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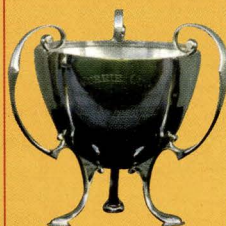
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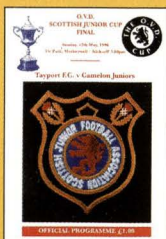
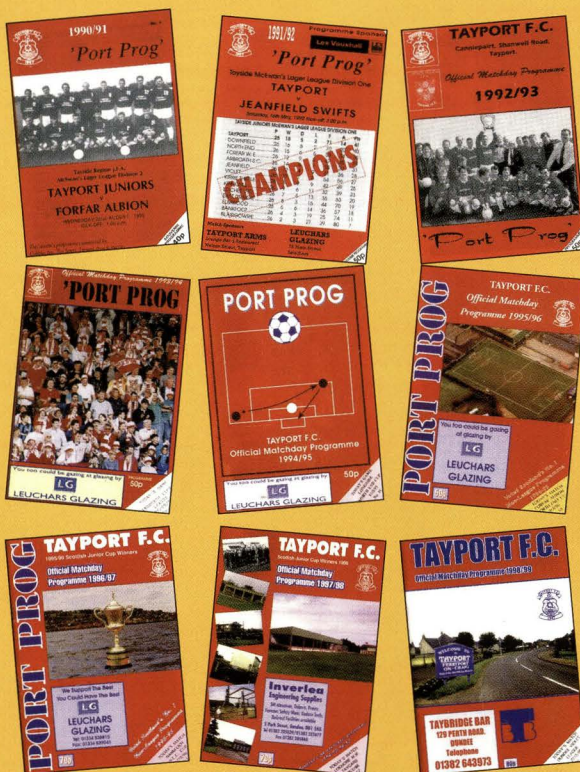
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TODAY'S REFEREE IS ALAN PATTERSON (PERTH)
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and ALFIE FORBES (DUNDEE) (pictured below)



NCR TAYSIDE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2000

KICK-OFF 2.30pm

TODAY'S GAME
KIRRIE THISTLE
LEAGUE
11/03/00
No. 9

TODAY'S GAME

We welcome Kirrie to the Canniepairt for their first visit to Tayport this season for this NCR Premier League fixture.

Stating that today's league match against Kirrie Thistle is crucial could be described as something of a hackneyed expression. In terms of collecting league points every game is crucial, but with games running out, the outcome of today's match is particularly significant in terms of the destination of the league title. Kirrie are snapping at our heels, and with only five games to go after today, they really need to win to have a realistic chance of having a tilt at the title.

Since taking the (then) second division championship in 1997, manager Wison Coupar, assisted by Iain Gray and Colin Elms, has moulded Thistle into a force with which to be reckoned. After gaining a foothold in the top division in 1998, Kirrie served notice last season that their aim was to progress - on and off the field as the very smart Westview Park bears witness.

Third in the Premier Division last season, Kirrie also lifted the prestigious North End Centenary Cup with a 3-2 win over Inverurie Loco Works at Sunnybank. Of course, of this, we are acutely aware, having lost 2-3 to them in round 4 on the Canniepairt almost exactly a year ago. That day we were caught cold and were 0-3 behind before half the crowd was in - or at least that's how it appeared.

A 2-2 draw and a 1-0 win for us in last season's two league encounters suggests Mr Coupar and his men have been getting the measure of us. This season, to date, however, we've had the better of the exchanges, goals from Kenny Cameron and Graham Nicoll giving us a 2-0 league win at Kirrie back in September. We followed that up with a floodlit friendly win at the same venue earlier this year.

Kirrie's form on the road has been good in the league, with only one defeat in eight games. A full squad is listed for today. Jim Menmuir could return in goal at the expense of young John Sturrock while experienced campaigners like Hamish Soutar and ex-Seniors Ian McKenna and Ross Graham know the road to goal and will have to be carefully watched.

