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TODAY'S GAME
KIRRIE THISTLE
W & M CUP R.2
3/4/99
No. 12



TODAY'S GAME



A place in the last eight of the Whyte & Mackay Cup is at stake this afternoon. For Kirrie it is an opportunity to make further cup progress in what has been an excellent cup competition season for the Westview Park team so far. You've got to go back to 1988 for Kirrie's last major cup success, the Drybrough Cup. For Tayport, the Whyte &

Mackay Cup (formerly Currie Cup) had a permanent spot in the Tayport trophy cabinet during the early ninties when we lifted it four years on the trot. However that space has been vacant since 1994.

It won't be easy, however, with Kirrie already having demonstrated their ability to put one over us and they'll be confident again this afternoon. A last eight place in the Taycars and a semi-final spot in the North End Centenary Cup bears witness to their prowess in cup competition this season.

Tayport showed improved form last Saturday at Downfield and as *Junicus* commented to a Tayport committee man towards the end of the game, "it was two going on fifteen". And he wasn't far wrong. This was despite the absence of Steven Stewart (stitches in a head wound) and Brian Craik (wedding guest) and leaving Ian Greig, who was to play for the Tayside Select the following day, on the bench. All should be back in contention today. John Young is unlikely to be here. Manager Andy Sommerville is unlikely to renew John's contract.

Kenny Cameron, 50 goals chalked up this season including netting in 13 successive games, hasn't been on the mark these last two weeks so will be hungry to get back on the scoresheet. One man who has been on the sheet is Stevie Ross whose strike against Downfield was his 100th in 'Port colours.

Kirrie will be relying on the squad which caused the upset on their last visit to the Canniepairt four weeks ago. An addition, though, will be tall former Brechin City and St Josephs striker Ross Graham who was cup-tied on that occasion. He forms a formidable partnership up front with Hamish Soutar. Big Hammy always seems to do well against us, having regularly found the net in a way no other striker has done against Tayport over the past nine years.

Another problem has been the goalkeeping of Kirrie's Jim Menmuir who invariably excels against us as he demonstrated in this season's league game at Kirrie and more recently in the 3-2 cup victory here recently.

Today's match will be played to a finish with penalty kicks if necessary and (whisper it) the referee is the same official who had the Bankfoot cup-tie the other week.



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SAT APR 3 -
FIFA WORLD U-20
in Nigeria(EUROSPORT)

PREMIER

Aberdeen v Dunfermline
Celtic v Dundee
Dundee U v Motherwell
Hearts v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH

Div 1 -
Airdrie v Ayr United
G. Morton v Falkirk
Hamilton v Hibernian
Raith Rovers v Stranraer
St. Mirren v Clydebank
Div 2 -
Arbroath v Partick Thistle
Celey Thistle v Clyde
Livingston v Alloa Ath.
Q. of South v East Fife
Stirling Alb v Forfar Ath
Div 3 -
Brechin City v Ross Co.
Cowdenbeath v Albion R
Dumbarton v Montrose
E. Stirlings v Queens Pk
Sten's Muir v Berwick R

HIGHLAND

Highland League - 3pm
Brora Rangers v Huntly
Cove Rangers v Elgin C.
Deveronvale v Clachdon
Ft William v Fraserburgh
Keith v Wick Academy
Nairn Co. v Peterhead
Rothes v Lossiemouth

EAST SENIOR

King Cup - rd 2 -
Civil Service v Kelso Un
Easthouses v V of Leithen
Ed. Athletic v Tollcross Un

Heriot-Watt v Selkirk
Premier -
Craigroyston v Annan Ath
Lothian Th v Edinburgh C
Pencaitland v Whitehill W.
Spartans v Peebles Rov
Div 1 -
Hawick RA v Coldstream
Preston Ath v Threave R.

Unibond League - Div 1 -
Stocksbridge v Gretna

JUNIOR

West Cup - rd 3 - 3pm
Greenock v Meadow X1
Auchinleck v Maryhill
Glenafton v Cumnock

CENTRAL

Abercorn Cup - rd 4 -
Blantyre Vics v Ashfield

Reebok Div 1 - 3pm
Vale of Clyde v Johnstone
Div 2 -
Yoker Ath v G Perthshire

AYRSHIRE

Stagecoach - Div 1 - 3pm
Ardrossan v Beith
Dalry Thistle v Annbank Un
Kilbirnie Lads v Largs Th
Troon v Kilwinning R
Div 2 -
Ardeer Thistle v Maybole
Darvel v Kello Rovers
Irvine Vics v Craigmark
Muirkirk v Hurlford Un
Saltcoats v Whitelands Vic

EAST

Dave Moffat Brown Cup
rd 2 -
Musselburgh v Bo'ness

Dalkeith Glazing - rd 2 -
Linlithgow v Bathgate Th

Calders East Cup -

semi-final -
Arnis R v Bonnyrigg

Div 1 - 2.30
Bonnybridge v Dunbar Un
Fauldhouse v Camelon
Whitburn v Newtongrange
Div 2 -
Armadale Th v Ormiston
Blackburn Un v Sauchie
Broxburn Ath v Edinburgh
Dalketh Th v Haddington
Tranent v Stoneyburn
West Calder v Harthill R

FIFE

Bardon Aggs League
Glenrothes v Lochgelly
Kirkcaldy v Crossgates
Rosyth Rec v Dundonald
Steelend Vic v St Andrews
Thornton H v Newburgh
Tulliallan Th v Benarty

Bardon Fife Cup - rd 1 -
Kelty Hts v Lochore MW

Whitbread Cup - rd 2 -
Oakley Un v Hill O'Beath

TAYSIDE

Rosebank CC Cup - rd 1
Broughty Ath v Blairgowrie
(2pm)
Whyte & Mackay - rd 2 -
Lochee Harp v Elmwood
Tayport v Kirrie Thistle
(2pm)

