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We did consult Andy Phin, who's in the photo, but that's as near as he could give us so if Bert or Ray or Kevin or David can assist with an exact date, please let us know



Tayport FC amateurs pictured around 1955 in front of the changing hut on East Common. Sadly a number of the team have passed away, most recently the goalkeeper, season ticket holder Davie Ross, father of committee member Craig. A number are still going strong, however, and still knocking about the town are Ray Calder, David Wilkie (in Dundee), Kevin Harte, Bert Aitken and Andy Phin. The line-up is back, from left, R. Calder, I. Hill, D. Ross, D. Wilkie, J. Mathers, E. Longair, J. Payne, G. Scott aka The Spiv. Front A. Phin, K. Harte, K. Keir, R. Aitken, J. Leslie

TODAY'S REFEREE

Today's referee is making his Canniepairt man-in-the-middle debut this afternoon. Formerly a goalkeeper in the Junior ranks with several local sides, Chris Fordyce has turned to refereeing. No surprise there, as Chris comes from a refereeing dynasty. There can't be a footballer in the Dundee area who hasn't played at some time in a match refereed by a Fordyce. We wish him well.

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Today's Game

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Tayport v Penicuik Athletic

Penicuik pay their fourth visit to the Canniepairt today, their third on league business and are looking for their first win. The first two visits saw them ship four goals on each occasion, in the East of Scotland Cup in 2007 and in the Premier League in 2010. Last season was much tighter, however, with the teams fighting out a 1-1 draw. Probably a quite appropriate outcome given that the teams finished level on points in third and fourth place in the table, Tayport finishing ahead of Penicuik only on goal difference.

We're six and a half months into the season, yet this will only be Cuikie's third league game away from home. Reason of course is the oft delayed Emirates Cup tie with Kelty Hearts which suffered eight postponements before eventually being played at Oakley United's Blairwood Park. Penicuik showed little sign that the long lay off had affected them by taking their Super League opponents right to the wire. Penicuik were reduced to ten men when defender Mike McDermott received a red card just after half time but grabbed the lead through Keith Barr on 70 minutes. The ten looked like holding out but Hearts levelled with five minutes to go and then dealt a crushing blow deep into added on time by getting a winner.

It was back to league action last week for the first time since early November when local rivals Newtongrange Star visited Penicuik Park and consolidated their place at the top of the league with a thrilling 5-4 victory. It remains to be seen whether the management team of Craig Meikle and Brian Ryrie make any changes for today's game. Stephen Bunyan could return at the expense of player manager Meikle and top scorer Chris Roxburgh, on the bench for the last couple of games, will be a candidate for a starting jersey. Striker Sean Paliczka, on the bench last week, has had a transfer request granted earlier this week and it remains to be seen whether he features today.

Tayport recorded their fourth draw in their last eight league games, a period during which they have managed only one win. These draws have been costly in terms of a promotion challenge and consequently wins in the remaining nine league fixtures are imperative if lingering hopes of a return to the top tier are to be re-kindled.

Manager John McGlashan has used 29 players this season in an effort to find that elusive winning blend and last week striker Nik Mann, signed from Arbroath FC, became the 26th player to start a game this season when he made his debut at Armadale. Paul Thomson is an injury doubt but leading scorer Simon Murray, on the bench last week, should start.

With four teams being promoted, Penicuik see this season as a great opportunity to reach their goal of Super League football and with Tayport desperate to keep their own challenge alive, we should be in for a cracking game.

Please accept our apologies for no programme being issued for the last two home games. The guy who puts it together had to pop over to South America for a couple of weeks. All these weeks without a home game and two come along together when there's a window in the winter weather. Sod's Law!

THE MANAGER WRITES



I'll start by giving a warm welcome to everyone connected with Penicuik Athletic, as they visit the Canniepairt for what will be a very important East Premier League match for both sides. It is incredible that, because of their much-postponed Scottish Cup tie against Kelty, we're well into February and Penicuik have only played seven league matches.

We've been fortunate to be able to play fairly regularly, but we've had a few too many draws and that has stopped us from kicking on and being a threat to the top two in the table.

