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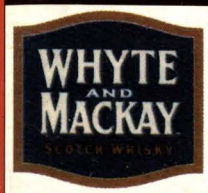


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Tayside League Division I/Premier League Champions 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002	Albert Herschell Trophy Winners 1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 2001/2002
Tayside League Division 2 Champions 1990/91	1994/95, 1995/96, 1998/99, 999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002
Zamoyski Cup Winners 1991/92	(Premier Champions v Division I Champions Charity Trophy)
Centenary Cup 1994/95	David Scott Cup 1995/96
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COMPETITIONS ENTERED IN THIS SEASON

O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup (holders)
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NCR (Tayside & North Region Clubs) Cup (holders)
Redwood Leisure (Fife/Tayside) Trophy
Findlay & Co. (Currie) Cup
North End Challenge Cup (holders)

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

TAYSIDE JFA Top Goalscorer

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Hamish Mackay	1994/95
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3	Grant PATERSON
4	John WARD
5	Derek WEMYSS
6	Brian CRAIK
7	Allan RAMSAY
8	Steven STEWART
9	Ralph HUNTER
10	John ELLIOTT
11	Sean CHRISTIE
12	Roberto MORRIS
13	Barry McNAUGHTON
14	Gareth DAILLY
15	Ross GUNNION
17	Ben HONEYMAN
20	Grant BUIST
21	Kevin HEENAN

KIRRIEMUIR THISTLE from	
G/K	Mark ANDERSON
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	Gary BALFOUR
	James GAULD
	Andrew MENMUIR
	David ROBERTSON
	Scott RUSSELL
	Steven NICOLL
	Stuart BELL
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	Alastair SCOTT
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	Hamish SOUTAR

Referee: Kevin GRAHAM (Perth)

Assistant Referee: TBA

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REDWOOD LEISURE TROPHY

FIRST ROUND

TAYPORT

v

KIRRIEMUIR THISTLE

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TODAY'S GAME

REDWOOD LEISURE CUP 1st ROUND

TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE

Tayport take their second break this season from Super League action when Kirrie Thistle call at the Canniepairt for a Redwood Leisure Cup-tie.

This competition is drawn in such a way that, in the first round, Fife and Tayside based clubs are kept separate. However, with more Tayside than Fife clubs involved, two of the ties had to be all-Tayside affairs. How appropriate then, that Fife based Tayport should come out of the hat in one of the all-Tayside ties.

It's the second occasion that the teams will have met in this competition, the first time being 1996, when fresh from the club's inaugural OVD win, 'Port crushed Thistle by 7-1 at Westview Park. Stevie Ross did much of the damage that day with a hat-trick.

Kirrie have had a pretty inconsistent time this season to date, for example being hit for six by Violet a couple of weeks ago, but bouncing back to take the points last week, beating Arbroath SC by 4-2.

Goals generally don't seem to have been a problem for Kirrie this season with a six hit against Scone and seventeen in two league cup ties against luckless Bankfoot.

The teams didn't meet last season but there are still a few familiar faces in the visitors' squad. Defender James Gauld is still a key component of the Kirrie back division, midfielders Martyn McGregor and Stuart Bell will be recognised as having previously worn the colours of East Craigie. Up front there is the lively Derek Guthrie and the evergreen Hamish Soutar, Kirrie's top marksman in games against Tayport.

Tayport have played well in their past two fixtures, so Dave Baikie will be tempted to stick with much the same line-up. He is aware, though, that those who haven't had a great taste of the action in recent games, will be anxious to get an opportunity to show what they can do.

Kirrie-based Scott Peters is still an absentee and Grant Buist's hand injury will keep him out, however Allan Ramsay could just about be ready to feature for the first time this season.

Today's game will be played to a finish, with penalties if required.

PLAYERS DIG DEEP TO SHAKE OFF LOCHEE DEFEAT

says **DUNMORE**

Our last home game, three weeks ago, turned into something of a disaster. Losing John Ward, then two goals, before half-time, against Lochee United was not part of the anticipated script.

Ben Honeyman's goal in the second half gave 'Port some hope of salvaging a Super League point, but the confident Bluebells had other ideas, with a late Craig Robertson counter restoring the visitors' two-goal advantage.

It was imperative, therefore, that the champions got back to winning ways at Kelty. This they did, but another early John Ward dismissal was not the ideal start to a 'must win' fixture.

