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





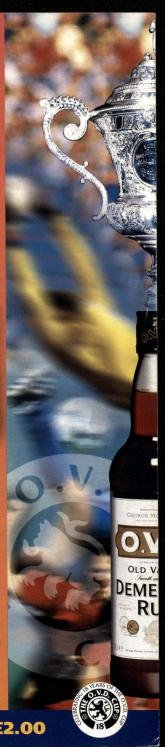


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## The Scottish Junior Cup Semi-Final



#### TAYPORT F.C.

Colours: Red jerseys; black shorts and red socks

Frazer FITZPATRICK **Duncan BRUCE** Scott PETERS Grant PATERSON Craig BROWN **Derek WEMYSS** Lloyd YOUNG Allan RAMSAY Steven STEWART **Martin GRANT** Ronnie KENNETH **Duncan McLEAN** Roberto MORRIS **Barry McNAUGHTON Gareth DAILLY** Ross GUNNION Robbie HENDERSON **Bryan DUELL Brian LIVIE Gus MALONE** 

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the end of ninety minutes, the
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determine the winner, the
match will be decided by the

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#### **AUCHINLECK TALBOT F.C.**

Colours: Black & gold striped jerseys; black shorts and black & gold topped socks

> **Stuart McINTOSH Greg HENRY** John TRAYNOR Derek ANDERSON **Gavin COLLINS** Liam McVEY James LATTA **David GILLIES** Stuart DAVIDSON Colin SPENCE **Bryan SLAVIN Neal GILMOUR** Jim LEITCH Stephen MALLAN **Gary ROBERTSON** Stuart ROBERTSON John BOYLE **Bryan YOUNG** Craig FEROZ

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PHYSIO - Stephanie McLymont

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**MANAGER - Keith Burgess** 

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- Stewart Williamson

COACH - Derek Carr

**PHYSIO - Norrie Marshall** 

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ASSISTANT REFEREE No. 2 – Steven Crichton

FOURTH OFFICIAL – Ricky Smith

#### TONIGHT'S MATCH BALL

The SJFA would like to thank MITRE for providing the match ball for tonight's semi-final.

#### THIS 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 the two semi-finalists for their ready and willing assistance in compiling this programme and in particular Abbie Oswald of Tayport and Henry Dumigan of Auchinleck Talbot.

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## **Sponsors Welcome**

Welcome to this evenings O.V.D. Cup tie between Tayport and Auchinleck Talbot.

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 18 years, in what is one of football's longest domestic sponsorships. It is with some sadness that this will be our last as sponsor of Scottish Junior footballs flagship event but we are secure in the knowledge the game is in safe hands given the passion and support for Junior football evident in The SJFA, the Junior Clubs and the communities which support Junior football all across the country.

#### Junior Football's Number One Supporter

As a supporter of Scottish Junior Football, you'll know that O.V.D. has been involved with the game for many years.

But do you know about the history of O.V.D. Rum?

Did you know for example, that O.V.D. (which stands for Old Vatted Demerara) was first imported to Scotland from Guyana over 150 years ago in 1838?

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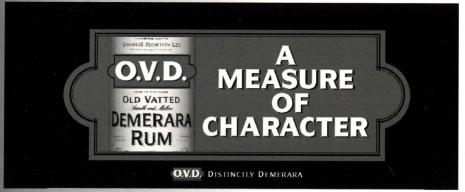
However its popularity was also recently recognised at the International Wine and Spirits competition where it was awarded a Gold Medal – the only dark rum to receive one.

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## From the Secretary



Welcome to Firhill Stadium for the second of this season's O.V.D. Junior Cup semi-finals. Like last season, it is an east-west split, but whilst last season, it was Tayside against Central region, this year East take on Ayrshire.

Last week Bathgate Thistle kept the East Region flag flying by overcoming Irvine Meadow, winning by the odd goal in the in extra time. Tonight it is the turn of Tayport who meet Auchinleck Talbot for a place in the final on Sunday, May 21.

This is really a clash between the present

masters of this tournament and the recent past masters.

Between them the pair have lifted the trophy eight times in the last twenty years.

Auchinleck have won it five times the last occasion being in 1992.

Meanwhile Tayport have lifted the trophy three times and are, of course, the holders, having beaten Lochee United 2-0 in last year's final.

Indeed, such is the pedigree of these two clubs that one or other of them has been in the final for the past four years with Tayport aiming to make it a remarkable four on the trot!

