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Matches against Lochee United are invariably entertaining affairs and this afternoon's league match is unlikely to be an exception. Lochee boss Davie Martin (pictured) is renowned for his motivating qualities and, although he was not exactly pleased to learn that he had to travel to the Canniepairt whilst four of his pool were suspended, he'll have his side up for this one. Davie, who has the wily ex Downfield coach George Grier as his right hand man, was at the Camelon tie two weeks ago and he will no doubt be telling his charges of the weaknesses which he spotted and will be endeavouring to exploit this afternoon.



United are sitting comfortably mid-table, well out of the race for the title and clear of the relegation zone but with the ability to upset those clubs above them.

Lochee have scored in all their fifteen league games this season bar one and that was on the opening day against ourselves. With a side which includes several noted goalscorers that's maybe not too surprising. The problems have been at the other end where there have been only two clean sheets in 15 games. It's this statistic that Tayport will be out to exploit.

Allan Ramsay, Steven Stewart and Grant Buist all retired hurt last week but a full squad trained midweek so the manager's problem looks to be with which XI to start.

With, including today's game, only seven games left to play, it's imperative that we don't let things slip. Any such slip-up will give hope to the chasing pack. A win, though, will be a massive boost to the title hopes.

Today's referee is Brian Rooney from Dundee. Referee spotters will have noticed that last week's man in the middle was not Allan Thurston as indicated in the Port Prog. He was an eleventh hour call-off and was replaced by Neil Brand from Forfar. Also replaced at the last minute was one of the assistants, Alfie Forbes, but he had a ready made replacement in his son Barry.

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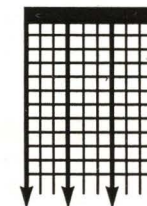
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Premier	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Culter	5	3	3	21	13	18
Inverurie L	5	2	2	20	12	17
Sunnybank	4	2	0	14	6	14
Stoneyw d	4	2	0	11	6	14
Stonehaven	4	2	3	13	12	14
Cruden Bay	3	2	2	13	11	11
Longside	3	2	5	14	17	11
Hermes	2	5	4	15	23	11
Formartine	3	1	2	12	12	10
Lewis Un	2	3	5	14	20	9
Turriff Un	2	1	4	14	17	7
Lads Club	1	1	8	15	25	4

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
East End	8	0	3	51	18	24
Buchnhaven	7	1	1	36	13	22
Banks O Dee	7	1	1	24	14	22
St. Ternan	6	2	2	30	19	20
Fraserburgh	5	2	5	30	23	17
Maud	4	4	3	23	15	16
Hall Russell	4	2	4	36	16	14
Ellon United	3	4	4	33	20	13
Glentanar	3	3	4	21	18	12
Parkvale	2	3	5	12	32	9
Dyce	1	2	8	14	32	5
Inverurie J	0	0	10	3	93	0

NORTH SC	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Buckie Rov	12	1	2	44	19	37
New Elgin	11	3	0	36	12	36
Portgordon	8	3	3	43	19	27
Islavale	8	3	2	38	21	27
Lossie Un	6	0	6	26	23	18
Deveronside	5	2	3	22	13	17
Forres Th	5	2	7	22	22	17
Strathspey	5	1	4	26	16	16
Bishopmill	4	4	6	20	29	16
N.St. Ninian	4	1	1	16	8	13
Burghead T	3	1	9	27	37	10
Kinloss	1	2	6	9	30	5
RAF Lossie	1	2	9	15	36	5
Fochabers	0	1	13	9	68	1

CUP STATISTICS

Acorn Heating Cup - rd 2 -
Dyce v Inverurie LW
Fraserburgh/St Tern v Turriff United
Formartine/Sunnybank v Hermes
Glentanar v East End
Lewis United v Banks O'Dee
Buchanhaven Hts 1-5 Longside
Stehvn/Parkvle v Stoneywd/Ellon
Lads Club v Culter

Atlantic TV Cup - rd 2 -
Buchanhaven v Fraserburgh
Parkvale/H Russell v Formartine
Banks O'Dee v Inverurie Jnrs
Maud v Turriff/Culter
Dyce/Glentanar v Locos
Stonehaven v Lewis United
Stoneywood v Hemes
Longside/Lads v E.End/Sunnybk

Rollstud Archibald rd 2 -
Maud v Stoneywood
Sunnybank v Hall Russell Un
Cruden Bay v Lewis United
St. Ternan v Ellon United
Banks O'Dee v Stonehaven
Lads/Culter v Turriff Un
Formrtv/E End v Loco/Hermes
Glentanar 0-2 Longside

RESULTS - SAT JAN 23 -

OVD JUNIOR CUP - rd 4 -
Sunnybank 2-3 Hill O'Beath Haw
Atlantic Cable TV Cup - rd 1 -
Hermes 3-0 Cruden Bay
S.Milne Homes - Premier -
Stoneywood 1-1 Stonehaven
Inverurie LW 3-2 Turriff United
Lads Club 1-2 Culter
Longside 1-2 Formartine Un
Div 1 -
St. Ternan 2-1 Hall Russell Un
Dyce 2-2 Glentanar
Ellon United 0-1 Maud
Fraserburgh U 0-3 East End
Inverurie Jn 1-13 Buchanhaven
Parkvale 1-3 Banks O'Dee
Scotscoop League -
Bishopmill Un 0-1 Buckie Rovers
Fochabers 0-2 Islavale

Forres Thistle 0-0 New Elgin
Deveronside 2-1 Burghead Th
Kinloss 0-8 Strathspey Th
Lossie United 1-2 Portgordon Un
Nairn St. Ninian 3-2 RAF Lossie

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tayport	14	1	0	64	4	43
Carnoustie	9	3	3	35	22	30
Violet	9	1	4	34	22	28
Kirrie Th	8	3	4	36	20	27
North End	9	0	4	26	14	27
Lochee Un	6	4	5	34	32	22
Downfield	5	2	6	32	26	17
Arbrth SC	5	2	9	27	37	17
Elmwood	3	3	10	24	50	12
Forfar WE	2	1	8	11	26	7
St Josephs	2	1	13	15	73	7
Lochee Hp	1	1	7	10	22	4