The team dug deep, though, and were buoyed by a fantastic John Elliott strike. Such was the determination within the camp, not even an equally spectacular Kelty equaliser could shake Tayport's belief. Captain Steven Stewart popped up for a winner, the significance of which may not be fully appreciated until the conclusion of the season.

In the short-term, Stewart's goal ensured that Tayport would travel to Bo'ness in a confident frame of mind.

That confidence was apparent from the outset. The industrious, but talented, John Elliott opened the scoring with a deft chip, and added his second of the game on the hour mark.

In between Elliott's brace came goals from Roberto Morris and Brian Craik, with Steven Stewart corners the source of both.

Six points from two tricky-looking away fixtures puts Tayport that little bit closer to the early season pacesetters and, given the relatively poor start to the campaign, is a cause for satisfaction.

Today, however, there is a break from league action, with Kirrie Thistle visiting the Canniepairt on Redwood Leisure Cup duty. It may be a chance to begin building home-game confidence, not that the tie will be easy.

We all know of Kirrie's capabilities.

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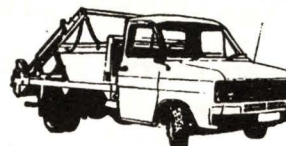
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Annbank United	WA	3-0	Carlisle Rovers	WC2
Amiston Rangers	ES	4-0	Arthurlie	WSP
Auchinleck Talbot	WSP	5-1	Kinnoull	ETP
Banks 'O Dee	NS	3-1	Ardeer Thistle	WA
Blackburn United	EL2	1-1 4-3	Clydebank	WC2
Blantyre Victoria	WC2	5-1	Coltness	WC2
Broughty Athletic	ETP	1-5	Bellshill Athletic	WS1
Cambuslang Rangers	WC1	8-0	Brechin Victoria	ET1
Cumbernauld United	WS1	1-2	Kilsyth Rangers	WS1
Dalkeith Thistle	EL2	2-0	Banchory	N1
Dundee Elmwood	ETP	1-3	Whitburn	EL1
East Kilbride Thistle	WC1	7-1	Harthill Royal	EL1
Ellon United	N1	4-1	Craigmark Bruntonians	WA
Greenock	WC1	0-1	Forth Wanderers	WC2
Hermes	NS	0-4	Cumnock	WSP
Irvine Meadow	WS1	0-0 2-0	Kilwinning Rangers	WSP
Islavale	N2	0-2	Darvel	WA
Johnstone Burgh	WSP	2-1	Kirkcaldy YMCA	EF
Largs Thistle	WA	3-3 4-2	Thorniewood	WC2
Larkhall Thistle	WSP	7-1	Luncarty	ET1
Linlithgow Rose	ES	6-0	Deveronside	N1
Livingston United	EL2	0-1	Tranent	EL2
Lochee Harp	ET1	2-5	West Calder United	WC2
Lochgelly Albert	EF	3-1	Strathspey Thistle	N2
Lochore Welfare	EF	0-0 1-1 5-6p	Shettleston	WS1
Maybole	WA	2-1	Benburb	WS1
Muirkirk	WA	1-4	Dunbar United	EL1
Nairn St Ninians	N2	1-1 0-2	Ashfield	WC2
Park Vale	N1	2-2 3-4	Jeanfield Swifts	ET1
Pumphreston	EL2	4-2	Fraserburgh United	N1
RAF Lossiemouth	N2	1-3	New Elgin	N2
Saltcoats Victoria	WA	1-3	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	WC1
Sunnybank	NS	1-1 2-6	Hurlford	WS1
Troon	WSP	6-1	Cruden Bay	NS
Turriff	NS	2-1	Lesmahagow	WC2

Key to Leagues: WSP - West Region, Super League Premier Division; WS1 - West Region, Super League First Division; WC1 - West Region, Central District League Division 1; WC2 - West Region, Central District League Division 2; WA - West Region, Ayrshire District League; ES - East Region, Super League; EL1 - East Region, Lothian District League Division 1; EL2 - East Region, Lothian League Division 2; EF - East Region, Fife District League; ETP - East Region, Tayside District League Premier Division; T1 - East Region, Tayside District League Division 1; NS - North Region, Super League; N1 - North Region, District League Division 1; N2 - North Region, District League Division 2.

