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ODAY'S GAME

THE GOAL SCORERS

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D. Wemyss S. Peters

B. McNaughton S. Stewart

R. Henderson (A. Ramsay) G. Middleton (R. Hunter) B. Livie

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;

Top Scorer Award - Chris Webster & Bryan Duell (joint)

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TODAY'S GAME



SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 4th ROUND

TAYPORT v POLLOK

Today will be the seventh Scottish Cup meeting between Tayport and Pollok. The clubs first locked horns in 1990/91, Tayport's first season in the Junior grade. Pollok won that one 4-1, before a crowd of 1,200 on the Canniepairt.

Port had to wait six years for another opportunity to cross swords with the Glasgow club, but there was again disappointment for the Fifers, who went down 1-3 at Fir Park, Motherwell in the 1997 final in front of 3,523.

A year later 1,662 gathered to watch a cracking 6th round tie at Tayport end 3-3. The replay was devoid of goals, even after extra time and will be best remembered for the penalty shoot-out and Grant Miller's penalty kick which flew out of the ground instead of into the net and Tayport were out. 2,104 watched that one.

On to 2002 and a fourth round tie, this time at Newlandsfield where 1,001 again saw the tie end in deadlock, 0-0, but Tayport were fairly comfortable winners in the replay on Canniepairt exactly six years ago to the day, where goals from Barry McNaughton and Ronnie Kenneth put 'Port on the way to the semi-final.

Justifiably, tagged as the game of the day, Tayport await a Pollok team who last conceded a goal away from home way back in October at Links Park, Montrose in the Scottish (Senior) Cup 2-2 draw. The most recent of the cleans sheets was at Kilsyth on 29 December when hapless Kilsyth Rangers were trounced by 9-0 in a league game which keeps Pollok in good position to retain their Super League title and in so doing, get another crack at the other Scottish Cup.

Since then Pollok have had league games v Glenafton and Petershill postponed while Tayport's game at Glenrothes was off last week. Both managements have, nevertheless, had an opportunity to see their opponents in action since the draw was known.

Although Bryan Dingwall and Robert Downs are the recognised Pollok strike force, the super sub Alan Waddell staked his claim for a starting jersey with a hat-trick in half an hour after coming off the bench v Kilsyth.

Tayport will have to tighten up at the back if they are not to be punished in the fashion they have been in recent games. Brian Craik was injured at against Camelon but a bonus was the return to action of Chris Webster and Steve McAllister, both of whom have been out since the start of the season. Martin Maher, who has missed the last two games, and Kevin Kelly, who has missed the last three, will both be pressing for a return.

Referee today is Mr Neil Watters from Montrose

Summer Football's coming....or is it?

Playing summer football is an issue which is trotted out each time we have a spell of sub zero temperatures which cause widespread postponements. This month has been no exception. The lobby for change becomes more vociferous the longer a cold snap lasts. Of course, when the AGM comes round, it's all forgotten. So, the answer, then, for those advocates of summer football, might be to hold the AGM in January!

Seriously, though, whether you are in favour or agin the idea, we have learned that secret discussions have been taking place to produce a consultation paper which would recommend adopting the biggest change the Junior game has known - an eight week winter break and playing through part of June and the entire months of July and August.

It is understood the proposal will allow for two years' notice to get clubs used to the idea of a season starting in July, running to the second week of December and starting up again in the second week of February. Apparently, because of postponements the average numbers of games actually played during that period is fairly insignificant.

The change raises many questions but those drawing up the proposals seem to have looked at everything. Just some of the many radical proposals.....

- The season will continue into June, mainly for successful clubs.
- A two week compulsory break from mid June to start of July
- All regions will start with a short sharp league cup to allow teams to 'warm up'
- Scottish Junior Cup will start in late August and there will be four rounds before the winter break
- No permits will be issued for games during the winter break except for clubs who
 may still be playing in the Senior Scottish Cup
- No allowances will be made during the season for 'holiday weekend' breaks
- The use of floodlights will be encouraged with the Scottish Government expected to make substantial grants available for this purpose.
- Although Regions will remain, the structure of competitions will be brought into line and consistent across the country.

The consultation document goes on to suggest the clash with traditional summer sports such as bowling, cricket and golf will have little or no impact on the change. The worn condition of pitches etc has also been addressed and it considers that non playing during the winter break period will mean less damage to pitches. The opinion is that the availability of better seeds and fertilisers and the ready availability of 'off the shelf' turf plus the increasing use of artificial pitches will address the worn pitch issue. It recognises also that traditional holiday fortnights are a thing of the past with an increasing number of people now taking holidays throughout the year.

