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- Ronnie Kenneth

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	TAYPORT		BLAIRGOWRIE From
1	Frazer FITZPATRICK		Gordon O'BRIEN
20	Sam MORRIS		Gordon PIRIE
2	Barry DONACHIE		Richard ROBERTSON
3	Grant PATERSON		Mark CHRISTISON
4	David BLACK		Scott BARRIE
5	Derek WEMYSS		Paul IRELAND
6	Scott HUNTER		Mark BRASH
8	Adam O'CONNOR		Jamie DUNCAN
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15	Grant MANZIE		Darren NEAVE
16	Darren SCOTT		Callum ROLLO
17	Stefan ELVIN	1	Mark NUGENT
18	Joe PEPPER		Ross GRAHAM
19	Michael GRAY	ſ	
21	Michael O'DONNELL		
22	Steven STEWART		
	Referee: Gavin	H	ARRIS (Dundee)

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PREMIER LEAGUE **TAYPORT BLAIRGOWRIE**

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2009 KICK-OFF 2.30 pm

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TODAY'S GAME BLANGOWRIE PREMIER LEAGUE

NEXT WEEK'S MATCH Goalscorers 2009/10 Home v Armadale Thistle Stefan Elvin 5 Premier League at Canniepairt. Kick-off 2.30pm. 5 Darren Scott Match preview in Friday's Fife Herald and on line at Grant Manzie 3 3 Chris Webster www.tayportfc.org 2 Mike Gray Tayport FC Committee & Team Management Graham Nicoll Barry Donachie Manager Chairman - Eddie Stewart Willie Garner Barry McNaughton Vice chair - Alastair Oswald Coaches David Black Secretary - Abby Oswald Steven Stewart Shut-outs ex 19/9 Treasurer - Matt Lawson **Grant Paterson** Frazer Fitzpatrick Committee -Physio Sam Morris Norrie Marshall John Anderson **Hon Presidents** Bert Irvine Ball Boys 2009/2010 Tam Barnett Sandy McDade Drew Herd Jim McDade Ross Macmillan Ken Smith Jamie Balfour Andy Phin Doug Whammond Jim Rae Struan Christie Dick Smith

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To the Chairman and Committee of Tayport Football Club,

On behalf of my family and myself, we wish to thank you for the great honour you have given Dave. His family and the football were his whole life and he would have been so pleased to be in the "Hall of Fame" and, like us, so proud.

Once again, sincere thanks, Dorothy Haghes

Letter received from the widow of the late Davie Hughes, a founder member of the club, and the recipient of the Club's first Heritage Award at the recent Hall of Fame event in the Hilton Hotel



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TODAY'S GAME

BuktaTEAMWARE.COM Premier League TAYPORT v BLAIRGOWRIE

We're into October and only playing our third home game of the 09/10 campaign after an August and September which saw us play 6 out of 8 games away from home—and it would have been 7, had the Livingston cup-tie last Saturday not been postponed following a bereavement in the Livi camp.

We welcome Blairgowrie to Tayport for the clubs' first league meeting here since April 1992 when a brace of Dave Reilly goals gave 'Port both points. The Berrypickers were relegated that season but they return to south Tayside this afternoon with arguably their best side since then.

Blair dominated Perthshire Junior football in the 1950s, winning seven titles in ten years and although they have picked up a couple of minor cups and divisional titles in the past twenty years or so, the halcyon days of the 50s have yet to be repeated.

Signs of better days came with the third tier title as North District champions in 2007/08 but for most of last season it looked as if Blair were to slip out of the Premier Division back into the District League. However a fantastic late season rally saw them escape relegation by a point.

It was the break the club needed and this season they have made a very promising start to the new campaign with a win over Arniston and draws against St Andrews United and Penicuik. Their only defeat came in a 5-4 thriller against league leaders Ballingry Rovers. Had the scoreline been reversed, then it's Blair who would have topped the table going into this game.

Billy Mackay, the Berrypickers' manager for as long as most folk can remember, moved this season into the newly created role of Director of Football at Davie Park allowing Ross Graham to step into the hot seat.

