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 Website (www.tayportfc.org) Player of the Year –
Brian Livie & Stefan Elvin (shared).

Our front cover picture shows the
Tayport FC line-up prior to the final
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Challenge Cup final in Belgium
April 1982.

Back Row: Bruce Burnett,
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Bobby Wilson, Angus Charity,
Phil Smith, Gus Malone, Alan Hart,
Neil Downie

Front Row: Kevin Murphy,
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| TAYPORT | | BROUGHTY ATHLETIC | |
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| From | | From | |
| 1 | Iain ROSS | 1 | Alan CORMACK |
| 2 | Barry DONACHIE | 2 | Graeme DAILLY |
| 3 | Brian LIVIE | 4 | Andy TORRANCE |
| 4 | David BLACK | 5 | Steven TWEED |
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| 10 | Paul TOSH | 14 | Barry MYLES |
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| 13 | Ryan WELSH | 17 | John FARQUHARSON |
| 14 | Chris ANTON | 18 | Lee BERTIE |
| 15 | Robert SMITH | 19 | Ben ETCHELLS |
| 16 | Grant MANZIE | 20 | Graham ALLAN |
| 17 | Stefan ELVIN | 21 | Kevin GARRICK |
| 19 | Mark WHATLEY | | Ross CARNEGIE |
| 20 | Neal FERRIE | | Kamil KADEL |
| 21 | Andy WEST | g/k | Steven KHAN |
| 22 | Kenny McCULLEY | g/k | Chris McPHERSON |
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Referee: Gavin THOMSON (Dundee)
Assistant Referee: Keith SMITH
Assistant Referee: Dave CLARK

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TODAY'S GAME
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Broughty Athletic and Tayport FC Connections

Digging into history, there were probably several players who played for both Tayport FC and Broughty Athletic during the 1950s and 1960s. One player who does spring to mind is Jim Rodger, the amateur international left winger who turned out for Tayport in the twilight of his football career in the 1960s. Jim of course is still on the go and lives a mere Rory Delap throw-in from the Canniepairt.

Since the club went Junior in 1990, there have been several players who have turned out both at the Canniepairt and Whitton Park. One of the first to wear the colours of both was fullback Grant Buist whose potential was identified by Dave Baikie who signed Buistie for Tayport in 1995. Grant played for Tayport until 2004 and was right back in the 'Port team which went to successive finals in 1996 and 1997, winning v Camelon and losing out to Pollok the following year. Those attending the match or watching on TV will recall the horrific tackle on Grant in the first minute of the '97 final for which the referee failed to issue a red card. The incident is still used in referees' training to this day as an example of where the referee got things wrong.

The legend that is Brian 'Birdie' Craik - for his exploits in his spell 1998—2004 during which Tayport FC experienced unprecedented success. - has served both clubs with distinction and would be in the Broughty squad for this afternoon had he not been suspended

Lining up with Birdie on his debut for Tayport in September 1998 was not only the aforementioned Grant Buist but also the current Broughty management team of Kenny Cameron and Fraser Mann. To neatly complete the Broughty connection, that debut game was v Broughty at Whitton Park. For the record, a 5-2 win for Tayport with KC notching a hat-trick, one of six he notched for 'Port.

Messrs Mann and Cameron both wore Port colours with some distinction. Kenny actually debuted for Tayport (Amateurs) back in 1985, playing 39 games and scoring 12 goals in 85/86 and bagging 3 goals in his 8 appearances for the club the following season.

Ten years later KC was back in Tayport colours scoring goals for fun from 1996 to 2000. It was during this period that Kenny set the club record of scoring in ten successive competitive games from 4 September to 6 November 1999 v Violet, Montrose, Kirrie, North End, Carnoustie, Fochabers, Bankfoot, Oakley United, Stoneywood and Wishaw. The previous season he had scored in 13 successive competitive appearances for the club. Cameron is also the only player to have hit six goals in one game for Tayport (v St Josephs in 1997)

Broughty assistant boss Fraser Mann was practically the sole custodian of the Tayport goal in the period 1991 - 2001, playing a total of 435 games. In season 1998/99 Fraser had the distinguished record of only having to pick the ball out of his net on 6 occasions in an entire league season of 22 games. Fraser has the Tayport record for shut-outs, 9 successive clean sheets in 1997/98.

