

# **OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL**

**AUCHINLECK  
TALBOT**

**v**

**TAYPORT**

**Partick  
Thistle**

**FIRHILL STADIUM  
GLASGOW**

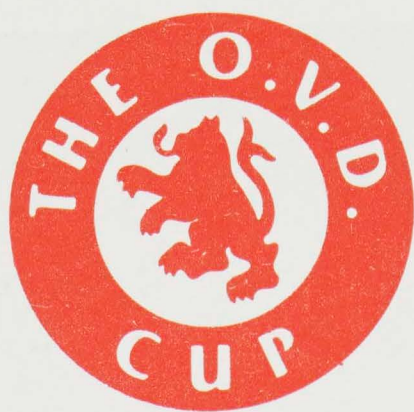


**FRIDAY  
APRIL 30th  
1993**

**Kick-off  
7.30 p.m.**

**Official Programme  
50p**





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## Secretary's Slant

*Firhill which housed last season's Final is this year not only again home to the OVD Cup Final on May 23rd, but is also playing host to both semi-finals.*

*We are took advantage of Partick Thistle's Premier Division clash against Aberdeen having being brought forward because of Scotland's World Cup Qualifying match in Portugal this week to stage the Glenafton v Lesmahagow semi-final on a Saturday. The other semi final goes ahead this evening.*



**Joe Black**

*The advantage to all the club's reaching the penultimate round is that they will have an opportunity of playing on the ground where the Final is to be staged next month.*

*Like the meeting of Glenafton and Lesmahagow tonight's clash is of two clubs heavily involved in the race for their respective League titles and promises to be an intriguing match between two clubs with vastly different cup traditions.*

*For Auchinleck Talbot, this is their seventh semi final in the last ten years and they are seeking their second hat-trick of Junior Cup triumphs in the last eight competitions.*

*By contrast their opponents are only competing in the Junior Cup for the third time, but have progressively improved each season to arrive at Firhill for their first ever semi final. They are reigning Tayside League Champions and look certain to retain that crown this season and have already several notable scalps in the cup to their credit and will undoubtedly prove opponents for the side who last year won the OVD Cup for a record sixth time.*

*I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing both sides the very best of luck in what I hope will be another match like Saturday's match which illustrated the quality of the Junior game.*

*Once again the Association's thanks must be extended to our sponsors OVD whose very welcome sponsorship of the Junior Cup now extends back some five years.*

*Finally, I must thank Partick Thistle for their assistance in allowing us to stage both semi finals and the Final of this year's competition on their ground.*

## PREVIOUS FIRHILL SEMI-FINALS

Although Firhill housed last year's OVD Final, this is the first year a semi-final has been staged at this ground for quite some time. Kirkintilloch Rob Roy v Shettleston in 1977 was the last semi final to be played here. Co-incidentally that same season Lesmahagow played Kilbirnie in the other semi and, of course, it was the same Ayrshire side which the Gow put out in a replay this season to make it through to last Saturday's tie. Although Firhill was often the venue for Junior semis from just before the First World War until the last War, since 1945, the ground hasn't figured nearly as regularly. Here is a list of all the post war semis.

1946 Polkemmet 3 Arthurlie 1 (Arthurlie protested and won 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 1

1960 Greenock Juniors 2 Ardeer Thistle 0 (After 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 East Kilbride Thistle 1

1974 Cambuslang Rangers 2 Glasgow Perthshire 0

1977 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 2 Shettleston 0







## AUCHINLECK TALBOT F.C.

Formed 1909

Ground **BEECHWOOD PARK**

Colours **BLACK & GOLD**

Alternative **BLUE & WHITE**

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### MAJOR HONOURS

*Scottish Junior Cup Winners*

1949, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992

*West of Scotland Cup Winners*

1948, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982,

1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989

*Ayrshire Cup Winners*

1920, 1939, 1956, 1979,

1980, 1982, 1983, 1988

*Scarlett Cup Winners*

1978, 1990, 1991

*Ayrshire District Cup Winners*

1981, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1992

*Ayrshire Division One Champions*

1978, 1979, 1980, 1986, 1987,

1988, 1990, 1991, 1992

*National Dryboro Cup Winners - 1987*

*CDV Cup Winners - 1991*

*Ayrshire Consolation Cup Winners - 1931*

*Moore Trophy Winners - 1948*

*Irvine District Cup Winners - 1948*

*Vernon Trophy Winners - 1955*

*Western League Cup Winners - 1948, 1950*

The Ayrshire club's phenomenal success during recent years has tended to obscure the fact that for the past 82 years Talbot have been a vital part of the local mining community. Formed in 1909 they joined the Cumnock District League in 1909, but two years later, that body found itself in trouble, playing only two league games before chasing no less than seven knock-out trophies in 1911-12, triumphing in three of them. There were no further league affiliation until 1919-20 when they joined the stronger Irvine District League. However, Talbot failed to complete their programme in the newly formed league and the following season joined the South Ayrshire League.

