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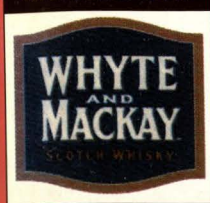
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1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1998/99,  
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O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup (holders)  
Whyte & Mackay East Region Super League (holders)  
NCR (Tayside & North Region Clubs) Cup (holders)  
Redwood Leisure (Fife/Tayside) Trophy  
Findlay & Co. (Currie) Cup  
North End Challenge Cup (holders)

### TAYSIDE JFA Player of the Year

Sean Wilkie	1993/94
Grant Paterson	1994/95
Dave Reilly	1995/96
Grant Buist	1999/00

### TAYSIDE JFA Top Goalscorer

Dave Reilly	1992/93
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Dave Reilly	1995/96
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2	Scott PETERS		Gary SMITH
3	Grant PATERSON		Chris DOLAN
4	John WARD		David MUIRHEAD
5	Derek WEMYSS		Martin MOONEY
6	Brian CRAIK		Kevin DONNELLY
7	Allan RAMSAY		Dale RYAN
8	Steven STEWART		Jamie LONEY
9	Ralph HUNTER		Kevin THOMAS
10	John ELLIOTT		George O'BOYLE
11	Sean CHRISTIE		Dougie TODD
12	Roberto MORRIS		Paul McCLUSKEY
13	Barry McNAUGHTON		John MARTIN
14	Gareth DAILLY		Jamie WINNING
15	Ross GUNNION		John JEFFREY
17	Ben HONEYMAN		John BURROWS
18	Dave REILLY		Billy STRUTHERS
19	Davie EVANS	G/K	John MARTIN (Snr)
21	Kevin HEENAN		

Referee: Colin BROWN (Fife)

Asst. Referee: Dave McLAREN (Fife)

Asst. Referee: Dave WATSON (Fife)

## WHYTE & MACKAY EAST SUPER LEAGUE



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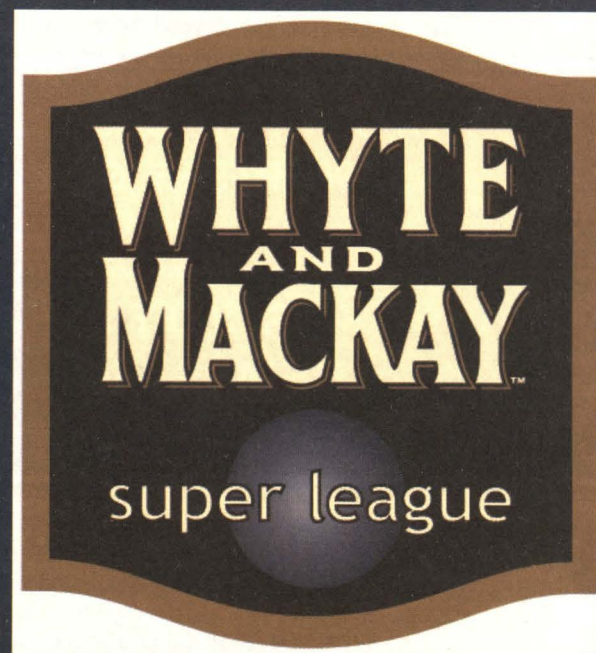
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# TODAY'S GAME

The inaugural season of the Whyte & Mackay Super League in 2002-03 was acclaimed a big success, but few could have predicted the exciting contest we have this season.

We're into May and four teams are still in the championship hunt, whilst another four are in the midst of a battle to avoid the two remaining relegation spots.

All four of today's Super League fixtures will have a direct bearing on the outcome at both the top and bottom of the division. To keep their hopes alive, Hill of Beath must win at home to Bathgate while a win at home to Lochee United in their last game would give Kelty a bit of breathing space. Arniston v Linlithgow is a crucial game for both clubs. Defeat for either could be a blow from which neither side might recover, particularly Arnie who have their final three matches away from home.

This all makes this afternoon's game a crucial one for Tayport. Home form in the league has not been too inspiring, with only seven goals in as many games from the programme to date. However players with proven goalscoring records, such as Davie Evans and Sean Christie, have the ability to cause problems for the best of defences and, if Tayport can turn on the style, as they did in the corresponding game at Bo'ness earlier this season, then the home fans will be in for a treat.

