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AWARDS 2010/11

Player of the Year (presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Stefan Elvin**;
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Morris Couper award for Goal of the Season (presented 1993 by the
family of Morris Couper) - **Robbie Henderson v Bathgate Thistle (a)**;
Top Scorer award (presented by Andrew Robertson) - **James Russell**;
Website (www.tayportfc.org) Player of the Year - **Brian Livie & Stefan Elvin (shared)**.

Our front cover picture shows the
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of the Jacques Vandebosch
Challenge Cup final in Belgium
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Back Row: Bruce Burnett,
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Bobby Wilson, Angus Charity,
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Neil Downie

Front Row: Kevin Murphy,
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Ian Howe, Alan Hartie

TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT		ARMADALE THISTLE	
from		from	
1	Iain ROSS	G/K	Stuart WALKER
20	Neal FERRIE	G/K	Jamie SWINBURNE
2	Peter McAVOY		Gary BROWN
3	Gary ROBERTSON		Calum RARITY
4	Barry DONACHIE		Jamie MACKAY
5	Derek WEMYSS		Don MORRISON
6	Andy McDONALD		Scott MAUCHLINE
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10	Paul TOSH		Ciaran JOHNSTONE
11	Jamie MACKIE		Stuart McLEOD
12	Roberto MORRIS		Jamie VALENTINE
13	Ryan WELSH		Paul WARDLAW
14	Chris ANTON		Chris TAYLOR
15	Robert SMITH		Lewis MILTON
17	Stefan ELVIN		Alex FINLAYSON
18	Fraser MILLIGAN		Scott CRAIG
19	Mark WHATLEY		Scott BROWN
21	Andy WEST		Patrick DONNELLY
22	Kenny McCULLEY		Brian ROBERTS

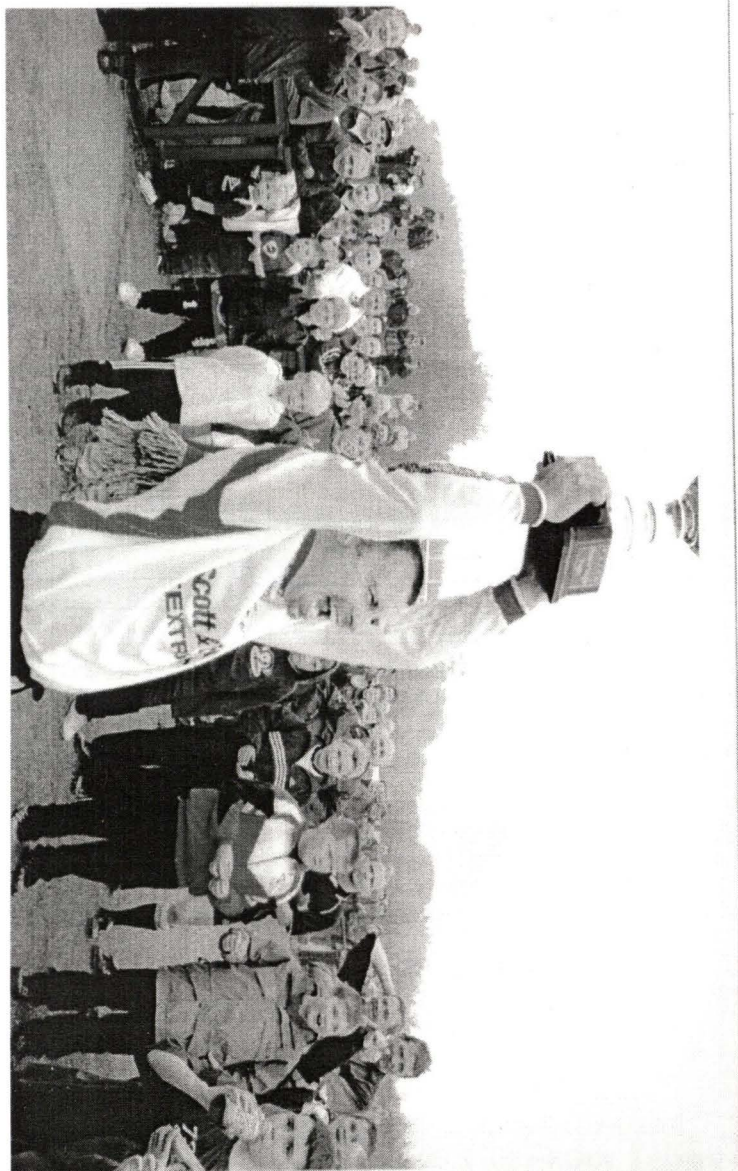
Referee: Jeff BANKS (Perth)
Assistant Referee: Calum Race
Assistant Referee: Lewis RONALDSON

