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At a time when a think tank has been set up to review the structure of the Junior game, we couldn't have wished for a better tournament than the way in which this season's O.V.D. Cup has evolved.

The fact that all four semi-finalists were current holders of the league crowns of the Ayrshire, Central, East and Tayside Regions produced its own version of the Champions League and fuelled food for thought as to the merits of bringing a more national flavour to the present league set up.

However, that is for the 'Think Tank' to mull over and in the future.. For the moment all attention is focused on what will always be the highlight of the Junior season - The O.V.D. Cup.

Before 1990, a meeting of Camelon and Tayport would have been impossible because the Fife club only joined the junior ranks in 1990, whilst it is only in the last few years that Camelon have become such a force again.

Having seen both sides, however, I am more than certain that the pair will do the occasion justice as both sides put the accent on skill.

We need only go back twelve months to last year's final to remind ourselves of the style in which Camelon won the trophy for the first time in their history.

Camelon defeated Whitburn 2-0 in a great footballing contest. In addition, it was a clean sporting affair without so much as a caution and I would prevail on both clubs this year for a repeat of that discipline on the field.

This is the eighth year in which the Scottish Junior Cup has been sponsored by O.V.D. and I would again like to put on record, the Association's gratitude to the company for their past, and I am pleased to say, continued support. As you'll read in the Sponsor's welcome that happy partnership is to continue for at least a further three years. To their representatives, Alex Carnie, Sales Director, along with other Senior Management of O.V.D., their employees and guests, who are attending today's final we extend you a very warm welcome.

Once again I would like to thank Motherwell Football Club, and especially Club Secretary Alan Dick, and his staff for their kind co-operation and assistance in staging the final at Fir Park for the second year running.

To the players, officials and supporters of both competing finalists, my congratulations on reaching the final.

NOW MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN, BUT ABOVE ALL I AM SURE THAT NO MATTER THE RESULT, FOOTBALL WILL BE THE WINNER THIS AFTERNOON.

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v Camelon Juniors
Sunday, 12th May, 1996



Welcome to yet another O.V.D. Cup Final. From the 166 teams who set off on the great adventure last October, we are now down to the holders, Camelon, from the East and the challengers, Tayport, from Tayside. Neither of them have found it easy but they are in the final on merit and we look forward to a great match.

Last season, we introduced O.V.D. No 1 Awards to encourage goal scoring in the competition and it seems to be having an effect. Our two finalists today have scored 54 goals between them and will settle the destination of the National No 1 Award out there on the pitch this afternoon.

This is the eighth year of O.V.D. Demerara Rum's sponsorship of this Cup. We have reached agreement with the SJFA to continue our partnership for at least another three years - so, as they say, we must be doing something right.

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On behalf of the Directors and Management of Motherwell Football Club it is a pleasure and honour to be able to stage this season's O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Final at Fir Park on behalf of the SJFA.

Last year's final was the first one to be staged at Fir Park, and the first in Lanarkshire since 1890, so I am more than happy that our ground has been chosen to stage the highlight of the Junior season for a second successive year.

Both of this afternoon's protagonists will have happy memories of their last visit to Fir Park. Camelon, of course, won the O.V.D. Cup for the first time ever twelve months ago, whilst we had the pleasure of staging Tayport's impressive semi-final win over Auchinleck to reach their second final in three years.

The face of Fir Park, as many of you will be aware, has changed quite dramatically over the last few years with the creation of three new seated areas holding in excess of ten thousand fans. However, I'm sure that the welcome given to the players this afternoon will be no different and just as rousing as in by-gone days for these prestigious occasions. Enjoy the atmosphere and the match. On the evidence of both sides previous displays at Fir Park, I am sure we are in for a footballing feast.

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I would remind all fans that this is a designated sports ground and that no alcohol will be allowed into the Stadium and ask that all supporters in the stand observe the no smoking signs.

As is normal, the Cup will be presented to the winning team on the pitch at the end of the game and I would ask you to co-operate and remain in your places in the stadium so that you can enjoy a good view of the ceremony , please do not encroach on the playing surface at the end of the match, as this will delay proceedings and may place youngsters in the crowd at risk of injury.

My officers and the stewards are there to ensure your safety, please co-operate with them and help make this occasion a memorable one.

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CAMELON JUNIORS' PATH TO THE FINAL

14th October 1st Round

GLASGOW PERTSHIRE (H) WON 5-0

Scorers:- Flynn 3, McGonigal, McKenzie

Team - Banner, D Smith, Haston, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Bonnar, McGonigal, Flynn, Kemp. (Subs used - Hamill, McCallum)

11th November 2nd Round

LUNCARTY (H) WON 10-0

Scorers:- Flynn 3, McGonigal 3, Daisley 2, Scott, Wilcox

Team - Banner, D Smith, Haston, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Ross, McGonigal, Flynn, Kemp. (Subs used - Hamill, Inglis, Daisley)

2nd December 3rd Round

DARVEL (A) DREW 3-3

Scorers:- Wilcox, Flynn, Hamill

Team - Banner, D Smith, Haston, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Ross, McGonigal, Flynn, Kemp. (Sub used - Hamill)

16th December 3rd Round Replay

DARVEL (H) WON 1-0

Scorer:- Flynn

Team - Banner, D Smith, Kemp, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Ross, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Sub used - Wood)

20th January 4th Round

LARGS THISTLE (H) Won 3-1

Scorers:- Flynn, McKenzie, Kemp

Team - Banner, Wood, Kemp, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Bonnar, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Subs used - None)

17th February 5th Round

INVERURIE LOCOS (H) WON 3-0

Scorers:- Flynn, McKenzie, McGonigal

Team - Banner, Wood, Kemp, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Bonnar, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Subs used - Ross, Smith, Daisley)

16th March 6th Round

KILWINNING RANGERS (H) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- Flynn

Team - Banner, G Smith, Kemp, Wilcox, Ellis, Scott, McKenzie, Wood, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Subs used - None)

23rd March 6th Round Replay

KILWINNING RANGERS (A) Won 2-1

Scorers:- Wilcox, McKenzie

Team - Banner, G Smith, Haston, Wilcox, Ellis, Kemp, McKenzie, Wood, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Sub used - D Smith)

15th April Semi-final

POLLOK (Love Street) 0-0 (AET) (Won 4-3 on penalties)

Team - Banner, G Smith, Haston, Wilcox, Wood, Bonnar, McKenzie, Ellis, McGonigal, Flynn, Hamill. (Subs used - Ross, D Smith & Vannett)

Last year, Camelon Juniors found the perfect way to celebrate 75 years of existence by lifting the O.V.D. Cup for the first time when they defeated Whitburn 2-0 in the final. A year later they are showing a great reluctance in letting go of the trophy, reaching only the third final in their history.

For a team which comes from deep in the central belt of Scotland, their nickname, 'The Mariners' requires a bit of explanation. You can put that down to the fact that in the old days Camelon was a flourishing shipping port on the Forth and Clyde Canal.

The newly formed Camelon Juniors first competitive match was against Bannockburn Juniors in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup. They won and went on to beat Yoker Athletic at Ochilview before going out to Wishaw in the next round. Before re-organisation when they joined the East Regional League, they were members of the Stirlingshire, Intermediate and Lothian Leagues.

Over the years, the club has produced some very famous names. None more so than international keeper Jerry Dawson who played for Rangers and Falkirk. Archie McAulay was another big name to go to Rangers and who later managed Norwich City. In more recent times Stewart Kennedy who also kept goal for Scotland in 1975 when he was at Ibrox, though he originally turned senior with Dunfermline and was re-instated to Linlithgow Rose before starting all over again with Stenhousemuir.

