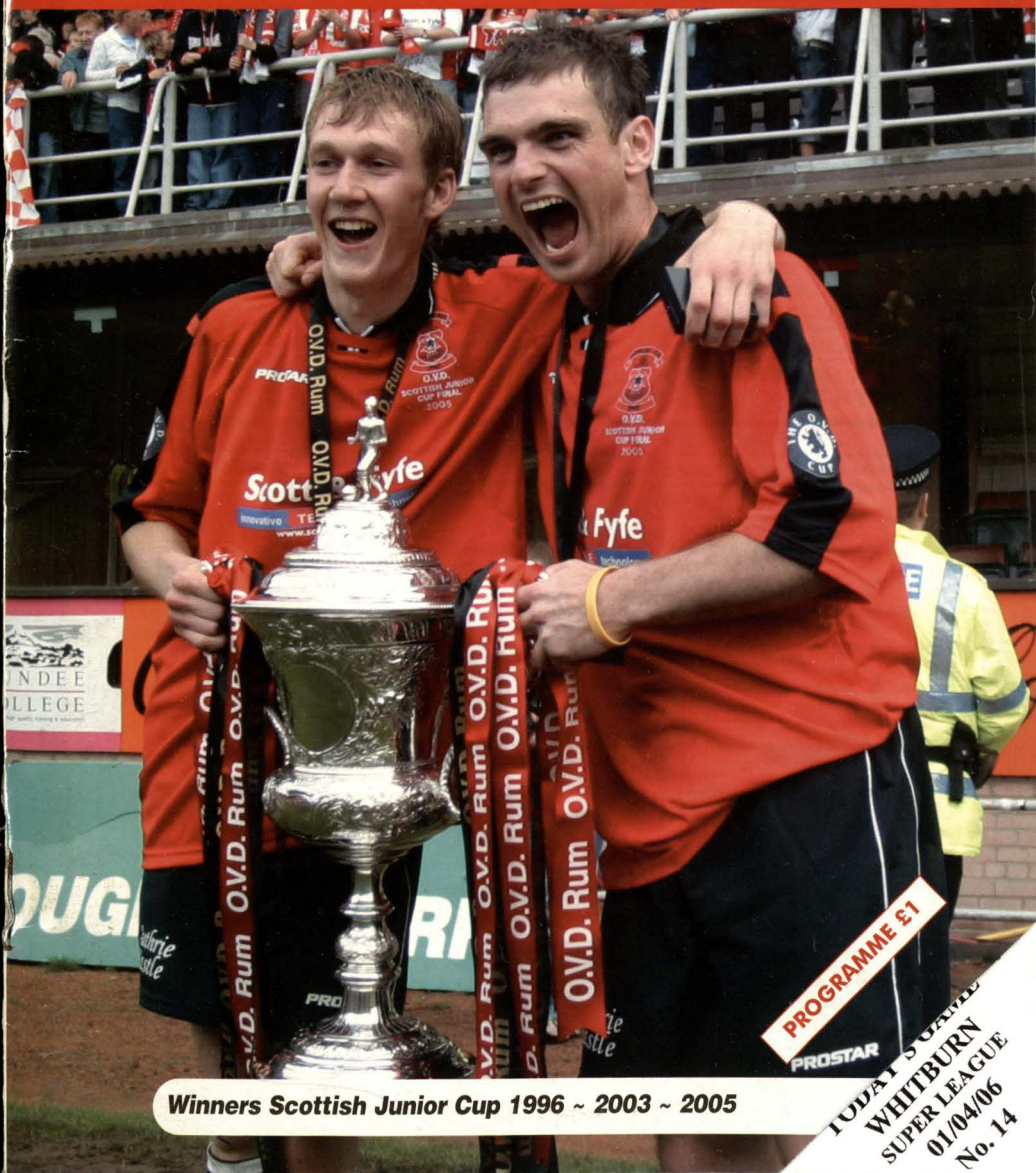


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Scorer - S. Ross (2)
Att. 4,652

1 June 2003
1-0 (aet) v Linlithgow Rose
at Firhill, Glasgow

F. Fitzpatrick
R. Gunnion
G. Paterson
R. Morris
J. Ward
S. Peters
J. Mitchell
S. Stewart (D. Scott)
B. Craik (A. Ramsay)
B. McNaughton
G. Dailly (D. Evans)

Scorer - Craik
Att. 4,613

29 May 2005
2-0 v Lochee United
at Tannadice

F. Fitzpatrick
R. Morris
G. Paterson (L. Young)
J. Ward
D. Wemyss
S. Peters
B. McNaughton
S. Stewart
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4	Craig BROWN		Joe MBU
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8	Steven STEWART		Kenneth HANNAH
9	Martin GRANT		Alan FLANAGAN
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12	Roberto MORRIS		Ritchie CARSON
13	Barry McNAUGHTON		Stewart KENNY
14	Gareth DAILLY		Jamie McCARROL
15	Ross GUNNION		Peter LYNCH
17	Robbie HENDERSON		Mark SINCLAIR
18	Bryan DUELL		Jamie VALENTINE
19	Brian LIVIE		
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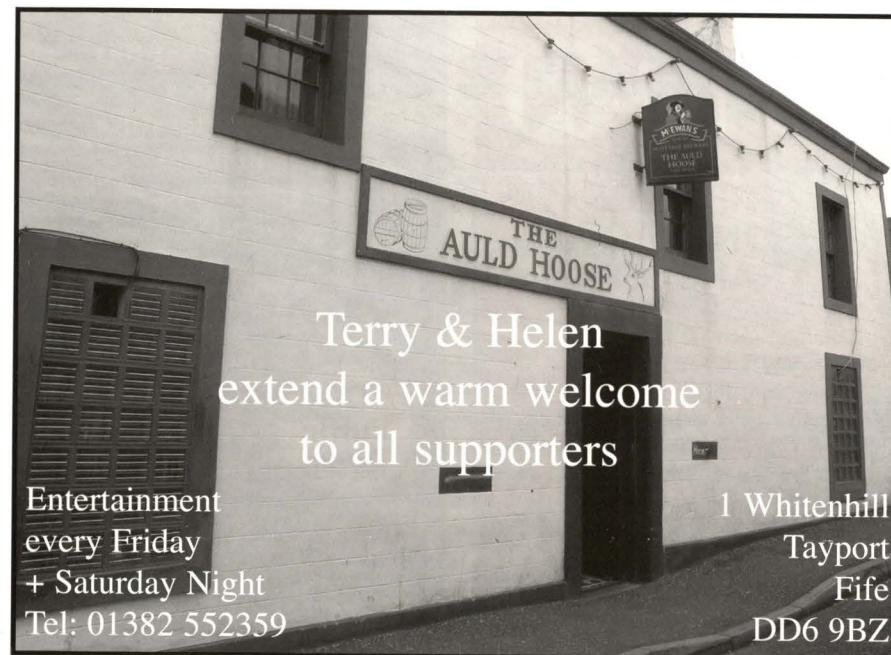
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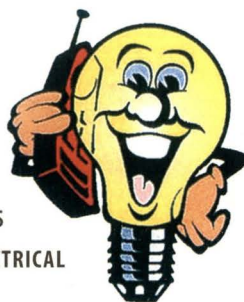


