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Swifts relegated

Reilly is a shooting star
with four Christmas goals
Hutcheon makes mark for Port
Henry returns to Tayport with ASC
Port put hopes on
ace Reilly's fitness

Champs fail to late Reilly strike
North End target league crown
A six-goal
thriller at
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Port maintain cup record
and march into last eight
Could this be Dokens
season to blossom?
Ross and Reilly in
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Failure at the last hurdle
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Tayport in
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JUNIOR CUP
Arthurlie call the tune and
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Flash Barrie
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TODAY'S TEAMS



TAYPORT.

From

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2	Grant BUIST
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4	Mark SPALDING
5	Keith NICOLSON
6	Sean WILKIE
7	Allan RAMSAY
8	Steven STEWART
9	Stephen ROSS
10	Dave REILLY
11	Grant MILLER
12	Paul REILLY
14	Ian GREIG
16	Mark CORCORAN
17	Kenny CAMERON
19	Brian CRAIK

East Craigie.

From

	Scott LINDSAY
	Martin McGREGOR
	Steven BURNS
	Chris BEATTIE
	Ryan BEATTIE
	David MILNE
	Cammy McRAE
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	Steven SMITH
	Ralph HENDERSON
	Billy OLDERSHAW
	Frank MILNE
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	Scott NEWTON
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	:	K. Laird	Perth

WHYTE & MACKAY Semi Final.

TAYPORT v East Craigie.

Friday 14th MAY 1999.

Kick Off 6:45 pm

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On Wednesday, North End completed their
Division One campaign with a 3-0 win at home to Harp.
In the Second Division, tonight's opponents, East Crai-
gie, served notice of the threat they carry with a shock
5-3 win at Bankfoot, a result which gives Bankies' title
hopes a bit of a jolt. In the other game Jeanfield moved
into second top spot, albeit probably temporarily, with a
1-0 win over Scone Thistle

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TONIGHT'S GAME

A warm welcome to the Canniepairt this evening to East Craigue for a first ever Friday evening home fixture. A place in the final of the Whyte & Mackay Cup against Carnoustie Panmure is at stake. The actual trophy, being sponsored this season, probably for the last time by Whyte & Mackay, is the Currie Cup, a trophy which is almost as old as the century itself.

Tayport have dominated this competition in the 1990's, winning it for the first four successive years after entering the Junior ranks, beaten finalists (on penalties) in the fifth year, losing semi-finalists in 1997 (on penalties) and 1998 (aet). In bidding for a sixth final appearance, Tayport will be hoping to avoid losing at the semi-final stage for a third successive year.

Craigie's best year in recent times was in 1994 when they were beaten semi-finalists. Ominously, perhaps, the Shipbuilders have reached this stage by winning both their 2nd and 3rd round ties on penalty kicks. After beating Bankfoot 2-1 in round 1, Scone and North End were put to the sword from the spot after 1-1 and 0-0 draws respectively.

Craigie have much the same squad as that which was relegated last season but have a new man at the helm in goalkeeper/manager Scott Lindsay who has been a key figure in the Craigie team for a number of years.

It's something of a family affair at Craigie Park. Scott's mum is the club treasurer and her main role in recent times has been trying to get some money back from the Council/NOSWA/Smallholders for the water bill for Craigie Park. It would appear that, for years, Craigie have not only been paying for the water used at their own pavilion, but also for the water used by the scores of allotments adjacent to their park. The allotment holders are apparently now complaining that their water supply has dried up!

Craigie's last two cup-ties have been against North End and they showed their cup fighting spirit by eliminating the Dokens from this tournament and running them close in last Saturday's DJ Laing cup-tie. Down 1-2 with ten minutes to play, player/manager Lindsay was ordered off before two late goals finally settled things for the division one runners-up.

While Craigie were at Bankfoot for their penultimate league fixture on Wednesday evening, Tayport have had the week to get over any knocks sustained in last Saturday's mauling of Glenrothes. Ian Greig, a wedding guest last Saturday, will be back in the squad but Kenny Cameron will again be an absentee following the ankle injury sustained at Arbroath SC.

