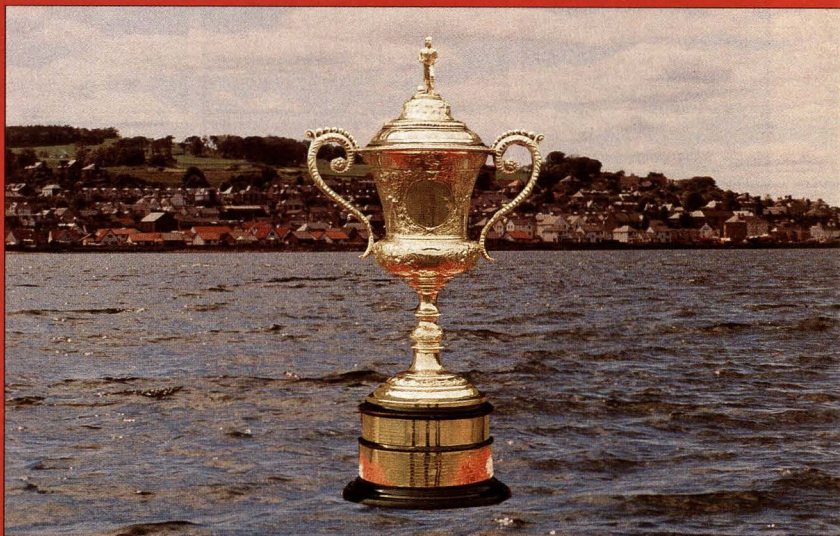


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SINC STINK OVER RED RED ROSE Col blasts bad boys

SEETHING Rose gaffer Colin Sinclair blasted his bad boys after seeing two players red-carded in a stormy OVD Cup clash.

Sinclair couldn't believe his eyes when defender Paul Taylor was sent off for kicking Tayport winger Barrie Gray after a late challenge in 51 minutes. Gray, booked earlier, also went.

And Rose finished with nine men when Derek Halcrow was dismissed for elbowing Allan Ramsay late on.

Sinclair said: "Getting sent off for things like kicking and elbowing people is just silly and they are no use to us standing on the

By **SCOTT CAMPBELL:**
Tayport 3 Linlithgow Rose 0

sidelines suspended. I'm very disappointed with the discipline."

The Rose boss added: "We didn't play well and they were the better side.

"They won without having to go full out which tells how disappointing we were."

Crocked

The holders coasted into the fourth round with goals from Billy Coventry, Keith Nicolson and Stevie Ross.

Coventry's first goal of the season couldn't have come at a better time for the 29-year-old midfielder, who was crocked for two years with horrendous knee problems, and was just returning to action as the Tayside aces lifted the OVD Cup in May.

He said: "It was a nightmare last season having to watch from the sidelines. But I always believed that I would be back and these are the kind of games you are desperate to play in. It was great to get my first goal of the season in such an important match.

"I was a good bet for at least 15 a season before my injury so it would be nice to get back to that again. After I damaged the medial

ligament it was a long road back to fitness, but that's three games on the trot I've played now and hopefully I can stake a claim for a regular place again.

"As holders we have a big reputation to live up to and it's very hard to get into this side at the moment."

Former St Johnstone stopper Nicolson - in only **HIS** second game back after a knee op - bundled home the second just before half-time. And though Halcrow headed against the bar

for Rose in the second half, Ross sealed the win with a close range back-post effort in 75 minutes.

Tayport are now chasing an incredible 15th straight home OVD draw, but boss Dave Baikie said: "I don't care if it's at home or away - I would feel confident of going anywhere. We don't fear anyone and on our day we're as good as anybody.

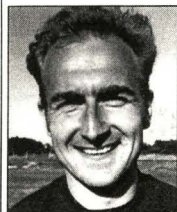
"This is a great result against a team with the pedigree of Linlithgow but I thought we thoroughly deserved it."



THIRD PARTY ... hitman Stevie Ross nips in to grab the final goal for the OVD holders as Rose wilt



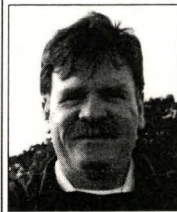
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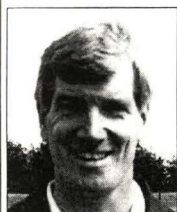
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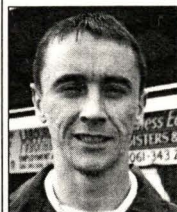
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THE margin of Linlithgow Rose's defeat at the Canniepairt last Saturday was not only their biggest of the season but was also their heaviest Scottish Cup defeat during the 1990's. Despite the defeat being only their third of the season (the others were odd goal defeats), the mutterings could be heard from certain factions of the 21 strong Rose committee.

According to a member of the Port Support who attended St Josephs recent Dinner, the MC, in his introduction to proceedings, described Carnoustie Panmure, Joeys' opponents the previous day, as being their nearest league challengers. Must have been talking about the challenge for second place!

WHEN Tranent were awarded their penalty kick against St Josephs two weeks ago, the writing was on the wall for our Tayside rivals. Penalty taker supreme Mike Wojtowycz was stepping forward, looking to successfully convert a 23rd successive penalty in two seasons. Said Mike "I had scored two v Dunbar the previous week and I knew St Josephs were watching but I put the penalty in the same place as usual, only with a bit more power. If I'd missed they'd never been able to find the ball"

AFTER the good win over Linlithgow, one wondered what the headline might be in Monday's Courier Junior notes. It was one of the ties of the round after all, attracting over 500 to The Canniepairt. Would it be something like 'Rose Withers At Tayport' or 'Rose Pruned By Port' or 'Tayport Only Tayside Team Through' or maybe 'Linlith-gow Out At Tayport?' What do we get? 'North End Forced To Settle For Draw'. Well, I suppose it was to be expected. After all Blantyre only lost their previous match by 6-0 and they did, after all, win the cup in 1982 !

WANTED. A person with a few minutes to spare during the early evening of OVD Scottish Cup days. Simple task. Experience not necessary. Could be carried out by anybody really. The task? Collate OVD Cup scores and telephone Leeds in order that Cup scores might appear with other Junior results on page 177 of ORACLE from 8pm that night. Apply Scottish Junior FA.

FORFAR Albion have increased their colony of ex-Forfar Athletic players to three with the signing of Gordon Winter. Winter was most recently with St Josephs but injury prompted the Fairfield Park team to release the 34 year old last summer. Winter joined up at Station Park from Downfield in 1989. The other ex-Athletic players at Guthrie Park are Phil Smith and Gordon Archibald.



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TODAY'S GAME

Old adversaries Downfield are our opponents this afternoon in our first meeting of the season. The present Spiders may not be quite the force they once were but it should be remembered that last Saturday's shock defeat from Bankfoot was only their second league defeat in 13 games this season.

