

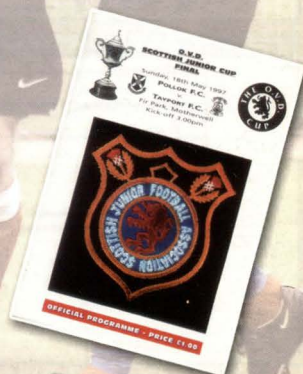
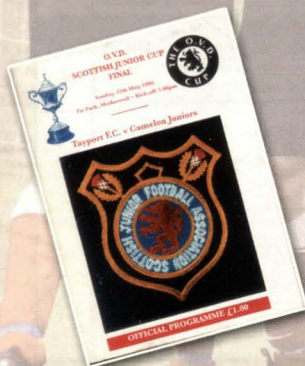
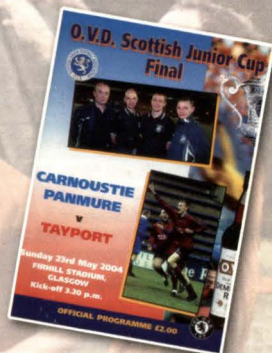
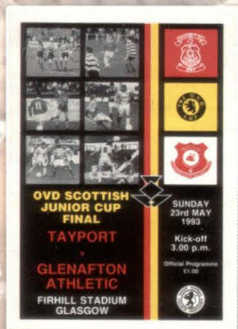
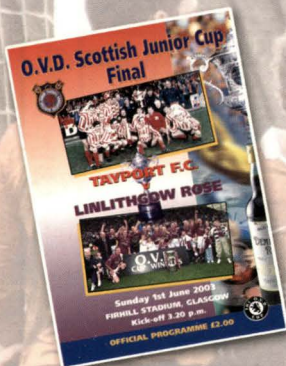
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As anyone who attended the corresponding game at Glencraig back in August would testify, Tayport should have had that game out of sight in the opening half but miserable finishing by Tayport saw Rovers survive and go on to take the points by a single goal in the second period. That's football.

Since then Rovers have gone on to make a serious challenge for promotion to the Super League and have been installed as joint second favourites to do so. Probably as a result of having more games to play, Tayport are at slightly longer odds to return to the top tier. Tayport's challenge has stuttered somewhat since that opening day of the league season but Willie Garner thinks he can see light at the end of the tunnel thanks to a more settled squad.

Ballingry boss Archie Wyse will have been very disappointed at his side's capitulation at home v title favourites Forfar West End last week and realises the importance of a victory today. Today's match, then, will be something of a defining occasion for both teams. A win would rekindle a challenge. A defeat would see Kinnoull and Carnoustie emerge as favourites to join Forfar in the frame for the step-up come the end of the season.

Ballingry's squad for today will show at least a couple of personnel changes from the August encounter. One of those changes will be the addition of former Port player Andy Lawson. Andy had two spells at Tayport but was allowed to go to Hill of Beath by previous manager Ian Jenkins. Andy joined Rovers from Haws earlier this season. Two players who won't feature today will be Ally Gray and Stephen Fraser, both no longer at Ore Park. Another Fraser, however, John of that ilk, will likely feature in midfield. John is a player well known to Willie as he was at Station Park when Willie and Jim Moffat were in charge at Forfar Athletic.

Top scorer is James Adam, who scored the first of his six Premier League goals against Tayport on the opening day of the league season. Another goalscoring threat will be posed by the experienced ex-senior Craig Smart.

Tayport, disappointed at not seeing any action last week, will take heart from their win here two weeks ago v Montrose. Not a great performance, generally, but some sound individual displays. Lee Bryce, on loan from Raith Rovers, was one of those who impressed and was unlucky not to have made a scoring debut.

Scott Hunter missed the Montrose game through injury but could be back today. Darren Scott has made sound progress towards fitness following a groin operation and could get a jersey and be on at some point this afternoon. Darren, it will be recalled, had a splendid game at Ballingry in August. Mick O'Donnell is back in Ireland and consequently will be unavailable today.

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DUNMORE'S ANGLE

"Port frustrated by yet another postponement"

It looks as though fixture congestion may be a bit of a problem towards the end of the season, with 'Port frustrated by another postponement last weekend, when the Arniston Rangers pitch was deemed unplayable.

So, Tayport will be looking to see some action today, against Ballin-gry. Let's hope that the team can continue the winning form of the last few weeks. After the Scottish Cup win at Kilsyth, Tayport posted a second consecutive 1-0 victory the following weekend.