Graham has been getting the best out of players such as Allan Cruickshank and Barry McLean. Cruickshank has been a prolific goalscorer this season but a goal threat comes equally from McLean, Jamie Duncan and Mark Christison. The experienced McLean may not have weighed in with as many goals as Cruickshank but he carries a significant threat, nevertheless, with his lethal passing and pinpoint crosses. At the back, goalkeeper Gordon O'Brien has been receiving plenty plaudits in recent weeks for some outstanding displays between the sticks.

Tayport will be without Graham Nicoll, Stuart Ferguson and Stefan Elvin and there is a doubt over Adam O'Connor but Derek Wemyss could return and Michael O'Donnell, the Irishman signed from Toronto, should make his home debut.

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LEAGUE TABLE				Home					Away				
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Ballingry Rovers	4	2	0	0	6	4	1	1	0	3	2	3	10
Forfar West End	3	1	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	4	3	8	7
TAYPORT	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	4	3	3	7
St Andrews United	4	2	0	0	4	4	1	1	0	4	3	1	7
Arniston Rangers	4	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	3	5	1	6
Blairgowrie	4	1	2	0	4	3	0	0	.1	4	5	0	5
Penicuik Athletic	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	3	6	-1	5
Fauldhouse United	4	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	1	5	6	-1	5
Kinnoull	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	-1	4
Armadale Thistle	3	1	0	1	6	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Montrose Roselea	4	0	1	2	2	4	0	0	1	1	3	-4	1
Carnoustie Panmure	3	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	0	7	-10	0

RESULTS CHART	Arma- dale	Arnis- ton	Ballin- gry	Blair- gowrie	Carno- ustie	Fauld- house	Forfar WE	Kinnoull	Montr- ose	Penicuik	St Andrews	TAY- PORT
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Arniston Rgrs		Mark III				4 - 1						
Ballingry Rvrs	-		11.5%	5-4								1-0
Blairgowrie		2-1								0-0	2-2	
Carnoustie Pan		1-2			Carlotte .							1 - 3
Fauldhouse Utd			2-2			Marie Miles						1-1
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Kinnoull	1-0							1 1 W		2-2		
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Armadale Thistle	L	L	W		
Arniston Rangers	W	L	W	L	
Ballingry Rovers	W	D	W	W	
Blairgowrie	D	D	L	W	
Carnoustie Panmure	L	L	L		
Fauldhouse United	W	D	L	D	
Forfar West End	D	W	W		
Kinnoull	W	D	L		
Montrose Roselea	D	L	L	L	
Penicuik Athletic	D	W	D	L	
St Andrews United	L	D	W	W	
TAYPORT	L	W	W	D	

Player	Club	Goals
Adam, James	Ballingry Rovers	5
Duell, Bryan	Forfar West End	5
Harvey, John	Penicuik Athletic	4
Sutherland, Gary	St Andrews United	4
Cruickshank, Allan	Blairgowrie	3
Felvus, Brian	Fauldhouse United	3
Fraser, John	Ballingry Rovers	3
Johnstone, Lee	Armadale Thistle	3
Muckersie, Gary	Forfar West End	3
Farquharson, Paul	St Andrews United	2
Howitt, Kyle	Arniston Rangers	2
Manzie, Grant	TAYPORT	2

	RESULT by 5 th Se	<u>S</u> ptember
Armadale	P	Carnoustie
Blairgowrie	2-2	St Andrews
Fauldhouse	2-2	Ballingry
Forfar WE	Р	Kinnoull
Penicuik Ath	3-1	Montrose
TAYPORT	2-0	Arniston
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Forfar WE	٧	Fauldhouse
TAYPORT	٧	Blairgowrie
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Armadale	2-3	Forfar WE
Arniston	4-1	Fauldhouse
Ballingry	5-4	Blairgowrie
Carnoustie	1-3	TAYPORT
Kinnoull	2-2	Penicuik Ath
Montrose	1-2	St Andrews
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Arniston	V	Montrose
Fauldhouse	V	Kinnoull
Forfar WE	V	Blairgowrie
Penicuik	V	Carnoustie
St Andrews	V	Ballingry
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Blairgowrie	2-1	Arniston
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Forfar WE	7-0	Carnoustie
Montrose	0-1	Ballingry
St Andrews	2-0	Kinnoull
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This weeks odds in the Premier League from William Hill:

Home		Draw		Away	Home		Draw		Away
8/15	Ballingry	3/1	Armadale	7/2	1/2	Forfar WE	16/5	Fauldhouse	7/2
8/13	St Andrews	16/5	Arniston	11/4	4/9	Tayport	10/3	Blairgowrie	4/1



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Dear Henry McLeish,



Your one-man task force to save Scottish football is rumoured to be a fudge. But before it is too late, allow The Bore to have his say.