Talbot played away in the small local league oblivious to the growing dark clouds over junior football. In 1927 the intermediate dispute, which was a fall out between Junior and Senior clubs over the snatching of players, started. By the end of that dispute in 1931 the South Ayrshire League was down to seven clubs: Kello, Talbot, Cronberry, Glenbuck, Lugar, Glenafton and Cumnock. The depression was taking its toll, and already in 1929 Talbot had to shut down due to the lack of finance. Also in this year the mighty New Cumnock United went to the wall, but was replaced by Glenafton Athletic.

Seeing that the Southern Ayrshire League was in its last throes of death, Kello, Glenafton and Talbot applied to join the Western League.

In the 1932/33 season Talbot played a total of fourteen games, five of these friendlies. By the start of the 1933/34 season the Western League finally took a change of heart and admitted their southern cousins, who were joined by Cumnock the following year. Talbot's first year in the mighty Western League didn't bring them many friends when their fans rioted at Troon in a Moore Trophy Final. This led to more protests to remove the southern clubs but they were there to stay.

They were Western League Southern Section Champions in 1939/40 and 1947/48. In the latter season they also claimed the Western League Cup; Irvine District Cup; The Moore Trophy and most significantly their first triumph in the West of Scotland Cup against Blantyre Celtic.

A year later even greater achievement was to be theirs as they battled their way to the Final. Petershill were clear favourites. Talbot were 3-1 against, but 68,837 saw Talbot cause an upset and defeat Petershill 3-2. McKie (2) and Galloway were the Ayrshire marksmen in what has been described as one of the best ever Junior Finals.

Although now an established force, it wasn't until 1977 and the appointment of present manager Willie Knox that Auchinleck became so dominant. They were Ayrshire League Champions in three consecutive years and again in 1985/86 and 1986/87. Their West of Scotland Cup record bordered on the incredible with seven trophy wins between 1978 and 1986 and a National Dryburgh win over Bonnyrigg confirmed their right to the title of Scotland's kings of Junior football.

Of course, they were also in the middle of triumphs in the Scottish Junior Cup. In 1986 came the first of that treble, facing Pollok, another of the great names in the junior game, they repeated the 1949 scoreline by coming from behind to win 3-2 at Hampden. A year later at Rugby Park an all Ayrshire clash with Kilbirnie Ladeside ended 1-1, but Talbot won the replay 1-1 thanks to a John McCool free-kick. To achieve immortality and win the Cup for a third time, Talbot fittingly had to beat Petershill, their 1949 victims, in the 1988 Final. Again it was at Rugby Park and Tom McDonald scored the winner Linlithgow Rose and Hill O'Beath applied 5th Round KO's in 1989 and 1990, but Talbot won the trophy again in 1991 with a 1-0 win over Newtongrange Star and then comfortably won last year's all Ayrshire final, beating Glenafton 4-0 with Gordon Mills grabbing a hat-trick.

This season Auchinleck have been slow starters, but they have already won the Jackie Scarlett Cup, beating Irvine Meadow 4-2 on penalties in the final and are chasing Glenafton in the League, but first they hope create history by setting up a repeat of last year's final by beating Tayport tonight.



## **The 'BOT Squad**

**Ally Wilson** (*Goalkeeper*)

Age 31 A long serving Talbot regular since 1983, he has accumulated a host of honours and is set to retire at the end of the season. He was re-instated from Kilmarnock, having had earlier junior experience with Irvine Medow. He is to have a well deserved Testimonial match against Kilmarnock. Derek Hoy who has now left Talbot kept goal in the opening five matches this season, but Ally has been an ever present since then.

**Billy Young** (*Full-back*) Age 32. Another stalwart of Talbot's recent glory days, Billy signed from Ardrossan Winton Rovers way back in 1980. He has captained his country in six of his eleven Junior Internationals. If he played against Ardeer last Monday then tonight's semi will fittingly be his 500th appearance for Auchinleck.