Downfield have not had things easy this season. The waygoing of the legendary Grier brothers left a huge gap - clearly a gap which wasn't going to be easy to fill. Brian Kenyon, who worked closely with the Griers, was persuaded to step into the breach. However work commitments made it very difficult for Brian to give the job the time it required and he recently handed the reins over to Rab McLaren.

The loss of several experienced players in the close season, to St Josephs in particular, may have given a substantial boost to the coffers but it meant a rebuilding job was required. In have come the likes of keeper Barry Goodwin, Norrie Reilly and Paul McGinlay but the familiar old warhorses - Roy Price, Charlie Adam and Derek Mitchell - are still there - although Charlie could be an absentee. Hooked by new manager Rab McLaren last week v. Bankfoot, Charlie slapped in a transfer request which the Spiders' committee have agreed to.

Boss McLaren won't be dwelling on the past, however. As far as he's concerned the Griers, Jones, McIlvenny, Cameron, Clark etc. are history and he'll be looking to build his own team to get the club back into a challenging position.

Tayport's arrival on the scene effectively ended Downfield's era of supremacy in the Tayside Juniors and there's nothing the Spiders' fans would like better than to put one over the 'Port.

An exciting game should be the result this afternoon with Downfield hopefully coming to the Canniepairt to play attacking football as opposed to the tactics which have been employed by many of our opponents here this season.

Tayport fans will not have forgotten that it was Downfield in June this year that ended their team's proud unbeaten league record on the Canniepairt which had stretched to four years and exactly 50 games.

Gary Maher will be missing - he's off on holiday - and it's possible that work commitments could rule Allan Kennedy out but there could be starting places for Paul Reilly and Grant Miller as we look to close the gap at the top.

Apart from the result, last week's game v Linlithgow had several plusses. Virtually written off by the critics following two years of continuous injury problems, Billy Coventry repaid Dave Baikie's faith in selecting him for a crucial tie by turning in a sound performance. Keith Nicolson, too, showed that he was back to his best. Keith, in only his third match back after injury, ran Sean close for United Distillers' Man of the Match award - and that took some doing.

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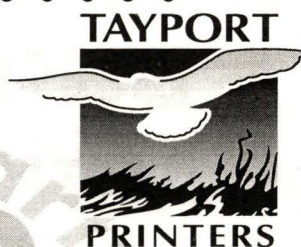
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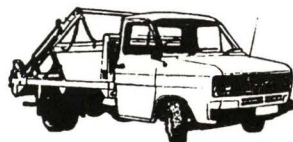
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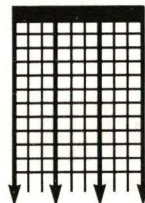
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Stonehaven	2	2	6	10	25	8
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Buchanhaven H.	6	1	1	27	13	19
Parkvale	6	0	4	19	23	18
Formartine	5	2	1	30	8	17
Lewis United	5	2	1	23	9	17
Lade Club	5	1	1	23	5	16
Hermes	5	0	4	20	12	15
Cruden Bay	3	2	2	14	7	11
Maud	3	2	5	13	21	11
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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
lelvalle	11	0	2	27	14	33
Buckie Rovers	10	2	1	36	17	32
Naim St.Ninian	8	2	3	36	23	26
Deveronside	8	2	3	28	15	26
Burghead Thie	7	2	5	28	25	23
Bishopmill Un	5	5	3	31	20	20
New Elgin	5	4	1	14	10	19
Lossiemouth U.	5	3	5	21	21	18
Strathpey Th.	4	3	4	22	19	15
RAF Kinloss	4	2	8	28	28	14
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Culter 3-0 Stonehaven
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Banchory 2-1 Banks O'Dee
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Hermes 2-3 Buchanhaven H
Maud 0-3 Formartine
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Forres Thistle 1-1 RAF Lossie
Naim St Ninian 0-0 Burghead Th
New Elgin 1-1 Lossie Un
Portgordon Un 0-3 Deveronside

U-23 Table	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tayside U-23	1	0	0	2	1	3
Central U-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
North U-23	0	0	1	1	2	0

RESULTS- DEC 14-

NCR Div 1 -
Downfield 1-2 Bankfoot
E.Craigie 0-4 St.Joseph's
Forfar Alb 4-1 Lochee Un
Violet 0-1 Arbroath SC

NCR Div 2 -
Arbroath V 4-1 C.Angus
Broughty 3-1 Brechin V
Luncarty 1-1 Elmwood
Roselea 2-1 Blairgowrie

St.Joseph's stretch their lead over the champions, Tayport, safely through to another day out at Sunday's OVD draw in Glenrothes. The meeting of these two sides at Caniepair - they drew 0-0 at Fairfield - is likely to be the mother of all league deciders, when it comes around. Meanwhile, Lochee United had a major reverse at Forfar Albion.

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DNEC Inter-region Cup - rd 2 -
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St.Joseph's	12	1	0	39	1	37
Tayport	10	1	0	26	1	31
North End (+3)	9	1	5	36	21	31
Carnoustie	8	3	2	38	20	27
Arbroath SC	7	3	4	27	12	24
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Scone Thistle	4	1	6	12	28	13
Jeanfield Sw	3	2	7	11	33	11
Forfar Albion	3	0	11	16	33	9
Bankfoot Ath	1	3	10	14	39	6

DIVISION 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Broughty Ath	6	3	1	21	9	21
Forfar W.End	5	2	1	16	9	17
Elmwood	5	2	2	25	19	17
Kirrie Thistle	4	2	1	25	11	14
Roselea	3	3	5	18	25	12
Luncarty	3	2	4	18	14	11
Lochee Harp	3	2	2	13	12	11
Brechin Vice	3	1	5	8	17	10
Arbroath Vice	2	2	3	15	20	8
Blairgowrie	1	3	5	12	17	6
Coupar Angus	1	0	7	7	27	3

PYRAMID NEWS



STAGECOACH

WESTERN I W D L T A P	
Kilbirnie L'side	5 0 2 17-10 15
Auchinleck Tel	4 1 0 10- 3 13
CUMNOCK	3 1 1 10- 6 10
Kilwinning Ran	3 0 0 11- 3 9
Irvine Meadow	2 3 2 11-11 9
Glenafton Ath	2 2 1 9- 6 8
Maybole	1 3 2 11-11 6
Largs Thistle	2 0 4 9-11 6
Beith	1 1 0 5- 3 4
Dalry Thistle	1 1 4 8-11 4
Lugar BT	0 0 8 7-33 0