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Following Sunday's 2nd round draw, William Hill's posted the following prices to lift the Scottish Cup

OVD Scottish Junior Cup

8 Maryhill

9 Linlithgow, Tayport, Pollok

10 Kilwinning

12 Glenafton

16 Arniston, Cumnock, Kilbirnie

20 Auchinleck, Bathgate, Hill of Beath, Kilsyth, Larkhall, Neilston, Newtongrange, Whitburn

25 Bellshill, Bo'ness, Camelon, Johnstone, Kelty, Petershill

33 Beith, Bonnyrigg, Carnoustie, Lochee Utd, Renfrew, Shettleston, Troon

40 Dundee NE, Glencairn, Glenrothes, Oakley, Shotts

50 Cambuslang, E. Kilbride, Hurlford, Largs, Lugar, Rob Roy, St. Anthony's

66 Musselburgh, Perthshire, Thornton, Dundee Violet

100 Blackburn, Pumpherston

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Tayport and Linlithgow have moved up the betting slightly but the most significant movers are Arniston and Lochee United, in from 20/1 and 50/1 respectively. Moving in the opposite direction are Hill of Beath, North End and Carnoustie. One would imagine there are those at Thomson Park who fancy the Bluebells at 33/1 and this could well mean a steady stream of their followers to William Hill's in the Seagate. Interesting to note that there are no North Region teams quoted.

This Saturday's Prices

Lothian League Cup Final (2:00pm) at Camelon

9/2 Fauldhouse 10/3 Linlithgow 2/5

East of Scotland Cup 1st Round

1/8 Arniston 6/1 Dalkeith 10/1

4/5 Bathgate 11/4 Bo'ness 9/4

Redwood Leisure Cup

8/13 Lochee Utd 5/2 Hill of Beath 7/2

Despite having humped Lochee to win the cup last season for a third successive time, Haws recent form is reflected in their odds for today's encounter at Thomson Park. With five 2-1 defeats on their record this term, their luck has to change sometime. Check the TFC Newslines this evening for a selection of final results.



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THE BAIKER'S BIT

Kirrie Thistle provide our opposition this afternoon and I'd like to welcome both their players and committee to Canniepairt and may I also welcome our supporters for this Redwood Leisure Cup tie.

We've played three Super League games since our last home game and that day we produced our poorest performance of the season. Playing against a very strong wind in the first half didn't help matters.

That coupled with the sending off of John Ward made life extremely difficult for us in that first period. But, as I said, our overall play let us down badly. We continually failed to keep the ball and got what we deserved on the day.

That result left us with a dismal points total of eight from six games - not good enough.

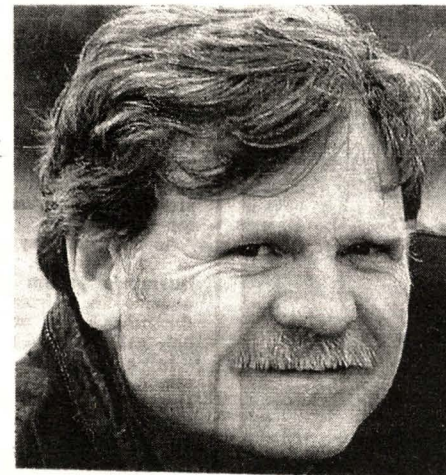
I've said from the first day of this season that the league would be a very different proposition this time round. I believed that our total of 54 points last term would be extremely difficult for any team in this division to reach, so our away wins at Kelty and Bo'ness have kept us in the mixer.

In both games our players' attitude, workrate and overall play was far more like that of which we are capable. What we must achieve now is consistency. We must realise that we can't afford to start a game with anything other than total focus on the task ahead, something we didn't do against Lochee United.

This afternoon we have an opportunity to continue where we left off last Saturday. Our opposition come to Tayport on the back of a very good victory and with nothing to lose and everything to gain.

We know that we must start this game well and continue to focus our minds on working harder than our opposition. If we do that we can, and will, achieve success.

Dave Baikie



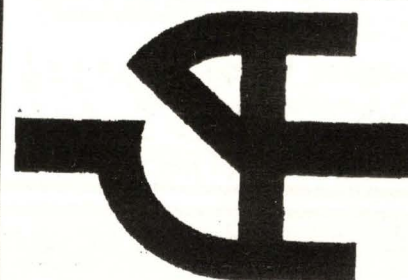
TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE

THE CUP MEETINGS

Tayport and Kirrie have met on eight previous occasions in cup-ties since the clubs first met in the Zamoyski Cup (later North End Centenary Cup then Concept Cup and now NCR Cup) back in 1993.