Montrose Roselea were the visitors to the Canniepairt and the hosts claimed the points, courtesy of a Grant Manzie penalty, in the first half. The spot kick was earned by on-loan debutant, Lee Bryce, who was fouled by Roselea 'keeper, McLeod.

The visiting custodian was probably man of the match, making some important saves to keep Tayport at bay, in both halves of the match. Just before half-time, for example, McLeod saved from Bryce in a one-on-one situation, and later in the afternoon, denied Ronnie Kenneth, from point-blank range.

Key figure on the park, though, may well have been the referee, as McLeod was fortunate not to be ordered off for bringing down Bryce, outside the area. All observers, with one notable exception, were aware that there had been a fairly serious foul, but 'Port had to make do with a free kick, only awarded on the advice of the nearside assistant referee.

Ultimately, the controversy did not cost Tayport, as the three points were duly collected, but the home contingent were mighty relieved to hear the final whistle, as there was a real worry that Roselea could snatch an unjust late leveller.

Goalscorers 2009/10

6	Stefan Elvin
5	Darren Scott
4	Graham Nicoll
3	Ronnie Kenneth
4	Grant Manzie
3	Chris Webster
2	Mike Gray
1	Barry Donachie
1	Barry McNaughton
1	David Black
1	Own Goal

Shut-outs

5	Frazer Fitzpatrick
1	Sam Morris
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NEXT MATCH

Away v Livingston United in East of Scotland Cup
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- Which player scored the 'wonder goal' from his own half for Wigan v Stoke last weekend?
- How many different flowers are represented in the East Region JFA ?
- Which Rangers player netted five goals in an SPL game?
- In which World Cup Finals squad for next summer is Rangers' Demarcus Beasley likely to be included?
- Which two Scots played for the Rest of the World XI v England in 1963?

Answers towards back of programme

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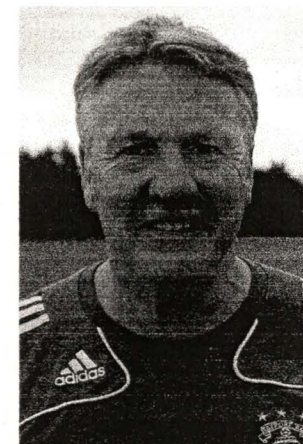
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A WORD FROM WILLIE

After recording two victories and two clean sheets against Kilsyth and Montrose Roselea, I was really disappointed that our game at Arniston was postponed. I visited the park at Gorebridge on Friday afternoon and to be fair although the grass was very long, which kept the frost away from the ground, the goal areas were solid and I knew that overnight conditions were not going to help the situation.



The postponement however did allow me to go and watch today's opponents play at home against Forfar West End, and although the result looks like a comprehensive win for the visitors, Ballingry played some really good football, but lost goals at crucial times, especially the one just before half time. Their position in the league is no fluke. They are there on merit, and today will be a really difficult game for us.

As we approach the festive break, winning this game would provide vital points in our quest to gain promotion. Make no bones about it, this is our objective. The players are fully aware of this and our preparations this week have been spot on. We have worked very hard on the training park to ensure we are in the correct frame of mind and fitness for such an important game.

On the injury front, Scott Hunter is the only doubt for today's game. Scott picked up a knee injury against Blair, and although responding to treatment I feel this game will come too soon for him. Another absentee is Mick O'Donnell. Mick had a long standing engagement back in Ireland and is now away until we resume in January.

On the positive, Darren Scott and Joe Pepper have resumed full training. Having these two available gives me good options and added competition for places.

After today's game we have another break for two Saturdays, but we have arranged two bounce games during that period and details will be on the website once we finalise times. We will also be training and the games and the hard training planned for the break will have us prepared for the new year and the challenges that will be ahead of us. From all the players and management team I would like to thank you for your support in 2009. It was not a great year for this club but we are determined to make sure that 2010 will be.

