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Hill of Beath

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WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

FORFAR WEST END v TAYPORT

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HILL OF BEATH
TAYCARS
25/4/98
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TODAY'S GAME



It's the tie of the day, without a doubt, and hopefully will provide an appropriate level of entertainment for what is sure to be a healthy crowd. Surprisingly, Tayport and Hill of Beath have never previously met in a competitive fixture at Junior level. Both defences are extremely experienced and the key to the contest could lie with the side with the ability to take a half chance.

Haws had such a player last season in Billy Spence and this did not go unnoticed by Arbroath boss Dave Baikie. Baiker had fancied Billy for Tayport and, when he moved to Gayfield, the Haws man was one of his first signings. With Spence currently Arbroath's top marksman and well up the Division Three scoring charts he was snip at £4,500.

However, despite the loss of Spence, Haws still carry a potent goal threat through Syme, McNab and Liam Baillie. In defence the towering ex-Brechin City man Brian Kenny is an imposing figure for the visitors and the contest with our own ex-Brechin City man Keith Nicolson at set pieces should be interesting.

Three games a week can stretch any pool and that's the situation Haws find themselves in because of their well documented backlog of fixtures caused by replays and weather related postponements earlier in the season. This will be their sixth game in thirteen days. No problem with lack of match practice anyway.

Tayport shuffled the pack v North End in midweek when Ian Greig, Allan Ramsay and Stevie Ross got the nod from the start in preference to Mark Spalding and the Barries, Gray and Gardiner. With Steve Hutcheon and Steven Stewart back in the frame, it's anybody's guess which players will start. Hutch has just joined the Cupar Fire Brigade and, because it's training night, he was unavailable for Tuesday. [does this mean he'll be turning out for the Scottish Furies as well as the Scottish Posties?] Steven missed out last Saturday because of the Scottish Junior tour to the Republic of Ireland and on Tuesday, family/business caused him to miss out.

This afternoon's tie will be played to a finish with extra time and penalty kicks on the agenda if the tie cannot be settled in regulation time.



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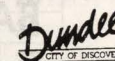
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At 24th April 1998

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
TAYPORT	20	17	2	1	63	12	51	53
NORTH END	20	16	1	3	49	18	31	49
ST. JOSEPHS	18	13	2	3	38	15	23	41
CARNOUSTIE	24	12	4	8	62	40	22	40
VIOLET	23	11	5	7	43	33	10	38
LOCHEE UTD	25	11	5	9	34	35	-1	38
FORFAR WE	22	11	3	8	46	41	5	36
ARBROATH SC	21	7	7	7	34	34	0	28
DOWNFIELD	20	7	5	8	36	37	-1	26
KIRRIE	20	6	5	9	26	36	-10	23
ELMWOOD	23	6	5	12	28	44	-16	23
JEANFIELD	22	5	5	12	42	67	-25	20
EAST CRAIGIE	23	3	2	18	24	70	-46	11
KINNOULL	23	0	3	20	18	61	-43	3

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N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RESULTS 1997/98

At 24th April 1998

	ASC	CARD	DOVE	CFELM	F/WJE	JEAN	KINN	KIRF	LOC	N/EN	JOE	TAY	VIO
ARBROATH SC	3-3	4-2	5-3			5-1	2-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-3	3-4
CARNOUSTIE		2-2	8-0	3-1	2-3	9-3	3-0		0-2	1-3	2-2	6-3	1-0
DOWNFIELD	2-2	1-1		3-2	2-0	0-2	4-1	1-0	2-0	1-4		0-2	1-3
EAST CRAIGIE	0-2	1-2	2-3		4-3	2-4	0-6	3-2		1-2		2-5	0-3
ELMWOOD	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0		2-4	0-3	1-0	2-1		2-3	0-2	0-2
FORFAR WE	1-1	1-2		3-0	0-2		4-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	3-4		2-1
JEANFIELD		4-3	0-5	3-1	2-4	6-7		1-1	2-2	0-0	0-3		1-2
KINNOULL	0-1	0-3		1-2	2-2	1-2	1-2		1-3	1-3	2-4	0-3	0-7
KIRRIE	0-1	0-5		3-0	2-1	5-0	2-2	3-2		1-0	1-2		0-7
LOCHEE UTD	4-2	2-3	2-2	0-0	5-2	2-1	2-0	3-1	0-0		1-0	1-3	0-2
NORTH END	3-0	3-1	4-1	4-0	3-0	4-2			0-1		2-0	1-2	3-0
ST. JOSEPHS	2-1	2-0			3-0	2-1	4-1		2-2	3-0	0-1		2-1
TAYPORT	1-1	3-0	2-1	3-0		0-0	5-0	6-0		4-0		1-0	2-0
VIOLET	1-1		3-2	4-1	1-1	3-2	3-3	0-0	3-0	4-0	1-2		2-4