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M. Roselea	8	3	1	41	11	27
Bankfoot A	7	1	0	31	7	22
E. Craigie	5	4	3	27	26	19
Kinnoull	5	1	5	30	23	16
Brechin V	5	1	5	24	31	16
Broughty	4	3	3	19	15	15
Scone Th	3	4	2	11	10	13
Jeanfield S	4	0	3	20	14	12
Forfar Alb	2	4	2	20	14	10
Blairgowrie	3	1	7	17	37	10
Arbroath V	2	2	7	10	29	8
Coupr Ang	0	2	10	9	42	2

TAYSIDE - Sc Cup - rd 4 -

Lochee Harp 0-6 Petershill
Forfar WE 1-0 Blackburn Un
NCR - Div 1 -
Carnoustie 2-1 Kirrie Thistle
Lochee Un 3-3 Elmwood
St.Josephs 1-4 Downfield
Tayport 4-1 Arbroath SC
Violet 0-1 North End
NCR - Div 2 -
Blairgowrie 1-0 Coupar Angus
Brechin Vics 4-2 Arbroath Vics
East Craigie 2-4 Forfar Albion
Jeanfield Sw 4-0 Broughty Athletic
Kinnoull 1-1 M. Roselea
Scone Thistle 2-3 Bankfoot Athletic

REEBOK CENTRAL LEAGUE

Premier	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shotts BA	6	3	0	20	9	21
Benburb	4	3	0	14	3	15
Petershill	4	0	4	12	10	12
Baillieston	4	0	5	12	15	12
Arthurlie	3	2	0	14	6	11
Neilston	3	1	3	11	9	10
Lesmahgw	3	1	6	13	17	10
Maryhill	3	0	2	11	13	9
Lanark	2	2	1	6	6	8
Pollok	2	2	5	19	21	8
Glencairn	2	1	6	10	22	7
Cambuslang	1	1	5	6	17	4

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shettleston	8	2	0	21	12	26
Blantyre V	6	1	3	19	9	19
Johnstone	5	2	1	19	10	14
Greenock	4	1	0	10	4	13
V. of Leven	2	5	1	15	14	11
Renfrew	3	1	3	13	12	10
Larkhall Th	3	2	4	18	18	11
V. of Clyde	4	1	4	15	15	13
Rob Roy	3	0	4	15	17	9
Kilsyth Rn	2	0	6	14	14	6
Forth Wan	2	1	3	8	10	6
Carlisle R	1	2	3	8	11	5
Cmbrnauld	0	2	4	5	14	2
St. Roch	0	0	7	3	23	0

Div 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dunipace	7	2	1	30	13	23
Pt Glasgow	6	2	2	35	18	20
St. Anthony	4	2	2	13	10	14
Yoker Ath	4	0	1	11	8	12
E. Kilbride	4	0	4	10	10	12
Bellshill	2	4	2	13	10	10
Ashfield	3	1	3	12	10	10
Stnehouse	2	3	4	15	23	9
R. Albert	2	1	3	9	11	7
Thorniewd	2	1	3	5	10	7
Wishaw	1	1	4	8	19	4
Perthshire	1	1	5	7	16	3
Coltness U	0	0	4	3	12	0

CUP STATISTICS

Beatons League Cup

Final - at Fir Park
Neilston 5-0 Baillieston

West of Scotland Cup

rd 1 - (to play)

Winton Rovers 0-0, Coltness U
rd 2 -

Stonehouse 1-4 Glenafton A
Meadow X1 v Wtn/Coltness

Kilwinning R 8-2 St Anthony's

Cumbernauld 2-6 Greenock

Vale of Leven 1-2 Saltcoats V

Shotts B Acc 0-3 Shettleston

Auchinleck T 4-0 Larkhall Th

Renfrew 0-0, 2-4 Maryhill

Lugar Boswell 4-1 Johnstone B

Muirkirk 1-2 Lesmahagow

Petershill 1-2 Beith

Rob Roy 1-1, 1-2 Pollok

Craigmark Bnt 0-5 Ardeer Th

Neilston 2-4 Arthurlie

Cambuslang R 0-2 Cumnock

Carlisle Rovers 1-5 Benburb

rd 3 -

Lugar BT 3-3, Arthurlie

Greenock v Mead/WR/Clt

Saltcoats Vics v Beith

Ardeer Th v Pollok

Benburb v Shettleston

Talbot v Maryhill

Kilwinning v Lesmahagow

Glenafton v Cumnock

ABERCORN CUP - rd 2 -
(to leave 16 clubs)

Arthurlie v Cumbernauld

Greenock v Larkhall Th

G. Perthshire v Renfrew

St. Rochs v Maryhill

RESULTS - SAT JAN 23

Scottish Junior Cup - rd 4

Lochee Harp 0-6 Petershill

Abercorn Cup - rd 1 -

Coltness 1-4 Thorniewood

Reebok Premier -

Cambuslang 1-1 Lanark U

Baillieston 0-1 Benburb

Shotts BA 3-1 Neilston

Lesmahagw 3-0 Glencairn

Div 1 -

Forth Wand 1-1 Greenock

Larkhall T 1-1 V. o Leven

Carlisle R 1-3 Johnstone

Kilsyth R 1-2 V. o Clyde

Shettleston 3-2 Rob Roy

Blantyre V 4-0 Cmbrnauld

Div 2 -

Ashfield 2-2 Bellshill

Port Glas 9-3 Wishaw

EK Thistle 2-1 Stoneh'se

Dunipace 3-1 R. Albert

Yoker Ath 2-0 St. Anthony



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GRAY-T STUFF

That wizard of the wing Barrie Gray hasn't had the best of seasons to date. A couple of injuries and no takers on the transfer front. But he's not a forgotten man - at least not as far as Watford FC striker Alan Smart is concerned.

