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## COMPETITIONS ENTERED THIS SEASON

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North/Tayside Cup

East Of Scotland Cup

## TAYPORT FC - TRIPLE SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS

12 May 1996  
2-0 (aet) v Camelon  
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 Lochlee 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. Livie

Scorers - Middleton, Henderson  
Att. 6,868

## Awards 2013/2014

Player of the Year (presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Grant Lawson**  
Players Player of the Year (presented 1991 in memory of Rev. G.S. Ayre) - **Grant Lawson**  
Fans' Favourite - **Grant Lawson**

Young Player of the Year (presented 2011 by Bella Carmichael  
in memory of her late husband Dite Carmichael) - **Matty Adam**

Travel Club Player of the Year (presented by the Travel Club  
in memory of the late Davie Ayre) - **Grant Lawson**

Morris Couper award for Goal of the Season (presented 1993 by the  
family of Morris Couper) - **Sam Morris at home to Hill 'o' Beath**

Top Scorer Award  
(Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Grant Lawson**

Front Cover Photo

## GA Engineering Cup

WINNERS 2015

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Tayport  
From

1	Gavin Wilson
20	Richard Cargill
2	Neil Docherty
3	Dale Robertson
4	Ryan Suttie
5	Paul Thomson
6	Clark Kay
7	Kris Rollo
8	Alan Tulleth
9	Matthew Adam
10	Gary Sutherland
12	Allan Ramsay
14	Kevin Milne
15	Grant Lawson
16	Connaire Connelly
17	Stefan Elvin
18	Owen McCabe
21	Ruaridh Donaldson
22	Aaron Kane

Manager—David Baikie

Assist Man—Graeme Irons

Coaches - Gus Malone & Fraser Mann

Treatment—Norman Marshall

## Today's Teams



Saturday  
30th May  
2015

Kick Off  
2.30pm

Referee:

Scott Leslie  
Assistant 1  
TBA

Assistant 2  
TBA

Bathgate Thistle  
From



	Conor SHAW
	Ryan ADAMSON
	Sam WATSON
	Grant EASTON
	Declan BRADY
	Graham BAIRD
	David MURPHY
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	Jonathan TAGUE
	Darren WISON

Manager - Barrie MALCOLM

Coaches - Andy MALONE & Ian McDONALD



**Today's Game**  
**McBookie.com PremierLeague 2014/2015**  
**Tayport v Bathgate Thistle**



Well, this is it. The climax to what's been a roller coaster season. An indifferent start with two wins from the first six games followed by five wins on the bounce to keep in touch at the top. A less than cheerful festive period with successive 0-2 home defeats either side of New Year followed by a number of postponements made for a gloomy start to 2015.

Everything changed, though, at Bathgate on Valentine's day when we embarked on a run of eight successive wins. Although we were playing catch-up heading into the home straight, everything looked rosy until we suffered another hiccup and four successive games yielded only one point, culminating in losing a 3-2 after leading 2-0 at Edinburgh United.

The gloom was dispelled at Tannadice and the GA Cup win was the springboard for three impressive performances which delivered three league victories in six days. St Andrews United losing at home to North End was the icing on that week's cake and the 4-1 win at North End this week confirmed that Tayport as Premier champions.

Whilst we've been looking upwards, our opponents today have been looking over their shoulders in the opposite direction as relegation to the South Division looms large. It's Bathgate's last game of the season this afternoon and the bottom line is that they must take something from the game to maintain their hopes of avoiding the drop. A point would take Thistle above Glenrothes but it's pretty imperative to get a win which would make it more difficult for Forfar West End and North End who are playing catch up.

The halcyon days of two Scottish Cup final appearances, losing in 2006 but lifting the Holy Grail in 2008, are now but very pleasant memories for Bathgate fans who have seen their side play in the second tier since relegation from the Super League on goal difference in 2012.

When manager Barrie Malcolm, formerly, the SFA's Development Officer in Fife, took over at Nursery Park, his intention was to "play entertaining football. A neat, passing possession game. I want the fans to know when they come to our games they'll be entertained and watch a good footballing team", he said. Although they find themselves in trouble, it's fair to say that Bathgate haven't been far away from picking up far more points and since the turn of the year have had three wins, five draws and of their five defeats, three have been by the odd goal. Turn three draws into wins and they'd be sitting comfortably mid table.

