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TODAY'S GAME

WHYTE & MACKAY SUPER LEAGUE TAYPORT v LINLITHGOW ROSE

Linlithgow lost their first goal of the season in the first few minutes of their opening day game at Bonnyrigg but it's the only time this season their rearguard has been breached. They went on to win that game by 5-1 and have surged forward relentlessly since to reach the final of the south league cup with another five straight wins, scoring another 17 goals in the process.

Although only Bonnyrigg, of the six vanquished sides are Super League standard, it's an impressive start to the new season and has vindicated manager Jim Sinnet's (pictured) decision to play a new 4-3-3 formation.

There have been a few changes in the squad which last season emulated Tayport's 2003 feat of the Scottish Cup and Super League double and there's no doubt Linlithgow will again be a side with honours very much in their sights.

Ian Gallacher has retired, as has another stalwart Mark Whyte, although the latter is considering pulling his boots back on. The influential Danny Smith will be out until the end of the year following his broken leg. Another break, a wrist, has prevented new signing from Stranraer, Scott Miller, from seeing any action.

Left sided midfielder Scott Livingston has joined from East Stirlingshire, 18 years old striker Robbie Feeney has moved from Dundee United, the experienced Conrad Courts has been signed from Hill of Beath and keeper Gary McGlynn from St Andrews United

Top scorer Brian Carrigan had a miserable time here last season when Tayport won 3-0 and he will be out to show of what he is capable.

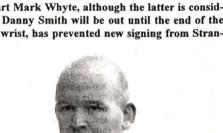
How many goals is that we've scored now? he asked the Edinburgh Evening News reporter following the 3-0 win over Edin-

burgh. Providing frightening pace is how Brian described striking partners, Ian McSween and Gordon Herd.

Goals from Carrigan, Keith Donnelly and Stuart McArthur in midweek gave Rose their 3-0 win over Fauldhouse. Tayport, too, showed good form on Wednesday, winning by the same score at Montrose, so we have the potential for a cracking match.

Tayport, of course, have had a major makeover and it takes time for the players to gel but there have been signs of promise. Chris Webster sits out the last of his suspension today and there could be doubts over a couple of players. Steve McAllister has quickly showed he could become a favourite with the fans but missed out through injury on Wednesday as did Kevin Kelly.

Derek Paterson had an impressive start on Wednesday, but he was by no means the only Tayport player to catch the eye at Broomfield Park.



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North End Challenge Cup

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K. Nicolson S. Wilkie

G. Miller (A. Ramsay) S. Stewart

S. Ross (B. Gray)
D. Reilly
G. Maher (J. Henry)

Scorer - S. Ross (2) Att. 4,652 1 June 2003 1-0 (aet) v Linlithgow Rose at Firhill, Glasgow

F. Fitzpatrick R. Gunnion G. Paterson R. Morris

J. Ward S. Peters J. Mitchell

S. Stewart (D. Scott)
B. Craik (A. Ramsay)
B. McNaughton
G. Dailly (D. Evans)

Scorer - Craik Att. 4,613 29 May 2005 2-0 v Lochee United at Tannadice

F. Fitzpatrick R. Morris

G. Paterson (L. Young) J. Ward D. Wemyss

D. Wemyss
S. Peters
B. McNaughton
S. Stewart

R. Henderson (A. Ramsay)
G. Middleton (R. Hunter)
B. Livie

Scorers – Middleton, Henderson Att. 6,868

AWARDS 2006/07

Player of the Year (POY) – Ross Gunnion; Players' POY – Grant Paterson; Fans' Favourite – Grant Paterson; Supporters' Club POY - Grant Paterson; Travel Club POY - Grant Paterson;

Goal of Season - Lloyd Young v Lochee United; Top Scorer Award - Chris Webster & Bryan Duell (joint) Tayport F.C. is indebted to the advertisers in this programme and at the Canniepairt and is also indebted to its sponsors.

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ALL CHANGE AT TAYPORT

Whilst many clubs pretty routinely chop and change their playing staff from season to season, continuity has been something of a watchword at Tayport over the years, with usually only one or two players leaving or arriving over a season or during summer breaks.

It's been all change this year though, with a host of new players arriving at the Canniepairt as the management seek to build a team to their own specification..