I've spoken to the players about this and we said that it wasn't through a lack of ability, effort or desire, it was just that we haven't always boxed cleverly enough when we've been in a good position. Of our six draws, we've led in four of them. Given the youthful nature of the team, that's not a big surprise, but it has been a little frustrating to have missed these opportunities to collect three points.

However, I felt that the players had taken on board that information about closing out games when we played Armadale last week. I was happy with how the team was playing and it wasn't naivety which cost us, but an unfortunate bobble on a heavy pitch. I do think we've moved on and the players are picking up the know-how in that department and that will stand us in better stead in the final quarter of games.

As for today's game, we're reaching a must-win phase in the campaign. As things stand, we have one of the best defensive records in the division, so our defenders have shown that they can competently handle the attacks of most teams. I think we can put a little more pressure on the defence and take more of a gamble going forward. We're not going to throw caution to the wind or adopt a gung-ho style, but we are going to give more responsibility to the midfielders and forwards to go and get us goals. The remaining league fixtures will be more like cup ties and winning is of paramount importance.

I'll finish by welcoming three recent additions to our squad. We gave a debut to Nik Mann last Saturday and he demonstrated enough quality to show that he'll be a major asset. We've also signed Dale Hart on loan from East Craigie and extended Connor Gray's loan deal. On behalf of the club, I'd like to wish them the very best of luck for their time at Tayport.

Enjoy this afternoon's match.

John McGlashan

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TODAY'S VISITORS PENICUIK ATHLETIC

Penicuik Athletic was formed in 1888 at a meeting in the Royal Hotel in Penicuik and established a pitch at Hays Park. A supermarket car park, the main road and Penicuik Health Centre now stand on that site.

In the late 19th century football was increasing in popularity throughout Scotland and in 1893 the East of Scotland League was formed. Included in its membership was Penicuik Athletic then a senior club.

In 1904 the club adopted junior status changing its name to Penicuik Juniors. An early high point came in 1910 when Penicuik reached the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup. The 1930s saw the club revert to the East of Scotland League, a period during which Scottish Cup ties were played in Penicuik against Heart of Midlothian and St. Mirren.

In the early 1950s Penicuik moved to a new ground which was opened with a match against Hibs. Penicuik Athletic rejoined the Juniors and for the next 25 years one man, Dick Walker, became largely responsible for keeping the club going through some great times and some very lean times. He put heart and soul together with countless hours of effort and energy into the club as committee member and honorary secretary and ranks among the great unsung heroes in Junior Football history. He was quite simply, Mr. Penicuik Athletic.

In 1966 Athletic reached the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup only to lose to local rivals Bonnyrigg Rose. Penicuik went one better in 1969 reaching the final of the Scottish Cup. Again Penicuik lost by the narrowest of margins, this time in a replay against Blantyre Victoria.

The 1970s saw probably the most successful period in the club's history when a social club was built at the ground. Many local trophies were won and the team was now considered one of the leading teams in the East of Scotland. However the club's fortunes fell into decline both on and off the park in the 1980s and the Social Club was forced to close in 1986 with mounting debts. The ground had been used as security for various loans and the creditors put the park up for sale to clear the debts. The team continued to play there however, and was showing signs of revival when a fatal blow was delivered when the ground was sold for development as a supermarket and the club had to withdraw from the League following the 1990/91 season.

Throughout the 1990s several initiatives were embarked upon to secure a new ground but for a variety of reasons were unsuccessful. The last and ultimately successful project to establish a ground which would meet SJFA criteria grew out of an initiative by three local Councillors to improve recreational facilities in Penicuik, a project which would include a ground for the Juniors.

Penicuik Athletic joined the re-organised East Region (with the introduction of the Super League) in 2002-3. Over 500 spectators turned up for the first competitive game on the new ground in Penicuik Park on Saturday 8th August 2002 to witness a no scoring draw in a league match against Harthill Royal. Since then Athletic have been on a gradual upward spiral with an established place in the Super League their ultimate aim.

DUNMORE REPORTS.....



