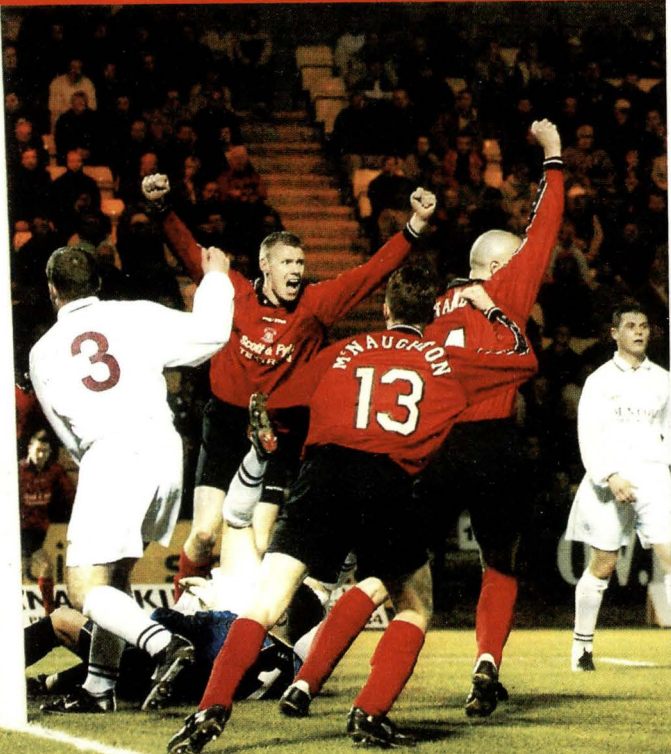
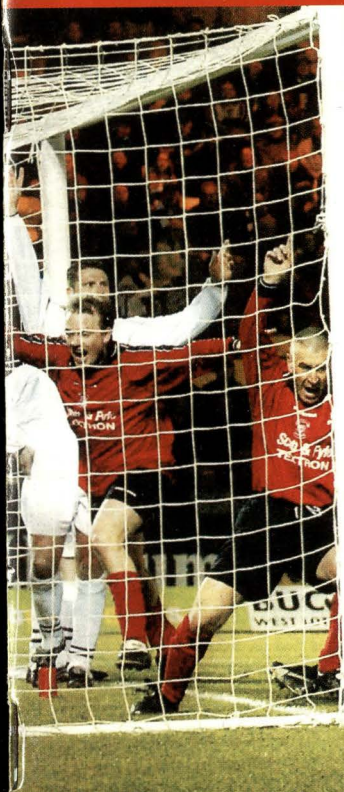


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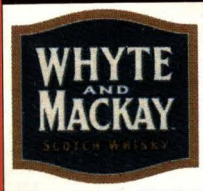


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Fourth Round Draw

Home Team	League		Away Team	League
Beith	WS1	V	Hurlford United	WS1
Bellshill Athletic	WS1	V	Kelty Hearts	EF
Bo'ness	EL1	V	Camelon	EL1
Carnoustie Panmure	ES	V	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	WC1
Edinburgh United	ES	V	Bonnyrigg Rose	ES
Fauldhouse United	EL1	V	Neilston	WSP
Irvine Meadow	WSP	V	Dundonald Bluebell	EF
Kilbirnie Ladeside	WSP	V	Dundee North End	ES
Kilsyth Rangers	WC1	V	Cumnock	WSP
Maryhill	WSP	V	Kilwinning Rangers	WSP
Newburgh	EF	V	Arthurlie	WS1
Petershill	WS1	V	Hill of Beath	ES
Strathspey Thistle	NW	V	Shettleston	WS1
TAYPORT	ES	V	Wishaw	WC2
Troon	WS1	V	Linlithgow Rose	ES
Vale of Leven	WC1	V	Renfrew	WS1

Index to Leagues: ES - East Super; EL1 - Lothian District First; EF - Fife District; NW - North West District; WSP - West Super Premier; WS1 - West Super First; WC1 - Central District First; WC2 - Central District Second.

As can be seen the fourth round has thrown up some fascinating ties with the potential for an enthralling afternoon's football across the country. Tie of the afternoon is the meeting at Lochburn of two of the cup favourites, **Maryhill** and **Kilwinning Rangers**, both riding high in the West Super Premier League. A few miles east at Springburn, **Petershill** will be hoping that **Hill of Beath** are still shellshocked when they visit Southloch Street. Holders **Linlithgow** are running into good form according to manager Jim Sinnet and this could mean bad news for **Troon** who visit Prestonfield in the knowledge that Auchinleck were hit for six there in the last round. There may be two leagues separating **Cumnock** and **Kilsyth** but the West Super League Premiers will not find the going easy when they travel to play the local Rangers who are flying high in the Central First Division.

The draw has thrown up a couple of derby meetings where local passions always run high when it's an OVD tie. **Bo'ness** await a visit from near neighbours **Camelon** and, with both sides in mid-table in the Lothians First Division, a run in the Scottish looks to be the only real hope of getting the scarves and rosettes down off the shelf. Similarly with **Renfrew**, who will be a trifle uneasy making the short trip across the Erskine Bridge to meet **Vale of Leven**.

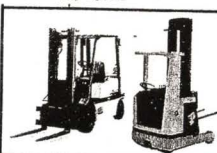
Surprises? **Strathspey**, flying the flag for the North Region will have a big gathering at Grantown for the visit of **Shettleston** and a shock result would not be out of the question. **Edinburgh United's** cup form has belied their lowly league placing and **Bonnyrigg** will have to be on their guard at Patie's Road. Big Jock Myles was well impressed when he saw **Fauldhouse** earlier this season and, although **Neilston** are the form team of the moment in the West, the Lothians First Division side will be a measure of their cup aspirations. **Newburgh** did well to eliminate Penicuik in the last round and will attract their best crowd of the season to see **Arthurlie**. The tight confines of East Shore Park may not suit the visitors but it is hard to see the Barrhead side losing.

Local prospects? **Carnoustie** should win comfortably at home to **Rob Roy** and **North End** should do no worse than a replay at **Kilbirnie**.

Mel Iron's has made the predictions for this round and he sees Carnoustie, Kilbirnie, Arthurlie, Renfrew, Camelon, Fauldhouse, Kilwinning, Kelty, Bonnyrigg, Kilsyth, Beith, the Haws, Shettleston, Irvine Meadow and Linlithgow progressing.

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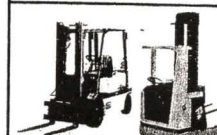
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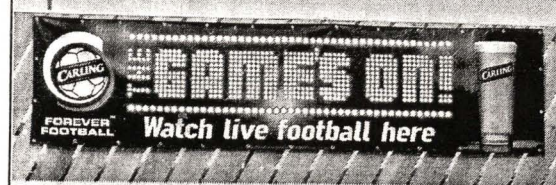
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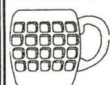
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OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 4th ROUND

TAYPORT v WISHAW JUNIORS

If you are reading this, then today's game has escaped from the frozen conditions which have put paid to recent games. We've only had one game since our last OVD tie whilst Wishaw haven't even managed that.

The Wishaw side we welcome here this afternoon for the first time is a totally different side from that which we met in the 2nd round of the Scottish at Wishaw back in November 1999. Indeed, basically, only the name is the same.

Wishaw's primary aim this season is to climb out of the West Region's bottom division. But let, nobody kid you. For Junior clubs it's all about the OVD Cup and Wishaw will see this afternoon's match as their most important of the season to date. For Tayport, too, it's a big game. The home players will be well aware that Wishaw have collected two scalps already in the Cup which no one would have bet on back in August.

Experience is the key component in the Wishaw line-up, and there is no more experienced player than Brian Martin, the man at the heart of the visitors' defence. Martin made his name with Motherwell with whom he won 2 Scotland caps in 1995, but has also turned out in the colours of another seven senior sides and also been capped by Junior Scotland.

For goals Manager Flood will be looking to Keith Glazier, 17 this season, and Gordon Grant who has 15. Both were previously with Flood at Kilsyth Rangers and Glazier has Highland League experience with Brora.