The pool was pretty threadbare at the end of the last campaign anyway and further exits necessitated an influx of new blood. Leaving were Bryan Duell (Forfar Athletic), Allan Ramsay (North End), Steven Stewart (Kirrie), Murray McDowell (freed), Robbie Henderson (Cove Rangers), Gus Malone (freed) and Frazer McPherson (time out).

In have come goalkeepers Peter Flick (amateurs), David Currie (Arbroath FC), defenders, Derek Paterson (on loan from East Fife), midfielders Martin Maher (Rosyth), Steve McAllister (Rosyth), Reon Juskowiak (St Andrews Utd), Kevin Kelly (Lochee Harp), strikers Brian Craik (Lochee Harp) and Gary Fraser (on loan from Forfar Athletic).

There was a further acquisition, indeed one of the first close season signings was Montrose Roselea midfielder Eric Watson, but a subsequent offer from Highland League Cove Rangers for Eric's transfer was accepted and the player was back up north without having even participated in a training session!

Suspensions and injuries restricted the early season selection choices, with Chris Webster, Brian Livie and Dean Rennie all compulsory absentees and Roberto Morris's and Steve McAllister's, both enforced.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to both sets of supporters to the Canniepart for today's opening Super League fixture for the season 2007-2008.

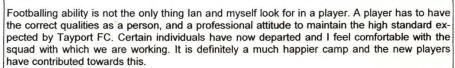
We could not have asked for a tougher first league game of the season. Today's opponents Linlithgow Rose set the benchmark by their outstanding success last year. Scottish Cup and Super League winners have set the standard to which we all will be trying to aspire.

Today's game is what the Super League is all about. Playing against the best opposition should be a mouthwatering occasion for our players. We know we will have to play to the highest standard to get off to the best possible start, but it is a game that our boys are relishing.

It has been a very exhausting close season. Four weeks of travelling up and down the region, numerous hours on the phone, trying to bring new players to the club. In all we have brought in 9 new faces to the squad.

We feel now that we have added depth to the squad and players in the right areas, which we sadly lacked last year.

In today's climate we also have to look at the personalities of the player and what they bring to the club.



Pre-season also went very well. The boys worked really hard. We all know that the running isn't nice, but the players will reap the benefits as the season goes on. We played 4 games during pre-season, with 4 victories. The league cup section at the start of the season also gave the managers a little bit of breathing space to bed in the new additions. This has certainly happened with ourselves.

Although we have progressed to the league cup final by winning our section and beating Montrose on Wednesday, I still feel that we have a lot more to come from the team. To date we have played 5 games, winning 4 and drawing 1, with 16 goals for, and 4 against.

I would like to thank our supporters who have been in great voice and numbers during preseason and league cup games. We all know that it is a very important season for all concerned at Tayport FC. The management, committee and players will all be striving to achieve our aims of putting Tayport FC back as the dominant force in Scottish Junior football.

With your continued support, again, starting from today we hope to achieve the result that we all desire.

Enjoy today's game

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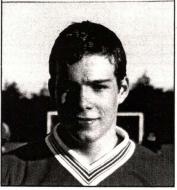
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MARK CORCORAN



1998 for Tayport

2007 for St Mirren

When Manager Andy Sommerville gave a the stripling 17 years old local schoolboy MARK CORCORAN his debut for Tayport in a Tayside League match against Downfield on 19 August 1998, few might have predicted that Mark would be starring in the SPL nine years later.

That trip from the Canniepairt to Love Street was, of course, via Linlithgow Rose and Hamilton Accies and hasn't the boy done well? Having started all four SPL games for the Buddies this season, Mark was man of the match in the Paisley side's win over Falkirk on Saturday and set up the winning goal in the last minute.

The St Mirren manager Gus McPherson reckons his striker deserves better treatment from referees, but said Mark in 'The Scotsman' "I've got to expect it, the way I play, taking people on. I took a few knocks on Saturday, but there was nothing malicious. It's part and parcel of playing football and it doesn't get to me. Sometimes it's a bit of a compliment that, if you are playing well, you do get kicked"

After 99 competitive games for Tayport, Mark, who was by now studying in Edinburgh, was transferred to Linlithgow in February 2001.

Two impressive seasons at Prestonfield saw Mark step up to the Seniors with Hamilton where he had 72 appearances before moving to St Mirren in May 2005 where he has played 57 games to date.

