

TAYPORT F.C.

Official Matchday Programme

Tayport brush Dokens aside

TAYPORT had most of the early pressure in this Concept Group Troop encounter with NORTH END.

TAYPORT MARCH ONWARD

Delegation chartered BANFOOT played host to league leaders TAYPORT at Corncliffe Park and...

Tayport turn on the style with slick six

TAYPORT travelled to North Lanarkshire in this OVD cup-tie against WISAW. The visitors had the better of the play but were unable...

Hybrid team see off Pansies

TAYPORT..... 2 VIOLET.....0
Despite the absence of several key players, Tayport turned in positive performance, especially...

Cameron was on hand to nod the ball home, at the half-time...

The Pansies had a greater chance...

Tayport master the Gowfers

TAYPORT'S CUP HOPES SHOTT DOWN

Lightning strike from Reilly

VIOLET..... 1 TAYPORT.....2
A goal only 27 seconds after kick-off...

gifted Port a second goal, when he chested the ball down, inside the area, for keeper Brown...

dangerous ball...

French sub torpedoes Violet

TAYPORT..... 2 VIOLET.....0

Tayport: Mann, P. Reilly, Paterson, Nicoll (Dawson), Nicolson, Jones, Ramsay, Stewart

First trophy of season for Tayport

TAYPORT..... 3 BANFOOT ATHLETIC.....0
Stand-in skipper Dave Reilly lifted the lead...

took the kick and duly gave Tayport the lead. In the 20th minute, the home side kept them at bay, particular, did well on several occasions...

Ross swoops to capture points

LOCHEE UNITED..... 1 TAYPORT.....2
Tayport began the defence of their Tayside League title at Thomson Park, in what was, in...

Towards half-time, the Canterpart men completed their comeback. Kenny Jones saw his goalbound header tipped onto the crossbar and Stevie Ross swooped to nod the ball home, from only a few yards out.

400 not out - what a Man!

TAYPORT..... 3 KIRRIE THISTLE.....0
...at the top of...

Seventh title in nine seasons for vintage 'Port

TAYPORT..... 0 CARNOUTIE PANMURE.....0
Last Thursday evening, Tayport collected the...

ing record, the classy full-back was, nonetheless, disappointed to see his stellar performance nullified over the top...

Home Cup, but Lochee Hart's highly controversial equaliser had put the visitors in a distinctly uncomfortable position...

ing yet another hat-trick to add to his collection. Soon afterwards, Elwood...

Two did further extend their lead, just on the hour, when Dave Reilly...

to it...

to it...

to it...

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Full-back Buists Tayport

FORFAR WEST END..... 0 TAYPORT.....4
...the Forfar Stewart...

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...the Forfar Stewart...

Gritty Tayport fight back to claim victory

...the Forfar Stewart...

...the Forfar Stewart...

...the Forfar Stewart...

...the Forfar Stewart...

...the Forfar Stewart...

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'Port close in on title

League leaders TAYPORT played host to ARBROATH SC and made a positive start opening the scoring after only four minutes.

Tayport shoot to inter-region double

Bankies after seven years to take charge of Fife Region side Newburgh, which with the cup but he...

...the Forfar Stewart...

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close, around the 70 minute mark, although Lochore were without their own opportunity...



2000/2001
PROGRAMME 80p

TODAY'S GAME
FORFAR ALBION
20/01/01
No. 10



Tayport FC line-up 1999/2000

Back Row: E Stewart, A J Oswald, R Irvine, S McDade, J McDade, K Smith, J Anderson
 Middle Row: A Bell, K Cameron, A Lawson, K Nicolson, F Mann, K Jones, G Buist, S Stewart, D Tosney
 Front Row: S Ross, I Greig, G Paterson, D Reilly, A Sommerville, S Wilkie, A Ramsey, M Corcoran
 Absent when photograph was taken: R McMillan, J Hutton (Committee), R Sochanik, F Deswarte, G Nicoll, B Craik, R Nicoll (Coach)



Tayport FC celebrate their Taycars Trophy win over Bankfoot Athletic at Glenesk Park, Dundee June 2000.

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 1999/2000.
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Website: www.tayport.com

2000/2001

TAYSIDE NCR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
TAYPORT	15	8	0	0	28	3	6	1	0	26	3	48	43
CARNOUSTIE	13	6	2	0	27	7	3	2	0	10	3	27	31
NORTH END	14	5	0	2	19	11	3	2	2	17	13	15	26
KIRRIE	12	1	2	1	8	9	5	0	3	18	11	10	20
ARBROATH SC	14	3	3	2	18	11	2	1	3	9	9	7	19
LOCHEE UNITED	15	2	1	4	7	14	3	3	2	16	18	-7	19
FORFAR WE	14	3	2	3	18	17	1	2	3	5	18	-12	16
DOWNFIELD	11	2	2	2	11	10	2	0	3	12	18	-5	14
VIOLET	13	1	2	4	7	12	1	3	1	7	9	-7	11
FORFAR ALBION	14	1	1	5	10	24	2	1	4	8	16	-22	11
ELMWOOD	13	2	0	3	8	13	0	2	6	9	24	-20	8
JEANFIELD	14	0	2	4	3	17	2	0	6	11	25	-28	8

TODAY'S GAME
 FORFAR ALBION
 LEAGUE
 20/01/01
 No. 10



TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT

from

G/K	Frazer FITZPATRICK
2	Grant BUIST
3	Grant PATERSON
4	John WARD
5	Derek WEMYSS
6	Sean WILKIE
7	Allan RAMSAY
8	Brian HARRIS
9	Ronnie KENNETH
10	David REILLY
11	David EVANS
12	Jake THOMSON
13	Kenny JONES
14	Ian GREIG
15	Graham NICOLL
16	Mark CORCORAN
19	Brian CRAIK

FORFAR ALBION

from

G/K	Steve COLGAN
G/K	Chris McPHERSON
	Steve ROBERTSON
	Andrew HARRISON
	Ian SIMPSON
	Kevin COFFIN
	Jamie CANT
	John COOPER
	Derek GIBB
	Simon STURROCK
	Gary SMITH
	Mark NISBET
	David STURROCK
	Martin PHILLIPS
	Mark KUBICKI
	Bertie TRAYNOR
	Ronnie TRAYNOR
	John CRAIG

REFEREE: Steve PULLAR (Dundee)

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NCR TAYSIDE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

TAYPORT v FORFAR ALBION

SATURDAY 20th JANUARY 2001

KICK-OFF 2.00pm

Programme Number 10 – 2000/01

Today's match was in doubt all week and even last night the chances looked decidedly dodgy, however things improved overnight and match referee Mr Pullar gave the go-ahead at 10.30 this morning.

