

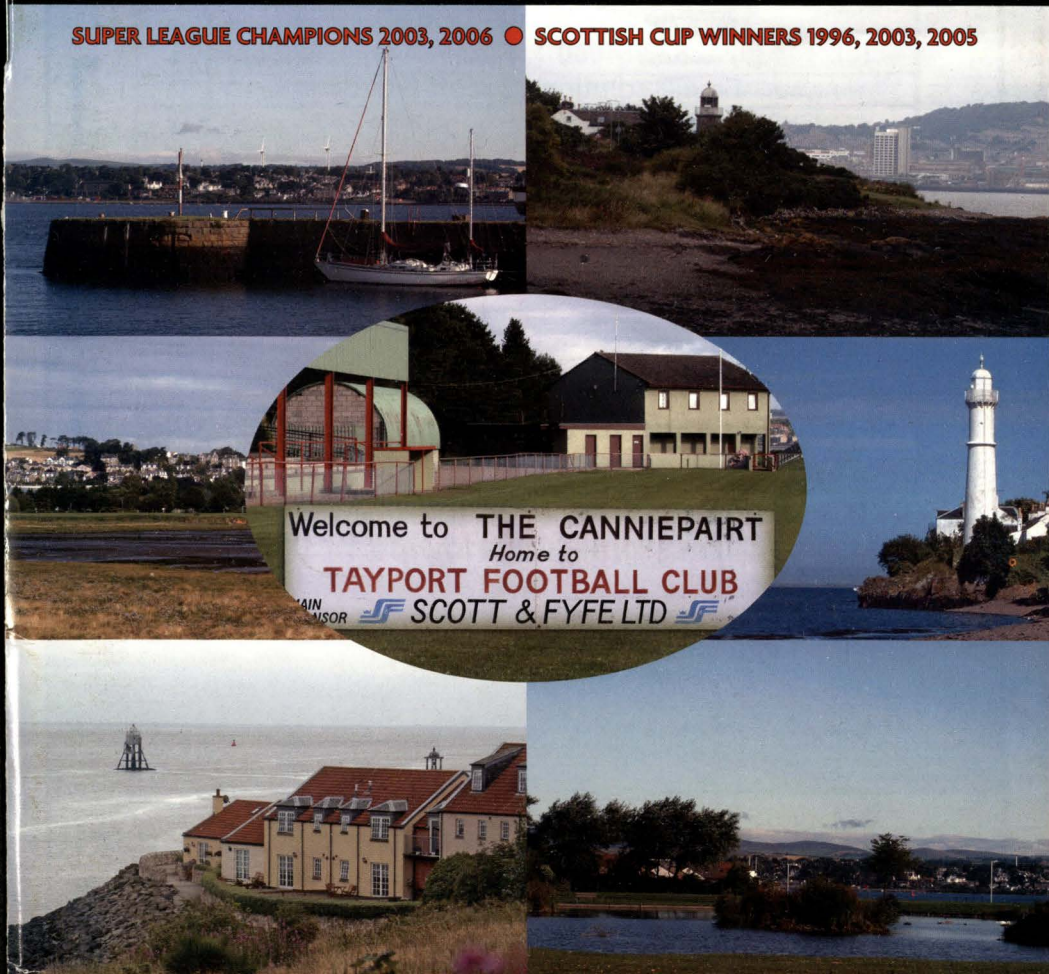
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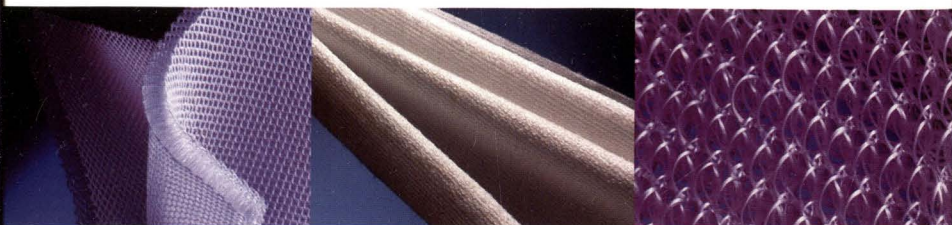
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G/K	Frazer FITZPATRICK		Willie WILSON
3	Grant PATERSON		Alan NEILL
4	Dean RENNIE		Graeme LOVE
5	Derek WEMYSS		Stephen MENMUIR
6	Reon JUSKOWIAK		Stephen DOCHERTY
7	Martin MAHER		John HARVEY
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9	Ronnie KENNETH		Kevin HAYNES
10	Brian CRAIK		Paul McGRILLEN
11	Kevin KELLY		Stuart HUNTER
12	Roberto MORRIS		Stewart EASTON
13	Barry McNAUGHTON		Tony SMITH
14	Chris WEBSTER		Chris McFADYEN
15	Ross GUNNION		Iain NICHOLSON
16	Darren SCOTT		Fraser LOVE
19	Brian LIVIE		Barry ELLIOT
20	Andy LAWSON		Jacek LOREK
23	Murray URQUHART		Scott BANNERMAN
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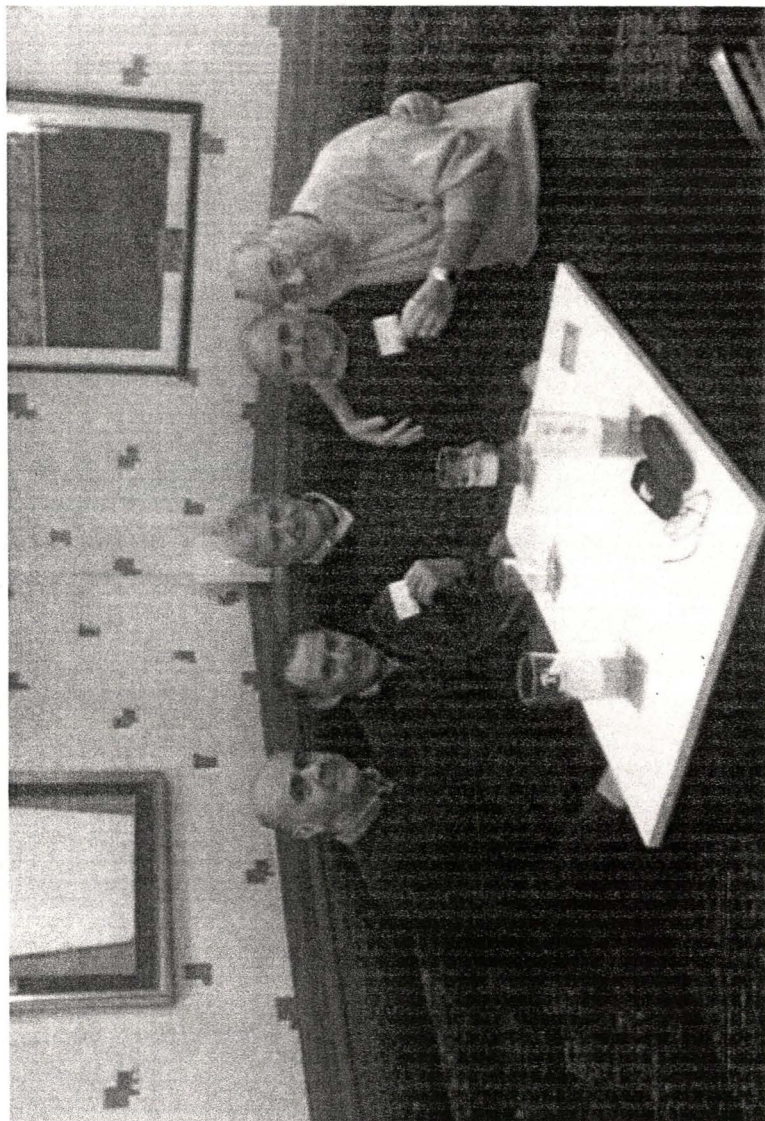
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Well, the team may have not got to Whitburn last Saturday but the above intrepid quintet from the Tayport FC Travel Club did make it, only to discover on arrival at Central park Whitburn that the referee had ruled the pitch unplayable at 10.20 on Saturday morning. Pictured in the Whitburn Clubby brandishing their First Scotrail tickets fare Davie Ayre, Huck Phin, Tommy Buist, Bill Gibb and John Fearn.