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18.8.07	Broughty Athletic	LC	D2-2	Flick	Gunnion	G Paterson	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maher	McAllister	Kenneth 1	Fraser	Kelly 1	McNaughton (4)	Craik (10)	Addison T(11)	102
22.8.07	EAST CRAIGIE	LC	W4-0	Currie	Gunnion	Livie *	Morris	Wemyss	Juskowiak 1	Maher	McAllister	Fraser 1	Craik 1	Kelly	Urquhart (4)	Kenneth * (9) 1	McNaughton (7)	133
25.8.07	Dundee Violet	LC	W4-2	Currie	Gunnion	G Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Juskowiak *	Maher	McNaughton *1	Kenneth	Craik 3	Kelly	Urquhart (6)	D.Rennie (11)		174
29.8.07	Montrose Roselea	LC	W3-0	Currie	Gunnion 1	Livie	Urquhart	Wemyss	Juskowiak	Maker	McNaughton	Fraser	Craik 2	D.Paterson	Kenneth (9)	G.Paterson (5)		92
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The Website - the current situation

There have been requests on the Forum for a club response to the fact that the website has not been updated for several months. The facts are as follows

- the Webmaster will not allow any other person, to update the site, advising this is impossible.
- 2 match reports, without exception, are emailed to the webmaster within 2 hours of the final whistle.
- 3 Super Six and Diamond Club draw details are emailed to webmaster within minutes of the draws taking place.
- in connection with queries over the lack of site activity over the last three months, the Webmaster has consistently failed to respond to emails and messages.
- 5 the club owns the domain name www.tayportfc.com

We apologise for this situation

THIS AFTERNOON'S WHYTE and MACKAY SUPER LEAGUE CARD

Camelon v Oakley United Kelty Hearts v Glenrothes Lochee United v Bonnyrigg Rose Tayport v Linlithgow Rose Whitburn v Hill of Beath Bathgate v Carnoustie Panmure

Results on the newsline after the match 01382 552755

KEY: Competitions: L – Whyte & Mackay East Super League; S – Scottish Junior Cup; ES – East of Scotland Cup; RL – Redwood Leisure Cup; Ch – Challenge Cup; C – Currie Cup; LC – League Cup. Number after letter indicates round of competition. Other Number after player – goals scored; Number in brackets after player – player replaced; % - Player dismissed; * - Player cautioned; a – lost on penalties; b – won on penalties

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Letham United Under 12s; Dundee Sporting Club U 13s; S signing for St Johnstone, then taken on as YTS age 16 then a year as a full time pro with Saints; A short spell at Brechin City; Carnoustie Panmure for 4 years and Rosyth for one season before joining Tayport in July this year.

Honours - Scottish Cup winner and Tayside Championship medal with Carnoustie.

Away from Football

Our Lady's Primary School, Perth; St Columba's HS Perth; work with Sidey the Glaziers in Perth. Age 25 and stays in Perth with parents; Girlfriend - Elaine.

Lifestyle

Other sports - play snooker;

Music tastes - Band Music. Favourite - Oasis:

Chill out - a few beers in the pub with the lads.

Newspaper - The Sun and the Perthshire Advertiser;

Last book read - Steven Gerrard's autobiography. How did you rate it 10/10;

Last time at cinema. A week past Friday to see Knocked Up (an American comedy);

This year's holiday spot - Gran Canaria 7/10 room for improvement! Best holiday spot - Magaluf

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NORTH LEAGUE CUP

Section 1 Results Chart	ASC	Brechin Vics	Forfar Albion	Montrose Roselea
Arbroath SC		3-1	X	0-3
Brechin Vics	×		1-0	X
Forfar Albion	0-5	X		1-3
Montrose Roselea	×	2-1	×	STATE OF THE OWNER,

Section 1 Table	P	W	D	L	E	A	GD	PTS
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Arbroath SC	3	2	0	1	8	4	4	6
Brechin Vics	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
Forfar Albion	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0

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Carnoustie Panmure		X				2-2		1-2	
Forfar West End		0-2		X				7-0	
Kirriemuir Thistle		2-1		X		X		100	
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Forfar West End	3	1	1	1	10	5	5	4
Arbroath Vics	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Carnoustie Panmure	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2