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DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
LITHGW	7	2	4	27	-23	23
Nwtngn	7	1	2	14	-6	22
Whitburn	6	3	3	28	-19	21
Bo'ness	5	3	3	14	-13	18
Bonnyrg	5	-2	1	21	-11	17
Hadngtn	5	1	5	16	-20	16
Camelon	4	2	5	22	-21	14
Arniston	2	6	2	12	-12	12
Harthill R	3	3	8	17	-20	12
Edinbrgh	3	2	5	8	-12	11
Bathgate	2	4	6	11	-26	10
Fauldse	1	3	6	10	-17	6

DIV 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Armadales	10	1	2	32	-13	31
Dalkeith	9	3	3	31	-21	30
Musselbgh	7	1	3	25	-13	22
Broxburn	6	2	3	25	-18	20
Dunbar	5	3	2	21	-15	18
Bonybrig	5	2	5	25	-21	17
Stonybrn	4	4	3	30	-24	16
Pumphrtn	4	3	5	23	-19	15
Livingstn	4	1	4	12	-14	13
Sauchie	2	2	6	11	-20	8
Tranent	2	1	8	9	-36	7
W Calder	1	3	7	11	-27	6
Blackburn	1	2	9	8	-22	2

Carlsberg League Cup

final - Oct 21 Gorebridge.
Bonnyrigg 0-0(8-7p) Nwtngnge

Heineken Cup

rd 3 - Dec 30 - 1.15pm
Bonnybridge v Hill O'Beath
Pumphrtn 1-2 Musselbgh
Broxburn v Stoneyburn
Linlithgow 3-0 Camelon
Oakley v Dundonald
Bonnyrigg v Thornton
Newtongrange v Whitburn
Arniston v Blackburn

Calder's East Cup- rd 2-

Dunbar v Bonnybridge
quarter-final draw -
Pumphrtn v Bonnyrigg
Dunbar/Brig v Harthill
Linlithgow v Camelon
Bo'ness Un v Edinburgh

SAT JAN 13 -

Co-op Cup - rd 1 -
Bathgate 3-0 Livingston
o John Hume (2) and Fraser
Love taking Thistle into the
2nd round.... it is actually the
Co-op Funeral Cup, but we
didnae want tae be dismal...

Bonnyrigg 1-2 Armadale

o Vetran Jackie Myles
headed Rose into the first half
lead, but Thistle stormed back
immediately after the rest,
through Chris Nye and Alan
Flanagan

Doug n'Al Cup - rd 1 -

Broxburn 0-3 Linlithgow
o Ray Logan(2) and Derek
McWilliams - his first Rose goal
- conspiring to give Linlithgow
their first consecutive shut-out.



Davy WILCOX

the former Bonnybridge player-boss
has joined his former boss Bill Hutton
ant Crossgates from Fauldhouse.
Wilcox is one of three brothers, one
still at Brig, another at Lochore. He
won an OVD medal with Camelon.

John Walker Div 2 -

Pumphrtn 1-2 Dalkeith
o Derek Halcrow equalised
Ritchie Weir's opener and it
was a highly contested game
with Kevin Buckley getting the
winner that takes Thistle into
2nd place and looking strong.

TOP SCORERS

- 17- Scott Porteous(Musselbgh)
- 15- Jason Young (Bonnyrigg)
- 13- Steve Rixon (Newtngnge)
Davy McGlynn(Whitburn)
David Flynn (Linlithgow)
- 12- Graham Harvey(Bonnyrigg)
Rod McDonald (Pumphrtn)
- 11- Gary Orr (Bonnybridge)
- 10- Gordon Abbott(Linlithgow)
Paul McKinlay (Bo'ness)
Chris Nye (Armadale)
Alan Reid (Arniston)
John Martin (Bonnyrigg)
Alan Flanagan (Armadale)
Stuart Gilmour (Whitburn)
- 8- Kevin Milne(Newtongrge)
- 7- Steve Gallen (Whitburn)
Paul McLaren(Bonnybridge)
Colin Wilson (Bonnybridge)
Kevin McLellan (Stoneyburn)

CO-OP CUP - round 1 -

Bathgate Th v Livingston Un+
Bonnyrigg Rose v Armadale Th
Camelon v Broxburn Ath
Dunbar Un v Linlithgow Rose
Harthill Royal v Haddington Ath
Musselburgh v Stoneyburn
Newtongrange v Whitburn
Pumphrtn v Edinburgh Un.
W. Calder Un v Blackburn Un

Doug N'Al Cup- rd 1

Arniston Rngs v Livingston Un
Bonnybridge v Blackburn Un
Broxburn Ath v Linlithgow R.
Camelon v Dunbar United
Dalkeith Th v Bonnyrigg Rose
Harthill Royal v Sauchie
Musselburgh v Bo'ness United
Pumphrtn v Bathgate Th
Stoneyburn v Whitburn

NORTH S. Milne Homes - SCOTSCOU

PREMIER	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Inv Locos	8	3	2	35	-14	27
LONGSIDE	8	2	2	26	-14	26
Sunnybank	8	0	3	26	-16	24
Formartine	6	5	0	43	-22	23
Stonehvn	7	2	3	33	-23	23
Bks O'Dee	6	4	4	33	-23	22
Stoneyw'd	6	1	5	24	-34	19
Buchnhvn	4	2	9	20	-41	14
East End	3	2	6	22	-26	11
Cruden B	3	1	9	25	-36	10
Turriff Un.	2	2	9	13	-32	8
Hermes	1	2	10	13	-32	5