**Ross Findlay** (*Central defender*) Age 36. Yet another of the long serving players at Beechwood Park. He has been an integral part of the Bot's back four since he signed from Whitletts in 1980. He has been recognised as the best uncapped sweeper in Junior Football for many years. Like Billy Young, he too is approaching the 500 appearance mark, being around just 20 games away from that auspicious total.

**Sam McCulloch** (*Centre-half*) Age 33, Another pillar of the successful Talbot side of recent years, he arrived at Beechwood Park from Cumnock Amateurs in 1979. He spent one season with Glenafton before returning in 1982. His prowess in the air is a real asset in both defence and attack. he had a Testimonial match against Celtic at the start of the season.

**Tom MacDonald** (*Midfield*) Age 28 "Rambo" to the Talbot faithful, he is a tremendous influence in the middle of the park and loves to go forward.

He has just returned from injury.

**Alan Pirie** (*Full-back/Midfield*) Age 27. Re-instated from Partick Thistle in 1987, he made an immediate impact at Beechwood. He has tremendous pace and can quickly turn defence into attack down the right hand side.

**Hugh Lyden** (*Midfield*) Age 29. 'The White Brazilian' as he is nicknamed was also re-instated from Firhill five years ago. He is a skilful midfielder who has scored four times in this season's OVD cup.

**Ian Dick** (*Midfield*) Age 29. Signed from Cumnock Juniors, he has proved to be a valuable acquisition and has scored freely this season and has bagged five goals on the cup trail to this semi final.

**Gordon Mills** (*Striker*) Age 31. In common with Lyden and Pirie, he was a member of the Kilbirnie side defeated by Talbot in the 1987 Final. The powerful striker switched camps shortly after that Final. He scored a hat-trick in last season's final, one of which was Talbot's 600th goal in the Junior Cup. As usual he is the leading marksman at Beechwood Park. this season.

**Kenny Paterson** (*Midfield/Striker*) Age 28.

Another of Talbot's long serving brigade, he signed from Annbank Amateurs in 1981. He stepped up to Airdrie in 1984, but was re-instated just a year later. He is a prolific goalscorer who gives 100% and was capped in the recent Junior International against Northern Ireland.

**George Gemmell** (*Full-back*) Age 30. A member of the first treble winning side, George joined Talbot from Whitletts in 1985. He had a short spell as a senior with St Mirren in 1989 but returned to his right back duties with talbot in October 1990.

**Willie Thomson** (*Forward*) Age 26. A fast tricky winger who was signed from Kilwinning Rangers two years ago. He originally began his

career with Dalry and turned senior with Airdrie, before returning to Abbey Park three years ago.

**Malky Adams** (*Striker*) Age 26. Was a scorer in the 1991 semi final for Glenafton against Newtongrange. Unfortunately, he broke his leg after only five games for Talbot and came on as a sub in the last game of last season. Whilst not a regular he often features on the bench as a substitute.

**Hugh Houston** (*Midfield*) Age 26. He was Club Captain with Ardrossan and his last club Craigmark from whom he was signed at the beginning of the current season.

**Stuart Auld** (*Defender*) The commanding centre half began his career with and went senior with Clydebank and was re-instated from Ayr. Unfortunately he has developed septicaemia and that has ruled him out of action for the rest of the season.

**Steven Lindsay** (*Full-back/midfield*) Age 22. Played in last season's Final, but for Glenafton. As a schoolboy he was attached to Chelsea, but it was from Lugar Boswell that he was signed by Glenafton whom he left at the start of this season.

**Michael Possee** (*Striker*) Age 22. Built like an ox, he had a spell with Queen of the South, but was signed from Whitletts. Still on the fringe of things at Beechwood, he came off the bench to score twice in Talbot's 4-0 win over Kello Rovers a week ago.

**Kevin Hetherington** (*Defender*) Age 29. Although he comes from Dumfries, he began his career with Ayr United, but the committed defender was recently signed from Queen of the South.

**Raymond Walsh** (*Defender*) Age 25. The other recent arrival at the club is enjoying his first taste of the Junior game. Previously with Clydebank and Airdrie, he was signed from Albion Rovers whom he joined in 1991.