2013 began with a dour, goalless draw against Armadale Thistle. Then, back on the 12th January, when Tayport were last on the Canniepairt, the crowd was treated to a pulsating six goal thriller, as 'Port drew 3-3 with Bathgate Thistle. The hosts drew first blood, scoring on the counterattack, after half an hour. Jake Mair carried the ball clear and released Simon Murray, who, in turn, found Stefan Elvin and the midfielder slammed home the opener.

Early in the second half, Andreoni curled home a free kick, to equalise. Shortly afterwards, Brazil headed 'Gate into the lead. With fifteen minutes remaining, Connor Gray came off the bench to spark Tayport back into life, scoring a thunderous volley from outside the box. Steven McPhee and Jake Mair then combined to set up Simon Murray and the striker netted to make it 3-2. Unfortunately, a late penalty from Andreoni left the Tayport contingent somewhat disappointed.

There was more disappointment when John McGlashan's men next saw action, against Newtongrange, after a couple of postponements. An early strike from Star's Paul Tansey was enough to earn the New Victoria Park side all three points, underlining their status as league leaders.

Next up was another trip to the Lothians, with Armadale Thistle the opposition, for a return fixture at Volunteer Park. Despite Thistle having several first half opportunities, it was Tayport who led at half-time, courtesy of a well-crafted goal which was finished off by Stefan Elvin.

In the second half, 'Port could well have extended their advantage and even had a Connor Gray effort ruled out for offside.

Again, however, there was disappointment, as McLeod cashed in to net Armadale's equaliser, leaving Tayport with just three points from their last four McBookie.com East Premier League fixtures.

Let's hope for a return to winning ways this afternoon.

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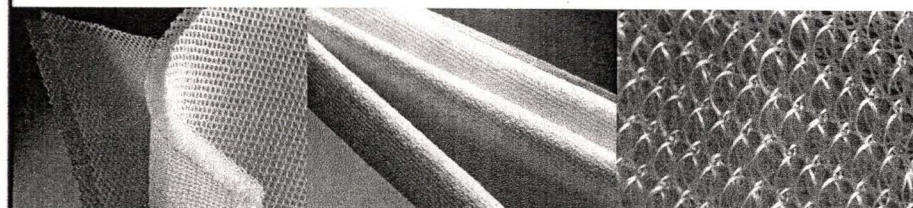
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Home games in capitals: * - yellow card: % - red card: LC – League Cup: PL – Premier League: SC – Scottish Cup: EoS – East of Scotland Cup