Tayport performed well at North End last Saturday and this will only have intensified the demand for a starting jersey. Although Paul Reilly has been injured, Sean Wikie and Graham Nicoll are back to fitness after long lay-offs and are anxious to claim a place. Frederic Deswarte, who was outstanding in the aforementioned friendly, was back in France last week and, if he's back, will also be staking a claim.

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CRISIS AT THE SPORTING POST?

A report on Grampian TV last week suggested that the future of *The Sporting Post* was in doubt. After 80 years, the report claimed that the Post was suffering from a drop in sales caused by the intense competition from TV & radio.

Well, it's a sad state of affairs for all those whose Saturday night isn't Saturday night without a read of the Post.

Why have things reached this stage and what can the Post do to rectify the situation? Well, there are those at DCT's who will probably know, or claim to know, better than the punter. But if DCT was to consult the consumer, this consumer would come up with the following.

Radio and TV have improved their product over the years, but even with the addition of new technology, improved communications (e.g. mobile phones) and colour, the Post hasn't kept pace, never mind moved on. Obviously, this is a comment mainly from the Junior perspective but, perhaps it is not too late to consider the following ideas which might help arrest the decline and attract the level of advertising which is necessary to sustain the paper.

JUNIOR COVERAGE

Highlight a Junior game each week with line-up and a summing up, illustrating the match report with a match photograph or file photograph. Ensure the main players in the photo are named (they managed it last week with English League football and the rugby) and try and get some spectators in the background.

Give line-ups for, say, matches involving the Premier Junior League clubs (these can be phoned in prior to kick-off).

Give some thought to the reports which are carried. (Last week, for example there were four Concept Group Cup quarter finals. No reports on two of these games. Why couldn't four games have been grouped together?)

Put up-to-date league tables in every week.

Increase general interest and the circulation in Fife by covering the Fife Junior League including tables and a featured game. (Fife clubs aren't covered by Edinburgh's Pink)

Reports aside, have a weekly, well researched feature on the Juniors

AMATEURS

Put results in some semblance of order and carry league tables weekly (at least 'prior to Saturday's games')

Carry an amateur feature, again well researched.



SENIORS

Provide teams and attendances for all Scottish games and the English Premiership. Provide scorers and attendances for all English Nationwide games.

When reports are illustrated with player photograph, try and ensure that player's contribution to the match report has been significant. (three of last week's six didn't even warrant a mention in the accompanying report)

OTHER FOOTBALL

Publish proper league tables every week in TABULAR form rather than the ridiculous text form as was the case with the Sunday Boys last week.

Ensure if a photograph of a team is featured it is accompanied with names of those in the photograph.

GENERAL

Reduce the font size for headlines to allow for more text.

Similarly, when there are a number of postponements, don't compensate with huge font size and unimaginative photographs. Get the correspondents to file more words or have articles standing by.

Provide regular weekly columns on other local sports apart from football. For example, there's surely someone around who can contribute something on, say cricket, on a regular basis.

Improve the delivery to places like Tayport which tends to be erratic, and on some occasions doesn't receive a delivery at all. That can hardly help circulation.

These suggestions are hardly earth shattering but many are already features of the Green Final in Aberdeen and The Pink in Edinburgh and in many Saturday evening papers down south.

Turn it into a weekend paper and continue to sell on Sunday as is the case with The Pink.

Maybe the addition of general news pages would help.

It might be worth having a major shake-up and a real effort at trying to improve things, rather than just letting the paper slowly die, as will surely be the case come the summer, if nothing's done.

The local Junior game has benefited from the coverage in the Sporting Post in recent times. For this alone, the paper would be missed. But there is great scope to improve what is already provided, never mind the introduction of new features.

Final thought. If the Sporting Post goes, how long before the Evening Telegraph follows?

(Contributed)

[never mind all that, where would the Port Prog get its photographs!? - Ed.]



TAYSIDE HOPES LIE WITH ARBROATH SC

OVD CUP QUARTER FINALS

Having experienced five OVD Cup quarter finals in the 90's Tayport fans will be able to identify with the supporters of Arbroath SC who will be travelling through to Central Park, Whitburn this afternoon hoping to see their favourites write another page in their club's history.