McNaughton, Peters, Craik and Stewart were left out of Wednesday's starting line-up against Forfar Albion. However, the experienced quartet will be in line for a return this afternoon. Christie and Ramsay took knocks but both should be in contention for a place. Gareth Dailly is on holiday and will be missing but Derek Wemyss has been getting closer and closer to fitness and, if handed a jersey, will be anxious to prove that he's ready for action.

Bo'ness, although now out of championship contention, will be keen to secure a victory in order to finish as high in the table as possible in their first season in the Super League. It's an experienced Bo'ness squad, which will be looking to mark the club's first ever visit to the Caniepairt with a win.

Today's referee is Mr Colin Brown



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## "TAYPORT MUST FIND CHAMPIONSHIP FORM AT HOME"

says

*DUNMORE*

*It seems an age since the last edition of the programme, although everyone is well aware of what has happened in the interim.*

*Last Friday, of course, saw Tayport reach a second successive OVD Scottish Junior Cup Final, thanks to a narrow win against fellow Fifers, Glenrothes, at Starks Park.*

*'Port won the huge match by a solitary, late goal. There could only have been one scorer. Birdie again emerged as the hero, which must be more than just coincidence. Credit, also to Sean Christie, for his supporting role in the historic counter which sets up the first ever all-Tayside Region final.*

*The Canniepairt outfit also reached another inter-regional final, by virtue of a fairly comfortable win at Montrose Roselea, in the semi of the NCR Trophy. Allan Ramsay, Scott Peters and Brian Craik were all on the scoresheet, to earn another crack at Lochee United.*

*The Bluebells have been making life tough lately. Amazingly Tayport failed to clinch a victory in three visits to Thomson Park, over an eleven day period. One East Super League point was secured but there were also two cup exits. The North End Challenge Cup has been relinquished, while Dave Baikie will have to wait another year before getting his hands on the Redwood Leisure Cup.*

*In itself, the drawn league match against Lochee United was not disastrous, but the defeat at Bonnyrigg, a few days later, was a severe blow to Tayport's title hopes.*

*Sean Grady's last minute strike gave Rose the distinction of becoming the first team to complete a Super League double against Tayport, having won 2-1 on the Canniepairt back in November.*

*The results at Lochee and Bonnyrigg render today's fixture all the more important. Given that four of the remaining games are here, on the Canniepairt, Tayport must find championship-winning home form, very quickly indeed.*



# media matters

*The Daily Record* continues to do a good job for the Juniors but reporter Gordon Parks (Monday 3rd May) hadn't done his sums, suggesting that North End were too close to the drop zone for comfort. Something of an understatement, given that, with one game left, they are three points and ten goals behind Oakley who also have one game to play.

*The Courier* has come in for some stick for its coverage of the Juniors, but no faults for its coverage of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup semi-final at Starks Park. A header on the front page and a major report and photos dominated the back page.

*The Record* did OK. At least they managed to get a report and a photo in Saturday's edition. Despite *The Sun's* Scott Campbell being at the game and carrying out interviews etc., there was no coverage at all in the editions on sale in Fife. Maybe too late for our edition or maybe a distribution problem, but disappointing just the same.

Shock! Horror! *The [Glasgow] Herald* managed a good wee report - with teams - in its Saturday edition.

The *Glenrothes Gazette* had a major preview on the Starks Park semi-final last week, putting its stablemate the *Fife Herald* well in the shade. Very disappointing because we understand the Fife Herald had taken very comprehensive copy from its local man but chose to publish a restricted and very badly edited version.

*STV* showed highlights of Tayport's Starks Park semi-final and the brief clip caught most of the significant goalmouth action but their reporter managed to get Ross Gunnion and Sean Christie mixed up in describing the Tayport goal. Quite difficult to do, considering their names are on the back of their shirts! Birdie and Baiker were interviewed post-match and both gave a polished performance.

*The Sunday Post* (2nd May) (which surely will have to think about improving its Junior coverage next season) reported that Dundee United had offered Tannadice Park as an OVD Cup final venue. Monday's *Evening Telegraph* picked up on this and reported that United were to speak to the SJFA. However it became clear in Tuesday's *Evening Telegraph* that the offer had fallen on barren ground and Firhill was confirmed as the venue.

Wednesday's *Evening Telegraph* published a letter from Frank Hughes of Tayport FC's Travel Club. Frank questioned whether or not sponsors OVD had been consulted over the final venue issue and also pointed out how this area had missed out on the boost to the local economy which a final at a local venue would have brought.