Tayport will be without Grant Paterson, who will miss playing his 79th Scottish Cup tie after breaking a rib following an unnecessarily robust challenge in the friendly with Lochee United at Gussie Park on 4th January.

Manager Dave Baikie has several options for filling Paterson's position but is likely to keep defensive changes to a minimum by bringing in Gareth Dailly or Doug Scott. The manager's main decision, however, will be whether to make further changes or stick with the line-up which destroyed Hill of Beath in the team's last competitive outing.

The referee this afternoon is Mr Doyle from Dalkeith and he is assisted by two colleagues from the Lothians Region. Official SJFA observer is Mr Lyall Murdoch, the East Region President.

WHYTE & MACKAY SUPER LEAGUE REACHES HALFWAY STAGE

The inaugural season of the Whyte & Mackay League has, apart from a game or two, more or less reached the halfway stage. In fact Linlithgow are three games into the second half, and have only eight matches to play to complete their league season.

To get a pointer with regard to how the competition might finish we can look back over the past few years at all the junior leagues which comprise 22 games - some thirty campaigns.

The lowest number of points which has won a title has been 45 but the average pointage for a title win is 52 points. At the moment only four sides, Tayport, Bathgate, Arniston and Hill of Beath can exceed that figure.

By winning all their remaining games, pre-championship favourites Linlithgow Rose can only achieve a best of 47, so it's a tall order for the Prestonfield side who can ill afford to drop any points in their last eight games and still cherish thoughts of the title.

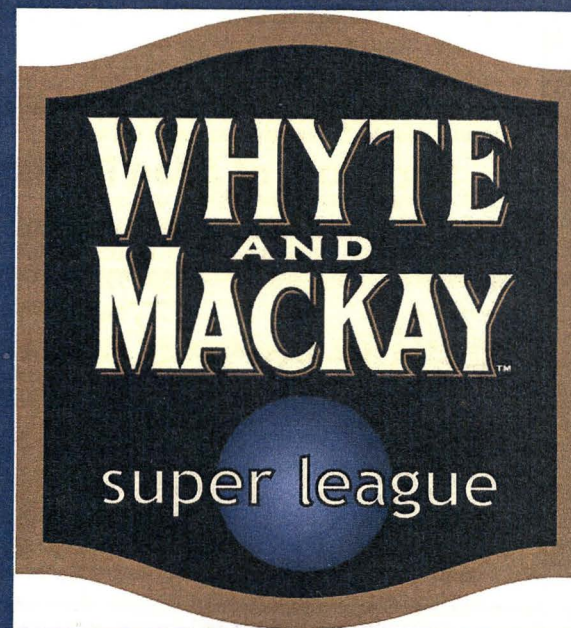
Down at the other end, Carnoustie did themselves a big favour with their recent win over Bonnyrigg. Unless any of the current bottom three, Oakley, Violet or Edinburgh can put together a wee run, then it is looking increasingly likely that these clubs will occupy the bottom three spots.

Apart from two occasions, out of 30 relegation battles in 22 game campaigns over a number of years, to escape the drop a club realistically has to better 25 points. On these two exceptions, clubs were relegated on 28 points and 29 points.

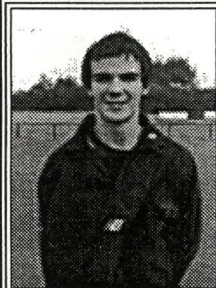
This effectively means that three more defeats and Edinburgh are doomed. In Violet's second half of the season, they will have to pick up 19 points from 10 games. Oakley United must aim for at least 20 points from 10 games but twelve points from their ten remaining games will see Carnoustie safe.

The way things have been going over the first half of the season, the signs are that the Super League will have an exciting finale. The festive programme, had it escaped postponements, would have provided significant pointers as to the eventual outcome.

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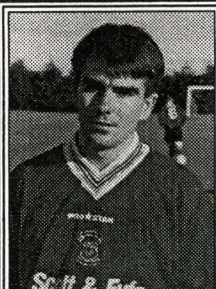
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TODAY'S VISITORS

WISHAW JUNIORS

Wishaw Juniors, formerly Wishaw Thistle, are the oldest surviving club to have won the Scottish Junior Cup. Founded in 1885, Wishaw lifted the cup in 1888 and for many years was a dominant force in Junior football, Lanarkshire being a hotbed of the game at that time. In fact, for a brief spell, 1915 - 1919, Wishaw was actually a Senior club.

Wishaw last collected some silverware when they won the Lanarkshire Association's Hozier Cup in 1967. However since amalgamation and the formation of the Central League in 1968 it's been pretty much a downward slope, with no honours, only a lot of heartache for Wishaw.

They lost their ground, Recreation Park, to housing in 1993 and since then, apart from a spell at the Wishaw Sports Stadium, have groundshared with near neighbours Coltness United at Victoria Park, Newmains.

If things were bad in 1993, they were to get worse a few years later. In 1997 the club, then languishing at the foot of the Central League, almost folded but a rescue package was put together and the club, thanks to the sterling efforts of a few enthusiasts, made it through to last season.

However enough was enough and during last season the club was forced to withdraw from the league and folded. The end, one might have thought, but a club with such a long history doesn't die that easily. A committee, comprising Robert Watson, Ross Hastings, Des Flood, John Flood and John Nelson, was formed and was successful in re-applying for admission to the SJFA for this season.

The committee realised they have a tough task on their hands but, undaunted, they have got things together, with a lottery and a number of sponsors providing the necessary finance to allow the club to develop. There was a huge boost in the second round of the OVD Cup when they caused the surprise of the round with a 3-1 victory at Newtongrange Star and the support for the club has continued to grow thanks to a two game victory in the last round v Lochgelly Albert.

Manager John Flood, formerly of Sheffield United and Airdrie, and his assistant John Nelson, were at Kilsyth Rangers together and have gathered together an experienced squad of players who are quickly blending to form a side which can no longer be treated lightly.

FROM THE SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP ARCHIVES
115 YEARS AGO WHEN WISHAW WERE WINNERS

Wishaw may have had their problems in recent seasons but they can proudly claim to be the oldest surviving club to have won the Scottish Junior Cup- some 115 years ago in 1888.

43 clubs had entered the competition that season. There were no clubs from north of the Tay but three from Fife had entered. Wishaw eliminated Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy and another east club Woodburn to reach the semi-final where they were joined by Glasgow's Maryhill and two other Lanarkshire clubs, Hamilton West End and Milton Rovers.

Maryhill reached the last four through default. They were beaten by Westburn in an early round but Westburn were disqualified for fielding an unregistered player. Then, after South End from Cowdenbeath, fearing a thumping, had decided against a long trip to Glasgow had scratched, Maryhill defeated Hamilton 4-1 to make the final.

In the other semi, an accident to a Milton player caused the game to be abandoned with 25 minutes left. Milton subsequently scratched leaving Wishaw to contest the final.

Further controversy in the final which required three games to determine a winner. Special trains were run to the final which was played at Larkhall's Gasworks Park on 14th April. Wishaw ran out 3-2 winners.

However Maryhill protested on the grounds that spectators had encroached on to the field of play. After two lengthy meetings a replay was ordered on 5th May. Maryhill won the replay by 2-1 but this time Wishaw protested on the same grounds - that spectators had encroached on to the field.

The protest was upheld and a third game was ordered, this time at Rangers' Ibrox Park on 23rd May.