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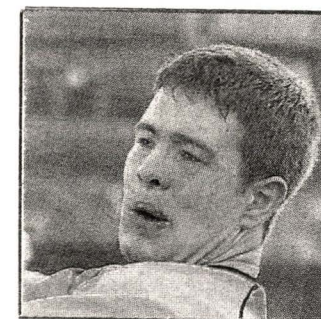
TAYPORT v WHITBURN



Park, Whitburn back in August. The record books will show it as a 3-2 win for the Super League newcomers but that scoreline doesn't tell the story of a match in which Tayport played second fiddle from first whistle to last and, in all truth, the scoreline flattered 'Port.

Whitburn had a stunning start to their Super League campaign but disappointed their followers by suffering a shock defeat to North End in their first match of 2006. That setback was soon forgotten, however, as Burnies went on a run of five successive wins before slipping up at home to Hill of Beath last week.

It wasn't so much the result which made the headlines but the fact that two Burnies players were sent off for fighting - with each other! Paul Taylor and Stewart Kenny (see photos) had a disagreement and resorted to trading punches, leaving the referee no option but to produce a pair of reds. The offences are likely to see both sit out this afternoon's game.



Eighteen goal striker Colin Strickland, son of manager Derek, the former Rangers and Hearts forward, is the biggest threat in the Whitburn strike force, whilst at the back, big Joe Mbu, who missed last week's match, has been a rock since signing from Armadale at the start of the season. Tayport are likely to find a place up front for Ronnie Kenneth who missed the Clydebank games through being cup-tied. With Duncan McLean, Robbie Henderson and Bryan Duell all vying for a place in the strike force, manager Burgess is spoiled for choice in that area. Injuries saw Steven Stewart and Barry McNaughton miss last week's friendly at East Craigie and both could again miss out. Grant Paterson and Steven Stewart are the Tayport survivors from Whitburn's only previous visit to the Canniepairt, just over 11 years ago, when the visitors recorded a 2-0 win in a Scottish Cup quarter final tie.

Keith Burgess writes..... IS SPONSORED BY

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE CANNIEPAIRT TO BOTH SETS OF SUPPORTERS. THIS WEEK WE PLAY HOST TO WHITBURN JUNIORS, ONE OF MY FORMER CLUBS, AND A CLUB WHICH HOLDS GREAT MEMORIES FOR ME PERSONALLY, AS I WAS WITH WHITBURN WHEN THEY WON THE OVD SCOTTISH CUP IN SEASON 1999/2000 AND I STILL HAVE MANY FRIENDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB.

MANAGED BY DEREK STRICKLAND, THE 'BURNIE' HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON THE EAST SUPERLEAGUE IN THEIR FIRST SEASON, AS THEIR LEAGUE POSITION SHOWS. AFTER LEADING THE TABLE FOR THE EARLY PART OF THE SEASON, CUP TIES AND POSTPONEMENTS HAVE SEEN THEM DROP A FEW PLACES, BUT WITH GAMES IN HAND, THEY WILL HOPE TO GAIN GROUND AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES.



SINCE MY LAST PROGRAMME PIECE WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OVD CUP ¼ FINAL ACTION AGAINST CLYDEBANK. THE FIRST GAME WAS A MATCH IN WHICH WE SQUANDERED ABOUT 6 OR 7 GREAT CHANCES TO SCORE. THE 'BANKIES' TOOK THE LEAD THROUGH A VERY CONTROVERSIAL PENALTY ON THE 12 MINUTE MARK AND UNFORTUNATELY FOR TAYPORT, THE CLYDEBANK GOALKEEPER PLAYED THE GAME OF HIS LIFE AND FRUSTRATED US ALL UNTIL STEVEN STEWART'S PIECE OF GENIUS LEVELLED THE MATCH AT 1-1 AFTER 70 MINUTES. THEREAFTER THE GAME BECAME A BIT SCRAPPY AND NO OTHER CLEAR-CUT CHANCES CAME OUR WAY, WITH CLYDEBANK GIVING US A LATE SCARE FROM A FREE KICK WHICH DUNCAN BRUCE DID VERY WELL TO TURN ROUND THE POST.

SO IT WAS OFF TO CLYDEBANK FOR A REPLAY THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.

THE REPLAY WAS MORE EVENLY CONTESTED ON THE VERY TIGHT GLENHEAD PARK, WHICH HAD A HARD AND SANDY SURFACE AND, ALTHOUGH WE WERE PLAYING CONFIDENTLY, WE STRUGGLED TO GET OUR PASSING GAME GOING. AFTER A CLOSE THING AT OUR END, WE CREATED A COUPLE OF GOOD CHANCES OF OUR OWN, BUT, JUST LIKE THE PREVIOUS WEEK WE FAILED TO CAPITALISE. THAT WAS UNTIL BARRY McNAUGHTON THREADED A PASS INSIDE THEIR FULL BACK FOR SCOTT PETERS TO DRIVE THE BALL INTO THE NET FOR THE OPENER. NOW IN THE DRIVING SEAT WE CONTROLLED THE GAME, WITHOUT REALLY DOMINATING THE OPPOSITION FOR THE REST OF THE FIRST HALF.

