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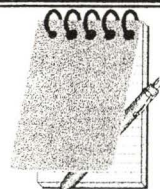


SCOTTISH FOOTBALL CRISIS LOOMS

TIME FOR CHANGE

There are few who would argue that the game in Scotland is heading for a crisis. Rangers and Celtic on a totally different level to which no other clubs can realistically aspire. Hearts having to punt their best players to try and balance the books, Dundee desperately trying to fund the construction of new stands to meet SPL criteria, Clydebank set to go under, Raith Rovers with a wages millstone round its neck which looks like dragging them under. Forfar Athletic and Montrose living from hand to mouth and trying desperately to reduce overdrafts. Paltry crowds at the likes of Cowdenbeath and East Stirling, tumbledown grounds in that have changed little from the fifties. You could go on. But the bottom line is that surely change must come to try and improve matters. The Pyramid 2000 is doing it's bit and we wish them well but surely the lead has to come from the SFA to lead the other associations into a pyramid.

Change was voted out at last season's SJFA AGM. Too many clubs seem afraid of change and that majority carries the day but the time is ripe for change. Overleaf we carry an article which appeared in last week's Pyramid Football News which shows if we don't get our act together in Tayside, Fife and the East, we'll be left at the starting gate. Nothing ventured.....



PRESS REPORT

Tayport 4 v 0 Lochee Harp 20/2/99

THE COURIER pre-match

"If you are battling to avoid relegation, the last place you wish to visit is Tayportsecond bottom Harp visit Canniepairt and it would be a major upset if the homesters failed to collect full points"

THE SUN 25/2/99 previewing today's Arthurlie v Camelon replay

"It's a tough test but after going to Tayport and winning in the last round, we certainly won't fear going there (Barrhead)" - Camelon winger Christie McKenzie

The Port Support season ticket holders look like having to go without their half-time cuppa this afternoon. The normally indestructable catering staff are both laid up. Yvonne's been laid low with the flu for a couple of weeks and Maureen's just parted company with her gall bladder. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

WEST OF SCOTLAND League..... ?

Central and Ayrshire clubs met this week to consider a formula for a joining of the two regions in the wake of last summer's SJFA defeat of the Junior Review committee's TWO REGION plan, as well as, Lanark United's THREE REGION suggestion, the latter, ironically, an exact copy in terms of the West of Scotland of what will be produced for this year's AGM. Yet the SJFA has a rule specifically forbidding such motions ?

Word from insiders is that agreement will be reached on TWO region-wide divisions, a PREMIER and a FIRST, each of TWELVE CLUBS (five Ayrshire and seven Central). This will leave three regionalised divisions, covering Ayrshire (13 clubs), West Central including Glasgow (12clubs) and East Central (13clubs). It seems likely that St. Anthony will revert to a previous home at Glenboig, when ejected from Govan this summer.

Based on current league positions, the following leagues would commence operation in 2000 - 2001 (if all they are still in the juniors).

Div 2 - Ayrshire

Largs Thistle
Lugar Boswell Th
Winton Rovers
Ardeer Thistle
Maybole
Annbank United
Muirkirk
Saltcoats Victoria
Kello Rovers
Craigmark Bnts
Hurlford United
Darvel
Whitlets Victoria

* Ayrshire clubs bold

Premier

Shotts Ron Accord
Marvhill
Renhurb
Arthurlie
Lanark United
Neilston
Petershill
Auchinleck Talbot
Kilwinning Rangers
Cumnock
Irvine Meadow
Glenafton Athletic

First Division

Polln
Shettleston
Lismahamw
Greenock
Blantyre Victoria
Baillieston
R. Glencairn
Kilbirnie Ladeside
Dalry Thistle
Beith
Troon
Irvine Victoria

Div 2 - West Central

Cambuslang Rangers
Johnstone Burgh
Vale of Leven
Renfrew
Yoker Athletic
Port Glasgow
Ashfield
G. Perthshire
East Kilbride Thistle
Stonehouse Violet
St. Rochs
Vale of Clyde

* Central clubs plain text

On the face of it, these seem perfectly reasonable plans. The problem is they don't really CHANGE anything for the juniors and merely postpone the time when these clubs will have to face reality. Why on earth should any club be happy to play in these 2nd divisions, when they could easily LEAVB the juniors for a much better league and the prospect of decent attendances ? And HOW do its proposers plan to get it through an SJFA AGM which has already REJECTED the idea ?

It is clear that its organisers are THREATENING other regions with the break up of the SJFA, unless they get their way. This is Central's idea of diplomacy. And it fails on a couple of crucial points. How can they prevent standards in the lower leagues crumbling if not connected to other systems ? And how can they improve competition, where it is already at its lowest ebb for a century, without regional senior clubs ? The plans just don't add up.

Div 2 - East Central

Larkhall Thistle
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
Cumbernauld United
Carlisle Rovers
Bellshill Athletic
Kilsyth Rangers
Forth Wanderers
St. Anthony's
Dunipace
Thorniewood United
Coltness United
Wishaw

EAST OF SCOTLAND League ... ?

If the Central - Ayrshire merger was to go through, the only possible means of mounting a challenge in the east of Scotland would be to develop a similar structure stretching from Montrose to Dunbar. In the North a merger with Highland League is the only way of improving competition.

The structure shown here, on a pro-rata basis, with a slight weighting to the stronger East. Once again the lowest clubs are no better off than they are now. Only the middle range Fife clubs and the top clubs from each region have an improved fixture list. But it would certainly be competitive with a WEST region in terms of crowds and finance.