DJ Laing Cup - rd 2 -
Carnoustie v Lochee Un
E. Craigie v Kinnoull

Downfield SC Cup -
semi-finals - 2pm
Bankfoot v Scone Th
Roselea v Brechin Vics

NCR Div 1 - 2.30pm
Forfar WE v St. Josephs
North End v Downfield

Div 2 -
Arbroath Vic v Jeanfield
Forfar Alb v Coupar Angus

NORTH

Acorn Heating - rd 2 - 2.30
St. Ternan v Turf Un

Atlantic Cable - rd 3 - 2.30
Buchanhn v Banks O'Dee
Hermes v Stonehaven
Inverurie LW v Culter
Longside v Formartine Un

Camstruction - rd 1 -
Lewis Un v Stoneywood
Sunnybank v Gintanar

Morrison Trophy - rd 2 -
East End v Dyce

S. Milne Homes - Premier
Cruden Bay v Lads Club
Div 1 -
Fraserburgh v Ellon Un
Inverurie Jnrs v Parkvale
Maud v Hall Russell Un

Amateur

West Amateur Cup
- rd 5 -
Bearsden v Newmilns V
- rd 7
Strath Police v Mossblown
West Kilbride v V of Clyde

Caledonian Div 1 -
Links Un v Cambusbarron
Div 2 -
Netherton v St. Mungo s

Sun Apr 4 -

Premier League - 6.05pm
St. Johnstone v Rangers

Junior Inter-region U-23
North v East
(Spain Park, Aberdeen)

FAI Cup - semi-final
Galway v Finn Harps

ARCHIVE PHOTO
circa 1975



Not too many will know that European Cup and World Cup winning hero Sir Bobby Charlton played for East Fife. Well, here's the evidence. And who's that poseur on the right of the photo? Why, it's our physio Andy Bell during his East Fife days lining up with the stars at a testimonial match for John Martis. Spot the stars. Among them are Ernie McGarr, Pat Stanton, Sir Bobby Charlton, Bertie Miller, Davie Clark, Kenny Aird, Dixie Deans and Lisbon Lion Tommy Gemmell

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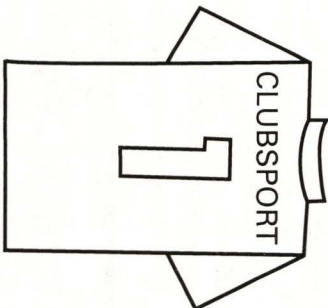
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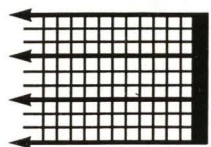
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TAYSIDE - N.C.R.

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TAYPORT*	19	1	0	80	5	58
North End	14	1	4	43	18	43
Carnoustie	11	5	5	48	34	38
Violet	10	4	7	43	34	34
Lochee Un	8	6	7	47	48	30
Kirrie Th	8	4	6	38	26	28
Arbrth SC	8	3	10	36	42	27
Downfield	7	3	10	44	39	24
Elmwood	6	4	12	35	61	22
Forfar WE	4	2	12	21	44	14
St Josephs	3	1	16	18	80	10
Lochee Hp	2	2	11	17	39	8

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M. Roselea	11	4	1	48	14	34
E. Craigie	8	5	5	36	36	29
Bankfoot A	9	1	2	45	14	28
Scone Th	7	7	4	31	25	28
Jeanfield S	8	1	5	32	21	25
Broughty	6	7	5	31	28	25
Kinnoull	7	3	7	41	30	24
Blairgowrie	6	3	8	33	47	21
Brechin V	6	2	8	34	52	20
Forfar Alb	4	4	4	27	21	16
Arbroath V	3	2	12	16	46	11
Coupr Ang	1	3	15	20	60	6

DJ Laing Cup - rd 1 -

Arbroath Vics 0-5 Jeanfield S
Bankfoot A 1-1(4-2p)Tayport
Brechin Vics 0-7 Lochee Un
Coupar Angus 0-4 North End
Downfield 1-2 Carnoustie
Forfar Albion 1-5 Kinnoull
Lochee Harp 2-0 Roselea
St Josephs wo Arbroath SC

RESULTS - Sat Mar 27-
Rosebank Cup - rd 1 -
Arbroath V 1-3 E Craigie

NCR - Div 1 -
Downfield 0-2 Tayport
Lochee Harp 4-2 Carnoustie
North End 4-0 Forfar WE
St.Josephs 1-2 Lochee Un
Violet 1-1 Kirrie Th

Div 2 -
Bankfoot 0-2 Jeanfield
Forfar Alb 1-2 Brechin V
Kinnoull 1-1 Blairgowrie
Roselea 0-0 Broughty
Scone Th 2-1 Coupar A.

TAYCARS TROPHY- rd 1-

Benarty 4-1 Kinnoull
Crossgates 2-5 Forfar Albion
Kelty Hearts 4-2 Dundee Violet
Lochgelly Alb 4-3 Broughty Ath
Lochore MW 3-2 Bankfoot Ath
Rosyth Rec 4-1 Blairgowrie
St. Andrews 4-1 Arbroath SC
Thornton Hibs 2-3 Carnoustie
Brechin Vics 0-5 Oakley Un
Downfield 1-2 Glenrothes
Kirrie Thistle 12-0 Kirkcaldy
Lochee Harp 1-4 Hill O' Beath
M. Roselea 5-1 Steelend Vic
North End 1-3 Newburgh
Tayport 7-0 Dundonald B
St Josephs 6-5 Tulliallan Th

- rd 2- Mar 20

Kelty Hearts 4-2 Oakley
St. Joseph's 2-5 Lochore
Benarty 0-2 Kirrie Th
Lochgelly 0-2 Tayport
Carnoustie 1-4 Glenrothes
Newburgh 7-0 Forfar Alb
Hill O' Beath 4-3 Roselea
Rosyth R 5-7 St.Andrews



