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12 May 1996
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at Fir Park, Motherwell

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 Linlithgow 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. Lovie

Scorers - Middleton, Henderson
Att. 6,868

Awards 2012/13

Player of the Year (presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Simon Murray**

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Top Scorer Award

(Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Simon Murray (27)**

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celebrating
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to Super League
at Penicuik
last season.

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TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT		McBookie	BO'NESS UNITED	
from			from	
1	Sam MORRIS		G/K	Mark PEAT
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19	Alistair SMITH			Charles CONNOLLY
21	Ruaridh DONALDSON			Anton HEFFRON
22	Kenny McCULLEY			

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Assistant Referee: George ANDERSON

Assistant Referee: Keith SMITH

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BO'NESS UNITED
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SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 2nd round ties

Cambuslang Rangers v Portgordon Victoria
 Bellshill Athletic v Deveronside
 Glentworth v Fauldhouse United
 Buchan Haven Hearts v Banks o' Dee
 East Kilbride Thistle v Montrose Roselea
 Kirkcaldy YM v Longside
 Burghhead Thistle v Parkvale
 Lochore Welfare v Ellon United
 Fraserburgh United v Ballingry Rovers
 Arbroath Vics v Beith
 Kilsyth Rangers v Shettleston
 Blantyre Vics v Broughty Athletic
 FC Stoneywood v Shotts Bon Accord
 Neilston v Maud
 Cumnock v Troon
 Rossvale v Dundonald Bluebell
 Rosyth v Lochee United
 Culter v Ashfield
 Penicuik Athletic v Sunnybank
 Auchinleck Talbot v Broxburn Athletic
 Johnstone Burgh v Hill of Beath Hawthorn
 Sauchie v Tranent
 Carlisle Rovers v Linlithgow Rose
 Musselburgh Athletic v Armadale Thistle
 Livingston United v Vale of Clyde
 North End v Bo'ness United
 St Andrews United v Whitehills
 Hall Russell United v Cruden Bay
 Whitelands Victoria v Bathgate Thistle
 Maryhill v Carnoustie Panmure
 Forfar Albion v Lanark United

Dunipace v Dunbar United
 Kilbirnie Ladeside v Newburgh
 Benburb v Lochgelly Albert
 Lewis United v Colony Park
 Haddington Athletic v Newtongrange Star
 St Roch's v Thorniewood United
 Forres Thistle v Kennoway Star Hearts
 Darvel v Wishaw
 St Anthony's v Petershill
 Maybole v Cumbernauld United
 Rutherglen Glencairn v Annbank United
 Greenock v Royal Albert
 Dalry Thistle v Buckie Rovers
 Larkhall Thistle v Kirrie Thistle
 Brechin Vics v Aberdeen East End
 Hurlford United v New Elgin
 Kilwinning Rangers v Nairn St Ninian
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 Dalkeith Thistle v Vale of Leven
 Yoker Athletic v Ardrossan Winton Rovers
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 Lugar Boswell Thistle v Glenafton
 Whitburn v Forth Wanderers
 Harthill Royal v Craigmark Burntonians
 Dufftown v Pollok
 Lochee Harp v Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
 Lesmahagow v Camelon
 Downfield v Arthurlie
 Largs Thistle v Oakley United
 Hermes v Newmachar
 Banchory St Ternan v Pumphreston
 Tayport v Renfrew

NEXT FIXTURE

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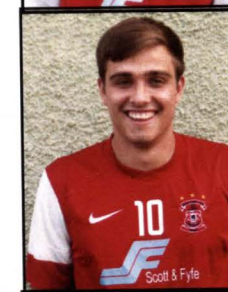
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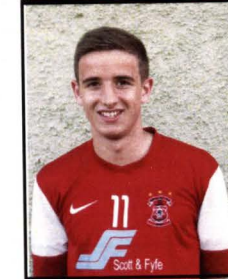


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In the football, success can come fleetingly or consistently. We see this both in Junior and Senior ranks and those clubs that perform consistently over the years can usually bounce back more readily from a few disappointing seasons, the reason usually being the resources which are at these clubs' disposal. Normally the bigger the place, the better the resources and Bo'ness, with a near 15,000 population, certainly has these resources.