A proper top division. It is a tragedy that our national sport should have been reduced to a two horse race for almost 20 years. This year's European farce should be enough to lead to immediate and widespread changes. A 12 team top league is not working. It is unbelievably dull and is not developing talent. Why fear a thinner but wider spread of money? So what if broadcasters will pay less for TV rights? Maybe if They Who Shall Not Be Named were to only play each other twice a season the games might be worth watching. What are we so scared of losing?

The Taylor Report. What is wrong with terracing at lower league grounds? I assume you have been to Broadwood? The Excelsior Stadium? Caledonian Stadium? Almondvale? Did you know which was which? Is it any surprise that St Mirren have yet to win a home game since they moved out of Love Street? Soulless does not come close. I live in Scotland. It is cold. I do not want to sit down for an entire football match. I do not ever want to go back to New Bayview. Ever.

Solutions? Let's have an 18 team top league. All could survive on a full-time basis. There is a risk that they couldn't compete with the English fourth tier for European mercenaries, but we'd just have to settle for employing young local players instead. Existing criteria of 6,000 capacity all-seater grounds would have to be met otherwise promotion would be forfeited.

The next tier down (let's call it something racy like "The Second Division") would not be tied to such ground criteria. This league would also be of 18, maybe 20 teams and the top two would be promoted each season. At the foot of the table three teams would be relegated and each season replaced by the three winners of the North, East and West regional leagues. Each regional league would have its own internal structure but would be headed by a "Super" league.

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The bore's views are the result of too many pints and in no way represent those of Tayport FC

DUNMORE'S ANGLE

"Chiel fitted in as if he had never been away".

It's now a month since Tayport last played a competitive fixture on the Canniepairt, when Arniston Rangers were beaten by two second half goals. A solo effort from Darren Scott, capped by a fine finish, was followed by a first goal in Tayport colours for full-back David Black, as Willie Garner's side picked up their first ever win in the East Premier League.

A week later, another three points came Tayport's way, courtesy of a 3-1 win at Carnoustie. Grant Manzie rolled in the first goal, from close-range and, in the second half, Chris Webster stole in at the far post to put the visitors two up. Late in the game, the Gowfers pulled one back, but before they could think about salvaging a draw, Stefan Elvin rattled in another goal for the Canniepairt outfit.

The midfielder did not enjoy the best of fortune at Fauldhouse, however, going down with an ankle injury, on the touchline, in the opening minute of the game. His replacement was Steven Stewart, recently unveiled as Willie Garner's new assistant. Chiel, who enjoyed huge success in his two previous spells at the club, including five Scottish Junior Cup final appearances and a whole host of medals, fitted in as if he had never been away.

Primarily at the Canniepairt in a coaching capacity, Stewart was in the thick of the action at Fauldhouse, even moving back into the centre of defence after Scott Hunter's red card.

That dismissal was for a last man tackle, inside the box, which also gave Hoose a penalty kick. Kenny Martin converted, to equalise Grant Manzie's stunning opener. Thereafter, there was little between the sides, but, given the circumstances, Tayport would have been fairly content to leave with a point.

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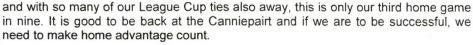
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A WORD FROM WILLIE

Having started with two wins, a draw and a defeat in this league, we now know that success this season, and by that I mean promotion back to the Super League, will be extremely difficult. The teams we are facing are organised, fit and have the same ambitions as ourselves in terms of promotion.

Today's opponents, Blairgowrie are no different. They will feel that if they can get some consistency they will be in the mix come the end of the season.

