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Top Scorer award (presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Paul Tosh** (12);

Website (www.tayportfc.org) Player of the Year -  
**Iain Ross**.

Our front cover  
picture shows  
Tayport v East Fife  
in pre-season  
(image by Ron Nicoll)

## TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT		BALLINGRY ROVERS	
from		from	
1	Iain ROSS		Kyle ALLISON
20	Neal FERRIE		Chris HEGARTY
2	Dale HART		Dougie CAMERON
3	Gary ROBERTSON		Jonathan SMART
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17	Stefan ELVIN		Adam MOFFAT
18	Robert BOYD		Steven KICZYNSKI
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21	Stephen TRONT		Willie CROWE
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Archive Photo from 20 Years Ago

Tayport players and management pictured in the Firthill dressing room after cutting Auchinleck Talbot by 3-0 in the semi final of the 1993 Scottish Junior Cup. Pictured are Mark Spalding, Paul Reilly, Dave Reilly, Grant Cushnie, Bomber Harris, Mel Irons, Hamish Mackay, Fraser Mann, Jimmy Hunter, Billy Coventry, George Malone, Grant Paterson, Ged Reilly, Gary Lamont, Kevin Lynch, Kevin Thoms, Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, George Hill, Ronnie Robb.

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## BAIKIE FIZZING AT FREE POINTS FOR NEWTONGRANGE

'Unfair' advantage  
for title rivals leaves  
Ballingry boss riled

MARTIN DEMPSTER

BALLINGRY boss Dave Baikie insists the decision to award Newtongrange Star three points for free is "ludicrous" and claims it is "punishing" every other team in the Premier Division.

League leaders Newtongrange were awarded a win by East Region officials over a postponed game with Dundee Violet on December 29.

The Taysiders contacted the League secretary on the Friday morning requesting a call-off but were told they'd have to provide seven medical certificates by 7pm the same day.

That afternoon Violet got back in touch saying they wouldn't be fulfilling the fixture and, following some frantic phoning around, Star entertained Bathgate instead, winning 1-0.

The decision to award Newtongrange the three points - Violet were also fined £700 - has stretched their lead to ten points over Ballingry.

The sides meet tomorrow at Ore Park in a top-of-the-table clash and, though his side have six games in hand on their opponents, Baikie is fuming with

the League's decision. "It is completely unfair and is basically punishing every other team in the league other than Newtongrange," he said.

"Effectively, Newtongrange picked up six points for beating Bathgate that day and that is ludicrous. I can't ever recall a team simply being handed three points - it is beyond my comprehension."

Star boss Alan Miller said he understood Baikie's frustration but insisted any finger of blame couldn't be pointed at his club.

"When Dundee Violet called the game off, we got the opportunity to take on Bathgate instead and were fortunate to win that game," he said. "We only had 13 fit players but the game would be in a real mess if teams used a few injuries as an excuse for not turning up for games."

"What happened was not something of our making and, though teams being awarded three points certainly isn't common, there is a precedent."

"Funnily enough it also involved Newtongrange when Rosyth Recreation failed to fulfil a fixture. We'd rather have played the match but, instead, we're happy to benefit from a decision made by the League. If other teams feel there is an inconsistency about that decision, then the League need to look at that."

The controversy has added

ANGERED: Dave Baikie has

spice to this weekend's clash in Fife, where Baikie's side will be aiming to complete a hat-trick of wins over their opponents this season.

Rovers won 3-1 at New Victoria Park in the League back in September before returning there last month to record a 2-0 victory in the Fife & Lothians Cup.

"They've held the upper hand on us so far and they'll be wanting to peg us back on Saturday," admitted Miller, who has injury doubts over Scott Gibson and Lewis Turner. "But we're heading there in good fettle."

Seven straight League victories are behind that, though Miller insists his side will have to defend better this weekend.

### Row Rumbles On

The 'Points to Newtongrange' episode just won't go away. Violet have delayed the award of points to Newtongrange by launching an appeal, thus delaying the adjustment of the Premier League table. Ballingry boss Dave Baikie waded into the controversy by getting the headlines in last Friday's Edinburgh Evening News (left)

Reporter Martin Dempster continued to fan the flames in Monday's edition of the same newspaper by getting some controversial quotes from Nitten boss Alan Miller following his side's dramatic last gasp victory over Rovers which throws Star a championship life line.