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COMPETITIONS ENTERED THIS SEASON

Whyte & Mackay	John Walker East of Scotland Cup	North End Challenge Cup
East Super League	Redwood Tayside/Fife Region Cup	D.J. Laing League Cup
Scottish Junior Cup	Currie Cup	

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Scorer - S. Ross (2) Att. 4,652	Scorer - Craik Att. 4,613	Scorers - Middleton, Henderson Att. 6,868

AWARDS 2006/07

Player of the Year (POY) - Ross Gunnion;
Players' POY - Grant Paterson;
Fans' Favourite - Grant Paterson;
Supporters' Club POY - Grant Paterson;
Travel Club POY - Grant Paterson;
Goal of Season - Lloyd Young v Lochee United;
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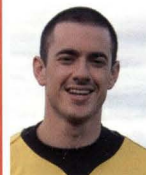
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TODAY'S GAME

WHITE and MACKAY

SUPER LEAGUE

TAYPORT v BATHGATE THISTLE

Points and pride are at stake for Tayport and Bathgate today and, after the disappointing fare served up for the last Super League game on the Canniepairt, the home fans will be hopeful of a better dish this afternoon.

Since experienced defender Graeme Love returned to Bathgate's starting line-up against Oakley in November, after being out injured since September, Thistle have started to get things together.

Tayport will be without Ronnie Kenneth and there are major injury doubts over Murray Urquhart, who's been on the treatment table for a couple of weeks, and Steve McAllister. Dean Rennie is back in full training and new signing from Rosyth, Andy Lawson, is included in today's pool. Frazer Fitzpatrick made a surprise return to the squad in place of the injured Peter Flick against Bonnyrigg and he could be in line for a 300th milestone appearance between the sticks today for 'Port.

How to avoid conceding cheap goals has bound to be on the management's mid-week agenda as they prepared their squad for today's game. A further concern will be trying to improve on a dismal record of one win in nine league games in six months which has yielded a paltry eight goals.

The fans' displeasure has been evident and a win with a brand of fast, exciting attacking football will breathe new life into a loyal band who have supported the club in good numbers, particularly on the road this season.

The difference between winning and losing today will be a respectable league position and a place hovering above the nether regions of the division and the hint of a relegation struggle.