Not surprisingly, in view of its proximity, several players have found their way from Carmuir to Brockville. Birkenshaw, Nisbet and Silcock are names which will only be recalled by older Balmors fans, but Kevin McAllister now of Hibs is the name most will associate between the two clubs. With two caps, 'Crunchie' was their most capped player. Now, however, they can boast three current internationalists reflecting how far the club have progressed recently.

Previously, Dennison (1927), Rennie (1933), Smith (1956), Conlin (1961), Kemp (1962), McCulloch (1969), McKay (1978) and Smith (1980) as well as Kevin McAllister were the men who represented the Juniors at international level. Success had been limited. They have, however, reached the Final of the Junior Cup in 1952, but lost to the only goal of the game scored by Ashe of Kilbirnie Ladeside. Incidentally, a crowd of 69,959 watched that match - the second highest ever for a Junior final.

But that is all very much in the past and now the Fairley management team have rewritten the history books. As recently as six seasons ago the club were in the doldrums when Brian and George Fairley stepped in as manager and player/coach respectively. Then they asked for three years to turn things round. And two years ago following a fourteen year trophy drought, Camelon won the League title, the League Cup and the East of Scotland cup. Last season they retained the title and after starting the season as 33-1 outsiders for the O.V.D. Cup, the Carmuir side lifted the trophy for the first time in their history.

They are endeavouring to repeat those successes with substantially the same squad, the main difference being that George Fairley is now in sole charge with brother Brian having gone senior and now helping with reserves and youths at Falkirk.

But along with assistant manager Ronnie Scott, the Mariners' new management team look every bit as capable of repeating the historic events of last season by retaining the trophy, they had waited 75 years to get their hands on!

CAMELON'S Playing Squad

ALAN BANNER (Goalkeeper)

Age 31. Experienced goalkeeper left Camelon to enjoy spells with St Mirren, East Fife and Raith Rovers before returning to Carmuir four seasons ago. He kept a clean sheet in last season's final. Nickname:- A.B.

PAUL PROUDLOCK (Goalkeeper)

Age 31. Experienced keeper recently signed from Linlithgow Rose as cover.

DEREK HASTON (Defender)

Age 35. Dependable left back and another with bags of experience. Former clubs include Falkirk and Dunipace as well as Whitburn where he reached two semi-finals of the Scottish Junior Cup, but made it third time lucky last year with Camelon. Nickname :- Dodger

GARY SMITH (Defender)

Age 24. Joined Alloa Athletic after playing in last year's cup winning side. Started his career with Gairdoch United before going senior with Cowdenbeath in season 1990/91, from where Camelon acquired his services first time round. Has been transformed from a midfielder into a powerful full back, winning under 23 and Full International Junior Caps. Nicknamed Gazza, he was re-instated in time to play against Kilwinning in the quarter finals.

JIM ELLIS (Defender)

Age 25. In his third season with Camelon since being recruited from Dunipace Amateurs and has played an important part in the Mariners recent success story. A commanding player whether he plays at centre-half or in midfield, he is looking to add a second O.V.D. winners medal to the one he earned last year. Nickname :- Pava

DAVIE WILCOX (Defender)

Vastly experienced central defender who includes Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, East Stirling, Alloa, Linlithgow Rose and Albion Rovers amongst his former clubs. He was signed to take over from George Fairley in defence and has gradually won over the fans and the skipper is capable of scoring important goals such as the opener at Kilwinning.

RONNIE SCOTT (Defender)

Age 34. Silky midfielder who has plied his trade at Forfar, Meadowbank, East Fife, Whitburn and Fauldhouse. One of the best readers of the game gives a constant supply of ammunition to the big gun up front. Was a member of last season's successful side and was promoted to assistant manager following Brian Fairley's departure. Nickname :- The Poet

GRAEME WOOD (Defender)

Age 31. Rock solid central defender in his third season with Camelon since joining from Civil Service Strollers. Missed much of last season after being injured against Haddington, but returned to play in the latter rounds of last season's O.V.D. Cup and wrote himself into Camelon folklore by scoring the opening goal in the final against Whitburn twelve months ago. Nickname:- Snowy.

DOUGIE SMITH (Midfield)

Age 24. In his second season at Carmuir, the dynamic midfielder has proved an instant hit with the Camelon fans. The former Fallin M.W. player is a tireless worker and is always capable of scoring vital goals and capped his first season at Carmuir by coming on for the injured Dodger Haston in last year's O.V.D. Final. Nickname:- Snuff.

SEAN BONNAR (Midfield)

Age 28. Unluckiest player at Carmuir last season when injury saw him miss out on the latter stages of the season and its attendant glory. One of the classiest midfielders in Junior football, the former Fauldhouse, Linlithgow and Bonnybridge man is now an established Junior internationalist capable of scoring spectacular goals. He is looking to make up for missing out on last season's final.

JACK ROSS (Midfield)

Age 19. Played against Camelon in last year's semi-final when he was with Lochee United despite hailing from the Falkirk area. The former Dundee signing was transferred to Carmuir during last year's close season and can play in either midfield or defence. He has been sidelined by appendicitis and appeared briefly as a substitute in the semi-final against Pollok.

BRIAN KEMP (Defender)

Age 31. Signed just over a year ago by Brian Fairley he celebrated his home debut in style with the first goal against Kilwinning in the quarter final on the way to the club's first O.V.D. Cup success. Service with Falkirk, Stirling Albion, Stenhousemuir, East Stirling and Alloa has given the left midfielder a wealth of experience and he is a valuable asset in the Mariners locker. This season has seen him establish himself at left back but his hopes of repeating last season's cup final glory have taken a huge set back with a six match ban following his ordering off in the first game with Kilwinning. Nickname:- Tarzan.

KEVIN HAMILL (Defender)

Age 27. Signed from Dunipace Juniors at the start of the season, he is a dynamic midfielder and a doughty tackler as well as possessing a cracking turn of pace and capable of scoring some spectacular goals. He is seeking cup glory for the first time.

RITCHIE VANNETT (Midfield)

Age 23. Dundee born midfielder who joined Camelon from Brechin City at the turn of the year. He previously played for Lochee United and was signed after moving to the Camelon area to work. Hasn't had a chance to establish himself in the side due to work commitments abroad, but is now available to make that major breakthrough.

COLIN INGLIS (Defender)

Age 24. A newcomer to not only the Mariners ranks, having only played organised football for the past two years. This hard no nonsense tackler caught the eye of the Mariners management whilst playing amateur for BP Amateurs and Westquarter Violet and had no hesitation in giving him his chance in the junior game.

MARK DAISLEY (Forward)

Age 24. A striker who was signed from Pumpherston at the start of the season. He won a Scottish Cup winners medal with

Monkland Juniors and is a prolific scorer. He recently served a four match ban for playing unauthorised football which meant he wasn't available for the two ties against Kilwinning.

SCOTT HENRY (Forward)

Age 28. Formerly with Bonnybridge Juniors and Alloa Athletic is a class player who won two caps two seasons ago and scored on his debut for Scotland. Unfortunately he missed much of last season due to injury but was fit by the time last year's final came round and was on the bench. A big occasion player he can create a goal out of nothing and strikes terror into visiting defences. Nickname :- Skoosh.