In the past two seasons, two of Tayport's current squad, James Russell, last season and Robert Smith, this season, have moved from Whitton Park to the Canniepairt. Ross Lunan, at Tayport for a short period last season, is now at Broughty via Dundee Violet.

TODAY'S GAME

ACA SPORTS PREMIER DIVISION TAYPORT v BROUGHTY ATHLETIC

It's just short of ten years since Tayport and Broughty last met in a league fixture on the Canniepairt. That was in season 2001/02 when both clubs contested the very last Tayside Championship. It was the following season that the clubs went their separate ways, Tayport to the Super League, Broughty to the Tayside Premier Division, then to the East Region North Division and last season into the East Region Premier Division to which Tayport were relegated last season.

Both teams have had mixed fortunes since the season kicked off, but Broughty have the bragging rights at present, having accounted for Tayport by the only goal of the game here on the Canniepairt in a league cup tie last month.

Broughty had a disappointing start, losing 2-4 to Sauchie Juniors in their opening league fixture and looked to be heading for another defeat at Downfield when they trailed 0-2 but a splendid rally with goals from Graeme Dailly(2) and Steven Tweed gave Fed the points.

A point from a draw at home to troubled Arniston would have been less than expected in their most recent league fixture and there was further disappointment last week with an exit from the East of Scotland Cup. Ex-Tayport player Chris Webster did the damage with the only goal of the game.

There's little doubt then, that Broughty will be anxious to improve their lot and Tayport can expect a well drilled, hard working outfit, set out to frustrate the home side and grab at least a share of the spoils. Veteran defenders Steven Tweed and Gary Ogilvie look set to return but Birdie Craik is still suspended. Match winner last time the sides met, Ross Lunan, is an injury doubt.

Tayport disappointed their fans against Oakley United. Three points lost when at one stage in the second half, the win looked to be secure. Subsequent results have been good, however and the locals will be anxious to see their favourites build on the wins at Newtongrange and v Livingston United here last week.

Changes in the home line-up are inevitable with Roberto Morris an absentee but on the credit side Brian Livie is available and there is the possibility that Paul Tosh and Robert Smith could be recovered from injury in time to at least make the bench.

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| 1 | Oakley United | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| 2 | Glenrothes | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| 3 | Penicuik Athletic | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4 | TAYPORT | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | Sauchie | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 | Newtongrange Star | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 7 | Broughty Athletic | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | -1 | 4 |
| 8 | Armadale Thistle | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 2 |
| 9 | Ballingry Rovers | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | -3 | 2 |
| 10 | Arniston Rangers | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 2 |
| 11 | Broxburn Athletic | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | -4 | 1 |
| 12 | Downfield | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 10 | -5 | 0 |

This afternoon's Junior card

Premier League

Armadale Thistle v Sauchie. Sauchie slipped up at Glenrothes the other week but the cup win last Saturday v Linlithgow saw them return to form and the points look safe against a side who have yet to score a league goal this season.

Arniston Rangers v Penicuik Athletic. Arniston haven't had their troubles to seek on or off the park and another away win is the verdict here.

Ballingry Rovers v Oakley United. Oakley are certainly the form team in the division and Rovers, who have struggled to get a squad together in recent weeks look very likely to be United's latest victims.

Broxburn Athletic v Newtongrange Star. Shock home cup defeat by Kirrie confirmed that Broxburn aren't the force they were last season but should manage a point from this one.

Downfield v Glenrothes. The Spiders' confidence will be sky high after dumping Carnoustie out of the cup. Although Glens' heavy defeat by Oakley in the same competition was something of a freak result, don't be surprised if it's a point a-piece.

