O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup Semi-Final



RENFREW v TAYPORT



Friday 22ND April 2005 LOVE STREET, PAISLEY Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

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RENFREW F.C.

Colours: Blue & White striped jerseys; Blue shorts and blue socks

> Derek SCRIMGOUR John HAMMOND Michael BROGAN Colin CLARK Jim OUIGLEY Robert CUTHBERT Alan COLSH John MCLAY Billy McLAFFERTY **Gordon SMITH** Alan PRENTICE Mark CAMERON John PEACOCK Mark ANDREWS **Raymond DUNNE James ROSS Andy KENNA** Kenny McQUADE **Neil FARQUHARSON** Michael HARVEY Ian SHEARER John THOMSON

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the end of ninety minutes, ther
30 minutes extra-time will be
played and if that fails to
determine the winner, the
match will be decided by the
taking of penalty kicks.

TAYPORT F.C.

Colours: Red jerseys; White shorts and white socks

Frazer FITZPATRICK

Duncan BRUCE 2 Scott PETERS **3 Grant PATERSON** 4 John WARD 5 Derek WEMYSS. **6 Lloyd YOUNG** 7 Allan RAMSAY **8 Steven STEWART** 9 Ralph HUNTER 11 Sean CHRISTIE 12 Roberto MORRIS 13 Barry McNAUGHTON 14 Gareth DAILLY 15 Ross GUNNION 16 Gary MIDDLETON 17 Robbie HENDERSON 18 David REILLY 19 Brian LIVIE 20 Gordon (Gus) MALONE

MANAGER - Keith Burgess
ASSISTANT MANAGER - Stewart
Williamson
COACH - Derek Carr
PHYSIO - Norrie Marshall

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ASSISTANT MANAGER - Billy Peacock

COACH - Colin Lindsay PHYSIO - Ally Cameron

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THIS EVENING'S PROGRAMME

Tonight's programme has been produced by Peter Rundo, 4 Crawford Avenue, Gauldry, Newport-on-Tay. DD6 8SG on behalf of the Scottish Junior Football Association.

The editor would also like to extend his thanks to the officials of all the semi-finalists for their ready and willing assistance in compiling this programme and in particular Stewart Davidson and John Barr of Renfrew and Abbie Oswald and Keith Burgess of Tayport.

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Welcome to this evenings O.V.D. Cup tie between Renfrew and Tayport. It promises to be a thrilling encounter with a place in the O.V.D. Cup Final at stake. O.V.D. would like to offer their congratulations to both of the teams on reaching the penultimate round and wish them the very best of luck. With a place in the final up for grabs we are sure to see a competitive cup tie full of the thrills & spills of Junior football. There have been a few remarkable games already in this season's O.V.D. Cup, so let's hope the semi-finals live 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.

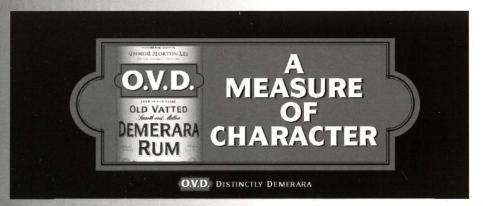
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GEORGE THOMSON,
Managing Director for William Grant & Sons Scottish Sales





From the Secretary

At the outset of October, the long journey to the final of this season's O.V.D. Cup Final began and for Renfrew and Tayport that is now just one step away.

After an all East Region affair at this stage last season, this year has brought an east-west split with Lochee United having beaten Maryhill in last Friday's first semi-final, with their opponents coming from the winners of

tonight's clash between Renfrew and Tayport.

And this year there could well be more at stake than just the most sought after trophy in Junior football.

Discussions are ongoing with the SFA to include the winners of the O.V.D. Cup in the Scottish Cup next season along with the champions of the three Super Leagues.

For Lochee United it is the first time that they have made it to the final, but that is not the case for tonight's competing clubs with both Renfrew and Tayport having won the trophy since the start of the new millennium.

Renfrew won the trophy four years ago in their third final and haven't had long to wait for another bite at the cherry. Meanwhile, Tayport may be one of the youngest clubs in the Junior game, but they are very much old hands when it comes to the latter stages of this competition, this being their seventh semi appearance since first entering in 1990, having won it twice, the most recent occasion being two years ago. So there is an awful lot at stake for the two clubs this evening. Of course, the Scottish Junior Cup has been richly enhanced over the past 16 seasons by the sponsorship from 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. Indeed, that support extends by a further year after this season. I feel that is a great vote of confidence for the junior game and reflects the continued importance and popularity of the O.V.D. Cup competition throughout the country. I am delighted that St Mirren Football Club with whom

and assistance in helping us stage tonight's game.

And finally, to the officials, players and supporters of both clubs, I would like to congratulate you on reaching this stage of the competition and, as usual, would repeat the Association's plea for a highly sporting contest.

we have had a very good relationship over the years were able

opportunity to thank their officials for their ready co-operation

to accommodate us this evening and would like to take this

Everyone appreciates just how much is at stake, but play hard, but fairly, must be the message.

Enjoy the game and may the best team win.