ALLAN MCGONIGAL (Forward)

Age 32. The best target man in the East region, if not Scottish Junior Football. Strong and skilful. Superb at holding the ball up to the benefit of his team-mates. But it is his eye for goal that has taken him to the top of the East Junior scoring charts. Started his career with Grangemouth International before signing for Falkirk in season 1983/84. He then moved down the road to East Stirling where he spent two seasons. While at Linlithgow Rose he helped them to a Scottish Junior Cup semi-final and with 5 goals in this season's competition he is looking to add a second winners medal to the one that he collected last year. Nickname :- Victor (as in Meldrew, always moaning).

DAVID FLYNN (Forward)

Age 28. Old fashioned centre forward who joined the junior ranks when Linlithgow Rose signed him from Stirling Albion. After an unhappy spell at Prestonfield was persuaded to move to Camelon which has proved a shrewd move by the Fairley brothers. Notched 11 goals in last season's march to the O.V.D. Cup Final, he has equalled that total in helping the Mariners get to the ultimate stage of this season's competition.

CHRISTIE MCKENZIE (Forward)

Age 28. Like Bonnar - Capped twice last year by Junior Scotland to add to international honours won at amateur level with Doune Castle Rovers and Fallin M.W. Scored in last season's final before moving briefly to Alloa. However, the electrifying winger who is a favourite of the fans and a defender's worst nightmare, was only senior for a matter of months and returned to Carmuir Park before this season's O.V.D. Cup campaign got underway and has scored twice en route to the final. Nickname :- Kinzie.

AND THE BOSS.....

GEORGE FAIRLEY

Aged 38, he left Whitburn after 14 successful seasons to team up with brother Brian at Carmuir. He retired from the playing side after winning both the O.V.D. Junior Cup and East Region League Championship at the end of last season. His managerial partnership with his brother came to an end when Brian moved on to Brockville and Ronnie Scott was appointed his assistant. As a player he has done it all and won it all and now he is just as keen to do it all over again at managerial level.

Camelon Juniors F.C.



CAMELON JUNIORS

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1993-94

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1993-94

Fife and Lothians Cup Winners
1970-71



Back Row (left to right) Haston, Inglis, G. Smith, Ross, Banner, Ellis, Diasley, Flynn, Vannet.
Front Row: (Left to Right) Russel Lee (coach), McGonigal, Henry, Wilcox, George Fairley (Manager), Scott, Kemp, D. Smith, John McKell (physio).
Trophies: (left to right) East Region League Trophy; O.V.D. Cup

Missing from picture: McKenzie, Bonnar, Proudlock, Wood, Hamill.

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The SJFA would like to extend their thanks to MITRE for providing the match ball for today's Final.

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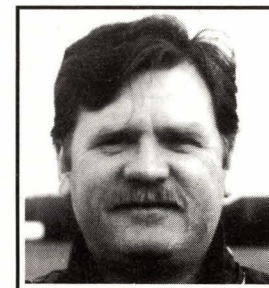
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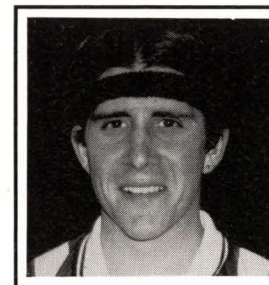


Back Row (left to right) Andy Bell (physio), George Malone (coach), Buist, Reilly, Gray, Stewart, Mann, Keith, Nicolson, Mackay, Miller, Ged Reilly (coach)

Front Row: (Left to right) Henry, Wilkie, Ross, Paterson, Cameron, Coventry, Spalding, Reilly



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1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94

IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

If at the end of ninety minutes the teams are still level, then 30 minutes extra-time will be played and if that fails to determine the winner the match will then be decided by penalty kicks.

This Afternoon's Match Programme

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This programme has been produced by Peter Rundo, 4 Crawford Avenue, Gaudry, NEWPORT-ON-TAY DD6 8SG on behalf of the Scottish Junior Football Association. The Editor would like to extend his thanks to the Officials of both competing clubs and Stewart Davidson for their help in compiling the programme. The Editor is also anxious to hear from anyone who has old Junior Cup programmes for sale and can be contacted by telephone on 01382 330356.

TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE FINAL

14th October 1st Round

BANCHORY ST TERNAN (H) WON 6-0

Scorers:- Nicolson, Maher 2, Ross 3

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Maher, Ross, D Reilly, Gray (Subs used - Buist, Stewart & Thoms)

11th November 2nd Round

LOCHGELLY ALBERT (H) Won 6-0

Scorers:- Mackay 2, D Reilly, Gray 2, Ross

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Maher, Mackay, D Reilly, Gray (Subs used - Buist, Ross, & Stewart)

2nd December 3rd Round

BAILLESTON (H) Drew 1-1

Scorer:- Mackay

Team - Mann, Buist, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Maher, Mackay, D Reilly, Gray (Subs used - Ross & Miller)

16th December 3rd Round Replay

BAILLESTON (A) WON 3-0

Scorers:- Mackay, D Reilly, Ross

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Henry, Mackay, D Reilly, Ross (Subs used - Buist, Stewart & Gray)

20th January 4th Round

F C STONEYWOOD (H) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- D Reilly

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Henry, Mackay, D Reilly, Ross (Subs used - Maher, Buist & Gray)

3rd February 4th Round Replay

F C STONEYWOOD (A) WON 3-1

Scorers:- Paterson, D Reilly 2

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Buist, Wilkie, Ramsay, Henry, Mackay, D Reilly, Stewart (Subs used - Ross & Gray)

17th February 5th Round

BON ACCORD (H) Won 2-0

Scorer:- D Reilly 2

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Buist, Wilkie, Henry, Stewart, Ross, D Reilly, Maher (Subs used - Ramsay, Gray & Mackay)

16th March 6th Round

KIRKINTILLOCH ROB ROY (H) WON 2-1

Scorers:- Stewart, D Reilly

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Buist, Wilkie, Ramsay, Stewart, Mackay, D Reilly, Ross (Subs used - None)

12th April Semi-final

AUCHINLECK TALBOT (FIR PARK) WON 2-0

Scorers:- Ross, Stewart

Team - Mann, Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Stewart, Mackay, D Reilly, Ross (Subs used - Gray, Henry & Maher)

Football has been played in Tayport for the best part of a century, but the game has never had as high a profile as it does now.

The present club was formed in 1947 and until the late sixties had a chequered existence, success being confined to the winning of the occasional local cup.

However, some of the present committee, then just teenagers, assumed control and, Midlands Division One status was immediately achieved. The amateur side play Scottish Amateur Cup Finalists Riverside Athletic in the semi-final of the North of Tay Amateur Cup on Tuesday 9th May.

The club as we know it today evolved from this base and has been in the fast lane ever since. During the seventies the club reached several local cup finals through actual cup wins proved elusive (only four).

In 1973 Tayport spread their wings and made their first of ten visits to play in an International Amateur Tournament in Belgium. Gradually, improvements off the field followed. A new pavilion was constructed in 1975, a new ground, Canniepairt, was fashioned out of waste ground the following year.

The club extended to three teams in 1981 when a side played in the East Fife Amateur League.

The same season, the Midlands Amateur team won their league championship. That side included three players who were to go on and win league championship medals with Brechin City and Forfar - Gus Malone, Bobby Wilson and Phil Smith.

The Port had gained a reputation for playing attractive football, but lacked that little something and Cup success continued to be elusive as three North of Tay semi-final appearances and no wins cruelly illustrated.

Another player to turn senior from the amateur club was Willie Brown who moved to St Johnstone in 1985.