## AUCHINLECK'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

**31st OCTOBER 1st ROUND**

**MUIRKIRK JUNIORS (A) DREW 2-2**

**Scorers:- Dick, Lyden**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Young, Houston, McCulloch, MacDonald, Dick, Lyden, Mills, Thomson, Paterson  
(Sub used - Lindsay, *Sub not used Possee*)

**7th NOVEMBER 1st ROUND REPLAY**

**MUIRKIRK JUNIORS (H) WON 3-0**

**Scorers:- Thomson Paterson 2**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Young, Findlay, McCulloch, MacDonald, Dick, Lyden, Mills, Thomson, Paterson  
(Subs used - Lindsay & Possee)

**5TH DECEMBER 2nd ROUND**

**JEANFIELD SWIFTS (H) WON 4-1**

**Scorers:- Dick 2, Mills, Thomson**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Young, Findlay, McCulloch, MacDonald, Dick, Pirie, Mills, Thomson, Paterson  
(Subs used - Lyden & Possee)

**9th JANUARY 3rd ROUND**

**FC STONEYWOOD (A) DREW 3-3**

**Scorers:- Findlay, Mills 2**

*Team* - Wilson, Pirie, Gemmell, Findlay, McCulloch, MacDonald, Dick, Houston, Mills, Thomson, Paterson  
(Subs used - Possee, *Sub not used - Lindsay*)

**30th JANUARY 3rd ROUND REPLAY**

**FC STONEYWOOD (H) WON 5-2**

**Scorers:- MacDonald, Mills, Thomson Paterson, Own Goal**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Houston, Findlay, McCulloch, MacDonald, Pirie, Dick, Mills, Thomson, Paterson  
(Subs used - Lyden, Adams)

**6th FEBRUARY 4th ROUND**

**VALE OF CLYDE (H) WON 4-1**

**Scorers:- MacDonald, Dick, Mills, Paterson**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Young, Findlay, McCulloch, MacDonald, Pirie, Dick, Mills, Paterson, Thomson  
(Subs used - Lyden, Possee)

**6th MARCH 5th ROUND**

**BROUGHTY ATHLETIC (A) WON 2-1**

**Scorers:- Lyden, Mills**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, Young, Houston, McCulloch, MacDonald, Dick, Lyden, Mills, Paterson, Thomson  
(Subs used - Pirie & Adams)

**3rd APRIL 6th ROUND**

**PETERSHILL (A) WON 3-1**

**Scorers:- Lyden 2, Mills**

*Team* - Wilson, Gemmell, McCulloch, Findlay, Hetherington, Pirie, Dick, Lyden, Mills, Paterson, Thomson  
(Subs used - Houston & Adams)

## AUCHINLECK TALBOT

*(Black & Gold)*

ALLY WILSON

GEORGE GEMMELL

BILLY YOUNG

ROSS FINDLAY

STEVEN LINDSAY

STUART AULD

SAM McCULLOCH

TAM MacDonald

HUGH HOUSTON

ALAN PIRIE

HUGH LYDEN

IAIN DICK

KENNY PATERSON

GORDON MILLS

BILLY THOMSON

MICHAEL POSSEE

MALKY ADAMS

RAYMOND WALSH

KEVIN HETHERINGTON

### Scottish Western Omnibuses Div One (up to and including 25-4-93)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glenafton	18	11	4	3	40	24	26
Beith	19	10	4	5	45	28	24
Irvine Meadow	18	10	4	4	39	25	24
<b>Auchinleck T</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>
Cumnock	18	7	8	3	44	28	22
Kilwinning	19	6	4	9	35	45	16
Kello Rovers	19	6	3	10	34	49	15
Ardeer Thistle	19	5	5	9	27	43	15
Kilbirnie L'side	13	5	4	4	28	21	14
Craigmark	19	2	5	12	24	39	9
Annbank United	17	2	3	12	17	49	7

**REFEREE:- Mr T BROWN (East)**

**LINESMEN:- Mr S DOUGALL  
Mr K TONER  
(Both Central)**

**FOURTH:- MR B MCGARRY  
OFFICIAL (Central)**





# TAYPORT

(Red & White)

FRASER MANN  
PAUL REILLY  
GRANT PATERSON  
SEAN WILKIE  
ANDY SOMMERVILLE  
MARK SPALDING  
JIMMY HUNTER  
GRANT CUSHNIE  
HAMISH MACKAY  
DAVE REILLY  
BILLY COVENTRY  
KEVIN LYNCH  
GARY LAMONT  
JACKIE DEVINE  
GEORGE MALONE  
IAN HARRIS  
KEVIN THOMS  
FRANK DOLAN