WESTERN 2 W D L T A P	
Troon	8 1 1 27- 8 25
Kello Rovers	8 1 3 26-19 22
Irvine Victoria	5 4 2 22-15 19
Muirkirk	5 2 1 18-10 17
Ardeer Thistle	5 2 3 23-23 17
Annbank Un	4 2 4 17-13 14
Winton Rovers	3 3 4 27-17 12
Craigmark Brnt	3 2 3 17-17 11
Saltcoats Vics	3 0 5 11-13 9
Whitlatta Vics	2 2 5 18-25 8
Darvel	2 1 7 15-22 7
Hurlford United	0 0 9 6-45 0

WEST OF SCOTLAND CUP

round 2 -		
Cumnock	2-0	Neilston
Cambuslang	1-1,3-2	Greenock
Hurlford	1-12	Glenafton Ath
Yoker Ath	1-4	Beith
Ardeer Th	0-4	Glenosair
Lanark Un	1-1,2-0	Auchinleck
Kilwinning	3-4	Meadow X1
Pollok	4-1	Shotts BA
Dalry Thistle	0-2	Shettleston
St. Roch's	2-1	Larkhall Th
Bellehill Ath	2-3	Vale of Clyde
Forth	0-0,0-3	Arthurie
Leamaghaw	3-1	Petershill
Kilbirnie	0-2	Blantyre Vics
Johnstone	2-3	Whitlatta V
Annbank Un	1-5	Vale of Leven
round 3 - at Dec 20		
Vale of Clyde	0-0	Arthurie
Glenafton	v	Shettleston
Cambuslang	v	Cumnock
Whitlatta Vics	2-3	St.Roch
Pollok	v	Lanark United
Beith	v	Leamaghaw
Blantyre Vics	v	Glenosair
Vale of Leven	v	Meadow

RESULTS - Dec 14

Scottish Cup	see p. 6
Times Cup	1.45pm
Meadow X1	0-1 Kilwinning

West Cup	1.45pm
Whitlatta	2-3 St.Roch's

Div 1	2pm
Glenafton A (p)	Dalry Th

Div 2-	
Annbank Un	1-1 Kello Rvs
Ardeer Th	3-2 Winton Rov
Craigmark B	5-2 Hurlford Un
Darvel	2-4 Irvine Vics
Saltcoats	0-1 Muirkirk

TROON head for Aberdeen today hopeful of getting at least a draw and another chance at Sunday's 4th rnd. draw to be held in the Glenrothes Social Club at 1.30.

MAYBOLE entertain Kirrie Thistle expecting to make the draw, whilst Largs Thistle will no doubt remember their storming finish to overturn a 0-3 deficit at home against Baillieston, when they entertain Cumbernauld - not as good a side - in their replay at Barrfields.

Cumnock, Beith, Kilbirnie, Auchinleck and Annbank are the strong Ayrshire sides already in the draw.

BUFFS REVENGE ?

Kilwinning Rangers have the chance to express their title ambitions with a Times Cup semi-final looming v champions Cumnock - the side who beat them in the Scarlett final at Somerset Park earlier this season.

Bufs eliminated Meadow 0-1 at Irvine to go "one up" in a holiday season series, which includes two league meetings, 28 Dec & Jan 4.

FIXTURES - Dec 21 -

Scottish Cup -	see p.6
Times Cup	rd 3 - 1.45
Muirkirk	v Beith

semi-final -	
Kilwinning	v Cumnock

Div 1 -	
Glenafton	v Dalry Th
Kilbirnie	v Meadow
Lugar BT	v Auchinleck

Div 2 -	2pm
Craigmark	v Saltcoats V
Annbank Un	v Darvel
Ardeer Th	v Irvine Vics
Hurlford Un	v Whitlatta V
Kello Rvs	v Winton Rov

IRVINE TIMES (District) CUP

round 2-	
Kilwinning	8-0 Darvel
Auchinleck	4-0 Craigmark
Largs Thistle	3-0 Hurlford
Ardeer Thistle	2-5 Maybole
Winton Rvs	0-1 Muirkirk
Irvine Meadow	3-2 Kilbirnie
Whitlatta Vics	0-1 Beith
Cumnock	3-1 Irvine Vics
round 3 -	
Cumnock	3-0 Largs This
Auchinleck	5-0 Maybole
Meadow X1	0-1 Kilwinning
Muirkirk	v Beith
semi-finals - at Dec 20	
Kilwinning	v Cumnock
Muirkirk	v Beith/Auchinleck

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MEMORIES.....

The end of 1996 will see the end of a year in which History was made; not only in Tayport but in Scottish Football itself.

This was the year in which long but well deserved dominance of the west over the east of Scotland ended. This end was finally sealed by Tayport winning the Tennent's Sevens Trophy for the first time and the first three places won by teams from the Tayside League.

Like many Tayport fans, I take for granted that we are going to do well in local competitions. We have been spoiled to the extent that we arrogantly take such successes as a matter of course. We are inclined to take for granted that the sterling work and effort put in by our players, committee and management will continue to produce the kind of results we have come to expect; at least at local level, but when one considers that, at national level, we have been in about 46 OVD Cup-ties in our six years, one has to come to terms with the idea that we have arrived on the *national* scene and look set to continue.

I'm sure that for all of us - supporters, players, management and committee the most rewarding, albeit nerve wracking, experience was the long, hard-fought road to the OVD Final at Fir Park.

There were ten games in our Cup campaign last season and like every other fan (I use this as an abbreviation of the word 'fanatic') I felt, at every stage, some degree of worry. The first worry being "*will I be there?*" Supporters came ashore from the oil rigs; from as far apart as Dubai and Canada - from Australia came a group of holiday makers who became so enamoured with Tayport as to attend the final. We even had supporters from deepest Englandshire!

Then came the financial worries. *"Will I have enough money in my pocket?"* I remember when we played Arthurie in 1993 and no pubs would take cheques and I was only saved by the presence at the match of Dave Paterson from the Bell, who, as he has often done, gave a positive response to my request - *"Will ye cash a cheque, Dave?"* Another time I had to walk around the streets of Milnathort on a homework stop because no one would cash a cheque from marauding caterans from Tayport.

One worry always in one's mind is "Will they play their usual game?" Another concerns injury and availability of players

After all these considerations, there's the nailbiting when you go to bed, the sleeplessness and the resulting worry of sleeping in! Friday nights were torture, but when one awoke on Saturday morning, it was the exhilaration of a small child arising on Christmas morning, saying "He's been !"

In the long haul to the Final, it must be remembered that we had two replays and only one goal in each home match saved us from defeat and gave us breathing space; one from Hamish Mackay against Baillieston and one from Dave Reilly against Stoneywood. Both goals were as important to us winning the Cup as Steve Ross' magnificent double in the Final after 90 minutes had elapsed.

