

O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Final



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Sunday 29th May 2005

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Sponsors Welcome

Welcome to this seasons O.V.D. Cup Final between Lochee United and Tayport JFC.

This years finale brings together two of Scottish Junior Footballs great names. Tayport, who are appearing in their third successive final, will be looking to get their hands back on the trophy they lost to Carnoustie Panmure in last years final. However, Lochee United will be full of confidence after lifting the East Superleague title two weeks ago so it really is all set up for a great game of football.

There have been a few remarkable games already in this season's O.V.D. Cup, so let's hope the Final lives up to expectation and produce the best of Junior football fare. May the best team win. This competition is very special to us. O.V.D. Rum has been a sponsor of the competition for 17 years, in what is one of football's longest domestic sponsorships. We are delighted to support The Scottish Junior Football Association and the 165 junior clubs who play in the O.V.D. Cup - it is one of the real gems of Scotland's rich football history.

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GEORGE THOMSON,
Managing Director for William Grant & Sons Scottish Sales



From the East Region Secretary

Just twelve months ago, I penned a piece for the final programme commenting that never in my wildest dreams did I think I would see the day when I would be secretary of the region that supplied both finalists. Yet, unbelievable, that is again the case this year with Tayport appearing in the final for a third consecutive time, taking on Lochee United who are appearing at this stage for the very first time. So, to say that I am absolutely delighted would be something of an understatement. When you consider that this is the seventh final involving Tayside teams since

1990, and that only two teams had made it thus far in the previous 103 years, I have been extraordinarily lucky to have overseen the region at his zenith in this competition.

The fact that either Lochee United or Tayport are guaranteed to bring the cup to Tayside for a second successive season means that again I can't lose. Last year, of course, there was a tremendous hullabaloo because Tayport and Carnoustie had to travel through to Firhill for the final, but with the game being staged on our own doorstep here at Tannadice this year, I do hope that



From the Secretary

Welcome to Tannadice for the biggest day in the Junior calendar with the long trail that 165 clubs started back in October, now about to reach a dramatic finale.

For the third successive season, the final is an all-East Region affair with Tayport appearing having made it to all three. Two years, Tayport defeated Linlithgow and the men from north-east Fife, who have shown such consistency in this tournament since their arrival on the scene fifteen years ago, are looking to win it for a third time after losing out to Tayside rivals Carnoustie Panmure twelve months ago. That game was held at Firhill, which

has been home to this showpiece event since 1999.

However, we believe that moving this afternoon's game to Tannadice is in the best interest of Junior football. And I sincerely hope, as I am sure will be the case, that it is well supported by the Tayside public.

Although this is the third successive season in which two East Region sides contested the final that had only happened on five previous occasions in the whole of this association's 118-year history.

Both sides, of course, know each other very well having been vying for the East Region Super League title with Lochee United having won it, whilst Tayport have an excellent chance of finishing runners up. All of which suggests that it will be a very close run contest this afternoon. And with the extra incentives of a £1000 for the team winning at half-time and the winners plus a £1000 to each club for every goal they score, Of course, the Scottish Junior Cup has been richly enhanced over the past 17 seasons from the sponsorship by O.V.D. and in thanking the company for their past support, I'd like to reiterate the Association's great pleasure at O.V.D.'s continued support after exercising their option to extend it for a further two years twelve months ago.

This support has been a great vote of confidence for the Junior game and reflects the growing importance and popularity of the O.V.D. Cup competition throughout the country. I would also like to take this opportunity of placing on record the Association's appreciation of Dundee United's co-operation, particularly as they have had so many other things on their plate with the securing of their SPL status last week, followed by meeting Celtic in yesterday afternoon's Scottish Cup Final. In particular, my thanks go to secretary Spence Anderson for his ready and willing assistance which I am certain will ensure that everything goes like clockwork this afternoon. Finally, to the officials, players and supporters of Lochee United and Tayport, I'd like to congratulate you both on reaching the final, and would, as usual, repeat the Association's plea for sporting behaviour. I appreciate just how much is at stake, and play hard, but fairly, is my message to both clubs.

Enjoy the games and may the best team win.

TOM JOHNSTON
Secretary,
Scottish Junior Football Association

the Tayside public respond by turning out in huge numbers and make it a day to remember. Hopefully too, Lochee United and Tayport will do their bit by serving up a battle royal.

Both are renowned for playing good football and the showpiece of the Junior season really needs a final to remember. And with the great atmosphere that a big crowd inside Tannadice will generate, hopefully, that will be the case. All that leaves me to do is wish both clubs the very best of luck and may the best team win!

Jock Myles
East Region Secretary



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Welcome to Tannadice Park

New ground is broken this afternoon as Tannadice stages its first ever O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Final. Indeed, it will only be the second time that a final has been staged in Dundee and that was 76 years ago, Dundee Violet beating Denny Hibs in 1929, remarkably, the only previous occasion that a side from the City of Discovery has won the trophy. That game was staged across the road at Dens Park and only once before has Tannadice been utilised in the latter stages of this competition.



Lochee United were involved in that too, taking on Camelon in the semi-final, but despite Craig Brown pulling one back after Davie Flynn had scored twice for the eventual winners, the Bluebell's didn't quite have enough in their locker to take the tie into extra-time, having played two-thirds of the match with only ten men after Jim Smith had been sent off. In terms of personnel, within the ranks of the two sides this afternoon are three men who have Tannadice connections. Undoubtedly the best known of these is Ray McKinnon, having had two spells on Dundee United's books.

Fourteen years ago Ray played in a Scottish Cup Final, but only picked a runners-up medal as United lost 4-3 to Motherwell after extra-time. The following year he was the subject of a £750,000 transfer to Nottingham Forest, but a year later he returned to Scotland to play for Aberdeen, rejoining United in the autumn of 1995. Three years on, he moved south again, joining Luton Town and following his return to Scotland the following year, he played for Livingston and East Fife before being briefly on the books of Torquay. Back home again, he then played for Raith Rovers before finishing his senior career at Montrose and signing for Lochee United in 2003. In addition, Bluebell's boss Eddie Wolecki was once a youth coach at Tannadice and striker Davie Evans played in United's youth team. Meanwhile, Tayport actually boast three players who have once been tied to Tannadice. Goalkeeper Duncan Bruce spent seasons 2001/02 and the following term in the youth team, before returning to Tayport, whilst Gareth Dailly moved on to Montrose via Bankfoot before teaming up with Tayport after being attached to United from 1995 until 1998



Ray McKinnon
...enjoyed two
spells at Tannadice.

Former schoolboy internationalist Gary Middleton has the longest Tannadice connection of this trio, having spent six seasons with the club before signing on for Dundee Violet in 2002, going on to be the last signing made by 'Port boss Dave Baikie in August 2004 before taking over at Cowdenbeath. Finally, the major name to graduate from Thomson Park to Tannadice is Derek Addison who came to Tannadice from the Bluebell's in April 1973 and went on to play for United for some eight years, even though he was a part-timer throughout that period. And he was one of the last players to come through the Junior ranks and play in United's first team.



Gary Middleton
...spent six years at
Tannadice



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HONOURS

UEFA Cup Runners-up 1986-87

Quarter-finalists 1981-82, 1982-83

European Cup Semi-finalists 1983-84

Scottish League Premier Division Champions

1982/83

Division Two Champions 1924/25, 1928/29

Runners Up 1930/31, 1959/60

Scottish Cup Winners 1993-94

Runners Up 1973-74, 1980-81, 1984-85,

1986-87, 1987-88, 1990-91

Scottish League Cup Winners 1979-80, 1980-

81

Runners Up 1984-85, 1997-98

Summer Cup Runners Up 1964/65

Scottish War Cup Runners Up 1939/40

Tannadice Park, Dundee Kick-off 3.15 p.m.



The Scottish Junior Cup Finalists



LOCHEE UNITED JFC
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HONOURS

East Region Super League 2004/05
Tayside Premier League 2002/03
Tayside League 1st Division 1979/80, 1981/82, 1986/87
Tayside League 2nd Division 1993/94
Dundee Junior League 1968/69
Redwood Leisure Cup 2003/04
North End Challenge Cup 2003/04
Laing Cup 1960/61, 1961/62
Telegraph Cup 1960/61, 1962/63, 1969/70
Courier Cup 1964/65, 1970/71
Forfarshire Cup 1964/65
Loftus Cup 1965/66
Currie Cup 1976/77, 1986/87
Tayside League Dnburgh Cup 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982
Cream of the Barley Trophy 1978/79, 1981/82, 1984/85, 1986/87
League Cup 1983/84
Intersport Trophy 1986/87
Findlay & Co. Cup 1999/2000
Albert Herschell Trophy 1986/87, 2003/04
East Region Fair Play Award 2003/04

A BRIEF HISTORY

Lochee United Football Club was first established in 1892 as a juvenile outfit and the team spent many of their early years operating as such.

