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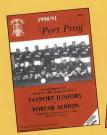


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**TAYPORT** from

KINNOULL from

1	Fraser MANN	Stephen BLAIR
2	Grant BUIST	Andrew MACKIE
3	Grant PATERSON	Scott McINTYRE
4	Mark SPALDING	Trevor SANDERSON
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12	Paul REILLY	William SHEARER
13	Kenny JONES	Colin BURKE
14	Ian GREIG	Steven THOMSON
15	Graham NICOLL	Ian WILKIE
16	Mark CORCORAN	
17	Kenny CAMERON	
19	Brian CRAIK	
20	Ryan SOCHANIK	
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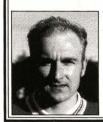
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#### THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME

The Findlay and Company Cup Competition takes over the historic Currie Cup last played for as the Whyte & Mackay Cup. However the whisky folk decided to call it a day and the chartered accountants stepped in to provide sponsorship.

The Currie Cup, of course ,started its life in Perth 90 years ago when it was presented by the wines & spirits merchants of that name to the Perthshire Junior Association. After amalgamation in 1969 it was competed for by the new Midlands (laterTayside) Association. In the ensuing 31 years Perthshire clubs have been successful on only four occasions. Two of those wins were by our visitors today who were successful in 1970 and 1985.

Tayport were the holders for four successive years in the early 90's but missed out for another four years before collecting the silverware again last June.

Kinnoull make their first visit to the Canniepairt since 1997/98 when they crashed 6-0 as they went into freefall towards Division Two. There were two other meetings that season, both at Tulloch Park, and Tayport triumphed in both, winning 7-0 in the league and 4-0 in the DJLaing Trophy.

It took a wee while for Kinnoull to arrest their decline but they did so and finished in a respectable mid table position. Things have continued to improve this term and they are presently just off the promotion pace.

It will be a tough task this afternoon but Inverness Caley Thistle have shown already this week that anything can happen in football. Kinnoull will take heart from the fact that Tayport, barring a couple of exceptions, haven't exactly been prolific scorers this season. Manager Craig Healy will no doubt try to keep things tight and look to young striking prospect Colin Burke to take full advantage of any scoring opportunities that may come his way.

Tayport hope to have Keith Nicolson back after missing last week's game through illness. Grant Buist and Brian Craik, both carried off at Longside last week, should be ok. Sean Wilkie is back in full training and will be looking for a jersey. Definitely still out, however, is Graham Nicoll whose cartilage operation was a bit more involved than first thought.

This will be only Tayport's fourth game at home in as many months and the supporters will be looking to the team to extend their unbeaten home run to 12 games. The game has to be decided today with extra time and penalties if required.



### TWO TAYSIDE CLUBS BID FOR THE QUARTER FINALS OF THE OVD CUP

Carnoustie Panmure and Arbroath SC carry the torch for Tayside today in the 5th round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup.

Unfortunately both have to travel and <u>Carnoustie</u> have the tougher task with a visit to Hannah Park, <u>Shotts</u>, scene of our exit from the competition last month. Andy Sommerville has marked Lex Richard-

son's card for him and, although Shotts give little away, they aren't exactly prolific goalscorers. Their last three games have ended in 1-0 wins, so if Carnoustie can eliminate their notorious defensive faux pas, victory is certainly not beyond them.

Arbroath SC could have had a far worse draw than Maybole away. The Ayrshire Division two side are having a good season, it must be said, and knocked out Pollok at Newlandsfield in the last round but SC have the experienced players to see them through to a first ever last eight spot.

Fife hopes lie with **Thornton Hibs** who travel to meet Central League side **Lanark United.** Hibs are a well organised outfit with a good team spirit which could help force a draw. Lanark have had a fairly easy passage to date but will find Hibs stuffy opponents.

After their dismal showing in the Concept Group Trophy, the North Region will be looking for <u>Sunnybank</u> to salvage some pride. However winning a last eight spot at the expense of <u>Newtongrange Star</u> at Newtongrange is a tall order.