All New Victoria Park eyes will now be on the results of the seven games in hand Rovers have over their Midlothian rivals.

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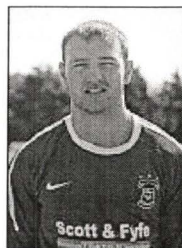
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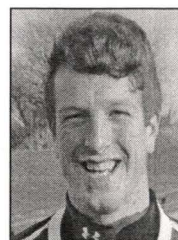
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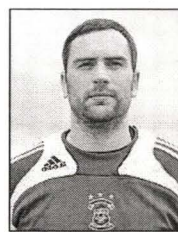
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## Today's Game

**McBookie.com Premier Division**

**Tayport v Ballingry Rovers**

We welcome Ballingry Rovers to the Canniepairt this afternoon and especially our former management triumvirate of Baikie, Irons and Carr with whom the club enjoyed so much success in the past.

Points are vital to this afternoon's contestants, both of whom are coming off the back of somewhat unexpected defeats.

It's only 16 months since the we met here in the league but both clubs have since experienced a major overhaul in personnel. Only Adam Moffat and Mark Morrison survive from the Rovers line-up that afternoon and it's no different for Tayport who have only Iain Ross and Stefan Elvin in today's squad from the side that won 1-0 here last season.

With a substantial injection of finance last year Ballingry have quickly built a side with the express intention of getting into the Super League and there's no doubt this is where they are heading. Tayport's aim was also to get up this season, not necessarily as champions, although that would have been nice, but as one of the teams finishing in the top four places. That's still a possibility but with every dropping of points recently, the task becomes that bit more difficult.

Tayport do have a decent home record, however, and this will be severely tested today against a Ballingry side boasting a 100% away record, so, with Tayport unbeaten at home in the league, something's got to give.

This is a hugely experienced Ballingry team which, on paper, is probably the most experienced Junior team Tayport have ever faced. Rovers are packed out with players who were Senior last season plus, in Craig Smart, Adam Moffat and John Martin, they have three guys who know the Junior game inside out.

Ballingry's 'Route One' tactics were the subject of some comment from Newtongrange boss Alan Miller who said in the press this week *"Our feeling all season is that we have been the team that has tried to play against Ballingry, who just kick the ball up the park. I was pretty diplomatic about it before the game [Ballingry v Nitten last week] but that's what they do"*

Well, it's certainly working for them most games and with Tayport adopting a more studied approach, it should make for an interesting game.

Tayport will be without top scorer Simon Murray who was red carded after the game last week and has to serve a one game suspension today. Greater responsibility will now fall on the shoulders of young strikers Nik Mann and most recent signing, 19 year old Robert Boyd. Robert has been with both Stranraer and Arbroath and both him and Nik are in the frame to be given a starting jersey.

It's certainly win or bust for Tayport while Ballingry can ill afford to lose two in a row if the title is to be secured. An interesting match is in prospect.



## THE MANAGER WRITES



I'd like to give a warm welcome to our friends from Ballingry. Their management team needs no introduction to our supporters, as they are Tayport legends. They are personal friends of mine and it'll be good to see them this afternoon, at the Can-niepairt.

I want to express how disappointed we all were after last weekend's result, at Broughty. There are a limited number of games left and a win would obviously have given us a better chance of promotion. I reckon 37 points would be enough to ensure a top-four place and that reversal has dented our hopes of reaching that total.

However, it's not beyond us and there won't be any defeatist talk from our camp. This set of players has what it takes to bounce back from a bad result. I have 100% belief in this squad and I've been in the game long enough to know that we have something positive happening at the club.

We had to have an overhaul of the playing staff this season. Through various circumstances, we have lost players like Roberto Morris, Derek Wemyss, Ronnie Kenneth and Brian Livie, Scottish Cup and Super League winners. Then, during this season, Paul Tosh, Fraser Milligan and Colin McNaught have left. We have replaced these players on a shoestring budget, maybe a tenth of what they'd have been worth in the transfer market. All things considered, I think the team has done fantastically well. With a predominantly youthful pool, it isn't totally unexpected that we would have an up and down season, but we have to live within our means.

