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## **Forty years of history between 'Port and Ballingry Rovers**

It may surprise a few to learn that this afternoon's match will be the 12th meeting of Tayport and Ballingry Rovers during a period stretching back some forty years to season 1972/73, which is the first recorded competitive meeting of the clubs. Most of those playing that day will now be contemplating collecting a pension if they've not already done so.

The first eight meetings of the clubs were during the clubs' days as amateurs and of the eight, only two were played at Tayport

1972/73 Scottish Amateur Cup -	Ballingry 3 - 0 Tayport
1975/76 Scottish Amateur Cup -	Ballingry 4 - 0 Tayport
1978/79 Fife Cup -	Ballingry 3 - 3 Tayport
replay -	Tayport 0 - 1 Ballingry
1979/80 Fife Cup quarter final -	Ballingry 2 - 3 Tayport
1984/85 Kingdom League -	Ballingry 0 - 0 Tayport
1984/85 Fife Cup quarter final -	Ballingry 5 - 2 Tayport
1984/85 Kingdom League -	Tayport 2 - 2 Ballingry

In season 1984/85 it was Tayport's reserve side which contested the Kingdom League and Fife Cup. The 1st XI played in the Midlands Amateur FA.

In recent years the teams have met on three occasions as Juniors. All three games were in the same season

2009/10 Premier Division -	Ballingry 1 - 0 Tayport
2009/10 Premier Division -	Tayport 1 - 0 Ballingry
2009/10 Fife/Tayside Cup -	Ballingry 1 - 2 Tayport

For Tayport's line-ups in 1972 and 1985, see 'Archive' page

## TODAY'S GAME

### ACA SPORTS PREMIER DIVISION TAYPORT v BALLINGRY ROVERS

Since joining the Juniors in season 2004/05, Ballingry have visited the Canniepairt on only one occasion, 18 months ago when a last minute own goal gave Tayport the points in a Premier Division match as we put in a late run to take the title.

An indifferent start to the season, three defeats from four league cup ties, and an opening day league defeat by Penicuik saw Ballingry part company with manager Steve Leighton. The committee moved quickly to fill the vacancy and appointed Garry Paterson to the hot seat with former East Fife & Kilmarnock player Ally Mitchell as his assistant.

There had already been a number of close season changes to the squad and there were further changes after the new manager was appointed. Altogether there were something like 12 new faces at Ore Park this season, the most recent being defender Gary Westwater from Rosyth. There could be further movement too, as Tam Graham, Shaun Graham and Garry Leighton have been put up for transfer.

Despite the changes, goalkeeper Jamie Roberts has been a fixture between the sticks and the core of the Rovers team remains relatively unchanged with Mark Morrison, Scott Lawrie, Andy Lawson, Adam Moffat and the strike force of Jamie Gilfillan and James Adam providing stability - and goals. Adam has netted 3 in his last five games whilst Gilfillan has scored 5 in his last five, including the double which accounted for Broughty Athletic two weeks ago. Also a regular in the side is 19 year old midfielder Conor Schiavone, signed from Dunfermline Athletic in August.

Despite the upheaval, results in the league, apart from the 4-1 defeat by Penicuik, have been reasonable, with a narrow 3-4 defeat by league leaders Oakley being the only other loss of three points. It was a point apiece in the games v Glenrothes and Armadale.

Tayport will be anxious to bring some of their away form to their home matches and atone for the disappointing results on the Canniepairt to date. Paul Tosh and Ronnie Kenneth are still on holiday but Roberto Morris is available again, having returned from holiday and subsequently shrugged off an injury.