This is now game five of the league campaign, but only our second home game,



We have only had one game since we defeated Arniston here and this was at Fauldhouse two weeks ago. Firstly I would like to thank the large travelling support at that game which easily outnumbered the home support.

I felt that we did not start the game as well as I expected. This may have been partly down to the injury sustained by Stefan Elvin after only two minutes. Once we settled, however, I felt we played some really good football and went in front with a great strike from Grant Manzie. Unfortunately we did not hold on to the lead as we lost a goal to a penalty and saw Scott Hunter sent off for being last man. This meant further re organisation of the team, which saw the recent addition to my coaching staff, Steven Stewart, being deployed as a centre half. Even after going down to ten men, I felt we were by far the better team, and with a little more composure in front of goal we could easily have won the game. Having said that I must give credit to the players for the amount of work they did in securing a point away from home.

On the injury front, as well as Stefan, Stuart Ferguson has a problem with some muscle damage in his stomach and will miss the next few weeks. On a brighter note Derek Wemyss - remember him!, - who has not played since the Lochee United game on 25 April, is back in training and we are hoping he will be back playing soon. Graham Nicoll, who has had a problem with his knee, is also back in training and could be ready to play within a couple of weeks. Having these four to pick from will certainly add great strength to my squad.





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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8.08.09	Lochee United	LC	L1-3	Fitzpatrick	Black	Paterson	Morris	Ferguson	Gray	McNaughton	O'Doherty	Kenneth	Elvin 1	Scott	S.Smith (9)		
5.08.09	LOCHEE HARP	LC	W3-0	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie 1	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	McNaughton	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Elvin 1	Scott 1	Gray (11)	Samara (3)	
19.08.09	Dundee Violet	LC	W7-3	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	McNaughton 1	Gray 2	O'Connor	Elvin 1	Scott 2	O'Doherty (7)	Webster (4) 1	Samara (
22.08.09	Dundee North End	LC	W6-0	S.Morris	Black	Donachie	O'Donnell	Ferguson	Hunter	Webster 1	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Elvin 1	Scott 1	Paterson (4)	Manzie (11) 1	Nicoll (7
9.08.09	Ballingry Rovers	L	L0-1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie *	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	Nicoll	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Elvin	Scott	Gray (7)	Manzie (11)	McNaughto
5.09.09	ARNISTON 'GERS	L	W 2 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Black 1	Donachie *	Morris *	Pepper	Hunter *	McNaughton	O'Doherty	Manzie *	Elvin	Scott 1	Gray (16)	O'Connor (3)	Webster
2.09.09	Carnoustie P'mure	L	W 3 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie	Morris	Pepper	Hunter	Kenneth	O'Doherty	Manzie 1	Elvin 1	Webster 1	Gray (9)	O'Connor (11)	McNaughto
19.09.09	Fauldhouse Utd	L	D1-1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie *	Morris *	O'Donnell	Hunter %	Kenneth	McNaughton	Manzie 1	Elvin	Webster	S Stewart (10)*	Scott (7)	
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dae ye mind when...

Tayport and Blairgowrie met for the first time on the Canniepairt. Well, if you are under 30 years of age then there's a good chance you'll no' remember much about that February afternoon almost nineteen years ago. It was a Tayside League Division Two match in Tayport's inaugural season, 1990/91. Both clubs were in the promotion frame prior to this game on 15 February 1991 but the win for Tayport effectively ended the Berrypickers' challenge and 'Port went on to take the title.

The weather had been bad over most of the country during the previous week but the Canniepairt had escaped and Dave Baikie no doubt persuaded the league secretary that it would be a good idea to switch the fixtures around and thus keep Tayport in action.

The Fife Herald's match report is reproduced below. Kevin Thomas is, of course, Kevin Thoms and Ian Wilkie should be Sean Wilkie. It was something of a red letter day for the Tayport skipper, notching a very rare goal. Grant Paterson is the only player from either team still playing with his respective club.

February 22, 1991

Football

Five-goal boost for promotion hopes

For the second week running, ground conditions forced a late change of fixture for Tayport.

