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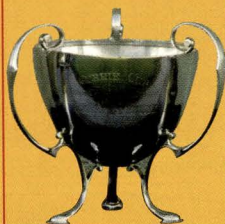
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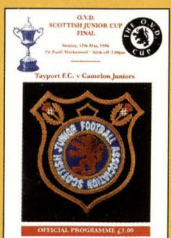
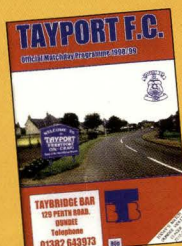
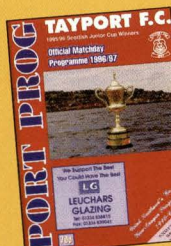
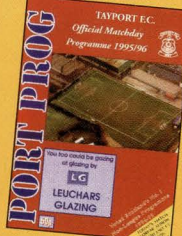
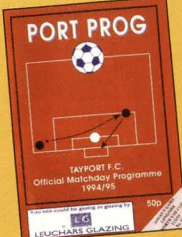
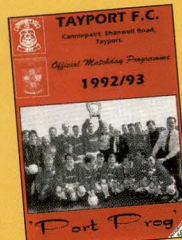
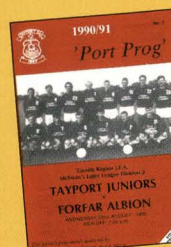
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## THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME

After unsuccessfully attempting to play Forfar West End for the entire month of December, here we are playing each other for the second time in six days.

This time it's league points which are at stake with both teams anxious for different reasons to get points on the board. Before Monday's game West End had put together a wee run and the defeat was their first in seven games.

Today marks the halfway stage in the League for West End and they will need no one to tell them that a much improved second half of the league season is required if they are to move away from the dreaded relegation zone. A tall order with almost half the teams in the Division with one eye on the foot of the league.

Manager John Clenaghan missed Monday's tie but he will have been fully briefed and will have his troops up for today's battle. It was heavy going on Monday at Strathmore Park but, with the Canniepairt not having seen a football for weeks - only three fixtures here in the last three months - the surface should be better.

The experienced and versatile David Scott was a late call off on Monday with a blistered heel but he could return for West End today. His presence was sorely missed by a side which is likely to show several changes from that which started Monday's tie.

With North End and Kirrie hot on their heels, Tayport cannot afford any slip-up. Manager Andy Sommerville will ensure there is no complacency and that full attention is given to the job in hand. There looks certain to be changes in the line-up. After such a long lay-off, every player is eager to taste action. Stevie Ross, although he did not get on at Forfar, is back in full training and is one who comes into that category.

Shotts were represented at Forfar on Monday and are likely to be at The Canniepairt today to have another look at next week's opponents.



## FRED IS TAYPORT'S FIRST FOREIGN SIGNING

When Andy Sommerville signed Frederic Deswarte from Arbroath FC in November last year, the Frenchman became the Juniors' first foreign signing. (That's if you don't count Englishman 'Bomber' Harris who played in 1992/93 !).

26 years old Frederic (he prefers Fred to Freddy) arrived in Scotland in July 1999 to join ex Tayport boss Dave Baikie at Arbroath. With not having had the same intensive pre-training as his teammates, Fred struggled to get a regular place at Gayfield and was allowed to join the 'Port on a delayed transfer.

Fred's first club was L'USL Dunkerque in the French Division Two with whom he was an apprentice player for three years before a transfer to Division Three side L'US Gravelines.

Fred, whose English has improved considerably since arriving in Scotland, can also speak German & Spanish. He has combined his soccer with his various academic studies and is currently teaching French for several hours a week at Dundee College but is on the look-out for some other part-time work. Anything considered, he says.