Robbie Raeside who played as a trialist at Arniston, could again feature although he will have to undergo a fitness test

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	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Oakley United	5	4	1	0	16	6	10	13
2	Glenrothes	4	3	1	0	11	5	6	10
3	Penicuik Athletic	4	3	0	1	11	4	7	9
4	<b>Tayport</b>	5	5	0	2	7	3	4	9
5	Newtongrange Star	5	2	1	2	11	9	2	7
6	Sauchie	4	2	1	1	7	7	0	7
7	Broughty Athletic	6	2	1	3	9	14	-4	7
8	Ballingry Rovers	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5
9	Armadale Thistle	5	0	4	1	2	4	-2	4
10	Broxburn Athletic	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
11	Arniston Rangers	5	0	2	3	2	10	-8	2
12	Downfield	4	0	0	4	5	11	-6	0

This afternoon's Junior card

### Cup Finals

First Cup Finals of the season this afternoon when the two East Region League Cups are played off. North End Park is the venue for DJ Laing North Final between DJ's own club Carnoustie Panmure and Lochee United. Carnoustie, who gained promotion after a great late run last season, have settled in quickly to the top tier and could pose a few problems for Lochee who have shown indifferent form. In the Dechmont sponsored South Final, it's the all-weather surface of Albyn Park, Broxburn for Linlithgow Rose v Newtongrange Star. Already out of the Scottish and East of Scotland Cups, Rose will be fearing a third cup defeat, particularly as their own recent form has been patchy whilst Premier Division Star come into the final on the back of a sound 5-2 win at Broughty.

### Premier League

An abbreviated card this afternoon with only four clubs in action apart from ourselves and Ballingry. **Armadale**, still looking for their first home goal in the league, shocked Oakley last week when they were, by all accounts, unlucky not to have taken all the spoils, will be favourites to take the points when they face **Arniston**. The other game is at Beechwood Park where **Sauchie** await **Oakley United**. Both sides were promoted to this season's Premier Division and both have ambitions to take their progression that further step to the Super League.

### Super League

Bathgate Thistle v Bonnyrigg Rose  
Bo'ness United v St Andrews United  
Camelon v Hill of Beath

Hill of Beath, having hit the top last Saturday will be out to stretch that lead with a win at Camelon. The Mariners will be no pushover, however, as their win at Lochee last week showed.



## THE MANAGER WRITES



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Canniepairt. Hopefully the weather will be kinder today after our late call-off last week at Sauchie. We were all hacked off by the referee's decision to postpone the game, especially as we were all stripped, but at least we had the advantage of just hopping back on the bus to get us home. Some of our supporters on the other hand would have spent valuable time and money travelling through, only to be told when they arrived that the game was off. Fortunately we were able to get the message on to our text alert service very quickly so hopefully not too many had a totally wasted journey. If you were one of the unlucky ones who travelled all the way, sorry, but we did all we could.

The previous week saw us travel to Gorebridge to face Arniston Rangers. In what proved to be a difficult game we came out on top, winning 2-0. What was pleasing was our ability to restrict the opposition to only a few chances over the ninety minutes. In fact, so far we have only conceded three goals in the league which is remarkable as we have had to chop and change our defence more than I would have liked. We take a pride in attacking and defending as a team and this proved to be the case at Arniston. I thought our front players worked their socks off closing down their defenders and it was two defenders who ultimately scored the goals that won us the game.

The last time we were at home was case of déjà vu. Our opponents Broughty Athletic parked the proverbial bus in front of their goal and allowed us to dominate possession. Quite astonishingly, they never came into our defensive third during open play during the entire game. On another day we could have scored four or five but we failed to convert our chances and were beaten by a goal from a Broughty set-piece, from which we knew they would be dangerous. However if we continue to play in the same manner, creating chances and working as a team we will win more games than we lose this season.

Finally, one or two of our supporters have mentioned that they prefer the home dugout to be in front of the main terracing. I did not realise that moving over to the opposite side would have caused any problems. However, talking to Abby about this he mentioned that some of our supporters like to back the team from behind the dugout (which I really appreciate. If the weather is inclement (normal in Scotland) and we are on the open side, then our supporters would get soaked. Therefore from now on and to avoid a mad rush to the Doctor's surgery every Monday morning, we will use the dugout which has served us so well in the past.

Enjoy the match.