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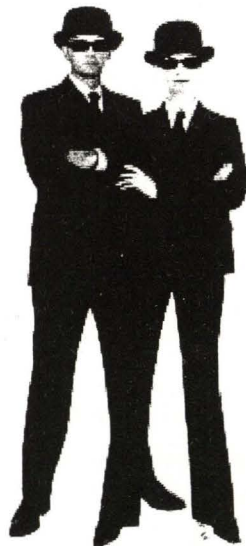


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I said to our players prior to the NCR Cup semi-final we'd a fantastic opportunity ahead of us to reach two cup finals in the space of six days and in doing so could provide the impetus and confidence to achieve success in our six remaining league matches.

I'm obviously delighted that our players took that on board and achieved success in both the NCR North/Tayside Cup semi-final and the OVD Scottish Cup semi-final. The first was a 3-0 victory at Montrose Roselea. Yes, we were favourites, but it's not the easiest of places to visit with a Scottish semi-final just six days away, but we overcame that to win comfortably. That was followed with a 1-0 victory at Starks Park, Kirkcaldy over Glenrothes. Once again we've gone in as favourites and, over the piece, we were the better side, creating four or five very scoreable chances whereas Fitzzy wasn't really called upon to make a crucial save.

A 1-0 win at home on Wednesday night in a local cup-tie against Forfar Albion means we've had a pretty decent week. As I said we can now gain confidence from this successful period and use that as inspiration in our quest to reach our ultimate goals. I genuinely believe we can. Why? Because I and our players know what's required. It begins today. Our visitors for this afternoon's Whyte & Mackay Super League game are Bo'ness United and I'd like to welcome their players, officials and supporters to Tayport.

What's required is a victory. Our opposition are a very good side with a lot of excellent and experienced players. However, I believe if our desire and commitment is total, we can and will, achieve a victory.

Support the Port, *Dave Baikie*



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Starks Park, Kirkcaldy - OVD Scottish Junior Cup Semi Final