The document goes on to say that it's expected such a major change will have the effect of revitalising the game, with the idea it will encourage new sponsorship and attract more spectators, thus providing revenue to plough back into the Junior game.

We await announcements with interest......

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THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS POLLOK F.C.

Pollok, founded in 1908, have been a major force in the game over the years and particularly so since they won their first Scottish Cup in 1981. They have consistently attracted some of the biggest attendances in the Junior game to their tidy Newlandsfield ground.

The social club adjacent to the ground is always a popular attraction to travelling supporters, as Port supporters will testify, especially when we played in the Pollok Sevens Tournament during the 1990s. Pollok have around 30 committee members and an infrastructure which is the envy of some Senior clubs, never mind Junior clubs.

Responsible for maintaining Pollok's success on the park is the experienced Rab Sneddon who had an impressive track record in Junior management with Blantyre Vics, Shotts Bon Accord, Bellshill, Larkhall and Maryhill before replacing Ronnie Lowrie at Newlandsfield. Assisting Rab is Harry Erwin who played around 400 games for Motherwell, Airdrie, Stenhousemuir, Alloa and East Stirlinghire before moving into the Juniors, where among his other appointments was assistant to Jim Sinnet at Linlithgow for a spell.

Apart from Mark McWilliams, now Pollok coach, only defender Stevie Aitchison remains from the team which played at Tayport in the last Scottish Cup meeting of the sides. If he plays today it will be the Pollok skipper's 250th appearance for the club.

Striker Robert Downs, with 45 goals in 123 appearances, is the leading marksman on the club's books. Robert was a Dave Baikie signing for Cowdenbeath from Arthurlie in 2005, scoring three goals in 11 games before being injured and returning to Dunterlie.

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| 8/8 | W | L.Cup Pollok 3 Benburb 1 | 27/10 | D | S Cup Montrose 2 Pollok 2 |
| 11/8 | D | L.Cup Pollok 2 Arthurlie 2 | 3/11 | L | S Cup Pollok 0 Montrose 1 |
| -15/8 | W | L.Cup St Ant's 2 Pollok 5 | 10/11 | W | SJ.C Ellon 0 Pollok 7 |
| 18/8 | D | L.Cup Neilston 1 Pollok 1 | 17/11 | W | L Pollok 3 Shotts B.A. 2 |
| 1/9 | W | L Pollok 2 Auchinleck 1 | 24/11 | L | L Pollok 3 Arthurlie 4 |
| 8/9 | L | L Beith 4 Pollok 1 | 1/12 | W | SJ.C St Andrews 0 Pollok 3 |
| 15/9 | L | L. Pollok 2 Neilston 5 | 8/12 | W | L Irvine Meadow 0 Pollok 2 |
| 29/9 | W | S Cup St Cuthbert 2 Pollok 6 | 15/12 | D | L Bellshill 0 Pollok 0 |
| 6/10 | W | L Pollok 6 Cumnock 1 | 22/12 | W | L Pollok 1 Beith 0 |
| 13/10 | W | L Petershill 1 Pollok 2 | 29/12 | W | LKilsyth 0 Pollok 9 |
| 20/10 | W | WOSC Renfrew 0 Pollok 2 | | | |

"Three goals in each of the last three games—can it continue?"

asks



The festive period has come and gone and Tayport return to action on the Canniepairt after more than a month of away fixtures and postponements, with what promises to be a high-intensity Scottish Cup tie.

Since their first meeting back in 1991, not only have Tayport and Pollok become regular adversaries, between them, the clubs have gone on to chalk up eight appearances in the final of the "Scottish." That 'Port would account for six of these would have been beyond the expectations of anyone in attendance at the rain-soaked Canniepairt nearly seventeen years ago.

Of course, the highest profile encounter between the two teams was the 1997 final, won by the Newlandsfield outfit, and, before Tayport joined the junior ranks, 'Lok had twice landed the holy grail of junior football, both triumphs coming in the 1980s. So, today sees a clash of two three-time winners of the Scottish Junior Cup, surely a recipe for drama.