AFTER THE BREAK CLYDEBANK'S "ROUTE ONE" APPROACH PUT A BIT OF PRESSURE ON OUR DEFENCE, BUT AT NO STAGE DID WE FEEL THREATENED BY THEIR LONG BALL TACTICS. AT THE OTHER END THEIR KEEPER HAD ANOTHER COUPLE OF GREAT SAVES FROM DEREK WEMYSS AND BRYAN DUELL TO KEEP THEM IN THE GAME, AND JUST AS WE THOUGHT THAT WE HAD DONE ENOUGH TO WIN THE TIE, WE WERE HIT WITH A SUCKER PUNCH. DUNCAN BRUCE BRILLIANTLY TIPPED A SHOT ONTO THE CROSSBAR, ONLY TO SEE THE REBOUND VOLLEYED INTO THE NET BY SUBSTITUTE CARBERRY TO SEND THE GAME TO PENALTY KICKS.

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WE KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE TO BE BACK TO OUR BEST TO TAKE THE POINTS THIS AFTERNOON AGAINST WHITBURN, SO LET'S ALL GET BEHIND THE TEAM AND CHEER US TO VICTORY.

CHEERS, *KEITH*

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ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPH FROM QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO THE TAYPORT THISTLE BOYS' CLUB UNDER 15's FROM 1981



Back (l-r) Steven Moyes, Scott Crichton, Rab McLean, Trevor Graham, Lloyd Anderson, Stuart Turnbull, Graham Bruce, Gary Bonar. Front - Bryan Fitchet, Mike Smith, Bruce Walker, Graham Dempster, Andy Simmons and Ryan Brown.

HARRY'S TRAVELS

Harry Watson of Gateshead, has been following Tayport's fortunes since watching us on pre-season tour at South Shields and Crook Town in August.

Harry filed the following report on a week's groundhopping in the North East in mid March

On Wednesday 15 March, I thought it would be a good idea to watch my local team Gateshead playing Farsley Celtic from Pudsey near Leeds. Farsley were 5th top of the Unibond Premier with Gateshead in a 3rd bottom relegation spot. I paid my £6 and £1.50 for the programme and settled down to watch the match. Again it was bitterly cold in the international stadium.

Farsley took the game to Gateshead from the start and were 2-0 up at half-time. It was a very disappointing performance from Gateshead who pushed forward from the re-start but were stunned when Farsley scored twice in as many minutes. With 8 minutes left Celtic scored their 5th with a penalty leaving Gateshead in deep relegation mire. The crowd was Gateshead's lowest of the season with only 87 paying spectators. The programme is an excellent 32 page glossy issue with all the usual features.

On Friday 17 March there was a big game between Durham City and Newcastle Blue Star in the Northern League 1st division. A 25 minute drive along the motorway from my home in Gateshead and I was at Durham City's Archibalds Stadium.

Durham's manager Andy Gowens had moved from Blue Star to Durham half way through the season but Blue Star were still sitting on top of the table, 11 points clear of 2nd placed Bedlington Terriers. Durham City on the other hand have struggled this season despite being expected to challenge for honours and were sitting in mid-table. It was a lively, but scrappy game that saw Durham secure the points with a goal from a substitute giving them a 1-0 win. Despite this setback it still looks like Blue Star will win their first ever Northern League division one title.

It cost £4 to get in and there was no programme just a team sheet as the programmes apparently never arrived from the printers in time. Again it was freezing.

On Saturday 18 March I decided to watch another Celtic, this time West Allotment Celtic who play their games at Benton on the east side of Newcastle. They were in 13th position in the Northern 1st Division and their opponents were Billingham Town from Teesside who were in 5th spot and in with a chance of being runners-up. It was a pleasant surprise to pay only £3 to get in and 50p for the programme. I have been to see Allotment play a few times and these are invariably fine games with plenty of action and goals. Today's game didn't disappoint with Billingham recording a fine 4-1 win. The 50p programme from West Allotment Celtic had 24 pages on good quality paper and the editor, believe it or not, is Stephen Allot.

On Sunday 19 March it was back to Durham City as I took in the English Sunday Cup semi final between Hetton Lyons cricket club from Houghton le Spring near Sunderland against Birstall Stamford from Leicestershire. Most of the Hetton team were players from the Northern League. The competition had an entry of 132 clubs. It cost £3 to get in, £1 to sit in the stand and £1.50 for the programme. It was dry and cold as the teams kicked off in front of 450 supporters including a noisy band from Birstall.

Birstall took the lead but Roy Allen (Crook Town) headed the equaliser to the delight of most of the crowd. The goal the crowd was waiting for came on 85 minutes and sent the crowd into raptures as it hit the net to give Lyons a 2-1 win to secure their first ever Sunday Cup final. They will play St. Josephs (Luton) who beat Lobster from Merseyside 2-0 in the other semi final at Anfield, Liverpool. The programme was a glossy effort from the F.A. It provided a history of the Sunday Cup which started away back in 1964/65. A fair effort from the Football Association.

Tayport FC—current squad stats

Squad	No.	Name	Previous club	debut	y	games	sub	TOTAL	goals
1		Frazer Fitzpatrick	Montrose FC	15.08.00	Jeanfield Swifts	249	0	249	0
21		Duncan Bruce	Dundee Utd	29.04.02	Broughty Athletic	25	4	29	0
2		Scott Peters	Arbroath FC	17.02.01	East Craigie	183	10	193	34
3		Grant Paterson	Riverside Ath	22.08.90	Forfar Albion	752	13	765	21
4		Craig Brown	Alloa Athletic	13.08.05	Arniston Rangers	2	8	10	0
5		Derek Wemyss	Riverside Ath	07.10.00	Forfar Albion	148	14	162	20
6		Lloyd Young	Raith Rovers	19.03.05	Oakley United	19	19	38	3
7		Allan Ramsay	Carnoustie	23.09.95	Lochee Harp	342	48	390	30
8		Steven Stewart	NCR Ams	17.08.94	Lochee United	394	57	451	82
9		Martin Grant	Cowdenbeath	03.09.05	Linlithgow Rose	15	7	22	4
10		Ronnie Kenneth	Carnoustie	18/08/00	Jeanfield Swifts	67	13	80	75
11		Duncan McLean	Montrose FC	21.01.06	Arniston Rangers	4	1	5	1
12		Roberto Morris	Forfar Ath	07.08.02	Montrose Roselea	152	1	153	3
13		Barry McNaughton	Lochee Harp	22.08.01	Lochee United	165	34	199	45
14		Gareth Dailly	Montrose FC	24.03.01	Lochee United	150	37	187	27
15		Ross Gunnion	Bankfoot	15.08.01	Bankfoot Athletic	162	20	182	3
17		Robbie Henderson	Montrose FC	14.08.04	Bo'ness United	45	24	69	32
18		Bryan Duell	Forfar West End	13.08.05	Arniston Rangers	22	5	27	8
19		Brian Livie	Forfar Albion	14.08.04	Bo'ness United	46	16	62	6
20		Gordon Malone	Maryfield Juvs	19.08.81	SMT	54	10	64	35