An exciting contest is in prospect.

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## THE "BAIKER'S" BIT



May I begin by welcoming and thanking our fans for your support throughout this season, it's much appreciated. May I also welcome the players and officials of our visitors Bathgate Thistle for this afternoon's and your final game of season 2014/15.

It's been three weeks or so since the last edition of this programme. That day we lost 1-0 to Broughty Athletic, sparking an undefeated run for them and the opposite for us. One point from a possible twelve left us facing a cup final and five vital league games. I was asked by a reporter if I thought the cup final would be a welcome distraction from our recent poor form, my reply was "very much so" and so it proved. A 4-1 victory over Dundee North End not only provided the club's first piece of silverware since 2009, it also gave our players a huge boost going into the vital and difficult away league encounter at Jeanfield Swifts. What apprehension I did have proved to be unfounded as we ran out 4-0 winners with a very solid performance.

Two days later we managed to replicate the 4-0 scoreline at home to Kinnoull but not so much the performance. The six points gained meant we'd given ourselves the opportunity to gain a promotion place with a victory at another very difficult venue, Oakley United. There's no doubt we've played better this season but the players dug deep and pulled off a deserved 2-1 win. Mel had pointed out to me in midweek that there was the scenario that if St Andrews lost and we won we'd more than likely end the day as champions. So the three weeks I mentioned earlier began disastrously and ended fantastically, with a league and cup double and the prospect of Super League football once again.

This afternoon we have Bathgate Thistle for this final league game of the season. They arrive here desperate for a victory to stay in this division and there's no way I'll accept this season to fizzle out on a reversal, so we know we're in for a difficult game, which means we must show the proper attitude and commitment to gain a victory.

*Support the Port*

*David Baikie*

## How Is It All Going To End Up ?

The 2014/15 Junior season is rapidly drawing to a close so who's won what and who's dropping down?

The **Scottish Junior Cup** final takes place at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock on Sunday 7 June between **Musselburgh Athletic and Auchinleck Talbot**. It's a repeat of the 2011 Final which Talbot won 2-1. Auchinleck, the favourites, are playing in their 7th final of the new century. Incidentally Tayport still lie in third place with 3 final appearances in the naughties, 2 behind Linlithgow Rose.

Congratulations to **Kelty Hearts**, the East Region **Super League** title winners, a first Super League success for Tom Courts' team.

The saga of the **North Division** is touched on elsewhere in the programme but unless the ERSJFA decision on Downfield's points deduction is overturned by the SJFA, **Kennoway Star Hearts** will lift the title in their first season in the Juniors with **Thornton Hibs** joining them in next season's Premier Division. **Haddington Athletic** are the **South Division** champions and they will be joined by runners up **Falkirk** in a step up to the Premier.

In the DJ Laing East of Scotland Cup the final is between Bo'ness United who beat Jeanfield 1-0 in last Monday's semi final and Hill of Beath who defeated Carnoustie 4-2 in Wednesday's other semi final.

Camelon played Bo'ness last night in the first Fife & Lothians semi final and the other, featuring Sauchie and Linlithgow, goes ahead on Monday.

**Tayport** lifted the other Regional Cup, the GA Engineering Cup, at Tannadice the other night v North End and in so doing increased the number of times we've lifted this cup to eight. Not bad, considering this season was the first we've entered the competition since 2005.

That's the winners, what about the losers? **Ballingry Rovers** disappeared during the season and effectively took one Super League relegation spot. **Lochee United** join them. A win for Carnoustie from one of their two remaining games will see them survive and consign Armadale Thistle to a two legged play-off game v Broughty Athletic who finished third behind ourselves and St Andrews United in the Premier League. Definitely dropping out are Kinnoull but who joins them? Perm any two from Oakley, Forfar West End, Glenrothes, Bathgate and North End.



