



O.V.D.
SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP
Semi-Finals

Friday, 12th April 1996

Auchinleck Talbot v Tayport

Fir Park, Motherwell ~ Kick-off 7.30pm

Monday, 15th April 1996

Camelon v Pollok

Love Street, Paisley ~ Kick-off 7.30pm



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SECRETARY'S SLANT



Once again we have arrived at the penultimate stage of the O.V.D. Cup and this year's tournament has produced its own version of the Champions League

The fact that all the semi-finalists are the current holders of their respective region's league crown is a real bonus.

Last season Tayport won the Tayside League, their opponents Auchinleck were Ayrshire Champions, while Pollok of the Central League and Camelon from the East were also their regions top teams. Throw in the fact that Camelon are the holders of the O.V.D Cup and you have a truly intriguing semi-final combination and should guarantee that both games will be very exciting.

I am sure the ties will be a tremendous advert for the junior game. Playing the two semi-finals on separate days means neutral fans can go to both games and although some people would prefer to play on a Saturday afternoon, it does give the clubs to play on the bigger stage of a senior ground.

None of the four semi-finalists are new to the occasion and we are on familiar ground as far as the two venues are concerned with Fir Park having staged last years final whilst Love Street has regularly housed semi-finals in recent years.

For Auchinleck such occasions have been with the exception of last year almost annual entries in their diaries. Pollok, too, have a great deal of experience of the tension which surrounds semi-finals.

Whatever Camelon lack in experience, they make up for in form, being the only side to have appeared at this stage a year ago. And Tayport although novices in terms of the junior scene have already established their cup pedigree and are competing in the second semi-final despite having only first entered the O.V.D. Cup in 1990.

Of course, the Junior Cup has been greatly enhanced over the past eight years by the sponsorship of O.V.D. and again I would like to extend the Association's thanks to the company for their committed support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the officials of both Motherwell Football Club and St. Mirren Football Club for their kind co-operation and assistance in staging the semi-final ties.

As Fir Park is to stage the final as well as the Tayport v Auchinleck semi, we appreciate that Pollok and Camelon might feel as if the other team will be bettered prepared having already played there. So we have arranged for the winner of the second semi to be allowed time to get accustomed to Fir Park prior to the final.

Finally, to all the officials, players and supporters of all four sides, congratulations on reaching the Semi-finals.

Last year's final was a great spectacle and I would ask all four club's to ensure that they are on their best behaviour.

By all means play hard, but make sure you play fairly is my message to the four clubs in the penultimate round of this tremendous competition.

**JOE BLACK
Secretary,**

Scottish Junior Football Association

AUCHINLECK TALBOT'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

11th November 2nd Round
ARDEER THISTLE (A) Won 2-0
Scorers:- MacDonald, Ellis

Team - Wilson, Mason, Lee, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, McCulloch, Graham, Shanaghan, K Paterson, Ellis (Subs used - Lindsay, W Thomson, McGuire)

2nd December 3rd Round
EAST KILBRIDE THISTLE (A) Won 2-0
Scorers:- McCorrison, MacDonald

Team - Wilson, Mason, Lindsay, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, McCulloch, Graham, McGuire, W Thomson, Ellis (Subs used - R Paterson, Shanaghey, K Paterson)

20th January 4th Round
IRVINE VICTORIA (A) DREW 1-1
Scorer:- Graham

Team - Wilson, R Paterson, Lindsay, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, K Paterson, Ellis (Subs used - W Thomson & McGuire)

10th February 4th Round Replay
IRVINE VICTORIA (H) Won 5-0

Scorers:- McCulloch, MacDonald, Shanaghey 2, W Thomson

Team - M Thomson, McCulloch, Lindsay, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, McGuire, W Thomson (Subs used - R Paterson, Ellis & K Paterson)

17th February 5th Round
GLENROTHES (h) DREW 0-0

Team - M Thomson, McCulloch, Lindsay, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, McGuire, W Thomson (Subs used - R Paterson, Ellis & K Paterson)

24th February 5th Round Replay
GLENROTHES (A) DREW 1-1
Talbot won 6-5 on penalties

Scorer:- Shanaghey

Team - M Thomson, McCulloch, Mason, McCorrison, Frew, MacDonald, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, K Paterson, Ellis (Subs used - R Paterson, W Thomson, McGuire)

16th March 6th Round
GLENAFTON (h) DREW 1-1
Scorer:- W Thomson

Team - M Thomson, McCulloch, Mason, McCorrison, Frew, R Paterson, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, K Paterson, W Thomson (Subs used - MacDonald, Ellis & McGuire)

16th March 6th Round Replay
GLENAFTON (A) WON 2-0
Scorer:- W Thomson, K Paterson

Team - Wilson, McCulloch, Mason, McCorrison, Frew, R Paterson, Walsh, Graham, Shanaghey, K Paterson, W Thomson (Subs used - Lindsay, MacDonald & McGuire)

The Ayrshire club's phenomenal success during recent years has tended to obscure the fact that for the past 85 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 King's 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 1-0 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 the following year's all Ayrshire final, beating Glenafton 4-0 with Gordon Mills grabbing a hat-trick. After being defeated by Tayport in the last semi-final appearance in 1993, they were surprisingly beaten in the second round by Dundee St Josephs the following season and a year ago they reached the last 32 before Ashfield defeated them 2-0. The current campaign, the first under new manager Dennis Gray who saw so much success as a player at Beechwood Park has seen business as usual for Talbot, reaching their 4th semi-final in six years.