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Glentnar	12	1	2	42	-21	37
Culter	11	0	1	42	-20	33
Frasrbgh	10	0	4	25	-16	30
Wilson's	9	2	4	38	-25	29
H Rusll	7	1	6	30	-29	22
Lads Clb	4	4	4	17	-12	16
Ellon Un	4	2	8	24	-33	14
Parkvale	4	2	8	23	-35	14
Dyce	4	1	10	26	-36	13
Lewis Un	4	1	8	26	-37	13
Banchry	3	2	9	20	-34	11
Maud	3	0	11	19	-34	9

SCOTSCOU	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forres Th	9	2	2	44	-24	29
Devernside	8	2	2	30	-9	26
Bishopmill	8	2	2	38	-24	26
St Ninian	6	2	4	20	-13	20
Strathspey	5	3	4	29	-24	18
Islavale	5	4	2	29	-15	19
Buckie Rov	4	4	5	31	-35	16
Whitehills	4	4	4	23	-26	16
Burghead	3	3	7	20	-30	12
Kinloss	3	2	9	27	-51	11
New Elgin	2	4	7	19	-31	10
Fochabers	2	1	2	8	-10	7
RAF Lossie	1	3	10	16	-41	6

* Lossie Un and Portgordon in abeyance.

Grill Lge Cup Final Formartine 0-2 Sunnybank at Inverurie -Oct 29

SAT JAN 6 Scotscoup Lge
Buckie R 2-4 Bishopmill
o Sinclair (pen) and Macrae for Rovers. Strathdee, Small, Colwell and I Campbell for Un.

Deveronside 2-1 Burghead
o McCormack and Milne (pen) for 'Side. Thistle scored through Gauld.

RAF Lossie 0-7 Forres This
o not 1-6 as previously reported. Ex-Mechanics star, Brian Minty (3), Robertson, Snape, Watson and Walker for Thistle.

SAT JAN 13 Concept Cup
round 2 - 1.30pm
Kirrie Th 2-0 Stoneywood
o after extra-time, Thistle struck through

Acorn Heating -rd 2
Banks OD 3-1 East End
o Parker gave End the 2nd half lead but Ogboke, Hutcheson and Ord took Dee through.

S.Milne - Premier-
Hermes 0-1 Buchanhvn
o Mark Buchan got the only goal in the 8th minute to leave Hermes 9 games away from the 1st division.

Stonehvn 0-2 Cruden B
o a shock for 'Hive who had been on the verge of taking 2nd place and could still come again. Bay jumped nearer safety with two goals from Peter McGruther, one a penalty.

Turriff Un 3-5 Sunnybank
o no score at half time would you believe... mark garden (3) and Jim Cheyne (2, 1pen) for 'Bank.... McQueen (2) and Duncan for United.

Div 1 -
Fraserburgh 3-0 Dyce
o Martin Buchan scored twice first half and made his hat-trick with a late penalty.

Lads Club 2-0 Ellon Un
o

Maud 1-2 Lewis United
o Neil Forbes gave Maud the ht lead, but Jappy and Griffin gave United the points.

Parkvale 3-2 St TERNAN
o Collie and Stewart levelled two strikes by St TERNAN's Gill first half, before Smith grabbed the points for 'Vale.

Wilsons X1 4-1 H Russell
o Substitute Stacie got a consolation for HRU after Wilsons raced to a 4-0 first half lead with goals from Gary Mowat (2) - he was sent off before the break - Greig Milnes and Billy Davidson.

Scotscoup League
Whitehills 1-2 Islavale

friendly -
Glentnar 0-3 Cove Rangers

Social Bathing Trophy -rd 1
Inverurie Loco v Cruden Bay
Hall Russell v Hermes
Longside v Stoneywood
Turriff United v Ellon United
Maud v Stonehaven
St TERNAN v Parkvale
Dyce v Wilson's X1
East End v Sunnybank



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PRESS REPORT

FIFE HERALD (22/12/00)

Tayport 1-0 Lochee United

Ronnie Kenneth takes over the life of Reilly.

"Dave Reilly made an inestimable contribution to the club's success during his 10 year stay..... and his presence will certainly be missed. The player who now carries most responsibility for finding the net, Ronnie Kenneth, continued his fine run of form by notching the only goal"

FIFE HERALD (29/12/00)

Violet 0-2 Tayport

"This was quite a positive performance from Tayport, who played some good, fluent football, and could have won by a more emphatic margin, given the number of opportunities which came their way"

FIFE HERALD (5/01/01)

Tayport 9-0 Brechin Vics

Vics Have No Answer To Shooting Stars.

"While Vics did not mount much of a challenge, this was, nevertheless, a good workout for Tayport who will benefit from having some match practice during the festive period"

FIFE HERALD (11/01/01)

Kirrie Thistle 0-6 Tayport

"...within a minute Ronnie Kenneth had sealed the points, grabbing an exquisite third goal, by sending a sublime chip over the advancing goalkeeper, to the obvious delight of the travelling support.....a thoroughly deserved victory, which could be very significant in terms of the championship race"

EVENING TELEGRAPH

(29/12/00)

With 24 wins and two draws

from 26 league games in 2000,

it's a worthy headline to end the year.



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KENNETH	17	1	3	2			3	0	26
EVANS	10	0	3					0	13
REILLY	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8
CRAIK	2	0	4				1	1	8
CORCORAN	3	0					1	2	6
NICOLL	7	0						0	7
HARRIS	3	0						0	3
JONES	2	0						0	2
PATERSON	2	0						0	2
RAMSAY	1	0	1					0	2
GREIG	2	0						0	2
THOMSON		0						0	0
BUIST		0						0	0
LAWSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WARD		0						0	0
WEMYSS		0						0	0
WILKIE		0						0	0
MANN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FITZPATRICK		0						0	0
OWN GOALS		0					1	0	1
TOTAL	54	1	13	3			6	3	80

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ANDY'S ANGLE

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Canniepairt to the players and officials of Forfar Albion for our league game here today.

In our last competitive game away to Kirrie Thistle we hit top form. Our players deserve a lot of credit for the way they approached the game. To have this fixture away from home on the back of the festive



period along with the pitch conditions made this a potential banana skin. Our players responded brilliantly and the performance is the best since this new squad has been put together and I was proud to be part of that accomplishment. The local press made much of the fact that all six goals were scored in the final twenty minutes of the game. Anybody who actually watched the game would tell you that the entire ninety minutes was played to the same standard of football and numerous chances were created throughout the entire game. If we had scored earlier the eventual score could have been even more embarrassing for our opponents instead of the score flattering them in the end.