John

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RESULTS CHART	Armada	Arniston	Ballingry	Broughty	Broxburn	Downfield	Glenrothes	Newton-grange	Oakley	Penicuik	Sauchie	TAYPORT
Armada		15/10	0 - 0								0 - 0	0 - 2
Arniston								1 - 1		0 - 2		0 - 2
Ballingry		22/10		2 - 1			3 - 3		3 - 4			
Broughty		1 - 1						2 - 5			2 - 4	
Broxburn	0 - 0							4 - 2				
Downfield	22/10			2 - 3			0 - 1					
Glenrothes				22/10	3 - 2						4 - 2	
Newtongrange						3 - 0					22/10	0 - 2
Oakley	2 - 2	4 - 0			4 - 0							
Penicuik			4 - 1			4 - 3						22/10
Sauchie									15/10	1 - 0		
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### JUNIOR CLUBS DO THE ASSOCIATION PROUD IN WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH CUP

Of the five Junior clubs playing in the 1st Round of the Seniors' Scottish Cup, four reached Round 2, once again emphasising that the top level of the Junior game is at least on a par with the South of Scotland, East of Scotland and Highland Leagues. Only Girvan, who gain entry to the Scottish Cup, apparently by virtue of the grandfather rights accorded to them as Associate Members before joining the Junior FA, were eliminated, going down to the only goal of the game to Vale of Leithen at Innerleithen.

Culter made short work of Fife Amateur side Burntisland Shipyard, winning 4-0, the same margin by which Bo'ness United beat Fort William. Irvine Meadow eventually proved too strong for Forres Mechanics, winning 6-3 in a replay after drawing 2-2 up in Forres. Along the road, Auchinleck Talbot got through at the first attempt, beating Lossiemouth by 2-1.

Could be tougher in round 2 on 22 Oct with three of the Junior sides meeting the cream of the East of Scotland League. Bo'ness meet the powerful Whitehill Welfare, Culter also have home advantage when they meet Spartans but Irvine Meadow travel to the capital to meet Edinburgh City. Auchinleck are away to South of Scotland Champions Threave Rovers at Castle Douglas. No easy task given that Threave have been averaging over five goals a game this season.

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1972 and 1985  
v  
Ballingry Rovers

### 1972

In 1972 Tayport were still finding their feet in the top tier of the Midlands AFA and went into a Scottish Cup 1st round tie at Ballingry having suffered six defeats in their opening eight league fixtures. It was not exactly a tie and venue which the Tayport lads relished and a 3-0 defeat was not unexpected.

Tayport had **Gordon Brankin** in goal and the nephew and uncle partnership of **Ian Mathers** and the late **Jim Mathers** at full back. The late **Lindsay Ancell** and **Ian Howe** were wing halves with RAF serviceman **Warren Farrer** at centre half.

**Alex Ritchie** and **Eddie Gilmour** were the wingers with an inside trio of **Stewart Ritchie**, **Raymond White** and **Raymond's** older brother **Ian White**. Our late chairman **Eddie Stewart** and **John Porter** were the substitutes.

### 1985

Tayport, playing their reserve side against other clubs' 1st XIs, had been experiencing a difficult season and despite it being a miserable Saturday afternoon of heavy rain on May 18th 1985, were probably relieved to have reached the end of their season. The team had recorded only one win and two draws during the league season, one of which had been against **Ballingry Rovers**, their visitors to the East Common that afternoon.

The Tayport manager **George Norrie** (who recently featured in a *Blether with Brown* article in the *Tele*) was fielding his fifth side in 15 days and managed to scrape together only eleven players. It was to be **George's** swan song season at Tayport and the players did him proud, recovering from a two goal deficit at half time to get a point from a 2-2 draw.

**Jim Finlayson**, the current *Violet* and former *Forfar West End* manager was in goal. **Neil Downie**, **Rab Hanlon** (a *Super Six* winner last week!), **Jim Bissett** and **Colin Robertson** were the back four. **Jim Downie**, **George Furey** and **Stephen Whyte** were the midfield trio and up front was **Roddy McCafferty** with **Stuart Davie** and **Neil Robertson**. **Jim Downie** and **Neil Robertson** were the goal scorers.