Premier

Newtongrange Star
Linlithgow Rose
Whitburn
Camelon
Bonnyrigg Rose
Hill O' Beath
Kelty Hearts
Glenrothes
Tayport
Carnoustie Pnmre
North End
Dundee Violet

First Division

Thornton Hibs
Newburgh
Kirrie Thistle
Lochee United
Downfield
Arbroath Sports
Fauldhouse United
Bonnybridge
Musselburgh Ath
Bo'ness United
Bathgate Thistle
Arniston Rangers

Div 2 - Fife

Sauchie
St. Andrews United
Rosyth Recreation
Lochore MW
Dundonald Bluebell
Oakley United
Crossgates Primrose
Benarty
Steelend Victoria
Kirkcaldy YM
Tulliallan Thistle
Jeanfield Swifts
Elmwood

Div 2 - East

Tranent
Dunbar United
Haddington Athletic
Harthill Royal
Edinburgh United
Stoneyburn
Broxburn Athletic
Pumpherston
Dalkeith Thistle
Armada Thistle
Blackburn United
Ormistoun Primrose
Livingston United
West Calder United

Although it would be better to move right away to an ALL-IN structure of OPEN football in Scotland, this kind of structure could be a half-way house, needing only a merger with the EAST OF SCOTLAND senior league to make a complete pyramid - one premier - two first divisions - four districts.

In the WEST, it would only require a new district league - the current SOUTH OF SCOTLAND league - to complete that pyramid. And in the North, there would be a Premier and First Division composed of a merger of the Junior Premier and Highland leagues, plus three districts - the current East Div 1, the current North section and the addition of the North of Scotland league. That would give a complete INTERMEDIATE pyramid for Scotland, which could easily be connected to Amateur leagues. Those who think they can avoid such an outcome by trying to form new half-way regional leagues, are living in cloud-cuckoo land.

Div 2 - Tayside

Forfar West End
St. Joseph's
Lochee Harp
Montrose Roselea
Bankfoot Athletic
Kinnoull
Broughty Athletic
East Craigie
Scone Thistle
Brechtin Victoria
Forfar Albion
Coupar Angus
Blairgowrie
Arbroath Vics

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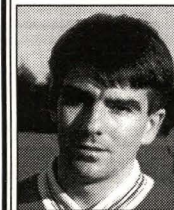
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STAGECOACH WESTERN LEAGUE

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auchinleck	8	1	0	31	-	6 25
Cumnock	7	0	2	34	-	11 23
Kilwinning	7	1	0	39	-	7 22
Glenafton	7	1	4	32	-	14 22
Troon	6	2	5	32	-	33 20
Kilbirnie	6	1	4	24	-	15 19
Dalry Th	4	2	3	19	-	16 14
Beith	2	0	5	12	-	13 6
Largs Th	2	0	9	13	-	32 6
Winton Rov	2	0	7	10	-	33 6
Annbank U	0	0	12	13	-	79 0

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Meadow	14	1	1	69	-	10 43
Irvine V	11	1	3	38	-	22 34
Lugar B	10	3	3	44	-	19 33
Ardeer T	6	3	5	38	-	32 21
Muirkirk	5	4	2	18	-	15 19
Kello Rov	5	1	7	32	-	36 16
Saltcoats	4	3	4	17	-	17 15
Craigmrk	4	2	4	22	-	20 14
Maybole	2	6	6	26	-	34 12
Hurlford	3	1	7	14	-	23 10
Darvel	1	3	9	20	-	44 6
Whitlotts	0	0	14	9	-	75 0

AYRSHIRE CUP

- rd 1 -

Whitlotts Vics v Largs Th
Lugar BT v Winton Rvs
Annbank Un v Craigmark B
Troon v Muirkirk
Kello Rovers v Kilwinning
Glenafton Ath v Cumnock
Beith v Darvel

Scarlett League Cup final

Kilwinning 2-1 Auchinleck

TIMES(District) Cup

rd 2

Glenafton 2-1 Beith
Ardeer Th 4-1 Largs Th
Auchinleck 2-0 Meadow
Troon 1-0 Cumnock
Irvine Vic 1-0 Kilbirnie
Hurlford 0-7 Kilwinning
Dalry Th v Muirkirk
Annbank 2-7 Maybole

rd 3 -

Irvine Vic v Maybole
Kilwinning v Dal/Muir
Glenafton v Troon
Auchinleck 4-2 Ardeer Th

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RESULTS-SAT FEB 13-

Times Cup - rd 2 -

Annbank Un 2-7 Maybole

Stagecoach - Div 1 -

Winton Rvs 2-1 Largs Th

Div 2 -

Irvine Meadow 3-2 Ardeer

PREVIEW

It is all go for Auchinleck
Talbot and Kilwinning Rangers
as they face one big
game after another over the
next few weeks - with plans
being prepared to put that on
a weekly basis in a new
league format. **Auchinleck**
take on **Cumnock** at
Beechwood this Saturday,
with over 1000 likely to watch
that ancient battle. **Bobby**
Dickson took the opportunity
to watch **Maryhill** in last
week's OVD Cup win, in the
expectation that they might
meet in the semi-final or final.
Meanwhile, his **Kilwinning**
side get back into action at
Abbey Park against **Kilbirnie**
Ladeside, possibly thinking
ahead to the OVD quarter-
final meeting with Talbot.