WE'VE GOT IT ALL TO DO AGAIN

"Tayport's Tough Break" was how *THE SUN* rather insensitively put it, but the abandonment of Tuesday evening's game has given North End a better grip of the championship lifeline. Ian Greig's two goals had Tayport in the driving seat and even although Mark Kelly had pulled one back for the visitors, there are few who would have bet against Tayport going on to collect the points. That would have given North End and St Josephs a mountain to climb. But, because of the leg break sustained by Scott Kemlo with quarter of an hour or so of the game remaining, the game was delayed and with darkness rapidly enveloping the Canniepairt it was quickly evident to the 427 crowd that the referee had no option but to abandon the game.

So, big Jock will have to reschedule the game. But what's the situation at present anyway? Well, as we know it's a three horse race between ourselves, North End and defending champions St Josephs. Prior to today's games the positions are as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	MAX
TAYPORT	20	17	2	1	51	53	71
NORTH END	20	16	1	3	31	49	67
ST JOSEPHS	18	13	2	3	23	41	65

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUN-IN

TAYPORT

Home v North End
v Elmwood
v Kirrie Thistle
Away v Forfar WE
v St Josephs
v Jeanfield

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Home v Jeanfield
v Kinnoull
v Kirrie Thistle
Away v Tayport
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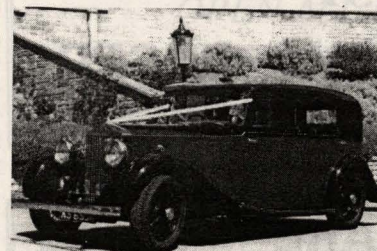
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15	IAN McKENNA	KIRRIE THIS
	RONNIE KENNETH	ST JOSEPHS
14	BRIAN CRAIK	CARNOUSTIE
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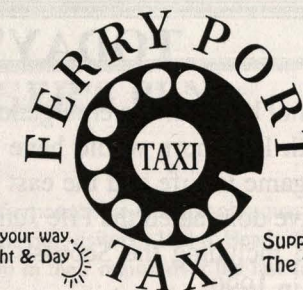
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TODAY'S VISITORS

Had it not been for the emergence of Tayport FC on the Junior scene, Hill of Beath Hawthorn would have enjoyed unquestioned domination of the junior game in Fife and the east of Scotland during the Nineties. As it is they have dominated the Fife Juniors since winning the first of 23 trophies in 1986 including the Scottish Junior Cup when they defeated Lesmahagow in 1990.

Like Tayport, Haws were born out of an amateur club which was founded in 1975 and have been led since then by manager Jock Finlayson, known as *The Legend*. Another of their similarities with the 'Port is the fact that they have a number of players who have given good and loyal service. Six of the players who collected winners medals eight years ago are still regularly pulling on a Haws strip.

Last season Haws had something of a lean time by their own high standards, needing to find space for only the John Fyfe Cup in their trophy cabinet. This season started off in promising fashion and they looked poised to pick up the first silverware of the season but were shocked 4-3 by Glenrothes in the final of the quaintly titled Peddie Smith Maloco Cup. The OVD Cup trail looked promising until their surprise defeat by Kilwinning Rangers in their quarter final replay at Hill of Beath. Next in the pecking order is the Whyte & Mackay (Fife & Lothians) Cup but the hopes on that front were dashed last Saturday with a 1-0 defeat at Camelon.

Elsewhere in cup football there's a Bardon Aggregates 2nd round tie v Thornton Hibs and a Whitbread Cup 2nd round tie v Kelty Hearts waiting to be played.

However the legacy of a host of OVD replays and postponements is a horrendous backlog of league fixtures. With 80% of the season past, only 9 out of 28 fixtures had been played. With Kelty Hearts and Oakley United, not to mention Newburgh, already with points in the bag, lifting the title is a tall order for Hawthorn. A sixteen man pool, including two goalkeepers, will probably require to be supplemented by trialists when a four games a week card looms towards the end of the season. However these thoughts will not bother our visitors today as they seek to take a notable scalp.



FROM THE MANAGER'S PEN....

