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TAYPORT v BROUGHTY ATHLETIC

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 2001

KICK-OFF 2.00pm

extra time and penalty kicks if required.

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TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v BROUGHTY ATHLETIC D.J. LAING HOMES CUP QUARTER FINAL

Tayside clubs this season voted to bring in a sectional league cup with which to start the season, ostensibly to pad out the season for those clubs which ran out of fixtures in April. Clubs which were knocked out of the DJ Laing in its first round knock-out formula last season will get at least three extra games. With Broughty going out in the 1st round last season, today's game will ensure their season is extended by at least four games. Tayport, finalists last season, played five games in the competition, the same number as they will have played in this season's contest after today.

Over the years Broughty's visits to the Canniepairt have been fairly infrequent, indeed this is their first visit since 1995/96. the last season in which the Whitton Park side enjoyed Premier League football.

Things are on the up and up, though, for the Ferry club and a far more competitive encounter is expected today than six years ago when, in three

games, Broughty yielded 15 goals for none in reply.



Although they will likely be without experienced defenders Stuart Cassidy and Bobby Dow as well as striker Kevin Steele, manager Steve Kell's pool is sufficiently strong not to be unduly affected by the absentees. Youngster Colin Wares (pictured) was the side's top scorer last season and forms a formidable striking partnership with Brian Duell.

Tayport will, of course, again be without injured ace marksman Ronnie Kenneth and there's an injury doubt

over Billy Spence. Allan Ramsay is abroad on holiday but Grant Paterson will be available again after missing the win at Forfar because of a wedding. Scott Peters wasn't risked last week but should return this afternoon.



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BROUGHTY ATHLETIC TODAY'S VISITORS TO THE CANNIEPAIRT

Broughty haven't been too frequent visitors to the Canniepairt, a situation brought about by the Whitton Park side spending lengthy spells in the second division. However their most recent spell in the bottom division ended earlier this year when their second half of the season form took them into second place to pip Blairgowrie for runners-up spot behind champions Bankfoot Athletic.

Steve Kell and Brian Kenyon took over the reins at Whitton Park, made a few shrewd signing and steadily established the club as one with which to be reckoned. Last season was probably their best ever. As well as winning promotion Broughty won both First Division Cup competitions and were runners-up in the Findlay & Co. Cup, narrowly losing to ourselves at Thomson Park. Had it not been for an unfortunate

administrative error, they might well have also made a splash in the North End Challenge Cup. A second round win at North End was to no avail after they were found to have fielded an ineligible player.

Steve Kell is already on record as stating how important it was for Broughty to get off to a good start. The players have answered the manager's call by recording two wins from their opening two Premier League fixtures and going effort-



Kevin Steele (Broty)

lessly through their league cup section with a flawless record.

The Broughty squad is very much the classic blend of youth and experience. In front of 20 years old Russell Brown in goal are seasoned campaigners like ex-Downfield, Montrose and Violet defender Roy Price and Stuart Cassidy. The experienced Andy Heggie brings effervescence to midfield and weighs in with his fair share of goals, while up front Colin Wares and Brian Duell can cause the best of defences problems.

John Markie Jnr., edged out of things under the new regime at North End Park, is back in the game with Broughy who have appointed him as goalkeeping coach

REVIEW

by **Dunmore**

Such has been the transformation of the Tayport squad, in terms of personnel, over the past year or so, only two players, Grant Paterson and Allan Ramsay, survive from the team which Dave Baikie left in 1997.

Early indications, however, would suggest that the manager, along with the Port Support, should be looking to the future with great optimism, as the new look side have begun the season very positively.

The one negative aspect so far has been the enforced absence of talisman Ronnie Kenneth. The club's Player of the Year, grabbed a customary goal, but was injured in the first game of the season, the Herschell Trophy win against Bankfoot Athletic.

While Kenneth has certainly been missed, the goals have continued to flow unabated. Davie Evans opened the league campaign with four strikes against Elmwood. New forwards Brian Grant and Billy Spence also netted in a resounding 8-1 victory.