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Skipper Grant Paterson lifts the last ever Tayside Premier Championship trophy with a last day win over Carnoustie Panmure before a 1,272 crowd on the Caninepairt in June 2002

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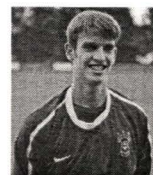
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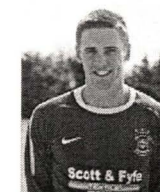
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Today's Visitors ARMADALE THISTLE

A warm welcome to Armadale Thistle, a club steeped in football history. Over the years Armadale, which at one time had a Senior club, may not have dominated the Junior game in the fashion of some of their Lothians' neighbours but they have produced more than their fair share of famous footballers. Joe Baker (Hibs, Arsenal and England), Tommy Gibb (Partick Thistle & Newcastle United), George Farm (Hibs & QOS) and Colin Stein (Hibs, Rangers and Scotland) are amongst the players who stepped up Senior from Thistle.

Best season in the Scottish Cup was in the War year of 1941 when they had three bites at the cherry but after 2-2 and 0-0 draws with Glasgow Perthshire, they went down 3-1 in the third replayed final before a crowd of 15,000 at Tynecastle.

ELSEWHERE TODAY

Premier League

Depending on results, any one of five teams could be at the top of the Premier League table at half past four this afternoon. **Glenrothes** travel to **Broxburn** where a win for the home side would see them move above Glens. Home

Oakley's form was a bit iffy for a spell but they seem to be getting things together just in time for a championship push and will be tested by a gritty **Downfield** side looking to get clear of the spectre of relegation. Home

Penicuik have a local derby with **Newtongrange** and, with a host of teams in pursuit, the league leaders cannot afford a slip. Draw.

Sauchie could also go top with a win over **Broughty**. It's likely the Fed will employ defensive strategy to try and sneak what would be an invaluable point or even points. Home



Super League

Only two games. **Carnoustie** shocked Hill of Beath the other week but the odds on a repeat at Bo'ness this afternoon are long. **Bo'ness** are chasing the title and are unlikely to slip up, thus plunging Carnoustie deeper into the relegation mire. Home.

Lochee's defeat by St Andrews last week was a blow but they can succeed at **Bathgate** where the local side are reportedly in a state of upheaval following the dismissal of manager Graeme Love. Lochee can cash in. Away.

Amazing freak weather last week at Bathgate, apparently. The reservoirs may be dry, the farmers may be crying out for rain but Creamery Park managed to be waterlogged causing the postponement of Thistle's game with Carnoustie.

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Today's Game



Armadale Thistle haven't been frequent visitors to the Canniepairt, indeed this is only the third visit. In all our meetings, home and away, they have proved doughty opponents and to-day will no doubt be no exception. This characteristic has shone through in their games this season with no fewer than 21 of their 28 games having been drawn or decided by the odd goal.

In an extremely tight competition, Armadale find themselves battling to avoid relegation. One reason they are in this situation is their disappointing start to the campaign which saw them go four league games before scoring a goal. Thistle's form on the road in the autumn was good with only one defeat in seven games but this form dipped and their sequence of games away from home without a win was stretched to seven with last Saturday's 2-1 loss at Newtongrange Star.