Allan moved down south from Inverness Caley after doing the rounds on Tayside and has eventually found his niche in a Hornets side chasing a place in the English Premiership. *The Sun* had an article on Smart last week, *My Eleven From Heaven* when they asked Allan to name his dream line-up and who does he include? Yes - Barrie Gray. The extract is reproduced below.

BARRY GRAY: "I could easily have picked 11 big names - the ones I picked could have gone on to be just as big."

"Barry is one of them. We were together at Brechin for a few games in the reserves and I played against him a few

times. He had good pace, two great feet and scored fine goals. I wonder why he never got further. He definitely had the ability and a good attitude.

"Last I heard he was at Tayport. I've played with recognised right wingers but still rate him."



Barrie Gray. Available for transfer.

You don't often get a lot to chuckle about in *The Herald* but the following extract from the Diary feature brought a smile to the face

THE slight difficulties facing Celtic are still the favourite topic of West of Scotland humour. Thus it is said that Fergus McCann was having an audience with the Pope, and thought it would be a good opportunity to ask the Pontiff's advice about how to sign a good Catholic boy after all the problems he has had with Viduka, Di Canio, Van Hoijsdonk etc. As he entered the room, the Pope pointed to a stool and told Fergus: "Kneel, McCann." "Too late," says Fergus, "These orange bastards at Ibrox have signed him already."

PETER MARR BACK AT TAYPORT

And we could add that Billy Coventry is also coming back. It's not to join the football club, though. It's to build 56 houses on the former Sandyhill Nursery site.

Peter's firm Camperdown Construction has just applied for planning permission to develop the site and, as Covy works for Camperdown, he'll be a familiar face in the town again for a while

With the site backing on to Port fan Tom Borland's house, he'll not be particularly chuffed but we've got to look on the positive side and think of the potential for new season ticket holders!

PRESS REPORT

PRESS REPORT today is from last week's *Falkirk Herald* and gives us the opportunity to look at the recent OVD tie from a Camelon perspective. The photo accompanying the report is overleaf.

TAYPORT JUNIORS..... 1 CAMELON JUNIORS..... 2
THE difference between delight in winning and the despair of defeat was there for all to see as Camelon ran out worthy winners of this 4th round OVD Scottish Junior Cup tie at Canniepairt.

Buoyant Mariners' gaffer George Fairley was being interviewed by STV while just yards away striker Davy Flynn — whose two goals had earned Camelon a place in the last 16 — was surrounded by reporters with notebooks drawn.

In stark contrast was the sight of a traumatised Tayport side who trooped off in silence into the pavilion and past the Camelon dressing room where the celebrations were already in full swing.

Back in 1996, the Camelon players had felt exactly the same despondency as the home team after two extra-time goals had seen Tayport defeat the Mariners to win the OVD Scottish Cup, but this time round the boots were well and truly on the other feet.

And revenge was indeed sweet for the large Camelon support who made up almost half of the 1,400 crowd. Not only did they see their favourites come good but they also enjoyed an added bonus thanks to the local bookmaker who had a stall just inside the ground and even at half time was offering odds at 7/4 against Camelon.

As he found to his cost, the Mariners' faithful have never been afraid to put their money where their mouth is and after the game there was a long queue of Camelon men waiting to be paid out.

Make no mistake, Camelon were well worth their victory against a Tayport side who went into the game boasting a 22 game unbeaten run since the start of the season, scoring 98 goals in the process.

Thirty eight of those goals had been scored by Kenny Cameron. He made it 39 from the penalty spot but he couldn't upstage Camelon's avenging angel Flynn, who had already netted twice to put the Mariners well and truly on the road to victory.

A fierce wind — which felt as if it had blown through a canyon of icebergs to reach Canniepairt — whistled down the park and Tayport had to contend with that and a bright sun at their backs as play got underway.

The home side pressed forward in the early stages but the Camelon defence was rock solid.

Try as they might, free scoring Tayport could find no way through although there was a scare when Cameron threatened to break into the box before being pulled back by Grant Tierney. That earned the big man the first yellow card of the game but Cameron followed suit before the free-kick could be taken for trying to claim a penalty that never was.

As play wore on there was an unmistakable air of confidence about the Camelon side. They had clearly been well

briefed by assistant manager Allan McGonigal who had run the rule over the Tayside bigshots.

He had done his homework well and this was reflected in the Camelon tactics which were carried out to the letter in a superb team performance.

Tayport were allowed the freedom of possession in midfield until they made a move toward the danger area where Grant Tierney, Dougie Smith, Stevie Tennant and Jinky Campbell formed a solid defence.

They broke up every move while in midfield Jack Ross, Jim Ellis and Gordon Abbott were always available for the forward pass that would set up a Camelon attack. There were no goals in the first half but Camelon came closest with McKenzie, Falconer and Ellis all having chances.

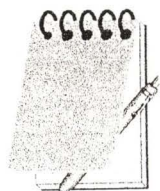
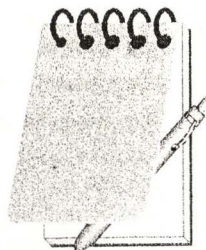
After the break it was Camelon's turn to enjoy wind advantage and in the 58th minute a flick forward by Tennant saw FLYNN race in on goal only to be tripped from behind by Nicholson. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and the bold Flynn slammed the resultant penalty kick beyond Mann in the home goal.

Given their earlier lack of success against the Camelon defence this gave Tayport it all to do and in the 71st minute they were left with a mountain to climb. The tireless McKenzie played the ball forward to workaholic Marc Falconer who lofted a high ball forward which Nicholson could only head high into the air and there was ace predator FLYNN stealing in behind to send a first time volley into the net past the outrushing Mann.

Ten minutes from time Tayport pulled one back through CAMERON who netted from the penalty spot after Grant Tierney was adjudged to have handled the ball.