Of the new signings, all of whom appear to be valuable assets to the squad, Paul Boylan has perhaps had the most bizarre experiences, twice having to take over goalkeeping duties, due to the dismissals of Frazer Fitzpatrick, in the aforementioned game at Elmwood, and then at Downfield Park eleven days later.

In the five NCR Premier Division matches to date, Tayport once again find themselves in pole position, having dropped only two points, after sharing four goals with Lochee United on the Canniepairt.



The most significant three points came in the crunch encounter at home to North End, who included a quartet of former Tayport stalwarts in

their party. Billy Spence settled that particular contest, late in the second half.

Also high on the agenda has been the inaugural DJ Laing League Cup. Drawn in the same section as Forfar West End and Bankfoot, 'Port comfortably qualified for today's quarter finals, scoring an impressive 19 goals in their four fixtures.

Davie Evans and Brian Grant currently lead the way in the goalscoring stakes, notching twelve and eight goals respectively, after ten competitive matches. What has been of more impoortance, though, is the number of players wisho have already contributed on this front. On Saturday Gareth Dailly became the fifteenth player to find the net. This is indeed a remarkable statistic, achieved within six weeks of the start of the season, and which augurs well for the year ahead.

TODAY'S OTHER LEAGUE CUP OUARTER FINALS

The other three ties in this afternoon's DJ Laing League Cup quarter finals are Premier Division v First Division affairs and, if the experience of last week's Concept Group Trophy is anything to go by, it should be no contest......not that Jeanfield, Luncarty and Montrose Roselea would agree.

Montrose, having disposed of the challenge of two Premier sides. Elmwood and Kirrie in their qualifying section, will certainly fancy their chances of reaching the last four at the expense of an Arbroath SC side which has started the season very disappointingly. It should be extremely close but home advantage might just tip the balance in SC's favour.

Jeanfield travel to North End Park as clear outsiders but manager Tom van der Ham is a shrewd coach and will be looking to keep things tight and perhaps scrape through on penalties. Realistically, though, it should be the Dokens by a fair margin.

Luncarty should be cannon fodder for Violet at Glenesk but the Perthshire club are clearly an improved side, as qualification from a section which contained East Craigie and Kinnoull demonstrated. A heavy home defeat in the Concept Trophy last week from Jeanfield showed they still have some way to go, however, and again the Dundee side should cruise comfortably into the last four.

Results on the Newsline this evening.

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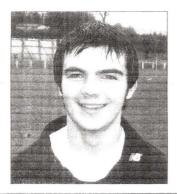




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Tayport consolidated their position at the top of the NCR Premier Division with a comfortable victory at Strathmore Park, on Saturday afternoon, against opponents who have become somewhat familiar, over the past few weeks. The visitors, who triumphed 6-0 at the same venue in the League Cup competition, opened the

The visitors, who triumphed 6-0 at the same venue in the League Cup competition, opened the scoring in the sixth minute. Hat-trick heroes from that meeting, Davie Evans and Brian Grant, combined on this occasion, with Grant taking the ball in his stride before sending a clinical finish beyond keeper Ron Adam.

The highlight of the game came on the half-hour mark, when Tayport doubled their lead, with a fantastic goal. Allan Ramsay, captaining the team in the absence of Grant Paterson, unleashed a screamer from all of 30 yards, which flew past the helpless Adam, into the top corner of the net.

Gareth Dailly's return to the side, following a lengthy suspension, was another positive aspect of the match, and he celebrated his first appearance of the season by notching the decisive third goal, calming finding the net after Barry McNaughton's dangerous right flank cross had broken back into his path.

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McNaughton was also instrumental in creating the fourth goal, in the 67th minute. Davie Evans' pass allowed the midfielder to reach the byeline and drive in a low cross, which was stabbed home at the front post by Brian Craik, for a counter which would certainly have pleased the coaching staff.

Clearly frustrated by the experience, tempers within the Forfar ranks soon began to boil over, and, amid a flurry of yellow cards, West End had full-back Jan Atagan ordered off, for a crude, late tackle on Davie Evans.

