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# TODAY'S TEAMS

### **TAYPORT**

from

### FORFAR WEST END

from

1.	G/k	Frazer FITZPATRICK	G/k	Barry GOODWIN
	2	Scott PETERS		Jan ATAGAN
	3	Grant PATERSON	No and American	Martin BLACK
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	14	Gareth DAILLY		Gary MITCHELL
	15	Ross GUNNION		Neil SCOTT
	16	Colin McGLASHAN		David SCOTT
	17	Billy SPENCE		Graeme STEPHEN

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TAYPORT v FORFAR WEST END

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2002

KICK-OFF 2.15pm

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# **TODAY'S GAME**

# CONCEPT TROPHY QUARTER FINAL TAYPORT v FORFAR WEST END

When Tayport joined the Junior Association back in 1990, Forfar West End, our opponents this afternoon, were the league's top side although followers of Downfield might not be of the same opinion!

West End were on their way to their one and only championship and their first meeting with Tayport came at the end of that same season when the sides met at Forfar Albion's Guthrie Park in the final of the Intersport Shield. If anybody was of the mind that Tayport were merely flirting with success and that their Division Two championship, PA Cup and Whyte & Mackay Cup wins were flash in the pan affairs, success in the shape of a 5-1 win over West End silenced the doubters.

Although West End had some success in the early nineties, it could not be sustained and they drifted down the table and eventually through the trapdoor of relegation. The Strathmore Park set-up, however is too good for second tier football and they quickly bounced back and are now re-emerging as a force with which to be reckoned.

This season West End were out of the trap at a fair rate to take an early lead in the Premier League championship but failed to sustain it and slipped back. There are clear signs, nevertheless, that they have picked up the pace and again look a good bet for a Superleague placing. Cup competitions, however, will be the Strathmore Park team's priority with the Concept Trophy high on that agenda.

Forfar West End have as good a record v Tayport as any club in the association and will arrive here today with confidence. There is experience and quality in their squad and a keen contest is envisaged.

Former Spiders' No. 1 Barry Goodwin is a competent, if sometimes erratic, keeper. Martin Black brings both strength and quality to their back line where he plays alongside the Peter Pan of Junior football, Bobby Brown. Bobby played down here for Harris FP over twenty years ago. The experienced John Lindsay will take the eye in midfield and up front Ross Kiddie has the ability to punish any team.

Gareth Dailly again misses out for Tayport through suspension while a recurrence of a thigh strain at training means that Colin McGlashan could be absent for a second week.

The game today must be played to a conclusion with extra time and penalties if necessary.

### RENFREW BOW OUT WITH NO DIGNITY

Press reports in the west were less than complimentary towards Tayport over the two games with Renfrew. Ok, they were the holders but some of the stuff which appeared in the west coast press, quite honestly, was out of order and tainted this club with an undeserved reputation.

Readers of Scotland's biggest circulation evening paper, the Glasgow Evening Times, for example, reported - The deciding factor came with extra time looming as Tayport were awarded a hotly contested free-kick amid claims that Port's Barry McNaughton had dived when tackled by Neil Farquharson. As Gareth Dailly's cross was on its way into the crowded area, Frew keeper John Thomson was felled by an apparent punch from home striker Ronnie Kenneth and lay motionlesss on the ground as defender Derek Wemyss scissor-kicked home. This was a report from journalist Jim O'Donnell who doubles up as Scotand team boss and who wasn't at the game.

But the Paisley Daily Express's Michelle Evans reported that "the 89th minute goal came from a wrongly awarded free kick. The report then quoted manager Mick Dunlop on the free kick which led to the winning goal. "Neil Farquharson went over to tackle the boy and Michael Dunlop came in to go behind the boy. Neil stayed on his feet and held his hands up because he knew it would be daft to foul the boy at the edge of the box, but the boy saw Michael behind him and went down like a ton of bricks. "When the ball was fired into the box from the free kick our goalkeeper John Thomson was knocked unconscious by their number nine then the ball got knocked into the net. "John was out cold for a couple of minutes but the goal was allowed to stand.

