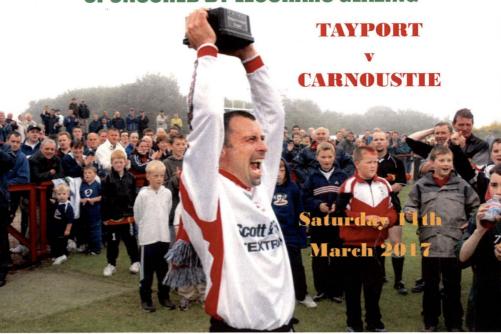
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1990 (Juniors)

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Competition Entered this Season

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Att. 6,868

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Today's Teams

Tayport from

Carnoustie from



17-		engineering		JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
1	Gavin SORLEY	erigirieering	g/k	Alan CORMACK
2	Kieran CONWAY	Saturday	g/k	James ROBBIE
3	Craig STURROCK	11th March 2017 Kick off 2.30pm		Ewan BUGGINS
4	Daniel SANCHEZ	GA Engineering		Starrag COOV
5	Gregor ANDERSON	Tayside/North Regional		Steven COOK
6	John OVENSTONE	Cup		Danny MILLAR
7	Jamie MACKIE	Referee:		Adam HARWOOD
8	Stuart WALTON	TBA		Luke McGEEHAN
9	Alan TULLETH	Assistant 1: TBA		Murray McINTOSH
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10	Gary SUTHERLAND	Assistant 2.		
11	David GEEKIE	Cover pic shows		Jamie McCABE
12	Liam ROSS	Tayport skipper Grant Paterson lift-		Gordon MACDONALD
13	Struan CHRISTIE	ing the last ever		Pat SMITH
14	Pavel OSTROVSKIS	Tayside Champion- ship Trophy follow-		Sam SIMPSON
15	Marc OGG	ing 'Port's 3-0 win over Carnoustie on		Adam BROWN
16	Sergio ALVAREZ	Canniepairt before a crowd of 1,272 in		Bailey STEEL
18	Grant PATERSON	the last game of the season in June 2002.		Ryan TAYLOR
19	Dale REID	Carnoustie needed only a point to win		Scott GRAY
21	Fraser ANDERSON	the title but were		Liam SCOTT
		pipped on goal dif- ference		Ryan ROCHE

Player/Manager - John Ovenstone Assistant Manager - Steve Kerrigan - Allan Ramsay Coach Goalkeeping Coach - Jim Moffat

-Alan McSkimming Manager

Coaches - Grant Miller

- Bobby Brown

Goalkeeping Coach -Russell Brown



Today's Game GA Engineering Cup 4th round Tayport v Carnoustie Panmure



Carnoustie Panmure was founded in 1936 out of the remains of Carnoustie Juveniles playing at a park at the top of Lochend Road. The club played in green and gold stripe shirts and black shorts, By 1948 Panmure changed to their current colours of red and white and also moved to Westfield Park. The new ground was opened by a visit from Manchester City who were managed by former Carnoustie stalwart Jock Thomson. Westfield Park has been visited by a few of the top clubs in England and Europe such as Chelsea, Spurs, Anderlecht, Sparta Prague, SV Hamburg and IFK Gothenburg. Unfortunately they were not for games but for training sessions prior to matches versus nearby senior teams. Carnoustie now play at a new ground, Laing Park, just along the road from Westfield. Players who went on to senior football from Carnoustie are numerous and amongst the most

notable were 'keeper Bill

Brown who played for

Spurs and Scotland and Freddie Martin who went to Aberdeen as an inside forward but was converted to a goalkeeper during National Service with the Army. He went on to become Scotland's first World Cup keeper in 1954. After Tayport with 9, Carnoustie with 5 have won most Tayside League Championships, the most recent being in 1981. They



were runners up in the Scottish Junior Cup in 2001 when losing to Renfrew on penalties but three years later they gained the Holy Grail by winning the Cup at Tayport's expense in a penalty shoot-out, 4-1 after a boring 0-0 draw. Carnoustie have been in the disappointing result against Super League since being promoted in 2011 and presently sit in sixth place with 26 points, having won 7, drawn 5 and lost 9 games. Players to look out

for in a team currently on a seven match unbeaten run in league and cup games are strikers Gordon McDonald and Jamie McCabe. With last week's match against Jeanfield called off, the Gowfers' most recent match was a 2-2 draw against Dundonald while their previous match was a 2-1 victory at Linlithgow. In the previous rounds of this season's GA **Engineering Cup** Carnoustie beat Islavale 4-1 and Jeanfield 3-2. Gowfer's Steven Cook had a handful of games for loan from Arbroath FC, and coach Grant Miller had a lengthy and illustrious career at Canniepairt from 1993 to 1999, winning a Scottish Cup winners medal as well as a host of local titles. Ovy will be wanting a better performance today after last week's Kennoway Star Hearts and will hopefully see his side make it into the hat for the semi-final draw. Tayport's Stuart Walton is still suspended.