That seems to be the position at Bo'ness and a healthy visiting support is expected to make the 100 miles or so round trip to attend this afternoon's game, a number of whom have no doubt got some hard earned dosh riding on the outcome of this season's Super League title....and probably the Scottish Junior Cup too.

Manager Allan McGonagal is a well experienced manager and he knows what is required to get into the title mix. He overhauled last season's player pool and his squad this season has a well seasoned look about it. One needs look no further than the fact that four Bo'ness players, Will Snowdon, Chris Donnelly, Steven Hislop and Robert Sloan were included in the Scotland set-up for the recent International Tournament in Ireland. Donnelly netted the winning goal in last week's Scottish Cup replay with Bonnyrigg whilst centre half Stuart Hunter was named man of the match.

The main goal threat will come from prolific marksmen Steven Hislop and Darren Gribben. Hislop won the Golden Boot for finishing top scorer in the Scottish Cup last season and has been with a whole range of senior clubs from Inverness CT to Gillingham and Arbroath to East Fife. Darren Gribben has scored goals for around 9 senior clubs and he's only 27.

By contrast to McGonagal, Port Manager Dave Baikie, who had a spell as Bo'ness boss, has inherited a relatively inexperienced squad but there is no shortage of enthusiasm and skill amongst them. Unfortunately, two of last week's back four, Ruairidh Donaldson and Robert Boyd, are abroad and therefore missing today. Into the pool, however comes defender Dale Robertson, signed from Fauldhouse United last week, and given the absence of Donaldson & Boyd, could well make his debut.

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The Season To Date	Bo'ness
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Kelly Hearts	Bo'ness
5-0	Bo'ness
Sauchie	Bo'ness
0-1	Bo'ness
Newlongrange	Bo'ness
4-2	Bo'ness
Camelon	Bo'ness
1-0	Bo'ness
Ballingry	Bo'ness
4-2	Bo'ness
East of Scotland Cup	Bo'ness
1-0 Pumpherstoun	Bo'ness
Scottish Cup	Bo'ness
Bonnyrigg Rose	Bo'ness
2-2	Bo'ness
Bo'ness	Bo'ness
1-0 Bonnyrigg Rose	Bo'ness

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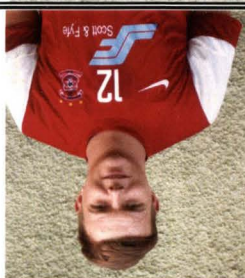
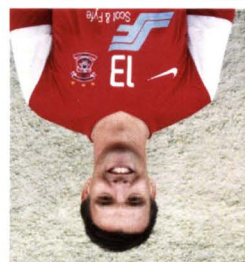
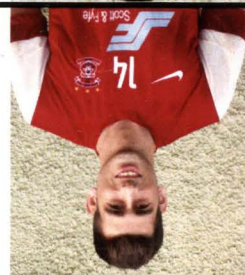
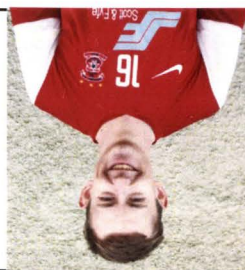
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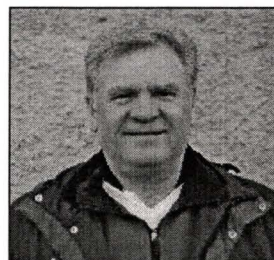
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THE BAIKER'S BIT



Firstly I'd like to wish a warm welcome to the players and officials of Bo'ness United, our visitors this afternoon, and a warm welcome to both sets of fans as well.

A fortnight ago, we had a comfortable win against Coupar Angus in the GA Cup and that match gave us the opportunity to give a number of players ninety minutes and add to their match fitness. That, in turn, increases the competition for starting jerseys.

So too does the addition of Dale Robertson, who I'd like to welcome to the club. Dale signed for us from Fauldhouse United and he has a good pedigree in the game. He brings quite a bit of senior experience to the squad, from spells at Berwick Rangers, Forfar Athletic and Elgin City.