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Broughty Athletic	v	TAYPORT	Arbroath Victoria	v	Blairgowrie
Coupar Angus	6-4p	Elmwood	Carnoustie Panmure	1-5	TAYPORT
Downfield	v	Blairgowrie	Dundee North End	v	Arbroath S C
Forfar Albion	v	Forfar West End	Elmwood	v	Forfar Albion
Kinnoull	v	Dundee North End	Kinnoull	v	Luncarty
Kirriemuir Thistle	v	Arbroath Victoria	Kirriemuir Thistle	v	Jeanfield Swifts
Lochee Harp	v	Lochee United	Lochee United	3-1	Downfield
Montrose Roselea	v	Arbroath S C	Montrose Roselea	0-2	East Craigie

Redwood Leisure (Fife/Tayside) Cup

Second Round Results

Arbroath Sporting Club	0 - 2	St Andrews United
Bankfoot Athletic	0 - 6	Kirriemuir Thistle
Crossgates Primrose	1 - 0	Downfield
Dundonald Bluebell	7 - 0	Forfar Albion
Elmwood	6 - 7p	Lochore Welfare
Forfar West End	1 - 2	Thornton Hibernian
Glenrothes	3 - 1	Dundee North End
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	8 - 0	Coupar Angus
Lochee Harp	0 - 2	Rosyth Recreation
Lochee United	3 - 2	Newburgh
Lochgelly Albert	2 - 4	Dundee Violet
Montrose Roselea	3 - 0	Steelend Victoria
Oakley United	4 - 3	Blairgowrie
Kinnoull	0 - 4	Kelty Hearts
TAYPORT	7 - 0	Kirkcaldy YMCA
Tulliallan Thistle	1 - 4	Carnoustie Panmure

Third Round Draw

Crossgates Primrose	V	Carnoustie Panmure
Dundonald Bluebell	V	Lochee United
Hill of Beath	V	Montrose Roselea
Kelty Hearts	V	Dundee Violet
Kirriemuir Thistle	V	Lochore Welfare
Oakley United	V	Glenrothes
St Andrews United	V	Thornton Hibernian
TAYPORT	V	Rosyth Recreation

There are two Whyte & Mackay East Super League fixtures scheduled for today. Namely:

Bathgate Thistle	v	Glenrothes
Arniston Rangers	v	Dundee Violet

PROGRESS???

On Monday almost every Scottish daily newspaper reported on an initiative by Tom Johnston, Secretary of the Scottish Junior Football Association. Tom has seemingly been corresponding with the Scottish Football Association with a view to allowing the Juniors to enter the Scottish Cup to compete with their Senior counterparts. The following article has been extracted and is replicated courtesy of the Scotsman newspaper. The article was written by Bill Marwick under the headline:

"Juniors ask for access route to main event"

"The country's leading junior clubs are to lobby the Scottish Football Association in a bid to play in the Scottish Cup. Teams such as Pollok, Linlithgow Rose and Tayport all feel they deserve a chance in the premier cup competition and the Scottish Junior FA is to step up its campaign for its clubs to be included in the Scottish Qualifying Cup, the pathway to the Scottish Cup proper. However, the SJFA faces a tough task with the SFA so far displaying a marked reluctance to open its doors to the juniors.

Tom Johnston, secretary of the SJFA said: "We have asked the SFA to include the winners of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup as well as the winner of the North Region, the East Region and the West Region Super leagues in the Scottish Qualifying Cup. We were led to believe some time ago that we would get a favourable reply but - although I have not been told officially - I believe that the SFA executive, for some reason, have not supported our request which is disappointing."

Junior clubs believe they are strong enough to qualify for the Scottish Cup proper, and with a number of former seniors included in their sides also think they could match Second and Third Division sides. Junior football has been revamped this season with Super including the biggest clubs in the north, east and west regions with the ultimate aim of opening the door for promotion to the Scottish League Third Division.

Mr Johnston added: "One of the arguments against this has been that we do not have a pyramid system to show which club is the best in any one season. At the end of this season we will introduce a new competition involving the winners of each region along with the winner of the Scottish Junior Cup to show who is at the top of the pile."

Some reactions to this initiative and the SFA "silent response" are shown later in the programme.

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THE BAIKER'S BIT

More than a month has passed since we last played a home game. That day we grabbed a late equaliser to stay in the Scottish Cup. I felt our performance on the day against Johnstone Burgh was a bit flat. We never really reached any great standard of play throughout the ninety minutes, but we were still in the cup, albeit with a far more difficult task ahead of us.



I've always said that getting through to the next round of this competition was more about desire and will to win than attempting to produce quality and I believe that just about summed up the replay at Johnstone. It certainly wasn't a game for the connoisseur. The condition of the pitch didn't help by cutting up badly, but I felt that we were always the better side and, despite losing a late equaliser, we showed terrific character to dominate the thirty minutes of extra time and deserved our win.

Since that 2-1 victory at Johnstone, the weather has restricted us to one official game. Some people believe the league title this season could well end up somewhere in Fife and with ourselves and Hill of Beath, having previously lost only once, our visit to The Haws was billed as the 'game of the day'. I believe both sides produced just that.....and more. Our attitude and workrate over the entire 90 minutes was, for me, the best we have produced this term. Of course, it had to be against a very good side with a fantastic history. It's not many times a visiting side has scored five without reply at Keir's Park. In fact it may well be a first.

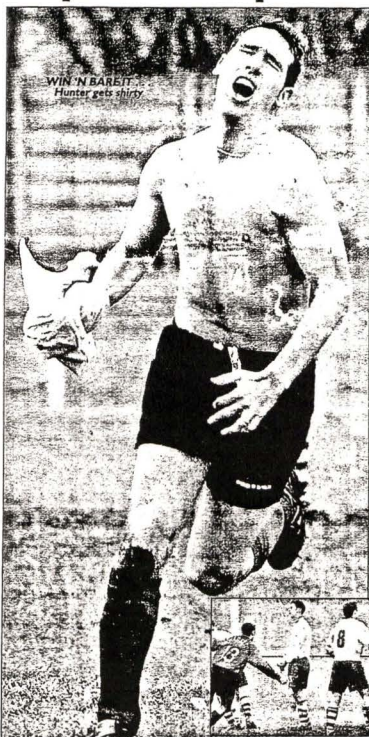
Unfortunately, as the saying goes, 'you're only as good as your last game'. This afternoon is another day and we have another challenge ahead of us. the prize is a place in the 5th round of the Scottish Cup. Our visitors, Wishaw Juniors, have reached this stage, as we have, on merit. When I look down their team list I see only names of quality. But I believe we are capable of victory today. But only if we can produce the standard we know we can. If we do then I'm confident we can, and will be, in the hat.

Support The Port,

Dave Baikie

STRIP SHOW

Ralph blows top after comeback goal



RALPH HUNTER hauled his stop-start Tayport career out of cold storage and celebrated by going topless at freezing Keanie Park.

The giant hitman ripped his shirt off in a frenzied celebration after helping fire Dave Baikie's side to a last 32 OVD Cup spot.

Bare-chested Hunter ended up under a pile of jubilant team-mates as he broke the deadlock in the third round replay meeting of last term's Tay-side and Central League champions.

And even a booking for coming back on the park with his strip neatly rearranged before ref John McKendrick had given him the go.

Into life. He converted a close range scissors kick afterburgh keeper Alan Donohoe had blocked a header from Brian Craik.

Home hitman Scott McIlfarg - who had blasted a great chance over early in the second half - almost levelled in 73 minutes when he cut in from the left and curled a 25-yard strike off the bar.

But just as time looked like running out for Colin Lindsay's side,burgh sent the tie into extra time when veteran sub Billy Thomson beat Port keeper Fraser Fitzpatrick to a long ball and poked in an 86th minute equaliser.

But Tayport bounced back from that late blow to win it with a scrappy strike in the 114th minute.

Bundled
Gareth Dailly's corner was missed by Donohoe and stopper John Ward bundled the ball home from just inches out.

Thomson almost sent it to penalties two minutes later but again the woodwork denied the home side.

The former Auchinleck star sighed: "You need some breaks to go your way in the Scottish and today we didn't get them."

"We probably should have won the tie last week, when we were 2-0 up with 15 minutes left and missed chances to kill it."

"Tayport played a lot better today but it's a sore way to go out, to a top point from about a yard after a ball in that should have been cleared by us."

But we need to get the heads back up and bounce back.

"We've been playing well for the past couple

"Fingers crossed I seem to be over it now and hopefully this can really spark things for me at Tayport."

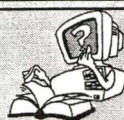
Hunter's 16th minute opener sparked the tie

"You could see just what it meant to me by the way I celebrated. I lost it big time because I was so happy."