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Coupar Angus	X				2-3		D - 1	1	1 - 4	
Downfield	0-1		4-1				1 - 3	()-1	
Lochee Harp	2-3		X		X				1-2	
Lochee United	X		X	I_{I}	x		x	1	2 2	
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Downfield		4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
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TAYPORT	X		X		4-0		X		
Section 4 Table		P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
TAYPORT		4	3	1	0	13	4	9	10
North End		4	2	0	2	7	9	-2	6

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Lochee Utd v Downfield Montrose Roselea v Carnoustie Panmure ALL OTHER CLUBS RECEIVED BYES. DATES OF TIES TO BE DECIDED.



Early season prices from bookmakers

TO WIN THE SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

9/1	Linlithgow Rose
12/1	Imina Mandan n

- Irvine Meadow, Pollok, Tayport
- 14/1 Arthurlie, Auchinleck Talbot
- Bathgate Thistle, Lochee United 16/1
- 20/1 Bonnyrigg Rose, Carnoustie Panmure
- 25/1 Glenafton Athletic, Kelty Hearts, Whitburn
- Bellshill, Camelon, Cumnock, Hill of Beath Hawthorn, 33/1 Kilsyth Rangers, Neilston, Petershill, Shotts Bon Accord.
- Beith, Bo'ness United, Clydebank, Kilwinning Rangers, Maryhill, 40/1 Newtongrange Star, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Rosyth
- 50/1 Glenrothes, Johnstone Burgh, Kilbirnie Ladeside, Largs Thistle, Musselburgh Athletic, Oakley United, Renfrew, Vale of Clyde
- 66/1 Armadale Thistle, Arniston Rangers, Culter, Dundee North End, East Kilbride Thistle, Kinnoull, Larkhall Thistle, Lanark United, Penicuik Athletic, Sauchie, St Andrews United, Yoker Athletic,
- Annbank United, Dundonald Bluebell, Forfar West End, Lesmanagow, Maybole, Montrose Roselea, Troon
- 125/1 Ballingry Rovers, Broxburn Athletic, Broughty Athletic, Cumbernauld United, Fauldhouse United, Lochee Harp, Port Glasgow, Pumpherston, Rutherglen Glencairn, Scone Thistle, Sunnybank.
- Ashfield, Arbroath Sporting Club, Banks of Dee, Downfield, 150/1 Dundee Violet, Girvan, Haddington Athletic, Harthill Royal, Hurlford United, Lugar Boswell, St Anthonys, Thornton Hibs.

TO WIN EAST REGION SUPER LEAGUE

- 2/1 Linlithgow Rose
- 5/1 Tayport
- Bathgate Thistle, Bonnyrigg Rose, Lochee United 6/1
- 10/1 Whitburn
- Carnoustie Panmure, Hilll of Beath Hawthorn 14/1
- 20/1 Camelon
- 25/1 Glenrothes, Kelty Hearts
- 40/1 Oakley United

TO WIN EAST REGION PREMIER LEAGUE

- 7/4 Bo, ness United
- 6/1 Musselburgh Athletic, Newtongrange Star
- 13/2 Rosyth
- 10/1 Armadale Thistle, Arniston Rangers
- 12/1 Dundee North End, Dundonald Bluebell
- 16/1 Kinnoull, Penicuik Athletic
- 20/1 Penicuik Athletic
- 25/1 Forfar West End, Montrose Roselea

Historic Scottish Cup draw

Rose get a trip to Wigtownshire, Dumfries & Galloway to meet Newton Stewart of the South of Scotland League in the first round of the Scottish Cup. It will be a memorable occasion, but one which will hold few fears for our opponents today, whose place in the 2nd round looks fairly secure.

Below is how Linlithgow Today's lain Russell broke the news to his readers on Thursday afternoon past

LINLITHGOW Rose were drawn against Newton Stewart in the first round of the Scottish Cup. At a packed Rose social club vesterday (Thursday). Sun sports journalist Bill Leckie and Keith Anderson, of the Edinburgh Evening News, made the draw before the assembled media. It was an historic occasion as the SFA have for the first time allowed junior clubs to compete. The Rose, as East Super League and Junior Cup winners, were entered along with West and North Super League champs Pollok and Culter.