Note: These are the clubs with which the players played prior to joining Tayport for the first time. Several subsequently signed for the club for a second spell - Bruce (Kinnoull), Malone (North End), Stewart (Montrose), Kenneth (Carnoustie) Malone's first 43 games for the club were in pre-Junior days

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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
Aug 13	ARNISTON RANGERS	L	W 3-1	Bruce	Gunnion	Dailly 1 #	Morris	Wemyss	Young	Knox 1 %	Stewart	Henderson	Duell 1	Livie	Middleton (9)	Brown (9)	Paterson (11)	226
Aug 17	LOCHEE UNITED	L	W 1-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris #	Wemyss	Dailly 1 #	Middleton #	Stewart	Duell	Knox #	Livie	Christie (7)	Young (10)		388
Aug 20	Whitburn	L	L 2-3	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Livie	Middleton	Stewart	Duell 1 #	Knox	Henderson	Brown (3)	Malone (10)	Christie (11) 1	278
Aug 24	Carnoustie Panmure	L	D 1-1	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Livie	Young	Stewart 1	Duell	Dailly #	Middleton	Brown (7)	Malone (8)	Christie (11)	202
Aug 27	BONNYRIGG	L	L 1-2	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Livie	Wemyss	Morris	Young	Stewart	Suell	Dailly 1	Middleton	Henderson (7)	Christie (3)		215
Sept 3	Linlithgow Rose	L	D 2-2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss 1	Livie	Grant	Stewart	Cuell 1 %	Dailly	Henderson	Middleton (3)	Peters (6)	Knox (11)	578
Sept 10	BATHGATE THISTLE	L	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Livie	Morris	Wemyss	Young #	Grant	Stewart	Henderson	Dailly	Middleton 1				203
Sept 17	BO'NESS UNITED	L	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Livie	Morris	Wemyss	Young	Grant	Stewart	Henderson	Dailly	Middleton #	Knox (6) #	Brown (9)	Gunnion (11)	233
Sept 24	Glenrothes	L	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Peters #	Livie 1	Morris #	Wemyss	Young	Grant	Stewart	Henderson 2	Dailly	Middleton %	McNaughton (6)	Duell (9)	Gunnion (10)	198
Oct 1	LINLITHGOW ROSE	L	D 0-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion #	Dailly %	Morris ##	Livie	Peters #	Grant	Stewart	McNaughton	Henderson	Duell				330
Oct 8	Lochee United	L	W 3-1	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Livie	Morris	Wemyss	Gunnion	McNaughton	Stewart 1	Grant	Duell	Middleton 1	Henderson (5) 1	Knox (4)	Malone (11)	211
Oct 15	Kinnoull	F1	W 5-0	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Livie	Malone 1	Duell #	Stewart	McNaughton 2	Grant 1	Knox #	Henderson	Middleton 1	Young (10)	Bruce (1)	Brown (6)	138
Oct 22	HILL OF BEATH	L	D 0-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Livie	Morris	Duell	Malone #	McNaughton	Grant	Stewart	Young	Middleton	Henderson (8)	Dailly (10)		272
Oct 29	Dundee North End	L	W 3-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Livie	Morris	Duell	Grant	McNaughton	Knox #	Stewart	Middleton 1	Henderson 2	Brown (6)	Young (9)		246
Nov 5	KELLO ROVERS	S2	W 3-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Livie	Morris	Duell 1	Grant	McNaughton #	Knox	Young	Middleton	Henderson 2	Paterson (10)	Dailly (9)		258
Nov 12	Hill of Beath	L	W 2-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Livie	Stewart	Knox #	Malone	Dailly #	Middleton	Duell #	Grant (7) 1	Ramsay (8)	Young (9)	241
Nov 26	Thornton Hibs	RL1	W 3-1	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Duell	Livie	Grant 1	McNaughton 1	Knox #	Stewart	Henderson	Middleton 1	Brown (6)	Dailly (8)	Young (9)	113
Dec 3	Sauchie	S3	W 4-1	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Livie	Grant	McNaughton 1	Dailly #	Stewart 1	Middleton	Duell	Henderson (11) 1	Young (8)		374
Dec 10	Bo'ness United	L	L 0-4	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Livie	Dailly	McNaughton #	Stewart	Grant	Middleton #	Duell	Knox (3)	Young (8)	Henderson (10)	396
Dec 17	LOCHEE HARP	F2	W 4-0	Fitzpatrick	Malone 1	Paterson #	Livie	Wemyss	Young 1	McNaughton 1	Brown	Henderson	Ramsay	Dailly	Grant (10) 1	Kenneth (8)	Middleton (7)	128
Jan 7	DOWNFIELD	Ch2	W 3-1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss 1 #	Ramsay	McNaughton	Stewart	Henderson 1	Dailly	Middleton	Grant (9)	Duell (7)	Livie (10)	138
Jan 14	RENFREW	S4	W 1-0	Fitzpatrick	Wemyss	Morris #	Livie	Peters	Ramsay	McNaughton 1	Stewart	Duell #	Middleton #	Dailly	Grant (5)	Gunnion (10)		399
Jan 21	Arnisston Rangers	L	W 2-1	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Wemyss	Livie 1	Peters	Stewart	McNaughton	Dailly 1	Grant	Duell	Kenneth	McLean (10)	Paterson (9)		186
Jan 28	HILL OF BEATH	ES	D 3-3	Fitzpatrick	Peters	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Livie	McNaughton 1	Dailly	Ramsay ##	Kenneth	McLean 1	Grant (2)	Duell (8)		227
Feb 4	CARNOUSTIE	L	D 1-1	Fitzpatrick	Morris	Paterson	Livie	Wemyss	Peters	McNaughton	Ramsay	Henderson 1	Duell	Dailly	Gunnion (3)	Young (10)		236
Feb 11	Arthurlie	S5	W 6-2	Fitzpatrick	Wemyss	Livie	Morris	Peters 1	Ramsay	McNaughton	Stewart	Duell 2	McLean	Dailly 2	Henderson (10) 1	Gunnion (6)	Young (11)	810
Feb 18	Arbroath S C	RL2	W 4-0	Bruce	Gunnion	Paterson	Morris #	Wemyss 1	Young	McNaughton #	Stewart 1	Henderson 1	McLean	Grant	Brown (7)	Malone (8)	Duell (10)	86
Feb 25	East Craigie	F3	W 5-0	Bruce	Malone	Livie 1	Wemyss	Morris	Peters	Brown	Dailly	Young	Kenneth 2	Duell 1	Henderson (11)	Grant (3)		139
Mar 11	CLYDEBANK	S6	D 1-1	Bruce	Gunnion #	Livie	Morris #	Wemyss	Peters #	McNaughton	Stewart # 1	Duell	McLean	Dailly	Young (2)	Malone (7)	Henderson (9)	852
Mar 18	Clydebank	S6R	D 1-1	Bruce #	Gunnion #	Livie	Morris #	Wemyss #	Peters 1	Ramsay	Young	Henderson	McNaughton	Dailly	Grant (6)	Duell (10)		1202
Apr 1	WHITBURN	L	2.30															
Apr 8	Bathgate Thistle	L	2.30															
Apr 15	Carnoustie Panmure	RL3	2.30															
Apr 21	Auchinleck Talbot	SSemi	7.45															