TAYPORT FC—THE ALL TIME CLUB RECORDS

ALL GAMES

Biggest Home Win	11-1	v	Kinnoull (Tayside League)	10.10.92
	10-0	v	Elmwood (NE Cup)	28.10.95
Biggest Away Win	14-0	v	St Josephs (Tayside League)	14.11.98
Biggest Home Defeat	1-5	v	Oakley (Super League)	21.04.07

Biggest Away Defeat	0-4	v	Bo'ness (Super League)	11.12.05
Longest Unbeaten Run	34 games		31.05.95	to 02.03.96
Longest Winning Run	14 games		08.04.95	to 23.05.95
Longest Losing Run	4 games		21.04.07	to 05.05.07

Longest Run Without a Win	5 games		26.07.03	to 06.09.03
			20.08.05	to 10.09.05
Longest Scoring Sequence	58 games		15.08.90	to 19.08.91
Longest Without Scoring	2 games		12.06.93	to 16.06.93
			16.10.04	to 23.10.04
Longest Without Conceding	9 games		08.11.97	to 17.01.98

LEAGUE ONLY SEQUENCES

Longest Winning Run	18 games		30.09.95	to 08.06.96
Longest Losing Run	4 games		21.10.06	to 09.12.06
Longest Unbeaten Run	70 games		11.09.93	to 11.06.96
Longest Scoring Sequence	39 games		25.02.95	to 31.08.95
Longest Without Conceding Goal	8 games		05.09.98	to 09.01.99
Longest Without a Win	6 games		14.04.07	to 19.05.07
Longest Without Scoring	3 games		28.10.06	to 09.12.06

SCOTTISH CUP

Biggest Home Win	8-1	v	Coupar Angus	19.11.02
Biggest Away Win	13-0	v	Fochabers	09.10.99
Biggest Home Defeat	1-4	v	Pollok	09.03.91
Biggest Away Defeat	1-4	v	Pollok	26.01.08
Best Unbeaten Run	32 games		9/11/02	to 21/04/06

MOST APPEARANCES (ALL GAMES)

Grant Paterson	821 + 17 = 838	August 1990 to 9/02/08
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MOST GOALS (ALL GAMES)

Dave Reilly	367	Aug 1990 - Dec 2000 and Apr 04 - 20th June 05
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TAYSIDE LEAGUE (1990 - 2002)

Biggest Home Win in Div. 1/Premier	11-1	v	Kinnoull	1992/93
Biggest Away Win in Div. 1/Premier	14-0	v	St Josephs	1998/99
Biggest Home Defeat in Div. 1/Premier	0-2	v	North End	1997/98
Biggest Away Defeat in Div. 1/Premier	3-6	v	Carnoustie	1997/98

Biggest Home Win in Div.2	9-0	v	St Josephs	1990/91
Biggest Away Win in Div.2	7-1	v	Balbeggie	1990/91
Biggest Home Defeat in Div.2	2-3	v	Kirrie Thistle	1990/91
	1-2	v	Arbroath Vics	1990/91
Biggest Away Defeat in Div.2	1-2	v	Kirrie Thistle	1990/91

WHYTE & MACKAY EAST SUPERLEAGUE

Biggest Home Win	6-0	v	Bathgate Thistle	2002/03
Biggest Away Win	5-0	v	Hill of Beath	2002/03
Biggest Home Defeat	1-5	v	Oakley United	2006/07
Biggest Away Defeat	0-4	v	Bo'ness	2005/06

MOST GOALS SCORED BY A PLAYER IN ONE MATCH

SIX -	Kenny Cameron	v	St Josephs (League)	14/11/98
FIVE -	Steve Hutcheon	v	Lochore Welfare (Taycars Cup)	28/02/98
	Ronnie Kenneth	v	Jeanfield (League)	2/12/00
FOUR-	Dave Reilly on seven occasions : - v Balbeggie 199/91; v Elmwood 1995/96; Forfar Albion 1995/96; v Luncarty 1995/96; v Kirrie & Jeanfield 1997/98; v Glenrothes 1998/99.			
	Hamish Mackay on four occasions:- v Lochee Harp 1992/93 & 1994/95; v Arbroath Vics 1994/95; v Broughty Athletic 1995/96.			
	Davie Evans:- on three occasions v Elmwood 2000/02; Bankfoot 2001/02; Coupar Angus 2002/03.			
	Kenny Cameron on three occasions:- v Forfar West End 1998/99; Glentanar 1998/99; v Kinnoull 1999/00.			
	Stevie Ross v Luncarty 1995/96; Steve Hutcheon v Kinnoull 1997/98; Brian Craik v Forfar Albion 2000/01; Scott Peters v Lochee United 2000/01.			

PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED HAT-TRICKS

Dave Reilly-20; Hamish Mackay-15; Stevie Ross-8; Ronnie Kenneth-7; Kenny Cameron-6; Davie Evans-5; Kevin Thoms-4; Ewan Cameron-4; Brian Craik-4; Jackie Devine-3; Steven Stewart-2; Ian Harris-2; Bryan Duell, Chris Webster Mark Corcoran, Allan Kennedy, Billy Coventry, Barrie Gray, Steve Hutcheon, John Young, Brian Grant, Colin McGlashan, Barry McNaughton, Ralph Hunter, Chris Webster & Lloyd Young all have 1.

RECORD ATTENDANCES

Home -	2,187	v Downfield (Scottish Cup quarter final) on 3rd April 1993
Away -	6,868	v Lochee United (Scottish Cup Final at Tannadice on 29th May 2005)

THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS BATHGATE THISTLE

Although they finally collected some silverware when they lifted the East of Scotland Cup last season, Bathgate will still be smarting from their 2005/06 season which promised so much, yet delivered nothing. Bad enough losing out to Auchinleck in the Scottish Cup final, but being pipped by Tayport on goal difference for the Super League title was an even more bitter pill to swallow, given that a point from their last two games would have seen the flag fly over Creamery Park for the first time.

Since then the Thistle pool has undergone major surgery and only Willie Wilson, Alan Neill and the Love brothers from that season are likely to face us today. Seven of the Tayport squad, Gunnion, Morris, Wemyss, Paterson, McNaughton and Livie from our meetings that season, are in line to play today. Kenneth would have been a seventh but he's in Australia for a wedding. Fraser Love is the only Thistle player who featured in the first meeting between the teams back in 2002, while six 'Port players are still with us.