Reaching this stage is a first for the Seaton Park team but, if they can get over what is a formidable hurdle then they'll have every chance of going all the way.

Whitburn have been well fancied since the off and this is confirmed by the bookies. However SC are on an unbeaten run and are playing with the measure of confidence that such a run brings. They will have noted, too, that the Burnies have had a couple of sticky results in the last couple of months, most notably a 2-3 local cup defeat by lowly second division side Tranent. With Arbroath being quoted as 40/1 outsiders for the cup, over-confidence could just seep into the home ranks and allow SC to grab their chance of a money spinning semi-final tie. We wish them well.

Shotts Bon Accord are at local rivals Lanark United and, although many consider the Bons name is already on the cup, they will have their work cut out and may even struggle to force a replay next week at Hannah Park. Much will depend on the form of their goalkeeper Alan Colquhoun who was the star of their wins over Tayport and Carnoustie.

Cumnock carry the flag for Ayrshire and they travel to Renfrewshire to meet Johnstone Burgh. Cumnock feel they are just coming into form at the right time but Johnstone are no mugs and could well sneak this one by the odd goal.

Benburb v Newtongrange Star is probably billed as the match of the day. Both teams are going well in their respective leagues, each currently lying in second place but I think that Star, who weren't particularly impressive v Violet, will find their hosts a wee bit strong for them.

We should have the results on the *Newsline* on Saturday at the back of five and it's understood that Football First on ITV on Sunday will have a feature on the games. Semi-finalists? Whitburn, Shotts, Benburb and Johnstone.



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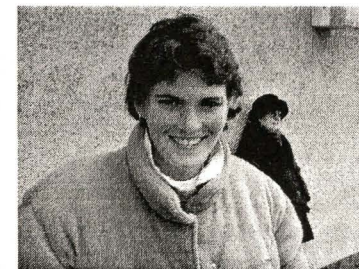
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SCOTLAND'S NO. 1 WATCHES TAYSIDE'S No. 1

Tayport's NICOLA PAYNE,

Scotland's Number One Ladies Tennis star, took a break from the professional tennis circuit last Saturday when she took in her local team's match at North End Park.



Nicola, a long time Tayport fan and at one time sponsored by this club, is, along with 1956 British Boys' Golf Champion John Ferguson, probably Tayport's most successful ever sports star.

22 years old Nicola, currently ranked No. 12 in the United Kingdom and around No. 400 in the world, was back home in Tayport for a few days break from the \$10,000 Girobank Tour. Next ports of call on Nicola's globetrotting itinerary are Greece and France. We wish her continued success in her career.

TAYSIDE PREMIER DIVISION CURRENT FORM

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| DOWNFIELD | W | W | D | I | W | L | W | L | W | D | L |
| ELMWOOD | L | L | L | I | D | D | W | W | I | W | L |
| FORFAR WE | D | L | L | I | L | L | L | L | L | L | W |
| KIRRIE THISTLE | L | W | L | I | L | W | W | W | W | L | W |
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| VIOLET | W | W | W | L | D | W | W | W | L | L | L |

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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



St Andrews United aren't having their troubles to seek these days - both on and off the field. Their most recent reverse in a run of defeats was a six goal thumping from Kelty last week. Three weeks ago prior to a 4-0 home defeat from Hill of Beath, Saints contacted Haws to say the game was off due to a shortage of players but this decision was rescinded -too late, however, for Hill of Beath's supporters' bus which had been cancelled. St Andrews Amateurs, tenants of United at Recreation Park, have moved out in, allegedly, acrimonious circumstances and are now playing elsewhere and looking for a permanent new ground and accommodation.

The Sporting Post reported only four of the ten Tayside games played last Saturday. Surprising, then, that there were three regular correspondents at the North End v Tayport game.

