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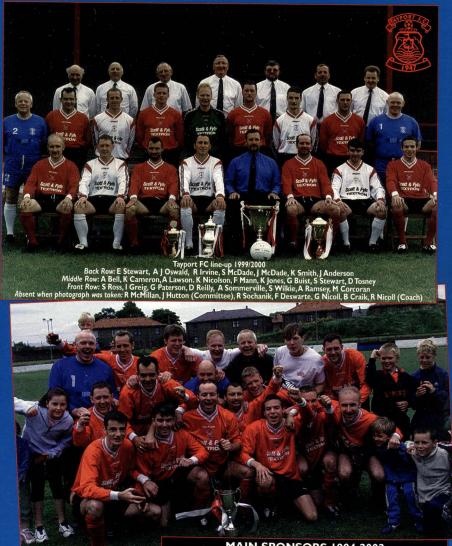
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#### TODAY'S TEAMS



#### **TAYPORT**

#### LOCHEE UNITED

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6	Ross DORWARD
- 11	Robert PETRIE
17	Mark KELLY
14	Kenny BOYLE
	Jonathan MORROW
15	Eddie WINKS
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9	Raymond SMITH
12	Michael Attento

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### NCR TAYSIDE PREMIER LEAGUE TAYPORT v LOCHEE UNITED

It's a fourth successive home league game for Tayport against one of the division's form sides which has moved into fourth top spot and can boast an unbeaten record in the league away from home. From a side, a few weeks ago, which looked likely to have a struggle against relegation, the Bluebells will be looking to get their fair share of the points from these games in order to get a top half of the table finish and complete a respectable first season for new manager Larry Duncan.

Duncan had something of a clear-out at Thomson Park, recruiting several new players from the Midlands Amateurs. Being the successful manager of NCR Amateurs before taking over the reins at United, Duncan was well placed to know where to find the quality for which he was looking. In came John Mitchell, Jimmy Anderson, Ally Paterson and Robert Petrie from NCR and Mike Phillips from Riverside. Marcus Dailly was reinstated from Brechin City and Kenny Boyle arrived from Forfar West End. Eddie Winks, a scorer against Tayport earlier this season, is a recent signing from Forfar Albion. To complete the re-vamp, two promising youngsters, Kirk Dailly and Jonathan Morrow, were picked up from under 18s football.

A number of key positions in the Lochee team, however, are still held by seasoned campaigners, such as keeper Mark Murray, defenders Michael Feeney and Grant Milne, midfielder Kenny Laing and strikers Dave Hutton and Mark Kelly. Robert Petrie, to whom United will be looking for goals, had a spell at Downfield but lack of a regular starting place saw him move to NCR.

Tayport won the earlier meeting of the sides at Thomson Park but they will be mindful of Lochee's last visit to the Canniepairt, a 1-0 victory for the visitors in a Findlay & Co cup-tie towards the end of the season. This only four days after Tayport had trounced them 4-0 in a league game. Funny game, football.

Kenny Jones' injury looks likely to keep him out of action again and Alan Ramsay could again be missing. Grant Buist, substituted early in last week's game, required treatment during the week but Brian Craik, also a first half casualty, trained with no ill effects. Jake Thomson will have welcomed the opportunity of action last Saturday and Graham Nicoll be eager to similarily get an opportunity to stake a claim for a regular start. Floodlights would have been welcomed last Saturday, so this week the kick-off has been advanced to 1.30pm.

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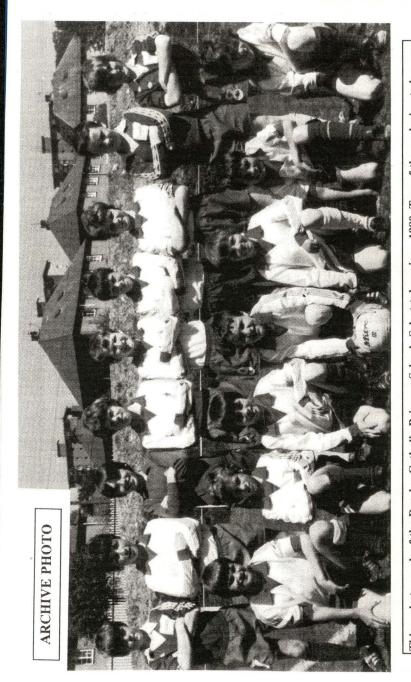
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Schools Select taken circa. 1980. Two of those playing today, one Can you spot them? Answers towards the back of the Two others became regulars in the Tayside Juniors, Brian Anderson, the goalkeeper, who had a spell at (4th from right in back row) and ex-Dundee United Tayport, and Kevin Burns ex-St Josephs and now Arbroath SC one for Lochee, are in the photograph. This a photograph of the Dundee Catholic Primary Ray McKinnon (2nd from the right in front row) for Tayport and programme.