Date	Opposition	c	res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub	Sub	Att.
11-Aug	NORTH END	LC	W 5-0	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Donachie	Thomson	Tonner	Milligan *	Strachan	Welsh	Elvin 1	Tosh 2	K Reilly (11)	Murray (9)2	Tront (8)	143
18-Aug	DUNDEE VIOLET	LC	L 0-2	Ross *	Mudie *	Robertson	Tront *	Thomson	Tonner	Milligan %	McPhee	Murray	Elvin **	Tosh %	K Rollo (3)	McNaught (8)		207
25-Aug	Broughty Athletic	LC	W 2-1	Ferrie	Mudie *	Potter *	Tront 1	Thomson	Tonner %	Mackie	McPhee	Murray	McDonald *	Rollo	Welsh (8)	Reilly (9)	McNaught(10)	93
01-Sep	Oakley Utd	PL 1	D 2-2	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner *	Mackie	McPhee *	Murray* 1	Milligan 1	Rollo	Elvin (7)	McNaught (8)	McDonald (4)	92
08-Sep	BROUGHTY	PL 2	W 5-0	Ross	Mudie	Robertson 1	Elvin	Donachie	Tonner	Tosh	McPhee	Murray * 2	Milligan 1	Rollo	Mackie (5)	McNaught (9)1	McDonald (4)	153
15-Sep	Bathgate Thistle	PL 3	D 1-1	Ross	Donachie	Robertson *	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Tosh	McPhee	Murray 1	Milligan *	Rollo	Mackie (2)	McNaught (8)	McDonald (9)	140
22-Sep	WEST CALDER	SC 1	W 1-0	Ferrie	Donachie 1	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Elvin	McDonald	Murray	Milligan	Rollo	Mackie (8)	McNaught (9)	Mudie (11)	151
29-Sep	DALKEITH THIS	PL 4	W 8-1	Ross	Donachie	Robertson 1	Tront *	Thomson	Tonner	Elvin 1	McPhee %	Murray 3	Mudie	McNaught 3	Mackie (7)	McDonald (9) *	McCulley (6)	124
06-Oct	GLENROTHES	PL 5	W 2-0	Ross *	Donachie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson 1	Tonner 1	Elvin	Mackie %	Murray *	Mudie *	McNaught	Rollo (7)	Morris (2)	McCulley (9)	129
13-Oct	Dundee Violet	PL 6			Postponed		Surface	Water										
20-Oct	ANNBANK UTD	SC 2	W 1-0	Ross *	Donachie %	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner *	Elvin	Rollo	Murray	Mudie *	McPhee	Tosh (8)	McNaught (11)		143
27-Oct	Dunbar United	EoS1	W 3-0	Ferrie	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Tosh	Rollo	Murray 2	McDonald	McNaught 1	McCulley (2)			130
03-Nov	Jeanfield Swifts.	PL 6	L 1-2	Ross *	Morris	Robertson	Tront 1	Thomson	Tonner *	Tosh %	Rollo	Murray	Milligan	McPhee	Mudie (6)	McNaught (11)		99
10-Nov	NEWTONGRANGE	PL 7	D 0-0	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Raeside *	Donachie	Rollo *	Murray *	Milligan	McPhee	Tonner (7)	McNaught (11)	Reilly (7)	177
17-Nov	Shettleston	SC 3	L 1-3	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Donachie *	McPhee *	Murray 1	Milligan	McDonald %	McCulley (5)	McNaught *(10)		172
24-Nov	Dundee Violet	PL 8	L 1-2	Ross *	Mudie	Robertson	Raeside	Thomson	Tonner	Donachie	McPhee	Murray * 1	Rollo	McCulley	Milligan (10)	Elvin (4)	McNaught(11)	147
01-Dec	Ballingry Rovers	PL 9			Postponed		Frozen	Pitch										
08-Dec	ARMADALE THIS	PL 9			Postponed		Frozen	Pitch										
15-Dec	BATHGATE THIS	PL 9			Postponed		Frozen	Pitch										
22-Dec	JEANFIELD Swifts	PL 9			Postponed		Pitch	Flooded										
29-Dec	OAKLEY UNITED	PL 9	W 2-1	Ferrie	Mudie	Robertson	Elvin	Thomson	Jake Mair	Donachie *	K.Reilly	Murray *	Rollo 1	McCulley	West (8)1	Strachan (6)		138
05-Jan	ARMADALE THIS	PL10	D 0-0	Ferrie	Mudie	Robertson	Elvin	Thomson	Mair	Donachie *	Gray	Murray *	Rollo	Tonner	West (10)	McPhee (7)		119
12-Jan	BATHGATE THIS	PL11	D 3-3	Ferrie	Mudie	McCulley	Elvin* 1	Thomson	Mair	Donachie	McPhee*	Murray 1	Rollo	Tonner *	Gray (7) * 1	Robertson (11)		149
19-Jan	Newtongrange Star	PL12			Postponed		Frozen	Pitch										
26-Jan	Newtongrange Star	PL12			Postponed		Frozen	Pitch										
02-Feb	Newtongrange Star	PL12	L 0-1	Ferrie	Mudie	McCulley	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Donachie *	Rollo	McPhee	Mair	Elvin	Gray (7) *	Robertson (3)	Tom Casey (9)	149
09-Feb	Armadale Thistle	PL 13	D 1-1	Ferrie	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Tonner	Donachie *	Rollo	McPhee	Nik Mann	Elvin 1	Gray (7)	Murray (8)	Mair (2)	128
16-Feb	PENICUIK ATH	PL 14																

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Simon Murray	7	Stephen Tront	2
Iain Ross	5	Fraser Milligan	2
Barry Donachie	5	Andy McDonald	2
John Tonner	4	Kris Rollo	1
Blair Mudie	4	Gary Robertson	1
Stefan Elvin	3	Robbie Raeside	1
Steven McPhee	3	Colin McNaught	1
Connor Gray	2		