Rose club president Les Donaldson said afterwards: "It's absolutely terrific to be in the Scottish Cup but to have the draw here in Linlithgow was special, especially for the fans. "Everybody in the town will now be looking forward to this game on Saturday, September 29."

Les added: "The professionalism of Jim Sinnet and his staff will ensure that the club is adequately prepared for this match.

"To think we are only three games away from being paired with the likes of Rangers and Celtic, it's fantastic."

Club manager Jim Sinnet also added: "Newton Stewart are an unknown quantity but we will watch them over the coming weeks and also see what their ground is like. The main thing is we are in the draw."

* Culter are at home to Hawick Royal Albert with Pollok away to St Cuthbert' Wanderers.

Full draw:

Brora Rangers v Cove Rangers, Golspie Sutherland v Preston Athletic, Coldstream v Dalbeattie Star, Glasgow University v Buckie, Wigtown and Bladnoch v Burntisland, Civil Service Strollers v Selkirk, Fort William v Spartans, Newton Stewart v Linlithgow Rose, Vale of Leithen v Gala Fairydean, Wick Academy v Deveronvale, Culter v Hawick RA, Rothes v Nairn County, St Cuthbert v Pol-Iok. Fraserburgh v Huntly, Girvan v Forres Mechanics, Lossiemouth v Whitehill Welfare, Clachnacuddin v Edinburgh City. Edinburgh University receive a bye into round two.

It's all pretty galling for Tayport's fans, of course. Four times since the turn of the century and the advent of the Super League, Tayport have made the qualifying mark for entry. In 2003, 2005 and 2006 Tayport would have been in the draw, but the Senior clubs voted against allowing the Juniors in on these occasions.

At last we'll be able to measure the Juniors against the non-league Senior clubs. Makes for an interesting time. Culter will be favourites against Hawick and Pollok, who travel to Kirkcudbright tom meet St Cuthbert Wanderers, should progress. Girvan, though, could struggle v Forres.

Tayport v Linlthgow Rose - The History

The first meeting of the clubs was on The Canniepairt in December 1996 when a sizeable Lithgae support in the 537 crowd saw their Scottish Cup hopes dashed at the 3rd round stage when Port rattled in three without reply. Rose were back in Tayport at the 5th round stage the following season but again saw their dreams ended when strikers Steve Hutcheon and Dave Reilly gave Tayport a comfortable 2-0 verdict.

It was to be four years before the teams were destined to lock horns again, this time on the Scottish Cup semi-final stage before a healthy gathering of 4,401 at Almondvale. It was third time lucky for Rose, when they won 2-1, albeit in controversial circumstances.

The following season, 2002/2003 saw the advent of the Super League. The teams did not have to wait long and three games into the campaign Tayport took the points with a comprehensive 3-0 scoreline at Prestonfield, a healthy 586 witnessing a fine Tayport performance. Two of the players likely to be in Port colours this afternoon, Brian Craik and Barry McNaughton (2) sharing the goals. The return game in November was notable for the fact that Linlithgow got their first Canniepairt goal but it wasn't enough and goals from John Ward and McNaughton gave Tayport a 2-1 and thus completed the league double.

Six months down the line on 1st June 2003 and both clubs had progressed to the final of the Scottish Junior Cup. The venue of Firhill was controversial with an attendance of less than 5,000 attracted to a final in Glasgow between two east coast clubs. It was a third win of the season for Tayport against Rose, this time an extra time goal from Birdie giving Port the Cup for the second time in eight years.

The ill fated Super Cup less than two months later gave Linlithgow some consolation when they won 4-2 at Prestonfield. Rose were on a roll now and grabbed their first ever Canniepairt goals with a 2-0 Super League win in front of a disappointing 351 crowd at the end of August. In the return game at the end of May 2004, Tayport kept their title hopes alive and again sent the locals in a four figure crowd, home, hugely disappointed, thanks to a 2-1 win in a vastly entertaining encounter.

Season 2004/2005 saw a first league draw between the sides, 1-1 at Prestonfield before a crowd of 897. It was June before the return took place on The Canniepairt and there was no hangover from the Scottish Cup Final triumph over Lochee United a week earlier, with the Tannadice goal heroes, Henderson (2) and Middleton again on the mark in 'Port's 3-1 win.