Have a great Christmas and new year and continue to support the port

Support the Port, Willie Garner

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Date	Opposition	Com	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
08.08.09	Lochee United	LC	L 1 - 3	Fitzpatrick	Black	Paterson	Morris	Ferguson	Gray	McNaughton	O'Doherty	Kenneth	Elvin 1	Scott	S. Smith (9)			159
15.08.09	LOCHEE HARP	LC	W 3 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie 1	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	McNaughton	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Elvin 1	Scott 1	Gray (11)	Samara (3)		90
19.08.09	Dundee Violet	LC	W 7 - 3	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	McNaughton 1	Gray 2	O'Connor	Elvin 1	Scott 2	O'Doherty (7)	Webster (4) 1	Samara (11)	126
22.08.09	Dundee North End	LC	W 6 - 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) 2	127
29.08.09	Ballingry Rovers	L	L 0 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie *	Morris	Ferguson	Hunter	Nicoll	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Elvin	Scott	Gray (7)	Manzie (11)	McNaughton(8)	134
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 (15)	132
12.09.09	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)	McNaughton (8)	180
19.09.09	Fauldhouse Utd	L	D 1 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie *	Morris *	O'Donnell	Hunter %	Kenneth	McNaughton	Manzie 1	Elvin	Webster	S Stewart (10)*	Scott (7)		118
26.09.09	Livingston United	SoS	P	Postponed		bereavement	at	Livingston										
03.10.09	BLAIRGOWRIE	L	P	Postponed		too windy	for	football	according	to referee								
10.10.09	ARMADALE THIS	L	W 1 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie	Stewart	Ferguson	Hunter	Kenneth 1 *	McNaughton	Manzie	O'Donnell	Scott	Gray (9)	O'Connor (11)	Pepper (12)	134
17.10.09	Penicuik Athletic	L	L 1 - 2	Fitzpatrick	Black	Donachie	Stewart	Ferguson*	Hunter	Kenneth	O'Doherty	McNaughton	Manzie	Webster	Gray (10)	O'Connor (9)	Pepper (11) 1	174
24.10.09	KINNOULL	L	D 2 - 2	Fitzpatrick	Donachie	Paterson *	Stewart	Wemyss *	Hunter	Kenneth 2	O'Doherty	O'Connor	Nicoll	Webster *	Manzie (10)	McNaughton(9)		179
31.10.09	Blackburn United	SC r 2	W 2 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Paterson *	Morris *	Wemyss	Hunter *	Kenneth	O'Doherty	O'Donnell	Donachie	Webster	Nicoll (11) 2	Manzie (7)		149
7.11.09	BLAIRGOWRIE	L	L 0 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Black	Paterson	Morris	Wemyss	Hunter	Kenneth	O'Doherty	O'Donnell	Donachie	Webster	McNaughton (6)	Manzie (9)	Nicoll (8)	151
14.11.09	Livingston United	SoS	P	Postponed		bereavement	of	club	chairman	Eddie	Stewart							
21.11.09	Forfar West End	L	P	Postponed		waterlogged	pitch											
28.11.09	Kilsyth Rangers	SC r 3	W 1 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Black	Ferguson	Morris	Wemyss	Hunter	Nicoll	Mark Whatley	Manzie	Elvin 1	Donachie	O'Connor (11)	Kenneth (7)	O'Donnell (10)	258
05.12.09	MONTROSE	L	W 1 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Black	Ferguson *	Morris *	Wemyss	O'Donnell*	Lee Bryce	Whatley	Manzie 1	Elvin	O'Connor	Kenneth (9)	Donachie (11)		119
12.12.09	Arnis Rangers	L	P	Postponed		frozen	pitch											
19.12.09	BALLINGRY ROV	L																
9.01.10	Livingston (prov)	EoS r1																
16.01.10	Renfrew	SC r 4																

Lifted from the Ballingry website

Interview by the Ballingry Rovers webmaster following last week's 0-3 league defeat by Forfar West End - "I was asking Archie Wyse today what went wrong today and his reply was simply 'We were beaten by a better side, No excuses' All though the Rovers are in a good position at the moment does not mean that we could gain promotion all though it is possible. Archie does not believe we are ready for a Super League Position but states that if we did gain it, then we will have to adjust to that when it happens but this year is about building a strong side and developing into a contesting Super League side. This year is about consolidating our Premier League position and buiding better things for the season to come. Personally I agree with his view as we would hate to go up and come straight down. We need to build and develop into a class side that could compete with the top sides. Lets not get ahead of ourselves and just think about staying in this league and not ending up back in the Central League which I very doubt at the moment. Lets get behind Manager and Team! Come on the Rovers!