Good afternoon and welcome to Tayport for this afternoon's Taycars Trophy quarter final. Firstly, may I take this opportunity to welcome our visitors. Hill o' Beath, like ourselves, have been by far the most consistent team in their region over the last few years. They have numerous league and cup wins to their credit and regularly reach the latter stages of the Scottish Cup. With that in mind I believe we have a very difficult game ahead of us this afternoon.

Ron Nicoll and I watched them lose narrowly to Camelon in the *Whyte & Mackay* Fife & Lothian Cup last Saturday and they are a quality team who are well organised and have a number of very good players. Having said that, I honestly believe we can win the game if we play as well as we all know we can. A cracking game is on the cards which I hopefully everyone will enjoy.

Although I wasn't at last Saturday's 3-0 win over East Craigie, Jimmy Hunter and George Nicol briefed me on how the game went. By all accounts we again had little difficulty creating chances but, in common with some recent games, we did have some trouble converting them. I know that this is sometimes frustrating for everyone, players included, I would be more concerned if we were not creating chances. I was also pleased that we had another clean sheet. At the end of the day, a good workmanlike performance and three more vital league points.

Tuesday evening saw us play host to our nearest league rivals, North End and I am sure by now you are all aware what happened. After an initial shaky first fifteen minutes, we composed ourselves and took a 2-0 lead. Although I don't think that we started the second half particularly brightly, we managed to contain North End but didn't manage to create too many chances ourselves. They then pulled one back. 2-1 with 15 minutes to go but I believe we would have held on to that lead and go on to win. That was when everything went pear shaped.

After a tackle on the halfway line the ball broke to Dave Reilly who played the ball through to Steve Ross who was fouled running in on goal. The assistant referee signalled for a penalty but unfortunately the North End player involved in the earlier tackle had sustained a serious injury. With the time taken to treat him including the wait for an ambulance running to 20 minutes, the referee had no option but to abandon the game due to the lack of light. Although I was disappointed at the game not finishing, I am confident that when we do eventually meet North End, we can go on to win.

Kenny Bunce

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THE HAWS SQUAD

In goal this afternoon will be either **DAVID WESTWOOD**, a cup winner in 1990 or big **MARC GRAHAM**. Graham was the man in possession last Saturday at Camelon and performed well enough to suggest he could be between the sticks again this afternoon.

At full-back will likely be **SCOTT BIRRELL**. Scott will have played at the Canniepairt before, having been signed from Kinnoull a couple of years ago. on the opposite flank will be the long-serving **JOHN MITCHELL**. Like Mitchell, the central defensive partnership of **BRIAN KENNY** and **BRUCE DEAS** have OVD cup winners medals. It's this experience at the back which has seen Haws through many a potentially tricky encounter. The giant Kenny moved to Brechin City after the side's cup win but didn't hit it off there and was soon back in Hill's colours. Deas will be familiar with the locality at least. His employment brings him to Scott & Fyfe on a regular basis.

In midfield will be **JOHN WRIGHT**, who has been at Keir's Park for some six seasons now since signing from Cowdenbeath. Another key midfielder will be the veteran **BOBBY WILSON**, a good ball player and OVD medallist who will likely link up with the hard working youngster **CRAIG NOBLE**, one of the few amateurs on Haws' books. Another contender for a midfield berth is one of the Hill of Beath youngsters recently recruited as they build for the future, **JOHN DRUMMOND**, a clever little player who was with Raith Rovers and was expected to go with Jimmy Nicoll to Millwall until the deal fell through.

Up front Haws will select from **WILLIE SYME**, a key component of the team, top scorer **JAMES McNAB** and youngster **LIAM BAILLIE**. The long serving McNab went to Camelon last season but was soon back at Keir's Park. The tall striker, Baillie, was bought from East Fife this season. Also in contention for a place will be **MARTYN THOMSON** who was signed from Newburgh this season. Defensive midfielder **STEVEN McINROY** is another of the Beath youngsters who has senior experience. Unlikely to feature today is **ROBERT DUNCAN** whose work has taken him to Ireland. Duncan, had a spell a couple of seasons ago with Lochee United.

TAYCARS TROPHY 1997/98

[1996/97 ST JOSEPHS 2 TAYPORT 1 at GLENESK PARK]

Round 1

Arbroath Vics	1-4	Arbroath SC	Bankfoot	2-1	East Craigie
Kirrie This	3-2	Elmwood	Lochee Harp	0-0	Downfield
Luncarty	0-6	Forfar WE	Scone This	1-0	Coupar A.
Tayport	w/o	Jeanfield	Violet	4-1	Forfar Alb.