After their stranglehold on this competition in the eighties and nineties, Talbot's grip may have weakened, but they have still appeared in one final and one semi in the last decade.

But the sleeping giant has wakened from its slumbers since new manager Tommy Sloan took over and that should make for a very fascinating tie as they try to eliminate the team that has taken on their mantle as masters of this competition in recent years.

There is an awful lot at stake for the two clubs this evening with part of that coming from the sponsorship of O.V.D.

The Scottish Junior Cup has been richly enhanced by their sponsorship for 18 years.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end and this is the last season in which we will have their support.

That said, I would like to record the Association's huge appreciation for what has been one of the most enduring sponsorships in football.

I am delighted that Partick Thistle Football Club with whom we have had a very good relationship over the years were able to accommodate us this evening.

Their Chairman Brown McMaster and Club secretary Antonia Kerr have been co-operative in the extreme in allowing us to stage both semi-finals here.

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.

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.

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Scottish Junior Cup
Winners 1995/96, 2002/03, 2004/05
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Whyte & Mackay East Region Super League
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Tayside League Division 1/Premier League Champions
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1994/95

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1998/99, 1999/2000, 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 XIs. 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 opportune for 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 six Scottish Junior Cup Final appearances, with three wins, in 1996, 2003 and 2005. Six live TV appearances and sustained media spotlight has raised the profile of the 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



#### THE TAYPORT SQUAD

#### FRAZER FITZPATRICK

Aged 35, Frazer is very experienced with safe hands. His reliability is a tremendous help to the back four in front of him. In his sixth season with "Port since signing from Montrose. Made his 250th appearance last week v Carnoustie, although his appearances this season have been restricted by the form of Duncan Bruce. A Junior Internationalist. Maintenance engineer.

#### **DUNCAN BRUCE**

Age 21. Possesses great ability and agility he has been outstanding this season 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.

#### ROSS GUNNION

One of two Perth based players at the club. The 26-year-old full back who was signed from Bankfoot Athletic in August 2001 is finding his best form again after a mid season dip. A good tackler with pace, he is a back four regular. A quantity surveyor in Edinburgh.

#### GORDON (GUS) MALONE

He may be 46, 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, Cannoustie 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 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. Signed in 2000 from Riverside Athletic amateurs, he is 29 and a fireman in Fife, but brings a cool head to proceedings on the pitch.

#### ROBERTO MORRIS

Is club captain and in addition to being a very stylish defender he has a termendous will to win – a potent mix. In his fourth season at The Canniepairt after joining from Forfar Athletic, he was a key member of Scotland's Junior squad which won the International Tournament in Glasgow at the end of last season. A bure with Texol Technical Solutions, he is 26.

#### **GRANT PATERSON**

The success enjoyed by the left-back since he joined 'Fort from amateur football in the club's inaugural season back in 1990 is unlikely to be surpassed. He is closing in on 800 appearances, including 101 in the Scottish Cup, which have brought him ten league championships medals and international caps. If he plat broight it will be an eighth OVD Cup semi-final appearance. Pattle, now 36, is the most experienced player, but his form rarely dips, performing at a consistently high level.

#### **BRIAN LIVI**

Big defender or midfield player has been a revelation in several positions since he joined in August 2004 from Forfar Albion. Aged 23, 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.

#### TEVEN STEWART

'Chiel' as he is affectionately known, has delighted Tayport fans with his level of consistency and even at 33, he is still playing as well as he ever has with same astonishing energy. Played over 450 games for the club since signing from NCR 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-forded, he carves out chances galore and has over 80 goals, including many spectacular OVD efforts, to his credit. Junior Internationalist.

#### LLOYD YOUNG

The 20 year old midfielder joined from Raith Rovers last season after just over two years at Starks Park. A confident and silky midfield player with a powerful shot in his armoury. Came on as substitute in last season's Tannadice win over Lochee United.

#### SCOTT PETER

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, including the winner v Clydebank in the quarter final and a couple v Bathgate the other week. Aged 33, he can also figure in defence. Signed from Arbroath FC by Andy Sommerville in February 2001. Has an electrical contractor's business in his hometown of Kirriemuir.

#### ALLAN RAMSAY

Has oozed professionalism since his transfer from Carmoustie Panmure in 1995 and is our midfield general. A Scottish Junior internationalist aged 33. Last season was to be his last, but after several months twiddling his thumbs, the lure of the game was too great and returned to training, regained his place and has been an important cog in the Port team during the last four months.