Tayport did the double over Bathgate last season, by the narrowest of margins on each occasion, but that can't be repeated after the teams shared two goals and the points at Creamery Park earlier this season.

Manager Willie Hill, still on the trail of the Holy Grail that is the Scottish Junior Cup, again rang the changes in the close season in an effort to find the winning blend and it appears that his re-built side is peaking at just the right time. The League title is a forlorn hope but Willie sees the Scottish as a very realistic target for his experienced side.

Among the new faces this season are 27 year old midfielder Brian McColligan, who had 25 games for Alloa Athletic last season, defenders Steven Menmuir and Stuart Hunter, both of whom faced us in the colours of Camelon last term, former Raith Rovers Scott Bannerman, midfielder Stephen Docherty, who was a regular in midfield for Airdrie in the First Division during 2005/06 and the talented Paul McGrillen who was previously with Motherwell and Falkirk, but who joined Thistle after a short spell at Bellshill. McGrillen is top scorer with 16 in his account including a classy winner v Shotts last week to put the Jags into the last eight of the Scottish Cup.

Former Linlithgow Rose striker Chris McFadyen hasn't looked back since his first goal of the season, following his dramatic entrance as substitute to hit the last minute equaliser against us at Creamery Park in October and has hit another seven goals since.



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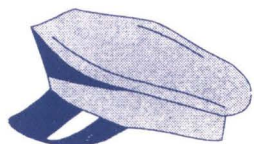
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FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to both sets of supporters for today's Whyte & Mackay Super League fixture against Bathgate Thistle.



Our visitors arrive in a buoyant mood on the back of a great result, reaching the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup. Like ourselves, Bathgate's league form has been inconsistent with too many draws so, for both sides, 3 points are crucial.

Two weeks ago, our result against Bonnyrigg was the lowest point of our season. The overall performance was very disappointing. To have so many players under par was uncharacteristic. Hopefully it was a one-off and we can pick ourselves up and play to the standard that is expected.

Frustratingly, last weeks game was postponed because of a frozen pitch. I think we must have been the only game off in the region. It was such a perfect day for football that our boys went out for training wearing sunglasses and ambre solaire!

Again, on a brighter note, I would like to welcome our new signing Andy Lawson to the club. Andy plays at full-back, and arrives from Rosyth. We actually spoke to the player in the summer, so when the chance arose to bring him in, the committee again worked hard to make the deal possible. He will be a valuable addition to the squad.

On the injury front, Stevie Mac and Murray are still nursing knocks. Stevie has a tight hamstring, and Murray has ligament damage to his knee. Hopefully one of them will be available for selection today. Deano is making great progress from his broken leg. His programme is going very well and he was able to join in full training with the guys this week.

The boys have worked very hard the last two weeks, and we hope to put on a performance today, to make up for our last display. It is very important that we all get behind the team and get a positive response.