Tayside Whyte & Mackay-rd 1
Arbroath SC 3-1 Downfield
Broughty Ath 1-3 Jeanfield S
Coupar Angus 3-5 Brechin V
East Craigie 2-1 Bankfoot A
Elmwood 2-1 Blairgowrie
Forfar Alb 3-2 Forfar W.End
Kirrie Thistle 7-1 St. Josephs
Lochee Harp 5-0 Arbroath Vic

EAST JOHN WALKER - BARDON AGGS FIFE

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Linlithgow	8	3	3	32	16	27
Arniston Rn	5	5	3	16	17	20
Nwtongrang	5	4	2	15	8	19
Whitburn	6	0	2	21	11	18
Bonnybrdge	5	3	7	27	24	18
Fauldhouse	5	2	6	15	21	17
Bathgate Th	4	3	5	17	23	15
Camelon	4	2	5	22	22	14
Bonnyrigg	4	1	4	17	16	13
Musselburgh	3	4	7	19	30	13
Bo'ness Un	3	3	5	16	17	12
Dunbar Un	3	2	6	15	24	11

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Haddington	15	2	3	55	18	47
Harthill Ryl	10	2	4	27	21	32
Pumphrston	8	3	2	26	12	27
Stoneyburn	8	2	3	30	16	26
Dalkeith Th	7	5	7	32	32	23
Edinburgh	8	2	9	30	30	26
Armadale Th	9	1	6	21	25	25
Blackburn U	6	5	6	25	22	23
Tranent	6	3	5	23	25	21
Broxburn At	4	5	9	26	35	17
Ormiston Pr	5	0	8	28	34	15
Livingston	3	4	14	26	47	13
Sauchie	2	6	9	22	36	12
W Calder Un	2	0	7	8	25	6

DAVE MOFFAT CUP

- rd 2 -

Dunbar Un v Stoneyburn
 Camelon 3-1 Whitburn
 Bonnyrigg R 3-0 Dalkeith Th
 Ormiston Pr 2-4 Harthill Royal
 Musselburgh v Bo'ness United
quarter-finals -
 Muss/Bo'ness v Harthill
 Linlithgow v Camelon
 Armadale v Dunbar/Stoneybrn
 Bonnyrigg Rose v Newtongrange

CALDER EAST CUP

semi-final -

Arniston Rangs v Bonnyrigg Rose
 Tranent v Bo'ness United

DALKEITH GLAZING CUP

rd 2 -

Musselburgh v Whitburn
 Linlithgow Rose v Bathgate Thistle
 Stoneyburn v Camelon
 Newtongrange 1-1(3-4p) Bonnyrigg
quarter-finals -
 Linlith/Bathgate v Stoney/Camelon
 Armadale Thistle v Harthill Royal
 Musselburgh/Whitburn v Arniston R
 Haddington v Bonnyrigg Rose

Carlsberg LEAGUE CUP

final

Whitburn 2-1 Newtongrange Star

BARDON AGGS FIFE CUP

rd 2 -

Kelty or Lochore v Hill O' Beath
semi-final -
 Oakley United v Benarty
 Newburgh v Kelty/Lochore/HOBeath

Fife & Lothian**HEINEKEN Cup- q/f- Mar27**

Linlithgow 1-2 Whitburn
 Bo'ness Un 1-1 Stoneyburn
 Oakley Un 3-0 Fauldhouse
 Newtongrange 0-0 Kelty Hearts

Whitbread Cup

- rd 2 -

St Andrews v Kelty Hearts
 Oakley Un v Hill O' Beath
semi-finals -
 Oakley/HOB v Thornton Hibs
 Glenrothes v St Andrw/Kelty

FIFE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hill o Beath	17	0	1	68	17	51
Glenrothes	15	5	2	87	29	50
Newburgh	14	3	3	62	22	45
Thornton H	14	1	5	66	25	43
Kelty Hearts	14	0	1	48	13	42
Rosyth Rec	13	3	7	60	41	42
Lochore M	10	3	10	53	36	33
St Andrews	9	3	7	43	21	30
Dundonald	9	3	9	48	42	30
Oakley Un	8	5	4	38	24	29
Lochgelly	9	2	13	52	60	29
Crossgates	7	1	14	35	53	22
Benarty	4	4	12	30	48	16
Steelend V	3	2	21	30	121	11
Tulliallan T	2	1	19	27	98	7
Kirkcaldy	2	0	22	19	116	6

RESULTS Sat Mar 27 -**Heineken Cup - q/final -**

Linlithgow 1-2 Whitburn
 Bo'ness Un 1-1 Stoneyburn
 Oakley Un 3-0 Fauldhouse
 Newtongrange 0-0 Kelty Hts

Dave Moffat Cup - rd 2 -

Bonnyrigg R 3-0 Dalkeith Th
John Walker - Div 1 -

Musselburgh 0-2 Arniston
 Bonnybrdge 2-1 Camelon
 Bathgate Th 3-1 Dunbar Un
Div 2 - Harthill 2-1 Broxburn
 Armadale 2-0 Blackburn U
 Ormiston 0-1 Pumphrston
 Sauchie 0-3 Haddington
 Livingston 2-0 W. Calder
 Edinburgh 1-2 Tranent

Bardon Aggs league -

Kirkcaldy 1-9 Dundonald
 Lochgelly 0-2 Benarty
 Hill O' Beath 3-5 Rosyth Rec
 Thornton 5-1 Crossgates
 Tulliallan 2-2 St Andrews
 Newburgh 2-0 Steelend
 Lochore 0-1 Glenrothes

TAYCARS TROPHY

With the league wrapped up in the wintertime and today's opposition turfing us out of the NEC Cup, the biggest prize remaining for us is the **Taycars Trophy**. Being drawn away against **Hill O' Beath** in the quarter finals, we could hardly have asked for more difficult opponents.

The Haws, beaten finalists last season, are suffering from an unprecedented number of injury problems at present and this clearly contributed to their first league defeat of the season on Saturday past against Rosyth. Haws boss Jock Finlayson is a crafty operator, though, and he'll have his troops well drilled for his club's meeting with ourselves in a competition second only to the OVD Scottish Cup in prestige. Supporters should note that this tie will likely kick-off at 2pm.