The loss at Newtongrange was hard to take. Armadale led at the break and retained this lead until seven minutes from the end when Star forced an equaliser. With four minutes of the allotted five minutes of added-on-time at the end of the 90 minutes, already having elapsed, the home side were awarded a penalty which was converted to leave Armadale pointless. A stushie over the award saw Thistle's Calum Rarity, Martin Jack and substitute Jamie Valentine shown red cards.

Armadale have been missing the injured Brian Roberts, Paddy Donnelly and Scott Brown but have been able to secure the services of some young Hamilton Accies loanees, including Ciaran Johnstone, to boost their squad.

Last Saturday at Downfield, Tayport were without the unavailable Ryan Welsh and the injured Mark Whatley. Ryan is available again but Mark is a wee bit away from being ready to return. Neal Ferrie made a timely return from his loan spell at Carnoustie Panmure when he got a late call to go between the sticks after Ian Ross was ordered off. Neal is unavailable this week, however, due to work commitments. Otherwise Tayport have a full squad from which to select.

Armadale are desperate for points to avoid a return to the South Division from whence they came as champions in 2009. Tayport need to win all their games to retain a glimmer of hope of promotion, so a keen contest should be on the cards

THE MANAGER WRITES



I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Jim Henderson, his coaching staff, players and all those associated with Armadale Thistle, as they arrive at the Can-niepairt for the return fixture between the sides.

Since the turn of the year, Armadale have put in some very good performances and, in many ways, are in a false position, in what is a very tight East Premier League.

We're coming towards the end of the campaign and I've told my players not to look too far ahead. Personally, I'm not trying to plot a course through to the end of the season. The best policy is to take one game at a time and see how far that takes us. I think today's match may prove pivotal for both teams, as we move into the final few fixtures.

Last week's victory against Downfield was pleasing, as they were the form team going into the game, with three wins out of four. So, to win 3-2 and show good battling qualities was very satisfying.

It is strange, though, that we would score eight and concede five in our last four matches. Previously, we had a watertight defence and something of a shot-shy forward line. I'm delighted to now see us scoring goals, but I'm obviously less happy about the uncharacteristic way in which goals have been conceded. However, we've had a chat with a couple of key players in the back-line and, hopefully, normal service can be resumed today.

I should also mention the situation with Neal Ferrie and Kevin Milne. The swap loan deal with Carnoustie was planned to last until the end of the season, but it turned out to be best for all parties to cancel the arrangement. Kevin's work commitments in Aberdeen didn't fit in well with his football, while Neal wasn't playing at Carnoustie.

In a way, fate gave us a helping hand last week, as Neal was able to come on, when Iain Ross was sent off. Small things like that do make a difference, as I am a believer that an element of luck is needed in every game. We hadn't really had the rub of the green this season and that does tend to even itself out, in my opinion. So, hopefully, that was the start of one or two things going in our favour.

Hopefully, we can play well today, get that wee bit of luck, and go on to record a victory.