Top Goalscorers

Simon Murray	14
Colin McNaught	6
Stefan Elvin	4
Fraser Milligan	2
Gary Robertson	2
Paul Tosh	2

Top 11 Starters

Max 20

Paul Thomson	19	Kris Rollo	15
John Tonner	18	Steven McPhee	14
Blair Mudie	17	Stephen Tront	14
Simon Murray	17	Stefan Elvin	12
Gary Robertson	17	Iain Ross	12
Barry Donachie	15		

Red Cards

Paul Tosh	2
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Plenty Comings and Goings at Canniepairt

Since the turn of the year few supporters could be blamed for appearing bewildered by the coming and going of players at the Canniepairt. Here's an update.

Leaving

Andy McDonald has departed on loan to **East Craigie** until the end of the season.

Martin Strachan has moved, for the second time this season, on loan to **Brechin Vics**, this time until the end of the season.

Keir Reilly has departed on loan to **Lochee Harp**, again until the end of the season.

Paul Tosh has been transferred to **Arbroath Vics** for a nominal fee

Michael Potter has been released.

Arriving

Arriving have been midfielder **Jake Mair** on loan from **Arbroath FC** until the end of the season

Midfielder **Connor Gray** on loan from **Forfar Athletic** until the end of the season

Defender **Dale Hart** on loan from **East Craigie** until the end of the season

Striker **Nicholas Mann** from **Arbroath FC**. In addition strikers **Robert Boyd**, released by **Arbroath FC** and another University student **Tom Casey** have been included in recent squads.

Ross Storrer was signed from **Lochee Harp** but he has not featured to date

Goalkeeper **Iain Ross** has been taking something of a sabbatical since the turn of the year

Lochee United have swooped to sign Bryan Deasley (pictured) from Peterhead. The one time Dens Park superkid had been on loan to Carnoustie Panmure but Lochee stepped in to negotiate a permanent deal which takes the striker from Balmoor to Thomson Park. Bryan is in the squad to meet Auchinleck today.

Memories here of Tayport's signing of Hamish Mackay from Montrose in time to play Glenafton in the Scottish Cup 6th round back in 1992. If Deasley does as well for Lochee as Hamish did at The Canniepairt, then Lochee are on to a winner.



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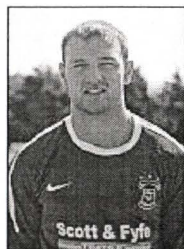
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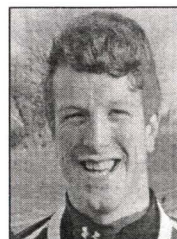
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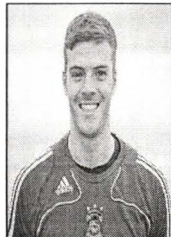
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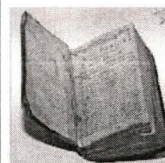
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20 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1993

Twenty years ago this month Tayport FC was in the midst of one of the most memorable spells in its short history in the Junior game. It was a spell which was to culminate in the first of six Scottish Junior Cup appearances.

Tayport had started the 1992/93 season well with a successful pre-season tour to Essex and the only blemish in a run of 24 unbeaten games since the start of the season had been a 1-0 defeat at home to Forfar Albion.

In the Scottish Cup, progress had been steady if unspectacular, with home wins against Cumbernauld United, Benburb and Aberdeen East End before being drawn away to Cumnock in the 4th round. A visit to Ayrshire to play a strong going Cumnock side was a daunting task but Tayport prepared well and made the Junior world sit up with a stunning 4-1 win.

Tayport fielded Fraser Mann, Paul Reilly, Grant Paterson, Mark Spalding, Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, Jimmy Hunter, Billy Coventry, Hamish Mackay, Dave Reilly and Jackie Devine. Kevin Lynch substituted for Billy Coventry and Gary Lamont replaced Jackie Devine. In front of an estimated crowd of 800 on a heavy pitch, Tayport led at half-time through a Hamish Mackay goal and went on to add further goals in the second half through Dave Reilly (2) and Billy Coventry to record a famous victory.