They spent a short period of time as an amateur side just after the last war, before going on to establish themselves as a club in the then Dundee Junior Football Association, later to become the Tayside Region Junior Football Association. Prior to 1959 the club had not had a permanent home ground and had played at a number of different venues over the years.

However, things changed that year when they moved into their present home at Thomson Park, the ground being opened by the then Rangers captain George Young. Having become established in the top division the "Bluebells" began to bring silverware to Thomson Park regularly from 1960. The late seventies started what proved to be a hugely successful decade for the club culminating in the winning of seventeen honours from 1977 to 1987.

Having been a Junior club for only a relatively short period, and the changing footballing world in which we live in there aren't the same opportunities to foster players for the senior ranks.

Indeed, their most famous player is an Australian internationalist with Jimmy Rooney having played no less than 99 times for the Soceroes including appearing in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Derek Addison, once of Dundee United is another famous Thomson Park Graduate. In addition, Cammy Fraser of Hearts Dundee and Rangers fame, and recently appointed Newburgh manager, played one game for the Bluebells before moving to Hearts. Finally, Graeme Forbes a central defender with Motherwell, Walsall and Dundee is also a product of Thomson Park where his son Barry is now on the playing staff. This golden period ended in 1987 and Lochee United suffered the ignominy of relegation in 1993. Despite winning promotion back to the top division at the first attempt the club were not, until recently, in contention for any honours. In recent years, the Bluebells fortunes have been on the up, and they have once again become one of the leading junior teams, winning the Tayside Premier League quite convincingly, and thus elevating themselves to the newly established East Region Super League. The team finished fourth in its first year and having already been crowned East region Super League champions are looking to add another first – the O.V.D. Cup!

LOCHEE LONGING FOR CUP SUCCESS

Lochee United have come a long way since their days as local junior football's 'whipping boys' was predicted in the late 1950's. But as is evidenced by their appearance in today's national cup final showpiece the long journey could reach the perfect conclusion here at Tannadice Park. Few amongst the then-flourishing fan base for the junior game here on Tayside could have foreseen the advances made by the Thomson Park outfit. Years of success in Dundee's top Juvenile ranks spawned thoughts amongst the United committee members of a step-up in class. And by 1958, fans in Lochee, who for long enough had

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enjoyed the successes earned by near-neighbours Harp, suddenly had a second Junior club vying for their favours. United had fallen heir to the brand spanking new Thomson Park-prompting their adventure to get underway! Not surprisingly, the early days yielded many a painful reminder that their new-found status could only be sustained through hard work. And in club legend Davie Mitchell, the newcomers discovered a leader who, it was proved, was prepared to go through 'hell and high water' to achieve the ultimate aim of success. Sadly, although he saw his side advance twice to the semi-final stages of the 'Scottish', he never experienced a day out at a final before his death early last year. The first was under the Grier brothers – George, Lewis and Billy – in 1980 when no less than 13,323 were inside Dens Park to see them play Benburb, but lose 1-0. Then fifteen years later, the Bluebell's blossomed again in this competition, but lost out to Whitburn by the odd goal in three here at Tannadice.

How proud he would have been of this season's achievements by Eddie Wolecki's troops as they seek today to complete their season's target of a league and cup double. Several times over the years Davie must have felt like throwing in the towel, especially when the Lochee United Social Club closed, ending years of much-needed financial revenue. However in 1993, his attempts to run things almost single-handedly were eased when a new benefactor arrived on the scene.

Tom McMillan, owner of the city's Fairfield Motors, decided to split his interests between his first loves Dundee FC and his Junior favourites-a move he claims he has never regretted. He admits, "Initially I offered to give the overworked Davie Mitchell a hand. After all, he gave Lochee United 52 years of service. Now I have to admit that it is a labour of love.

"We were a second division club at the time, but have made steady progress to what we are today. It has been great to be part of the success story."

As far as this season's success story is concerned that started with the long journey up north to Burghhead Thistle which probably the most difficult thing the Bluebells had to negotiate as they cruised to 6-0 win at the first hurdle in round two.

Much sterner and more familiar opposition faced them in round three, though because it brought them up against Carnoustie Panmure and away from home! However, Eddie Wolecki's men fully deserved their win despite the apparent narrowness of the 2-1 scoreline. This came at just the right time for them and first half, particularly, the visitors dominated, establishing a two-goal lead. The Gowers goal ten minutes from time did make for a nervy last ten minutes, but the holders made their exit. Away to Lanark in round four, United

started well and went ahead from the spot, but down to ten men, the home side came back to snatch a draw.

In the replay, Lochee were out of the traps quickly, getting in front, but it was a Ross Kiddie goal in his first game back for months that eventually saw them through. Comebacks of extraordinary proportions were required in the remaining rounds.

The first was at home to Neilston when only a late Kris Ward goal got them out of jail. Winning the replay by the odd goal in five may give the impression that it was a close affair, but United's progress was a tad easier than the score suggested. That brings us to the quarter final against Arthurlie when a last minute goal earned the Barhead side a replay, leaving everyone in the home dressing room gutted. And frankly having gone three down after 35 minutes in the replay, it didn't appear as though the Thomson Park men would be here this afternoon. Especially when the home side immediately restored their three-goal advantage after Ray McKinnon pulled one back and who then missed a penalty.

But Arthurlie were reduced to ten men following that award for handball and Kenny MacMillan pulled one back with 17 minutes left. Another dismissal left the home side reduced to nine men and Phillip Hagan made it reduced the arrears to a single goal and Chris Taws grabbed the golden equaliser. Winning the penalty shoot-out is why Lochee were able to take their place in the semi where they cruised past Maryhill to reach the final for the first time in their history.

Dick Donnelly



The champagne corks pop as the Bluebell celebrate their first national league success. Now they hope to make it a league and cup double.

The Scottish Junior Cup Final Lochee United v Tayport

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Lochee United manager Eddie Wolecki's playing career in senior football included spells at Dundee United, East Fife, Cowdenbeath, Brechin City, Montrose, Huntly and Deveronvale.

Eddie Wolecki

He also played at junior level for St Joseph's, Lochee Harp, Forfar WE, East Craigie and Lochee United. Eddie moved into coaching with roles at Dundee United, Brechin City, Arbroath, Violet and Lochee United, gaining his 'A', 'B' and 'Youth' coaching licences along the way. He is currently in his final degree year studying Sports Coaching and Development at Abertay University. Here he assesses the squad which he hopes will bring the O.V.D. Cup back to Thomson Park for the first time.

IAIN ROSS Nicknamed Dodgy, but he is anything but, and is rated number one in Scotland and by me, having recently played for Junior Scotland. Signed in 2003 his previous clubs include Dundee and Blairgowrie JFC, he is still only twenty and provided he is fit will start.

RUSSELL BROWN Was in possession of the goalkeeper's jersey at then start of the season, but was injured, letting Iain Ross establish himself. Was signed in 2002, previously played for Forfar Athletic, Dundee United, Broughty Athletic and Raith Rovers. Rusty is a PE teacher and still only 24.

TOMMY KING Plays right back position, but is 100% attack-minded which suits our style of play. Signed in 2003, his previous clubs include Berwick Rangers, Arbroath and Dundee North End. Goes by the nickname of T.K, he is 29 and works in a pub.

GARY DAVIDSON Also a right back, he previously played for St Johnstone and Newburgh JFC. Has several nicknames Harry! Barry! And Larry! To name but a few! Signed at the start of last season, he is still only 22 and a really good competitive defender and if you could mix his defensive qualities with Tommy King's attacking abilities you'd have a hell of a player.



JONATHAN THOMPSON My skipper who as you'd expect with his height is very good in the air, but many underestimate just how good he is on the ground, and particularly his distribution. Though he plays in the heart of the defence, he is also my penalty taker. Signed in 2003 Thommo is still only 23.

CHRISTOPHER TAWSE Partners Jon Thompson at the back, Tawse graduated through Lochee United Amateurs and has been a revelation since signing on in 2003. Has all the attributes to go senior – quick, good in the air and quite aggressive – especially as he is still only 22.



GRAEME THOMSON Also previously with Dundee, Brattbakk was signed from Montrose last summer. Only returned to the side recently after recovering from a thigh injury, he excels on the ball and is good going forward from left-back. Although only 24, he is a great talker and that definitely helps the team.

ROSS DORWARD Rosco is a left-back and has been at the club since he was signed from Montrose in 1998. Aged 26, he is a frustrating player, because he has so much in his locker, but I just wish he would give the 20% extra which I know that he has.

CHARLIE CARGILL 25-year-old midfielder, Chico previously played for Camoustie Panmure, Forfar West End and Forfar Athletic and was a member of the side that won promotion to the Super League. Plays wide right and has incredible energy and possess that little bit of dig that every successful team requires.

PAUL DURNO The former Arbroath midfielder is probably our player of the season and is only 20. The fittest player at the club, and probably the only criticism I could level at him is that he should score more goals from midfield.



