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S. Stewart	S. Stewart (D. Scott)	S. Stewart
S. Ross (B. Gray)	B. Craik (A. Ramsay)	R. Henderson (A. Ramsay)
D. Reilly	B. McNaughton	G. Middleton (R. Hunter)
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## ASK THE MANAGER

Following his appointment John McGlashan has invited questions from the 'Port Support. Here are a couple of questions and answers so far:

**Scott Ferguson** - Since the departure of Brian Craik many moons ago Tayport have missed his presence and goal scoring ability up front. Will the new management address this problem which has been evident this season where they have failed to hold the ball up front and score goals. It is clear that in midfield for many seasons Tayport have also missed a central midfielder who has the ability to win balls, make simple passes and do the dirty side of the game. The team also requires an out and out centre half who does the basics, wins headers, clear the lines and can read the game. There you have it the backbone of the team, a straight line from back to front from which the team is structured around. Three players which are required and have been needed for sometime. Clearly a new manager looks to bring in his own players when possible but does John agree and Paul will certainly know what I am meaning having played with Tayport when they had all of the above?

JMcG - Thanks for your question Scott. The first priority for any incoming manager is to assess the present squad and then look to improve the areas that need strengthening. If you look at any successful team they do indeed, as you suggest, have a strong spine running throughout the team.

However, before dissecting the present squad it is worth remembering that we were only promoted last season and it's a steep learning curve in the Super league especially for some of the younger players. If we manage to avoid relegation then I can guarantee that next season these young players will be better equipped and less naive and some of the narrow defeats experienced this season will be draws and draws may well end up as victories.

Of course, it would be folly to suggest that I have no plans to bring in some new players for the next season. However, the players here at the moment are in pole position to impress me. I have no interest in how they played before I arrived, so the ball is firmly in their court. So far, to a man, they have responded in the right manner and Paul and I have been delighted with their enthusiasm to train hard and their steely determination to stay in this league.

Tayport must always be in the market to attract the better players from our region and I will work tirelessly to ensure that players who I believe will improve our squad are approached and spoken to. No stone will be left unturned. However, and this is something that I will never compromise on, any player who is motivated by money will never be part of any team I am part of.

Don't get me wrong, I believe in rewarding success and building in incentives that can be achieved but I cannot work with a player who touts himself only to the highest bidder. It's a slightly different matter if football is your full time occupation and your earning potential is limited to a small period in your adult life but not when it's on a part time basis. So, rest assured, any player who I sign for Tayport will not be motivated by earning an extra 'few bob' but rather by a desire to be a better football player come the end of their contract. Period. If that means I miss out on a few players along the way then so be it.

So Scott, I will give it my best shot to attract the better players to Tayport but it will be based on a set of principles that has stood me well in the past and hopefully well into the future.

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**Ron Nicoll** - What are your immediate priorities for the playing style and what are your thoughts on the current playing squad?

JMcG - Thanks for your questions Ron. On the immediate priorities for the playing style bear in mind I have only just arrived and we do not have many games left to make wholesale changes. Saying that, I am a great believer in playing whatever style is suited to the players at my disposal. Additionally the quality of the opposition, underfoot and overhead conditions are all factors that I take into account.

I once made the mistake of picking my team on the Wednesday before a vital game on the Saturday. We worked on a variety of routines and pattern of plays which I assumed would suit the players I had selected for the game. On the Saturday we turned up at the stadium and the pitch was in a terrible state. Heavy overnight rain and a poor drainage system rendered the pitch just about unplayable. On top of that, there was a near gale force wind. I had not appreciated the underfoot and overhead conditions and my game plan, which was based on building up play from the back proved to be utterly useless. Every time the full back tried to pass into the midfield the ball took an age to reach the player due to the saturated ground. Our midfielders tried their best to retain possession but ultimately they were doomed to fail. I never had a plan B. By half time we were 2-0 down and the opposition had rarely passed the ball. They appreciated that the conditions demanded the ball had to be played from back to front quickly and a passing style was not the best tactics to win the game. From that day onwards I adopted a 'horses for courses policy.'

Thankfully or should that be hopefully, the better weather is here to stay and I firmly believe that our current pool of players will revel in playing football in more benign conditions. I am somewhat fortunate that Willie had assembled a very talented group of players who are all comfortable on the ball and I think this will auger well for the remainder of the campaign.

Pre season will give us more time to set out a playing system that will hopefully continue the Tayport tradition of winning with a bit of style.

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**Cammy Little** - What are your immediate priorities to maintain our Super League status? Given our recent situation and regardless of our league status, what areas of the squad do you think need strengthened? In my opinion we need a target man up front similar to Brian Craik/Hamish Mackay, who can hold the ball up and score goals plus another quality centre half. How will you coach/prepare the players during training to prepare them for the remaining vital league games?

JMcG - Hi Cammy. Thanks for your questions. Hopefully the answer given to Scott covers your first two points and I can address your third one regarding preparation for games and training.

I am a stickler for players training in the same way as they play on a Saturday. I can only speak for myself but I preferred to train at a high tempo and got nothing out of training at half pace or without any competitive edge. You always run the risk of injury but it is my belief that the risk always outweighs the cost.

A typical training session lasts between one and a half and two hours and during that time I would expect the players to be working flat out for up to 50% of the time.

There is no hiding place on the training pitch. Players have to remember that I know every trick in the book so it's pointless trying to ghost through a session without me noticing! Anyway, all they achieve at best is a place on the bench and at worse a transfer to another club.

As the players get to know me they will realise that playing well on a Saturday is no guarantee that they will start the following game. I demand a high level of commitment to training and if there are a couple of players vying for one position I will base my decision on who shows more desire during the training session leading up to the game. Training, after all, is the opportunity for a player to catch my eye.