There was certainly drama aplenty at Carmuirs Park, a fortnight ago, when Camelon kept on taking the lead and 'Port kept on equalising, until six goals were shared. Brian Craik injured himself in cancelling out Graeme McLaren's opener, Ronnie Kenneth provided a swift response to Camelon's next goal, just after the break, then, in the final minute, Jim Lister and super-sub Steven McAllister traded late counters. As a result, it was one Super League point each, probably a fair outcome.

The last match of 2007 had been the Redwood Leisure tie at Lochgelly. Ronnie Kenneth opened the scoring, Chris Webster came off the bench to give 'Port a two-goal cushion, albeit later than expected, and Reon Juskowiak rounded off the scoring. The latter deserved his goal, as his had been the most legitimate-looking of three which had been disallowed. A rare clean-sheet was another plus from a straightforward enough win.

The East of Scotland Cup tie, back in mid-December, should also have been fairly comprehensive, but West Calder were gifted a couple of goals. Thankfully, Juskowiak and Kenneth, with a brace, were on the scoresheet as 'Port won by the odd goal in five.

That means three goals in each of the last three games. It would be nice for that pattern to continue this afternoon, but that does seem unlikely.

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| 4/9 | WSP | Auchinleck Talbot | 3/1 | Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic | ES | 9/2 |
| 2/5 | EC | Ballingry Rovers | 10/3 | Whitletts | WA | 9/2 |
| 1/3 | ES | Bathgate Thistle | 7/2 | Montrose Roselea | EP | 11/2 |
| 10/3 | EN | Blairgowrie | 13/5 | Clydebank | WS1 | 8/13 |
| 1/7 | ES | Camelon | 11/2 | Irvine Vics | WA | 9/1 |
| 1/10 | WSP | Glenafton Athletic | 6/1 | Downfield | EN | 12/1 |
| 11/4 | ESo | Harthill Royal | 13/5 | Shotts Bon Accord | WSP | 8/11 |
| 5/6 | WS1 | Lesmahagow | 5/2 | Maybole | WS1 | 12/5 |
| 1/2 | ES | Linlithgow Rose | 16/5 | Cumnock | WSP | 7/2 |
| 7/2 | EC | Lochore Welfare | 16/5 | Newtongrange Star | EP | 1/2 |
| 11/4 | WA | Lugar Boswell Thistle | 13/5 | Lanark United | WC1 | 8/11 |
| 8/5 | EP | Musselburgh Athletic | 12/5 | Kirkintilloch Rob Roy | WS1 | 5/4 |
| 1/3 | WSP | Neilston | 7/2 | Rosyth | EP | 11/2 |
| 6/1 | ESo | Sauchie | 9/2 | Lochee United | ES | 1/4 |
| 7/5 | ES | TAYPORT | 12/5 | Pollok | WSP | 7/5 |
| 4/7 | EC | : Thornton Hibs | 11/4 | Maud | NS | 7/2 |

Key to Leagues: WSP – West Super Premier Division; WS1 – West Super First Division; WA – West Ayrshire Division; WC1 – West Centr First Division; ES – East Super League; EP – East Premier League; ESo – East Southern Division; EC – East Central Division; EN – East North Division; NS – North Super League

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| 6/1 | Linlithgow Rose |
|-------|---|
| 13/2 | Lochee United |
| 9/1 | Auchinleck Talbot |
| 10/1 | Bathgate Thistle, Glenafton Athletic |
| 12/1 | Pollok, Tayport |
| 14/1 | Camelon |
| 16/1 | Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic, Neilston |
| 20/1 | Clydebank |
| 25/1 | Lanark United, Newtongrange Star, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy |
| 33/1 | Ballingry Rovers, Cumnock, Shotts Bon Accord |
| 40/1 | Lesmahagow, Musselburgh Athletic |
| 50/1 | Harthill Royal, Maybole, Rosyth, Sauchie |
| 66/1 | Montrose Roselea, Thornton Hibs |
| 100/1 | Blairgowrie, Downfield |
| 150/1 | Lochore Welfare, Lugar Thistle, Whittlets |
| 200/1 | Irvine Vics, Maud |

QUICK QUIZ (answers overleaf)

- . Which Stagecoach Super League Premier Div teams have Tayport never played against
- 2. Of those they have played, which have they never beaten
- Who scored Tayport's goal in the Scottish Cup Final v Pollok in 1997
- 4. Name Tayport's three Scottish Cup winners v Lochee United now playing Senior football
- Dundee FC fielded only 15 players when they won the Scottish League in 1962. Which four players have clear links with Tayport FC



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Alan Gilzean (son is present manager), Bobby Waddell (player & manager), Shug Robertson (coach)

Stevie

Answers

Shotts Bon Accord

Neilston and Petershill

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to both

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to both sets of supporters for today's Scottish Cup 4th round tie against Pollok.