ANDY DOW At 32, he is one of the most experienced players at the club, having played for Dundee, Chelsea, Hibs, Aberdeen, Motherwell and Raith Rovers. Dowser was signed last year and is the engine of the side and brings calm and composure to the side from midfield. Shows why he has played at the top level by the way that he is always happy to play a five-yard pass and make himself available to take the ball again.

CRAIG ROBERTSON Robbo's previous clubs were Dundee, Montrose and Forfar from whom he was signed in 2001. The 24-year-old is a potential matchwinner with his great ability to get goals from midfield and now that he has added a defensive side to his game, he has taken him to a different level, making him an outstanding player in Junior football.



PHILLIP HAGAN Philly's previous clubs were East Craigie JFC, Dundee Violet and Raith Rovers, yet won't be 21 until next month. When I signed him last summer, he was a bit low on confidence following his spell at Starks Park. In fact,

it took three months of extra training before his ability shone through. Very quick, he has been outstanding and instrumental in us getting back into the tie at Arthurlie.



RAYMOND MCKINNON A prolific striker who has played at the highest level with his previous clubs including Dundee United, Nottingham Forest, Aberdeen, Luton Town, Livingston, Montrose and Raith Rovers. Signed in 2003, Skinner is in my book a pure football genius. One of the few genuinely two-footed players I have ever come across, his link up play is simply unbelievable and he is a great finisher whether with his head or his feet. Suffice to say that we'd miss him more than any other player.



KRIS WARD I have dubbed Kris 'The Fox in the Box' because he is an out and out striker and goal poacher who leads defences a merry dance. Previously played for Dundee North End, Broughty Athletic and Dundee Violet, Zucker (25) is the dressing room joker and great for the club. If there is a criticism, I'd like to see him focus 100% on his game, just to see what he could produce.



DAVIE EVANS The 23-year-old winger was previously with Dundee United, Arbroath, Tayport JFC and Raith Rovers and joined us earlier this season. Woody has had a difficult time of it, but has shown signs that his confidence is beginning to return and when it does his ability will shine through.



BARRY FORBES Plays in a left midfield role his previous clubs include Dundee and Hamilton Academicals. Fracas was signed last summer, but has been severely hampered by hamstring problems. The 23-year-old's father Graeme also played for the club.



KENNY MACMILLAN A right midfielder, Kenbo was signed from Arbroath Sporting earlier this year and is a player I rate very highly, being tall, quick and a great touch. However, he needs to work on his fitness and get some discipline about his play, so it will probably be next season before we get the best out of the 21-year-old.

IAN MCKENNA The striker was signed in 2003 and previously played for Blairgowrie JFC, Forfar Athletic, Montrose, Kinnoull JFC and Kirrie Thistle. The 36-year-old has unfortunately been blighted by injury for almost all the time that he has been with the club.





STORY OF THE SEMI FINALS

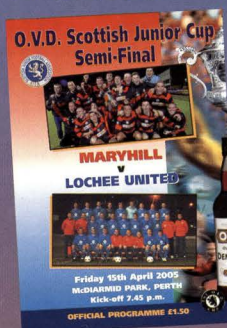


LOCHEE UNITED'S PATH TO THE FINAL

- 1** 1st rd - Bye
- 2** 2nd rd - 6th November
Burghhead Thistle (Forest Park, Burghhead)
Won 6-0
Scorers - Evans 2, Ward 2, Kiddie, Thompson pen
Team - Ross, Gary Davidson, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, Durno, Dean, Hagan, Kiddie, Evans, Robertson.
(Subs used - Ward, Cargill, Turner)
(Subs not used - Graham Davidson, Brown)
- 3** 3rd rd - 4th December
Carnoustie Panmure (Laing Park, Carnoustie)
Won 2-1
Scorers - Ward, Robertson
Team - Ross, Durno, Donward, Tawse, Gary Davidson, McKinnon, Ward, Cargill, Dow, Turner, Robertson.
(Subs used - Evans, Hagan, Graham Davidson)
(Subs not used - Kiddie, Brown)
- 4** 4th rd - 15th January
Lanark United (Moor Park, Lanark)
Drew 1-1
Scorer - Thompson pen
Team - Ross, Gary Davidson, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, Ward, Cargill, Durno, Dow, Robertson.
(Subs used - Kiddie, Hagan, Evans.) (Subs not used - King, Brown)
- 4** 4th rd Replay - 29th January
Lanark United (Thomson Park, Dundee)
Won 2-1
Scorers - McKinnon, Kiddie
Team - Ross, Gary Davidson, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, Durno, Hagan, Kiddie, Dow, Robertson.
(Subs used - Cargill, MacMillan, Forbes) (Subs not used - Ward, Brown)
- 5** 5th rd - 12th February
Neilston Juniors (Thomson Park, Dundee)
Drew 3-3
Scorers - MacMillan, Kiddie, Ward
Team - Ross, Gary Davidson, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, MacMillan, Dow, Kiddie, Durno, Robertson.
(Sub used - King, Hagan, Ward.) (Subs not used - Forbes, Brown)
- 5** 5th rd replay - 19th February
Neilston Juniors (Brig o' Lea Stadium, Neilston)
Won 3-2
Scorers - Durno, MacMillan, Tawse
Team - Ross, King, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, Ward, MacMillan, Durno, Dow, Robertson.
(Subs used - Forbes, Evans) (Subs not used - Kiddie, Hagan, Brown)
- Q F** Quarter-final - 12th March
Arthurlie (Thomson Park, Dundee)
Drew 1-1
Scorer - Thompson
Team - Ross, King, Donward, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, Ward, Cargill, Dow, Durno, Robertson.
(Subs used - Kiddie, MacMillan) (Subs not used - Evans, Hagan, Brown)
- Q F** Quarter-final replay - 19th March
Arthurlie (Dunterlie Park, Barrhead)
Drew 4-4 (Won 4-3 on penalties)
Scorers - McKinnon, MacMillan, Hagan 2
Team - Ross, King, MacMillan, Tawse, Thompson, McKinnon, Durno, Cargill, Kiddie, Dow, Robertson.
(Subs used - Ward, Hagan, Evans) (Subs not used - Donward, Brown)
- SEMI** Semi-final - 15th April
Maryhill (At McDiarmid Park, Perth)
Won 4-0
Scorers - Robertson, Durno, McKinnon, Ward
Team - Ross, King, Tawse, Thompson, Donward, Cargill, Durno, Dow, Robertson, Hagan, McKinnon.
(Subs used - Davidson, Evans, Ward) (Subs not used - Brown, MacMillan)

Friday, 15th April 2005 - Lochee United 4 Maryhill 0

A stunning second half performance earned jubilant Lochee United a passage into their first ever Scottish Junior Cup Final.

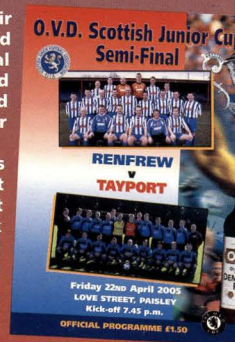


Opponents Maryhill had their moments in a lively encounter, but over the piece Lochee deserved their triumph. Lochee's goals came from Craig Robertson, Paul Durno, Ray McKinnon and Kris Ward in a remarkable second period which followed a nip-and-tuck opening 45 minutes. Lochee enjoyed much of the first half pressure but the west coast side looked sharp going forward and six minutes before the break Ross was forced to make another save, this time tipping a McGuiness header over the bar. McGuiness and Lochee defender Tommy King clashed heads during the incident and both had to leave the park, and while the Maryhill player was able to resume, King was replaced by Gary Davidson. Maryhill ended the first half strongly and looked in the mood immediately after the restart before the Thomson Park men broke free to open the scoring. Star man Hagan collected the ball in his own half and embarked on a dazzling run up the right flank before releasing the ball just at the right time for the on-rushing Robertson to pick his spot from close range to net despite brave efforts from the Maryhill keeper to keep it out.

Wonderful vision by McKinnon carved out an opening for Durno, but Black saved at his feet. But Durno was not to be denied in the 66th minute when he netted Lochee United's second in a similar move to the opening goal. Charlie Cargill did the spadework up the right and the ex-Arbroath midfielder met his low cross. To cap an outstanding second-half display, Eddie Wolecki's side bagged goals three and four within the final six minutes. McKinnon latched on to a slack clearance to unleash a left-foot drive into the corner of the net from 20 yards. Right at the death, after keeper Black touched an Andy Dow free-kick on to the bar, substitute Kris Ward headed the ball home.