### TAYSIDE PREMIER CLUBS' CURRENT FORM

(most recent result to the right)

ARBROATH SC	W	W	L	D	L	L	W	W	L	L	W
BANKFOOT	W	L	W	W	L	D	L	D	W	L	L
CARNOUSTIE	L	L	W	D	D	W	W	W	D	W	W
DOWNFIELD	D	W	W	W	D	W	W	L	L	W	W
ELMWOOD	L	L	L	D	L	W	D	W	L	L	L
FORFAR WE	L	L	L	L	D	W	D	D	W	D	L
KIRRIE THISTLE	D	W	L	D	D	W	L	W	L	L	W
LOCHEE UNITED	W	L	D	W	D	W	D	D	L	L	D
MONTROSE	L	L	L	D	W	L	W	D	L	W	L
NORTH END	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W
TAYPORT	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
VIOLET	W	W	L	W	D	L	W	W	L	W	W



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Kenny Cameron	6	5	2	1			1	15
Dave Reilly	6	5					1	12
Graham Nicoll	3	3	1	1			1	9
Mark Corcoran	1	4						5
Brian Craik	2	1	1	1				5
Ian Greig		2						2
Kenny Jones	2							2
Keith Nicolson	2							2
Stevie Ross	2							2
Fred Deswarte	1							1
Grant Paterson	1							1
Steven Stewart		1						1
Grant Buist								
Mark Spalding								
Sean Wilkie								
Allan Ramsay								
Paul Reilly								
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>57</b>

### NCR TAYSIDE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
TAYPORT	11	5	1	0	19	4	3	2	0	7	3	19	27
NORTH END	12	5	0	1	16	7	3	2	1	18	11	16	26
KIRRIE THIS.	9	3	0	2	13	13	3	1	0	9	5	4	19
DOWNFIELD	10	1	2	2	6	7	4	1	0	10	4	5	18
ARBROATH SC	11	2	1	4	11	13	2	0	2	7	5	0	13
VIOLET	10	3	1	0	8	3	1	0	5	9	14	0	13
ELMWOOD	10	1	0	4	6	16	3	0	2	11	10	-9	13
BANKFOOT	9	1	0	4	7	18	3	0	1	11	7	-7	12
LOCHEE UNITED	8	0	1	2	4	7	1	3	1	7	6	-2	7
FORFAR W.E.	10	0	3	2	5	8	1	1	3	9	16	-10	7
CARNOUSTIE	7	1	1	2	12	12	0	1	2	3	5	-2	5
MONTROSE	9	1	1	3	6	8	0	0	4	1	13	-14	4



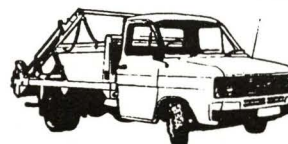
## NUMBERS

- 211** The Number of calls made to the Tayport FC Newsline for Monday past's OVD tie at Forfar West End.
- 60** The number of competitive goals scored by Shotts Bon Accord in their 19 competitive games this season.
- 8** The number of pounds paid by Bunter in Barcelona last weekend to have his shoes polished.
- 26** The number of OVD games Tayport have played against Central League opposition.
- 3** The number of times Tayport played on the Canniepairt in the last three months of 1999.
- 2500** The number of pounds you can win in this week's Tayport FC *Super Six* Lottery.
- 11** The number of teams in the last 32 of the OVD Cup next Saturday that were involved at the same stage last season.

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#### PREMIER DIVISION

Downfield v Bankfoot  
Elmwood v Carnoustie  
Lochee Utd. v Arbroath SC  
Montrose v North End  
Tayport v Forfar West End  
Violet v Kirrie

#### DIVISION ONE

Blairgowrie v Arbroath Vics  
Brechin Vics v Lochee Harp  
Coupar Angus v E.Craigue  
Forfar Albion v Kinnoull  
Luncarty v Jeanfield Swifts  
Scone This v Broughty Ath

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## THE JUNIORS CUP FINAL

The day of the Juniors Cup Final  
Is a day I will never forget,  
For the other side's goalie was famous,  
He had never let one past him yet!

And on me all my team were dependin'  
As the striker to lead the attack,  
For our manager said - nae defendin'  
Jist get in therr an' nae haudin' back!