Later in Evans' report 'the boy' [Barry Mc Naughton] has become 'Ramsay' and the match report goes on "Neil Farquharson appeared to deal comfortably with Ramsay but Gilfillan [the referee] saw it differently. " Farquharson's name went into the referee's book and from the resulting free kick keeper Thomson appeared to have comfortably caught the ball before Ronnie Kenneth clattered him to the ground and Derek Wemyss had the task of HEADING the ball into the net.

Michelle, you don't have a clue!

Unfortunately the media and internet rantings over the two matches in this tie have served to give Tayport an unwanted reputation. The worrying thing is that, with next week's officials coming from the west, Tayport's card is already marked.

### BATHGATE ON A ROLL

After a miserable September and October during which time they lost 6 out of 7 games. Bathgate have hit a rich vein of form, to remain unbeaten since. It's a run which sees them go into this afternnon's game against Arniston Rangers at Gorebridge on the back of an eleven game run of eight wins and three draws - and they have found the net in every one.

In the Scottish Cup, after a first round bye, it was -

Round 2 Maud 2 - 8 Bathgate

Round 3 Bathgate 2 - 0 Stoneywood

Round 4 Bathgate 2 - 1 Culter

Round 5 Cumnock 0 -1 Bathgate

When the draw for next week's quarter final was made, Bathgate boss Willie Hill commented "I am perfectly happy with the home draw and they will have to travel quite a distance to play us. I am looking forward to the game and we will go in as underdogs, but that will suit us.

Thistle's cup run has created a lot of interest in the West Lothian and Bathgate sources suggest that the attendance could well reach four figures.



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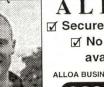
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# **BATHGATE THISTLE**

Next Saturday takes Tayport to Creamery Park, Bathgate to contest their sixth OVD Scottish Cup quarter final in 12 years. Thanks to a publication called *Caledonia Dreaming* (Sam's Publishing Co. 2001) by Ian Anderson, a lifelong Bathgate Thistle fan, we know something about the club.

Football has been recorded as first being played in Bathgate in 1879 and a team from Bathgate actually played in the Scottish League from 1921 to 1928 before dropping into the East of Scotand League. The club was on a slippery slope, however, and Bathgate FC slid into oblivion in 1932. The local town council was quick off the mark and demolished the club's ground and built houses on the site.

In 1936, the current club Bathgate Thistle came into being and joined the Juniors, playing out of Creamery Park, still their ground to this day. Thistle remained active during the Second World War and this was their most successful period in terms of silverware. Not surprising, says Mr Anderson, as most of the other clubs had gone into abeyance for the duration of hostilities and there were only a handful of clubs left to play.

Season 1947/48 saw the club's greatest period to date when they reached the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup. En route to the final, a reported 10,000 had crammed into Creamery Park to see the locals eliminate Baillieston. The semi-final went to three games and a total attendance at Ibrox of 93,000 before Thistle were edged out by Irvine Meadow with the only goal of the tie.

Six years later Bathgate contested a quarter final tie but, in the intervening 48 years, have known some bleak times until an upturn in 1987 when present manager William Hill's *Hydraload* construction company took an interest in the ailing club. A new pavilion was built, floodlights were installed and the club has since gradually got things together.

Last season, Thistle looked like racing certainties for relegation but won 4-0 against Newtongrange Star in their last game to avoid the drop. Not content with that achievement, they went on to win an East Region cup competition for the first time in 35 years, striker Paul Simpson heading the winning goal against newly crowned league champions Whitburn.

The win in the last round over Cumnock has got the town of Bathgate buzzing. Perhaps better known for British Leyland and a line in a Proclaimers' chart hit, the locals see only Tayport standing between themselves and unthinkable glory. Unthinkable for Mr Anderson, anyway. He said in his book last November "...season 1947/48 saw the club come as close as they ever have (and, rather depressingly, as close as they ever will) to winning the Scottish Junior Cup...". Somebody had better pinch Mr Anderson!