Enjoy today's match.,

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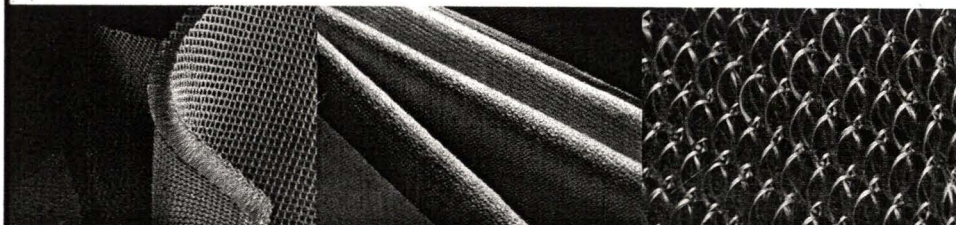
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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
6 Aug 11	Dundee Violet	LC	W 2 - 1	Ian Ross	Fraser Milligan	Livie	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Jamie Mackie	Russell 1	Kenneth	Paul Tosh 1	Robert Smith	Andy McDonald (3)	Darren Scott (9)	Elvin (11)	157
13 Aug 11	BROUGHTY ATH	LC	L 0 - 1	Ross	Milligan	Kenneth McCulley	Russell	Wemyss	Whatley	Manzie	Elvin	Kenneth	Tosh	Smith	Ryan Welsh (11)			112
20 Aug 11	North End	LC	L 0 - 1	Ross	Milligan %	Livie	McCulley	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Russell	Tosh	Smith	Welsh (4)	Kenneth (10)	Anton **=%(9)	159
27 Aug 11	Armadale Thistle	L	W 2 - 0	Ross	Russell	McDonald	Livie	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Tosh 1	Smith 1	Kenneth	Ryan Welsh	Andy West	138
3 Sep 11	OAKLEY UTD	L	L 1 - 2	Ross	Russell *	Livie	Morris	Wemyss 1	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Tosh	Smith	Anton (2)	Kenneth (10)		138
10 Sep 11	Newtongrange	L	W 2 - 0	Ross	Milligan	Welsh	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin 1	Kenneth 1	Anton	Smith *				215
17 Sep 11	LIVINGSTON UTD	EoS 1	W 4 - 0	Ferrie	Milligan	Welsh	Morris 2	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth 2	Anton	McDonald *	Manzie (3)	David Black (4)	Russell (11)	136
24 Sep 11	BROUGHTY ATH	L	L 0 - 1	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Tosh	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth	Anton	Smith	Black (10)			139
1 Oct 11	Arnis Rangers	L	W 2 - 0	Ross	Milligan	Livie 1	Raeseid 1	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth *	Russell	Smith	Anton (10)	Black (2)	Manzie (11)	84
8 Oct 11	Sauchie	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	Referee	deemed	Sauchie	pitch	unplayable							
15 Oct 11	BALLINGRY ROV	L	W 1 - 0	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Morris	Wemyss *	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin *	Manzie	Russell 1	Smith	Anton (10)	McDonald (11)		116
22 Oct 11	Penicuik Athletic	L	W 1 - 0	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Morris *	Raeseid	Whatley	McDonald *	Elvin	Manzie *	Russell	Tosh	Mackie (9) 1	McCulley (7)		175
29 Oct 11	ARBROATH VICS	S 2	W 5 - 0	Ross	Milligan *	McDonald *	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie 1	Elvin 1	Manzie	Russell 1	Tosh 2	Anton (3)	West (10)	Welsh (11)	133
5 Nov 11	DOWNFIELD	L	D 1 - 1	Ross	Milligan	McDonald	Morris *	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Russell	Tosh	Anton (9)	Kenneth (11) 1	Smith (10)	143
12 Nov 11	BROXBURN	L	D 0 - 0	Ross *	Milligan	Livie	Morris *	Wemyss	Raeseid *	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth *	Russell	McCulley	Anton (2)	Tosh * (9)	Whatley (8)	148
19 Nov 11	Glenrothes	L	D 1 - 1	Ferrie	Milligan	Livie	Morris *	Wemyss %	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Tosh	Russell	McCulley	Anton (10)	Kenneth (7) 1		151
26 Nov 11	Lochee United	S 3	D 2 - 2	Ross	Milligan *	Livie	Morris	Raeseid 1	Whatley	Mackie 1	Anton	Kenneth *	Russell	McCulley	Smith (10)	Welsh (11)	Tosh (9)	308
3 Dec 11	LOCHEE UTD	S 3 r	L 0 - 3	Ross	Milligan *	Livie	Morris *	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie *	Anton	Kenneth	Tosh *	McCulley	Smith (4)	Manzie (9)		313
10 Dec 11	Broughty Athletic	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	frozen	pitch	at	Broughty								
17 Dec 11	Broughty Athletic	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	frozen	pitch	at	Broughty								
7 Jan 12	Broughty Athletic	L	D 0 - 0	Ferrie	Milligan *	McCulley	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Smith %	Elvin	West	Tosh	Welsh	Anton (11)	Russell (9)	Peter McAvoys ()	91
14 Jan 12	GLENROTHES	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	frozen	pitch	at	Canniepairt								
21 Jan 12	Ballingry Rovers	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	Ballingry	called	game off	no water	in pavilion	apparently						
28 Jan 12	SAUCHIE	L	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	Frozen	Pitch										
04 Feb 12	Fauldhouse	EoS 3	P		MATCH	POSTPONED	Frozen	Pitch										
11 Feb 12	Fauldhouse	EoS 3	L 0 - 2	Ferrie	Milligan %	McCulley *	Morris %	Wemyss	McDonald %	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth	Tosh	Welsh	Anton (11)	West (7)	Russell (3)	106
18 Feb 12	PENICUIK ATHLETIC	L	D 1 - 1	Ferrie	Milligan	McCulley	Morris	Wemyss	Gary Robertson	Mackie	Elvin *	Anton	Tosh	Simon Murray 1	Kenneth * (7)			130
25 Feb 12	Sauchie	L	L 1 - 2	Ross	Milligan *	McCulley	Morris %	Tosh 1	Smith	Welsh	Elvin	Anton	Kevin Milne *	Murray *	Donachie (7)	Mackie (8)		144
3 Mar 12	NEWTONGRANGE	L	W 3 - 0	Ross	Milligan	McCulley *	Morris	Wemyss	Smith	Tosh	Elvin 1	Anton	Milne	Murray 2	Donachie (9)	Robertson (10)	Kenneth (11)	155
10 Mar 12	GLENROTHES	L	D 0 - 0	Ross	McCulley	Robertson	Morris	Donachie	Smith	Tosh	Elvin	Anton	Milne	Murray	Kenneth (10)	Mackie (6)		161
17 Mar 12	Broxburn Athletic	L	L 3 - 2	Ross	Milligan	Robertson	Morris	Wemyss	Smith	Tosh 1 *	Elvin	Anton	Russell	Murray 1	Donachie (10) *	Kenneth (9)	McDonald (6)	151
24 Mar 12	Downfield	L	W 3 - 2	Ross **	Milligan *	Robertson	Morris *	Wemyss	McCulley	Tosh 2 *	Elvin *	Donachie *	McDonald *	Murray	Anton (2)	Kenneth (11)	Ferrie (10)	119
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There was a time when Tayport's line-ups - and probably Armadale's too - hardly changed from one season to the next, but that's not the case now as we can see from this flashback to the occasion on which the sides last met on the Canniepairt. Only two of the Tayport starting line-up remain at the club whilst Thistle still retain three of their starting team that afternoon