All of us remember the feeling when the final whistle blew at Fir Park. In spite of the condition of the park - the pies were even worse - we played a professional game and achieved that pinnacle in Scottish Football. We'd won the Cup! Exhilaration, ecstasy, euphoria and other feelings I cannot spell swept through the crowd. Shouting, dancing, weeping, cheering, singing and congratulations with fans from the opposing sides in the Old Firm cuddling each other!

Once back in Tayport, one was amazed at the enthusiasm of the townspeople when they waited in their droves to welcome their team back for the celebrations. People decked in red and white favours; painted faces and auld wifies, who had probably never seen a match, wearing their best red coats, skirts and hats. The players' bus led by the Tayport Instrumental Band, passing the Bellrock, Cobbies and the Auld Hoose on their triumphal way to the Ponds.

The team gave the town something to celebrate which was only equalled by the festivities at the end of World War Two.

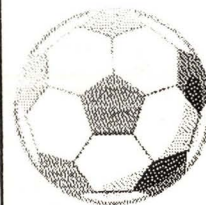
The scenes in the Bellrock will stay in my mind forever, especially holding the Scottish Junior Football Association Challenge Trophy in my hands.

Through it all, sadly, my thoughts kept going to Hamish Mackay who was denied a place in the Cup-winning team due to injury. It would have been a very satisfying end to his career. Some of us from the Bell clubbed together to present Hamish with a commemorative decanter.

A great year with the promise of more to come.

Thanks, Tayport. Thanks to the manager, Dave Baikie. Thanks to the committee. Thanks to all the players. Thanks to the Port Support.

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MEET THE MANAGER
MONDAY 30 DECEMBER
TAYPORT ARMS LOUNGE

Supporters are invited to fire questions at team boss DAVE BAIKIE at a MEET THE MANAGER evening in the Tayport Arms on Monday 30 December from 9pm. Dave promises candid replies to any questions or queries you may wish to pose.

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

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 1(9)	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	KINNOULL (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 (N1)	W 3-1	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HENRY	ROSS	D.REILLY 2	STEWART 1	GRAY(11)	MILLER (8)	COVENTRY	202
14 September	St.Josephs (L)	D 0-0	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	MILLER	STEWART	ROSS	D.REILLY	GRAY	RAMSAY (2)	HENRY (9)	COVENTRY	432
21 September	Kirrie (Tp)	W 7-1	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	HENRY 2	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY 1	COVENTRY	ROSS 3	D.REILLY 1	GRAY	P.REILLY (2)	SPALDING (8)	STEWART	109
28 September	Carnoustie (L)	W 4-0	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	MILLAR	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS 2	D.REILLY	GRAY 2	COVENTRY(2)	SPALDING	NICOLSON	309
05 October	ARBROATH SC (L)	W 1-0	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	P.REILLY	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS	D.REILLY 1	GRAY	HENRY	COVENTRY	SPALDING	270
12 October	FORFAR ALB (S1)	W 5-0	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	MILLAR	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HENRY	STEWART 2	D.REILLY	GRAY 1	ROSS(2) 2	COVENTRY(7)	CAMERON	276
19 October	SCONE THISTLE (L)	W 1-0	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	HENRY	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	COVENTRY	ROSS	D.REILLY	GRAY 1	P.REILLY	MAHER (8)	SPALDING	198
26 October	Forfar West End (N2)	W 2-0	MANN	MILLER 1	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HENRY	ROSS 1	D.REILLY	GRAY	MAHER (8)	KENNEDY (10)	P.REILLY	182
02 November	East Craigie (L)	W 1-0	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	MILLER	ROSS	D.REILLY	MAHER	GRAY (8) 1	KENNEDY (11)	HENRY	222
09 November	LARKHALL (S2)	D 0-0	MANN	P.REILLY	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS	D.REILLY	GRAY	MILLER (11)	HENRY	MAHER	441
16 November	Larkhall (S2R)	W 2-1	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS 2	D.REILLY	MAHER	P.REILLY	HENRY	GRAY	485
23 November	LOCHEE HARP (T1)	W 3-1	MANN	MILLER	PATERSON	SPALDING	BUIST	WILKIE	COVENTRY	STEWART	ROSS	D.REILLY 2	GRAY 1	P.REILLY (2)	KENNEDY (4)	RAMSAY	176
30 November	BANKFOOT (L)	W 4-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	STEWART	NICOLSON	WILKIE	RAMSAY	COVENTRY	KENNEDY 1	D.REILLY 3	GRAY	MAHER (4)	P.REILLY (8)	ROSS	172
07 December	POSTPONED																
14 December	LINLITHGOW (S3)	W 3-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	COVENTRY 1	NICOLSON 1	WILKIE	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS 1	D.REILLY	GRAY	P.REILLY (4)	MAHER (8)	SPALDING	537
21 December																	
28 December																	
04 January																	
11 January																	
18 January																	
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05 April																	
12 April																	
19 April																	

Home Matches in CAPITALS. Numbers after players names indicates goalscorers. Numbers in brackets indicates player substituted.

*W/*L-Won/Lost on Penalty kicks.

Letter in brackets after opposition indicates competition as follows: L- N.C.R.League Div.1 S- O.V.D.Scottish Cup H-Herschell Trophy

T-Taycar Trophy D- D.J.Laing P-Perthshire Advertiser Cup W-Whyte & Mackay Cup N-North End Cent.Cup

FROM LITTLE ACORNS.....

As 1996 draws to a close we can look back on what has been the most successful year in the history of Tayport Football Club. While all those connected with the club look forward to further success in 1997 - which will be the club's 50th Anniversary - I could not help but reflect back on the years which have seen Tayport FC rise from humble origins in 1947 to the memorable day last May when the Scottish Junior Cup was brought back to the town.

From the era when the changing accommodation was a small green hut on The Common to the fine pavilion and football ground there is today.

Success came fairly quickly to Tayport when they won the Alliance Cup in the season 1949/50 by a walkover when opponents Smedleys were disqualified. It was nearly ten years later until they won another honour, when they defeated Morgan FP by 2-1 to win the Bremner Cup in 1958/59. These early years produced such fine players (or so they tell me) as Andy Phin, Bert Aitken, Jim Rae, Ronnie Moyes, Billy McKay, Davie Ross, Abby Walker etc., many of whom of whom can still be seen supporting the 'Port from the terracing.

The next cup victory was 1963/64 when a piper escorted the team from the railway station to the pub to celebrate the 1-0 defeat of Grays United to win the Carne Trophy. It was round about this time that I started to watch Tayport, my own football career having come to an end at the ripe old age of fourteen. I, along with my teammates, came to an agreement that football, for me at least, was a spectator sport.