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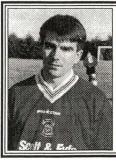
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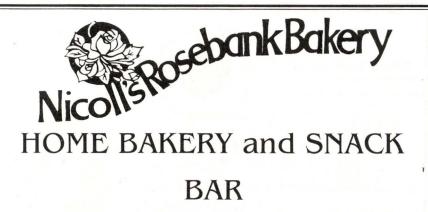


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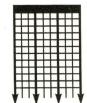


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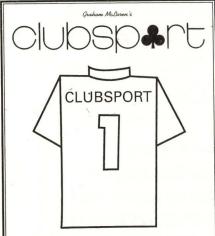
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### THE BAIKER'S BIT

Good afternoon to our fans and a warm welcome to our visitors Forfar West End for this Concept Cup quarter final tie.

This is the first opportunity to give views on our Scottish Cup 5th Round replay with Renfrew. Obviously I'm delighted with our 1-0 win over a very difficult side. From the very moment we were drawn against them, I knew we would have to be prepared for an extremely tough time and they didn't disappoint me. I recalled their resilience in last season's OVD Cup Final. I saw a side



who rarely produced four passes throughout the game and extra-time but broke up, spoiled and defended with total commitment to win the Cup on penalties. As holders, it seemed to strengthen their minds that that style of game was the best way to retain the cup. I'm glad they were wrong, not because we advanced at their expense, but for the game and, importantly, the spectators of Junior football.

I said prior to the replay that I felt we were far from the finished article but, having said that, I believe we were the only side attempting to play the game as it should be played. Over the course of the 180 minutes, we continually strived to be positive and to overcome our opponents and in the end we deserved our victory.

'All's well that ends well' would be how I would describe last Saturday's 5-1 win at Thomson Park. The day was one of real frustration with firstly St Andrews United declaring their pitch unplayable at 10.30am. Two hours later the pitch was found to be perfectly playable, as was the Canniepairt but with no opposition to play.

Fortunately for us, Kirrie Thistle chose not to accept an invitation from Lochee United to play, leaving a window of opportunity for us, hopefully to capitalise on the situation. However after losing an early goal and passing up numerous chances, I must admit at 1-1 with 15 minutes remaining and a stonewall penalty claim from us dismissed, there were some doubts about the wisdom of taking the game on. However they were quickly dispersed and justice prevailed. As I said, all's well that ends well and a good three points.

Today our opponents are, without doubt, the most improved side in our division and their recent form backs this up. We must realise this and respond accordingly. Our attitude and workrate must be correct to see us gain victory and a place in the semi-finals of this Cup

