



*Our first newspaper appearance, strangely enough it's from the heart of shinty country in Scotland!*

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## Results

Ballemore Cup, second round: Bute x. Lochcarron x. Lochaber 4. Glasgow Mid Argyll 5. Strathglass 0. Kyles Athletic 2.

Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup, first round: Caberfeidh 3. Lovat 5. Second round: Kilmory x. Glenorchy x.

MacAnlay Cup, second round: Oban Celtic x. Glenorchy x.

Tulloch MacTavish Cup, second round: Kilmallie x. Skye x.

Strathdearn Cup, first round replay: Fort William x. Strathglass x. Second round: Inverness x. Glenurquhart x.

Marine Harvest League, Premier Division: Inveraray x. Oban Camanachd x.

Kingussie 2. Newtonmore 0. National League, Division 1: Glenurquhart x. Ballachulish x.

North, Division 1: Inverness x. Caberfeidh x. Division 2: Kinlochshiel x. Kingussie x. Newtonmore x.

Kilmallie x. Division 3: Beaulieu x. Aberdeen University x. Lochcarron x. Bolestone x.

South, Division 1: Kyles x. Oban Celtic x. Tayforth 0. Kilmory 1. Division 2: Ballachulish x. Edinburgh East Lothian x. Glasgow University x. Edinburgh University x.

# Camans swinging in California – all year

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Scotland by player Michael Bentley resulted in him returning to the American west coast with a few Munro Camans, some modern leather shinty balls, and an up-to-date rule book.

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efforts.

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## 'More for turn out

NEWTONMORE arrived at the Deil on Saturday with high hopes after their recent morale-boosting win against their old foes but went home deflated.

They were expecting great things after their defeat of Kingussie in the MacTavish Cup a few weeks ago, but knew that a win this time would be a tougher proposition.

Although the first half was goalless, it was hugely entertaining. The match was being evenly contested and was certainly not a walk in the park for Kingussie as Newtonmore's newfound confidence kept them comfortably on level terms.

Both sides created chances but failed to strike home, with perhaps the best opportunity of the half falling to Newtonmore's Sean Latimer.

He found himself clear in front of goal for a brief instant in the 15th minute, but scuffed his shot on the greasy surface, giving keeper Ian Anderson an easy stop.

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# Baxter boys very best of British

THE Baxter brothers scooped the top two places as expected at the British Land National Ski Championships in Saalbach-Austria at the end of last week.

at the top level, finishing runner-up for the second successive year.

Alan said: "I held back a bit on the steep on the first run, but really this is one of those days when I've proba-

## SKI-ING

Trayner, who was nearly two seconds out on Alain's first run time, but rallied on the second heat to finish 2.2 seconds behind the title

Slalom silverware, the Evie Pinching Silver, as she won the women's title for the seventh time. In terms of British Slalom titles alone, both Baxter and Carrick-Anderson are now by far

triumphed in the race for the British title, in a white-hot international field she could only make seventh place. The contest was topped by Claudia Riegler, the Kiwi skier who has



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