With the pitch at Canniepairt escaping the worst of the recent snow and frost, the league game against fellow-promotion contenders Blairgowrie went ahead. Never rising to the heights of recent weeks, Tayport still created most of the chances and five goals, in what was virtually a "four-pointer" at the top of the table, can't be bad.

A goal each from prolific scorers Kevin Thomas and Dave Reilly, two from Grant Cushnie — his own-goal which gave Blair a glimmer of hope doesn't count towards a hat-trick! — and a first of the season notch by central defender Sean Wilkie were enough to give Tayport the valuable promotion points.

Blairgowrie played most of the match with full-back Blyth in goal for the unfortunate Menzies who was helped off following an accidental clash with Reilly.

He was blameless for overhead kick. Tayport's opening goal just Cushnie had

on half-time when Cushnie scored his first with a header from a Malone cross.

Defender Murphy made life hard for his 'keeper early after the restart when an attempted headed clearance fell to Kevin Thomas who netted easily.

This show of benevolence must have been infectious when, only minutes later, Tayport midfielder Cushnie, under no apparent pressure, put the ball past 'keeper lan Christie to throw the visitors a lifeline. Within two minutes the teams were level when Donnelly netted from the spot after Frank Dolan was alleged to have impeded a visiting forward.

Allowing Blair no time to savour this fight back, Cushnie made amends for his earlier faux-pas when he latched on to a rare fumble by the stand-in 'keeper to knock the ball home with a spectacular overhead kick.

Cushnie had an excellent

chance for his third when, with no defender near him, he found himself with all the time in the world to pick his spot. Instead, his very weak attempt went straight into Blyth's arms.

Dave Reilly, who only a minute before had gond close from a Mel Irons cross, kept up his recent run of goals when in the 77th minute he picked up a ball from the left and fired it home.

The scoreing was completed in the 80th minute and the goal came from an unusual source.

lan Wilkie, more usually seen carrying out a competent and unassuming role in the centre of defence, found himself behind the visitors back four, and bearing down on Blyth, coolly picked his spot and stroked the ball home for his first counter of the season.



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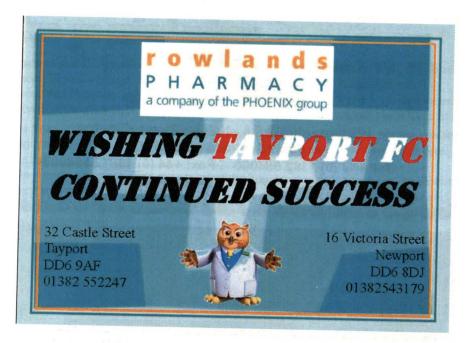


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Blether with Bomber Saturday 3rd October 2009 Issue No. 8 BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR...

Much of the local junior football talk recently has been at the demise of once proud teams such as Carnoustie Panmure, who famously defeated Tayport in a penalty shootout in the 2004 Scottish Junior Cup Final at Firhill, and Dundee North End, my former club, who won the old Tayside Premier Division, piping The Port with a dramatic final game of the season win over Dundee St Josephs' at Fairfield Park in 1998.

With The Dokens going down to the likes of Kirkcaldy YM and Lochee Harp, and The Gowfers on the losing end of a 7-0 thrashing at Jim Finlayson's Forfar West End, bets were being made in many a local pub how long Davie Martin & Ian Gilzean would last.

By changing a manager, what effect would that have on the club? Both are suffering from the harsh financial climate, with Davie Laing having seemingly decided long gone are the days where players would receive £20 per goal on top of a hefty four figure annual wage at Laing Park, and the North End Social Club (who recently called an AGM to discuss their financial situation, which I'm led to believe has seen their own kitty fall from £50,000 to £5,000 in a couple of years) unable to support the £120 pcm every player at North End Park was paid not so long ago. Would replacing the manager rectify this situation at either club? There are very few managers in the land who can achieve success on (in comparison to their rivals) a shoe string budget, and most of them are now working in the English Premier League.

