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

Our Front Cover
picture shows
Tayport players
celebrating
promotion
to Super League
at Penicuik
last season.

(image by Ron Nicoll)

TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT		McBookie	BO'NESS UNITED	
from			from	
1	Sam MORRIS		G/K	Mark PEAT
2	Dale HART		G/K	Connor WALLACE
3	Dale ROBERTSON			Will SNOWDON
4	Barry DONACHIE			Stewart DEVINE
5	Paul THOMSON			Scott GIBB
6	John TONNER			Stuart HUNTER
7	Kris ROLLO			Ian NIMMO
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12	Ryan SUTTIE			Darren GRIBBEN
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18	Robert BOYD			Andy SCOTT
19	Alistair SMITH			Paul MURPHY
21	Ruaridh DONALDSON			Charles CONNOLLY
22	Kenny McCULLEY			Anton HEFFRON
				Craig GARDNER
				Craig SCOTT
				Keiran ANDERSON

Referee: Scott LESLIE (Brechin)
Assistant Referee: Lewis DONALDSON
Assistant Referee: Chris TAYLOR



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TAYPORT

v
BO'NESS UNITED

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SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 3rd ROUND NEXT SATURDAY



Ashfield v Girvan
Banchory St Ternans v Whitletts Vics
Banks o' Dee v Larkhall
Beith v Sauchie

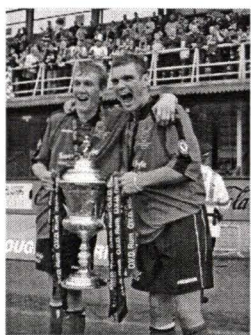
Bo'ness United v Auchinleck Talbot
Cambuslang Rangers v **Kennoway Star Hearts**
Cumbernauld United v Cruden Bay
Dalkeith Thistle v Hill of Beath
Dalry Thistle v Burghhead
Darvel United v Rutherglen Glencairn
Deveronside v **Musselburgh Athletic**
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Kirkcaldy YM v Kilsyth Rangers
Largs Thistle v Kilbirnie Ladeside
Lesmahagow or **Camelon** v **Lochee United**
Linlithgow Rose v Shotts Bon Accord
Livingston United v Penicuik Athletic
Lochore Welfare v Pollok
Carnoustie Panmure v Colony Park
Neilston v Stonehaven
Newtongrange Star v Tayport
Petershill v **Ballingry Rovers**
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy v Cumnock
St Andrews United v Thorniewood United
Yoker Athletic v Lanark

Both **Tayport** and **Bo'ness** are involved in next Saturday's Scottish Cup 3rd round and it's fair to say that both clubs are involved in the top ties which the draw has thrown up. Abune them all is the visit of cup holders **Auchinleck Talbot** to Newtown Park, Bo'ness. Definitely the biggest crowd of the day. It's top v bottom when Tayport travel to **Newtongrange Star** where the league leaders can boast a 100% league record, although they were held at home by Haddington in the Scottish, taking their place in the last 64 by virtue of winning a penalty shootout.

At Prestonfield, **Linlithgow Rose** await 2012 winners **Shotts Bon Accord** and there are two all-West Super League Premier ties when **Largs** meet **Kilbirnie** and **Kirkintilloch Rob Roy** play hosts to **Cumnock**.

Supporters should note that kick offs are 1.45pm next week



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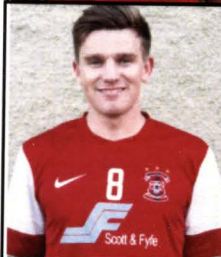
Robbie Henderson and Gary Middleton, Tayport's scorers in the 2005 Scottish Junior Cup Final win over Lochee United at Tannadice have teamed up again.

Gary has joined Robbie at big spending Luncarty where manager Murray McDowall, the former Tayport player, hopes they will get the goals to take Luncarty out of the East Region's third tier. (see also *Snout*)



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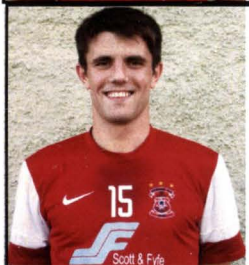
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In football, success can come fleetingly or consistently. We see this both in Junior and Senior ranks and those clubs that perform consistently over the years can usually bounce back more readily from a few disappointing seasons, the reason usually 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 balanced 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.

