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Today's Game

McBookie.com Premier Division

Tayport v Oakley United

We welcome Oakley United to the Canniepairt this afternoon for the last action of what has been a generally disappointing 2012 which has seen us play only 19 league games, with a win rate of only 42%, a situation which will have to be improved upon if we are to secure one of the four available promotion spots to the Super League.

Oakley too have designs on one of these spots and although they have slipped a bit from leading the table back in September, they will fancy being there or thereabouts come the end of the season

Tayport haven't let the enforced lay off prevent them getting some match action, having played five times against Super League sides St Andrews and Carnoustie and Irn Bru League sides Forfar Athletic and Montrose as well as Lochee Harp, all on synthetic pitches. In addition the players have managed to get in regular training sessions so we should be raring to go this afternoon.

The pool has been depleted somewhat with the loss of Fraser Milligan and Colin McNaught, both of whom are now in Australia, Jamie Mackie who was transferred to St Andrews and veteran Paul Tosh who has not been seen since his ordering off v Jeanfield eight weeks ago.

Into the squad has come loan signing Jake Mair from Arbroath FC. Attacking midfielder Jake featured in the Red Lichties 1st XI both this season and last season and we look forward to him playing an influential role during his loan period which is until the end of the season.

Oakley saw their first league action for six weeks last Saturday and it was a day they will want to forget, going down 8-1 at Newtongrange. Their were mitigating circumstances, however as United had to field a much depleted team and finished with ten men. One thing is for certain. Oakley cannot be accused of being boring, their last three league fixtures having produced an amazing 28 goals.

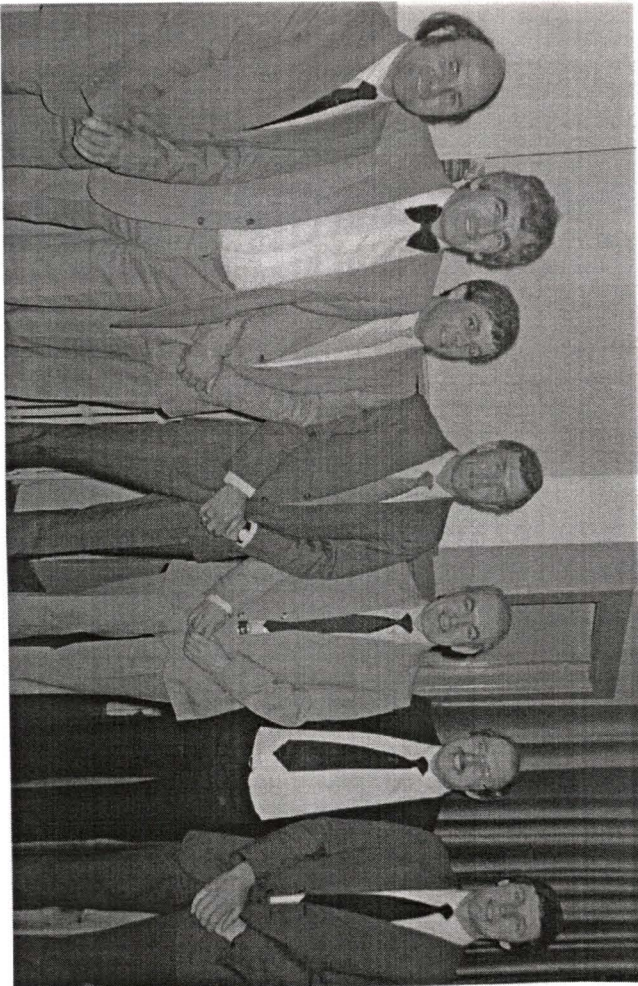
The experienced John Cusick will be missing from the Oakley line-up after his red card last week and Tayport will be without Andy McDonald following a similar indiscretion at Shettleston.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control there will be no programme issued for the next home game.