Interestingly enough the only Tayside survivors in the Taycars Trophy are ourselves and **Kirrie**. While we eventually did enough to ease past Lochgelly Albert by 2-0 in an instantly forgettable 3rd round tie, Kirrie were winning by the same score at Benarty. A good result for Thistle here against Junior newcomers who have improved dramatically since the start of the season.

Carnoustie were destroyed 4-1 at home by **Glenrothes** for whom ex Forfar Athletic and Kettle United player Ally Gray and our OVD semi final hero of two seasons ago Steve Hutcheon were amongst the goals. Haws just scraped through by the odd goal in seven against Montrose while the other Tayside teams, Forfar Albion and St Josephs weren't just beaten but annihilated, 7-0 and 6-2 respectively by **Newburgh** and **Lochore**. Tayport coach Ronnie Nicoll's son Graham is enjoying a purple patch with the 'Burgh and seemingly just can't stop scoring. He got another two here.

In the all Fife affairs **St Andrews United** surprised the pundits by ousting Rosyth after extra time and holders **Kelty Hearts** accounted for Oakley United by 4-2 in the game of the day.

The draw was made immediately after the last round and has thrown up some cracking ties. Kirrie are at home to OVD Scottish Cup semi-finalists Kelty Hearts in what should be another good day for the trackside clubby which has just been re-roofed by Stevie Stewart. Glenrothes host Newburgh and, with both clubs enjoying their best form for many years, it's a tie to savour.

Lochore and St Andrews are hovering around the middle of the Fife League. Lochore have made a dramatic improvement over two seasons while St Andrews United, with a new manager recently at the helm, are in the doldrums. A semi-final place is a great incentive for both. Ties, we understand, are due on Saturday 24 April. Kirrie and Kelty could have to be shifted, though, depending on when the OVD Semi finals are scheduled.

WHAT'S IN STORE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Summertime's here. Well, according to the clocks that's the case and so we'll soon be into midweek fixtures. Not competitively at first though because we've not got that many fixtures left. After today we've got a maximum of eight games to play - nine if you count the Herschell Trophy - and there are ten Saturdays, never mind midweeks, left in the season.

Our situation has been greatly helped by the fact we have never suffered a postponement this season - surely a unique situation outwith the Bank of Scotland SPL.

Spare a thought for Kelty Hearts who have something like a maximum of **30** games yet to play. In the Central League Arthurlie still have 15 **league** games to play. The East, West and Fife Regions still have cup-ties which go to replays and this would appear to be one of the problems for these associations. Not Tayside or North, though, who play all their ties to a finish.

We play Lochee Harp at Beechwood next Saturday in our penultimate league game which then leaves, surprise, surprise, only defending champions North End to play. That game's on the Canniepairt on a date yet to be decided and we understand that won't be 17 April.

The following Saturday it's a trip to Keir's Park to meet Hill O' Beath Hawthorn in the quarter final of the Taycars Trophy.

There are a couple of friendly fixtures planned. Next Wednesday we are at Gayfield for a game against the Arbroath Youth XI and the following midweek we meet the Scottish League's Livingston on the Canniepairt. Up to date information will be on the newslane.

For a while it looked pretty certain that we'd be meeting Bankfoot Athletic in the Herschell Trophy but, since their penalty shoot-out win over ourselves, the Coronation Park outfit have suffered two successive league defeats so it could yet be Montrose Roselea.



Belgium Next Month. The Amateurs are off to Belgium again next month to fly the flag in the AC Ougree annual tournament. Here's a photo of the lads relaxing at the Ground ~~before~~ after a match in last year's tourney. Starting from bottom left going clockwise they are Ryan Sochanik, Kevin Hart, Stevie Paterson, Derek Purves, Alan McDade, Dicky Dewar, Scott McCormack, Ewan Willison, Neil McLeod, Mark Edwards and Dean Rennie

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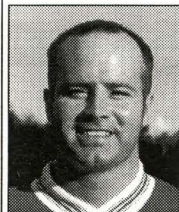
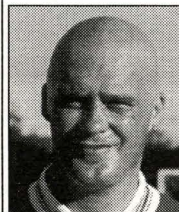
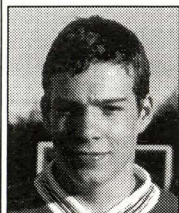
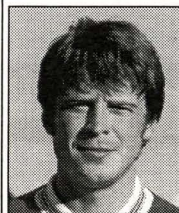
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**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS FOR TAYPORT
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Tayport's Steven Stewart, Kenny Cameron and Allan Ramsay are all in Junior Scotland manager Jim O'Donnell's 16 man pool for the Guinness International Tournament in Glasgow on April 16th and 17th. All three have a very good chance of being in manager Jim O'Donnell's starting line-up.

The ex Pollok boss was thwarted in his early efforts to get his squad together when trial matches were cancelled but has had better luck of late. A Sunday training session at Newlandsfield was followed by matches on successive Mondays against a Celtic XI and a Partick Thistle XI.

Celtic were put to the sword by 4-2 and the Tayport lads were well involved. KC notched a double, although Steven might have had a claim in for one of the scores. As it was, Steven's appearance was cut short when he was wheeled off to the Glasgow DRI to have six stitches put in a nasty head cut, an injury which was to keep him out of last week's game v Downfield. Allan played the second half.

Allan was the star against Partick Thistle at Linlithgow on Monday past when the Juniors ran out 2-1 winners. A typically aggressive Ramsay performance finally told on his frustrated opponent, Thistle's new signing Ally MacMillan. The referee gave the ex-Clydebank and Clyde player an early opportunity to test the Prestonfield showers.

Steven's stitched head precluded him from taking part while Kenny, who had formed an effective pairing with Camelon's Davie Flynn against Celtic the previous week, was only asked to play the last quarter of an hour.