In season 2005/2006 the teams met twice in the league in the opening eight weeks, with honours being shared on both occasions, 2-2 at Linlithgow and 0-0 at Canniepairt. Last season Linlithgow took Tayport's Super League title, but not their pride, 1-1 before a 667 attendance at Linlithgow in September and 3-0 for Tayport in March earlier this year, 341 witnessing a home triumph.

So there we have it, in summary there have 15 meetings, Tayport have won 8, Linlithgow 3 and there have been 4 draws

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"EARLY SIGNS FROM NEWCOMERS PROMISING"

says



The 2007/08 Super League finally gets underway today and Tayport could not have a tougher start, playing host to the champions and Scottish Cup holders, Linlithgow Rose.

What's more, 'Port go into the clash with a new-look team, having signed nine players during the course of the summer. (One was a very familiar face, though. Brian Craik, scorer of Tayport's Scottish Junior Cup winning goal against the Rosie Posie in 2003, returning to the Canniepairt after a gap of nearly three years.)

Early signs from the newcomers have been promising, although the only competitive action thus far has come in the shape of the DJ Laing League Cup. Thankfully, the competition is proving to be more streamlined this season, albeit that it is totally lacking in novelty value, given that Tayport played exactly the same teams last season.

Gary Fraser, a debut goal, Ronnie Kenneth and Barry McNaughton, both as substitutes, gave 'Port a 3-0 win at rain-soaked North End. The rain fell again the following Saturday, when Kenneth and Kevin Kelly earned a two-goal lead at Broughty. Two late lapses saw the Fed' level to gain a share of the points. There was no mistake in the only home match so far, a midweeker against East Craigie. An own goal, a Gary Fraser free kick, a drive from Reon Juskowiak and another goal from Ronnie Kenneth saw off the nine-man Shipbuilders, by four goals to nil.

That set up a sectional decider against Violet at Glenesk, where 'Port were always in front. Birdie netted a hat-trick, one from the penalty spot, and Barry McNaughton netted with something of a miscue, as Tayport ran out 4-2 victors.

Into the semi-final, the draw was not a favourable one, with a Wednesday evening trip to Montrose Roselea the reward for progressing. It was worth the journey, though, as 'Port recorded an impressive 3-0 victory. Craik was again on goal-scoring form, netting a brace, both supplied by Ross Gunnion, with Gunnion actually netting the game's final goal, a stunning left-footed volley from outside the area.

Broomfield Park is never an easy venue and matters were compounded by the lack of light emanating from the Roselea floodlights, so Frank Conway's team deserve great credit for a spirited performance which sees them through to meet rivals Lochee United in the League Cup final.



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Never Take Anything for Granted in Football



On 16th March 2007, and 75% of the season already complete, the Evening Telegraph's Friday Juniors page included the following comment with regard to the race for promotion from the East Region's Premier Division.

ST ANDREWS, too, are very much in the promotion frame and their home game with Arniston Rangers has been labelled a 'must win' by boss Colin Downie.

A glance at the Premier League table for that week backs up the notion that St Andrews Utd were very much challenging for the Super League. However, as we know, things went horribly wrong for Saints. They won only one point from their last eight games and were relegated.

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Glenrothes 13	9	4	0	29	12	31
St Andrews 14	8	1	5	34	24	25
M'ss'lburgh 13	7	2	4	31	25	23
Rosyth 13	6	3	4	21	14	21
Armadale, 16	5	6	5	25	25	21
North End 12	5	3	4	18	19	18
Penicuik 16	4	6	6	31	39	18
Arniston 15	4	5	6	28	21	17
Montrose, 13	3	5	5	18	17	14
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Never Take Anything for Granted in Football 2

The previous season, the following article appeared in Tayport's match programme for a cup game on 27th May 2006. It was all doom and gloom stuff but, as we know, within two weeks we were surprise champions

" Looking on the bright side, Tayport can still win the Super League. Looking on the realistic side, we'll finish as runners-up, for a third year in a row.

April's draw at home to Whitburn all but ended Tayport's hopes and with the Central Parkers hitting a major slump, Bathgate held all the aces

When North End were beaten on the Canniepairt and Bathqate dropped points to Arniston, the tables had turned. If 'Port could collect six points from the last two fixtures, Thistle would have to win all four of their remaining games. A tall order for the Scottish Cup finalists.