This made for a nervous last few minutes for Camelon connections but their fears were unfounded. Keeper Alan Banner and his defence answered every question Tayport could ask and only a good save by home keeper Mann low at his left-hand post denied Flynn his hat-trick three minutes from time.

Camelon: Banner, Campbell, Tennant, Smith, G. Tierney, Ellis, Abbott, Ross, Flynn, Falconer (Hamill) and McKenzie. Not used: Gillan, Clarke, S. Ross and Fraser.



Grant Buist, Sean Wilkie, Stevie Ross and Grant Paterson are the Tayport players as Camelon's Chris Campbell fires in a cross.

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FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

1971

Back in 1971 the club ran two teams in the Midlands Amateurs. The 1st XI, having flirted with relegation the previous two seasons following promotion, was in the third of what was to turn out to be 25 seasons in the top division. This corresponding Saturday **twenty eight years ago** Tayport played a league game on the East Common against Harris FP. The team at that time didn't have a great deal of flair but they did scrap and battle for every point. They managed a 1-1 draw that afternoon thanks to a goal from Richard Redpath.

The line-up was **Derek White** (an uncanny resemblance in style to Andy Goram and his goalkeeping was pretty good too), **Jim Mathers** (due to retire this year from Brown Construction where he is plant manager), **Eddie Stewart** (present club chairman), **Ian Dempster** (a student from the Art College), **Jim Scott** (played hard, looked hard, drank hard, was hard), **Ian White** (midfield artisan of the team now living in Cupar but was here for the Camelon game), **Abby Oswald** (present club secretary), **Doug Henderson** (50 this year but still playing and still as frustrating as he was then according to his Veterans XI teammates last week. Rarely misses a Juniors match here at the Canniepairt) **Jimmy Lindsay** (then known as Jim the Hair but now it's more like Jim nae Hair. Has been prominent in local rugby circles for many years and is a gaffer with the DHSS in Dundee), **Richard Redpath** (missed half his career through suspension or at least it always seemed that way!), **Ian Paterson** (another art student, best remembered for delicately removing Port Supporter Bunter's teeth with his left peg during an under 16's match at Balmullo) Sub was **Frank Leslie** (so injury-prone, he was once carried off after sustaining an injury in the pre-match warm up against Lawside FP at Macalpine Road). Soon to take a place in the team that season was another art student, a character by the name of **Tony Gillespie**. Tony made a memorable debut against Timex at Harrison Road. As kick-off approached, the lads were becoming anxious at the non-arrival of their promised new player. Just on kick-off, however, Tony appeared **on his bike** at the brow of the Timex brae. He had cycled **all the way from Edinburgh** for the game. There was a fairytale ending for the big and slightly eccentric student - he scored the goal in Tayport's 1-0 win.

Neither of the top scorers that season, **George Ritchie** and **Tony Bloomquest**, were playing that afternoon. Goals weren't that easy to come by, it would appear. The top scorers only managed eight goals each. Tayport, though, finished in their highest ever league position - sixth.

Top scorer for the Alliance XI, who didn't have a game that particular afternoon, with 16 goals was **George Bryson**, now Fire Chief for the Isle of Wight. Player of the Year was **Derek White** and Alliance Player of the Year was **John Porter**, currently Dundee Council's Head of Architectural Services.

The club committee met in the Scout Hall in those days on Sunday afternoons. Committee present were **A.Oswald, R.Redpath, I.Bell, D.Hughes, E.Stewart, F.Bremner & A.Boitz**. Among the matters discussed - a Coffee Morning had raised £58, Christmas Raffle £32 12/6d and the club had £148 in the bank (about the same as we've got now). Tickets for a dance on 26 February were priced at 35p [D(decimal) Day was fast approaching] and Eddie was instructed to get a band, *cost not to exceed £20*. The changing hut on the Common had been broken into and the gas meter raided. *The matter was in the hands of the Police*. The meeting decided on the accommodation for the proposed new changing rooms.

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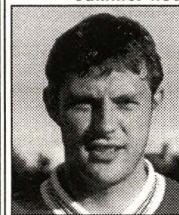
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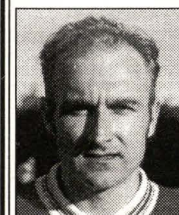
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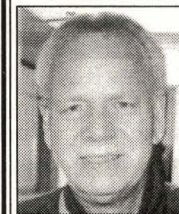
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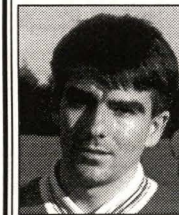
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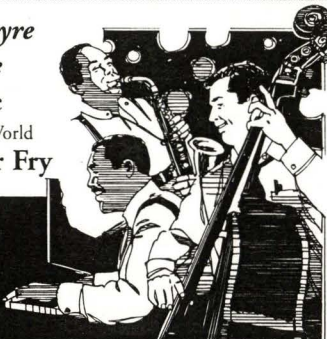
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ANDY'S ANGLE

First of all I would like to give a warm welcome to the Canniepairt to the players and officials of Lochee United.

Going back to last week's game against Arbroath Sporting Club, I can only say what a contrast to the previous week. The attitude and appetite for this game was exceptional. It was vitally important to get back into a winning routine and we did it in style. This performance was achieved by going back to the basics. We applied hard work



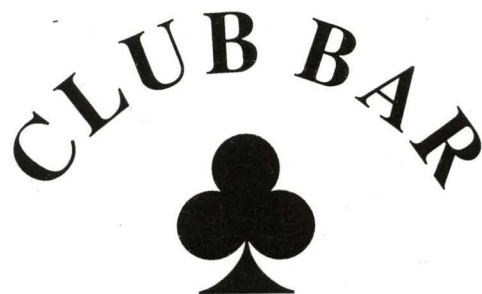
and effort and the pace of the game was electric from the first whistle and the result was evident for all to see. With us creating numerous chances, if we had been a little more fortunate, we could have gone in at the break 5 or 6 goals in front. This is why I cannot stress enough to the players that, although the standard of our opposition may vary greatly, our own standards must remain constant. If we can keep motivated against the so-called weaker teams, the big games will look after themselves.