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES

#### 9 YEARS AGO -DECEMBER 1991

On 7th December 1991, Lochee United paid their first ever visit to the Canniepairt for a league match against the Division One newcomers. Newcomers, they may have been, but Tayport went clear at the top of the table that afternoon thanks to a 5-1 win over Lochee and Downfield's home defeat from North End.

Tayport and Lochee United had met once before, during Tayport's inaugural season in the Juniors, when United won a Zamoyski Cup-tie in extra time at Thomson Park.

On 7th December, on a calm but chilly afternoon in front of a disappointing attendance of 75, Tayport turned the screw on their opponents, with four second half goals. The Fife Herald headline was "Tayport's second-half blitz"

It was Lochee who almost went ahead, however, when McAllister, sent clear by Bell, saw his shot scrape the outside of Fraser Mann's post. Mark Spalding and Dave Reilly went close but it was something of a fluke which gave Tayport the opening goal in 40 minutes, Jimmy Hunter's free kick going nowhere until it hit Kevin Thoms and looped over keeper Gourlay.

Dallas went close for United early in the second half but Tayport increased their lead when Lochee's Vannett lost the ball to Thoms who hit his second goal of the afternoon. Andy Sommerville made it three from Jackie Devine's corner and a fourth came from Davie Reilly after Spalding's dummy had foxed the Lochee defence. The nap hand came courtesy of Billy Coventry who headed a goal from Hunter's cross.

The match ball was sponsored by Maurice Flynn.

Tayport had fielded Mann, P.Reilly, Paterson, Wilkie, Sommerville, Spalding, Hunter, Cushnie, Thoms, D.Reilly and Devine. Coventry and Frankie Dolan were substitutes. It was a Tayport side which was packed with players who were to become household names at The Canniepairt over the next ten years.

By the turn of the year Tayport had completed 18 league fixtures, while East Craigie had played 20 league games. That's nearly a season nowadays! Lochee's 26 game league season was completed on 11th April, their final game being a 2-0 defeat by Tayport.

That was quite a significant day for the club in that the legendary Hamish Mackay scored the first of his 150 goals for Tayport. Little did the 120 Tayport fans present at Thomson Park realise what was to follow from big Hambo.

#### PLAYER PROFILE

#### FRAZER FITZPATRICK

AGE: 30 BORN: Dundee. STAY NOW: Dundee

BROTHERS/SISTERS: 1 brother, 1 sister

MARRIED: to Louise

SCHOOLS/COLLEGE: Whitfield HS, Dundee

Tech.

**OCCUPATION:** Engineer

CAR: Audi Estate

FOOTBALL CAREER: Lochee United, St Josephs, Montrose, Tayport

BOYHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Billy Pirie (Dundee)

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: v Stirling Albion in the Scottish Cup

PLAYER WHO HAS IMPRESSED YOU MOST: Brian Harris

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Centre-halves, especially ours!

FAVOURITE GROUND: Dens. LEAST FAVOURITE: Boghead

SOFT SPOT FOR A SENIOR TEAM?: Dundee

OTHER SPORTS: Boxing, golf, snooker

TASTES IN MUSIC: Oasis, Robbie Williams

LAST BOOK READ: Crisis Four by Andy McNab

**FAVOURITES:** 

MOVIE: Goodfellas

MOVIE STAR: Robert de Niro

TV SHOW: Friends.

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#### ANDY'S ANGLE

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

Last week's game was once again another great result for the club in our efforts to retain the championship. In my estimation, Kirrie are a serious threat to any team on their day but last week we



despatched them with relative ease, having restricted them to a couple of longrange attempts which Frazer Fitzpatrick dealt with by producing two exceptional saves.