TOM JOHNSTON
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The Scottish Junior Cup Semi-Finalists



RENFREW F.C. YEAR FORMED: 1912



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Scottish Junior Cup Winner 200/01 Runners-up 1916/17 1961/62 Central League Division One

1991/92
Central League Division 'A'

Scottish Junior League Div One 1914/15 1915/16 Central League Cup

1945/46 1963/64 1971/72 1981/82 War Fund Cup 1917/18 Victory Cup

1918/19 Renfrewshire Cup

1916/17 1917/18 1919/20 1926/27 1931/3232 1932/33 1940/41 1942/43 1945/46 1965/66

Renfrewshire Consolation Cup 1923/24 1932/33 1949/50 1951/52 Kirkwood Shield

1919/20(Shared) 1924/25 1933/34 1936/37 1962/63 Renfrewshire-Dumbartonshire Cup

1930/31 1945/46 1948/49 1957/58 1958/59 Elder Cottage Hospital Cup 1945/Erskine Hospital Charity Cup 1955/56 1960/61 1962/63 1974/75

A BRIEF HISTORY

Renfrew were formed in 1912, two years after the previous Junior club, Renfrew Victoria, went defunct.

The early years of the club saw the semi-finals of the Scottish Junior Cup, reached several times - in 1914,1918,1933,1936, 1947 and more latterly 1978 and of course 2001. The final has been reached three times, in 1917, 1962 and 2001 with the latter being the first time the name of Renfrew appeared on the trophy.

In 1917, they didn't concede any goals on the way to the final, and it was only by a single goal that the final itself was lost, and this after a replay. It was also after a replay in 1962 when Rob Roy were the victors.

However May 2001 saw Renfrew win their first "Scottish" after defeating Carnoustie Panmure in the final at Firhill Park in Glasgow. After a tense 90 minutes of regulation time and 30 minutes of extra time, Renfrew won the match on penalties with captain Neil Shearer scoring the winner. The final itself wasn't the greatest spectacle but the manner in which Renfrew made it through to the final showed them to be worthy Champions.

Over the years, the club has been relatively successful, winning most of the trophies open to them, with a number of additional runners-up placings in cup finals and league competitions. The one main exception to the trophy cabinet is the West of Scotland Cup, though they did reach the final in 1991, losing 1-0 to Largs Thistle.

In more recent years, the club spent the 1990's flirting between the divisions, even spending a single season in the old Central Second Division. before being relegated in two successive seasons in the middle of the decade.

By the close of season 2001-02 Renfrew, found themselves facing life in the new West of Scotland Superleague First Division and it was only in 2004 that they were promoted to the new Premier Division. Despite a great start to the season, league form since then has been very patchy and at present they find themselves in bottom place. However, with the successful cup runs, they have a number of games in hand over all the other sides and will be looking to start picking up points over the last weeks of the season and avoid a drop down after only one season at the top.

The club would like to thank all their sponsors and advertisers this season who have helped contribute to the successes and the team being here tonight.

RENFREW



JOHN THOMSON

Veteran goalkeeper, 41 years of age, he has been with the club since 2001 after many years at Maryhill. He actually returned to Maryhill for a few weeks at the start of this season before coming back

DEREK SCRIMGOUR

27 years of age, he joined last summer from Queens Park and was previously with St Mirren for several years. First choice goalkeeper this season and selected for Scotland junior international trial earlier this season.

JOHN HAMMOND

Reliable defender, who is now one of the longest serving players at the club, he has made over 200 appearances to date since 1999 and is rarely missing from the teamsheet. Previously with Petershill, whom he joined from Stanley Amateurs. He was a member of their OVD Cup winning side in 2001.

MICHAEL BROGAN

Signed from Beith in 2002 and was previously with Johnstone Burgh. An instant hit, sweeping the boards at the club player of the year awards in his first season, he is another constant fixture in the teamlist.

JIM QUIGLE

Fast approaching his testimonial season, having joined the club as a teenager from Ayr United. A Renfrew boy, his father also played and was formerly a coach at the club. Has matured as a player with age and has been captain for most of the season.

NEIL FAROUHARSON

Longest serving player at the club and another approaching his testimonial season, he has only returned to the team earlier this month after a long period of injury. A firm favourite due to his consistency, he was previously with Johnstone Burgh and Dundee. Approaching 250 appearances at Western Park.

MARK CAMERON

Signed last summer after many years at Kilwinning Rangers, where he was their club captain. Has a Cup winners medal from his time at Abbey Park from their 1999 triumph over Kelty Hearts. The defender was once on Hearts books, but joined Rangers from Dalry Thistle.

MICHAEL HARVEY

In his third season after playing for Renfrew Under 21s. Has played a number of games each season without fully establishing himself as a regular in the team.

COLIN CLARK

In his second spell, having returned in 2001 after many years at Rob Roy. In the somewhat dreaded utility category, as evidenced by him playing in a number of positions during the current campaign.

ANDY KENNA

Joined from Dunipace in 2002. Has impressed with his tenacity and enthusiasm in midfield, whilst regularly finding the way into shooting positions.

JOHN MCLAY

Despite being a Renfrew boy, he came to Western Park from Johnstone Burgh whom he joined from Clyde in 1997. Appeared for in Burgh's unsuccessful cup final appearance in 2000 against Whitburn. This is his second season with Renfrew.

ALAN COLSI

Also in his second term, having signed after making an appearance against Renfrew as an impressive trialist for Benburb. He is a goalscoring midfielder.