Cheers

Frank

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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
11.8.07	Dundee North End	LC	W3-0	Flick	Gunnion	G Paterson	Urquhart *	Wemyss *	Juskowiak *	Maher	McAllister	Fraser 1	Craig *	Kelly	McNaughton (11) 1	Kenneth (16)1	Addison T(10)	166
18.8.07	Broughty Athletic	LC	D2-2	Flick	Gunnion	G Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	McAllister	Kenneth 1	Fraser	Kelly 1	McNaughton (4)	Craig (10)	Addison T(11)	102
22.8.07	EAST CRAIGIE (og)	LC	W4-0	Currie	Gunnion	Livie *	Morris	Wemyss	Juskowiak 1	Maher	McAllister	Fraser 1	Craig	Kelly	Urquhart (4)	Kenneth * (9) 1	McNaughton (7)	133
25.8.07	Dundee Violet	LC	W4-2	Currie	Gunnion	G Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Juskowiak *	Maher	McNaughton *1	Kenneth	Craig 3	Kelly	Urquhart (6)	D.Rennie (11)		174
29.8.07	Montrose Roselea	LC	W3-0	Currie	Gunnion 1	Livie	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	McNaughton	Fraser	Craig 2	D.Paterson	Kenneth (9)	G.Paterson (5)		92
1.9.07	LINLITHGOW	L	W2-0	Currie	Gunnion	Livie	Urquhart	Wemyss *	Juskowiak *	Maher	Morris	Fraser *	Craig	Kelly 1	McNaughton (7) 1	D.Paterson (9)	Kenneth (10)	451
8.9.07	Hill of Beath	L	W2-1	Currie	Gunnion	Livie	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	Morris	Kenneth 1	Craig 1*	Kelly	McNaughton (7)	D.Paterson (11)	Fraser (9)	156
15.9.07	GLENROTHES	L	W4-2	Currie	Gunnion	Livie	Urquhart 1	Wemyss	Juskowiak *	Maher	Morris	Kenneth 1	Craig	Kelly 2	G.Paterson (3)	D.Paterson (5)	McNaughton (6)	202
22.9.07	Bonnyrigg Rose Ath	L	W3-0	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	D.Paterson	Fraser	Craig 1	Kelly 2	McNaughton (9)	Rennie (10)		215
29.9.07	WHITBURN	L	L0-1	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	McNaughton *	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	D.Paterson *	Morris **	Craig	Kelly	Kenneth (4) *	Livie (11)	Webster (3) *	233
6.10.07	Kelly Hearts	L	L1-2	Currie	Gunnion	Livie	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	Morris	Kenneth 1	Craig	Kelly	McNaughton (6)	Gunnion (5)	Rennie (10)	192
13.10.07	Bathgate	L	D1-1	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	D.Paterson	Juskowiak	Morris*	McNaughton	Fraser 1*	Craig	Kelly	Rennie (5)	Kenneth (10)		122
27.10.07	Oakley United	L	D1-1	Currie	Gunnion 1	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Livie	Juskowiak *	Morris	McNaughton	Rennie	Craig *	Kelly	Fraser (11)	Kenneth(10)	Maher (9)	96
3.11.07	West Calder	S2	W2-1	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Livie*	Juskowiak	Morris *	D.Paterson	Fraser *	Craig 2	Kelly	Maher (8)	Kenneth (9)	McNaughton(11)	176
10.11.07	LOCHEE UNITED	L	L0-2	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart*	D.Paterson	Juskowiak	Maher	Morris *	Fraser *	Craig	Kelly	Livie (11)	Kenneth (9)	McNaughton(7)	272
17.11.07	HILL OF BEATH	L	W1-0	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	D.Paterson	McNaughton	Maher*	Morris	Kenneth1	Craig	Livie	Juskowiak (4)	Kelly (11)		147
24.11.07	Carnoustie	L	D1-1	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	D.Paterson	McNaughton*	Maher	Morris	Kenneth	Craig 1*	Livie	Kelly(11)	Juskowiak(4)	Fraser (9)	193
01.12.07	Carnoustie	S3	D2-2	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	D.Paterson	McNaughton*	Maher	Morris	Kenneth	Craig 1	Kelly 1	Livie (9)	Juskowiak (7)	Fraser (6)	240
08.12.07	CARNOUSTIE	S3r	W5-2	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	McNaughton	Maher 1	Morris 1	Kenneth 1	Craig 1	Kelly 1	Livie (11)	D.Paterson(9)	Juskowiak (12)	292
15.12.07	WEST CALDER	EoS1	W3-2	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	McNaughton*	Maher	Morris	Kenneth2	Craig*	Juskowiak1	Fraser (10)	D.Paterson(4)	Livie(9)	121
22.12.07	BATHGATE-THIS	L	postponed	frozen	pitch													
29.12.07	Lochgelly Albert	RL1	W3-0	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	McNaughton	Morris *	D.Paterson	Kenneth 1*	Craig	Juskowiak 1	Webster (10) 1	McAllister(4)	Fraser (12)	89
5.01.08	Camelon	L	D3-3	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss*	McNaughton#	Morris	D.Paterson	Kenneth1	Craig 1	Juskowiak	Webster (10)	Livie (8)	McAllister (9) 1	189
12.01.08	Glenrothes	L	postponed	frozen	pitch													
19.01.08	POLLOK	S4	D1-1	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart *	Wemyss	McNaughton 1	Maher	Morris *	Kenneth	Scott	Juskowiak	McAllister (4)	Kelly (7)	Webster (6)	704
26.01.08	Pollok	S4r	L1-4	Currie	Gunnion	G.Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss *	McNaughton*	Morris *	McAllister	Kenneth *	Scott	Kelly	Webster 1(11)	Juskowiak *(8)	Maher (6)	1072
02.02.08	BONNYRIGG	L	postponed	frozen	pitch													
09.02.08	BONNYRIGG	L	0-1	Currie	Morris	G.Paterson	Livie *	Wemyss *	McNaughton	Maher*	McAllister	Kenneth	Scott	Juskowiak	Gunnion(3)	Webster (6)	Craig (9)	143
16.02.08	Whitburn	L	postponed	frozen	pitch													
23.02.08	BATHGATE THIS	L																
01.03.08	Linlithgow Rose	L																

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP Fifth Round

League	Home Club	Away Club	League
EC	Ballingry Rovers	1-2 Pollok	WSP
ES	Bathgate Thistle	1-0 Shotts Bon Accord	WSP
WS1	Clydebank	3-2 Lochee United	ES
WSP	Glenafton Athletic	1-0 Musselburgh Athletic	EP
WC1	Lanark United	1-0 Camelon	ES
WS1	Maybole	1-1 Thornton Hibs	EC
EP	Newtongrange Star	23/2 Cumnock	WSP
WSP	Neilston	0-2 Auchinleck Talbot	WSP

Key to Leagues: WSP - West Super Premier Division; WS1 - West Super First Division; WC1 - West Central First Division; ES - East Super League; EP - East Premier League; EC - East Central Division

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EAST OF SCOTLAND CUP SECOND ROUND

Ballingry Rovers	v	Arbroath SC
Blairgowrie	v	Bo'ness United
Bonnyrigg Rose	v	Jeanfield Swifts
Broughty Athletic	v	Sauchie
Camelon	v	Armadale Thistle
Carnoustie Panmure	v	Hill of Beath
Dundee Violet	v	Linlithgow Rose
Kelly Hearts	v	Newtongrange Star
Kinnoull	v	Tayport
Lochee United	v	Blackburn/Rosyth
Lochgelly Albert	v	Whitburn
Lochore Welfare	v	Lochee Harp
Montrose Roselea	v	Arnis Rangers
Newburgh	v	Bathgate Thistle
Penicuik Athletic	v	Kirriemuir Thistle
St Andrews United	v	Oakley United

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

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Harp play to the Kellys' tune

SOME things seem made for each other . . . Fred and Ginger, Saint and Greavsie, Tom and Jerry . . . and the same could be said for the family dynasty that has been synonymous with Lochee Harp for almost half a century — **THE KELLYS** (writes Graeme Finnan).

Mainly under the eye of brothers Jim, Jack and Albert, two other siblings, Ged and Harry, have also had lengthy spells at the Beechwood club.

And, while the aforementioned have devoted large chunks of their lives to the Tayside First Division outfit, they are first to admit they've been ably supported by other family members and committee along the way.