If a player is not involved on the Saturday there is no point moping around on the Monday at training. Far better he arrives sharp, works harder than the rest and goes home in the knowledge that he could do no more to convince me I was wrong to leave him out in the first place.

Finally, I am lucky that Grant and Steven decided to remain at the club at least until the end of the season. Both are Tayport through and through and their advice and opinions are very much appreciated. My assistant, Paul Reilly is a talented coach in his own right and his contribution to training is invaluable. We are on the same wave length and its uncanny how often he calls out a coaching point just as I am about to mention it. As an ex Tayport player I know Paul is extremely proud to be part of the management team here.

With regards to preparation before a match I think it's very important to know your opposition. So where ever possible I try to see as many of our opponents games home and away and if that is not possible then a trusted scout will be sent to watch them. All our players will then have a reasonable idea of the opposition's main strengths and weaknesses.

## THIS AFTERNOON AT THE CANNIEPAIRT ACA SUPER LEAGUE TAYPORT v MUSSELBURGH ALTHLETIC

It's a warm welcome to all connected with Musselburgh Athletic and hearty congratulations on reaching the Emirates Scottish Cup Final. What a day that's going to be for Musselburgh, the biggest place in East Lothian.

Reaching the final after being posted as also rans by the bookies back in September is the stuff of which fairy tales are made and if Tayport are to succeed today they will have to overcome the feelgood factor that is surely now engrained in the Musselburgh psyche.

Musselburgh are, of course, fighting on two fronts with the spectre of relegation haunting them as well as ourselves. A point from a 2-2 draw in midweek against title challenging Bonnyrigg saw Musselburgh move a point ahead, leaving us in second bottom spot.

As this afternoon's matches kick off there are effectively six clubs still in the relegation mix

**Bathgate**, who have yet to play at home to both Bo'ness (next Monday) and Linlithgow, presently have **24 points**

**Camelon** have finished their programme on **24 points**

**Kelty**, who play Bo'ness today at home and both Hill of Beath and Musselburgh away, are on **23 points**

**Musselburgh** after today are at home to Kelty (next Saturday) then away to Bo'ness have **20 points**

**Tayport**, after today, away to Linlithgow (next Saturday) and Bo'ness, have **19 points**

**Newtongrange Star**, away to Lochee United today and away to Hill of Beath have **17 points**.

The first three clubs mentioned can scrape by on draws but for the bottom three it's really got to be wins.

The stage is set then for a crucial encounter today and I think we can dismiss any idea that Musselburgh will have one eye on Rugby Park on 29 May. Our visitors will have cup final starting places to win and furthermore their pride is at stake.

Tayport will be looking to shackle the threat posed by striker Kris Renton and Chris King's free kicks whilst Tayport fans will recall Paul Tansey's stunning goal for 'Burgh down here this time last year.

Apart from the injured Ross Gunnion, Tayport should have a full pool from which to select but John McGlashan's first home starting selection is anyone's guess.

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PARAFFIN CALOR GAS

## John McGlashan, the new Manager at The Canniepairt

Tayport's new manager John McGlashan takes charge of his first home match this afternoon, after successive away games at Forfar and Newton-grange, following his appointment on 17 April. John succeeds Willie Garner who resigned on the back of a run which hadn't seen a victory in eleven matches.



Dundonian born and bred, John (43) had a lengthy and varied playing career after signing for **Montrose FC** from **Dundee Violet** in 1989. The following year it was off to London after **Millwall** paid £50,000 for midfielder John's signature. Loan spells with **Fulham** and **Cambridge United** followed before a £75,000 transfer to **Peterborough United**.

Then it was a move to Yorkshire and three seasons at **Rotherham United** before returning to his home town to sign for **Dundee FC** from 1997 to 1999. Loan spells at **Arbroath** and **Ross County** followed before a permanent transfer to Dingwall for a season.

It was then back to Gayfield where he completed a Senior career of some 358 appearances, scoring 59 goals.

A short time was spent with Dundee Violet before Arbroath came calling and John made a quick return to the Red Lichties, this time as manager, taking them to promotion in 2007 and thereafter consolidating their place in the Scottish Second Division during a successful four year spell at Gayfield.

John took a spell away from the game and Tayport were delighted when he decided it was time to get back into the game. John's assistant at Tayport is Paul Reilly. Paul or 'Junior' as he was known during a nine year spell here as a player during the 1990s, needs no introduction to the locals. Paul was also Assistant to John at Arbroath.

## WHO'S GOING UP.....WHO'S GOING DOWN ?

As can be seen from the statistics page in this programme it's still very much in the balance at both ends of the **Super League**. Details of fixtures to play are detailed within the main statistics page in this programme.