AUCHINLECK TALBOT'S Playing Squad

MARK THOMSON
(Goalkeeper)

Now in his third season at Auchinleck, Mark was signed from Kello Rovers and is locked in a battle with Chris Wilson for the keeper's jersey. Both players having started four games in this season's O.V.D. Cup.

CHRIS WILSON
(Goalkeeper)

Signed as back up at the start of the season but has so far played more games than his rival Mark Thomson. He played in the earlier rounds, lost his place but was back in goal for the replayed quarter-final tie at Loch Park.

BILLY MASON
(Defender)

This attacking defender who was signed from Kilbirnie Ladeside two seasons ago is always looking to go forward.

STEVEN LINDSAY
(Defender)

Is just returning to the side after being out injured. He joined Talbot from Glenafton Athletic and played against his present club in the 1992 final. As a schoolboy he was attached to Chelsea, but it was from Lugar Boswell that he was signed by Glenafton.

SAM FREW
(Defender)

Although signed as a striker from Lugar Boswell Thistle, Sam is more at home stopping goals from his position at the centre of defence than scoring them. He poses a real threat at free-kicks and corners.

BARRY MCCORRISTON
(Defender)

Came with his manager from Beith Juniors towards the end of last season and has previous experience with Whitlets Vics and Maybole Juniors, not to mention a spell abroad in Malaysian football. He has been on target once in this season's tournament, scoring in the away tie at East Kilbride.

DOUGIE LEE
(Defender)

Just returned to the side a few weeks ago after being out for a long spell through injury.

RODNEY PATERSON
(Defender)

In his second season with Talbot, he had senior experience with Rangers and according to all reports, is playing very well at present.

HUGH FINDLAY
(Midfield)

It was a huge blow to Manager Dennis Gray's plans when Hugh who followed him from Beith, broke his leg at the start of the season. He only returned to action a fortnight ago which means their must be some doubt as to his match fitness.

GARY GRAHAM
(Midfield)

Yet another who came from Beith this season, Gary had senior experience with Ayr United. In addition to playing in midfield, he can also play at sweeper if required. Has scored seven times this season, including the goal in the tie at Irvine Meadow, and needs to be watched carefully in the vicinity of the penalty area.

TAM MACDONALD
(Midfield)

Age 34 "Rambo" to the Talbot faithful, he is a tremendous influence in the middle of the park and loves to go forward. One of the few survivors of the last semi-final meeting with Tayport, he is their joint top scorer in the O.V.D. Cup this season having netted against Ardeer, East Kilbride and Irvine Victoria. He has a powerful shot and is dangerous at free-kicks.

RAYMOND WALSH
(Midfield)

Currently in his fourth season with Talbot having arrived at the club shortly before the last semi-final pairing with Tayport. Previously with Clydebank and Airdrie, he was signed from Albion Rovers whom he joined in 1991, he is now in his fourth season with his only junior club.

DEREK McCULLOCH
(Midfield)

Many clubs were quoted as being interested in signing Derek, but it was Dennis Gray who secured his signature in the early part of this season from Maybole Juniors.

KENNY PATERSON
(Midfield/Striker)

Aged 34, he is one of Talbot's long serving brigade, having 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 rewarded for his 14 years service with a Testimonial against

Rangers last season. He has figured in most of Talbot's matches this season and scored the second and decisive goal against Glenafton to earn his side a place in the semis.

JIM MCGUIRE
(Forward)

Had senior experience with Queen of the South and has scored on five occasions for Auchinleck, but has yet to open his account in the Scottish.

WILLIE THOMSON
(Forward)

A fast tricky winger who was signed from Kilwinning Rangers in 1991. He originally began his career with Dalry and turned senior with Airdrie, before returning to Abbey Park three years ago. Was on target in both games against Glenafton in the quarter-final to take his tally to three in the O.V.D. Cup this season.

CHRIS ELLIS
(Forward)

Another of the many new faces brought to Beechwood Park by Dennis Gray at the start of the season, Chris has settled in well and is second top scorer with nine goals to his credit which includes one in the opening round of the O.V.D. Cup against Ardeer Thistle.