Tonight's game is played to a finish with penalties and extra time if required.



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PRESSURE GETS TO KELTY HEARTS

When the last Port Prog came out two weeks ago Kelty Hearts had just reached the final of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup and had a foothold on every other competition which they had entered. It looked as if the wee Hearts were thriving on the pressure of three games a week and the prospect of even four games some weeks if things went to plan.

Since then, however, they've hit the rocks with three major cup exits in ten days. The 1-0 defeat at Kirrie in the Taycars wasn't such a great shock. Thistle had been going very well and we did suggest in the *Port Prog* that Kelty should be wary of their trip to *Never Never Land*.

Last Saturday it was a trip to Bo'ness United. United, joint bottom of the East League, didn't look like halting their progress in the semi-final of the Heineken Fife & Lothians Cup but they did. Kelty pulled back to level from a 0-2 deficit but then lost a late winner. The frustrations were evident. Key player Ian Heddle was sent off following two bookings for dissent, the police were called following a disturbance in the tunnel as the players and officials left the field. And to cap it all, manager Rab Morris sounded off in *The Sun* about the match officials. Describing the officials as "shocking" and claiming "we were cheated", he considered too that the referee was not impartial. Phew! That's sure to endear the Kelty lads to the St Vincent Crescent hierarchy in the run up to the OVD final.

After the goings on last Saturday, Monday evening's Whitbread Cup semi-final at Warout Stadium against a Glenrothes side, surely still smarting from their humbling experience two days previously, would have provided a bit of respite. No chance. Glens bounced back with a 3-2 win to reach the final where they meet Oakley.

The only piece of cheer at the weekend was the shock news that Hill of Beath had crashed 4-1 at home to Newburgh in the league, a result which maintains Kelty's position as league championship favourites. But with games at home against Glenrothes, Hill of Beath, Oakley United and away to Newburgh, St Andrews, Oakley and Thornton, I would imagine the Kelty lads will be starting to flap just a little.

Local fans wanting a pre-OVD Final look at Kelty can take a trip up the Tay tomorrow to Newburgh where they meet the locals in the Bardon Cup semi-final (2pm) Another cup exit?

LONG WAIT FOR THE TAYCARS FINAL

We will have to wait until the 12th of June for the final of the Taycars Trophy which has been fixed for Violet's Glenesk Park. It's a long wait without a competitive fixture, although, should we win tonight, the Whyte & Mackay final will be slotted in during that period. There is also the possibility that the Herschell Trophy, between ourselves and the Second Division champions, either Montrose Roselea or Bankfoot, could also be slotted in.

St Andrews United and Kirrie Thistle meet next Saturday at Westview Park Kirriemuir in the other semi-final. We've met Kirrie four times already this season, with varying fortunes - two wins, a draw and a defeat - so Saints would be the preferred opposition. Our last competitive match against our neighbours was in 1990.

There's no doubt either that a north Fife derby would pull out the fans with former players Billy Coventry, Martin Wilkinson and one time Tayport Amateur Dunc Niven in the Recreation Park squad.

The bookies, however, favour Kirrie and it's odds on that it will be the Westview Park side who will be at Glenesk looking to put the icing on what has been their best season ever.

Tayport impressed in reaching the final with a performance which earned praise from all who were present. This despite a pitch which was under water in places throughout the 90 minutes. It was touch and go whether the tie would go ahead but referee Bill Hornby gave the green light half an hour before kick-off on the understanding that he would receive no criticism, regardless of the scoreline, if he had to subsequently abandon proceedings.

It was Tayport's first visit to the Warout Stadium where the home club proved to be the perfect hosts.

