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12 May 1996
2-0 (aet) v Camelon
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G. Buist
G. Paterson
M. Spalding
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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. 8,868

Awards 2012/13

Player of the Year (presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Simon Murray**
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Fans' Favourite - **Simon Murray**
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Travel Club Player of the Year (presented by the Travel Club
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Morris Couper award for Goal of the Season (presented 1993 by the
family of Morris Couper) - **Stefan Elvin v Dundee Violet**
Top Scorer Award
(Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Simon Murray (27)**

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

(image by Ron Nicoll)

TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT		McBookie	BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC	
1	Sam MORRIS		G/K	David HAY
2	Dale HART		G/K	Dawid PATEREK
3	Dale ROBERTSON			Ross ARCHIBALD
4	Barry DONACHIE			Shaun WOODBURN
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15	Grant LAWSON			Sean GRADY
16	Connaire CONNELLY			Keiran McGACHIE
21	Ruaridh DONALDSON			Kevin McLEISH
22	Kenny McCULLEY			Alex KING

Referee: Steven TRAYNOR (Dundee)
Assistant Referee: Lewis RONALDSON
Assistant Referee: Joe KELLY



EAST SUPER LEAGUE
TAYPORT

v

BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2013
KICK-OFF 1.45 pm
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TODAY'S GAME
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Scottish Junior Cup Fourth Round Draw



The draw was held in the Evening Times office in Glasgow on Thursday afternoon just past and provided the East Region with a difficult task to get a decent representation in the last 16. Three of the ties are all East Super League affairs and five of the remaining six East clubs are away from home.

Benburb	v	Whitlets Victoria
Cambuslang Rangers	v	Dundonald Bluebell
Camelon	v	Carnoustie Panmure
Cumnock	v	Neilston
Dalry Thistle	v	Cumbernauld United
Girvan	v	Rutherglen Glencairn
Irvine Meadow	v	Petershill
Kilsyth Rangers	v	Largs Thistle
Kilwinning Rangers	v	Sauchie
Larkhall Thistle	v	Hurlford United
Musselburgh Athletic	v	Glenafton Athletic
Pollok	v	Penicuik Athletic
St Andrews United	v	Bo'ness United
Shotts Bon Accord	v	Dunbar United
Tayport	v	Hill of Beath Hawthorn
Yoker	v	Montrose Roselea

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 3rd ROUND

There were few real shocks in the 3rd round, although the margin of Tayport's win at Super League leaders Newtongrange Star definitely came into the 'surprise' category. Bo'ness' win over holders Auchinleck and Shotts' win at Linlithgow also caused a few raised eyebrows and meant that both of last season's finalists exited at the same stage. Pride of place, however, must go to Dunbar United from the East Region's third tier who knocked out West Region Super League's Arthurlie by 3-2 to record the East Lothian club's best result for some time.

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**TODAY'S GAME
SUPER LEAGUE**

**TAYPORT v
BONNYRIGG ROSE**

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It may only have been 32 months since Tayport and Bonnyrigg last met here at The Caniepairt but it's perhaps an indication of the rapid turnaround of players at clubs these days when one realises there are so few survivors in each camp from that meeting in April 2011. Only Sean Grady and Chris Gray are now regular starters for Bonnyrigg whilst Tayport have only Barry Donachie and Barry didn't last the full 90 after two yellows = one red as Tayport went down by the only goal of the game.

Max Christie replaced Alan Miller, now boss at Newtongrange Star, as manager shortly after that win at Tayport and has completely revamped the squad he inherited and along the way has won the Super League title, the East of Scotland Cup and reached the semi final of the Scottish Junior Cup and taken his side to the 3rd round of the Scottish Senior Cup.

Although Christie and the Bonnyrigg fans will be very disappointed at going out of this season's Scottish Cup in the first round, beaten by Bo'ness United after a replay, they can now concentrate on collecting a third Championship. They arrive at the Caniepairt having won six games on the bounce but came mighty close to having that run ended last Saturday at home to St Andrews United after twice being behind and grabbing a late winner to take the points in a seven goal thriller.