Tayport v Broughty Athletic

Super League

Bathgate Thistle v Musselburgh Athletic

Forfar West End v Hill of Beath

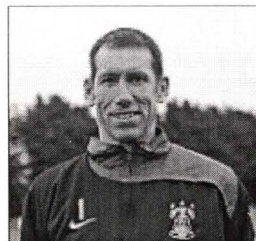
Kelty Hearts v Lochess United

Linlithgow Rose v Camelon

St Andrews United v Carnoustie Panmure

Results on the Newslane sometime after 5 o'clock

THE MANAGER WRITES



I'd like to begin by welcoming the Broughty Athletic players, officials and supporters to the Canniepairt for today's East Premier League encounter. It's early in the season, but we are already well aware of how capable a side Broughty are. They came here and won 1-0 in the DJ Laing League Cup, just a few weeks ago, so I'm certainly expecting a difficult match this afternoon.

Hopefully, we've now learned from that experience, and the players know that we'll have to reach the same standards that we have set over the past couple of weeks if we are to collect three points. As I said after the Newtongrange game, our 2-0 win there was the best team performance since we've been at the club. There were no passengers and everyone pulled their weight. We could perhaps have scored more goals, but I was pleased with the way that we dictated things on the park. Paul and I couldn't have asked for any more from the entire squad.

I felt at the time that it must have been frustrating for the supporters who weren't able to get to that match, as we weren't replicating our away form at the Canniepairt. There is no doubt that the home defeats to Broughty and Oakley were really disappointing. Last weekend, though, we managed to put together a solid victory against Livingston, scoring four without reply. I hope we can build on that result. It's a cliché, but we want to make the Canniepairt a fortress and put pressure on other teams. If we're going to achieve our goals, we have to be strong at home.

We need to be firing on all cylinders today and show the same desire as we showed at places like Armadale and Newtongrange. As I've said before, if we all pull in the same direction, we can be successful. So, I'd ask the 'Port Support to again get behind the team, as the players do appreciate the backing from the fans.

Enjoy the match.
John

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| Ballingry | | | | | | | 3 - 3 | | 24/9 | | | |
| Broughty | | 1 - 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 - 4 | |
| Broxburn | | 0 - 0 | | | | | | 24/9 | | | | |
| Downfield | | | | 2 - 3 | | | 24/9 | | | | | |
| Glenrothes | | | | | 3 - 2 | | | | | | 4 - 2 | |
| Newtongrange | | | | | | 3 - 0 | | | | | | 0 - 2 |
| Oakley | | 4 - 0 | | | 4 - 0 | | | | | | | |
| Penicuik | | | 4 - 1 | | | 4 - 3 | | | | | | |
| Sauchie | | | | | | | | | | 1 - 0 | | |
| TAYPORT | | | | 24/9 | | | | | 1 - 2 | | | |

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Five Junior clubs kick off at 3pm this afternoon in a quest for glory and of course cash when they take part in the first round of the William Hill sponsored Scottish Cup. For most of the clubs there will be a confidence they can make it to the next round but it won't be easy.

The East Region champions **Bo'ness United** v Highland League **Fort William**. Bo'ness were eliminated from the East of Scotland Cup by Haddington last week but defeat by perennial bottom of the league Fort William would be a bigger shock.

Highland League **Lossiemouth** v Emirates Scottish Cup winners **Auchinleck Talbot**. Middle of the league Lossie have good home form and Talbot will do well to take them back to Ayrshire.

Highland League **Forres Mechanics** v West Region champions **Irvine Meadow XI**. Mechanics are having a good season to date and boast a 100% home record so it's a major test for Meadow who struck gold the other season when they won through to eventually meet Hibs.

Girvan v **Vale of Leithen**. The Innerleithen team have started their East of Scotland league campaign with two wins out of two so will be in confident mood for the visit of Girvan who play in the West Region Juniors' Super League first division and get to play in this cup by virtue of their historic associate membership of the SFA.

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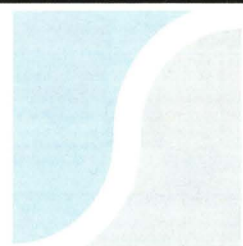
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Stefan is the main man

Stefan Elvin was the main recipient of last season's Player of the Year Awards. As well as being voted Player of the Year, Stefan also received the Young Player of the Year accolade, Travel Club Player of the Year and shared the Website Player of the Year award with **Brian Livie**.