TAYPORT 1 - 0 Glenrothes



The Glenrothes "end" just on kick-off



A first half effort by Brian Craik



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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
July 26	Linlithgow Rose	S	L 2-4	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Craik 1	McNaughton	Elliott	Honeyman	Morris	Daily 1	Evans (9)	Thompson (6)		540
Aug 16	BATHGATE THISTLE	L	L 0-1	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Scott	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Elliott	Hunter	Heenan	Daily	Honeyman (3)	Craik (9)		232
Aug 23	Hill of Beath Hawthorn	L	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Wemyss	Craik	Heenan	Daily	Elliott (10)			259
Aug 30	LINLITHGOW ROSE	L	L 0-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	McNaughton	Stewart	Christie	Craik	Daily	Heenan (10)	Elliott (3)	Hunter (2)	351
Sept 6	Glenrothes	L	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Wemyss	McNaughton	Elliott	Christie	Honeyman	Daily	Hunter (10)	Craik (9)	Stewart (8)	198
Sept 13	OAKLEY UNITED	L	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Wemyss	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Craik 1	Honeyman 2	Christie	Daily	Heenan (8)	Elliott (3)	Stewart (9)	192
Sept 20	Brechin Victoria	N1	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	Daily	Heenan 1	Honeyman	Elliott 2	Christie	Hunter (9)	Craik (11)		103
Sept 27	Arnis Rangers	L	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	McNaughton	Stewart	Christie 1	Craik 1	Honeyman	Heenan (2)	Elliott (8)	Hunter (11)	254
Oct 4	LOCHEE UNITED	L	L 1-3	Fitzpatrick	Wemyss	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Daily	McNaughton	Stewart	Honeyman 1	Craik	Christie	Elliott (9)	Heenan (11)		242
Oct 11	Kelly Hearts	L	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Elliott 1	McNaughton	Stewart 1	Hunter	Craik	Daily	Heenan (9)			248
Oct 18	Bo'ness United	L	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris 1	Stewart	McNaughton	Craik 1	Christie	Elliott 2	Hunter	Heenan (9)	Wemyss (8)		457
Oct 25	KIRRIEMUIR THISTLE	RL1	W 3-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Wemyss	Elliott	Craik 1	Hunter	Heenan 1	Daily	Christie (11)	Honeyman (8)	McNaughton (10)	192
Nov 1	BONNYRIGG	L	L 1-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Elliott	Hunter 1	Christie	Craik	Daily (9)	Ramsay (7)	Honeyman (11)	204
Nov 8	WILSONS XI	SC2	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Daily	Ward	Morris	Stewart	Ramsay	Elliott	Hunter 2	Heenan 2	Craik	Wemyss (2)	Scott (7)	Honeyman (11)	171
Nov 22	Sunnybank	N2	W 2-0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Scott	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Heenan	Hunter 1	Honeyman 1	Daily	Elliott (8)	Craik (5)		131
Nov 29	KELTY HEARTS	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Elliott	Hunter 1	Wemyss	Daily	Christie (7)	Craik (11)		184
Dec 6	KIRKINTILLOCH R R	SC3	D 0-0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	Ramsay	Elliott	Craik	Wemyss	Daily	Christie (8)			411
Dec 13	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	SC3R	W 5-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris 1	Stewart	McNaughton 1	Ramsay	Craik	Peters	Daily 1	Heenan (9) 1	Christie (8)		493
Dec 20	DUNDEE NORTH END	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart 1	Wemyss	Ramsay	Craik	Peters	Daily	Honeyman (9)	Christie (11)		156
Dec 27	Oakley United	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart 1	McNaughton	Peters	Wemyss	Honeyman	Christie	Elliott (11)	Daily (11)		220
Jan 10	BANKFOOT ATH.	F	W 7-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart 2	McNaughton 1	Elliott	Wemyss	Honeyman 2	Daily 1	Ramsay (9)	Christie (5)	Buist (2)	121
Jan 17	ARNISTON RANGERS	SC4	D 0-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Peters	Craik	Ramsay	Daily	Elliott (8)	Christie (10)	Honeyman (12)	476
Jan 24	Arnis Rangers	SC4R	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters	McNaughton 1	Stewart	Honeyman	Heenan	Christie	Hunter (6)	Craik (9)	Daily (11)	573
Feb 7	Parkvale	N3	W 5-1	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Paterson	Ward	Wemyss	Peters 1	McNaughton	Stewart	Hunter 2	Craik 1	Heenan 1	Daily (3)	Gunnion (7)	Ramsay (10)	108
Feb 14	Forth Wanderers	SC5	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	McNaughton 1	Stewart	Hunter	Craik	Heenan	Ramsay (11)	Christie (9)		343
Feb 21	FORTH WANDERERS	SC5R	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart 1	McNaughton	Peters	Hunter	Ramsay	Daily 1	Christie (11)	Craik (9)		537
Feb 28	St Andrews United	RL2	W 4-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	Ramsay 1	Wemyss 1	Honeyman	Craik 1	Christie 1	Hunter (10)	Heenan (3)		340
Mar 6	Carnoustie Panmure	NE	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	Ramsay	Wemyss	Honeyman	Craik 1	Christie 1	Hunter (10)	Heenan (8)	McNaughton (7)	376
Mar 13	Bathgate Thistle	L	W 3-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters 1	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Wemyss	Ramsay	Craik 1	Christie 1	Hunter (10)	Elliott (9)	Heenan (8)	253
Mar 27	Cambuslang Rangers	SC6	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton 1	Wemyss	Ramsay	Craik	Christie	Hunter (11)	Heenan (10)	Elliott (7)	1513
April 3	DUNDEE VIOLET	NCR4	W 2-1*	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward 1	Morris	Daily	Ramsay	Elliott	McNaughton	Craik 1	Evans	Stewart (2)	Heenan (6)	Hunter (6)	205
April 10	Lochee United	RL3	L 1-2	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	Ramsay	Stewart	Craik 1	Christie	Evans	Elliott (3)	Heenan (5)	Hunter (11)	402
April 14	Lochee United	L	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters	McNaughton	Stewart	Hunter 1	Craik 1	Reilly	Christie (10)			276
April 17	Bonnyrigg Rose	L	L 0-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters	McNaughton	Stewart	Hunter	Craik	Elliott	Heenan (7)	Daily (8)	Evans (10)	214
April 21	Lochee United	NE	L 1-3*	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Daily	Peters	McNaughton	Ramsay	Honeyman	Heenan	Christie	Stewart (10)	Evans (11) 1	Elliott	295
April 24	Montrose Roselea	N5	W 3-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Daily	Peters 1	Ramsay 1	Stewart	Craik 1	Heenan	Evans	Hunter (9)	Christie (11)	Elliott (8)	157
April 30	Glenrothes	SCS	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Peters	Ramsay	Stewart	Craik 1	McNaughton	Daily	Christie (11)			3080
May 5	FORFAR ALBION	F2	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Ramsay	Heenan	Elliott	Hunter	Christie	Evans 1	Peters (6)		McNaughton (10)	124
May 8	BO'NESS UNITED	L	2.30															
May 12	DOWNFIELD	F3	7.00															
May 15	Lochee United (N)	NF	2.15															
May 23	Carnoustie Panmure(N)	SCF	3.20															
May 26																		
May 29																		