The match was played out as follows

"A Ronnie Kenneth header sent Thistle home frustrated and empty handed as the visitors tempers boiled over at The Canniepairt.

A Ferguson free kick from deep after 65 minutes was played back across goal by McNaughton and Kenneth showed typical predator instinct to net from close range with goalkeeper Wood stranded.

Boss Willie Garner, although surely pleased with the result, will be wondering why his side failed to win a game they dominated from start to finish with more conviction.

Garner was handed some good news prior to kick off - Stuart Ferguson declared himself fit to play, and Adam O'Connor and Derek Wemyss both took a place on the bench after lengthy absences.

Tayport created the first chance of the game after 10 minutes, but despite rising well above his marker, Scott Hunter couldn't keep his header below the crossbar after Darren Scott's corner had picked him out.

Barry McNaughton was next to try his luck, again Scott the provider, but despite doing well to control his volley, Wood saved comfortably. Scott appeared to be enjoying the freedom Armadale were allowing him, and after breaking through the offside trap, he might feel he could have done better when his square ball found no red jerseys in the box.

Despite having the lion's share of possession, Tayport found their opponents resilient, and nearly paid the price for missed chances just before half time. Mauchline found himself with time and space 12 yards from goal, but Fitzpatrick was equal to his effort, parrying the ball to safety.

The game was turned on its head on the hour mark when 'Dale's Johnstone was sent off after picking up two yellow cards - both being for dissent. The midfielder will no doubt be disappointed in himself after being spoken to by the referee numerous times in between the cautions re his persistent criticism of decisions.

Tayport continued to control the game without making too many clear cut chances, but that changed minutes after the red card when Kenneth grabbed his first goal of the season.