Friday, 22nd April 2005 - Renfrew 0 Tayport 0

Second half goals by Derek Wemyss and Gary Middleton handed Tayport their sixth appearance in the final of the OVD Scottish Cup in only twelve years and set up another all-Tayside affair. For Wemyss, who bagged the opening goal shortly after the break, it was a sweet moment, as the centre half has missed many of the cup exploits due to injury. And Middleton experienced both joy and despair on the night as, immediately after netting his goal, he was sent off for a second bookable offence when he lifted his jersey in celebration. Manager Burgess sprung a surprise in his line-up when Grant Paterson was consigned to the bench with young pretender Brian Livie handed a start at left back. Tayport survived an early scare when Renfrew striker Robert Cuthbert latched on to a Gordon Smith cut back but the Fifers' defence closed in to block the shot in the nick of time. But Port soon settled and began to assume control with striker Middleton creating problems. The west coast side went close to opening the scoring in 28 minutes when Smith collected the ball in midfield and shaved the post with a low 20-yard drive. But most of the play belonged to the Canniepairt men and Barry McNaughton shot just wide with an angled drive before setting up Middleton with a golden chance that John Hammond did well to block. When the Renfrew defence failed to clear a Middleton free-kick after 55 minutes, Ward was handed a chance but his header hit the post. The defender followed up with another nod towards goal and Wemyss was on hand to force the ball over the line. Middleton stretched the Fifers' lead on 68 minutes-although it was to prove costly for him. Steven Stewart sent over a cross from the left and the ex-Violet and Dundee United striker headed home with aplomb. But his slightly elaborate celebration led to the referee handing him a second yellow card-although to his relief he discovered after the game that he was still eligible to play in the final.



TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE FINAL

- 1** 1st Round - Bye
- 2** 2nd Round - 6th November
Formartine United (Canniepairt, Tayport)
Won 6-1
Scorers - Craik 2, Middleton 2, Stewart, Henderson.
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Morris, Craik, Ramsay, McNaughton, Dailly, Gunnion, Middleton.
(Subs used - Stewart, Malone, Henderson)
(Subs not used - Livie, Bruce)
- 3** 3rd Round - 4th December
St Andrews United (Canniepairt, Tayport)
Won 3-0
Scorers - Peters, Middleton, Henderson.
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss, McNaughton, Dailly, Stewart, Gunnion, Middleton, Henderson.
(Subs used - Hunter, Livie, Reilly)
(Subs not used - Malone, Bruce)
- 4** 4th Round - 15th January
Beith (Bellsdale Park, Beith)
Won 2-0
Scorers - Wemyss, Henderson
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ramsay, Wemyss, Morris, Henderson, Stewart, Dailly, Gunnion, Middleton.
(Subs used - Hunter, McNaughton, Livie)
(Subs not used - Reilly, Bruce)
- 5** 5th Round - 12th February
Glenafon Athletic (Canniepairt, Tayport)
Drew 0-0
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss, Morris, Dailly, Stewart, Gunnion, Middleton, Henderson.
(Subs used - Hunter, Livie, McNaughton)
(Subs not used - Reilly, Bruce)
- 5** 5th Round Replay - 19th February
Glenafon Athletic (Loch Park, New Cumnock)
Drew 0-0 (Won 5-4 on penalties)
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss, Morris, McNaughton, Stewart, Hunter, Gunnion, Middleton.
(Subs used - Henderson, Christie, Dailly)
(Subs not used - Livie, Bruce)
- Q F** 6th Round - 12th March
Lugar Boswell Thistle (Rosebank Park, Lugar)
Won 4-1
Scorers - McNaughton, Peters 2, Middleton
Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss, Morris, McNaughton, Stewart, Gunnion, Middleton, Henderson.
(Subs used - Hunter, Dailly, Reilly)
(Subs not used - Livie, Bruce)
- SEMI** Semi-final - 22nd April
Renfrew (Love Street, Paisley)
Won 2-0
Scorers - Wemyss, Middleton
Team - Fitzpatrick, Gunnion, Ward, Wemyss, Livie, McNaughton, Morris, Peters, Stewart, Middleton, Hunter.
(Subs used - Robertson, Young)
(Subs not used - Paterson, Ramsay, Bruce)





Tayport boss Keith Burgess has great experience in the Junior game and arrived from Glenrothes last October to replace the legendary Dave Baikie.

Keith Burgess

Played for Hearts and several Junior clubs including Linlithgow, Penicuik and Haddington before moving to Whitburn where he honed his managerial skills as assistant when the Burners won the 2000 OVD Cup. Moved on to establish Glenrothes

in the Super League before his Tayport appointment. He works for BT and here he assesses the squad that he hopes will bring the cup back to Tayport for the third time.

FRAZER FITZPATRICK Aged 34, Frazer is very experienced with safe hands. His reliability is a tremendous help to the back four in front of him. In his fifth season with Port since signing from Montrose. Has made over 200 appearances and is a Junior Internationalist. Maintenance engineer.

DUNCAN BRUCE At 20, he is still young for a keeper, and with his great ability and agility he is a star in the making and is now pushing Frazer all the way for the keeper's jersey. Had a season full-time with Dundee United in his gap year after leaving school, he re-joined Tayport on taking up a place at Edinburgh University where he is studying business accountancy. Farmed out to Kinnoull last season.

ROSS GUNNION One of two Perth based players at the club. The 25-year-old full back who was signed from Bankfoot Athletic in August 2001 is probably the most improved player since I arrived. A good tackler with pace, he has upped his game to claim a regular place in the side and is very dependable. A quantity surveyor in Edinburgh.

GORDON (GUS) MALONE He may be 44, but is the ultimate professional which is why he is still doing a great job at an age when most players have hung up their boots. First joined Tayport when the club was amateur in 1981, but moved to Brechin City after just over a season. Thereafter played at Cowdenbeath, Arbroath Vics, St Josephs, Downfield, Camoustie and North End before returning to The Caniepair after a break of 22 years. His attitude to the game is a great example to the younger players both on and off the park, making him a great asset to the dressing room. Lorry driver.

DEREK WEMYSS Probably the most consistent man in the team, whether asked to play in defence or midfield and has the knack of scoring vital goals as he showed in the semi against Renfrew. Signed in 2000 from Riverside Athletic, he is 25 and a fireman in Fife, but brings a cool

head to proceedings on the pitch.

JOHN WARD A colossus at the heart of the defence since joining from Lochee United in September 2000, he was the Man of the Tournament in the recent Quadrangular internationals in which Junior Scotland featured. Had Senior experience with Arbroath and is a local lad who always wants to do his very best and is a real threat at set pieces.

ROBERTO MORRIS Is club captain and in addition to being a very stylish defender he has a tremendous will to win – a potent mix. In his third season at The Caniepair after joining from Forfar Athletic, he was deservedly in the Scotland Junior squad for the International Tournament in Glasgow at the end of last month. A buyer with Texol Technical Solutions, he is 25.

GRANT PATERSON The success enjoyed by the left-back since he joined Port from amateur football in the club's inaugural season back in 1990 is unlikely to be surpassed. Aggregates almost 750 appearances including seven OVD Cup semi-finals, ten league championships medals and international caps. Pattie, now 37, is the most experienced player, but his form never dips, performing at a consistently high level.

BRIAN LIVIE Big defender or midfielder player has been a revelation in the wide left area since he joined in the close season from Forfar Albion. Aged 22, he has a great engine and attitude, though work commitments can affect his availability. Growing in confidence all the time, he is a terrific prospect.

STEVEN STEWART 'Chiel' as he is affectionately known, has delighted me with the way he has played because even at 32, he is still playing as well as he ever has and with the same level and with same astonishing energy. Played over 400 games for the club since signing from NGR Amateurs in 1994. In his second spell with Port, having had a couple of seasons Senior with East Stirling and Montrose. Works in the family joinery business, but being two-footed, he carves out chances galore and was very unlucky not to be included in the Junior Scotland side last month.

LLOYD YOUNG The 19-year old midfielder is my most recent signing, joining from Raith Rovers a couple of months ago after just over two years at Starks Park. Made a dream debut against Oakley, scoring with literally his first touch to endear him to the fans. Plays wide right and at only 19 has every chance of returning to the senior ranks at some time in the future.

SCOTT PETERS Wears his heart on his sleeve for the club and is a fearless ball winner in the middle of the park from where he scores vital goals. Aged 32, he can also figure in defence and was signed from Arbroath FC in February 2001. Has an electrical contractor's business in his hometown of Kirmuir.

ALLAN RAMSAY Has oozed professionalism since his transfer from

Camoustie Panmure in 1995 and is our midfield general. A Scottish Junior internationalist aged 32, he is a plant hire firm manager, but has been a little unfortunate with injuries this season.

RALPH HUNTER A target who can name Raith Rovers, Cowdenbeath and Arbroath amongst his previous clubs plus several in the Fife Juniors, including St Andrews United from where he joined Port in 2002. Effectively lost a year to injury, but has done well to comeback to feature on a regular basis. Aged 31, he is a Publican and very much the dressing room joker.

SEAN CHRISTIE Highly talented, but has made only one fleeting OVD appearance this season as a substitute in the replay at Glenafton. Aged 24, he is a Sports Development Officer. Sean was senior with Forfar Athletic but joined Tayport from Dundee North End in 2003. The best crosser of a ball at the club, he also seems to contribute with great and important goals.