It's quite an honour for the club and Tayside Junior football and credit to the Tayport coaching staff to have three players quoted for the international side.

The Guinness Tournament kicks off on Friday 16 April with the Isle of Man playing Northern Ireland and Scotland meeting the Republic of Ireland. The winners meet in the final of the competition is on Saturday at Pollok's Newlandsfield.

Although Tayside rather unluckily lost out 1-2 to Aberdeenshire when the Selects met at Kirriemuir last Sunday for the Harold Petrie Trophy, Tayport's representatives in the Tayside Select, Ian Greig and Mark Corcoran, acquitted themselves well. Greig came close to scoring on a number of occasions with some powerful shooting while 18 year old Mark caught the eye when he came on during the second half.

ANDY'S ANGLE

First of all I would like to wish a warm welcome to the players and officials of Kirrie Thistle and the Port Support to the Canniepairt for today's game.

Recent weeks have seen us win the League Championship and then become complacent and lose back to back cup games. In my opinion winning the league so early in the season has had an adverse affect on us.



We achieved what we set out to do and then relaxed as a team and we could not raise our game sufficiently to match our opponents' workrate.

In the defeat by Kirrie we didn't show our opponents enough respect at the start of the game and they took full advantage of what can only be described as farcical defending. The goals we lost were a disgrace and this from a team which had only conceded five goals in our entire league campaign.

Once we recovered our composure and upped our workrate we were more like the Tayport teams which have dominated Tayside teams in previous games and at the end of the day could have won the game.

The defeat against a strong going Bankfoot was a totally different affair. Here we were punished for not converting enough of the numerous chances that we had created and the longer the game went on, the more confident they became of sneaking a goal. Which they did to take the game into penalty kicks. Once you get to this stage it is not always the best team that wins the tie.

We then played Lochgelly in the Taycars and, in my opinion, we looked as if we were suffering from our previous two games. There was a lack of confidence and self assurance about our play. Players were electing to get rid of the ball for fear of making a mistake instead of putting their foot on the ball and playing the correct option.. We only played a bit of football with the introduction of Brian Craik. He gave us a bit of composure, kept position and played the proper passes to the two strikers. It was only fitting that he should break the deadlock and, from then on, we never looked back.

Our next game was against Downfield in the league but is one which I can't personally comment upon as I was away watching our Taycars opponents, Hill O' Beath. But by all reports coming back to me, we were back to our best and could have won the game far more convincingly. We looked like we were back enjoying ourselves with much of our early season sharpness back on display. A special mention to Tosher for looking after team matters last

Saturday.

It is pleasing to end the passage on a positive note after all the negativity in earlier comments. This is how we should approach our next games, being confident and determined to win all our remaining games and by starting the way we always finish - the strongest team on the park.

Andy Sommerville

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TAYPORT VETERANS XI
THE VETS' TEAM MANAGER REPORTS

The fourth game of the 98/99 season took place on Wednesday 24 March with an 8.30pm kick off at Maryfield Sports Complex against *Spider McLaren's Regulars*.

The plan was to have a six weeks gap after beating a Guardbridge Amateurs XI 2-1 at St Andrews in January. However *Spider's Regulars* postponed the match until last Wednesday thus extending the gap to 10 weeks.

Jim Downie (calf), despite Andy Bell's healing hands, has yet to return to full fitness but two players were back from injury, George Malone (ribs) and Jimmy Bissett (calf) and they provided the midfield hub. Late calls off from Alan Gray (trapped nerve) and goalkeeper Ian Lyall (flu) saw Angus Charity get the call-up on which he had been waiting.

The team lined up - Angus Charity, Ian Ness, Dennis Loftus, George Malone, Ian Mathers, Alan Hart, Gordon Hughes, Bert Valentine, Ian Howe, Bruce Burnett, Brian Cosgrove. Subs. were Jim Bissett Doug Henderson.

In keeping with the occasion the referee was also a veteran, a real veteran - Kenny Dick.

The two last arrivals in the dressing room, Henny and Jimmy *Gorgeous* Biss took first turn on the sidelines which works on the principle, 2 on, 2 off every 8 minutes or so.

After a sluggish start, attributed to the ten week gap, which saw Tayport go two goals down, we ran out comfortable winners by 5-2, with goals from Brian Cosgrove (2), Bruce Burnett (2) and Dougie Henderson.

Verdict:- substantial number of missed chances and loss of soft goals and this will be best cleansed from the system by arranging the next fixture against the 'Port Amateurs at an early date, probably around four weeks time.


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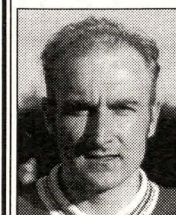
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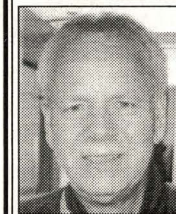
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PRESS REPORT EXTRA

Downfield 0 Tayport 2

THE SUNDAY POST

"In Division One Tayport won much more easily than the 2-0 score suggests. Downfield didn't have shot on target all day and had keeper Christopher Fordyce to thank for keeping the score down. The Fifers took the lead in 24 minutes through a close range effort from Dave Reilly and Steve Ross notched his 100th goal for the club to tie things up"



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to **STEVIE ROSS** who last Saturday against Downfield netted his 100th goal for the club. It's an excellent average for Stevie - 100 goals in 126 starts and 34 sub appearances. A fair bit behind DR's 329 goals and Hamish Mackay's 150 goals but it's for two of these 100 goals that Stevie will be remembered. As long as football is played in these parts and when he's old and decrepit, Stephen will be still be remembered for the two goals which brought the holy grail to Tayport on 12th May 1996. By the time he's in his dotage he'll have become a legend and probably have a street in the town named after him! *Stevie Ross Drive* just off 12 May 1996 Place! Well, we can dream.

Stevie made his debut for Tayport in August 1995 after signing from North End. He previously had a spell playing in south island New Zealand and counts today's opponents Kirrie Thistle as one of his former clubs. A management accountant in St Andrews, Stephen and wife Jackie and their two young sons stay in Dundee.