#### BARRY MCNAUGHTON

Very versatile, Barry can play in five or six positions, but never complains no matter he's asked to play, just so long as he gets a jersey. 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 25 yearold 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 26, he is a Sports Development Coach.

#### ROBBIE HENDERSON

The 24 year-old striker from Perth who joined from Montrose at the start of last season had a dream debut season, scoring one of the goals which accounted for Lochee United in last season's final. His relatively slight frame belies his strength on the ball and fierce shooting ability that makes him a big threat to opposition defender.

#### CRAIG BROWN

In the face of stiff competition, the 20 year-old midfielder has made 10 appearances, most of which have been from the bench, since signing for 'Port at the start of the season following an injury blighted spell as a youngster with Alloa. Currently studying at University in Dundee.

#### MARTIN GRANT

Midfield player fixed up from Cowdenbeath in August having previously been Junior with Glenrothes. Previous to that he had a short spell at Stenhousemuir following three seasons as a full time player at Coventry City where he was a teammate of Craig Bellamy and John Hartson. Barney is a welding inspector in Methil.

#### RONNIE KENNETH

The 32 year-old striker is cup tied and unavailable tonight, having moved to the Canniepairt from Carnoustie during the window. This is his second spell with Tayport. Has a tremendous goal ratio of 76 goals in 83 games.

#### **DUNCAN MCLEAN**

Signed from Montrose FC during the window in part exchange for 2005 OVD Cup goal hero Gary Middleton. The 22 year-old striker was previously with Arbroath and Dundee for whom he played in Europe, playing against Perugia in Italy in the UEFA Cup.

#### **BRYAN DUELL**

In his first season with Tayport, 24 year-old Bryan can play equally well in defence or attack. Signed from Forfar West End, Bryan previously wore the colours of North End, Carnoustie Panmure and Broughty Athletic. Has scored three goals in this season's OVD campaign.

#### MANAGER

**Keith Burgess** - Tayport boss Keith Burgess has great experience in the Junior game and arrived from Glenrothes in October 2004.

Played for Hearts and seyeral Junior clubs including Linlithgow, Penicuik and Haddington before moving to Whitbuhur where he honed his managerial skills 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 in Edinburd.





#### TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

1st rd - Bye

2nd Round - 5th November Kello Rovers (The Cainniepairt, Tayport) Won 3-0

Scorers - Duell, Henderson 2 Team - Bruce, Morris, McNaughton, Gunnion, Middleton, Young, Henderson, Duell, Grant, Knox, Livie. (Subs used - Paterson, Dailly)

(Subs not used - Brown, Stewart, Malone) 3rd Round - 3rd December

Sauchie (Beechwood Park, Sauchie) Scorers - McNaughton, Stewart, Henderson, Stone own goal Team - Bruce, Morris, Paterson, McNaughton, Dailly, Middleton, Gunnion, Stewart, Grant, Duell, Livie. (Subs used - Young, Henderson)

(Subs not used - Wemyss, Knox, Fitzpatrick) 4th Round - 14th January Renfrew (The Canniepairt, Tayport) Won 1-0

Scorer - McNaughton Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Morris, McNaughton, Wemyss, Dailly, Ramsay, Stewart, Middleton, Duell, Livie. (Subs used - Grant, Gunnion) (Subs not used - Young, Malone, Bruce)

5th Round - 11th February Arthurlie (Dunterlie Park, Barrhead) Won 6-2

Scorers - Peters, Duell 2, Dailly 2, Henderson Team - Fitzpatrick, Peters, Morris, McNaughton, Wemyss, Dailly, Ramsay, Stewart, Duell, Livie, McLean. (Subs used - Young, Henderson, Gunnion) (Subs not used – Malone, Bruce)

6th Round Quarter Final - 11th March Clydebank (The Canniepairt, Tayport) Drew 1-1

Scorer - Stewart

Team - Bruce, Peters, Morris, McNaughton, Wemyss, Dailly, Gunnion Stewart Duell Livie McLean (Subs used - Henderson, Malone) (Subs not used - Paterson, Young, Fitzpatrick)

6th Round Quarter Final Replay - 18th March Clydebank - (Glenhead Park, Duntocher) Drawn 1-1 Won 3-1 on penalties

Team - Bruce, Peters, Morris, McNaughton, Wemyss, Young, Ramsay, Dailly, Gunnion, Henderson, Livie. (Subs used - Grant, Duell) (Subs not used - Paterson, McLean, Fitzpatrick)





OVD cup semi-finalist managers were on hand to promote the forth coming matches between Auchinleck Talbot v Tayport and Irvine Medow v Bathgate. LR Tommy Sloan (Auchinleck), Chris Strain (Irvine), Keith Burgess( Tayport) and Willie Hill (Bathgate).