In the **Premier League** St Andrews United have already clinched the Championship and will be joined by Carnoustie Panmure, Broxburn Athletic, Glenrothes or Ballingry Rovers in being promoted to the Super League. Glenrothes are the favourites but have been having a difficult time lately. At the bottom three go down and currently it can be any three from six with Kinnoull, Whitburn and Thornton looking likely to take the drop. The current table is:

	Home						Away						Poss		
PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Max	
St Andrews United	20	8	2	0	21	9	7	1	2	25	12	25	48	54	
Carnoustie Panmure	20	7	2	1	26	10	3	4	3	17	20	13	36	42	
Broxburn Athletic	20	7	2	1	36	12	4	0	6	17	20	21	35	41	
Glenrothes	18	3	1	4	14	14	7	2	1	34	16	18	33	45	
Ballingry Rovers	19	6	3	1	24	13	3	0	6	12	28	-5	30	39	
Penicuik Athletic	18	4	3	2	16	13	3	2	4	16	16	3	26	38	
Broughty Athletic	18	5	2	3	27	23	1	3	4	11	20	-5	23	35	
Kinnoull	22	4	0	7	18	22	3	2	6	14	26	-16	23	23	
Armadale Thistle	18	2	3	4	17	16	3	3	3	10	13	-2	21	33	
Arniston Rangers	19	5	0	5	15	22	1	2	6	8	19	-18	20	29	
Whitburn Juniors	20	2	2	6	12	17	3	1	6	16	23	-12	18	24	
Thornton Hibs	18	1	2	5	17	23	1	2	7	14	30	-22	10	22	

The **South District Division** has four contenders for the one promotion place to the Premier League. Sauchie are the favourites for the title as well as being in the quarter final of both the East of Scotland Cup and Fife & Lothians Cup. League placings for those who can still win the league are as follows:

	Home						Away						Poss	
SOUTH DISTRICT	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Max
Livingston United	24	10	1	1	35	12	5	3	4	21	18	26	49	55
Fauldhouse United	24	7	0	5	31	26	9	1	2	31	16	20	49	55
Sauchie Juniors	21	8	1	1	40	8	5	5	1	30	12	50	45	60
Haddington Athletic	22	7	1	3	31	16	6	2	3	25	15	25	42	54

It looks like Oakley United will win the **Central District League** although both Dundonald Bluebell and Kirkcaldy YM are still hanging in. Oakley play Dundonald next Saturday (14<sup>th</sup>). Current league standings of those teams which can win the league are as follows:

	Home						Away						Poss	
CENTRAL DISTRICT	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Max
Oakley United	20	8	2	0	43	8	8	0	2	35	3	67	50	62
Kirkcaldy YM	22	10	1	1	38	14	4	3	3	26	21	29	46	52
Dundonald Bluebell	20	8	1	1	31	17	7	0	3	27	13	28	46	58

It looks like Downfield or Dundee North End will win the **North District League** although Violet and Montrose Roselea retain an outside chance. It could be a great season for North End as they are also in the semi final of both the East of Scotland Cup and the GA Cup. Current standings of top four:

	Home						Away						Poss	
NORTH DISTRICT	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Max
Downfield	23	7	1	3	26	14	8	3	1	25	12	25	49	52
Dundee Violet	23	9	1	2	42	14	5	3	3	23	17	34	46	49
Dundee North End	21	6	2	2	23	11	8	1	2	29	19	22	45	54
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Round 1 - bye  
Round 2 - Forres Thistle 0 Musselburgh 6  
Round 3 - Stoneyburn 1 Musselburgh 5  
Round 4 - Broughty Athletic 0 Musselburgh 3  
Round 5 - Musselburgh 5 Renfrew 0  
Quarter Final - Musselburgh 2 Kilbirnie Ladeside 0  
Semi-Final 1st leg - Musselburgh 1 Dalry Thistle 0

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Semi-Final 2nd leg - Dalry Thistle 1 Musselburgh 1  
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Manager Dave McGlynn has put together a very capable outfit with some shrewd acquisitions such as Kris Renton and Chris King, both resident Musselburghers. Striker Renton, who is still only 20, was previously with Norwich City for whom he holds the distinguished record of being the youngest player to turn out for the Canaries' first team. Chris King, whose free kick goals have been a significant factor in the team's success, was re-signed from Linlithgow earlier this season after he apparently became surplus to Baiker's requirements.

An earlier form of the present Musselburgh Athletic, Musselburgh Bruntonians, won the Scottish Cup back in 1923, but since then the town hasn't had too much to celebrate football wise, so this is an achievement worth savouring

**Congratulations** to 38 year former Tayport player and three times Scottish Cup winner **Allan Ramsay** on leading St Andrews United to this season's Premier League Championship title

**Congratulations** too on the club's success, to another former player, both in amateur and junior eras, **Gus Malone**, Assistant Manager at St Andrews.

**Congratulations** to former 'Port man **Dean Wallace** and keeper **Richard Cargill** who trained at the Canniepairt this season. Both were key members of the Riverside Athletic side which defeated Perth St John's by 1-0 in the final of the North of Tay Cup at Dens Park on Thursday past. Richard had several outstanding saves and Dean was the official Man of the Match

Last week was the **25th anniversary** of Tayport's appearance in the semi-final of the Scottish Amateur Cup at Dens Park. A crowd of 1,500 saw 'Port go down 3-1 to Glasgow's Barr & Stroud, despite leading at half time. The significant factor in that defeat was the loss during the game through injury of **Alan Gray**, a current committee member here at the Canniepairt. Alan was substituted by John Walsh. Walsh, it will be recalled, had a penchant for getting into, let's say difficulties, and as a result found himself on the front page of the News of the World rather than the back page. Current Broughty Athletic boss Kenny Cameron also lined up for Port that day.

Sure to be cheering on Musselburgh v Auchinleck at Rugby Park on 29th May is **Kenny MacAskill**, Justice Secretary in the last Scottish Government. MacAskill, who was re-elected as Edinburgh East and Musselburgh's MSP earlier this week, is an ardent Musselburgh supporter by all accounts.

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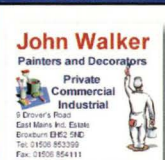
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## The Manager's Thoughts

I'd like to begin my first and last programme notes of the season by welcoming everyone to the Canniepairt today for what should be a cracking game of football. I also want to congratulate Musselburgh on reaching the Scottish Junior Cup final. That in itself is a tremendous achievement and we wish them all the best for what will be an East v. West contest in the final. I'm sure everyone at Tayport will be rooting for Dave McGlynn and his players on the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

I must also take this opportunity to thank the Tayport committee for offering me the manager's position at the club and thank the supporters for making Paul and I so welcome. It's been good to hear such encouragement from the sidelines and long may that continue.