## McEwan's Lager League Division One (up to and including 25-4-93)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>
Forfar WE	23	16	4	3	56	27	36
Forfar Albion	25	13	7	5	49	34	33
Arbroath SC	24	13	3	8	58	40	29
Kinnoull	24	11	6	7	45	45	28
Downfield	20	12	3	5	52	20	27
North End	22	12	3	7	46	41	27
Jeanfield Swifts	22	11	4	7	47	33	26
Carnoustie P	24	7	8	9	47	47	22
Lochee Harp	24	6	5	13	35	50	17
Lochee United	25	4	5	16	33	69	13
Dundee Violet	20	3	4	13	25	59	10
Kirrie Thistle	23	1	5	17	37	73	7
East Craigie	24	2	3	19	24	71	7

### IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

IF AT THE END OF NINETY MINUTES  
THE TEAMS ARE STILL LEVEL, THEN  
30 MINUTES EXTRA-TIME WILL BE  
PLAYED AND IF THAT FAILS TO  
DETERMINE THE WINNER THE  
MATCH WILL THEN BE DECIDED BY  
PENALTY KICKS.

## TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

### 31st OCTOBER 1st ROUND

**CUMBERNAULD (H) WON 7-1**

**Scorers:- Mackay 3, D Reilly 2, Devine, Lamont**

*Team* - Mann, P Reilly, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Lynch, Hunter, Coventry, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Harris)

### 28th NOVEMBER 2nd ROUND

**BENBURB (H) WON 3-0**

**Scorers:- Sommerville, D Reilly 2**

*Team* - Mann, P Reilly, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Coventry, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Lynch)

### 9th JANUARY 3rd ROUND

**ABERDEEN EAST END (H) WON 2-0**

**Scorers:- D Reilly, Sommerville**

*Team* - Mann, Malone, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Lamont, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Coventry & Lynch)

### 6th FEBRUARY 4th ROUND

**CUMNOCK (A) WON 4-1**

**Scorers:- D Reilly 2, Mackay, Coventry**

*Team* - Mann, P Reilly, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Coventry, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Lynch)

### 6th MARCH 5th ROUND

**SHETTLESTON (H) WON 3-1**

**Scorers:- D Reilly 2, Mackay**

*Team* - Mann, P Reilly, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Cushnie, Mackay, D Reilly, Lamont (Subs used - Devine & Lynch)

### 3rd APRIL 6th ROUND

**DOWNFIELD (H) DREW 0-0**

*Team* - Mann, Coventry, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Cushnie, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Lynch)

### 17th APRIL 6th ROUND REPLAY

**DOWNFIELD (A) DREW 1-1**

**Scorer:- D Reilly**

*Team* - Mann, Lynch, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Cushnie, Coventry, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Mackay)

### 24th APRIL 6th ROUND 2nd REPLAY

**at North End Park**

**DOWNFIELD (N) Won 1-0**

**Scorer:- D Reilly**

*Team* - Mann, P Reilly, Paterson, Spalding, Sommerville, Wilkie, Hunter, Coventry, Mackay, D Reilly, Devine (Subs used - Lamont & Cushnie)





## **TAYPORT JUNIORS 1992/93**

### **Ground:**

Canniepairt, Shanwell Road,  
Tayport. Tel. 553670

### **Colours:**

Red Shirts, White Shorts.

### **Founded:**

Club - 1947 (as Amateurs),  
1990 (as Juniors).

### **Honours:**

Tayside McEwan's Lager  
League Division 1  
Champions 1991/92.

Tayside McEwan's Lager  
League Division 2  
Champions 1990/91.

Zamoyski Cup Winners  
1991/92

Whyte & Mackay Cup  
Winners 1990/91, 1991/92

Perthshire Advertiser Cup  
Winners 1990/91

Intersport Cup Winners  
1990/91

Craig Stephen Trophy  
Winners 1990/91, 1991/92

Albert Herschell Trophy  
Winners 1990/91, 1991/92

O.V.D. Scottish Junior Cup  
Quarter Finalists 1991/92.

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Macmillan, I. Macmillan, A.  
Dickson, A. McDade,  
K. Gorham, T.  
Maloney, R. Waddell.

**Manager:** D. Baikie

### **Coaches:**

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**Physio:** G. Hill

### **Groundstaff:**

D. Hughes, A. P. Walker.

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

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

However, some of the present committee, then just teenagers, assumed control and, Midlands Division One status was immediately achieved and the club has remained in the top division ever since (ironically, as the Junior Club flourishes, it looks as though the amateur club will be relegated this season!)