If silverware eluded this Midlands side then their Fife counterparts regularly collected trophies.

The pinnacle of Tayport's amateur days came in 1986 when they reached the semi-final of the amateur cup at Dens Park, but blew a half-time lead to go out 3-1 to Barr and Stroud.

Further ground improvements continued with a large extension to the pavilion in 1989.

The same committee, basically unchanged for a number of years, had built up a reputation for fund raising, but even although the club was still running three sides a new challenge was required to give the committee a new stimulus. During 1989-90, the decision to start a junior side was taken and the club began running four teams. Since then the amateur side of things has been scaled down to just one team in the amateur ranks. Their rise in the Junior world borders on the meteoric with 23 trophies on the scoreboard in less than six years as a junior club.

As newcomers their record in the O.V.D. Cup is no less impressive. In their first ever campaign, the Port reached the fifth Round, eliminating two past winners of the trophy - Larkhall Thistle and St Andrews United - before trouncing Blackburn United 7-1 at Canniepairt. Pollok's 5th round visit attracted 1400 to Tayport's tight but neat ground, but proved unwelcome guests, inflicting one of Tayport's worst ever results of their short but highly successful days in the Juniors..

Cumnock were one of their victims in season 1991-92 as they progressed eventually to the quarter finals which included Arthurlie's scalp after a replay, but Glenafton prevented them from making it to the semis with a 3-1 win at Loch Park.

The following season, they again lost out to Glenafton, but on this occasion it was in the final itself, being Tayside's first representative's in the final since Lochee Harp in 1954. They went out to Armadale in the third round at home in 1993-4, but were quarter-finalists last year, only to be denied a second semi-final spot by Whitburn.

This, of course, has been achieved this season and today is the 42nd O.V.D. tie that Port have contested in just six seasons which speaks volumes for their cup pedigree as they endeavour to annex the trophy for the first time.

TAYPORT'S Playing Squad

FRASER MANN Goalkeeper

Age 33. Club's last line of defence since signing from Lochee United in July 1991 prior to Tayport embarking on their initial Division 1 campaign. Before turning Junior, he was an amateur with Springfield United. Kept 33 clean sheets in 52 games last season. Tonight's appearance will be Fraser's 35th successive O.V.D. Cup appearance for the club.

GRANT MILLER (Defender/midfield)

Age 25. Signed from amateur football in 1993. A strong running player who has netted most of his six goals for the club whilst being utilised in a midfield role. Works in Dundee City Council's Finance Division.

GRANT PATERSON (Defender)

Age 28. Had a spell as a youngster with St Johnstone but made only fleeting first team appearances and was allowed to return to the amateur ranks where he starred with the successful Riverside Athletic. He was brought to Canniepairt as one of the club's first signings on joining the Junior ranks and should chalk up his 300th appearance for Tayport later this season. A favourite of the fans, his consistently high standard of play has deservedly brought him international recognition. Despite 39 O.V.D. Cup appearances he has scored only once - against Stoneywood this season. He is a machine operator with J.T.C., a manufacturing joinery firm in Dundee.

SEAN WILKIE (Defender)

Age 27. The tie is his second spell at Tayport, having originally signed in July 1990 after being freed by Brechin City for whom he made around 50 appearances. He spent a summer Down Under with Central FC of Auckland, but he failed to settle there and returned to the Canniepairt line up after a protracted transfer wrangle after a couple of months. Is employed as a sales executive with MGM Timber, Dundee.

GRANT BUIST (Defender/midfield)

Signed last close season from Broughty Athletic. Has turned out in a variety of positions including central defence where he replaced the injured Keith Nicolson just after the turn of the year. Aged 24, he is an accountancy student at Kirkcaldy College.

KEITH NICOLSON (Central defender)

Signed from Brechin City at Christmas time 1994, he was formerly with St Johnstone for whom he made his Premier League debut directly in opposition to Mark Hateley. Had to undergo a minor knee operation earlier this year and showed tremendous attitude in quickly fighting back to fitness. He is a civil engineer with Allen Gordon & Co.

MARK SPALDING (Midfield)

Age 32. Another ex-Downfield man who, like Grant Paterson, was brought up around

the corner from Downfield Park. He arrived along with Dave Baikie at Canniepairt in July 1990 and has proved an excellent acquisition. He holds the distinction of netting Tayport's first ever Scottish Junior Cup goal - against Larkhall in October 1990. He is a lorry driver with a firm of builders merchants.

GARY MAHER (Midfield)

Age 24. Signed from Kinnoull in August 1994. As a youngster he was with St Johnstone, making his first team debut at 16. Currently he holds the 'Goal of the season' award with his strike against St Joseph's in Tayport's 5-0 league win at Fairfield Park and is in the running to retain the honour with an early season effort against the same club. Resident in Auchterarder, so he's the furthest travelled of the 'Port squad, he works in civil engineering.

ALLAN RAMSAY (Midfield)

Age 23. Captured earlier this season after protracted negotiations with Camoustie Panmure. He had senior experience with Forfar Athletic before reverting back to junior status. Was signed following a tip-off from a member of the 'Port support, he is a terrier type of player in the mould of Gordon Strachan. Employed as a business representative with UK Plant.

STEVEN STEWART (Midfield or forward)

Versatile performer who signed on at Canniepairt from Forfar Albion, making his debut in August 1994 scoring the only goal of the game in the Herschell Charity Trophy match against Lochee United. He was the Supporters' Club Player of the Year last season. Employed in the family joinery firm in Letham, near Forfar where he lives.

JIMMY HENRY (Midfield)

Age 20. Signed from Lochee United, for whom he appeared in last year's O.V.D. semi against Camelon, on the eve of Tayport's replay at Bailleston and made an immediate impact in the side's handsome win. Plays in a style reminiscent of that of his father who played for Dundee United, Aberdeen and Forfar. He is a slater with Dundee City Council.

BILLY COVENTRY (Midfield /Attack)

Age 28. Has had a horrific last two and a half years since being injured in a friendly match. His only appearances since have been sporadic and largely as a substitute as he battles his way back to fitness. When fit he can be a real match winner with his ability to conjure up a goal from nowhere. Another of the club's originals, having signed in August 1990. He works as a driver/labourer.

STEPHEN ROSS (Forward)

Age 26. A close season signing from Dundee North End, he previously served Broughty Athletic and Kirrie Thistle but has also played in Canada and New Zealand. A busy front player, Steve already has 6 goals in the O.V.D. Cup in the bag this season and is an accountant with Perth and Kinross Trust.

BARRIE GRAY (Forward)

Tricky front player who possesses great skill on the ball and on his day can destroy the best of defenders. Signed this season from Dundee St Joseph's, he previously had senior experience with Arbroath and Brechin City. He is a surveyor's assistant with Lickley, Proctor and Burnett.

DAVE REILLY (Attack)

Age 31. Signed from Lawside FP immediately prior to kicking off in the Junior Ranks, Dave has developed into one of the most feared strikers in the region, scoring well over 200 goals in a little under 300 appearances, including 31 O.V.D. goals in only 37 starts. Must be one of the competition's top scorers of all time. When he is not scoring for 'Port, he is a brickie..

HAMISH MACKAY (Attack / Defender)

Age 34. Signed four years ago from Montrose, like his team-mate Dave Reilly, big Hamish has been a prolific scorer for the club with over 130 odd goals, including 15 hat-tricks. One of those, of course, was that never-to-be-forgotten treble against Talbot in the 1993 O.V.D. semi-final. Hamish, however, made an inauspicious start with 'Port being sent off for a 'professional' foul half an hour into his debut in an O.V.D. quarter-final tie at Glenafton. Hamish is a surveyor with housebuilders A & J Stephen.