Today's opponents need no introduction in junior football circles. Their pedigree is second to none. Like ourselves, they have won the Scottish Junior Cup three times and are the current West Super League Champions. Rab Sneddon has put together a very experienced and accomplished side and has strength and depth to all areas of his team. Given the history of the two clubs, today's game should be a great occasion and it is undoubtedly the glamour tie of the round.



It feels like the tie has been a long time in coming but we are very well prepared for the game. We know the qualities of our opponents and it will be up to our boys to rise to the occasion and play to the standard of which we know they are capable.

Last week's postponement was far from ideal, but it gave us an opportunity to have a light-hearted training session at the beach. Everybody worked hard and hopefully we will reap the benefits today. Our last league fixture proved to be an entertaining encounter. Travelling to an in-form, and water logged Camelon, we ended up with a 3-3 draw. In very poor conditions, I thought the teams served up enthralling game. We had to come from behind on three occasions, and considering we had to play for the final twenty minutes with ten men, we came away with a respectable draw. The only negative point was big Birdie being finally diagnosed with a broken arm, after a clash with the Camelon keeper. His vast experience in the Scottish Cup and his performances in big games will be sorely missed.

We are well aware of Pollok's great travelling support, and we hope that our own supporters will turn out in numbers. On paper it is the game of the day and hopefully the teams live up to their billing.

Enjoy today's game.

Cheers, Frank

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| 18.8.07 | Broughty Athletic | LC | D2-2 | Flick | Gunnion | G Paterson | Urquhart | Wemyss | Juskowiak | Maher | McAllister | Kenneth 1 | Fraser | Kelly 1 | McNaughton (4) | Craik (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 | Craik | Kelly | Urquhart (4) | Kenneth * (9) 1 | McNaughton (7) | 133 |
| 25.8.07 | Dundee Violet | LC | W4-2 | Currie | Gunnion | G Paterson | Morris | Wemyss | Juskowiak * | Møher | McNaughton *1 | Kenneth | Craik 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 | Craik 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 * | Craik | 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 | Craik 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 | Craik | 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 | Craik 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 *+ | Craik | Kelly | Kenneth (4) * | Livie (11) | Webster (3) * | 233 |
| 6.10.07 | Kelty Hearts | L | L1 - 2 | Currie | D.Paterson | Livie | Urquhart | Wemyss | Juskowiak | Maher | Morris | Kenneth 1 | Craik | 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* | Craik | 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 | Craik * | 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 * | Craik 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 * | Craik | 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 | Craik | Livie | Juskowiak (4) | Kelly (11) | | 147 |
| 24.11.07 | Carnoustie | L | D1-1 | Currie | Gunnion | GPaterson | Urquhart | DPaterson | McNaughton* | Maher | Morris | Kenneth | Craik 1* | Livie | Kelly(11) | Juskowiak(4) | Fraser (9) | 193 |
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| 08.12.07 | CARNOUSTIE | S3r | W5-2 | Currie | Gunnion | GPaterson | Urquhart | Wemyss | McNaughton | Maher 1 | Morris 1 | Kenneth 1 | Craik 1 | Kelly 1 | Livie (11) | DPaterson(9) | Juskowiak (12) | 292 |
| 15.12.07 | WEST CALDER | EoS1 | W3-2 | Currie | Gunnion | GPaterson | Urquhart | Wemyss | McNaughton* | Maher | Morris | Kenneth2 | Craik* | Juskowiak1 | Fraser (10) | DPaterson(4) | Livie(9) | 121 |
| 22.12.07 | BATHGATE THIS | L | postponed | frozen | pitch | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29.12.07 | Lochgelly Albert | RL1 | W3-0 | Currie | Gunnion | GPaterson | Urguhart | Wemyss | McNaughton | Morris * | DPaterson | Kenneth 1* | Craik | Juskowiak 1 | Webster (10) 1 | McAllister(4) | Fraser (12) | 89 |
| 5.01.08 | Camelon | L | D3-3 | Currie | Gunnion | GPaterson | Urquhart | Wemyss* | McNaughton# | Morris | DPaterson | Kenneth1 | Craik 1 | Juskowiak | Webster (10) | Livie (8) | McAllister (9) 1 | 189 |
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Pollok season ticket holder Martyn Robertson (right) shows where his heart really lies in this picture taken at Thomson Park c 1993



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A few words with......RONNIE KENNETH

Ronnie (dob 1/7/73) was something of a late starter in the game, not playing seriously until aged around 23 when he was persuaded to join Riverside Athletic Amateurs, moving to St Josephs then to Tayport in 2000/2001. And what a sensational first season he had at the Canniepairt, netting an incredible 58 goals in 40 starts.