#### AUCHINLECK TALBOT'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

1st rd - Bye

2nd Round - 5th November **Dundee Violet (Beechwood Park, Auchinleck)** Drew 1-1

Scorer - Gillies (pen) Team - McIntosh, Latta, Traynor, Leitch, Collins, Spence, Davidson, Slavin, Gillies, Mallan, Gilmour.

(Sub used - Boyle) (Subs not used - Young, Anderson, McVey, G Robertson)

2nd Round Replay – 12th November Dundee Violet (Glenesk Park, Dundee) Drawn 1-1 Won 4-3 on penalties

Scorer - Spence Team - McIntosh, Latta, Traynor, Anderson, Collins, Spence, Davidson, Slavin, Gillies, Mallan, Leitch. (Subs used - Gilmour, Henry) (Subs not used - Boyle, Young, McVey)

3rd Round - 5th December Forth Wanderers (Beechwood Park, Auchinleck) Won 7-0

Scorers - Mallan 2, G Robertson 2, Anderson (pen), Leitch, Henry

Team - McIntosh, Henry, McVey, Anderson, Collins, Spence, Davidson, Leitch, Robertson, Mallan, Latta. (Subs used - Boyle, Young, Gillies) (Subs not used - Traynor, G Robertson)

4th Round - 14th January Glasgow Perthshire (Keppoch Park, Possilpark) Won 4-0 Scorers – Gilmour, Spence, Boyle 2

Team - McIntosh, Latta, McVey, Anderson, Collins, Spence, Young, Slavin, Gillies, Mallan, Gilmour. (Subs used - Boyle, G Robertson) (Subs not used - Traynor, Davidson, S Robertson)

5th Round - 11th February Fauldhouse United (Park View, Fauldhouse) Won 4-0

Scorers - Latta 2, Spence, G Robertson Team - McIntosh, Henry, McVey, Anderson, Collins, Spence, Davidson, Slavin, Boyle, Mallan, Latta. (Subs used - Gilmour, Young, G Robertson) (Subs not used - Leitch, Gillies)

6th Round Quarter Final - 11th March Bo'ness United (a) Tie awarded to Auchi







## The Scottish Junior Cup Semi-Finalists



#### **AUCHINLECK TALBOT F.C.**

Formed: 1909



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President - Morton Wright Vice-President - Hugh Muir Secretary - Henry Dumigan Treasurer - David Loy Lottery Manager - Morton Wright jnr

Team Manager - Tommy Sloan Assistant Manager - Alan McLuckie Physio - Stephanie McLymont

Scottish Junior Cup

1949/50, 1985/86, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1990/91, 1991/92

West of Scotland Cup Winners 1947/48, 1978/79, 1979/80, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1983/84, 1987/88, 1993/94, 1996/97

Ayrshire Cup Winners 1919/20, 1938/39, 1955/56, 1978/79, 1979/80,

1981/82, 1982/83, 1987/88, 1993/94, 1996/97, 2004/05 Jackie Scarlett Cup

1977/78, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1992/93, 1997/98 Ayrshire District Cup 1980/81, 1982/83, 1984/85, 1988/89, 1991/92,

1980/81, 1982/83, 1984/85, 1988/89, 1991/92 1995/96, 1996/97 Ayrshire Division One Champions

Ayrshire Division One Champions 1977/78, 1978/79, 1979/80, 1985/86, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1991/92, 1994/95, 1996/97 National Dryboro Cup

1986/87 **East Ayrshire Cup (CDV Cup)**1990/91, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1996/97, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2001/02

Ayrshire Consolation Cup 1930/31 Moore Trophy 1947/48

Irvine District Cup 1947/48 Vernon Trophy

1954/55 Western League Cup 1947/48, 1949/50

Super Cup 1993, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000

#### **A Brief History**

Formed in 1909, Auchinleck Talbot, until recently, was a focal point in the local mining community. Having joined the Cumnock District League initially, that body soon found itself in trouble and after only playing two league games in 1911-12, the 'Bot were left to chase trophies in knock-out competitions and fairly successfully, winning three that season.

There was no league affiliation for the Beechwood Park side until 1919 when they joined the stronger Irvine District League, but Talbot failed to complete their programme and the following season joined the South Ayrshire League.