PAUL REILLY (Defender)

Age 28. Younger brother of David and like his brother has appeared in both Scottish Junior and Amateur Cup Finals. Broke a leg against St Joseph's in September last year and is slowly regaining fitness, only returning to work with Dundee City Council's E.C.P. Dept earlier this month.

EWAN CAMERON (Forward)

Age 26. Ineligible, having been cup-tied with Lochee United. Left Tayport during the last close season, but was re-signed just before the deadline at the end of March. He is a deadly finisher who will give manager Dave Baikie options as the club make inroads into their 8 remaining league games.

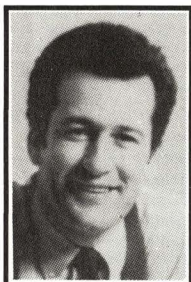
AND THE BOSS.....

DAVE BAIKIE

Cut his managerial teeth with Tayport, leaving Downfield to take up the challenge of realising the committee's dream and creating a successful Junior side at The Canniepairt. Has played a major role in bringing previously unimagined success to the club over the last six years. Recently made redundant by British Telecom, the Tayport manager embarks on a new workstyle in June when he becomes mine host at the Tayport Arms public house.

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:



**K E V I N
E D W A R D
T O N E R**
AGE: 37
RESIDES: West
End, Glasgow
**MARITAL STA-
TUS :** Single
OCCUPATION:
Company Direc-
tor, Advertising
Agency

FOOTBALL BACKGROUND : Promising career ruined by injury! Capped at under - 18 level then broke pelvis and hip. Came back to play junior. Spells with Shettleston and Renfrew. (Broken ankle put paid to this too).

REFEREEING: Started: 1987 Senior List: Grade 3 1990/Grade 2 1993

Highlights: - Referring last season's O.V.D. Cup final between Camelon and Whitburn.

DAD: - Willie, Treasurer at Shettleston Juniors. Played for Queens Park/Celtic/Sheffield United/Kilmarnock/Hibs/Ayr United/Manager Dumbarton/Player of the Year 1960/ Capped for Scotland. (Interesting wee point-in his 18 years as a professional footballer he was never booked or sent off - and now his boy's a referee!)

HOBBIES: Keep Fit, Fishing and Reading

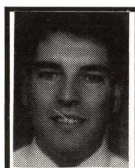
**LINESMEN
(Standside)**
CAMERON MELVILLE
AGE: 36
RESIDES: Gourrock
MARRIED: To Hazel. We
have two daughters, Claire
(14) and Laura (10)



PLAYING CAREER: Port Glasgow Juniors (1978-79); Greenock Morton (1978-79 and 1986-87); Kirkintilloch Rob Roy (1981-84).

REFEREEING: Started - 1989. Senior List - Class 3 in 1993; Class 2 in 1994. **Highlights:-** Linesman in last Season's Scottish Cup quarter-final between Stenhousemuir & Hibs and the O.V.D. Cup semi-final - Lochee United v Camelon; Fourth official for O.V.D. Cup semi-final between Largs and Kilwinning in 1993-94.

**LINESMEN
(Farside)**
DOUGLAS MccDONALD
AGE: 30
OCCUPATION:- Works as a
Senior Consultant in a
Transport Planning
Consultancy



REFEREEING: - Began refereeing in 1982, currently in second season as a Class 2 referee. Has been refereeing in the East Region of the SJFA for seven years. During a period of employment in Singapore, had six months refereeing in their National league. This after passing the FIFA fitness test at 7.00 a.m. in 85 degree temperatures. **Highlights:-** September 1994 - Linesman for Champions League match between Anderlecht and Steaua Bucharest. Was referee at last year's Fife & Lothians Cup Final and was in the middle for the last Celtic v Rangers Reserve League match this season



FORTH OFFICIAL - COLIN HARDIE

AGE: 31; **MARRIED:** Yes, to Christine; **CHILDREN:** One boy named Ross who is 1 year old; **OCCUPATION:-** L.G.V. Driver; **REFEREEING:** Started 1989, promoted to Juniors in 1992, Seniors in 1993. **Highlights:** Auchinleck Talbot v Cumnock in 1995 and this year's O.V.D. quarter final tie between Pollok and Arthurlie.
HOBBIES: Music and Golf.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

May 1946 - FAULHOUSE UNITED'S RUN OF SUCCESS

A copy of the programme for the first Junior Cup Final after the war recently came into our possession and given that exactly 50 years have elapsed since, a review of that final seemed highly appropriate.

Fauldhouse as you can see from the illustration of the programme met Arthurlie at Hampden Park and the side from the East Region went into this final as football's equivalent of a racing certainty, and so it proved. The men from Park View were embarking on their 44th game without defeat.

Consistency of that sort had, naturally enough, brought honours galore. The last time they had finished on the losing side was against Burnbank Athletic the previous season! Their ambition was realised on that May Saturday of taking over custody of the Scottish Junior Cup from Burnbank, the previous holders. This was the Fauldhouse club's first appearance in the final.

Three special trains had been booked to take their supporters to Hampden. Three thousand tickets were sold by the club from West Lothian and it was estimated that would be the number who would find their way to the match by special train, quite apart from bus parties. Fauldhouse, then as now, found that nothing breeds success like success. Although the population of the village is only 4,500, they were then averaging attendances of around the 2,000 mark. Against Polkemmet Juniors in an evening match the week prior to the final 3,200 paid admission and over 50,000 attended their three games with Blantyre Victoria in the fifth round, whom they finally defeated at the third attempt at neutral Shawfield. The majority of the Fauldhouse team had been with the club the previous season and they could call on only three men with senior experience. - McCrearie right-half (Chester), McCreadie left half (Motherwell) and Sproull inside-left (east Fife).

Once the cup ties were over the senior connection was to be considerably augmented. Hearts were said to be interested in Welsh, the right-back; Third Lanark in Sproull, who comes from Leith; and a host of clubs in Toner who was then still in the RAF. The centre

forward Morton, a Musselburgh miner also had his senior admirers.

Confirming the interest was the gallery of senior scouts at Hampden that afternoon and they and the crowd of 44,326 saw Fauldhouse set Arthurlie to face the wind,

but it was the men from West Lothian who set the pace. The 13th minute proved unlucky for Arthurlie when Morton was brought down in the box and **Hynds** scored from the spot.

Fauldhouse continued to play cohesive stuff, but their forwards were a bit shot-shy, keeping Arthurlie's hopes alive. However, three minutes into the second half, a second Fauldhouse goal looked to have put the game beyond Arthurlie's reach. It was a brilliant effort scored by **Jimmy Toner**. The inside-right beat three opponents before crashing the ball into the roof of the net. He was not to remain in the junior ranks for long because Dundee secured the services of the much wanted inside right shortly after the final.

With a two goal lead Fauldhouse cruised to victory, playing out time in copy-book fashion apart from adding to their total.

That was a glorious season for Fauldhouse. In addition to capturing the Junior Cup for the first and only time in their history, they also won the Edinburgh and District League with their long standing undefeated run only coming to an end as they tried to extend their run to 47 games with Arncliffe Rangers defeating them 6-3 in the semi-final of the East of Scotland League Cup.

Our thanks go to Tommy Brannan of Fauldhouse United for supplying the information for this article, though he wryly added, "The way we've been playing this season, it will be another 50 years before we win it again!"