BARRY MCNAUGHTON Very versatile, because Gareth can play in five or six positions, but never complains no matter where I ask him to play, just so long as he gets a jersey. Didn't always feature under Dave Baikie, but has been a regular for me. Primarily a midfield player, he can play up front and has a good goalscoring/appearances ratio since he joined from Lochee Harp in 2001. Brother of Aberdeen's Kevin, the 24 year-old is a Security Systems Engineer.

GARETH DAILLY Started his career with Dundee United. Moved on to Montrose via Bankfoot before signing for Tayport in March 2001. Another versatile player, he possesses a wicked left-foot and can score spectacular goals and deliver tremendous crosses. Aged 25, he is a Sports Development Coach.

GARY MIDDLETON Was my predecessor's last signing for the club from Dundee Violet last August and provides a potent goalscoring threat as the 23-year-old's place near the top of the Super League scorers chart testifies. Formerly with Dundee United, Smokey has a magic left foot and is a great player, though he has a tendency to be a tad temperamental! After being booked in the semi, I'll be warning him to keep his shirt on WHEN he scores.

ROBBIE HENDERSON The 23-year-old striker from Perth who joined us from Montrose at the start of this season picked up an injury just as he was forming a prodigious partnership with Smokey. His relatively slight frame belies his strength on the ball and fierce shooting ability that makes him a big threat to opposition defenders.

DAVID REILLY What can you say about the legendary striker. Holds the goalscoring record with over 350 goals since joining from Lawside FP amateurs in 1990. Looked as if the 40-year-old had been put out to graze when he joined North End in 2000, but returned to Port to continue his playing career and provide valuable back-up in 2004. A builder he was an OVD winner in 1996 and runner-up in 1993 and 1997.



The Scottish Junior Cup Finalists



TAYPORT

YEAR FORMED: 1947 (as amateurs)
1990 (as Juniors)



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Scottish Junior Cup Winner 1995/96 2002/03
Runners-up 1992/93, 1996/97 2003/04
Whyte & Mackay East Region Super League Winners 2003/03
Runners-up 2003/04
Tayside League Division 1/Premier League Champions
1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95 1995/96, 1996/97,
1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002
Tayside League Division 2 Champions 1990/91
Zamoyksi/Centenary/Concept/NCR/Dugout Winners
1991/92, 1994/1995, 1999/00, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04,
2004/05
Taycars Trophy 1998/99, 1999/2000
Cream of the Barley Trophy 1994/95
Findlay & Co. (Currie) Cup Winners
1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/1994, 1998/99, 2000/01,
2001/2002
Perthshire Advertiser Cup Winners 1990/91, 1995/96
Intersport Shield Winners 1990/91, 1993/94
D. J. Laing Trophy Winners 1997/98
D. J. Laing League Cup Winners 2001/2002
North End Challenge Cup
1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03
Craig Stephen Trophy Winners (Association's Top Scoring Club)
1990/91, 1991/92, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1997/98, 1998/99,
2000/2001, 2001/2002
Albert Herschell Trophy Winners (Premier Champions v Division 1
Charity Trophy)
1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1998/99,
1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02
David Scott Cup 1995/96
Tameside Association for the Blind International
Challenge Cup Winners
1996

A BRIEF HISTORY

For over a century the game of football has been a major influence in most communities in Scotland. Tayport, a small former burgh of just over 3,500 inhabitants, situated on Fife's most northern extremity on the south bank of the River Tay, is no exception. From Victorian times, through to the Second World War, the town has always had at least one football club. Information from those days is sketchy, but we do know that Tayport had a Junior club pre-First World War, winning the East of Fife Cup in 1905, for example. The Great War in 1914 effectively signalled the demise of Junior football in the town for seventy-five years. Throughout the twenties and thirties, there were various amateur clubs in the town, but success was fleeting and there is little recorded history. After the Second World War and with the second half of the 20th Century beckoning, the town's only football club was Tayport Violet. In 1947 a new club emerged as rivals to Violet when Tayport Amateurs was formed by local lads who had been playing friendlies together as a Boy Scouts team. This was the birth of the club we know today. These local lads entered the Amateurs team in the Midlands Amateurs' Alliance League, a league which was essentially for clubs' reserve XI's. Local rivals Violet played in the Midlands' top division. By 1950, the Midlands Amateur Football Association was expanding and in the reorganised leagues, both the Violet and the Amateurs found themselves in Division Two. Promotion was swift and the two teams finished the season in 1st and 2nd spots respectively. 1952/53 saw Violet and the Amateurs finish second and third in the first division behind the champions, YM Anchorage. YM Anchorage, incidentally, had won every title since 1933. Then, suddenly, Violet were gone. Despite finishing runners-up, it was to be their last season. There were contrasting fortunes for the Amateurs during the 50s and 60s, but despite experiencing some quite often desperate times, the club managed to survive. That survival was important and a significant factor in the success the club was to enjoy during the latter part of the century. A new, young committee, the backbone of the club we know today, emerged in the late 1960s. The 1970s was a reasonably successful era, with the club establishing itself as a major force in the amateur game.

In 1980, the club, which since 1953, had run an Alliance, or Reserve XI, started a third team - the Fife XI - which was to enjoy eleven successful seasons in the East Fife Amateur Association and for one season, the Kingdom Caledonian League. As the club's standing in the game developed, the committee felt the time was ripe to take a further step and, in 1990, the club's Junior team was launched with the name of the club becoming, quite simply, 'Tayport Football Club', a name which could embrace both amateur and junior grades.

Since then, the success that the club has enjoyed has been phenomenal and is unsurpassed in 120 years' history of the Junior game. Virtually every honour the game has to offer has come Tayport's way, culminating in five Scottish Junior Cup Final appearances, with two wins, in 1996 and 2003. Five live TV appearances and sustained media spotlight has raised the profile of the previously unknown former harbour and railway town to a hitherto unknown level. The club, which had always played its football on the East Common, required more modern accommodation and, at the invitation of Tayport Town Council, in 1975, moved across the factory burn from the East Common to The Canniepairt. This was formerly poor farming land which had been allowed to go to waste but which had recently been used by the Army for its Poles 70 Exercise. Clubrooms were constructed and, like the ground, were subjected to various upgrades in order to provide the accommodation that the club, and indeed, the community, now enjoys. Sadly the enthusiasm for amateur football in the town waned and, through a lack of local players, season 2000/2001 was to be the club's last in the Amateurs Leagues.

TAYPORT F.C.



'PORT'S O.V.D. CHEER

When Larkhall Thistle visited north-east Fife for an OVD Scottish Junior Cup tie, on a dull autumn day, in 1990, little did they realise the phenomenal impact that their opponents would go on to have on the national competition. New to the junior ranks, Tayport were about to embark on an incredible adventure. Mark Spalding had the distinction of scoring the club's first ever Scottish Junior Cup goal, in a 1-1 draw, which earned a replay. The rest, as they say, is history. 'Port stormed to the last sixteen in their inaugural season, before being ousted by Glasgow giants, Pollok. It was the first time Dave Baikie's men had faced such illustrious opposition. The manager must have learned some valuable lessons. The next year saw Tayport lose out to Glenafton Athletic, in controversial circumstances, in the quarter-finals. By now, though, the players had gained dramatically in experience, and had become the dominant force in the Tayside region.

Ironically, to announce themselves on the national stage, they had to see off local rivals Downfield. The pair met in the last eight, in 1993, and were only separated by Dave Reilly's solitary strike, in a second replay, at North End Park. In just three years, Dave Baikie had moulded a team with the potential to compete against the best. The semi-final provided the opportunity to beat the best. The mighty Auchinleck Talbot had won "the Scottish" in five of the previous seven seasons, and looked to be on course for a second recent hat-trick of triumphs. The most successful era in the history of the grand old trophy was about to come crashing to an end. On a balmy April evening, the 'Port support travelled west for what promised to be a unique occasion for the community. They returned dreaming of future glories, having seen a very special performance from their heroes. 'Port withstood an early Firhill bombardment, then Hamish Mackay wrote his name into Tayport folklore, notching all of the goals in a stunning 3-0 victory.

