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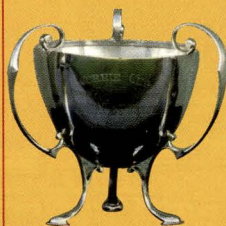
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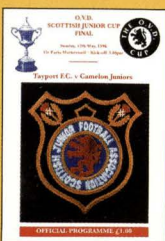
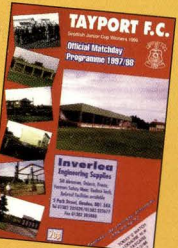
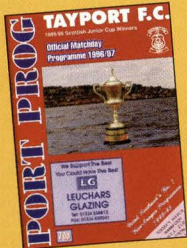
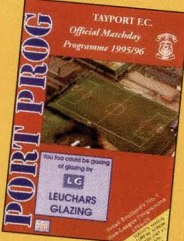
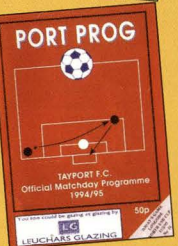
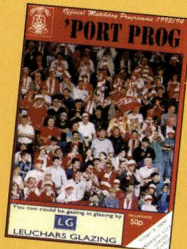
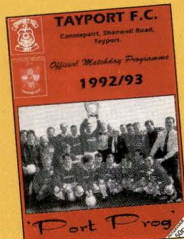
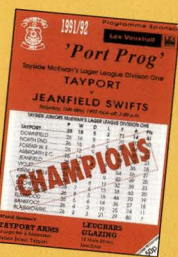
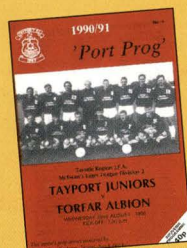


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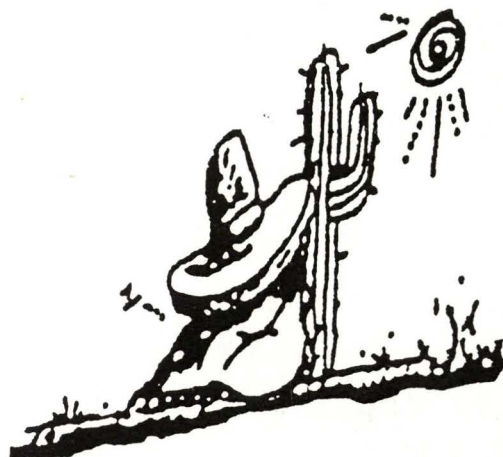
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## TODAY'S VISITORS DUNDEE VIOLET

Dundee Violet pay their eleventh visit to the Canniepairt this afternoon, anxious for points to take them away from the bottom half of the league.

The Pansies have a proud history since being founded in 1883 and have the distinction, of course, of being the only team actually from Dundee to have won the Scottish Junior Cup, way back in 1929.

Despite promising much in recent times, Violet will be the first to admit that they have probably under achieved.

There has been a paucity of silverware, with only an Intersport Cup win in 1992 to show for their efforts during the last decade of the twentieth century.

Violet have retained their top division status, however, over a number of years and, particularly in recent times, have looked to be well placed for a challenge, only to fade away as the

season progressed.

Already it looks too late for a serious title challenge with 14 points dropped to date.

Despite being without the suspended Eddie McAulay and Greg Culross, Violet will pose a threat here today. On their day the Glenesk side are on a par with any team in the league.

It is, of course the second meeting of the sides this season, Tayport having triumphed by 2-0 in the preliminary round of the Taycars Trophy on 4th September here at the Canniepairt.

Tayport had several key players missing that day and had to sign keeper Ryan Sochanik and Andy Sommerville jnr.

Ryan was making his debut and kept a clean sheet as Tayport won 2-0 with first half goals from Kenny Cameron and Brian Craik.

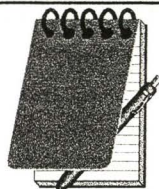
Since then Violet have progressed to the last 16 of the Concept Group

Trophy and have successfully negotiated two rounds of the OVD Cup.

In the first round Fochabers neighbours Burghead were put to the sword to the tune of 10-1 then Ayrshire's Hurlford United went down by a single goal at Glenesk in round 2. A good result for the Pansies as the west coast side, now improving rapidly under the managership of John Crawford who led Largs to a shock OVD triumph in 1994, were tipped to pull off a shock result.