The tie was described thus '*A day to remember for the four bus loads of supporters from Tayport who witnessed their team completely overwhelm their opponents with a magnificent performance*' Net Gate receipts, incidentally, were £951.

The *Cumnock Chronicle* reported, under the heading '*OUTCLASSED*', '*Cumnock's team coaches tried to spring a surprise for visitors Tayport in this Cup tie with their team selections. Unfortunately for them and the large home support it proved disastrous as visitors Tayport tore this Cumnock team apart..... Tayport ran out worthy winners and look a good bet to go far in the competition*'

A perceptive comment by the journalist as Tayport did indeed go far in the competition, reaching the final, only to lose 1-0 to Glenafton

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Major shock of the 4th round was the elimination of Musselburgh by third tier Pumpherston. After a stirring six goal thriller at Pumphy, Super League Musselburgh were hot favourites to win the replay on their own patch but crashed 0-3 to the South League team.

Elsewhere the major talking point was not so much the win, but the margin of Auchinleck's win over Petershill, given that Peasie and Talbot are currently positioned first and second respectively in the West Super League table.

Our conquerors, Shettleston, held Irvine Meadow to a draw in Ayrshire but went down by the only goal of the game in the replay in Glasgow's east end

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS

Arthurlie 2 v 4 Linlithgow Rose
Auchinleck Talbot 7 v 0 Petershill
Blackburn 0 v 1 Rutherglen Glencairn
Culter 4 v 5 Cumnock

Dundee Violet 1 v 1 Bo'ness United
Irvine Meadow 1 (2) v (2) 0 Shettleston
Johnstone Burgh 0 v 2 Dundonald Bluebell

Kelty Hearts 2 v 0 Cumbernauld

Kinnoull 0 v 0 Kilsyth Rangers
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 5 v 0 Rosyth
Lochee United 1 v 0 Ardeer Thistle
Montrose Roselea 0 (1) v (1) 5
Jeanfield Swifts
Musselburgh Athletic 0 (3) v (3) 3
Pumpherston
Pollok 3 v 2 Beith
Shotts Bon Accord 2 v 1 Benburb
Yoker 0 v 2 Camelon

Emirates Scottish Cup 5th Round ties scheduled for this afternoon

Twelve clubs are this afternoon set to battle it out for a place in the quarter finals of the Scottish Junior Cup. Four others bid for a place in the 5th round when Violet & Bo'ness replay to determine who will play at Kirkintilloch and Kinnoull and Kilsyth replay to get a visit to Kelty Hearts.

There are eight Super League teams featuring in this afternoon's games, two, Jeanfield and Rutherglen from their respective second tiers, and third tier teams, Dundonald Bluebell, managed by former Tayport FC stalwart Colin Downie, and Pumpherston.

Dundonald v Camelon
Irvine Meadow v Cumnock
Kelty Hearts v Kinnoull or Kilsyth
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy v Violet or Bo'ness Utd

Linlithgow Rose v Jeanfield Swifts
Lochee United v Auchinleck
Pollok v Shotts Bon Accord
Rutherglen v Pumpherston

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Ballingry Rovers	9	4	0	1	16	5	4	0	0	14	3	22	24	63
Dalkeith Thistle	14	4	1	1	14	11	1	5	2	15	23	-5	21	45
Tayport	13	4	3	0	20	5	0	3	3	6	9	12	18	45
Dundee Violet	8	3	0	1	10	6	2	0	2	8	8	4	15	57
Bathgate Thistle	9	0	2	1	3	5	4	1	1	12	8	2	15	54
Oakley United	12	2	2	1	16	15	2	1	4	12	27	-14	15	45
Jeanfield Swifts	9	2	2	1	13	10	1	1	2	3	7	-1	12	51
Armada Thistle	10	1	1	2	8	6	2	1	3	7	7	2	11	47
Penicuik Athletic	7	1	1	3	8	12	0	2	0	3	3	-4	6	51
Glenrothes	9	1	0	5	6	12	0	0	3	1	6	-11	3	42
Broughty Athletic	12	0	3	3	4	14	0	0	6	9	26	-27	3	33