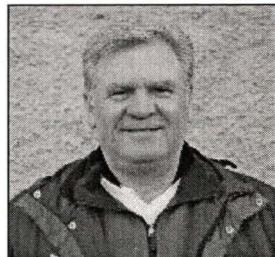
It's a very experienced side that Christie has put together with only two players under 25 in his squad, several of who will be familiar faces to the Tayport backroom staff following their period working in south of the Forth with Bo'ness and Linlithgow. They were one or two players short last week and had to call on a trialist, Paul Harvey, and he netted one of the goals v Saints after coming off the bench in the second half.

Tayport disappointed at Broxburn, but although playing second fiddle for much of the match, remained in contention throughout and might have stolen a point. Keith Gibson was a late call off through illness but should be back for a home debut this afternoon and his experience will be welcomed. Nik Mann and Connaire Connelly are both unavailable.

Since our last home game Ally Smith, who hadn't featured this signing in the close season, has been transferred to Forfar West End and Robert Boyd has been transferred to Dundee Violet.



THE BAIKER'S BIT



Good afternoon to our fans and may I welcome Max Christie and his squad to Caniepairt for this league fixture

It's been a wee while since I last penned this column. It was before our home league encounter against Bo'ness United. Like today, we started as underdogs, but on the day we managed to gain our first league win of the season, a 2-1 victory which was probably deserved. We followed that with a tremendous result away to Newtongrange, winning 5-1 in the Scottish Cup 3rd round. Once again our victory was against all the odds but as against Bo'ness, it was well deserved.

So we then go to Beechwood Park in the GA Cup but this time round we were expected to waltz through to the next round but as it turned out we struggled and stumbled over the line, eventually winning 3-1 with two late goals.

It just goes to show what attitude and commitment contributes to this game. Against Bo'ness and Newtongrange our attitude was first class. Then when we were expected to win our attitude drops and we find ourselves struggling to defeat a side 3rd from bottom of the North League.

Last Saturday, could we make it five wins on the spin? The answer was No!. I felt we just did not perform. Of course our opposition's contribution was a factor, as was the surface which, as you'd expect was a big asset to them. We failed to master it as, on numerous occasions we miscontrolled the ball and lost possession, which of course didn't allow our forward players to get on the ball enough to hurt them. A very disappointing outcome. Broxburn have lost only one game this season on their home pitch so as much as we were unhappy with the result, there will be many more sides losing out there.

This afternoon Bonnyrigg Rose are our opponents and like Bo'ness and Linlithgow Rose they are very much in the running to win this division with a very experienced squad. Once again we go into the game as underdogs but as we've shown recently, we can achieve success against sides of their quality if we play to our complete best

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Tayport v Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic...The Previous Encounters