So, back in a position of strength, it all went horribly wrong. Glenrothes equalised with a late corner kick a fortnight ago, then, at New Dundas Park, a seemingly rejuvenated 'Port went into a two-goal lead, only to see all the good work undone in the closing stages.

Now, for Tayport, nothing more can be done. Bathgate need to gain three points from three games, as well as a couple of goals in the goal-difference column.

The great disappointment of the season has been the club's home form. It had all started promisingly enough, with wins against Arniston and Lochee United on the Canniepairt, but, after that, too many draws, not enough wins, not enough goals.

Tayport only completed league doubles over three sides this season: Lochee United, Arniston and North End, two of whom have been relegated. Whitburn, Bonnyrigg, Linlithgow and Carnoustie all managed to avoid defeat against 'Port, with Whitburn's display back in August most impressive. Tayport were fortunate to escape with a 3-2 loss, as it could have been much worse. At least that was a match that will be remembered. A lot of the others were just mundane. Best not to dwell on it. After all, only three defeats in a 22-match programme can't be that bad. Not quite champions, but not far away. "

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Armadale Thistle	22	8	8	6	37	34	3	32
Dundee North End	22	9	5	8	40	41	-1	32
Montrose Roselea	22	7	10	5	36	25	11	31
Arniston Rangers	22	7	6	9	36	32	4	27
Penicuik Athletic	22	7	6	9	51	54	-3	27
St Andrews United	22	8	2	12	38	41	-3	26
Lochee Harp	22	5	5	12	33	53	-20	20
Scone Thistle	22	2	3	17	21	76	-55	9

Promoted from the District Leagues to the Premier League were Forfar West End, Dundonald Bluebell and Newtongrange Star

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



No explanation for the bizarre situation which saw us play three away games in our league cup section and only one at home. Also no explanation why the semi final draw wasn't made and announced when the fixtures were announced. We had to apologise to supporters for not being able to provide details of our semi-final opponents on the Newsline at the conclusion of last Saturday's final section game. Still, we weren't alone the association match secretary didn't know the draw either! With the evenings drawing in rapidly, wasn't it fortunate that the clubs with floodlights were drawn at home and we were able to play the second halves of the semi finals under lights?

Quite a number of Tayport FC connections amongst those at the recent Forfar Athletic v East Fife Challenge Cup tie. The former Tayport triumvirate of Baikie, Irons and Carr was in the East Fife dugout while last season's assistant manager Willie Garner, now assistant to Loons manager Jim Moffat, was joined in the Forfar dugout by former Tayport player Martin Wilkinson, now Forfar physio. In the crowd were members of the Tayport FC committee and TFC Travel Club as well as several other Canniepairt regulars. Bryan Duell who moved from the Canniepairt during the close season, and Lloyd Young who moved from Tayport to East Fife earlier this year, were in the stand, Lloyd injured and Dueller, we're not sure why. To complete the Port connection, there was big Livie, one of Tayside Police's finest boys in blue, observing proceedings from trackside in the line of duty.

Spare a though for Lochee Harp. With no league cup fixture and the Association stead-fastly refusing to allow local cupties and league games to be played off, Harp and Violet, both without a league cup game, arranged to play a 1st round GA Engineering North/Tayside tie. A Sean Christie goal gave the Pansies a 1-0 win and so Harp, on the first day of the season, had already lost their interest in a competition which won't kick off for the other clubs for many weeks yet. It was able to go ahead because the GA Cup is not administered by the East Region FA.

A number of clubs have withdrawn from the Juniors this season including Kirkcaldy YM, Newmains United, Glasgow Perthshire and Fochabers. Back into the fold have come Deveronside after year out. Hopefully the absence of those clubs will be only temporary and they can be back after a year in abeyance.

The draw for the Scottish Junior Cup 1st Round is scheduled for 12 noon on Tuesday 11th September in The Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park. On this occasion we won't be able to have the draw on the TFC Newsline until early evening.

Thursday evening in the Tayport Arms invariably sees the East Fife management team of Baikie, Irons and Carr huddled in a corner over a pint planning out the Fifers' strategy for the following Saturday. Last Thursday was no exception, although there was also the opportunity to reflect on excellent win over St Mirren on Tuesday and ponder over who might be their next round opponents.

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