By 1931, and in the wake of the intermediate dispute, that league had shrunk to seven clubs. In addition, 'The Depression' was taking its toll. Indeed two years earlier, the club had tried to shut down because of a lack of finance.

Aware that the South Ayrshire League wasn't going to survive, Auchinleck, along with Kello and Glenafton applied for membership of the Western League, but didn't gain admission until 1933.

Success came after the outbreak of war when they were Southern Section champions in 1940 and 1948.

In that latter season they became a real force, also capturing the Western League Cup, Irvine District Cup, The Moore Trophy and most significantly, the West of Scotland Cup, beating Blantyre Celtic in the final.

A year later, even grander status prevailed when the 'Bot battled their way to the 1949 final of the Scottish Junior Cup for the very first time. Although Petershill were clear favourites - Talbot were 3-1 against - Talbot created an upset by winning 3-2 after what was described as one of the best ever finals.

Although the club had a purple patch around then it wasn't until the appointment of manager Willie Knox in 1977 that Auchinleck really emerged as one of Scotland's top sides.

By the mid-eighties, Talbot were a real powerhouse, completing a hat-trick of Scottish Cup triumphs and making it five wins in eight years by emphatically defeating Glenafton in the 1992 final.

The remarkable Knox era ended in 1995 when Dennis Gray took over and although the club reached the semi-final in his first season and again in 2001, Talbot had a ten year wait to reach a seventh final in 2002. They lost out to Linlithgow Rose then, but now under boss Tommy Sloan, the 'Bot are back in business with a bang and looking to make it a record breaking seventh success in the Scottish.

## **AUCHINLECK TALBOT**



#### THE AUCHINLECK TALBOT SQUAD

#### STUART MCINTOSH

"Tosh" is the longest serving 'Bot player having signed from Kilwinning Rangers in 1997. The keeper has been capped by Junior Scotland and also played for Maybole, Queen of the South and Ayr United. He was in the side that lost to Linlithcow Rose in the 2002 final.

#### GREG HENRY

Full-back signed from Troon in 2004. The 30-year old defender previously played for Saltcoats Victoria.

#### JOHN TRAYNOR

The veteran defender began his career with Celtic, making four first team appearances before joining Clydebank in 1989. Moved to Ayr in 1991 and was a Somerset stalwart for nine seasons turning Junior with Talbot six years ago. He was 39 last December and uses his vast experience to the great benefit of his colleagues.

#### DEREK ANDERSON

Paisley-born defender who began his career with Morton but it was from Kilwinning Rangers that he signed for Kilmarnock in 1994. Spent four seasons Rugby Park before joining Ayr United. Had brief spells at Hibs and Harflepool United, returning north to join Morton, Alloa, Queen of the South and Stirling Albion completed his senior circuit. The 33-year-old signed for Talbot two years ago.

#### GAVIN COLLIN

Signed from Darvel Juniors, the 22-year-old is a highly rated central defender.

#### IAM McVEY

of all the players to have played for Partick Thistle during the 1990's, nobody was on the park for a shorter period than Liam. A late substitute against Stranaer at Firhill in November '99, the final whistle sounded just seconds after Liam entered the field of play – it was his only appearance for the Jags. The defender left Firhill at the end of that season and joined Clydebank. During his two terms as a Bankie, he spent a month on loan to Queen's Park before signing for Airdrie United for their first campaign in the league. Was only there a season and joined Clenatfon before switching to arch rivals Talbot in 2004. Despite that he is still only 23.

#### JAMES LATTA

The 21-year-old Kilwinning born midfielder was signed from Ayr United in 2004. He spent three seasons at Somerset Park after graduating from Ayr United BC and made eight first team appearances for The Honest Men.

#### **DAVID GILLIES**

The highly rated 23-year-old striker was originally a midfielder, but shone as a striker in the last three months of last season when he bagged an incredible 17 goals. Signed from Irvine Vics in 2004, he was previously with Northampton Town and Irvine Meadow.

#### STUART DAVIDSON

The Glasgow-born midfielder began his career with Kilmarnock and had loan spells with Queen of the South, Alloa and Airdrie. However, Queen of the South were his last club before teaming up with Talbot from Troon Juniors in 2003. He is 27 years old.

#### COLIN SPENCE

A midfielder, he was signed from Gretna two years ago. Joined the Raydale Park club to 2003 from Bonnyton Thistle, but made just the one first team appearance. Born in Irvine he is 22 and in his second season at Beechwood Park.