Last season was the first in which the Young Player award has been made, following the donation of a trophy from local lady Bella Carmichael in memory of her late husband, Dite, who was a season ticket holder here at the Canniepairt for many years.

The Travel Club award was made in the memory of the late Davie Ayre, a Travel Club stalwart and former match secretary of Tayport FC.

Neal Ferrie was voted Players' Player of the Year, **Derek Wemyss** was Fans' Favourite, **James Russell** received the Top Scorer award and **Robbie Henderson's** goal at Bathgate Thistle was voted Goal of the Season.

A SUMMER OF CHANGE AT THE CANNIEPAIRT

Manager John McGlashan had the tail end of last season to assess his playing staff and not unexpectedly there were a number of changes during the close season.

The long serving trio of **Frazer Fitzpatrick**, **Steven Stewart** and **Grant Paterson** were released. **Lee Bryce** signed for Arbroath FC after a trial spell in Malta. **Robbie Henderson** and **Stuart Ferguson** signed for Keltie Hearts and Carnoustie Panmure respectively under freedom of contract. **Barry McNaughton** was not under contract and took up an offer from North End. We wish them all well.

In have come **Iain Ross** (Lochee United), **Robert Smith** (Broughty Athletic), **Andy McDonald** (Forfar West End) and **Kenny McCulley** (North End) all under the SJFA freedom of contract arrangements. **Paul Tosh** (Montrose FC), **Fraser Milligan** (Montrose FC), **Jamie Mackie** (Raith Rovers), **Ryan Welsh** (East Craigie) and **Andy West** (East Craigie) were all free transfers.

David Black who was out injured last season, was loaned to Dundee Violet at the start of the season under an arrangement which was to see him return to the Canniepairt at the end of December. However, because of the unavailability of a number of players, the arrangement was terminated last week allowing David to take part in the win over Livingston

Following a rule change at the last AGM, this is the first season which Temporary Transfers between Junior clubs has been permissible. There are conditions however—such temporary transfers cannot take place between clubs in the same division, they are for a minimum of one month, no more than four temporary transfers to one club are allowed. A temporary transfer arrangement cannot stipulate against whom a player may play or may not play.

Darren Scott made a fleeting return to the club but he has again moved out of town with his work and his future availability is presently unknown. Barry Donachie will also be unavailable for some time. He's currently enjoying a round the world holiday.

DUNMORE REPORTS.....

After an encouraging pre-season, Tayport's DJ Laing League Cup matches did not quite go according to plan, although there was one victory, at Glenesk Park, against Jim Finlayson's Violet. Paul Tosh opened the scoring from the penalty spot, with James Russell adding a sublime second. A Martin Szpak spot kick was a mere consolation for the ten-man Pan-sies.

Unfortunately, Fraser Milligan and Chris Anton were both dismissed at North End Park, the following week. Anton's second yellow card was for having come on as a half-time substitute without the required permission. That was the final sign that it would not be Tayport's day. The first indication had been when former Tayport striker Davie Evans slotted home what proved to be the winner, midway through the first half.

Another former striker put the Canniepairt outfit to the sword when Broughty Athletic came to town, at the end of the League Cup campaign. Ross Lunan was the player on target in the Fed's 1-0 win.

The East Premier League campaign began at the end of August and John McGlashan's men made positive start at Armadale. A determined display saw 'Port triumph 2-0, courtesy of goals from Paul Tosh and Robert Smith.

Paul Tosh made the breakthrough towards half-time, producing a clinical finish to convert Mark Whatley's deep cross from the right. After the break, Armadale had centre-half Jamie Mackay ordered off for another of his fouls on Paul Tosh. Robert Smith further punished the Volunteer Park men, sweeping an unstoppable free kick into the net, for his first official goal in Tayport colours.

Thereafter, 'Port controlled the contest and Armadale finished with nine men, Scott Mauchline, receiving his marching orders in the closing stages.

Probably best not to dwell on the next fixture, a 2-1 defeat to Oakley, on the Canniepairt. Derek Wemyss struck, following a corner kick, to give 'Port a half-time lead. The dismissal of Oakley's Lee Dair should have worked in Tayport's favour, but two quick-fire goals from the visitors shocked the Canniepairt men. Rocked by the concession of these goals, the hosts were unable to respond.