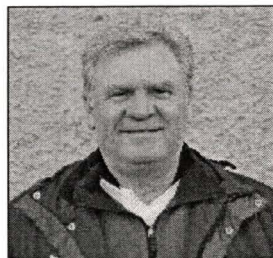
The Scottish Cup is very much in the Bo'ness sights and, although the players have no doubt been told to put next week's 3rd round tie at home to holders Auchinleck to the back of their minds, it's another big game on the horizon for the BUs. Their form has been good recently and they had an impressive 4-2 win over Super League leaders Newtongrange Star in the East of Scotland Cup last week

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 host of senior clubs from Inverness CT to Gillingham and Arbroath to East Fife. He came off the bench to net twice within eight minutes of coming on v Nitten last weekend. Darren Gribben, who netted the opening goal last week, is a prolific marksman having scored goals for around 9 senior clubs and he's only 27.

By contrast to McGonagal, 'Port Manager Dave Baikie, a former Bo'ness boss, has inherited a relatively inexperienced squad but there is no shortage of enthusiasm and skill amongst them. Donaldson, Rollo and Donachie were back in the starting line-up last week but it's very likely there will be changes again today. Nik Mann serves the second game of his suspension but otherwise the Tayport boss should have a full squad available. Connor Gray, who started six of the first seven games of the season, has been released and is likely to return to Forfar Athletic.



THE BAIKER'S BIT



May I begin by welcoming our visitors Bo'ness United to The Canniepairt this afternoon and can I also give a warm welcome to both sets of supporters for this league match.

Last week saw us progress into the next round of the East of Scotland Cup. Although I wasn't in attendance, the general consensus was that we played well below par but never looked in any danger of losing the tie. Looking over Arbroath's record to date, they've done well against higher league opposition this season so we've got to welcome the fact that we're into the next round and move on from there.

The reason I wasn't present at then game was because our opposition today and next week's opposition, Newtongrange Star, met at Bo'ness in the same competition. I was unable to get anyone to travel so decided to take in the game myself in the knowledge that we'd manage without me for the Arbroath game.

After the game in which Bo'ness ran out comfortable winners against the present league leaders, my observations were that Bo'ness United are the best Junior side I've seen this season. At one point they led 4-0 and deservedly so. The game also gave me the opportunity gave me to check out our Scottish Cup opponents.

I made reference to the fact that Bo'ness are very strong experienced side playing with a lot of confidence, and they actually started with four recognised strikers, so we know we've got a big ask today but not one that is impossible. Yes, we're probably going to be doing a lot of defending but these are the games from which our younger players will learn more and they should relish the opportunity to be part of it. We've got little to lose and lots to gain. If we work as hard as we possibly can and keep the errors to a minimum, we can have a successful afternoon Enjoy the game,
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Davie Baikie

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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, one of the tightest ever Super League contests, saw Bo'ness escape an immediate drop back into the Premier Division by a single point and 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 eleven wins, a draw and a single defeat, 1-0 at Camelon.

There's a vibrancy around Newtown Park these days, particularly so following the most recent stirring and hard fought 1st round Scottish Cup tie v East Region rivals Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic, a 2nd round win at Dundee North End, a 6-1 win over Broxburn and a pretty convincing 4-2 win last Saturday over Super League leaders Newtongrange in the East of Scotland Cup.

Bo'ness United The Season To Date McBookie.com Super League

St Andrews Utd	0 - 1	Bo'ness
Bo'ness	2 - 0	Armadale This
Bo'ness	5 - 0	Kelty Hearts
Sauchie	0 - 1	Bo'ness
Bo'ness	4 - 2	Newtongrange
Camelon	1 - 0	Bo'ness
Bo'ness	4 - 2	Ballingry
Bo'ness	6 - 1	Broxburn Ath
<u>East of Scotland Cup</u>		
Bo'ness	1 - 0	Pumpherston
Bo'ness	4 - 2	Newtongrange
<u>Scottish Cup</u>		
Bonnyrigg Rose	2 - 2	Bo'ness
Bo'ness	1 - 0	Bonnyrigg Rose
North End	1 - 2	Bo'ness

DUNMORE REPORTS.....



Saturday's match against Arbroath Vics was not exactly high in the entertainment stakes, but Tayport achieved their objective of a place in the next round of the East of Scotland Cup.

'Port were gifted an early goal when an innocuous-looking cross into the box was headed into his own net by a luckless Arbroath defender, but the floodgates were not to open. Vics settled into the game and defended in solid fashion, restricting their hosts to only a few openings for the remainder of the half.

Matty Adam headed against the bar and Ryan Suttie tested the 'keeper from distance, but that was the extent of the threat. At the other end, Ross Kenny's free kick clipped the post and the early counter separated the teams at the break.