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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Tayport	29	19	3	7	62	32	30	60
St Andrews United	30	18	3	9	63	45	18	57
Broughty Athletic	30	16	7	7	73	40	33	55
Dalkeith Thistle	30	17	4	9	58	39	19	55
Arniston Rangers	30	12	8	10	48	49	-1	44
Dundonald Bluebell	29	13	4	12	63	52	11	43
Jeanfield Swifts	30	12	7	11	54	51	3	43
Dundee Violet	29	12	5	12	50	49	1	41
Montrose Roselea	29	11	6	12	46	49	-3	39
Edinburgh United	27	12	3	12	42	50	-8	39
Oakley United	30	10	6	14	52	59	-7	36
Forfar West End	28	9	7	12	58	57	1	34
Glenrothes	30	8	9	13	45	55	-10	33
Bathgate Thistle	29	8	9	12	47	63	-16	33
Dundee North End	28	7	9	12	43	53	-10	30
Kinnoull	30	3	4	23	27	88	-61	13

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## Sniffing About with the Snout



All change on the managerial merry go round. Jeanfield Swifts have jettisoned Andy Heggie and put another former Tayport player Ross Gunnion into the hot seat. Only a temporary appointment at the moment but Gunner, always highly thought of during his long spell at the Canniepairt, could have the job on a permanent basis...if he wanted it.

It wasn't that Heggie had a particularly bad record since signing in at the Riverside Stadium - only five defeats in sixteen league games since the turn of the year, two of which were v Tayport - but the committee must have considered Andy's appointment a bad fit.

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Davie Martin was dismissed from his post as North End manager hours after the Dokens had lost to Tayport in the GA Cup Final at Tannadice and was immediately replaced in the hot seat by George Shields who recently parted company with Montrose FC. Joining Shields on the managerial bench at North End Park is... Andy Heggie.

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Not just a managerial merry go round in Dundee Junior circles. Phil Hart, erstwhile secretary of Downfield, has been appointed secretary at North End. Phil left Downfield following the news breaking of the situation which has led to Downfield being heavily fined and deducted 15 points by the ERSJFA, allegedly for an administrative error whereby they unwittingly fielded a player in five league games who had not been reinstated to Junior status after having played for a Senior club. This is basically a box ticking exercise which costs the Junior club £40 per reinstatement but one where clubs have fallen foul before and been fined and deducted points. Downfield have appealed the decision of the ERSJFA and this appeal will be heard by the Scottish Junior FA next Tuesday. As things stand, the points deduction sees Downfield miss out on the North Division title and, what's worse, promotion to the Premier level.

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Keeper Gavin Wilson took advantage of having Saturday off after the Friday night GA Cup win at Tannadice by having the winning score in a two day golf tournament at Ladybank Golf Club over that weekend. Nice one, Gavin.