We're in a tricky position just now, fighting relegation, but I do want to give Willie Garner credit. He led Tayport back into the Super League at the first attempt, as Premier Division champions, and he has left a high quality squad of players here. He handled his departure from the club with a great deal of dignity and I want to wish him well in his new role at Kelty.

As for the two matches we've played since Paul and I came in, the players have excelled. A change of management is not easy to deal with, but they've responded really well and worked very hard, in the games and at training. At Newtongrange last Saturday, it was good for the whole club to get that winning feeling again and I hope that we can build on that.

We have a difficult fixture on our hands, though. Musselburgh may be in the final of the 'Scottish', but their priority will no doubt be Super League survival, so my players will have to be at the top of their game today.

I hope everyone enjoys the match and I'm looking forward to hearing a vocal 'Port support get behind the team. The players will certainly be doing their utmost to record a victory.

John McGlashan

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Date	Opposition	Comp	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
Aug 4	Lochee Harp	LCQ	W 5 - 1	Ferrie	Donachie	Livie	Ferguson *	Wemyss	Whatley	Henderson 1	Russell 1	Lunan 1	McManus 1	Manzie	Anton (8)	Kenneth (9) *	Gunnion (5)	102
Aug 11	NORTH END	LCQ	D 2 - 2	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Morris	Donachie *	Whatley	Manzie	Russell 1 *	Kenneth	McManus 1	Lunan	Henderson (7)	Anton (11)	McNaughton(5)	131
Aug 14	LOCHEE UNITED	LCQ	W 2 - 1	Ferrie	Gunnion	Ferguson *	Morris *	Wemyss *	McNaughton	Henderson	Russell 1	Lunan	McManus	Whatley	Kenneth 1 (7)	Manzie * (9)		234
Aug 18	DUNDEE VIOLET	LCQ	D 2 - 2	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion *	Livie	Stewart *	Wemyss	Whatley	Manzie *	Russell	Lunan	McManus 2	Donachie	Kenneth (9) %	Morris (4)		134
Aug 21	LINLITHGOW ROSE	SL	L 0 - 1	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Ferguson *	Wemyss %	Whatley	Henderson	Russell *	Kenneth	McManus	Donachie *	Lunan (11)	Manzie (9) *		324
Aug 25	ARBROATH VICS	LC(SF)	W 3 - 1	Fitzpatrick	Gunnion	Ferguson	Elvin	Wemyss	Anton	Henderson1	McNaughton1	Lunan	McManus	Donachie	Russell ( ) 1	Whatley (6)	Kenneth (4)	103
Aug 28	Kelty Hearts	SL	W 2 - 0	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Ferguson	Morris	Whatley	Henderson1	Russell	Kenneth 1	McManus	Donachie *	McNaughton(10)	Elvin (11)	Lunan (5)	172
Sep 4	FORFAR WEST END	SL	D 2 - 2	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Ferguson *	Morris **	Whatley	Henderson	Russell 1	Kenneth *	McManus	McNaughton1	Elvin (10)	Anton (2)	Lunan (19)	243
Sep 11	ST ANDREWS UTD	ES1	W 2 - 0	Fitzpatrick	Wemyss	Livie	Ferguson	Morris *	Anton	Henderson	Lunan *	Manzie 2	McManus	Elvin	Whatley (10)	Russell (7)		131
Sep 18	Hill of Beath Hawthorn	SL	W 3 - 0	Ferrie	Wemyss	Livie	Ferguson	McNaughton*1	Whatley	Henderson	Russell* 2	Manzie	Whatley	Elvin				173
Sep 25	Lochee United	SL	L 1 - 2	Ferrie	Morris	Livie	Ferguson	McNaughton*1	Whatley	Henderson	Russell	Manzie	Whatley	Elvin *	McManus (6)	Kenneth (8)	Bryce (9)	248
Oct 2	BONNYRIGG ROSE	SL	L 0 - 1	Ferrie	Gunnion	Donachie	Ferguson	Wemyss	McNaughton *	Henderson	Russell	Kenneth	Whatley	Elvin	Bryce (9)	McManus (3)		165
Oct 9	NEWTONGRANGE	SL	W 2 - 0	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie 1 *	Ferguson *	McNaughton *	Donachie	Henderson	Russell 1	Anton *	McManus	Elvin	Morris (8)	Manzie (10)		141
Oct 16	Camelon	SL	L 2 - 3	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Ferguson	McNaughton	Donachie	Henderson	Russell 1	Anton	McManus	Elvin	Morris (4) %	Manzie (5) 1	Whatley (6)	178
Oct 23	Forfar West End	LC (F)	D 2 - 2a	Ferrie	Divine	Gunnion *	Elvin	Whatley	Donachie *	Henderson 1	Russell 1	Anton *	Manzie *	Bryce	McManus (11)	Kenneth (10)		202
Oct 30	Harthill Royal	S2	W 9 - 0	Ferrie	Divine	Livie	Gunnion	Whatley	Donachie * 1	Henderson 1	McManus 1	Bryce 2	Manzie 2	Elvin 1	Russell (8) 1	Kenneth (9)		103
Nov 6	Bathgate Thistle	SL	POSTPONED - Waterlogged Pitch															
Nov 13	Haddington Athletic	ES2	W 4 - 1	Ferrie *	Divine	Gunnion	Wemyss	Whatley	Donachie	Henderson 2	McManus 1	Bryce	Manzie	Elvin	Russell (5) 1	Kenneth (9)	McNaughton (8)	93