Thanks to all those who supported the club's successful Christmas Prize Draw. All prize winners are on the club's website www.tayportfc.org

Congratulations to keeper Iain Ross who became the proud father of Harlow Ivy who made her appearance in the world earlier this week.

Archive Photo from 1984



The top table guests at Tayport FC's Reunion Dinner held in May 1984
From left Eddie Stewart (chairman), Ron Redpath (treasurer), Ken Smith (MC), Doug Houston (guest speaker), Jim Rodger (guest speaker), Abby Oswald (secretary), Ian Mathers (Chairman, Tayport Community Council)

THE MANAGER WRITES



I'll start by giving a warm welcome to everyone connected with Oakley United, as they visit the Canniepairt for this East Premier League fixture.

It will be great to get back into competitive action today, as December has been a frustrating month, with all of the postponements. We've been pleased to have been able to line up friendly matches on each of the Saturdays, so that has kept the players ticking over.

We've had wins against St. Andrews United and Lochee Harp. We lost out narrowly to Carnoustie Panmure and also lost against senior opposition, in Montrose and Forfar, in a midweek game, so we've had some good tests and I have great belief in the squad.

It seems a long time since our last league game, but I do know that we need to get back to winning ways, as we only took one point from the matches against Newtongrange and Violet, back in November. Yet, performance-wise, I was happy. I've spoken to the players at length about this and the performances did merit more than a point.

In a short, 22 match campaign, there isn't much margin for error, so the key is to strike a balance between performances and results. It's also important not to lose heart. I was talking to my dad and, while we normally have major disagreements about football, we agreed that we just didn't get the rub of the green in these games. It's up to us to maintain our level of performance and, if we do that, the rewards and victories will soon follow.

The players invariably show great work-rate and effort. Sometimes things don't come off, but they don't let that affect them. They go looking for the ball again and that's something we regularly talk to them about.

Today's match, however, will be another tough encounter. Oakley did not enjoy the best of fortune last weekend, but I won't be reading anything into that result. We will have to be at our best if we are to post a win.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Jake Mair to the club. He is a loan signing from Arbroath FC and he has already featured in some of our friendlies and has got his name on the scoresheet. I'm sure he'll be a valuable addition to our squad.

I hope everyone has had a good Christmas and I'm sure you'll all be looking forward to some competitive football action. Let's hope for an entertaining afternoon here at the Canniepairt. Enjoy today's match.

John McGlashan

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Weather and a 3G pitch

Instead of training a couple of weeks ago we were afforded the opportunity of playing a closed doors friendly v Forfar Athletic in sub zero temperatures on the Loons' new artificial surface. Here the Forfar chairman explains that an artificial surface is not necessarily 'all weather'.

A current question being asked by many fans is "at what stage does our new pitch become unplayable?"

The answer firstly is that the pitch is not "all weather" and in some circumstances explained below, will not be able to be played on. It goes without saying however that the new pitch will be in use, when similar conditions have not allowed play on the previous grass one.

The most obvious benefit is that the drainage system below the surface will cope with the heaviest sustained downpour. Over the summer during the installation, you will recall the incessant rain we had at times, and we were amazed at how quickly the water disappeared. So no lost games due to a water logged surface will occur.

Snowfall creates a different problem. A light fall can be brushed by our equipment, but deeper snow gives us the same problem whether it be 3G or grass. Snow can be removed by machine or manually, but we also have to consider access roads and terracing clearance, apart from finding a place to put the snow we have removed!

FROST is the main problem and we are on a learning curve on this aspect. Obviously the pitch installers have given us their advice and further to that Bob Charlton and Martin Gray have visited Airdrie United's ground to speak to their groundsmen who has looked after exactly the same surface for over three years. This visit has proved to be invaluable as they received hands-on advice and continue to be in touch. We have purchased two tonnes of a expensive specialised salt which counteracts the frost and are currently considering as and when it needs to be applied to keep the park playable. Application of the salt on a daily basis for letting of the park and training may not however be financially viable. Summing up, the pitch is proving to be an asset already, not only to Forfar Athletic, but also to the many boys, girls and adults who now enjoy the facility. We will be working hard over the winter to keep the pitch open for business, and continue to learn the new complexities of 3G pitch maintenance.



