORTER MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

Eagle eyed Tayport supporters would have noticed one of their number on the national TV News bulletin earlier this week. The news was showing an interview with some political figure or other in Kilmarnock for the meeting of the Scottish Grand Committee and there in the background, large as life and proudly holding the banner of The Dundee & Tayside Pensioners' Association was Whiskery Sid – Sid Paris – a lifelong Trade Unionist and unmistakeable figure with that flamboyant moustache of his.

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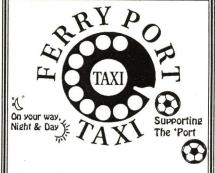
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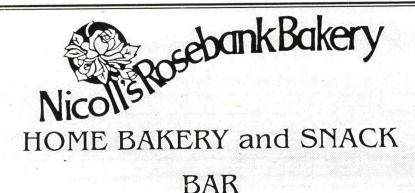
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GRANT PICKED FOR SCOTLAND

It's congratulations to Tayport left back Grant Paterson who has been selected for the 16 strong Scotland squad to play in the Isle of Man International Tournament in April.

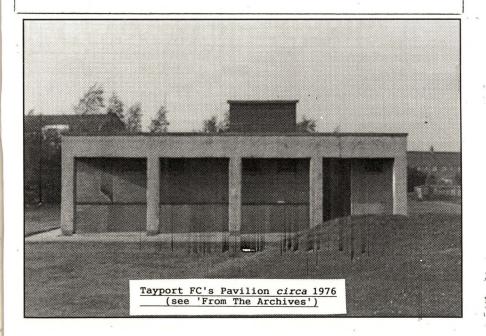


It's a deserved honour for Grant who will be playing his 274th game in less than six seasons for Tayport this afternoon. Indeed, should Grant be selected today it will be the 89th successive occasion on which he has pulled the Tayport No.3 jersey over his head.

Tayport look sure to have a game, though, on 20th April when Grant's in the Isle of Man with the national team.

The full squad for the tournament which sees Scotland play Northern Ireland in the semi final on Friday 19th April (Eire play Isle of Man in the other semi) is Hogarth (Newtongrange Star), Picken (Dalry), Duncan(Arthurlie), Smith(Petershill), Ashcroft(Pollok), Anderson (Arthurlie), Patterson (Tayport), Bonnar(Camelon), Graham (Auchinleck), Fulton (Arthurlie), Stewart(Pollok), Walker (Glenafton), McKenzie (Camelon), Paisley (Pollok), Spence (Hill o'Beath) and Montgomery (Cumnock)

(unless I missed it, no mention in midweek in the local press of Patty's selection for Scotland when manager Dennis Gray announced his pool. Credit here for the much maligned Sun which carried the entire squad on Monday along with an article on the Isle of Man Tournament)



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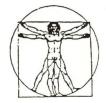
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Two weeks ago Glenafton flowed gently into the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup in a game which will probably be best remembered for its off-the-field incidents than those on the field.

Port Prog has obtained this eye witness account of the goings on at Loch Park when Carluke came calling for their OVD replay.

Carluke arrived with a bus load of 'Casuals' drinking Buckfast which only ensured them of refusal to the local hostelries and a Police escort into the ground. (Unfortunately the Police thought their job was complete when they saw the yobbos into the ground) After 25 minutes play they moved round to attack the youthful element of the Glenafton support and, after fists, bodies and bricks flew everywhere, one yobbo decided that the corner flag would make a good weapon and it was at this point that the referee decided to withdraw the players for a twenty minute break until the local constabulary could be rounded up.

Once they had set up a cordon protecting the Carluke supporters from themselves the game was allowed to continue. At the end of the match, trouble threatened but the local constablary (6 cars, 2 white marias and an alsatian) then took over.