Still on newspaper coverage. Monday's Courier devoted something like a measly 8 column inches to Junior football whilst the same page had an incredible 30 column inches on hockey. Hockey! There were probably more people in the North End enclosure than attended all the hockey matches put together. One would imagine that attendances roughly reflect interest, therefore it's difficult to fathom why hockey gets so much space. Methinks big Jock wouldn't be too happy at Monday's offering

The Testimonial Year for long serving players Mark Spalding, Grant Paterson, Dave Reilly and Sean Wilkie got off to a good start with a successful Disco in Scotsraig Golf Club.

When talk of reconstruction of the Junior game takes place, the call is inevitably made to drop the word 'Junior' because of the confusion caused by its youthful connotations. Alan McLuckie, heid bummer at OVD Cup holders Kilwinning Rangers, was the latest to call for the removal of this archaic term, citing the misleading image it gives our game.

If ever advocates for change needed ammunition, the glossy leaflet sent out by M&D's Scotland's Theme Park at Strathclyde Park has provided it. The leaflet offers special discounted admission on Official Youth Group Days and lists the eligible youth groups - The Boys' Brigade, the Scouts, the Girls' Brigade, the Guides and.....the Scottish Junior Football Association!

Two points emerge from this sorry situation

1. Drop the term 'Junior' as soon as possible and 2. don't ask the marketing firm employed by M & D to do any work for you!

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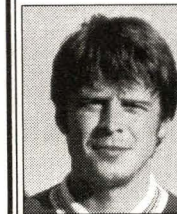
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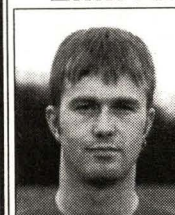
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ANDY'S ANGLE

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Kirrie Thistle to the Canniepairt for our league game today.

Today's opposition are actually our nearest challengers when you take their games in hand into consideration. Although they did have their problems on the injury front, Kirrie have now started to put together some good results.



This will definitely be a stiff test for Tayport today as Kirrie play good football and have shocked us in the past. Last Saturday saw us defeat North End in the Concept Group Trophy in what was an end to end game, with possession equally shared between the two teams but Tayport creating many more chances in front of goal.

We should have gone in at half-time two or three goals up instead of the solitary goal from Steven Stewart. The second half was to be very similar with us scoring a further two goals. On the whole it was a very pleasing performance with the only black mark the loss of what was, in my opinion, a very soft penalty.

If you were to have said to me before the game that we would win 3-1, I would have gladly accepted it but the way the defence played on the day we did not deserve to lose a goal. Such is the high standard set at this club that the loss of that goal took the shine off the day's performance and it would have given us a run of fifteen clean sheets if you exclude the Scottish Cup.

Getting back to league business today, a win would put us in a very strong position to retain the championship but we can look no further than today's opposition.

When teams are going strong in all local and inter-regional competitions, there is a tendency to become complacent and that allows the opposition to catch you unguarded and, before you know it, you're chasing the game. This gives the other team something to protect and makes it very hard to break them down. An example, of course, was last year's North End Centenary Cup against the same opposition as we have here today.

My message to the players is to work hard to match the opposition's effort and your ability will come through.

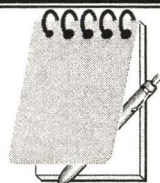
Andy Sommerville

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PRESS REPORT

FORFAR WEST END 0 TAYPORT 4
(19/02/00)

The Fife Herald " ...more chances came Tayport's way, notably for Stevie Ross and Fred Deswarte, but these were not taken and the supporters had to

be content with the four goal victory, which sees their favourites consolidate their position at the top of the NCR Premier Division "

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The Fife Herald " Steven Stewart celebrated his inclusion in the Scottish Junior International squad by opening the scoring with a scorching volley, as holders Tayport secured their place in the quarter finals of the Taycars Trophy, at the expense of Crossgates Primrose of the Fife League. The powerful midfielder struck after 37 minutes, when he connected with a fine left-flank cross by Mark Corcoran, to crash home the goal which set 'Port on the road to victory against a side which had worked industriously to prevent their hosts from having any great amount of possession in dangerous areas"