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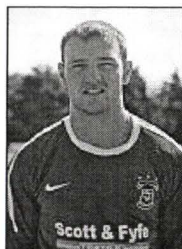
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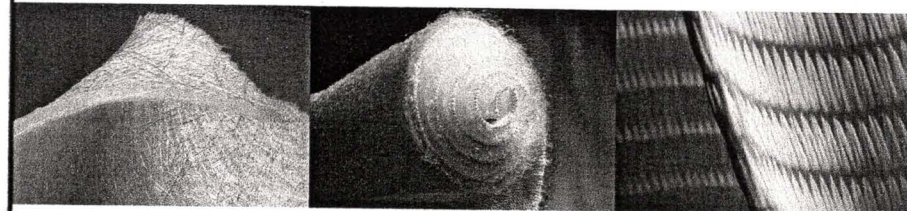


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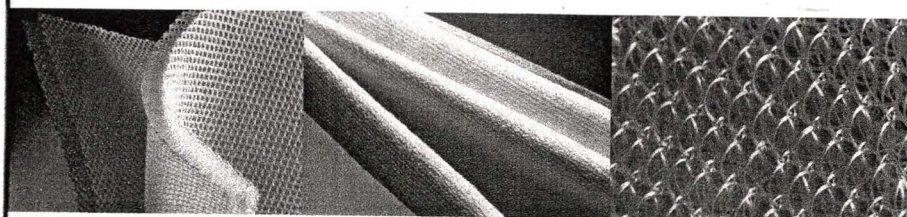
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| 11-Aug | NORTH END | LC | W 5-0 | Ross | Mudie | Robertson | Donachie | Thomson | Tonner | Milligan * | Strachan | Welsh | Elvin 1 | Tosh 2 | K Reilly (11) | Murray (9)2 | Tront (8) | 143 |
| 18-Aug | DUNDEE VIOLET | LC | L 0-2 | Ross * | Mudie * | Robertson | Tront * | Thomson | Tonner | Milligan % | McPhee | Murray | Elvin ** | Tosh % | K Rollo (3) | McNaught (8) | | 207 |
| 25-Aug | Broughty Athletic | LC | W 2-1 | Ferrie | Mudie * | Potter * | Tront 1 | Thomson | Tonner % | Mackie | McPhee | Murray | McDonald * | Rollo | Welsh (8) | Reilly (9) | McNaught(10) | 93 |
| 01-Sep | Oakley Utd | PL 1 | D 2-2 | Ross | Mudie | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Tonner * | Mackie | McPhee * | Murray* 1 | Milligan 1 | Rollo | Elvin (7) | McNaught (8) | McDonald (4) | 92 |
| 08-Sep | BROUGHTY | PL 2 | W 5-0 | Ross | Mudie | Robertson 1 | Elvin | Donachie | Tonner | Tosh | McPhee | Murray * 2 | Milligan 1 | Rollo | Mackie 5) | McNaught (9)1 | McDonald (4) | 153 |
| 15-Sep | Bathgate Thistle | PL 3 | D 1-1 | Ross | Donachie | Robertson * | Tront | Thomson | Tonner | Tosh | McPhee | Murray 1 | Milligan * | Rollo | Mackie (2) | McNaught (8) | McDonald (9) | 140 |
| 22-Sep | WEST CALDER | SC 1 | W 1-0 | Ferrie | Donachie 1 | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Tonner | Elvin | McDonald | Murray | Milligan | Rollo | Mackie (8) | McNaught (9) | Mudie (11) | 151 |
| 29-Sep | DALKEITH THIS | PL 4 | W 8-1 | Ross | Donachie | Robertson 1 | Tront * | Thomson | Tonner | Elvin 1 | McPhee % | Murray 3 | Mudie | McNaught 3 | Mackie (7) | McDonald (9) * | McCulley (6) | 124 |
| 06-Oct | GLENROTHES | PL 5 | W 2-0 | Ross * | Donachie | Robertson | Tront | Thomson 1 | Tonner 1 | Elvin | Mackie % | Murray * | Mudie * | McNaught | Rollo (7) | Morris (2) | McCulley (9) | 129 |
| 13-Oct | Dundee Violet | PL 6 | | | Postponed | - | Surface | Water | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20-Oct | ANNBANK UTD | SC 2 | W 1-0 | Ross * | Donachie % | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Tonner * | Elvin | Rollo | Murray | Mudie * | McPhee | Tosh (8) | McNaught (11) | | 143 |
| 27-Oct | Dunbar United | EoS1 | W 3-0 | Ferrie | Mudie | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Tonner | Tosh | Rollo | Murray 2 | McDonald | McNaught 1 | McCulley (2) | | | 130 |