KEY: Competitions: L - East Premier League; S - Scottish Junior Cup; ES - East of Scotland Cup; RL - Redwood Leisure Cup; Ch - Challenge Cup; C - Currie Cup; LC - D J Laing 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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LEAGUE TABLE	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Forfar West End	9	4	0	0	14	2	2	3	0	12	8	16	21	
Ballingry Rovers	11	3	1	1	9	9	3	1	2	9	7	2	20	
Kinnoull	11	3	3	0	14	7	2	1	2	6	7	6	19	
Carnoustie Panmure	11	4	0	2	13	7	2	1	2	7	12	1	19	
Arnis-ton Rangers	9	3	1	0	8	3	2	1	2	8	7	6	17	
TAYPORT	9	3	1	1	6	3	1	1	2	5	5	3	14	
Fauldhouse United	11	1	3	1	9	9	2	1	3	13	15	-2	13	
Blairgowrie	10	1	3	1	8	10	2	0	3	13	14	-3	12	
St Andrews United	11	2	1	3	12	13	1	2	2	8	12	-5	12	
Penicuik Athletic	13	3	1	2	10	10	0	2	5	5	15	-10	12	
Armada-le Thistle	10	1	1	3	11	12	2	1	2	11	7	3	11	
Montrose Roselea	11	0	1	5	6	17	0	2	3	5	11	-17	3	

RESULTS CHART	Arma-dale	Arnis-ton	Balling-gry	Blair-gowrie	Carno-ustie	Fauld-house	Forfar WE	Kinnoull	Montr-ose	Penicuik	St Andrews	TAY-PORT
Armada-le Th					1-3	1-2	2-3			4-1	3-3	
Arnis-ton Rgrs			2-1			4-1			1-1	1-0		
Ballingry Rvrs	2-2			5-4	1-0		0-3					1-0
Blairgowrie	1-4	2-1				3-3				0-0	2-2	
Carnoustie Pan		1-2				3-2		2-0		3-0	3-0	1-3
Fauldhouse Utd			2-2					0-2	2-2	4-2		1-1
Forfar WE				4-1	7-0	2-1				1-0		
Kinnoull	1-0	2-2	3-0				2-2		4-1	2-2		
Montrose Rose	2-5		0-1	0-5	2-3		1-1				1-2	
Penicuik Ath			0-4		1-1			1-2	3-1		3-1	2-1
St Andrews Utd		0-3	0-1	5-2		2-4	3-3	2-0				
TAYPORT	1-0	2-0		0-1				2-2	1-0			

PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS - GUIDE TO FORM						
Last five league matches - most recent to the right						
Armada-le Thistle	D	W	L	W	L	
Arnis-ton Rangers	W	D	W	W	D	
Ballingry Rovers	L	L	W	W	L	
Blairgowrie	L	W	D	L	W	
Carnoustie Panmure	W	W	L	W	W	
Fauldhouse United	L	W	D	D	W	
Forfar West End	W	D	W	D	W	
Kinnoull	W	W	W	L	D	
Montrose Roselea	D	L	L	L	L	
Penicuik Athletic	L	W	L	L	L	
St Andrews United	D	L	L	W	D	
TAYPORT	W	L	D	L	W	

PREMIER LEAGUE TOP GOAL SCORERS		
Player	Club	Goals
Duell, Bryan	Forfar West End	13
Johnstone, Lee	Armada-le Thistle	9
Fraser, John	Ballingry Rovers	7
Reilly, Andy	Carnoustie Panmure	7
Adam, James	Ballingry Rovers	6
Chilton, Craig	Armada-le Thistle	6
Cruickshank, Alan	Blairgowrie	6
Harvey, John	Penicuik Athletic	6
Martin, Kenny	Fauldhouse United	6
Anton, Chris	Kinnoull	5
Cumming, Kevin	Carnoustie Panmure	5
Felvus, Brian	Fauldhouse United	5
Sutherland, Gary	St Andrews United	5
Sweeney, Gary	Kinnoull	5

RESULTS		
Saturday 5 th December		
Armada-le	1-2	Fauldhouse
Kinnoull	2-2	Arnis-ton
Penicuik	0-4	Ballingry
St Andrews	3-3	Forfar WE
TAYPORT	1-0	Montrose

RESULTS		
Saturday 12 th December		
Ballingry	0-3	Forfar WE
Carnoustie	3-0	Penicuik
Montrose	0-5	Blairgowrie

FIXTURES		
Saturday 19 th December		
Blairgowrie	v	Kinnoull
TAYPORT	v	Ballingry

This weeks odds in the Premier League from William Hill:

Home	Draw	Away	Home	Draw	Away
5/2	Blairgowrie	5/2	Kinnoull	4/5	Tayport
					5/2
					Ballingry Rovers



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The Pub Bore

on the new
Scotland manager

The race is well and truly on to become the next Scotland manager and there is no shortage of names being linked with the position. Bookies are quoting odds for upwards of 40 candidates, but is the search going to lead us to the man who can save the nation?