STAGECOACH WESTERN LEAGUE

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumnock	10	0	5	44	-19	30
Auchinleck	9	2	1	34	-10	29
Glenafton	9	2	5	42	-21	29
Kilbirnie	9	2	5	33	-20	29
Kilwinning	8	1	0	41	-7	25
Troon	7	2	6	38	-38	23
Dalry Th	5	2	5	24	-21	17
Beith	4	1	6	19	-21	13
Largs Th	3	1	10	21	-35	10
Winton Rov	2	1	9	12	-40	7
Annbank U	0	0	14	16	-92	0

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
MEADOW	17	1	1	84	-11	52
Lugar B	12	4	3	53	-22	40
Irvine V	12	1	5	44	-31	37
Ardeer T	8	4	6	48	-41	28
Muirkirk	6	5	3	21	-21	23
Kello Rov	7	1	8	42	-45	22
Saltcoats	6	3	6	25	-27	21
Craigmrk	5	3	6	28	-29	18
Hurlford	5	1	9	21	-30	16
Maybole	2	6	8	30	-40	12
Darvel	2	3	11	22	-53	9
Whitletts	0	0	16	12	-80	0

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Irvine TIMES District Cup

rd 3 -

Irvine Vic 0-0(5-4) Maybole

Kilwinning v Muirkirk

Glenafton 2-2(3-4) Troon

Auchinleck 4-2 Ardeer Th

AYRSHIRE CUP

- rd 1 -

Whitletts Vics 2-6 Largs Th

Lugar BT 2-4 Winton Rovers

Annbank Un v Craigmark

Troon 3-3, Muirkirk

Kello Rovers 2-4 Kilwinning

Glenafton Ath v Cumnock

Beith 4-0 Darvel

rd 2 -

Glenafton/Cumnock v Talbot

Kilwinning v Winton Rovers

Irvine Meadow v Dalry Thistle

Troon/Muirkirk v Kilbirnie Lads

Annbank/Craigmark v Irvine Vic

Ardeer Thistle v Saltcoats V

Hurlford Un v Maybole

Beith v Largs Thistle

South Ayrshire Cup semi-finals

Annbank 0-1 Whitletts Vics

Maybole 2-7 Troon

final -

TROON v WHITLETTS

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West of Scotland Cup- rd 3 - replay -

Arthurlie 3-1 Lugar BT

rd 3 -

Kilwinning 3-1 Lesmahagow

Herald Ayrshire Cup - rd 1-

Troon 3-3 Muirkirk

Times (District) Cup - q.final

Irvine Vic 0-0(5-4p) Maybole

Western League - Div 1

Annbank 1-3 Glenafton

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Beith 0-3 Kilbirnie

Cumnock 2-1 Winton R

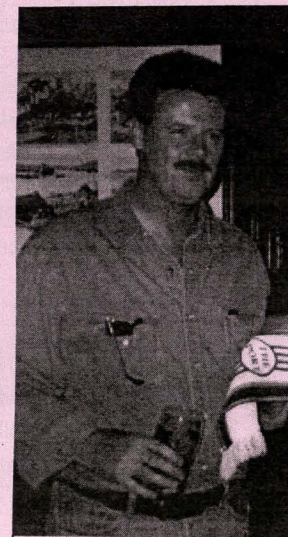
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Div 2 -

Craigmark 1-2 Saltcoats

Darvel 1-3 Ardeer Th

Kello Rov 2-4 Hurlford



REEBOK CENTRAL LEAGUE

Premier	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shotts BA	10	6	0	41	17	36
Lanark	7	2	3	17	12	23
Benburb	5	6	4	21	14	21
Petershill	6	3	5	22	17	21
Neilston	6	2	7	25	24	20
Lesmahgw	5	3	7	22	25	18
Bailliestn	6	0	10	18	31	18
Arthurlie	5	2	0	18	7	17
Maryhill	5	1	3	18	18	16
Cambuslang	4	4	8	20	31	16
Pollok	3	4	8	30	34	13
Glencairn	4	1	11	19	41	13

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shettleston	10	4	2	27	21	34
Blantyre V	9	4	3	28	13	31
Johnstone	9	3	3	28	13	30
V. of Leven	5	8	3	33	27	23
V. of Clyde	7	2	6	27	24	23
Rob Roy	7	1	6	30	25	22
Larkhall Th	6	4	5	24	21	22
Greenock	5	3	1	17	10	18
Renfrew	5	2	4	20	17	17
Kilsyth Rn	3	3	9	22	25	12
Forth Wan	3	3	6	13	21	12
Carlisle R	1	6	6	17	25	9
Cmbrnauld	1	3	8	10	30	6
St. Roch	1	2	11	16	44	5

Div 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dunipace	11	4	1	37	15	37
Pt Glasgow	10	5	2	50	23	35
St. Anthony	7	6	3	24	21	27
Yoker Ath	6	3	3	22	18	21
E. Kilbride	6	3	5	17	14	21
Stnehouse	6	3	8	26	37	21
Bellshill	4	6	5	20	18	18
Thorniewd	5	2	5	14	15	17
Ashfield	5	1	6	20	21	16
R. Albert	3	4	6	16	20	13
Perthshre	3	3	7	18	25	12
Wishaw	1	2	8	12	29	5
Coltness U	0	2	8	11	30	2

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 X1
Saltcoats Vics 0-1 Beith
Ardeer Th 1-4 Pollok
Benburb 2-1 Shettleston
Talbot v Maryhill
Kilwinning 3-1 Lesmahgow
Glenafton v Cumnock

quarter-finals-

Kilwinning v Grnk/Mead
Arthurlie v Glenftn/Cum
Beith v Pollok
Benburb v Mary/Talbot