The bookies have installed <u>Glenafton</u> as favourites and probably rightly so, but <u>Johnstone Burgh</u>, in front of what will be their best crowd for years, are capable of springing a surprise.

Whitburn are also well fancied but will find Neilston hot to handle as two fellow Central Premier teams have already discovered. A recent local cup defeat by lowly Second Division side Tranent will have the Burnies a wee bit worried though.

 $\underline{Benburb}$  v  $\underline{Larkhall\ Thistle}$  is also almost too close to call. If Bens are to go through it will have to be at the first time of asking.

**Cumnock** are starting to fancy themselves for the cup again and, after seeing off Kelty Hearts in the last round, they will be looking to end the hopes of fellow Ayrshire Division One side **Kilbirnie Ladeside**.

Last eight? How about Newtongrange, Shotts, Arbroath SC, Glenafton, Neilston, Benburb, Cumnock and Lanark United. We'll try to have as many results as possible on the *Newsline* around 5pm



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#### **PRESS REPORT**

A prophetic piece from the *Shotts Bon Accord Match Programme* for our OVD tie

" I was impressed with them (at Forfar) and although their finishing left a lot to be desired and, in addition, they (Tayport) possibly won't have this season come

across a goalkeeper as good as Allan Colquhoun....it may be the team that scores the first goal today will manage to hold on to that lead until the final whistle, given the strength of the respective defences".

#### SHOTTS BON ACCORD 1 TAYPORT 0 (22/1/00)

**The Sun** "It's a great boost to beat a team like Tayport to reach the last sixteen......time and time again they (Tayport) were defied by home keeper Alan Colquhoun who broke the Tayside outfit's hearts with second half stops fom Steven Stewart, Brian Craik and Frederic Deswarte"

The Fife Herald "A lack of fortune and sharpness in front of goal, combined with the form of Shotts keeper Alan Colquhoun sadly brought an end to Tayport's OVD Scottish Junior Cup bid at Hannah Park on Saturday afternoon......Shotts are certainly a competent outfit....but by no means did they outplay Tayport. They simply took full advantage of one of their few opportunities, whereas on the day, 'Port could not capitalise on the many good positions and openings which were created."

Glasgow Evening Times "Shotts may feel their name is already on the trophy after Saturday's hard fought 1-0 victory over Tayport......Time and time again Tayport would work their way into dangerous areas only to be stopped by desperate tackles. Even when they did get through, home keeper Alan Colquhoun broke their hearts with some superb stops. Tayport threw everything at the Shotts defence including 6'4" centre half Kenny Jones for the final 20 minutes. The game, though, lacked traditional Scottish Cup-tie passion with both teams playing a careful passing game. There was very little goalmouth action to excite the large crowd, which included a sizeable contingent from Tayside."

#### Downfield 0 Tayport 4 (29/2/00)

The Fife Herald "The blustery conditions of Saturday afternoon were no obstacle to Tayport, as they played some crisp, confident football, in their comfortable defeat of Downfield in an NCR Premier Division match, maintaining their grip at the top of the table"



#### TAYPORT FC GOALSCORERS 1999/2000

	LEAGUE	OVD	TAYCARS	CONCEPT	FINDLAY	DJ LAING	N.END.CUP	HERSCHELL	TOTAL
Kenny Cameron	8	5	2	1				1	17
Dave Reilly	6	5						1	12
Graham Nicoll	3	3	1	1				1	9
Brian Craik	4	1	1	2					8
Mark Corcoran	1	4							5
Keith Nicolson	3								3
Kenny Jones	2								2
lan Greig		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									
own goals	1								1
Total	32	21	4	5				3	64



Defence in depth as Longside defend a Tayport free kick. Ramsay and Stewart shield the ball as Dave Reilly prepares to take the kick.



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#### **ANDY'S ANGLE**

Good afternoon and welcome to the players and officials of Kinnoull FC for our cuptie this afternoon.