REEBOK CENTRAL LEAGUE

Premier	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shotts BA	9	4	0	36	13	31
Benburb	4	5	1	17	8	17
Arthurlie	4	2	0	17	7	14
Lanark	4	2	2	11	9	14
Petershill	4	2	5	16	15	14
Lesmahagow	4	2	6	16	18	14
Neilston	4	1	5	20	18	13
Pollok	3	3	5	22	23	12
Maryhill	4	0	2	12	13	12
Baillieston	4	0	7	13	24	12
Glencairn	2	1	8	14	30	7
Cambuslang	1	4	6	10	26	7

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shettleston	9	2	1	22	15	29
Blantyre V	7	2	3	24	12	23
Johnstone	6	2	3	20	12	20
Rob Roy	6	0	4	25	19	18
V. of Clyde	5	2	5	19	18	17
Greenock	5	1	1	14	7	16
V. of Leven	3	6	2	23	20	15
Larkhall Th	4	3	4	21	19	15
Renfrew	3	1	3	13	12	10
Kilsyth Rn	3	1	7	18	19	10
Forth Wan	2	2	3	9	11	8
Carlisle R	1	2	5	10	16	5
Cumbernauld	1	2	5	8	20	5
St. Roch	0	0	9	7	33	0

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dunipace	8	2	1	32	14	26
Pt Glasgow	7	3	2	39	21	24
St. Anthony	5	3	3	16	15	18
Ashfield	5	1	4	18	17	16
Stonehouse	4	3	5	23	27	15
Bellshill	3	5	3	16	14	14
Yoker Ath	4	1	2	13	11	13
E. Kilbride	4	1	4	11	11	13
Thorniewd	3	1	4	8	11	10
R. Albert	2	2	4	11	14	8
Perthshire	2	1	6	12	20	7
Wishaw	1	1	5	9	22	4
Coltness U	0	0	5	5	15	0

Beatons League Cup
Final - at Fir Park
Neilston 5-0 Baillieston

West of Scotland Cup rd 3 -

Lugar BT 3-3, Arthurlie
Greenock v Meadow XI
Saltcoats Vics 0-1 Beith
Ardeer Th 1-4 Pollok
Benburb 2-1 Shettleston
Talbot v Maryhill
Kilwinning v Lesmahagow
Glenafton v Cumnock

ABERCORN CUP - rd 3 -

Renfrew v Blantyre Vic
Rob Roy v Petershill
Baillieston v Lesmahagow
Maryhill v Ashfield
Glencairn 1-1(5-4p) Greenock
Arthurlie v Lanark United
Shettleston v Pollok
Thorniewood v Kilsyth Rangs

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RESULTS- SAT FEB 20
Scottish Junior Cup - rd 5 -
Maryhill 2-0 Bathgate Th

Abercorn Cup - rd 2 -
Baillieston 0-3 Lesmahagow

Reebok - Premier -
Lanark United 4-2 Neilston
Benburb 1-1 Cambuslang
Shotts BA 2-2 Petershill

Div 1 -
Kilsyth Rang 1-0 Johnstone B
Greenock 3-0 Shettleston
Cumbernauld 3-1 V of Leven
Larkhall Th 3-1 Carlisle R

Div 2 -
Ashfield 2-1 Stonehouse

PREVIEW
A bit of closing up in the three divisions last week as minor sides took points. But a full programme due this weekend albeit in the shadow of an expected 2000 plus crowd at the postponed Arthurlie v Camelon OVD Cup replay. Maryhill must retain league ambitions and the visit of Neilston will test them. Benburb are home to a Lanark United side playing well. But Pollok and Baillieston are both flirting with the drop at Lesmahagow and Petershill, whilst the two likeliest candidates play at Glencairn v Cambuslang.



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TODAY'S GAME



A sixth Tayside First Division title is within our grasp this afternoon. Our destiny is in our own hands. Victory over Violet will bring the title back to the Canniepairt after a two year break. The Pansies, however, will see themselves cast in the role of party poopers and they will be doing their darneest to ensure that the champagne is kept on ice.

Violet gave us one of our stiffest league tests of the season back in August at Glenesk and, even for a long spell afterwards, they looked likely to mount a serious title challenge before gradually slipping out of the race. Second top spot is well within their grasp, however, and, with four games to play, that too will be an incentive as sixth spot in 1994/95 is their best finish in at least ten years.

That Violet haven't achieved more, will be a disappointment to Farmor Engineering's Norrie Farquhar who has bankrolled the Glenesk side these past few years. There have been regular forays into the transfer market but success has been elusive and this season silverware hopes rest with the DJ Laing Cup and the Whyte and Mackay Cup.

Violet come to Tayport this afternoon with a very experienced squad of players, more than half of whom have enjoyed lengthy spells in the Senior game. None more so than central defender Bobby Brown who arrived at Glenesk at the start of the season after something like 15 seasons at Brechin City. He is partnered at the back by Jimmy Byrne, for whom a great future was predicted when he gained Scotland recognition as a youngster with Forfar Athletic.

Around eight of today's Violet squad have worn the green & white hoops of St Josephs prior to taking the trip across the city. Fullback Eddie McAulay is one of the most recent recruits from Fairfield and is a player who has never exactly endeared himself to the Port faithful during our encounters over the seasons. Another ex-Joey, namesake Tony McAulay made a name for himself with Forfar Athletic and possesses a mean left peg.

Danny Powell, will be readily recognisable from his days with Carnoustie Panmure. The ex-Montrose front man is at the veteran stage now but still knows the road to goal. Two of the Pansies, Andy Heggie and Jackie Devine, have worn the Tayport colours. Heggie was first here as a 15 year old with the amateurs, making his debut in February 1985 while Divvy is fondly remembered for his exploits with the Juniors in the mid 1990's. Devine and Graeme Wilkie are on the injured list and will likely miss out. Another who misses today is Greg Culross who is suspended.