KEY: Competitions: S - Super Cup; L - Whyte & Mackay East Super League; RL - Redwood Leisure Trophy; N - NCR Trophy; NE - North End Challenge Cup; F - Findlay & Co Cup; SC - OVD Scottish Junior Cup. Number after letter indicates round of competition. Other: Number after player - goals scored; Number in brackets after player - player replaced

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## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Dundee Downfield - Firhill & Co Cup Round 3  
Carnoustie - 7.00pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Lochee United - NCR Cup Final  
North End Park - 2.15pm

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Carnoustie Panmure - OVD Scottish Junior Cup Final  
Firhill Stadium, Glasgow - 3.20pm

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## WHYTE & MACKAY EAST SUPER LEAGUE

STATISTICS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2004

### LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	Home						Away						GD	Pts	Max
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	22	6	1	4	18	15	7	0	4	19	19	3	40	40	
Linlithgow Rose	18	4	0	4	14	11	6	3	1	21	6	18	33	45	
Lochee United	20	5	4	2	22	15	4	2	3	18	12	13	33	39	
Arniston Rangers	18	3	4	3	13	10	6	1	1	10	5	8	32	44	
Bathgate Thistle	19	4	1	5	13	16	5	1	3	10	7	0	29	38	
Bo'ness United	19	3	4	3	14	12	4	3	2	14	13	3	28	37	
Tayport	16	3	0	4	7	8	5	3	1	16	8	7	27	45	
Kelty Hearts (3 points deducted)	21	3	3	4	8	11	4	2	5	5	8	-6	23	26	
Oakley United	21	4	3	4	17	15	2	1	7	13	25	-10	22	25	
Glenrothes	20	1	3	6	5	13	3	5	2	12	12	-8	20	26	
Dundee North End	21	2	1	7	10	22	3	3	5	9	17	-20	19	22	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	17	3	1	4	9	8	1	1	7	9	18	-8	14	29	

### RESULTS CHART

	Arniston	Bathgate	Bo'ness	Bonnyrigg	Glenrothes	Hill of Beath	Kelty	Linlithgow	Lochee	North End	Oakley	TAYPORT
Arniston		1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	2-0	1-1		1-1	3-1	3-1	1-2
Bathgate Th	0-1			1-3	2-3	2-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-3	1-1	1-3
Bo'ness		2-1		5-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	0-0	4-1	0-4
Bonnyrigg	0-2	2-1	2-3		2-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	0-4	2-0	7-2	1-0
Glenrothes	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-2		0-2	0-1	1-1		0-1	1-0	1-1
Hill of Beath			1-0	1-2	2-0		Void	1-2	2-1	1-2		1-1
Kelty Hearts	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	2-1		0-3		0-0	2-0	1-2
Linlithgow	0-1		4-1	4-1	0-2		1-0		2-4	3-0	0-2	
Lochee Utd	0-1	0-0	1-2	3-1	2-2	4-2	1-0	2-2		4-1	3-2	2-2
North End	2-0	0-2	1-3	1-2	2-3	2-1	0-1	0-5	1-1		1-4	
Oakley Utd	2-3	0-1	2-2	2-0	2-2	4-1	2-0	0-3	2-1	1-1		0-1
TAYPORT		0-1		1-2			1-0	0-2	1-3	1-0	3-0	

### LEAGUE GUIDE TO FORM

(most recent result to the right)