As one would have expected, Tayport continued to dominate, but they could not add to their tally, with Brian Harris coming closest, only to see his long-range effort narrowly miss the target.

Forfar West End: Adam, Atagan, Laing, R. Brown, Black, McIlravey, Coffin, J. Brown (Blair), Kiddie, Marshall (Soutar), N. Scott.

Tayport: Fitzpatrick, Gunnion (Boylan), Dailly

Tayport: Fitzpatrick, Gunnion (Boylan), Dailly (Lawson), Ward, Wemyss, Craik (Fisher), Ramsay, Harris, Grant, Evans, McNaughton.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Tayport play host to Broughty Athletic in the quarter-finals of the D. J. Laing Cup. The Fed' have recently emerged as a quality cup team, so an entertaining fixture is anticipated. Please 'phone the newsline, 552755, for further information.

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As the battle for league placings gathers momentum during the next eight months we can monitor progress to see which clubs will be sitting at the top table come August.

Elmwood and, to a lesser extent, Forfar West End are surprise early pacesetters on **Tayside**. However, look for North End and Violet making a push as their respective challenges develop over the next six weeks or so.

Only surprise early on in the **East Region** is the appearance in the frame of a Bathgate side which just scraped clear of relegation last season by two points.

It looks like being an almighty contest in **Fife**, however, with at least 7 sides with an expectancy of a place in the Superleague. There will be a strong challenge to the present top three by, in particular, Oakley United, Hill of Beath and Glenrothes.

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THE BAIKER'S BIT

Broughty Athletic are our visitors today for this DJ Laing league cup quarter final tie. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome their players and officials to Canniepairt. May I also give a warm welcome to the 'port support this afternoon and hope we can provide an entertaining and successful day for you.

It's a bit unusual for the Port Prog to have its first outing of the season in October but I'm glad, as I'm sure you are, that it is now available. It gives me an opportunity to keep you updated and allows you to get some information on the players and professionary for



information on the players and performances from my perspective.

Ten games have now come and gone since the opening game of the season when we defeated Bankfoot 3-0 to win the Herschell Trophy for the ninth time. Although I feel we are a long way from being the finished article, I am pleasantly happy with our progress to date. Over ten games we have been successful in eight and, in the two we drew, we created so many scoring opportunities against Lochee United, we could have won six games and the Forfar WE game was heading for a high scoring win. We were 2-0 up after eight minutes, only to find ourselves playing out the final eighty minutes with ten men. But as I said, we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us to become the genuine article.

I hope you, our fans, give the players the support they need. We have brought down the average age at the club by a mile, replacing players like Buist, Wilkie, Jones, Greig and Ross. It has not been an easy task. A lot of knowledgeable Tayside Junior experts felt that it could not be done, and that we would have to spend some time in the wilderness to regroup. This gave me the fresh challenge I was looking for. We have assembled a good squad of players who not only get on well together, but are also willing to work hard and learn. This is a young squad so performances will fluctuate from time to time. I do feel we are short of one, maybe two experienced players, especially when the Scottish Cup comes along, but we will not rush in and sign just anybody. It has got to be the right sort of player.

This afternoon provides a great opportunity for our players to show the progress that we have made. Broughty Athletic area a very well organised, hard working and talented side. We must better their attitude and commitment, and if we do so, I am sure we can achieve success and a place in the semi-finals.