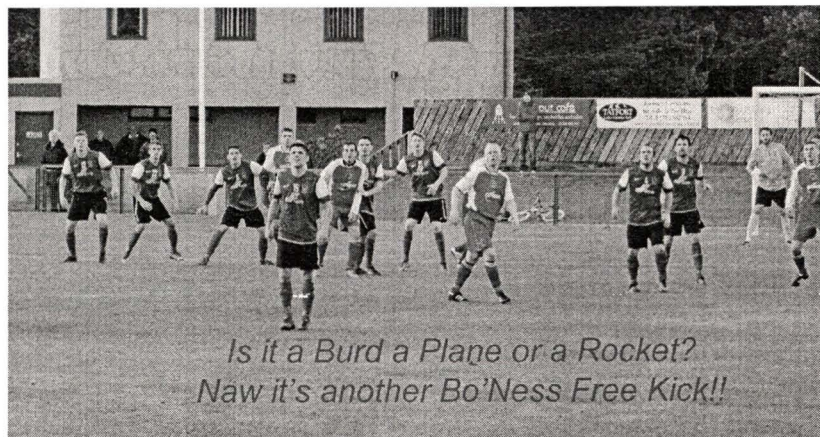
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	Bonnyrigg Rose	1	-	2	Tayport
2003 - 2004	Tayport	1	-	2	Bonnyrigg Rose
	Bonnyrigg Rose	1	-	0	Tayport
2004 - 2005	Tayport	1	-	1	Bonnyrigg Rose
	Bonnyrigg Rose	1	-	3	Tayport
2005 - 2006	Tayport	1	-	2	Bonnyrigg Rose
	Bonnyrigg Rose	2	-	2	Tayport
2006 - 2007	Bonnyrigg Rose	0	-	2	Tayport
	Tayport	1	-	2	Bonnyrigg Rose
2007 - 2008	Bonnyrigg Rose	0	-	3	Tayport
	Tayport	0	-	1	Bonnyrigg Rose
2008 - 2009	Bonnyrigg Rose	1	-	0	Tayport
	Tayport	1	-	1	Bonnyrigg Rose
2010 - 2011	Tayport	0	-	1	Bonnyrigg Rose
	Bonnyrigg Rose	1	-	0	Tayport

NUMBERS...in sixteen games between Tayport and Bonnyrigg Rose

- 0 - times the teams have met in cup ties
- 0 - goalless draws between the teams
- 1 - times Bonnyrigg have failed to score on The Canniepairt
- 2 - times Tayport have scored 3 goals at New Dundas Park
- 3 - games in which more than one goal has separated the teams
- 4 - highest number of goals scored in a match between the sides
- 5 - times Bonnyrigg have won by 1-0
- 6 - goals Tayport have scored v Bonnyrigg on the Canniepairt
- 7 - games since Bonnyrigg last lost on The Canniepairt
- 8 - the seasons that the sides have played each other
- 10 - goals Bonnyrigg have scored at The Canniepairt
- 12 - goals Tayport have scored at New Dundas Park

PHOTO GALLERY

pics by Ron Nicoll



*Is it a Burd a Plane or a Rocket?
Naw it's another Bo'Ness Free Kick!!*

Tayport v Bo'ness United in Super League (16/11/13)



