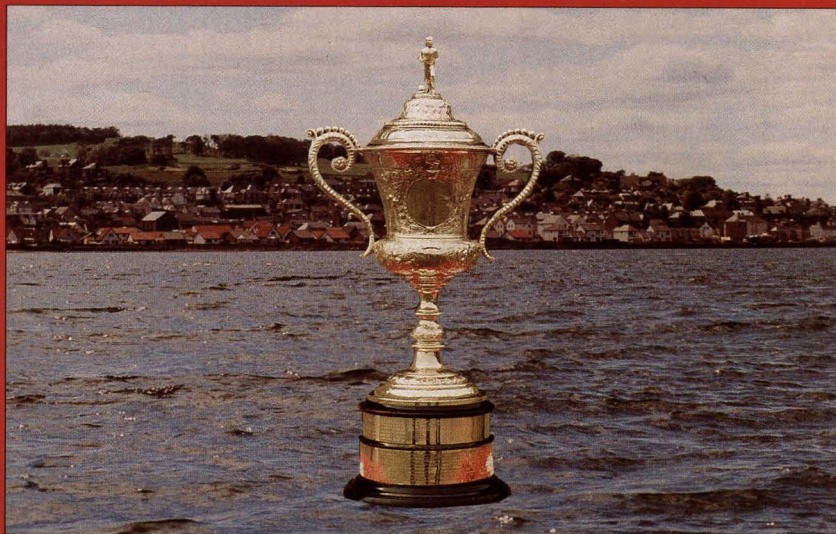


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#### COVER PHOTOGRAPH

A view of Tayport from the River Tay  
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## SIX DOWN, FIFTY TO GO ?

The first week of September and we're six games into a new season which, if the previous six seasons are anything to go by, will finish in ten months and about fifty games time.

This first programme is a couple of weeks late and for that we apologise but it's been a hectic time between this, that and the next thing. Apologies too, for the Port Prog price going up by 20p. The price has been artificially pegged these last couple of years but the price of printing has left us with no option.

Not all adverts and player sponsor details are in this edition. These are awaited from the printer but will be ready for the next edition.

So, what's been happening. Well, despite all the usual rumours, we've not brought in any fresh faces and are keeping faith with the squad which reached the pinnacle of the Scottish Junior game last season.

However, Hamish Mackay has retired. Big Hambo actually made up his mind last December that he was in his final season. His service to the club and his disappointment at missing the OVD Cup Final through injury was recognised by the club's supporters who presented the big man with an engraved decanter and a bottle of vintage Port at the Presentation Dance during the summer.

Jimmy Hunter has moved to pastures new. He, too, intimated that he was retiring but has had a change of mind and taken up a coaching post with St Josephs, the sixth ex 'Port man who has moved to Fairfield to assist in that club's attempts to find the Holy Grail that is the OVD Cup. Joeys enquired about Jimmy's registration as a player but, to date haven't come up with a offer so he'll need to content himself with coaching duties meantime. Gary Maher hasn't featured in the team this season. Our furthest flung player, Gary has been having transport problems with the result that he has found it difficult to get down from Auchterarder.

As mentioned earlier it's been a short but hectic close season. Plenty going on though. We held a Gala Weekend when a Marquee was erected on the pitch at The Canniepairt for the Presentation Dance. As well as a marquee, there's been half a dozen car boot sales and a cricket match on the pitch. I think you'll agree that it's stood up quite well considering the traffic that's been over it.

Warm up matches took us to venues hundreds of miles apart. One Saturday winning 3-0 at Banchory and the following weekend lifting the Tameside Association for the Blind International Challenge Cup against Unibond League side Ashton United from Manchester.

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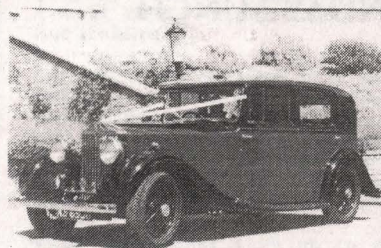
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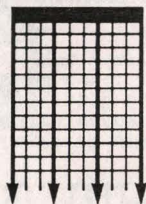
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## THIS AFTERNOON'S CANNIEPAIRT ACTION

Bankfoot last visited The Canniepairt in season 1994/95. Their two visits that season were in great contrast. In October they held us to a goalless draw after extra time in the Perthshire Advertiser Cup then eliminated us in a penalty shoot-out. I think it would be fair to say that it was the shock of the Tayside season. We exacted revenge in May when we hit them for six in the Whyte & Mackay Cup.

