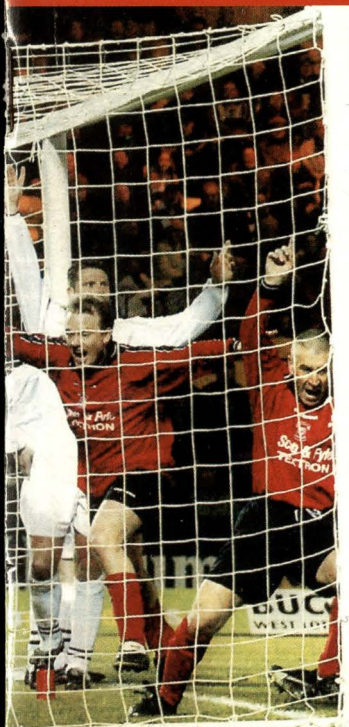


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✓ Bellshill Athletic or Kelty Hearts	WS1 EF	v	Linlithgow Rose	ES
✓ Bo'ness	EL1	v	Fauldhouse United	EL1
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	ES	v	Arthurlie	WS1 ✓
✓ Cumnock	WSP	v	Renfrew	WS1
✓ Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	WC1	v	Kilbirnie Ladeside	WSP
Maryhill	WSP	v	Hill of Beath Hawthorn or Petershill	ES WS1
✓ Shettleston	WS1	v	Beith	WS1 ✓
✓ TAYPORT	ES	v	Irvine Meadow	WSP

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

There are eighteen teams left in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup. The two replays take place today, weather permitting. Both replays are in Fife with Kelty Hearts meeting Bellshill Athletic following the amazing 3-3 draw three weeks ago. Kelty were three down and fought back for a well-deserved draw. Hill of Beath hosts the other replay against Petershill following a goalless draw three weeks ago.

Of the eighteen remaining teams eleven hail from the West and seven from the East. Four teams play in the West Super League Premier Division; six in the West Super First Division; one in the West Central First Division; four in the East Super League; two in the East Lothian Division One and one in the East Fife League.

A fuller analysis of the ties is included later in this programme.

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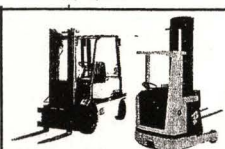
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Craik Brian	8	3	3	3	-	-	17
Evans, David	3	5	-	2	1	1	12
McNaughton, Barry	7	2	-	-	1	-	10
Ward, John	5	2	1	-	2	-	10
Ramsay, Alan	3	2	-	-	-	-	5
Dailly, Gareth	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
Hunter, Ralph	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Peters, Scott	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Stewart, Steven	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Gunnion, Ross	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Holden, Robbie	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mitchell, Jon	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	31	17	5	7	5	1	66

With a brace last week Brian Craik not only emphasised his position as the Club's top scorer but rose to the top of the chart in the Whyte & Mackay East Super League. League scorers are detailed later in the programme with three Tayport players in the top eighteen - "Birdie", Barry McNaughton and John Ward.

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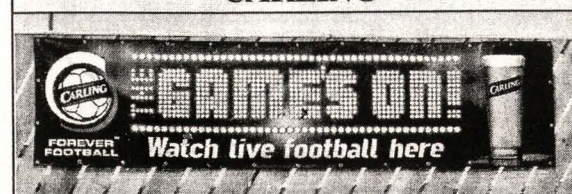
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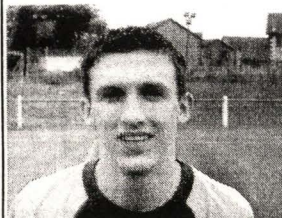
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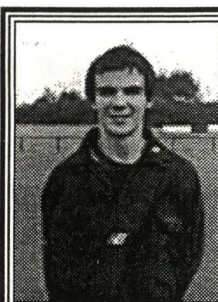
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TODAY'S GAME

OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

TAYPORT v IRVINE MEADOW

The 117th Scottish Junior Cup brings Tayport and Irvine Meadow together for the first time. Indeed games against Ayrshire teams have been something of a rarity for Tayport, Meadow being only the fifth time in 64 draws we have come out of the hat with opponents from that region.

Meadow have had a good season to date with a smooth run of four comfortable OVD victories taking them to this stage and an appearance already in a cup final, albeit a losing one when Auchinleck Talbot lifted the Ayrshire Region's League Cup in October by a 3-2 margin. The Caledonian Paper West Super League has been a bit more testing but there have, nevertheless, been some impressive wins for Meadow.

Player/manager Robert Reilly, the former Killie, Ayr and Clyde player, hasn't given himself too many starts this season, preferring the relative comfort of the bench. He beat the signing deadline last Thursday to fix up former Cumnock 'keeper Andy Black to replace regular custodian Steve Connick who is apparently unavailable for today.

James Noble, signed from the crack amateur side Knockentiber in 1997, looks set to play in defence for Meadow along with Ally McMillan, a 'window' signing from Stenhousemuir, who replaced regular James McKie in the last round against Dundonald Bluebell. Martyn Campbell, signed last season from Kello Rovers, and Craig Potter, signed from Ayr United this season are likely to complete the back division.

Paul Campbell, ex-Deans Thistle under 18s, Darwin Johnstone and the former Albion Rovers player Joe Flanagan will likely be in midfield and their is the possibility that a place can be found for Ray McDonald, signed this season from Annan Athletic.

Kevin Robison an attacking midfielder from Gretna, who has scored his fair share of goals this season, is likely to miss out after suffering an ankle injury in his side's last game against Johnstone Burgh. For goals it will be top scorer Chris Robertson and Brian Kerr, the latter signed two seasons ago from Morton, whom Meadow will be looking to pierce the home defence. Local youngster Jamie Allison has impressed on several occasions since being recruited at the start of the season. He had one of the goals which accounted for Hermes in the 3rd Round and could be handing a starting jersey if Kerr fails to recover sufficiently from a ligament injury.

Apart from Derek Wemyss, still working his way back to fitness following his leg break at Linlithgow, all Tayport players trained this week. Whether skipper Grant Paterson is considered fit enough, after missing two games, to return for what would be his 79th Scottish tie, remains to be seen. Ralph Hunter would not have been fit for last week but the big striker looks to have shaken off a knock to give the manager another attacking option.

This afternoon's refereeing team is Mr Tumilty from Eskbank, Midlothian, Mr Colvin from Edinburgh and Mr McLennan from Currie

MEDIA WATCH

The Sunday papers' coverage of Saturday's matches was par for the course with the editions sold here in Tayport, of the *Sunday Mail* and *NoW* anyway, not featuring Tayport v Bathgate, although the editions sold in Edinburgh did have coverage. Bet Bathgate wish it was the other way round!