Last week saw us draw at Ballingry and it was a case of snatching a draw from the jaws of victory. It was disappointing to come away with just one point, but we'll keep the faith and turn our focus to what will be an extremely tough fixture today.

Bo'ness United are one of the biggest clubs in the country and they've started the season very well and come here on the back of a Scottish Cup victory against Bonnyrigg Rose.

As for us, in the few weeks since we took over, I believe that we're beginning to show definite signs of improvement. We're creating more chances and we just need to toughen up mentally, as a group. If we do that, we'll start turning defeats into draws and draws into victories.

This league campaign is going to be a long, hard road for the club, but, to quote Lao Tzu, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. We have an opportunity this afternoon to take that step and get our first win on the board.

I hope everyone enjoys the match.

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THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS BO'NESS UNITED



We wish a warm welcome to the Canniepairt to the players, management and supporters of Bo'ness United for this Super League fixture.

Given their present standing in the Junior game it's a bit surprising that Bo'ness United failed to make the grade when the East Region came into being in 2002. The club was at a low ebb during that period and, although gaining promotion to the Super League the following season, they made no real impression in the top tier and were relegated in 2007. Their stay downstairs was brief and the BUs returned as champions the following season..

Season 2008/09, probably the tightest ever Super League contest, saw Bo'ness escape an immediate drop back into the Premier Division by a single point when Tayport and Forfar West End went down. The difference between being Super League runners up and being relegated that season was a mere eight points.

The prospect of an immediate return downstairs was the wake-up call the BUs needed and the warning was heeded with the Newtown Park club going on to win their first ever Super League title by 3 points from their bitter rivals from along the road, Linlithgow Rose. Taking the title again the following season, 2011, when finishing three points ahead of Hill of Beath, gave Bo'ness the first ever Super League back to back championship.

There was to be no hat-trick, but the taste of success had been sweet for the very well supported Bo'ness club and when last season got off to a sticky start, the writing was on the wall for manager Paul Ronald who was soon replaced as manager by Allan McGonigal who had severed his ties with Hamilton Accies to return to Newtown Park.

The new manager pulled things together with the squad he had inherited to take the club to a creditable fourth top finish but they were never going to catch runaway winners Linlithgow.

Given the opportunity to reshape his pool of players during the close season, McGonigal brought in a number of new faces and his efforts have been rewarded to date with a run since the start of the season of eight wins, a draw and a single defeat, 1-0 at Camelon.

There's a vibrancy around Newtown Park these days, particularly so following the stirring and hard fought 1st round Scottish Cup tie v East Region rivals Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic last Saturday. Following a 2-2 draw at New Dundas Park, Bo'ness went through much to the great delight of their large support, thanks to the only goal of the game scored by skipper Chris Donnelly with twenty minutes to go.

DUNMORE REPORTS.....



When last on the Canniepairt, a fortnight ago, Tayport made very comfortable progress in the inter-regional GA Engineering Cup, at the expense of visiting Coupar Angus. Dave Baikie took the opportunity to start several players who had not featured regularly of late and everyone showed up well in a 4-0 win.

Jake Mair set the ball rolling as early as the second minute and Nik Mann doubled the lead in the eleventh, heading home a Steven McPhee corner. There was one more counter before half-time, with Connaire Connelly heading in his first competitive goal for the club.

More chances followed after the break, but only one more goal came Tayport's way. Substitute Matty Adam was the scorer, netting after the Coupar Angus 'keeper had blocked Nik Mann's shot.

It was back to Super League business last weekend when 'Port visited Ore Park to take on Ballingry. Both meetings last season resulted in 3-2 wins for the Canniepairt outfit and something similar seemed to be on the cards this time around. Matty Adam continued his goalscoring form with an early brace to give Tayport a deserved two-goal lead. Grant Lawson helped to create the first, while a blocked Ryan Suttie header led to the second.

The game's third goal, however, went to Ballingry. Former Tayport forward Lee Bryce was the man on target, giving Rovers a crucial lifeline. Adam Moffat then cleared a Suttie header off the line to ensure that only one goal would separate the sides at the interval.

The hosts equalised on 79 minutes, when Paul Thomson was unfortunate to net an own goal. Undaunted, Tayport continued to press in the closing stages and came mighty close to notching a winner, only for the home 'keeper to spectacularly tip away Grant Lawson's goal bound strike.