Tayport's only defeat was in 1999 when the quarter final win for Thistle paved the way for the Kirriemuir side to go on to win the competition - the biggest cup prize in their history to date. Ian McKenna, Gordon McKenna and Hamish Soutar had the goals that afternoon as Kirrie defeated the Highland League's most recent recruits, Inverurie Loco, by 3-2 at Sunnybank.

1992 / 93	Zamoyski Cup R4	
	Tayport 6 Kirrie Thistle 0	<i>Bomber Harris on the mark</i>
1993 / 94	Zamoyski Cup R1	Att. 201
	Tayport 5 Kirrie Thistle 1	<i>Double for Devine</i>
1995 / 96	Whyte & Mackay Cup R3	Att. 181
	Tayport 5 Kirrie Thistle 0	<i>Steven Stewart on the mark</i>
1996 / 97	Taycars Trophy R1	Att. 109
	Kirrie Thistle 1 Tayport 7	<i>Jim Henry double, Stevie Ross hat-trick</i>
	D.J.Laing Cup R3	Att. 121
	Kirrie Thistle 1 Tayport 4	<i>Two for Steve Hutcheon</i>
1998/ 99	North End Centenary Cup R4	Att. 206
	Tayport 2 Kirrie Thistle 3	<i>Birdie gets a goal but Kirrie go on to lift cup</i>
	Whyte & Mackay Cup R 2	Att. 179
	Tayport 1 Kirrie Thistle 0	<i>Sub Greig does the business</i>
1999 / 00	North End Challenge Cup R2	Att. 132
	Tayport 3 Kirrie Thistle 1	<i>Corcoran on the mark for Port</i>



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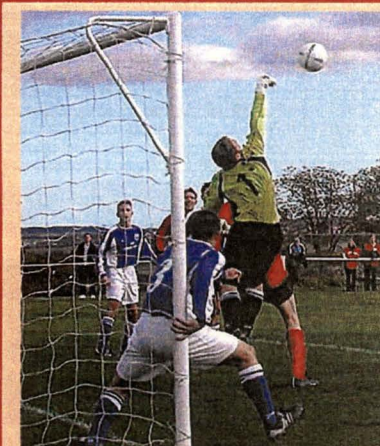
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Dateline: Saturday 11th October 2003
Competition: Whyte & Mackay East Super League
Venue: Kelty
Result: Kelty Hearts 1 - 2 Tayport



Birdie takes a sore one from Richard Baillie



Kelty's 'keeper at full stretch



The 'Port keep the Kelty defence under pressure

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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	Gunnion	Paterson	Ward	Morris	Wemyss	Daily	Heenan 1	Honeyman	Elliott 2	Christie	Hunter (9)	Craik (11)		192
Sept 20	Brechin Victoria	N1	W 4 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Buist	Paterson	Wemyss	Morris	Stewart	McNaughton	Craik 1	Honeyman 2	Christie	Daily	Heenan (8)	Elliott (3)	Stewart (9)	103
Sept 27	Arniston 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)		140
Oct 11	Kelty 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	RL																
Nov 1	BONNYRIGG	L																
Nov 8	WILSONS XI	SC2																
Nov 22	Hill Russell/Sunnybank	N2																

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: Red background – player dismissed; Yellow background – player cautioned; Number after player – goals scored; Number in brackets after player – player replaced

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Whyte & Mackay East Super League – Statistics

League Table as at 18th October 2003

TEAM	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Bathgate Thistle	10	3	1	1	6	5	3	0	2	6	5	2	19	
Arniston Rangers	9	2	1	2	7	5	3	1	0	5	1	6	17	
Kelty Hearts	9	3	1	1	7	3	2	1	1	2	1	5	17	
Linlithgow Rose	9	1	0	2	4	4	4	1	1	13	4	9	16	
B'ness United	10	2	1	2	7	7	2	2	1	8	8	-4	15	
Lochee United	10	2	2	1	9	6	2	0	3	7	8	6	14	
TAYPORT	9	1	0	3	4	5	3	2	0	10	4	5	14	
Oakley United	9	2	3	0	9	6	1	1	2	3	6	0	13	
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	10	2	1	3	4	9	2	0	2	6	9	-8	13	
Dundee North End	9	0	0	4	2	11	2	1	2	6	9	-12	7	
Glenrothes	9	0	2	3	3	7	0	3	1	4	6	-6	5	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	9	1	1	2	5	6	0	1	4	3	8	-6	5	