CRAIG SHANAGHEY
(Forward)

A prolific goalscorer who joined the club from Beith at the start of the season. Has justified the manager's faith in him and is his side's top scorer with ten goals to his credit including a double against Irvine Victoria and a single against Glenrothes in the replay.

AND THE BOSS.....

DENNIS GRAY

Recruited from Beith Juniors at the tail end of last season, he is the record goalscorer for the Talbot with 310 goals from 424 appearances during a highly distinguished playing career at Beechwood Park between 1974 and 1985. Dennis is also in charge of the Scotland Junior side which takes part in a four team tournament in the Isle of Man later this month. He is the record goalscorer for the Talbot with 310 goals from 424 appearances during a highly distinguished playing career at Beechwood Park between 1974 and 1985. Dennis is also in charge of the Scotland Junior side which takes part in a four team tournament in the Isle of Man later this month.

TAYPORT'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

14th October 1st Round

Banchory St Ternan (H) WON 6-0

Scorers:- Nicolson, Maher 2, Ross 3

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

11th November 2nd Round

LOCHGELLY ALBERT (H) Won 6-0

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

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

2nd December 3rd Round

BAILLESTON (H) Drew 1-1

Scorer:- Mackay

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

16th December 3rd Round Replay

BAILLESTON (A) WON 3-0

Scorers:- Mackay, D Reilly, Ross

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

20th January 4th Round

F C STONEYWOOD (H) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- D Reilly

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

3rd February 4th Round Replay

F C STONEYWOOD (A) WON 3-1

Scorers:- Paterson, D Reilly 2

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

17th February 5th Round

BON ACCORD (H) Won 2-0

Scorer:- D Reilly 2

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

16th March 6th Round

KIRKINTILLOCH ROB ROY (H) WON 2-1

Scorers:- Stewart, D Reilly

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

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 of 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 scoreboard in less than three years as a junior club.

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

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

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

This, of course, has been achieved this season and today is the 41st O.V.D. tie that Port have contested in just six seasons which speaks volumes for their cup pedigree.

TAYPORT'S Playing Squad

FRASER MANN Goalkeeper

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

GRANT MILLER (Defender/midfield)

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

GRANT PATERSON (Defender)

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

SEAN WILKIE (Defender)

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

GRANT BUIST (Defender/midfield)

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

KEITH NICOLSON (Central defender)

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

MARK SPALDING (Midfield)

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

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

GARY MAHER (Midfield)

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

ALLAN RAMSAY (Midfield)

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

STEVEN STEWART (Midfield or forward)

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

JIMMY HENDRY (Midfield)

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

BILLY COVENTRY (Midfield/Attack)

Age 25. Has had a horrific last two and a half years since being injured in a friendly match. His only appearances since have been sporadic and largely as a substitute as he battles his way back to fitness. When fit he can be a real match winner with his ability to conjure up a goal from nowhere. Another of the club's originals, having signed in August 1990. He works as a driver/labourer.

STEPHEN ROSS (Forward)

Age 26. A close season signing from Dundee North End, he previously served Broughty Athletic and Kirrie Thistle but has also played in Canada and New Zealand. A busy front player, Steve already has 5 goals in the O.V.D. Cup in the bag this season and is an accountant with Perth and Kinross Trust.

BARRY GRAY (Forward)

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

DAVE REILLY (Attack)

Age 31. Signed from Lawside FP immediately prior to kicking off in the Junior Ranks, Dave has developed into one of the most feared strikers in the region, scoring well over 200 goals in a little under 300 appearances, including 31 O.V.D. goals in only 36 starts. Must be one of the competition's top scorers of all time. When he is not scoring for 'Port, he is a brickie..

HAMISH MACKAY (Attack / Defender)

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

PAUL REILLY (Defender)

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

EWAN CAMERON (Forward)

Age 26. Ineligible, having been cup-tied with Lochee United. Left Tayport during the last close season, but was re-signed just before the deadline at the end of March. He is a deadly finisher who will give manager Dave Baikie options as the club make inroads into their 11 remaining league games.

AND THE BOSS.....

DAVE BAIKIE

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

1995-96 O. V. D. JUNIOR CUP SEMI-FINALS LINE-UPS

Friday, April 12th, at Fir Park, Motherwell

AUCHINLECK TALBOT

MARK THOMSON
CHRIS WILSON
BILLY MASON
STEVEN LINDSAY
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SAM FREW
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GRANT BUIST
GRANT PATERSON
MARK SPALDING
SEAN WILKIE
GARY MAHER
JIM HENRY
STEVEN STUART
HAMISH MACKAY
STEPHEN ROSS
DAVE REILLY
GRANT MILLER
ALLAN RAMSEY
BARRY GRAY
BILLY COVENTRY
GEORGE MALONE
JIMMY HUNTER