So, to the final itself, and the quiet little harbour town went football crazy. Former Scotland goalkeeper, Alan Rough, hadn't read the script, though. His Glenafton charges became the new name on the trophy, courtesy of Johnny Miller's late strike. The disappointment was quickly forgotten. Amidst a party atmosphere, a sense of pride was evident when the players returned to Tayport, aboard an open-topped bus. Three years later, the scenes were repeated, this time with the OVD Scottish Junior Cup in full view. With the legendary Baikie at the helm, the core of the side remained. Fraser Mann, Grant Paterson, Sean Wilkie, Mark Spalding and Dave Reilly remained central figures, whilst the likes of Billy Coventry and Paul Reilly were still involved. Big Hamish Mackay missed the final, due to injury, and would retire at the end of that magnificent 1995/96 campaign. New heroes were emerging, however. Pacy forward, Stevie Ross notched the extra-time brace which defeated holders Camelon, at Fir Park, on May 12th, and he would be on the scoresheet again, twelve months later,

when Tayport lost to old foes Pollok, in the 1997 final. Midfielders Steven Stewart and Allan Ramsay had also established themselves, and, along with Grant Paterson, would represent a line of continuity when the mercurial Dave Baikie returned to the Canniepairt hot-seat, to build a new team, in 2001. Baikie departed for a stint in senior football at the conclusion of the 1996/97 season. The successors, Kenny Bunce, then Andy Sommerville, did not enjoy quite as much Scottish Cup success. Bunce oversaw affairs for less than a year, but did make the quarters, only for Pollok to win a penalty shoot-out at Newlandsfield. Under Sommerville, Man of the Match in the epic Auchinleck semi-final, Tayport again ruled the roost on Tayside. Unfortunately, two fourth round exits, to Camelon and Shotts respectively, followed by a shock second round reversal at home to Cambuslang, were not what Tayport Football Club had been used to. By 2002, another semi-final beckoned. High-flying Linlithgow Rose, the eventual winners, won by the odd goal in three at Almondvale with former 'Port player, Mark Corcoran doing much of the damage. When the clubs next met on OVD Cup duty, it was in the 2003 Firhill showpiece. The Super Leagues were underway, and Tayport had swept all before them.

They were one week away from lifting the East Region title. But first, Grant Paterson had to raise aloft the Scottish Cup, with Brian Craik's extra-time goal enough to deservedly depose the Rosie Posie.



Port's players parade through Tayport on an open top bus after their O.V.D. cup triumph two years ago.

In bidding to become only the fifth club to retain the cup, 'Port suffered the agony of penalties, as Carnoustie Panmure edged last year's main event. Of course, with the west coast dominance having been totally smashed, the trophy will remain in the local area, but on which side of the water?

Derek Ritchie





Scottish Junior Cup Finals



YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNER UP
1886/87	FAIRFIELD GOVAN 3	EDINBURGH WOODBURN 1*
* After first match was protested.		
1887/88	WISHAW THISTLE 3	MARYHILL 1*
* After two protested games.		
1888/89	BURNBANK SWIFTS 4	WEST BENHAR VIOLET 1
1889/90	BURNBANK SWIFTS 3	BENBURGH 1*
* After first match was protested.		
1890/91	VALE OF CLYDE 2	CHRISTON ATHLETIC 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1891/92	MINERVA 5	WEST BENHAR VIOLET 2
1892/93	VALE OF CLYDE 3	DUMBARTON FERN 2*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1893/94	ASHFIELD 3	RENFREW VICS 0*
1894/95	ASHFIELD 2	WEST CALDER WANDERERS 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1895/96	CAMBUSLANG HIBS 2	PARKHEAD 1
1896/97	STRATHCLYDE 3	DUNFERMLINE JUNIORS 0
1897/98	DALZIEL ROVERS 2	PARKHEAD 1
1898/99	PARKHEAD 4	WESTMARCH XI 1
1899/00	MARYHILL 3	RUGBY XI 2
1900/01	BURNBANK ATHLETIC 2	MARYHILL 0
1901/02	GLENCARN 1	MARYHILL 0
1902/03	PARKHEAD 3	LARKHALL THISTLE 0
1903/04	VALE OF CLYDE 3	PARKHEAD 0
1904/05	ASHFIELD 2	RENFREW VICS 1
1905/06	DUNIPACE JUNIORS 1	ROB ROY 0*
* After a 2-2 draw.		
1906/07	STRATHCLYDE 1	MARYHILL XI 0*
* After two 1-1 draws.		
1907/08	LARKHALL THISTLE 1	Q.P. HAMPDEN XI 0
1908/09	KILWINNING RANGERS 1	STRATHCLYDE 0*
* After a 0-0 draw.		
1909/10	ASHFIELD 3	KILWINNING RANGERS 0*
* After first match was protested.		
1910/11	BURNBANK ATHLETIC 1	PETERSHILL 0*
* After a 2-2 draw.		
1911/12	PETERSHILL 5	DENNY HIBS 0
1912/13	INVERKEITHING UTD 1	DUNIPACE JUNIORS 0
1913/14	LARKHALL THISTLE 1	ASHFIELD 0*
* After drawing 1-1 and 0-0.		
1914/15	PARKHEAD 2	PORT GLASGOW 0
1915/16	PETERSHILL 2	PARKHEAD 0
1916/17	ST MIRREN JUNIORS 1	RENFREW JUNIORS 0*
* After a 0-0 draw.		
1917/18	PETERSHILL AWARDED CUP	NO FINAL PLAYED
1918/19	GLENCARN 1	ST ANTHONY'S 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1919/20	PARKHEAD 2	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 0
1920/21	ROB ROY 1	ASHFIELD 0
1921/22	ST ROCHS 2	KILWINNING RANGERS 1*
* After first match was protested.		
1922/23	MUSSELBURGH BRUNT 2	ARNISTON RANGERS 0
1923/24	PARKHEAD 3	BAILLIESTON 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1924/25	SALTCOATS VICS 2	ST ANTHONY'S 1*
* After drawing 1-1 and 3-3.		
1925/26	STRATHCLYDE 2	BRIDGETON WAV 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1926/27	GLENCARN 2	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 1
1927/28	MARYHILL HIBS 6	BURNBANK ATHLETIC 2
1928/29	DUNDEE VIOLET 4	DENNY HIBS 0*
* After a protested game and a 2-2 draw.		
1929/30	NEWTONGRANGE STAR 3	HALL RUSSELL 0
1930/31	DENNY HIBS 1	BURNBANK ATHLETIC 0
1931/32	PERTSHIRE 2	ROB ROY 1
1932/33	YOKER ATHLETIC 4	TRANENT JUNIORS 2*
* After a 0-0 draw.		
1933/34	BENBURGH 3	BRIDGETON WAV 1
1934/35	TRANENT JUNIORS 6	PETERSHILL 1
1935/36	BENBURGH 1	YOKER ATHLETIC 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1936/37	ARTHURIE 5	ROB ROY 1
1937/38	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 3	BENBURGH 2
1938/39	GLENCARN 2	SHAWFIELD 1
1939/40	MARYHILL 1	MORTON JUNIORS 0
1940/41	PERTSHIRE 3	ARMADALE THISTLE 1*
* After drawing 2-2 and 0-0.		
1941/42	CLYDEBANK 4	VALE OF CLYDE 2
1942/43	ROB ROY 3	BENBURGH 1*
* After drawing 1-1 and 0-0.		
1943/44	PERTSHIRE 1	BLANTYRE VICS. 0
1944/45	BURNBANK ATHLETIC 3	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 1*
* After first match was protested.		
1945/46	FAULHOUSE UNITED 2	ARTHURIE 0
1946/47	SHAWFIELD 2	BO'NESS UNITED 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1947/48	BO'NESS UNITED 2	IRVINE MEADOW 1
1948/49	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 3	PETERSHILL 2
1949/50	BLANTYRE VICS. 3	CUMNOCK 0
1950/51	PETERSHILL 1	IRVINE MEADOW 0
1951/52	KILBIRNIE LADESIDE 1	CAMELON 0