There's plenty experience in the Violet line-up, particularly in the back division which will include veteran ex-Downfield & Montrose defender Roy Price who was an absentee when the sides last met. Midfielder Brian Harris, signed from Forfar Albion, impressed in the sides' last meeting. While up front ex-Canniepairt favourite Jackie Devine could feature along with another ex-Port man Andy Heggie.





## **PRESS REPORT**

**Fochabers 0 Tayport 13**

**FIFE HERALD (15/10/99)**

*"The superior ability and greater experience of the Tayport players saw them cruise easily into the second round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup, against North Region minnows*

*Fochabers with the club notching up what was by far their record victory in the competition"*

**Tayport 3 Bankfoot 2**

**FIFE HERALD(22/10/99)**

*"Newly promoted Bankfoot caused a stir by taking a two goal lead, in this thrilling league match on the Canniepairt, but Tayport showed resilience in fighting back in the second half, to earn all three points, with central defender Kenny Jones heading the dramatic last gasp winner "*

**Oakley United 0 Tayport 2**

**FIFE HERALD (29/10/99)**

*"Holders Tayport ousted Oakley United from the Taycars Trophy courtesy of a confident display at Blairwood Park, with first half goals from Kenny Cameron and Graham Nicoll putting them firmly in control"*

**Wishaw Juniors 0 Tayport 6**

**WISHAW PRESS (10/11/99)**

*" Tayport obviously hadn't read the script for the game as the Tayside team put six goals past Wishaw Juniors in the first game at their new home. After seven years of ground sharing with local rivals Coltness United, Wishaw were given permission by North Lanarkshire Council to utilise the pitch in the central reservation of the running track at Wishaw Sports Centre.....they couldn't have received a better draw to come home to, taking on top junior side Tayport in the second round of the OVD Cup with the visitors bringing along a healthy travelling support"*

Wishaw's excellent match programme for the OVD tie earlier this month paid Tayport a huge compliment when, in his programme notes, Wishaw's Executive Director, Robert McMillan stated *'The opposition for the first game at our new home couldn't have come any tougher as we entertain the 'dream team' of Scottish Junior Football, Tayport FC'* . Some accolade to live up to but, although we weren't at our best, at least three of the goals were something special and lit up the afternoon.



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**Kenny Jones in action v Wishaw**



**Ian Greig in action at Wishaw in the OVD Cup**





Mark Corcoran and Kenny Cameron in action v Stoneywood

## HORROR PHOTOS No.4

These refugees from an Abba concert are, from left, Sean Wilkie (with two wigs), Grant Buist, Grant Paterson and Fraser Mann



## CUP DRAWS

### TAYCARS TROPHY

Bankfoot v St Andrews United  
Glenrothes v Rosyth Rec.  
Lochgelly v Carnoustie  
Lochore Miners v Downfield  
Newburgh v Forfar West End  
Tayport v Crossgates  
Thornton Hibs v Forfar Albion  
North End v Kelty Hearts

### CONCEPT TROPHY

Brechin Vics v East Craigie  
Carnoustie v Culter  
North End v Formartine  
Forfar Albion v Montrose  
Glentanar v Downfield  
Inverurie Loco v Violet  
Longside v Tayport  
Sunnybank v Islavale



## **SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT**



A first for Banks O'Dee last Friday evening. The North Region Premier Division side hosted their first ever floodlit league match when they played Inverurie Loco at Spain Park, Aberdeen.

Punters will have noticed the brighter look to the Canniepairt since the last game. That's down to the now retired Andy Bell, ably assisted by Kenny Coutts, putting in a good few shifts with the paint brush since we last played at home way back on 16 October. Well done, lads.

Several clubs managed some friendly action over the last week or so when the Junior card was suspended for the Scotland v England match. Bankfoot even managed to find foreign opposition in the shape of Lyckeby from Sweden who went down 2-1 to two Barry Ward goals. North End had a workout against Hill Of Beath.

Tayport FC successfully appealed to the SJFA against the fine levied by the Tayside JFA for an article in the Port Prog earlier this season. The club had been fined £100 but this was halved following a hearing in Glasgow.

Cupar Hearts, whose form the Kingdom Caledonian League has been on an upward spiral since the appointment of ex-Hill of Beath star Brian Ritchie as player/manager a couple of seasons ago, have accepted an invitation to participate in an international tournament in Liege, Belgium in June. Tayport Amateurs will be in the same city at the same time, competing in a similar international tournament. Although Tayport look unlikely to be able to send a team to play in a Veterans' Tournament in Belgium at the same time, the organisers have said that the club has an open invitation to participate should the situation change.