With the hard frost conditions continuing throughout the week, our game against Forfar West End was postponed. I was at the pitch inspection and there was no way the game could have been played as Strathmore Park was in a dangerous condition. Efforts were made to rearrange a league fixture, either at the Canniepairt which was playable, or an away fixture against opposition with a playable ground.

The offer to play two of the teams which we are due to play at home were quickly declined with a variety of reasons given for their refusal to play. However the biggest disappointment came from a team we are due to play away from home, they also declined and elected to play a friendly game on the very park on which we could have played them.

There is, in my opinion, a flaw in the rules which do not permit this to happen as a matter of course and there is disappointment in that clubs prefer to play what could be meaningless fixtures which they will possibly have to fulfil when there is a backlog of games in the summer. I suppose it is a sort of backhanded compliment and we are a victim of our own success in that teams are unwilling to play us until it is forced upon them. This is one compliment we can do without.

We did manage to arrange a friendly against Coupar Angus and my thanks goes to their management for, regardless of the eventual score, they played the game in a positive manner and it was a worthwhile exercise for both teams.

Looking towards today's game, with no disrespect intended to Forfar Albion, it is one we will be expected to win, but today's game is not only about achieving the victory, it's the manner in which it's achieved. In the game at Kirrie we set ourselves a standard. That standard has to be met consistently to stand us in good stead for the so called higher profile games coming up in the future.

Andy Sommerville

TAYPORT FC SEASON 2000 - 2001

Home Games in capitals. L = NCR Premier Division. S = OVD Scottish Junior Cup. C = Concept Trophy. F/T = Fife/Tayside

NEC = North End Challenge Cup. DJL = D.J.Laing Homes Cup. F = Findlay (formerly Currie) Cup. H = Herschell Trophy

DATE	OPPOSITION	SCORE	G/K	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att.
15 AUG	Jeanfield (HT)	W 3-0	FITZPATRICK	REILLY	GREIG	LAWSON	CRAIK 1	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	CORCORAN 2	NICOLL	EVANS	KENNETH (4)			161
19 AUG	ARBROATH SC (L)	W 2-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	GREIG	THOMSON	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	CORCORAN	REILLY	NICOLL 2	LAHON (4)	LAWSON (9)		134
23 AUG	Elmwood (L)	W 3-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	GREIG	THOMSON	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	CORCORAN	REILLY	NICOLL 2	EVANS (9) 1	KENNETH (4)		124
26 AUG	Carnoustie (L)	D 1-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	GREIG	CRAIK	JONES 1	WILKIE	RAMSAY	CORCORAN	KENNETH	REILLY	EVANS	NICOLL (8)			204
2 SEPT	NORTH END (L)	W 5-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	GREIG	THOMSON	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS 1	KENNETH 1	NICOLL	EVANS 2	REILLY(4) 1	CRAIK (9)	LAWSON (3)	217
9 SEPT	Lochee United (L)	W 2-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	GREIG 1	CRAIK	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	KENNETH 1	NICOLL	EVANS	REILLY (4)	CORCORAN (11)	WARD (10)	178
16 SEP	DOWNFIELD (L)	W 7-2	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	CRAIK	WARD	JONES 1	WILKIE	THOMSON	HARRIS 1	KENNETH 2	NICOLL	EVANS 3	REILLY (7)			176
23 SEP	Luncarty (C 1)	W 7-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	CRAIK 3	WARD	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY1	NICOLL	CORCORAN	REILLY 2	EVANS	KENNETH(5)1	THOMSON(8)	HARRIS(9)	71
30 SEP	VIOLET (L)	W 3-0	MANN	BUIST	PATERSON 1	WARD	JONES	WILKIE	THOMSON	HARRIS	KENNETH	CRAIK	EVANS	RAMSAY(7)	REILLY(11)1	NICOLL(6)1	204
7 OCT	Forfar Alb. (L)	W 5-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	CRAIK	REILLY 3	EVANS	KENNETH (9)1	CORCORAN(11)1	WEMYSS(8)	81
14 OCT	Jeanfield Swifts (L)	W 7-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON 1	JONES	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS 1	KENNETH 2	C'ORAN 2	EVANS 1	WARD (4)	CRAIK (11)	REILLY (8)	104
21 OCT	LOCHORE W (T2)	W 3-2	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	KENNETH 2	C'ORAN	CRAIK	REILLY(8)1	EVANS(5)	NICOLL(7)	236
28 OCT	FORFAR WE (L)	W 2-0	FITZPATRICK	GREIG	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY 1	HARRIS	KENNETH	REILLY	EVANS	CRAIK(11)1	BUIST (5)	C'ORAN (2)	142
4 NOV	Cambuslang (S2)	D 0-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY	CORCORAN	KENNETH	REILLY	EVANS	CRAIK(11)			356
11 NOV	C'BUSLANG(S2r)	L 1-2	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	JONES	WILKIE	RAMSAY	CORCORAN	KENNETH 1	REILLY	NICOLL	CRAIK (11)	EVANS (8)	HARRIS (5)	352
18 NOV	Aberdeen LC(C2)	W 6-2	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	KENNETH 2	CRAIK 1	EVANS 3	CORCORAN(10)	GREIG(8)	NICOLL(11)	103
25 NOV	Blairgowrie (F1)	W 6-1	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	RAMSAY	HARRIS	KENNETH 3	CRAIK 1	EVANS	COR'AN (10) 1	GREIG (4)	NICOLL (7)	116
2 DEC	JEANFIELD (L)	W 6-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	GREIG	CORCORAN	KENNETH 5	CRAIK 1	EVANS	RAMSAY(11)	REILLY (10)	THOMSON(5)	127
9 DEC	KIRRIE THIS (L)	W 2-0	FITZPATRICK	BUIST	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	GREIG	HARRIS	KENNETH 1	CRAIK	EVANS 1	THOMSON(2)	REILLY(10)	C'ORAN(8)	170
16 DEC	LOCHEE UTD (L)	W 1-0	FITZPATRICK	GREIG	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	THOMSON	HARRIS	KENNETH 1	CRAIK	EVANS	NICOLL(7)	BUIST (11)	C'ORAN(8)	165
23 DEC	Violet (L)	W 2-0	FITZPATRICK	GREIG1	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	WILKIE	THOMSON	HARRIS	KENNETH	CRAIK	EVANS 1	NICOLL (3)	RAMSAY (8)	C'ORAN(7)	113
6 JAN	Kirrie Thistle (L)	W 6-0	FITZPATRICK	GREIG	PATERSON	WARD	WEMYSS	JONES	RAMSAY	HARRIS	KENNETH 3	CRAIK	EVANS 1	NICOLL (11) 2	THOMSON (10)	C'ORAN(7)	139
20 JAN	FORFAR ALB (L)																
27 JAN																	
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MATCH REPORT by *DUNMORE*