Thankfully, a response came in Tayport's next outing, with a terrific win at New Victoria Park. Potential promotion rivals Newtongrange Star were beaten by a hard-working 'Port. Ronnie Kenneth and Stefan Elvin were the scorers, with Jamie Mackie and Iain Ross, respectively, providing the assists.

Then, last weekend, 'Port played host to Livingston United, in the East of Scotland Cup. It was another positive display from John McGlashan's side. Captain Roberto Morris opened the scoring on the half hour and doubled his tally early in the second half. Thereafter, Ronnie Kenneth stepped in. Having had to don the goalkeeping gloves last time Livingston visited the Canniepairt, the striker this time notched a brace of goals, to complete a comprehensive 4-0 win.

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ANOTHER ENJOYABLE 'LEGENDS' EVENING

125 guests attended Tayport FC's second Hall of Fame Legends Evening in the Hilton Hotel to welcome the latest inductees, Doug Henderson, Neil Downie, Grant Paterson, Steven Stewart and Andy Phin.

John Brown snr of the Evening Telegraph's *Blether with Brown* was MC and the speakers were ex-Scotland and current (well, he still was when this was written!) Aberdeen boss Craig Brown and BBC Scotland and Daily Record pundit Tam Cowan.

As well as celebrating the induction of the latest members of the club's Hall of Fame, the evening was an opportunity to celebrate a number of significant anniversaries -

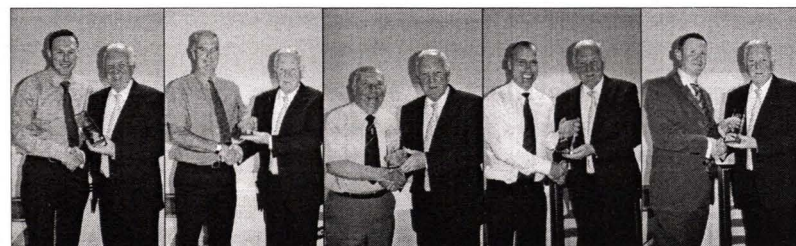
30th Anniversary of Tayport FC's only Midlands Amateur FA Championship

30th Anniversary of Tayport FC's European Cup Win

25th Anniversary of Tayport FC reaching the semi-final of the Scottish Amateur Cup

20th Anniversary of the first of Tayport FC's 10 Tayside Junior FA Championships

15th Anniversary of Tayport FC's first Scottish Junior Cup win



Our thanks to John 'Bomber' Brown for his organisation of the evening

TODAY'S VISITORS BROUGHTY ATHLETIC

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Broughty Athletic is a club going places. Not so long ago a visit to Whitton Park was not the biggest of a season's attractions but things have been moving forward at a steady pace.

Under the stewardship of club chairman Gordon Deuchars of GA Engineering, improvements to the ground and upgraded amenities are a sure sign that things are moving in the right direction with the masterplan to make the Broughty club an integral part of the local community taking shape. The club is very much the hub of the Dundee East Community Sports Club set up.

On the field, too, progress has been steady, with a solid foundation being constructed to support the ultimate aim of reaching—and staying—in the Super League. Results against higher league opponents over the last couple of seasons have invariably been impressive and demonstrated that, on their day, the Fed are a match for the best. This season the target is a challenge for a promotion spot.

Next year is the club's 90th anniversary. It's been a chequered existence and how appropriate it would be if that occasion was marked by some success this season.



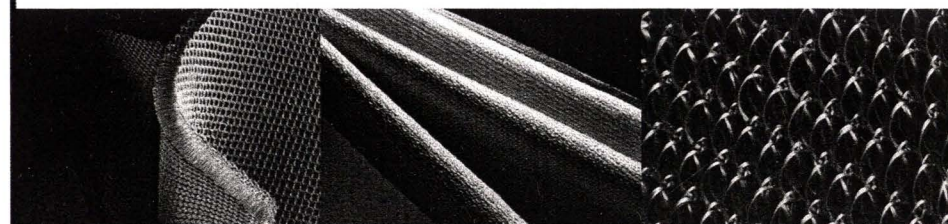
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SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*

Fort William, who have yet to win a point in this season's Highland League clearly know where the blame lies for this state of affairs. Against Bo'ness United in the Scottish Cup, they will be fielding their **fifth** different goalkeeper in only seven games.