League Results Chart – 2003/04

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

League Guide to Form

(most recent result to the right)

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

League Top Goalscorers – 2003/04

Player	Club	Goals
Abbott, Gordon	Bo'ness United	5
Laidlaw, Steve	Bonnyrigg Rose	5
Muirhead, David	Bo'ness United	5
Whyte, Mark	Linlithgow Rose	5
Kiddie, Ross	Lochee United	4
Lister, Jim	Oakley United	4
Craik, Brian	Tayport	3
Elliott, John	Tayport	3
Hardie, Callum	Lochee United	3
Honeyman, Ben	Tayport	3
Thompson, John	Lochee United	3
Bonnella, Darren	North End	3
Ward, Kris	Lochee United	3

Results

4th October 2003

Bonnyrigg	0-2	Arniston
North End	1-3	Bo'ness
Glenrothes	0-2	Bathgate
Hill O' Beath	1-2	Linlithgow
Kelty Hearts	2-0	Oakley Utd
TAYPORT	1-3	Lochee Utd

Results

11th October 2003

Bathgate	1-3	Bonnyrigg
Bo'ness	0-0	Hill O'Beath
Kelty Hearts	1-2	TAYPORT
Lochee Utd	4-1	North End
Oakley Utd	2-2	Glenrothes

Results

18th October 2003

Arniston	1-2	Bathgate
Bonnyrigg	0-2	Linlithgow
Bo'ness	0-4	TAYPORT
Hill O'Beath	1-2	North End
Oakley Utd	2-1	Lochee Utd



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WHYTE and MACKAY SUPERLEAGUE REPORT

This time last season six points separated the top six sides in the Superleague. This time round, all but the bottom three are separated by six points, such is the keen competition which Superleague fans are currently enjoying.

In the knowledge that three of the bottom four clubs at this stage last season were relegated, clubs presently in drop zone are fighting tooth and nail to grab vital points.

No points were more vital than the three North End picked up at Hill of Beath last Saturday. Following this defeat, which left Haws off the bottom, by virtue of having scored one more goal than bottom markers Glenrothes who are on the same points, it would be pretty fair to describe Keir's Park as a crisis zone. Against North End last Saturday, Hill of Beath struggled to field a team, the required eleven only just scraped together after pulling in a trialist at literally the last minute.

Bathgate top the table by winning 2-1 at Arniston, thus leap frogging the Gorebridge side who, prior to the match, looked set to consolidate their position at the top of the table. This time it was Rangers who finished the game with ten men.

Linlithgow keep plugging away and look to be finding some consistency. However, it was a hotly disputed penalty just on half time which set them on their way to a 2-0 success at Bonnyrigg to keep them in touch with the leaders.

Towering central defender Jon Thompson was out of the Lochee United line-up through injury and he was badly missed at Oakley where the Bluebells' good run ground to a halt with a 2-1 defeat. This despite taking the lead through Steve Leahy in the first minute. Oakley's home record is second to none, however, and Willie Newbigging's side kept grafting away, equalising before half-time then grabbing the winner 20 minutes from time.

There are no Superleague games today but there is a card next Saturday, then no Superleague games until November 22nd because of the Scottish Cup on 8th November and a free week on 15th November for the Scotland game.

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Regular listeners to Lochee United's Information Line will have noticed the sharp contrast between the report which followed the win over Tayport and that which described the action from last Saturday's defeat at Oakley. Malcolm's eloquent and lengthy account of the win at Tayport would have given the telephone service provider's profits a fair boost. Not so, the report on the Oakley game which was brief, to say the least. The stay-at-home Bluebells fans must have felt cheated!

Following the chance meeting in a Broadway, New York bar, reported in our last programme, of Port Supporter Dick Smith and Elaine the daughter of former Tayport Amateurs' player David Henderson, we received an e.mail from David who now resides in Worcester. David, who played with 'Port back in the 1970's, couldn't believe the coincidence and had a few kind words to say about his time with the club: "Looking back from the time I left school [Lawside Academy], the only time I really enjoyed my football was at Tayport which was a combination of the organisation, the bunch of guys who played and a good social time, so Tayport will always be part of me."

