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F. Mann G. Buist

G. Paterson M. Spalding

K. Nicolson

S. Wilkie G. Miller (A. Ramsay)

S. Stewart S. Ross (B. Gray)

D. Reilly G. Maher (J. Henry)

Scorer - S. Ross (2) Att. 4,652

1 June 2003 1-0 (aet) v Linlithaow Rose at Firhill, Glasgow

F. Fitzpatrick

R. Gunnion G. Paterson

R. Morris J. Ward

S. Peters J. Mitchell

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

G. Dailly (D. Evans) Scorer - Craik Att. 4.613

29 May 2005 2-0 v Lochee United at Tannadice

F. Fitzpatrick

R. Morris G. Paterson (L. Young)

J. Ward

D. Wemyss S. Peters B. McNaughton

S. Stewart R. Henderson (A. Ramsay) G. Middleton (R. Hunter)

B. Livie Scorers - Middleton, Henderson Att. 6,868

AWARDS 2010/11

Player of the Year (presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - Stefan Elvin; Players Player of the Year (presented 1991 in memory of Rev. G.S. Ayre) - Neal Ferrie; Fans' Favourite - Derek Wernyss;

Young Player of the Year (presented 2011 by Bella Carmichael in memory of her late husband Dite Carmichael) - Stefan Elvin; Travel Club Player of the Year (presented by the Travel Club in memory of the late Davie Ayre) - Stefan Elvin;

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Website (www.tayportfc.org) Player of the Year -Brian Livie & Stefan Elvin (shared).

Our front cover picture shows the Tayport FC line-up prior to the final of the Jacques Vandebosch Challenge Cup final in Belgium April 1982.

Back Row: Bruce Burnett, Rab Downie, Barry Toner. Bobby Wilson, Angus Charity. Phil Smith, Gus Malone, Alan Hart

Neil Downie Front Row: Kevin Murphy Ken Smith, Colin Gray, Jim Bissett. Ian Howe, Alan Harte

TODAY'S TEAMS

	TAYPORT
	from
1	Iain ROSS
3	Brian LIVIE
4	Robbie RAESIDE
5	Derek WEMYSS
6	Andy McDONALD
8	James RUSSELL
9	Ronnie KENNETH
10	Paul TOSH
11	Jamie MACKIE
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14	Chris ANTON
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17	Stefan ELVIN
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G/K	
	Sean ROYCROFT
	Michael GIBSON
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	Adam FAIRWEATHER
	John MILLAR
	Stephen PAYNE
	Gary MILLAR
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	Craig YOUNG
	Scott PITTMAN
	Mark COWAN
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	David MARTINDALE
	Steven KICZYNSKI
	Shaun MARTIN

Referee: Michael TAYLOR (Edinburgh) **Assistant Referee: TBA**

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Today's Game

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After their great effort last season to make it to the Super League, Broxburn are justifiably seen as a side making a genuine bid for promotion. Manager Steve Pittman has put together a talented squad which hit the ground running with an unbeaten start to the season with four wins and two draws in the league cup, including a trouncing of Super League Bonnyrigg Rose by 4-1 to reach the semi final where they were eliminated, beaten 2-1 by eventual winners Linlithgow Rose.

There followed an alarming dip in form, Broxburn picking up only one point from their first three league games then going out of the East of Scotland Cup at Kirriemuir, beaten 1-0 in a spell which had seen a previously prolific scoring run dry up and Athletic fail to find their opponents' net in three successive games.

The turning point came in the next league game when Newtongrange Star were put to the sword, beaten by 4-2 and then Hurlford were knocked out of the Emirates Scottish Cup. A Fife & Lothians win over Oakley United, a 6-0 Scottish Cup win over Dalry and a 3-1 win last week over Arniston extended their current winning run to five games, with a scoring average of over three goals a game.

Striker Gary Millar has found a rich vein of scoring form to net six goals in his last five games and he, along with John Jeffrey and Mark Cowan, will pose a significant threat to the home side.

Tayport boss John McGlashan will be without Brian Livie but otherwise should have a full squad from which to select. Grant Manzie, injured in the first half last week, should have recovered and it is possible that Robbie Raeside will make his long awaited home debut.

TODAY'S VISITORS

BROXBURN ATHLETIC FC

We extend a warm welcome to the players, committee and supporters of Broxburn Athletic who are paying their first ever visit to the Canniepairt.

Broxburn is a town with a population of around 14,500 just off the M8, about five miles from Edinburgh Airport.