MANAGER
DAVE BAIKIE

Monday, April 15th, at Love Street, Paisley

CAMELON JUNIORS

ALAN BANNER
BRIAN KEMP
GARY SMITH
DAVY WILCOX
GRAEME WOOD
DEREK HASTON
JIM ELLIS
COLIN INGLIS
RONNIE SCOTT
SEAN BONNAR
RICHIE VANNETT
KEVIN HAMILL
DOUGIE SMITH
JACK ROSS
DAVID FLYNN
ALLAN MCGONIGAL
CHRISTIE MCKENZIE
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JIM O'DONNELL

FIR PARK MATCH OFFICIALS

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LINESMEN - Mr C McKAY
 Mr R McKENDRY
FOURTH OFFICIAL - Mr J McKENNA
(All tonight's Officials come from Central Region)

*IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW -
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(All tonight's Officials come from Tayside Region)

CAMELON JUNIORS PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

14th October 1st Round

GLASGOW PERTSHIRE (H) WON 5-0

Scorers:- Flynn 2, Kemp 2, McGonigal

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

11th November 2nd Round

LUNCARTY (H) WON 10-0

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

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

2nd December 3rd Round

DARVEL (A) DREW 3-3

Scorers:- Wilcox, Flynn, Hamill

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

16th December 3rd Round Replay

DARVEL (H) WON 1-0

Scorer:- Flynn

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

20th January 4th Round

LARGS THISTLE (H) Won 3-1

Scorers:- Flynn, McKenzie, McGonigal

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

17th February 5th Round

INVERURIE LOCOS (H) WON 3-0

Scorers:- Flynn 2, Daisley

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

16th March 6th Round

KILWINNING RANGERS (H) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- Flynn

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

23rd March 6th Round Replay

KILWINNING RANGERS (A) Won 2-1

Scorers:- Wilcox, McKenzie

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

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

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

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

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

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

Previously, Dennison (1927), Rennie (1933), Smith (1956), Conlin (1961), Kemp (1962), McCulloch (1969), McKay (1978) and Smith (1980) as well as Kevin McAllister were the men who represented the Juniors at international level.

Success had been limited. They have, however, reached the Final of the Junior Cup in 1952, but lost to the only goal of the game scored by Ashe of Kilbirnie Ladeside. Incidentally, a crowd of 69,959 watched that match - the second highest ever for a Junior final.

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

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

CAMELON'S Playing Squad

ALAN BANNER (Age 31)

Experienced goalkeeper left Camelon to enjoy spells with St Mirren, East Fife and Raith Rovers before returning to Carmuir four seasons ago. Nickname:- A.B.

PAUL PROUDLOCK (Age 31)

Experienced keeper recently signed from Linlithgow Rose as cover.

DEREK HASTON (Age 35)

Dependable left back and another with bags of experience. Former clubs include Falkirk and Dunipace as well as Whitburn where he reached two semi-finals of the Scottish Junior Cup. Nickname :- Dodger

GARY SMITH (Age 24)

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

JIM ELLIS (Age 25)

In his third season with Camelon since being recruited from Dunipace Amateurs and is now one of the most commanding centre halves in the Junior game. Nickname :- Pava

DAVIE WILCOX

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

COLIN INGLIS (Age 24)

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

RONNIE SCOTT (Age 34)

Silky midfielder has plied his trade at Forfar, Meadowbank, East Fife, Whitburn and Fauldhouse. One of the best readers of the game gives a constant supply of ammunition to the big gun up front. Nickname :- The Poet

GRAEME WOOD (Age 31)

Rock solid central defender in his third season with Camelon since joining from

Civil Service Strollers. Missed much of last season since being injured against Haddington, but returned to play in the latter rounds of last season's O.V.D. Cup and score the opening goal in the final against Whitburn. Nickname:- Snowy.

DOUGIE SMITH (Age 24)

In his second season at Carmuir, the dynamic midfielder has proved an instant hit with the Camelon fans. The former Fallin M.W. player is a tireless worker and is always capable of scoring vital goals. Nickname:- Snuff.

SEAN BONNAR (Age 28)

Earned a reputation as a hothead at previous clubs Fauldhouse, Linlithgow and Bonnybridge but has matured at Camelon into one of the classiest midfielders in the Junior game. Scored some spectacular goals and his form last season has earned him an international call-up. However, he missed out on the Mariners triumph in the O.V.D. Cup through injury and is desperate to make up for it this season.

KEVIN HAMILL (Age 27)

Signed from Dunipace, he is a dynamic midfielder and is a doughty tackler as well as possessing a cracking turn of pace.

JACK ROSS (Age 19)

Played against Camelon in last year's semi-final when he was with Lochee United despite hailing from the Falkirk area. Can play in either midfield or defence, he has been sidelined by appendicitis, but is now back in training.