Nov 20	KELTY HEARTS	SL	W 4 - 0	Ferrie	Gunnion	Livie	Wemyss	McNaughton	Donachie	Henderson 2	Russell 2 *	Morris	Manzie 1 *	Elvin	Whatley (5)	Kenneth (8)	Bryce (10)	157
Nov 27	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Frozen Pitch															
Dec 4	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Snowbound Pitch															
Dec 11	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Snowbound Pitch															
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Jan 8	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Waterlogged Pitch															
Jan 15	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Icebound Pitch															
Jan 22	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Icebound Pitch															
Jan 29	PETERSHILL	S3	POSTPONED - Frozen Pitch															
Feb 5	PETERSHILL	S3	D 0 - 0	Ferrie	Morris	Ferguson	Wemyss %	McNaughton	Livie	Henderson *	Russell	Donachie	Manzie	Elvin	Whatley (8)	Bryce (7)	Anton (9)	153
Feb 12	Petershill	S3 r	D 0 - 0a	Ferrie	Morris *	Ferguson	Wemyss	McNaughton	Donachie	Henderson	Bryce	Anton	Manzie	Elvin	Whatley (8)	Russell (6) *	Gunnion (9)	252
Feb 19	Bathgate Thistle	SL	D 2 - 2	Ferrie	Morris	Ferguson%	Wemyss 1	Gunnion *	Whatley	Henderson 1	Russell	Anton	Manzie	Elvin	McNaughton(10)	Donachie (8)	Bryce (7)	126
Feb 26	BO'NESS UNITED	SL	L 0 - 4	Ferrie	Morris	Ferguson	Wemyss	Gunnion	Whatley	Henderson	Russell	Anton	Manzie	Elvin	Kenneth (10)	Livie (4)	Bryce (11)	231
Mar 5	Sauchie	ES3	L 1 - 2	Ferrie	Morris *	Ferguson *	Wemyss	Gunnion	Donachie	Henderson	Bryce *	Anton	McNaughton	Livie	Kenneth (8)	Manzie (6)	Elvin (11)	157
Mar 12	Bonnyrigg Rose	SL	OFF	Snow on Pitch														
Mar 19	CAMELON	SL	L 1 - 2	Ferrie	Morris	Livie	Wemyss	Gunnion *	Whatley	Henderson	Russell	Anton	Kenneth *	Elvin 1	Bryce (8)	Donachie (3)	Manzie (7)	158
Mar 26	Musselburgh Athletic	SL	L 1 - 2	Ferrie	Morris	Livie	Wemyss	Gunnion *	Donachie	Henderson 1	Russell	Manzie *	McNaughton	Elvin	Whatley (10)	Anton (9)		305
Apr 2	Bonnyrigg Rose	SL	L 0 - 1	Ferrie	Livie	Ferguson	Wemyss	Gunnion	Donachie **	Henderson *	Russell	Kenneth	McNaughton	Elvin *	Anton (4)	Manzie (9)		192
Apr 9	BATHGATE THISTLE	SL	D 0 - 0	Ferrie	Livie	Ferguson	Morris	McNaughton	Donachie	Henderson	Russell	Kenneth	Anton	Elvin *	Bryce (7)	Manzie (9)	Whatley (10)	152
Apr 13	HILL OF BEATH	SL	L 1 - 3	Triallist	Livie	Ferguson	Morris	McNaughton	Donachie *	Manzie	Russell	Bryce	Anton	Elvin	Whatley (6)	Henderson(8)	Kenneth (11)	148
Apr 16	LOCHEE UNITED	SL	L 1 - 2	Ferrie	Livie *	Ferguson %	Morris	McNaughton	Gunnion	Henderson	Russell	Bryce	Anton %	Elvin	Whatley (6)	Wemyss (4)	Kenneth (8) 1	228
Apr 23	Forfar West End	SL	D 1 - 1	Ferrie	Livie	Ferguson	Wemyss *	McNaughton	Donachie	Bryce	Russell 1 *	Kenneth	Anton	Elvin *	Whatley	Manzie (7)		128
Apr 30	Newtongrange Star	SL	W 2 - 1	Ferrie	Livie	Ferguson *	Wemyss	McNaughton	Donachie	Bryce	Russell	Kenneth *	Anton	Elvin	Whatley (5) 1	Morris* (4) 1	Manzie (9)	185
May 7	MUSSELBURGH ATH	SL																
May 14	Linlithgow Rose	SL																

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 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; \*\* - OWN GOAL

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## DUNMORE REPORTS...

### *"The Battle Continues This Afternoon"*

It's been a hectic few weeks at the Canniepairt, with John McGlashan taking over the managerial reins, in the aftermath of our last home match. Three weeks ago, visiting Lochee United won by the odd goal in three in an East Super League fixture.

There wasn't a great deal between the teams, but the Bluebells were more clinical when opportunities came their way. Old nemesis Phil Hagan volleyed home the opener and Jon Voigt doubled Lochee's lead, before half-time. Ronnie Kenneth, on as a substitute, reduced the leeway from the penalty spot. There would be no equaliser, though, and Tayport's miserable run of results continued.

Post-match, the club were able to accept Willie Garner's resignation, and John McGlashan, with Paul Reilly assisting, was soon in place. The first display under the new regime was highly encouraging. A James Russell penalty gave 'Port a deserved lead at Strathmore Park, only for Forfar West End to notch a late leveller, through Stewart McConnachie.