A month has elapsed since Tayport's last competitive home match, a narrow league victory over Lochee United (16/12). Ronnie Kenneth proved to be the match-winner, heading the only goal of a game which 'Port totally controlled, despite the dismissal of Derek Wemyss.

Since then there have been only two more significant matches, starting with the visit to Glenesk (23/12) to play Violet. First half strikes from Ian Greig and Davie Evans enabled the league leaders to collect all three points, although, in a game which they dominated, the margin of victory should have been far greater.

The New Year began with a potentially tricky trip to Kirrie's Westview park (6/01), which ended with a thoroughly emphatic win, and three precious points. Tayport played some positive football, without actually making the breakthrough until late on.

Once Davie Evans finally netted the opener on 65 minutes, more goals were inevitable. Ronnie Kenneth again demonstrated his class by scoring a fine hat-trick, while Graham Nicoll, also made his mark with a brace, after coming off the bench.

Nicoll was also prominent in the two friendly games which 'Port have played recently, firstly during the festive period and then last weekend, following the postponement of the clash with Forfar West End. Brechin Vics and Coupar Angus both visited the Cannie-pairt, only to suffer heavy 9-0 reversals. The young striker was responsible for one third of Tayport's total of eighteen goals.


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IT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Dave's too young to be sub

DAVE REILLY insists he couldn't bear to end his legendary Tayport career as a bit-part squad player.

The striker left the Tayside champs for rivals North End last week after being a key part of an incredible 11-year junior success story.

The 36-year-old slammed 362 goals in 497 games and helped them to eight titles and a host of cup successes – including the 1996 OVD triumph under Dave Baikie.

Challenge

As he geared up for what he hopes will be his first North End start against Lochee United today, he said: "I got to the stage where I felt it was time for a change.

"At this time of my career it was a point where I had to decide whether I would be happy being in and out of things, coming off the bench, for the rest of my playing days or whether I wanted to go off and try a new challenge.

"That's the road I've gone down and hopefully things will work out for me, but it is very different after so long at Tayport.

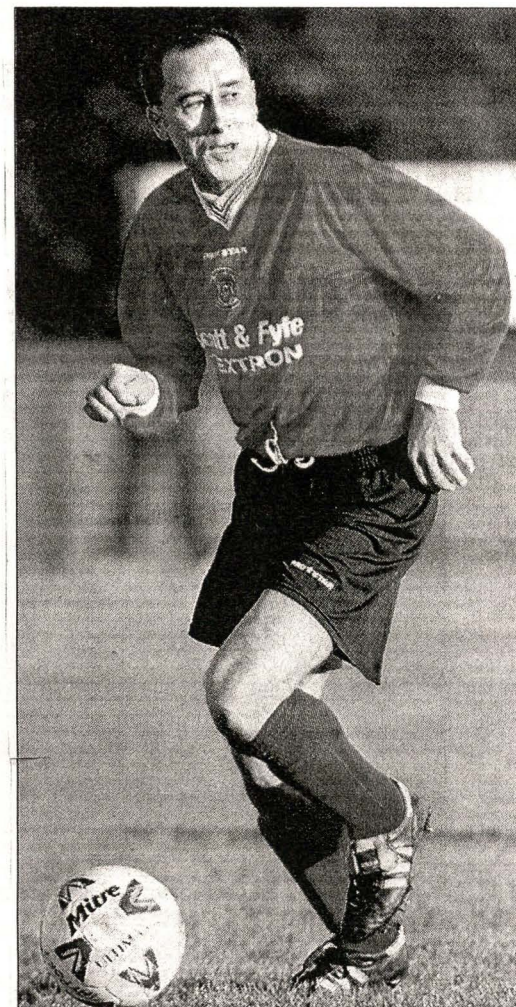
"After playing all those games and scoring all those goals for them here I am starting out all over again, looking for my first goal for North End.

"I want to get back to really enjoying my football again. It wasn't that I was really unhappy at Tayport, but while some guys might be content to sit out the last few seasons of their career on the bench I wouldn't have been.

"It got to the stage where I was going on as a sub and coming off having won the game, but not really feeling like I'd played my part in the victory."

Reilly knows it's a tall order helping take North End to the same heights.

He said: "We have the nucleus of a good side and I suppose our aim has to be to try and challenge the likes of Tayport, and also Carnoustie who have really come on leaps and bounds this season."



HAPPY ENDING . . . Reilly has made a fresh start

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TAYPORT JUNIORS - THE CLUB RECORDS

OVERALL

Biggest Home Win	11-1 v Kinnoull(L)	10.10.92
	10-0 v Elmwood (N.E.Cup)	28.10.95
Biggest Away Win	14-0 v StJosephs(L)	14.11.98
Biggest Home Defeat	1-4 v Pollok(Scottish)	09.03.91
	2-5 v Carnoustie(C.O.B.)	16.05.94
Biggest Away Defeat	3-6 v Carnoustie(League)	16.08.97

Longest Unbeaten Run	34 games	31.05.95 to 02.03.96
Longest Winning Sequence	14 games	08.04.95 to 23.05.95
Longest Losing Sequence	2 games	09.03.91 to 16.03.91

	7.06.97 to 17.06.97	15.05.93 to 23.05.93
Longest Run Without A Win	3 games	11.12.93 to 08.01.94
		19.08.91 to 24.08.91
		07.06.97 to 19.06.97
Longest Sequence of Scoring	58 games	15.08.90 to 19.08.91
Longest Sequence Of Failing To Score	2 games	12.06.93 to 16.06.93
Longest Sequence Without Losing Goal	9 games	08.11.97 to 17.01.98