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O.V.D. JUNIOR CUP FINAL SNIPPETS

THE SCORING STAKES

Apart from the O.V.D. Cup itself, today's finalists are disputing another honour this afternoon. Camelon may have failed to find the net in their semi-final tie with Pollok, but they are still the leading scorers in this season's competition, having hit 28 goals. And with Tayport their closest rivals, the honour of finishing top scorers rests on the outcome of this afternoon's contest. Tayport trail the Mariners by just a couple of goals after their two goal win over Auchinleck in the semi-final to add further spice to a match which already has an intriguing look about it.

TAYSIDE TASK

Tayport are making their second final appearance and hoping to end an incredible drought of 67 years, because it that long since the Scottish Junior Cup resided on Tayside. Dundee Violet in 1929 have the honour of being the only side ever to have annexed the Scottish Cup for the region and no one can say they did it the easy way! Violet had to overcome a protest which lead to a second match and a replay before they comfortably disposed of Denny Hibs 4-0 in a third game at Dens Park. When Lochee Harp got to the final in 1954 hopes of a second trophy for the region were high, but Aberdeen Sunnybank edged home 2-1 in front of 22,600 spectators at Hampden Park Three years ago Tayport made it to the final but lost out to Glenafton thanks to an 85th minute goal by John Miller at Firhill. So hopes of ending Tayside Region's long wait lies with the men from Canniepairt this afternoon.

SJFA AGM

This year's AGM will take place on 15th June, 1996 in the Marryatt Hall, Dundee - the same day as Scotland meet England in Euro 96 at Wembley!

SIZE OF THE FIELD

39 clubs entered in the first year of the tournament's existence in 1886-87 and that compares with 166 clubs in this season's competition. The record entry was set in 1922-23 when a staggering 412 clubs set out on the long trail which leads to silverware.

TELEVISED

Nowadays, 'live' television has become a feature of the Scottish Junior Cup Final, but it wasn't until 1977 that the Final was first televised. Kilbirnie Ladeside and Rob Roy were the participants that year.

TOP SCORERS

The record victory in a Final is shared by two East Region clubs, Tranent beat Petershill 6-1 in 1935 and Bonnyrigg Rose defeated Whitburn by the same score in 1966. The 1928 Final at Firhill produced the highest number of goals in any Final. Maryhill Hibs beat Burnbank Athletic 6-2.

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

The record attendance for a Junior Cup Final was 77,560 when Petershill played Irvine Meadow at Hampden in 1950-51. The gate receipts were £6,381. The following year 69,959 were at Hampden for Camelon's first Final appearance and this is the second highest crowd to witness the major event in the Junior calendar. By comparison, last year's final between Camelon and Whitburn attracted 8,019. Changed days indeed!

FINAL ATTRACTION

The team with most Cup Final appearances are Cambuslang Rangers with 11. Petershill however, are only one behind Cambuslang's total, having reached double figures when they appeared in the 1988 Final at Rugby Park.

SUNDAY BEST

Sunday is now the accepted day for the Junior Cup Final, but it was as recently as 1982 that the first Sunday Final was played and Ibrox was the venue for the Baillieston and Blantyre Vics clash.

MARINERS'S THIRD

Camelon, 75 years old last year, are figuring in only their third final. Their first appearance ended in a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Kilbirnie Ladeside back in 1952, but they finally got their name on the trophy 12 months ago when they edged out Whitburn 2-0. Now they are looking to become the first side to retain the trophy since Auchinleck Talbot in 1992.

ONLY BRONZE

The Scottish Junior international side last month competed in the Guinness Cup in the Isle of Man with very mixed fortunes. A poor display against Northern Ireland saw them go down 1-0 to the eventual winners. Three of today's finalists were in the side - Grant Paterson (Tayport) and Sean Bonnar (Camelon) were in the starting line up with Christie McKenzie coming on to replace his team-mate in the 53rd minute. The Scots then faced Eire in the third and fourth place play-off and performed much better, running out convincing 4-0 winners. Christie McKenzie was the only representative from today's finalists in that second match.

LOSERS FIRE BLANKS

Quite amazingly, the past nine finals have been decided without the losing side scoring. The last time both sides scored was in the last ever drawn final when Auchinleck drew 1-1 with Kilbirnie in 1987. In fact, that replay as on six further occasions during that period, has rested on the scoring of a single goal.

PAST ENCOUNTER

There has only been one previous meeting between Camelon and Tayport and that came just three years ago just after Tayport had reached the 1993 final.

The pair met in the second round at Carmuir Park after both had received a bye in the first round. In fact, Camelon and their near neighbours Dunipace could hardly have picked tougher opposition as the East Region pair squared up to the previous season's finalists. Dunipace headed for Glenafton as Camelon shaped to take on Tayport at home on 13th November 1994 and what a cracker the first meeting proved to be.

Camelon confirmed the progress that had been promised by manager Brian Fairley and took a 6th minute lead through Barr who flashed a header past Fraser Mann. The visitors weren't behind for long though with Devine heading in a free-kick after Hamish Mackay had been brought down. Misjudgment by Fraser Mann allowed McGonigal to sweep Camelon back in front.

However, a sensational start to the second half saw Tayport turn the tables with two goals five minutes into the second period. First, Coventry headed in a Reilly cross and Devine finished off a great move with another header, the fourth of the match.

Camelon retrieved the situation on the hour mark when Fraser Mann failed to hold a Henry shot and McGonigal netted from close range and that was how it finished.

A crowd of 857 witnessed this cracking match as the Falkirk Herald confirmed,

"This was without doubt one of the finest Cup ties ever seen at Carmuir Park. In a game that would have graced the O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Final itself, the high excitement from start to finish kept the crowd rooted to the spot until the final whistle. Defensive lapses may have contributed to five of the six goals, but the outfield play from teams was at times breathless." Compare the teams for that afternoon with today's.

Camelon :- Banner, G Smith, D Haston, G Fairley, Wood, Scott, McKenzie, Barr, McGonigal, Henry (Simpson), McDonald.

Tayport :- Mann, P Reilly (Lamont), Spalding, Hunter, Sommerville, Wilkie, Dolan, Coventry, Mackay (Thoms), D Reilly, Devine.

Winter came early with the replay being postponed just an hour before kick-off the following week and the cold snap accounted for another attempt to try a week later.

So three weeks later the pair squared up against each other again and what a let down it proved to be. The game never came anywhere near the giddy heights of the first encounter. Penalties might have been avoided had Alan McGonigal's shot not rebounded off the crossbar in the very last minute and Tayport went on to win 4-2 on penalties. Fraser Mann was the 'Port hero, saving two penalties.

The 405 crowd saw the following teams battle it out.

Tayport :- Mann, Spalding, Paterson. Coventry (Miller), Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Dolan (D Reilly), Mackay Cameron, Devine.

Camelon :- Banner, G Smith, D Haston, Ferrie, Wood, Scott, Simpson, Barr, McGonigal, Henry, McDonald.

Footnote :- With Camelon only having been eliminated on penalties, the last time they actually lost an O.V.D. tie in open play was in the third round to Glenafton who were on the way to their first O.V.D. success in 1993. The team the Glens beat in the final? - Tayport! Just one other pointer to today's final. Both teams have played Luncarty this season in cup ties and both have won 10-0!