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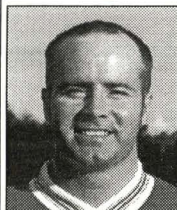
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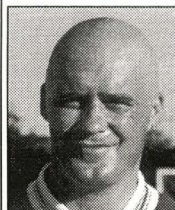
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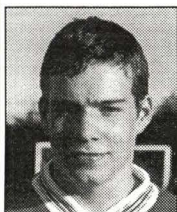
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EAST CRAIGIE IN ACTION



North End's Brown tackles Craigie's Chris Beattie in last Saturday's DJ Laing cup-tie. Others in the photo are, from left, Craigie's Stuart Bell, Martin McGregor and North End's Paul Yule. (photo courtesy *Sporting Post*)

After nearly 40 years of reporting Junior Football, *Junicus* finally found his match at Glenrothes last Saturday. 'Press', says our man from the *Sporting Post*, set to breeze through the gate. 'Where's your card?' says the auld lad at the gate. 'Never been asked for one in nearly forty years reporting the Junior game', replies a confident *Junicus*. 'Well, you are now', says the wee Fifer. It looked like the Gateman 1 *Junicus* 0. By this time our local scribe from the Herald had arrived and was also cursing having left his card at home. But help was at hand in the substantial shape of Big Jock, the association secretary whose arrival was perfectly timed to convince the gateman they were who they said they were.

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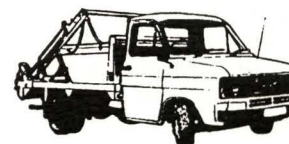
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ANDY'S ANGLE

First of all I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players and officials of East Craigie for our Whyte & Mackay semi-final tonight. Looking towards this game, on paper Tayport look to have an easy passage to the final, but may I remind anyone thinking along these lines, that East Craigie's last opponents in this cup were none other than North End, who were runners-up to ourselves in Division One.



We must guard against complacency and remember that there are no second chances in one off cup competitions.

It now gives me great satisfaction to look back at last week's game v Glenrothes. We certainly hit top form in the second half of the game. But, in my opinion, all the ground work had been laid down in the first half. When I saw how fast the game was going with Glenrothes keeping their pace as high as ours, I knew we were going to be the winners. This is because our fitness at the moment is exceptionally high and when they started to run out of steam, it was a case of not if, but how many, we would score.

When the goals did come they were of a very high standard and must have given a lot of pleasure to the many spectators who travelled to see the game. These supporters must also take a lot of credit on the day. They really got behind the team and made themselves heard from the kick-off.

We can also look forward to an exciting end to the season with plenty silverware to compete for. Nothing less than victory will be acceptable to supporters and players alike starting with tonight's game against East Craigie.

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T-Taycars Trophy. D-D.J.Laing. W-Whyte & McKay cup. N-North End Centenary Cup.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

MAY 1990

We don't have to delve far back for this week's archive feature. Nine years ago this month Tayport Amateurs last played in a Midlands cup final when they met Riverside Athletic in the Gray Trophy Final at East End Park on Wednesday 23 May 1990.

Eight weeks later, Tayport launched the Juniors and nine of the twenty two players who started that cup final would subsequently pull on a jersey for the Juniors.

Tayport fielded Paul Hunt, Neil Downie, Micky McPherson, Lawrie Hill, Steve Rollo, Andy Heggie, Jimmy Anderson, Bert Valentine, Bruce Burnett, Grant McLean and Chris Hay. Bryan Fitchet and Eddie McIntyre were the substitutes.

Riverside's teamline that evening is reproduced below. Included in that line-up is Dunfermline Athletic's Marc Miller who hit the headlines last weekend at the other East End Park when he was the target for the disgusting Mark Viduka's stream of gob.