Last season Athletic won promotion to the 1st Division, only being pipped for the championship by Jeanfield on goal difference.

Their start to life upstairs hasn't been in a blaze of glory to date but it should be noted that they are unbeaten away from home, securing 1-1 league draws at Jeanfield and Scone. Unless Bankies decide to throw caution to the wind, it's a fairly safe bet that manager Robin Wood will be asking his team to shut up shop and attempt to emulate their draw of two seasons ago or go one better and perhaps pinch a goal.

The Perthshire side certainly have the players to help them pull off a shock. Rab Aitken has been in good form between the sticks and in Mark Robertson they have a player who has already this season demonstrated his prowess from dead ball situations. Striker Alan Sinclair has his eye in with three of his side's six goals this season.

Tayport will again be without the injured Keith Nicolson but Barrie Gray and Sean Wilkie have returned from their latest sojourn to sunny climes and will be available for selection. George Malone devotes most of his energies to coaching these days but the old silver fox will probably again be asked to pull on a jersey and take his place on the substitutes bench.

We have been blessed with good weather at our matches this season and attendances have been excellent. Although progress has been slow, the club hope to have the covered facility ready in the near future and hopefully encourage the fans to continue to attend when conditions are less pleasant.

## POLLOK SEVENS LATER THIS MONTH

TAYPORT FC are again one of the eight teams invited to the annual POLLOK SEVENS held at Newlandsfield in Glasgow on SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER. Also invited are CARNOUSTIE PANMURE, AUCHINLECK TALBOT, LINLITHGOW ROSE, LARGS THISTLE, ARTHURLIE, BENBURB and host club POLLOK. It's an attractive line-up for what has become a popular event on the Tayport Supporters' calendars.

The BELLROCK TAVERN is once again sponsoring Tayport's trip to Pollok and for this gesture we are indebted to David Paterson. The Tayport FC Supporters Club is running a bus (bookings to Mary Walker 553647) and there is also a bus being run from Cobbies Inn (details from Andy Phin).

## TAYSIDE N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CURRENT GUIDE TO FORM.

*Most recent results to the right.*

	17/08	21/08	24/08	28/08	31/08	07/09	14/09	21/09	28/09	05/10	12/10	19/10
ARBROATH SC	W	L	W	W	W							
BANKFOOT	L	D	D	L	D							
CARNOUSTIE	W	D	W	W	W							
DOWNFIELD	W	D	D	D	W							
EAST CRAIGIE	W	D	L	D	L							
FORFAR ALB	L	L	L	L	L							
JEANFIELD	W	L	D	L	D							
KINNOULL	L	W	L	W	L							
LOCHEE UTD	L	D	D	L	L							
NORTH END	L	W	W	L	L							
SCONE	L	D	L	W	L							
ST. JOSEPHS	W	W	W	W	W							
TAYPORT	W	W	W	W	W							
VIOLET	L	L	L	L	W							

## N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RESULTS

*At Friday 6th September 1996*

	ASC	BAN	CARD	DOW	E.C	F.A	JEAN	KIN	LOC	N.E	SCO	JOE	TAY	VIO
ARBROATH SC										3-1		0-2		5-0
BANKFOOT				2-2	1-3			1-4						
CARNOUSTIE						3-2		1-0						5-3
DOWNFIELD			2-2						3-1		4-3			
EAST CRAIGIE	1-4			4-4										
FORFAR ALB	1-5												0-1	
JEANFIELD		1-1				2-1					0-1			
KINNOULL							3-0					0-2		
LOCHEE UTD					1-1		2-2							
NORTH END						2-0								5-1
SCONE		1-1	0-8									0-3		
ST. JOSEPHS								5-1	1-0					
TAYPORT							4-0	2-0	3-0					
VIOLET					3-1									1-5

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## BAIKER'S BIT

Bankfoot provide our opposition this afternoon for this 1st round North End Centenary Cup tie. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome their players and officials to The Canniepairt. And a good afternoon to the Port Support.