During the 60's I was privileged to watch such luminaries as Jim 'Peem' Rodger with his famous double shuffle putting pinpoint crosses on the head of Andy 'Acker' Fraser and Kenny 'Toast' Thomson. Jim 'Doshier' Mathers strutting his stuff alongside Jim 'The Fox' Rae. Ross 'Jonah' MacMillan putting a goal kick out for a corner at the same end. Kenny Gorham playing in wellie boots and Bill 'Rocky' Jellye playing in stocking soles, his boots having split. The aforementioned 'Toast' standing in the Bellrock wearing jersey, shorts, socks and boots under his overcoat getting 'match fit' by drinking six pints of lager.

Towards the end of the sixties saw an influx of younger players such as Abby Oswald, Ian Bell & Ronnie Redpath who were to play a big part in the reshaping of the club to what it is today. A Coffee Morning was held which raised enough funds to purchase new strips for the Midlands and Alliance teams. Resplendent in these new jerseys of red & white, Tayport won the Carne Trophy for a second time defeating St James 3-2 in season 1966/67 with no little thanks due to the heroics of goalkeeper Jim Paterson and the shooting power of Richard Redpath.

Season 1968/69 saw Tayport finish as Division Two Champions and, although it would be 1977 before the club won another trophy (4-3 against Grove in the Alliance Cup), the years in between saw many changes.

The club had embarked on a rebuilding programme. The committee assembled at the local Scout Hall where Ian Mathers had chalked out a plan on the floor of what was to become the new pavilion.

Team changes came about around this time as Tayport, in search of more success on the pitch, brought in players from outwith the town. Players such as Kenny Smith, Dougie and Alan Paterson, Graham McLaren and Ian Howe along with locals like Jim Scott and Gordon Hughes gave the club its most successful period in its amateur history winning the Alliance Cup (twice), the Gray Trophy, the Bremner Cup and the Division One Championship between 1976 and 1982. It would be another ten years until Tayport would win another Midlands Trophy (The Alliance Division Two Championship) but by this time the pavilion had been extended and the Canniepairt enclosed as the club embarked on its biggest project, the formation of a Junior side. The rest, as they say, is history but; as the club approaches the millenium, it is hoped that further success for both junior and amateur sides will follow and give the town a football club of which they can continue to be proud of for the next 50 years and beyond.

Cougs.

THE BAIKER'S BIT

On behalf of the management a warm welcome to the players and officials of our league opponents this afternoon, Downfield FC. And a warm welcome also, to the Port Support.

Last week's 3-0 victory over Linlithgow Rose sees us safely into the last 32 of the Scottish Cup. It also gives us six weeks or so to concentrate on the local scene and, with the draw taking place tomorrow, it gives us plenty time to have a look at our opposition.

I felt we thoroughly deserved our win last week. People will always attempt to lessen our victory with negative comments but, from my point of view, we played to rule; we defended well, nullified their strengths and exploited their weaknesses, created chances and scored goals.

Let's not forget, last week Linlithgow were sitting in second place in arguably the strongest league in Scotland, having lost only one game and their 3-0 defeat was their heaviest for a number of years. They say that you're only as good as the opposition allow you to be. Did they allow us to be good or was it that we never allowed them to play? I'd prefer the latter.

This afternoon we entertain my old club Downfield. I'd like to think that I still have many friends there but, from 1.45pm to 3.25pm or so, I'll be doing everything in my power to defeat them and gain three league points for Tayport. I'm confident that if our players approach today's game totally focused on the job in hand, we can achieve a victory.

Support The Port, Dave Baikie

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CARLSBERG EAST CUP

round 2 -

Harthill Royal v Sauchie
Newtongrange v Fauldhouse
Dalketh Th v Bo'ness Un
Bonnyrigg Rose v Camelon
Tranent v Musselburgh
Stony/Whitburn v Haddington
Broxburn A v Linlithgow
Edinburgh Un v Bathgate Th

DAVE MOFFAT CUP

round 2 -

W.Calder v Camelon
Haddington v Newtongrange
Ormiston v Harthill
Broxburn v Lynton/Bnyrg
Edinburgh v Sauchie
Musselburgh v Pumpherston
Tranent v Bathgate Th
Bonnybridge v Bo'ness Un

Thanks to William Gunn

RESULTS - Sat DEC 14 -

See Scottish Cup - page 6 -
Fife & Lothian Cup - rd 2 -
Tranent 10-1 Lochore Welf
Broxburn 0-3 West Calder
Sauchie 0-6 Camelon
Div 1 -
Armadale 2-1 Bonnybridge
Bonnyrigg 2-1 Dunbar United
Div 2 -
Livingston 2-2 Dalkeith Thistle
Edinburgh 1-2 Bathgate Thistle

DALKETH GLAZING

round 2 -

Tranent v Armiston R
Edinburgh v Harthill/Ormiston
Hdgeton/Broxburn v Fdhae/B'ness
Pumpherston v Sauchie
Bathgate Th v Whitburn
Linlithgow v Livingston
W.Calder v Stoneyburn
B'dge/Camelon v Armadale

FIFE & LOTHIAN CUP

- rd 2

Sauchie 0-6 Camelon
Rosyth Rec v Fauldhouse
Dunbar Un v Glenrothes
Armiston R v Steelend Vic
Stoneyburn v Dundonald
Newburgh 0-3 Bo'ness U
Crossgates v Ormiston
Tranent 10-1 Lochore Wf
Harthill v Hill O'Beath
Kelty Hearts v Bonnybridge
St.Andrews 1-2 Haddington
Thornton v Musselburgh
Livingston U v Pumpherston
Linlithgow v Bathgate Th
Newtongrange v Dalkeith Th
Broxburn Ath 0-3 W.Calder

JOHN FYFE

TAYCARSTR - rd 1 -

Arbroath SC v Newburgh
Downfield v Kirkcaldy YM
Dundonald v St.Joseph's
Forfar Alb v Thornton Hib
Forfar W.End v Lochgelly
Hill O'Beath v Elmwood
Jeanfield Sw v Crossgates
Kelty Hearts v Loches Un
Luncarty v Glenrothes
North End v Oakley Un
Rosyth Rec v Kinnoull
St.Andrews v Violet
Stoney Thistle v Lochore Welf
Steelend Vics v Carnoustie
Tayport 3-1 Loches Harp
Tulliallan Th v Bankfoot Ath

RESULTS - DEC 14 -

Fife & Lothian Cup - rd 2 -
Newburgh 0-3 Bo'ness Un
St.Andrews 1-2 Haddington
League- Steelend 2-9 Thornton
Oakley Un 0-3 Tulliallan Th
Lochgelly 4-3 Kirkcaldy YM
Dundonald 1-5 Hill O'Beath