Round 2

Lochore MW	2-1	Scone	Kirrie	5-0	Newburgh
Downfield	4-3	Violet	Montrose	0-3	Kelty
Tulliallan	0-4	Arbroath SC	Tayport	6-3	Thornton
Hill O' Beath	2-0	Bankfoot	Blairstown	1-2	Rosyth

Round 3

Arbroath SC	0-2	Glenrothes	Lochee Utd	5-1	Kirkcaldy
Tayport	9-0	Lochore MW	Crossgates	1-5	St Josephs
Downfield	3-1	Rosyth	Hill O' Beath	3-1	Forfar WE
Kelty Hearts	1-0	Kirrie This.	Oakley Utd.	1-0	North End

GET WELL SOON, SANDY

Tayport fans may have wondered where Steven Stewart was on Tuesday night. He was missing because he had to take over the reins of the family joinery business in Letham after his father Sandy had been badly injured in a car smash on Friday evening. Sandy, a season ticket holder at the Canniepairt, had been on his way down from Letham to Tayport to pick up Steven's sister when he was involved in a head-on smash. Sandy sustained a broken jaw and sternum amongst other injuries and has spent the week in Ninewells. Steven, of course was in Ireland with the Scottish Junior team and wasn't told of the accident until his return on Sunday night. Sandy hoped to be discharged at the end of the week and I'm sure I speak for the fans, players and committee in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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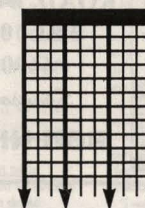
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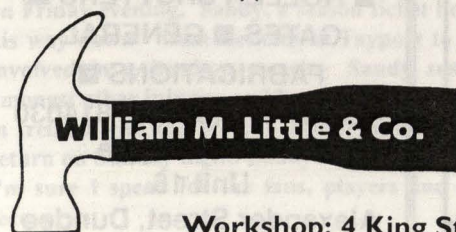
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JIM BAXTER - FIFE'S FINEST EVER FOOTBALLER

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‘I’d dribble up to Alan Ball and say, ‘Who am I? Who am I?’ Then, as I went past him I’d shout, ‘I’m the greatest. That’s who.’ He spent the whole game trying to kick me’

Denis Law and Billy Bremner were planning a rout when it happened. Scotland's cocky left-half, Jim Baxter, collected a pass near his own penalty area and nonchalantly flicked the ball onto his left foot, before juggling it from thigh to boot. It was a full 30 seconds before anyone got near ball or man. Even the fabled Twin Towers swooned.

The perpetrator of the most famous keepy-up session of the modern era remembers it well. "It was '67. We were playing England – the world champions, so most people expected us to get cuffed," chirps a perky 'Slim Jim' Baxter.

"But to be honest we roasted England – 3-2 didn't do us justice. We were so much on top of the game, I decided to take the piss. Denis and Billy were running around shouting, 'Let's score more goals!' to avenge the 9-3 game in 1961, but I was just enjoying having a fucking good giggle."

Baxter, an incurable prankster, was on the wind-up even before the kick-off. "I congratulated Alan Ball on being a world champion, then asked him in a high-pitched voice if his dad was Jimmy Clitheroe, the squeaky-voiced comedian of the time. Bremner told me this sent Bally off his rocker... and it did. I'd dribble up to him in the game and say, 'Who am I? Who am I?' and as I went past him I'd shout, 'I'm the fucking greatest. That's who.' He spent the whole game trying to kick me."

That was the first penalty I'd ever taken. I remember when I picked up the ball to take it, Ian St John and Dave Mackay said, 'Don't miss it.' I told them to trot back to the centre circle for the restart. I knew exactly where the ball was going. The big stage was made for me. Wembley was right up my street."

In many ways, Baxter wasn't the consummate player – he couldn't

would do now. I'd fancy ourselves against Walter Smith's team."

Rangers' early-60s dominance of the old First Division, as with the Premier League in recent years, was largely the result of Celtic's failure to overcome their arch rivals in the crunch matches. Baxter by now, was the sole occupant of the 'spiv' role' in midfield and at his swaggering best. In 18 Old Firm games, he was

"It was the easiest match I ever played in," laughs the Rangers libero. "We thrashed Celtic 3-0." Influential on the pitch, Baxter was also inspirational off it. When Real Madrid arrived in Glasgow in 1963 for a European Cup fixture, he took it upon himself to act as unofficial Scottish ambassador, welcoming their Hungarian star striker Puskas with open arms. Determined to show Puskas a good time, Baxter whisked him off to a party in Drumchapel where the Hungarian – who spoke no English – found himself with a bottle of whisky and a clearly perplexed local girl for company.