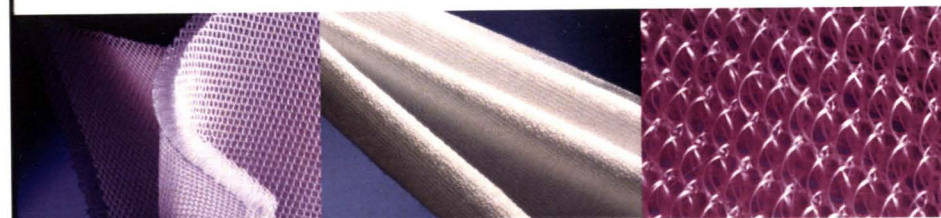
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Preston Athletic 1 (2)-(2) 2 Queen's Park
Cove Rangers 0 (1)-(1) 3 Brora Rangers
Fraserburgh 2 (4)-(4) 0 Edinburgh City
Whitehill 1 (2)-(2) 2 Stirling Albion
Linlithgow Rose 1 (2)-(2) 3 Deveronvale

Surviving Juniors' 3rd round ties (2nd Nov)

Culter v Berwick Rangers
Stranraer v Auchinleck Talbot

...and then there were two



Both Culter and Auchinleck Talbot, the Juniors' sole survivors in the Wm Hill Scottish Cup, drew Scottish Senior League opponents in the draw for the 3rd Round...but probably not the opponents they would have chosen. A tie at Ibrox v Rangers (Airdrie's tie) or maybe at home to Dunfermline Athletic (Elgin City's tie) would probably have been preferred. Still, they'll not be complaining with ties at home v Berwick Rangers (for Culter) and away v Stranraer (for Auchinleck). Both ties are eminently winnable with Stranraer languishing in the nether regions of League 1 and Berwick not exactly setting the heather on fire in League 2.

Last Saturday Linlithgow Rose disappointed their supporters, going down 3-1 to Deveronvale in their 2nd round replay at Prestonfield. Given that they had drawn 2-2 in Banff after surrendering a 2-0 lead, a home win looked on the cards.

As seems to increasingly be the case, being held at home is not exactly a disaster. Four of the five replayed 2nd round ties saw the visitors win through after being held at home.

Tayport v Bo'ness United...The Previous Encounters

2003-2004	Bo'ness United	0	-	4	Tayport
	Tayport	1	-	1	Bo'ness United
2004 - 2005	Tayport	1	-	2	Bo'ness United
	Bo'ness United	1	-	1	Tayport
2005 - 2006	Tayport	2	-	1	Bo'ness United
	Bo'ness United	4	-	0	Tayport
2006 - 2007	Tayport	2	-	1	Bo'ness United
	Bo'ness United	1	-	0	Tayport
2008 - 2009	Bo'ness United	4	-	0	Tayport
	Tayport	3	-	1	Bo'ness United
2010 - 2011	Tayport	0	-	4	Bo'ness United
	Bo'ness United	2	-	1	Tayport

Renfrew at the Canniepairt next week

The Scottish Junior Cup gets underway in earnest next Saturday with sixty three ties scheduled to be played, with five down to be played locally, at Tayport, St Andrews, North End, Downfield and Lochee Harp.



At Tayport the visitors are old adversaries Renfrew, paying their third visit to the Canniepairt. The first time was 2002 when, after a 1-1 draw in the 5th round at Western Park, Renfrew, 'Port went through to the quarter finals, following a 1-0 win in the replay on the Canniepairt

Next came a semi final meeting at St Mirren Park in Paisley in 2005, won 2-0 by Tayport. The sides met again the following season, when Tayport came out on top by 1-0 in a 4th Round meeting in 2006 and again in 2010, winning 2-1 at Western Park, also at the 4th round stage.