Manager's Memo



Welcome to today's match versus Carnoustie Panmure. I hope you enjoy your afternoon.

Today sees us up against Super League opposition and a chance to progress to the semi-finals of the GA Engineering Cup. Last week against Kennoway was a big disappointment After controlling the first half we didn't come out for the second half and defensively we were poor.

We need to get this defeat out of our system quickly because there is still plenty to play for. By taking a game at a time and trying our best to win each of these games we can achieve our goals.

We're up against a Super

League side today, a side which is doing very well and has had some good results against the top teams in that division. That all means we will need to be at our best today.

As I said, last week we controlled the first half and didn't take our chances then didn't turn up in the second half. We can't do that this week because, if we do, we'll be severely punished as we were last week.

We've done our homework on Carnoustie and we've got a game plan to try and win but it needs to be applied for a full 90 mins not just 45mins. Progression to the semi-finals of this cup would be a good achieve-

ment. After that we can once again concentrate on the league. There are 9 games to go and we need to win as many of them as possible to give ourselves a chance.

Last week took an almighty effort from the committee to get the game played. We were all disappointed that we didn't give them the reward they deserved after working so hard to get the game on. We will try and rectify that this week and progress in this cup.

C'mon the 'Port,

Ovy

LEAGUE CHANGES AFOOT

There is currently a proposal which is set to be debated by the East Region clubs which basically involves cutting the Super League from 16 clubs to 14 clubs, abolishing the Premier League and going back to having three district feeder leagues, North, Central and South. The champions of each would be promoted to the Super League and the three runners-up would play off to gain promotion. Furthermore there is a proposal that the East of Scotland Cup would be seeded with Super League clubs entering at round three.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 2017

Today's outstanding 4th Round tie - Maryhill v Linlithgow Rose

Next Saturday's quarter final ties
Auchinleck Talbot v Kilwinning Rangers
Bonnyrigg Rose v Kirkintilloch Rob Roy
Glenafton Athletic v Sauchie
Maryhill or Linlithgow Rose v Gartcairn



West Region Dominates

Once again, with three clubs in the quarter finals, the participation of East Region clubs at the last eight stage is very much in line with the average over the last twenty years. The introduction of the Super Leagues across the country in 2002/03 has made little difference to that average. More recently, it's been the same pattern over the last five years.

Locals Clubs' Participation Has Plummetted

Perhaps it's what we may have suspected, but participation of former Tayside clubs during the past ten years has dropped significantly, with only two clubs, Lochee United and Tayport, competing at the quarter final stage, compared with the previous decade when local clubs provided local interest on eleven occasions when Tayport 6 times, Carnoustie twice, Lochee United once and two clubs no longer in the East Association, Arbroath SC (defunct) and Montrose Roselea (moved to North Region), were flying the flag for this area.

Formartine's Distinction

The paucity of the North Region's Scottish Cup challenge over the last twenty years is amply demonstrated with the realisation that only one of the 160 places has been filled by a club representing that Region. Formartine United, now in the Highland League, had that distinction in 2001

Big Four Dominate Proceedings

No surprise in noting which clubs have dominated the quarter final stages over the past twenty years. Auchinleck have made twelve appearances, followed by Kilwinning Rangers with eight and then come Bo'ness and Linlithgow Rose, both with six. A win for Rose at Maryhill today will bring Lithgae's total to seven.



East Region

Premier League 2016/17

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	Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS	MAX
1	Kennoway Star Hearts	22	15	1	6	59	36	23	46	64
2	Forfar West End	21	14	2	5	41	26	15	44	65
3	Sauchie	14	12	1	1	42	13	29	37	79
4	Arniston Rangers	18	10	4	4	29	22	7	34	64
5	Dalkeith Thistle	21	10	3	8	37	32	5	33	54
6	Tayport	19	8	7	4	40	31	9	31	58
7	Tranent	20	8	6	6	34	32	2	30	54
8	Bathgate Thistle	20	8	5	7	41	31	10	29	53
9	Downfield	17	7	3	7	35	38	-3	24	57
10	Glenrothes	20	8	0	12	29	43	-14	24	48
11	Haddington Athletic	19	6	4	9	39	39	0	22	49
12	St Andrews United	21	5	4	12	29	39	-10	19	40
13	Armadale Thistle	20	3	4	13	17	51	-34	13	37
14	Whitburn	16	2	4	10	26	36	-10	10	46
15	Dundee Violet	18	2	2	14	26	55	-29	8	38

TODAY'S PREMIER FIXTURES

Armadale Thistle	v	Haddington Athletic
Dalkeith Thistle	٧	Tranent
Downfield	v	Bathgate Thistle
Kennoway Star Hearts	v	Arniston Rangers
Sauchie	v	St Andrews
Whitburn	V	Forfar West End

