Susan Montgomery and Hans-Jürgen Schneider classified all non-trivial $n$-dimensional module algebras $A$ over the Taft algebras $H$ of dimension $n^2$, $n > 2$. They further showed that each such module structure extends uniquely to make $A$ a module algebra over the Drinfel’d double of $H$. We explore what it is about the Taft algebras that leads to this uniqueness, by examining Hopf algebras “close” to the Taft algebras in various directions, and their module algebras. (Received July 12, 2017)