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18/08/01	Elmwood	Α	L	W 8-1	Fitzpatrick			Boylan	Wemyss	Wilkie	Ramsay	Harris	Grant 2	Greig	Evans 4	Fisher(5)	Spence 1(9)		106
22/08/01	LOCHEE UTD	Н	L	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick			Greig	Wemyss	Wilkie	Ramsay 1	Harris	Grant	Fisher 1	Evans	McNa'ton (4)	Spence(9)		176
25/08/01	Forfar WE	Α	LC	W 6-0	Fitzpatrick			Ward	Wemyss		Ramsay	Fisher	Grant 3	Peters	Evans 3	McNatton (7)	Harris (2)		135
29/08/01	Downfield	Α	L	W 4-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion		Ward	Wemyss	Boylan	McNa'ton 1	Harris	Grant	Peters 1	Evans 2	Fisher (8)	Greig (10)	Spence (11)	144
01/09/01	BANKFOOT	Н	LC	W7-1	Fitzpatrick		Paterson			Peters1	Ransay	McNatton 1	Spence 2	Fisher	Evans	Grant (6)	Boylan (9)	Harris (10)	114
08/09/01	NORTH END	Н	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion		Ward	Wemyss		Ramsay	Harris	Grant	Spence 1	McNa'ton	Buist (8)	Craik (10)		203
16/09/01	FORFAR WE	Н	LC	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick			Ward	Wemyss	Boylan	Ramsay	Harris	Grant 1	McNa'ton	Evans 1	Spence (8)			129
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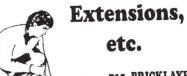
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Even at that stage of last season, things were moving. Paul Clark, a short term signing, had been freed and an offer from Lochore Welfare accepted for Graeme Nicoll. Jake Thomson was wanted by Kirrie and the clubs quickly agreed a deal. Similarily, Scottish Cup hero Stevie Ross didn't see himself getting a regular game and invoked the agreement he had with the club to sign for North End.

Kenny Jones had made it clear that he saw his future elsewhere and we accepted an offer from Violet for his transfer to Glenesk to re-join Andy Sommerville who had originally brought him to the Canniepairt. Grant Buist announced that he was hanging up his boots and, although he answered a plea a few weeks ago to help us out, has stuck to his decision. Physio Andy Bell, whose arrangement with Dundee FC had also ended, left to join Lochee United.

The players had barely four weeks off before being back in for pre-season training in mid July. Disappointingly, a couple of planned pre-season friendlies against Dundee United and Raith Rovers XI's were called off at the eleventh hour but on 3rd August a somewhat depleted squad set off for a two game tour of north east England.

Ex-committee man Brian 'Bruno' Burnett was driving the Moffat & Williamson executive double decker and a fine job he made of it too. Friday tea-time traffic held things up, however, and the kick off against South Shields, members of the Northern Premier League, was delayed. Tayport went down 1-2 but acquitted themselves well. Collingwood College at Durham University proved to be an excellent base and the lads remained in good spirits throughout the weekend following a well deserved 1-0 win at Easington Colliery on Saturday. A stop at Haddington on Sunday at lunchtime rounded off a most enjoyable trip.

The season's start was looming but first, another tough friendly, this time at Johnstone Burgh, OVD finalists only a year ago, proved beneficial in the build up to the kick-off. The game, organised by Johnstone businessman and Tayport sponsor, Jim Cherry, ended goalless.

First competitive action was on Wednesday 15th August when the Herschell was retained at the expense of Bankfoot. Injuries, suspensions and holidays were causing Dave Baikie some concern and Paul Boylan was fixed up on a delayed transfer from Brechin City to supplement the squad. Ian Greig, although keen to get a move back to Arbroath for domestic reasons, honoured his contract and stuck with the club until the absence situation improved. An agreement was struck with Arbroath SC and, after four trophy laden years, Greigy went back to Seaton Park.

Although Sean Wilkie had done some pre-season training, he had made it clear that he wanted to be on his way, and after featuring in our opening three games, disappeared. He subsequently appealed - unsuccessfully - to the SJFA against his retention but the lure of North End and its burgeoning ex-Tayport colony was an attraction for Sean and not surprisingly, that's where he ended up a couple of weeks ago after the clubs had come to an agreement. The end of an era, then for Sean and the team he captained to Scottish Cup glory during his eleven years at Canniepairt.

Tayport FC is indebted to Dick Smith for arranging equipment sponsorship for the pre-season tour from Foster's (t-shirts & caps), Carlsberg (t-shirts) and Stella Artois (polo shirts).

Gratefully appreciated.