Having lost the likes of The Joeys and more recently, Elmwood, junior football in Tayside cannot afford to lose anymore. Our friends at Lochee United have also suffered a similar situation shortly after Eddie Wolecki led his team towards the Super League title, but were lucky enough to have men at the helm who had foreseen the situation, and tied players up on long term deals (allegedly all on £1 per week, mind you!). But this will change too, and slowly players will, one by one, decide the grass is greener, and they will become more and more difficult to replace.

Broughty Athetic, mark my words, will go the same way as the aforementioned. With Gordon Deuchers at the helm, manager Kenny Cameron has enjoyed a blank cheque book for a while now, and has a wage bill that many Super League teams would envy. And although Gordon, is one of football's good guys, there will come the day where his business, or another interest, or his missus (!!!) dictates that enough is enough, and that he cannot keep on ploughing in money with no reward, It may not be tomorrow, or in 5 years, or maybe not even in 10 years, but it will happen. And then you can rip up the contracts of all the players and the coaching staff, because the 20 or so paying punters won't come close to sustaining the wage of even one of them.

Every football supporter wants success – yesterday. But at what price? And all too often the price you pay is years of devastation after chasing a dream that ultimately turns into nothing more than mediocrity.

Tayport, by their high standards, may be going through something of a slump, but the club has stood the test time both financially and structurally. Success was achieved through careful planning and preparation.

So to those others who look upon the trophy room at The Canniepairt with envy – be careful what you wish for...

Around the Grounds

October is upon us and the nights are fair drawing in. Seems a good time to look around the Junior leagues and see who has leapt out of the traps and who have left themselves plenty to do.



In the East Super, newcomers Musselburgh will be delighted with their start and they sit proudly on top

of the table after 4 games. These are early days however and they would do well to heed the example of Forfar West End who had a similarly strong start last year but still found themselves slipping back into the Premier. At the foot of the table Camelon have only managed a point from their first three games.

Ballingry have also managed to maintain the momentum of last season and head the **Premier** with three wins from their first four fixtures. At the foot of the table Carnoustie and manager lan Gilzean have not had their problems to seek and have yet to pick up a point. Internet forums are buzzing with rumours of internal strife but a league campaign is a marathon and not a sprint, although perhaps a Great North Run might be more appropriate.

In the **North** district Broughty are flying high with a perfect record of four wins out of four, and last week's Cup win over Super League Newtongrange saw William Hill shorten their odds for a Fed title season. Forfar Albion and Downfield are at the foot of the table but the North End faithful will be concerned to see their favourites only a point better off after their first four fixtures.

In **Central** it is a familiar picture at the bottom of the table with Luncarty still to get off the mark. Perthshire rivals Bankfoot are only a point better off but will have got a boost from last week's 4-2 cup win at home to Armadale. At the top Rosyth have a perfect 12, with 4 wins from 4.

Tranent lead the **South** district despite having played all 4 of their games away from home though things are still very tight with Pumpherston, Spartans and Sauchie also unbeaten.

Over in the **West Region**, Glenafton have made a determined start to return to the Super League Premier and currently lead the unusually titled Super League First Division. Upstairs it is Largs and Auchinleck who lead the way with five wins from five. And we should all spare a thought for Auchinleck's Scottish Cup victims Fort William. Both they and Rothes are rooted to the foot of the **Highland League** with no points and with respective goal differences of -24 and -28. It might be early days, but it seems safe to assume that neither team will be popping much champagne this season.



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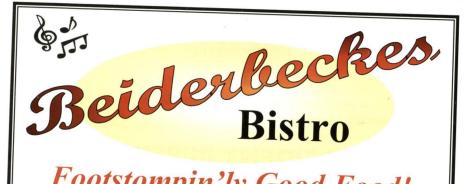
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Banks O' Dee	V	Blantyre Vics	Largs Thistle	V	Coupar Angus
Beith	V	Cumbernauld Utd	Lossiemouth United	V	Arbroath Vics
Bellshill Athletic	V	Culter	Lugar Boswell Thistle	٧	Glenrothes
Bonnyrigg Rose	P	Dunbar United	New Elgin	V	Auchinleck Talbot
Crossgates Primrose	V	Dufftown	Newmains United	٧	Banchory St Ternan
Dundee East Craigie	V	Carnoustie Panmure	Oakley United	V	Sunnybank
East Kilbride Thistle	V	Cruden Bay	Pollok	٧	Kirriemuir Thistle
Edinburgh United	V	Penicuik Athletic	Rutherglen Glencairn	٧	Luncarty
Glenafton Athletic	V	Kilbirnie Ladeside	Scone Thistle	V	Parkvale
Greenock	V	Whitburn	Spartans	V	Larkhall Thistle
Harthill Royal	V	Camelon	Stonehaven	V	Livinston United
Hermes	V	Whitletts Victoria	Troon	V	Benburb
Inverness City	V	Kelty Hearts	Whitehills	V	Forfar Albion
Johnstone Burgh	V	Lochee Harp			