MARK ANDREWS

Anther ex-Johnstone Burgh man, he moved to Western Park in 2002. Affectionately known as Chesney by some of the support, he has made appearances in just over half the games this season

ALAN PRENTIC

Previously played in Iceland and with St Mirren and Albion Rovers, from where he joined Renfrew five years ago. Has scored some impressive goals. Another local lad, he figured in Frew's 2001 OVD Cup triumph.

KENNY MCOUADE

First season at the club, having previously played with county rivals Neilston. Son of former Arthurlie manager and one time Renfrew player, Jim McQuade, he has been out injured recently for a spell.

ROBERT CUTHBERT

Third season at the club after moving up from Hillwood Boys Club Under 21s. Second top scorer this season with nine goals.

JAMIE ROSS

Now in his ninth year with the club, after signing from Lesmahagow. Has been in and out of the team the last couple of years, but always gives everything.

BILLY McLAFFERTY

The veteran striker is actually in his third spell at Western Park spanning over a decade and a half. Previously at Maryhill, he will, however, miss tonight's game due to injury.

CORDON SMITH

First season at club and has scored 20 goals to date, half of them in August alone. Previously had spells at Bolton Wanderers and Livingston.

JOHN PEACOCK

In his fifth year, having signed from Largs Thistle. Was previously with St Mirren and Queens Park Rangers and is another survivor of the 2001 and cup-winning squad. He is a long throw expert.

RAYMOND DUNNE

Another in his first season, he previously played in Ayrshire with Kilbirnie Ladeside, but is yet another with past Johnstone Burgh connections.



MANAGER - Mick Dunlop Appointed manager in 1999, he had been a coach at Johnstone Bugh for several years and played for Dumbarton, Stenhousemuir and Queen of the South as well as at junior level with St Anthonys, Benburb, Larkhall thistle where he also had a spell as manager.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - Billy Peacock

Joined at same time as Mick Dunlop. Formerly played with various clubs and was manager of Benburb and coached at Johnstone Burgh

COACH - Colin Lindsay

Played with Renfrew in the 1980s before signing for Airdrieonians. He returned to the club last January after two-years managing local rivals Johnstone Burgh

PHYSIO- Ally Cameron

Has been club physio for most of the last 30 years, with the odd spell away





RENFREW'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

1st rd - 2nd October Forres Thistle (Logie Park, Forres) Won 2-1

Scorers - McQuade, Colsh Team – Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Cameron, Quigley, McQuade, Kenna, Colsh, McLafferty, Cuthbert (Subs used - Harvey, McLay) (Subs not used - Shearer, Thomson, Farquharson

2nd rd - 6th November Livingston United (Station Park, Livingston)

Scorers - Dunne 2, Quigley, Smith Team - Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Cameron, Quigley, Harvey, Kenna, McLay, Dunne, Ross, Colsh. (Subs used - Andrew, Clark, Smith) (Subs not used - McQuade, Thomson, Farquharson)

3rd rd - 4th December St Anthonys (McKenna Park, Glasgow) Scorers - Quigley, Dunne, Smith (pen) Team - Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Cameron, Quigley, Kenna, Peacock, McLay, Dunne, Smith, Prentice. (Subs used - Ross, McLafferty, Cuthbert) (Subs not used - Clark, Thomson)

4th rd - 15th January **Dunipace (Western Park, Renfrew)**

Scorers - Smith 2 (1 pen), Prentice, Kenna, Cuthbert Team – Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Cameron, Peacock, Harvey, Kenna, McLay (Ross), Smith, Cuthbert, Prentice. (Subs used - Clark, Andrews) (Subs not used -Ross, Colsh, Thomson)

5th rd - 12th February Linlithgow Rose (Prestonfield, Linlithgow)

Team - Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Cla rk, Quigley, Colsh, Kenna, McLay, Smith, Cuthbert, Prentice. (Subs used – Ross, McLafferty) (Subs not used -Peacock, Andrews, Thomson)

5th rd replay - 19th February Linlithgow Rose (Western Park, Renfrew) Won 4-2

Scorers - Smith 2, Cuthbert, McLafferty Team – Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Clark, Quigley, Colsh, McLay, Kenna, Prentice, McLafferty, Smith. (Subs used – Ross, Cuthbert) (Subs not used - Harvey, McQuade, Thomson)

Quarter Final - 12th March Pollok (Newlandsfield Park, Glasgow)

Scorers - McLay, Prentice, Smith Team - Scrimgour, Hammond, Brogan, Clark, Quigley, Cuthbert, Colsh, McLay, McLafferty, Smith, Prentice. (Subs used - Cameron, Peacock, Andrews) (Subs not used - Dunne, Thomson)



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TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE SEM-FINAL

1st rd - Bve

2nd Rd - 6th November Formantine 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)

3rd Rd - 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)

4th rd - 15th January Beith (Bellsdale Park, Beith) Won 2 - 0

Scorers - Wemyss, Henderson Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ramsay, Wemyss,

Henderson, Stewart, Dailly, Gunnion, Middleton. (Subs used - Hunter, McNaughton, Livie) (Subs not used - Reilly, Bruce)

5th rd - 12th February **Glenafton Athletic (Canniepart, Tayport)**

Drew 0 - 0 Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss,

Dailly, Stewart, Gunnion, Middleton, Henderson. (Subs used - Hunter, Livie, McNaughton) (Subs not used - Reilly, Bruce)