Ronaldo was injured in the first game of the following season and was out of action until January when he made a sensational return to action against Pollok in the Scottish Cup 4th round replay at Canniepairt, scoring one of Tayport's goals in the 2-0 win. Ronnie moved to Carnoustie at the end of that 2002/03 season but returned to Tayport in December 2005.

School - Harris Academy, Dundee; Job - scaffolder; Married - no; Girlfriend - there's been a few...;

Family - two brothers, three sisters. In fact I'm off to Australia next month to attend my brother Shane's wedding in Melbourne;

Most influential manager played under - Davie Wemyss who persuaded me to join Riverside. Previously I'd just had kick abouts with my mates.

Major honours in the game - Scottish Amateur caps, Scottish Junior Cup winner's medal (with Carnoustie against, ahem, Tayport), Tayside League winner, Super League winner and various cup winning medals.

Senior club followed - Dundee United

Most memorable football moment - there have been a few. Seeing United beat Rangers in the Scottish Cup final, winning Scottish Junior Cup, but best memory is scoring the winner for the Scottish Amateurs v Ireland in Ireland.

All-time favourite player - Kenny Dalglish;

Favourite ground played on - Tannadice; Least favourite - also in Dundee - Thomson Park.

Ronnie at leisure

Watering hole - it was the Smugglers until a couple of weeks ago when it closed down to make way for a housing development, so I'll have to find a new one;

Food - pasta. My gran's Italian and she makes a the best a pasta;

Last holiday - a music festival at Benacissim, Spain about 100k from Valencia;

Favourite holiday spot - Amsterdam's a big favourite

Last book read - *Porno* by Irvine Welsh. He's a big favourite of mine. I think he's hilarious and have read all his stuff.

Newspaper - Daily Record and Evening Tele

Ronnie Kenneth

Junior clubs hammered after pitch free-for-all Evening News

By JOHN GILMOUR

CVEITING NEWS ARE

Wednesday, 16th January 2008

DALKEITH THISTLE and Harthill Royals were both hammered with huge fines after a free-for-all involving players, supporters and committee members saw their game abandoned before half-time. The fines were handed out by the East Region Scottish Junior FA as a result of the match, played on November 24, being called off by the referee after just 40 minutes.

In a special meeting at Oakley United's ground both clubs were asked to explain their part in the fracas and officials decided Dalkeith assistant manager Paddy Dolan should take the brunt of the criticism. They fined him £150 and banned him from all football this season, effectively a six-month ban, which is huge blow for Dolan and the club. He was seen by the referee as the main culprit in coming on to the pitch and starting the melee. Dolan is no stranger to controversy and to some it was no surprise that he was named and shamed.

Both clubs have been fined £1000 plus a good behaviour bond of another £1000 which are huge sums of money for Junior clubs and a signal of just how seriously the ER-JSFA took the matter.

They felt the clubs had brought the image of Junior football down after some favourable publicity recently. Junior football has been enjoying a period of incredibly good media attention in recent weeks and incidents like this could only damage that image. They felt they had to act and act with authority.

These fines are big for both clubs who do not have the financial clout of others in the region. Dalkeith, who are outraged at this amount, in particular may not survive this. They have a emergency meeting scheduled for Sunday but the signs are not looking good. They have been surviving on a shoestring for years and a fine such as this could finish the club. No-one at the club was available for comment but it seems they are considering an appeal to the Scottish Junior Football Association. If they fail it could be the end of a club struggling to regroup and climb the table.

Harthill, who see themselves as innocent partners in the whole incident, will also find it difficult to pay this money although they have a small social club which could help out. But their main worry comes this weekend. They are involved in a Scottish Cup tie at home to Shotts Bon Accord in what is a derby. Their grounds are only three miles apart and a huge crowd is expected. The Harthill officials fear a younger, more boisterous element of Shotts supporters are heading for the game and, if any trouble arises, then Harthill could see their good behaviour bond disappear overnight.

