

Tayside & Fife Secondary Schools Enjoy Scottish Cup Success

Tayside & Fife Secondary Schools enjoyed unprecedented success in the 2008-09 RAF Careers Scottish Schools Cup with 12 teams reaching 10 finals, including two all Tayside & Fife affairs.

Secondary Schools basketball was a key focus for a lot of Tayside & Fife schools and a record number of boys and girls teams entered the RAF Careers **basketball**scotland Schools Cups, with first round losers going into the consolation "Plate" competition.

There are four age groups; S1, U14, U15 and Open (S4-S6) for Boys and Girls meaning there are 16 categories, and therefore 16 Finals, across the Cup and Plate competitions. So for Tayside & Fife schools to have 12 finalists is a fantastic achievement.

Perth Grammar, Queen Anne HS, Viewforth HS and Forfar Academy all reached finals, whilst Monifieth HS and Grove Academy qualified for two finals and Arbroath HS reached an amazing four finals.

The National finals were hosted at Bellahouston SC in Glasgow with success going to Grove Academy (S1 Plate Boys and S1 Plate Girls), Queen Anne HS (U14 Plate Boys), Perth Grammar (U14 Plate Girls), Monifieth HS (S1 Boys Cup) and Arbroath HS, who won the Open Boys Cup (pictured) after three previous finals appearances without a win.

Sadly Arbroath HS lost their other three finals, with Viewforth HS, Forfar Academy and Monifieth HS also disappointingly just missing out on silverware at the final hurdle. There were numerous other semi-final and quarter final appearances and our schools have a lot to be proud of.

Fife Secondary Schools Basketball Association also ran their own Boys League and Boys Cup, with Woodmill HS being crowned league champions and Queen Anne HS winning the cup.

Perth & Kinross School Sports Co-ordinator Claire Mulqueeney ran a festival for Under 15 Boys and Girls at Bells SC in Perth on Wednesday 13th May 2009. The festival was named the Douglas Bader Memorial Trophy in honour of the late Perth Grammar rector and Perth Phoenix Basketball Club Chairman. Ten Boys teams and 6 Girls teams took part, with Kinross HS winning both boys and girls finals against St Columba's.

Secondary Schools basketball is definitely back on the map and more events are already being planned for Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and Fife for next academic year.