JOHN WALKER

DIVISION 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bo'ness United	5	3	1	17	9	18
Newtongrange Star	5	1	1	13	4	16
Camelon	5	1	3	19	14	16
Bonnybridge	5	1	3	15	12	16
Bonnyrigg Rose	5	1	4	21	20	16
Linlithgow Rose	4	3	1	17	12	15
WHITBURN	4	1	3	13	10	13
Armadale Thistle	3	4	4	14	13	13
Armiston Rangers	2	2	4	13	14	8
Dunbar United	2	1	4	4	12	7
Harthill Royal	1	1	7	9	23	4
Tranent	0	3	6	8	20	3

DIVISION 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Fauldhouse Un	8	1	0	20	9	25
Livingston United	6	3	2	30	22	21
Musselburgh Ath	6	1	1	15	6	19
Stoneyburn	5	1	5	19	14	16
Pumpherston	4	3	2	15	12	15
Edinburgh United	4	2	3	20	16	14
Dalkeith Thistle	3	4	4	22	18	13
Bathgate Thistle	3	3	2	13	8	12
Ormiston Pmrose	2	4	3	24	20	10
Blackburn United	3	1	4	6	15	10
Haddington Athletic	2	3	5	18	23	9
Sauchie	2	2	8	17	31	8
West Calder	1	4	5	21	33	7
Broxburn Athletic	1	2	6	9	22	5

JOHN FYFE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kelty Hearts	10	0	0	48	7	20
Hill O'Beath Haw	10	0	2	34	9	20
Dundonald Bl	7	1	3	31	17	15
Glenrothes	6	1	1	17	9	13
Thornton Hibs	6	0	3	30	17	12
Oakley United	6	0	4	16	23	12
Lochgelly Albert	4	2	4	17	20	10
St.Andrews Un	3	2	4	18	15	8
Tulliallan Thistle	3	2	4	11	16	8
Crossgates Pr.	4	0	6	12	19	8
Newburgh	2	2	3	14	12	6
Kirkcaldy YM	2	1	7	15	40	5
Steelend Vics	2	0	10	17	35	4
Rosyth Rec.	1	1	5	7	13	3
Lochore Welfare	1	0	9	10	37	2

John Fyfe Cup- rd 1 -

Dundonald 0-1 Newburgh
Hill O'Beath v Rosyth Rec
Glenrothes 6-0 Oakley Un
St.Andrews 6-1 Tulliallan Th
Lochgelly Alb 2-6 Kelty Hearts
Kirkcaldy YM 2-0 Steelend Vic
Thornton H 5-3 Crossgates

PYRAMID NEWS

REEBOK

PREMIER	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maryhill	6	1	1	21	-	8 19
Petershill	4	3	2	19	-	9 15
Shettleston	5	0	2	17	-	11 15
POLLOK	3	6	0	17	-	12 15
Arthurlie	4	1	3	16	-	8 13
Baillieston	3	4	2	10	-	11 13
Benburb	3	2	7	17	-	29 11
Kirk, Rob Roy	3	1	6	9	-	14 10
Vale of Leven	3	1	4	12	-	18 10
Biantyre Vics	2	3	3	7	-	14 9
Kilsyth Rangers	1	5	4	11	-	15 8
Larkhall Thistle	2	1	5	12	-	20 7

REEBOCK-1 W D L F A P

Ashfield	6	3	3	19	-	14 21
Vale of Clyde	6	2	2	16	-	12 20
Renfrew	6	1	4	21	-	17 19
Leamnahagow	5	1	0	19	-	3 16
Neilston	4	3	3	19	-	15 15
Rharglin Ginoaim	4	3	2	16	-	13 15
Lanark United	4	2	0	14	-	6 14
Cambelang Rgr	2	5	2	20	-	21 11
Cumbrmauld U	3	1	6	18	-	30 10
Yoker Athletic	2	3	3	15	-	13 9
E. Kilbride Thie	2	3	5	12	-	16 9
Greenock	2	3	4	13	-	18 9
Forth Wander	1	1	5	6	-	11 4
Dunipace	0	1	8	9	-	28 1

REEBOCK-2 W D L F A P

Shotts Bon Aoc	7	3	0	31	-	4 24
St. Anthony's	5	3	2	19	-	18 18
St. Roch's	5	2	4	19	-	16 17
Bellehill Athletic	4	2	3	20	-	15 14
Carlisle Rovers	4	2	5	15	-	17 14
Stonehouse Vio	3	5	4	17	-	23 14
Johnstone Burgh	4	1	3	16	-	13 13
Coltness United	4	1	5	17	-	22 13
Royal Albert	3	3	3	23	-	20 12
Port Glasgow	4	0	6	20	-	35 12
Glasgow Perthshire	3	2	2	12	-	10 11
Thorniewood U	3	1	3	14	-	9 10
Wishaw	0	1	9	8	-	30 1

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RESULTS - DEC 14

Scottish Cup see p. 6

West Cup

V of Clyde 0-0 Arthurlie

Whitlatts V 2-3 St.Roch's

Premier

Kilsyth Ran 0-0 Pollok

Rob Roy 0-1 Benburb

Larkhall (p) Baillieston

Div 1

Ashfield 2-0 Forth Wand

Dunipace 1-3 Greenock

B.Kilbride (p) Glencairn

Div 2

Bellshill A 0-3 Coltness U

Stonehouse 3-3 Carlisle R

St.Anthony 3-2 Perthshire

Wishaw 0-2 Shotts BA

Winning the championship in 1995 and 1996 saw Pollok drop only 11 and 12 points respectively. They reached the latter total at Kilsyth on Saturday and there must now be a big questionmark over their ability to win in 96-97.

Most of the leading club managers are agreed that this year's championship is much closer in technical terms. So far, though, only Shettleston and Maryhill are collecting points and scoring goals at anywhere near the expected rate.

If this continues it could be an absolute dogfight come next May, with as many as FIVE clubs in the frame, including off-form Arthurlie.

FIXTURES - DEC 14

Scottish Cup - see p. 6

Reebok - Pr 1.45pm

Arthurlie v Baillieston

Rob Roy v Petershill

Larkhall v Pollok

Maryhill v Kilsyth R

V.of Leven v Shettleston

Reebok - 1 1.45pm

B.Kilbride v Dunipace

Greenock v Renfrew

Neilston v Lanark Un

Glencairn v Forth W

V.of Clyde v Yoker Ath

Reebok - 2 1.45pm

Thorniew'd v P.Glasgow

Bellshill A v Johnstone

Carlisle R v St.Rochs

Coltness Un v Wishaw

R.Albert v Perthshire

St.Anthony v Shotts BA

Pollok, fast becoming the draw specialists of the Premier, head for Larkhall today hoping to get back on the winning track, or risk giving up their title in December!

It looks like three points for the other four contenders, except for Shettleston, who will find these harder to obtain at Vale of Leven. But, having held Pollok last week, Kilsyth Rangers may feel that they can do the same job at Maryhill. Arthurlie could climb with a home win over tough-tackling Baillieston.