TAYPORT GET AWAY TIES IN THE BIG TWO

There was a spell when folk used to think that cup draws were rigged to give Tayport only home ties, so many times were they drawn at home. Changed days. A run of seven away ties this season was interrupted briefly with home ties v Kinnoull and Crossgates but we are back on the road again for the quarter final and semi final of the Taycars and Concept Regional Tournaments, respectively. The draws for the two competitions are as follows

Taycars Trophy

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Lochore Welfare v Tayport
Bankfoot Athletic v Newburgh
Kelty Hearts v Glenrothes
Lochgelly Albert *or* Carnoustie
v Thornton Hibs

Concept Group Trophy

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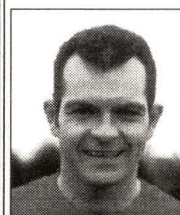
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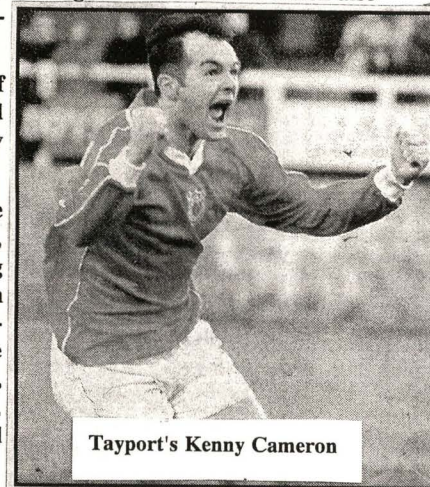
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SCOTLAND POOL FOR ISLE OF MAN TOURNAMENT

Tayport's Steven Stewart and Kenny Cameron are the only players from north of the Forth to be included in Scotland manager Jim O'Donnell's 20 man squad from which he will select the sixteen players to travel to the Isle of Man on 13-16 April for the Guinness Quadrangular Tournament which also features Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The manager has fixed up a number of Sunday squad training sessions and matches v Neilston next Tuesday and v Bathgate on Monday 20 March.

The other players in the squad are McMahon, Flynn (Linlithgow Rose), Currie, Gallacher, McTurk (Kilwinning Rangers), Carruth, Gibson, McLaren (Glenafton Athletic), Fontana, McFarlane, Wingate (Benburb), Hume, Milne (Whitburn), Ellison (Bonnyrigg Rose), Gardner (Arthurlie), Hanley (Pollok), McCulloch (Auchinleck Talbot) and Porter (Shotts Bon Accord).

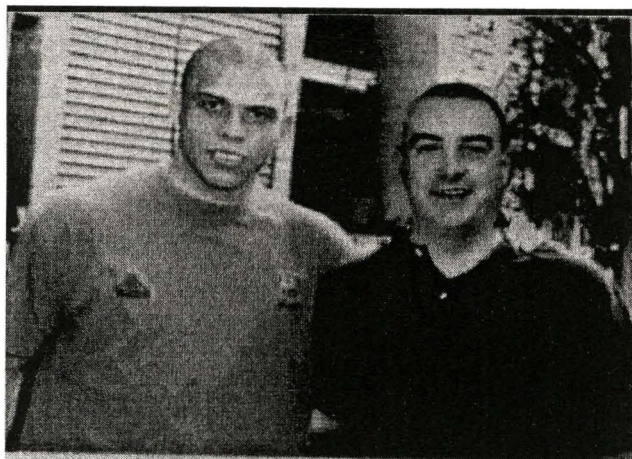


Tayport's Kenny Cameron

No Fife, no North and only two Tayside representatives, so we can't expect much in the way of coverage from our local press.

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|----------------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|-----|-----------|-------|
| Kenny Cameron | 10- | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | | | 1 | 26 |
| 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 |
| Steven Stewart | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 4 |
| Keith Nicolson | 3 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Kenny Jones | 3 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Ian Greig | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| Stevie Ross | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Fred Deswarte | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Grant Paterson | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Grant Buist | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Mark Spalding | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Sean Wilkie | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Allan Ramsay | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Paul Reilly | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| own goals | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | 36 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 4 | | | | 3 | 79 |



Well, you can't say they've not been trying! Ian MacMillan of the Reilly/Paterson/Spalding/Wilkie Testimonial Committee has been going to extraordinary lengths to secure guest players for the forthcoming Testimonial Match. He was over on the continent recently trying to get Brazilian superstar Ronaldo, with whom Mac has been known to share a mineral water or two. No word yet as to whether our jet-setting Mr MacMillan has been successful. Watch this space.