Matt Adam goes close to grabbing the winner with a flying header at Ballingry last week



The Tayport support see the funny side despite the draw at Ballingry last week (left) and when relegation was sealed at Bo'ness when today's opponents last met (right)

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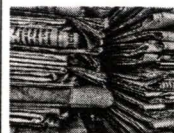
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**EVENING TELEGRAPH
OCTOBER 1913**

Junicus...yes, *Junicus*, who is still going strong exactly 100 years later and still writing in the *Tele* twice a week on Junior football, reported in his column on **30 October 1913** that "Tayport FC reached Fairmuir [Dundee] about 3 o' clock prepared to play Renton. They found no ground marked off or nets up. By the time matters were rectified it was almost 4 o' clock, so that a league game was out of the question. Tayport have claimed the points".

The *Evening Telegraph* also reported in **October 1913** that the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup had been drawn. The competition was drawn on a regional basis. Tayport were in the Fifeshire section and received a bye. The Fife ties were Crossgates Thistle v Boarhills Thistle; Hearts of Beath v Crail United; Newburgh West End v Denbeath Star; Windygates Rovers v Kelty Rangers.

There was no Bo'ness United in the East of Scotland and Borders section of the draw but Kinneil Ramblers were drawn away to Penicuik Athletic. [no joy in the competition that year for Tayport. The local populace had to wait another 82 years to see the Scottish Cup paraded through the their town]

Elsewhere the newspaper reported that Andrew Doctor, farmer. Garspit [*sic*], Tayport, pleaded guilty at Cupar Sheriff Court to a contravention of the National Insurance Act by failing to stamp the cards of his employees. The Fiscal said Mr Doctor had objected to licking stamps. He received a nominal fine of 10 shillings [50p] from Sheriff Armour Hannay.

**79 YEARS AGO
23 OCTOBER 1934**

A dastardly crime in Tayport was the subject of an *Evening Telegraph* report under the headline

Tayport Betting Offender. £5 fine imposed.

The newspaper reported "William Gray, labourer, 32 Henderson's Lane, Tayport admitted before Sheriff Dudley Stewart at Cupar Sheriff Court that on **17 October 1934** on Golf Road, Tayport, at the Caddie Shed owned by Scotsraig Golf Club he frequented and loitered for the purpose of receiving or settling bets. He pleaded guilty. His Lordship said 'is there room for this industry in Tayport?' (laughter).

"Mr R.S.Henderson, the Fiscal said quite a large amount of business was being transacted on that particular day. There was found in the accused's possession, 38 betting slips, a tick-tack clock containing money, 55 football points pools cards, labels addressed to his employer and a quantity of betting literature, notebooks and pencils. His Lordship imposed a fine of £5 and ordered forfeiture of the papers."

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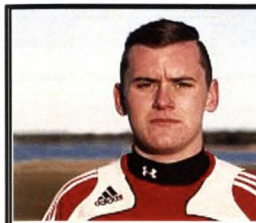


The Tayport FC line-up v Harris FP in a Bremner Cup tie v Harris FP on 14 April 1984. Back (l-r) Alan Hart, Jim Downie, Malcolm Graham, Angus Charity, Mark Ritchie, Graeme McPherson, Derek Black. Front - John Squire, Bruce Burnett, Jim Bissett, Neil Downie, Ronnie Whitton, Kenny Smith

1984

1996

v Ashton United in Manchester to win the Tameside Association for the Blind International Challenge Cup. Back - Dave Baikie, Andy Bell, Steven Stewart, Keith Nicolson, Billy Coventry, Fraser Mann, Jim Henry, Barry Gray, Grant Miller. Front - Mark Spalding, George Malone, Grant Buist, Sean Wilkie, Paul Reilly, Allan



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Camelon Juniors	9	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	0	8	4	4	18	81	
Musselburgh Athletic	9	2	2	1	11	5	2	0	2	6	9	3	14	77	
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Hill of Beath Hawthorn	9	1	2	2	10	9	2	1	1	10	7	4	12	75	
Sauchie Juniors	8	2	0	2	4	4	2	0	2	8	6	2	12	78	
Bonnyrigg Rose	7	2	1	1	7	4	0	3	0	4	4	3	10	79	
Armadale Thistle	9	1	0	3	5	8	1	1	3	4	6	-5	7	70	
Lochee United	8	1	0	3	8	12	1	0	3	5	7	-6	6	72	
Kelty Hearts	8	0	3	0	4	4	0	3	2	5	14	-9	6	72	
St Andrews United	8	0	1	4	3	12	1	1	1	5	6	-10	5	71	
Ballingry Rovers	9	0	2	2	5	8	1	0	4	5	14	-12	5	68	
Tayport	8	0	1	3	2	7	0	1	3	4	11	-12	2	68	