| 03-Nov | Jeanfield Swifts. | PL 6 | L 1-2 | Ross * | Morris | Robertson | Tront 1 | Thomson | Tonner * | Tosh % | Rollo | Murray | Milligan | McPhee | Mudie (6) | McNaught (11) | | 99 |
| 10-Nov | NEWTONGRANGE | PL 7 | D 0-0 | Ross | Mudie | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Raeside * | Donachie | Rollo * | Murray * | Milligan | McPhee | Tonner (7) | McNaught (11) | Reilly (7) | 177 |
| 17-Nov | Shettleston | SC 3 | L 1-3 | Ross | Mudie | Robertson | Tront | Thomson | Tonner | Donachie* | McPhee * | Murray 1 | Milligan | McDonald% | McCulley (5) | McNaught *(10) | | 172 |
| 24-Nov | Violet | PL 8 | L 1-2 | Ross * | Mudie | Robertson | Raeside | Thomson | Tonner | Donachie | McPhee | Murray * 1 | Rollo | McCulley | Milligan (10) | Elvin (4) | McNaught(11) | 147 |
| 01-Dec | Ballingry Rovers | PL 9 | | | Postponed | | Frozen | Pitch | | | | | | | | | | |
| 08-Dec | ARMADALE THIS | PL 9 | | | Postponed | | Frozen | Pitch | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-Dec | BATHGATE THIS | PL 9 | | | Postponed | | Frozen | Pitch | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22-Dec | JEANFIELD | PL 9 | | | Postponed | | Pitch | Waterlogged | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29-Dec | OAKLEY UNITED | PL 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 05-Jan | ARMADALE THIS | PL 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Blair Mudie | 4 | Stephen Tront | 2 |
| Iain Ross | 5 | Fraser Milligan | 2 |
| Simon Murray | 5 | Stefan Elvin | 2 |
| John Tonner | 3 | Steven McPhee | 2 |
| Andy McDonald | 2 | Gary Robertson | 1 |
| Kris Rollo | 1 | Robbie Raeside | 1 |
| Barry Donachie | 1 | Colin McNaught | 1 |

Top Goalscorers

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|-----------------|----|
| Simon Murray | 13 |
| Colin McNaught | 6 |
| Stefan Elvin | 2 |
| Fraser Milligan | 2 |
| Gary Robertson | 2 |
| Paul Tosh | 2 |

TopTen Appearances

15

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|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| John Tonner | 14(1) | Blair Mudie | 12(2) |
| Simon Murray | 14(1) | Colin McNaught | 3(11) |
| Gary Robertson | 14 | Kris Rollo | 10(2) |
| Paul Thomson | 14 | Iain Ross | 12 |
| Stephen Tront | 12(1) | Steven McPhee | 11 |

Red Cards

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|-----------------|---|
| Paul Tosh | 2 |
| Fraser Milligan | 1 |
| Stefan Elvin | 1 |
| John Tonner | 1 |
| Stephen McPhee | 1 |
| Barry Donachie | 1 |
| Jamie Mackie | 1 |
| Andy McDonald | 1 |