Again, no-one at the club was available for comment but they too are considering an appeal.

Rosyth's appeal to the SFA following a recent heavy fine by the East Region JFA, has been returned to the Region to be re-opened and the case heard again.

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| 2 | Petershill | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 23 |
| 3 | Pollok | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 31 | 18 | 13 | 22 |
| 4 | Beith | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 29 | 2 | 21 |
| 5 | Glenafton Athletic | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 17 |
| 6 | Neilston | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 32 | 34 | -2 | 17 |
| 7 | Cumnock | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 16 |
| 8 | Bellshill Athletic | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 20 | -3 | 15 |
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| 10 | Arthurlie | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 24 | -1 | 14 |
| 11 | Shotts Bon Accord | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 27 | -8 | 13 |
| 12 | Kilsyth Rangers | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 38 | -22 | 7 |

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Tayport FC-current squad stats Squad No. Name Previous club debut North End games TOTAL goals sub Peter Flick 1 amateurs 11.08.07 2 1 so 2 2 Derek Paterson East Fife (loan) 29.08.07 Montrose Roselea 12 5 17 0 3 Grant Paterson Riverside Ath 22.08.90 Forfar Albion 818 17 835 21 4 Dean Rennie Newport Ams 27.04.07 Lochee United 12 5 16 2 5 Derek Wemyss Riverside Ath 07.10.00 Forfar Albion 211 16 227 26 6 22 Reon Juskowiak St Andrews United 11.08.07 North End 3 18 7 Martin Maher North End 17 2 19 Rosyth 11.08.07 1 8 Steven McAllister 2 Rosyth 11.08.07 North End 3 4 1 9 Ronnie Kenneth Carnoustie 18.08.00 120 107 Jeanfield Swifts 33 153 10 Brian Craik Lochee Harp 19.09.98 Broughty Athletic 196 68 264 120 11 Kevin Kelly Lochee Harp 11.08.07 North End 16 2 18 8 12 7 Roberto Morris Forfar Ath 07.08.02 Montrose Roselea 223 227 Barry McNaughton Lochee Harp 13 22.08.01 Lochee United 222 53 275 55 14 Chris Webster 12.08.06 18 Carnoustie North End 40 8 48 15 Ross Gunnion Bankfoot 15.08.01 Bankfoot Athletic 241 23 264 6 19 Brian Livie Forfar Albion 14.08.04 Bo'ness United 92 27 119 20 David Currie Arbroath FC 22.08.07 East Craigie 20 0 20 6 so 23 4 Murray Urquhart Glenrothes 12.08.06 North End 54 58

Note: These are the clubs with which the players played prior to joining Tayport for the first time. Two signed for the club for a second spell - Craik (Lochee Harp Nov 04 - Aug 07), Kenneth (Carnoustie)



This afternoon's MATCH BALL has been kindly sponsored by MATT LAWSON

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Saturday 23rd July 2005: SJFA Supercup Semi-Final Tayport 0 Pollok 0 (Lok won 3-2 on pens)

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Report courtesy of Pollok's website

The last time the teams met

Pollok opened their competitive 2005/06 campaign with a penalty shoot-out victory over OVD Scottish Cup holders Tayport at The Canniepairt in the semi-final of the SJFA Super

With manager Rab Sneddon on holiday it was Harry Erwin who took charge of the team, although he had far from a full squad to select from. Close season signing Bryan Smith made his first competitive appearance in the black and white alongside John McAulay, formerly of Arbroath, and Martin McGinty, previously with Stranraer.

Robbie Henderson found space down the Pollok right, but there was no supporting player to meet his square ball across the face of goal. It took the visitors 10 minutes to produce a save from Frazer Fitzpatrick when a Martin McLauchlan cross was headed tamely at goal by Simon Black. Four minutes later and makeshift centre-half Derek Paterson fouled Henderson 20 yards from goal, with Sean Christie rattling the crossbar with the resultant free kick. Henderson continued to cause problems for the Pollok back line, including one effort where he hit the side netting despite being grounded earlier in the action. At the other end McLauchlan came close to breaking the deadlock in the 31st minute. A Chris Cruickshank cross was headed back across goal by Smith before being cracked against the bar by McLauchlan. McLauchlan then had a penalty appeal turned down before Tayport had their best chance of the match. Pollok had enough numbers back to clear any danger, but failed to do so, leaving Gunnion in a position to curl an effort goalwards, but Wilson turned the ball around the post.