APPEARANCES, GOALS AND CARDS 2013/2014

Player	games	sub	goals	yellow	red
Steven McPhee	11	0	3	4	0
John Tonner	9	0	0	1	1
Grant Lawson	9	1	1	1	0
Ruaridh Donaldson	9	0	0	0	0
Paul Thomson	9	0	1	0	0
Connor Gray	8	2	1	1	0
Iain Ross	7	0	0	1	0
Kris Rollo	7	1	0	0	0
Kenny McCulley	7	2	0	2	0
Ryan Suttie	7	2	0	3	1
Robert Boyd	6	0	0	3	1
Nik Mann	5	2	3	0	0
Barry Donachie	5	1	0	5	0
Matt Adam	4	5	4	0	0
Jake Mair	4	4	1	0	0
Sam Morris	4	0	0	0	0
Ross Grant	3	5	0	0	0
Stefan Elvin	3	2	1	1	0
Connaire Connelly	2	2	1	1	0
Gary Robertson	0	1	0	0	0

SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOUT*

Scottish Junior Cup Saturdays rarely pass without some sort of bother. Last week's Bo'ness v Bonnyrigg replay grabbed the headlines for all the wrong reasons. According to reports, a squad of Bonnyrigg hooligans, no doubt fuelled up with Buckfast, the favourite tippie of the ned fraternity, descended on the town and caused all sort of mayhem including trying to set fire to a pub. The Polis had been warned, though, and the polis dugs were at the ready and it appeared they managed to get their fangs into some juicy Bonnyrigg flesh

Hassle of a different sort at Star of Markinch where the Junior newcomers, Kennoway Star Hearts, blotted their reputation when of their five players were red carded as they went down 3-2 at Treaton Park. Referee Barry Reid abandoned the game, according to reports, in the 92nd minute. One wonders why he just didn't blow for full time.

Not just the Junior Cup which has its spectator behavioural problems. The replay between Preston Athletic and Queen's Park at Prestonpans was held up for a spell and the players taken off the park as the police dealt with flares being set off and also a pitch invasion. The Bobbies were certainly being kept busy last Saturday afternoon.

Goalkeeper Iain Ross was this week transferred to Broughty Athletic. It's understood there was serious interest from another couple of clubs, but ambitious Broughty came up with the goods. Our statistics guru tells us the big keeper, who signed on the start of season 2011/12, played 54 competitive games for Tayport and kept 19 clean sheets, an average of some 28%.

Steelend Vics have announced they have gone into abeyance for this season. All match records for the west Fife club this season have been scrubbed. They hope to get underway again next season.

The SJFA have issued directives to clubs under the heading *Pitch Protection Measures*. Included amongst these are the following - players not allowed to warm up on the pitch until 45 mins before kick off; Goalkeepers allowed to warm up in goalmouths for 15 minutes max; Team's warm up not to exceed 30 mins; Only the players listed on the teamlines allowed to warm up or warm down; Warm ups restricted to area between half way line and edge of penalty area; During half-time only players listed as substitutes allowed to warm up on pitch;

Things are moving with regard to that eyesore of a building which overshadows the Canniepairt. Tayport Community Trust, who now have a dedicated Development Officer on board and working on their behalf, are actively seeking grants to develop a community facility and are confident that the application for biggest grant, £ 1,000,000 from the lottery fund, will be successful.

Violet, whose manager Darren Bonella resigned recently, haven't gone far to look for a new Glenesk Park supremo. Just round the corner in fact, as they have appointed Lochee Harp manager Barry Britton to the Pansies' hot seat. Assistant Cammy McRae and coach Steve Fotheringham are holding the fort at Beechwood until a new boss is appointed.

Next Saturday's Scottish Cup opponents Renfrew FC have adopted prominent ladies team, Viewfield Rovers, who will play under the banner of Renfrew FC from the start of the new women's season in March 2014.

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