	L	D	W	W	L
Arniston Rangers					
Bathgate Thistle	D	W	L	L	
Bo'ness United	W	D	D	W	LL
Bonnyrigg Rose	L	W	W	W	W
Glenrothes	W	L	W	L	W
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	L	L	W	L	W
Kelty Hearts	L	L	D	W	L
Linlithgow Rose	W	W	L	D	W
Lochee United	W	D	D	D	W
North End	W	D	L	L	W
Oakley United	L	L	L	L	L
TAYPORT	W	W	W	D	L

### LEAGUE TOP GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	CLUB	GOALS
Laidlaw, Steve	Bonnyrigg Rose	13
Kiddie, Ross	Lochee United	11
Lister, Jim	Oakley United	9
Bonnella, Darren	North End	7
Wood, Chris	Linlithgow Rose	6
Abbott, Gordon	Bo'ness United	5
Craik, Brian	Tayport	5
Ewing, Ryan	Oakley United	5
Harvey, John	Bonnyrigg	5
Muirhead, David	Bo'ness United	5
Nicol, Colin	Arniston Rangers	5
Whyte, Mark	Linlithgow Rose	5

### RESULTS

24<sup>th</sup> April 2004

Arniston	1-2	Bonnyrigg
Bathgate Th	2-3	Glenrothes
Bo'ness Utd	4-1	Oakley Utd
Kelty Hearts	0-3	Linlithgow

### RESULTS

1<sup>st</sup> May 2004

Bonnyrigg	2-1	Bathgate TH
Hill of Beath	1-0	Bo'ness Utd

### FIXTURES

8<sup>th</sup> May 2004

Arniston	v	Linlithgow
Hill of Beath	v	Bathgate Th
Kelty Hearts	v	Lochee Utd
TAYPORT	v	Bo'ness Utd



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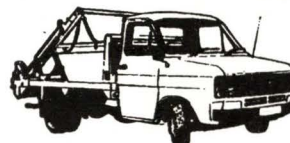
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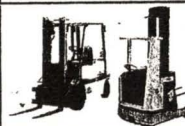
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We're told that Tayport Thistle Boys Under 14s, their management, parents and friends will miss out on the OVD Cup Final as it clashes with a Sunday Boys' Final the same afternoon and it's understood this cannot be changed.

**Tayport FC is offering a sponsor the opportunity to have their firm's name embroidered on the players' OVD Cup final polo shirts. £250 secures the package. Interested? Contact the secretary or a committee member as soon as possible.**

**Bus tickets for the Cup Final can be purchased from the Tayport Arms**

Andy Robertson aka Bunt will miss out on the OVD Final once again. In 1993 our globetrotting Clerk of Works was working in Taiwan and missed out on the Glenafton v 'Port Final. This time he's working in Angola and can't get back for the Final. Although being in darkest Africa, the bold Bunt had made arrangements to ensure his leave coincided with the final date—only to have his plans blown out of the water when the date was brought forward one week to avoid the live televising of Scotland v Trinidad & Tobago at Easter Road on 30th May.

- Tayport have been designated the away team for the Cup Final.
- Tayport fans will be accommodated in the main stand (capacity 2,200).
- The Carnoustie fans will be in the Jackie Husband Stand (capacity 6,500). Both ends of the ground behind the goal will be unoccupied.
- All East Region teams will receive two complimentary tickets
- Cup Final entry charges are £7 for adults and £3 for children & senior citizens
- The Final is live on Grampian TV
- Carnoustie will be playing in a change strip of blue shirts, black shorts and blue socks.

There could be another Fife club in the East Region next season. Ballingry Rovers are understood to have applied for membership of the SJFA

Tayport FC Veterans' XI defeated Belgian club AC Ougree by 2-0 in their international challenge match on the Canniepairt last month. The teams were well matched but, once the Tayport vets had broken the deadlock late in the game there was no comeback for the visitors. By all accounts the Belgians enjoyed their brief stay in Tayport where they enjoyed hospitality at the Tayport Arms.

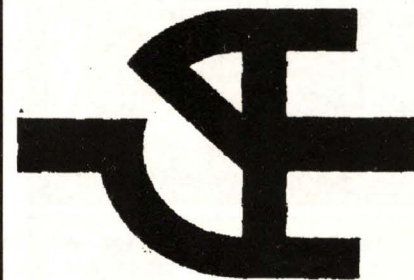


## SOME VIEWS FROM THE WEB

As is mentioned elsewhere in the programme, one of the main topics on the Junior Group website this past week has been the choice of venue for the OVD Cup Final.