SCOTTISH CUP

Biggest Home Win	7-1 v Blackburn	02.02.91
	7-1 v Cumbernauld	31.10.92
	6-0 v Banchoy	14.10.95
	6-0 v Lochgelly	11.11.95
Biggest Away Win	13-0 v Fochabers	09.10.99
Biggest Home Defeat	1-4 v Pollok	09.03.91
Biggest Away Defeat	1-3 v Glenafton	28.03.92 & Pollok 18.05.97

LEAGUE

Biggest Home Win In Div.One	11-1 v Kinnoull	1992/93
Biggest Away Win In Div.One	14-0 v St Josephs	1998/99
Biggest Home Win In Div.Two	9-0 v St Josephs	1990/91
Biggest Away Win In Div.Two	7-1 v Balbeggie	1990/91
Biggest Home Defeat In Div.One	0-2 v North End	1997/98
Biggest Away Defeat In Div.One	3-6 v Carnoustie	1997/98
Biggest Home Defeat In Div.Two	2-3 v Kirrie This.	1990/91
	1-2 v Arb. Vics.	1990/91
Biggest Away Defeat In Div.Two	1-2 v Kirrie This.	1990/91
Longest Winning Sequence	18 games	30.09.95 to 08.06.96
Longest unbeaten run	59 games	15.08.98 to present
Longest Losing Sequence	1 game	
Longest Unbeaten Sequence	70 games	11.09.93 to 11.06.96
Longest Sequence Of Scoring	39 games	25.02.95 to 31.08.95
Longest Sequence Without Losing Goal	8 games	05.09.98 to 09.01.99

Most Goals Scored By Player In One Match

SIX - Kenny Cameron v St Josephs (League) 14.11.98
 FIVE - Steve Hutcheon v Lochore MW (Taycars) 28/2/98. Ronnie Kenneth v Jeanfield (League) 2/12/00
 FOUR - Dave Reilly 7 occasions - v Balbeggie (90/91), Elmwood (95/96), Forfar Alb. (95/96), Luncarty (95/96), Kirrie, Jeanfield (97/98), Glenrothes (98/99)
 Hamish Mackay 4 occasions - v Harp (92/93), Arbroath Vics. (94/95), Harp (94/95), Broughty Ath. (95/96).
 Stephen Ross 1- v Luncarty (95/96); Stephen Hutcheon 1- v Kinnoull (97/98). Kenny Cameron 3 - v Forfar WE(98/99), v Glentanar (98/99), v Kinnoull (99/00)

Players Who Have Scored Hat-tricks

Dave Reilly - 20. Hamish Mackay - 15. Stephen Ross - 8. Kevin Thoms - 4. Kenny Cameron - 6. Ewan Cameron - 4. Jackie Devine - 3. Ronnie Kenneth - 2, David Evans - 2, Ian Harris - 2, Steven Stewart - 2, Mark Corcoran - 1. Allan Kennedy, Billy Coventry, Barrie Gray, Steve Hutcheon, John Young - 1, Brian Craik - 1.

Record attendances Home - 2,187 v Downfield(03.04.93)

Away - 6,500 v Glenafton Athletic (23.05.93)

Live Television Appearances v Glenafton Athletic (23.05.93)

v Camelon (12.05.96) v Pollok (18.05.97)

Most Appearances D.Reilly 470+27 sub.= 497 (Aug.90 - Dec.2000)

G.Paterson 490+6 sub.= 496 (Aug.90 - present 13/01/01)

Most Goals D.Reilly 362 (Aug.90 - 02/12/00)

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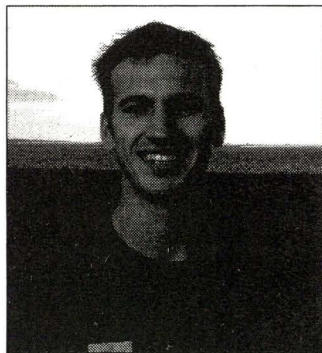


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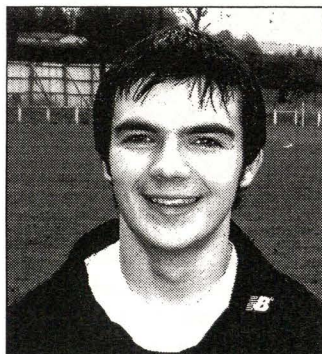
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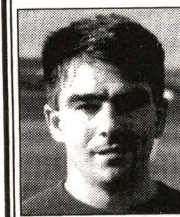
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PREMIER	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TAYPORT	14	1	0	54	- 6	43
Carnoustie	9	4	0	37	- 10	31
North End	8	2	4	36	- 24	26
Kirrie This	6	2	4	26	- 20	20
Arbrth SC	5	4	5	27	- 20	19
Lochee Un	5	4	6	23	- 32	19
Forfr W.E.	4	4	6	23	- 32	16
Downfield	4	2	5	23	- 28	14
Violet	2	5	6	14	- 21	11
Forfar Alb	3	2	9	18	- 40	11
Elmwood	2	2	9	17	- 37	8
Jeanfield	2	2	10	14	- 42	8

DIV 1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Broughty	10	3	3	35	- 18	33
Bankfoot	9	2	3	41	- 25	29
Blairgw.	9	2	2	30	- 21	29
Lochee H	9	1	6	39	- 25	28
E.Craigie	9	0	6	38	- 17	27
Roselea	8	3	4	36	- 20	27
Kinnoull	4	4	4	18	- 13	16
Luncarty	5	1	10	30	- 50	16
Scone T.	4	3	6	28	- 27	15
C. Angus	4	0	9	29	- 45	12
Brechin V	2	3	11	19	- 50	9
Arbrth V	2	2	12	19	- 51	8

SAT JAN 13 -

Interbrew Cup - rd 1
Lochgelly 1-3 St Andrews
o Greg Dochard (2) and
James Herkes caught Albert
cold, before they got one
through Mark Tanner.

Lochore 1-3 H o Beath
o Shug O'Neill missed a
penalty for MW before Barry
Smith opened for Haws.
Darren Wright and Craig Smart
made it 0-3 before Colin Burke
scored for the home side.