"It was a great feeling though I'm not so sure I should have taken my shirt off on a day like this - especially as I'm still carrying a bit of weight after so long out of the game."

Weight
"To cap it with a goal was just the icing on the cake."

WIN 'N BAREIT!
Hunter goes shirtless



ANY QUESTIONS ?

your questions answered

Q. Who scored Violet's penalties against Petershill in the last round of the Scottish Cup? - John

A. Must have been a cracking conclusion to the tie. Seven successive penalties were taken and converted by each team. Violet's by Harris, Ballantyne, Devine, McKeith, Middleton, Thomson and Reekie. Unfortunately keeper Robert Burns saved young Andy Sommerville's effort, allowing Peasie's Sutherland to blast the winner high into the Violet net to make it 8-7.

Q. What's the best attendance in the Scottish Junior Cup outwith the semi final stages? - BRT

A. Ashfield had 26,513 at their Saracen Park ground in 1953 for a tie against Clydebank.

TAYPORT v WISHAW - THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On 6th November 1999, Tayport and Wishaw met in an OVD 2nd round tie at Wishaw Sports Centre. The game had been pumped up locally and the tie attracted a respectable attendance of 254 which saw Tayport run out comfortable 6-0 winners. Tayport fielded Fraser Mann; Grant Buist, Ian Greig, Mark Spalding, Kenny Jones, Brian Craik, Graham Nicoll, Steven Stewart, Kenny Cameron, Dave Reilly and Stevie Ross. Mark Corcoran, Paul Reilly and Allan Ramsay were the substitutes. Nicoll, later controversially sent off, scored two goals with Craik, Reilly, Cameron and Corcoran getting the others.

You can always rely on The Sun (left) for the topless shots!

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Dateline: Saturday 7th December 2002

**The Canniepairt - OVD Scottish Junior Cup Third Round
Tayport 1 - 1 Johnstone Burgh**



The 'Port put pressure on the Burgh goal during the first half



Tayport strive to get on level terms after losing the opening goal from the spot.

Dateline: Saturday 28th December 2002

**Kiers Park - Whyte & Mackay East Super League
Hill of Beath Hawthorn 0 - 5 Tayport**



Hill of Beath goalkeeper, McGurk, tips a lob by Tayport's Mitchell over the bar.



Despite the close attention of two defenders John Ward heads home the Port's second goal

.....stats.....stats.....stats.....stats.....stats.....**TAYPORT FOOTBALL CLUB**.....stats.....stats.....stats.....stats.....stats.....

Date	Opposition	Com	Venue	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
Aug 7	Montrose Roselea	H	A	W 1-1+	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Morris	Ward	Wemyss	Craig	Ramsay	Stewart	Gunnion	Dailly	Evans 1	Paterson	McNaughton	Hunter	89
Aug 10	Bathgate Thistle	L	A	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters 1	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craig 1	Ramsay	Stewart	Hunter	Morris	McNaughton	Dailly (6)	Gunnion (11)	Evans (9)	187
Aug 17	HILL OF BEATH	L	H	D 0-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Evans	Ramsay	Stewart	Mitchell	Morris	McNaughton	Dailly (7)	Craig (6)		303
Aug 24	Linlithgow Rose	L	A	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craig 1	Dailly	Stewart	Mitchell	Morris	McNaughton 2	Scott (5)	Evans (12)	Hunter (3)	586
Aug 31	GLENROTHES	L	H	L 0-2	Paterson	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Craig	Scott	Stewart	Mitchell	Dailly	McNaughton	Craig (6)			268
Sept 7	Oakley United	L	A	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters	Ramsay	Stewart	Craig 1	Evans 1	McNaughton	Dailly (8)	Mitchell (10)		143
Sept 14	ARNISTON	L	H	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters 1	Ramsay	Stewart	Craig 1	Evans	McNaughton 1	Dailly (8)	Mitchell (11)	Scott (2)	228
Sept 21	Carnoustie Panmure	NE1	A	W 5-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 2	Morris	Peters	Ramsay	Dailly	Mitchell	Evans 1	McNaughton 1	Craig (2)	Stewart (10)	Holden(11) 1	226
Sept 28	Arbroath SC	N1	A	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craig	Ramsay	Stewart	Mitchell	Craig 1	McNaughton	Dailly (10)	Holden (11)		76
Oct 5	BONNYRIGG ROSE	L	H	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Paterson	Ward	Craig	Peters	Ramsay	Stewart	Craig	Dailly	McNaughton	Gunnion (2)	Evans (10) 1	Mitchell (6)	281
Oct 12	Carnoustie Panmure	L	A	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Craig	Peters	Evans	Stewart	Craig	Morris	McNaughton	Dailly (10)	Mitchell (12)		105
Oct 19	KIRKCALDY YM	RL1	H	W 7-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Morris	Craig	Craig 3	Ramsay	Scott	Mitchell 1	Dailly 1	Evans 2	Holden (6)	Stewart (7)	McNaughton (9)	152
Oct 26	DUNDEE VIOLET	L	H	W 5-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Craig	Craig	Ramsay 2	Scott	Mitchell	Dailly 2	Evans	Gunnion (5)	Stewart (8)	McNaughton (11)	205
Nov 2	SUNNYBANK	N2	H	W 7-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Gunnion 1	Craig 2	Ramsay	Stewart	Mitchell	Scott	McNaughton 1	Evans (10)	Holden (6)		201
Nov 9	COUPAR ANGUS	S2	H	W 8-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Gunnion	Craig	Ramsay 1	Stewart 1	Dailly	Evans 4	McNaughton 1	Scott (7)	Holden (3)	Hankinson (1)	200
Nov 16	Edinburgh United	L	A	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Craig 1	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Evans	McNaughton	Peters (10)	Hunter (8)	Holden (5)	97
Nov 30	LINLITHGOW ROSE	L	H	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craig	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Mitchell	McNaughton 1	Evans (6)	Hunter (10)		309
Dec 7	JOHNSTONE BURGH	S3	H	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Craig 1	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Evans	McNaughton	Mitchell (10)	Hunter (9)		227
Dec 14	Johnstone Burgh	S3R	A	W 2-1#	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craig	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Hunter 1	McNaughton	Mitchell (10)	Evans (6)		317
Dec 28	Hill of Beath	L	A	W 5-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craig 1	Peters	Stewart	Mitchell	Hunter	McNaughton 3	Dailly (6)	Evans (10)	Holden (9)	387
Jan 11	WISHAW	S4	H	1.45															
Jan 18																			
Jan 25																			
Feb 1	MONTROSE ROSELEA	N3	H																

NEXT WEEK

Fixtures for next Saturday, 18th January,
will be announced once the results
of today's OVD Scottish Junior Cup
Fourth Round ties are known

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F – Findlay & Co Cup; S – OVD Scottish Junior Cup. Number after letter indicates round of competition.