RITCHIE VANNETT (Age 23)

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

CHRISTIE MCKENZIE (Age 28)

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

BRIAN KEMP (Age 31)

Signed just over a year ago by Brian Fairley he celebrated his home debut in style with the first goal against Kilwinning in the quarter final on the way to the club's first O.V.D. Cup success. Service with Falkirk, Stirling Albion, Stenhousemuir, East Stirling and Alloa

has give the left midfielder a wealth of experience and he is a valuable asset in the Mariners locker. Nickname:- Tarzan.

SCOTT HENRY (Age 28)

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

ALLAN MCGONIGAL (Age 32)

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

DAVID FLYNN (Age 28)

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

MARK DAISLEY

A striker who was signed from Pumpherston at the start of the season. He won a Scottish Cup winners medal with Monkland Juveniles and is a prolific score. Is on the point of returning from a four match ban.

AND THE BOSS.....

GEORGE FAIRLEY (Age 38) Manager, left Whitburn after 14 successful seasons to team up with brother Brian at Carmuir. Has won every domestic league and cup honours but was beaten twice in the Scottish Cup semi's. Finally won a winner's medal last season before packing up playing to concentrate on his managerial duties which now he undertakes alone following Brian's departure to Brockville. Nickname:- Romario

POLLOK'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

14th October 1st Round MARYHILL (A) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- Paisley

Team - Lowrie, O'Neil, Cranmer, Spittal, Ashcroft, Stewart, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Elliot, Barratt (Subs used - Flynn, McGrogan)

21st October Round Replay MARYHILL (H) WON 2-1

Scorers:- Stewart, Paisley

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Stewart, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Barratt, Elliot (Sub used - Jamieson)

11th November 2nd Round KINNOULL (A) WON 2-1

Scorers:- Stewart, Paisley

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, Redmond, Spittal, Ashcroft, Stewart, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Jamieson, Elliot (Subs used - O'Neil, Barratt)

2nd December 3rd Round CRAIGMARK BRUNTONIANS (H) WON 2-0

Scorers:- Stewart, McLean

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Stewart, Fontana, McLean, Faulds, Barratt, Elliot (Subs used - Redmond, McGrogan, Jamieson)

20th January 4th Round CUMNOCK JUNIORS (A) WON 5-1

Scorers:- Elliot, Paisley 2, Fontana, Own Goal

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Stewart, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Elliot, Barratt (Subs used - McGrogan, Cranmer, Faulds)

17th February 5th Round DUNDEE ST JOSEPHS (A) WON 4-0

Scorers:- Fontana, Paisley, Stewart pen, McGrogan

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Elliot, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Stewart, Barratt (Subs used - McGrogan, Cranmer, Faulds)

16th March 6th Round ARTHURLIE (H) DREW 1-1

Scorer:- Paisley

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Elliot, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Stewart, Barratt (Subs used - Jamieson, Redmond, Cranmer)

23rd March 6th Round Replay ARTHURLIE (A) WON 1-0

Scorer:- Stewart Pen

Team - Lowrie, Flynn, O'Neil, Spittal, Ashcroft, Elliot, Fontana, McLean, Paisley, Stewart, Faulds (Subs used - Barratt, Redmond, Cranmer)

Pollok were formed on Wednesday, July 1, 1908, as the football section of the two year old Pollokshaws Working Lads Club and incorporated members of the Pollok A.F.C.

Sir John Maxwell had promised if the membership of the Lads Club was sustained over a period he would provide a football pitch in the grounds of the estate. The ground was named Hags Park and the club adopted the colours of the Heraldic Shield of Pollok House. i.e. Black and White, as a tribute to Sir John's generosity.

The club played in the Scottish Junior Football League before gaining admission to the powerful Glasgow Junior League in season 1916-17.

However, they suffered a major blow when they were made homeless in 1926-27 when the Glasgow Education Authority acquired the estate ground. After a year they secured the lease of a coup for the rent of £10 per annum, and with great vision named it Newlandsfield Park.

It took a year of hard work before the ash surface could be played on and by this time Pollok were playing intermediate football. In season 1931-32, the Club was faced with the stark choice of either purchasing Newlandsfield or vacating the ground. In the end a loan from Pollokshaws Co-op. Society Ltd saved the club.

During the Second World War Pollok lost their equipment when a serious fire destroyed the pavilion. Due to the restrictions during wartime, the club were not given planning permission to rebuild until the advent of peace. And it was in season 1944-45 that the largest estimated attendance was recorded at Newlandsfield as around 15,000 squeezed into Newlandsfield Park to see Pollok reach the semi-final for the first time after beating Fauldhouse United. However they lost 1-0 to Burnbank Athletic at Shawfield.

Two of the most notable players to pass through their ranks on the way to stardom were the legendary Bob McPhail of Airdrie and Rangers, whilst Bobby Collins of Celtic, Everton and Leeds fame. More recently Stewart Auld and Stuart Gordon both went to Clydebank, whilst Gary Clark (Hamilton), Fraser Wishart and Andy Millen (now Hibs) are all senior graduates from Newlandsfield.