Graeme Dailly's profile on the Broughty Athletic website describes beating Tayport whilst playing for Lochee Harp in a cup semi final as the best game in which he's played. Graeme's spot-on there. It was indeed a red letter occasion for the Harp. In 24 games to date, stretching over 21 years, it's the only time Harp have managed a win, Tayport winning the other 23.

Tayport FC's Bingo session has moved from the Bell Rock to the club pavilion to accommodate the restructuring of the Bell's restaurant and entertainment plans. Speaking of Bingo, we noted recently that a caller at an English football social club's bingo session actually fell asleep in the middle of calling the bingo numbers. That wouldn't happen to us. No chance of Bunt falling asleep...or is there?

Alnwick Town FC, the most northerly of England's north east clubs, have re-joined the Northern League after being in abeyance for four years. They lease their ground from the Duke of Northumberland who has not only given the club a new 30 year lease but has pledged £20,000 cash each year over the next five years. It's not for paying players, however, it's to develop the ground and infrastructure, according to the club chairman, who is behind the revival. He says it's his ambition to have 100 people doing five jobs instead of 5 people doing 100 jobs.

One of the clubs we have met in pre-season friendlies over the years raised £1000 for club funds in novel fashion recently. Three Tow Law Town officials were sponsored to play the 18 holes of their local golf course by using only a putter. They carded 113, 115 and 128. There are some guys on the Phuquit Tour who can't even manage these scores with a full bag of clubs!

Bank Street Athletic Amateurs settled with Lochee United to allow former Tayport striker Gary Middleton to move to the Midlands AFA and according to reports, Smoky has been doing the business for the Bankies. Gary, of course was one of Tayport's scorers when we lifted the Scottish Cup v Lochee at Tannadice in 2005. The other scorer, Robbie Henderson, stayed in the Super League when he signed for Kelty Hearts now managed and coached by the former Tayport triumvirate of Keith Burgess, Stewart Williamson and Willie Garner. Robbie has yet to break his competitive duck for Hearts but another former 'Port striker, Bryan Duell, is off the mark with a brace at Musselburgh to give Kelty their first league win. With two new strikers added to his pool, manager Burgess has agreed to last season's top scorer Craig Morrison's request for a transfer.

There is now only one Sunday Amateur Football side playing out of Tayport after Cobbies Inn made a late decision not to enter the Sunday Morning League. A number of their young stars had signed for Tayport FC, formerly Tayport Arms, who now play out of the Auld Hoose by whom they are sponsored.

Next Saturday is the first round of the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup. Both Tayport and Broughty have received byes and will feature in the only two Premier Division fixtures scheduled. Tayport make their third trip of the season to the Lothians to meet Arncliffe Rangers at Gorebridge while Broughty venture into central Fife to meet Ballingry Rovers at Glencliff.

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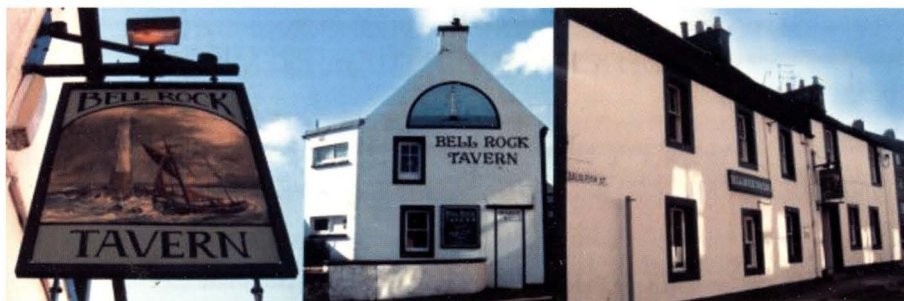
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