Other: + - won on penalties; # - won after extra time; Red background – player dismissed; Yellow background – player cautioned; Number after player – goals scored; Number in brackets after player – player replaced

Whyte & Mackay East Super League – Statistics

League Table as at 4th January 2003

TEAM	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
TAYPORT	12	4	1	1	11	4	5	1	0	14	1	20	29	
Bathgate Thistle	11	3	1	1	13	9	5	1	0	15	8	13	26	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	11	3	0	2	8	8	4	2	0	18	7	11	23	
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	13	5	1	1	16	10	2	0	4	10	14	2	22	
Linlithgow Rose	14	4	1	2	16	11	3	1	3	14	13	6	23	
Dundee North End	12	2	4	1	14	11	2	1	2	9	8	4	17	
Glenrothes	11	2	0	3	8	6	2	3	1	7	5	4	15	
Arniston Rangers	9	3	1	1	8	5	1	1	2	8	11	0	14	
Carnoustie Panmure	13	3	2	3	17	18	1	1	3	7	10	-4	15	
Dundee Violet	12	2	0	3	11	14	0	1	6	8	25	-20	7	
Oakley United	12	1	2	3	8	14	0	1	5	4	15	-17	6	
Edinburgh United	12	0	1	4	4	11	0	1	5	6	18	-19	2	

League Results Chart

	Arniston	Bathgate	Bonnyrigg	Carnoustie	Edin Utd	Glenrothes	Hill of Beath	Linlithgow	North End	Oakley	Tayport	Violet
Arniston			2-1			1-1	0-1	2-1		3-1		
Bathgate Th	4-4			2-1	3-0			4-2			0-2	
Bonnyrigg		1-2		3-1	2-0			1-1	3-2	3-2		3-2
Carnoustie	2-4		3-1			2-0	3-6	1-3	2-2	3-1	1-1	
Edinburgh Utd				0-2				2-4	1-3		0-1	1-1
Glenrothes		1-2	1-3		2-0				0-1			4-0
Hill of Beath		0-2	4-1		1-0					3-0	0-5	
Linlithgow					3-0	2-4	2-2		2-1	3-0	0-3	4-1
North End	2-0	2-2		3-3		0-0	1-4			0-0		6-2
Oakley Utd		1-5			4-4	0-0		1-2			0-2	2-1
Tayport	3-0		1-0			0-2	0-0	2-1				5-1
Violet		2-3	3-4	2-0	3-2		1-5					

League Guide to Form
(most recent result to the right)

	L	L	W	D	W
Arniston Rangers	L	L	W	D	W
Bathgate Thistle	W	D	W	D	W
Bonnyrigg Rose	L	D	L	W	L
Carnoustie Panmure	D	W	L	W	D
Edinburgh United	L	L	D	L	L
Glenrothes	D	L	W	L	L
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	D	W	W	W	L
Linlithgow Rose	W	L	L	W	W
North End	D	D	L	W	D
Oakley United	W	L	D	L	L
Tayport	D	W	W	W	W
Violet	W	L	L	L	W

League Top Goalscorers

Player	Club	Goals
Flynn, Davie	Linlithgow Rose	7
McNaughton, Barry	Tayport	7
Thomson, Martyn	Hill of Beath	7
Bailey, Lee	Bonnyrigg Rose	6
Craik, Brian	Tayport	6
Wright, Darren	Hill of Beath	6
Andrew, Benny	Glenrothes	5
Bonella, Darren	Dundee North End	5
Dickov, Steve	Linlithgow Rose	5
Kenneth, Ronnie	Carnoustie	5
Laidlaw, Steve	Bonnyrigg Rose	5
Murphy, David	Bathgate Thistle	5
Reilly, Dave	North End	5
Roberts	Bathgate Thistle	5
Smart, Craig	Hill of Beath	5
Watt, David	Bonnyrigg Rose	5

Latest Results
14th December 2002

Carnoustie	3-1	Bonnyrigg
Edinburgh Utd	2-4	Linlithgow
Glenrothes	0-1	North End

Latest Results
28th December 2002

Hill of Beath	0-5	TAYPORT
Linlithgow	3-0	Oakley United
North End	3-3	Carnoustie

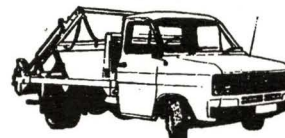
Latest Results
4th January 2003

Bathgate	Off	Hill of Beath
Carnoustie	Off	Edinburgh Utd
Dundee Violet	Off	North End
Glenrothes	Off	TAYPORT
Linlithgow	Off	Bonnyrigg
Oakley United	off	Arniston Rgrs

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MATCH REVIEW *by DUNMORE*

Even by Tayport's exceptionally high standards, 2002 proved to be an extremely successful year, with four trophies collected, a semi-final appearance in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup and now a healthy position in the newly formed Whyte & Mackay East Super League.

In gauging success, one inevitably looks to the league championship and the Scottish Cup, so it was appropriate that the year should end with progress on both these fronts. The last match on the Canniepairt was the game against Central League champions, Johnstone Burgh, in the 'Scottish' (7/12).

Despite falling behind to a penalty, 'Port levelled through Brian Craik, to set up a Keanie Park replay in which Ralph Hunter notched his first goal in Tayport colours, to give the visitors a deserved lead. Burgh remained in contention, though, and it was their turn to find an equaliser, in the dying moments, through Willie Thomson. Extra-time, however, always provides the opportunity for someone to grab the headlines and, not surprisingly, John Ward made his way forward for a corner kick and was ideally placed to tap home a late, late winner, which set up today's meeting with Wishaw.

Since then, two out of three Super League matches have fallen victim to the weather, but the one which did go ahead, between Christmas and New Year, let us see Tayport at their best. Fife champs Hill of Beath were no match for the on-form 'Port, who went nap in a magnificent display at Keir's Park.

In some of Tayport's memorable league performances, like the 5-0 destruction of the emerging St Josephs at Fairfield Park in 1995, last year's title-clinching three goal victory against Carnoustie or the 3-0 win at Linlithgow's Prestonfield earlier this season, Dave Baikie's troops saved their goals for the second half and a similar, though not identical, story emerged against the Haws.

On this occasion, Brian Craik had netted a first half header, but the remainder of the five star show was completed after the break. John Ward's aerial prowess was too much for the hosts and he headed home the second goal, early in the second half. Barry McNaughton then took over the baton, helping himself to a fine hat-trick, which culminated, in emphatic style, in the final minute, when he unleashed a thumping right-footer which goalkeeper Ryan McGurk had no chance of stopping. There could be no more fitting way to end 2002.

MEDIA WATCH

The Courier has changed its format, previewing the Tayside Juniors on a Friday and the Super League games in Saturday's edition. Whereas previously the Super League column was a shared contribution, it may be that it will now be the work of a single contributor.

Whoever gathers the *Fife Herald* sports articles together obviously does not have a clue about football - or otherwise doesn't bother. After a promising start to the season, things have fallen away and in recent weeks the Junior reports have been lumped together with the Sunday pub league and the likes. Pretty disappointing. Time to take issue, perhaps.

Still on the *Herald*, the Lomond United report continues to entertain, unwittingly, I'm sure. In their last game, with four new players, Lomond managed to get eleven for the trip to Balmullo only for the match referee to call the game off because parts of the pitch were under water and there were no pitch markings.. However along came another ref and he decided the game could go ahead, only for Lomond to lose 0-4.

The *Renfrewshire Gazette*, which carries good coverage of Junior football, reported that Neilston had won the Caledonian Paper Team of the Month. It also reported on the Tayport v Johnstone tie, describing it as an excellent cup-tie and acknowledging that Tayport had dominated proceedings. It was a clear penalty that gave Burgh the lead, wrote the *Gazette*, but "Tayport's tactic of lumping the ball high paid off eventually with the giant Craik heading the equaliser"

The *Paisley Daily Express* had the same report with the addition of comment from manager Colin Lindsay, who reckoned if his team had held out for another five minutes, they would have gone on to win the tie. *The Sun* put the spotlight on the Johnstone v Tayport replay, with a photo of a near naked Ralph Hunter (well, it *was* the Sun) dominating the Junior page. The paper carried a pretty accurate account of proceedings with quotes from both Dave Baikie and Ralph Hunter and a photo of John Ward celebrating his winning goal.

The *Edinburgh Evening News* the same week had the Edinburgh v Linlithgow Super League game as its main feature. The referee came in for some stick from Edinburgh boss Jimmy McLaughlin after denying his side a penalty and then reducing them to nine men for the last 22 minutes, during which time Rose scored twice to make it 4-2 in their favour. Ex-Port player Mark Corcoran was again the star of the show.

Association secretary Jock Myles was quoted in *The Courier* as describing Tayport's performance against Hill of Beath as 'awesome'. Superlatives also peppered the *Fife Herald* report, and justifiably so. A scintillating performance by the Barry McNaughton-inspired Tayport was how the report kicked off.



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PROGRESS????

A selection of responses from the Junior Forum, on the Internet, in respect of the article in the press earlier this week (detailed earlier in this programme).