## STATS

## Tayport FC

Date	Opponent	Comp	WDL	Score	1	2	3	4	5
6/8	DUNDEE VIOLET	PL	D	1-1	Morris	McCulley	Rennie Y	Donaldson	Thomson
9/8	Dundonald	PL	L	3-2	Morris Y	Robertson	Rennie	Donaldson Y	Thomson I
16/8	EDINBURGH UTD	PL	W	2-0	Wilson	Robertson	Rennie	Donaldson	Thomson
23/8	Glenrothes	PL	W	1-0	Wilson	Docherty	Rennie	Donaldson	Thomson
30/8	DALKETH THIST	PL	D	2-2	Wilson	Docherty	Robertson	Donaldson Y	Rollo Y
6/9	HARTHILL ROYAL	ESC I	P			Tie	Awarded	to	Tayport
13/9	Montrose Rose	PL	L	0-2	Wilson	Docherty	Donaldson Y	Suttie Y	Thomson
20/9	DUNDEE NE	PL	W	3-1	Wilson	Docherty	Donaldson	Suttie Y	Thomson
27/9	Cruden Bay	SCI	D	2-2	Wilson	Docherty Y	Donaldson	Suttie Y YR	Thomson
11/10	CRUDEN BAY	SCIR	W	2-0	Wilson	Docherty	Donaldson	Suttie	Thomson
18/10	Broughty	PL	W	1-0	Wilson	Tonner	Donaldson	Suttie	Thomson
25/10	BONNYGOG	SC2	L	2-4	Wilson	Docherty	Tonner	Suttie Y	Thomson
01/11	ST ANDREWS UTD	PL	W	4-1	Wilson	Docherty Y	Thomson	Donaldson	Suttie
08/11	East Craigie	GA Pre	W	1-0	Wilson	Suttie	Thomson	Donaldson Y	Eay
15/11	Elmoull	PL	W	6-0	Wilson	Docherty Y	Donaldson	Thomson	Eay
22/11	FORFAR WE	PL	W	3-3	Wilson	Docherty Y	Suttie Y	Thomson I	Eay
29/11	DOWNFIELD	GA I	W	3-2	Wilson	Docherty Y	Thomson	Suttie Y	Eay
20/12	ARNISTON	PL	L	0-2	Wilson	Docherty Y	Thomson	Suttie	Eay Y
10/01	OAKLEY	PL	L	0-2	Wilson	Docherty Y	Robertson YR	Suttie R	Eay Y
14/02	Bathgate Thistle	PL	W	2-1	Wilson	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay R
21/02	Culter FC	GA 3	W	4-1	Wilson	Rollo	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
28/02	Dundee Violet	PL	W	2-1	Wilson	Rollo	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay Y
07/03	JEANFIELD	DJ 2	W	4-2	Wilson	Rollo	Thomson	Donaldson Y	Robertson
14/03	DUNDONALD	PL	W	1-0	Cargill	Rollo Y	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay I
21/03	Scone Thistle	GA Semi	W	2-1	Cargill	Rollo	Thomson Y	Donaldson Y	Eay
28/03	Dalkoth Thistle	PL	W	2-0	Cargill	Docherty Y	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
04/04	JEANFIELD	PL	W	4-2	Cargill	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
11/4	Blairstown	GA Semi	W	6-1	Cargill Y	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
15/4	Forfar WE	PL	W	1-0	Cargill	Docherty	Thomson I	Donaldson Y	Eay
18/4	St Andrews	PL	W	4-1	Cargill Y	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay Y I
22/4	GLENROTHES	PL	W	2-1	Cargill	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson Y	Eay
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15/05	North End	GA Final	W	4-1	Wilson	Suttie Y	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
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23/05	Oakley Utd	PL	W	2-1	Wilson	Docherty	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay I
27/05	North End	PL	W	4-1	Wilson	Suttie	Thomson	Donaldson	Eay
30/05	BATHGATE THIST	PL							

## 2014/2015

## STATS

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Att
Connelly	Ramsay	Lawson I	Adam	Sutherland	Triallist	Elvin (11)	Grant (5)	Triallist R	136
Tonner	Rollo Y	Lawson R	Milne I	Sutherland Y	Elvin	Adam (2)	Grant (7)		140
Tonner Y	Rollo	Adam	Milne	Sutherland I Y	Elvin P Y	Ramsay (8) Y	Grant (12)		115
Robertson	Grant	Lawson	Milne	Sutherland I	Elvin	Ramsay (6)			145
Grant	Ramsay	Lawson	Milne I	Sutherland I Y	Elvin				96
Harthill	Could not	Field a	Team						
Elvin YR	Lawson	Ramsay Y	Milne	Sutherland	Robertson	Rollo (2)			89
Elvin	Rollo	Ramsay	Milne I	Sutherland	Lawson 2	Connelly(6)			129
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## Dunmore Reports.....