The visitors failed to deal with an early second half corner kick and Ryan Suttie was on hand to prod home Tayport's second, but, again, Arbroath refused to buckle. Indeed, they soon pulled a goal back. A defensive lapse allowed Abdourahonan Njie to tuck the ball past Sam Morris and Njie was later inches away from converting a cross. During this spell, Morris also did well to hold a Chris Simpson volley.

After that, there was little goalmouth action and Tayport had done enough to progress. A much stiffer challenge awaits today, in the shape of Bo'ness United, one of the region's form teams. Let's hope that 'Port can rise to the occasion and kick-start their Super League campaign with a positive result.



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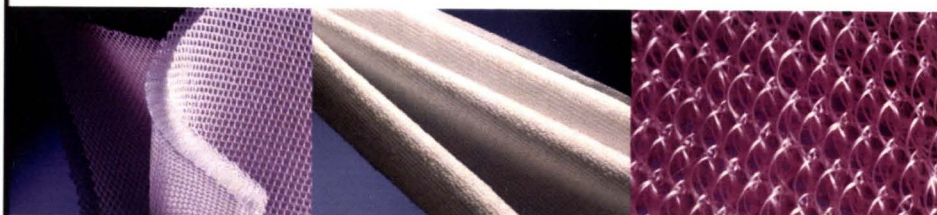
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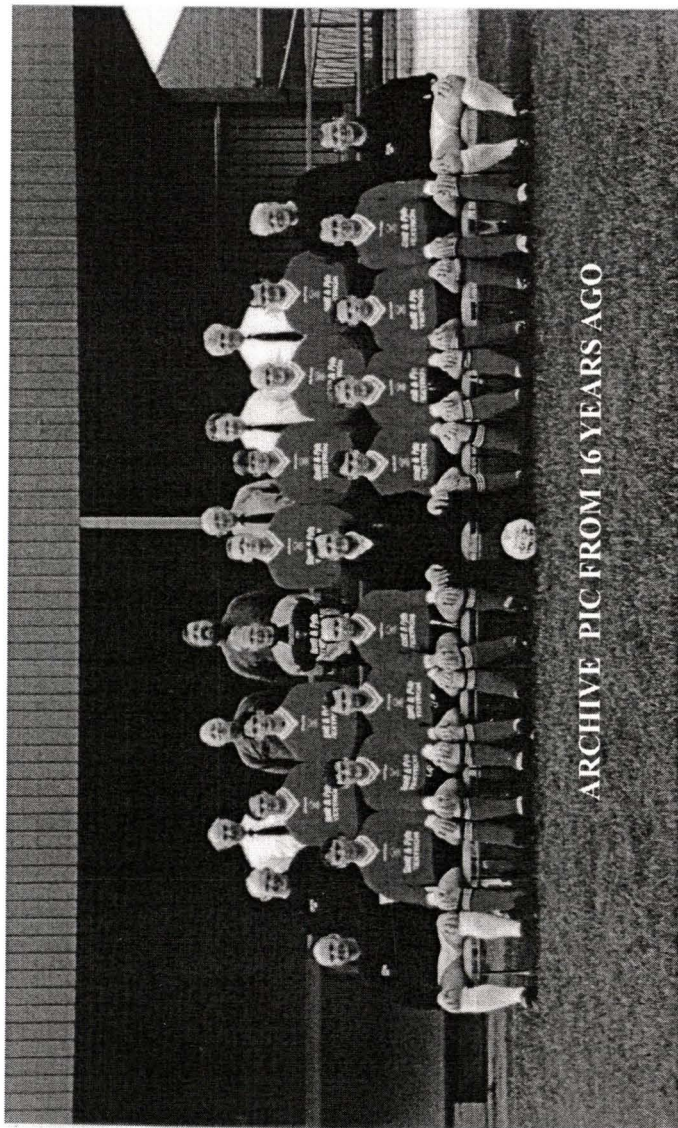
Berwick Rangers	3 v 1	Culter
Auchinleck Talbot	2 v 3	Stranraer

Last week in discussing the Wm Hill Scottish Cup replays involving Junior clubs Culter and Auchinleck, we said "Although Auchinleck will be rueing the loss of a two goal lead at Stair Park last week, they do have home advantage and therefore will have a big and passionate crowd behind them today. As we saw in previous rounds, however, the SPFL sides always seem to take advantage of their second chance in these situations".