"Can someone please tell me why the old f**** that run the SFA don't want to allow four junior clubs (Scottish Junior Cup winners and winners of the three Super leagues) into the qualifying stages of the Scottish Cup? I read Jim O'Donnell's piece in the Evening Times today and SJFA secretary Tom Johnston is quoted as saying that they have asked the SFA to include the four teams, whoever that may be, but his understanding is the SFA haven't supported it although he hasn't heard officially.

I can't see this as being anything other than the way forward and it would certainly have massive strides in going for a pyramid system but the only pyramids the old fogies at Hampden are aware of are the ones in Egypt where their pharaohs are buried.

This really p***** me off and t**** like David Taylor are forever blowing their own trumpet about "improving the future of the game" but seem quite happy in restricting the junior clubs and their hopes of moving forward. Jonathan Watson wasn't far off in his "Only An Excuse" sketch some years back when Tony Roper portrayed Jim Farry as Hitler in "Ein Reich, Ein Farry", complaining that Scottish grounds have "too much grass". (it was in 1994, the sketch, I think).

This just shows the 18th century thinking from the suits that want to bring the game into the 21st century. It is a feasible idea, so what's the problem?"

"I am sure Forres Thistle would love to be involved in the Qualifying Cup with a possible showdown with Forres Mechanics but it seems like it will not happen for a while yet."

"The old f**** don't want Junior clubs entering into THEIR competition because as it would certainly have massive strides in going for a pyramid system. Old F*** chairman sitting in the bottom half of the 3rd division (no fans, no facilities, no ambition) with his fingers crossed for an away draw to one of the bigot boys to grab some money won't want to jeopardise this chance by inviting JUNIORS into his cup. They might achieve something and prove they can compete and with their wicked Egyptian ways (more fans, more facilities, more ambition) try to take his clubs place in the senior league set up thanks to their b***** pyramids.

Turkeys voting for Christmas springs to mind. It needs vision and forward thinking - both in short supply in the Scottish League set up."

"different (umbrella) association, different rules for signing players, Us v Them

the petty list is endless."

Tayport Football Club accepts no responsibility for these comments, which were extracted verbatim from the Scottish Juniors Forum site on the Internet.

OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

THIRD ROUND RESULTS REVIEW

Home Team	League		Away Team	League
Arniston Rangers	ES	0-0 (3-4)	Maryhill	WSP
Arthurlie	WS1	4-1	Greenock	WC2
Baillieston	WC2	1-2	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	WC1
Bellshill Athletic	WS1	3-2	Armada	EL1
Benburb	WSP	1-2	Vale of Leven	WC1
Camelon	EL1	2-1	Oakley United	ES
Carnoustie Panmure	ES	3-0	Banks O' Dee	NS
Cumbernauld United	WS1	0-0 (0-1)	Kilbirnie Ladeside	WSP
Cumnock	WSP	2-0	Lochee United	ETP
Dalry Thistle	WA	1-2	Edinburgh United	ES
Dundee Downfield	ETP	1-1 (1-2)	Dundonald Bluebell	EF
Dundee North End	ES	4-0	Longside	NS
Dundee Violet	ES	0-0 (1-1)	Petershill (won 8-7 on penalties)	WS1
Fauldhouse United	EL1	3-1	Whitburn	EL1
Glasgow Perthshire	WC1	W/o to Beith	Beith	WS1
Hall Russell United	NE	0-5	Neilston	WSP
Hurlford United	WS1	4-4 (2-0)	Culter	NS
Irvine Meadow	WSP	3-1	Hermes	NS
Kilsyth Rangers	WC1	2-1	Blairgowrie	ET1
Linlithgow Rose	ES	6-1	Auchinleck Talbot	WSP
Lochgelly Albion	EF	1-1 (1-3)	Wishaw	WC2
Maybole	WA	1-3	Bo'ness	EL1
Newburgh	EF	2-1	Penicuik Athletic	EL2
Pollok	WSP	1-2	Bonnyrigg Rose	ES
Pumpherston	EL1	2-3	Kilwinning Rangers	WSP
St Anthony's	WC2	1-3	Renfrew	WS1
Shettleston	WS1	3-0	Steelend	EF
Shotts Bon Accord	WS1	0-2	Hill of Beith	ES
Strathpey Thistle	NW	3-2	Blackburn United	EL2
Stonehaven	NS	0-2	Kelty Hearts	EF
TAYPORT	ES	1-1 (2-1)	Johnstone Burgh	WSP
Troon	WS1	1-1 (2-1)	Bathgate Thistle	ES

Index to Leagues: ES - East Super; EL1 - Lothian District First; EL2 - Lothian District Second; EF - Fife District; ETP - Tayside District Premier; ET1 - Tayside District First; NS - North Super; NW - North West District; NE - North East District; WSP - West Super Premier; WS1 - West Super First; WA - Ayrshire District; WC1 - Central District First; WC2 - Central District Second; Brackets - Replay result

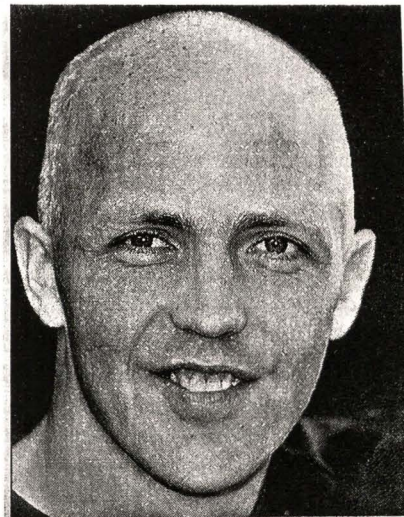
Thirty-two teams remain in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup following third round ties and replays. The East Region came out on top in the Super League contests with Linlithgow, Bonnyrigg and Tayport defeating Auchinleck, Pollok and Johnstone respectively in the East/West clashes with Arniston losing to Maryhill in a seven goal thriller following a 0-0 draw. Carnoustie and North End both made progress at the expense of North Super League teams Banks O' Dee and Longside.

The West has the edge in the competition with eighteen teams remaining whilst the East has thirteen and the North one survivor. Highest score (6-1) was a bit of a shock when last season's winners - Linlithgow - defeated their opponents from the final - Auchinleck Talbot. Closest match would appear to be the Dundee Violet v Petershill clash with the West Super League Division One side winning 8-7 on penalties after two draws.

FULL DETAILS OF THE OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW CAN BE FOUND EARLIER IN THIS PROGRAMME

SINCE LAST WEEK.....

We played Tayside Division One leaders Kinnoull in a behind-closed-doors training match last Saturday.....Mark Craib made his return to action in that game.....Tayport was a popular place for training last Saturday - North End trained at the local beach.....Davie Evans has got a new job - in a bank.....training returned to normal this week with both sessions at Tayport.....tickets went on sale for the mega breakfast at our Sportsman's Brunch on Sunday 2nd March.



Wishaw's ex-Motherwell centre half Brian Martin who was twice capped for Scotland whilst with 'Well and was never in the losing side.



Tayport skipper Grant Paterson first played in the Scottish Junior Cup back in 1990 but misses what would have been a 79th appearance today because of a rib injury.

ECK DARGIE

Hell! Bugger! Damn! The well remembered utterance of Eck Dargie, former mine host at the Tayport Arms who passed away recently. During the 1970s and 80s the Pondy, as the pub was almost universally known at the time, was the exclusive watering hole for a generation of Tayport Amateurs' players, many of whom will have fond memories of Eck and Carol's unique stewardship of the pub at that time. Who, for example, will forget the time a local lush asked Eck for 'one for the road'. Certainly, said Eck who poured a whisky, took the money, opened the pub door and propelled the contents of the glass into Nelson Street, saying 'on yer way laddie!'

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT - EXTRA



The Tayport Arms (Ponderosa), which closed down recently, and is the nearest watering hole to the Canniepairt is understood to have been sold to Dundee based Albany Inns.

Looks like we've played our last game at Jeanfield Swifts' Simpson Park. The ground has been sold to Bett Homes who are set to develop the site as luxury housing. Swifts are to relocate to elsewhere in Perth where a custom built ground is to be provided for them.