It's been a rollercoaster ride over the past month! At the time of the last edition of the Port Prog, Tayport had gone top of the league on goal difference, with two games in hand and everything in the garden was looking rosy. Suddenly, four matches without a win changed the whole outlook and Port were in fourth place, eight points adrift of a promotion slot. First up, the emerging Broughty Athletic brought Tayport's winning run to an end, with a 1-0 victory on the Canniepairt. Dave Baikie's men then drew a second successive blank when they were held to a goalless draw by visiting Montrose Roselea, in a midweek fixture. The lack of goals scored was rectified away to Arniston Rangers, where the opposition's net bulged three times, only for Tayport to lose four goals and another three points, having twice led. Alan Tulloch netted a brace in the first half, with Arnie also scoring twice in the opening 45 minutes. A wonderful goal from Grant Lawson edged the visitors back in front, but another two Arniston goals saw them take the points. There was a similar story at Edinburgh United the following Saturday. Gary Sutherland and Alan Tulloch had Tayport cruising, with no shortage of chances coming their way. Edinburgh pulled one back early in the second half and a late collapse saw three points slip from Tayport's grasp. It was perhaps for the best that the next match was the cup final at Tannadice. On Friday 15th May, the team rose to the challenge and lifted the inter-regional GA Engineering Cup. Dale Robertson opened the scoring and Stefan Elvin fired in a second, two minutes into the second half. Gary Sutherland added a third, before North End pulled a goal back. Grant Lawson completed the scoring in injury-time and went on to lift Tayport's first silverware for six years. That triumph galvanised the troops for the promotion push. Within five days, both Jeanfield Swifts and Kinnoull had been swept aside by four goal wins. Stefan Elvin, Ryan Suttie, Grant Lawson and Gary Sutherland were on the mark against Swifts, while Lawson, Clark Kay, Sutherland and Elvin saw off Kinnoull on the Canniepairt.

Now, Tayport were one win from promotion, with a tough trip to Oakley on the cards. Kevin Milne set up Grant Lawson for the opener, but Oakley levelled from the spot. Tayport dug deep, however, and a thumping Clark Kay (right) header proved to be the winner, sparking scenes of jubilation on and off the park. Just as promotion was being celebrated, news filtered through that St. Andrews United had lost their last game of the season, leaving Tayport on the brink of the title. (Continued Over)



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North End, desperate for a win themselves, equalised on the half hour though, when Scott McComiskie beat Gavin Wilson with a back-post header.

Two quickfire goals in the second half turned the match in Tayport's favour. On 57 minutes, Dale Robertson did well on the left and sent over a perfect cross for Connaire Connelly (right), who powered home a fine header to give his side the lead. Within a minute, Clark Kay's pass found Grant Lawson and he raced away to touch the ball past 'keeper Mackie, into the corner of the net, to make it 3-1.



The win was sealed in injury-time, with Gary Sutherland coming off the bench to head home Tayport's fourth, from a Ruaridh Donaldson corner.



Tayport players enjoy the Champion Feeling  
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## 68 YEARS AGO -----

Tayport FC as we know it today split from Tayport Violet, also members of the Midlands AFA, in 1947.

The first Tayport FC committee was formed at a meeting on **18 June 1947**.

Elected were

President - F. Wighton snr.

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Secretary - I Hill

Treasurer - I McDonald

Committee - J. Dickson, A. Westwater, F. Wighton jnr, W. Hughes jnr and J. Rae.

*The Courier* reported on **Wednesday 21 May 1947** that the Final of the Midlands AFA's Bremner Cup between RAF Leuchars and YM Anchorage would be played at Tayport after Tayport Violet had granted the use of their ground. It was noted that RAF were the holders, the cup having been held over during the war years.

[RAF Leuchars, YM Anchorage and Tayport Violet have all now passed into history but the Midlands AFA's premier cup competition, the Bremner Cup continues to be contested. Indeed earlier this week in the 2015 final NCR AFC defeated St James FC at Tannadice Park after Dundee United had granted use of their ground. Some contrast. East Common, Tayport in 1947, an SPFL all seater stadium in 2015]

The Courier also reported that "Tayport Violet FC would be losing the services of energetic secretary George Lonie who had received an appointment in India and is leaving early June"

## FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES

### TAYPORT FC in BELGIUM



Left is the Tayport team which lined up in Belgium in 1974. Pictured with the Mayor of Ougree are (back l-r) Frank Feechan, Lindsay Ancell, Jim Scott, Phil Callander, Spider McLaren, Ron Fleming, Ian Mathers. front - Frank Leslie, Ian Rae, Ian Howe, Doug Henderson. Missing from the pic is Bobby Waddell.

Below Dicky Dewar, Alan McDade and Rod McCafferty in good voice (?) after a few Jupilers at a civic reception in Belgium circa 2005



It's always a carnival occasion in Liege, Belgium indeed occasionally there's a circus. Tam Barnett, Huck Phin and Dumbo pose for a pic 30 years ago



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