This is my first opportunity to put in writing my thoughts as to how our season has progressed to date. As far as results are concerned we've got to be pleased with six wins from six starts. We sit top of the first division and have retained the Herschell Trophy once again in style. In any other quarter, management would be doing somersaults. But I can't say that. I know and our players know that there's plenty room for improvement. What I am saying is the fact that we are now in the Saturday to Saturday situation. I've never been a lover of midweek games, especially in August with players still taking holidays, injuries not getting enough time to heal, it's a time when things can go wrong and things can backfire on you. Fortunately we've come through August, results wise, unscathed.

I know a lot of our fans have expressed concern regarding our player pool. We finished season '95/96 with 18 players. I have no qualms about saying the loss of Hamish Mackay was a major blow. To replace a player of his stature in Junior football is not an easy task. We've also lost the services of Gary Maher due to work and transport problems which leaves us with sixteen players, the number with which we usually start the season. But, I can assure you, we are working hard to bring in new players. However, make no mistake, I'll not bring in players just for the sake of it. They have to be right for Tayport. I'm positive that, in the not too distant future, we'll see a couple of new talents at this club.

This afternoon sees us do battle with newly promoted Bankfoot in this North End Centenary Cup 1st Round tie. I don't need to remind our fans of one of Bankfoot's last visits here. So let's get our attitudes together for this afternoon and I'm positive we'll be in the next round of this trophy.

SUPPORT THE PORT, *Dave Baikie.*

## OVD SCOTTISH CUP DRAW TO BE MADE THIS THURSDAY

The eagerly anticipated draw for the 1st round of the Junior Cup will be made in Glasgow this coming Thursday (12 Sept). Assuming that we don't get a bye, we begin the defence of our title on 12th October.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Tayport Football Club's AGM held last Tuesday evening, it was a case of status quo with the office bearers and the same committee being returned unopposed for another year.

Match Stats ..... Match Stats ..... Match Stats ..... **TAYPORT JUNIORS** Match Stats ..... Match Stats ..... Match Stats .....

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	Att
14 August	Jeanfield (H)	W 9-0	MANN	P. REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY 1	STEWART 3	ROSS 2	D. REILLY 2	GRAY 1	COVENTRY (7)	MILLER (2)	CAMERON (10)	239
17 August	LOCHEE UTD (L)	W 2-0	MANN	P. REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART 1	ROSS 1	D. REILLY	GRAY	COVENTRY	MILLER (2)	CAMERON (9)	283
21 August	Violet (L)	W 5-1	MANN	P. REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS	D. REILLY 1	GRAY 2	COVENTRY (8)	MILLER (2)	CAMERON (19)	236
24 August	Forfar Alb (L)	W 1-0	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	P. REILLY	COVENTRY	HENRY	ROSS	D. REILLY 1	STEWART	MALONE	BAIKIE	G. REILLY	138
28 August	NORTH END (L)	W 3-0	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	P. REILLY 1	RAMSAY	HENRY	CAMERON 1	D. REILLY 1	STEWART	ROSS (11)	COVENTRY	MALONE	236
31 August	KINNOUL (L)	W 4-0	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	P. REILLY	RAMSAY	HENRY	CAMERON 1	D. REILLY 1	STEWART 2	ROSS (8)	COVENTRY (4)	MALONE	238
07 September	BANKFOOT (N)																
14 September	St Josephs (L)																
21 September	Kirrie (T)																
28 September	Carnoustie (L)																
05 October	ARBROATH SC (L)																

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<i>Stewart</i>	<i>(Tayport)</i>	
<i>D. Reilly</i>	<i>(Tayport)</i>	6
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>(Tayport)</i>	
<i>Reilly</i>	<i>(Downfield)</i>	
<i>Syme</i>	<i>(Kinnoull)</i>	4
<i>Ross</i>	<i>(Tayport)</i>	
<i>Gray</i>	<i>(Tayport)</i>	
<i>C. Smith</i>	<i>(Arbroath SC)</i>	
<i>McLaren</i>	<i>(Downfield)</i>	
<i>Keddie</i>	<i>(Kinnoull)</i>	
<i>Sinclair</i>	<i>(Bankfoot)</i>	
<i>Cranston</i>	<i>(Carnoustie)</i>	3

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## SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT

A wit at Glenesk Park, commenting on the fact that his team had lost heavily in their opening three games, suggested that the sponsor's logo on the strip should have been FIVEMOR instead of FARMOR !