Saturday's *Daily Record* had a big splash on Bathgate supported by a pic. of the club's prominent ex-Seniors while Friday's *Evening Tele* and Saturday's *Courier*, not surprisingly, headlined on the match of the day between the Super League's top two. 'Canniepairt Cracker' said the *Tele*... and they weren't wrong. *The Courier* on Saturday reported that Dave Baikie was introducing a change of pre-match routine in order to get his players fully focused for the afternoon's game. It must have worked, as the team tore into a three goal lead before some latecomers were even in the ground.

The Sun on Monday concentrated on the Cumnock v Kilsyth replay while the *Edinburgh Evening News* concentrated on the Bonnyrigg v Edinburgh United replay, with losing United boss tipping Bonnyrigg to go all the way "because of all the good attacking players they have"

The Courier reported on Monday that "Baikie's troops were in a commanding position" and Bathgate's secretary Peter Hart with something of an understatement said "we lost our discipline and paid for it" *The Evening Tele* said that the Canniepairt has seen many explosive games over the years but Saturday's must rank up there with the best of them. On Violet, the *Tele* said that only a minor miracle would keep them up following their defeat by North End and, of Carnoustie's defeat at Oakley, *Junicus* commented that the result kept Tom van der Ham's side in the boiling pot in the lower regions of the league.

Montrose's win at Lochee United warranted a headline in Monday's *Evening Telegraph*, describing the 2-0 success as the shock of the day, giving the Bluebells their first domestic defeat of the season. The *Tele* also had a snippet that ex 'Port player Bomber Harris had been put on the transfer list by Violet.

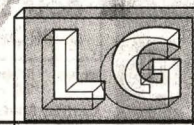
Last week's *Fife Herald* restored the 'Port report to the back page for the first time in weeks. In the *Glasgow Evening Times* this week reporter Jim O'Donnell stirred up a hornet's nest by saying that the transfer window has provided the clearest indication yet that Junior football is plunging into an ever-deepening financial crisis. Unrealistic demands of players and clubs unable to meet their contractual obligations are rife in the game, according to Jim. Jim asks "what will happen to the unsigned, unwanted, unwilling and unpaid?" Players are being freed because clubs can't afford to keep them and realising that they can't be sold other than during the open window.

Jim also has a story that Greenock are likely to lose the Larkfield Masonic Club as a sponsor because Rutherglen didn't go back for hospitality after Saturday's match between the sides. He quoted Greenock's Danny Gault who had launched into an attack on clubs who snubbed the home side in this way.

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MATCH REVIEW by DUNMORE

In Tayport's brief but illustrious junior history there has been no shortage of memorable matches and Saturday produced yet another never-to-be-forgotten encounter.

Bathgate Thistle arrived at the Canniepairt determined to leapfrog their hosts and take over leadership of the Whyte and Mackay East Super League. It was not to be their day. Tayport were simply too good.

As was the case against Wishaw, three goals in the first quarter of the game saw Tayport strip away their opponents' belief. A wonderful Allan Ramsay strike, a John Ward penalty and a dogged effort from Brian Craik were the tangible reward for 'Port's blistering start to the match.

Thereafter everything about Bathgate's contribution to the contest was negative. Paul Ferguson became the first player to be dismissed, shortly before Steven Stewart took Tayport's tally to four, with a deflected shot.

Sadly the second half degenerated into farce. The Creamery Park side, rightly, lost another three men due to their lack of discipline, leaving just seven teammates to combat the in-form team of junior football.

Two further goals were added during this bizarre period. Barry McNaughton created the fifth goal, finished off by Brian Craik, while Davie Evans came off the bench to head home the sixth, to complete the scoring.

So, in taking on their two closest challengers in the past two league fixtures, Dave Baikie's troops have netted eleven without reply. Things are looking promising!



THE BAIKER'S BIT

Oh for a Dougie McCorquodale. A ref. who would be the first to admit that he made an error or two but also an official who was a football man.

I'm certain if the decision was his prior to last week's game he would more than likely have put the question to both clubs "Do you both want to play this match? Yes? Well, let's get on with it but, make no mistake, if I think there's a problem then we stop." A common sense football approach.



Unfortunately these days we seem to have officials with too much to lose. They just can't afford to make a mistake, so take the easy option and call it off. That way, they still get paid and don't get into any trouble. Sad, really. There's absolutely no thought for the work, the people, the cost.

So, last Saturday's non-event turned into a long warm-up and a nine-a-side practice game where, incidentally, I recall only two players losing their footing over the duration of ninety minutes or so.

I said prior to our league victory against Bathgate the previous Saturday that it was vital we started the game well and once again we came out of the blocks flying. 3-0 ahead after 17 minutes gave Bathgate an enormous task ahead for the remainder of the game. Then, of course, the next ten minutes most certainly did nothing to help their situation, losing both a player sent off and a bit of ill fate on their part attached to our fourth goal.

So, after 30 minutes or so we were 4-0 up against our nearest rivals in the division. With them down to ten men, could things get better? Well, I suppose they did, finishing with a 6-0 victory. But people may ask the question, why did you only score two goals in the last hour when they ended up with only six outfield players on the park.

Believe me, it can become very difficult due to a number of factors. I consider that the main factor is psychological. The attacking side has too much of the ball and basically runs out of ideas to break the defending side down. The defending side goes into a damage limitation mode where they sit en bloc on their 18 yard line and make it very difficult to get in behind.

I can recall the same situation when I managed Arbroath in a Scottish Cup-tie against Partick Thistle. They were 2-1 up and ended up with seven outfield players and all they did was clear their lines, allowing us total possession to mount attack after attack throughout the second period.

We lost the game 2-1. The fans just couldn't fathom out why we couldn't score even an equaliser.

Another example seemingly happened at Largs when Eddie Turnbull, the then Scotland manager, stood behind a goal coaching a back four made up of would-be coaches and asked the full international squad to score a goal. It took 25 minutes for a goal to be scored, and it came from a 25 yard strike. So, let's not be too critical over that last twenty minutes or so when Bathgate were down to seven men.

Today we have another tremendous match in store, with Irvine Meadow our visitors for this 5th round Scottish Cup-tie and I'd like to welcome them to Tayport. This afternoon we have a very difficult game on our hands. Our opponents are a very talented side who play in the top division in the west of Scotland. We know what's at stake and what's required of us. We realise our attitude, discipline and workrate must be of the highest quality. I believe, as do our players, that we are capable of achieving victory and a place in the next round of this tournament.