From the kick-off I tore down the middle,  
An' my wingers baith matched me wi' speed  
Then I passed it oot left frae a dribble,  
An' he lobbed - an' I nodded ma heid!

One-Nil - that was just the beginnin',  
I knew then the vict'ry was mine,  
There was never no doubt who was winnin'  
By the half I had nodded in nine!

But I must hand it out to our wingers,  
They had the poor goalie near deid,  
The pair of them fair went thir dingers,  
When they lobbed - I just nodded ma heid!

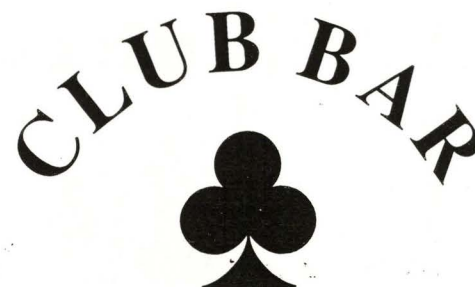
The goalie was full of dejection,  
For we kept on increasin' our lead,  
He aye dived in the other direction  
As I nodded it in with ma heid

At the whistle the goalie was greetin',  
He never had no chance at all,  
Twenty goals is how much he was beaten,  
All by me and my noddin' the ball!

Well, I met that poor goalie next mornin',  
And hoped he would not make a fuss,  
So I gave him a nod in the passin'  
And he went and dived under a bus!

James Copeland

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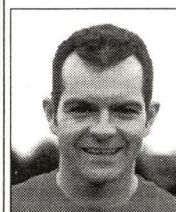
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## ANDY'S ANGLE

First of all, may I wish the players and officials of Forfar West End a warm welcome to the Canniepairt this afternoon. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to all the Tayport supporters.

It has been five weeks since our last home game and in that time we have only managed to play one game, our Scottish Cup tie against the same opposition as we have today.



You could say that we have had our own enforced mini winter shutdown. The reason, of course, for the lay-off was the severe frost and hard ground conditions at West End's ground. Whilst I appreciate that the park at Forfar was unplayable, it would have been fine if we could have played a fixture at Tayport, as the Canniepairt was playable every week that the Scottish Cup tie was called off.

The management here at Tayport put in a lot of effort into trying to entice teams to come here and play a league fixture, but sadly there were no takers.

We now face the prospect of travelling to meet the top dogs in the Central Region in the Scottish Cup having played only two games in seven weeks. This is hardly the best preparation to play a game of such magnitude. We also have the future problem of when we come to play cup ties at the end of the season and perhaps have to play three or four games a week. And often, in so doing, hold up other teams who are waiting to play. With a playable pitch available and not being used when many in the Region are unplayable it's frustrating and it's maybe a situation that we could be looking at.

On a happier note I would like to congratulate the players on Monday's victory against Forfar West End in the Scottish. It was the manner in which the victory was achieved that really pleased me, with some very attractive football being played.

I would also like to welcome our new signing to the club. Frederic Deswarte or Fred as he prefers to be known, is an exciting player as his first goal for the club has already proved and once Fred has settled in I am sure he will be a great favourite of the supporters.

*Andy Sommerville*



## SEASON 1 1999-2000

**Home Games in capitals. L = NCR Premier League. T = Taycars Trophy. S = OVD Scottish Cup. C = Concept Trophy**

**D = DJ Laing Trophy. F = Findlay & Co. Trophy**

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## AN INTERESTING FOURTH ROUND IN PROSPECT

### OVD CUP 4th ROUND SATURDAY 15 JANUARY

The draw for the 4th round of the national competition has finally been unravelled with the third round being the graveyard for the hopes of several of the fancied sides.

Out went holders Kilwinning Rangers, Auchinleck Talbot, Arthurlie, Hill of Beath, Maryhill, Bathgate, Petershill, Bo'ness, Camelon and Irvine Meadow. Most of them well supported teams so there has to be disappointment for these clubs' fans, and also the SJFA who get 10% of all gate receipts.