Whitletts Vics were on the wrong end of the OVD 2nd round's highest scoreline when Tranent hit 10 goals past them without reply. Maybe not too surprising considering the Ayr team had travelled to East Lothian with only ten men.

Ex-Tayport player Billy Coventry has signed for Elmwood after negotiating a transfer from St Andrews United. Covy moved from the Canniepairt to Recreation Park last season but asked away from the Fife side in the close season and hadn't played for them since.



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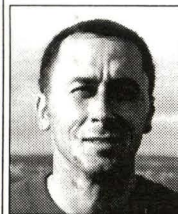
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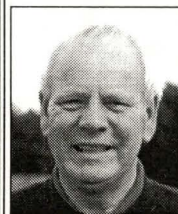


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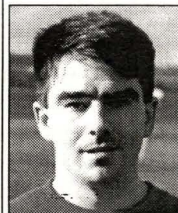
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## ANDY'S ANGLE

First of all I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players and officials of Dundee Violet for our league game this afternoon. I have a healthy respect for today's opponents and I'm sure today's game will be entertaining.

Violet have shown that they are an ambitious club by the continuing upgrading of Glenesk Park and the acquisition of several players from the Senior ranks



Considering these facts, along with the fact that neither team has had a competitive game for two weeks, due to the Scotland v England match, makes this game a very tough one indeed.

In recent weeks we have played three away cup ties against opposition from other regions. All these games ended in a victory for Tayport without too much difficulty. It always seems easier for myself to motivate players against such opposition, as the players relish the chance to pit their abilities against players from other regions. I also enjoy these competitions as the games are a change from the league routine and always seem to capture the imagination.

Getting back to this afternoon's game and the competition which is our bread and butter, it's this game on which we must concentrate. It is vital we pick up the three points on offer as the last thing we need is for our nearest rivals to pull away from us.

*Andy Sommerville*

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Kirrie This	8	5	2	2	19	16	16	Broughty	10	4	5	1	14	8	17
Arbroath SC	9	4	1	4	17	15	13	Kinnoull	9	5	2	2	20	16	17
Downfield	7	3	3	1	12	8	12	Harp	9	4	3	2	21	13	15
Bankfoot	8	4	0	4	18	22	12	Co Angus	9	4	2	3	16	17	14
Elmwood	8	2	4	2	13	13	10	Forfar Alb	7	2	3	2	12	12	9
Violet	8	3	1	4	14	15	10	Scone This	9	3	0	6	17	26	9
Lochee Utd	7	1	3	3	11	13	6	Brechin Vics	9	2	2	5	17	22	8
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Carnoustie P	7	1	2	4	15	17	5	Arbroath Vics	9	2	1	6	8	30	7
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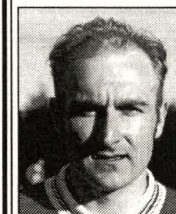
- 96 The attendance at Stoneywood for the recent Concept Trophy tie. The lowest attendance at a Tayport game for many a year. The home support numbered less than 20.
- 21 The number of different grounds visited by Tayport on OVD Scottish Cup business.
- 51 The number of years Newcastle United manager Bobby Robson's father, Philip, a miner, worked down the pits.
- 6 The number of OVD ties in which Tayport have failed to find their opponents' net.
- 5 The number of former Tayport FC players featured in *The Courier* photograph of the nine prizewinners at Scotsraig Golf Club's Presentation Evening last week.
- 7 The number of all-Tayside OVD ties in which Tayport will have featured after the next round.
- 1450 The number of pounds won by *each* of the winners who shared the jackpot in Tayport FC's Super Six Lottery two weeks ago.
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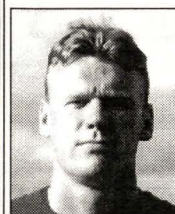


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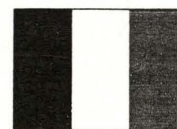
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## NEW SIGNING COULD MAKE DEBUT TODAY TAYPORT'S FIRST FOREIGN SIGNING



Tayport hope to parade their new signing, Frenchman **FREDERIC DESWARTE**, this afternoon. Freddie was signed yesterday on a delayed transfer from Arbroath FC and has been signed until the end of the season.