Looking to today, this is another game we should not take lightly. Knowing Davie Martin as I do, he will have his side highly motivated and mentally tuned for the game. His right hand man Geordie Grier will also have something up his sleeve. This reminds me of the time that Tayport had just reached the Scottish Cup Final and we were due to meet George's team Downfield in the semi final of a local cup. As we came out of the pavilion George had the Downfield players applaud us on to the park. This unsettled us and gave the initiative to Downfield. Before we knew it we were 2-0 down, eventually losing the game 3-2.

It had once again demonstrated George's ability to get into the minds of not only his own players but the opposition as well. So we will give Lochee the respect they are due and then go about our business of collecting another three points to take us another step closer to regaining the league title.

I would like to finish by thanking the support who turned up for last week's game. It could have been easy to stay away after the previous week's performance but once again the real hard core Tayport support were out in force to encourage the players. Hopefully we rewarded these real Tayport minded people with a fine performance.

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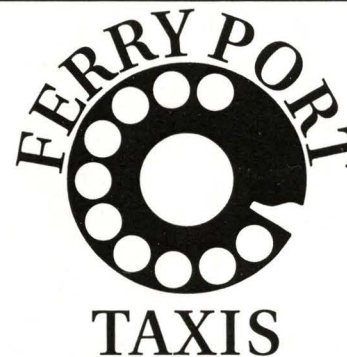
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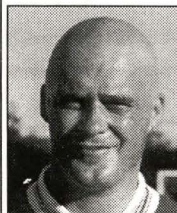
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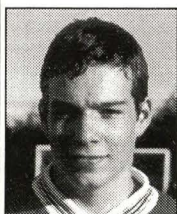
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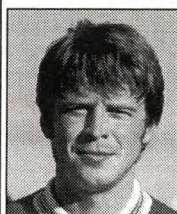
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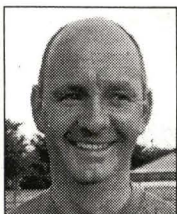
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As he gears his squad up to take on Clyde, the Stark's Park boss underlines his team have something to prove following comments by Clyde manager Ronnie MacDonald, who claimed there was no difference in standing between the clubs.

"It is an insult to guys like Guido van de Kamp, Dave Bowman and Jason Dair to compare them to lads from the Juniors, and I hope they go out on Saturday and prove to him just how much of a difference there is."

Jimmy Nicholl, Raith Rovers manager speaking about opponents Clyde and their policy of recruiting from the Juniors prior to Raith 0 Clyde 4 last Saturday

Good to see the Port popstars out as the mighty Harp march on. Somebody has to save Tay-side's reputation and it aint gonna be you. See you when we stuff you. The Harp Lads

Message left on Tayport FC's website on 20/1/99 after our cup defeat and before

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WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!



The draw for the 5th round of the OVD Cup paired **Camelon with holders Arthurlie**. What an attraction that would have been for the Canniepairt! It's certainly a cracking draw. **Montrose Roselea v Forfar West End** and the Tayside survivors could hardly have asked for better, especially Montrose who have been drawn at home. A place in the last eight guaranteed for a Tayside team.

Auchinleck Talbot v Hill O' Beath. If Talbot can get over this one than they might just do something but Haws could just squeeze it. **Kelty have to travel to Fauldhouse** and despite their great result in the last round, the home team should edge it. **Kilwinning v Stoneywood**. After their win at Whitburn the Buffs' fans will think their team's name is already on the cup. Despite their sterling efforts to get this far, the Aberdeen club's hopes should end here. **Glenafton** are coming into form at just the right time and they should get the verdict **v Petershill** as will **Maryhill at home to Bathgate**. **Beith** will maintain the Ayrshire challenge at the expense of **Larkhall**.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK' POSTPONED 4th ROUND TIES

Whitburn 0 **Kilwinning** 1 was one we got wrong last week. Veteran striker Harkness got the vital goal midway through the second half. A rammy at the end of the game with ex-Hib Callum Milne getting himself into trouble. As predicted, though Cumnock were well stuffed at **Fauldhouse** (4-0). Despite the local press giving the Harp a chance pre-match, the result was as expected although 6-0 **Petershill** was perhaps more than expected.

Hero of the hour up at Strathmore Park was wee Shug' McLaughlan whose goal took **Forfar West End** through to the last 16. By all accounts **Hill O' Beath** rode their luck winning 3-2 at Sunnybank but you need your share in this competition. A Craig Reynolds hat-trick in a comprehensive 3-0 win at Dunbar will give the **Kelty Hearts'** faithful a huge confidence boost and the bookies in Central Fife should be doing brisk business in OVD bets.

The Sporting Post goofed again. A tiny report on Forfar WE yet scores of column inches devoted to far less important games. It'll sure do wonders for the circulation figures in Forfar.

TODAY'S VISITORS

Lochee United are our guests this afternoon and they cross the Tay already with a few reasonable away results under their belts this season including a 4-1 win over title challengers Violet at Glenesk Park.

Boss **Davie Martin's** selection has been greatly hampered by the suspension of four of his pool, all paying for their sins in getting sent off against Formartine in the NECC last month. Missing will be **Steven Craib, Jim Smith, Jimmy Brown and Barry Goodwin**.

Martin has filled the Smith gap by signing **Kenny Laing** from St Andrews United and he has the experienced veteran ex Broughty and Forfar West End keeper **Bruce Glen** between the sticks. There will be at least five changes from the side which we met at Thomson Park in the first game of the season.

While **Bobby Skelligan** injects urgency into any side for which he has played, the goal threat will come from twin strikers **Mark Kelly** and **Darren Taylor**. Both are proven scorers with Senior experience who, on their day are a potent danger to any defence. Kelly moved from champions North End earlier this season while Taylor is back at Thomson Park after a spell at Carnoustie. **Grant Milne** is another who saw service at Westfield.