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45	Dave Reilly	3	Allan Ramsay
17	Stevie Ross		John Ward
15	Hamish Mackay		Grant Cushnie
12	Kenny Cameron		Barrie Gray
11	Kevin Thoms		Ian Greig
7	Steven Stewart		Graham Nicol
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Our apologies for some of the content of this programme being a bit dated. You will appreciate that a programme had been prepared for last week's game which was postponed twenty five minutes prior to kick-off.

OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 5th ROUND PREVIEW

Never mind the 5th round, there are two 4th round ties still to be settled. Both are replays being played within a few miles of each other in west Fife, **Kelty (3) v Bellshill(3)** and **Hill of Beath (0) v Petershill (0)**. Kelty are having a fine season but Bellshill are still favourites to progress.

Don't look for many goals at Keir's Park. Petershill have got to this stage of the competition by scoring only TWO goals and conceding only one in four games so it will be tight but Haws should just scrape it.

In the 5th round at **Bo'ness** where **Fauldhouse** are the visitors, the locals will be looking to recent signing, the former Hearts striker Ian Ferguson, for a quick return on their investment, while the prolific Ian McMurray could be Fauldhouse's ace card. **PPP - home.**

Bonnyrigg are being widely tipped to go all the way and if **Arthurlie** can be accounted for at New Dundas Park, then they will have to be regarded as serious contenders. **PPP - draw.**

Cumnock have home advantage over **Renfrew** and this could just see them edge through, although their form has been far from impressive in the competition to date. **PPP - home**

Because of their current league position, **Kirkintilloch Rob Roy** was the draw most clubs were looking for, despite their big win at Carnoustie in the last round and the fact that they have been busy whilst the transfer window has been open, bringing in five new faces. Opponents **Kilbirnie Ladeside** just scraped it against North End in the last round and they will find it difficult again. **PPP - draw.**

Shettleston and **Beith** are both in the West Rockware Super Division One and look evenly matched. Shettleston showed their capabilities by negotiating a difficult hurdle in the last round v Strathspey Thistle but Beith were equally impressive, beating Hurlford by 3-0. This looks like it will take another game **PPP - draw.**

The winners at Kelty have a money spinning 5th round tie next week at home to holders **Linlithgow Rose**, whose fans turned up in such numbers at Troon in the last round that the game was delayed by 15 minutes.

Maryhill will be represented at Keir's Park to see who next week's visitors will be, local rivals Petershill or Hill of Beath. Maryhill are currently the competition's top scorers, so it'll be tricky for the visitors.

We hope to have as most of the results on the *Newsline* later this evening.

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Not the Juniors but the Amateurs. Up until 1968, Tayport had always entered the North of Tay Amateur Cup, as opposed to the Fife Amateur Cup. However that season, 1968/69, the club decided to enter the Fife Cup instead (clubs are only permitted to enter one regional cup). Having returned to play against Fife sides competitively this season, albeit at Junior level, we thought we would trace the club's progress through its years in the Fife Cup. This is the first in that series.

That first season, progress was only as far as a second round replay. However it had been a winning start at a muddy Beveridge Park in Kirkcaldy when Argos United were defeated 3-0 by a Tayport side containing five teenagers. The team was Derek White; Walter Kemp, Jim Mathers; Ronnie Laing, Jim Scott, Richard Redpath; Abby Oswald, George Ritchie, Ian White, Andy Johnstone, Doug Henderson. Sub. (and there was only one in those days) was Stan Cowe. For the record, Henderson, Ritchie and an own goal counted for Tayport.

35 years on D.White, Oswald, Ritchie and Henderson are regular attenders at The Canniepairt while Johnstone takes in our games in the Lothians, most recently the game at Edinburgh United.

The Argos tie was to be big Jim Scott's last game for some months as the following week he broke his leg in the local derby against Wormit.

Tayport drew a cracker in the next round in the shape of Methilhill Strollers away from home on the Saturday before Christmas. Two busloads of fans saw Tayport hold the cup favourites to a 1-1 draw in Methilhill with Dino Wallace taking Scott's place. A third White brother, Raymond, was also included, replacing Johnstone who was on the bench.

The biggest attendance for years gathered on the East Common in anticipation of a memorable home win for the locals but it wasn't to be with the Strollers edging through by 3-2, Andy Johnstone scoring both goals after coming on as a second half substitute.

Next time - controversy as Tayport are thrown out of the cup.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE TRAVEL CLUB

With the season at approximately the half-way point, it seems an opportune moment to remind the Canniepairt-only punters about the existence and availability of the Travel Club. Born out of a hastily convened but well attended meeting in Cobbies Inn before the start of the season, the Travel Club had it's full quota of 30 members within days. To date all 30 have never quite managed to attend the same match, which is quite fortuitous as we only run a 29 seater! There are, therefore, always a few seats available and non-members are welcome to take up the spare seats.



You'll always find a list in Cobbies in the week prior to away matches. Already this season the Super League has offered great opportunities for a 'grand day out' with the team's performances at Linlithgow and Hill of Beath being particularly memorable.

Our only away trip in the 'Scottish' to date (the replay defeat of Johnstone Burgh) was voted a resounding on-field and off-field success (even by the lady supporter who suffered from a self-inflicted Mickey Finn - a hardy lot in the travel club!).

Although the number one objective of the Travel Club is the vocal support it can give the team, you will realise that cultural pursuits, such as the architectural and social history of the hostelrys of Lothians and Fife, come high on the agenda. There was a superb four hour burst of culture after the recent trip to play Edinburgh United and, with Arniston and Bonnyrigg still to be visited, a return to Auld Reekie is not beyond the realms of possibility.

A life line for the Travel Club has been the opportunity to become involved in the Tayport FC Super Six Lottery. This has kept members' (and non-members') expenses down to an absolute minimum and, at this juncture, just a 'gentle' reminder to keep selling those tickets and get them into Cobbies by 4pm on Sundays.

Finally thanks to all those who have supported us by way of donations for our bus raffles - Andy Phin, Jim Cherry, Alastair Oswald, Bob Robertson, Willie Braid, Bob Sparks - and if I've omitted anyone, please forgive me, but it is much appreciated.

A final thanks to our regular driver, Mitch, who, fortunately, is as daft as the rest of us!

T.C. Mole (Esq)

Supporting the 'Port

TAYPORT v BATHGATE THISTLE 25th January 2003 – The Canniepairt

A very honest opinion from Ian Anderson, Bathgate Thistle, following last week's match. This was extracted verbatim from the Junior Forum Web Site.

"Way back on the 5th of October 1946, Bathgate Thistle endured their heaviest ever defeat: a 9-0 reverse at Bo'hess. Through reasons of biology and chronology I managed to miss that particular match, but I would bet a fair amount that that game wasn't any more one sided than the humiliating mis-match I witnessed this afternoon.