The 26 year old, who plays in midfield, signed for the Red Lichties at the start of the season. Formerly with FC Dunkirk, Frederic joined Arbroath from another French club, FC Loon-Plage but his first team appearances at Gayfield have been limited.



## PYRAMID COLLAPSES

The *Scottish Pyramid News* has folded. The weekly publication which was a boon to Junior managers and programme editors has gone bankrupt. It was the *News* which supplied the programme inserts detailing the junior league and cup results, fixtures and tables from around the country. It was always controversial, but at the same time was often a breath of fresh air and it will be missed.

We have a new advertiser on board today, Jane's Harbour Tearoom and Takeaway, down at Tayport Harbour. As with all our advertisers, we would urge you to give Jane your support.

## JANET WILL BE MISSED

It was with regret that club members learned of the untimely death of Janet, wife of committee member Bert Irvine, on 8th November. Janet had been ill for some time but during this time she was never heard to complain and was more interested in the welfare of others.

Janet was involved with many organisations in the town and was always a willing helper at any functions and fund raising events including those run by the football club. For many years Janet audited this club's books. Our condolences go to Bert, daughter Marie & family and Janet's mum Meg.



# NOTES

## MATCH REPORTS

by D. Eric

Tayport's return to league action this afternoon comes fully one month after Kenny Jones capped a stirring comeback against Bankfoot, by notching his first goal for the club. In the interim, 'Port have made steady progress in three cup competitions, after emerging unscathed from a series of potentially tricky away ties. Firstly came a trip to face Oakley United of the Fife League in a Taycars Trophy match where first half strikes from Kenny Cameron and Graham Nicoll were enough to see the holders confidently into the next round. Despite Cameron's sending off, early in the second half, the professionalism of the remaining players ensured that Oakley never looked like clawing back the deficit and indeed, frustration on their part saw the hosts reduced to nine men in the later stages of the contest.

'Port did not play as convincingly when they travelled north to meet FC Stoneywood in the Concept Trophy, but still recorded a reasonably comfortable 3-1 victory. Brian Craik received the plaudits for the opener and Graham Nicoll headed the Canniepairt outfit into a strong position, although the Dyce side's goal, on the stroke of half-time, brought some anxious second half moments for the visiting defence. Inevitably however, Kenny Cameron raced clear to put the outcome beyond doubt with a typically clinical finish.

Cameron's finish at Wishaw, in the OVD Cup, was even more impressive, scoring with a stunning lob over the keeper from around 45 yards out. This was definitely the highlight of a solid 6-0 win, which marked the opening of Wishaw Sports Centre as a venue for Junior football. Brian Craik, Dave Reilly, Mark Corcoran and

Graham Nicoll, with a brace, also managed to get on the scoresheet in a game which Tayport won with much to spare

The low point of the afternoon was Nicoll's dismissal, following a tussle on the right wing. This marred the youngster's recent run in the team, which brought

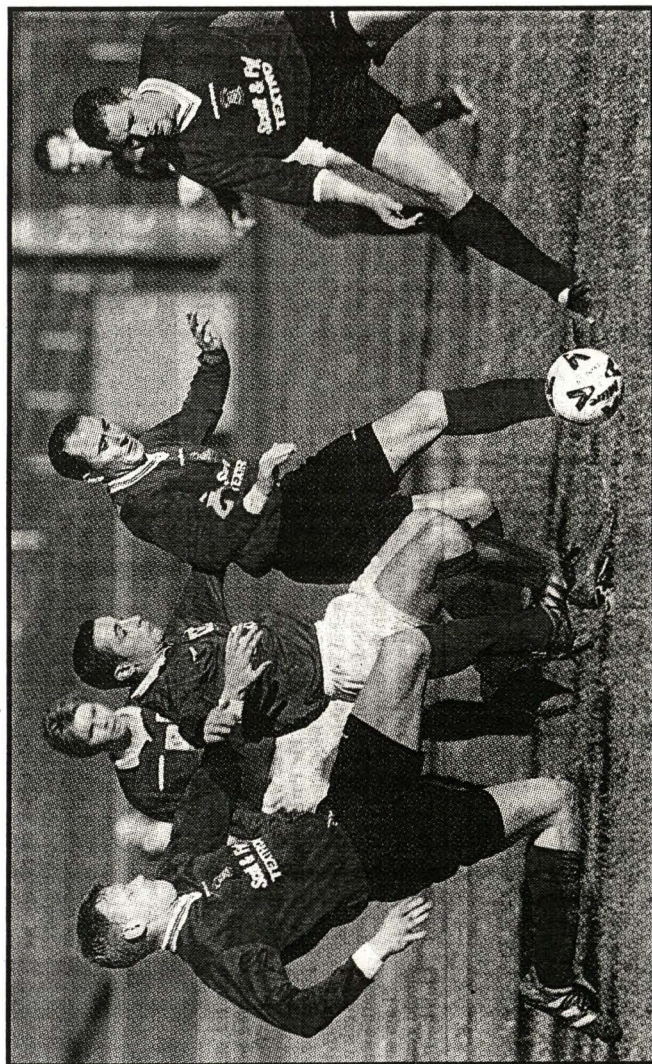
him four goals in these three critical cup fixtures