Youngster **Craig Stevenson** is farmed out from Montrose FC who also supplied left full-back **Ross Dorward** (photographed) to United. Ross of course is a Tayport lad and he will be making his first appearance at the Canniepairt. Tommy Campbell, the Montrose manager at the time, approached Tayport at the end of last season with a view to the youngster moving to the Canniepairt but it was felt that we were well covered in his position so no business was done.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT GLENTANAR ?

Next Saturday's opponents Glentamar are the Scottish Junior FA's newest recruits. As such we know very little about them and the only track record we have to go on are their results against 'known' opposition in the Scottish and North End Centenary Cup in this, their first season in the Juniors.

Don't dare call them a pub team now but that's how it all started for Glentamar back in 1978 when a squad of lads - or should it be loons - who were regulars in the Glentamar Bar in Aberdeen, decided to form their own football team. The rest, as they say, is history.

Starting in Division 7 of the Aberdeenshire Amateur League, Glentamar climbed their way through the divisions until they reached the Premier Division. Once there, they consolidated and established the club as one of the best in the association.

The club had greater ambition, however, and the sights were set to reach a higher plane and they applied for membership of the North Juniors. Three times Glentamar were knocked back, the reason being that it would mean an uneven number of clubs in the League. When Bon Accord suddenly announced in the close season of 1997/98 that they were folding, Glentamar seized their opportunity and, with a year to prepare, applied again the following year and on this occasion were successful.

They have recently built a clubhouse and taken residence at the Woodside Sports Complex which they share with Aberdeenshire Rugby Club. Glentamar is not just about the Junior team, though, the club also runs boys' teams from Under 10's right through to Under 18's.

Glens knew the step-up would be tough so they signed a couple of experienced Juniors from FC Stoneywood and Sunnybank. **By their own admission they are doing better than expected and are holding their own in Division One.** With a record of P10 W3 D3 L4 F21 A18 Pts.12, they have concentrated on keeping things tight at the back. Coach Mike Crawford is involved with the Coerver Coaching Schools in Aberdeen and the techniques are taking a trick with the Glentamar squad.

So, how did they get on in the Scottish and NECC? In the Scottish they were unfortunate to draw Kelty Hearts and went down 0-3 but were praised in defeat by their opponents. In the NECC, RAF Lossiemouth were seen off 2-1 in round 1 which meant a trip to Dundee to meet St Josephs. Despite Joeys being a shadow of their former selves, Glentamar recorded probably their best result to date, eliminating the Fairfield side on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

According to the locals this will be their biggest test to date and Tayport can ill afford to be at anything but their best.



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DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Glenafton	7	1	3	31	-	12 22
Auchinleck	6	1	0	25	-	3 19
Troon	5	2	5	30	-	33 17
Kilwinning	5	1	0	24	-	7 16
Kilbirnie	5	1	3	20	-	13 16
Cumnock	5	0	2	18	-	10 15
Dalry Th	2	2	3	13	-	14 8
Beith	2	0	4	11	-	11 6
Largs Th	2	0	5	10	-	19 6
Winton Rov	1	0	6	6	-	28 3
Annbank U	0	0	9	13	-	51 0

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Meadow	12	0	1	63	-	7 36
Lugar B	9	1	3	37	-	16 28
Irvine V	8	1	3	30	-	18 25
Ardeer T	5	3	4	33	-	28 18
Muirkirk	5	2	2	15	-	12 17
Kello Rov	5	1	5	28	-	30 16
Craigmark	3	2	4	21	-	20 11
Saltcoats	3	2	4	13	-	14 11
Hurlford	3	1	5	13	-	20 10
Maybole	1	5	5	22	-	29 8
Darvel	1	2	7	16	-	37 5
Whitletts	0	0	12	8	-	68 0

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

rd 3 -

Irvine Vics v Annbnk/May
Kilwinning v Dalry/Muirkirk
Glenafton v Troon/Cumnock
Auchinleck 4-2 Ardeer Th

AYRSHIRE CUP

rd 1 -

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

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RESULTS- SAT JAN 23
Scot. Junior Cup - rd 4
Whitburn 0-1 Kilwinning
o a game watched
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amongst a 2000 plus
crowd - but a dour
struggle in soggy
conditions and driving
wind. Buffs defence
showed why they are
now joint favourites.
Rusty Harkness
grabbed the golden
goal and a home 5th
round v Stoneywood,
ten minutes after
half-time.

Fauldhouse 4-0 Cumnock
O Colin Walker scored
very early for United and it was
an uphill struggle in the
conditions for Cumnock.
Ex-bathgate striker, Mark
McGinley scored a hat-trick,
with most Ayrshire punters
wondering where the
'Nock defence was hiding.

Times Distr Cup -rd 2
Irvine Vic 1-0 Kilbirnie L
rd 3 -
Auchinleck 4-2 Ardeer

Stagecoach - Div 1 -
Glenafton 4-0 Winton
Div 2 -
Craigmark 0-7 Lugar BT
Whitletts 0-11 Meadow

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DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Linlithgow	5	2	2	21	11	17
Fauldhouse	5	2	3	14	13	17
Bonnybrdge	4	2	4	21	14	14
Bonnyrigg	4	0	2	11	8	12
Newtngng	3	2	1	11	5	11
Camelon	3	2	4	17	17	11
Musselbrgh	2	4	3	14	18	10
Whitburn	3	0	2	12	9	9
Bo'ness Un	2	3	3	12	15	9
Bathgate Th	2	2	3	8	15	8
Arniston Rn	1	3	3	8	15	6
Dunbar Un	0	0	4	4	13	0