Tayport have had mixed fortune with their buses on their two most recent away trips. Two weeks ago for Kelty, Tayport had the Dundee FC team bus which afforded an extra wee bit of comfort (not that the M. & W. buses aren't always comfortable, just before you say anything, Junior!). Last Saturday returning from Bo'ness, the coach developed a computer fault which necessitated another coach being sent out to rendezvous with the Tayport coach and pick up the Dundee based players, thus avoiding the risk of breaking down on the Tay Bridge. All carried out smoothly and with the minimum of fuss as one has come to expect from Moffat & Williamson.

Still on coaches, the Tayport FC Travel Club bus was oversubscribed for the trip to Bo'ness. Rather than leave any fans at home, Claire (Mrs Birdie), saved the day, by volunteering to take her car. Well done Claire.

Still on the recently wed Craiks, word has it that the Birdies have bought a nest in Tayport and are set to move in towards the end of the year. Welcome to the colony. Isn't it fine that the successful Scottish Cup winning manager, skipper and now the man who scored the winning goal in both semi and final, have taken up residency in the town. Just need cup final man of the match John Ward to follow suit and we'll have a full set!

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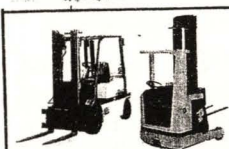
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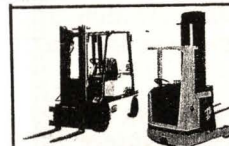
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FITZY TAKES THE HONOURS AT SCOTSCRAIG

Tayport's players held another enjoyable golf outing over the links at Scotscraig G.C. the other Sunday. Goalkeeper Fraser Fitzpatrick won the event with a total of 44 points in a stableford competition.

Runner-up was coach Graeme Irons, ballboy Bradley Burnett was in 3rd place and Ross Gunnion 4th.

Twelve competed in the event and special prizes went to Roberto Morris for wearing the glove on the wrong hand for seven holes and team captain Steven Stewart for the best fresh air shot.

Grant Paterson was also amongst the prizes for the highest recorded score. However, we'll spare his blushes and not divulge his score, suffice to say that he's not as good with the wee ball as he is with the football!

Special mention must be made of coaches Derek Carr and Graeme Irons who took on the might of young pretenders Ralph Hunter and Ben Honeyman and beat them handsomely, not bad considering both Ralph and Ben are single figure players. Word has it that both young men are taking lessons from Roberto Morris in order to mount a challenge next year.

Thanks to Dick Smith, Andy Phin and Alex Stewart (Steven's father) for donating the prizes.



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Dramatic Reversal of Fortune Since Lochee's Cup Final Defeat

The Redwood Leisure Cup 1st Round

The Redwood Leisure sponsored Fife / Tayside Cup gets underway this afternoon and there's no more intriguing tie than the repeat of last year's final between Lochee United and Hill of Beath. In that final four months ago, Haws swept Lochee United aside and the gulf between the sides was there for all to see, as the Fife club strolled to their third successive Redwood Leisure title.

How things have turned around in four months! The defeat was the final confirmation to newly promoted Lochee that, if they were going to compete in the Super League, they would have to make dramatic changes. This they did, virtually importing a new team and, as we saw here in our last home match, Lochee has risen to the challenge.

Not such a happy story from Keir's Park, though, with last Saturday's home defeat by North End shaking the Haws faithful to the core. There will have been a lot of hard thinking done by Haws boss Jock Finlayson during the past seven days and there must have been a fair degree of apprehension in the defending champions' party which travelled up the M90 today. Perhaps last week's defeat was the wake-up call Haws have been needing. This afternoon will provide the answer.

There's the usual bag of certs, closely matched ties and potential surprises amongst today's ties. Surprises? The improved Kirkcaldy YM at Carnoustie? or perhaps Violet going through at home to a Glenrothes side still to record a league win in nine starts this season?

In the closely matched category, look for Kinnoull adding to the woes currently being experienced by doughty cup fighters St Andrews United when the sides meet in Perth. Newburgh is never an easy venue and Broughty could be made to struggle.

North End make another trip to meet Thornton. The Dokens have usually managed to squeeze out a victory at Memorial Park but they will do very well to record a victory today against the Fife District League's top outfit.