KEY: Competitions: L - Whyte & Mackay East Super League; S - OVD Scottish Junior Cup; ES - East of Scotland Cup; RL - Redwood Leisure Cup; Ch - Challenge Cup; F - Findlay & Co Cup; Number after letter indicates round of competition.
Other: Number after player - goals scored; Number in brackets after player - player replaced; * - after extra time; + - after extra time and penalties % - Player dismissed; # - Player cautioned; a - lost on penalties; b - won on penalties

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Dunmore

Tayport at last get back to Super League business this weekend, not that there hasn't been plenty to sustain interest over the past few months.

The OVD Scottish Junior Cup has again dominated our thoughts.

In less than three weeks, 'Port will make their fifth visit to Firhill for a mouth-watering semi-final against the mighty Auchinleck Talbot. That clash comes about thanks to the penalty shoot-out win at Glenhead Park, a fortnight ago.

When Clydebank visited the Canniepairt for the initial quarter-final tie, Tayport suffered an early setback, with the Bankies being awarded a soft penalty, converted by Brian Harkin. That certainly increased the anxiety levels, resulting in a host of chances being spurned. Credit to the visiting 'keeper, however, as he made some fine saves.

Thankfully, Steven Stewart's inch-perfect lob, from distance, brought a more than deserved equaliser, while Duncan Bruce produced a great stop late on to ensure a replay.

With Scott Peters opening the scoring away from home, it seemed 'Port would cruise into the last-four, but the plucky hosts notched a last-gasp leveller, sending their fabulous supporters into ecstasy. The cup holders held their nerve, though, with Roberto Morris, Gareth Dailly and Bryan Duell netting in the 3-1 penalty victory. Again, plaudits also to Duncan Bruce.

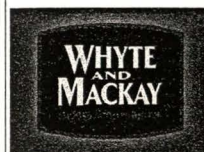
While the two matches produced several memorable moments, the passion of the Clydebank fans will live longest in the memory, even if they were a bit too loud at times! The junior game is far better of for their arrival on the scene.

Let's hope it's the 'Port Support who are in full voice at Firhill, but, first things first, let's cheer the team to wins in the next two fixtures, both vital Super League encounters against the two other title-chasers.

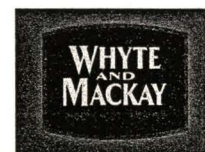
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SUPER LEAGUE



As we approach the final straight interest in the championship and relegation issues intensifies. Since the turn of the year, with cup ties dominating the weekly programme, league games have been fairly sporadic with the result there has been little real change in the overall picture.

Tayport, by virtue of getting a load of games in before Christmas, have led the league for the best part of six months. The title favourites, Bathgate and today's opponents Whitburn, are amongst those clubs which have games in hand. With Tayport due to visit Bathgate next week, the picture in eight days time will give a fair indication of where the flag could be flying next season.

One thing certain is that Lochee United will not hang on to their title and the previous season's winners, Linlithgow, may well have a say in where the title is going but it's almost certainly not going to be Prestonfield. Prestonfield last week was where the final nail was hammered into the North End coffin, the Dokens' 1-0 defeat by Rose saw the Dundee club consigned to relegation after only one season upstairs.

There will be an almighty scrap to avoid joining them. The two clubs to taker the drop are fairly certain to be from the quintet of Bo'ness, Arniston, Bonnyrigg, Lochee United and Glenrothes. Arniston, with only four games remaining, need to win at least two to be safe, although Carnoustie were relegated with 26 points in 2003.

Bo'ness are haunted by the fact they were turfed out of the Scottish Cup for administration errors and have to appear before the next meeting of the East Region.

Bonnyrigg are pretty much a Jekyll and Hyde team and look capable of climbing to safety and having more games in hand than any of the other teams, could be Glenrothes' salvation.

Lochee United, the defending champions, have failed to sustain the form of last season and their fans have started to get twitchy. However, three wins from their remaining eight games will ensure safety.

Today's almost full Super League card will perhaps give a few pointers, although definitely not picking up any points are either Glens or Lochee who meet on Redwood Leisure business at the Warout Stadium.