5th rd replay - 19th February Glenafton Athletic (Loch Park, New Cumnock) Drew 0-0 (Won 5-4 on penalties)

Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss,

McNaughton, Stewart, Hunter, Gunnion, Middleton. (Subs used - Henderson, Christie, Dailly) (Subs not used - Livie, Bruce)

Quarter-final - 12th March Lugar Boswell Thistle (Rosebank Park, Lugar)

Scorers- McNaughton, Peters 2, Middleton Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Paterson, Ward, Wemyss,

McNaughton, Stewart, Gunnion, Middleton, Henderson. (Subs used - Hunter, Dailly, Reilly)

(Subs not used - Livie, Bruce)





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Ashfield*
* Won 5-4 on penalties
Beith Juniors
Camelon
* Won 3-1 on penalties
Montrose Roselea
Auchinleck Talbot

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TAYPORT F.C. YEAR FORMED: 1947



Tayport DD6 9DX Telephone Number 01382 553670

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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 winners 2003/03 Runners-up2003/04 Tayside League Division 1/Premier League Champions 1991/92, 1992/1993, 1993/94, 1994/1995 1995/96, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

Tayside League Division 2 Champions 1990/91 Zamoyski/Centenary/Concept/NCR Winners 1991/92, 1994/1995, 1999/00, 2001/02, 2002/03.

Taycars Trophy 1998/99, 1999/2000 Cream of the Barley Trophy

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Scoring Club) 1990/91, 1991/92, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1997/98, 1998/99, Albert Herschell Trophy Winners (Premier Champions v Division 1 Charlity Trophy) 1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1998/93, 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 Polex 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



FRAZER FITZPATRICK

Aged 34. First choice keeper is in his fifth season with 'Port since signing from Montrose. Has made over 200 appearances and is a Junior Internationalist.

DUNCAN BRUCE

Left Tayport and had a season full-time with Dundee United in his gap year after leaving school in Dundee. The 20-year-old keeper re-joined Tayport on taking up a place at Edinburgh University where he is studying business accountancy. Farmed out to Kinnoull last season.

SCOTT PETERS (Squad No.2)

Aged 32. Plays in defence or midfield and wears his heart on his sleeve with some inspirational performances since signing from Arbroath FC in February 2001. Has an electrical contractor's business in his hometown of Kirriemuir.

GRANT PATERSON (Squad No.3)

Aged 37. 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 737 games including seven OVD Cup semi-finals, ten league championships medals and international caps.

JOHN WARD (Squad No.4)

Aged 27. A colossus at the heart of the Tayport defence since joining from Lochee United in September 2000. Like teammates, Morris and Peters, is in the pool for the Scottish Junior FA's International Tournament in Glasgow later this month. Had Senior experience with Arbroath FC.

DEREK WEMYSS (Squad No.5)

Aged 25. Can play equally well in defence or midfield and has the knack of scoring vital goals. Signed in 2000 from Riverside Athletic, he has been unlucky with injuries. A fire fighter with the Fife Brigade.

LLOYD YOUNG (Squad No.6)

The 19-year old midfielder is the club's most recent signing, joining from Raith Rovers last month after just over two years at Starks Park. Made a never-to-beforgotten debut against Oakley, scoring with literally his first touch.

ALLAN RAMSAY (Squad No.7)

A stalwart since his transfer from Carnoustie Panmure in 1995 and has been a pulse at the heart of the Tayport midfield during the most successful spell in the club's history. A Scottish Junior Internationalist, aged 32, he is a plant hire

STEVEN STEWART (Squad No.8)

'Chiel', as he is affectionately known, has played over 400 games for the club since joining up at The Canniepairt from NCR Amateurs in 1994 In his second spell with Port, having had a couple of seasons Senior with East Stirling and Montrose. Aged 32, Works in the lamily joinery Dusiness.

RALPH HUNTER (Squad No.8)

Striker 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. His Tayport career has been blighted by injury but has scored 19 times in 40 starts (plus 35 sub apps). Aged 31, he is

SEAN CHRISTIE (Squad No.11) (24).

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.

ROBERTO MORRIS (Squad No.12)

Stylish defender in his third season at The Canniepairt after joining from Forfar Athletic. A member of the Scotland Junior squad for the International Tournament in Glasgow at the end of April. A buyer with Texol Technical

BARRY MCNAUGHTON (Squad No.13)

Midfield player with 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 (Squad No.14) (25)

Started his career with Dundee United. Moved on to Montrose via Bankfoot before signing for Tayport in March 2001. Versatile player who possesses a wicked free kick. Aged 25, he is a Sports Development Coach.

ROSS GUNNION (Squad No.15)

One of two Perth based players at the club. The 25-year-old full back signed from Bankfoot Athletic in August 2001. Has appeared in two Scottish Junior Cup Finals for 'Port, but only finished one, after rather harshly being the recipient of two yellow cards in the win over Linlithgow in 2003. A quantity

GARY MIDDLETON (Squad No.16)

Former Manager Dave Baikie's last signing for the club from Dundee Violet in August 2004. 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

ROBBIE HENDERSON (Squad No.17)

23 year-old striker from Perth who joined Tayport from Montrose FC at the start of this season. His relatively slight frame belies his strength on the ball and fierce shooting ability.