The majority of action however was saved for the final few minutes of the game. First Kenneth latched onto a Ferguson through ball and there were screams for a penalty when he was felled as he pulled the trigger. Referee Duncan however decided rightly the foul had taken place outside the area, and McNaughton's well placed free kick did not have enough power to beat the visiting 'keeper.

Armadale's frustration from chasing shadows was evident, and despite winning a foul in a promising position, Cunningham was then shown his second yellow card of the game for kicking out at Joe Pepper (who came on minutes earlier after fellow substitute Gray had to be carried off) and McCulloch followed him into the showers for protesting the decision too strongly."

Tayport: Frazer Fitzpatrick, Barry Donachie, Steven Stewart, Stuart Ferguson, Scott Hunter, Ronnie Kenneth, Barry McNaughton, Grant Manzie, Mick O'Donnell, Darren Scott. Michael Gray, Adam O'Connor and Joe Pepper came off the bench

Armadale: Bob Wood, Don Morrison, David Cunningham, Gregor Buchanan, Kenny Manson, Scott Mauchline, Gary McCulloch, Ryan Johnstone, Craig Chilton, Lee Johnstone and Peter Lynch Robbie Feeney, Dino Vita, Graeme Shaw, Dean Purdie, Danny Matoni, Lee Sychinskys and Scott Wilson made up the sub bench

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The quarter finals all produced clear cut results and in the draw for the semi finals **it's Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic v Auchinleck Talbot and Shotts Bon Accord v Largs Thistle**. The ties will be decided on the aggregate score over two games, home and away.

UPDATE

The first legs go ahead on **Sunday 15th April** at Bonnyrigg and Shotts, respectively, with the second legs on **Saturday 21st April** at Auchinleck and Largs. All games are at 3pm

4th Round Results

Kelty 4 v 2 **Whitburn**
 Kilwinning 1 v 0 **Glenafton**
Musselburgh 1 v 3 **Auchinleck**
 Pollok 1 v 1 **Lochee United**
St Andrews Utd 1 v 1 **Cumnock**
 Carlisle Rovers 0 v 1 **Irvine Meadow**
Dundee Violet 0 v 1 **Ashfield**
 Kilsyth Rangers 1 v 3 **Arthurlie**
Sauchie 2 v 3 **Bo'ness United**
 Cambuslang 1 v 2 **Shotts**
Bonnyrigg Rose 3 v 2 **Maybole**
 Girvan 2 v 4 **St Rochs**
 Lanark United 0 v 4 **Kinnoull**
 Largs Thistle 1 v 1 **Arniston Rangers**
 Kilbirnie Ladeside 3 v 1 **Troon**
 Larkhall 2 v 1 **Bellshill**

Replays

Lochee United 5v2 **Pollok**
 Cumnock 2v4 **St Andrews United**
Arniston Rangers 1v1 **Largs Thistle** (Largs won on penalties)

5th ROUND

Arthurlie 1 **Bo'ness United** 1
 Replay - **Bo'ness** 2 **Arthurlie** 0
Ashfield 2 **Bonnyrigg Rose** 3
Auchinleck Talbot 5 **St Rochs** 0
Kilwinning Rangers 2 **Larkhall** 2
 Replay **Larkhall** 1 **Kilwinning** 2
Kinnoull 2 **Shotts Bon Accord** 2
 Replay - **Shotts** 4 **Kinnoull** 1
Lochee United 0 **Irvine Meadow** 3
Largs Thistle 2 **Kelty Hearts** 1
St Andrews Utd 1 **Kilbirnie Ladeside** 1
 Replay - **Kilbirnie** 0 **St Andrews Utd** 2

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QUARTER FINALS

Auchinleck Talbot 2 v 0 **Bo'ness United**
Irvine Meadow 0 v 2 **Bonnyrigg Rose**
Largs Thistle 2 v 0 **Kilwinning Rangers**
St Andrews United 0 v 1 **Shotts Bon Accord**

The St Andrews dream of repeating their 1960 success was denied them following a disappointing performance v Shotts. Bo'ness tumbled out v cup favourites Auchinleck but Bonnyrigg Rose put the much vaunted Irvine Meadow to the sword with a good win in Ayrshire

Today's Trivia

It won't be a new name on the cup this season, all four semi finalist having been successful previously, but Shotts Bon Accord have waited longest to get their name re-engraved. Their solitary win was in 1958 when 33,000 saw them defeat Pumpherston 2-0 at Hampden Park

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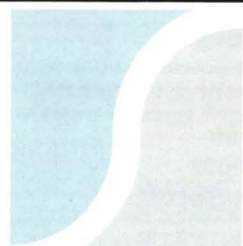
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DUNMORE REPORTS.....