As we enter a crucial phase of the campaign, I would urge the supporters to continue to get behind us, as the majority always do. The players give their maximum every single week and they certainly respond to positive praise and encouragement.

I hope everyone enjoys this afternoon's match.

*John McGlashan*

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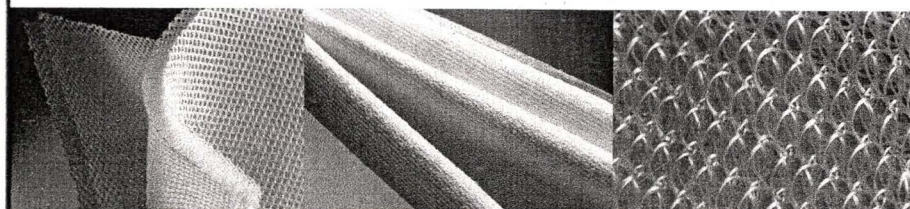
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Date	Opposition	c	res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub	Sub	Att.
11-Aug	NORTH END	LC	W 5-0	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Donachie	Thomson	Tonner	Milligan *	Strachan	Welsh	Elvin 1	Tosh 2	K Reilly (11)	Murray (9)2	Tront (8)	143
18-Aug	DUNDEE VIOLET	LC	L 0-2	Ross *	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	E	PL 7	D 0-0	Ross	Mudie	Robertson	Tront	Thomson	Raaside *	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	Raaside	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	W 3-1	Ferrie	Mudie *	Robertson	Tront *	Thomson	Tonner	Gray	McPhee *	Murray 3	Mann	Elvin	Donachie (7)	Mair * (11)	Rollo (10)	125
23-Feb	Broughty Athletic	PL 15	L 2-3	Ferrie	Rollo	Robertson	Tront 1	Thomson	Tonner *	Donachie	McPhee 1	Murray *	Mair	Elvin	Gray (7)	Mann (10)		152
02-Mar	BALLINGRY ROVS	PL 16																

## Yellow Cards

Simon Murray	8	Andy McDonald	2
Iain Ross	5	Fraser Milligan	2
Blair Mudie	5	Connor Gray	2
John Tonner	5	Kris Rollo	1
Barry Donachie	5	Gary Robertson	1
Steven McPhee	4	Robbie Raaside	1
Stephen Tront	3	Colin McNaught	1
Stefan Elvin	3	Jake Mair	1

## Top Goalscorers

Simon Murray	17
Colin McNaught	6
Stefan Elvin	4
Fraser Milligan	2
Gary Robertson	2
Paul Tosh	2

## Top 11 Starters

Max 22

Paul Thomson	21	Kris Rollo	1	16
John Tonner	20	Steven McPhee	1	16
Blair Mudie	18	Stephen Tront	1	16
Simon Murray	19	Stefan Elvin	1	14
Gary Robertson	19	Iain Ross	1	12
Barry Donachie	16			

## Red Cards

Paul Tosh	2
Fraser Milligan	1
Stefan Elvin	1
John Tonner	1
Stephen McPhee	1
Barry Donachie	1
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Andy McDonald	1





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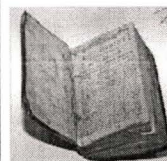
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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

**10 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 2003**

The best Tayport team ever? That, of course, is debatable but TEN YEARS ago this week Tayport were on target for a Scottish Cup and Super League Championship double.

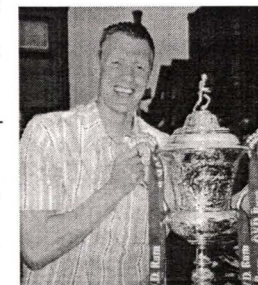
Visitors to the Canniepairt on Saturday 1 March 2003 were Rosyth Recreation in the third round of the Redwood Leisure Fife/Tayside Cup. Tayport had hit a purple patch since Christmas, winning five games on the bounce, scoring thirty goals for the loss of only one. Rosyth were duly seen off by 4-0 in front of a relatively disappointing attendance of 157.