After getting a draw at THORNTON, Arthurlie were expected to dispose of the 'Fife minnows' as Thornton were described by a 'Lie fan on the Internet, in the replay. However a shock was in store for the Barrhead side who lost a two goal lead and a last minute penalty to make their exit.

GLENROTHES, under the management of ex-Tayport Amateurs captain Colin Downie, were a man down (red card) and a goal behind but recovered from both setbacks to beat Auchinleck 2-1.

Holders Kilwinning survived a stonewall penalty

claim in the last minute at home to BENBURB but the writing was on the wall and they went out to the only goal in the replay at the beginning of this week.

Next week's tie of the round is the SHOTTS v TAYPORT game but there are several other very interesting encounters. GLENROTHES would have been hoping for an easier tie than GLENAF-TON away but can take heart from the fact that they had to perform a Houdini act to eliminate Fife neighbours Newburgh at New Cumnock in round 2.

A few miles up the road KELTY HEARTS meet CUMNOCK but it's not beyond the experienced Hearts lads to get a result here.

Tayside has another four clubs looking for a last 16 place. VIOLET and CARNOUSTIE can account for NEWTONGRANGE and LARGS THISTLE respectively at home and there are more difficult venues than KILBIRNIE and INVERURIE for NORTH END and ARBROATH SC. respectively. Inverurie will, however, no doubt fancy their chances of a place in round 5 and the other North survivors, SUNNYBANK look to have a better than even chance of

progressing at the expense of FAULHOUSE.

Three Central sides will definitely make an exit with BENBURB meeting ROYAL ALBERT and SHETTLESTON at home to JOHNSTONE BURGH.

There is nothing to separate NEILSTON and BLANTYRE in the league so their tie looks to be a very close affair.

THORNTON can continue to progress, even if they have to return to Fife for a replay v TRANENT from the East's Division Two.

Well fancied by the bookies are WHITBURN and POLLOK and neither will have complained at being brought out of the hat v THORNIWOOD and MAYBOLE.

It will be tight at LANARK where HARTHILL, already with a cup final win under their belts this season, are the visitors. Neither LARKHALL nor visitors BROXBURN are in their respective top divisions.

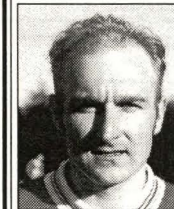
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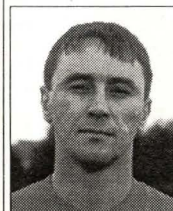
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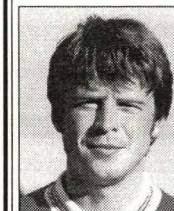
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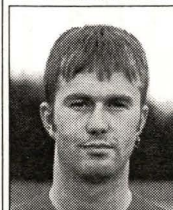
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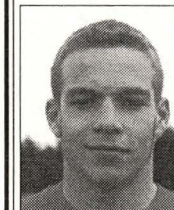
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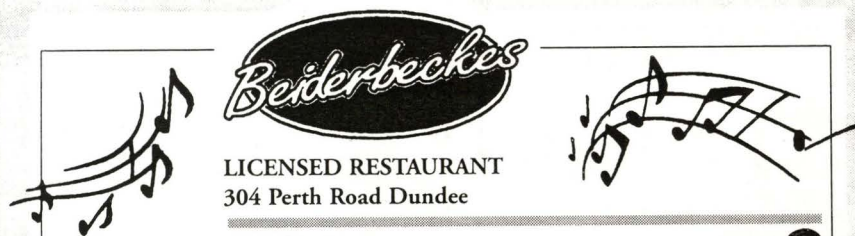
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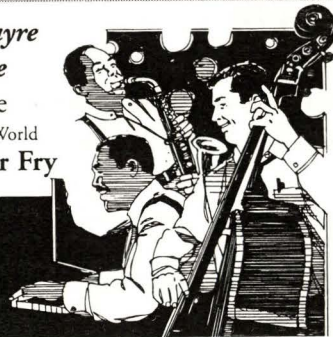
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## ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPH FROM 20 YEARS AGO



The Tayport Amateurs Fife XI which played in the East Fife Amateur League v United Colleges on 1/11/80.