#### **BRYAN SLAVIN**

The 27-year old midfielder began his career with Dalry Thistle, but joined Morton in 1996 and made 40 appearances for the Cappielow club over four seasons. Signed for the 'Bot in 2000, he left to join the police, returning three years later.

#### NEAL GILMOUR

The attacking midfielder moved to Ayr United last season, but played only four first team games. Made a swift return to Talbot when he re-signed in June last year. Born in Newton Mears. he is 23 years old.

#### JIM LEITC

Aged 21, he is a striker who was signed from Catrine Amateurs in 2004 and was once on Hibs books.

#### STEPHEN MALLAN

Vastly experience striker who enjoyed an enduring senior career of fourteen years. That started with Clyde in 1989 whom he stepped up to from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, After four seasons with The Bully Wee, he moved on to Queen of the South with whom he spent seven seasons. Thereafter he had spells with Arbroath, Forfar (on loan), Stilling Albion, Stenhousemuir and Dumbarton. Returned to the Junior ranks with Glenatton where he was co-manager before his switch to Beechwood. Even at 39, he is still very much a regular in the side.

#### **GARY ROBERTSON**

Twenty-one-year-old striker, he was signed from Glenafton last year. Prior to that he was on Albion Rovers' book in the 2003-04 season, but made only a sub appearance for the Cliftonhill men.

#### STUART ROBERTSON

'Bot's deputy keeper is only 21 and was signed from Queen of the South last year. Was freed by the Dumfries club last May, but answered an emergency pre-season call before fainly leaving the Dumfries club after four seasons in which he made just one substitute appearance.

#### JOHN BOYLE

A 19-year-old striker who was signed from Raith Rovers at the start of the season, He made 20 appearances for the Fife club in his two years at Starks Park, but spent the second half of last season on loan to East Fife, playing ten times for the Methil outfit.

#### **BRYAN YOUNG**

Kilmarnock-born midfielder or striker, aged 18 who was signed from Ross County in 2005 last year, having made just two sub appearances for the Dingwall club.

#### CRAIG FEROZ

Much-travelled striker, he was signed from Bathgate Thistle during last January's transfer window. First spotted by Brechin City playing for Glentannar Kyle in 1994, was farmed out to Culter and Lewis United. After four seasons at Glebe Park, he moved to Livingston in 1998, and also had loan spells at both ends of the country with Stranser and Ross Country. Then had spells with Striling Albion, Queen of the South, Berwick Rangers and Arbroath before entering the junior ranks in 2003.

#### MANAGER

Tommy Sloan - Joined from Ardrossan Winton Rovers in October 2003. Started out at Annbank United, but enjoyed a long career as a senior with Ayr United, Kilmarnock, QOS and Stranraer, finishing his Junior playing days with Kilwinning Rangers. He took over at Beechwood Park in autumn 2003.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER

**Alan McLuckie** - Joined from Troon Juniors 2004, as a player he was on the books of Rangers, Kilwinning Rangers and Annbank United.

#### PHYSIO

Stephanie McLymont - Joined from Troon Juniors in 2004.





## PREVIOUS O.V.D. ENCOUNTERS

Like last week's semi-final, there have only been two previous pairings between Tayport and Auchinleck Talbot.

And similarly to Bathgate Thistle and Irvine Meadow, one team has twice come out on top and not conceded a goal.

But whereas, only one of the other two's clashes were in the penultimate round, Tayport and Auchinleck Talbot are meeting for the third time at this stage.

#### **TAYPORT THE UNDERDOGS**

The Fife club were very much new kids on the block when the pair first confronted each other thirteen years ago.

It was Auchinleck's seventh semi in ten years, whilst Tayport, in what was only their third tilt at this competition were making their debut in the last four.

Just how powerful the Ayrshire team were at that time can be gauged from the fact that they were remarkable seeking their second hat-trick of Junior Cup triumphs in eight competitions.

#### HAMISH THE HERO

On Friday, April 30, 1993, The Canniepairt outfit stunned their much-fancied opponents by winning 3-0 at Firhill.

The hero that evening was Hamish Mackay, bagging a hattrick for Dave Baikie's side, who then went on to lose 1-0 to Glenafton in the final.

Tayport weathered an early storm as Talbot's Michael Possee hit the post and bar with headers.

However, against the run of play, the Fifers took the lead in eight minutes when Dave Reilly was pulled down in the box by Ross Findlay, and Hamish Mackay slotted home the resultant spot-kick.