Odds to win the Scottish Junior Cup as provided by William Hill

	(subject to change)				
15/2	Irvine Meadow				
10/1	Auchinleck Talbot, Linlithgow Rose				
12/1	Pollok				
14/1	Lochee United				
16/1	Whitburn				
20/1	Arthurlie, Bathgate Thistle, Beith, Bo'ness United, Bonnyrigg, Camelon				
25/1	Kelty Hearts, Petershill, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Tayport				
33/1	Clydebank, Glenrothes, Hill of Beath Hawthorn, Kilbirnie Ladeside, Newtongrange Star				
40/1	Arniston Rangers, Bellshill Athletic, Cumnock, Forfar West End, Glenafton Athletic, Kinnoull, Lanark United, Largs Thistle, Musselburgh Athletic, St Andrews United, Vale of Clyde				
50/1	Armadale Thistle, Ashfield, Ballingry Rovers, Carnoustie Panmure, Kilsyth Rangers, Penicuik Athletic, Rutherglen Glencairn				
66/1	Blairgowrie, East Kilbride Thistle, Fauldhouse United, Montrose Roselea, Neilston, Renfrew				
100/1	Annbank United, Ardrossan Winton Rovers, Banks O Dee, Culter, Dalry, Girvan, Hurlford United, Kilwinning Rangers, Lugar Boswell Thistle, Maryhill, Maybole, Shotts Bon Accord, Sunnybank, Troon, Whitletts				
150/1	Blantyre Vics, Broughty Athletic, Cambuslang Rangers, Cumbernauld United, Larkhall Thistle, Lesmahagow, Port Glasgow				
200/1	Dundee North End, Dundee Violet, Dundonald Bluebell, Kirkcaldy YM, Oakley United, Rosyth, St Anthonys, Thorniewood United, Thornton Hibs				
250/1	Broxburn Athletic, Dyce, Jeanfield Swifts, Lochee Harp, Sauchie, Spartans				
300/1	Edinburgh United, Harthill Royal, Tranent				
500/1	Benburb, Carluke, Darvel, Dunipace, Glasgow Perthshire, Irvine Vics, Johnstone Burgh, Vale of Leven,				

EAST OF SCOTLAND CUP **FIRST ROUND** (64 entrants)

West Calder United, Yoker Athletic

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Arbroath SC	1 - 7	Bo'ness United	Harthill Royal	V	Bonnyrigg Rose
Arniston Rangers	1 - 4	Lochee United	Hill of Beath	2 - 0	Tranent
Bankfoot Athletic	4 - 2	Armadale Thistle	Jeanfield Swift (won on pens)	2 - 2	St Andrews United
Blairgowrie	4 - 4	Edinburgh Utd (won on pens)	Kelty Hearts	1 - 0	Kirriemuir Thistle
Broughty Athletic	2 - 0	Newtongrange Star	Livingston United	V	TAYPORT
Carnoustie Panmure	1 - 3	Whitburn	Lochee Harp	5 - 0	Lochgelly Albert
Crossgates Primros	8 - 0	Arbroath Vics	Montrose Roselea	1 - 2	Linlithgow Rose
Downfield	1 - 3	Ballingry Rovers	Newburgh	0 - 1	Thornton Hibs
Dunbar United	0 - 1	Camelon	Oakley United	6 - 0	Coupar Angus
Dundee North End	1 - 1	Kirkcaldy YM (won on pens)	Penicuik Athletic	6 - 1	Pumpherston
Dundonald Bluebell	3 - 3	Dundee Violet (won on pens)	Rosyth	0 - 3	Kinnoull
East Craigie	4 - 1	Brechin Vics	Scone Thistle	4 - 2	Blackburn United
Fauldhouse United	4 - 0	Lochore Welfare	Spartans	1 - 2	Bathgate Thistle
Forfar Albion	1 - 2	Broxburn Athletic	Steelend Vics	4 - 3	Dalkeith Thistle
Forfar West End	3 - 4	Glenrothes	Stoneyburn	4 - 0	Luncarty
Haddington Athletic	0 - 3	Musselburgh Athletic	West Calder United	2 - 3	Sauchie