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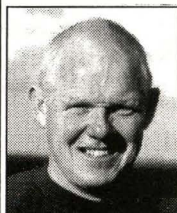
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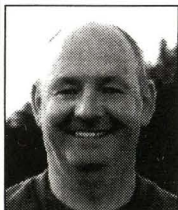


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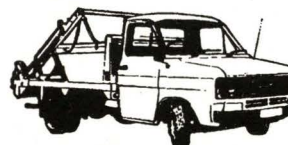
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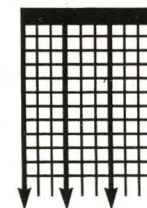
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LOCHORE ARE PUSHOVERS NO MORE

Back in February 1998 Tayport hammered Lochore Miners Welfare by 9-0 in the 3rd round of the Taycars Trophy on the Canniepairt. The sides meet again in the quarter final of the same competition in a few weeks time. However any thoughts that a similar scoreline is on the cards can be banished from the minds immediately. Under new manager Jim Hardie

who was at Linlithgow Rose with Eric Sinclair, Welfare are very much a changed side. Currently near the top of the Fife League, they are Fife's sole representatives left in the quarter finals of Heinekin East of Scotland Cup.

In eliminating the strong going Thornton Hibs from the Whitbread Cup last Saturday, Welfare extended their current unbeaten run to 7 games. Clearly then Tayport will have a game on their hands when they visit Central Park, Crosshill later this month.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Continuing our look at the early days of Junior Football in Tayport.
Part 2 (After The Great War)

[There are no records of which we are aware that detail the early days of football in Tayport. A painstaking trawl through newspaper archives would give some information and this is probably how Eric R.Thomson < www.geocities.com/sjosta/fife > got the information for his website on the History of Fife Junior Football. In part 1 we established that there was Junior football in Tayport in the early years of the last century and it continued after the Great War.]

In 1920/21 Tayport boasted two Junior teams, Tayport and Tayport Comrades both of which competed in the Scottish Junior Cup with no success, Tayport being humped 6-0 by Dundee North End and Tayport Comrades losing 1-4 to Clepington FC from Dundee.

Although playing in the Dundee Junior FA, Tayport as was the case with Tayport Amateurs in the 70's and 80's, took advantage of their Fife location to be eligible to play in Fife Cup competitions, Comrades appearing with little success in the Cowdenbeath Cup. Apart from Tayport and Cupar, all the clubs that participated in the Cowdenbeath Cup came from west Fife and there was no M90 in those days!

No sign of Tayport Comrades in the 1921/22 Scottish Junior Cup, although Tayport entered, only to scratch from the competition. This was the last season of the Howe of Fife League before it was to merge to form the Fife League (East) but still Tayport teams played their league football across the Tay. St Andrews United appeared on the scene for the first time, playing at Ladebraes Park (now Cockshaugh Park?) Another new team was Leuchars Aeros who were to go on and dominate the early days of of the Midlands Amateurs when that Association was formed in 1926.

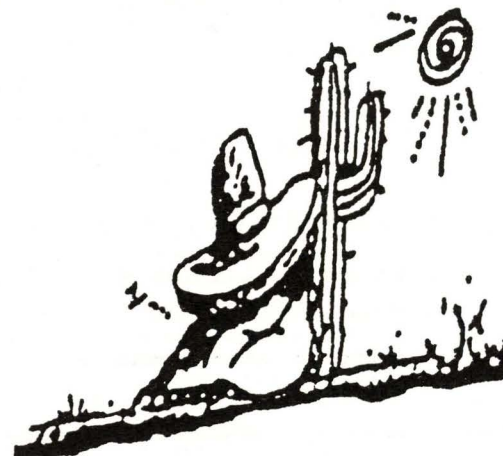
In 1922/23 Tayport Violet receive a first mention in Scottish Junior Cup dispatches but they went out in the first round, beaten 3-0 at Hearts of Beath who played at Keir's Park, Hill of Beath. The same season there were several East Neuk tournaments in which Tayport participated, v Colinsburgh in the Davidson Cup, v Anstruther in the McArthur Cup and the Jannetta Cup where they got to the final only to lose 3-1 to St Monan's Swifts.