Celebration time at Newtongrange Star in the last round of the Scottish Cup



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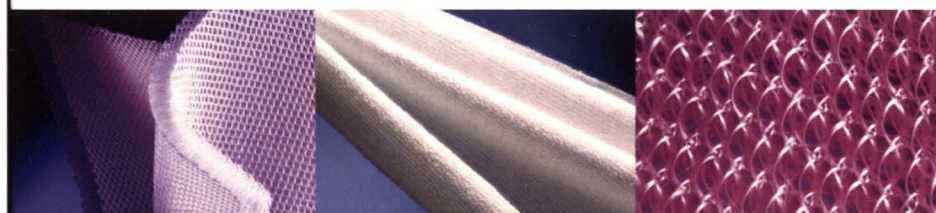
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Date	Opposition	com	res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	sub 1	sub 2	sub 3	Att
10-Aug	Musselburgh	SL 1	L1-3	Ross	McCulley*	Boyd*	C.Gray	Thomson 1	Tonner*	Connelly *	McPhee	Mair	R.Grant	G.Lawson	Robertson(3)	Elvin-(4)	Suttie (7)	188
13-Aug	ST ANDREWS	SL 2	D1-1	Ross	R Donaldson	Boyd	Gray	Thomson	Tonner	Elvin	McPhee 1	Mair	Grant	Lawson	Adam (9)	McCulley (3)	Rollo (3)	200
17-Aug	ARMADALE	SL 4	L0-2	Ross	Donaldson	McCulley	Gray	Donachie*	Tonner	Elvin	McPhee	Suttie	Rollo	Lawson	Adam (9)	Mann (4)	Mair (8)	131
24-Aug	Lochee United	SL 5	L0-3	Ross	Donaldson	Boyd*	Gray	Donachie*	Tonner	Grant	McPhee*	Mair	Rollo	Lawson	Adam (9)	Mann (7)	Elvin (4)	303
31-Aug	CAMELON	SL 6	L1-2	Ross	McCulley*	Boyd %	Gray *	Thomson	Tonner	Elvin 1 *	McPhee	Mann	Rollo	Suttie	Mair (9)	Connelly(11)	Adam (4)	147
07-Sep	Carnoustie	SL 7	L1-3	Ross*	Donaldson	McCulley	Donachie*	Thomson	Tonner	Lawson	McPhee*	Mann1	Rollo	Suttie**	Connelly (10)	Grant (4)	Adam (3)	192
14-Sep	LOCHEE HARP	EoS	W 4-1	Ross	Donaldson	McCulley	Gray 1	Thomson	Tonner	Lawson 1	McPhee*1	Mann1	Adam	Suttie	Mair (9)	Grant (8)		119
21-Sep	N'GRANGE	SL 8	L 0-2	Morris	Donaldson	Rollo	Gray	Thomson	Tonner	Lawson	McPhee	Mann	Adam	Suttie *	McCulley (4)	Donachie (9)	Grant (11)	172
28-Sep	Kinnoull	SC1	W 3-1	Morris	Donaldson	McCulley	Donachie*	Thomson	Tonner%	Lawson	McPhee 1	Rollo	Adam 2	Suttie	Grant (3)	Mair (8)	Gray (11)	81
05-Oct	COUPAR ANG.	GA p	W4-0	Morris	Donaldson	Dale Hart	Boyd	Thomson	Grant	Connelly 1	McPhee	Mann 1	Mair 1	Gray	Adam 1(8)	Lawson(9)	Suttie(7)	84
12-Oct	Ballingry Rovers	SL 9	D2-2	Morris	Donaldson	McCulley	Donachie*	Thomson	Boyd*	Lawson *	McPhee	Rollo	Adam 2	Suttie *	Grant (11)	Gray (4)		128
19-Oct	BO'NESS UTD	SL	OFF		postponed		heavy	rain just	prior to	kick off								
26-Oct	RENFREW	SC2	W4-2	Morris	DRobertson1	McCulley	Donachie*	Thomson 1	Tonner	Lawson	McPhee 1	Rollo	Adam	Suttie	Grant (9)	Mann (6) 1	Mair (3)	144
02-Nov	Hill of Beath	SL10	L1-3	Morris	D Robertson	Boyd	Suttie *	Thomson	Tonner*	Lawson	McPhee	Mann%	Adam 1	Grant	Rollo (4)			109
09-Nov	ARBROATH V.	EoS	W 2-1	Morris	D Robertson	Donaldson	Suttie * 1	Thomson	Rollo*	Lawson	McPhee	Grant	Adam	Donachie	Mair (4)			100
16-Nov	BO'NESS UTD	SL11	W 2-1	Morris	D Robertson	Donaldson	Suttie *	Thomson	McCulley	Lawson	McPhee 1	Grant*	Adam 1	Donachie	Rollo (4)	Mair (10)		236
23-Nov	Newtongrange	SC 3	W 5-1	Morris	D Robertson	Donaldson	Suttie	Thomson	McCulley	Lawson 1	McPhee 3	Gibson	Adam 1	Donachie	Grant (9)	Rollo (4)	Mann (10)	260
30-Nov	Lochee Harp	GA 1	W 3-1	Morris	Robertson1*	Donaldson	Suttie	Tonner	Rollo	Lawson	Grant	Gibson	Mann	Mair	McPhee (8)1	Adam (11)1	Connelly4	102
07-Dec	Broxburn	SL12	L 1-2	Morris	Robertson 1	Donaldson	Suttie *	Thomson	McCulley*	Lawson	McPhee*	Rollo	Adam	Donachie*	Grant (11)	Mann (7)	Mair (4)	118
14-Dec	BONNYRIGG	SL13																
21-Dec	Kelty Hearts	SL14																
28-Dec	LOCHEE UTD.	SL15																
04-Jan																		
11-Jan																		
18-Jan	HILL of BEATH	SC 4																
25-Jan																		
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THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC



Bonnyrigg Rose is one of the oldest and most respected clubs in the Junior game. Rose can trace their roots back to 1881 and as well as having recorded many a famous cup and league success, the club was a prolific breeding ground for Senior football talent, particularly in the middle of the 20th century. The legendary John White (Spurs and Scotland), Pat Stanton (Hibs and Scotland) and Hearts' Tom White are amongst the famous names who graced the Dundas Park turf. Not the most famous of course. That would undoubtedly have been James Bond aka Sean Connery who was a player with Bonnyrigg in the 1950s when he was still a milkman, prior to becoming a cinema legend as 007.

Bonnyrigg have twice won the Scottish Junior Cup in 1966 (v Whitburn) and 1978 (v Stonehouse Violet) and were beaten finalists in 1972 (v Cambuslang Rangers).

Like Tayport, Bonnyrigg can lay claim to two Super League titles, the Rose successes coming in 2009 and 2012.

Tayport's three Scottish Cups and two Super League titles came a few years early to enable the club to get automatic entry to the Scottish Senior Cup but Bonnyrigg's two league title successes were more recent and gave them that opportunity.

In 2010 Rose drew 1-1 with Highland League Fraserburgh but lost out 1-2 in the replay at Bonnyrigg. In last season's competition they progressed to the third round, beating Girvan and Stirling University before going out to Brechin City.

Hopes were high after the home side had only just salvaged a 2-2 draw at Glebe Park but the only compensation after a heavy defeat at home in the replay was the share of the gate receipts!

Bonnyrigg are one of only two of the original members of the East Region Super League not to have tasted relegation since the League's inception in 2002. The other is Linlithgow Rose

Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic This Season To Date

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Super League

Bonnyrigg	4 - 1	Carnoustie
Broxburn	1 - 1	Bonnyrigg
Hill of Beath	2 - 2	Bonnyrigg
Bonnyrigg	0 - 0	Newtongrange
Bonnyrigg	3 - 0	Lochee United
Musselburgh	1 - 1	Bonnyrigg
Bonnyrigg	1 - 4	Sauchie
Bonnyrigg	3 - 1	Kelty Hearts
Bonnyrigg	3 - 0	Musselburgh
Armadale	0 - 1	Bonnyrigg
Bonnyrigg	3 - 0	Broxburn
Bo'ness Utd	0 - 3	Bonnyrigg

East of Scotland Cup

Bonnyrigg	4 - 0	Haddington
Bathgate	0 - 0	Bonnyrigg *

* won on penalties

Scottish Cup

Bonnyrigg	2 - 2	Bo'ness Utd
Bo'ness Utd	1 - 0	Bonnyrigg

DUNMORE REPORTS.....



If we discount last weekend, there has been a great deal to talk about since the last home match. So, let's get the trip to Albyn Park out of the way first. Broxburn's artificial surface did not seem to suit Tayport, who lost out by the odd goal in three, in a Super League fixture which did very little to capture the imagination.

After 'Burn took the lead midway through the half, 'Port did respond through Dale Robertson. The home 'keeper spilled a free kick and Robertson was there to tuck the ball into the corner of the net. Early in the second half, Stewart Cairns prodded in Broxburn's second and that was that.

The previous Saturday, there had been an ultimately comfortable win at Beechwood Park, in the GA Engineering Cup. Robertson netted the opener early on, but hosts Lochee Harp did not cave in and equalised through Stephen Williamson in the second half. The introduction of Steven McPhee and Matty Adam turned the match back in Tayport's favour, with both scoring in what became a 3-1 victory.