## DUNMORE REPORTS.....

'Port get back into action today, after last Saturday's frustrating call-off. The decision by the match officials came as a blow, as the team was keen to build on the previous weekend's victory in Gorebridge. Without being at their best, Tayport put in a solid performance to see off Arniston Rangers, for whom ex-Glasgow Ranger, Scott Nisbet, still turns out.

Arnie began enthusiastically, but 'Port gradually upped the pressure, forcing home 'keeper Rochowski into a few fine saves, before Tayport's trialist defender Robbie Raeside rose at the far post to send a header into the opposite top corner of the net.

The goal which sealed the win came midway through the second half. A fine move involving Grant Manzie and Ronnie Kenneth saw Brian Livie stride beyond the Arniston defence to slot home a neat finish.

Unfortunately, Tayport's away form has not been replicated at the Canniepairt. When Broughty Athletic visited three weeks ago, they plundered all three points, in a smash and grab raid. Graeme Dailly latched onto a Steven Tweed head-flick to fire in the Fed's only chance of the game.

Manager John McGlashan was actually satisfied with Tayport's general display, as his side dominated the entire match. It was not, however, Tayport's day in front of goal.

Lets's hope for a change of fortune on that front this afternoon, against Ballingry, in what will be another tough contest.

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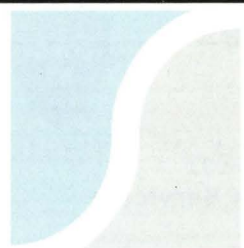
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Ballingry Rovers F.C. who play at Ore Park in Glencreig, were founded in 1952 by Mr Andrew and Mrs Janet Clark of Ballingry Road with the aid of Jean Coron and originally played at the King George VI Park in Crosshill. As noted elsewhere in the programme, Ballingry were a successful amateur side for many years before stepping up to the Junior grade in 2004.

Ballingry's progress in the Juniors has been uncannily steady if not spectacular. On joining the SJFA, it took Rovers 25 games before recording their first win. By that time they had already dispensed with their first manager, former Tayport player Andy Heggie.

That first season Rovers finished in 8th place, the following season it was one better in 7th, then up to 2nd place before, in 2007/08, finishing top of the Central League thus gaining promotion to the Premier League as champions.

First season in the Premier Division they finished just below mid table then it was one better in 6th place. Last season was the first in which Ballingry had not improved their lot. No great concern, there, though as they consolidated their place in the second tier with another 6th place finish.



One quality Ballingry seem to have in abundance is spirit. Several times in recent months, they have been down to the bare bones of a team but have managed to deliver creditable performances, notably against Pumpherston in the East of Scotland Cup. Only eleven players reported for duty that day and then promising defender Conor Schiavone (pictured above) had to leave the field injured but the ten men battled on to record a fine 5-1 win.

One familiar face in the Ballingry squad is Andy Lawson (right) who had two spells at the Canniepairt, back in 2000 and then in 2008.



Ballingry are striving to move out of the shadow of their (currently) more illustrious neighbours, Kelty Hearts and Hill of Beath with the clear ambition to join them in the Super League.



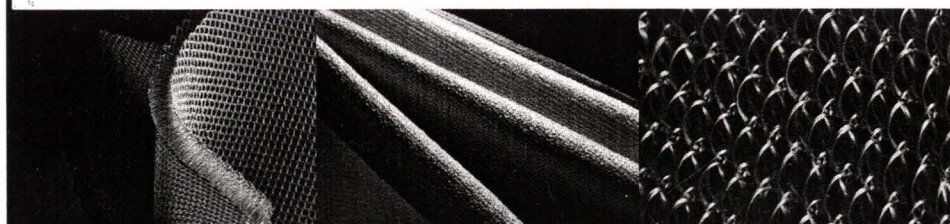
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## SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*

We will be losing the services of David Black for the next year or so. David is taking a year out and is off to Australia with a companion to hike and trake around the outback. We wish him well. Perhaps he might bump into Barry Donachie and his wife who are also somewhere in the southern hemisphere.