Tayport will probably rely on the same squad as last week although it could be boosted if the injured trio of Young, Ramsay and Spalding have made progress under Andy Bell during the week.



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ANDY'S ANGLE

Well, first of all I'd like to offer a warm welcome to the players and officials of Dundee Violet and the Tayport supporters to the Canniepairt this afternoon.

Last week's game v the Harp was very difficult in that our opponents set out to frustrate us from the outset. Their methods, like so many other teams that come to Tayport was to get as many men behind the ball as possible. Having acquired a 4-0



win under these circumstances is, I suppose, acceptable especially as it sets us up nicely to go on and try to clinch the league title in today's game. I can tell you that we will be made to work very hard to earn a victory against inconsistent yet very capable opponents.

It is also time for a new era at Tayport. In my opinion recent Tayport teams have been living in the shadow of the more successful teams of the past. The reason for this being the fact that most of the successful squad were coming to the end of their peak at the same time.

No disrespect intended but it is necessary to freshen a pool of players regularly or things tend to get stale. At the start of the season Tayport introduced four new players to the squad and all have come in, gelled and complemented the fine calibre of player already at the club.

There is now a new passion for the game and confidence in the camp has never been higher. It is now time for this squad to write a bit of its own history and kick-start a new and successful era for Tayport.

All things going well, I hope that the sponsors, committee, supporters, coaches and players all enjoy themselves today because they have all contributed to the cause and I would be delighted if we were all celebrating after the game

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ROSELEA VISIT KELTY

OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP QUARTER FINALS



After their dramatic last minute winner against Forfar West End at Strathmore Park last Saturday, Montrose have made club history and been rewarded with a trip to Fife and a quarter final tie against Kelty Hearts. *Yahoorsir, ye kain ,we've goat a richt gaid chance o' gettin' tae the semis*, might be the cry from the Central Park faithful.

Montrose came from 0-2 behind in the first game to force Saturday's replay and looked down and out again when West End's pressure finally paid off with a 65th minute goal from big Davie Scott. However a 73rd minute penalty from Dave Balfour brought the second division side level then came substitute Steve Aitken's last minute decider. West End were gobsmacked and it's reported that there were some bitter exchanges as the players left the park.

With Fauldhouse having stuffed Cumnock to the tune of 4 - 0 in the last round, Kelty would have been forgiven for approaching Park View with some trepidation for last Saturday's postponed tie. But the Fifers got off to a great start with a goal from Ex Dunfermline & Forfar Athletic player Ian Heddle in only 13 minutes. The same player doubled his side's advantage only eight minutes later from the penalty spot. A goal three minutes from time gave the locals some hope but it was too little too late. Hearts are going very well this season so much so that ex-Dundee United defender Dave Beaumont and ex-Dundee striker Colin Harris both had to be content with a place on the bench. The referee at Fauldhouse, incidentally was our official this afternoon, Mr Thurston from Broughty Ferry. Didn't we say earlier this season he was being groomed for stardom?

Torrential rain overnight and on Saturday morning at Barrhead put paid to the replay between Arthurlie and Camelon so the game goes ahead this afternoon. With home advantage, the pendulum has swung 'Lie's way but the Mariners cannot be ruled out. A penalty shoot-out could well decide who takes a place in the last eight.

The quarter final draw was made on STV & Grampian's new Sunday teatime football programme 'Football First' and they came up with the following ties-

MARYHILL	v	PETERSHILL
KELTY HEARTS	v	MONTROSE ROSELEA
LARKHALL	v	CAMELON or ARTHURLIE
KILWINNING RANGERS	v	AUCHINLECK TALBOT

We'll look at the ties more closely in next week's Port Prog.



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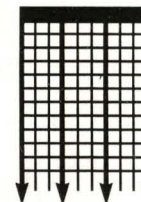
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 ARCHIVE PHOTO

Tayport Amateurs best ever run in the Scottish Amateur Cup ended at Dens Park at the semi-final stage 13 years ago this season when Glasgow's Barr & Stroud won 3-1 after trailing 0-1 at the interval.

And who's that moustacheoed 17 year old second from the right in the front row? Yes, none other than Tayport Juniors' current top scorer Kenny Cameron. Next to Kenny is another 17 year old, currently also making headlines - but for all the wrong reasons. It's the man from the *News of the World* who has eleven Dundee FC players' names for his middle names - John Walsh.

The line-up is (back l-r) Rab Downie (manager), Ronnie Stewart, Neil Downie, Alan Paterson, Angus Charity, Doug Paterson, Alan Gray, Mike Smith, Kirk Jack, Drew Herd (physio), Hugh Robertson (coach). Front - Ian Howe, John Fernie, Graham Cox, Bruce Burnett, Jimmy Bissett, John Walsh, Kenny Cameron and Ian Ness.

Walsh only had that one season at Tayport after being released by Dundee FC but made 34 + 7 sub appearances scoring 4 goals. Kenny also made his debut that season playing 36 games + 3 sub scoring 12 goals and another 11 appearances the following season scoring a further 3 goals.

Of that squad, Neil Downie, who, along with Bruce Burnett, had a couple of games for the Juniors is still playing - for Newport Ams in the Midlands Premier Division where brother Rab is head cook and bottle washer. Charity, Gray, Howe, Bissett and Burnett regularly turn out for Tayport's Veterans' XI. Cox, son of Dundee legend Bobby, now stays in Lancashire.