Prior to the late seventies, honours were rather sparse in the club's Roll of Honour, but the appointment of Tom McAllister as team boss in November 1977 was to change all that. He had become a member of the Pollok Committee in 1973 and after gaining Match Committee experience he stepped up to team boss, and was an immediate hit, bringing the Drybrough Cup to Newlandsfield in season 1977-78, the club's first major trophy since 1962. He followed that up by building the team that won the Central League Championship for the first time in the Club's history in season 1978-79 and in the same season, the club contested its second Scottish Cup semi-final. A season later his team again won the Drybrough Cup and added the Evening Times Trophy for good measure. In addition they were finalists in the National Drybrough Cup and Scottish Cup quarter-finalists. He then led them to their first ever Scottish Cup success in 1981 when they beat Arthurlie, their quarter-final victims in this season's competition.

They repeated that success in 1985, beating near neighbours Petershill 3-1 in a replay. They then fell victim to Auchinleck in the following year's final and despite being one of the country's top teams, it has been a ten year wait for advancement to the semis this year. All of which will make Pollok all the more determined to renew their acquaintanceship with the trophy they won for the second time in 1985.

POLLOK'S Playing Squad

RONNIE LOWRIE (Goalkeeper)

Ronnie is Pollok's current goal-keeper and joined the club midway through season 1991-92 from Partick Thistle. His consistent displays between the sticks have been a feature of his game and 'Lok fans will be looking for another fine season from the big keeper who has been capped by Junior Scotland on seven occasions.

GRAHAM SMITH (Goalkeeper)

Was signed from Dunfermline last season and made his competitive debut for 'Lok in this season's League Cup semi-final against Maryhill when he turned in a fine performance. A local lad, he has a promising future ahead of him.

KEVIN FLYNN (Full-back/midfield)

A product of Pollok Juniors, but went from there to Irvine Meadow in Jim O'Donnell's spell as manager with the Ayrshire club. He played in the Ayrshire Under-23 Junior side which won last season's Inter-District Championship before signing for Pollok at the start of this season.

CRAIG CRANMER (Full-Back)

Craig was signed last from Renfrew and has proved to be a big strong defender who also carries a goal threat at set pieces. Also a long throw expert.

IAN SPITTAL (Central defender)

Played for Pollok in the eighties before gaining considerable senior experience with Stranraer and Arbroath. A big strong defender, Ian resigned this season for Pollok and manager Jim O'Donnell has recognised his leadership qualities by making him club captain.

IAN ASHCROFT (Sweeper)

Has served a number of clubs, notably Arthurlie and Irvine Meadow. He is in his first season at Newlandsfield and the powerful defender has quickly developed a sound partnership with Ian Spittal in the heart of the 'Lok defence.

JEFF CURRAN (Sweeper)

Played for Pollok over a decade ago and then continued his footballing

career in Australia for a number of years. On his return to these shores he was snapped up by his former club to play an influential role in defence.

KEVIN O'NEIL (Full-back)

A product of High Blantyre Amateurs, he is in his third season at Newlandsfield, making the right-back position his own. Strong in the tackle and keen to get forward, he is one of 'Lok's most consistent performers.

DAVID ELLIOT (Midfield)

In his first season at Newlandsfield following his departure from Largs Thistle. He was a member of the Barrfield's side which won the Scottish Cup in 1994, and has already made his mark with 'Lok, pitching in with some fine performances which have brought him a haul of 12 goals.

DARREN STEWART (Midfield)

He was recruited from Kilbirnie Ladeside and made an immediate impact in the 'Lok's midfield, scoring some important goals in their Championship win last season. He netted a glorious 30 yard free-kick in this season's League Cup semi-final and is currently top scorer with 14 goals after netting the penalty winner against Arthurlie in the quarter-final.

DOUGIE FONTANA (Midfield)

Poses a powerful presence in the Pollok midfield, he was signed from Irvine Meadow this season and can always be relied on to give 100%. This great competitor has netted twice in this season's O.V.D. Cup.

PAUL McLEAN (Midfield)

Signed in early season from Stranraer, Paul has been a steady influence in midfield, scoring 6 times, including one in the O.V.D. Cup. Born in Johnstone the 31 year olds previous club's include Motherwell and Ayr United.

JIM JAMIESON (Striker)

This is Jim's second spell at Newlandsfield, finishing last season as top scorer with 19 goals. First joined Pollok in 1992 from Rutherglen Glencairn, helping 'Lok to their League Cup win that season. He then had a spell with Cumnock before returning to Newlandsfield where his pace and goalscoring are a feature of his game.