On the other hand we created numerous chances and were able to afford the luxury of two penalty misses. In the end a two nil scoreline flattered the visitors. Before the game I challenged our players to show how much they have progressed since the start of the season. They picked up the challenge and responded by putting on a superb performance. We now have to turn out this standard consistently, continuing today.

Last week we played as a team and worked hard for each other. Even when we had the setback of penalty misses, we stuck to the task and did not let it affect our confidence nor our method of play. We stuck to the game plan and in the end this paid dividends.

Today's game will be another interesting affair as Lochee are now putting together a run of results. After their game against Carmoustie, Larry Duncan, the Lochee manager, was quoted in the local press as tipping Carnoustie for the league title. With Lochee running his tip for the league close on the day, losing the game one goal to nil, Larry will be keen to back up his theory with a victory over us today.

Our job today is to see that does not happen and there can be no bigger incentive or motivation than proving the opposition wrong.

Andy Sommerville

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#### MATCH REPORT by DUNMORE

Another important three points were collected last Saturday, when Kirrie Thistle visited the Cannie-pairt on league duty. While 'Port dominated the match it was only deep into injury time that the two-nil victory was finally secured.

The game itself will obviously be remembered for Tayport's two penalty misses, with Ronnie Kenneth and Ian Greig the culprits, after Davie Evans had opened the scoring on the hour mark.

In addition to penalty opportunities, the league leaders also had a couple of efforts ruled out for offside, which meant that Kirrie remained very much in the contest. Indeed, had it not been for the heroics of home keeper Frazer Fitzpatrick, who made some excellent stops, the visitors could well have snatched the equaliser.

With darkness falling, Ronnie Kenneth did atone for his earlier aberration, by netting the killer second goal, taking his personal tally for the season to twenty-two.

This result enabled Tayport to maintain their four point advantage over Carnoustie Panmure, at the top of the NCR Premier Division. Given that both teams have ten matches to play, this championship race looks likely to be far tighter than the previous two campaigns, making fixtures such as today's meeting with Lochee United all the more intriguing.



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#### TESTIMONIAL FOUR SAY 'THANK YOU'

In a letter to the Evening Telegraph this week, the four players expressed their thanks for the support they received for their testimonial



On behalf of Sean Wilkie, Mark Spalding, Grant Patterson and myself, Dave Reilly, we would like to say thanks to the many businesses, supporters, riends and families for their tremendous support in our testimonial year.

Thanks to Dundee United for providing the opposition in our testimonial game.

Thanks also to Tayport FC for their help during the past year.



Special thanks goes to the "guys and gal" of our testimonial committee for their tremendous efforts on our behalf, Eric Beat, Andy Phinn, Keith Sinclair, George Malone, Ian McMillan, Andy Robertson, Davie Ayre and last, but not least, Catherine Ogilvie. We will be forever indebted to you all.

Thanks also to Peter Marr and Dave Baikie for asking us to be part of a unique success story from day one.

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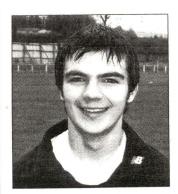


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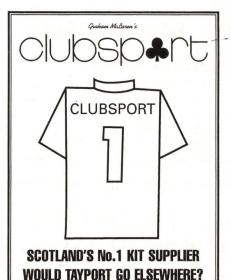
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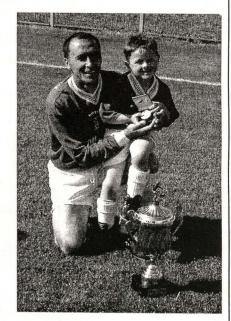
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#### DAVE REILLY MOVES ON

As had been widely expected, Dave Reilly did not have long to wait for a move after recently asking for a transfer. DR (seen here with son Keir following last season's Concept Trophy win) this week moved to North End.

Dave Reilly name has been synonomous with the success enjoyed by the club in the last eleven and a half years at The Canniepairt, and his contribution to that success can never be underestimated.

497 appearances and 362 goals is one helluva record and is surely unprecedented in the Junior game. Dave, who was signed for the



club from Lawside FP by Dave Baikie and Peter Marr back in July 1990, has collected every honour the game has had to offer - 1 Scottish Cup win, 2 Scottish Cup runners-up, 8 championship wins, 5 Regional cup wins, 20 other local cup wins in 7 different competitions and Scottish caps. Truly a legend.