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IT'S understood that the referee and linesmen (can't get used to that term 'referee's assistant') for next Saturday's league match between St Joseph's and Tayport are being imported from the Central League for the occasion. Glad it's the home team that picks up the tab!

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STILL on the subject of St Joseph's and money. Playing a couple of friendlies before the approved pre-season date cost them dear - £400 to be precise. That was the fine levied by the SJFA for sneaking their games in early.

\*\*\*\*\*

CARNOUSTIE are still without the services of their veteran striker Danny Powell. Powell was banned for the first eight games of the season for clocking a Joey's player when the sides met towards the end of last season.

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THE crowd trouble at Cumnock when the locals met arch rivals Auchinleck at the end of the season has been well documented in the national press. So much so that an Israeli TV crew arrived to film their first meeting of the new season. Cumnock weren't taking any chances though. They hired the 'Rock Steady Security' firm to provide stewards and everything went off without incident. Much to the dismay of the Israelis no doubt!

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ST ANDREWS United's veteran goalkeeper, Jock Lister, sacked from the club following an incident at Recreation Park, has joined Kelty Hearts who promptly made his predecessor, Kevin Myles, available for transfer. Kelty, under the experienced ex Forfar Athletic duo of Rab Morris and Billy Bennett made a major close season signing from Forfar in Alan McKillop. With Hill O' Beath making a shaky start to the season, Kelty might fancy their chances of making a splash this year.

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PROBLEMS in the Midlands Amateurs. Douglas Amateurs haven't finished a game this season so far. Last week's game v Morgan FP was abandoned by the referee who apparently had had enough. Douglas, it will be recalled, were one of the two sides involved in a 50 strong rammy after a cup final at Gayfield last season.

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TAYPORT completed a unique double last week when they received a Civic Reception from Fife Council. Councillor Jim Ferguson from Glenrothes, appropriately enough a former president of the SJFA, welcomed Tayport's players and officials to the Council Chambers in St Andrews. Local Councillor Gordon Pay was also in attendance and it's understood that he promised to take in a game at The Canniepairt in the not too distant future. The reception, of course, was unique in that Dundee City Council also gave the club a Civic Reception.

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## Legends Of The Lost

It's a major sensation — the second article in this issue to contain reference to Luncarty

*"The visitors opened the scoring in 10 minutes when they ripped open [ ]'s defence with a flowing move down the right and [ ] rammed home with a first time shot".*

Gripping stuff, eh? You might imagine that this excerpt was removed from a top Premiership match or even one of Rangers exciting Championship league gubbings but you would be wrong. This paragraph in fact opens the report of a Tayside Junior League match. Very well then, it surely involves one of the top clubs, perhaps big spending St. Josephs or the titanic Tayport. Wrong again. Let me put you out of your misery (assuming your'e still awake), the first parenthesis should hold the name of the Swifts of Jeanfield while the majestic goal was notched by Ogilvie no less who stars for the Brigadoon of football - a victory appears out of the mist every hundred years - those perennial bottom dogs of the AT & T league division 2, Luncarty F.C.

The Perthshire side are in fact currently undergoing a Lazarus-like transformation. Although they lost the above mentioned game 2-3, they ended last season with 2 consecutive draws after 19 straight league defeats plus countless cup humiliations. Moreover their last two matches has seen the average goals conceded per game fall from 6.79 to 6.33. A ratio to celebrate indeed. It was also noted that their under-12 team, some of whom may receive a call up to the big team before the onset of puberty, managed a creditable 3-3 draw in the St. Johnstone Youth Football Festival (how did Sky manage to miss that one). Their opponents were Mid-Wales under-12, a name that conjures up images of a team consisting of grazing lambs plus the odd boy soprano but lets not allow my prejudices to sully this fine result. For season 1996-7, the team have moved to a new field of dreams, "a lovely ground" according to Tayside Juniors Jim Farry equivalent, Secretary Jock Myles. That should clinch his invitation to the opening piss-up.