Line-up(l-r) was Bruno Burnett, Frank Feechan, Ronnie Stewart, Doug Henderson, George Hayter, Alan Paterson, Alan Gray, Jimmy Robb, Ross MacMillan (manager) front - Jimmy Shields, Willie Gardiner, Kenny Smith, Roy Lessels, Bruce Burnett and Bobby Waddell. The team won 10-2 that day with Shields (4), Waddell (3), Robb, Henderson and Gardiner the scorers.





## OVD CUP

### 4th ROUND NEXT SATURDAY

After taking almost six weeks to resolve, next Saturday's 4th round has finally been sorted out and the ties are as follows.

Shotts Bon Accord v Tayport	Benburb v Royal Albert
Violet v Newtongrange Star	Tranent v Thornton Hibs
Kilbirnie Ladeside v North End	Neilston v Blantyre Vics
Inverurie Loco v Arbroath SC	Sunnybank v Fauldhouse
Carnoustie v Largs Thistle	Lanark United v Harthill Royal
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NEILSTON	7	3	3	1	10	7	3	12
BLANTYRE VICS	6	2	4	0	10	2	8	10
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## 20th CENTURY FOOTBALL MEMORIES

Port Prog asked a selection of the club's former players during the last 50 odd years to recall their favourite player and most memorable match

**Tom Bryson**

Billy Steel (Dundee & Scotland). A good old fashioned inside forward, skilful in his play and could score goals.

Tayport winning the Scottish Junior Cup. It put Tayport on the map as far as Junior football was concerned.

**Jim Rodger**

Maurice Milne (Tayport Violet, St Josephs and Dundee United). A brilliant player, certainly the most accomplished Tayport born player I ever saw.

Junior cup-tie at North End Park, Harp 4 St Josephs 5 aet. I scored all 4 Harp goals and Maurice Milne got 3 for the Joeys including the e.t. winner.

**Lindsay Ancell**

Jim Scott (Tayport Amateurs). Any man who can head the ball half the length of the pitch after an entire night on the sauce in Belgium is my hero.

Tayport 'A' v Timex 'A' at Harrison Road 1976. I scored the only hat-trick of my career!

**Ian Howe**

Gordon Hughes (Tayport Amateurs etc). Very skillful, fast, good in the air and did what I told him!

Tayport Amateurs 3 (Howe 2, Hughes) Timex 0 in Bremner Cup Final. First silverware won with Tayport.

**Dave Baikie**

Hamish Mackay (Tayport FC). Great ability and attitude. Showed true professionalism, had a good manner and made a major contribution to Tayport's success during his time at the club.

Scottish Junior Cup Semi-final at Firhill. Tayport 3 (Mackay 3) Auchinleck Talbot 0. A result which broke down an enormous barrier for Tayside teams, getting a club into a Scottish Junior Cup Final for the first time in 39 years. It paved the way for our own future and success.



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## SHOTTS BON ACCORD

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We travel to Hannah Park in Shotts next Saturday for our first ever meeting with Shotts Bon Accord. Shotts were founded in 1950, a halcyon period in the Junior game, and the Lanarkshire side's ground reflects that.

It didn't take Shotts long to make their mark, winning the Scottish Junior Cup in 1958 in their only final appearance, a 2-0 win over Pumpherston. Apart from a West of Scotland Cup win in 1964, Shotts did not set the heather on fire in the ensuing 30 years or so.

Shotts hit the headlines in 1995, however, but it was for all the wrong reasons. Whilst riding high in the Central Premier Division, they were unable to fulfil a local cup-tie v Thorniewood and submitted a number of medical certificates to support their claim that they could not field a team.

The Central Region did not accept this and a legal wrangle ensued. Eventually the matter ended with Shotts being thrown, not just out of the cup, but also out of the league for season 1995/96 and had to pay £6,000 + to cover the Central Region's legal fees.