Action from Tayport v Violet on the Canniepairt last season







Brian Craik, Dave Reilly and Kenny Jones fight for possession v Wishaw



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### THE OVD CUP ROUND 3

**Tayport** feature in the only all Tayside clash of the 3rd Round of the Scottish Junior Cup with an away tie at either **Forfar West End** or **Montrose Roselea** on Saturday 4th December. These sides replay today after drawing at Montrose two weeks ago.

The draw was made last Sunday at Blacklands Bowling Club, Kilwinning, home of Kilwinning Rangers, the current cup holders, and is as follows

Thornton or Bathgate v Stoneyburn or Art'lie	Cumnock v Stoneywood
Kilwinning Rangers v Benburb	<b>Lochee Harp</b> v Inverurie Loco
Kilbirnie Ladeside v Kinnoull	Hill of Beath v Newtongrange Star
Cumbernauld v Musselburgh or Broxburn	Shotts Bon Accord v Bo'ness United
Largs Thistle v Lochore Welfare	Larkhall v Craigmark Burntonians
Baillieston v Strathspey This. or Royal Albert	St Anthony's v Harthill Royal
Sunnybank v Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	<b>Violet</b> v Lesmahagow
Livingston Utd v Blantyre Vics or Maud	Troon v Lanark United
Maryhill v Neilston	Renfrew v <b>Arbroath SC</b>
Petershill v Glenafton Athletic	Kelty Hearts v Stonehouse Violet
Pollok v <b>Bankfoot</b> or Cruden Bay	Thorniewood or Nairn v Aberdeen Lads Club
<b>Forfar West End</b> or <b>Montrose v Tayport</b>	Tranent v Rutherglen Glencairn
Maybole v Irvine Vics	Johnstone Burgh v Camelon
Glenrothes v Auchinleck or Vale of Clyde	Fauldhouse v Lochgelly or Islavale
<b>North End</b> v West Calder United	B'burn or Carnoustie v Oakley or V. Leven
Shettleston or Coltness v Kello or <b>Kirrie</b>	Pumphreston v Irvine Meadow

For 4th round Tayside appearances, North End are certs, Violet should make it. Kirrie & Carnoustie (assuming they get through round 2) and Arbroath SC are good bets but Harp, Kinnoull and Bankfoot, if the latter can defeat Cruden Bay in today's replay, have their work cut out. It'll be a good occasion for Bankfoot, though, at Newlandsfield against Pollok. Quite a contrast to Coronation Park.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

NORTH EAST FIFE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(SCOTLAND) ACT, 1972, SECTION 23.  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
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(SCOTLAND) ORDER, 1975, ARTICLE  
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### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 2-16 HENDERSON STREET, TAYPORT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,  
That the following application for  
outline Planning Permission is  
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AMATEUR F.C. SOCIAL CLUB in  
respect of the Erection of new  
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(Sgd.) A. S. INGLIS,  
Chartered Architects,  
on behalf of Tayport Amateur  
F.C. Social Club.

## 1978

We look back **TWENTY ONE YEARS** to 1978. At that time the club ran two amateur XI's in the Midlands AFA. It was the era in which social clubs were booming. The breweries were throwing money at sports clubs and encouraging them to build social clubs.

Junior clubs, in particular, were keen to get on the bandwagon but the boom didn't last. The Junior scene is littered with the legacy of those days - Violet, Lochee United and Carnoustie Panmure, for example, in our own area and many more throughout the country. Some, of course, stayed the pace and still flourish today. In 1978 the only 'singing and dancing' type of social club in Tayport was the now demolished Royal British Legion Club in William Street, so a plan was hatched by Tayport FC to build their own social club. James Donaldson & Son, at that time the

Tayport-based timber merchants and sawmillers, saw this as an opportunity to provide a social facility and agreed to provide the ground on which the club would be built.