Still without a win since November, Tayport's prospects looked bleak when Newtongrange Star took the lead early in the second half, last week, at New Victoria Park. Grant Meaney was their scorer, from one of very few chances. Neal Ferrie then made a fine save to keep Tayport in contention, before the tide turned.

'Port were strong in the closing stages and two substitutes had a big impact on proceedings. Mark Whatley's cross to the far post ended up in the top corner of the net, as home 'keeper Gary O'Connor struggled to read the flight of the ball. Then, with time ebbing away, Roberto Morris popped up to find the net, giving Tayport a much-needed victory, and a fighting chance of avoiding relegation.

That battle continues this afternoon and a tough encounter against Scottish Junior Cup finalists, Musselburgh Athletic, is in prospect. Let's just hope that Tayport prevail and take another step towards safety.



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**Kris Renton, Musselburgh's former Norwich City striker**



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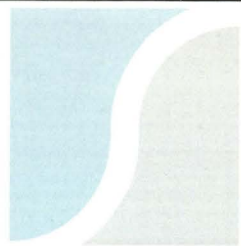
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# ACA SPORTS EAST SUPER LEAGUE STATISTICS FOLLOWING MATCHES ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011

LEAGUE TABLE	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Lochee United	20	4	3	3	14	9	6	2	2	22	17	10	35	
Linlithgow Rose	18	7	1	1	21	13	4	1	4	16	16	8	35	
Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic	20	4	3	4	17	19	6	1	2	11	7	2	34	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	19	5	2	1	14	9	4	6	1	14	11	8	32	
Forfar West End	21	4	3	3	16	13	4	3	4	20	17	6	30	
Bo'ness United	14	5	1	1	12	5	3	2	2	11	8	10	27	
Bathgate Thistle	20	1	3	5	11	19	4	3	4	18	17	-7	24	
Camelon	22	4	4	3	20	18	2	2	7	12	25	-11	24	
Kelty Hearts	19	4	1	5	12	13	3	1	5	12	17	-6	23	
Musselburgh Athletic	19	3	1	5	18	22	3	1	6	13	21	-12	20	
TAYPORT	19	2	2	6	11	15	3	2	4	14	12	-2	19	
Newtongrange Star	20	3	1	7	20	18	2	1	6	12	19	-5	17	

RESULTS CHART	Bathgate	Bo'ness	Bonnyrigg	Camelon	Forfar WE	HoB	Kelty Hearts	Linlithgow	Lochee Utd	Musselburgh	Newtongrange	TAYPORT
Bathgate Th			0-1	1-1	1-3	1-4	1-4		1-1	2-3	2-0	2-2
Bo'ness United	0-2		1-1	1-0	2-0		3-1				1-0	
Bonnyrigg Rose	2-0	2-2		2-3	1-1	0-2	2-1	0-3	2-3	2-2	3-2	1-0
Camelon	1-1	2-0	1-3		2-2	1-1	2-0	3-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	3-2
Forfar West End	0-1		4-1	1-1		1-1	0-2	1-0	3-2	2-0	3-4	1-1
Hill of Beath	4-1	2-2		1-0	1-0			2-1	1-1	3-1		0-3
Kelty Hearts	2-4		0-1	3-1	0-2	0-0		3-0	1-2	2-1	1-0	0-2
Linlithgow Rose	4-2	2-1		2-1	2-1	2-2	2-0		4-3	2-1	1-2	
Lochee United	0-2	0-1	0-1	4-1	3-0	0-0	1-1	2-2		2-0		2-1
Musselburgh At	3-4	1-4	0-2	5-2	1-5	1-1		2-3	0-2		4-2	2-1
Newtongrange	1-1	0-1	1-0	4-0	1-2	4-0	2-3	3-4	2-3	1-2		1-2
TAYPORT	0-0	0-4	0-1	1-2	2-2	1-3	4-0	0-1	1-2		2-0	

## SUPER LEAGUE RESULTS - GUIDE TO FORM Last five league matches – most recent to the right

	L	L	D	L	D
Bathgate Thistle	L	L	D	L	D
Bo'ness United	L	D	W	W	W
Bonnyrigg Rose	L	W	L	L	D
Camelon	W	W	D	W	D
Forfar West End	D	L	W	D	L
Hill of Beath	W	D	W	D	D
Kelty Hearts	W	W	D	D	W
Linlithgow Rose	L	W	D	W	L
Lochee United	W	L	D	D	W
Musselburgh Athletic	W	W	L	L	D
Newtongrange Star	W	L	D	L	L
TAYPORT	D	L	L	D	W

## SUPER LEAGUE TOP GOAL SCORERS

Player	Club	Goals
Duell, Bryan	Forfar West End	16
Blackwood, Paul	Lochee United	10
Coyne, Tommy	Linlithgow Rose	10
King, Matti	Musselburgh Athletic	10
Sommerville	Newtongrange Star	8
Young, Craig	Camelon	8
Bathgate, Stevie	Hill of Beath	7
Russell, James	TAYPORT	7
Hagan, Phil	Lochee United	6
King, Chris	Musselburgh Athletic	6
Morrison, Craig	Kelty Hearts	6
Pirie, Mark	Forfar West End	6