And that is exactly what happened. Yes, Auchinleck had home advantage, yes, there was a big and passionate crowd and yes, the SPFL sides did take advantage of their second chance and it's Stranraer and Berwick who go through

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



ARCHIVE PIC FROM 16 YEARS AGO

Tayport FC 1998/99. Tayport won the Tayside League Championship by a landslide margin of 17 points, dropping only 2 points in the entire campaign and had a goal difference of +80. Back - E.Stewart, A.J.Oswald, A.D.Oswald, B.Irvine, J.Anderson, R.MacMillan. Middle - D.Tosney, S.Stewart, G.Buist, F.Mann, B.Craik, K.Nicolson, J.Young, K.Cameron, A.Bell. Sitting - R.Nicoll, P.Reilly, G.Miller, G.Paterson, S.Wilkie, A.Sommerville (Manager), A.Ramsay, I.Greig, M.Corcoran, D.Reilly, J.Hunter.

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CIRCA A CENTURY AGO

One Hundred Years ago, the Burgh of Tayport seemed to be a pretty cultured and vibrant community. The *Evening Telegraph* of that era reported on the following groups, associations and clubs active in the town circa 1902 - 1913

Tayport Chrysanthemum Society;

Tayport Burns Club. The Burns Club journeyed to Ayr in June 1902 to visit the Bard's birth-place;

The **Tayport Cycling Guild** whose outing on a Saturday in June 1904 had a 'rendezvous at Chance Inn, a nice spot near Craigrothie';

The **Boys Brigade** and **Women's Guild** each held their annual jumble sales, the former raising £25;

Tayport Town Band in connection with the **Local Volunteers**, in May 1901 'attracted a large attendance to the East Common where they played a selection of music';

The **Tayport Artists Circle**, the **Tayport Literary Society**, the **Amateur Dramatic Society**, the **Juvenile Operatic Society**, the **Tayport Horticultural Society** and the **Tayport Centre of Women's Friendly Society** were all going strong.

The **Local Company of Volunteers** (quite a lively social group, it would appear), accompanied by the Town Band, it was reported, had their first march of the season to St Michael's Inn. 'There was a good muster....', continued the report. [no surprise there, then. The five miles march back with the band in tow must have been quite a spectacle, although who knows, they maybe marched on to Ye Olde Hotel, Leuchars for further refreshment and got the train home]

Other groups active in the town were the **Unionist Association**; **The Band of Hope**; the **Tayport Sick & Benefit Society**; the **Court Mansfield Ancient Order of Foresters**; **The Star of Hope Lodge**; **The Nursing Association**; the **Salvation Army**; the **Ping Pong Club**; the **Local Company of Artillery**; the **Queen Street UF Fellowship Association**; **Young Women's Guild**; the **YMCA** and there were **Gospel Meetings in the Butter Wynd Hall** which continue to this day. In October 1913 the **Highland Cycling Battalion (Tayport)** held their prize shooting competition on Scotsraig Rifle Range.

Throw in the **Football Club**, **Tayport United Cricket Club** and **Scotsraig Golf Club**, amongst others, there was plenty to keep the locals occupied. One wonders, then, why there tended to be large families in those days.

Tayport v Bo'ness - the first Canniepairt encounter

Tayport's first meeting with Bo'ness United was ten seasons ago. Tayport were defending Super League Champions and had already won 4-0 at Newtown Park earlier in the season. The return game was to end 1-1 at The Canniepairt before a crowd of 246.



Tayport lined up Frazer Fitzpatrick, Ross Gunnion, Grant Paterson, Roberto Morris, John Ward, Allan Ramsay, Barry McNaughton (pictured), Scott Peters, Brian Craik, Sean Christie, Steven Stewart. Subs were Kevin Heenan, Davie Evans and Dave Reilly.

Bo'ness fielded Mark Cairns, Gary Smith, Chris Dollan, John Burrows, Murray Hunter, Dale Ryan, Billy Struthers, Kevin Donnelly, John Martin, John Jeffrey, James Winning. Subs were David Muirhead, David Leslie, Adam Gardner.

John Ward netted the Tayport goal.

It turned out to be a vital two points dropped by 'Port who lost out on the league title by a one goal difference after both sides - and Bonnyrigg - had finished on 40 points