Current chairman and manager is Jim, introduced to the club as a player some 40 years ago by his late father Jim, who also served the club for 10 years as treasurer.

Brother Jack also played for the Lochee side, joining 35 years ago, and is the current treasurer. He has held various posts, including manager, and successfully took charge of the region's select team a few years back.

Albert, who has 32 years' service, joined Harp as a player before emigrating to Australia for a short spell. He is currently the physio and helps with coaching.

Following in the family tradition is Jim's son Mike, who is club captain and longest-serving player with more than 900 appearances, having joined up 23 years ago from Celtic Boys Under-16s.

And, while the men have concentrated on the football matters, that hasn't stopped female members of the Kelly clan becoming involved as well.

Jim's daughter Dianne and Jack's daughter Jacqueline have worked behind the scenes for the past two decades, looking after catering, gate receipts, raffles and other fund-raising activities and, although both now married, still actively support the club.

It could be said Dianne has a vested interest, as her husband, Alloa Athletic defender Frank Conway, was a one-time Harp player.

Looking back on his time at the club, Jim admits he has experienced all the highs and lows that go part-in-parcel with running a football team.

"We reached the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup in 1968, only to lose 3-2 to eventual winners Johnstone Burgh at Shawfield," said Jim.

"We also had a spell in the mid-80s when we won the old Tayside First Division title three years running. We had some great players in that side including Mike McManus, Eric Manderson and Hamish Mackay."

GREAT SATISFACTION

Jim also takes great satisfaction in the number of Harp players who progressed to the senior ranks, an achievement he's rightly proud of and one he hopes will continue.

"Over the years, I would reckon we've had 20-30 guys who have stepped up the grades."

"I remember a terrific winger called Brian Alderson, who unfortunately died a few years ago. He left us to join Coventry and then moved to Leicester, before finishing his career in America."

"And we currently have an exciting prospect in attacking midfielder Barry McNaughton, who has been attracting interest from the seniors."

The Kelly connection looks set to continue at

Beechwood for the foreseeable future, with Mike's sons Craig and Mark, and Albert's grandson Kevin, already regular faces on match days.

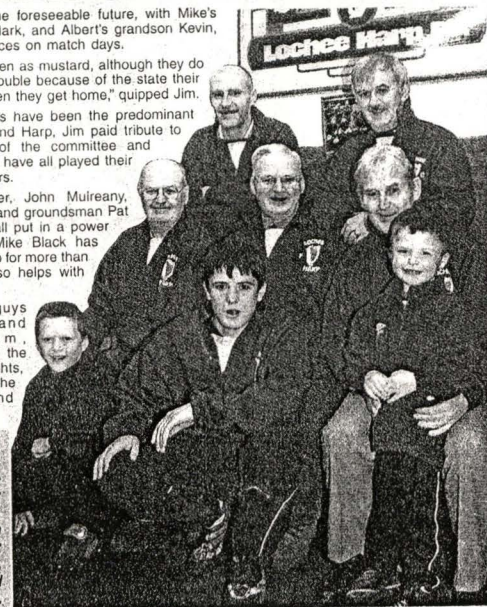
"They are all keen as mustard, although they do tend to get into trouble because of the state their clothes are in when they get home," quipped Jim.

While the Kellys have been the predominant driving force behind Harp, Jim paid tribute to other members of the committee and playing staff, who have all played their part over the years.

"John Gallacher, John Muireany, Gordon McLeod and groundsman Pat Hutchison have all put in a power of work, while Mike Black has played for the club for more than 20 years and also helps with the coaching."

"It's these guys commitment and enthusiasm, especially during the dark winter nights, that rubs off on the rest of us and keeps us going."

Our picture shows, back, Mike and Albert; middle, Jack, Jim and Ged; front, Craig, Kevin and Mark.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - but not Tayport FC's Archives this week, the cutting below is from the Evening Telegraph's Archives for 2001. What's the interest in an article about Lochee Harp, you may say? Well. Not a lot really, but there is a connection, in fact several connections with the current Tayport FC team. Getting mentions are Manager Frank Conway, his wife Dianne, Kevin Kelly, Barry McNaughton and even 'Port legend Hamish Mackay.

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Lochee United secretary Larry Duncan opened a can of worms on, of all places, the **Pollok website's message board** (31/01) "Tayport have had their day", said Larry.... "Lochee lost to a poor Tayport side at Tannadice [2005 Scottish Cup final]...in what was close to being one of the worst ever finals" [aye, for Lochee - Editor]. "I would say Lochee are one of the top teams in Junior Football and the only trophy that has eluded us is the Scottish Cup, but winning a Scottish would put us up there with all the other big name clubs" continued Larry in another posting [oh, well, you'll just have to wait at least another year to be a 'big club'].

The Pollok guys weren't slow in hitting back. Said **Chopper** " sorry, Lar, I have to disagree with you on this. I attended the final at Tannadice and Tayport tore Lochee apart that day. We [Chopper and his companions] all enjoyed the free flowing football Tayport played that day" **Snowball** came on with "Can't believe the sour Lars comments. You are due these guys [the Tayport players] an apology. Get a copy of the DVD and see how good this final was". Back came a chastened Lar with " I take nothing away from Tayport- their record is incredible..." **Snowball** wasn't letting it lie, however, and posted again with "no apology for these fantastic players? Maybe you should wait until YOU win it before you criticise other teams which have"

Effdan then came on line and continued the attack with "Lar, you're having a laugh! 2005 was a good final, Tayport were streets ahead of a tactically naive Lochee side in every respect. ...Lochee now one of the top teams? In Lochee, maybe..." Lar had the last word, however, completing the exchanges with " Since when was laughing a crime". Jings there's more about Tayport on the Pollok site than our own site!