That scoreline stood at half-time, although the 11-0 corner count in favour of Auchinleck showed the Ayrshire side's dominance.

It was a different story after the break, however, as 'Port began to take a grip of proceedings and they doubled their advantage in 66 minutes when Mackay headed home a Jackie Devine cross.

The victory was secured eight minutes from time when Man-of-the-Match Mackay shot low into the corner of the net.

**Tayport:** Mann; P. Reilly, Paterson (Cushnie), Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Coventry (Lamont), Mackay, D. Reilly, Devine.

Auchinleck Talbot: Wilson; Gemmell, Heatherington, Findlay, McCulloch, Dick (McDonald), Pirie, Lyden (Adams), Mills, Possee, Thomson.

#### TAYPORT TRIUMPH AGAIN

Fir Park was the venue as the two locked horned again on Friday, April 12, 1996.

Even although, this was only their sixth entry to the competition, the Fife newcomers already had an impressive O.V.D. pedigree and they were to take that to the ultimate that year.

Once again, it was Tayport who triumphed, winning 2-0



thanks to goals from Stevie Ross and Stevie Stewart one of there survivors in their ranks tonight.

Grant Paterson and Allan Ramsay being the others.

The Fife outfit then went on to win the trophy for the first time, beating Camelon 2-0 after extra time in the Fir Park final.

Urged on by 1800 fans in the 3016 crowd, Tayport dominated the first half and two Stevie Stewart efforts were well saved by Wilson.

The Fifers deservedly went in front three minutes before the break.

A surging run down the right flank by Grant Miller ended with the full-back trying his luck at goal. Wilson could only parry the effort and Stevie Ross squeezed the ball home.

Talbot came more into things after the interval and Fraser Mann had to be at his best to keep out efforts from Shanaghey and Lindsay.

But 'Port stunned the men from Ayrshire with a wonder goal to seal the tie in the 67th minute.

Stewart picked up the ball in the middle of the park and, from all of 35 yards, crashed an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Auchinleck Talbot: Wilson; McCulloch, Lindsay, McCorriston, Lee, MacDonald, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, K. Paterson, Thomson. Subs: R. Paterson, Ellis, McGuire.

**Tayport:** Mann; Miller, Paterson, Spalding, Nicholson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Stewart, Mackay, Reilly, Ross. Subs: Gray, Henry, Maher.

## Scottish Junior Cup Semi Snippets

#### SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCES

Only Cambuslang Rangers outrank Auchinleck Talbot who have now drawn level with Petershill with tonight's tie with Tayport, their fourteenth at this stage.

By reaching this season's last four Irvine Meadow X1 have made the seventh most appearances with 11. By contrast, given that Tayport have only played in the competition sixteen times, their record of having now reached the last four on eight occasions is a truly remarkable record of consistency.

Meanwhile, Bathgate have made it to the penultimate stage just once before and how ironic is that their last opponents at this stage in 1948 were Irvine Meadow!

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

- 18 Cambuslang Rangers
- 14 Auchinleck Talbot. Petershill
- 13 Ashfield, Parkhead 12 - Maryhill
- 11 Irvine Meadow X1
- 10 Arthurlie, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Renfrew
- 9 Pollok
- 8 Benburb, Bo'ness United, Burnbank Athletic, Glenafton, Kilbirnie Ladeside, Tayport
- 7 Bailleston, Blantyre Vics, Kilwinning Rangers, Larkhall Thistle, **Tayport**
- 6 Bonnyrigg Rose, Darvel, Glasgow 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, Kilsyth Rangers, Lesmahagow, Lochee Harp, Shawfield, St Anthony's, Yoker
- 3 Ardrossan Winton Rovers. Armadale Thistle, Blantyre Celtic, Burnbank Swifts, Camelon, Carluke Rovers, Clydebank, Denny Hibs, Dunipace, Duntocher Hibs, Glenrothes, Lochee United, Penicuik, Port Glasgow, Renfrew Vics, Shotts Bon Accord, St Roch's, Tranent.

#### LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE?

The winners of this evening's tie could be on for a league and cup double.

Auchinleck have games in hand over both Pollok and Renfrew above them in the Stagecoach Super League and as they only trail by three points must have a good shout of taking the title.

Meanwhile, although Tayport look in a healthy position leading by five points and despite having beaten Bathgate two weeks ago, Bathgate - with four games in hand - are still favourites to lift East Region's top tile.