### Pass the Port

Back in the real world, Tayport Juniors continue to sweep past their hapless opponents both local and national thus prompting more "Vintage 'Port' headlines in the papers than a grown man can stand. The "Sporting Post" devoted a page of snaps to the annual Junior prizegiving ceremony and had to struggle to find any non-Tayport awards. Thankfully, occasional lifememberships are awarded to long serving stalwarts of the game and this broke the monotony (although the glum features of Montrose Roselea' Ian Sherriff questions the validity of this award). The Scottish Junior Cup Final victory over Camelon was a brilliant achievement and, in truth has been coming for some time. Despite having a fraction of the support of the big teams in the west, the income generated from their hugely successful car boot sales has stoked the fire of Ports ambitions. Their ground, Canniespart is one of the tidiest in the League, (unlike most homes in North Fife, cluttered beyond imagination with car boot

crap). Although a temporary stand is available for big matches, a club official recently unveiled plans to give more facilities to standing areas stating that junior supporters preferred this to seating. Well, the option doesn't really exist for the majority but presumably Tayport are pandering to their own crowds wishes and good luck to them.

The dugouts at the ground bore the legend "Welcome to Dens Park Stadium". Who says Dundee FC aren't generous?

### A Marr's a Day

One of Tayports main rivals, St. Josephs recently occupied the position that Luncarty now hold but have risen from the mire thanks to the cash of their new patron, a local "wealth creator", Peter Marr. The owner of a string of nite clubs and pubs that charge upwards of £1 a pint, yes, those ones, and other sundry interests, he has given his cash freely to the club prompting both reports and denials of his taking over the Dens Park hot seat from Ron Dixon. Unlikely this, as the Joys are a charitable institution which may explain Marrs generosity, tax relief and all that. Despite their ailing fortunes the Dark Blues have yet to gain the status equal to that of dogs homes or asthma sufferers. Marr appears hungry for success as his recent appointment of Kenny Cameron as Manager may testify. KC was prised from chief scout at Tannadice with the help of a three year full-time contract, unheard of in Junior circles. Previous incumbent, ex-Saint Willie Brown was demoted to co-assistant Manager and will doubtless spend his time dispensing advice to his gaffer on how to find the dressing rooms and bogs in various Junior grounds, etc.

Once Cameron had settled in to his new position, I decided to review his charges at the less than palatial home of Dundee Violet, Glenesk Park. One of the more eccentric features of this ground are the dugouts; a pair of plexi-glass and corrugated iron structures bearing the legend "Welcome to Dens Park Stadium". Who says Dundee F.C. aren't generous?

I arrived at the ground to find no one to take admission money. This is not unheard of in junior circles. I can recall a game some years ago at Thomson Park, home of Lochee Utd. The clubs policy at that time was to open the gates before kick-off, letting the punters pass through while the club stalwarts refreshed themselves in t'club. Just before the start of the game, two of the hiest committee men would circumnavigate the ground demanding money with menaces. Along with other youths reluctant to pay for our entertainment, I then had to dodge the blazered bouncers using the simple tactic of keeping 50 yards ahead of the gorillas.

If I may be allowed to digress further, a peculiarity regarding that ground concerned the pitch layout. While the surface was generally quite smooth and rut free, the pitch had a notorious dip in one corner. The consequences of this was that players and ref running pell mell toward this area would occasionally lose their balance and drop into the dip. From one end of the ground, this produced scenes reminiscent of a fifties sci-fi film as one by one players disappear from view. Alas the club has now levelled the ground and the area is now tediously flat. Another part of our rich heritage gone forever.