The **Fife Herald** (15/02) reporting our last game v Bonnyrigg was illustrated with some excellent colour photos from Allan Kinnersley. Pity the match wasn't as good. The post match interview with boss Frank Conway was pretty hard hitting " Only Derek Wemyss deserves pass marks. I thought the rest of the players were shocking, said Frank, we were a shambles and this is the lowest I've felt since coming to Tayport"

The **Edinburgh Evening News** Junior page on Monday (18/02) was dominated by Bathgate's Cup win over Shotts Bon Accord. "McGrillen the man to shoot down Shotts" ran the headline. Reporter John Gilmour described Paul McGrillen's goal which gave the Jags a 1-0 win as 'brilliant'. Manager Willie Hill thinks his team can win the Cup. Said Willie " We've had a taste of what the competition offers [in 2005-06] and want some more. I said at the start of the season we can win the cup and I haven't changed my mind. We once again have the players and we've learned a lot from the last time"

Tayside lost its last Scottish Cup representatives when Lochee United lost 3-2 at Clydebank. According to **The Courier** (18/020), the result left everyone at Thomson Park gutted and bewildered, with the three Clydebank goals described by manager Ray McKinnon as a gift, a fluke and a world cup strike. Tayport's cup conquerors Pollok scraped through 2-1 at Ballingry and **The Courier** reported Ballingry boss Bobby Wilson as being very proud of his side in front of a record attendance at Ore Park. Pollok reported the attendance on the Yahoo website as 600 - 700 while the **Sunday Mail** reported the attendance at Clydebank v Lochee as 550.

The new signings



Andy Lawson (left), a defender, signed from Rosyth this week. Andy (28) was previously with Tayport at the turn of the century, when he made a few fleeting appearances after arriving from Australia where he had played with Western Knights in Perth. Andy moved from Tayport to Rosyth where he's been an ever present since. Family roots are in Tayport, though, with both sets of grandparents being local.



Striker **Darren Scott** (23) was signed from Arbroath FC just in time to make his debut v Pollok five weeks ago. Was on Forfar Athletic's books as a youngster but moved into the Juniors with Lochee Harp in 2004. Struck up an exciting goalscoring partnership with Brian Craik and Kevin Kelly at Beechwood before being lured to Gayfield by John McGlashan. Frank and Ian had tried to fix up Darren in the close season but had to wait a few months to get their man when Arbroath agreed to his transfer.

SUPER LEAGUE SEASON WARMING UP NICELY

A full programme of Super League games during the next two weeks should give a few pointers to both the title race and the battle to avoid the drop. Whitburn and Lochee United look to be in the driving seat at the moment, by virtue of games in hand, but Hill of Beath will be no pushovers for the Dundee side this afternoon and likewise Whitburn will be tested at Kelty. A string of wins or a run of defeats could basically find any club in contention or despair.

Since the advent of the Super League set up in the East and West, in all divisions of 22 clubs, only once has a team finished the season in the bottom two places with more than 22 points, Benburb, who managed 23 points in the Central 1st Division in 2005 but were still relegated.

It's so tight, that Oakley, bottom of the league at present, would finish on the 25 point mark by winning five of their last eight games.

Check out all the Super League results on the Newsline 552755 soon after today's final whistle.

"Birdie's return to action the one bright spot" says



Tayport have been hit hard by postponements recently, with four blank Saturdays since the last weekend of 2007. It has been a frustrating time, especially as, generally speaking, the weather has not been too unkind.

Fixture congestion at the end of the season is looming, so let's hope that there are no more games called off. If only, however, the home match against Bonnyrigg had fallen victim to the weather. That game, a fortnight ago, is one the club could have done without.

Not only were three points dropped, a degree of boredom seemed to set in all around the Canniepairt. Tayport just never got into their stride and 'Rigg 'keeper Scott Cantley probably could not believe how little he had to do during the course of the afternoon.

To be fair, David Currie wasn't exactly overly-exerted at the other end, which makes the result even more galling. It's just that the visitors got the crucial break of the ball inside the box, and full-back Mark Robertson saw his effort trundle across goal and into the net, with one hour on the clock.

Of the chances that came Tayport's way, the best one fell to Brian Craik, who was on the end of Darren Scott's centre, only to send his side-foot volley straight at the goalkeeper, from close-range. Not that Birdie should be criticised. In fact, his return to action was the one bright spot of an uninspiring ninety minutes.



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STATISTICS AS AT 16TH FEBRUARY 2008

LEAGUE TABLE	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Whitburn	11	4	0	1	14	3	5	0	1	8	2	17	27	
Lochee United	10	3	1	1	13	5	5	0	0	12	3	17	25	
Camelon	13	1	2	4	7	10	6	0	0	14	4	7	23	
TAYPORT	13	3	0	3	7	6	2	4	1	12	9	4	19	
Kelty Hearts	12	4	0	2	10	7	2	1	3	6	7	2	19	
Linlithgow Rose	10	3	1	1	10	5	2	0	3	8	10	3	16	
Bathgate Thistle	13	3	2	2	12	8	0	4	2	5	10	-1	15	
Glenrothes	11	3	1	2	12	8	1	0	4	7	13	-2	13	
Hill of Beath	12	2	0	3	7	9	2	1	4	7	10	-5	13	
Carnoustie Panmure	13	2	3	1	8	7	1	1	5	8	16	-7	13	
Bonnyrigg Rose	12	2	0	4	9	12	1	0	5	7	10	-6	12	
Oakley United	14	2	1	5	6	18	1	0	5	4	21	-29	10	