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Haddington	10	1	2	41	13	31
Harthill Ryl	7	1	3	20	17	22
Edinburgh	6	2	5	23	21	20
Dalkeith Th	5	4	5	25	23	19
Armadale Th	6	1	2	15	15	19
Stoneyburn	5	2	3	20	14	17
Pumphrston	5	1	2	21	10	16
Broxburn At	3	4	4	19	23	13
Blackburn U	3	4	5	14	18	13
Ormiston Pr	4	0	4	22	21	12
Tranent	3	1	4	15	17	10
Sauchie	1	5	5	16	23	8
Livingston	1	2	11	16	39	5
W Calder Un	1	0	5	6	19	3

CUP STATISTICS

CALDER EAST CUP - rd 2 -
 Ormiston Pr 2-1 Dunbar Un
 Edinburgh Un 2-1 Tranent
 Dalkeith Thistle 1-0 Livingston
 Arniston Rngs 4-1 Broxburn A
 Pumpherston 1-3 Camelon
 Harthill Royal 1-3 Whitburn
 Fauldhouse U 0-0, 0-2 Bo'ness
 Bonnyrigg Rs 2-2, Linlithgow

rd 3 -

Ormiston Prim 1-1 Tranent

DAVE MOFFAT CUP - rd 1 -

Musselburgh v Livingston Un
 Haddington 1-4 Camelon
 Sauchie 1-2 Ormiston
 Bathgate Th v Bo'ness Un
 Pumpherston v Edinburgh Un
 Whitburn 10-0 Broxburn Ath
 Arniston R 1-1(4-5p) Blackburn U
 West Calder v Stoneyburn
 Bonnybrdge v Dunbar Un
 Tranent v Harthill Royal

DALKEITH GLAZING CUP - rd 1

Dunbar United v Linlithgow Rose
 Ormiston 3-3(2-4p) Newtongrange
 Bathgate Thistle v Tranent
 Bonnyrigg Rose v Broxburn Ath
 West Calder Un v Musselburgh
 Whitburn v Bonnybrdge
 Sauchie 1-2 Armadale Th
 Fauldhouse Un v Bo'ness United
 Camelon v Dalkeith Thistle
 Pumpherston v Stoneyburn

BARDON AGG FIFE CUP - rd 1

Dundonald B 6-3 Steelend V
 Oakley United 4-0 Tulliallan T
 Kelty Hearts v Lochore M
 Glenrothes 0-3 H o Beath
 Kirkcaldy YM 0-3 Crossgates
 Newburgh 3-2 St.Andrews
 Lochgelly Albert 3-5 Rosyth Rec
 Thornton Hibs 2-2(3-4p) Benarty

Fife & Lothian HEINEKEN Cup

rd 3 -
 Musselburgh v Stoneyburn
 Linlithgow 3-3 Dalkeith Th
 Thornton H 1-2 Whitburn
 St.Andrews 0-0 Bo'ness Un
 Newtongrge 3-1 Haddingtn
 Dunbar Un 0-1 Fauldhouse
 Brig/Kelty v Benarty
 Oakley Un v Camelon

Carlsberg LEAGUE CUP - final
 Whitburn 2-1 Newtongrange Star

FIFE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kelty Hearts	14	0	1	48	13	42
Glenrothes	13	2	2	73	21	41
Hill o Beath	12	0	0	40	11	36
Newburgh	10	3	3	50	20	33
Rosyth Rec	10	1	7	45	33	31
Lochore M	9	3	6	47	25	30
St.Andrews	8	1	4	34	10	25
Thornton H	8	0	5	29	18	24
Dundonald	6	3	6	27	28	21
Oakley Un	5	5	4	30	20	20
Lochgelly	6	2	10	38	48	20
Crossgates	5	1	11	26	39	16
Benarty	3	3	10	24	41	12
Steelend V	2	2	15	21	86	8
Kirkcaldy	2	0	16	16	76	6
Tulliallan T	1	0	14	16	75	3

RESULTS - Sat JAN 23 -**Scottish Junior Cup - rd 4 -**

Sunnybank 2-3 Hill O' Beath
 Dunbar Un 0-3 Kelty Hearts
 Forfar WE 1-0 Blackburn Un
 Whitburn 0-1 Kilwinning R
 Fauldhouse 4-0 Cumnock

Bardon Aggs league -

Newburgh 6-2 Benarty
 Glenrothes 6-0 Crossgates
 Dundonald 2-0 Lochore MW
 Thornton H 4-1 Lochgelly A
 Steelend V 1-6 Oakley Un
 Rosyth Rec 2-1 Tulliallan Th
 Kirkcaldy Ym 0-7 St.Andrews

EAST - Dalkeith Glaz. - rd 1 -

Sauchie 1-2 Armadale Thistle
Calders EAST Cup - rd 2 -
 Arniston Rangers 4-1 Broxburn Ath
 Bonnyrigg Rose 2-2 Linlithgow Rose

rd 3 -
 Bo'ness United 3-2 Camelon
 Dave Moffat Cup - rd 2 -
 Pumpherston 4-1 Edinburgh Un
John Walker - Div 1 -
 Newtongrange 1-1 Musselburgh A
Div 2 -
 Harthill 1-2 Tranent
 Ormiston Pr 5-2 Dalkeith Thistle
 Haddington Ath 5-0 West Calder Un
 Livingston Un 1-1 Stoneyburn

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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



Arbroath SC play their 17th league fixture of the season this afternoon. With only four league games to play after today they could conceivably finish their league programme in February. Yet, after today there are still 19 Saturdays and 8 Wednesdays left in the season. As they are already out of the Taycars and NECC, an early exit in the two local cups could mean a longest ever close season!

Rumblings at Recreation Park, St Andrews these days. Co-managers Alan Finlay and Tommy Falls have called it a day after less than a season in charge. A home defeat from Lochore Miners two weeks ago must have been the last straw. However the rudderless United didn't let that worry them last week when they travelled to Kirkcaldy and defeated YM by 7-0. Kenny Laing, who wears Lochee's colours this afternoon, was a regular in the Saints side until recently but a disagreement with the management over his role in the side led him to seek pastures new. Covy for player/manager?