ABERCORN CUP

-rd 3 -

Renfrew 0-1 Blantyre Vic
Rob Roy 0-1 Petershill
Baillieston 0-3 Lesmahagow
Maryhill 1-2 Ashfield
Glencairn 1-1(5-4p) Greenock
Arthurlie 7-0 Lanark United
Shettleston 1-0 Pollok
Thorniewood 0-2 Kilsyth Ran

quarter-finals -

Kilsyth Rngs v Petershill
R. Glencairn v Arthurlie
Blantyre Vic v Ashfield
Shettleston v Lesmahagow

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West Cup - rd 3 r/p
Arthurlie 3-1 Lugar BT

Abercorn Cup - rd 3-

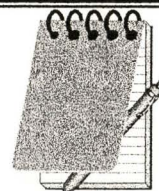
Rob Roy 0-1 Petershill
Maryhill 1-2 Ashfield

Reebok - Premier-

Lanark Un 3-1 Baillieston
Cambuslang 2-0 Neilston
Shotts BA 2-2 Benburb
Glencairn 3-2 Pollok
Div 1 -

Carlisle 1-1 Cumbernauld
Vale of Leven 4-1 Forth
Renfrew 3-2 Kilsyth R
Shettleston 2-1 St. Roch
Greenock 1-1 Blantyre
Johnstone 1-0 Larkhall
Div 2 -

Perthshire 0-0 E Kilbride
Stonehouse 1-0 Thornw'd
Dunipace 1-1 St. Anthony
Yoker Ath 3-0 Coltness
R. Albert 1-1 Pt Glasgow



PRESS REPORT

Tayport 2 Kirrie Thistle 3

FIFE HERALD

"Tayport Poleaxed By Triple Sting....Playing with the wind at their backs, the visitors incredibly found themselves three goals ahead after half an hour, with

Hamish Soutar, who has an uncanny knack of scoring against Tayport, being the man who inflicted most of the damage "

FORFAR DISPATCH AND HERALD

"Port In A Storm As Thistle Progress.....Kirrie Thistle are going great guns these days. The men from Westview recorded another eye-catching victory on Saturday when they knocked all-conquering Tayport out of the North End Centenary Cup.....This win will be welcomed throughout Tayside junior football....."

Bankfoot 1 Tayport 1 (Bankfoot win 4-2 on penalties)

FIFE HERALD

"For the second successive Saturday Tayport were sent spinning out of a cup competition.....This was Bankfoot's opportunity to test themselves at a high level and their determination to achieve a positive result was consequently sky high. Another factor in this result was obviously the playing surface, which acted as a great leveller and did have a role in determining the outcome of the game. Yet this was a match Tayport should never have lost and the aforementioned factors should not be considered as an excuse"

PERTSHIRE ADVERTISER

"Saturday saw Bankfoot pull off what must be one of their finest achievements in a very long time when they ousted the mighty Tayport from the DJ Laing Homes Cup.....Bankies strived hard to square the game but as the minutes ticked away it began to look as if their sterling efforts had been in vain, and just as the large Tayport following were getting ready to celebrate, Bankies grabbed a dramatic equaliser with just little over a couple of minutes remaining "

Lochgelly Albert O Tayport 2

FIFE HERALD

"Substitutions Pay Dividends.....Tayport dragged themselves back onto the wining trail with this hard fought victory at Gardiner's Park and, despite being far from their best, can now look forward to a glamour Taycars Trophy quarter final away to Hill O'Beath Hawthorn"

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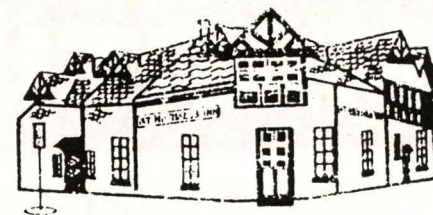
TAYPORT JUNIORS SHARPSHOOTERS

PLAYER	Total	League	Local Cups	NEC Cup	Taycars	O.V.D. Cup
K.CAMERON.	52	31	1	8	5	7
D.REILLY	22	14		3	3	2
S.ROSS.	13	4			4	5
B.CRAIK	12	8		3	1	
S.STEWART	8	5		3		
J.YOUNG	6	4		1	1	
M.CORCORAN	5	4		1		
K.NICOLSON	4	2		1		1
A.RAMSAY	3	3				
P.REILLY	2	1		1		
G.PATERSON	1	1				
G.MILLER	1	1				
G.BUIST	1					1
I.GREIG	1	1				
O.G/s	1	1				
TOTALS.	132	80	1	21	14	16

N.C.R. LEAGUE DIVISION 2 RESULTS. 1998/99

At 2nd April 1999

	A/Vics	Bank	Blair	Brec	Brot	Coup	E/CR	F/AL	Jean	Kinn	Mon	Scon
ARBROATH V			2-3		0-2	3-0	0-3	1-1		1-5		1-1
BANKFOOT	7-0				2-0	7-0		1-1	0-2		3-1	3-4
BLAIRGOWRIE	2-1	0-4		3-1		1-0	1-3			4-3	0-1	1-3
BRECHIN V	4-2	1-9	3-0		3-3	5-0	3-5		3-2		1-1	
BROUGHTY	4-0		2-2	4-1		5-0	0-0			2-1	1-4	2-2
COUPAR Ang	1-2		2-6	0-2	2-3		2-3	2-2	3-4	1-2	0-5	1-1
EAST CRAIGIE	3-0	2-3			1-1	5-2		2-4	2-1		2-4	0-0
FORFAR Alb			9-2	1-2	3-2		1-1			0-2	2-3	
JEANFIELD	1-2		5-4	5-3	4-0	1-1	0-1	2-0		3-0		
KINNOULL	2-0	1-3	1-1	8-1	3-0		9-2				1-1	1-1
MONTROSE	4-0		4-0	7-0	0-0		1-1		2-1	7-1		3-1
SCONE	3-1	2-3	3-3	2-1	0-0	2-1	4-0	1-3	0-1	1-0		



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A wag in the pub suggested there should have been a warning on the front page of last Saturday's *Courier*. A glance inside quickly revealed why. There was a photo of oor Bunt, resplendent in his club tie, taking up half a page with a feature on his role in building what the newspaper described as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World' in Dubai.