Here is a selection of some random views -for and against - and, interestingly enough, they are not the views of locals but are contributions mainly from the west and the Lothians.

- The SJFA shoots itself in the foot again. Most fans will be "enjoying" it from their comfy chairs at home- none will travel to Firhill from Tayport or Carnoustie- too far away. Last years attendance was poor, this year it will be worse
  - The SJFA knows how to shoot itself in the foot and if it sticks with Firhill it will be doing so again. It's a crap venue anyway, it will be even worse with less than 3,000 in the ground. We've had this debate before, but if the SJFA MUST make teams from all over the country travel to Glasgow for the final, then they should at least get the game played at Hampden, Ibrox or Parkhead.
  - GET OVER IT AND ENJOY THE FINAL AT FIRHILL!!!!!!!
  - Carnoustie v Tayport will attract 3000 to Firhill and would have attracted 8000-10000 to Tannadice or McDiarmid Park.
  - I'm sure the competing teams and those that bother to go along will enjoy the final wherever it is played but.....
  - I sent a text into *Your Call with Traynor* on my way back from the Kille game on Saturday to say that Eddie Thompson had just called me to offer Tannadice. It's piece of nonsense and shows that the old west coast bias stuff is alive and well at every level. (this was from a prominent sports journalist)
- .....and from the newspapers
- *Junicus* in the **Evening Telegraph** (26th April) called the decision 'ludicrous' He said that 'there were more appropriate grounds within easy reach of the three clubs'
  - **The Daily Record** reckoned the SJFA's decision to stick with Firhill was up there with the daftest decisions the SFA, SPL and SFL have ever done
  - Also in the **Record** Carnoustie Panmure's Bill Braithwaite had a real go at the establishment, accusing the East Region officials of being 'headless chickens' and suggesting that their silence was as a result of being 'gagged by their peers in the west'



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# TODAY'S VISITORS

## BO'NESS UNITED

Bo'ness United are potentially one of the biggest clubs in Junior Football. Pre-war, Bo'ness was a Senior club and in their early post-war days as a Junior club, they attracted massive crowds to their Newton Park ground. One match against Irvine Meadow in 1950 saw almost 18,000 squeeze into the ground.

Such is the enthusiasm for the game in Bo'ness that their local derby with Linlithgow in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup last season attracted an attendance 7,343 to Livingston, although many observers claimed there were many more in the stadium.

It's understood that a local cup-tie between Rose and Bo'ness, planned for next mid-week, has had to be postponed as the local constabulary needed 14 days notice to police the game.

Bo'ness failed to get into the Super League at the

first time of asking, but made their debut this season and have probably been quietly satisfied with their progress. Although they cannot now win the championship following last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Hill of Beath, they can have a say who does, with a game against Arniston in addition to this afternoon's match.

Bo'ness played Arniston in a midweek cup-tie, winning 3-1 after extra time, so their current form is good.

Probably the reason the Newton Park side have been unable to mount a sustained challenge is the horrific injury list with which they have had to contend this season. Three players, Derek Yeats, Graham Donald and Gordon Abbot, for example, suffered cruciate ligament damage.

There are a few players struggling with knocks following the games last Saturday and Wednesday but there's every chance

some of them will be shaken off by this afternoon.

Included in the squad will be high profile signings Kevin Thomas and George O'Boyle, who both played at the highest level with St Johnstone. Prior to that Thomas was at Hearts and O'Boyle was a big money buy for Bordeaux and Dunfermline. Both have been out of action recently through injury and, should either make it today, it's likely to be O'Boyle.

Former Hearts and Airdrie player Jimmy Sandison is the man in charge at Newton Park where he's assisted by former Airdrie team mate 'keeper John Martin whose son, John Jnr., a striker, is the club's most recent signing.

This is the last league game on the road for Bo'ness and they will be seeking to maintain the form which has seen them score in all but two games, including wins at Bonnyrigg and Lochee United.



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## SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



He shall remain nameless, the Tayport fan (rarely misses a match) who wandered into Glenesk Park and saw the Violet v Scone game getting underway, before realising that it wasn't Tayport playing. He had intended being at Thomson Park for Tayport v Lochee United. The way the game at Thomson went, he probably should have stayed at Glenesk.