Just hope they fare better than other clubs who have sold their ground. Baillieston Juniors, for example, are still homeless after selling up for housing. Their promised new ground in Easterhouse is still to be built. However there is news on that front. A ground lease has been finalised with Glasgow City Council and a planning application has been submitted, with the project to be completed in September this year.

A spell of frosty weather never fails to prompt the call for a winter shutdown, but the evidence here at Tayport suggests that it would literally be a waste of time. In nine seasons since 1994, Tayport has had only eight fixtures (out of thirty six) postponed during January and February. Indeed in three successive seasons, 1997, 98 & 99 we never suffered from any postponements during January and February.

The club's Newsline was working overtime last Saturday when it fielded over 300 calls between Friday night and Saturday at noon, giving a total for the week of more than 800. The newsline is still looking for a sponsor. If you want to get your message repeatedly played to callers, contact Tom Borland for details.

Perhaps a measure of just how far the club has come in a relatively short number of years can be gauged by the fact that Tayport FC featured in a headline of a match report in the Edinburgh Evening News on 30 December - and it wasn't even a Tayport match!

The club had an e.mail this week from Nigeria offering us the services of Charles Uche, an attacking midfielder. However, Baiker wants to see him play first and the committee are squabbling over who should pop across to Africa to check him out.



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U is for UNBEATEN RUNS

In the amateur days the best unbeaten run stretched 25 games from August 1977 to February 1978 with the first defeat of the season being suffered in the glaur of Uddingston and a 1-2 defeat from Parkside in a second replay of a 5th round Scottish Amateur Cup-tie. The team could hardly have tried harder to preserve their run. After drawing 1-1 at Tayport, it was 4-4 after extra time in the replay. Tayport lost the toss for the venue of the deciding game and returned the following week to Lanarkshire. The unbeaten league run was maintained for another couple of months, however and stretched to 24 games from May 1977 to April 1978.

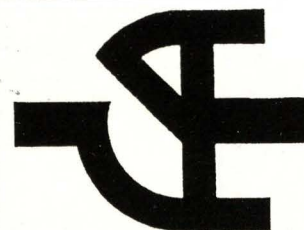
The Juniors best unbeaten run in all games is 34 from May 1995 to March 1996 and in the league the unbeaten run stretched to 70 games from September 1993 to June 1996.

V is for VICTORIES.

There are victories and there are victories, with by far the best over the last 55 years being those victories which are least expected and carried off with some style. Back in 1959, Tayport, then a second division side in the Midlands Amateurs, pulled off an astonishing achievement by winning the Bremner Cup with a 2-1 win over Morgan FP in the final. It was the first time a second division side had won the cup and, in this respect, it was a record which would last for 30 years. Still with the Amateurs, the 1978 5-0 Gray Trophy Final crushing of the mighty Auchterhouse team of that era will live long in the memory of those who were there. The Fife X1's most memorable win was the 4-2 success over Norton House in the Carstairs Shield Final of 1981. Tayport was a second division side, Norton the Division one kingpins. In the Juniors, nothing could have measured up to the 3-0 OVD semi-final win over Auchinleck Talbot at Firhill in 1993. These victories were certainly special, coming when least expected and insome style.

W is for WHAMMOND.

The family Whammond are very much unsung heroes - and heroines - at this club. Linda has been our cleaner here for many years and has also taken over cleaning the boots from her girls, Nicola and Elaine, who carried out that chore whilst at school. Nicola now looks after the refreshment kiosk on matchdays. Doug, who formerly played with the amateurs, lends a hand whenever required while into the frame now comes Elaine's wee lad Jordan whom, we understand, is getting quite handy with a football during his regular visits to the Canniepairt. Loyal supporters, too, travelling to watch 'Port in all far flung parts of the country



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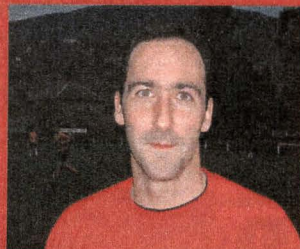
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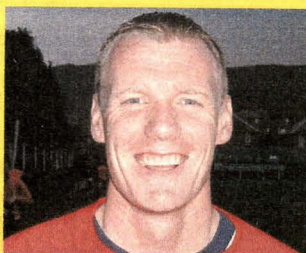
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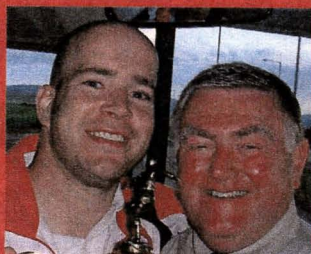
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Wishaw's 1888 Scottish Junior Cup Triumph continued....

A press report of the day described Wishaw's triumph as follows -

"All's well that ends well. By their victory over Maryhill on 23rd May, Wishaw Thistle have vindicated their claim to be the champion junior team in Scotland of season 1887-88. No better ground than Ibrox Park, the beautiful enclosure of the Rangers FC, could be desired for such a trial.

The struggle was remarkable from the fact that both teams had met twice at Larkhall, and, a protest arising on each occasion, the excitement was intense. The weather was excellent and a large crowd assembled to witness the match. Both teams were at full strength, and Maryhill, winning the toss, played from the west goal.

I have nothing but praise for the brilliancy of their play, in the first half especially. They early settled down to a good passing game in which T.Lennie, Reid and Munn were prominent. Reid scored in ten minutes, rather easily, and thus the game stood at half-time.

Munn got a twist and thus handicapped his side for the major part of the game. The Wishaw 'jags' were a long way below their usual standard, and it was only the possibility of a bitter and galling defeat that awakened their latent energies, and then what play! It was simply a revelation to the spectators. McGregor shot a goal twenty minutes from time, and this success was hailed by tremendous enthusiasm by their numerous following.

That company on the stand made more noise than any 5,000 crowd. 'Geordie', the Rangers' groundsman, declared he never witnessed the like before. The same player added a second goal in a few minutes, and, when Somerville performed the *coup de grace* soon after, the enthusiasm of the Wishawites was unbounded.

No further scoring resulted and Wishaw Thistle retired winners of the Scottish Junior Cup for 1888 by 3 goals to 1. Maryhill retired defeated but not disgraced, as they had the greater part of the game. Reid at goal, Hay at back, McPherson at half and D.Reid and T.Lennie forward, were the best of a good team. Taken all through, Watt on the left was the most consistent Wishaw player. He put life in the game when there was none in the others"

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



Spotted staggering up Leven High Street on the Monday morning after the Johnstone Burgh replay win, a six foot plus lad in glasses, a black ski hat and red Tayport No. 9 tracksuit weighed down by a huge bundle of what looked like *The Sun* newspapers under his arms.

No doubt that Johnstone v Tayport was the top replay in the last round. Comprehensively covered by *The Sun* and *Glasgow Evening Times* as well as provincial weeklies, it was also the choice of Junior Scotland team boss Jim O'Donnell, SJFA secretary Tom Johnston and his assistant Joe Black.

The Tayport party came close to being stranded in Johnstone after the replay when the team coach became stuck in the mud whilst attempting a turning manoeuvre inside Keanie Park. Stranded halfway down a slope, it was eventually pushed out after half an hour by a body of volunteers.

FIFA referee Hugh Dallas took in the Shotts v Hill of Beath OVD tie at Hannah Park the other Saturday. Not surprisingly, he did not comment on the controversial incident which saw Haws' Craig Smart red carded in the last minute, but did offer the opinion that Shotts looked old and slow whilst the Fife side looked younger, fitter and full of running. Wonder what his comment would have been had he been at Keir's Park the following week?

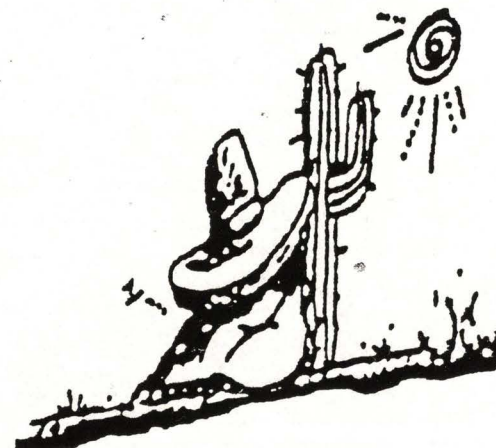
Tayport jersey sponsors Scott & Fyfe missed out on tabloid exposure when Ralph whipped off his top in celebrating his goal at Johnstone. It's understood that the firm's directors are considering asking the Tayport players to wear peelable transfers of the firm's logo on their chests in high profile games.