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CENTRE HALF-BACK	GRANT PATTERSON	4 HELMSDALE CRESCENT DUNDEE
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On a pleasant evening a penalty kick after only ten minutes, the only goal of the game, sunk Tayport. The archive comment is "dreadful start, losing early penalty, but recovered to play reasonably well. Burnett missing a sitter in 71 minutes proved costly"



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TAYPORT	22	21	1	0	86	6	80	64
NORTH END	22	15	2	5	47	20	27	47
CARNOUSTIE	22	11	5	6	49	37	12	38
VIOLET	22	11	4	7	46	34	12	37
KIRRIE	21	10	5	6	43	28	15	35
LOCHEE UTD	22	8	8	6	50	49	1	32
DOWNFIELD	22	8	4	10	49	41	8	28
ARBROATH SC	22	8	3	11	36	44	-8	27
FORFAR WE	22	7	2	13	29	50	-21	23
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At 14th May 1999

	ASC	CAR	DOW	ELM	FW	KIR	LH	LU	NEN	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	1-3	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	2-1	0-2	1-2	2-1	0-5	3-2	
KIRRIE	2-0	0-2	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	7-1	2-2	6-2	
LOCHEE HARP	0-2	4-2	2-3	1-2	3-2		3-3	0-1	1-2	1-5	0-2	
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	1-1	1-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	5-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	
ST.JOSEPHS	1-1	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	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	1-0	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	

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	27	14	1	3	7	2
S.ROSS.	15	5	1		4	5
B.CRAIK	13	9		3	1	
S.STEWART	9	6		3		
J.YOUNG	6	4		1	1	
M.CORCORAN	5	4		1		
K.NICOLSON	5	2		1	1	1
G.BUIST	4	2	1			1
A.RAMSAY	3	3				
P.REILLY	2	1		1		
I.GREIG	2	1	1			
G.MILLER	2	2				
G.PATERSON	1	1				
O.G/s	1	1				

TOTALS.	147	86	5	21	19	16
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TAYPORT JUNIORS SHUT OUTS.

PLAYER	Total	League	Local Cups	NEC Cup	Taycars	O.V.D.Cup
F.MANN	26	17	1	2	5	1

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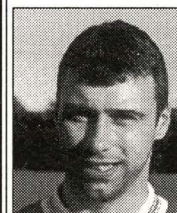
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CARNOUSTIE	D	W	D	W	L	L	L	L	Idle	W
DOWNFIELD	Idle	D	L	L	W	W	L	D	Idle	Idle
ELMWOOD	D	W	Idle	W	W	L	Idle	L	Idle	Idle
FORFAR WE	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	Idle	W	L
KIRRIE	W	L	W	D	L	W	L	W	W	D
LOCHEE HARP	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	L	L	L
LOCHEE UTD	W	Idle	L	W	W	W	Idle	Idle	W	D
NORTH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

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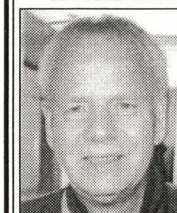
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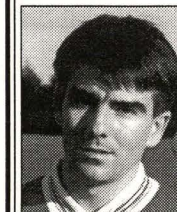
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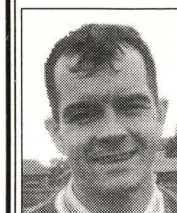
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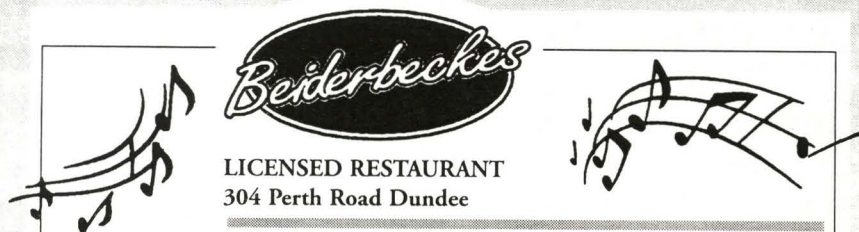


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The Tayport Alliance XI which lifted the Midlands Alliance Cup with a 4-3 win over Grove at NCR Grounds 22 years ago. Standing (l-r) Tam Laing(manager), Alan Craig, Frank Feechan, Gordon Gray, Doug Henderson, Matt Lawson, Abby Oswald, Derek White, Peter Spink. Front - Alan Dobie, Jim Scott, Bruce Burnett, Frankie Dewar and George Ritchie. Ritchie, Dewar (2) and Spink got the goals.