JOHN PAISLEY (Striker)

Has been a big favourite at Newlandsfield for a number of years. His strength and height have seen him nab many a vital goal. With seven strikes in the O.V.D. Cup, he has played a big part in getting them thus far in the competition.

GARY FAULDS (Striker)

Having enjoyed an illustrious career in Ayrshire Junior football, his experience has been invaluable in his dual role of player/assistant manager.

JOHN BARRATT (Striker)

A close season signing by Jim O'Donnell from Petershill, John's height and strength is a big threat to opposition defences. He has been capped at Under-23 level by Scotland Juniors.

PAUL MCGROGAN (Striker)

A deadly finisher with a cannonball shot, Paul has been at Newlandsfield for four seasons since being signed from Shotts. The scorer of many a spectacular goal in his time, he has been on target once in the cup this season - in the 4-0 win away to Dundee St Josephs.

GEORGE REDMOND (Striker)

A prolific scorer with Glencairn and Rob Roy, netting 28 goals for these clubs. He is another of the new faces at Newlandsfield and can play in a number of positions.

STEVIE O'NEIL (Midfield)

Recently signed from Blantyre Vics, Stevie is the brother of full-back Kevin. He previously played for High Blantyre Amateurs.

AND THE BOSS.....

JIM O'DONNELL

Was previously assistant manager to Tommy Reynolds at Newlandsfield. He then went to Irvine Meadow, but returned this season. In his playing days he won virtually every honour in the Junior game during spells with East Kibride and Auchinleck Talbot which included triumphs in the Scottish Junior Cup with both of these clubs.

O.V.D. JUNIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL SNIPPETS

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. Mind you, back in 1900 Maryhill beat Holytown Thistle 8-1 and no other club has ever had as easy a passage to the final.

RECORD SEMI APPEARANCES

Cambuslang Rangers total of 18 appearances in the semi final stages is the top number of appearances in the last four of the competition. Trailing them are Ashfield, Petershill and Parkhead who have played in 13 semis. Of the four teams through to this season's semi final, it will come as no surprise to learn that Auchinleck have made most appearances in the penultimate round with this being their 11th. This draws them level with Benburb and makes Talbot fifth in the order of merit in semi-final rankings. Pollok of the other semi-finalists have most experience. They are playing at this stage of the competition for the seventh time. Camelon's appearance last season was their second and in both 1952 and last year they have gone on to reach the final. For Tayport, a baby by historical comparison to the other three contestants, this is their second semi and they too have a 100% record at this stage after qualifying for the 1993 final when they lost out narrowly to Glenafton in the final, making them the only one of this season's semi-finalists yet to lift the trophy.

PREVIOUS SEMI-FINALS AT FIR PARK

Whilst Fir Park hosted last season's final and will do the honours again on Sunday 12th May, surprisingly, the ground has not often staged the penultimate round. This evening's tie will be only the fourth and there was a long wait between the first and second! In 1898 Dalziel Rovers defeated Glenbuck Athletic 2-0, but almost a century elapsed before Newtongrange Star beat Glenafton 3-1 in 1991. A year later Auchinleck Talbot ousted Whitburn 1-0 thanks to a Willie Thomson goal and that was the last semi to be staged at Fir Park.

PREVIOUS SEMI-FINALS AT LOVE STREET

According to our records this is the fourteenth occasion on which St Mirren Football Club have had the pleasure of staging the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup.

The first of these was between Petershill and Ardrossan Winton Rovers in 1911 in a long winded affair. The Central Region side eventually won through 1-0, but it is believed the sides met four times in total, though only two 1-1 draws can be confirmed. A year later Petershill were back at Love Street, but only after they had been held to a 2-2 draw by Kilburnie Ladeside at Ibrox. Petershill won the replay at Love Street 2-1. The choice of Love Street for the meeting of Renfrew and Parkhead in 1918 was to lead to an extraordinary state of affairs. The first game ended in a draw. Both sides wanted the replay to be staged at Ibrox, but Love Street was again the venue, resulting in another stalemate. The SJFA decided on Ibrox for the second replay, two days before the final was scheduled. The upshot was that both teams refused to play and both sets of officials were suspended 'sine die'. At the end of the season, however, the suspensions were lifted and Petershill who had taken three games in the semi-finals to oust St Mirren Juniors were awarded the cup! Four years later, in 1922, Kilwinning triumphed 2-0 over Cambuslang Rangers in the fourth semi on this ground. In 1924, Bailleston beat Auchinleck Talbot by the only goal of the game and twelve months later, Saltcoats gained revenge for Ayrshire with a 2-1 win over Shettleston. The last semi-final for a many a year was in 1931 when Burnbank Athletic defeated the quaintly named Rothesay Royal Vics 2-1. Over half a century elapsed before another semi was staged here. It was 1978 to be more precise and Stonehouse Violet reached the final following their 3-2 win over Renfrew Juniors. Just three years later, Pollok and Forth Wanderers had two goes at settling their differences before Pollok edged through 1-0 in the replay. Then in 1983, East Kilbride Thistle beat Pollok 3-1 and the next Love Street semi resulted in Petershill winning 1-0 against Darvel in 1985. Glenafton played in a semi at Love Street in consecutive years. It proved a lucky ground for them in 1994 when they beat Arthurlie 4-0 in front of 7,192., but last year they fell victim to Whitburn.