Reserve keeper Michael Hankinson has returned to Montrose FC. He was required for the Gable Endies' controversial Tennents Scottish Cup win over Berwick and will likely be at Links Park for the rest of the season. He didn't have long to wait for first team action. Michael was thrust in at the deep end the following week against league leaders Peterhead after first choice No.1 Gary McGlynn was ordered off.

A welcome figure back at training for the past few sessions has been Grant Buist who hung his boots on a peg at the end of season 2000/01, taking them down only once since, at home against Bankfoot in the league cup a year past September. Grant had a workout v Lochee United in last Saturday's friendly and quickly made his mark by notching a goal - unfortunately it was an own goal!

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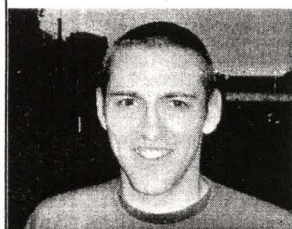
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NCR (North/Tayside) CUP

Second Round Results

Aberdeen East End	1 - 3	Lochee United
Aberdeen Lads Club	0 - 1	East Craigie
Banks O' Dee	0 - 2	Scone Thistle
Broughty Athletic	3 - 1	Cruden Bay
Buckie Rovers	2 - 3	Forfar West End
Carnoustie Panmure	3 - 1	Strathspey Thistle
Culter	3 - 0	Kirriemuir Thistle
Dundee North End	5 - 2	Longside
Dundee Violet	2 - 1	Dufftown
Forres Thistle	5 - 0	Bankfoot Athletic
Jeanfield Swifts	1 - 7	Glentannar
Kinnoull	2 - 3	Wilsons XI
Lossiemouth United	1 - 2	Dundee Downfield
Montrose Roselea	3 - 0	Formartine United
TAYPORT	3 - 0	Sunnybank
Turriff United	4 - 3	Elmwood

Third Round Draw

Ties are on Saturday 1st February 2003

Broughty Athletic	v	Dundee North End
Culter	v	Scone Thistle
Dundee Violet	v	Carnoustie Panmure
Forres Thistle	v	Lochee United
Glentannar	v	East Craigie
TAYPORT	v	Montrose Roselea
Turriff United	v	Dundee Downfield
Wilson's XI	v	Forfar West End

Tayside teams outnumber the North by eleven to five in the last sixteen of the NCR Cup but as fate would have it all remaining North teams have received the benefit of a home draw. All have a good chance of progressing to the quarter final stage although Lochee United, in particular, may beg to differ.

In the all Tayside clashes North End will not find it easy at Broughty Athletic while the all Super League clash where Violet entertain Carnoustie can go any way. For ourselves the visit of Montrose is a repeat of the Herschell Trophy match last August when we eventually triumphed following a penalty shoot out.

THE WEST OF SCOTLAND REGION

As today's visitors hail from the West the spotlight today falls on the leagues in the West of Scotland. As previously reported the West now has five Divisions - two Super Leagues - a Premier and First Division. Below this there is an Ayrshire District League and two Central District Leagues.

In the Premier Super League Pollok lead the way although, based on points dropped, Neilston are best placed followed by Kilwinning Rangers. Today's OVD Scottish Junior Cup fourth round opponents, Wishaw, are currently tenth in the Rockware Glass Central District Division Two. Tables as at 4th January in the West read:

Caledonian Paper Super League - Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
Pollok	12	5	6	1	26	14	12	21	
Kilwinning Rangers	9	5	2	2	19	10	9	17	
Glenafton Athletic	11	5	2	4	14	9	5	17	
Maryhill	10	4	2	4	16	14	2	14	
Neilston	7	4	2	1	14	14	0	14	
Larkhall Thistle	11	3	5	3	17	18	-1	14	
Cumnock	9	4	2	3	15	17	-2	14	
Kilbirnie Ladeside	9	3	3	3	16	15	1	12	
Auchinleck Talbot	9	3	2	4	17	16	1	11	
Johnstone Burgh	7	2	2	3	7	10	-3	8	
Irvine Meadow	8	1	2	5	9	21	-12	5	
Benburb	6	0	0	6	5	17	-12	0	

Rockware Glass Super League - Division One									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Arthurlie	10	5	3	2	18	12	18		
Bellshill Athletic	7	5	2	0	16	5	17		
Petershill	9	5	2	2	22	17	17		
Cambuslang Rangers	13	4	5	4	20	20	17		
Troon Juniors	10	5	1	4	17	21	16		
Hurford United	10	3	5	2	12	13	14		
Belth Juniors	9	4	1	4	18	15	13		
Renfrew	10	4	1	5	14	22	13		
Shettleston	10	3	2	5	13	14	11		
Largs Thistle	10	2	3	5	12	15	9		
Shotts Bon Accord	9	2	1	6	14	18	7		
Cumbernauld United	7	1	2	4	5	9	5		

Rockware Glass Ayrshire District League									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Lugar BT	10	7	2	1	36	14	23		
Muirkirk	8	7	1	0	20	5	22		
Maybole	8	6	2	0	20	9	20		
Salcoats Victoria	12	6	2	4	27	29	20		
Kello Rovers	10	5	2	3	32	20	17		
Annbank United	12	5	1	6	29	26	16		
Ardsrossan WR	14	5	1	8	29	35	16		
Craigmark	11	4	3	4	22	24	15		
Irvine Victoria	10	4	2	4	15	16	14		
Dalry Thistle	9	3	5	1	18	14	14		
Darvel	12	2	2	8	22	33	8		
Ardeer Thistle	10	2	1	7	17	34	7		
Whitlatts Victoria	12	1	0	11	19	47	3		

Abercorn Builders Central District Division One									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Kilsyth Rangers	11	10	1	0	33	11	31		
Rutherglen Glencairn	12	6	3	3	22	16	21		
East Kilbride Thistle	10	5	3	2	17	11	18		
Greenock Juniors	10	6	0	4	17	11	18		
Glasgow Perthshire	10	5	2	3	22	15	17		
Vale of Clyde	12	3	6	3	20	22	15		
Lesmahagow	12	4	3	5	17	22	15		
Vale of Leven	8	3	3	2	13	10	12		
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	11	3	3	5	15	21	12		
Lanark United	10	2	2	6	14	24	8		
St Roch's	10	1	4	5	10	16	7		
Blantyre Victoria	12	0	2	10	15	36	2		

Abercorn Builders Central District Division Two									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Dunipace	13	8	5	0	30	14	29		
Ashfield	12	8	0	4	31	20	24		
St Anthony's	9	4	4	1	18	8	16		
Baillieston	8	4	3	1	22	16	15		
Port Glasgow	9	3	4	2	23	16	13		
Yoker Athletic	9	4	1	4	14	15	13		
Thorniewood United	9	3	2	4	13	17	11		
Forth Wanderers	9	3	2	4	19	25	11		
Stonehouse Violet	6	2	2	2	11	10	8		
Wishaw	7	2	2	3	13	13	8		
Carlisle Rovers	11	1	3	7	14	31	6		
Coltness United	8	2	0	6	9	20	6		
Royal Albert	8	0	2	6	13	25	2		

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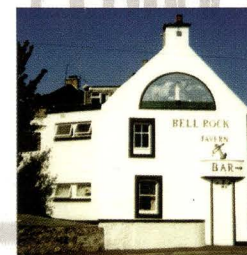
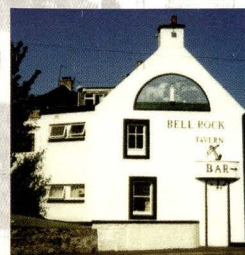
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