Back to the present and the aforementioned match. The occasion was a semi-final, of the White & Mackay Cup (I think) and once the usual junior ground hazards had been encountered i.e rubble, trifid-like plants and yapping dogs and their waste product, I naturally opted for the best place to view any game behind the managers benches

Highlight of the afternoon was an altercation between Cameron and the Violet boss whose name eludes me. I only caught a brief part of the dialogue and can only assume that this was a typical exchange of wits: Violet manager (to Joys player being taken off) — "Hey you, you cost a lot o' money and they havena' had a game oot o' you yet!" Kenny Cameron — "keep yer comments tae yir own men"

...a moment passes.  
KC — "thats 3 o' yir men booked an' all for the same thing, mounthin"

VM — "You dae enough o' that yerself"  
KC — "you started it, Prick!" And so on. Alas, all too soon it was time to leave this Wildean wit but its worth reflecting that any aspiring comedy writer could do worse than position themselves behind the technical areas of these chaps and take notes (assuming, of course that they're working on a sit-com based on Junior Football. two grumpy managers meet on the field of battle with hilarious consequences.)

For Marr and St. Josephs, who won the above match 3-2, the revolution goes on. After a ground swap with impoverished Broughty Athletic was abandoned due to lack of space for expansion, the search for suitable site goes on. Meanwhile the vice President has gone on record to deny that the Joys have aspirations to become Dundee's third senior club. This was on the front page of the local paper which may give an indication of the acute poverty of hard news in this area.

All this along with endless speculation regarding a National Junior League means that the next few seasons shouldn't lack interest. Tayport defending the Scottish Junior Cup, Luncarty's bid to clinch 2nd bottom of division 2 and to hang on to their top players, Ogilvie included (remember him?), rumours of Bankfoot to sign Alan Shearer or Paul Cherry (whichever is the cheaper), it all adds up to a tension-ridden, groin-straining season. Enjoy.

Gordon Smith

An extract from the latest edition of the excellent fanzine *The Absolute Game* which is available in Tayport from PM Irvine and McKenzies, the newsagents.

# FROM THE CLUB'S PHOTO LIBRARY

1984



Pictured here are the players who turned out for a Tayport FC Old Crocks XI during the club's International tournament in June 1984 back (l-r) Ronnie Redpath, Kenny Gorham, Dougie Henderson, Ian Dobie, Bert Aitken, Eddie Stewart, George Ritchie, Gus Malone, Ian Mathers and Phil Smith. front - Reggie Dewar, Huck Phin, Jim Elder, Andy Phin, Davie Ross, Davie Ayre and Kenny Smith.

Interesting to note that, apart from Reggie Dewar (deceased) and Davie Ross, all are either still involved actively with the club or are regular attenders at Juniors games. Of course there were a couple of ringers in the above squad - Malone and Smith - who were then with Brechin City and Forfar Athletic and are now with St Joseph's and Violet respectively - although they tell me Phil's tracksuit is on a shaky nail at Glenesk at the moment !

## EVENING TIMES WEE RED BOOK

1992-93	Glenafon	1	Tayport	0	
1993-94	Largs Thistle	1	Glenafon	0	
1994-95	Camelon	2	Whitburn	0	
1995-96	Camelon	0	Tayport	2	

(After 0-0 draw)



TAYPORT celebrate their Scottish Cup victory

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Wee Red Book

(Caledonian Newspapers, £1.40)

The Glasgow Evening Times' 1996-97 football annual is the usual excellent compendium put together by Roy McCormack and Andy Sawers. Set aside from other annuals by its unique Scottishness, not only is it short and red, it is also sponsored by Tennent's Lager and carries advertisements from legal firms offering advice on police custody "and all criminal matters". Further fostering a Scottish cultural identity, it carries publicity for Douglas Alexander Kiltmaker and their "new for '96 season Motherwell Football Club Tartan exclusive". In between you'll find histories of all the clubs, results and such exotica as lists of junior secretaries, grade-one referees and far more detail than is necessary for a sane fan to have access to. Bear, Bhoj, Jag or Hibe, this is perfection. 10/10 Michael Hodges

What this book review (Goal Sept 96) didn't tell us is that the Wee Red Book contains two fine photos of the lads with the Cup, one of which is illustrated here.

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## SCOTTISH JUNIOR F.A. TAYSIDE REGION HOW THEY STAND.