The line-ups were as follows Tayport - Frazer Fitzpatrick, Scott Peters, Grant Paterson, John Ward, Roberto Morris, Jon Mitchell, Gareth Dailly, Allan Ramsay, Brian Craik, Barry McNaughton, Davie Evans. Mark Craik, Steven Stewart and Doug Scott came on as substitutes. Mark who? Mark Craik, it's probably fair to say, wasn't Baiker's most inspired signing, playing only 5 games + 2 sub. This game was to be his final appearance in Tayport colours. Goals came from Scooter, Wardy, Birdie & Davie Evans

For the record, the Rosyth line-up was Ewan Stenhouse, Martin Rennie, Mark Gibson, Gareth Hall, Scott Stenhouse, Bret Haggett, Kieran Grattan, James Watt, Michael Brown, Alan Aitken, Craig Scott. Subs were Ronnie Duncan & Callum Douglas.

In a 47 game season Tayport suffered only two defeats, losing 2-1 to Broughty after extra time in the first round of the Findlay & Co Cup and going down by the only goal of the game to Oakley United in the final league game of the season on The Canniepairt on 12 June. The title was clinched on 7 June with a 2-1 win at Bonnyrigg with goals from Ward & Peters.

To reach the final of the Scottish Junior Cup at Firhill, Tayport had to account for Coupar Angus, Johnstone Burgh, Wishaw, Irvine Meadow and Cumnock before eliminating Glenrothes in the semi final at Starks Park with a goal from Birdie Craik. Birdie (pictured) again hit the only goal of the game when Linlithgow Rose were defeated in the final to cement his legendary status at the club.



In the final of the North End Centenary Cup (Tayside / North), Tayport defeated Violet by 2-1 after extra time at North End Park, the winning goal coming from substitute Robbie Holden, now a leading marksman with Jeanfield Swifts.

In the Redwood Leisure Cup that season Tayport made their exit on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw at Oakley United

There were two ever-presents that season, John Ward and Frazer Fitzpatrick who played in every one of the club's 47 matches.



# Fly Emirates

The fifth round went very much to form although Bo'ness had looked down and out when they trailed Kirkintilloch by two goals with only twenty minutes left to play. Getting back in the game with their 70th minute goal, a comeback still looked beyond them but they levelled with two mins left and grabbed the winner deep into injury time when the Rob Roy's keeper's clearance went straight to the BU's McAvoy who coolly netted a golden goal.

At Rutherglen, Pumpherston's dream was also ended with a last minute winner from a Glencairn substitute

## RESULTS

### Outstanding 4th round replays

Bo'ness 4-1 Violet  
Kilsyth Rangers 4-1 Kinnoull

### 5th round

Dundonald Bluebell 0-3 Camelon  
Irvine Meadow 0-1 Cumnock  
Kelty Hearts 2-1 Kilsyth Rangers  
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy 2-3 Bo'ness United  
Linlithgow Rose 3-1 Jeanfield Swifts  
Lochee United 1-3 Auchinleck Talbot  
Pollok 0-1 Shotts Bon Accord  
Rutherglen Glencairn 3-2 Pumpherston

### Emirates Scottish Cup Quarter Final ties scheduled for 16 March

Linlithgow Rose v Bo'ness United  
Rutherglen Glencairn v Camelon  
Cumnock v Shotts Bon Accord  
Kelty Hearts v Auchinleck Talbot

Four from East, four from West but unfortunately an all-East and an all-West tie. Two cracking ties in the East, however, with a Lith-gae v Bo'ness derby and Auchinleck visiting Kelty

Of the eight quarter finalists, only Kelty Hearts have yet to have their name engraved on the famous old trophy. Twice in recent times they have fallen at the final hurdle. Will it be third time lucky?

After dominating the competition during the early part of the century, former Tayside clubs have fared poorly in the past few seasons. It's now four seasons since a former Tayside club graced the quarter finals.



## TODAY'S VISITORS BALLINGRY ROVERS



Ballingry Rovers have been described as the Man City of the East Region Juniors thanks to an investment last close season which allowed them to sign around eight players from the Irn Bru Scottish Football Leagues for this season's bid for the Premier League title and an assault on the Emirates Scottish Junior Cup. The Cup bid came unstuck at Sauchie early on but the Championship is firmly in their grasp.