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MEET THE PLAYERS BLAIR MUDIE

AGE - 22

SIGNED - July 2012

BORN - Kirkcaldy

STAY - Broughty Ferry

SIBLING(S) - big sister, Wendy
 (26)



POSITION - defender

LAST CLUB - East Craigie

PREVIOUS CLUBS
 Arbroath SC,
 Brechin Vics
 Elgin City FC

SCHOOL - Grange Primary, Monifieth HS

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY - Angus College. Studied Sports Coaching

OCCUPATION - Community Football Coach also part-time Care Assistant at Loch Leven Care Home

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BEST PITCH PLAYED ON - Tannadice

DUNMORE REPORTS.....

It has been an age since the last competitive fixture, never mind the last match on the Canniepairt, so here is a brief reminder of all the action. It was in early November when Tayport shared the McBookie.com East Premier League points in a goalless draw with visiting Newtongrange Star. Their 'keeper, Keiron Renton stole the show, with a string of saves, especially during the first half.

Steven McPhee, Kris Rollo, Stephen Tront, Paul Thomson, Simon Murray and Blair Mudie were all denied by the Star custodian, while Tront also crashed a shot against the bar. Iain Ross made a couple of important saves as well, in what was a fairly entertaining contest.

However, the following week, in the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup, entertainment was in shorter supply for the travelling support, as hosts Shettleston recorded a 3-1 victory. Former Tayport player Reon Jusowiak was one of the scorers, as the Glasgow outfit ousted 'Port from the national competition on a bleak afternoon.

Another defeat followed, this time in a league meeting at Glenesk. John McGlashan's side had numerous chances and, on another day, could have had the points sewn up by half-time. The Violet 'keeper made a couple of point-blank stops, with Steven McPhee the thwarted player.

On 17 minutes, Grant Lawson got in behind the defence to give the Pansies the lead. Twenty minutes later, Simon Murray converted a terrific near post header, from a McPhee cross, to equalise.

Unfortunately, on the stroke of half-time, Iain Ross conceded a penalty and another former player, this time Bryan Duell, put Tayport to the sword. There was no scoring in the second half and Violet took the points.

There have been four postponements since. Instead of games against Ballingry, Armadale, Bathgate and Jeanfield, 'Port have had a series of Saturday friendlies. At the start of the month, Tayport took on and defeated St. Andrews United on the artificial surface at Duffus Park. Colin McNaught came off the bench to score twice in a 2-1 win. Three weeks ago, Carnoustie Panmure, further Super League opposition, won 3-2 at DISC. Steven McPhee and Stefan Elvin were the scorers for John McGlashan's men. Then, a fortnight ago, Lochee Harp were hit for six. A goalkeeping error gave Tayport the first goal and there were further efforts from Kenny McCulley, Simon Murray, Stephen Tront and a brace from recent loan acquisition Jake Mair.

'Port lost to Montrose last weekend, at DISC, while there had also been a midweek fixture against Forfar, so there have been some stern tests. Let's hope Tayport see the benefit of this friendly action today, as a return to winning ways in the East Premier League would be most welcome. However, no less than a top performance will be required to see off Oakley United.

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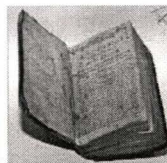
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The 19th Century More from 1885

This article from *The Dundee Courier* of May 1885 under the heading **TAYPORT** has a tenuous football connection and perhaps is the reason why we don't have a hotel in Tayport. It's all down to these bad lads from Dundee!