Gary Sobers, the West Indian cricketer, was a regular drinking partner during Baxter's unhappy spell at Nottingham Forest, the club Baxter joined from Sunderland in '67. They were known locally as drunk and sobers. "I'd lost a lot of my enthusiasm for playing by the time I joined Forest," he admits. "My time there was a disaster."

Baxter, by his own admission, was the architect of his own premature downfall. "I loved the booze, simple as that," he says. In 1969, he returned to Ibrox on a free transfer from Forest, but the magic had gone and 'the glove' simply fell apart at the seams. "I'd lost it, everything was gone," Baxter says now. "I was never very disciplined. I never trained once in my life, and that was a big mistake. When I wanted to play, when I really needed to play, I just couldn't. I finished playing at 30, which was a scandal."

"I was never in awe of anyone, not even Pele. Most players weren't even fit to lace my boots. As soon as I got the ball, I was the gaffer, no matter who I was up against." And few who ever came face to face with Slim would disagree with that. ☺

A swift half with...

JIM BAXTER

Gordon Thomson recalls Wembley, the Double and the days of the glove with Rangers' Slim

head the ball, he was 5ft 11ins and weighed just 9st 12lbs, and he used his right foot as a crutch for his left, which he nicknamed 'the glove'. Yet he was one of the most talented players ever to play for Rangers.

Baxter began his career as a £200 teenage signing for Raith Rovers. In 1960, aged 20, he transferred to Rangers for a then record £18,000. By the time he left for Sunderland five years later, he was the lynchpin and idol of one of the greatest Scottish club sides since the war.

"Naturally, I'd say that it was the best Rangers team since the 1940s," says Baxter. "The 1963 team played together for so long, that we took some beating. Still

on the losing side just twice, though his preparation for some of these epic encounters defied conventional footballing wisdom.

"I meant to spend a quiet night with my girlfriend before the 1963 Cup final replay against Celtic," he recalls. "We went to the cinema, but on the way home I stopped off at a casino in Dunfermline. I only meant to stay an hour. But my luck was in, so I stayed all night." After just two or three hours' slumber, Slim Jim set off to join the rest of the team at Hampden.



BAXTER FACT FILE

CLUBS	Raith Rovers: 58-60; 84 games; 4 goals
Rangers	60-65, 69-70; 254 games; 24 goals
Sunderland	65-67; 98 games; 12 goals
Nottingham Forest	67-69; 47 games; 2 goals
DOUBLES	League titles: 60/61, 62/63, 63/64
Scottish Cup	61/62, 62/63, 63/64
League Cup	60/61, 61/62, 63/64, 64/65
International caps	34

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



ONE Port supporter missing today's match is Tom Borland - but it's for a very good reason. He's away to Paris with Mrs B. on the Orient Express!

Tom, who works in the Parts Department at Lex Volkswagen/Audi in Dundee, was down south recently for a contest to find the top man in his particular field and didn't just do well - he did brilliantly, coming first of 456 contestants from throughout the United Kingdom in Customer Care. His prize? Four days in Paris via the Orient Express from Waterloo. Tom, a dedicated Port man, helps out at the club's car boot sales and he's clearly the right man for sorting out some of the contentious issues that can arise there. Indeed he'll probably find a few suitable candidates for a training session amongst the rest of the TFC CBS staff!

AUCHINLECK Talbot, who bought their 750 seater stand from Hamilton Accies or somewhere a couple of years ago and didn't have enough dosh to re-erect it, have been given a massive boost to their plans thanks to a cash injection of £15,000 from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust.

ON the subject of stands, the one that sits at the Canniepairt and was used most recently for the Pollok tie has been up and down the Tay regularly this season. It was up there on Sunday as part of the sponsorship deal Perthshire Rugby Club have with the Perthshire Advertiser which affords those folk who watch the oval game some comfort. It was a good result for the Perth lads who beat Ross High to reach the final of the Tennents Bowl next Month at Murrayfield

IT was raining goals last Saturday at Letham, home of our own Stevie Stewart, when the local Lads' Club defeated Dundee YMCA by 11 - 9 in a Midlands Amateur Association's Gray Trophy match - and they were all scored in the regulation 90 minutes! The mind drifts back to an occasion in 1967 or thereabouts when Tayport Amateurs' Alliance team went down 15-3 to NCR. There weren't 12 goals in it our man reminds me - a draw would probably have been a fair result!