Does not include scorers from match on 4<sup>th</sup> May

RESULTS Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April			RESULTS Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April			RESULTS Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		
Bo'ness Utd	1-0	Newtongrange	Bo'nes Utd	2-0	Forfar WE	Bonnyrigg	2-2	Musselburgh
Lochee Utd	0-0	Hill of Beath	Bonnyrigg	2-3	Lochee Utd			
			Camelon	1-1	Hill of Beath			
			Kelty Hearts	2-1	Musselburgh			
			Newtongrange	1-2	TAYPORT			
FIXTURES Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May			FIXTURES Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May			FIXTURES Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May		
Hill of Beath	v	Bonnyrigg	Bathgate Th	v	Bo'ness Utd	Bo'ness Utd	v	Lochee Utd
Kelty Hearts	v	Bo'ness Utd				Linlithgow	v	TAYPORT
Lochee Utd	v	Newtongrange				Musselburgh	v	Kelty Hearts
TAYPORT	v	Musselburgh						

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

Congratulations to Musselburgh Athletic on reaching the final of the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup, a feat Tayport achieved six times. Musselburgh face **Auchinleck Talbot** in the Final on 29th May at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock and are rank outsiders, as Tayport were in their first ever semi-final back on **Friday 30th April in 1993**. Tayport were also faced with Auchinleck in that semi final played at Partick Thistle's Firhill Stadium when 'Port stunned the Junior world with a 3-0 win.

It was a match in which **Hamish Mackay** carved himself into the history books with an amazing hat-trick. Sadly, however, Hamish missed the final through injury when Tayport lost 1-0 to Glenafton Athletic.

Tayport manager in 1993, Dave Baikie, had been over the ground before, losing a semi-final twice as a player in the 1980s and was concerned that his Tayport players would bottle it at the penultimate stage as he and his teammates had done previously.

To counteract this 'semifinalitis' the committee, at Baikie's request, brought Sports Psychologist Jack Black down to The Canniepairt to take away the fear of losing and replace it with the joy of winning. It would be fair to say the committee were a bit apprehensive over shelling out a four figure fee. But the committee backed their manager and the gamble paid off handsomely with a fantastic 3-0 win.

In the semi-final Tayport survived an early Auchinleck bombardment when the Ayrshire club hit the bar, hit the post and had an effort cleared off the line but once Hamish had notched his first after ten minutes, Tayport gradually assumed control and by the second period were well in command with big Hambo notching another two goals to complete a famous hat-trick.

Tayport's team that night was Fraser Mann, Paul Reilly, Grant Paterson (Gary Lamont), Mark Spalding, Andy Sommerville, Jimmy Hunter, Sean Wilkie, Billy Coventry (Grant Cushnie), Hamish Mackay, Dave Reilly and Jackie Devine.

Baikie's backroom team was Ronnie Robb, Graeme Irons, Ged Reilly and physio was George Hill.

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## FANTASY PREMIER LEAGUE 2010/11

With only three Premiership matches remaining the standings in the Port fantasy league after last week's matches are as follows:

Posi-	Team	Manager	Points
1	McNotts County	Barry McNaughton	1702
2	Eccy Flump Albion	Steven Stewart	1667
3	Elpizonyaz	Derek Wemyss	1659
4	Happy Wanderers	Ronald Kenneth	1653
5	Crystal Phallus	David Black	1564
6	Russell's Popstars	James Russell	1540
7	Stephen Hawking XI	Ross Gunnion	1508
8	Digitalife	Roberto Morris	1481
9	Sharp Thistle	Matt Lawson	1468
10	Fitzzy's Fizzbombs	Frazer Fitzpatrick	1418
11	Cardross United	Norman Marshall	1395
12	Manzie XI	Grant Manzie	1354

The Port Fantasy League is sitting in 151,609th position out of 223,849 countrywide and to put things into perspective the overall leading team has 2,190 points while the leader of the Port Fantasy League, McNotts County with 1,702 points, is currently in 248,941th position.

In the last match McNotts County lined up: Van der Saar (Manchester United); Skerfl (Liverpool), Coleman (Everton), Clichy (Arsenal), Adam (Blackpool), Walters (Stoke City), Nasri (Arsenal), Kuyt (Liverpool), Carroll (Liverpool), Drogba (Chelsea (Chelsea), Bent (Aston Villa). Subs were - Carson (West Brom), Dempsey (Fulham), Smalling (Manchester United) and Crainey (Blackpool)

There are a total of 2,454,914 teams taking part.

For more information see [www.premierleague.com](http://www.premierleague.com) then select "games"

## FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



### TAYPORT THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB

#### Results from 1<sup>st</sup> May

Age Group	Opposition	Venue	Result
Under 13s	Monifieth	Home	Lost 3 - 2
Under 14s	Montrose	Away	Lost 3 - 0

#### Fixtures for 8<sup>th</sup> May

Age Group	Opposition	Venue	Kick-off
Under 12s	DUSC	Home	12.30pm
Under 13s	Arbroath	Away	12.30pm
Under 14s	Free Week		
Under 15s	Free Week		

Last Sunday two of Tayport Thistle's under 15 squad represented Scotland in an International match at New Bayview Stadium against Wales. The team were victorious and are shown below. The Tayport players were Grant Cavin (third from left in top row) and Dylan Sorrie (first player from left in front row)



## MIDLANDS AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### NEWPORT AFC

On 30<sup>th</sup> April **Newport** progressed to the semi-final of the Gray Trophy with a 4-3 win against Arbroath HSFP. The semi-final is being played today with the local side visiting Logie Harp.

It has been mixed fortunes in the Drain Doctor League Division 1 with a defeat by the odd goal in seven at home to Logie Harp on 27<sup>th</sup> April while on Wednesday past they won 2 - 0 at top of the table Merpro.