Thirteen years ago this weekend Violet's Heggie was playing left back for Tayport's 3rd XI (Alliance XI). The team which went down 1-2 at home to NCR was Brian Miller, Neil Robertson, Andy Heggie, Jimmy Anderson, Grant Letham, John Squire, Lyall Clark, Cammy Menzies, Ian Ness, Brian Cosgrove and George Shepherd. Mark Whiteside and Ian Howe were subs.

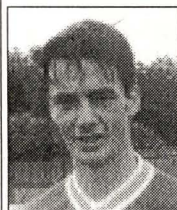
The Fife XI were going through a real bad patch - only five wins in eighteen games that season from the turn of the year - but didn't have a game this corresponding week in 1986. However the regular line-up was - Andy Don, Bob Hill, Alan Hart, Paul Thackeray, Doug Henderson, Scott Edwards, Brian Cree, Davie Blair, Kenny Smith, Alan Paterson, Bryan Fitchett. Of that crew only Fitchett is in regular action, turning out for Tayport Amateurs. Henderson still pulls on a jersey and Hart squeezes into a jersey for the Veterans XI.



A photo (courtesy the Sporting Post) of DUNDEE VIOLET taken earlier this season. Back (l-r) Norrie Marshall (physio), Danny Powell, Andy Sellars, Andy Heggie, Alan Rattray (now Forfar Athletic), Jimmy Byrne, Graeme Tonner, Mike McIlvennie, Bobby Brown, John Smith (coach). Front - Grant Cushnie (retired through injury), Scott Glass, Marc Hutton, Bobby Dow, Brian Brown, Tony McAulay, Gregor Benvie, Graham Wilkie.



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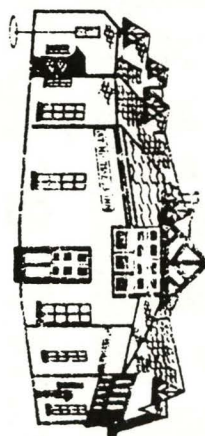


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EAST JOHN WALKER - BARDON AGGS FIFE

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Linlithgow	6	2	2	25	11	20
Newtngng	5	3	1	14	6	18
Fauldhouse	5	2	5	14	19	17
Whitburn	5	0	2	19	11	15
Bonnybrdge	4	2	6	23	20	14
Camelon	4	2	4	21	20	14
Bonnyrigg	4	1	3	17	15	13
Musselbrgh	2	4	3	14	18	10
Arniston Rn	2	4	3	10	15	10
Bo'ness Un	2	3	5	12	17	9
Bathgate Th	2	3	4	12	20	9
Dunbar Un	1	2	4	7	15	5

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Haddington	12	2	2	47	15	38
Harthill Ryl	9	1	4	24	19	28
Stoneyburn	7	2	3	27	16	23
Edinburgh	7	2	7	27	25	23
Dalkeith Th	6	4	6	29	29	22
Armada Th	7	1	5	18	23	22
Pumphrston	6	2	2	23	11	20
Blackburn U	5	4	5	20	18	19
Ormiston Pr	5	0	5	26	26	15
Broxburn At	3	5	5	21	26	14
Tranent	4	1	5	17	21	13
Sauchie	1	5	7	17	29	8
Livingston	1	3	13	19	44	6
W Calder Un	1	0	5	6	19	3

Ormiston Pr 1-1, 3-5 Tranent
Bo'ness Un 3-2 Camelon
Arniston Rngs 2-0 Dalkeith Th
Bonnyrigg Rose v Whitburn
semi-final -
Arniston Rng v Bonnyrigg/Whitburn
Tranent v Bo'ness United

DALKEITH GLAZING CUP - rd 1
Bathgate Thistle v Tranent
Fauldhouse Un v Bo'ness United
Camelon v Dalkeith Thistle
rd 2 -
Musselburgh v Whitburn
Harthill Royal v Blackburn Un
Armada Th v Edinburgh Un
Arniston Rngs v Livingston Un
Linlithgow Rose v Bathgate/Tranent
Stoneyburn v Camelon
Fauldhouse/Bo'ness v Haddington
Newtongrange v Bonnyrigg Rose

Carlsberg LEAGUE CUP - final
Whitburn 2-1 Newtongrange Star

BARDON AGG FIFE CUP

rd 1
Kelty Hearts v Lochore M
rd 2 -
Kelty or Lochore v Hill O'Beath
Oakley United 3-1 Dundonald
Crossgates 0-1 Newburgh
Benarty 2-0 Rosyth Rec

Fife & Lothian HEINEKEN Cup

rd 2 -
Bonnybridge 0-0, Kelty Hearts
rd 3 -
Brig/Kelty v Benarty
Oakley Un 2-2, Camelon
rd 4 -
Linlithgow v Whitburn
Bo'ness Un v Stoneyburn
Oak/Camelon v Fauldhouse
Newtngng v Brig/Kel/Ben

FIFE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Glenrothes	14	4	2	85	27	46
Hill o Beath	14	0	0	59	12	42
Kelty Hearts	14	0	1	48	13	42
Newburgh	11	3	3	53	21	36
Lochore M	10	3	6	52	25	33
Rosyth Rec	10	2	7	48	36	32
Thornton H	10	1	5	37	23	31
St Andrews	9	1	5	39	15	28
Lochgelly	8	2	11	48	54	26
Oakley Un	6	5	4	33	22	23
Dundonald	6	3	8	30	34	21
Crossgates	5	1	12	27	42	16
Benarty	3	3	11	25	44	12
Steelend V	2	2	17	23	100	8
Kirkcaldy	2	0	17	16	85	6
Tulliallan T	1	0	16	20	88	3