We know only too well the problems that can be caused when so-called Casuals latch on to a team. But we don't seem to be learning a lesson. Once again the Police have come in for criticism. There were problems in the first game at Carluke. One supporter quoted in the press said "The atmosphere was intimidating. It was very, very hostile but there was a very strong police presence there. They must have been expecting

One week later one would imagine that steps might have been taken to prevent a possible recurrence. It would appear not, if the game was held up for twenty five meanings as described above. According to the press the police were "changing shifts when the trouble started"

The weekly Scottish Pyramid News commented in similar fashion "They (Glenafton and Carluke) were also critical of the police for not maintaining a presence at the ground for the whole game. Exactly the same complaint was raised by Joe Black, the SJFA secretary, about the Whitburn v Arthurlie tie, where he personally asked for police at the ground - but none turned up. Can't something be sorted out with Chief Constables?", it asks.

We seem to read about similar incidents every season. What can we do about it. Well. I'd suggest

- Local police forces take the time to find out when there's a big game of this nature likely to be played on their patch.
- Respective police forces speak to each other about the possibility of unruly so-called supporters following teams to away games.
- Police take the time to seek out the local club officials in advance to discuss matters.
- 4) A police presence is maintained at grounds along with, if possible, clearly defined stewards.
- 5) Police back-up is on alert for the duration of the game.
 6) An effort is made to ban drink and drinking from the ground.
 And, remember, if you want to rob a bank in New Cumnock, the best time is between 2.45 and 3.15 on a Saturday!

FROM THE ARCHIVES TWENTY YEARS AGO MARCH 1976

A quick look at the club minute book for March 1976 reveals that the new pavilion had been open only a few months but the Canniepairt pitch was not yet in use.

Davie Hughes was club chairman and the rest of the committee at the time was A.Oswald (vice-chairman), A.J.Oswald (secretary), M.Lawson(treasurer), E.Stewart, A.Robertson, J.Lindsay, A.D.Oswald, I.Cougan, F.Bremner, I.Rae, E.Simpson, and I.Mathers.

What was being discussed? Well, the treasurer reported that we had funds of £759 (more than we've got now!). The wisdom of having any more discos in the Ponderosa was questioned after a recent disco had shown a profit of only £9.70.

200 larch trees had been planted alongside the burn and the secretary got the knock-back when the treasurer vetoed his suggestion of purchasing a set of short sleeve jerseys.

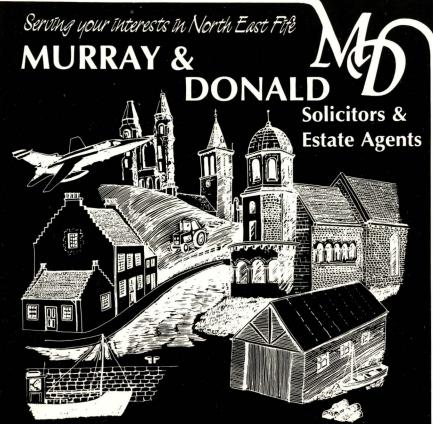
The Tayport committee was reported to be in hot water with the Midlands FA following incidents at a home game v SMT and a report had also been received from the Fife AFA following spectator trouble during a Fife Cup tie.

Floodlighting of the proposed me pitch was discussed but there was a difference of opinion and the matter was left to be debated more fully at a later date.

The committee arranged to meet the following weekend in order to remove the stones from the proposed new playing area.

Representing the club on the field twenty years ago this week were the following who lined up for a Midlands League game at home to local rivals Newport: Richard Callander; George Taylor, Ian Mathers, Bertie Thoms, Billy Spalding; Keith Ritchie, Graham McLaren, Dave Henderson; Doug Henderson (Lindsay Ancell), Graham Dandie(Gordon Hughes) and Ian Howe.

They crashed to a shock defeat. Their only defeat in a run of thirteen games, going down 2-3 with Howe getting both goals. Hughes, incidentally, is still playing and turned out for Cupar Hearts against us the other week. It was the season that Tayport was to reach the Fife Cup final, only to lose to Star Hearts.



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