O.V.D. CUP FINAL QUIZ

1. Which was the last side from Central Region to win the Junior Cup?
2. The Junior Cup was first sponsored in 1978. By whom?
3. Apart from Tayport which was the last Tayside Region side to reach the final?
4. Which ground housed last season's semi-final between Lochee United and Camelon?
5. Whom did Whitburn defeat in the semi-final last year?
6. Who were last season's winners of the following leagues last season, a) Fife Region b) North Region?
7. Which Junior clubs play at the following grounds:- a) Volunteer Park; b) Claypotts Park; c) Gaswork Park.
8. Which club was banned from entering this season's O.V.D. Cup because they had five players sent off last season?
9. Apart from Auchinleck Talbot who was the last side to win the trophy two years running and when?
10. Two new clubs joined the junior ranks this season. One in the North Region and one in Fife. Can you name them?

ANSWERS

1. Pollok in 1985. 2. Ind Coope. 3. Lochee Harp in 1954. 4. Tannadice Park. 5. Glenafton. 6. a) Hill O'Beath b) Stoneywood. 7. a) Armadale Thistle, b) Broughty Athletic, c) Larkhall Thistle. 8. Dalry Thistle. 9. Cambuslang Rangers in 1971 & 1972. 10. Cruden Bay (North) & Steilend Victoria (Fife)

THE STORY OF THIS SEASON'S O.V.D. CUP

The long trail to Fir Park began back in October with 166 of the 167 clubs affiliated to the Scottish Junior FA taking part. The exception being Dalry Thistle who had five men sent off against Whitburn in last season's competition in a fifth round tie that was abandoned and awarded to Whitburn their opponents.

In the first round 90 clubs received byes, but both **Camelon** and **Tayport** were involved posting easy victories at home to Glasgow Perthshire and Banchory St Ternan respectively. But neither could hold a candle to Benburb's 16-0 demolition job on Inverurie Juniors (as opposed to Locos) to set a record score in recent times. Other big hitters were Arthurlie who hit Lossiemouth for nine and Armadale Thistle who went one better reaching double figures against Burchhead Thistle to make it a painful round for the North Region.

Shock of the opening round was Central Region First Division Blantyre Vics' demise in a seven goal thriller at Muirkirk of the Ayrshire Second Division. Best crowd of the round was the 2,000 or so who saw Maryhill draw with Pollok and a similar number attended the replay which Pollok won 2-1 at Newlandsfield.

Round two took place in mid-November with 128 clubs in action. Again high scores were in evidence. Today's finalists **Camelon** banging in ten without reply against luckless Luncarty (who, incidentally, received similar treatment from **Tayport** in a Whyte & Mackay tie last weekend.) Stonehaven and Cumnock both notched nine, whilst **Tayport** were one of several clubs to score six. Lochgelly Albert were on the receiving end at Canniepairt, whilst Nairn St Ninians and Hall Russell were also six-hitters to make it an all together better round for the North Region representatives. That, however, didn't apply to RAF Kinloss who paved the way for Dundee St Joseph's walkover after the weekend duties grounded the airman's cup ambitions. Steelend Victoria made their debut in the competition, but there was no fairy-tale start, West Calder beat them 5-2! Two of the ties which went to replays required penalty shoot-outs to decide them with Yoker and Forth Wanderers going through against Bo'ness and Lochee United respectively.

As you'd expect by the time the third round came round, the high scoring of the earlier rounds was greatly diminished. Only Forth Wanderers reached six as they comfortably disposed of St Anthony's. There were, however, fives for Largs Thistle, Cumnock, Glenrothes, Glenafton and Sunnybank.

Significantly, all the big guns in the competition were still blazing.

Despite some Arctic weather prior to the fourth round

taking place six weeks later, all the ties went ahead on schedule. This is usually the stage where the smaller clubs disappear having enjoyed their cup run. One exception was Aberdeen Bon Accord who defeated Irvine Meadow 3-2 in Ayrshire. Although not a major shock in terms of the outcome, Pollok's 5-1 winning margin at Townhead Park came in to that category. Carlisle Rovers reached the last sixteen for the first time in many a year with a 2-1 win over Central Second Division rivals Greenock. Auchinleck Talbot required a replay to finally dispose of Irvine Vics, whilst another of the big guns, Glenafton, went down a similar road against Kilsyth. Hill O'Beath Hawthorn, winners of the trophy five years ago went out to Vale of Leven.

Now down to the last 16 and the stage at which every club begins to dream of a Final appearance in May, Rob Roy who have shown dramatic improvement over the last few years beat Livingston United 2-1. Pollok swept aside the challenge of big spenders St Joseph's in what was their new manager Kenny Cameron's first match in charge. Both today's finalists went through to the last eight at the first time of asking, but all the other ties needed a replay to decide the eventual winners. Arthurlie won 2-1 at Petershill; plucky Carlisle lost 3-0 at Loch Park to Glenafton and Kilwinning got through with the only goal of the game at Vale of Leven. However, Auchinleck Talbot had to rely on winning a penalty shoot-out in their replay at Glenrothes. Into the last eight and only **Tayport**, 2-1 winners over Rob Roy, made it to the penultimate stage at the first time of asking, perhaps demonstrating how close the last eight were in standard. All three other games finished 1-1, drawing crowds in excess of almost all the senior games outwith the Premier Division. Pollok eventually overcame fierce rivals Arthurlie 1-0; **Camelon** won 2-1 at Kilwinning and Auchinleck won the battle of Ayrshire 2-0 at Glenafton. So there was no surprise team in the semi-finals, especially as uniquely, four of last season's League Champions contested the penultimate round.

The first played at Fir Park saw **Tayport** repeat their win of 1993 over Auchinleck with goals from Ross and Stewart. The contest between Pollok and **Camelon** at Love Street the following Monday was somewhat closer. The holders getting the nod only after a 4-3 penalty shoot-out after 120 minutes football failed to produce a goal. The combined attendances for the two semis were around 7,000, down a little on the previous year.

And all that brings us to Fir Park this afternoon and the Juniors big day with live television coverage. Let's hope that **Tayport** and **Camelon**, as they are certainly capable of, provide a great advert for the Junior game.

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SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL RESULTS ALL THE PAST WINNERS