The last three fixtures have brought as mixed a set of results as is possible: a draw, a loss and a win, in that order. The four East Premier League points gleaned from that sequence keeps Tayport in the promotion hunt, but victories would now seem to be vital, as the campaign edges towards its conclusion.

The draw came on the Canniepairt, three weeks ago, when Glenrothes visited for a goalless Fife derby. 'Port certainly had the better of the first half, with Simon Murray prominent. The Glens began the second half in positive mood, without troubling the Tayport rearguard and the remainder of the half was played out to a seemingly inevitable conclusion.

Tayport supporters would not have expected the next two games to produce a total ten goals. Low scoring, at both ends of the park, had been common. The trip to Broxburn started well, with Simon Murray latching onto a fine ball from Gary Robertson, to force in the opening goal.

Unfortunately, Broxburn soon equalised, through a header from a corner, and the sides were level at the break. There was a disastrous four minute spell after the interval and John McGlashan's men suddenly found themselves 3-1 down. Paul Tosh pulled one back, from the penalty spot, after Simon Murray had been fouled and Tosh was unlucky to see a late header cleared off the line. However, over the piece, 'Port had been second best.

Last week, at Downfield Park, the 3-2 scoreline went in Tayport's favour. Fraser Milligan's energetic pressing of the ball led to him opening the scoring, as early as the fifth minute. Mark Ferrie equalised for the Spiders, with 'Port again conceding from a corner.

Towards half-time, Fraser Milligan was penalised for hand-ball in the box, and Andy Payne netted the penalty. Undaunted, the Canniepairt outfit quickly levelled, courtesy of a sublime lob by Paul Tosh.

A fine break upfield, early in the second half, ended with Tosh netting his second of the afternoon. That counter proved to be the winner, although there remained plenty of time for the game to be reduced to ten-a-side. Downfield's Deuchars was the first to see red, while Iain Ross collected his second caution, in injury-time, after his involvement in an old-fashioned goalmouth stramash.

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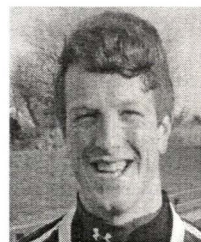
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3	Tayport	15	7	6	4	21	13	8	27
4	Sauchie	12	8	2	2	23	13	10	26
5	Glenrothes	17	7	5	5	33	32	1	26
6	Broxburn Athletic	16	7	4	5	27	24	3	25
7	Newtongrange Star	18	6	5	7	37	28	9	23
8	Ballingry Rovers	17	6	5	6	26	32	-6	23
9	Downfield	17	5	3	9	28	37	-9	18
10	Broughty Athletic	18	4	5	9	19	38	-19	17
11	Armadale Thistle	16	2	7	7	19	24	-5	13
12	Arniston Rangers	15	2	4	9	13	32	-19	10