The club as we know it today evolved from this base and has been in the fast lane ever since. During the seventies the club reached several local cup finals through actual cup wins proved elusive (only four). The team in the Fife League followed the same pattern - two cup finals, but no trophies.

In 1973 Tayport spread their wings and made their first of ten visits to play in an International Amateur Tournament in Belgium.

Gradually, improvements off the field followed. A new pavilion was constructed in 1975, a new ground, Canniepairt, was fashioned out of waste ground the following year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As newcomers their Record in the OVD Cup is no less impressive. In their first ever campaign, the Port reached the fifth Round, eliminating two past winners of the trophy - Larkhall Thistle and St Andrews United - before trouncing Blackburn United 7-1 at Canniepairt. Pollok's 5th round visit attracted 1400 to Tayport's tight but neat ground, but proved unwelcome guests, inflicting Tayport's worst ever result of their near three year existence in the junior world.

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

This season they are already virtually assured of retaining the McEwan's Lager League Division One as they require just two points from four games and now they are just one step away from becoming Tayside's first representative's in the final since Lochee Harp in 1954.



## The 'Port Squad

**Fraser Mann** (*Goalkeeper*) Age 30. Club's last line of defence since signing from Lochee United in July 1991 prior to Tayport embarking on their initial Division 1 campaign. Before turning Junior, he was an amateur with Springfield United. The last two goals he has conceded have both been penalties.

**Paul Reilly** (*Defender*) Age 25. Signed in July 1991 from Lawside FP Amateurs, he can play in either full back positions as well as in midfield. His slight frame belies his strength in the tackle and power in the air.

**Grant Paterson** (*Defender*) Age 25. Had a spell as a youngster with St Johnstone but made only fleeting first team appearances and was allowed to return to the amateur ranks where he starred with the successful Riverside Athletic. He was brought to Canniepairt as one of the club's first signings on joining the Junior ranks. The tricky skills of the full back are well appreciated by the 'Port following.

**Sean Wilkie** (*Defender*) Age 24. He is in his second spell at Tayport. Originally signed in July 1990 after being freed by Brechin City for whom he made around 50 appearances, he spent last summer Down Under with Central FC of Auckland, but he failed to settle there and returned to the Canniepairt line up after a protracted transfer wrangle.

**George Malone** (*Defender*) Age 38. A magnificent servant to the Junior game, George had retired, but was persuaded to see the club through their pioneering days in the Junior ranks and 99 games later, he's still playing! He spent most of his career with Lochee Utd where he picked up a host of honours

**Andy Sommerville** (*Defender*) Age 31. One of the many with Downfield connections, he joined Tayport in January 1991. Previously with Arbroath Vics, Andy is team captain and a colossus in their defence.

Though sent off last week he is available today.

**Jimmy Hunter** (*Midfield*) Age 32. Signed from Downfield at the same time as his skipper. His all action style has endeared him to the 'Port support and he has picked up several Man-of-the-Match awards this season.

**Kevin Lynch** (*Midfield/Defender*) Age 32. Was out of the game for many years after leaving Arbroath FC to join Tayside Police. Last summer he trained with Tayport to prove his fitness and was duly signed in August and made an immediate impression, heading the winning goals in his first two league games of the season.

**Mark Spalding** (*Midfield/Defence*) Age 29. Another ex-Downfield man who, like Grant Paterson, was brought up around the corner from Downfield Park. He arrived along with Dave Baikie at Canniepairt in July 1990 and has proved an excellent acquisition.

**Grant Cushnie** (*Midfield/Defender*) Yet another of the Club's initial signings on joining the Junior ranks, he was with Riverside Athletic before turning Junior in July 1990. The current campaign hasn't been a happy one for him as he was out injured for the first six months. He moved from midfield to defence when Sean Wilkie went off to see the world last summer and has been back in that role in recent games.

**Gary Lamont** (*Midfield/Attacker*) Age 27. Another of the defections from the amateur ranks of Riverside when Tayport went Junior, Gary's fast, direct style of play has made him a firm favourite with the Tayport punters. Prior to rejoining the amateurs, Gary had a spell at Downfield Park.

**Frank Dolan** (*Defender*) Age 25. Recruited from St James amateurs in July 1990. He had blossomed into a superb member of the Tayport defence until tragedy struck when he broke a leg playing against Arthurlie in March last year. Has had a couple of knock backs on the road to recovery, but having

made a come-back appearance against Lochee United the other week, the worst is behind him.