RESULTS CHART	Bathgate	Bonnyrigg	Camelon	Carnoustie	Glenrothes	Hill of Beath	Kelty Hearts	Linlithgow	Lochee United	Oakley United	TAYPORT	Whitburn
Bathgate Thistle		2-0	1-3	1-1		0-1	2-1			5-1	1-1	
Bonnyrigg			1-3		3-0		0-1	1-5		4-0	0-3	
Camelon	1-0					0-0		1-2	1-2	1-2	3-3	0-1
Carnoustie	1-1	2-0	1-3				1-1			2-1	1-1	
Glenrothes	1-1		1-2	3-1		4-2		3-1				0-1
Hill of Beath		0-3		3-1				3-0			1-2	
Kelty Hearts			0-1	3-2	2-0	2-1			1-2		2-1	
Linlithgow	2-2			1-0			2-1		1-2	4-0		
Lochee Utd	1-1	4-2		5-1	3-0							0-1
Oakley Utd			0-2	0-2	1-5	1-3	1-0		0-4		1-1	2-1
TAYPORT		0-1			4-2	1-0		2-0	0-2			0-1
Whitburn	4-0	2-1				2-0	1-2			5-0		

LEAGUE RESULTS - GUIDE TO FORM

Last five matches - most recent to the right

Bathgate Thistle	L	W	W	L	D
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	L	L	L	W	W
Camelon	W	W	D	W	D
Carnoustie Panmure	L	D	D	L	W
Glenrothes	L	W	W	W	L
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	L	L	D	L	W
Kelty Hearts	W	L	W	W	L
Linlithgow Rose	W	W	L	W	L
Lochee United	W	W	W	W	L
Oakley United	L	L	W	W	L
TAYPORT	L	W	D	D	L
Whitburn	W	W	W	L	L

RESULTS

16th February

Bonnyrigg	3-0	Glenrothes
Hill of Beath	3-0	Linlithgow
Oakley Utd	0-2	Carnoustie

FIXTURES

23rd February

Bonnyrigg	v	Carnoustie
Glenrothes	v	Oakley Utd
Kelty Hearts	v	Whitburn
Linlithgow	v	Camelon
Lochee Utd	v	Hill of Beath
TAYPORT	v	Bathgate Th

FIXTURES

1st March

Bathgate Th	v	Lochee Utd
Camelon	v	Kelty Hearts
Carnoustie	v	Hill of Beath
Linlithgow	v	TAYPORT
Oakley Utd	v	Bonnyrigg
Whitburn	v	Glenrothes



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SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



It's understood that a Super League club is on the point of being reported to the SFA for non-payment of a substantial four figure transfer fee to a Scottish League club in respect of a player signed seven months ago. A down payment was paid but the balance, to be paid on the never never remains outstanding.

According to a report this week, Britain needs a national policy to help a growing generation of monosyllabic mumblers. An example given was the following, from Portsmouth's captain Sol Campbell - *"The main thing is to keep everybody fit and get everyone in the mind-set, the mental kind of state where, you know, believe that we can do it - because if you don't believe, you know, then you're not just going to, you're not going to do it, you're going to fall short."*

What a guy Charles Fawcett must have been. An obituary read as follows - It is with great regret that we record the death, at 92, of Charles Fawcett. Born in Georgia, USA, at 15 he had an affair with his best friend's mother, was taught the trumpet by Louis Armstrong, went to Eastern Europe as a wrestler, joined the Polish Army in 1939, fled to Paris, worked for the French Resistance, rescued British POWs, joined the RAF, developed TB, went to Italy with the US Ambulance Corps, fought in Alsace with the French Foreign Legion, married six Jewish women, thus saving them from the gas chambers, fought in the Greek Civil War, rescued refugees from the Hungarian Uprising of 1956, did the same in the Belgian Congo, helped the Afghan Resistance during the Soviet invasion, starred in more than 100 B movies and had an affair with film star Hedy Lamarr. They don't make them like Charles any more!

A couple of former Tayport players were in the news last week - for the wrong reasons. Andy Heggie and Sean Christie, both now at Dundee Violet had a disagreement following a match v East Craigie earlier this season which, sadly, ended in a punch up. The Sheriff Court preferred Sean's version of events and player coach Andy was fined £500. Sean's on the transfer list at his own request but the club must have preferred Andy's version, because he's still at Glenesk. Sheriff Elizabeth Munro described them as "a pair of big weans"

Jim O'Donnell, who writes a daily Junior football column in the Glasgow Evening Times, has stepped down from his post as Junior Scotland team manager. O'Donnell's replacement in charge of the National side is former 'Port boss Keith Burgess. Keith, it will be recalled, won both the Scottish Cup and Super League title with Tayport but hasn't been involved in Junior football since leaving the Caniepairt a year ago this week. The news of Keith's appointment was on Tayport's website late on Monday evening but didn't reach The Sun until Thursday. Stewart Williamson, Keith's No 2 at Tayport, will be Budgie's assistant.

The players who comprise Bathgate's squad this afternoon have, between them, played for at least 24 of Scotland's 42 Senior league clubs, surely the most experienced squad in Junior football.

Watching Mark Corcoran turn on the style for St Mirren against Dundee United at Tannadice in the Cup last week, Arabs' fans must have wondered why Mark escaped their club's attentions when playing 100 games for Tayport a mere 5 miles down the road.

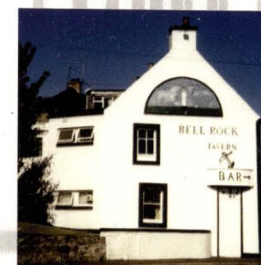
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