Stella Artois Lge-
Crossgates 1-1 Glenrothes
o Benny Andrew opened for
Glens but new signing ex-
Fauldhouse, Davie Wilcox,
scored a debut equaliser.

Kelty Hearts 4-1 Rosyth
o Craig Reynolds (2) and Ian
Heddie (2, 1pen) for Hearts.
Scott Stenhouse for Recs. It
takes Kelty back up to 2nd
place, but still a bit short of
Oakley and Hawthorn.

Concept Cup

round 2 - 1.30pm

Kirrie Th 2-0 Stoneywood
o Hammy Soutar scored twice
in extra time to take Kirrie
through.

NCR - Div 1 -

Arbroath Vic 1-4 Harp
o Steve Higgins (2), Graeme
Allan and Barry McNaughton
for Harp. David McLeish got
one back for Vics.

friendly -

Tayport 9-0 C Angus
o Port keep warm by
knocking a few past the
Div 1 side.

Stella Artois Fife Cup - rd 2 -

Oakley Un v Thornton Hibs
Dundonald B v Kirkcaldy YM
Kelty/Newburgh v HOBeath
Glenrothes v Lochore W.

Interbrew Cup - rd 1

Crossgates v Kirkcaldy
Lochgelly 1-3 St Andrews
Oakley v Glenrothes
Rosyth R 1-0 Newburgh
Lochore 1-3 Hill O'Beath
Thornton v Kelty Hrts
Tulliallan 3-1 Steelend

FIFE-TAYSIDE CUP

Round 2 - tba

Bankfoot v Newburgh
Blairgowrie v H of Beath
Carnoustie v Dundonald
Glenrothes v Tayport
Oakley Un v North End
Scone Th v Kirrie Th
Thornton v Arbroath Vic
Violet v Arbroath SC

North End Ch. Cup

round 1 -

M. Roselea v Downfield
Forfar Alb v Blairgowrie
Kinnoull v Forfar WE
Lochee Un v Scone Th
Jeanfield Sw v Carnoustie
Broughty v Arbroath Vic
East Craigie v Tayport
North End 7-0 Brechin V

Findlay & Co Cup- rd 1

Arbrth SC v Violet
Lochee Un v Elmwood
Downfield v East Craigie
Scone Th v Brechin Vic
Arbrth Vic v Forfar WE
Kinnoull v Jeanfield
Blairgowrie 1-6 Tayport
Coupar Ang v Carnoustie

WESTERN and CENTRAL LEAGUES

DIV1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Glenafton	5	4	0	19	- 7	19
KILWING	5	2	0	15	- 4	17
Auchnck	4	4	0	21	- 7	16
Kilbirnie	3	3	3	17	- 12	12
Meadow	3	3	3	20	- 17	12
Lugar BT	3	3	4	12	- 16	12
Cumnock	3	2	4	13	- 20	11
Irvine Vic	2	4	3	10	- 20	10
Hurlford	2	2	2	8	- 9	8
Beith	1	2	5	7	- 15	5
Craigmrk	0	1	7	3	- 18	1

DIV2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Troon	7	2	2	40	- 20	23
Kello Rv	7	2	1	24	- 11	23
Ardeer T.	6	2	3	28	- 17	20
Saltcoats	4	5	1	17	- 14	17
Dalry Th	4	3	5	26	- 21	15
Muirkirk	4	1	3	24	- 14	13
Darvel	3	4	4	17	- 22	13
Winton	3	3	5	19	- 21	12
Maybole	3	2	3	19	- 20	11
Largs Th	1	2	3	5	- 8	5
Whitlets	1	0	6	5	- 33	3
Annbank	0	2	7	10	- 33	2

* Ayrshire becomes three divisions of 7-8-8 in season 01-02.

Times District Cup

qu-finals - DEC 2

Kilbirnie Lad 3-1 Troon
Largs Th 0-3 Meadow X1
Auchinleck T 4-3 Muirkirk
Glenafton A v Kilwinning R
semi-finals

Kilbirnie v Auchinleck Talbot
Meadow v Glenafton/Kilwing

Kerr & Smith Cup

Final - Somerset - Oct 2
Cumnock 2-2(5-4p)Kilwinning
(McGinty 2 - Cameron pen, Geoghegan) 1-1 90mins.

WEST CUP

rd 3 - Jan 13

Renfrew v Muirkirk
Glencrn v Maryhill
Kilbirnie * 2-2 Beith (4-5p)
Lanark U v Troon
Hurlford v Larkhall
Pollok v Benburb
Rob Roy v Bellshill
Cumnock v Auchnck

SAT JAN 13 -

West of Scot. Cup - rd 3 -

Kilbirnie 2-2(4-5p) Beith
o Billy Ferguson and James Donnelly for Beith in normal time, with Ricky McIntosh and Brian Miller for Ladeside.

Stagecoach - Div 1 -

Glenafton 1-1 Hurlford
o Andy Sim gave United and early lead but a late og gave Glens a point.

Div 2 -

Annbank 1-1 Saltcoats
Whitlets 3-0 Kello Rov
(at Kirkconnell)

friendly -

Lugar 2-1 Kilwinning

NO CENTRAL GAMES.....

Central League Cup

rd 1 - etap - tba -

Yoker Athletic v Forth Wands
Blantyre Vics v Larkhall Th
East Kilbride v St Anthony
Johnstone B v Shettleston
Royal Albert v G Perthshire
round 2 - jan 6

Vo Leven 2-2(3-5p) Bellshill
Rob Roy v Johnstone/Town
Coltness Un v Albert/Perths
Neilston 3-2 Port Glasgow

PREMIER	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Johnstne	8	2	0	24	- 6	26
Arthurlie	6	1	2	28	- 13	19
Maryhill	4	2	4	17	- 16	14
Petershill	3	3	3	13	- 18	12
BENBRB	3	2	1	13	- 8	11
R Glencn	3	2	4	15	- 22	11
Larkhall	2	4	3	13	- 12	10
Neilston	3	1	3	13	- 13	10
Pollok	1	4	3	10	- 14	7
Shotts	2	1	5	11	- 15	7
Renfrew	2	1	2	7	- 13	7
Blantyre	0	1	7	7	- 21	1