Support The Port,

Dave Baikie

# TAYPORT FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2001 - 2002

Date	opponents	venu	com	score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att.
15/08/01	Bankfoot	N	HT	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Peters	Boylan	Greig	Fisher	Kenneth 1	Grant 1	Dailly	Evans (9)	Harris 1(11)	Wilkie (6)	186
18/08/01	Elmwood	Α	L	W 8-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Boylan	Wemyss	Wilkie	Ramsay	Harris	Grant 2	Greig 1	Evans 4	Fisher(5)	Spence 1(9)		106
22/08/01	LOCHEE UTD	Н	L	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	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	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Boylan	Ramsay	Fisher	Grant 3	Peters	Evans 3	McNa'ton (7	Harris (2)		135
29/08/01	Downfield	Α	L	W 4-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	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	W 7-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson 1	Ward 2	Wemyss	Peters1	Ramsay	McNa'ton 1	Spence 2	Fisher	Evans	Grant (6)	Boylan (9)	Harris (10)	114
08/09/01	NORTH END	Н	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	Ramsay	Harris	Grant	Spence 1	McNa'ton	Buist (8)	Craik (10)		203
15/09/01	FORFAR WE	Н	LC	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Boyan	Ramsay	Harris	Grant 1	McNa'ton	Evans 1	Spence (8)			129
22/09/01	Bankfoot	Α	LC	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss1	Craik 1	Ramsay	Fisher	Spence	McNa'ton	Evans 2	Harris (7)	Boylan (9)		79
29/09/01	Forfar WE	Α	L.	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Dailly 1	Ward	Wemyss	Craik 1	Ramsay 1	Harris	Grant 1	McNa'ton	Evans	Fisher (6)	Boylan (2)	Lawson (7)	88
06/10/01	BROUGHTY	Н	LC	W 5-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion1	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craik 2	Dailly	McN'a'ton	Grant	Fisher	Evans 2	Harris (9)	Boylan (8)	Lawson (7)	155
13/10/01	Dundee Vio.	Α	L	D 3-3	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craik 1	Dailly	Harris	McNa'ton 1	Fisher	Evans 1	Peters (8)			172
20/10/01	MONTROSE	Н	LC	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Wemyss	Craik	Dailly	Peters	McNa'ton	Dailly	Evans	Fisher (6)			109
27/10/01	KIRRIE THIS	Н	L	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss 1	Craik	Ramsay	McNa'ton 1	Grant	Fisher	Evans	Dailly (6)	Lawson (9)	Spence (8)	127
03/11/01	Formartine	Α	С	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss 1	Peters	Ramsay	McNa'ton 1	Grant	Dailly	Evans	Fisher (10)	Craik(11) 1	Spence (9)	172
10/11/01	SCONE THIS.	Н	S	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Lawson	Ward 1	Wemyss	Peters1	Ramsay	Fisher	Craik	Dailly	Evans	Paterson (3	Harris (11)		161
17/11/01	BANKFOOT	Н	L	L 2-4	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Wemyss	McNa'ton	Ramsay	Harris	Grant	Dailly	Fisher 1	Craik(9)	Evans(8)	Gunnion(7)	129
24/11/01	Broughty Ath	Α	L	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	Ramsay	McNa'ton	Grant 2	Dailly	Evans	Craik(11)	Fisher(10)		130
1/12/01	Oakley Utd.	Α	F	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	Ramsay	McNa'ton	Grant	Dailly	Craik	Evans (9)	Stewart(7)	Fisher(11)	163
8/12/01	Formartine	Α	S	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	Ramsay	McNa'ton	Grant	Dailly 1	Stewart	Craik (9)			189
15/12/01	FORMARTINE	Н	S	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	Ramsay 1	McNa'ton	Stewart	Dailly 1	Craik 1	Evans (7)	Fisher (10)	Spence (11	212
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12/01/02	Pollok	Α	S	D 0-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Peters	Craik	Ramsay	McNa'ton	Grant	Dailly	Stewart	Fisher(7)	Spence(10)	Evans(9)	100
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## **REVIEW**

by Dunmore

Last weekend saw Tayport pick up three critical league points, but a late goal blitz was required to see off hosts Lochee United, at Thomson Park.

Pre-match, the main talking point had been the postponement of the inter-regional cup match at St Andrews, which had come as something of a surprise to the Tayport support, whose attention quickly turned to the prospect of a league reversal, once former Canniepairt favourite Jackie Devine had given the Bluebells an early lead.

Ronnie Kenneth knocked in a closerange equaliser before the break, but Lochee would keep the score level until the 75th minute. John Ward's header finally crushed their hopes of a draw, and further goals from Brian Craik, Ward again, then Davie Fisher, completed a rout. Fisher's last minute strike, a sublime chip over the goalkeeper, was perhaps the highlight of a game played out amidst variable weather conditions.



The weather was also a factor in thr previous match on the Canniepairt, with a blustery wind not conducive to a free-flowing OVD Cup-tie, against holders Renfrew, with another last minute goal, an undoubted highlight.

Defender Derek Wemyss (pictured) was the goal hero, sending 'Port into the quarter-finals of the national competition, after Ronnie Kenneth had headed on Gareth Dailly's well-delivered free kick.