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Most difficult opponent - Joe Mbu (Cowdenbeath formerly Whitburn)

Player who has impressed you most - Dave Reilly (Tayport)

Club supported as a boy - Dundee FC in the Tommy Coyne/Keith Wright era

Most admired player of the modern era - Alan Shearer

What annoys you most in football - laziness in players

'Must watch' football programme on TV - Match of the Day

Domestic

Age - 30

Born - Kirkcaldy

Brought up - Glenrothes until age 10 then St Andrews

Stay now - St Andrews

WoG - W- Lynsey

Kids - Callum (5), Lauryn (18mths)

Current occupation - Slater



Favourites

Newspaper - The Sun

TV Programme - Lost

Music Tastes - all sorts, I've very eclectic tastes

Reading a book just now? Nope, just stick to the TV and newspapers

Nightclub or Pub - The Rule in South Street, St Andrews

Pint - Guinness

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOUT



Blairgowrie manager Ross Graham, having played for a few clubs in the area will be familiar to Canniepairt fans but he'll be more familiar to Tayport keeper Frazer Fitzpatrick—he's his brother-in-law.

Snout understands there were howls of derision on the Linlithgow Rose bus to Montrose Roselea last week when the bus driver's selection of music was Vera Lynn's greatest hits. Mel Irons reckoned it was because he looked in his mirror and, spotting Baiker and Davie Roy sitting together, forgot it wasn't a Saga tour so thought his choice would be quite appropriate.

Snout is sad to report the death of one of the club's oldest and far flung supporters, Ron McCrimmon, in Vancouver BC on 9 September 2009. Ron played Junior for Broughty before the war and after hostilities ended, emigrated to Canada with his wife and four children. He was Joan and David Paterson's uncle. Joan and David, erstwhile mine host and hostess at the Bell Rock Tavern here in Tayport, sent uncle Ron every match programme since the Juniors were formed and he avidly followed the club's fortunes. And in one of those 'it's a small world' things, it transpired Ron's wife was very friendly with Hamish Mackay's aunt in Vancouver.

Things have gone pear shaped at Durham City FC. Tayport fans will recall we played City in Durham last pre-season. We were thumped 4-0 and it was no surprise to us when Durham went on to win the Unibond first division. Able to pay huge wages, Durham had won the Northern League championship the previous season and had elected to move into the Unibond League in the English FA's pyramid. The club's main financial backer pulled out following the FA ruling that their synthetic playing surface would prevent any further movement up the pyramid. The club brought the players together, advised them of their plight and told them there was no money to pay them. Only one player agreed to stay, so that was that.

Every cloud's got a silver lining. Still on places we have played, we hear that Tow Law Town FC, situated in the highest, most exposed and windswept location of all clubs in the Northern League have taken advantage of their environment and are installing a wind turbine which will give them their own electricity supply.

All Junior clubs bemoan the fact that there is live televised football on Saturday afternoons which clearly has an adverse effect on attendances, pies sales etc etc. Well, it seems things are going to get worse. The Spanish La Liga is reported to be set to move games normally played on a Saturday or Sunday night, to kick off at 3pm on a Saturday. This apparently provides a timeslot which allows maximum exposure to the Asian TV market. With Real and Barca going head to head, this is seen as the ideal season to launch the new strategy.

The Fly Emirates Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round draw is scheduled to take place a week tomorrow. Ties are on Saturday 31 October with a 3pm kick –off.

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