That Tayport failed to reach double figures was only due to the fact they appeared to lose interest in the whole proceedings after about 25 minutes. By this point the home side were four up and facing a 10 man Bathgate side, after Paul Ferguson's late lunge was deemed worthy of a red card. For the remainder of the match Tayport nonchalantly strolled through the afternoon, treating the whole affair as a not particularly taxing training session.

The only points of any note during the final hour were the disgraceful displays of childish petulance shown by David Murphy, Fraser Love and Eddie Petrie. All of whom were quite correctly sent packing by the ref, leaving Bathgate to finish the game with seven players. Although the source of each misdemeanour was frustration pure and simple, the bottom line is if you are not prepared to take an occasional pasting from a superior side, you should not be playing at this level. All three let the club down badly this afternoon, and if I had my way, all three would be receiving telephone calls tomorrow morning informing them that their presence at Creamery Park was no longer required.

Better sides than ourselves have received and will receive a sore face at the hands of this Tayport side, and it is undoubtedly a mark of how far Willie Hill has taken Bathgate Thistle that there is very real disappointment that we will not win this league. Folks should remember it was not so long ago an East Region Second Division win at Broxburn would have been considered a major achievement."

One of the Bathgate players, Stewart Ritchie, responded:

"Just read your comments on the game. I've got to stick up for David Murphy for his sending off as although he did make a gesture towards the Tayport player the abuse that he had taken from the same player was equally as bad if not worse. In the first half the centre half raised his hands and retaliated against David's challenge and throughout the game the centre half verbally abused him, when David repaid the compliments he was sent off. No complaints about the other sendings off although I thought Paul Ferguson's was harsh and so did the Tayport player I was up against, but by that time it was 3-0 and they were well in charge anyway."

Ian responded as follows:

"Fair comment. I watched David being wound up by his marker during the first half, but that (as I am sure you are aware) is just part and parcel of the game, and he needs to learn to cope with it. Any defender worth his salt uses all manner of mind games to gain the upper hand."

D J LAING HOMES LEAGUE CUP

Notwithstanding the fact that we are holders of the **D J Laing Homes Cup** we are not taking part in the competition this season as it is recognised as the League Cup for teams competing in the Tayside District Leagues.

The competition has reached the semi-final stage and today's opponents, Montrose Roselea, are in the last four. Matches started away back in August last year with five teams in four sections with the top two in each section qualifying for the quarterfinal. Quarterfinal results of last week's matches were:

Dundee Downfield	3 - 1	Kinnoul
Kirriemuir Thistle	3 - 4	Forfar West End
Lochee United	0 - 2	Montrose Roselea
Scone Thistle	4 - 0	Arbroath Victoria



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Whyte & Mackay East Super League
Saturday 25th January 2003 - The Canniepairt, Tayport
TAYPORT 6 - 0 BATHGATE THISTLE



Brian Craik crashes the ball home for the fifth after great work by Barry McNaughton



All seven remaining Bathgate players work to clear a corner



Not a lot of help about for the Bathgate custodian as Dailly, Craik and Ward look to add to the score

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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	Craik	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	Craik 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)	Craik (6)		303
Aug 24	Linlithgow Rose	L	A	W 3 -0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craik 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	Craik	Scott	Stewart	Mitchell	Dailly	McNaughton	Craik (6)			268
Sept 7	Oakley United	L	A	W 2 -0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters	Ramsay	Stewart	Craik 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	Craik 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	Craik (2)	Stewart (10)	Holden (11) 1	226
Sept 28	Arbroath SC	N1	A	W 2 -0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craik	Ramsay	Stewart	Mitchell	Craik 1	McNaughton	Dailly (10)	Holden (11)		76
Oct 5	BONNYRIGG ROSE	L	H	W 1 -0	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Paterson	Ward	Craik	Peters	Ramsay	Stewart	Craik	Dailly	McNaughton	Gunnion (2)	Evans (10) 1	Mitchell (6)	281
Oct 12	Carnoustie Panmure	L	A	D 1 -1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Craik	Peters	Evans	Stewart	Craik	Morris	McNaughton	Dailly (10)	Mitchell (12)		105
Oct 19	KIRKCALDY YM	RL1	H	W 7 -0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Morris	Craik	Craik 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	Craik	Craik	Ramsay 2	Scott	Mitchell	Dailly 2	Evans	Gunnion (5)	Stewart (8)	McNaughton (11)	205
Nov 2	SUNNYBANK	N2	H	W 3 -0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Gunnion 1	Craik 2	Ramsay	Stewart	Mitchell	Scott	McNaughton	Evans (10)	Holden (6)		201
Nov 9	COUPAR ANGUS	S2	H	W 8 -1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Gunnion	Craik	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	Craik 1	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Evans	McNaughton	Peters (10)	Hunter (8)	Holden (6)	97
Nov 30	LINLITHGOW ROSE	L	H	W 2 -0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Craik	Ramsay	Stewart	Dailly	Mitchell	McNaughton 1	Evans (6)	Hunter (10)		309
Dec 7	JOHNSTONE BURG	S3	H	D 1 -1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Craik 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	Craik	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	Craik 1	Peters	Stewart	Mitchell	Hunter	McNaughton 3	Dailly (6)	Evans (10)	Holden (9)	387
Jan 18	WISHAW	S4	H	W 6 -1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Peters	Ward	Morris	Craik 2	Ramsay 1	Stewart	Scott	Hunter 1	McNaughton 1	Dailly (10)	Evans (6) 1	Holden (11)	348
Jan 25	BATHGATE THISTLE	L	H	W 6 -0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Peters	Ward 1	Morris	Craik 2	Ramsay 1	Stewart 1	Scott	Hunter	McNaughton	Dailly (10)	Evans (3) 1	Mitchell (6)	364
Feb 8	IRVINE MEADOW	S5	H	2.15															
Feb 15																			
Feb 22																			

NEXT WEEK

Details of our fixture for next Saturday - 15th
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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 1st February 2003