Once again it has been a while since our last programme and in that time we lost our first game of the season. Unfortunately it was the Scottish Cup tie against Shotts Bon Accord.

I know that the Scottish has a special meaning



in the hearts of all associated with Tayport beause we have a record of doing well in this competition. Whilst I am disappointed at losing, we certainly did not disgrace ourselves in the campaign. In fact I was proud of our performance in the Shotts game.

We dominated large periods of the game and created numerous chances, our only failing being that we failed to convert any of them. In my opinion you need certain qualities to win these kind of games, ability, fitness, organisation, discipline and luck. We had more of these qualities than our opposition on the day, apart from the luck in front of goal. That, and some inspired goalkeeping, prevented us from getting a result in that game.

Our next game was a potentially difficult league game at Downfield and, if the press were to be believed, we would be suffering from a hangover from the previous week's defeat. This was not to be the case. The players were determined not to let all the good work in the league go to waste and turned on the style to run out convincing winners over a strong going Downfield.

Last week's game was in the Inter Region Concept Cup against top of the league Longside. Whilst the game was not one to savour, as far as football was concerned, I thought we worked hard and deserved our win .

The goal by Brian Craik was a pleasing aspect in what was an ill tempered affair with football becoming the victim.

Just a small note on which to finish. I was amused to hear on the radio coming home from Longside that we had lost the game 1-0!. Interestingly this is the second week running that this has happened, with Downfield also being credited with a win against us. I think there is some wishful thinking going on out there!