DAVID REILLY (Squad No.18)

Legendary status at the Canniepairt. Holds the goalscoring record with over 350 goals since joining from Lawside FP amateurs in 1990. Looked as if the 40-year-ld 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. OVD winner in 1996 and runner-up in 1995 and 1997. Build 1997.

BRIAN LIVIE (Squad No.19)

The big defender or midfield player has been a revelation since he joined in the close season from Forfar Albion. The 22-year-old has a great engine and attitude, though work commitments can affect his availability.

GORDON (GUS) MALONE (Squad No.20)

Now 44, he 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, Carnoustie and North End before returning to the Canniepairt after a break of 22 years. His attitude to the game is a great example to the younger players. Lorry driver.

MANAGER



Keith Burgess - Great experience in the Junior game Armed from Glenrothes last October to replace Dave Baikie. 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. Works

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Stewart Williamson - Vast experience in the game after over 500 senior games for Meadowbank, Livingston and Cowdenbeath. Moved to Oakley United where he was a member of the 2000 Fife Juniors Championship team. Later teamed up with Keith at the Warout Stadium before arriving at Tayport with

Derek Carr - Great experience of the Junior game, particularly locally, Derek has been at Tayport since 2001. Formerly worked with Dave Baikie at Arbroath FC but previously at Lochee United and Arbroath Sporting Club. Was assistant manager at Lochee when they reached the 1995 OVD semi. Facilities Coordinator with Dundee Council's Education Department.

Norrie Marshall - Another key member of the club's back room squad. In his fourth season at Tayport. Formerly with Dundee Violet, Norrie works in Dundee Council's Education Department.



RENFREW'S ROUTE TO THE LAST FOUR



It has been a strange few months at Renfrew with postponements and cup-ties seeing few league games. At one point, it seemed that the only games for months were in the OVD Cup.

The first three ties were all away from home and latterly, the two cup favourites were dispatched in some style.

The first game was back in October up in Forres and after the long journey, it was the home side that went ahead on a cold crisp day before Kenny McQuade equalised and Alan Colsh edged the winner with only seconds left. That wasn't the end of the drama for the day though, as the team bus hit a boat (which had came off a trailer) on the journey home!!

The journey for the second round was a little shorter, travelling the M8 to Livingston. It took only two minutes for Raymond Dunne to open the scoring and it never looked to be anything but a Renfrew win after that, as Dunne added another with Jim Quigley and Gordon Smith adding to the tally.

The journeys were getting shorter, as the third round saw only a three mile trip to play St Anthonys. Down 2-1 and with only ten men, two goals in the last ten minutes secured a hard fought victory. Jim Quigley scored the opener before being later shown a second yellow card. Thankfully, Raymond Dunne and Gordon Smith, with a late penalty kick, gave a narrow victory in a pulsating cup tie.

The visit of Dunipace to Western Park early in the New Year surprised many with the result, with the Stirlingshire side going well in their league campaign at the time. It was an emphatic win with four different players getting on the scoresheet – Alan Prentice, Andy Kenna, Robert Cuthbert and a Gordon Smith brace.

Few gave Renfrew a chance against Linlithgow in the fifth round, as the teams met for the second time in two seasons. The first match in the east saw a goal-less draw celebrated by the visiting fans, whilst the home manager was very bitter about the result. The replay a week later looked to see Renfrew down and out, being 2-0 down just before half time. Gordon Smith pulled one back just on the break and in the second period, the visitors, who had went 21 games undefeated, were rocked by goals from Robert Cuthbert, Gordon Smith and veteran Billy McLaffertv.

And so to the quarter final. Again, few gave Renfrew a chance against the latest cup favourites. By half time, a John McLay was all that separated the sides. On the hour mark, a fine goal from Alan Prentice doubled the lead. The last ten minutes were worth the admission money alone as first, Gordon Smith made it 3-0 but an all-out attack from Pollok in the final five minutes saw them score twice and be unlucky not to force a replay.

Tonight? With Tayport as cup favourites, anything could possibly happen. And with Renfrew's season to date, anything is likely to happen!

	R	ENFREW RESULTS 2004-05	5 63 6 5						
(HOME FIXTURES IN BOLD)									
Date	Comp	Opponent	Result						
Aug 4	Sec LC	Johnstone B	2-0						
Aug 7	Sec LC	ARTHURLIE	5-1						
Aug 9	Sec LC	Pollok	2-2						
Aug 11	Sec LC	ST ANTHONY'S	4-0						
Aug 14	Sec LC	BENBURB	3-1						
Aug 21	Sec LC	Neilston	4-3						
Aug 23	Sec LCPO	Neilston	1-0						
Aug 28	SPL	Arthurlie	5-2						
	Sec LCQF	SHOTTS BA	3-3*						
(* Won 4	-3 on penalti	es)							
Sept 4	SPL	BELLSHILL ATH	2-1						
Sept 11	SPL	Glenafton Ath	0-4						
Sept 18	WC1	POLLOK	1-1						
(* Won 4-3 on penalties)									
Oct 2	OVD1	Forres Thistle	2-1						
Oct 9	SPL	TROON	2-1						
Oct 16	SPL	Kilwinning R	1-2						
Oct 23	WC2	KILSYTH R	1-0						
Oct 30	SPL	POLLOK	2-2						
Nov 6	OVD2	Livingston Utd	4-0						
Nov 27	SPL	CUMNOCK	1-6						
Dec 4	OVD3	St Anthony's	3-2						
Dec 18	SPL	Maryhill	1-2						
Jan 15	OVD4	DUNIPACE	5-0						
Feb 5	SPL	Pollok	1-2						
Feb 12	OVD5	Linlithgow Rose	0-0						
Feb 19	OVD5R	LINLITHGOW R	4-2						
Mar 5	SPL	JOHNSTONE B	1-3						
Mar 12	OVD6	Pollok	3-2						
Mar 19	WC3	LANARK UNITED	2-1						
Mar 26	Away	Kilwinning R	0-1						
Apr 2	SPL	Bellshill Athletic							
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STAGECOACH PREMIER LEAGUE