Bo'ness and Bathgate meet in what is sure to be a well attended encounter at Newtown Park. We've got three of our local Super League teams playing at home this afternoon, the other two being at Carnoustie and North End Park. Carnoustie are flying just now and few would bet against then turning over Linlithgow. It's from matches such as these, however, that Rose seem to carve out a result. It's very much crunch time at North End where Arniston will be under real pressure to get a result. Hill of Beath will be looking at the League table and reckoning if they beat Bonnyrigg at home and the results go their way, then they could be sitting top of the league tonight.

We hope to have all these results on the Newsline around 4.30pm

Here's how William Hill's see the matches going

12/5	Bo'ness	5/2	Bathgate	5/6
11/8	Carnoustie	21/10	Linlithgow	13/8
5/2	Dundee NE	5/2	Arniston	4/5
10/11	Hill of Beath	12/5	Bonnyrigg	9/4
8/11	Tayport	5/2	Whitburn	14/5

Readers of *The Scotsman* would have almost choked on their cornflakes on Thursday morning (30/03/06) The back page was given over entirely to an article describing the SFA's radical plan to revamp the Scottish Cup, the opening paragraph stating that the first round proper of the Scottish Cup in season 2007/08 could potentially throw up a tie between Tayport and Rangers if one of the radical new proposals put forward by the Scottish Football Association to revamp its flagship competition is approved. The SFA is desperate to attain "increased attendances and greater media interest" in the Scottish Cup.

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SPORT

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Taylor plans radical cup revamp

SPL clubs and junior teams could enter at first-round stage as SFA bids to boost minnows

PHIL JOHNSON

THE draw for the first round of the Scottish Cup in season 2007/08 could potentially throw up a tie between Celtic and Celtic or Tayport and Rangers if one of the radical new proposals put forward by the Scottish Football Association to revamp its flagship competition is approved.

It is one of the most ambitious proposals for the country's oldest and most prestigious knockout tournament. SFA chief executive David Taylor is asking member clubs to consider changing the format of the cup for the first time in over 40 years. He believes it would "stimulate interest" in the early rounds with "increased attendances and greater media interest".

The Scotsman has learned that three alternatives have been put forward, each of which opens the door to the country's leading junior sides for the first time and would expand the competition from 50 to between 62 and 64 teams.

The most eye-catching idea circulated in a draft paper produced by the SFA's executive board is the introduction of an all-in first-round draw of 64 teams. Such a scenario would involve SPL and First Division clubs being placed in the hat along with Second and Third Division sides and as many as 22 non-league teams. However, the proposal could meet with opposition from SPL clubs - the Old Firm in particular - who regularly qualify for Europe and would be concerned at the prospect of adding another match to a busy schedule. Tayport's Townsend Scottish Cup has captured the nation's imagination, with Celtic and Rangers knocking out each other in the quarter-final stage for the first time in 1987. Second Division Celtic took place in the final, before Hearts and Hibernian (also in the first all-Edinburgh semi-final for over 100 years. Hamilton Academical, Partick Thistle, Celtic, Albion Athletic and Spartans also enjoyed successful cup runs this season, and the organisers would like to see more small clubs flourishing in the tournament.

The report states "The aim is to stimulate interest in the early rounds of the competition, and to create a competition format where more of our smaller clubs have an opportunity to progress to later rounds of the competition". Taylor accepts that the financial implications of the proposals could raise objections, but is confident that bringing in more clubs will be offset by the interest in the early rounds of the competition, and to create a competition format where more of our smaller clubs have an opportunity to progress to later rounds of the competition.

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two rounds, or an all-in draw of 64 sides in a revamped first round. There is evidence to suggest certain aspects of the proposals - the admission of junior clubs, for example - is in tune with public opinion.

The SFA admits an all-in first-round draw of 64 teams is the "most radical" of its suggestions. A similar system was used for seven seasons from 1977/78, when the eight semi-finalists from the north and south Qualifying Cups entered an all-in first-round draw. It produced some unexpected results, such as Hibernian's 1-0 thrashing of Peebles Rovers in 1981, but it also brought about one of the competition's greatest upsets when high-flying Dundee lost 1-0 at Forfarburgh in 1979.

The difference this time, however, is the suggested introduction of junior teams for the first time. The SFA wants to hand the Scottish Junior Cup winners and the champions of the SFA's three regional Super Leagues direct entry into the first round proper of the Scottish Cup.

A proposal in June last year to admit four junior teams into the qualifying cup was rejected by member clubs, but SFA president John McIlreath blamed the result on self-interest and a lack of consultation. Taylor understood to be

the driving force behind these latest plans, which he hopes will break down the barrier between senior and junior football - said then that the proposal would be re-submitted.

Granting four junior clubs direct entry into the Scottish Cup is likely to be opposed by Highland, South and East of Scotland League senior clubs, who must play their way into the competition through the Qualifying Cup.

But the SFA report advises that the four junior sides could be deemed any of the sponsor's prize money. As another alternative, it states that the junior teams could be granted entry into the Qualifying Cup instead.

The current system for the Scottish Cup, in which eight semi-finalists from the north and south Qualifying Cups enter a place in the draw for the opening two rounds along with Second and Third Division clubs, has been in place since 1964. But the SFA wants to introduce at least another 12 non-league teams.

Under the other proposed formats it suggests, SPL and First Division clubs would remain exempt until the third round, but there would be no byes for teams involved in the early rounds. Twenty non-league teams would enter a first-round draw of 40 clubs. This would be reduced to 20 for the second round and ten clubs would then progress into the third round of 12 teams.

The paper is currently at the consultation stage and an SFA working group has been set up to monitor reaction before reporting back to the executive board in October. Scottish Cup rules can only be altered by a majority vote of member clubs, but an SFA spokesman said that a final proposal could be put forward at the 2007 annual general meeting.



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Duncan becomes darling of the Hibs fans Pages 62-63

Scotland considers bid to host Euro 2016

ANGUS WRIGHT

THE Scottish Football Association is considering a bid to host the 2016 European Championship finals but has dismissed the notion of a combined Celtic nation bid involving Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Despite the Scots losing out on staging Euro 2008, Austria and Switzerland were awarded the finals - SFA chief executive David Taylor insists there is still the appetite to host a major tournament in this country.