It's understood that Hill o' Beath, who have had horrendous injury problems this season, are far from happy about one of the more recent ones - a broken ankle sustained by a player whose foot went in a rabbit hole actually on Tulliallan's pitch.

The Portacabin which has appeared recently in the car park adjacent to the Canniepairt's main gate is to be the Fife office for the Dundee based Carolina House Trust.

Aberdeen based soccer clothing and equipment company *Football Focus* are putting on an exhibition of their wares in Dundee in May and, in recognition of Kenny Cameron being the Tayside League Champions' top scorer, are to present the striker with a top of the range pair of football boots.

The Tayport pitch has rarely looked better at this time of the year and still has an excellent grass cover. It's mainly thanks to close season investment in seeding, fertiliser, weedkilling etc and the hardwork of the ground staff. Although it must be said, we've probably had fewer matches at home this season. However it could get one of its biggest hammerings of the season tomorrow with the first car boot sale of the year. If the match pitch is looking OK, we can't say the same about the training pitch. There's more hair on Phinny's heid than grass on that pitch and close season repair work will be commencing soon.

Do you think maybe, just once, we could get a Tayside League table in *The Courier*? Or is it a forlorn hope. It would be nice to actually see a table in the local paper, especially as it's a record breaking sixth division one championship for Tayport, more than any other club has ever achieved.

Tayport's website wonder Kevin Dixon asks surfers to take note of the new website address which is <http://tayportfc.u-k.ac>

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

At 2nd April 1999

	PI	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
TAYPORT	20	19	1	0	80	5	75	58
NORTH END	19	14	1	4	33	18	15	43
CARNOUSTIE	21	11	5	5	48	34	14	38
VIOLET	21	10	4	7	44	34	10	34
LOCHEE UTD	21	8	7	6	49	48	1	31
ARBROATH SC	21	8	3	10	36	42	-6	27
KIRRIE	18	7	5	6	38	28	10	26
DOWNFIELD	20	7	3	10	45	38	7	24
ELMWOOD	22	6	4	12	35	62	-27	22
FORFAR WE	18	4	2	12	21	45	-24	14
ST.JOSEPHS	20	3	1	16	18	80	-62	10
LOCHEE HARP	15	2	2	11	17	39	-22	8

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

At 2nd April 1999

	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	2-2	6-1	0-2	2-2
DOWNFIELD	1-2	1-3		5-2	3-0	5-1	5-0	0-0	2-3	3-1	0-2	2-3
ELMWOOD	2-1	2-2	3-2		0-4	0-5	1-1	2-3	2-1	4-0	0-4	3-2
FORFAR WE	1-2	1-2	2-6	1-0		0-0		0-2	1-2		0-5	3-2
KIRRIE		0-2	3-0	1-1			2-1		3-1	7-1	2-2	6-2
LOCHEE HARP	0-2	4-2		1-2	3-2			3-3	0-1	1-2		
LOCHEE UTD	4-2	1-2	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-2	7-1		1-5	3-0	0-2	2-2
NORTH END	3-1	1-0		1-0	4-0	3-0		5-1		1-0	0-2	1-2
ST.JOSEPHS	1-1	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	2-1		1-2	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		1-0
VIOLET	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	3-0	1-1	2-1	1-4	0-1	4-2	0-2	

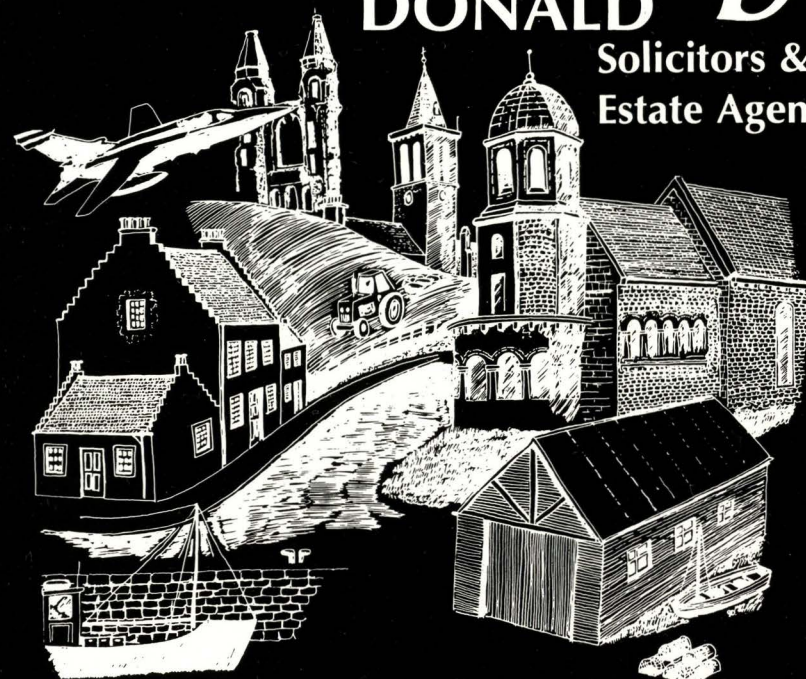
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ARBROATH SC	L	W	L	W	D	Idle	Idle	W	W	Idle
CARNOUSTIE	W	W	L	L	D	W	D	W	L	L
DOWNFIELD	W	L	D	Idle	D	L	L	W	W	L
ELMWOOD	D	W	L	D	W	Idle	W	W	L	Idle
FORFAR WE	W	L	W	Idle	L	L	W	L	L	L
KIRRIE	L	W	Idle	W	L	W	W	L	W	D
LOCHEE HARP	L	L	L	D	L	W	W	L	L	W
LOCHEE UTD	D	L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

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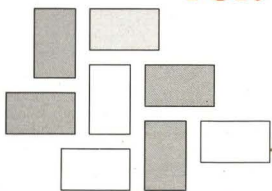
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