RESULTS CHART	Armadale	Arniston	Ballingry	Broughty	Broxburn	Downfield	Glenrothes	Newtongrange	Oakley	Penicuik	Sauchie	TAYPORT
Armadale		1 - 2	0 - 0	4 - 0			4 - 3	1 - 1	1 - 1	7/4	0 - 0	0 - 2
Arniston				1 - 1	0 - 1	0 - 4	3 - 2	1 - 1	0 - 2	0 - 2		0 - 2
Ballingry	1 - 1	2 - 2		2 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 0	3 - 3	3 - 2	3 - 4	0 - 3		
Broughty		1 - 1	1 - 2		0 - 3	1 - 3	0 - 2	2 - 5	2 - 2		2 - 4	0 - 0
Broxburn	0 - 0	3 - 1	7 - 1	0 - 1		1 - 1	31/3	4 - 2			0 - 3	3 - 2
Downfield	3 - 0	3 - 2	2 - 2	2 - 3	7/4		0 - 1	1 - 7	0 - 5	2 - 0		2 - 3
Glenrothes	2 - 1	7/4	0 - 1	2 - 2	3 - 2			3 - 2	1 - 2	2 - 2	4 - 2	1 - 1
Newtongrange	2 - 1		0 - 2	4 - 0	1 - 1	3 - 0	4 - 0			1 - 2	1 - 1	0 - 2
Oakley	2 - 2	4 - 0			4 - 0	31/3	3 - 4	1 - 1		3 - 2	1 - 2	7/4
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SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*

It looks like another famous Junior name will disappear. Bellshill Athletic sold their original ground at Brandon Park which was subsequently developed for housing. They moved to New Brandon Park but have been without a ground since 2009 when they were forced out of the now disused New Brandon Park by its former owner. The current Bellshill Athletic club president, Paul Fox, has blamed the local Council for pushing the club to the brink of closure after pulling the plug on at least three different ground lease proposals. Mr Fox confirmed the 115 year old club would fold within the next few weeks once what little money they have runs out. Tayport played Bellshill on two occasions back in 1997, drawing 1-1 at Bellshill and winning the replay 6-0 on the Canniepairt.

It looks like Scone Thistle will return next season. A series of committee meetings has been very positive and the club looks set to re-join the East Region's North Division next season. They look likely to be joined there by Forfar West End who pulled out of the Super League earlier this season. West End's withdrawal means, of course, that only one team is relegated from the Super League this season.

Tayport travel to Ballingry Rovers on April 14th for their penultimate away fixture in this season's Premier Division. Legendary ex Tayport boss Dave Baikie now holds the reins at Ore Park and he has achieved his first target. Said Baikie, "Our first target here was to steer the club free from relegation and I think we've achieved that..."

The film crews, actors and actresses roll into Tayport next week to film Blue Iris Films' latest production. The crews will be based at the Canniepairt but most of the actual filming will be in other parts of the town, so if you are not careful you could well become an 'extra'! Martyn Robertson, a Port Supporter since the early nineties, is one of those behind the movie.

To take up the slack caused by most clubs rapidly running out of fixtures, it's understood a round robin form of cup competition may be introduced. There are certainly plenty of cups gathering dust in the Association's vaults. Lack of sponsors is very often cited as a reason for withdrawing a cup, but in the circumstances, the lack of a sponsor shouldn't prove too much of an impediment to keeping clubs in action for a few more weeks.

Apparently nobody knows who owns Armadale's Volunteer Park. The ground seems to have been owned most recently by Armadale Thistle FC Ltd, a limited company which was dissolved a few years ago. In these circumstances, it's thought that the ownership could have fallen to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, effectively the Crown. West Lothian Council is actively investigating the background and there seems to be a move afoot to bring the ground into community ownership. There seems little doubt that Thistle will remain at Volunteer Park as the Council leader has spoken publicly of the value of such an asset i.e. the ground and its football club, to the community.

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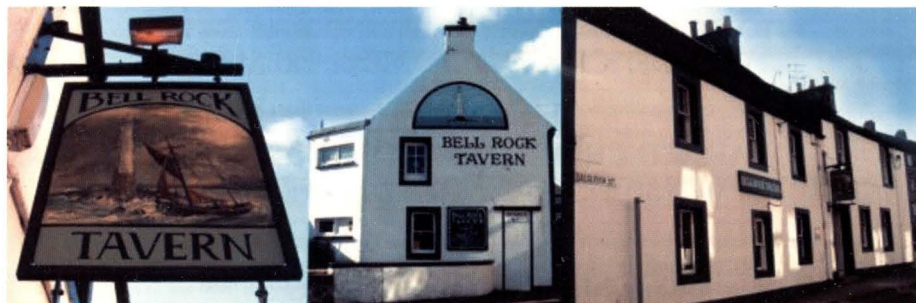
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