McPhee was the undoubted star of Tayport's stunning Scottish Junior Cup third round triumph, when he scored a memorable hat-trick against high-flying Newtongrange Star. The home side opened the scoring at New Victoria Park, but McPhee soon thundered in the equaliser. His second scorching strike gave 'Port an interval lead.

The advantage was precarious and Nitten must have believed that they could turn the tide in the second half. They could not. Matty Adam was on hand to slot home Tayport's third, after Grant Lawson saw a shot pushed away by the home 'keeper. Lawson himself added number four, following a surging run by Ryan Suttie. Star were now a spent force and Steven McPhee fittingly completed the rout late on, to seal his treble.

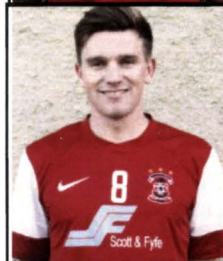
That incredible 5-1 win came the week after another mightily impressive victory. Visiting Bo'ness United were toppled in a Super League encounter in mid-November. Matty Adam headed the opener, from a Steven McPhee cross, but the BUs levelled on 34 minutes, courtesy of Andy Scott.

The Canniepairt outfit went close with a couple of efforts towards half-time. The winner was soon to come, albeit in fortuitous fashion. On 51 minutes, McPhee shot for goal, after a twisting run, and must have been surprised to see the ball squirm under goalkeeper Peat and into the net. 'Port deserved the three points though and a similar performance would be most welcome this afternoon, as Dave Baikie's side strive for another Super League win.



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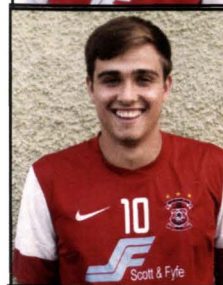
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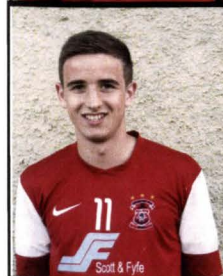


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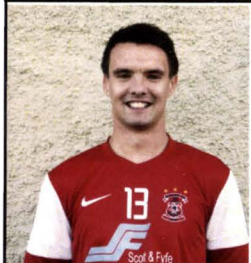




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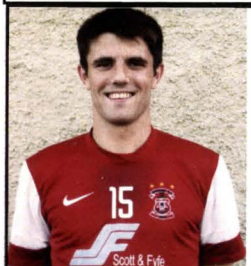
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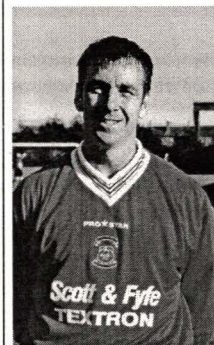


FROM THE ARCHIVES

20 YEARS AGO
11 DECEMBER 1993

December 1993 saw a first glitch in Tayport's steady progress since joining the Scottish Junior FA in 1990... shock...horror - four games and two months without a win.

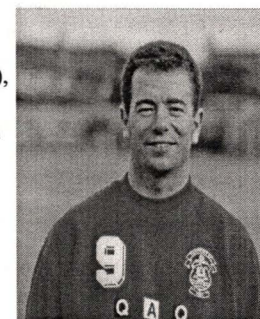
Tayport had lost only once in 15 games since the start of the season before they drew 3-3 at Camelon in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup in mid November. The replay at Tayport was twice postponed before a 0-0 draw and an penalty shoot-out took Tayport through to meet Armadale Thistle in the thirds round on The Canniepairt the very next week, December 11th 1993.



It was a bit of a shock for Tayport, the previous season's beaten finalists, to lose 2-1 before their own fans in a 505 crowd on The Canniepairt. It wasn't a particularly cheery festive period for 'Port who had suffered something of a hangover from their Armadale defeat, failing to win for a fourth successive game when going down 2-0 to Downfield in a Perthshire Advertiser Cup tie the following week.