Not many players with names beginning with 'N'

MEAT FED???

Reproduced here is a page from a recent St Johnstone programme (19/4/99). It's an on-going feature 'Saints A-Z', which has reached 'N' and includes an entry for our No.5. Sorry about the quality of the reproduction but it's one of those pages with a picture background which doesn't copy well (maybe that's the plan)



**The young, meat-fed
Keith Nicolson**

Saints A to Z

Nil: as in the old Music Hall joke, Partick Thistle nil. The word which, in conjunction with St Johnstone, invariably (but not always) ruins a weekend.

New Year's Day: traditionally one of the best days of the year on which to watch football. For many years it was actually Ne'er Day when games were played. More recently, a vile modern trend of playing New Year's Day games on the 2nd of January has crept in. Mind you, on the proper (i.e. 1st of January) day in 1997, Saints fans had a rather special afternoon. At half-time, the score was St Johnstone 1, Dundee 1. At full time, it was St Johnstone 7, Dundee 2. Despite the score, Dundee were more in that game than in the recent 1 - 1 match earlier this season!

For most of Saints' history, it was common to play two games in two or three days at New Year, on the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of January. Moreover, in these good old days, everyone old enough (and a few who weren't!) was allowed to take a carry-out into the New Year match. It was, until the hooligans intervened in the 1960s and 1970s, a great social occasion and it's a pity we can't return to those days.

Nicolson, Keith: a tall, commanding centre half who came from junior football in Dundee to play for Saints in 1988. His career with Saints was brief, just 10 games, but one of these was the infamous Aggie v Souness match at McDiarmid on the 26th of February 1991. That night, he made a significant impression on the St Johnstone fans and on Mark Hateley, who was not impressed by the youngster's raw and spirited approach to his task. In case you don't remember, that match finished in a 1 - 1 draw. Nicolson was part-time and didn't want to turn full-time, instead preferring to move to Brechin City.

Newcastle United: played a pre-season friendly against Saints at Muirton on the 29th of July 1972, which they won by 7 goals to 3. Not only was the scale of this reverse an embarrassment, but this game also contained one of the quickest, if not the quickest ever, goals scored. The Magpies' England international Malcolm MacDonald (aka SuperMac, and a few other things) took a short pass from the kick-off and wellied the ball up and over Derek Robertson. The time was recorded at c. 4 seconds! Oh, what will they think of next?



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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



The club's Presentation Dance will be held on Friday 25th June in the Sports Club, RAF Leuchars. Ticket details from Andy Phin. [If he's not in his pub, try a bowling club somewhere or consult his travel agent!]

The plans which were proposed by East Region's Blackburn United whereby the Scottish Junior game would be restructured into four regions has been given the knockback by all the existing regions, most recently Tayside on Tuesday night. It appeared an eminently sensible proposal but it seems that the tail has been wagging the dog. The whole idea of a restructure was born out of the threat of a breakaway a couple of years ago. It now seems that some form of breakaway will be the only way forward.

Tayport FC owe the local Fire Brigade a debt of thanks. You may recall that a hefty clearance by a Kirrie player down here eight weeks ago saw a £60 football nestle neatly on the roof of the former Rippin building. Probably the most inaccessible roof in Tayport. However as part of their routine training, the Furies scaled the building and rescued the ball. Well done, lads. You're not just good at winning quizzes.

7,250 pieces of caramel shortbread and 900 bran loaves later, half-time members' lounge tea lady, Maureen Oswald has decided to hang up her baking tray. After nine seasons helping serve up the tea, cakes and scones at half-time, Maureen's calling it a day, saying her house, garden and husband have been sorely neglected! She'll still be on the newscast Saturday nights, though.

Courier Sport continues to bewilder. All that wonderful technology in that huge building at Kingsway East but still no league tables to accompany the Junior column. Will the paper carry a report of tonight's game? Don't hold your breath. And what about their inconsistency. No report, not even scorers for the crucial English games, Spurs v Chelsea on Monday and Leeds v Arsenal on Tuesday yet nearly half-a-page report on Blackburn v Man. U on Wednesday.