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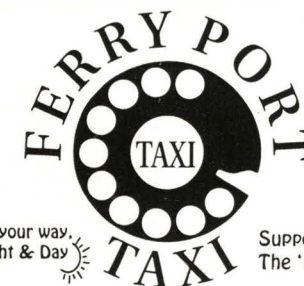
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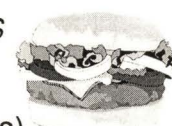
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ARBROATH SC				1-2	1-1			1-0	1-1	3-1	0-1	0-2		5-0
BANKFOOT	0-4		2-7	2-2	1-3			1-4				0-2		1-2
CARNOUSTIE	1-1					3-2		1-0		2-1		0-3	0-4	5-3
DOWNFIELD		1-2	2-2				2-0	1-1	3-1	0-0	4-3			
EAST CRAIGIE	1-4		1-3	4-4		2-1					3-2	0-4	0-1	
FORFAR ALB	1-5	3-1		1-5	2-0				4-1	0-2			0-1	
JEANFIELD		1-1	0-5		2-1	2-1				2-5	0-1			
KINNOULL					0-2	3-1	3-0		1-3	1-0**		0-2		4-2
LOCHEE UTD		2-1	1-1		1-1	4-0	2-2					0-4		0-1
NORTH END		3-1			6-4	2-0	4-1		2-1		5-1			5-1
SCONE		1-1	0-8					0-1	3-0			0-3		3-2
ST.JOSEPHS				3-0			8-0		5-1	1-0			0-0	
TAYPORT	1-0	4-0						4-0	2-0	3-0	1-0			
VIOLET	0-1			2-2	3-1	2-0	0-1					0-2	1-5	

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Dave Reilly	Tayport.....15
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Kenny Cameron	St Josephs.....10
Mark Smith	Arbroath SC.....10
Steve Stewart	Tayport.....9
Bobby Douglas	North End.....9
Ross Graham	St Josephs.....9
Barrie Gray	Tayport.....9
Alan Keddie	Kinnoull.....8
Rab McLaren	Downfield.....8
Danny Powell	Carnoustie.....8
Kevin Syme	Kinnoull.....8
Scott Kopel	St Josephs.....7
Mark Kelly	North End.....7
Mark Hutton	Downfield.....6
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Murray McDowell	Scone Thistle.....6
Gregor Benvie	East Craigie.....6
Norrie Reilly	Downfield.....6
Brent Vance	North End.....5
Gary Mearns	St Josephs.....5
Alan Cranston	Carnoustie.....5
John Young	St Josephs.....5



1996 - A MOMENTOUS YEAR

It's been a momentous year, one for which Sunday 12 May will long be remembered in Tayport. The wee community of 3000 or so souls, previously only famous for being the place where the 'Unknown Bairn' was washed ashore or the place where the railway stopped prior to the Tay Bridge being built over 100 years ago, suddenly became big news. And all because of the exploits of the town's football team.

For a week the name TAYPORT was splashed across the page of every Scottish newspaper and for a couple of hours that week it occupied every ITV screen in Scotland.

Like football or loathe it, what cannot be denied is that the Scottish Junior Cup win, to date, is the biggest thing to happen to the town during the course of the entire 20th century. And we were lucky - we, the supporters, were part of it and how the occasion was enjoyed by everyone involved.

For those directly involved, it made the effort which has gone into the club over the years well worthwhile. Traipsing to away game at some God forsaken venue, soaking wet and chilled to the bone and well thumped into the bargain. How many times has a player/committee member/supporter during the past 50 years said "Is this all worth it?". Well, on May 12 it was all worth it - and thousands would agree.

Those who kept the club going in the dark days - and there were several especially during the 50's and 60's - also deserve recognition. Scraping funds together, scraping a team together, marking the pitch on the Common on a wild Saturday morning. Indeed had Tayport not been such a strong community then the club might well have folded a couple of times during these 50 years.

For the players and committee of that era - and those of later years - it must have been a proud day. There's little doubt that, without the energies of those lads, now in their late fifties, sixties and beyond who kept the club alive in those darkest of days, we might never have won the Cup.

Present club treasurer Ross MacMillan was one of those who experienced life at the bottom of Alliance Division Two in his early days with the club during the 60's. What a contrast it must have been for Ross to be part of the squad - as sponge man - when Tayport FC lifted the Scottish Junior Cup - the first Tayside based club to do so in 67 years.

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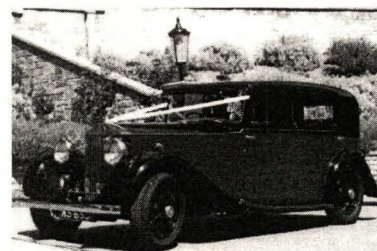
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NOT THE BEST OF DAYS FOR TAYSIDE



Saturday's 3rd round ties in the OVD Scottish Cup proved to be something of a disappointment for local clubs, with only Tayport definitely in tomorrow's fourth round draw which takes place at Glenrothes.

Scone moved into the transfer market on the eve of their tie at Stoneyburn. Tom Van Der Ham fixed up experienced striker and man of many clubs Ian Shepherd from Kinnoull and also 20 years old midfielder Ross McDowell. Ross, whose brother Murray is Thistle's top scorer, may only be of tender years but he has already worn the colours of Celtic, Hearts, Aberdeen and Berwick Rangers. The signings obviously did no harm. Scone led 2-0 at the break and although they surrendered that lead in the second half, they look good for today's replay.

Kinnoull were supposed to be getting a programme as their only pickings from their tie at Cambuslang Rangers but they managed a 1-1 draw. *The Courier* described Cambuslang as 'Hot-shots'. A bit off the mark here. They're currently middle of division one with only two league wins to their credit. I wonder how Maryhill, top of the Premier Division, would be described?! Maryhill, incidentally were at the wrong end of the shock score of the round, trounced 3-0 at Sunnybank. What was it Maryhill's Ronnie McDonald said on the eve of the game? - *It would be nice to be there (the 4th Round). This is when Cup fever really starts to build up.*

Kirrie live to fight again in Ayrshire after being held 1-1 at home by Maybole and North End suffered the same fate and travel to Blantyre this week.

No joy for Carnoustie at Petershill. The Gowfers will be bitterly disappointed at their margin of defeat - 0-4. They pin so much of their goal hopes on Brian Craik but the big striker again failed to produce the goods when the chips were down. Forfar West End were sunk without trace at Auchinleck while, at Beechwood, Harp put up a spirited performance before going down 1-4. Five goals from Colin Campbell put the skids under Jeanfield at Whitburn where the locals advanced by a 6-3 scoreline.