TEAM	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
TAYPORT	13	5	1	1	17	4	5	1	0	14	1	26	32	
Bathgate Thistle	13	3	2	1	13	9	5	1	1	15	14	7	27	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	11	3	0	2	8	8	4	2	0	18	7	11	23	
Linlithgow Rose	14	4	1	2	16	11	3	1	3	14	13	6	23	
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	13	5	1	1	16	10	2	0	4	10	14	2	22	
Dundee North End	13	2	4	1	14	11	3	1	2	11	9	5	20	
Arniston Rangers	10	4	1	1	12	7	1	1	2	8	11	2	17	
Glenrothes	12	2	0	3	8	6	2	4	1	7	5	4	16	
Carnoustie Panmure	14	3	2	3	17	18	1	1	4	7	11	-5	15	
Oakley United	13	2	2	3	9	14	0	1	5	4	15	-16	9	
Dundee Violet	14	2	0	4	12	16	0	1	7	10	29	-23	7	
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		4-2
Bathgate Th	4-4			2-1	3-0	0-0		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		1-0	4-4	0-0		1-2			0-2	2-1
Tayport	3-0	6-0	1-0			0-2	0-0	2-1				5-1
Violet		2-3	3-4	2-0	3-2		1-5		1-2			

League Guide to Form

(most recent result to the right)

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

League Top Goalscorers

Player	Club	Goals
Craig, Brian	Tayport	8
Flynn, Davie	Linlithgow Rose	7
McNaughton, Barry	Tayport	7
Thomson, Martyn	Hill of Beath	7
Bailey, Lee	Bonnyrigg Rose	6
Wright, Darren	Hill of Beath	6
Andrew, Benny	Glenrothes	5
Bonella, Darren	Dundee North End	5
Devine, Chris	Dundee Violet	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, Andrew	Bathgate Thistle	5
Smart, Craig	Hill of Beath	5
Ward, John	Tayport	5
Watt, David	Bonnyrigg Rose	5

Latest Results

25th January 2003

Oakley United	1-0	Carnoustie
TAYPORT	6-0	Bathgate Th
Violet	1-2	North End

Today's Matches

8th February 2003

Today's league fixtures were not available at the time of going to press

Next Week's Fixtures

15th February 2003

Next week's league fixtures were not available at the time of going to press



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Scottish Junior Football Association North of Scotland Region

NCR Cup week - so a chance to provide an update on the North of Scotland Region. There are no North teams remaining in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup and only five in the NCR Cup. Saying this all are at home today and stand a good chance of progressing to the last eight.

In the North Super League, the Printagraph Premier Division, FC Stoneywood leads the way although on points dropped, Culter are best placed. At the bottom Deveronside already look doomed while Wilson's XI are also struggling. In the East District League Turriff United are setting the pace whilst in the West, Forres Thistle lead although Islavale can overtake them if they win their games in hand. With fourteen teams in this Division there is however a long way to go. In particular, Strathspey Thistle, currently languishing in tenth spot has yet to play nineteen league matches. Looks like lots of midweek travelling when the bright nights or should we say, Northern Lights, return!

Printagraph Premier Division							
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Stoneywood	16	12	0	4	32	23	36
Sunnybank	14	9	2	3	36	18	29
Longside	14	8	2	4	28	19	26
Stonehaven	14	7	3	4	37	25	24
Culter	11	8	0	3	23	12	24
Glentanar	14	7	2	5	34	24	23
Cruden Bay	13	6	3	4	31	21	21
Formartine United	14	5	3	6	24	31	18
Hermes	15	5	2	8	30	33	17
Lads Club	15	5	2	8	25	29	17
Banks O'Dee	10	3	4	3	19	17	13
Aberdeen East End	10	3	2	5	16	21	11
Wilson's XI	15	2	3	10	13	37	9
Deveronside	15	0	2	13	14	52	2

Camstruction Division One (East)							
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turriff United	13	10	1	2	33	20	31
Fraserburgh United	16	9	3	4	34	25	30
Banchory St Tern	15	8	2	5	38	29	28
Lewis United	16	9	1	6	32	25	28
Ellon United	15	7	4	4	28	22	25
Dyce Juniors	16	7	2	7	36	33	23
Parkvale	16	4	1	11	25	41	13
Hall Russell United	13	4	0	9	31	45	12
Buchanhaven	16	2	2	12	25	41	8

Scotscoup Division One (West)							
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forres Thistle	15	13	1	1	56	14	40
Islavale	13	11	2	0	39	9	35
Buckie Rovers	15	10	2	3	41	16	32
New Elgin	15	9	3	3	48	22	30
Dufftown	13	9	1	3	50	25	28
Lossiemouth Utd	14	8	1	5	36	27	25
Burghead Thistle	15	4	5	6	34	18	17
Whitehills	16	4	5	7	33	41	17
Bishopmill United	15	4	3	8	20	37	15
Strathspey Thistle	7	4	2	1	24	5	14
Fochabers	16	3	3	10	21	68	12
Nairn St Ninian	16	2	4	10	26	40	10
Kinloss FC	14	2	0	12	23	73	6
RAF Lossiemouth	16	0	2	14	18	74	2

League tables courtesy of the website of Forres Thistle Football Club -
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FORMER TAYPORT PLAYER MAKES THE HEADLINES

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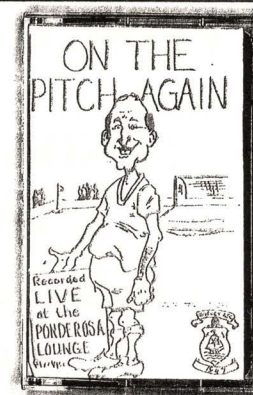
Thought he was going to die

Former Tayport Amateurs player, the legendary Mickey Hall, had a brush with death to work on Monday past when a 12" splinter of wood flew from a machine on which he was working and lodged in his head, piercing his temple, going right behind the eye before lodging inside his mouth.

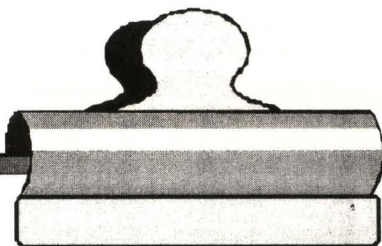
Removal of the splinter necessitated a 4 hour operation.

Mickey, a striker, played for the club in the late 70s and early 80s and is remembered as much for his off the field antics as those on the field.

He must be the only player who has turned up for an away trip in the Scottish Cup dressed in a white suit a la John Travolta.



Mickey, or Leslie to give him his real name, also featured prominently on the live recording (cassette cover pictured above right) the club made in the Ponderosa in 1981, singing (?) the opening number which went something like "His name is Mickey Hall and he's the leader of the team, the finest centre forward the world has ever seen" We wish Mickey a full recovery.