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## Weather puts kybosh on Redwood Leisure Cup card

Only one Redwood Leisure tie escaped a postponement last Saturday and that was the tie at Memorial Park, Thornton where the locals finally got their season back together with a 3-1 win over a Dundee North End side liberally sprinkled with former 'Port players. It was particularly disappointing for the Dokens who, prior to the match, had sights on a Redwood/Concept Cup double.

With there being only one tie played, officials decided to postpone the planned quarter final draw.

Tayport were gobsmacked to discover their tie at St Andrews United was off. A mid-morning phone call out of the blue advised that an inspection had taken place and that the referee had declared the pitch unplayable at the back of 10am. Incredibly, no thought had apparently been given to the fact that the temperature tends to rise during the day, and that a later inspection would probably have seen a significant change in ground conditions. Well, of course, that's exactly what happened and an hour before the scheduled kick-off time conditions were perfect.

Not that Saints would have been unduly worried. As The Courier reported, they did have a couple of un-named injury worries.

Some folk who were concerned were the Tayport fans who travelled to St Andrews in anticipation of the game only to discover they were stranded there whilst their team was in action in Lochee. It was enough to drive them to drink apparently!

As Regional competitions take precedence over domestic fixtures, it is assumed that the tie at St Andrews will be pencilled in as soon as the OVD cup-tie with Bathgate is resolved.

# SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

TAYPORT FC is holding a SPORTSMAN'S DINNER in the INVERCARSE HOTEL (Redwood Leisure) on SUNDAY 2nd JUNE (that's the Queen's Jubilee Holiday weekend). Speaking are BERT ALLAN - Comedian; LES PETERS - Journalist and ALAN ROUGH - Legend. Tickets priced £30 are available from TOM BORLAND 40 ELIZABETH STREET, TAYPORT. Tel. 01382 553249. It should be a great night - make sure of your ticket.

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CARNOUSTIE are already there. No team since the 22 game division was created has reached the 39 point mark in fifth place. TAYPORT and NORTH END, even at this stage, look certs to accompany them. Next spot is not so clear-cut, however, and our visitors today, FORFAR WEST END, look as well equipped as any others to claim a top 4 place.

Rumours abound, of course, that some clubs are shying clear of the possibility of a move to the Superleague. One club manager was apparently told by his committee in August to make sure the club finished no better that fifth this season. As it happens, he is well on track to carrying out his masters' wishes!

Despite their current fourth place, Broughty Athletic look to be out of contention as do Lochee United, Elmwood and Arbroath SC. Any of the others who can string together a run of victories in the run-in are in with a fighting chance.

In FIFE the top three, although haunted by the thought of Hill of Beath, Glenrothes, Kelty and Thornton on their shoulders, do have the points in the bag and the outcome of their respective meetings will, therefore, be crucial.

No games played in the East League last week but the previous week ARMADALE leapt from nowhere to 2nd spot, pushing Bathgate back into sixth place.

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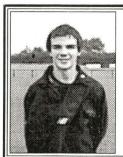
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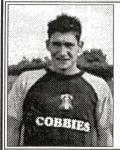
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# **SNIFFING ABOUT** THE SNOUT



Spare a thought for Tayport's firefighters. What a time for the alarm to go off - late in the replay v Renfrew. The sudden rush of bodies to the exit at the Canniepairt was the local firemen responding to a call..... which meant they missed the winning goal!

Recognise the assistant referee prominent in the John Hartson ordering off incident in the Dons v Celtic cup-tie at Pittodrie on Monday evening? Local referee Gordon Hunter, a product of the Tayside Refs Association.

Full marks to the Renfrew folk for the concern shown to a Tayport supporter in Renfrew following our tie there last month. Club sponsor Jim Cherry, resplendent in his blazer and club tie, had been socialising after the game in the India Tyres Social Club in High Street Renfrew in the company of the Tayport players and officials. When the Tayport party left for home, Jim stayed on to finish his pint and see the end of the football on the TV. A caring Renfrew punter, recognising Jim's tie and aware that the bus had gone, asked Jim how he was getting home. "Ach, I'll just get a taxi, says our Jim. A few minutes later the punter's back. "You're ok, he says to Jim with a beaming smile, never mind the taxi, we've made a few calls and managed to get a lift for you in a lorry that's going to Dundee tonight. "That's very good of you, replied Jim, but I only live a couple of miles along the road from here! It's the thought that counts, though!