Ballingry joined the Juniors in 2004 and had two mid table finishes in the Fife Regional Division before restructuring of the leagues brought them into the newly titled Central Division which was an amalgamation of Fife and Perthshire clubs. Rovers finished third that season thus missing out on promotion to the Premier Division.

Promotion came along in 2007/8, however, and as champions, the club moved up a tier. From then to the present day it's been four successive mid table finishes.



In eight seasons, cup success has been limited to two final appearances, both unsuccessful in 2007.

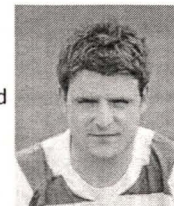
In early 2012 Ballingry prompted a few raised eyebrows when they appointed Tayport's legendary former boss Dave Baiker (above right) as manager. Baiker set about reshaping the team, one of his first signings being Stevie Nicholas (pictured left), who had once moved from Stirling Albion to Motherwell for £100,000 as a 19 year old. Next on board was Jayson Alexander from Lochee United, a one time trialist here at Canniepairt.



It was a case of out with the old guard and in with the new as a succession of new faces arrived during the summer.

Goalkeeper Kyle Allison (Linlithgow), Chris Hegarty (Forfar Athletic), Dougie Cameron (Montrose), Jonathan Smart (Montrose), Alan Rattray (Peterhead, although the former Violet youngster had been on loan at St Andrews United), Kevin Byers (Forfar Athletic), David Mowat (Forfar Athletic), Graeme Gibson (Forfar Athletic).

However, the most notable signing was probably tricky forward Bobby Linn from East Fife (pictured right)



There were early season signings, too, from the Juniors, the experienced Craig Smart (Hill of Beath) and John Martin (Glenrothes) and more recently Sean Anderson from Dundee Violet and Steven Kiczynski from Broxburn Athletic.



# DUNMORE REPORTS.....



The last two McBookie.com East Premier League fixtures have brought contrasting results for Tayport. A fortnight ago, Penicuik Athletic visited the Canniepairt and Simon Murray put the visitors to the sword, with a hat-trick.

Murray opened the scoring early on, squeezing home his shot, after retaining possession inside the box. Although 'Port had a few more opportunities, Penicuik became the more dangerous looking side. They eventually equalised on the hour, when the ball was bundled home, after Neal Ferrie had kept out a powerful header, from a corner kick.

A draw looked to be on the cards, until late in the match. Simon Murray found Steven McPhee, who cut inside and fired in a shot which ricocheted into Murray's path. The striker swept home to give his side the lead. A few minutes later, Murray latched onto a Stephen Tront pass and was felled by the Penicuik 'keeper. The referee pointed to the spot and Murray netted the penalty to make it 3-1 and three points for Tayport.

It was hoped that John McGlashan's men could build on that excellent result when they travelled to Whitton Park the following week, to meet struggling Broughty Athletic. There was a bright start to the game and all was looking well when Stephen Tront netted the opener, with an impressively-executed, left-footed free kick.

Out of the blue, the Fed' equalised before half-time and worse followed a minute into the second half, when Broughty were gifted a second goal.

Although stunned by this turn of events, 'Port did quickly find an equaliser. This time, Steven McPhee showed great technique to score with a free kick and restore parity.

Unfortunately, the afternoon would end in major disappointment, as Broughty were awarded a contentious penalty, from which one-time Tayport forward Gary Fraser scored, giving the Fed' their first win of the league campaign.

Let's hope that result doesn't signal the end of Tayport's promotion bid. A win today would certainly provide a boost, but the opposition could hardly be tougher. An intriguing fixture awaits.