Broxburn Athletic play at Albyn Park, Broxburn which has a synthetic surface, one of the first Junior grounds to take that giant step into the future.

Formed in 1894, Broxburn had several notable cup wins during the first quarter of the 20th century before going defunct. The club was reformed in 1947 and it was during the boom years of the post Second World War period, that Albyn Park recorded its biggest ever attendance of 11,400 for a Scottish Junior Cup tie v Kilsyth.

Yet to grace the Scottish Junior Cup final, Broxburn have the unenviable record of losing at the semi-final stage on each of the five occasions on which they have made it to the last four stage. The original Broxburn lost out in 1894 (Ashfield) and 1896 (Parkhead). The reformed club lost in 1951 (Irvine Meadow), 1956 (Lugar Boswell Thistle), and 1971 (Cambuslang Rangers)

The 1951 game (which was replayed after a 2-2 draw attracted 31,085 to Hampden. These were certainly the halcyon days of the Junior game. The final, Irvine Meadow v Petershill, was watched by 77,650.

Honours have been relatively few in the modern era with Lothians League Division Two titles in 2004 and 2006 and the East of Scotland Cup for a third time in 1988.

A change in the club's fortunes kicked in three years ago with the club winning the East Region's South League Championship title in a keenly fought contest. The Brox eclipsed both Spartans and Tranent by two points in a 26 game league season to make the association's second tier for the first time.

The good form was carried into the following season and Broxburn got off to a flier. For virtually the entire season, promotion looked a certainty despite St Andrews United pulling away from the pack. However some dodgy end of season results and a late run from Carnoustie saw the Gowfers take second spot and a place at this season's top table.

This period has seen Broxburn firmly established as a Premier Division club backed by a set-up which sees them genuine challengers for a Super League place.

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2 Oakley	6	4	2	0	18	8	10	14
3 Glenrothes	6	3	2	1	16	13	3	11
4 Penicuik	5	3	0	2	10	6	4	9
5 Broughty Athletic	8	2	3	3	13	18	-5	9
6 Newtongrange Star	6	2	2	2	12	10	2	8
7 Sauchie	5	2	2	1	8	7	1	8
8 Broxburn Athletic	5	2	1	2	9	10	-1	7
9 Armadale Thistle	8	1	4	3	7	12	-5	7
Ballingry Rovers	7	1	3	3	11	14	-3	6
Arniston Rangers	8	1	3	4	7.	16	-9	6
12 Downfield	6	1	1	4	9	12	-3	4

RESULTS CHART	Armadale	Arniston	Ballingry	Broughty	Broxburn	Downfield	Glenrothes	Newton- grange	Oakley	Penicuik	Sauchie	TAYPORT
Armadale		1 - 2	0 - 0				4 - 3	12/11	1.		0 - 0	0 - 2
Arniston		1				19/11	12/11	1 - 1		0 - 2		0 - 2
Ballingry		2 - 2		2-1			3 - 3		3 - 4			
Broughty		1 - 1			19/11			2 - 5	2-2		2 - 4	10.
Broxburn	0 - 0	3 -1						4 - 2				- 1
Downfield	3 - 0		12/11	2 - 3			0 - 1					
Glenrothes				2-2	3 - 2						4 - 2	19/11
Newtongrange			19/11			3 - 0					1 - 1	0 - 2
Oakley	2-2	4 - 0			4 - 0				3276	19/11		
Penicuik			4 - 1	12/11		4 - 3						0 - 1
Sauchie	19/11								12/11	1 - 0		,
TAYPORT			1 - 0	0 - 1	12/11	1 -1			1 - 2			

THE MANAGER WRITES



I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Steve Pittman, his staff, and all at Broxburn Athletic, as they visit the Canniepairt for today's East Premier League fixture. Their team has had several good results already and I believe Broxburn will be right in the mix, towards the top of the table, until the



very end of the season. I'm sure they'll be a tough nut to crack.

What is certain is that we'll have to improve on last Saturday's performance. On watching some of the football on TV over the weekend, I saw both Manchester City and Chelsea grind out winning results without playing well. That's exactly what Tayport will have to do if we want to feature at the top end of the table. That's exactly what we should have done last week. By missing several opportunities to extend our lead, we put the defence under pressure and that led to the contentious equalising goal, albeit one which Downfield deserved.