Among these names are a number of complete non-starters. Are we seriously to believe that Charlie Nic is going to forsake his comfortable seat in the Sky studio and launch himself into management? There is probably as much chance of Sir Alex himself deciding that the "Theatre of Dreams" on a Champions League night has lost its allure. OK, so at 100-1 this is reflected in the odds, but as we look at the more favoured candidates there seem few who might be tempted by the Hampden hot seat.

Owen Coyle is already in pole position to climb the managerial ladder, and, even as number 2 at struggling West Ham, Steve Clarke is unlikely to accept the drop in salary and prestige. Unemployed managers make more realistic targets but unfortunately David Moyes' job looks safe. That would seem to leave the hopelessly under-qualified Darren Ferguson and probably Gordon Strachan, if the SFA can hold on until February.

Yet this is probably the wrong way to look at the question. Instead we should consider Gordon Smith's criteria for a new manager, also known as the 3 Golden Rules. Firstly, the manager must have an Old Firm pedigree; this was the rule which was crucially overlooked in the appointment of Burley. Boozegate showed that if the manager does not have first-hand experience and an array of allies among the Glasgow media circus then he will be offered little support and shown no mercy. This is why Craig Levein will not be offered the job (although he has been invited to attend an interview - see Graeme Souness below).

Secondly, the candidate must be cheap. The SFA must not threaten the support given to the grass-roots, and in particular the network of former pros who are doing so much to ensure that the future of our national sport looks so promising. This immediately rules out Kenny Dalglish, most fans' dream ticket. Tragic though his omission may be, it is an appointment which is made doubly unlikely because it also falls foul of Golden Rule number 3: the new manager must not have an ego that overshadows Gordon's own.

The highlight of Gordon Smith's career must have been the power trip that accompanied turning down Graeme Souness for the Scotland job. In his mind he is now probably more successful in football than the 3 times European Cup winner. He would never have risked actually giving the job to someone who would not happily allow him to take credit for any future qualification. This probably rules out John "have you seen my six-pack" Collins who is known to be quite enthusiastic about his own qualities.

So where does this leave us? Walter Smith would be unpopular with some sections of the support, a definite plus for Gordon, and he certainly ticks the other two boxes. If he can't be persuaded a foreign mercenary may be all that's left. How soon we forget...

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

Tayport and Ballingry Rovers have previous...

Most followers of today's contestants will think the clubs are meeting each other this season for the first time. Well, that's true to a degree, because this is the first season they have met each other in the Junior game. They did, however, meet on four occasions in the 1980s as amateur clubs, three of which were played at Ballingry.

The sides first crossed swords on **Thursday 3rd April 1980** in the quarter final of the Fife Amateur Cup. Thursday? Yes, an unusual evening for a cup tie at the beginning of April and there was quite a story behind the game.

Tayport had previously been given a free weekend from the Midlands AFA to travel to Liege, Belgium to play in an international tournament. The Fife Cup, however, was administered by another association and the quarter finals were scheduled for Saturday 5th April. With Tayport due to be playing two matches in Liege the following day, they clearly had a problem.

Ballingry, who were having a great season in the Kirkcaldy District League and were unbeaten, graciously agreed to play on the Thursday night to allow Tayport's bus to leave early on the Friday morning. It was to be one of the club's finest victories, a 3-2 win to upset the odds and reach the semi final.

The team that evening, almost 30 years ago, was full of great servants - Ian Lyall; Alan Hart, Ian Mathers, Bobby Wilson, Rab Downie, Alex Reid, Jim Downie, Peter Cuthill, Ian Howe, Raymond White and Gordon Hughes. Subs were Peter Wilson and Kenny Smith. White, Reid & Hughes had the goals. Some of the players didn't go home and stayed in the pavilion overnight to get the early morning bus which was to set off for Liege via Dover and a hovercraft crossing of the English Channel.

Three games in Belgium meant three sets of strips, and secretary's wife, Maureen, burned the midnight oil to get the set used at Ballingry washed, dried, ironed and packed overnight ready to go at 6am.

Of that team, only Ian Mathers was unable to travel but despite the rigours of a tough game v Ballingry and an arduous journey, the Tayport lads were in fine fettle and won both their games v French (4-0) and Belgian (3-0) teams on Sunday 6 April to reach the Monday final where we came unstuck, losing 2-1 to the Yugoslavs from FC Split. Great trip, though!