RESULTS CHART	Armada	Ballingry	Bathgate	Broughty	Dalkeith	Violet	Glenrothes	Jeanfield	Newtongrange	Oakley	Penicuik	TAYPORT
Armada				5-1					1-2	1-2		1-1
Ballingry	2-1				2-0	2-3	3-1			7-0		
Bathgate	0-2				2-2							1-1
Broughty		0-5	1-2		1-1			0-0	1-5		1-1	
Dalkeith	2-1		0-1	4-3			1-0		2-1	5-5		
Dundee Violet				4-1				1-3	3-1			2-1
Glenrothes			2-3		1-2	0-2		1-0	1-2	1-3		
Jeanfield		2-3			4-4					3-0	2-2	2-1
Newtongrange	2-1	1-3	1-0	3-0				5-0		8-1		1-0
Oakley			1-3	5-4	4-4	4-2						2-2
Penicuik	1-2	0-3			1-1	2-1			4-5			
TAYPORT	0-0	3-3		5-0	8-1		2-0		0-0	2-1		

SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*

Dundee Violet gained a creditable 1-1 draw in the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup v Bo'ness United at Glenesk on Saturday. The replay could not have come at a better time. A half share of the Gate at Newtown Park will comfortably pay the hefty fine imposed on the Glenesk club at this week's East Region meeting.

It will be recalled that Violet were unable to fulfil their Premier Division fixture at Newtongrange Star on 29 December as they had too many players unavailable. On Violet intimating their unavailability, the ERJFA rescheduled Star to play a Premier Division game at home to Bathgate.

When Violet's call-off was debated by the beaks this week, it's understood Newtongrange were awarded the 3 points from the unfulfilled fixture and Violet were fined £750, £150 of which was to be paid in compensation to Newtongrange. It's been a bad wee spell for Violet. At the Region's Management meeting in December official Darren Bonella was fined £50 and manager Jim Finlayson was fined £100 after being reported by the referee. In addition a previously imposed behaviour bond of £200 was forfeited and a new bond of £200 put in place until the end of the season. The Violet gaffer was also banned from the Technical Area for 6 games.

The East Region JFA report they are over 300 games behind schedule because of postponements but it's not a situation that will cause Tayport undue concern. With 17 Saturdays left this season, we're left with only 9 league games and an East of Scotland Cup tie at North End or Arbroath Vics. With 7 postponements already, facing maybe 5 or 6 blank Saturdays and the prospect of no midweek games, Tayport would have been better closing down for three months! It's probably preferable to two nights training and no match to look forward to at the end of the week.

Is the answer Summer Football? Maybe not. Issues such as our unpredictable climate and the fact there are hardly any grounds with decent floodlights to play games in September and October to allow competitions to be completed, demonstrate that such a concept is fraught with problems. Nevertheless, the SFA have the matter out for consultation so there may be some progress on that front reported soon.

It's congratulations to Tayport Thistle Boys' 14s who have reached the final of the J Duffy Cup. There was further good news for Thistle with the news that Lewis Hazel and Fraser Anderson of the Thistle 15s age group have both been selected for the *Clubs for Young People Scotland* squad for the forthcoming international v Wales at Irvine Meadow in May. Left midfield player Fraser is also the sole representative from the Dundee & District Association to make the Scottish Under 15s National select who meet up regularly at their Torglen base playing games against SPL league development teams.

Fraser and Grant Paterson from the Thistle 14s currently train twice weekly with Dundee United.

Both youngsters have Tayport FC connections. Fraser is a well kent face at the Canniepairt, having accompanied his dad, committee member John, to games almost since he was able to walk. Grant is the son of the Tayport legend of the same name. Well done guys.

Sad to report the recent passing away of three locals who, as well as playing football in their day for the local club, closely followed the fortunes of Tayport FC in the Juniors. We pass on our condolences to the families of Tom Bryson, Davie Ross and Angy Nelson

The £3,400 jackpot prize in the Tayport FC Super Six Lottery was won two weeks ago when Yogi Ballesteros (yes, that's her name! She's a Filipino who works at Craighead Care Home) and Mrs Christine Smith, Provost McGowan Place, Dundee shared the £3,400 prize, each receiving £1,700.

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