Johnstone Burgh

Apr 16 SPL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Pollok	18	12	4	2	33	17	40	
Arthurlie	16	10	1	5	30	16	31	
Larkhall Thistle	17	9	3	5	31	25	30	
Cumnock	19	8	3	8	46	39	27	
Maryhill	13	7	3	3	22	15	24	
Bellshill Athletic	18	7	3	8	26	20	24	
Glenafton Athletic	16	5	4	7	24	25	19	
Auchinleck Talbot	13	4	5	4	20	22	17	
Johnstone Burgh	17	4	4	9	20	38	16	
Kilwinning Rangers	18	3	6	9	24	40	15	
Troon	14	2	6	6	19	27	12	
RENFREW	13	3	2	8	18	29	11	

TAYPORT'S TREK TO THE SEMI'S



TAYPORT RESULTS 2004-05 (HOME GAMES IN BOLD) Opponent

Date	Comp	Opponent	Result
Aug 14	W&MERSL	BO'NESS UTD	1-2
Aug 21	W&MERSL	Arniston Rangers	
Aug 28	W&MERSL	BONNYRIGG R	1-1
Sept 4	W&MERSL	Thornton Hibs	3-3
Sept 11	Dugout1	Jeanfield Swifts	4-2
Sept 18	W&MERSL	LOCHEE UNITED	3-0
Sept 25	W&MERSL	Oakley United	
Oct 2	W&MERSL	Bo'ness United	
Oct 9	W&MERSL	Bathgate Thistle	1-0
Oct 16	W&MERSL	CAMELON	0-2
Oct 23	W&MERSL	Carnoustie Panmure	0-0
Oct 30	W&MERSL	Linlithgow Rose	
Nov 6	OVD2	FORMARTINE U	6-1
Nov 13	W&MERSL	GLENROTHES	5-1
Nov 20	Redwood1	St Andrews Utd	2-0
Nov 27	W&MERSL	Bonnyrigg Rose	3-1
Dec 4	OVD3	ST ANDREWS U	3-0
Dec 11	W&MERSL	THORNTON HIBS	1-0
Dec 18	W&MERSL	ARNISTON R	1-0
Jan 8	W&MERSL	Lochee United	3-4
Jan 15	OVD4	Beith	2-0
Jan 22	North End1	ARBROATH SC	1-0
JAN29	KIA1	Dundee Elmwood	0-1
Feb 5	Dugout2	Fraserburgh	3-1
Feb 12	OVD5	GLENAFTON A	0-0
Feb 19	OVD%R	Glenafton Athletic	0-0*
* Won 5-4	4 on penalties		
Feb26	Redwood2	DUNDONALD	4-0
Mar 5	Dugout3	GLENTANAR	3-0
Mar 12	OVDQF	Lugar Boswell Th	4-1
Mar 19	W&MERSL	OAKLEY UNITED	2-1
Mar 26	W&MERSL	Camelon	5-1
April 2	Dugout4	KINNOULL	3-2 *
April 9	W&MERSL	Glenrothes	3-1
April 16	Redwood3	MONTROSE R	1-0

WHYTE & MACKAY EAST REGION SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	-	A	Pts	
Bo'ness United	18	10	5	3	33	26	35	
TAYPORT	19	9	7	3	28	22	34	
Lochee United	14	10	2	2	30	19	32	
Bonnyrigg Rose	19	10	2	7	39	32	32	
Linlithgow Rose	17	9	4	4	34	22	31	
Glenrothes	18	7	5	6	35	29	26	
Bathgate Thistle	17	6	5	6	25	22	23	
Carnoustie Panmure	19	5	6	8	27	32	21	
Camelon Juniors	21	4	7	10	28	41	19	
Oakley United	19	5	2	12	31	46	17	
Thornton Hibs	21	4	4	13	32	57	16	
Arniston Rangers	16	3	5	8	22	25	14	

By comparison to previous campaigns, the northeast Fife based club have had a comparatively straightforward advancement to their seventh semifinal appearance, though it hasn't been without its hiccups.

Yet, Formartine United whom they met in the second found after receiving a bye in the first came to the Canniepairt with something of a reputation.

Leaders of the North Region, but an early strike settled Tayport setting up a very comfortable afternoon as they cruised to a 6-1 victory.

Two week before they met St Andrews in round three, the pair had clashed in the university town in the Redwood Leisure with Tayport triumphing 2-0.

As it was a local derby, this turned out to be a good oldfashioned cup-tie and even with home advantage, it took a long time for Keith Burgess' side to break them down.

Gary Middleton eventually made the breakthrough and from thereon, there was only going to be one winner!