Yes, there has been a debate about whether or not the free kick should have been allowed to be taken quickly, so it is an issue I'd like to address. The referee actually went to the trouble of calling me on Sunday, to express his frustration at what had happened. After reflecting on the incident and consulting with senior colleagues, he admitted that he had made an error. The crux of the matter was that, after booking Roberto Morris, he should have restarted play by blowing the whistle. He has passed on his apologies to everyone at the club and by doing so, he has gone up greatly in my estimation. It was most refreshing for a match official to do that and it has restored my faith in the football fraternity to a large extent. Everyone involved in the game, be it the players on the park or the manager in the dug-out makes mistakes, and most of these mistakes escape any scrutiny, so we have to appreciate what it's like for the man in the middle. That he got in touch just goes to show that there are still very decent people in football, even amongst the referees!

I wanted to put all of that on record for the Tayport supporters, but I also want to say that the players are not going to feel sorry for themselves or be bitter about what happened. We have already moved on. After the match last weekend, our concentration and focus immediately shifted to this match against Broxburn. We know what we want to achieve this season and we'll have to continue to pick up points on a regular basis to get to where we want to be.

I hope everyone enjoys the football this afternoon.

John



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6 Aug 11	Dundee Violet	LC	W 2 - 1	lan Ross	Fraser Milligan	Livie	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Jamie Mackie	Russell 1	Kenneth	Paul Tosh 1	Robert Smith	Andy McDonald (3)	Darren Scott (9)	Elvin (11)	157
13 Aug 11	BROUGHTY ATH	LC	L0-1	Ross	Milligan	Kenneth McCulley	Russell	Wemyss	Whatley	Manzie	Elvin	Kenneth	Tosh	Smith	Ryan Welsh(11)			112
20 Aug 11	North End	LC	L0-1	Ross	Milliigan %	Livie	McCulley	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie.	Elvin	Russell	Tosh	Smith	Welsh (4)	Kenneth (10)	Anton **=%(9)	159
27 Aug 11	Armadale Thistle	L	W2-0	Ross	Russell	McDonald	Livie	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Tosh 1	Smith 1	Kenneth	Ryan Welsh	Andy West	138
3 Sep 11	OAKLEY UTD	L	L1-2	Ross	Russell *	Livie	Morris	Wemyss 1	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Tosh	Smith	Anton (2)	Kenneth (10)	2 = V	138
10 Sep 11	Newtongrange	L	W2-0	Ross	Milligan	Welsh	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin 1	Kenneth 1	Anton	Smith *				215
17 Sep 11	LIVINGSTON UTD	EoS 1	W4-0	Ferrie	Milligan	Welsh	Morris 2	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth 2	Anton	McDonald *	Manzie (3)	David Black (4)	Russell (11)	136
24 Sep 11	BROUGHTY ATH	L	L0-1	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Tosh	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth	Anton	Smith	Black (10)			139
1 Oct 11	Amiston Rangers	L	W2-0	Ross	Milligan	Livie 1	Raeside1	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Kenneth *	Russell	Smith	Anton (10)	Black (2)	Manzie (11)	84
-8 Oct 11	Sauchie	L	Р		MATCH	POSTPONED	Referee	deemed	pitch	unplayable								
15 Oct 11	BALLINGRY ROV	L	W1-0	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Morris	Wemyss *	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin *	Manzie	Russell 1	Smith	Anton (10)	MacDonald (11)		116
22 Oct 11	Penicuik Athletic	L	W1-0	Ross	Milligan	Livie	Morris *	Raeside	Whatley	MacD nald*	Elvin	Manzie *	Russell	Tosh	Mackie (9) 1	McCulley (7)		175
29 Oct 11	ARBROATH VICS	S 2	W 5-0	Ross	Milligan*	McDonald *	Morris	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie 1	Elvin 1	Manzie	Russell 1	Tosh 2	Anton (3)	West (10)	Welsh (11)	133
5 Nov 11	DOWNFIELD	L	D 1 -1	Ross	Milligan	McDonald	Morris *	Wemyss	Whatley	Mackie	Elvin	Manzie	Russell	Tosh	Anton (9)	Kenneth (11) 1	Smith (10)	143
12 Nov 11	BROXBURN ATH	L								0							1	
19 Nov 11	Glenrothes	L								175								

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Premier League

Ten of the twelve clubs are in action today. **Arniston** host **Glenrothes** and this looks like a home win. Improving **Armadale** could surprise **Newtongrange** if they have a hangover from their Emirates Cup defeat- Draw. **Downfield** will have taken a lot of confidence from last week's win but so too will **Ballingry** from the Cup wim over Petershill - Draw. **Penicuik**, another side with a great cup win behind them, will be favourites to account for an unpredictable **Broughty Athletic** team - Home