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1992/93 CUMNOCK 1 TAYPORT 4

AUCHINLECK TALBOT 0 TAYPORT 3 (SEMI FINAL)

GLENAFTON 1 TAYPORT 0 (FINAL AT FIRHILL)

1995/96 TAYPORT 2 AUCHINLECK TALBOT 0 (SEMI FINAL)

1997/98 CUMNOCK 1 TAYPORT 2

Irvine Meadow's progress to round 5

R. 1 **Meadow** 6 - 0 Deveronside (Robertson 3, Flanagan, Potter, Bone)

R.2 Scone Th 0 - 6 **Meadow** (Robertson 2, Robison 2, Campbell, Kerr)

R.3 **Meadow** 3 - 1 Hermes (Robertson, Robison, Allison)

R.4 **Meadow** 2 - 1 Dundonald Bluebell (M.Campbell, Allison)



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Saturday, Canniepairt, Easter Road, Wednesday and Madrid on Sunday!

That's the seven day itinerary for super enthusiastic football fan Joe Kimmet, chef at Scotsraig Golf Club. Joe, who takes in football matches all over the country as well as most games on the Canniepairt, was at the Bathgate game a week past last Saturday. Being a Hibs fan, Joe also took in the Rangers game in midweek and flew out to Madrid last Saturday to take in that evening's Athletic Madrid v Barcelona match in the Spanish capital - the ticket for which, was a Christmas present from wife Fiona. And there's more! He took in a Spanish Liga Div.2 match on Sunday, Alcorcon 3 Pontevedra 4, before returning to his kitchen on Tuesday.

MEDIA WATCH - EXTRA

Bathgate will really need to get the chip off their shoulder. Disparaging remarks followed last season's OVD ties and they were at it again in last Friday's *Edinburgh Evening News*. Manager Willie Hill, instead of looking a bit closer to home, bleated ".....to be honest, I thought the referee lost the plot. I don't think a Dundee referee should have been given a game like that"

There's little doubt who lost the plot a week past Saturday....and it wasn't the referee! Incidentally it might interest Mr Hill to know that the referee, Mr Brown, comes from deepest Fife and was refereeing at the Canniepairt for the first time. Unfortunately the readers of the capital's evening paper now know that Bathgate's defeat was solely down to a biased referee who was to blame for four visiting players being sent off.

The *West Lothian Courier* gave the match the headline in their Junior coverage. The defeat was described as "humiliating, a terribly disappointing reversal for the Creamery Park side".

Pride of place in last weekend's press must go to the *Fife Herald* who sent their photographer to the game and three good action photographs accompanied an excellent and well balanced back page report - a report which accurately described the events of the afternoon.

Looking forward to this afternoon's game, we can have a look at the *Irvine Herald's* pre-match comments on last week's subsequently postponed, Kilbirnie v Meadow West Super League game. "Irvine Meadow manager Robert Reilly was pleased with his team's performance in the win over Johnstone Burgh and is looking for more of the same when they head for Kilbirnie Ladeside.

"There was a lot of pressure on the players to get the points and they rose to it in style," said Reilly. "We've had a lot of difficult away games in this league, but our home form remains solid and that augurs well for the rest of the season"

This week the *Irvine Herald* headlined on two signings that beat the deadline, Keeper Andy Black and Barry Crawford a youngster being given the chance to resurrect his career after a couple of years at Ibrox. The Herald reported on the postponement at Kilbirnie with the travelling Meadow fans far from happy. The pitch looked in perfect condition according to one disgruntled fan. But manager Reilly wouldn't get drawn into controversy. He said "It would have been all too easy to pick up an injury and with both teams facing Scottish ties this week, it was probably a wise decision" Reilly went on to tell the paper that he had recruited former Senior teammates, including Bobby Geddes, to help him plot Tayport's downfall. Everyone at Meadow Park is determined to book a place in the quarter finals, and his side is going to give it a real go, according to the Irvine boss.

PATIENT POLLOK HOLD OUT

Port supporter Martyn Robertson, now resident in Glasgow, has been taking in some Junior games in the West and submitted this report for the Port Prog.

Pollok vs Glenafton - Caledonian Paper, West of Scotland Super League Saturday 1st February 2pm, Newlandsfield Park, Glasgow.

Newlandsfield is an exciting place these days for football since the introduction of the West Super League. Games here are fast, exciting and close contests with a large number of home and away fans turning out each week in support.

The previous week, Pollok fans were treated to an excellent game against Kilwinning Rangers which was watched by nearly 900 fans - Pollok scored in the latter part of the game to win 1-0 with Kilwinning down to 9 men!

Last Saturday with the sun shining both teams started brightly in this game and some early shots on goal suggested both teams were out to attack at every opportunity. Pollok were gaining more possession and the break of the ball as the first half progressed. Winger Jimmy McPhee was tearing through the Glens defence twisting and turning and swinging some terrific crosses into the danger area but strikers McWilliams and McNeill couldn't beat the huge Glens keeper Matthews. Glenafton didn't look shy on the counter attack either, and Ian Wilson did have some important saves to make after several blunders by Pollok's Italian defender Mario Pacitti.

Half Time 0-0

The second half began at the same fast pace as the first half had ended although the weather had changed drastically with the traditional Glasgow downpour arriving and forcing home and away fans to mix and mingle in the home enclosure. Glenafton started strongly and outplayed Pollok for much of the second half and were finally given the reward in the 75th minute when Scott Millar sent a 20 yard shot past keeper Wilson.

Pollok manager Ronnie Lowrie changed things around and went all out attack with three up front. In the 82nd minute Drew McWilliams equalised for Pollok with an excellent back heel flick at the near post from a Joe Bryers corner. It looked as if it would end this way but Pollok were leaving wide open spaces in defence for Glenafton to capitalise on and, with two minutes to go, Glenafton scored - Dougie Johnstone making it 2-1.

Pollok had a Paul McNeill shot saved from the kick off and the referee appeared to raise his arm to signal the end of the game. Instead he decided to play a further 6 minutes of unnecessary injury time - to the delight of the home support as Pollok won a free kick just outside the area which was met by ex-Dunfermline player Stevie Gayne who snatched a late point for Pollok.

This turned out to be a good result for league-leaders Pollok on a day that other title rivals failed to win. Glenafton on the other hand will feel they should have taken more from the game and were clearly very upset with the match officials at the final whistle.

Another great advert for Junior football - the new league has definitely improved the standard, the pace and the entertainment.

Match rating - 7/10

IRVINE MEADOW XI - ONE OF THE JUNIOR GREATS

Today we welcome Irvine Meadow from Ayrshire, the very core of Scottish Junior Football, to The Canniepairt for the first time for this afternoon's fifth round tie in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup.

Very few clubs can boast a Scottish Junior pedigree like Irvine Meadow XI. Nine semi final appearances, five cup final appearances and three times their name is inscribed on the grand old trophy.

Formed in 1897, Irvine Meadow, took fifty one years to reach their first final but in the ensuing twenty five years had eached another four finals and won the cup three times.