Tayport quickly recovered, however, and got their new year off to a good start with a win at Broughty Athletic and rarely looked back thereafter in a run which saw them taste defeat on only four occasions in the next 126 games.

Tayport's line-up v Armadale was Fraser Mann, Grant Miller, Grant Paterson, Mark Spalding (pictured left), Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, Jimmy Hunter (right), Billy Coventry, Hamish Mackay, Ewan Cameron, Jackie Devine. Kevin Thoms and Dave Reilly came on as substitutes. Kevin notched the Tayport goal but it was too little too late.



Armadale's squad that day was Kevin Budinauckas, Tom McCafferty, Graeme Small, Billy Stewart, Stuart Grant, Ally Brazil, Kevin Hepburn, Stewart McKean, Andy Donald, Scott Porteous, Joe Reid, Ewan Watson, Ian Haxton, David Stirling, Derek Forrest, Ian Welsh,

You've seen the books in Waterstone's. You know idea. The type of thing you buy your old uncle at Christmas, knowing full well they're never likely to visit one, never mind 100 or 1,000. *A Thousand Places to Visit Before You Die* or *A Hundred Charity Shops to Rake Through Before You Die*. That sort of thing. Well here's a football related one that might well be of interest and one to which you can contribute. Read on.

100 BRITISH FOOTBALL GROUNDS TO VISIT BEFORE YOU DIE

A project is underway to find the nation's favourite football grounds – and your nominations are needed. Recently, I read an article about Nantwich Town of the Northern Premier League. A photo of their neat main stand drew me in, to the point where I found myself thinking, "I wouldn't mind going there to watch a match". In itself, this is a fairly unspectacular anecdote, were it not for the epiphany it inadvertently gave me.

Even if I were a dedicated traveller, there would never be enough time to visit the several thousand grounds that constitute our football landscape. As such, one sometimes has to be more selective. And here is where the epiphany kicked in. What if there were a bucket list, a holy grail if you like, of the top 100 British grounds to visit before you die? Who would be on it? Why would they be on it? And then it occurred to me: why not find out and write a book about it?

The problem is, where do you start with something so vast? It would be pointless for me to draw solely on my own experiences as I have only visited around 90 grounds, some of which have been positively awful. Besides, writing something so subjective on the basis of one person's opinion is riddled with folly. No, the correct thing, indeed the only thing, is to throw the matter open to a public vote. During my years following football, I have had the privilege to meet a diverse spectrum of fans and aficionados, from season ticket holders in the Premier League through to non-League groundhoppers.

It is this eclectic mix of venues that makes our football heritage so rich and rewarding, something the book will ultimately aim to capture in all its glory. So this is very much where I hand over to you, the person reading this article. In an attempt to try and bring this altogether, I am asking fans to nominate up to five of their favourite British grounds visited. They do not need to be submitted in order of preference, as each ground submitted will receive one vote. However, each vote should be accompanied by a brief explanation. Not only does this give the nomination credibility, but it allows the book to reference those who have actually visited the grounds.

You can nominate any existing ground at any level of the football pyramid in England, Wales or Scotland. In terms of individual selection criteria, this is fairly open. It could be anything from architecture, location, atmosphere, historical significance, the warmth of welcome or quality of food. Selections that are too partisan should probably be avoided. For example, 'because they're my club' or 'because we won the league there' don't really constitute solid enough justification for entry.

Votes can be submitted by emailing 100groundspj@btconnect.com. Closing date for entries will be January 31st 2014 (though this may be pushed back depending on work commitments nearer the time).

If you poll two different sample pools at two different points in time you are likely to get two different outcomes. But then this isn't a referendum on the laws of the game or a thesis on financial governance. First and foremost, this is supposed to be a bit of fun. And if it introduces fans to grounds or clubs they were hitherto unaware of, it can only be a good thing.