**Andy Sommerville** 

#### TAYPORT FC SEASON 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

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
21 August	LOCHEE UNITED (L)	W 2-1	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	WILKIE	P.REILLY	STEWART	ROSS 1	D.REILLY 1	NICOLL	CRAIK (11)	NICOLSON (9)	CORCORAN(6)	244
25 August	DOWNFIELD (L)	D 1-1	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	P.REILLY	CRAIK	STEWART	ROSS 1	D REILLY	NICOLL	RAMSAY (7)	CAMERON (11)	NICOLSON (6)	119
28 August	Elmwood (L)	D 1-1	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	NICOLSON	JONES	RAMSAY	STEWART	ROSS	D REILLY 1	CAMERON	CRAIK (7)	CORCORAN (9)	NICOLL (8)	166
4 September	VIOLET (TP)	W 2-0	SOCHANIK	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	GREIG	CRAIK 1	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D.REILLY	CORCORAN	NICOLL (7)			157
11 September	MONTROSE (L)	W 4-0	SOCHANIK	BUIST	PATERSON 1	SPALDING	JONES	GALIG	NICOLL 2	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D.REILLY	CORCORAN	WILKIE (2)	RAMSAY (6)	ROSS (8)	206
18 September	Kirrie (L)	W 2-0	MANN	GREIG	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	P REILLY	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D.REILLY	NICOLL 1	CORCORAN (2)	SOMMERVILLE		130
25 September	NORTH END (L)	W 2-1	MANN	GREIG	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	P REILLY	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON 2	D.REILLY	NICOLL	CORCORAN (2)	NICOLSON (7)	ROSS (11)	191
2 October	Carnoustie (L)	D 1-1	MANN	GREIG	PATERSON	SPALDING	NICOLSON	JONES	NICOLL	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D.REILLY	CORCORAN	CRAIK(7)			129
9 October	Fochabers (S1)	W 13-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	GREIG 2	NICOLSON	JONES	CRAIK	STEWART1	CAMERON 3	D.REILLY 3	CORCORAN 3	CRAIK(4)	NICOLL(8) 1	ROSS (7)	147
16 October	BANKFOOT (L)	W 3-2	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	P REILLY	JONES 1	CRAIK	ROSS	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D REILLY 1	CORCORAN	SPALDING(4)	NICOLL (11)		167
23 October	Oakley United (T1)	W 2-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	CRAIK	ROSS	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D REILLY	NICOLL 1	GREIG(6)	CORCORAN (7)		252
30 October	Stoneywood (C2)	W 3-1	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	SPALDING	JONES	CRAIK 1	NICOLL 1	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D REILLY	CORCORAN	RAMSAY(8)	ROSS (11)		96
6 November	Wishaw (S2)	W 6-0	MANN	BUIST	GREIG	SPALDING	JONES	CRAIK 1	NICOLL 2	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D REILLY 1	ROSS	CORCORAN 1 (11)	P REILLY (4)	RAMSAY (2)	254
20 November	VIOLET (L)	W 2-0	MANN	P REILLY	PATERSON	NICOLSON 1	JONES	NICOLL	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON	D REILLY	CORCORAN	DESWARTE (6) 1	CRAIK (9)	GREIG (11)	217
27 November	Arbroath SC (L)	W 1-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON	JONES	GREIG	RAMSAY	STEWART	CRAIK 1	D REILLY	DEWARTE	SPALDING (7)	CORCORAN (9)		95
4 December	ELMWOOD (L)	W 7-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON 1	JONES 1	GREIG	RAMSAY	CORCORAN	CRAIK 1	D REILLY 3	DESWARTE	CAMERON (9)	STEWART 6)	SPALDING (11)	124
3 January	Forfar West End (S3)	W 2-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON	JONES	GREIG	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON 1	D.REILLY 1	CORCORAN	DESWARTE (11)	CRAIK (6)	SPALDING (2)	298
8 January	FORFAR W. E. (L)	W 2-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON	JONES	GREIG	RAMSAY	SPALDING	CAMERON	D.REILLY	DESWARTE	CORCORAN (6)	CRAIK 1 (11)	STEWART (8)	201
22 January	Shotts Bon Accord (S4)	L 0-1	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON	JONES	GREIG	RAMSAY	STEWART	CRAIK	D.REILLY	CORCORAN	CAMERON (7)	DESWARTE (9)	ROSS (6)	703
29 January	Downfield (L)	W 4-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	NICOLSON 1	JONES	CRAIK 1	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON 2	D.REILLY	DESWARTE	P.REILLY	SPALDING	GREIG	123
5 February	Longside (C3)	W 1-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON	P.REILLY	JONES	CRAIK 1	RAMSAY	STEWART	CAMERON	D.REILLY	DESWARTE	CORCORAN (9)	GREIG (6)	SPALDING (2)	172
12 February	KINNOULL (F1)					1											
19 February	(L)					0.76							The second second				
26 February	CROSSGATES (t2)					AT	I. TH	E CUP	DRA	WS					-		

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4 March

1st Round

Arbroath SC v Lochee Harp Arbroath Vics v Kinnoull Broughty Ath. v Blairgowrie Brechin Vics v East Craigie Carnoustie v North End Forfar Albion v Luncarty Montrose v Lochee United Scone v Coupar Angus

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Round 2

Bankfoot v St Andrews United

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Newburgh v Forfar WE

Tayport v Crossgates

Thornton Hibs v Forfar Albion

North End v Kelty Hearts

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**OUARTER FINALS** 

Brechin Vics v Lochee United Carnoustie v Violet

Montrose v Downfield

Tayport v North End

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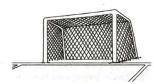
Lochee Utd v Jeanfield Swifts

Violet v Kirrie

Tayport v Kinnoull

#### **MATCH REPORTS**

by D.Eric



Following Tayport's OVD Cup win at Strathmore Park, the Tayside League leaders repeated the 2-0 scoreline when Forfar West End visited the Canniepairt for an NCR Premier Division fixture on Saturday 8th January. The goals came from Brian Craik and West End defender Mark Soutar, who turned the ball into his own net, but the margin of victory should really have been much greater.

The next match was the much anticipated Scottish Cup meeting with Shotts Bon Accord, although the game brought great disappointment to the Tayport camp. The recent lack of sharpness in front of goal, coupled with the excellent performance of home 'keeper Allan Colquhoun prevented 'Port from scoring, for the first time this season.