"It's a possibility we will bid," Taylor told Radio Scotland. But a bid involving all three Celtic nations is "no longer practical".

John Johnson, the president of UEFA, had floated the idea of combined bids involving the Scots, Irish and Welsh last month. The main motivation behind the suggestion was Johnson's desire to see Cardiff's impressive Millennium Stadium utilised at a major tournament.

Taylor discounted the notion of a triple bid but did not rule out the possibility of working again with the Irish or going solo.

"We would never be potlatch in terms of bidding ambitiously for Scotland," the SFA chief executive said. "We are very keen for major sports events to come to Scotland and it's certainly something we would like to discuss with the Irish."

Scotland and Ireland lost out on hosting Euro 2008 because of uncertainty over stadiums in Dublin and a lack of geographical spread in the Scottish part of the bid.

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BACK TO GLASGOW FOR THE SEMI-FINAL ON 21st APRIL.

A contributor has put together some stats on Tayport FC's semi final and final travels over the years, which have taken in seven different grounds

THE ROADS AND THE MILES TO THE SEMI-FINALS

DISTANCE IN MILES
TRAVELLED BY THE FANS

YEAR	VENUE	OPPONENTS	Tayport	Opponents	Att.
1993	FIRHILL, GLASGOW	AUCHINLECK	78	43	2,190
1996	FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL	AUCHINLECK	79	46	3,016
1997	FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL	ARTHURLIE	79	25	2,000
2002	ALMONDVALE, LIVINGSTON	LINLITHGOW ROSE	60	15	4,401
2003	BROADWOOD, CUMBERNAULD	MARYHILL	66	14	2,190
2004	STARKS PARK, KIRKCALDY	GLENROTHES	32	8	3,080
2005	LOVE STREET, PAISLEY	RENFREW	86	3	2,459
2006	FIRHILL, GLASGOW	AUCHINLECK	78	43	

.....AND THE FINALS

1993	FIRHILL, GLASGOW	GLENAFTON	78	48	6,250
1996	FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL	CAMELON	79	22	4,652
1997	FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL	POLLOK	79	24	3,523
2003	FIRHILL, GLASGOW	LINLITHGOW	78	34	4,613
2004	FIRHILL, GLASGOW	CARNOUSTIE	78	93	3,030
2005	TANNADICE PARK, DUNDEE	LOCHEE UNITED	5	2	6,668

For the record, the attendances for recent finals have been

1990	Hill of Beath	v	Lesmahagow	at	Rugby Park, Kilmarnock	6,000
1991	Auchinleck	v	Newtongrange	at	Brockville, Falkirk	no record
1992	Auchinleck	v	Glenafton	at	Firhill, Glasgow	8,000
1994	Largs	v	Glenafton	at	Ibrox, Glasgow	8,668
1995	Camelon	v	Whitburn	at	Fir Park, Motherwell	8,019
1998	Arthurlie	v	Pollok	at	Fir Park, Motherwell	4,751
1999	Kelty Hearts	v	Kilwinning	at	Firhill, Glasgow	7,525
2000	Whitburn	v	Johnstone Burgh	at	Firhill, Glasgow	7,012
2001	Renfrew	v	Carnoustie	at	Firhill, Glasgow	5,252
2002	Linlithgow	v	Auchinleck	at	Firhill, Glasgow	6,966

Recent semi final attendances in Dundee

1995 semi final	Lochee United	v	Camelon	at	Tannadice Park	4,881
2001 semi final	Carnoustie	v	Shettleston	at	Dens Park	4,884

SNIFFING ABOUT THE WITH THE SNOOT



A recent Daily Telegraph obituary paid tribute to what surely must be one of Tayport's most famous sons. Richard Wawro who died of cancer last month, aged 53. Richard stayed in Ogilvy Street at Pond Lane and, although diagnosed as a retarded child, he received universal acclaim for his paintings. He was afflicted by savant syndrome and was one of only 25 recognised prodigious savants in the world. When he was 12, his works were described as an 'incredible phenomenon rendered with the precision of a mechanic and the vision of a poet'. Notable owners of Wawro originals include Lady Thatcher and the late Pope John Paul II

Described as one of Scottish sport's oldest trophies, shanty's Camanachd Cup, crafted in 1896, went off to the United States this week, as an exhibit at Tartan Week in New York's Central Station. Although not as old as the Scottish Junior Cup, it was crafted in 1886, the problems are the same. As the Cups get older they become more vulnerable to damage and there are plans by both the Shinty Association and the SJFA to have exact replicas made. £30,000 is the estimated cost to make such a cup from scratch, using the same techniques as employed in the 19th century.

The Arniston Rangers Social Club has closed. Apparently it has not been profitable for some time, so a decision was taken to close the doors. After-match hospitality is now in the Arniston Miners' Welfare Bowling Club. There are rumours that Arnie are planning to relocate and sell Newbyres Park for housing development.

Tayport's cup replay at Clydebank was probably the one and only time Tayport will play to a full house. The Bankies programme gave the capacity of Glenhead Park as 1,250. The official numbers through the gate was 1,152, throw in the usual number of committee, sponsors, helpers etc. and add to that those who accessed after the gate was left unmanned shortly after kick-off, and there must have been at least 1,250 inside the ground. What an atmosphere there was! What a great groundswell of support there is for the new Clydebank. What a boost their travelling support provides for all the other clubs in their division.

There were some unhappy Bathgate bunnies according to the internet when Bathgate's home Fife & Lothians Cup tie the other week against Camelon was switched at the last minute to Camelon after Creamery Park was declared unplayable. Apparently nobody told the Bathgate faithful that the tie had been switched.

Well done to ballboy Dale Nelson at training the other night. A ball landed in the burn (one of the many) but Dale gave chase and eventually caught it just as it was leaving the mouth of the burn and making a break for the North Sea hoping to get its chance in the Bundesliga.