The Drink Traffic. - A meeting of those interested in reducing the number of licences in the village to receive the report of the Councillors appointed at a previous meeting and to determine further procedure, was held in the anteroom of the Temperance Hall last night—Mr James Fyffe in the chair. Only eleven persons attended. Mr J.S. Young explained what had been done by the committee in the matter of reducing the licences at the last Licensing Court, and congratulated themselves as having been successful in getting the hotel licences withdrawn. £3 10s of expenses had been incurred by the committee in getting this end and a subscription list was going round the village to defray this. In conclusion Mr Young moved that they take steps to endeavour to get the licences reduced which was unanimously agreed to. He also explained that the committee had waited on Admiral Maitland Dougall prior to the sitting of the court to ask him to refuse to support the drink traffic but the Admiral stated that he would stand neutral whereas on the contrary because it was he that moved that the licence should be granted to the Bell Rock Tavern, which was, he thought, quite inconsistent with what he had stated to the committee. Mr McGavin drew attention to the lawlessness which took place on the Saturday evenings when young men who came from Dundee to play football were to be met with in various states of intoxication and moved that the Authorities be asked to have an additional constable in the village on Saturday evenings, which was agreed. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the deputation who had attended at St Andrews [the Licensing Court] and the Quarter session. Mr John Ireland, the secretary, also received a vote of thanks and the meeting terminated.

133 years ago, in 1879, our main sponsor, Scott & Fyfe was way ahead of its time as the following article from *The Dundee Courier* of Monday 11 August 1879 describes

Tayport: Messrs Scott & Fyfe's Excursion. The annual excursion of the workers of Messrs Scott & Fyfe, manufacturers, took place on Saturday. The workers, about 100 in number, met at Tayport Railway Station. They all crossed to the Ferry with the passenger boat Auld Reekie and took the train from Broughty to Monikie, where they were supplied with milk and confectioneries, supplied by their employers. On the Monikie grounds they enjoyed themselves with football and other games. They arrived all safe home about nine o'clock and all appeared to be highly pleased with the day's enjoyment. Mr Fyfe accompanied the excursion himself. Such acts of kindness are worthy of imitation by other employers.

Fly Emirates

If Only.....

Tayport were rueing that miserable day in the east end of Glasgow when they were knocked out of the Emirates Cup by Shettleston, on hearing that the 4th round draw had paired the Glasgow club with Irvine Meadow at Meadow Park. If ever a ground matched the conditions that day, it was Shettleston's Greenfield Park, a ground well in need of its planned major reconstruction. After two decades of some wonderful Scottish Cup excitement, for Tayport to go out in such tame fashion was a big disappointment.

Fifteen East Region clubs still retain an interest in the competition following the draw made in the offices of the Glasgow Evening Times. An 'exclusive' for a newspaper pretty much unavailable north of the River Forth....

Arthurlie v Linlithgow Rose

Auchinleck Talbot v Petershill

Blackburn United v

Rutherglen Glencairn

Culter v Cumnock

Dundee Violet v Bo'ness United

Irvine Meadow v Shettleston

Johnstone Burgh v Dundonald Bluebell

Kelty Hearts or Penicuik Athletic v

Cumbernauld

Ties due 10th January at 1.45pm

Kinnoull v Kilsyth Rangers

Kirkintilloch Rob Roy v Rosyth

Lochee United v Ardeer Thistle

Montrose Roselea v

Jeanfield Swifts

Musselburgh Athletic v

Pumpherston

Pollok v Beith

Shotts Bon Accord v Benburb

Yoker v

Camelon or Thorniewood United

Four of the Five Tayside Survivors Get Home Ties

Locally, we can maybe have four clubs in the last 16 of the Emirates Cup. Unfortunately only one local team is a certainty for the 5th round, either Montrose or Jeanfield, who meet at Broomfield. The winners there will be one of only three East Region clubs actually guaranteed to go through, the others being Musselburgh or Pumpherston and Violet or Bo'ness United.

The Violet tie is one of two in the city of Dundee, Lochee United v Ardeer being the other, along the road at Thomson Park.

Two ties stand out from the rest at this stage, the East v West meeting of Arthurlie and Linlithgow at Dunterlie and the clash of the current top two in the West, Auchinleck and Petershill down in Ayrshire. With Petershill having lost only four goals in ten league games to date, a single goal is likely to settle it.