The Central League champions, however, took one of their few opportunities and duly progressed to the next stage of the competition, bringing to an end Tayport's bid for further OVD Cup success.

The following weekend, though, 'Port were back in scoring mood, defeating the normally stubborn Downfield by four goals to nil. Brian Craik settled the nerves with an early opener, before Kenny Cameron helped himself to a brace, one a penalty, towards half-time. Keith Nicolson emphasised his team's superiority by notching a firm header in the second half.

Last week, there was a long trip north to take on North Region league leaders, Longside, in the 2nd round of the Concept Group Trophy. Once more, the result did not reflect 'Port's dominance of the match and only a Brian Craik header, on the half-hour mark separated the sides. This said, Tayport backed by a substantial travelling support, completed their task in a professional manner and can now look forward to an enticing clash with rivals North End, in the quarter finals.



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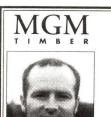
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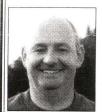
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14/1	JOHNSTONE	33/1	CARNOUSTIE

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1/4	SHOTTS B.A	10/3	CARNOUSTIE	9/1
EVS	MAYBOLE	9/4	ARBROATH	2/1
8/11	CUMNOCK	9/4	KILBIRNIE L.	11/4

# SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



There was stunned silence when the Concept scores came through on Sports Report on Radio Scotland last Saturday. Longside 1 Tayport 0. Stunned silence because the previous week the reported score was Downfield 4 Tayport 0. Surely it won't be wrong again this week!

The Courier reported Glenesk Park as having a crowd of nearly 2,000 for the Violet v Newtongrange OVD tie. A slight case of hyperbole methinks. Going by that figure the Shotts crowd must have been around 5,000! The cheque for the share of the gate certainly didn't reflect that!

With the North clubs making such a dismal showing in the Concept Group Trophy (no survivors in the last eight), Sunnybank, the only North survivors in the OVD, must be kicking themselves for the registration slip up which saw Lochee United go through by default only to be knocked out at home by Montrose who earned a home tie v Downfield.

A top Junior official was heard to describe Tayport's performance at Longside as "dire" but this description is at odds with the comment on the internet where the contributor "was impressed with the quality of Tayport's football" You can please some of the folk some of the time.....

Last Saturday may not have been a red letter day but it was certainly a red card day in the Juniors. Reports of the weekend's football were littered with orderings off. Among those off were Elmwood's Billy Britton, Jeanfield's 2 goal hero Chris Webster, two Blantyre players in their OVD defeat by Neilston, Shotts' Danny Diver and two Kilwinning players plus boss Bobby Dickson. Despite their respective teams ending the matches short handed, all but Blantyre recorded victories.

Stevie Ross, two goal hero of Tayport's Scottish Cup win in 1996, has been placed on the transfer list at his own request. Although it was stressed to Stephen that there was a place for him at the Canniepairt, he is looking for a more regular game and to achieve that he has decided to move if a suitable offer comes along. Within 24 hours of Stephen's request hitting the Tele, I understand that five clubs had made enquiries and were granted permission to speak to him.

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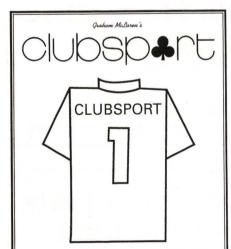
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#### KINNOULL FC

Manager Craig Healy's promotion plans have been badly hit with a succession of injuries to key players over recent weeks. Out of contention today are Terry Devanney, Kevin O'Donnell and centre half Ricky Neil is the latest



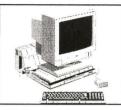
casualty with a broken nose.

Injuries have been a real headache for the Tulloch Park boss who would have been expecting to have been in a stronger challenging position at this stage in the season. All is not lost however and a strong late run could see Kinnoull finish in the top two.

Kinnoull were in good form last Saturday when they recorded a sound 5-1 league win over visitors Arbroath Vics. Star of the show was young Colin Burke who hit a hat-trick. The Dunfermline based striker who was signed from East Fife Under 18's, is the club's top scorer and has proved a shrewd acquisition.