1886-87 Fairfield (Glasgow) beat Edinburgh Woodburn after a protested game. 3-1
1887-88 Wishaw Thistle beat Maryhill after two protested games. 3-1
1888-89 Burnbank Swifts beat West Benhar Violet. 4-1
1889-90 Burnbank Swifts beat Benburh after a protested game. 3-1
1890-91 Vale of Clyde beat Chryston Athletic after a drawn game. 2-0
1891-92 Minerva beat West Benhar Violet. 5-2
1892-93 Vale of Clyde beat Dumbarton Fern after a drawn game. 3-2
1893-94 Ashfield beat Renfrew Victoria. 3-0
1894-95 Ashfield beat West Calder Wanderers after a drawn game. 2-1
1895-96 Cambuslang Hibs beat Parkhead. 2-1
1896-97 Strathclyde beat Dunfermline Juniors after a protested game. 2-0
1897-98 Dalziel Rovers beat Parkhead. 2-1
1898-99 Parkhead beat Westmarch XI. 4-1
1899-00 Maryhill beat Rugby XI. 3-2
1900-01 Burnbank Athletic beat Maryhill (Exhibition Final). 2-0
1901-02 Rutherglen Glencairn beat Maryhill after a drawn game. 1-0
1902-03 Parkhead beat Larkhall Thistle. 3-0
1903-04 Vale of Clyde beat Parkhead. 3-0
1904-05 Ashfield beat Renfrew Victoria. 2-1
1905-06 Dunipace Juniors beat Kirkintilloch Rob Roy after a drawn game. 1-0
1906-07 Strathclyde beat Maryhill after two drawn games of 1 goal each. 1-0
1907-08 Larkhall Thistle beat Queens Park Hampden XI. 1-0
1908-09 Kilwinning Rangers beat Strathclyde after drawn game of no goals. 1-0
1909-10 Ashfield beat Kilwinning Rangers after a protested game in favour of Kilwinning Rangers. 1-0
1910-11 Burnbank Athletic beat Petershill after a draw of 1 goal each. 1-0
1911-12 Petershill beat Denny Hibs. 5-0
1912-13 Inverkeithing United beat Dunipace Juniors. 1-0
1913-14 Larkhall Thistle beat Ashfield after two drawn games. 1-1 and 0-0. 1-0
1914-15 Parkhead beat Port Glasgow Athletic Juniors. 2-0
1915-16 Petershill beat Parkhead. 2-0
1916-17 St Mirren Juniors beat Renfrew Juniors after a drawn game 0-0. 1-0
1917-18 Petershill awarded Cup. No final tie.
1918-19 Rutherglen Glencairn beat St Anthony's after a drawn game 1-1. 1-0
1919-20 Parkhead beat Cambuslang Rangers. 2-0
1920-21 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy beat Ashfield. 1-0
1921-22 St Roch's beat Kilwinning Rangers after protested game 1-0. 2-1
1922-23 Musselburgh Bruntonians beat Arncliffe Rangers. 3-0
1923-24 Parkhead beat Bailieston Juniors after a drawn game 1-1. 3-1
1924-25 Saltcoats Victoria beat St Anthony's after two drawn games 2-2 and 3-3. 2-1
1925-26 Strathclyde beat Bridgeton Waverley after a drawn game 1-1. 2-0
1926-27 Rutherglen Glencairn beat Cambuslang Rangers. 2-1
1927-28 Maryhill Hibernian beat Burnbank Athletic. 6-2
1928-29 Dundee Violet beat Denny Hibernian after a protested game, 2-0 and drawn game 2-2. 4-0
1929-30 Newtongrange Star beat Hall Russells (Aberdeen). 3-0
1930-31 Denny Hibernian beat Burnbank Athletic. 1-0
1931-32 Glasgow Perthshire beat Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. 2-1
1932-33 Yoker Athletic beat Tranent Juniors after a drawn game, 0-0. 4-2
1933-34 Benburh beat Bridgeton Waverley. 3-1
1934-35 Tranent Juniors beat Petershill. 6-1
1935-36 Benburh beat Yoker Athletic after a drawn game, 1-1. 1-0
1936-37 Arthurlie beat Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. 5-1
1937-38 Cambuslang Rangers beat Benburh. 3-2
1938-39 Rutherglen Glencairn beat Shawfield. 2-1
1939-40 Maryhill beat Greenock Morton Juniors. 1-0
1940-41 Glasgow Perthshire beat Armadale Thistle after two drawn games, 2-2 and 0-0. 3-1
1941-42 Clydebank Juniors beat Vale of Clyde. 4-2
1942-43 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy beat Benburh after two drawn games, 1-1 and 0-0. 3-1

1943-44 Glasgow Perthshire beat Blantyre Victoria. 1-0
1944-45 Burnbank Athletic beat Cambuslang Rangers after protested game. 3-1
1945-46 Fauldhouse United beat Arthurlie. 2-0
1946-47 Shawfield beat Bo'ness United after a drawn game, 1-1.
1947-48 Bo'ness United beat Irvine Meadow XI. 2-1
1948-49 Auckinleck Talbot beat Petershill. 3-2
1949-50 Blantyre Victoria beat Cumnock Juniors. 3-0
1950-51 Petershill beat Irvine Meadow XI. 1-0
1951-52 Kilbirnie Ladeside beat Camelon Juniors. 1-0
1952-53 Vale of Leven beat Annbank United. 1-0
1953-54 Aberdeen Sunnybank beat Loches Harp. 2-1
1954-55 Kilwyth Rangers beat Duntocher Hibs after drawn game, 1-1. 4-0
1955-56 Petershill beat Lugar Boswell Thistle. 4-1
1956-57 Banks o' Dee beat Kilsyth Rangers. 1-0
1957-58 Shotts Bon Accord beat Phumperston Juniors. 2-0
1958-59 Irvine Meadow XI beat Shettleston. 2-1
1959-60 St Andrews United beat Greenock Juniors. 3-1
1960-61 Dunbar United beat Cambuslang Rangers after drawn game, 2-2. 2-0
1961-62 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy beat Renfrew after drawn game, 1-1. 1-0
1962-63 Irvine Meadow XI beat Glenafton Athletic. 2-1
1963-64 Johnstone Burgh beat Cambuslang Rangers after drawn game, 1-1. 3-0
1964-65 Linlithgow Rose beat Bailieston Juniors. 4-1
1965-66 Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic beat Whitburn after drawn game, 1-1. 6-1
1966-67 Kilsyth Rangers beat Rutherglen Glencairn after drawn game, 1-1. 3-1
1967-68 Johnstone Burgh beat Glenrothes Juniors after drawn game, 2-2. 4-3
1968-69 Cambuslang Rangers beat Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. 2-1
1969-70 Blantyre Victoria beat Penicuik Athletic after drawn game, 2-2. 1-0
1970-71 Cambuslang Rangers beat Newtongrange Star. 2-1
1971-72 Cambuslang Rangers beat Bonnyrigg Rose athletic after a drawn game. 1-1
1972-73 Irvine Meadow XI beat Cambuslang Rangers after two drawn games, 3-3 and 2-2. 1-0
1973-74 Cambuslang Rangers beat Linlithgow Rose. 3-1
1974-75 Glenrothes Juniors beat Rutherglen Glencairn. 1-0
1975-76 Bo'ness United beat Darvel Juniors. 3-0
1976-77 Kilbirnie Ladeside beat Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. 3-1
1977-78 Bonnyrigg Rose beat Stonehouse Violet. 1-0
1978-79 Cumnock Juniors beat Bo'ness United. 1-0
1979-80 Bailieston beat Benburh. 2-0
1980-81 Pollok beat Arthurlie. 1-0
1981-82 Blantyre Victoria beat Bailieston. 1-0
1982-83 East Kilbride Thistle beat Bo'ness United. 2-0
1983-84 Bo'ness beat Bailieston. 2-0
1984-85 Pollok beat Petershill after drawn game, 1-1. 3-1
1985-86 Auckinleck beat Pollok. 3-2
1986-87 Auckinleck beat Kilbirnie after drawn game, 1-1. 1-0
1987-88 Auckinleck beat Petershill. 1-0
1988-89 Cumnock beat Ormiston Primrose. 1-0
1989-90 Hill of Beath beat Lesmahagow. 1-0
1990-91 Auckinleck Talbot beat Newtongrange Star. 1-0
1991-92 Auckinleck Talbot beat Glenafton. 4-0
1992-93 Glenafton beat Tayport. 1-0
1993-94 Largs Thistle beat Glenafton. 1-0
1994-95 Camelon beat Whitburn. 2-0

LAST YEAR'S FINAL DETAILS

Sunday, 21st May 1995

CAMELON (1) 2

Wood 19, McKenzie 70

WHITBURN (0) 0

CAMELON - Banner, G Smith, Haston (D Smith 47), Fairley, Wood, Scott, McKenzie, Ellis, McGonigal, Flynn, Kemp.

WHITBURN - Burns, Clouston, Grant, Belcher, Prior, Jardine (Crolla 58),

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