Forfar West End might have had a chance of joining the local contingent with hopes still alive but they surrendered a half time lead to go down 4-1 to Cumbernauld at Forfar Athletic's Station Park. Nevertheless it was a milestone for the local game, being the first Scottish Junior Cup tie to be played on an artificial surface in this area.

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| Armada | | | 22/12 | 5-1 | | | P-P | 29/12 | 1-2 | 1-2 | | |
| Ballingry | 2-1 | | | | 2-0 | 2-3 | 3-1 | P-P | | 5/1 | | |
| Bathgate | P-P | 29/12 | | 5/1 | 2-2 | P-P | | | | | | 1-1 |
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| Dalkeith | 2-1 | | 0-1 | 29/12 | | | 1-0 | | 2-1 | 5-5 | | |
| Dundee Violet | | | | 4-1 | | | P-P | 5/1 | 3-1 | | | 2-1 |
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| Jeanfield | | 2-3 | | | 4-4 | | | | | 3-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 |
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| Oakley | | | 1-3 | 5-4 | | 4-2 | | | | | | 2-2 |
| Penicuik | 1-2 | 0-3 | | | 1-1 | 2-1 | 29/12 | | | | | |
| TAYPORT | 5/1 | | P-P | 5-0 | 8-1 | | 2-0 | 22/12 | 0-0 | 29/12 | | |

SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*



Merv may be his present handle, as a recent edition of *The Courier* (and *Daily Record* the previous day) described him, but back in 1969 it was Mev when the young Tayportian made his debut for Tayport FC 2nd XI.

Alas young Mev, it would appear, proved to be more adept at blowing eggs than kicking a football and played only that single competitive game, failing to find the net in an 11-2 win over RGR.

To be fair to the bold Mev he did score a double in his second outing for the team the following week v 6th BB Ex-Members. However the 4-1 win was expunged from the records after the referee didn't turn up and the cup tie was played as a friendly

According to a recent *Irvine Herald* newspaper's front page story—"Irvine Meadow were this week plunged into crisis after it emerged the club owe Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs around £35,000 in unpaid tax.

The financial bombshell - which comes just weeks after big money signing Keigan Parker arrived at Meadow Park - was dropped by club President Kerr Dixon at a hastily arranged supporters meeting on Thursday.

Stunned fans also heard how the cash-strapped club are tied into two loans, totalling £45,000 and a 10-year-long, £50,000 deal with brewers Tennent's who bankrolled the social club development.

Dixon was not available for comment as we went to press, but Meadow manager Chris Strain insisted the financial worries did not threaten the club's future.

"We are addressing this and will be getting back to HMRC again very shortly," said Strain.

"It's no secret, we're not trying to avoid it and we've already had discussions with the tax people."

Messrs Scott & Fyfe, Tayport FC's sponsors for the past 17 years, was featured in a full page spread in the Business Section of *The Courier* recently. There have been many changes in the last few years with the business moving to employee ownership, the launch of a company innovation and museum to 'discover, define, develop and deliver'. That's certainly been the direction recently. 30% of products are new lines and new distribution outlets have been established in five new countries.

As Chief Executive John Lupton said, "It is a new dawn for everyone at Scott & Fyfe and it is up to us to seize this opportunity"



When Fulham beat Newcastle a couple of Mondays ago, there were **twenty** different nationalities represented amongst the 27 players who took part in the match. There were only 3 English players - Fulham's Sidwell and Toon's Williamson and Simpson. Countries represented were Australia, Germany, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Sweden, Bulgaria, Columbia, Iran, Croatia, Netherlands, Argentina, Italy, Ivory Coast, Netherlands Antilles, Senegal, France, Nigeria and Burundi. For the managers it must be like having a dressing room full of Fifers, Farfar Loons and Dundonians!

The £2,600 jackpot prize in the Tayport FC Super Six Lottery was won recently. Tomorrow's jackpot is £2,400.

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