So now matter the make of the final, a league and cup double will remain a possibility.

#### Whyte & Mackay East Region Super League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Tayport	19	9	7	3	28	20	34	
Bathgate Thistle	15	8	5	2	20	14	29	
Hill of Beath H'thorn	19	8	5	6	29	26	29	
Linlithgow Rose	19	8	5	6	32	31	29	
Carnoustie Panmure	20	8	5	7	32	32	29	
Whitburn Juniors	16	8	3	5	26	16	27	
Bo'ness United	18	6	6	6	29	24	24	
Bonnyrigg Rose	15	7	1	7	29	25	22	
Arniston Rangers	19	5	5	9	30	44	20	
Lochee United	14	5	3	6	22	22	18	
Glenrothes	14	4	3	7	15	19	15	
Dundee North End	20	2	4	14	20	39	10	

#### Stagecoach Super League - Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Renfrew	19	10	4	5	35	25	34	
Pollok	18	9	4	5	36	24	31	
Auchinleck Talbot	16	9	4	3	32	22	31	
Cumnock Juniors	21	7	5	9	31	35	26	
Kilsyth Rangers	19	5	10	4	26	23	25	
Glenafton Athletic	20	5	9	6	22	21	24	
Shotts Bon Accord	16	6	5	5	31	28	23	
Bellshill Athletic	17	4	6	7	15	24	18	
Maryhill	16	4	5	7	20	24	17	
Arthurlie *	15	9	3	3	24	19	15	
Larkhall Thistle	18	2	8	8	25	34	14	
Johnstone Burgh	17	4	1	12	13	31	13	
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#### **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.

#### **FINAL VENUE STILL** TO BE DECIDED

This season's final is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 21st May. The venue, however, has still to be decided and will depend on the geography of the two finalists. The venues in contention are Rugby Park and Almondvale, Livingston, depending on who emerges from tonight's semi-final to meet Bathgate Thistle.

#### 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!

Although Irvine Meadow failed to win the trophy inn 1948 their cup campaign that season was watched by an aggregate of 221,500 spectators - a tournament record ! That was thanks to their thrice played semi-final against their opponents this year - Bathgate.

The ground record at Meadow Park is 13,470 who watched the Scottish Cup 5th round tie against Stonehouse Violet in 1949.

#### **PREVIOUS FIRHILL** SEMI-FINALS



Although Firhill has housed numerous finals recently, the incidence of staging semis has been less frequent.

Prior to this season, the last time was in 1998 when Maryhill met Pollok

Prior to that the last one involved Auchinleck Talbot and Tayport who contest tonight's semi.

That was in 1993, the last occasion that the same ground was used for both ties at the penultimate stage. Although Firhill was often the venue for Junior semis from just before the First World War until the last War. since 1945, Firhill hasn't figured nearly as regularly since then. Here is list of the post war semis.

1946 Polkemmet 3 Arthurlie 1 (Arthurlie protested and won the replay at Hampden 3-1) 1953 Annbank United 4 Arniston

Rangers 2 (After 2-2 draw) 1956 Lugar Boswell Thistle 3

Broxburn Athletic 2 1958 Shotts Bon Accord 2 Irvine

Meadow XI 1 1959 Irvine Meadow XI 2 Carluke

Rovers I 1960 Greenock Juniors 2 Ardeer Thistle O (After a 3-3 draw)

1962 Renfrew 4 Newburgh 0

1963 Glenafton Athletic 3 Bonnyrigg Rose 2 (After 1-1 & 2-2 draws)

1964 Cambuslang Rangers 2 Irvine Meadow XI 0

1967 Kilsyth Rangers 4 Carluke Rovers 3

1969 Cambuslang Rangers 2 Irvine Meadow XI 1

1972 Cambuslang Rangers 3 Johnstone Burgh 0



1973 Irvine Meadow XI 4 Fast Kilbride Thistle 1

1974 Cambuslang Rangers 2 Glasgow Perthshire 0

1977 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 2 Shettleston 0

1993 Glenafton Athletic 2 Lesmahagow 1

1993 Tayport 3 Auchinleck Talbot 0 1998 Pollok 3 Maryhill O

The programme for last week's semi-final:



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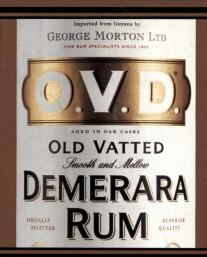
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#### GLASGOW SPRING FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR

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