RESULTS Sat Feb 20 -

Dalkeith Glazing - rd 1 -
Dunbar Un 1-4 Linlithgow R
Bonnyrigg R 2-1 Broxburn A
Whitburn 2-0 Bonnybridge
W.Calder 3-3(3-4p) Musselbgh
Dave Moffat Cup - rd 2 -
Newtongrange 3-0 Blackburn
John Walker - Div 1 -
Arniston R 1-0 Bo'ness Un
Div 2 -
Stoneyburn 2-1 Armada Th
Edinburgh 0-3 Harthill Royal
Pumphrston 0-0 Haddington
Dalkeith Th 4-1 Tranent
Ormiston Pr 2-1 Livingston U
Bardon Aggs Cup - rd 2 -
Crossgates 0-1 Newburgh
Bardon Aggs League -
Lochgelly 2-3 Oakley Un
Thornton H 3-1 Benarty
Dundonald 1-2 St Andrews
Hill O'Beath 9-0 Kirkcaldy
Tulliallan Th 2-5 Lochore
Rosyth Rec 3-3 Glenrothes

CALDER EAST CUP - rd 3

NORTH S.MILNE HOMES - TAYSIDE N.C.R

Premier	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Culter	5	3	3	21-13	18	
Sunnybank	5	2	0	17-6	17	
Inverurie L	5	2	2	20-12	17	
Longside	4	3	6	22-21	15	
Stonehaven	4	3	3	14-13	15	
Stoneyw'd	4	2	0	11-6	14	
Formartine	4	1	3	18-15	13	
Lewis Un	3	3	5	18-22	12	
Hermes	2	5	5	17-27	11	
Cruden Bay	3	2	4	14-25	11	
Turriff Un	2	1	4	14-17	7	
Lads Club	2	1	8	17-26	7	

Carnoustie v Glenrothes
Newburgh v Forfar Alb
Hill O'Beath v Roselea
Rosyth Rec v St. Andrews

Atlantic TV Cup - rd 2 -

Buchanhaven v Fraserburgh
Parkvale v Formartine Un
Banks O'Dee v Inverurie Jnrs
Maud v Turriff/Culter
Dyce/Glentana v Locos
Stonehaven 3-0 Lewis United
Stoneywood 0-3 Hermes
Longside/Lads v E.End

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tayport	17	1	0	77-5	52	
Carnoustie	11	4	4	44-28	37	
North End	12	0	4	34-16	36	
Violet	10	3	5	41-29	33	
Kirrie Th	8	3	5	37-22	27	
Arbrth SC	8	3	10	36-42	27	
Lochee Un	6	6	7	38-46	24	
Downfield	5	3	8	34-31	18	
Elmwood	4	4	12	30-59	16	
Forfar WE	3	2	9	15-30	11	
St Josephs	3	1	15	17-78	10	
Lochee Hp	1	2	9	11-28	5	

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
East End	8	1	3	54-21	25	
Buchanhaven	8	1	1	38-14	25	
Fraserburgh	7	2	5	37-27	23	
Banks O'Dee	7	1	1	24-14	22	
St. Terman	6	2	3	33-23	20	
Hall Russell	5	2	4	39-17	17	
Maud	4	4	3	23-15	16	
Ellon United	3	4	5	34-23	13	
Glentana	3	4	4	24-21	13	
Parkvale	2	3	6	13-34	9	
Dyce	2	2	8	21-33	8	
Inverurie J	0	0	12	5-103	0	

NORTH SC	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
New Elgin	14	3	0	44-14	45	
Buckie Rov	14	1	4	53-31	43	
Islavale	11	3	2	57-23	36	
Portgordon	9	4	5	52-30	33	
Forres Th	8	2	8	32-29	26	
Deveronside	7	2	3	28-14	23	
Lossie Un	6	1	9	32-37	22	
Bishopmill	6	4	8	30-37	22	
Strathspey	6	2	6	37-24	20	
N.St. Ninian	6	1	2	32-11	19	
Burghead T	4	2	10	36-45	14	
Kinloss	3	2	8	18-39	11	
RAF Lossie	2	2	12	18-55	8	
Fochabers	0	1	17	12-92	1	

TAYCARS TROPHY - rd 2 -

Kelty Hts v Oakley Un
St. Joseph's v Lochore
Benarty v Kirrie Th
Lochgelly v Tayport

RESULTS - Sat FEB 20-
DNEC Inter-reg- rd 3-
Turriff United 5-0 Ellon United
GNT North Cup - rd 3r/p
Inverurie LW 2-6 Culter
Acorn Heating - rd 1 -
Fraserburgh U 1-1 St. Terman
Atlantic Cable - rd 1 -
East End 2-1 Sunnybank
Parkvale 2-1 Hall Russell Un
rd 2 - Stoneywood 0-3 Hermes
Stonehaven 3-0 Lewis United
Morrison Trophy -rd 1 -
Buchanhaven 1-2 Banks O'Dee
Inverurie Jnr 3-6 Glentana
S.Milne Homes - Div 1 -
Formartine 1-2 Lads Club
Longside 7-0 Cruden Bay