Full card towards the back of the programme. All games to be played to a finish. Results on the Tayport FC Newslines this evening

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Aberdeen East End	NS	v	Edinburgh United	EL1	1
Aberdeen Lads Club	NS	v	Kilbirnie Ladeside	WSP	2
Ashfield	WC2	v	Neilston	WSP	2
Auchinleck Talbot	WSP	v	Sauchie	EL1	1
Bankfoot Athletic	ET1	v	Forfar Albion	ET1	2
Banks O' Dee	NS	v	Pumpherstoun	EL2	1
Beith	WS1	v	Lanark United	WC1	1
Bellshill Athletic	WS1	v	Shotts Bon Accord	WS1	1
Bishopmill United	N2	v	Royal Albert	WC2	1
Blairgowrie	ET1	v	Hill of Beath Hawthorn	ES	2
Blantyre Victoria	WC2	v	Rosyth Recreation	EF	2
Bo'ness United	ES	v	Oakley United	ES	2
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	ES	v	Armadale Thistle	EL1	1
Broxburn Athletic	EL2	v	Bathgate Thistle	ES	2
Cambuslang Rangers	WC1	v	Buckie Rovers	N1	1
Carnoustie Panmure	ETP	v	Turriff United	NS	1
Coupar Angus	ET1	v	Arbroath Sporting Club	ETP	2
Cumnock	WSP	v	Hurford United	WS1	1
Dalkeith Thistle	EL2	v	Petershill	WS1	2
Dalry Thistle	WA	v	Ardrossan Winton Rovers	WA	2
Dundee East Craigie	ET1	v	Arncliffe Rangers	ES	2
Dundee North End	ES	v	Lugart Boswell Thistle	WS1	1
Dyce	N1	v	Darvel	WA	1
Ellon United	N1	v	Whitburn	EL1	2
Fochabers	N2	v	Kinloss	N2	1
Formartine United	NS	v	Lewis United	N1	1
Forth Wanderers	WC2	v	Annbank United	WA	1
Glenrothes	ES	v	East Kilbride Thistle	WC1	1
Haddington Athletic	EL2	v	Dunbar United	EL1	2
Irvine Victoria	WA	v	Kirriemuir Thistle	ETP	2
Johnstone Burgh	WSP	v	Steellend Victoria	EF	1
Kello Rovers	WA	v	Dunipace	WC1	2
Kelty Hearts	ES	v	Camelon	EL1	1
Kilsyth Rangers	ES1	v	Newburgh	EF	1
Kilwinning Rangers	WSP	v	Maybole	WA	1
Largs Thistle	WA	v	Burghead Thistle	N1	1
Larkhall Thistle	WSP	v	Dundonald Bluebell	EF	1
Linlithgow Rose	ES	v	Buchanhaven Hearts	N1	1
Lochee United	ES	v	Dundee Violet	ETP	1
Lochgelly Albert	EF	v	New Elgin	N2	1
Longside	NS	v	Dundee Downfield	ETP	1
Lossiemouth United	N2	v	Forfar West End	ETP	2
Maryhill	WSP	v	Arbroath Victoria	ET1	1
Maud	N1	v	Culter	NS	2
Montrose Roselea	ETP	v	Forres Thistle	N2	2
Musselburgh Athletic	EL1	v	Hall Russell United	N1	1
Newtongrange Star	EL1	v	Crossgates Primrose	EF	1
Penicuik Athletic	EL2	v	Blackburn United	EL2	1
Pollok	WSP	v	Fauldhouse United	EL1	1
Scone Thistle	ETP	v	Vale of Leven	WC1	2
St Anthony's	WC1	v	Tranent	EL2	1
St Rochs	WC2	v	Glenafton Athletic	WSP	2
Stonehaven	NS	v	Gleantane	NS	1
Stonehouse Violet	WC2	v	Shettleston	WC1	2
Stoneywood	NS	v	St Andrews United	EF	1
TAYPORT	ES	v	Wilson's XI	NS	1
Thornton Hibernian	EF	v	Rutherglen Glencairn	WC1	1
Troon	WSP	v	Stoneyburn	EL2	1
Vale of Clyde	WC1	v	Dufftown	N1	1
West Calder United	EL2	v	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	WC1	2
Whitehills	N1	v	Glasgow Perthshire	WC1	2
Whitlatts Victoria	WA	v	Port Glasgow	WC1	2
Wishaw	WC2	v	Renfrew	WC1	1
Yoker Athletic	WC2	v	Jeanfield Swifts	ET1	2



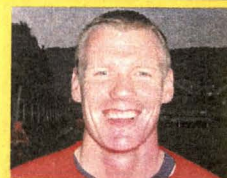
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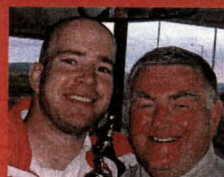
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MEDIA MATTERS

This column started off in the last programme by saying that you cannot believe what you read in the papers. No change this week. Goodness knows what the *Sunday Post* reporter was on when he phoned in the Kelty v Tayport report. According to them John Elliott's first half goal was scored in the second half and Lawrie (or Lorrie as the *Post* had it) equalised from the penalty box when in fact it was a thundering 25 yard drive.