Pollok should have taken the lead seven minutes into the second half when Black found himself six yards from goal with just the 'keeper to beat, but he pulled his shot wide of the target. The game was then stopped for a lengthy period when a collision between Gunnion and Martin Nelson left the Pollok midfielder in need of a stretcher, with Willie Stewart replacing him. Smith had a hooked shot saved as Pollok began to dominate more and more. Black squandered two further chances for the visitors who were clearly missing the cutting edge of last season's top scorer Gavin Friels. Bryan Duell was booked for the home side before 44-yearold Gus Malone replaced Henderson. Burns was called into action ten minutes from time when turning a Gary Middleton effort around the post. Gunnion was then booked before Ross Jamieson replaced McGinty for the 'Lok. Although he came on in the 89th minute he would get eleven minutes of playing time due to the additional time that resulted from the Nelson injury.

The new season was therefore to start for both sides in the same way that the old one had ended v Beith and Carnoustie respectively, with the lottery of a penalty shoot-out. Things didn't look good for 'Lok when Fitzpatrick saved from Smith, but Steven Stewart put his effort wide. Black and Willie Stewart converted for 'Lok, as did Young for the hosts. Middleton then saw his effort saved by Burns, but McClay struck the left hand post with his effort before Duell scored off the inside of the same post to leave the scores at 2-2 after four penalties each. McLauchlan thundered his penalty home, before Morris struck the same post for Tayport that had denied McClay seconds earlier, sending Pollok through to a final clash with Lochee United.



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media watch

The Fife Herald's back page (14/12) concentrated on the Scottish Cup draw against Pollok but also had a colour pic of goalscorer Kevin Kelly in action. Spotted amongst in the crowd in the background of the photo were a trio of Tayport's recent national lottery winners who had been enjoying matchday hospitality at the Can-

niepairt.

The (Glasgow) **Evening Times** (12/12) commenting on the Scottish Cup draw said that "Pollok landed the plum tie in the fourth round when they were paired with three times trophy winners Tayport. "Lok boss Rab Sneddon commented " It is yet another away tie and I feel for our fans because of the added expense....but they will head for Tayside in numbers"

Last weekend's press was dominated by the Q O S v Linlithgow Rose Scottish Cup tie. Not only the press but BBC TV too, which showed extended highlights of the game at Palmerston. Much of the hype was as a result of comments attributed to Queens' Steve Tosh which had rubbished Junior participation in the Cup. But Tosh would have none of it.

In **The Scotsman** (14/01) the midfielder insisted he welcomed junior clubs in the cup and praised Rose for their performance at Dumfries. Said Tosh "I never said anything derogatory about the juniors or Linlithgow, all I did was ask why the SFA have changed the rules this year. Not a thing was said about the quality of the Junior sides. Some people decided to change what I said. Sometimes as a football player you have to deal with that kind of thing but it's not very nice because it gets personal" So, there we are, the record's set straight. A bit too late, however, for the "1,000 + Lithgae fans who subjected Tosh to a non-stop barrage of abuse"

It's got to be said that the participation of the Juniors has been good for the competition and we could hardly have had better ambassadors representing us for the first time than Pollok and Linlithgow.

The **Evening Telegraph** Junior page (14/01) was headed up by a pic of the Tayport players training at the beach after the game at Glenrothes was frozen off. Unfortunately the Tele blotted its copybook by crediting Pollok's win over St Cuthbert Wanderers to the 1st round of the Junior Cup!

The **Evening Times** (15/01) reported that "Lok boss Rab Sneddon will attempt to conclude the signing of Beith playmaker Martin McGarvey this week, and an approach is also thought to be in the offing for want-away Ayr United ace Davie Hamilton."



This is our first home game of the New Year, therefore Tayport FC players and committee would like take this opportunity to wish all supporters, sponsors and helpers a very happy and prosperous 2008.

FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES **NOVEMBER 1973**

We look back almost 35 years to November 1973 when Tayport played a Fife Amateur Cup 2nd round tie at home v Eastbank AAC on the East Common. Reason we look back at this game is because the Tayport goalkeeper that day, Alex Houston, has Pollok connections and is expected to be at the game today. It was the only game Alex played for the first team and he kept a clean sheet, an achievement which would never be repeated in any of his games with the Reserve XI!