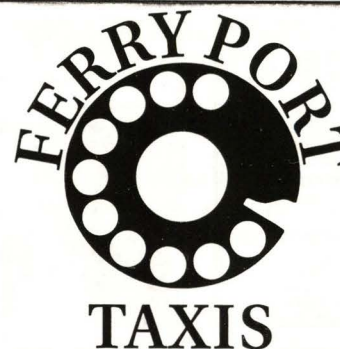
Scotsoup league -
Bishopmill Un 2-3 Forres Th
Buckie Rov 3-2 Strathspey Th
Islavale 8-0 RAF Lossie
Lossie United 2-5 Burghead Th
Nairn St.Ninian 12-0 Fochabers
Portgordon Un 4-2 Kinloss

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M. Roselea	10	3	1	47-14	33	
Bankfoot A	9	1	0	42-8	28	
E. Craigie	6	5	4	32-32	23	
Kinnoull	7	1	6	38-26	22	
Jeanfield S	7	0	4	29-19	21	
Broughty	5	5	4	24-21	20	
Scone Th	4	5	4	17-17	17	
Brechin V	5	1	7	28-45	16	
Forfar Alb	3	4	3	23-17	13	
Blaigwrie	4	1	7	20-39	13	
Arbroath V	2	2	11	14-42	8	
Coupr Ang	1	2	12	15-49	5	

RESULTS - Sat FEB 20-
Scottish Cup - rd 5 -r/p
Forfar WE 1-2 M Roselea
Whyte & Mackay -rd 1 -
Elmwood 2-1 Blairgowrie
NCR - Div 1 -
Downfield 1-2 Arbroath SC
Lochee Un 1-5 North End
St. Josephs 2-1 Kirrie Thistle
Tayport 4-0 Lochee Harp
Violet 1-1 Carnoustie P
Div 2 -Bankfoot 2-0 Broughty
Coupar Angus 2-3 East Craigie
Kinnoull 2-0 Arbroath Vic
Jeanfield 5-3 Brechin Vic
Scone Th 1-3 Forfar Albion

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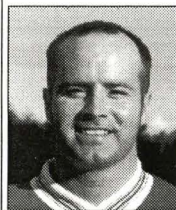
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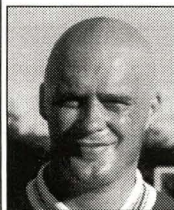


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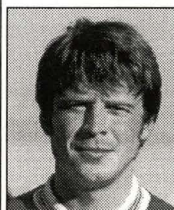
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WHO'S GOING DOWN.....WHO'S COMING UP?

Only two teams are being relegated and promoted this season and although Forfar West End and Lochee Harp are in the bottom four at present, They do both have a number of games in hand over Elmwood and St Josephs and look best placed to avoid the drop.

But, of course they have to win these games, and if West End suffer a reaction to their Scottish Cup exit then they could be on the slippery slope. Harp's form in the second half of the season will have to show a dramatic improvement from that of the first half when they could only muster 11 goals and five points from 12 games.

Elmwood have only two games remaining, at home to Downfield and away to Harp. The game at Harp is obviously a big one for both teams but, for Elmwood, it could well prove to be a lifeline.

St Josephs, despite their shock 2-1 win over Kirrie Thistle last week, are surely doomed.

New Downfield boss Gary Strachan has yet to see his side win and, although technically the Spiders could still go down, it's a very unlikely scenario.

The situation at present (22 games total)

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>MAX</u>
Downfield	16	5	3	8	4	18	36
Elmwood	20	4	4	12	-29	16	22
Forfar WE	14	3	2	9	-15	11	35
St Josephs	19	3	1	5	-61	10	19
Harp	12	1	2	9	-17	5	35

The promotion issue is far from clear with far fewer games played to date than the first division. Montrose lead the pack at present and Bankfoot, with only two points dropped out of thirty, are very much favourites at the moment.

However hovering in the wings are East Craigie, Kinnoull and Jeanfield ready to take advantage of any loss of form by Montrose or Bankfoot. Jeanfield Swifts, in particular, could prove a threat. The Simpson Park club have just chalked up a third successive league win and they have still to play Bankfoot twice and Montrose at home. Port supporters will be rooting for Swifts - they've got a social club!



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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



The SJFA, who collect a £10 levy for every caution in OVD Scottish Cup, picked up a cool £160 from the Montrose v Forfar West End tie thanks to a tally of 16 bookings over the two games.

Only three players in the Tayport squad of 17 have failed to find the net this season. One, not surprisingly, is goalie Fraser Mann and the others are Sean Wilkie and Mark Spalding.

Alex Carnie, OVD Rum's main man when it comes to the OVD Cup (he's the man who makes the cup draw when it's televised as it was last Sunday), popped in to have a crack with Tayport treasurer Ross MacMillan at his work in Luvian's Bottle Shop in Cupar last week. He was very generous in his praise for the Tayport FC, commenting that the club's achievements during the nineties were nothing short of remarkable. Alex retires from Seagrams, who own OVD, this year but he expressed a wish that the firm's sponsorship of the OVD Cup would continue into the next millenium.

First Arbroath FC and their *Lichtie Lottery*, next Glenrothes Juniors and their *Glens' Super Six* and now Forfar Athletic and the *Loons' Lottery*. What have they got in common? They are all examples of blatant plagiarism in that they have exactly copied the successful Tayport FC Super Six Lottery format. By, the way, have you got your ticket for this week? It's a £2,500 jackpot.

When Violet veteran Bobby Brown started his career with Brechin City on joining up from Harris FP in the early eighties, he shared a dressing room in season 1984/85 with four players who had joined the Glebe Park side after service with Tayport Amateurs - Gus Malone, Allan Harte, Bobby Wilson and Mark Alexander.

Don't know if it was the weather, the rugby on TV, the opposition or what , but the crowd for last Saturday's game against Harp was the lowest home gate of the season.