Not surprisingly the *Edinburgh Evening News* led a week past Monday on Arniston's tremendous 4-0 OVD Cup win over Arthurlie. John Gilmour's report was comprehensive, of good length and contained quotes and both line-ups in full. Incidentally, Arniston keeper Scott Bennett, who trains at Tayport, was carried off and taken to hospital suffering from concussion, double vision and a bad cut to his chin.

This Monday's *News* had two reports in from the Bonnyrigg v Linlithgow Super League game - as if one wasn't enough for Bonnyrigg! But what made things worse was the fact that the Lithgae scorers were different in each report, as were the line-ups!

The *News's* report on Bo'ness didn't spare the praise for 'Port. *"Punchless Bo'ness were taught a sharp lesson by a pacey Tayport side who were first to every ball" and "...the only mystery of Tayport's second half stroll, was how John Elliott's second was the only other score"*. The report went on to say that, although it was too soon for crisis talks at Newtown Park, the wake-up call must be heeded.

A rather insensitive comment in last week's *Superleague News* when it revealed that a player (who was named, as were the clubs) who had moved to play for a Junior side at the other side of the country was described as "...having had a spell in prison". That's bound to help with his rehabilitation.

This Wednesday's *Daily Record's* Junior page had a big feature on Stevie Higgins the Lochee Harp boss who ambition is to take Harp back to the top but realises that it could be a long journey. Dick Donnelly penned an article on the current shortages of referees in the East Juniors and quoted Big Jock the Association secretary as saying *"this is a serious matter which has us very, very concerned"*. The column, in line with the other sports pages this week, had Dave Baikie lined up for the Montrose job, recently vacated by John Sheridan.

The Kelty v Tayport Superleague game a couple of week's ago was well covered by the *Fife Herald*, the match report on the inside back pages being supported by a couple of action photos, featuring Chalkie and Birdie. Match photographs could be a regular thing in the *Herald*. The preview of the Bo'ness match took the back page headlines.

Junicus of the *Evening Telegraph* managed to squeeze a trip to Perugia in between his Monday and Friday junior columns. According to *Junicus*, the football match spoiled an otherwise superb trip. Lucky lad!

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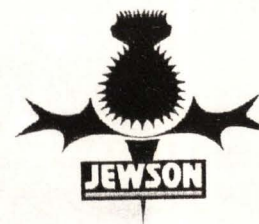
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NCR Cup (North/Tayside) First Round Draw

Arbroath SC v Buckie Rovers
Arbroath Vics v Wilson's XI
Bishopmill United v Dundee Violet
Broughty Athletic v Dyce
Ellon United v Scone Thistle
Forfar Albion v Aberdeen East End
Hall Russell/Sunnybank v **TAYPORT**
Jeanfield Swifts v Glentanar
Kinnoull v Forres Thistle
Lochee United v Maud
Longside v Dundee North End
RAF Lossiemouth v Elmwood
Montrose Roselea v Lossiemouth Utd
Parkvale v Carnoustie Panmure
FC Stoneywood v Coupar Angus
Turriff United v Lochee Harp

Redwood Leisure Trophy (Fife/Tayside) First Round Draw

Brechin Vics v Lochore Welfare
Carnoustie Panmure v Kirkcaldy YMCA
Crossgates Primrose v Arbroath SC
Dundee Violet v Glenrothes
Dundonald Bluebell v Downfield
Jeanfield Swifts v Rosyth Recreation
Kinnoull v St Andrews United
Lochee Harp v Kelty Hearts
Lochee United v Hill of Beath
Lochgelly Albert v Scone Thistle
Montrose Roselea v Elmwood
Newburgh v Broughty Athletic
Oakley United v Luncarty
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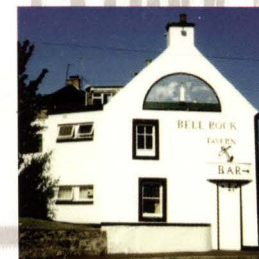
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