It has to be said that everyone at the club will be sad to see Dave leave, but times move on and Dave, 37 in a few months, wanted a regular game and this could not be guaranteed at Tayport. During his time here Dave has been a model player, rarely missing the twice weekly training and rarely injured or ill. We wish him the very best - except when in opposition!



# "IN WITH THE BRICKS"

While the Canniepairt is considered to be one of the finest grounds in Junior Football circles we are continually attempting to improve the facilities for players, officials, sponsors and supporters alike. The following are only some of the development projects currently being considered:

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- Construction of a hospitality room for sponsors
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#### **PRESS REPORT**

#### FIFE HERALD (8/12/00)

Tayport 6-0 Jeanfield Swifts

Ronnie crowned the new goal king.

"Striker Ronnie Kenneth was very much the star-man, bagging five of Tayport's goals as Jeanfield Swifts were outclassed on the Canniepairt. Quite apart from his clinical finishing, Kenneth has recently stood out for both his work-rate and excellent link-up play..."



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#### COURIER

## SPORT

#### **THE COURIER (11/12/00)**

**Tayport 2-0 Kirrie Thistle** 

"While that result [Carnoustie 3-2 Arbroath SCI is another reminder to champions Tayport that they have a battle on their hands, if they have aspirations of retaining the title, Fifers' boss Andy Sommerville actually

welcomes the challenge. Although 'Port missed two penalties on Saturday against Kirrie thistle, goals from Davie Evans and Ronnie Kenneth saw off the visitors"

#### EVENING TELEGRAPH

(11/12/00)

Tayport 2-0 Kirrie Thistle



'Penalties were also a feature at The Canniepairt where Tayport twice missed from the spot against Kirrie Thistle, with Ian Greig and Ronnie Kenneth the sinners. Fortunately for the Fifers, the misses didn't affect the result.."

Did you recognise SEAN WILKIE (3rd from left front row) and Lochee's MICHAEL FEENEY (4th from left back row)?

# SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



It was literally all hands to the pumps last Saturday to enable the league game with Kirrie Thistle to go ahead. Areas of the pitch were under water as dawn broke following the horrendously wet weather of the previous 24 hours. Two of the first to arrive were manager Andy Sommerville and coach Dave Tosney who helped clear around 1,500 gallons of water from the pitch. How do we know this? Because it was removed and measured in wheely bins. Andy and Dave then took themselves off to Jane's Harbour Tearoom where they enjoyed brunch. Being big lads, Jane must have thought she had to feed them up so much so that Dave complained that he wasn't used to eating so much and would need a sleep before the game! Jane's Tearoom is clearly a big favourite with club members. Andy Bell was spotted there enjoying his tea after Saturday's game.

Tulliallan Thistle are set to be disinterred! The Fife League club was pronounced dead and buried a couple of weeks ago but it now seems as if the club will continue after receiving an injection of new life.

There were raised eyebrows well before the end of a recent Tayport home game when Ally Buist and Billy Gibb were seen making for the exit. Too cold? naw. Too wet? Nope. Off to the pub? No. Actually off home. Respective wives were away on a shopping trip and the bold boys had to get home, one to feed the dog, the other to feed the cat!

The SJFA hammered have Irvine Vics coach Paul Halley after he was red carded four times in Vics' OVD tie against Inverurie. Halley was fined £100 and banned from the technical area and dressing rooms for an hour before and an hour after games until the end of the season

Lochore boss Jim Hardie was, to say the least, fizzing after his club's home defeat by North End in the OVD Cup. "we just did not play at all, he said. "Everything was there for them, a big occasion, a big crowd and a team we should beat but the standard of our play was apalling. After that there will be changes at Lochore, I can promise that with upwards of nine players on the transfer list"

With concern over conditions for last Saturday's match and interest in the numbers drawn in the club's Super Six Lottery jackpot prize of £3,000, the club newsline had one of its busiest spells, clocking over 300 calls last week. The jackpot was won, incidentally. Ruby Braid from Dairsie, sister in law of erstwhile groundsman Billy Nelson was the lucky winner.

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