However, like every good story there was a happy ending. Shotts had to start off in the bottom division of the Central League when they returned in 1996/97 but they haven't looked back and have gone straight through the divisions in successive seasons, winning the League Cup on the way, culminating in winning the Central League Championship last season. At the time of writing they are on course to retain that title and are currently unbeaten in the league.

During this amazing revival under Rab Sneddon and Harry Erwin, Scottish Cup glory has eluded the Bons but, in reaching the last 32 for the first time in five years, Shotts fans will look forward to next week's tie with confidence.

One face in the Shotts ranks familiar to the Tayport fans will be that of Danny Divers who was in the Pollok side which defeated us in the 1997 final and edged us out on penalty kick in the 1998 quarter final.

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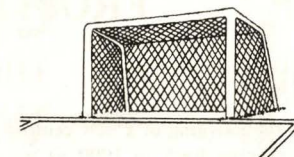
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Fixtures seem to have been quite scarce of late, but of the matches which did take place in the final weeks of the twentieth century, Tayport fared reasonably well, recording a series of positive results, which saw them return to the top of the NCR Premier Division and make progress in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup.

The main talking point of the match against Dundee Violet (20/11/99), on the Canniepairt, was the introduction of new signing Frederic Deswarte, as a second half substitute, and the Frenchman marked his debut by scoring a stunning goal from distance, to seal the points, after Keith Nicolson had earlier given 'Port the lead.

Next up was a trip to meet Arbroath SC (27/11/99) in another league match and although Tayport dominated, only an opportunist first half strike by Brian Craik separated the sides on a cold winter's afternoon at Seaton Park.

The 'Port support had more to cheer about on the first Saturday in December, when Elmwood were the visitors, after the OVD tie against Forfar West End had fallen victim to the weather. Dave Reilly was the star of the show, notching yet another hat-trick for the club, while Brian Craik, Keith Nicolson, Kenny Jones and Mark Corcoran all scored in the comprehensive seven goal win.

This proved to be 'Port's final match of the millennium, as the Strathmore Park saga got underway. The OVD Cup fixture finally went ahead after four postponements on Monday 3rd January and, following a goalless first forty five minutes, quick strikes from Kenny Cameron and Dave Reilly saw Tayport comfortably win the right to play Central League champions, Shotts Bon Accord, in the fourth round of the competition.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 100 years ago

At the dawning of a new century it's probably quite appropriate to look at what was happening back in 1900 as we entered the twentieth century. Although there was football in Tayport in those days, there are no records to be had. The town guide said 'Football has its supporters in the town, and the local clubs play on the East Commons (sic) on Saturday afternoons in the season'

The Junior game was only fourteen years old and, although around 200 clubs entered the Scottish Junior Cup that season, no details of any clubs from these parts. Maryhill were the winners, beating a Rugby XI 3-2 in the final.

In the Seniors, Dundee FC was one of a ten club Division One, six members of which are still in the SPL today. St Mirren could join them at the end of the season. The others were Clyde and the now defunct St Bernards and Third Lanark. Dundee had just moved to Dens Park from Carolina Port and had opened the century with a 3-3 draw at home to Kilmarnock in front of 5,000 Gate receipts were £125.

Tayport's population of 100 years ago was 3,325, little different from the present day. A train from Tayport station to London Kings Cross via the railway line that ran along the side of the park, where the enclosure is situated now, cost £3 9s 5d for a 3rd class return.

There was also a ferryboat service to Broughty Ferry and Tay Pleasure Steamers called in to Tayport harbour which also dealt with cargoes of wood and esparto grass. Prior to the building of the Tay Bridge twenty or so years previously, Tayport had been an important railhead.

A book referring to Tayport at the turn of the century, stated that 'the good folks of Tayport were regular churchgoers'. The fact that there were four churches and thriving Brethren, Salvation Army and Baptists groups seemed to confirm that.

As far as industry was concerned, there were two factories in the town for the spinning of yarn and the manufacture of linen and jute. There were also two engineering workshops, a sawmill, two bobbin factories, a wood turning shop and the town could also boast a Fine Art Printing centre.