No apologies for ranting on about the Sporting Post again but how come, despite Junior matches finishing at 3.45pm last week and the Senior matches finishing an hour later, the Post managed to update the Senior tables but were unable to update the Junior tables. They managed only up-to-half-time reports for several Senior games, yet managed to complete the Dundee report in the stop press - despite the Dark Blues' match at Greenock not finishing until 5.15pm. Has nobody told the SP that modern technology is supposed to speed things up?

Tayport have been invited to participate in a pre-season tournament at St Andrews United in August. No further details available yet on the other two sides competing

Tayport coach Ron Nicoll's son Graeme is cracking in the goals for a Newburgh side that chalked up its 11th successive win last week with a 6-2 tanking of Fife League newcomers Benarty. Young Nicoll took a while to adjust after moving to East Shore Park from East Fife last season, but he is now top scorer, having hit doubles in something like his last 4 games.

According to an article on New Year Resolutions in the centre of his local newspaper (15th January), Auchinleck Talbot and former Scotland boss Dennis Gray said "my resolution is to stop giving abuse to referees and officials" Yet the back page of the same newspaper reported his thoughts on the suspension by the SJFA of three of his players as follows "He blasted 'I am disgusted by this and what I think is totally unprintable. In fact if I said any more I would get in trouble' Aye, Dennis, I think it's only a matter of time before you do get in trouble. Never mind, there's the consolation of not facing Tayport in the cup this season.

Job for Life wanted? Apply to Torith Ltd. (Tay Road Bridge Pedestrian Walkway Repair Division) for a job repairing the Tay Road Bridge. The way things are going with that Bridge, we're more likely to get a game played against Harp first. Six games league games to go after today and two of them are against Lochee Harp.

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

At 30th January 1999

	PI	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
TAYPORT	15	14	1	0	64	4	60	43
CARNOUSTIE	16	10	3	3	40	24	16	33
VIOLET	14	9	1	4	34	22	12	28
KIRRIE	15	8	3	4	36	19	17	27
NORTH END	13	9	0	4	26	14	12	27
LOCHEE UTD	15	6	4	5	34	32	2	22
ARBROATH SC	17	5	3	9	29	39	-10	18
DOWNFIELD	13	5	2	6	32	26	6	17
ELMWOOD	17	3	3	11	26	55	-29	12
FORFAR WE	11	2	2	7	13	24	-11	8
ST.JOSEPHS	16	2	1	13	15	74	-59	7
LOCHEE HARP	9	1	1	7	10	22	-12	4

At 30th January 1999

	ASC	CARD	DOVE	ELM	F/W	KIR	L/H	L/U	N/E	JOE	TAY	VIO
ARBROATH SC		4-1	4-2	5-4	2-2	0-2		2-2	0-2		0-3	0-2
CARNOUSTIE	4-2		1-1	5-2		2-1	3-1	5-3		6-1		2-2
DOWNFIELD				5-2		5-1	5-0		2-3	3-1		2-3
ELMWOOD	2-1	2-2			0-4	0-5		2-3	2-1	4-0	0-4	
FORFAR WE	1-2	1-2				0-0		0-2			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				3-0	0-2	
NORTH END	3-1	1-0		1-0				5-1			0-2	1-2
ST.JOSEPHS	1-1	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2				1-6		0-14	0-7
TAYPORT	4-1	1-0	2-0	9-0	5-0	3-1				6-0		
VIOLET			3-1	3-0	3-0		2-1	1-4	0-1	4-2	0-2	

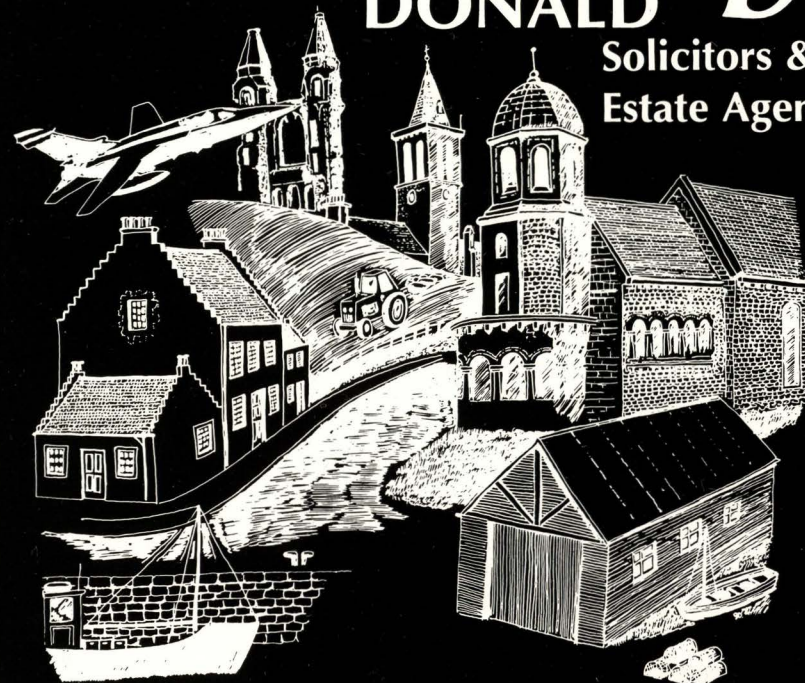
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ARBROATH SC	L	L	L	L	Idle	D	W	W	D	L
CARNOUSTIE	W	W	W	W	Idle	L	L	L	W	W
DOWNFIELD	L	Idle	W	L	Idle	L	L	Idle	Idle	W
ELMWOOD	D	W	W	W	Idle	L	L	Idle	L	D
FORFAR WE	D	W	L	L	Idle	Idle	W	Idle	D	W
KIRRIE	D	W	W	Idle	Idle	W	W	D	Idle	L
LOCHEE HARP	D	W	L	L	Idle	D	W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

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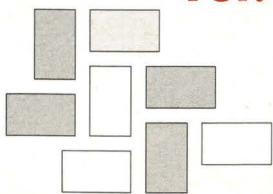
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