Current top of the table League (13 teams) standings are:

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1	Merpro AFC	19	13	4	2	57	25	32	43
2	Logie Harp	19	13	3	3	64	42	22	42
3	Douglas Sports Club	20	8	5	7	46	40	6	29
4	Newport AFC	19	9	1	9	57	46	11	28
5	Harris Academy FP	18	8	4	6	51	43	8	28
6	FC Claypotts	19	8	4	7	41	42	-1	28

## FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



### DUNDEE SUNDAY MORNING FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

It has been a very successful last couple of weeks for the **Tayport Arms** with two semi final victories in cup ties. On 17<sup>th</sup> April they defeated Douglas Athletic 3 - 1 in the semi-final of the NRG First League Cup and the following Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, they accounted for Harlequins at home in the semi-final of the Alex Smith Trophy. The lads will be hoping to make it a hat-trick of finals when they travel to Harlequins tomorrow in the semi-final of the Tayside Trophy. The Tayside Trophy is the Sunday equivalent of the North of Tay Cup and as such is the Region's most prestigious competition. Kick-off is at noon. The winners play Fintry Athletic in the Final on 5<sup>th</sup> June

There was disappointment last Sunday when opposition Bonargrove failed to get a side together for league game v Tayport Arms. Tayport will get the points.

The final of the Alex Smith Trophy is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Caird Park Stadium. Kick-off is at 11.00am and the opposition is Michelin.

It's the same finalists in the NRG First League Cup on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May again at Caird Park Stadium with an 11.00am kick-off.

It was not the same success story for **Cobbies** who had a few players under the weather as they went down 4 - 1 at Blackness in the semi-final of the Ross Kirk Trophy. Head Coach John Boyle later intimated he was standing down. After their great run which took the team into a promotion challenging position, the wheels have come off and the team has since suffered a series of league defeats.

Things can improve for Cobbies tomorrow when they entertain Thomson Academicals in the League. This is followed by a further home match in the League on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, against Blackness.

Current League standings are as follows:

#### Strathmore Glazing Premier Division

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Michelin	14	11	2	1	35
Dundee SC	15	11	1	3	34
Fintry Ath	14	9	1	4	28
Cutty Sark	14	8	1	5	25
Douglas Ath	17	7	1	6	22
Tayport Arms	15	7	1	7	22
Club 67	15	4	1	10	13
Harlequins	14	4	0	10	12
Bonargrove	16	1	0	15	3

#### Pilot Garage First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Tallys AFC	22	17	3	2	54
Birkhill	22	17	1	4	52
Cobbies AFC	21	12	3	6	39
Blackness	20	11	1	8	34
Angus Th	21	8	1	12	25
Ferry Innter	21	7	4	10	25
Thomson Academicals	22	5	4	13	18
Doc Ferrys	21	4	1	16	13
Royal Hotel	20	3	2	15	11

FOOTBALL FOR ALL.....ALL FOR FOOTBALL

## **SNIFFING ABOUT WITH THE SNOOT**



Norman Pattie, a Tayport exile of some 60 years, celebrated his 80th birthday this week with a family party on Saturday past at home in Bramhall, Cheshire. A happy occasion was made all the happier for Norman when the result came through from Newtongrange. A player with Tayport Amateurs in his younger day, Norman has been an enthusiastic supporter, season ticket holder and programme subscriber since the club turned Junior. Given the distance and his frequent jaunts to far flung corners of the world, Norman doesn't get to too many matches but receives regular updates from his old buddy Andy Phin.

On the subject of birthdays, Mick Roberts, a 40+ years resident of Tayport and member of the TFC Travel Club, who rarely, if ever, misses a match home or away, celebrates his 70th birthday with a party this evening in the Bell Rock Tavern and he tells *Snoot* that supporters, players et al are all welcome to attend.

When folk don't know enough about the Junior game, they should refrain from making comment... either that or they get another ghost writer. In Jim Leishman's column in *The Courier* he tells us he was honoured to be Rosyth's manager in the early 1990s, leading Rosyth to three Scottish Cup finals. Well, actually, it was three local cup finals in the old Fife Region League, losing all three to Hill of Beath. Then Jim tells us if he was in charge of the Junior game, he would cut out some cup competitions. Far too many, says the bold Jim. Surely not noticed, then, that we've cut out three. Given that we will finish our season in two weeks and have had only one midweek game, despite missing ten weeks through bad weather, we'd need to be **adding** some competitions if we don't want seasons to end in March.

Club members were saddened to hear of the death two weeks ago of Ann Menzies who, along with her late husband Bill, was an enthusiastic fan, home and away, during the 1990s when son-in-law Fraser Mann was the club's regular goalkeeper. Ann continued her support of the club through the Super Six Lottery and her unfailing attendance at the club's weekly bingo sessions in the Bellrock Tavern. There was a large turnout for Ann's funeral at Dundee Crematorium last Thursday. Our condolences go to daughters Annette and Sharon and their families.

Those who consider that west coast bias is institutionalised in Scottish football would get further ammo from the SJFA's daily news update on their website earlier this week. Said the news item, "Irvine Meadow set out their intention to lift *the* [our italics] Super League title in emphatic fashion yesterday as they defeated Petershill 6-0 to extend their lead at the top of the table". Of course it should have been West Super League because we all consider the East Super League to be *the* Super League!

The family of the late Dite Carmichael has kindly donated a trophy to be awarded annually to the Club's Young Player of the Year i.e. a player aged 21 or under. Dite was an enthusiastic supporter of Tayport FC and a regular at The Canniepairt until his death in 2009.

Bonnyrigg Rose boss Alan Miller will have incurred the wrath of the East Region officials with his verbal attack over fixture scheduling for his club. Describing the fixture planning as an absolute scandal in the Edinburgh Evening News he followed up by asking 'what the hell is going on?'

This afternoon's referee, Ross McIntyre will today be under the scrutiny of official referee observer Bob Valentine

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