Of the teams already in tomorrow's 4th round hat, the only ones we haven't met competitively are Hermes, Kilbirnie, Glenrothes, Arniston, Hill O'Beath, Newtongrange, Harthill Royal, Beith, Petershill, Ormiston, Vale of Leven and Annbank United. Ties are due on Saturday 18th January.

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PRESS REPORT

"Rose are a vastly experienced team with most of the squad having had Senior experience" said Port boss Dave Baikie, "We've had them watched a few times and they could be awkward opposition"

"Baikie welcomes back defender Keith Nicolson, fit again after his knee operation. His return is a boost and it could give the holders the edge"

- *THE COURIER* (14/12/96)

"Tayport stayed on course in their quest to retain the trophy with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Linlithgow"

- *THE SUNDAY POST* (15/12/96)

"Champs Prune Rose.....Tayside toppers Tayport are still on stream to hold on to their OVD Scottish Junior Cup title. They streaked into the fourth round by dumping East experts Linlithgow Rose 3-0. The tie was won by the interval, with goals coming from Coventry and Nicolson. Ross added a third in 80 minutes."

- *THE SUNDAY MAIL* (15/12/96)

"Holders Tayport marched on with a convincing 3-0 home victory over Linlithgow Rose. The tie was over at the interval with Port leading 2-0 through goals from Billy Coventry and Keith Nicolson. Steve Ross added a third in the second half"

- *THE COURIER* (16/12/96)

"Cup holders Tayport moved into the last 32 of this season's OVD Scottish Cup competition with a comfortable victory over East Region's Linlithgow Rose at the Canniepairt last Saturday."

- *The Fife Herald* (21/12/96)

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1st DIVISION GUIDE TO FORM

	14/09	21/09	28/09	05/10	12/10	19/10	26/10	02/11	09/11	16/11	23/11	30/11	07/12	14/12
ARBROATH SC	W	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	L	W	Idle	D	D	W
BANKFOOT	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	Idle	Idle	L	Idle	W
CARNOUSTIE	W	W	L	W	W	D	W	W	W	D	Idle	L	Idle	L
DOWNFIELD	W	D	W	D	D	L	W	W	D	L	Idle	Idle	Idle	L
EAST CRAIGIE	L	L	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	L	Idle	Idle	D	L
FORFAR ALB	L	W	W	L	L	Idle	L	L	L	L	Idle	Idle	Idle	W
JEANFIELD	W	W	L	L	D	W	L	L	W	W	Idle	L	Idle	L
KINNOULL	W	D	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	Idle	Idle	Idle	D
LOCHEE UTD	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	L	D	Idle	D	Idle	L
NORTH END	L	W	W	W	D	W	L	L	W	W	Idle	W	Idle	D
SCONE	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	W	W	D	Idle	Idle	Idle	D
ST.JOSEPHS	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	D	Idle	W	L	W
TAYPORT	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	Idle	W
VIOLET	L	W	L	D	L	W	W	W	L	D	Idle	Idle	Idle	L

O.V.D. SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 3rd ROUND

The weather has upset the third round this year with only seven ties going ahead on Saturday the seventh of December as scheduled.

All the ties were won by the home teams and surely the shock of the day, if not the round, was the defeat of the **Joeys** at **Tranent**, where the home team won by a disputed penalty. The other **Tayside** team involved **Montrose Roselea**, lost away to **Fife** region champions **Hill o'Beath** by 3-0.

The remaining ties were played the following week, Saturday the fourteenth December, apart from the **Stoneywood v. Troon** game which is scheduled to go ahead today, weather permitting, along with the six replays from last Saturday.

The ties so far have produced one hundred and four goals, with **sixty-nine home goals and thirty-five away**. Resulting in **twenty home wins, five away wins and six draws**.

From the ties played so far the **East region** are the best represented in the fourth round draw with six teams safely through followed closely by **Ayrshire, Central** and **North** all with five teams in the hat. They are followed by **Fife** on three and **Tayside** on one. The replays could see a possible four more from **Tayside, Ayrshire** and **Central** and one each from the **East** and **North**. No **Fife** teams are involved in replays.

The draw for the fourth round will take place at the **Warout Stadium**, home of **Glenrothes Juniors** tomorrow (**Sunday the 22nd December**).

The teams already in the hat are, **ANNBANK, AUCHINLECK, BEITH, CUMNOCK, KILBIRNIE**, all from **Ayrshire**.

From the **Central Region**, **ARTHURLIE, PETERSHILL, POLLOK, SHETTLESTON** and **VALE of LEVEN**.

Representing the **East Region** are, **ARNISTON, HARTHILL, NEWTONGRANGE, ORMISTON, TRANENT** and **WHITBURN**.

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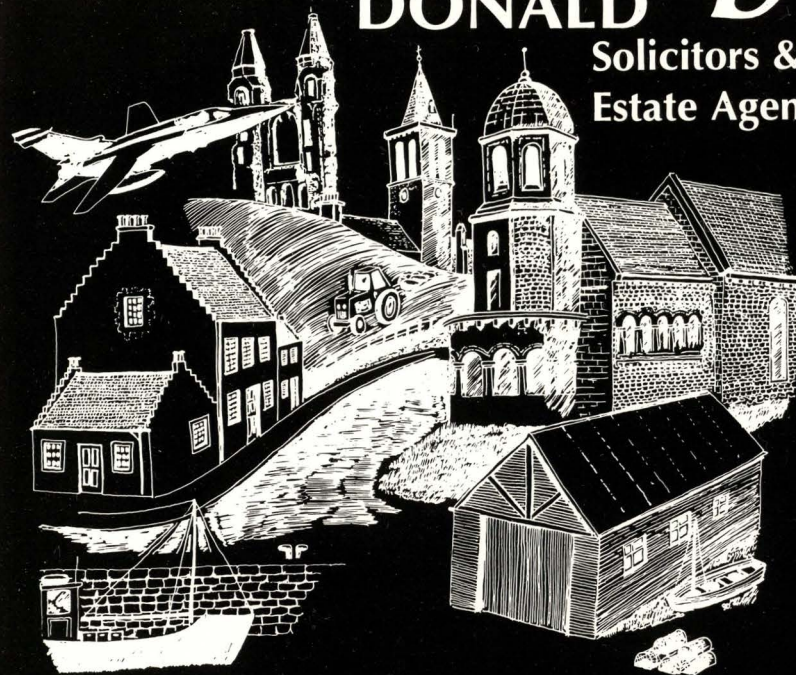
Ourselves are the only **Tayside** team in the draw but with **KINNOULL** at home to **Cambuslang**, **NORTH END** away at **Blantyre**, **KIRRIE** away to **Maybole** and **SCONE** at home to **Stoneyburn** all involved in today's replays hopefully **Tayside** will be well represented in the last thirty-two.

The only question remaining is who comes to the **Canniepairt** in the next round!

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