#### NCR TAYSIDE DIVISION ONE

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JEANFIELD SWIFTS	17	13	3	1	51	16	35	42	57
BROUGHTY ATH.	18	10	5	3	50	22	28	35	47
EAST CRAIGIE	14	10	3	1	40	14	26	33	57
KINNOULL	15	8	3	4	33	24	9	29	50
LOCHEE HARP	15	8	4	3	49	17	32	28	49
FORFAR ALBION	12	6	3	3	26	15	11	21	51
BLAIRGOWRIE	15	5	3	7	26	28	-2	18	39
COUPAR ANGUS	16	5	2	9	26	40	-14	17	35
SCONE THISTLE	16	5	0	11	26	45	-19	15	33
BRECHIN VICS	14	3	3	8	22	31	-9	12	36
ARBROATH VICS	15	2	1	12	12	54	-42	7	28
LUNCARTY	15	0	2	13	18	62	-44	2	23



#### **ELECTRONIC CHAT**

SOME SELECTIONS FROM THE SCOTTISH JUNIORS' E.MAIL GROUP

I will state now that Shotts BA will win the Central with some ease...... as for the (OVD) Cup, I can't look beyond SBA, Whitburn, Benburb or Cumnock - JW(Glasgow)

Having seen Tayport at Forfar WE a few weeks ago, SBA knew the Fifers would have difficulties converting chances and the league they play in is certainly inferior to what Bon Accord is used to. In Shotts we didn't think Tayport would be able to score against the best defence in the Central League but I have to admit Tayport did make a few chances which should have gone in and we were scared during that second half. Tayport were a better footballing side than Shotts - AW (Falkirk)

'Port have just four or five clubs who will give them a game and only big money into North End and St Josephs took the title from them in a period of transition - PS(Ayrshire)

...it's about time people in the Central League climbed down off their pedestal and realise for the good of all Junior sides, that there are good and bad teams in all leagues and dropped their holier than thou attitude - KD(Fife)

The fact is that Tayport are a VERY strong side and eclipse everyone else in their division, however this does not make the division a weak one. Look at Auchinleck. They dominated Ayrshire for years. but did anyone accuse Ayrshire of being weak, of course not - GMcG (Lothians)

It was the first time I've played against the 'Port and I was impressed by the quality of their football. If this reflects the standard

of the other'big' junior clubs down south, then the north east clubs have a lot to do to catch up. Having said that they let themselves down at the end of the game by their unsportsmanlike attitude, most of the players walking off without a handshake.....a big game like this should have had linesmen.... hope the supporters enjoyed themselves. sounded like it... JT (Peterhead)

The paper (Glasgow Evening Times) has gone bananas about the whole thing (Celtic v ICT) 'crisis' 'farce' 'tragedy', 'waking nightmare', 'angry', 'disappointed' 'hurt' betrayed' And completely losing the plot, he says 'The Inverness result is like a death in the family'. This guy (the journalist) needs help.

DMcV (Glasgow)

ICT (16th) beat Celtic(2nd) Bradford (18th) beat Arsenal (3rd) and there was no big fuss - DW (England)



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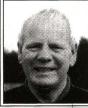
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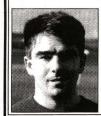


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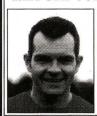
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- The number of goals conceded by Tayport in their last nine games (but it was a vital one!)
- 17 The number of goals conceded by Kinnoull in their last three games against Tayport.
- 1656 The total number of appearances made for the club to date by the four Tayport players whose Testimonial Year this is.
- The number of successive unbeaten OVD games Tayport played on their opponents' ground prior to the defeat at Shotts Bon Accord.
- 17 The number of times Frederic said 'fizz' instead of 'buzz' in the bus on the way back from Longside last week.
- 1200 The number of pounds you can win in this week's Tayport FC Super Six Lottery.
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