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Sauchie Juniors	12	3	0	3	7	8	3	0	3	18	9	8	18	72
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Carnoustie Panmure	11	2	0	3	8	10	2	1	3	9	13	-6	13	70
Lochee United	12	1	0	4	10	15	3	0	4	11	12	-6	12	66
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Tayport	11	1	1	3	4	8	0	1	5	6	16	-14	5	62

APPEARANCES, GOALS AND CARDS 2013/2014

Player	games	sub	goals	yellow	red
Steven McPhee	17	1	9	5	0
Grant Lawson	16	1	2	1	0
Paul Thomson	15	0	2	0	0
Ruaridh Donaldson	14	0	0	0	0
Ryan Suttie	14	2	1	7	1
John Tonner	12	0	0	2	1
Kris Rollo	11	4	0	1	0
Kenny McCulley	11	2	0	3	0
Sam Morris	11	0	0	0	0
Barry Donachie	10	1	0	7	0
Matt Adam	10	6	9	0	0
Connor Gray	8	2	1	1	0
Robert Boyd	7	0	0	3	1
Iain Ross	7	0	0	1	0
Nik Mann	7	5	4	0	1
Ross Grant	7	8	0	1	0
Dale Robertson	7	0	3	2	0
Jake Mair	5	8	1	0	0
Stefan Elvin	3	2	1	1	0
Connaire Connolly	2	3	1	1	0
Keith Gibson	2	0	0	0	0
Gary Robertson	0	1	0	0	0

SNIFFING AROUND WITH *THE SNOOT*

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to St Andrews United boss Jim Hardie who suffered a stroke recently. Whilst Jim is indisposed team matters are being handled by former Tayport favourites Gus Malone and Allan Ramsay

We're all hoping for a better December and January - weatherwise - than we've had in the recent past. The four seasons just past saw Tayport play only 6 games and have 24 postponed. Contrast that with the six previous seasons, 2003/4 to 2008/9 when we played 42 games during these two months and had only six postponed. Certainly the weather has been pretty bad in recent years but could it be that referees are also becoming that wee bit too zealous when it comes to determining what is and what is not playable?

'Match Officials play United's panto villains' ran yesterday's headline in the St Andrews Citizen's match report on last Saturday's Bonnyrigg v Saints Super League match. The report parodied the pantomime season in a game which had 'taken more twists and turns than Jack's beanstalk'. The referee and his assistants were cast as the baddies in Saints 4-3 defeat after a corner had been awarded instead of a goal kick which led to Rose's late winner.

Given that players and clubs slavishly follow trends set by football at its highest level, it's surely only a matter of time before a dutiful Super League club committee member is asked to fill the substitutes' hot water bottles. That's if we follow Chelsea's Samuel E'to's example at Stoke last week. Sam was photographed at Stoke last week with not one hot water bottle but two to keep him cosy whilst he watched the game! What next? Changing club names as in cricket and rugby or Hull City if the money men so desire? Will the East Region ever get a host of AGM requests from clubs seeking permission to change their club's name with the addition of an animal name add-on. For example Tayport Tigers or Tayport Lions or maybe Elephants. Or how about Tayport Impala? Can't really argue. He who pays the piper, calls the tune. We're still looking for someone to pay our piper.



Congratulations to Fraser Anderson, son of committee member John and a well recognised face around the Canniepairt since he was a toddler. Fraser has again been recognised by Scotland's Clubs for Young People (CYP). Fraser who pays for DUSC on Sundays, has been selected to represent Scotland v Wales and also for the Scottish Under 17s squad for the four nations tournament in Belfast from 27-30 June next year. Well done Fraser.

Following up on the piece in the last match programme on a possible 'Ground Hop' in these parts, the East Region secretary has been asked to put an item on the agenda for the next East Region Management Meeting. If the concept gets the Association's approval then there could be something in place within the next twelve months.

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