Super League

Ten of the teams in action today. Hill of Beath were lucky to salvage a point from their game with Lochee last week but will be up for today's meeting with a Bo'ness side with one eye on next week's tie with Cowdenbeath - Home. Camelon shocked Bo'ness last week and will have to find the same form to take something from Bonnyrigg - Home. A great win for Kelty Hearts last week v Culter and a visit to Linlithgow Rose will hold no fears. Could be a shock here - Away. Lochee United have impressed in recent weeks and they should collect the three points from their meeting with Bathgate Thistle at Thomson Park - Home. Musselburgh v Carnoustie looks a home banker.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

20 years ago November 9th 1991



Tayport, in their second season in the Juniors, had lost at Jeanfield Swifts on the opening day of the season in August but hadn't lost since and by November 9th were in the midst of a 35 game unbeaten run which was to end on 28th March 1992 in controversial circumstances in the Scottish Junior Cup quarter final at Glenafton.

There was another defeat that season, however, which has been expunged from the records. On 26 October Tayport went down by the only goal of the game at home to Forfar West End in a Whyte & Mackay Cup tie. A protest by Tayport in respect of a West End teamline irregularity was upheld by the Tayside JFA who ordered the tie to be replayed. This was the game which took place 20 years ago this week.

On a chilly but calm afternoon Tayport won 2-0 with goals from Jackie Devine and Dave Reilly in front of an attendance of 120 and went on to win the competition in June 1992.

Tayport lined up Fraser Mann, Frankie Dolan, Paul Reilly, Sean Wilkie, Andy Sommerville, Mark Spalding, Jackie Devine, Grant Cushnie, Kevin Thoms, Dave Reilly and Gary Lamont. Grant Paterson came on for Devine and George Malone replaced Grant Cushnie.

15 years ago November 9th 1996

Tayport again kicked off the 1996/97 season in Perth at Jeanfield Swifts but with very much changed fortunes on this occasion, winning this time by 9-0. By the time November arrived, 'Port had won 14 and drawn 1 of their 15 games in an unbeaten start to the season. The stunning form of the Scottish Cup holders was to be tested though when they were drawn at home to Larkhall in a 2nd round tie in their first game in defence of the title. Not much for the 441 crowd to cheer about, however, as the tie petered out to a goalless draw.

The line-up was Fraser Mann, Paul Reilly, Grant Paterson, Mark Spalding, Grant Buist, Sean Wilkie, Allan Ramsay, Steven Stewart, Stevie Ross, Dave Reilly and Barry Gray. Grant Miller, Jim Henry and Gary Maher were subs. Many of the squad that day are still actively involved in football, indeed Allan Ramsay is holding down his place in the St Andrews United team in the Super League.

Tayport won the replay in Lanarkshire and went on to reach their third Scottish Junior Cup final, only to lose against Pollok at Fir Park, Motherwell.

DUNMORE REPORTS

With Tayport having shut out their opponents in four previous matches, it was galling to concede a goal last Saturday, well after the ninety minutes had actually elapsed. Downfield's late equaliser, in an East Premier League fixture, came in the fourth minute of added time.

That the goal was controversial further compounded the sense of frustration. Nicky Deuchar should certainly be credited for taking the initiative and bending the free kick into the net while lain Ross was organising his wall. There is, however, ambiguity surrounding whether or not free kicks can be taken without the whistle being sounded. On several occasions during last week's game, the referee did insist that players wait for the whistle. In the final, critical moment of the match, he did not.

Many people have differing interpretations as to what should or should not be allowed to happen. Surely all referees, managers, players and supporters should have a clear understanding of what is permissible. Were the issue to be more properly addressed in the Laws of the Game, there would be no need for any debate.

Not much debate, though, as to what 'Port deserved from the fixture. The vast majority of spectators would agree that the Spiders were well worth their point. No, lain Ross was not unduly troubled, but neither was Downfield manager Scott Lindsay, who was forced into goalkeeping duties, due to the absence of the regular custodian. Tayport did not do enough in an attacking sense and never really tested the out-of-practice 'keeper.

Ronnie Kenneth did give John McGlashan's side the lead, having come off the bench early in the second half. Stefan Elvin was heavily involved in the build-up, with Kenneth heading home James Russell's cross, from closerange, just short of the hour mark.

Further chances to increase the lead were spurned, leaving Tayport susceptible to what eventually came to pass at the other end of the park.