Socially there were a number of societies etc. including Lodge of Good Templars (described as 'quite an aggressive body'), the Rechabites, Choral Society, Horticultural Society and YMCA.

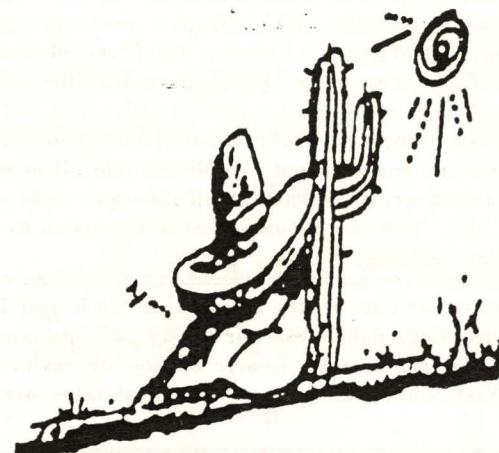
Tennis, curling, billiards, cricket and golf were active pursuits in the town 100 years ago. Scotsraig GC had 400 members. Gentlemen paid an entrance fee of £3.3s and an annual subscription of £1. A visitor's ticket was 2s 6d (12.5p).

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There may have been a goodly number of postponements these last few weeks but the situation gave Tayside secretary Jock Myles the opportunity to take in FIVE third round ties. Must be a record, said Jock. The ties were Glenrothes v Auchinleck, Thornton v Arthurlie, Hill of Beath v Newtongrange Star, Forfar West End v Tayport and Maryhill v Neilston. The Maryhill game on Monday past was quite a tie, by all accounts. Jock reports that the ref. overuled his assistant over the only goal of the game, a penalty kick which half of the crowd thought wasn't a foul and the other half thought had happened outside the area anyway. There were nine bookings and two players sent off to add to the fun. Jock reported the attendance as two and a half thousand while another source gave it as 'around 350'. Jock was accompanied at the match by that doyen of the Port Support, Jim Spalding.

Managerial changes in the East Region recently include former Dundee striker and Tayport Amateurs coach Eric Sinclair taking over at Camelon. Eric left Linlithgow Rose earlier this season. George Fairley, his replacement, has left Rose to manage East Stirlingshire. Alan McGonigal takes over the reins at Prestonfield.

North cracks Sunnybank have been sensationally thrown out of the Concept Trophy after Lochee United successfully protested that the Aberdeen club had fielded an ineligible player against them. To add to Sunnybank's woe, they were fined £200. However the matter is not finished as it is understood that Sunnybank have lodged an appeal with the SJFA.

Controversy reigned at Starks Park on Monday when Dunfermline's Owen Coyle was sent off v Raith on the say so of the referee's assistant, Mr McGregor of the Tayside Region. Coyle was adamant that he was totally innocent but off he went.

Shotts, next week's cup opponents, were well rewarded for their efforts in getting Hannah Park playable for their last round tie v Bo'ness on 18 December. The referee declared the pitch unplayable at 9.30am but hard graft, tarpaulins and heaters ensured that a second inspection two hours later got the thumbs up from the official.

The sweepie for the last Tayport FC goal of the Millennium was a bit of a damp squib, Kenny Jones v Elmwood on Dec. 4th turning out to be the final goal of the twentieth century. Not a damp squib as far as Matthew Lawson was concerned. He had Kenny in the sweep and collects £80.

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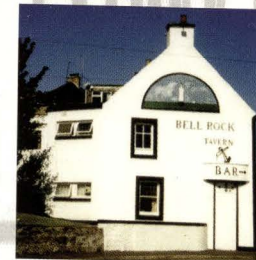
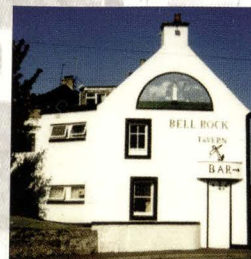
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