VIOLENCE MARRS 'FRIENDLY' AT

TANNADICE

Last night's friendly match between Dundee and Dundee United at Tannadice was interrupted when violence broke out in the crowd. The game, which was an event to raise money to rennovate the children's unit at Stracathro Hospital, was barely into its fourteenth minute when fighting broke out in the east stand. The referee called a halt to play, and all the players agreed to leave the field until police and stadium security got the incident under control.

Several United fans appeared to have gained entry to the Dundee half of the stand with, the police stated, no motive other than to make trouble. Three men were taken to hospital with stab wounds to the face and neck, possibly from a broken bottle or similar weapon. Two arrests were made, but unfortunately the initiator of the attack - described as a skinny blond man in his late twenties - was not apprehended.

The managers of both teams expressed their horror and dismay at the incident. "It's a return to the bad old days of the seventies," said Jock McLennan of United. "I thought Scottish football had outgrown this type of pathetic tribalism. We don't want those sort of 'fans' following our team."

The president of the Dundee United Supporters Club has offered a reward for any information which may lead to the police making an arrest.

Security for later matches will be increased, and no-one will gain entry without a valid Supporter's Club membership card. Under 15's will still be able to get in on their parents or older brother's cards.

SHEEP SAVAGER STRIKES AGAIN!

Three more farms have fallen victim to the sheep killing dog that has been roaming the Angus countryside. Farmers in Crombie Mill, the Guynd and Newbigging have all had animals killed or mutilated over the past three nights. A total of 10 sheep have been savaged to death and others have had to be put down because of injuries sustained in the attacks.

The first attack was on John Mackie's farm, where 3 animals were found with their throats torn out. Mrs Mackie may have inadvertantly seen the killer - she almost hit a large black dog when returning home from Dundee lat on Monday night. Her husband found the dead sheep the next morning.

The berserk canine struck Drew Mackenzie's farm late afternoon on the next day. Mackenzie was

alerted by noise in one of his more distant fields and discovered that 6 of his prize ewes had been slashed and bitten by a large dog or dogs. Five of the animals were dead and another was too badly injured to save.

Not content with this carnage, the killer struck again on Wednesday - this time targeting Ewan Hosie's animals, and slaughtering another pair of sheep.

Needless to say, the farmers are all outraged at these attacks. Mr Hosie vows to shoot any dog he sees on his land. Mr Mackenzie says he will go further than that: "This dog belongs to someone. When I find out who, I will sue them for every penny that my animals were worth, and lost income from their lambs. I hope that my felloe farmers will join me in this action."