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EMIRATES SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 2ND RD

The 3rd Round is scheduled for 26 November and the draw will take place next Tuesday 15th November around lunchtime. You can get news of the draw on the Newsline and also on Tayport FC's website. Several outstanding ties were completed last week and several more are scheduled for this afternoon

Last week's results

2nd round

Largs Thistle 2v0 Ellon United Kilbirnie Ladeside 4v1 Livingston United

Kelty Hearts 2v0 Culter

(first half goals from former Port striker Robbie Henderson and Roger Duffin accounted for the North Super League champions)

West Calder United 0v3 Neilston Fauldhouse 6v1 Port Glasgow Renfrew 1v1 Sauchie

(Sauchie stretched their unbeaten run to five games)

Replays

Cumbernauld United 0 v 1Beith Ballingry Rovers 2v2 Petershill Ballingry won on pen kicks

(A real shocker for Peasy who are currently second top of the West Super League and won the League Cup earlier this week)

Glentanar 2v2 Spartans (Glentanar Saltcoats Victoria v Darvel won on pen kicks)

Newburgh 2v5 Whitburn

(Alan Cameron's side showed great tenacity in securing a replay but Whitburn ensured that's where the shocks would end)

Bonnyrigg Rose 2v1 Newtongrange Star

(a reported attendance of around 1,000 saw Newtongrange take a second half lead but within ten minutes, Rose had levelled then gone ahead to take their place in round 3)

Carnoustie 2v2 Blackburn United-Carnoustie won on pen kicks

(Carnoustie lost a two goal lead then had two men sent off but hung on to make the last 64)

Today's outstanding 2nd round

Bellshill Athletic v Thornton Hibs

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SNIFFING AROUND WITH THE SNOUT

Tayport Community Trust have engaged consultants to carry out another study to determine what can be made of the giant former Rippin building at the bottom of our ground. The Trust's intention is to provide community facilities which would include a significant sports element. The building and adjacent ground is owned by Fife Council but would have to be sold to the Community Trust before it could attract the necessary grant funding. The cost of any sale would likely be a token £1.

The Belgian club AC Ougree is running its annual football tournament at the end of May 2012 and as part of next year's event wish to have a 30th anniversary re-creation of the final of 1982 between Tayport & AC Ougree in the form of a veterans' challenge match. Alan Hart is working hard to get a side together but is short of veterans. There are a few of the winning side (see front cover) who could still pull on a pair of boots but Alan tells us that any former Tayport FC players who could be termed 'veterans' and preferably - but it's not essential - who have played for Tayport in Belgium at some point, should get in touch with Alan at 07861673942.

The prospect of a Scottish Cup visit to Bo'ness must have put the wind up Cowdenbeath. The Blue Brazil had loaned out 19 years old Stephen Bennett to Bo'ness for the season, then when they were drawn against the Super League side in the Cup, they refused permission for the player to play against his parent club. Bo'ness promptly cancelled the loan agreement and the player returned to Central Park. Who's the loser here? The poor player of course.

We may have had the occasional—very occasional—dog on the pitch interrupting a match but when it comes to animal invasions, nothing compares with the invasion at Potterspury in the South Bucks League recently where a cow invaded the park, deposited a pancake near the goal then proceeded to charge at the players.

John McGlashan may have had a few Senior clubs in his time but he's probably eclipsed by Broxburn boss Steve Pittman. Pittman, born in the US but brought up in Scotland, was capped 11 times by USA and played for East Fife, Dundee, Partick Thistle, Clydebank, Stenhousemuir and Shrewsbury Town in this country and Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Wichita Wings, Tampa Bay Mutiny and Kansas City Wizards in the USA. During his career in America Steve was suspended for entering the stand to chase a spectator after being ordered off. Whilst at Dens, Steve was a team mate of 'Port's Paul Tosh.

As expected, Spartans (the Senior team as opposed to the Junior team) have been thrown out of the Scottish Senior Cup for playing an ineligible player when they defeated Culter in the last round. Culter now play host to Partick Thistle in round 3. There will be an almighty squeeze that day as the ground, from recollection of Tayport's visit there some years ago, is pretty tight. The player, Keith McLeod, has been with the club for ten years but a date was missing from his registration form and had been sent back to the club by the SFA to be rectified. Spartans allege they didn't receive this letter and consequently were under the impression all was in order. Spartans have also been fined £4,000, suspended for a year, which equates to the club's bonus for winning their second round tie.

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