A tie in Ayrshire is never an easy proposition especially when there is personally rivalry involved, Tayport gaffer Keith Burgess being a personal friend of Denis Gray, the Beith manager and who was previously the Scotland Junior boss.

There was a blow for The 'Port when John Ward was unfit, but his deputy, Derek Wemyss, as it turned out was the visitors trump card.

In addition to performing in sterling fashion at the back, the defender also got the vital opener and a second goal from Robbie Henderson five minutes later killed the tie stone dead.

Draw for the last sixteen brought Glenafton to Tayport, the side that had defeated them in their first final appearance twelve years earlier.

It was always going to be a tough tie and that was proved with 180 minutes of football failing to produce a goal.

However, it has to be said, Tayport had the better chances in the first game and were the better side in the Loch Park replay.

Scott Peters did miss a glorious opportunity to decide the tie shortly before penalties came into play.

With Tayport scoring five out of five in the shoot-out and the home side missing one, it was by the narrowest of margins that saw the visitors progressed.

Having said that despite it being decided on the lottery of penalty kicks, Tayport deserved to go through.

The quarter-final draw handed 'Port a third Ayrshire trip to Lugar Boswell Thistle and with the roadworks on the A77, a journey from hell.

The team bus only arrived twenty minutes before kickoff, leaving the Fifers virtually now time for a warm-up. Indeed, they were caught cold as they promptly lost a goal in the very first minute.

However, Barry McNaughton cancelled that out within two minutes. In an action-packed start, John Ward scored from the spot after ten minutes, but his second was saved after a re-take was ordered because of encroachment.

Not that 'Port let that worry them and Gary Middleton and a brace from Scott Peters saw Tayport through to this stage and tonight endeavouring to become the first side since Auchinleck Talbot in the mid-eighties make it through to a third successive final.



Scottish Junior Cup Semi Snippets

TAYPORT HOPING FOR SIXTH SEMI SUCCESS

As mentioned elsewhere in this programme, Tayport are tonight contesting their seventh semi-final and looking to book

OVD SCOTTISH

JUNIOR CUP

SEMI-FINAL

AUCHINLECK

TALBOT

TAYPORT

Partick

Thistle

IRHILL STADIUM

GLASGOW

their sixth appearance in the final in twelve years.

The programme for Tayport's appearance in the semis in 1993

Indeed, so far they have only once failed to get past the penultimate hurdle losing to Linlithgow in the 2002 semi at Almondvale, but quickly gaining revenge by beating them the following year in the final!

STREET REPEAT

RENFREW HOPING FOR A LOVE

On the other hand Renfrew's record in trying to reach the final when on the threshold has been much more numerous, but much less

Nine previous attempts have remarkably only brought three final appearances.

In 1917, they defeated Cambuslang 3-1 at Firhill, but lost to St Mirren Juniors in the final.

The Programme for Renfrew's 1962 semi win

Then in 1962, they overcame Newburgh again at Firhill before falling to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy in the final.

The only other semi success was four years ago when they ousted Auchinleck to go all the way and beat Carnoustie in the final for the time that they have taken the title.

And how they would dearly love a repeat of that this evening.

SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCES

By reaching this season's last four Lochee United join the list of clubs to have made three or more appearances at this stage and for them it was third time lucky after beating Maryhill to make it through to the final for the first time ever. All the others are old hands at this with Maryhill having made no less than twelve appearances at this stage, a record that only five clubs

Yet, strangely they haven't reached the final since 1940, the year that they last won it, and after

losing out to Lochee United last week, will have to wait another year.

Renfrew, too are dab hands at this, because they are appearing at the penultimate stage for the tenth time, but have only those three wins to their credit.

By contrast, given that Tayport have only played in the competition fifteen times, their record of having now reached the last four on seven occasions now is a truly remarkable record of

consistency. The full list of all the clubs who have made more than three appearances, including this season, is as follows:-

18 - Cambuslang Rangers

14 - Petershill 13 - Ashfield, Auchinleck Talbot, Parkhead

12 - Maryhill

SCOTTISH JUNIOR

CUP

RENFREW V. NEWBURGH

10 - Arthurlie, Irvine Meadow X1, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Renfrew 9 - Pollok

8 - Benburb, Bo'ness United, Burnbank Athletic, Kilbirnie Ladeside Glenafton,

Bailleston. Blantyre Vics, Kilwinning Rangers, Larkhall Thistle, Tayport

6 - Bonnyrigg Rose, Darvel, Glasgow Darvel. Perthshire, Johnstone Burgh, Linlithgow Rose, Newtongrange Star, Strathclyde, Whitburn

5 - Broxburn Athletic, Cumnock, Rutherglen Glencairn, Shettleston, Vale of Clyde 4 - Ardeer Thistle,

Arniston Rangers, Carnoustie Panmure, Rangers, Lesmahagow, Harp, Shawfield, St Lochee Harp, Shaw Anthony's, Yoker Athletic

Ardrossan Winton Rovers, Armadale Thistle, Blantyre Celtic, Burnbank Swifts, Camelon, Carluke Rovers, Clydebank, Denny Hibs, Duninace Duntocher Hibs, Duntocher

Glenrothes. Lochee United. Penicuik, Port Glasgow, Renfrew Vics, Shotts Bon Accord, St Roch's,

ONE PREVIOUS MEETING

Today's semi finalists have met in the O.V.D. Cup on one previous occasion.