**Billy Coventry** (*Midfield/Attack*) Age 25. Like Frank Dolan, he arrived at Canniepairt from St James in 1990. His laid back style of play belies his value to the side and he has the habit of producing a goal when it is least expected.

**Jackie Devine** (*Attack*) Age 30. Signed at the end of the Club's first season in the Junior game following a stunning hat-trick against Division One League Champions Forfar W E in the final of the Intersport Shield. 'Snaky' has been a constant threat to defences ever since. Yet another winner from the Riverside Athletic stable.

**Dave Reilly** (*Attack*) Age 28. Signed from Lawside FP immediately prior to kicking off in the Junior Ranks, Dave has developed into one of the most feared strikers in the region. As a youngster he had a short spell with Forfar Athletic.

**Hamish Mackay** (*Attack/Defender*) Signed a year ago from Montrose, he has proved a great signing for the club with his ability to play equally as well at the back or up front. He is a Scottish Junior internationalist, having been capped in his days with Lochee Harp from whom he turned senior with Montrose.

**Kevin Thoms** (*Attack*) Age 29. One of the most respected strikers in Tayside Region and yet another of Tayport's former Downfield contingent. Kevin was injured in the second game of the season and has only made one fleeting appearance as substitute in his fight back to full fitness. Like many of the side, he has been with the club since their inaugural campaign in the Juniors.

**Ian Harris** (*Attack*) Age 18. He played non-league football in the south-west of England and is currently at college in Dundee. Signed up after going on the club's pre-season tour. Although he hasn't been regular in the starting line-up, it hasn't prevented him taking his goal tally into double figures.



# SEMI FINAL SNIPPETS

## TAYSIDE CHALLENGE

Tayport are making their first semi final appearance and are the first side from Tayside Region to Downfield that year, however, lost to Pollok 1-0 at Dens Park.

Lochee Harp have the greatest number of semi final appearances from that Region with four to their credit. Carnoustie Panmure, meanwhile, have made it to the last four twice with Dundee Violet, Lochee United and Dundee St Joseph's, the only other Tayside clubs to have advanced to this stage.

Tayport therefore are only the sixth side from Tayside to have advanced to the last four.

Here is a full breakdown of the semi finals which have involved our local clubs:-

**1929 (Dens Park) Dundee Violet 4 Coalburn 1**

**1931 (Dens Park) Denny Hibs 3 Lochee Harp 0**

**1934 (Easter Rd) Bridgeton Waverley 3 Lochee Harp 0**

**1952 (Dens Park) Camelon 2 Carnoustie Panmure 0**

**1954 (Dens Park) Lochee Harp 2 Clydebank 0 (after a 2-2 Draw at Parkhead)**

**1961 (Muirton Park) Cambuslang Rangers 5 Dundee St Joseph's 1**

**1968 (Shawfield) Johnstone Burgh 3 Lochee Harp 2**

**1978 (Tynecastle) Bonnyrigg Rose 4 Carnoustie Panmure 2**

**1980 (Dens Park) Benburb 1 Lochee United 0**

**1985 (Dens Park) Pollok 1 Downfield 0**

As you can see only two Dundee clubs have actually reached the final.

Dundee Violet in 1929 when they eventually went on to bring the trophy back to the city.

Mind you, Violet had to overcome a protest which lead to a second match and a replay before they comfortably disposed of Denny Hibs 4-0 in a third game at Dens

Park.

When Lochee Harp got to the final in 1954 hopes of a second trophy for the region were high, but Aberdeen Sunnybank edged home 2-1 in front of 22,600 spectators at Hampden Park

So from this brief summary you can see that Tayside's cup of success hasn't exactly overflowed, but with the resurgence of the game in this area, there is every possibility that the 64 year drought will come to an end sooner rather than later.

## POINT TO PONDER

In each of the last four seasons, the side which has knocked out Lesmahagow has gone on to win the OVD Cup!

After their 2-1 win over the Gow last Saturday, Glenafton will obviously be hoping that history again repeats itself for the fifth year running.

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## TENSE AND NERVY

It is often said that semi finals in any cup competition tend to be tense and nervy affairs. Further proof of this seems to come when you look at how close the winning margins usually are. Since the war Bo'ness' 5-0 win over Lanark United in 1976 ranks as the biggest victory. Back in 1900 Maryhill beat Holytown Thistle 8-1 and no other club has ever had as easy a semi final passage as that!