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Ballingry Rovers	10	4	0	2	18	8	4	0	0	14	3	21	24	60
Dalkeith Thistle	15	5	1	1	16	12	1	5	2	15	23	-4	24	45
Tayport	15	5	3	0	23	6	0	3	4	8	12	13	21	42
Oakley United	14	2	3	1	18	17	3	4	2	16	27	-10	19	43
Bathgate Thistle	10	0	2	1	3	5	5	1	1	13	8	3	18	54
Dundee Violet	9	3	0	1	10	6	2	0	3	10	12	2	15	54
Armada Thistle	11	2	1	2	12	8	2	1	3	7	7	4	14	47
Jeanfield Swifts	10	2	2	2	13	11	1	1	2	3	7	-2	12	48
Penicuik Athletic	9	1	1	3	8	12	0	2	2	5	8	-7	6	45
Broughty Athletic	14	1	3	4	7	20	0	0	6	9	26	-30	6	30
Glenrothes	11	1	0	5	6	12	0	1	4	3	12	-15	4	37

RESULTS CHART	Armada	Ballingry	Bathgate	Broughty	Dalkeith	Violet	Glenrothes	Jeanfield	Newtongrange	Oakley	Penicuik	TAYPORT
Armada				5-1		4-2		2/3	1-2	1-2		1-1
Ballingry	2-1				2-0	2-3	3-1		2-3	7-0		
Bathgate	0-2	9/3			2-2							1-1
Broughty	9/3	0-5	1-2		1-1			0-0	1-5	0-4	1-1	3-2
Dalkeith	2-1		0-1	4-3			1-0		2-1	5-5	2-1	9/3
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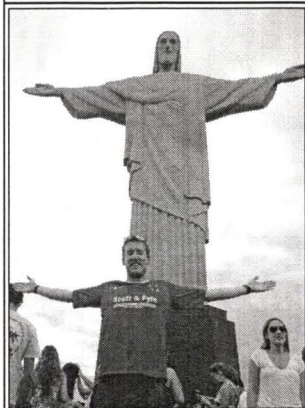


## SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOUT*

It's understood that Dundee Violet have appealed against the £750 fine and loss of points levied on the club for failing to field a team to play Newtongrange Star during the Christmas period. An appeal can be a risky business. The beaks could uphold the appeal and, say, reduce the fine and order the game to be replayed but also they also have the power to increase any punishment. No doubt Violet have considered the possibilities when deciding to appeal and must reckon they have a good case.

Lorraine Clark, one of the few female referees on the circuit, is an assistant referee at today's Inm Br First Division game between Dumbarton and Cowdenbeath. She will be hoping to have a quieter afternoon than last Saturday when in charge of Ballingry v Newtongrange. Two late penalties for Star, an ordering off, a plethora of yellow cards and the need to report Ballingry officials kept her busy.

Sad to report the death of another season ticket holder at The Canniepairt. Tommy Gray, a regular attendee, both home and away, sadly passed away after a relatively short illness, on the morning of our last home match. We offer our condolences to his family.



Scotland may not be going to Rio next summer but Tayport are already there...well, at least one of our jerseys was there. Pictured proudly wearing his Tayport FC replica beneath the famous Rio de Janeiro statue of Christ The Redeemer is Tayportian Adam Gourlay. On his world tour Adam rarely had the shirt off his back as he visited a host of iconic sites from Australia to Argentina and Bolivia to the Bosphorus.

Ballingry may be poised to have their best ever season, but the Glenraig and Ballingry locals haven't exactly been out in their droves to support their local team. Newtongrange sources counted 15 home fans and described the feeling as 'weird' when Rovers scored their goals in last Saturday's top of the table clash, as the only shouts came from the players and the bench. Our catering man hopes Nitten are on the wind up, as he's been stocking up on the pies for today.

Watch out for 'wrestling in the box' at corner kicks today. Television this week showed a couple of 'mysterious' penalty kick awards at these set pieces as was the award which ultimately gave Broughty full points last Saturday. Scottish referees would have us believe it's nothing to do with the Celtic v Juventus carry on. Merely a coincidence. Aye, right!

Ballingry's Dundee born Bobby Linn (27) is set to move back to the Seniors next season, having signed a pre-contract agreement with Arbroath FC. The star striker's move to the Juniors' second tier this season was seen as a surprise move but on fulfilling his contract at Ore Park, he's chosen the Scottish Football League as opposed to the Super League to display his talents next season.

Tayport have transferred David Black to East Craigie. David left The Canniepairt to embark on a lengthy world tour from which he has recently returned. We wish him well at Craigie Park.

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