Tayport and Ballingry next met three times within three months between **February and May 1985**. It was Port's 2nd (Fife) XI which met Rovers on these occasions (1st XI played in the Midlands FA), again the Fife Cup quarter final and two Kingdom Caledonian League games. It was a 0-0 league draw at Ballingry in February followed by a 5-2 win for Rovers in the Cup at the same venue the following week. The corresponding league game in May, the Fife XI's last of the season, was a 2-2 draw on the East Common, Rovers first and last appearance at Tayport until today. In goal for Tayport that afternoon, almost twenty five years ago, was none other than Jim Finlayson, the present Forfar West End manager. Of the Tayport team in 1985, only Jim Downie had played in the 1980 game.



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Saturday 19th December 2009

'He's making a list, he's checking it twice'

Being the last game before Christmas, it got me thinking not just what some people may have put on their list this year, but also who has mis-behaved, and will have a present-less day on Friday...

The most recent addition must be Lochee United midfielder Philip Hagan. The talented midfielder won no admirers last week when he won his side a 74th minute penalty with The Bluebells trailing 3-2 at home to Newtongrange. With some neutrals describing his fall as Klinsman-esque, even the Lochee United webmaster could not defend their own player. "He Dived!" he proclaimed. How blunt, but refreshingly honest!!!

And poor Montrose Roselea. Languishing at the bottom of the table, they will surely be asking Santa for a win. After being defeated 1-0 thanks to a Grant Manzie penalty a couple of weeks ago, they then allow Blairgowrie to go nap at their own ground. Maybe not even St. Nik can save them now.

Tayport Hall of Fame inductee Dave Baikie may be another asking Mr Claus for three points for his Linlithgow side. After a run of disappointing results, if certain football forums are to be believed, the Lithgae faithful are beginning to get restless...

And as for The Canniepairt.

Alan Gray, father of now ex Tayport striker Mike, will maybe just ask Santa for a few bob. Rumours have it, his son's nights out, eh, I mean studying in Edinburgh is taking its toll. Another one asking for a 'sub' from the man in red may be Graham Nicoll. Witnesses tell me he was seen staggering out from the casino in Dundee in the early hours of Sunday morning. Not that I was there to witness it...

Our all time leading Super League top goalscorer Barry McNaughton may just ask for a good alarm clock. People seem to have trouble waking him up these days!

And Scott Hunter and Barry Donachie should be easy to accommodate for. Wee Barry has a Jimmy Chung on his list, and Scott a Channel. Why are they asking for handbags, I hear you ask? I'll let you ask them that!

Which brings us nicely on to the official team night out on Saturday.

Can I thank both the Fort Hotel, Broughty Ferry, and Fat Sam's in Dundee for their excellent hospitality on Saturday. The 30 players, committee and coaches (and one Commercial Manager) had a night to remember.

Thanks for all your support in 2009.

Bomber.

The Wee Football Quiz—answers

1 Maynor Figueroa. 2. Six (Rose, Primrose, Hawthorn, Thistle, Bluebell & Violet) 3. Marco Negri 4. USA. 5. Jim Baxter & Denis Law

THIRD ROUND

Aberdeen East End	0-4	Forfar West End	Hillhead	0-5	Irvine Meadow
Arbroath Vics	0-2	Blantyre Vics	Kello Rovers	1-4	Beith
Arthurlie	6-0	Kirkcaldy YM	Kilbirnie Ladeside	3-0	Kilwinning Rangers
Ballingry Rovers	2-0	Saltcoats Victoria	Kilsyth Rangers	0-1	TAYPORT
Bathgate Thistle	4-1	Culter	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	4-1	Thornton Hibs
Bonnyrigg Rose	4-0	Broxburn Athletic	Lanark United	0-1	Hurlford United
Craigmark Burntonians	0-1	Clydebank	Largs Thistle	3-2	Broughty Athletic
Cumnock	2-1	Dunipace	Linlithgow Rose	1-1	Kelty Hearts
				2-1	
Downfield	0-6	Cambuslang Rangers	Maryhill	1-1	Forth Wanderers
Dufftown	1-2	Larkhall Thistle	Montrose Roselea	2-3	Bo'ness United
Dundee Violet	2-0	Armada Thistle	Newtongrange Star	4-0	Lewis United
Dundonald Bluebell	2-5	Annbank United	Port Glasgow	3-1	Royal Albert
East Kilbride Thistle	19/12	Hill of Beath	Renfrew	3-2	West Calder United
Fauldhouse United	0-2	Lochee United	Rutherglen Glencairn	v	Johnstone Burgh/Vale of Clyde
Girvan	1-4	Auchinleck Talbot	St Anthony's	0-3	Shotts Bon Accord
Glenrothes	3-1	Whitburn	Whitlells Victoria	2-0	Dalry Thistle