One of the common factors in the Meadow finals is the huge attendances they attracted. In 1948 Meadow lost 1-2 to Bo'ness before an enormouscrowd of 55,602 but three years later an amazing 77,650, nearly 10,000 more than the capacity these days at Old Trafford, rolled up to see them lose to Petershill in the 1951 Junior Cup final. Meadow would be glad of just the 650 at a match these days.

In 1959, the attendance for the first of their three successes, a 2-1 win over Shettleston, was 65,000, 5,000 more than a full house at Celtic Park today.

Within four years, however, the attendance had slumped to 21,384 for a 2-1 win over Glenafton but on their last appearance in the final in 1973, there was a crowd of 25,000 at Hampden to see Irvine beat Cambuslang Rangers 1-0. Just where have all the fans gone?

2003 is the pearl anniversary of that triumph and today the Ayrshire club, now playing in the West Super League, will be looking to take another step on the way to commemorating that anniversary in style.

Last season Meadow reached the fifth round but, prior to that, their only real mark on the competition over the best part of fifteen years was a semi-final appearance in 1987.

Around 150 fans are expected to follow the team from Ayrshire to the Canniepairt for today's game.

En route to the last 32, Meadow have eliminated Deveronside and Scone each by 6-0, Hermes by 3-1 and Dundonald Bluebell by 2-1.

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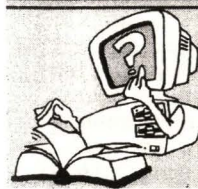
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WEATHER DECIMATED LAST WEEK'S NCR PROGRAMME

Only one game went ahead as scheduled in the NCR Tayside /North Regional Cup competition last Saturday, Super League North End edging out Broughty Athletic by the odd goal in five, Tayport's OVD Cup Final goal hero of '96 hitting a late winner.

Apart from our own outstanding tie against Montrose, postponed in controversial circumstances last week, the other ties go on today - if the snow that swept the north earlier in the week, permits. Every one of the five surviving North teams has been drawn at home so the cup committee will be hoping for a fair representation in the quarter finals to give a balanced last eight. On paper each of these North sides has a better than even chance of going through. Scone's good form will be severely tested at Culter as will Lochee United's at Forres. The Bluebells, still smarting from their defeat by Montrose, will find one of the better Scotscup League sides a hot handful.

Downfield are at Turriff, Forfar WE are at Wilson's XI and East Craigie are at Glentanar - all potential banana skins for the Tayside clubs. At Glenesk, two sides well out of form, Violet and Carnoustie, will be looking for a pick-me-up.



ANY QUESTIONS ?

your questions answered and pub arguments settled.
Just tell, hand or phone your query to a committee member and Ann Oraque will try to find the answer.

Q. Have Tayport ever lost a match to a North Region side? - Frank

A. The record against North clubs is impressive but the answer is yes. It was a 2-1 home defeat by Banks o' Dee in the third round of the Zamoyiski Trophy in 1993/94, a result which blighted an otherwise unbeaten 20 game run.

Q. Did Dundee United ever tour Africa? - Arab

A. You've a good memory. They toured all over Africa for a month in the summer of 1963 playing matches in Nigeria (against Stationery Stores FC), Nyasaland, Rhodesia and South Africa.

Q. Have Tayport ever ended up playing against seven men before - Andy

A. Don't think so. A week past Saturday was the first unless anybody can recall differently.

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



Grant Miller, man of the match in Carnoustie's OVD semi-final win at Dens Park a couple of seasons ago, is out in the cold at Westfield Park these days. Grant was a spectator at the Canniepairt for the Bathgate game whilst his team were slipping into relegation trouble by losing at Oakley United. Manager Tom van der Ham and Hobi aren't seeing eye to eye.

Super Six partners St John's FC from Perth are still in the Scottish Amateur Cup following a good 3-2 win at Ballinluig a week pastlast Saturday. Saints play Milton of Campsie in the sixth round this afternoon. We wish them well.

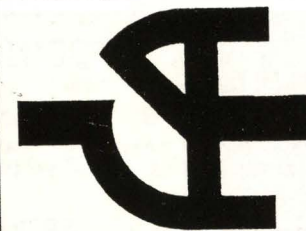
North End beat the transfer deadline to sign central defender Colin Sinclair from Glenrothes for a fee understood to be around £4,000. Sinclair made his debut in Dokens' 3-2 extra time win at Broughty last Saturday.

Clydebank, whose place in the Scottish League was taken by Airdrie United are set to return - as Juniors. The club is to apply for membership at the AGM.

Hospitality packages at Canniepairt are proving very popular. So much so, that today's cup-tie v. Irvine Meadow was sold out *before* the draw was made! Still a chance to book up for forthcoming games, though, e.g. Rosyth in the Redwood Leisure tie due in a few weeks time and there are still league games v North End, Carnoustie, Oakley and Edinburgh. Make your booking now by contacting Tom Borland.

The non-league pressure group, Pyramid News is pushing for the following changes to the Junior game. 1.No OVD Cup games from Dec - Feb. 2. Super League clubs seeded out of round one of the OVD Cup. 3.Shorter, all-in league cups. 4.Integration with the Senior calendar, thus making room for the top clubs to play in the Qualifying Cup. 5. A complete fixture list July - October and December - February. We'll see.

Considering that it was being played before a nationwide Sky TV audience, it was disappointing to see that the Arbroath players didn't have their names on the back of their jerseys for the Cup tie v Rangers. After all, the cost of a set of jerseys would hardly have made a dent in the takings and, as well as being able to identify the players on the box, it would have been a fine souvenir for the players of probably the only time they would feature on live nationwide TV.



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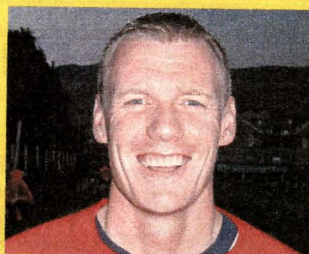
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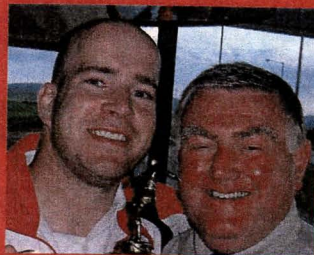
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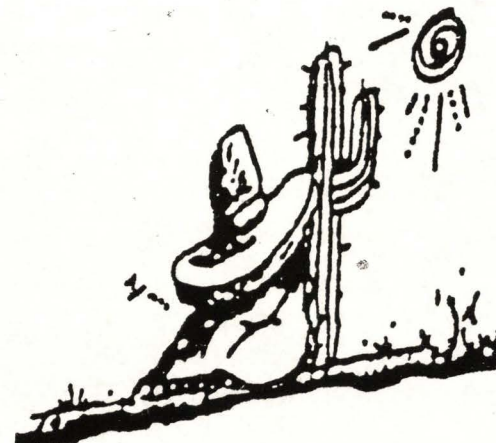
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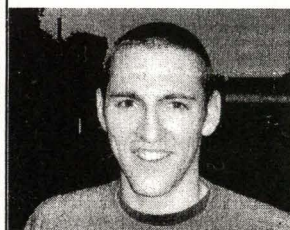
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NCR (North/Tayside) CUP