That was a fifth round meeting in 2002 when it finished 1-1 at Western Park. Jamie Ross on target for Renfrew, Brain Craik getting the Tayport equaliser.

In the replay a week later at The Cannipairt on Saturday 16 February, a Derek Wemyss (pictured) scored the only goal of the game to take the Fife side through.

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Since the war, Bo'ness United hold the distinction of recording the biggest win in the semi-final. They defeated Lanark United 5-0 in

1976, but Pollok equalled that score against Blantyre Vics in 1997 at Adamslie Park, Kirkintilloch - the last semi to be staged away from a senior ground.

However, the biggest ever winning margin in any semi-final was way back in 1900 when Maryhill beat Holytown Thistle 8-1 on their way to the first of their two triumphs in this tournament, and, no other club since, has had as comfortable a passage to a final as that.

RECORD CROWD

The distinction of playing in front of the highest crowd to watch a semi falls to Bo'ness United and Renfrew. That was for their replay on 10th May 1947 when their Saturday evening Hampden Park meeting drew a remarkable crowd of 54,114. Rather remarkable, when you consider that due to bad weather only 3,000 had turned up for the first match at Easter Road!

FIRHILL FINAL

This season's final is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 29th May at Firhill Stadium.

This will be the seventh successive season that Partick's ground has staged the final.

Having said that if Tayport are successful this evening then serious consideration will be given to a change of venue as it would set up an-all Tayside Region final.

If, however, Renfrew are successful, then the final will definitely be staged at Firhill.



LOVE STREET'S 19th SEMI

Whilst McDiarmid that staged the other semi was being utilised for only the second occasion, such occasions at Love Street have been regular occurrences.

First of these was way back in 1911 and was an elongated affair between Petershill and Ardrossan Winton Rovers. The Glasgow side eventually won through 1-0, but only at the fourth attempt with the first three all ending in draws (1-1;

1-1 & 2-2). A year later and the Peasev were back at Love Street, but only after they had been held to a 2-2 draw by Kilburnie Ladeside at Ibrox. Again Petershill got through winning the replay 2-1. The choice of Love Street for the meeting of Renfrew and Parkhead in 1918 led to a quite extraordinary state of affairs. The first game ended in stalemate. Both sides wanted the replay to be staged at Ibrox,

chosen as the venue for the replay which was also drawn. The SJFA then decided on Ibrox for the third meeting, which was only two days before the final was due!

but Love Street was again

The upshot was that both sides refused to play resulting in the officials of the two clubs being suspended sine die.

However, the suspensions were lifted at the end of the season.

but it was Petershill who lifted the cup as they were awarded it after beating St Mirren Juniors at the third time of asking in their semi!

Four years later in 1922, Kilwinning triumphed 2-0 over Cambuslang Rangers in the fourth semi to be staged here. And two years later, Baillieston beat Auchinleck Talbot by the only goal of the game. Twelve months later. Saltcoats gained revenge for Ayrshire with a 2-1 win over Shettleston. The last time for many a year

penultimate round was in 1931 when Burnbank Athletic defeated the quaintly named, and now very much defunct, Rothesay Royal Vics. Nearly half a century elapsed before another semi-final was staged here, 1978 to be moiré precise and Stonehouse Violet

that Paisley played host to the

reached the final after their 3-2 defeat of Renfrew. Just three years later, Pollok and Forth Wanderers required two goes before settling their differences, Pollok winning the

replay 1.0. Then in 1983, Pollok were losers as East Kilbride Thistle beat them 3-1. Two years on and Petershill

ousted Darvel in 1985. Glenafton and Arthurlie attracted no less than 7,192 for their semi in 1994 with the Loch side outfit winning 4-0. Twelve months later, Whitburn denied Glenafton a third

successive place in the final, winning 3-1.

The ground was back in use twelve months later with the Camelon and Pollok tie decided in the Falkirk club's favour, but only after a penalty shoot-out after 120-goalless minutes. Arthurlie won likewise in 1998, but after sharing four goals with Kilwinning in open play and there was a repeat a year later when the two met again. However, this time Kilwinning went through when Gerry Peline scored the only goal of the game.

It was back to penalties in 2000 as Johnstone Burgh won through against Shotts Bon Accord after it finished 2-2. The last semi-final to be staged here came in Renfrew's last year of triumph with the Western Park outfit edging through against Auchinleck Talbot thanks to Andy Morrison's penalty and that was the only goal of the game.

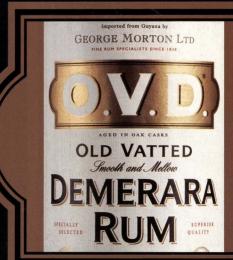


Action from the last semi at Love Street between Renfrew v Auchinleck in 2001.

Whilst Renfrew are obviously no strangers to Love Street, though this is Tayport's seventh semi appearance in twelve years and despite this ground has been used regularly in recent years, this will in fact be their first visit

Previous venues for Tayport's penultimate ties have been Firhill, Fir Park (twice), Almondvale, Broadwood and last year Stark's Park when they defeated Glenrothes who were then managed by Keith Burgess who'll be in the Tayport dug-out





A MEASURE OF CHARACTER



DISTINCTLY DEMERARA