Two Midlands Amateur FA finals have been scheduled for The Canniepairt. On Thursday 13th May, it's the Alliance Cup Final and two weeks later on 27th May, we host the Buckman/Mackie Cup Final.

Forfar Athletic were castigated in the leading letter in 'The Courier' the other week. The Station Park club stage an Annual Forfar Athletic Ladies' Dinner. Broadcaster Sally Magnusson was the main speaker and her speech was well appreciated by the letter writer, a lady from Kirriemuir. Not so the second speaker, a man, whose contribution, according to the writer, was 'offensive.....and centred on sexual or lavatorial innuendo with pointed jibes at the elderly or socially deprived'. No doubt the issue will have been well debated in the Station Park boardroom. And here's us thinking that Claude Bawles was a trifle risqué when he rounded off our dinner the other week!

Still on the Loons, a recent Forfar programme article, 'The A—Z of Forfar Athletic', featured our own Scott Peters who, it noted 'burst on the scene in 1991 under Paul Hegarty'. The feature went on to acknowledge the part Scott played in 'helping the Tayport win the inaugural East Super League and Scottish Cup'. Gone, but not forgotten, eh, Scott?

It's understood that the officials for the OVD Cup final are from the West. Mr Willie Collum is the man in the middle, assisted by S.Nicholl and E.Norris. A.Law is 4th official.

Former Steelend Vics and most recently, Lochgelly Albert manager Gary Yard has dropped out of the Junior game to take over the reins at amateur club Star Hearts. Yard has quite a job on his hands. Star, long one of the Kingdom's most reputed amateur clubs, has been on the slide in recent years and a week before Yard's appointment, failed to put out a side for the first time in the club's 42 years existence.

Congratulations to Tayport Thistle Boys Under 14s who have won their league championship in the Dundee Sunday Boys League. The talented boys' side comfortably defeated Ferry Athletic by 3-0 on the Common last Sunday to ensure top spot. Is this the first Thistle side to win a Sunday Boys' league championship?



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

**MAY 1981**

Twenty three years ago Tayport, then an amateur club, were one of the top clubs in the Midlands Association and from 2nd May to 6th May The first XI played three games, losing 3-2 at Dundee YMCA in a cup-tie and 3-1 at YM Anchorage in the league but sandwiched in between was a 1-0 league win over SMT on the Canniepairt.

Tayport's team that Monday evening was Richard Callandar, Ian Noble, Alan Hart, Bobby Wilson, Ronnie Stewart, Stewart Gibson, Jimmy Downie, Peter Cuthill, Alan Paterson, Ian Howe and Bruce Burnett. Rich Rennie and Kenny Smith were substitutes. Cuthill got the goal from the penalty spot.

The following evening the Alliance XI were in action on the Canniepairt, drawing 2-2 with St James.

The Alliance line-up was Alan Clark, John Aitken, Rab Burns, Rab Downie, Colin Gray, Bobby Waddell, Rich Rennie, Ian Ness, Colin Doherty, Sandy Hamilton, Brian Simpson, Frank Feechan and Doug Henderson. Simpson and a Doherty penalty counted for 'Port. Incidentally, it was good to see many of these lads at Starks Park on Friday

Eight of the players in the above teams, including Richard Rennie who somehow managed to feature in all three, were to turn out for the club's Fife XI a week later, drawing 5-5 at We-myss in the Usher Cup. It wasn't unusual in these days of running three teams for the club to play eight games a week in April and May. All three on Saturday, Midlands on Monday and Wednesday, Alliance on Tuesday and Fife on Monday and Thursday. If it was tough for the players, it was torture for the committee!

The Committee in 1981 was Chairman Eddie Stewart, vice chairman Iain Cougan, secretary Abby Oswald, treasurer Bobby Wilson. The committee consisted of E.Beat, A.D.Oswald, F.Bremner, K.Coutts, S.Davie, K.Smith, R.McMillan, S.Ritchie, D.Herd, R.Waddell. There required to be a ballot at the AGM that season and four nominations were unsuccessful. However the constitution was changed at a SGM shortly afterwards and the committee was augmented by three co-opted members, D.Ayre, R.Watson and Brian Burnett.

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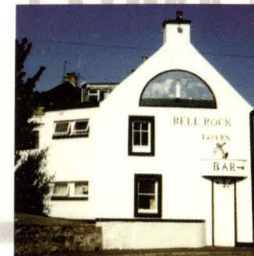
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