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PRESS REPORT



".....Dave Reilly finally got his name on the scoresheet. The striker, with his back to the goal, was being pulled by Whyte and casually backheeled the ball into the net, much to the annoyance of the surprised goalkeeper. This fourth goal put a slightly more realistic complexion on a match which Tayport dominated from start to finish "

- FIFE HERALD (17/4/98) Kinnoull 0 Tayport 4

" West End put up a spirited display in their Taycars Trophy match against Fife cracks Hill of Beath. They led for a long spell but then had a player sent off which allowed the Fifers to gain control and go on to a 3-1 victory "

- COURIER (13/4/98)

" Manager Jock Finlayson has good reason to be proud of his troops who don't seem to know the meaning of defeat. Down 1-2 in injury time and playing with only ten men, things looked bleak for the Fifers but they refused to give up and it paid off with a 93rd minute equaliser from Craig Noble. The manager paid tribute to his squad and a travelling support of over 500. ' All my players were heroes to come from 1-2 behind to equalise with only ten men shows the tremendous spirit and commitment at this club' he said. 'Our supporters were also brilliant. They gave the players tremendous backing and I would like to thank every one of them "

-THE COURIER (FIFE EDITION) 23/3/98 reporting the OVD Cup 6th round tie at Kilwinning. The Ayrshire team recorded a surprise replay win by 3-0 at Keir's Park .

" Tayport increased their lead at the top of the NCR First Division without being at their sharpest against East Craigie. They dominated from the start but it was 35 minutes before they broke down the Craigie defence when Dave Reilly headed home "

- SUNDAY POST (19/4/98) Tayport 3 East Craigie 0

"Tayport are living the life of Reilly in the NCR League after trouncing East Craigie 3-0. They extended their lead at the top of the table thanks to two strikes from players of that name! Dave Reilly headed them in front after 35 minutes. Then namesake Paul grabbed the second 23 minutes into the second half. Steve Ross rounded off the scoring when he swept home the third a minute from time"

- SUNDAY MAIL (19/4/98)

" I felt we deserved a draw. We missed a couple of snips, but like everyone else we're maybe just a touch short of that wee bit quality we need. We have league games on Tuesday and Thursday and we have to look to bounce back and get back on the rails quickly "

- Hill of Beath manager Jock Finlayson in THE SUN (20/4/98) reflecting on his team's defeat at Camelon

"According to James Traynor, the plans to revolutionise Scottish football were rejected by the 'nonentities' representing the youth, amateur and junior section of the game. In Tayport a group of young men have taken our club from being a relatively unsuccessful amateur team to being one of the top junior clubs in Scotland, as witness by three Scottish Junior Cup final appearances in five years. They play in an impressive enclosed ground reclaimed from a rubbish tip - all built by their own endeavour. They are not 'nonentities' "

- recent letter in the DAILY RECORD from Jim Rodger, Tayport (former Scottish Amateur Internationalist, accountant, bookmaker and most recently, mine host at the Tayport Arms)

"North End, who face a crucial championship test at Tayport tomorrow boosted confidence with a 2-0 away victory against Forfar Albion in Saturday's Whyte & Mackay Cup. It was another excellent performance from John Markie's team following their league win over St Josephs in midweek"

- THE COURIER (20/4/98)

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TAYPORT JUNIORS SHARPSHOOTERS

PLAYER	Total	League	Local Cups	NEC Cup	Taycars	O.V.D. Cup
D.REILLY	30	18	1	3	2	6
S.HUTCHEON	26	10	2	5	7	2
S.ROSS	23	15	3	2	3	
B.GARDINER	7	3	1	1	1	1
M.SPALDING	5	2		1	1	1
B.GRAY	5	3	1	1		
I.GREIG	4	2			1	1
B.COVENTRY	3	2		1		
G.MILLER	3	2	1			
K.NICOLSON	2	2				
P.REILLY	2	2				
E.CAMERON	1	1				
G.BUIST	1					1
A.RAMSAY	1	1				
TOTALS.	113	63	9	14	15	12

TAYPORT JUNIORS SHUT OUTS.

PLAYER	Total	League	Local Cups	NEC Cup	Taycars	O.V.D. Cup
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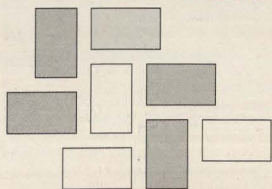
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