1923/24 saw Tayport Violet fail to get past the 1st round of the Scottish but there must have been cup fever down the coast as Anstruther Rangers progressed to the 6th round before going out to Arbroath's Woodside FC. Violet failed to keep their grip on the Jannetta Cup, losing 2-1 to St Andrews United after a 5-5 draw on the Common. The following two seasons saw Tayport Violet continue in the Juniors. In 25/26, they eliminated Valleyfield 5-3 at Tayport after a 1-1 draw at Valleyfield only to go out 3-0 at Portobello in the next round. In 26/27 it was a 1st round exit, losing 2-4 to Rosslyn in Kirkcaldy after drawing 1-1 on the Common at Tayport.

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MATCH COMMENTARY

by D.Eric

The past fortnight has seen Tayport make comfortable progress in the two prestigious inter-regional competitions. First up was a home tie against Crossgates Primrose in the Taycars Trophy (Sat 26/2). The eager Fife League outfit initially managed to keep their hosts at bay, until Steven Stewart broke their resistance by crashing home a scorching volley on 36 minutes.

As the gulf between the sides became apparent, Kenny Cameron made the game safe with a typically clinical second half brace, before Grant Buist powered home a well-taken fourth goal for the holders of the competition.

Last weekend came the crunch meeting away to Tayside rivals Dundee North End, in the Concept Group Trophy. 'Port's 3-1 win was thoroughly deserved, as from the moment Fraser Mann pulled off a fantastic save to deny Tommy King, Andy Sommerville's team controlled the contest.

Steven Stewart continued his scoring run with the 6th minute opener

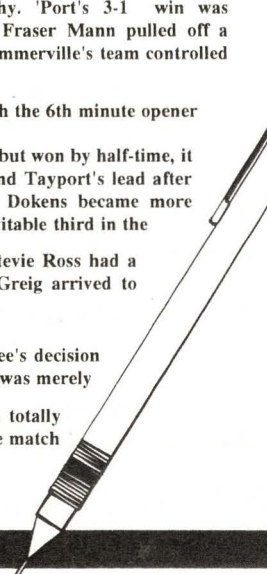
and, although the match could have been all but won by half-time, it only took Kenny Cameron a minute to extend Tayport's lead after the break. In trying to push forward, the Dokens became more susceptible at the back and conceded an inevitable third in the

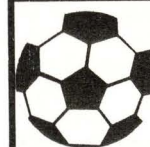
closing stages, when the heavily involved Stevie Ross had a shot blocked by Graeme Finnan, and Ian Greig arrived to tuck the ball into the back of the net.

The disappointment which greeted the referee's decision to award North End an injury time penalty was merely

a reflection of Tayport's desire to obtain a totally comprehensive victory, as, by that stage, the match

was well and truly won.





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- 7 The number of successive OVD Scottish Cup ties in which Kenny Cameron had found the net prior to this season's tie at Shotts.
- 46 The number of players who have played for Tayport in their 66 OVD Scottish Cup ties to date.
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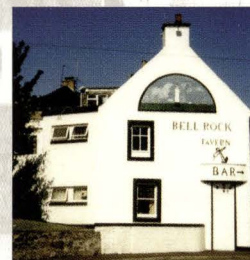
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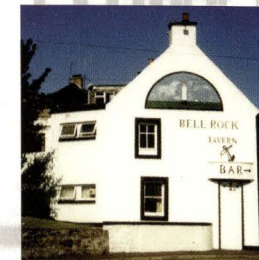
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