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STATISTICS AS AT 25TH MARCH 2006

LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	LEAGUE TABLE													
	P	Home					Away					GD	Pts	
TAYPORT	17	3	4	1	9	6	5	2	2	16	12	7	30	
Bathgate Thistle	14	4	3	0	9	5	4	2	1	9	6	7	29	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	19	4	1	3	14	9	4	4	3	15	17	3	29	
Carnoustie Panmure	19	4	3	3	16	11	4	1	4	14	19	0	28	
Whitburn	13	3	1	2	10	8	5	0	2	15	5	12	25	
Linlithgow Rose	16	5	1	2	17	11	2	2	4	11	17	0	24	
Arniston Rangers	18	4	2	4	19	23	1	3	4	11	18	-11	20	
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	14	4	0	8	16	14	2	1	3	9	9	2	19	
Bo'ness United	15	2	4	1	13	7	2	2	4	10	13	3	18	
Lochee United	14	4	0	3	16	13	1	3	3	6	9	0	18	
Glenrothes	13	3	1	2	8	4	1	2	4	6	13	-3	15	
Dundee North End	18	1	3	6	8	17	0	1	7	8	19	-20	7	

LEAGUE RESULTS CHART

	Arniston	Bathgate	Bo'ness	Bonnyrigg	Carnoustie	Glenrothes	Hill of Beath	Linlithgow	Lochee	North End	TAYPORT	Whitburn
Arniston			2-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-6
Bathgate Th	1-0		0-0		2-1	1-0	2-2	3-2	0-0			
Bo'ness	1-1			0-0	1-2	2-2	4-1		1-1		4-0	
Bonnyrigg	4-0	0-1			1-4		1-3	4-2	4-2	4-2		0-2
Carnoustie	1-1	1-2	2-2	3-2		3-0	2-0		0-1	3-0	1-1	0-2
Glenrothes				2-0	3-0		1-1			2-1	0-1	0-1
Hill of Beath	1-1	1-2	2-1		5-0			0-1		3-1	0-2	2-1
Linlithgow	2-3	2-1	1-2		3-1	2-0	4-2			1-0	2-2	
Lochee Utd	5-4					2-0	1-2	5-1		2-1	1-3	0-2
North End		1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-1	1-1		0-3	2-1
TAYPORT	3-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-1		0-0	0-0	1-0			
Whitburn		0-1	3-1				0-1	2-2		2-1	3-2	

LEAGUE GUIDE TO FORM

(last 5 league matches - most recent result to the right)

Arniston Rangers	D	L	D	L	W
Bathgate Thistle	W	L	W	D	W
Bo'ness United	L	L	D	W	D
Bonnyrigg Rose	L	L	W	W	L
Carnoustie Panmure	D	D	W	L	W
Glenrothes	L	W	W	D	W
Hill of Beath	L	D	L	W	W
Linlithgow Rose	W	L	W	L	W
Lochee United	L	W	D	D	L
North End	L	L	D	L	L
TAYPORT	W	W	L	W	D
Whitburn	L	W	W	L	L

LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	CLUB	GOALS
STRICKLAND, Colin	Whitburn	10
HERD, Gordon	Linlithgow Rose	8
ELLIOTT, John	Bonnyrigg Rose	6
HAGEN, Phil	Lochee United	6
HENDERSON, Robbie	Tayport	6
WARD, Alan	Bo'ness United	6
WRIGHT, Darrin	Hill of Beath	6
ANDREW, Benny	Glenrothes	5
BARNES, Ross	Arniston Rangers	5
BLACKWOOD, Paul	Lochee United	5
HONEYMAN, Ben	Arniston Rangers	5
KELLY, Jon	Carnoustie Panmure	5
ROBERTS, Andy	Bo'ness United	5
SMITH, Darren	Carnoustie Panmure	5

RESULTS

18th March

Bonnyrigg	1-4	Carnoustie
Glenrothes	2-1	North End

RESULTS

25th March

Linlithgow	1-0	North End
Whitburn	0-1	Hill of Beath

FIXTURES

1st April

Bo'ness Utd	v	Bathgate Th
Carnoustie	v	Linlithgow
Hill of Beath	v	Bonnyrigg
North End	v	Arniston
TAYPORT	v	Whitburn

FIRHILL FOR THRILLS ON 21st APRIL?

The semi-final between Tayport and Auchinleck Talbot has been set for Friday 21st April at Partick Thistle's Firhill Park, a ground the Bell's League 2 side share with Glasgow Hawks rugby team.

It's the fourth suc-
port have been
League side and,
the West Super
in hand over Pollok
spot, it's poten-

there's
only
one



Auchinleck, after
limelight, are clearly
intent on avenging
defeats at the hands of Tayport, in 1993 and 1996.

cessive round in which Tay-
drawn against a West
given that Talbot are top of
Premier League with games
and Renfrew, who share top
tially the most difficult.

several seasons out of the
on the way back and will be
their two previous semi final

The other semi-final takes place the previous Friday at the same venue when Irvine Meadow meet Bathgate. It's new territory for Bathgate but not for Irvine Meadow, although the Ayrshire club made the most recent of their ten previous semi-final appearances back in 1987.

Stop Press

Following this Wednesday's *Scotsman* newspaper's report (see *Snout*), about Shinty's Camanachd Cup being taken to New York as part of the Big Apple's Tartan Week celebrations, Tayport FC was yesterday approached, out of the blue, to take the Scottish Junior Cup to Takkypizi, just south of Tokyo, in Japan for that city's own inaugural Tartan Week celebrations at the end of this month.

Apparently they learned through the Japanese Consul in Edinburgh that the Scottish Junior Cup was even older than the Camanachd Cup and that was good enough for them.

A quick phone call to the authorities, brought a very positive response, so it's all systems go.

The Japanese organisers are taking care of all expenses for the five day trip for two to accompany the Cup, and all TFC has to do is arrange the Cup's insurance -and decide who's going. The committee meet this weekend to decide which two lucky members will be heading for the kilt outfitters at the beginning of the week. A full report will hopefully appear in a future programme.

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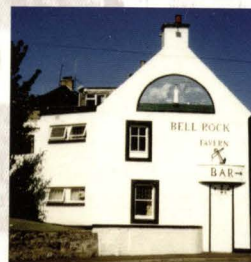
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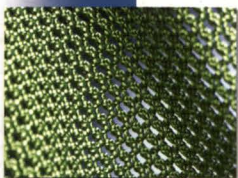


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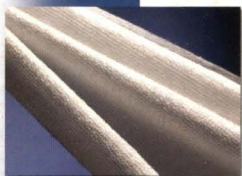


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