DIV1	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cmbnauld	7	1	2	23	- 8	22
Kilsyth Rn	5	3	1	19	- 14	18
Rob Roy	5	2	3	23	- 17	17
Lanark Un	5	2	1	19	- 13	17
Greenock	4	3	2	17	- 17	15
Carluk R	4	2	3	11	- 17	14
Shettleston	3	3	2	17	- 13	12
Cambsing	3	0	1	10	- 5	9
Dunipace	2	3	3	15	- 13	9
Pt Glasgw	1	4	4	19	- 25	7
Lesmghw	2	1	5	13	- 22	7
V of Clyde	2	0	8	17	- 25	6
V of Leven	1	0	5	4	- 13	3
G Perthsr	0	2	4	5	- 10	2

DIV2	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bellshill A	8	0	0	27	- 4	24
E Kilbride	6	1	0	23	- 5	19
St Anthony	5	1	2	15	- 17	16
Stnehouse	5	0	3	19	- 12	15
St. Roch's	5	0	5	20	- 19	15
Yoker Ath	4	1	3	17	- 14	13
Baillieston	4	1	3	15	- 12	13
Thriewood	3	2	4	12	- 11	11
Ryl Albert	2	2	3	16	- 17	8
Ashfield	2	1	5	20	- 16	7
Coltness U	1	3	4	10	- 23	6
Forth Wan	1	2	6	14	- 30	5
Wishaw	1	0	9	10	- 38	3

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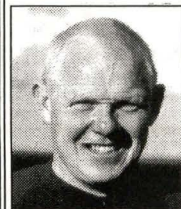
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Suppliers of pies to Tayport F. C.**TODAY'S GAME****NCR TAYSIDE PREMIER LEAGUE****TAYPORT v FORFAR ALBION**

It's our first competitive outing of the new year this afternoon when Forfar Albion pay their first league visit since 1996/97. Albion were relegated that season and thus doomed to three seasons in division one. A fantastic run at the start of 2000 brought them from nowhere to a promotion place last season at the expense of a hugely disappointed East Craigie who had been favourites for a step up for most of the season.

A one season stay in the top division is an increasing possibility unless Albion can fight their way out of the relegation zone in which they are currently situated. That makes this afternoon's game particularly crucial for the Guthrie Park lads.

Back in November a crisis threatened to engulf Albion when it was suddenly announced that the club was to fold when the majority of the committee resigned. Supported by Tayside League officials and with the threat of expulsion from the SJFA hanging over them, order was restored when a new look committee was formed with the help of the club's Under 18 officials.

There have been team changes also, with only six of those who started last October's league match against us in Forfar in the Albion player pool for today. Eddie Winks is at Lochee United, and two other Dundee based players, Kevin Hirons and Gavin Hood have followed coach George Shields to Kinnoull, where, incidentally, they have been joined by Shields's latest signing ex-Tayport entertainer Barrie Gray.

Tayport have had two outings since the turn of the year whereas our visitors today have yet to taste action in 2001. This should stand the locals in good stead and they look likely to have a full pool from which to select. Training outdoors has been restricted during the past two weeks but the indoor sessions have provided a bit of variety as well as keeping the players focussed.

Sean Wilkie was on holiday and missed the Kirrie game and John Ward was an absentee last week after concussion suffered in the Kirrie game saw him kept him off work. Kenny Jones came back against Kirrie and strolled through the game but a back injury has hindered Grant Buist's efforts to get back into serious action. However, hopes are high that he'll be ok for today.

Despite their lowly placing, only five clubs in the division can better Albion's away record and Tayport will have noted this fact as they bid to stay out in front at the top.

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



Steven Stewart, very much a regular at East Stirlingshire following his move from Tayport during the close season, had a small band of Tayportians turn up at a chilly New Bayview on Boxing Day to cheer him on when 'Shire went down 1-3 to East Fife. Steven was telling the lads that he had a surprise Christmas present from his girlfriend who had commissioned a pastel drawing of his spectacular OVD Scottish Junior Cup semi-final goal for Tayport against Auchinleck in 1996.

Did you hear about the two Tayport fans who took in the North End v Arniston OVD tie at North End Park? The tie finished 2-2 but our two somehow managed to miss all four goals! That's nothing claimed one of the duo. He had been at a Tayport game at Luncarty with Kenny Thomson and Huck Phin and the three of them missed eleven goals!!

With Alan McLuckie sensationally throwing in the towel at Kilwinning Rangers after losing an industrial tribunal brought about by sacked manager Bobby Dickson, there is speculation that the Buffs' fortunes will take a big dip. McLuckie's firm bankrolled the club and, with this withdrawal of financial support, there will be no big bucks to keep existing players nor lure new players to Abbey Park. Apparently the sacked Dickson was on £250 per week + bonuses.

The Ayrshire Post reports this week that "Ayrshire giants Kilwinning Rangers are on the brink of going under after chairman Allan McLuckie, the club's main financial backer, sensationally resigned. McLuckie, the self made millionaire and managing director of Fullarton Computer Industries, said 'unless a major backer is found to invest a five figure sum, the club will go to the wall' I'm walking away and I won't be back.' Running costs of the club are around £4-5000 a month."

It's quite galling to read about the double standards which seem to exist in Scottish Football. Arbroath FC played two ineligible players when they beat Montrose in the Tennent's Scottish Cup. Yet they received a fine but got to replay the tie. There is little doubt that, regardless of the circumstances, had it been the Juniors or Amateurs, the defaulting club would have been thrown out. OK, they did eventually still go out, but their fine would have been pretty well made up by the receipts from the three games it took to settle the tie.

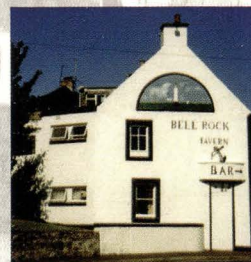
I see the East Region Juniors are playing for the Co-op Funeral Services Cup. Should that not be Urn??!!

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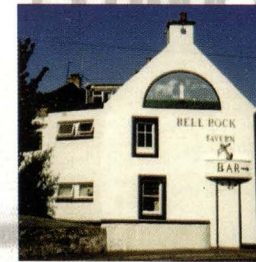
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