1952/53	VALE OF LEVEN 1	ANNBANK UNITED 0
1953/54	SUNNYBANK 2	LOCHEE HARP 1
1954/55	KILSYTH RANGERS 4	DUNTOCHER HIBS 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1955/56	PETERSHILL 4	LUGAR BOSWELL 1
1956/57	BANKS O' DEE 1	KILSYTH RANGERS 0
1957/58	SHOTS BON ACCORD 2	PUMPHERTON 0
1958/59	IRVINE MEADOW 2	SHETTLESTON 1
1959/60	ST ANDREWS 3	GREENOCK 1
1960/61	DUNBAR UNITED 2	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 0*
* After a 2-2 draw.		
1961/62	ROB ROY 1	RENFREW 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1962/63	IRVINE MEADOW 2	GLENAFTON 1
1963/64	JOHNSTONE BURGH 3	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1964/65	LINLITHGOW ROSE 4	BAILLIESTON 1
1965/66	BONNYRIGG ROSE 6	WHITBURN 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1966/67	KILSYTH RANGERS 3	RUTHERGLEN GLENCARN 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1967/68	JOHNSTONE BURGH 4	GLENNROTHES 3*
* After a 2-2 draw.		
1968/69	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 1	KIRKINTILLOCH ROB ROY 0
1969/70	BLANTYRE VICS 1	PENICUICK ATHLETIC 0*
* After a 2-2 draw.		
1970/71	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 2	NEWTONGRANGE STAR 1
1971/72	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 3	BONNYRIGG ROSE 2*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1972/73	IRVINE MEADOW 1	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 0*
* After drawing 3-3 and 2-2.		
1973/74	CAMBUSLANG RANGERS 3	LINLITHGOW ROSE 1
1974/75	GLENNROTHES 1	RUTHERGLEN GLENCARN 0
1975/76	BO'NESS UNITED 3	DARVEL 0
1976/77	KILBIRNIE LADESIDE 3	KIRKINTILLOCH ROB ROY 1
1977/78	BONNYRIGG ROSE 1	STONEHOUSE VIOLET 0
1978/79	CUMNOCK 1	BO'NESS UNITED 0
1979/80	BAILLIESTON 2	BENBURGH 0*
* After extra-time * After a 2-2 draw.		
1980/81	POLLOCK 1	ARTHURIE 0
1981/82	BLANTYRE VICS 1	BAILLIESTON 0
1982/83	EAST KILBRIDE TH 2	BO'NESS UNITED 0
1983/84	BO'NESS UNITED 2	BAILLIESTON 0
1984/85	POLLOCK 3	PETERSHILL 1*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1985/86	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 3	POLLOCK 2
1986/87	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 1	KILBIRNIE LADESIDE 0*
* After a 1-1 draw.		
1987/88	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 1	PETERSHILL 2
1988/89	CUMNOCK 1	ORMISTON PRIMROSE 0
1989/90	HILL O BEATH 1	LESMAGHAW 0
1990/91	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 1	NEWTONGRANGE STAR 0
1991/92	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 4	GLENAFTON 0
1992/93	GLENAFTON 1	WHITBURN 0
1993/94	LARGS THISTLE 1	GLENAFTON 0
1994/95	CAMELON 2	WHITBURN 0
1995/96	TAYPORT 2	CAMELON 0 aet
1996/97	POLLOCK 3	TAYPORT 1
1997/98	ARTHURIE 4	POLLOCK 0
1998/99	KILWINNING RANGERS 1	KELTY HEARTS 0
1999/00	WHITBURN 2	JOHNSTONE BURGH 2*
* Whitburn won 8-5 on penalties after extra-time.		
2000/01	RENFREW 0	CARNOSTIE PANMURE 0*
* Renfrew won 8-5 on penalties after extra-time.		
2001/02	LINLITHGOW ROSE 1	AUCHINLECK TALBOT 0
2002/03	TAYPORT 1	LINLITHGOW ROSE 0
2003/04	CARNOSTIE P 0	TAYPORT 0*
* Carnoustie Panmure won 5-4 on penalties after extra-time.		

O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Final Snippets

VIOLET WERE VICTORIOUS IN TWO SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINALS, BUT LIFTED THE TROPHY ONLY ONCE!

The last time the Scottish Junior Cup Final



was played in Dundee, was on June 8, 1929. Victorious Violet after their 1929 success.

On that occasion, played at Dens Park in front of 9556 spectators, Dundee Violet lifted the national trophy after beating Denny Hibs 4-0 with Wilson and Reilly sharing the goals. In fact, reports from the time suggest it could have been more as Hibs' goalkeeper Maxwell "saved his team from a real drubbing".

Lord Provost High presented the Glenesk Park outfit with the cup - the first time the trophy had been north of the Tay. However, that is only part of the story as the Pansies thought they had won the cup a fortnight earlier when the two teams met at Tynecastle in front of 8000 fans.

Goals by Wilson and Pryde saw that game finished in a 2-0 victory for the Taysiders, but, immediately after the final whistle, and with the Violet players and supporters still celebrating their success, Hibs lodged a protest over Pansies right-winger John Nelson.

They stated the player was on Dundee FC's retained list and was, therefore, ineligible and should not have played.

In the commotion that followed, SJFA officials decided that it was within the rights of Denny to protest and withheld the presentation of the trophy until the protest was heard the following Thursday (May 30). At that meeting, Hibs' protest was upheld and the game was ordered to be replayed at Dens on the Saturday (June 1).

A crowd of 10,341, producing gate receipts of just over £400, turned out for that game and witnessed a 2-2 draw, with Reilly twice on target for Violet, while Anderson and Young netted for Denny.

That set up the replay at the same venue the following week, which the Pansies won handsomely to become the only team from

within the city boundary to lift the cup - however, to do so, they had to win it twice!

FINAL ATTRACTION

Tayport are making their sixth appearance in the final, whilst Lochee United are, of course, making their debut at this stage.

As can be seen from the list of final appearances below, within a very brief of time, Tayport have hoisted themselves into very illustrious company.

Clubs who have made more than five final appearances.

- 11 - Cambuslang Rangers
- 10 - Petershill
- 9 - Parkhead
- 8 - Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
- 7 - Auchinleck Talbot, Burnbank Swifts/Athletic
- 6 - Ashfield, Maryhill, Rutherglen Glencairn, Benburb, Tayport
- 5 - Bo'ness United, Irvine Meadow XI, Pollok

SIZE OF THE FIELD

The Scottish Junior FA was instituted on 2nd October 1886 with 39 clubs entering the first tournament under its auspices in 1886-87. Two long-since defunct clubs contested the first final in 1887 - Fairfield defeating Edinburgh Woodburn 3-1 at Angle Park, Govan. This season's entry was 165, but the record entry was in 1922-23 when a staggering 412 clubs set out on the long trail which, that season, led to Tynecastle. Around 20,000 witnessed an all-East final in which Musselburgh Bruntonians defeated Arniston Rangers 3-0 with goals from Waterston (2) and Ralton.

PENALTY DECIDERS

The 2000 final was the first time the destiny of the trophy was decided on penalty kicks. Having finished 2-2, Whitburn, who had also won through their semi-final against Benburb on penalties, held their nerve to eventually triumph 4-3 against Johnstone Burgh in the penalty shoot-out. But, of course, penalties were also necessary three-years ago when Carnoustie made it to the final for the first time, but it was Renfrew who ran out 6-5 winners in a protracted penalty shoot-out after 120 minutes play failed to produce a goal. Similarly last year, after Tayport and Carnoustie failed to find the net, Carnoustie got the verdict, winning 4-3 on penalties.

BIGGEST WINS

Whitburn, winners five years ago, have something of a skeleton in their cupboard because their 6-1 reversal at the hands of Bonnyrigg Rose in the 1966 final replay at Hampden Park equalled the biggest defeat in any final.

In fact, clubs jointly from East Region share this honour, Tranent having established the record by pounding Petershill by the same score in the 1935 final, which was staged at Ibrox in front of 22,000.

Petershill have also won by five clear goals with their 5-0 defeat of Denny Hibs at Firhill in 1912. This ground was also the setting for the record aggregate total, Maryhill Hibs beating Burnbank Athletic 6-2 with around 8,000 attending the 1928 final.

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

The record attendance for a Junior Cup Final was 77,560 when Petershill and Irvine Meadow clashed at Hampden in 1951. The gate receipts totalled £6,381. The boom years after the war were responsible for some incredible terracing assemblies. Witness the 69,959 who attended the Kilburnie Ladeside - Camelon final the following year! By comparison, last season's final between Carnoustie and Tayport was watched by only 3,030 and is the lowest in the competitions history.

SEVENTEENTH O.V.D. FINAL

This is the seventeenth season in which O.V.D. has sponsored the tournament. The first final to be played under their banner was in 1989 at Rugby Park when Cumnock edged out Ormiston Primrose 1-0.

CUP PAYOUTS

O.V.D.'s sponsorship money is worth £32,000 to the clubs. Each of the beaten quarter-finalists receiving £1,000. The four semi-finalists collected £3,000 each and today's finalists will each be in line to collect a further £8,000.

As the Scottish Junior FA want this to be a showpiece occasion, any bookings will cost the clubs £100 with any sending-offs seeing a further deduction of £200.

SJFA AGM

This year's AGM will take place at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, Dunbar, on Saturday, 18th June 2005.



CLOSE CONNECTIONS

'PORT PREVAIL

As the swathe of red shows, Tayport have had by far and away the better of the 41 clashes with their Lochee rivals, but significantly, over the past two seasons it has been even-Steven. The pair have met twice this season and after Tayport won the early season meeting 3-0, having gone 3-1 up in the return at Thomson Park, they looked all set to register a double over the champions to be. However, staging a terrific fight back, the Bluebell edged them out 4-3. And for this first ever O.V.D. Cup tie between the two, there really is nothing between them. Earlier this week, the bookies had Tayport at 8/11 on, whilst Eddie Wolecki's side were evens. So it really is you pay your money and takes your choice.