FOURTH ROUND

Ties to be played on Saturday 16th January

Home Team	League		Away Team	League
Auchinleck Talbot	WSP	v	Dundee Violet	EN
Bathgate Thistle	ES	v	Glenrothes	ES
Beith	WSP	v	Maryhill/Forth Wanderers	WC1/WC2
Blantyre Vics	WC1	v	Bo'ness United	ES
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	ES	v	Largs Thistle	WSP
Cambuslang Rangers	WC1	v	Rutherglen/Johnstone/V of Clyde	WS1/WC2/WSP
Clydebank	WS1	v	Port Glasgow	WC1
East Kilbride Thistle/Hill of Beath	WS1/ES	v	Arthurlie	WSP
Irvine Meadow	WSP	v	Annbank United	WS1
Kilbirnie Ladeside	WSP	v	Kitkintilloch Rob Roy	WSP
Larkhall Thistle	WC1	v	Newtongrange Star	ES
Linlithgow Rose	ES	v	Cumnock	WS1
Lochee United	ES	v	Ballingry Rovers	EP
Renfrew	WS1	v	TAYPORT	EP
Shotts Bon Accord	WC1	v	Hurlford United	WA
Whitlells Victoria	WS1	v	Forfar West End	EP

Odds offered by William Hill to win the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup (subject to change):

6/1	Auchinleck Talbot	33/1	Rutherglen Glencairn
7/1	Bo'ness United, Irvine Meadow	40/1	Ballingry Rovers, Vale of Clyde
9/1	Linlithgow Rose	50/1	East Kilbride Thistle
12/1	Lochee United	66/1	Shotts Bon Accord, Renfrew
14/1	Arthurlie, Beith, Newtongrange Star	100/1	Annbank Utd, Blantyre Vics, Hurlford Utd, Maryhill, Whitlells Vics
16/1	Kilbirnie Ladeside	150/1	Cambuslang Rangers, Larkhall Thistle, Port Glasgow
20/1	Bathgate Th, Bonnyrigg Rose, Clydebank, Glenrothes, Hill of Beath, Largs Th, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Tayport	200/1	Dundee Violet
25/1	Cumnock, Forfar West End	500/1	Forth Wanderers, Johnstone Burgh

This is the fourth time Tayport and Renfrew have been drawn together. In a **5th round tie in 2002**, it was 1-1 at Western Park before a Derek Wemyss goal gave Tayport a 1-0 win in the replay. 1,323 watched the ties. Three years later the sides met in the **semi final** at St Mirren's Love Street ground in Paisley where Tayport recorded a comfortable 2-0 win before an attendance of 2,459, going on to beat Lochee United by the same score in the **2005 final** at Tannadice. In **2006** a Barry McNaughton goal gave Tayport the verdict in a **4th round tie** on the Canniepairt watched by 399 fans.

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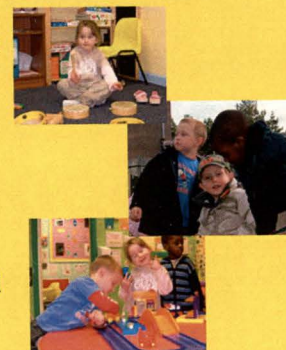


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Football

Clubs - Tayport Thistle Boys' Club from Under 12s to Under 15s, Raith Rovers, Tayport FC (loan)

Honours - individually, Under 19s Player of the Year at Raith Rovers for last two seasons. Scotland cap for Scotland Boys' Clubs U15s. League and League Cup winner with Tayport Thistle FC. Scottish Football League Cup (Under 19s with Raith Rovers).

Most difficult opponent - Lee Makel

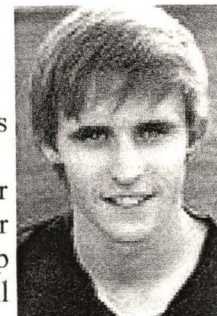
Player who has impressed you most - Marvin Andrews (Rovers and Rangers) below

Clubs supported as a boy - Celtic

Most admired player of the modern era - Henrik Larsson

What annoys you most in football - time wasting and diving

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



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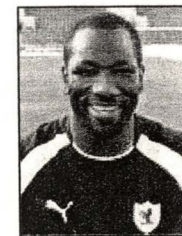
Age - 19