Plans were drawn up, forms of intent were completed by prospective members and the financial backing of Lorimer's Brewery was put in place. It seemed all systems were go when the above advertisement appeared in The Courier on 6 September 1978. But at this point when Lorimer's Brewery became the subject of a takeover, the offer of finance was withdrawn and the project was abandoned.

House were eventually erected on the proposed site in Henderson Street then Donaldson's Timber pulled out of town after 100+ years to concentrate on their Leven-based operation.

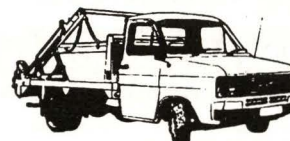
One wonders how things would have panned out had the social club plan come to fruition. One thing is pretty certain. If the Social Club had survived until 1990, it would surely have blossomed during the past ten years we have been in the Junior FA.

Ironically, Andy Phin, now mine host at *Cobies*, had been earmarked as club steward and, instead of entering the new Millennium as a publican in Tay Street, he could have been entering 2000 running what surely would have been called *Phinnies* along the road in Henderson Street.

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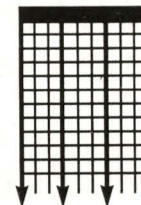
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## PRESS REPORT EXTRA

How the *Aberdeen Evening Express* reported our win at Stoneywood (thanks to Tayport exile Will Carmichael for sending on this report)

**BATTLING FC Stoneywood** came close to grabbing a memorable scalp as they gave Tayport the fright of their lives in the Concept Group Trophy first round at Polo Park.

Although the Tayside giants eventually won 3-1, the score flattered the Dundee big guns who were pushed all the way by John Harvey's side.

Refusing to be intimidated by their big-spending visitors, Stoneywood created a number of great chances.

There was an audible sound of relief from the large travelling support when Cameron burst through the defence to net with only four minutes remaining.

The late strike gave an unrealistic end to the scoreline and sent the noisy Tayport fans home happy but it could have been so different if Stoneywood had been sharper in front of goal.

The ex-Scottish Cup champs grabbed two first half goals through well worked set pieces with the first in 15 minutes straight from the training ground.

The Stoneywood defence was caught sleeping by a quick free kick and Jones was found unmarked in front of goal.

Tayport breached the Sunnybank defence from another set piece when Nicol

## Stoneywood give Tayside giants a fright at Polo Park

headed home on half an hour. Stoneywood grabbed a deserved lifeline with the last kick of the half when Ray Collins latched on to a free-kick to head home from 16 yards.

The Aberdeen outfit squandered a number of chances to set Tayport packing and for manager Harvey it was a case of what could have been.

"I don't think 3-1 was a fair reflection on the game as we deserved a lot more.

"We wasted a number of good chances and, at one point, could have been 3-2 up.

"I'm disappointed as I thought the players put a lot into the tie but we must learn we can't give a team of that calibre a two-goal lead.

"There isn't such a gulf between us and the Tayside teams any more," said Harvey.

"They are comfortably playing at a higher level which is probably the only real difference.

"We were on top in the second half and they began to have doubts."

After suffering a poor start to his Stoneywood management career, Harvey has now moulded a team capable of pushing for honours.

Despite the defeat, he believes they will take further confidence from their performance.

"Stoneywood didn't have the best of starts to the season and I realised there was a lot of work to be done.

"A few players were uncertain about what I wanted when I arrived.

"I've set standards and the players have responded well and I'm confident the season will now go well."

Tayport manager Andrew Somerville was relieved to escape Aberdeen with a win but has set his sights on much higher goals.

"Stoneywood were unlucky and should have got more from the game as they made us fight hard," said Somerville.



Tayport's Stevie Stewart and Stoneywood's Neil England contest a high ball

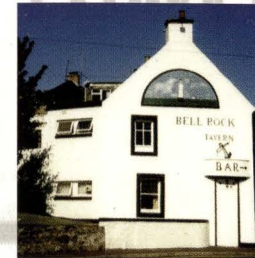
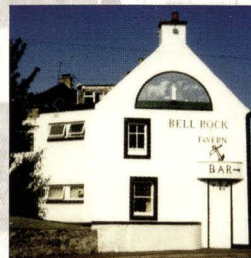
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