APPEARANCES and GOALS 2001 - 2002

	L	g.	OVD	g.	Con	g.	F/T	g.	LC	g.	N	g.	F	g.	Н	g.	APP.	GIs.
FITZPATRICK	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0
PETERS	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2
PATERSON	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	1
WARD	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	2
WEMYSS	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
CRAIK	2	1	0	0	0	0 -	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
HARRIS	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	1
KENNETH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
GRANT	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	8
FISHER	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	1
EVANS	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	12
BOYLAN	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0
McNAUGHTON	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2
DAILLY	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
GUNNION	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0
SPENCE	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4
LAWSON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WILKIE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
GREIG	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0

OVD = Scottish Cup. Con = Concept Group Trophy. F/T = Fife/Tayside Cup.**KEY:** L = League.

LC = DJ Laing League Cup. N = North End Challenge Cup.F = Findlay & Co. Trophy.

H = Herschell Trophy

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NEW BOYS ON THE BLOCK

With the knowledge that a number of players would be leaving the club, steps were quickly taken to fill the gaps. 'Port supporters have had to quickly adjust to a sea of new faces. In as physio came **Norrie Marshall** who has slotted in very quickly to his new role and a further addition to the backroom staff, as goalkeeping coach, is the weel kent **David Nicoll**.

Perth-based full-back or midfielder Ross Gunnion (21) was signed from Bankfoot, midfielders Barry McNaughton (20) and Davie Fisher (29) came from Lochee Harp and Arbroath SC respectively. Defender Paul Boylan (20) having been out through injury for a very lengthy period, came from Brechin City.

With Ronnie Kenneth suffering a bad injury only 30 minutes into the new season, the acquisition of experienced strikers, **Brian Grant** (32) (formerly of Huntly, Dundee FC, Arbroath FC) and, ex-Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline Athletic, Arbroath and Hill of Beath hit-man (copyright The Sun!) **Billy Spence**, became particularly significant.

Currently on trial is **Andy Lawson** (21), a midfield player who was with the club at the start of last season. **Brian Craik**, had an operation during the close season to have a metal plate, the legacy of a previous footballing injury, removed from his leg. Birdie was expected to be out until later this month but his recovery has been good and his return, several weeks early, was a bonus.

We'll look at the newcomers in more detail in future issues of the 'Port Prog.

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OUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL KICKS OFF NEXT WEEK

Whilst Tayport and Violet slug it out at Glenesk in an NCR Premier fixture next Saturday, 76 Junior clubs are taking their first steps to what they hope will be glory in May of next year. Yes, for those clubs which did not receive a bye, it's the first round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup.

At this stage last season few, if any, would have put their money on Renfrew to lift one of the country's most prestigious and oldest pieces of sporting silverware. A 2-1 win at Saltcoats a year ago sent the 'Frew on their way to glory at Firhill in May of this year. Is there a surprise package out there somewhere this year?

With the length of three Central League divisions between the clubs, the holders look an odds on bet to reach round 2, having been drawn at Wishaw next week.

Broughty, one of the few Tayside Premier clubs playing in the 1st round, have a potentially tough tie at home to Arniston Rangers. The Gorebridge club are likely to be represented at the Canniepairt today to run the rule over Athletic.

Top tie of the round is at Kilwinning where Newtongrange are the visitors. With both teams having designs on an extended run in the competition, there's going to be major disappointment in one camp.

Tayside clubs' ties are Bankfoot v Scone; Broughty v Arniston; Ellon United v East Craigie; Forfar WE v Rosyth; Fraserburgh v Arbroath Vics; Glasgow Perthshire v Arbroath SC; Kirrie Thistle v Greenock;

TAYPORT DRAW A CRACKER IN THE FIFE/TAYSIDE CUP

There's no debate over the top tie in the first round proper of the Fife/Tayside Cup, it's the meeting of the respective regions' champions, Oakley United and Tayport at Oakley.