The final of the Whyte & Mackay Cup will be held on Friday 28 May at North End Park

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



PRESS REPORT

Tayport 1 North End 0

FIFE HERALD

"This win capped a fine, unbeaten league campaign and saw 'Port maintain their 100% home league record, helping them to a huge tally of 64 out of a possible 66 points for the season. In addition the team managed an impressive tally of 86 goals, with the loss of a miserly six, which is testament to the hard work put in throughout the year by the players and coaching staff alike"

Glenrothes 0 Tayport 5

THE SUN

"Glenrothes boss Colin Downie has backed strike star Steve Hutcheon to shoot down his old Tayport buddies. Former East Fife hitman Hutch will lead the line for Glens when they face Tayside champs Port in today's Taycars Trophy semi-final. He said 'Steve will be a key man for us. He has scored more than 40 goals since we signed him from Tayport last summer and at any level of football that's an impressive return. I'm sure he will be fired up to put one over his old side'

GLENROTHES GAZETTE

"They don't come any bigger in junior football than the weekend's opponents [Tayport], but the Warout Stadium team have been banging in the goals of late and - with home advantage on their side - will fancy their chances of reaching the climax of the inter-regional competition"

THE COURIER (Dundee edition)

"Dave Reilly was back at his sharpest with four goals in Tayport's 5-0 win at Glenrothes in Saturday's semi-final of the Taycars Trophy...this victory keeps Tayport on course for the only trophy which has eluded them"

THE COURIER (Fife edition)

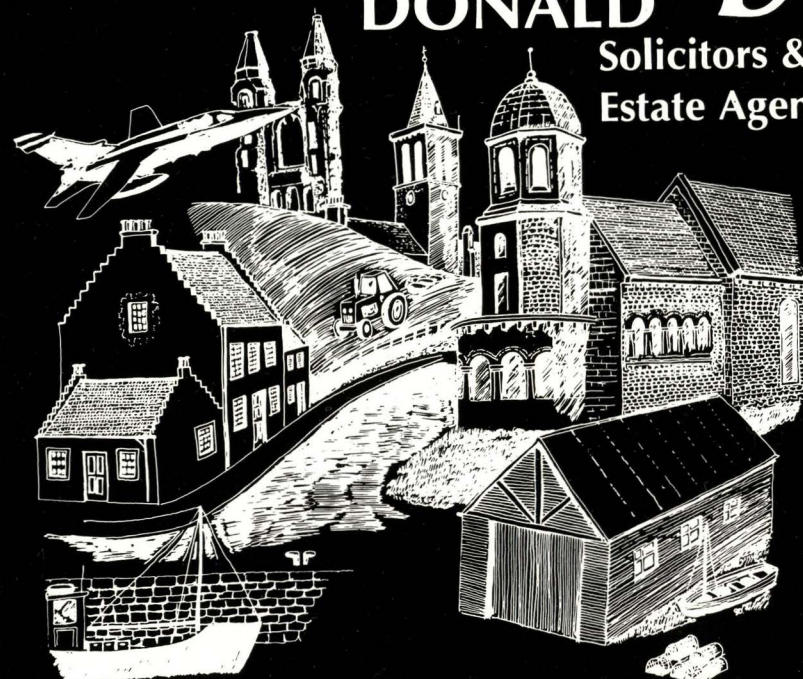
"Glens must bounce back after 5-0 crushing....Glenrothes are at home to Kelty Hearts tonight [Monday] in the semi-final of the Whitbread Cup and manager Colin Downie hopes to see his men bounce back. 'Tayport are by far the best team we have played this season and they fully deserved their victory', said manager Downie. However I was a little disappointed by our performance. Some of our squad appeared to be overawed by the opposition"

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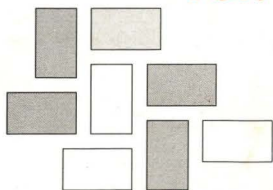
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