## TALBOT'S TENTH

Auchinleck Talbot have a quite astonishing record in this competition, but even they cannot match Cambuslang Rangers total of 18 appearances in the semi final stages of the cup.

Trailing them are Ashfield, Petershill and Parkhead who have played in 13 semis and Benburb are on 11. Of the three teams through to this season's semi final. Auchinleck have

made most appearances in the penultimate round.

This evening's tie is their tenth such contest and they join Irvine Meadow and Kirkintilloch Rob Roy as sixth in the semi final order of merit.

## FIRST SATURDAY SEMI FOR OVER A DECADE

The meeting of Glenafton and Lesmahagow last Saturday revived memories of yesteryear. Whilst it was quite normal for the penultimate round of the Scottish Junior Cup to be held on a Saturday up until the late sixties, pressure of fixtures on Senior Clubs has meant these have become rarities over the past quarter of a century. Only once since 1969 has a semi final gone ahead on a Saturday. That was back in 1982 when Blantyre Victoria met Kirkintilloch Rob Roy At Douglas Park, Hamilton.

## FIRST FRIDAY DATE FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS

Friday night semis are, not surprisingly, even rarer and the last one to be staged was at Firhill in 1974 when Cambuslang beat Glasgow Perthshire 4-2.

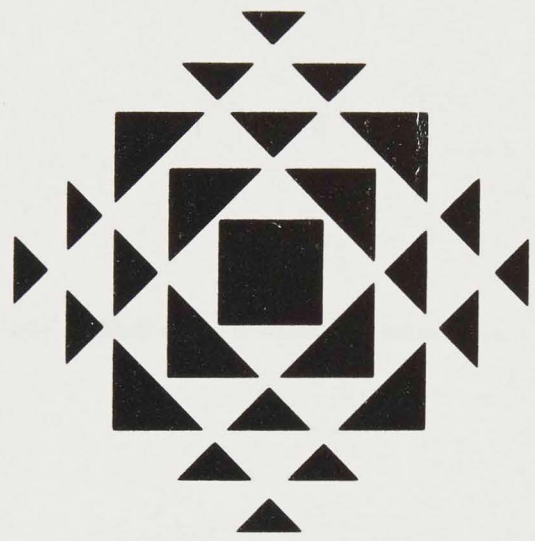
## GOOD FOLLOWINGS

It is almost certain that the attendance of 3,083 for the semi final between Glenafton and Lesmahagow will be greatly exceeded this evening. That is if the crowds for the quarter finals involving Talbot and Tayport are any guide. A crowd of 3,173 paid to watch Auchinleck's 3-1 over Petershill at Petershill Park, whilst the protracted all Tayside affair between Downfield and Tayport attracted impressive attendances of 2,187 (establishing the ground record for Canniepairt -home of Tayport), 1909 at Downfield for the replay and 2,770 at North End for the decider. That was the highest crowd to watch any game in Tayport's history and that record will have lasted just 7 days, if tonight's gate reaches expectations.

## MATCH TODAY'S PROGRAMME

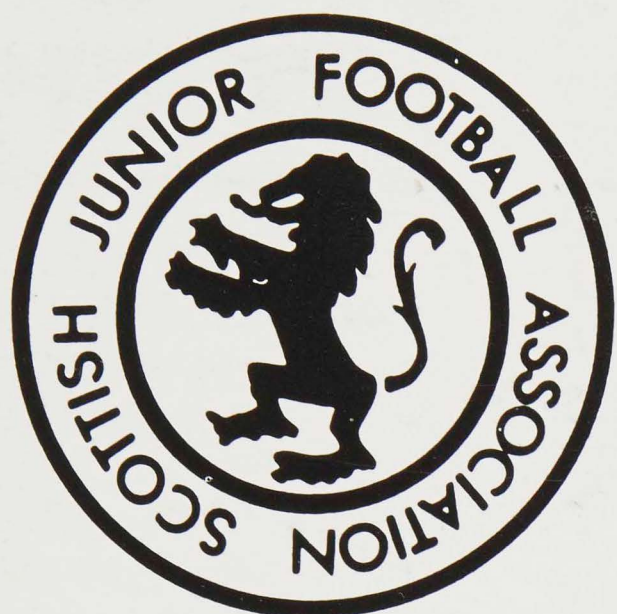
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