Born - Ninewells, Dundee but life time Tayport resident

School - Madras College, St Andrews

WoG - Gillian

Current occupation - full time professional at Raith Rovers



Favourites

Newspaper - Daily Record

TV Programme - The In Betweeners

Music Tastes - eclectic tastes, a bit of everything really

Movie - Braveheart

Last book read? Gazza: My Story (Paul Gascoigne's autobiography)

Nightclub - Fat Sam's

Pint - Tennent's Lager

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



2009 has been an *annus horribilis* for the club. What with relegation and the passing of the club chairman Eddie Stewart and honorary president Jim Rae, it's year we will want to forget. There's further sadness to report, too, with the deaths since our last issue of Tommy Buist, an enthusiastic member of Tayport FC Travel Club, and 41 year old Cupar based fan Tommy Marshall. We offer our condolences to the respective families.

Eddie's maybe away but his spirit will live on at the Canniepairt. The club chairman's dying wish was that his ashes be scattered on the pitch and this wish was duly granted with a simple ceremony last Sunday afternoon.

In the knowledge that there would be an early inspection, Tayport FC's Travel Club members managed to catch an early bus to the Lothians last week for the Arniston game and were heading south when the game was called off at 9.15am. Oh dear, how unfortunate, we hear you say. Not at all. They just had to settle instead for a day in Edinburgh visiting a few hostelrys, so the first sentence makes sense after all.

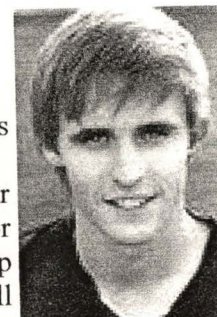
The club website www.tayportfc.org, was quick off the mark on Tuesday past, getting the Emirates Scottish Cup draw on line only a few minutes after it was made at Hampden Park. The draw takes us to Western Park, Renfrew for the fourth round and Bomber Brown has organised a supporters bus. Seats are a bargain £5 if booked in advance with Bomber, tel/text 07725850915 or on line at john@tayportfc.org. When it costs £1.50 for a single for the 4 mile 6 min hop to Dundee by Stagecoach, a £iver's a pretty good deal.

Red face for the guy that puts together the Ballingry programme. Last week he got his notes on Forfar West End confused and credited the Strathmore Park club with three Scottish Cup wins.....they wish!

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MARK WHATLEY'S



Football

Clubs - Tayport Thistle Boys' Club from Under 12s to Under 15s, Raith Rovers, Tayport FC (loan)

Honours - individually, Under 19s Player of the Year at Raith Rovers for last two seasons. Scotland cap for Scotland Boys' Clubs U15s. League and League Cup winner with Tayport Thistle FC. Scottish Football League Cup (Under 19s with Raith Rovers).

Most difficult opponent - Lee Makel

Player who has impressed you most - Marvin Andrews (Rovers and Rangers) below

Clubs supported as a boy - Celtic

Most admired player of the modern era - Henrik Larsson

What annoys you most in football - time wasting and diving

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

Domestic

Age - 19

Born - Ninewells, Dundee but life time Tayport resident

School - Madras College, St Andrews

WoG - Gillian

Current occupation - full time professional at Raith Rovers



Favourites

Newspaper - Daily Record

TV Programme - The In Betweeners

Music Tastes - eclectic tastes, a bit of everything really

Movie - Braveheart

Last book read? Gazza: My Story (Paul Gascoigne's autobiography)

Nightclub - Fat Sam's

Pint - Tennent's Lager

SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT



2009 has been an *annus horribilis* for the club. What with relegation and the passing of the club chairman Eddie Stewart and honorary president Jim Rae, it's year we will want to forget. There's further sadness to report, too, with the deaths since our last issue of Tommy Buist, an enthusiastic member of Tayport FC Travel Club, and 41 year old Cupar based fan Tommy Marshall. We offer our condolences to the respective families.

Eddie's maybe away but his spirit will live on at the Canniepairt. The club chairman's dying wish was that his ashes be scattered on the pitch and this wish was duly granted with a simple ceremony last Sunday afternoon.

In the knowledge that there would be an early inspection, Tayport FC's Travel Club members managed to catch an early bus to the Lothians last week for the Arniston game and were heading south when the game was called off at 9.15am. Oh dear, how unfortunate, we hear you say. Not at all. They just had to settle instead for a day in Edinburgh visiting a few hostels, so the first sentence makes sense after all.

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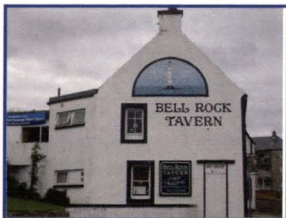
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