Stevie Ross is still looking for the elusive two goals to give him his century for the club.

Tayport and Violet are the only Tayside clubs ever to have won the Scottish Junior Cup in its 112 year history. Violet in 1929, Tayport 67 years later. How long will we have to wait for a third?

Billy Coventry notched his first goal for St Andrews Utd last Saturday with the winner in a 2-1 win at Dundonald. Another ex-Tayport man, Steve Hutcheon, the Glenrothes' top scorer also netted on Saturday to maintain his position as one of the Fife Region's leading marksmen.

N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 1 1998/99

At 26th February 1999

	PI	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
TAYPORT	18	17	1	0	77	5	72	52
CARNOUSTIE	19	11	4	4	44	28	16	37
NORTH END	16	12	0	4	34	16	18	36
VIOLET	18	10	3	5	41	29	12	33
ARBROATH SC	21	8	3	10	36	42	-6	27
KIRRIE	16	7	4	5	37	24	13	25
LOCHEE UTD	19	6	7	6	40	46	-6	25
DOWNFIELD	16	5	3	8	34	30	4	18
ELMWOOD	20	4	4	12	30	59	-29	16
FORFAR WE	14	3	2	9	15	30	-15	11
ST.JOSEPHS	19	3	1	15	17	78	-61	10
LOCHEE HARP	12	1	2	9	11	28	-17	5

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	ASC	CAR	DOV	ELM	F/W	KIR	L/H	L/U	N/EN	JOE	TAY	VIO
ARBROATH SC	4-1	4-2	5-4	2-2	0-2	1-0	2-2	0-2	3-0	0-3	0-2	
CARNOUSTIE	4-2	1-1	5-2		2-1	3-1	5-3		6-1	0-2	2-2	
DOWNFIELD	1-2	1-3	5-2		5-1	5-0	0-0	2-3	3-1		2-3	
ELMWOOD	2-1	2-2		0-4	0-5	1-1	2-3	2-1	4-0	0-4	3-2	
FORFAR WE	1-2	1-2		1-0	0-0		0-2	1-2		0-5		
KIRRIE		0-2	3-0	1-1		2-1		3-1	7-1	2-2	6-2	
LOCHEE HARP	0-2			3-2			3-3	0-1	1-2			
LOCHEE UTD	4-2	1-2	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-2		1-5	3-0	0-2	2-2	
NORTH END	3-1	1-0		1-0			5-1		1-0	0-2	1-2	
ST.JOSEPHS	1-1	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	2-1		1-6		0-14	0-7	
TAYPORT	4-1	1-0	2-0	9-0	5-0	3-1	4-0	7-1		6-0		
VIOLET	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	3-0		2-1	1-4	0-1	4-2	0-2	

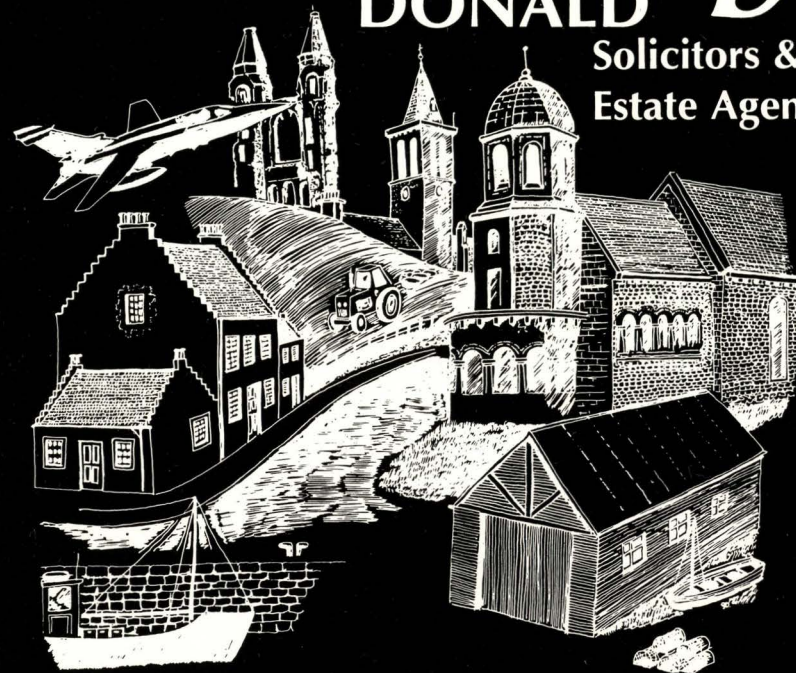
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ARBROATH SC	Idle	D	W	W	D	L	W	L	W	D
CARNOUSTIE	Idle	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	D
DOWNFIELD	Idle	L	L	Idle	Idle	W	L	D	Idle	D
ELMWOOD	Idle	L	L	Idle	L	D	W	L	D	W
FORFAR WE	Idle	Idle	W	Idle	D	W	L	W	Idle	L
KIRRIE	Idle	W	W	D	Idle	L	W	Idle	W	L
LOCHEE HARP	Idle	D	W	Idle	Idle	L	L	L	D	L
LOCHEE UTD	Idle	W	L	Idle	Idle	D	L	D	D	L
NORTH END	Idle	L	W	Idle	Idle	W	W	W	Idle	W
ST.JOSEPHS	Idle	D	L	L	Idle	L	W	L	L	W
TAYPORT	W	W	W	D	L	W	W	W	W	W
VIOLET	Idle	L	W	W	Idle	L	L	W	D	D

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