There was much grumbling and gnashing of teeth at Sauchie last week when the referee called off the match at the eleventh hour. It is fair to say that the only folk who considered the ground unplayable were the referee and his assistants. The referee's reasons for postponement weren't too convincing. He considered it would make for a farcical game and he was concerned that his assistant would slip where he was to be running the line. Don't know what his decision cost Sauchie but it cost Tayport the best part of £400.

Garry Paterson, the Ballingry manager, is the former Dundee FC player whose transfer fee from Lochore Welfare back in 1993, legend has it, was a set of tracksuits. Paterson went on to play 40 games for the Dark Blues and during their Centenary Year in a 1-1 draw against Rangers, not only did he score the 'Dee's goal but according to reports he "blotted out the formidable striking partnership of Mark Hateley and Duncan Ferguson". Quite an achievement. Garry later moved to Ayr United for £25,000 with Lochore Welfare receiving £1,875 as their share of the deal.

Dens Park in 1993 and 1994 proved to be a prolific breeding ground for East Region Junior managers. As well as Garry Paterson, on the books at Dundee FC at that time were Ian Gilzean (currently Carnoustie Panmure), Paul Ritchie (Lochee United) and Steve Pittman (Broxburn Athletic). In addition a certain Paul Tosh arrived at Dens from Arbroath for £100,000. Tayport's first £100,000 player, then. 1993/94 wasn't a good season for Dundee FC. Bemoaning the fact that they were having a poor start to the season, the Dens history records "Pre-season performances were disappointing...the Dark Blues travelled to play English non-league side Lancaster City (0-0) who Tayport Juniors later thrashed 6-1..." Remember it well.

Things are desperate at Forfar West End and illustrate just how easy it is for a club to hit a slide. It was apparent early on in the close season that West End would struggle this year, but few envisaged just how badly and quickly the struggle would kick in. Matters came to a head last Saturday when the committee and strips turned up at Kelty for their scheduled Super League fixture but the manager and players failed to put in an appearance and the manager's phone was (allegedly) switched off. Only seven players (and no manager) turned up at the meeting point to travel and that was when the players decided they couldn't go to Kelty. It's not just an entire management team which has moved on (to Dundee Violet) but at least fifteen of last season's West End player pool have been transferred out. Strange happenings indeed. Meetings were to be held this past week to determine what happens next and it's likely by the time you read this, there will be press reports providing an update.

For those of you who enjoy a bit of window shopping, one of our Super Six partners, Tayport Tennis Club, is currently running an Odd One Out fundraiser whereby eleven Tayport shops have placed an item in their window display which they normally don't sell. Get a form from Ian Field, Butcher, or the Post Office and list your 'odd one out' items. *Snoot's* trying to think of eleven shops, never mind spot eleven items!

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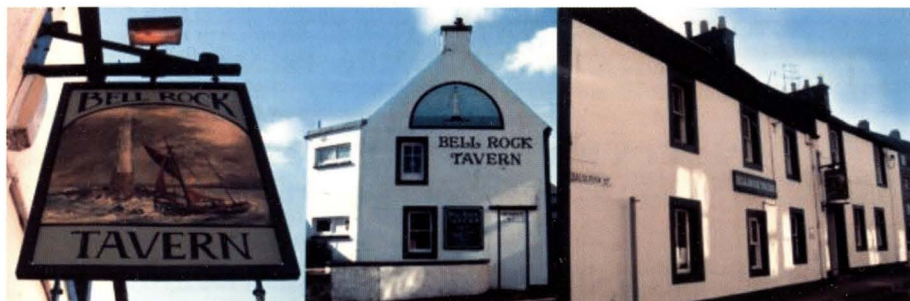
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