First Round Results (Tayside)

Arbroath Sporting Club	0 - 2	TAYPORT
Arbroath Victoria	0 - 3	Dundee North End
Brechin Victoria	1 - 7	Kirriemuir Thistle
Forfar West End	2 - 1	Blairgowrie
Lochee United	5 - 1	Coupar Angus
Luncarty	3 - 8	Broughty Athletic
Kinnoull	3 - 0	Lochee Harp
Scone Thistle	4 - 1	Forfar Albion

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	Wilson's 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 being played today with the exception of
Broughty/North End (played last week) and Tayport/Montrose Roselea (TBA)

Broughty Athletic	2 - 3	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

Whyte & Mackay Tayside District League Premier Division

	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broughty Athletic	8	5	2	1	19	11	17
Lochee United	6	4	2	0	17	8	14
Elmwood	7	4	1	2	12	8	13
Arbroath SC	6	4	0	2	10	10	12
Forfar West End	7	3	2	2	13	14	11
East Craigie	8	2	3	3	12	16	9
Montrose Rose	7	2	2	3	14	12	8
Arbroath Victoria	8	1	2	5	12	19	5
Downfield	4	1	0	3	5	9	3
Kirriemuir Thistle	7	0	2	5	7	17	2

Whyte & Mackay Tayside District League First Division

	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kinnoull	8	6	2	0	35	7	20
Scone Thistle	6	6	0	0	17	4	18
Blairgowrie	8	5	1	2	21	9	16
Forfar Albion	8	5	1	2	21	12	16
Coupar Angus	7	4	1	2	15	7	13
Luncarty	10	2	3	5	16	24	9
Lochee Harp	7	2	0	5	16	25	6
Jeanfield Swifts	8	2	0	6	11	24	6
Brechin Victoria	9	1	2	6	7	30	5
Bankfoot Ath	7	0	2	5	5	22	2

THE WEST OF SCOTLAND REGION

As today's visitors hail from the West the spotlight today again 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 fifth round opponents, Irvine Meadow, are currently eleventh in the Caledonian Paper Super League Premier Division. Tables as at 1st February in the West read:

Caledonian Paper Super League - Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
Pollok	15	7	7	1	29	14	15	28	
Glenafton Athletic	14	6	4	4	20	14	6	22	
Kilwinning Rangers	11	5	3	3	20	12	8	18	
Maryhill	12	5	2	5	17	15	2	17	
Larkhall Thistle	13	4	5	4	20	20	0	17	
Cumnock	10	5	2	3	16	17	-1	17	
Neilston	9	4	4	1	17	17	0	16	
Auchinleck Talbot	12	4	3	5	22	20	2	15	
Kilbriem Ladeside	10	3	3	4	17	18	-1	12	
Johnstone Burgh	10	3	2	5	10	14	-4	11	
Irvine Meadow	9	2	2	5	11	22	-11	8	
Benburb	9	0	1	8	6	22	-16	1	

Rockware Glass Super League - Division One									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Arthurlie	12	7	3	2	26	10	24		
Troon Juniors	12	7	1	4	19	20	22		
Renfrew	12	6	1	5	17	23	19		
Bellshill Athletic	7	5	2	0	16	5	17		
Petershill	9	5	2	2	22	17	17		
Cambuslang Rangers	15	4	5	6	21	23	17		
Hurford United	12	3	5	4	13	22	14		
Beith Juniors	9	4	1	4	18	15	13		
Largs Thistle	13	3	4	6	15	18	13		
Shettleston	12	3	2	7	14	18	11		
Shotts Bon Accord	12	3	2	7	19	25	11		
Cumbernauld United	9	2	2	5	13	13	8		

Rockware Glass Ayrshire District League									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Lugar BT	13	9	2	2	41	21	29		
Muirkirk	11	9	1	1	29	9	28		
Maybole	11	8	2	1	32	16	26		
Dalry Thistle	12	6	5	1	27	16	23		
Saltcoats Victoria	15	7	2	6	33	26	23		
Kello Rovers	13	6	3	4	38	26	21		
Annbank United	15	6	2	7	38	34	20		
Irvine Victoria	13	6	2	5	19	19	20		
Ardrossan W R	15	6	1	8	31	36	19		
Craigmark	13	5	3	5	26	31	18		
Darvel	14	2	2	10	23	38	8		
Ardeer Thistle	13	2	1	10	24	47	7		
Whitlits Victoria	14	1	0	13	23	55	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	14	8	3	3	30	16	27		
Greenock Juniors	13	6	2	5	19	14	20		
East Kilbride Thistle	12	5	4	3	19	14	19		
Vale of Clyde	13	4	6	3	23	24	18		
Glasgow Perthshire	11	5	2	4	22	22	17		
Vale of Leven	10	4	4	2	16	10	16		
Lesmahagow	14	4	4	5	19	26	16		
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	12	3	4	5	17	23	13		
St Roch's	12	2	4	6	12	19	10		
Lanark United	11	2	3	6	15	25	9		
Blantyre Victoria	13	0	3	10	16	37	3		

Abercorn Builders Central District Division Two									
	Pd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Dunipace	14	9	5	0	33	15	32		
Ashfield	13	8	0	5	31	24	24		
St Anthony's	11	6	4	1	25	13	22		
Thorniewood United	11	5	2	4	19	18	17		
Baillieston	10	4	4	2	25	20	16		
Yoker Athletic	10	4	2	4	16	17	14		
Port Glasgow	10	3	5	2	28	19	14		
Forth Wanderers	10	3	2	5	20	27	11		
Wishaw	8	2	3	3	15	15	9		
Stonehouse Violet	7	2	2	3	14	14	8		
Carlisle Rovers	13	1	5	7	19	36	8		
Coltness United	9	2	1	6	10	21	7		
Royal Albert	10	0	3	7	16	30	3		

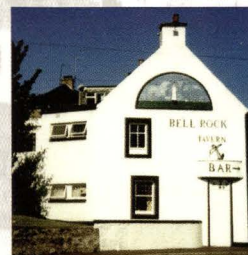
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