The 1st Round proper is - Elmwood v East Craigie or Arbroath SC; Bankfoot v Thornton Hibs; Crossgates v Scone or Blairgowrie; Montrose v Kirkcaldy; Newburgh v North End; Broughty or Carnoustie v Lochgelly; Steelend v Coupar Angus or Kirrie; Violet v Dundonald; Rosyth v Luncarty or Arbroath Vics.; Lochee United v Lochore; Tulliallan v Downfield or Forfar Albion; Forfar WE v Hill of Beath; Lochee Harp v Glenrothes; Kelty Hearts v Jeanfield Swifts; Brechin or Kinnoull v St Andrews United.





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

We go back sixteen and a half years to March 1985, the month that Broughty Athletic's ANDY HEGGIE made his debut in "men's football". Andy was all of 15 when he debuted for Tayport's Alliance XI, one of the three amateur teams that Tayport ran at that time. Although he had made a brief introduction two weeks previously, Andy made his mark v St James, coming on as substitute and scoring a hat-trick in an 11-2 win for 'Port. Andy went on to play briefly for Tayport Juniors in 1990, their inaugural season

The team that day was: Johnny Clark (now Brechin Vics' manager), Neil McLeod (Heggie), Frank Feechan, Calum Webster, Andy McRobbie, Roddy Davie, Lyall Clark, Mark Whiteside, Graeme Dempster, Roy Lessels and Alan Paterson. Of these lads, Alan Paterson, Neil McLeod and Johnny Clark still make an occasional appearance at Canniepairt.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

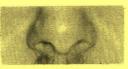
You know how you see regular letters in the EveningTele nominating a Rat of the Week. You know the thing, somebody's pinched wee Jimmy's new Rangers strip off the washing line or somebody's knocked wee Jeanie's new bike from the closey. All these nominations but never an announcement as to who has actually been voted Rat of the Week. Strange.

AMATEURS GO INTO ABEYANCE

A sad state of affairs when Tayport Amateurs couldn't raise a side for matches in early September forcing the team to withdraw from the Midlands Association - for this season at least. The simple fact of the matter is that, despite having the best of facilities at their disposal, Tayport, with a larger population than for many years, doesn't appear to have enough lads wanting to play football on a Saturday afternoon. The writing's been on the wall for some time, but it's disappointing nevertheless when it happens. Sad, also, that nobody seemed particularly bothered as the team withered and died. Sign of the times, I suppose.

Perhaps there can be a resurrection for 2002/3

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



It will look like a case of Davie Naemates this afternoon in the home dugout. With coaches Irons, Nicoll and Carr away on holiday, Davie Baikie will have only physio Norrie Marshall for company on the dugout. Rest assured, however, the chairman will not be far away if Davie's looking for some advice!

Sad to report the recent death in Peterhead of exiled 'Port supporter Bill Carmichael. Bill insisted that Freddie Bremner send on his Port Prog to keep him in touch with events at the Canniepairt. He was a handy man to have up north for sending down newspaper clippings of Tayport matches played in the North Region.

New ballboys on the track for recent games with the recruitment of Steven (or is it Stephen) Hughes and Stephen (or is it Steven) Grogan. It's hoped to have then kitted out in tracksuits soon.

A gem of an extract from a report on a recent Glencairn v Kirkintilloch Rob Roy match played at Southcroft Park, Rutherglen - "Big respect to the Imperial War Museum who have transformed Southcroft Park into a replica of Racing Ypres' ground as it was in 1917. Around 150 souls braved the debris strewn wastes to watch the Roy dominate play for 80% of the game against a moany, mouthy, bad-tempered, physical Glens outfit (and that was just the bench - you should have seen their players). What's the betting we are drawn away to Glencairn in the 2nd round of the OVD?

Anyone who reads the Fife Junior notes in The Courier and also takes in the Tayside Junior notes in the Dundee edition of The Courier will not have failed to notice that the Dundee readers are being short changed. The Fife notes are far more comprehensive with the enthusiasm of the writer clearly shining through.

Broughty Athletic, who have had various links with Tayport through local-based players turning out for the Fed over the years, have a current link through Tayport exile Andy Horan, or Andy Toot as he was known in his refereeing days. Andy is an office bearer with our visitors, but pressure of work at his kennels during the holiday period means he is unlikely to be at the Canniepairt this afternoon.

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