LAST TIME

AUCHINLECK TALBOT v TAYPORT

There has only been one previous cup meeting between this pair of clubs who have so dominated the Ayrshire and Tayside scene in recent years. That came three years ago when Tayport defeated their opponents tonight at the same stage of the competition. A hat-trick by Hamish Mackay saw the Taysiders run out 3-0 victors.

CAMELON v POLLOK

This pair last met in the Scottish Junior Cup back in 1983. After a 3-3 draw at Carmuir Park, Pollok triumphed 4-2 in the 5th round replay at Newlandsfield. Much more recently, at the start of this season, in fact, Pollok edged home 3-2 in a pre-season friendly, though neither side will treat that as much guide as to the outcome of their semi-final meeting at Love Street. Incidentally, the present Pollok secretary Francis McNeill, played for both Camelon and Pollok in the seventies.

UNIQUE EVENT

We'll think this season's semi-finals are unique, because as far as we can trace this is the first time that the semi-final has thrown together four teams into the cup melting pot from four different regions. If that isn't unique then the fact they were the four champions of their respective regions last season most certainly is!

TONIGHT'S MATCH PROGRAMME

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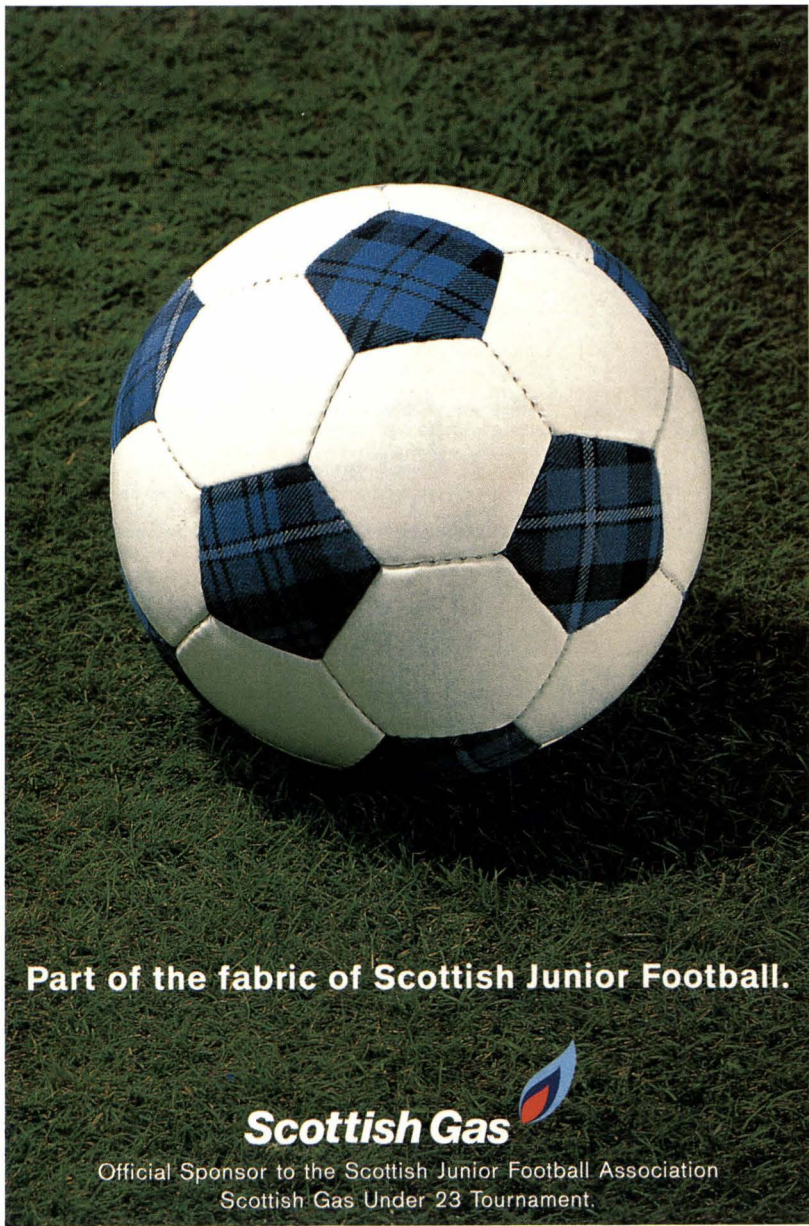


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