Saturday 8 May 2004

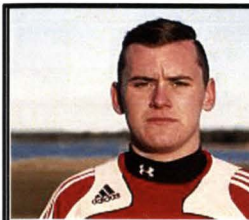
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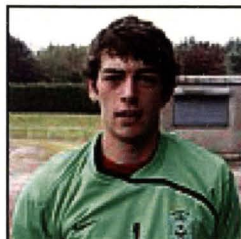
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Linlithgow Rose	8	4	1	0	13	5	3	0	0	8	1	15	22	88	
Boness United	8	5	0	0	21	6	2	0	1	3	1	17	21	87	
Broxburn Athletic	12	3	1	1	8	6	3	1	3	9	15	-4	20	74	
Sauchie Juniors	10	3	0	2	6	5	3	0	2	16	6	11	18	78	
Camelon Juniors	9	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	0	8	4	4	18	81	
Musselburgh Athletic	11	2	2	1	11	5	3	0	3	9	14	1	17	74	
Bonnyrigg Rose	9	4	1	1	13	5	0	3	0	4	4	8	16	79	
Hill of Beath Hawthorn	11	2	2	2	13	10	2	1	2	12	10	5	15	72	
Carnoustie Panmure	9	2	0	2	6	7	2	1	2	8	11	-4	13	76	
Kelty Hearts	12	1	3	1	9	7	0	3	4	7	19	-10	9	63	
Armadale Thistle	11	1	0	4	5	9	1	2	3	5	7	-6	8	65	
Ballingry Rovers	12	0	2	3	5	16	2	0	5	8	17	-20	8	62	
Lochee United	10	1	0	4	10	15	1	0	4	5	10	-10	6	66	
St Andrews United	10	0	2	4	4	13	1	1	2	6	10	-13	6	66	
Tayport	9	0	1	3	2	7	0	1	4	5	14	-14	2	65	

APPEARANCES, GOALS AND CARDS 2013/2014

Player	games	sub	goals	yellow	red
Steven McPhee	14	0	4	4	0
Grant Lawson	12	1	1	1	0
Paul Thomson	12	0	2	0	0
John Tonner	11	0	0	2	1
Ruaridh Donaldson	10	0	0	0	0
Ryan Suttie	10	2	1	5	1
Kris Rollo	9	2	0	1	0
Kenny McCulley	8	2	0	2	0
Connor Gray	8	2	1	1	0
Robert Boyd	7	0	0	3	1
Barry Donachie	7	1	0	6	0
Matt Adam	7	5	5	0	0
Sam Morris	7	0	0	0	0
Iain Ross	7	0	0	1	0
Nik Mann	6	3	4	0	1
Ross Grant	5	6	0	0	0
Jake Mair	4	6	1	0	0
Dale Robertson	3	0	1	1	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 SNOOT*

Violet striker Gary Middleton, goalscoring hero of Tayport's Scottish Cup win at Tannadice in 2005, didn't have long to wait for another club after being transfer listed by new Violet boss Barry Britton. He got a move to Luncarty where he'll renew his striking partnership with Robbie Henderson, the other Tayport goalscoring hero of that famous 2005 win.

A few bewildering refereeing decisions on the telly over last weekend involving penalties that were awarded. Of course, it's all about opinions and in the heat of the moment without the benefit of an action replay, referees are bound to get things wrong from time to time. Well, three referees certainly got it wrong at the weekend according to the TV pundits. Surely those referees would realise their errors when they sat down to watch their telly. Swansea manager Michael Laudrup summed it up neatly [the 90th minute penalty which gave Stoke their equaliser] when he said "There was only one man in the whole stadium who saw it and unfortunately, that was the referee. However I have to be careful what I say because I will get a fine or a sanction. The rest of us can make mistakes and say sorry, but we have to leave alone the referees. It would be nice if the referee said sorry". It certainly would be. Two seasons ago the then Tayport boss John McGlashan received a phone call on the Sunday from the match referee on the previous day, apologising for an error he made during the game which had cost Tayport dearly. How refreshing it was to hear a referee admit he was wrong.

Last week's (Glasgow) Herald carried a lengthy obituary on former Rangers and Kilmarnock player David MacFarlane who tragically died on 30 October at the young age of 46. After MacFarlane left the Senior game, he signed for Glenafton Athletic and the obituary recalled that it was 'from MacFarlane's precision pass that John Miller scored the goal which beat Tayport [in the 1993 Junior Cup Final] and took the magnificent trophy to New Cumnock'

We've all seen Groundhoppers at The Canniepairt from time to time - usually a couple of non-league football enthusiasts who enjoy visiting different grounds when they are in the area, picking up programmes, exchanging banter, sampling different pies and pints, comparing their groundhopping experiences etc.. In more recent times official Groundhop Weekends have been organised. To date these Groundhops have just taken place down south, where they've taken in maybe four or five matches in a particular locality over a weekend. The games attended by the Groundhoppers can attract 100s of extra fans who descend on a club like locusts, devouring not just pies and pints but anything else in their way like badges, scarves, programmes etc..

The idea of a Groundhop in this area has been mooted and preliminary discussions are likely to take place soon. Of course, any such venture would have to have the blessing of the East Region Association and the cooperation of not just the home clubs but also the visitors. Anything which can give the Junior game a boost and at the same time bring in a few bob is certainly worth at least investigating.

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