Tayport youngster Mark Corcoran whom we transferred to Linlithgow Rose early last season is holding down a regular place in the star studded Rose line-up - and is weighing in with his share of the goals for the OVD Cup favourites who are regularly playing before four figure home crowds.

Cobbies no more. The longest drawn out pub sale in the history of the universe is now officially at an end. For Cobbies read Boabies! Andy Phin has sold Cobbies Inn, formerly the Freemason's Arms, to Bob and Margaret Sparks. We wish them well in their new venture. Now that Andy has officially retired, rumour has it that he will be able to devote his energies to entertaining guests down here at The Canniepairt on match days.

# CONCEPT GROUP TROPHY (NORTH/TAYSIDE REGIONAL COMPETITION)

This competion was inaugurated in 1988 and has previously been known as the Zamoyski Challenge Cup and the North End Centenary Trophy, being won in all its three guises by Tayport. However, in the tournament's 13 year lifespan, St Josephs, with 4 wins, are out in front.

It is a competition which has been totally dominated by Tayside Region clubs, with the North being successful on only one occasion, the first year when Deveronside were the winners. The hopes of the North this year lie with Sunnybank and Hermes and unfortunately they have been drawn to play each other this afternoon.

Current holders North End will be anxious to avoid two Regional Cup exits in successive weeks when they take on Bankfoot at North End Park. This tie would have been a potential banana skin for the Dokens but Bankfoot have given up ground rights because they reckoned Coronation Park will be unplayable this week. Bet North End's management could hardly keep the smiles off their face when they realised they were being done out of a trip up the A9!

Blairgowrie have been enjoying their best season for some time but will be severely tested by Carnoustie at Davie Park. Too much professionalism in Gowfers' ranks, therefore not much chance of an upset here, I fear.

Which leaves ourselves and West End, cup winners in 1993. West End would love to get their hands on the trophy again. No more so than ourselves.

# **SCOTT PETERS**

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Andy Phin, pictured left, in Cobbies on the side of the bar that he now belongs, having retired from the licensed trade this week. Others in the picture are the late Jackie Martin (centre) and Tam Campbell



ARCHIVE PHOTO from 1988 at a Player of the Year function. Back (1-r) Phil Smith (guest), Stuart Davie, Eric Beat, Davie Blair. Front - Micky McPherson, John Fernie, Neil Downie and Andy Heggie

### NCR TAYSIDE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

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CARNOUSTIE	14	13	0	1	42	14	28	39	W	W	W
TAYPORT	12	9	2	1	39	16	23	29	W	W	W
NORTH END	12	8	1	3	24	10	14	25	W	L	W
BROUGHTY	16	7	0	9	31	36	-5	21	L	W	L
FORFAR WE	13	5	3	5	21	22	1	18	W	D	D
BANKFOOT	13	5	1	7	22	26	-4	16	L	D	L
ELMWOOD	14	4	4	6	20	30	-10	16	L	L	D
LOCHEE UTD.	16	4	5	7	26	31	-5	17	L	W	L
DOWNFIELD	12	4	2	6	19	25	-6	14	L	W	W
KIRRIE THIS.	10	2	3	5	15	25	-10	9	L	D	D
VIOLET	10	2	3	5	13	22	-9	9	W	L	L
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Downfield		0 v 3	2 v 4	1 v 2		2 v 3	1	2 v 1			1 v 4	
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Violet		0 v 2				1 v 1	1 v 4		-		3 v 3	7.64

Tayport FC's Committee retained the Challenge Shield for darts, dominos and pool when they defeated North Fife Rotary Club by 18 -7 in in their biennial competition in the Canniepairt pavilion last night.

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