### N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 1

*At Friday 6th September 1996*

	Pl	Won	Draw	Lost	G/F	G/A	Points	G/D
TAYPORT	5	5	0	0	15	1	15	14
ST.JOSEPHS	5	5	0	0	13	1	15	12
CARNOUSTIE	5	4	1	0	19	7	13	12
ARBROATH SC	5	4	0	1	17	5	12	12
DOWNFIELD	5	2	3	0	15	9	9	6
NORTH END	5	2	0	3	8	8	6	0
KINNOULL	5	2	0	3	7	8	6	-1
EAST CRAIGIE	5	1	2	2	10	13	5	-3
JEANFIELD	5	1	2	2	5	8	5	-3
SCONE	5	1	1	3	6	16	4	-10
BANKFOOT	5	0	3	2	6	11	3	-5
VIOLET	5	1	0	4	8	21	3	-13
LOCHEE UTD	5	0	2	3	5	13	2	-8
FORFAR ALB	5	0	0	5	4	13	0	-9

### N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 2

*At Friday 6th September 1996*

	Pl	Won	Draw	Lost	G/F	G/A	Points	G/D
KIRRIE	4	1	3	0	7	4	6	3
ELMWOOD	4	2	0	2	7	5	6	2
FORFAR WE	4	1	3	0	5	3	6	2
ARBROATH VICS	5	1	3	1	13	13	6	0
BRECHIN VICS	4	2	0	2	2	3	6	-1
BROUGHTY	3	1	2	0	7	2	5	5
LOCHEE HARP	3	1	1	1	4	7	4	-3
MONTROSE	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0
BLAIRGOWRIE	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
LUNCARTY	3	0	2	1	1	3	2	-2
COUPAR ANGUS	2	0	0	2	0	8	0	-8

## PRESS REPORT

### FIFE HERALD

Tayport got the new season off to a sensational start with a crushing 9-0 defeat of Jeanfield in the Herschell Charity Trophy at Simpson Park, Perth. The newly promoted Perth side had no answer as Tayport hit top form with a superb team performance - JEANFIELD SWIFTS 0 TAYPORT 9.

Tayport started their defence of their title with a comfortable victory over Lochee United at The Canniepairt. Tayport opened on the offensive and this was the pattern for most of the match with Lochee offering only sporadic attacks in retaliation - TAYPORT 2 LOCHEE UNITED 0.

Tayport left it late before securing the points at Glenesk Park. Three of their goals came in the last quarter of an hour by which time Violet had run out of Steam - and ideas - DUNDEE VIOLET 1 TAYPORT 5.

A severely depleted Tayport side did just enough to stay ahead of the pack at the top of the NCR League Division One with this single goal victory at Guthrie Park. - FORFAR ALBION 0 TAYPORT 1.

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### THE COURIER & ADVERTISER

Only two teams - champions Tayport and St Josephs - can boast 100% records. Port manager Dave Baikie is happy with results but not going overboard with the performances. "We were at our best in the Herschell Cup against Jeanfield but have failed to reach the same heights in our league games. We have to be more positive and start putting away the many chances we are creating"

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### SCOTTISH PYRAMID NEWS

Hot news this week is the sudden availability of Scottish Junior midfielder Sean Bonnar of Camelon. There is bound to be a lot of interest - though Cup winners Tayport, sticking with the squad that did them proud in May, will NOT be amongst the tidders. Somewhat out of the ordinary for a Junior team, Tayport warmed up for the season in the Manchester area, taking on Ashton United of the Unibond 1st Division.

Scottish Cup holders Tayport displayed their trophy before the big Tayside pipe opener, the Herschell Charity Shield against Division Two winners Jeanfield Swifts at Simpson Park, Perth. Result - Jeanfield 0 Tayport 9, a much heavier defeat for the new division one challengers than most people expected.

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### PERTHSHIRE ADVERTISER

Bankies were at home to Downfield and played very well, holding the Dundonians to a 2-2 draw Bankies got off to a great start with two goals in the first half hour from striker Alan Sinclair. The first came from a slack passback and with a predator of Sinky's calibre about that is suicide. The second was an even worse blunder - the keeper had the ball in his hands and had all the park to throw it into but he quite amazingly placed it right at Alan's feet and so it was 2-0.

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