Jon Thompson rises above Kris Ward in the January clash at Thomson Park

ALL THE PREVIOUS 'PORT & GOWFERS CLASHES

90/91	Tayport 2-1	Lochee Utd 1-1	P'hshire Advertiser R3 1st leg
	Lochee Utd 2-1	Tayport	" " 2nd leg
			Zamoyski Cup R2
91/92	Tayport 5-1	Lochee Utd 0-2	League
	Lochee Utd 2-1	Tayport	League
			Zamoyski Cup R2
92/93	Tayport 5-2	Lochee Utd 0-5	League
	Lochee Utd 0-1	Tayport	League
94/95	Lochee Utd 0-1	Tayport	Herschell Charity Cup
	Tayport 3-2	Lochee Utd 1-1	League
	Lochee Utd 1-2	Tayport	League
			Cream of the Barley s/final
95/96	Tayport 3-2	Lochee Utd 0-1	League
	Lochee Utd 2-8	Tayport	P'hshire Advertiser R2
	Lochee Utd 1-4	Tayport	Taycars Trophy semi-final
96/97	Tayport 2-0	Lochee Utd 1-0	League
	Lochee Utd 4-0	Lochee Utd 0-2	League
97/98	Tayport 4-0	Lochee Utd 0-2	League
	Lochee Utd 0-2	Tayport	League
98/99	Lochee Utd 0-2	Tayport	League
	Tayport 7-0	Lochee Utd 1-2	League
99/00	Lochee Utd 4-0	Lochee Utd 1-0	League
	Tayport 1-0	Lochee Utd 0-1	League
			Concept Cup (Final)
	Tayport 0-1	Lochee Utd 0-2	Findlay Cup semi-final
00/01	Lochee Utd 0-2	Tayport 1-0	League
			League

	Lochee Utd 0-4	Tayport	Findlay Cup R3 R2
	Tayport 9-1	Lochee Utd	DJ Laing Cup R3
01/02	Tayport 2-2	Lochee Utd	League
	Lochee Utd 1-5	Tayport	League
	Tayport 1-0	Lochee Utd	NE Cup R1
02/03	Tayport 4-0	Lochee Utd	NCR Cup R4
03/04	Tayport 1-3	Lochee Utd	League
	Lochee Utd 2-2	Tayport	League
	Tayport 1-3	Lochee Utd	Redwood Leisure R3
	Lochee Utd 1-3	Tayport	NE Cup R2
	Tayport 3-1	Lochee Utd	NCR Final
04/05	Tayport 3-0	Lochee Utd	League
	Lochee Utd 4-3	Tayport	League

THEY'VE CROSSED THE TAY

Inevitably, despite both clubs being relatively young there are plenty of players who have figured in the red of the 'Port and blue of the Bluebells.

Perhaps the most famous is the man who was synonymous with Tayport and its phenomenal rise to prominence – Dave Baikie.



Dave Baikie raises the cup after Tayport's 2003 triumph

A centre forward, he was in the Lochee United side that lost out to Benburb at the semi-final stage in 1980 and won three caps for Junior Scotland during his Thomson Park days.

Of course, what he went on to achieve with Tayport is the stuff legends are made of, and in his two spells at the Canniepairt helm led 'Port to most of their major successes including both O.V.D. Cup triumphs.

Crossed the Tay from Downfield in 1990 when he was an inspired choice as player/manager, figuring mainly in a bit part player with his last appearance coming in 1991-92 season.

His Tayport association ended earlier this season when he was appointed manager of Cowdenbeath.

George Malone – was a Lochee United stalwart of the 80's, but this Rolls Royce of a full-back moved to the Canniepairt in the twilight of his career, turning out for Tayport between 1990 and 1994.

When Tayport won the Cup for the first time in 1996, they had a former Bluebell in goal – Fraser Mann. He made the switch in 1991 and kept goal in three of Tayport's O.V.D. final appearances.

Also in that Tayport cup winning side was midfielder Jim Henry who was signed from Lochee United in

December 1995, picking up a medal the following May!

Another name to figure high in the Tayport annals is Graeme Irons. He followed Dave Baikie to Canniepairt as player/coach. An attacking midfielder he played on until 1994.

East Craigie's veteran midfielder, Jacky Devine, came to Tayport as an amateur in 1991 and played for the Joeys amongst others before playing in the 2001 O.V.D. Cup Final for Carnoustie before his stint at Thomson Park. Of the present squads, several have experience on both sides of the river.

'Port keeper Frazer Fitzpatrick was in the Lochee United side beaten by Camelon in the 1995 semi-final, but took over from Fraser Mann at Tayport after spells with Montrose and the Joeys.

One of Tayport's present defensive pillars, John Ward, joined 'Port from Lochee United five years ago

In the Lochee ranks striker Davie Evans struck gold with Tayport in 2003 and after a spell at Raith Rovers returned to the Canniepairt before his move to Thomson Park at the start of this season.

The Bluebell's striking coach Kenny Cameron played for the 'Port from 1998 to 2000 and then went to Carnoustie before being forced to quit playing and taking on his present coaching duties.

Another of the Lochee backroom staff, Ewan Peacock, played for Tayport, having been a striker at Canniepairt from 1993 to 1995.



FRONT COVER

Managers Keith Burgess (left) and Eddie Wolecki wrestle to wrench the cup from each other, but it what happens on the field this afternoon that will decide its eventual destination.

THIS AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME

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.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lochee United	20	15	2	3	45	27	47
Linlithgow Rose	20	11	4	5	40	26	37
Glenrothes	22	10	5	7	43	35	35
Bonnyrigg Rose	22	11	2	9	42	36	35
Bo'ness United	22	10	5	7	37	35	35
Tayport	19	9	7	3	36	21	34
Bathgate Thistle	20	8	5	7	28	24	29
Carnoustie Panmure	20	6	6	8	29	33	24
Arniston Rangers	21	5	5	11	28	35	20
Oakley United	22	6	2	14	36	53	20
Camelon Juniors	22	4	7	11	30	43	19
Thornton Hibs	22	4	4	14	34	60	16





This Afternoon's Match Officials

REFEREE

John McKendrick

John is first and foremost a fan of Junior football in Scotland, having spent more than a few summer nights in his formative years watching the Buffs (Kilwinning Rangers) play out their fixtures at the end of each season. He became the black sheep of his family when he took up refereeing instead of gracing the left side of midfield, but given a severe lack of ability as a player, it seems to have been the right decision. His brother Scott played Junior for Maybole, Dalry, Troon, Hurlford and Darvel, while father Hugh turned out for Cambuslang Rangers in the dim and distant past. John's children Lauren (16) and Corrie (11) don't share his passion for football. This is John's seventh season as a referee in the Juniors, during which time he has officiated at almost 275 matches. His Junior Cup record includes refereeing three Quarter-Finals, assisting at two Semi-Finals and being 4th Official in 2001/02 Final. John refereed the Junior International between Scotland and the Republic of Ireland earlier this season. He has never had the pleasure of refereeing Lochee United, but this afternoon's final will be the eighth time he has been involved in a Scottish Junior Cup tie with Tayport. When he is not refereeing, John is a Lecturer at Glasgow Caledonian University.



Euan C Norris

Aged 27, Euan is a strategic analyst with Scottish Power. Apart from refereeing, his hobbies include golf and walking. Is a member of the Lanarkshire Referees Association and commenced refereeing in 1997, gaining promotion to the Senior List of Referees in 2001. Prior to becoming a referee in 1988, he played Junior Football with Carlisle Rovers FC, but only for one season. In his schooldays, he was selected for the Lanarkshire Schools Football Association team who were runners-up in the Scottish Schools Cup Final. Officiated at the O.V.D. Cup Semi Final between Linlithgow Rose and Bo'ness in season 2002/2003 and was an assistant in last year's O.V.D. Cup Final. He lives in Blackwood, Lanarkshire near Lesmahagow.

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Steven Nicholls

Aged 35, Steven is a vehicle technician with Taggarts Motor Group. Has been a member of the Lanarkshire Referees Association since 1995 and has officiated at Junior level for the past six years. In addition to refereeing the Tayport v Renfrew semi-final last month, he has also been involved in two previous O.V.D. Cup semi-finals - Auchinleck Talbot v Renfrew Juniors in 2001 and Bo'ness United v Linlithgow Rose in 2003 and was on the line in last season's final as well. Earlier in his career, he was in the middle for the Scottish Amateur Cup Final. This is his second season as Class 1 (Category 2) official. Married to Buddy, he has two daughters, Stefanie and Byrony.



Alan Boyd

Aged 35, Alan is a business control manager for IBM UK Ltd. Started refereeing in 1991 in the Paisley & District Amateurs Youth League, having previously played juvenile and amateur football. Progressed to the Scottish Amateur Football League and then into the Central Junior League. Recent appointments this season have included the semi-final of the West of Scotland Cup between Beith and Troon, and the Fourth Official at the SFA Youth Cup Final held at Hampden between St Mirren and Celtic earlier this month. Hobbies include long distance running (5 marathons completed in last 18 months).

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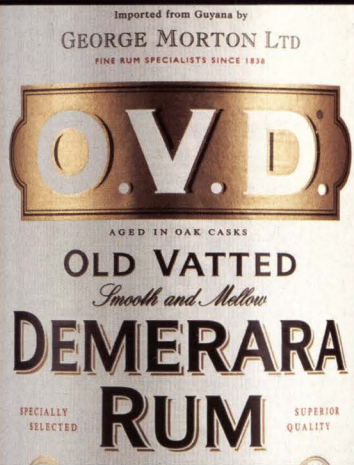


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