90 minutes into this New Year's morning the Tayport FC secretary had a text message out of the blue from Alex who was celebrating the New Year in Braemar and had got into company with Mel Irons our former player and assistant manager now at East Fife who was spending the New Year break at the same hotel. They got talking about football, as you do, and discovered they had Tayport FC in common.

Weegie Alex phoned a week or so later for a chat and reminisced over his times and travels with Tayport FC whilst a student in Dundee. Alex was probably best remembered as the keeper who held up a match for what seemed like hours as both teams searched for his lost contact lens.

He was asking after former teammates and also recalled the time when he ended up in Dundee Royal Infirmary along with four teammates after Spider McLaren's Moskvich van coming down Albert Street into Tayport en route to Thursday evening training, skidded and rolled over a couple of times, scattering three players, Feechan, Oswald and Ancell out into the street. Alex was left hanging upside down by his seat belt in the front seat.

Alex had initially been recruited to play for the Reserves in the Alliance League, making his debut in a 0-5 defeat at Longforgan earlier that year. Team that day was Alex Houston; John Anderson, Alan Davie; John Porter, Frank Feechan, Brian Dempster; John Gilmour, Eddie Stewart, Cormac Andrews, Brian Burchell and George Caldow, Ian Morrison was substitute.

The line-up for Alex's only 1st X1 game, the 5-0 Fife Cup win the following season was Houston; Ian Mathers, Spider McLaren, Ronnie Fleming, Frank Leslie; Lindsay Ancell, Jim Scott: Abby Oswald, Ian Howe, Raymond White, Doug Henderson. Subs were Eddie Gilmour and Gordon Hughes.

By one of those amazing coincidences, Alex who later moved to Australia, tells us he got chatting to a guy in Singapore Airport, on a stopover en route Down Under, and it turned out this guy had played left back for Eastbank in the aforementioned game.

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800 games later. If Pollok. Third out Cup appearance for meeting with 106 Scottish shirt today, Mel Irons leads the Tayport team is Grant Paterson who is likely to Grant plays today will one club.

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



How many times did we see Pollok spelled as 'Pollock' on the run up to this afternoon's Scottish Cup meeting? There have been many instances already in the local media but the biggest was the banner headline in the back page of the St Andrews Citizen announcing their meeting with St Andrews United in the last round. It happens all the time and must really hack off the Newlandsfield faithful.

Sean Grady, who moved from Bonnyrigg to Forfar Athletic in the close season, has returned to the Super League, having been snapped up by Linlithgow. Grady had been a close season target for Linlithgow but opted to try his luck in the Seniors along with our own Bryan Duell. Although Dueller has been in the Station Park line-up of late, neither managed to hold down a regular place as the Loons plummeted to the foot of the table. Garry Fraser, on loan at the Canniepairt from Forfar Athletic, returned to the Senior club at the end of December on expiry of the loan arrangement.

Keeper Frazer Fitzpatrick who is still on the 'Port books, is doing a bit of work for East Fife. He's the Fifers' east of Scotland scout.

The attraction of Pollok as visitors to the Canniepairt today was evident when the matchday hospitality sold out within a few days of the draw.

The first Saturday of the year will be remembered by the McNaughton family. As 'Port's Barry was being given the opportunity of an early shower at Camelon, courtesy of two yellow cards, brother Kevin (he of the dodgy new haircut!) was putting FA Cup rank outsiders Chasetown ahead against Cardiff City with an own goal.

CONGRATULATIONS! 2007 was quite a year for new babies at the club, the most recent new dad being Murray Urquhart whose daughter Millie arrived just before Christmas. Murray was the sixth of the squad to become a dad that year,



following on from Barry (Zak), Roberto (Libby), Dean (Rio), Webby (Alyx) and Birdie (Marcus). The General Register Office of Scotland released the top 100 names for boys and girls registered in Scotland during 2007. Our guys certainly like to be different. Only Millie (No 37) makes the girls' list and none make the boys' list. Surprisingly, neither did the wean registered as Geronimo!

Defender Robbie Henderson (25) who has struggled to get a regular place in the Pollok team since signing from Stenhousemuir at the start of the season, has been transferred to Berwick Rangers. Berwick will be his seventh senior club.

Recent 'Port players Robbie Henderson and Eric Watson (although the latter never actually played a game or indeed pulled on a jersey) were both on the mark for Cove Rangers the other week, when the wee Gers cuffed Rothes by 7-1 to go 2nd top of the Highland League.

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