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10/08	Forfar WE	PL 2	L	2-3	SORLEY	OGG 1(p) R	ROBERTSON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
13/08	Armadale Thistle	PL 3	D	1-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	ROBERTSON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
17/08	DUNDEE VIOLET	PL 4	w	2-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	ROBERTSON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
20/08	WHITBURN	PL 5	w	3-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	ROBERTSON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
27/08	Haddington Ath	PL 6	w	3-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
03/09	FORFAR ALB	EOSC 1	w	4-1	SORLEY	ogg	PATERSON	CONWAY 1	MACKIE
10/09	DALKEITH	PL7	w	2-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	CONWAY 1	OVENSTONE
24/09	Arniston Rangers	PL 8	D	1-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
1/10	Coupar Angus	GA 1	w	3-1	SORLEY	ogg	PATERSON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
8/10	FORFAR WE	PL 9	w	1-0	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	FLEMING	OVENSTONE
15/10	Glenrothes	PL 10	L	0-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	PATERSON	FLEMING	WALTON
22/10	Blantyre Vics	SC 2	L	0-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	PATERSON	FLEMING	WALTON
29/10	SAUCHIE	PL 11	D	2-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	OVENSTONE	OGG lp
5/11	Kennoway Star	PL 12	L	2-3	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	OVENSTONE	OGG
12/11	ST ANDREWS UTD	PL 13	D	2-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	OVENSTONE	OGG 1
19/11	ARMADALE THIS	PL	-	-		POSTPONED	FROZEN	PITCH	
26/11	Bathgate Thistle	PL	-	-		POSTPONED	FROZEN	PITCH	
3/12	Downfield	PL	-			POSTPONED	Downfield had	Scottish Cup Tie	
10/12	HADDINGTON	PL 14	w	4-3	SORLEY	STURROCK	Pavel OSTROVSKIS1	FLEMING	OGG lp
17/12	Whitburn	PL 15	D	2-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	Pavel OSTROVSKIS	FLEMING	OGG
7/01/17	BATHGATE	PL 16	D	1-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	OVENSTONE	FLEMING	ogg
14/01	Downfield	PL	-	-		POSTPONED	SNOWBOUND	PITCH	
21/01	JEANFIELD	EOSC 2	D*	2-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	FLEMING	OGG
28/01	ARMADALE	PL	-	-		POSTPONED	FROZEN	PITCH	
04/02	SUNNYBANK	GA 2	w	7-1					
11/02	ARMADALE	PL 17	w	3-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	FLEMING	OGG 1
18/02	Downfield	PL 18	w	5-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	WALTON	OGG
25/02	Sauchie	PL		. 8		POSTPONED	WATERLOGGED	PITCH	
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ГКОМ ТИС РИОТО ЯКСИГИСЬ 1985



The Tayport FC line-up for the North of Tay Cup semi final tie v Harris FP at Craigie Park on Tuesday 30th April 1985. Back (l-r) Neil Downie, Alan Gauld, Stephen Whyte, Brian Smith, Willie 'Molly' Brown, Doug Paterson, Jim Downie, Stuart Davie. Front — Derek McDonald, Alan Hart, Bruce Burnett, Jim Bissett, Graeme Cox, George Wilson, Drew Herd (manager). Paterson and Bissett later gave Carnoustie Panmure sterling service. Gauld and Wilson hailed from Brechin. Brian Smith kept goal when the Juniors won their first silverware, winning the PA Cup in 1990/1991





DUNMORE REPORTS....



Last Saturday was a miserable day all round. Torrential rain made for grim conditions and a host of East Region fixtures were postponed as a result. The Tayport committee, however, worked wonders to ensure that the Canniepairt would be playable. So, the East Premier League match against Kennoway Star Hearts beat the weather. And KSH beat Tayport.

On a really heavy surface, the visitors scored after only three minutes, through Kyle Wilson, after the striker controlled a team-mate's mishit shot and stroked home the opener. Gary Sutherland restored parity as early as the tenth minute, when he headed in a corner kick.

The teams went in level at the break and it was KSH who took the initiative in the second period, netting the game's next three goals. Scott Young, midway through the half, Liam Rolland on 72 minutes and Matthew Gay, ten minutes later, were their scorers.

play, Tayport eventually kicked into gear. Gary Sutherland did well to finish from a tight angle on 83 minutes and that counter gave 'Port some belief. A couple of minutes later, the lead was further reduced. Alan Tulleth's stinging free kick broke for Sutherland, who lashed a powerful strike past the visiting 'keeper to complete a fine hat-trick.

While Tayport continued to press, there would be no fairytale comeback and Hearts held on to win 4-3 and secure what will be three valuable points, in terms of their promotion push. The result leaves 'Port playing catch-up in the league table, with only nine games still to play.

There is a break from league action today though, as 'Port re-new an old rivalry with Carnoustie Panmure, in a GA Enineering Cup tie. Let's hope that the Canniepairt men can rise to the challenge and make it through to the semi-finals of the inter-regional competition.

Support the 'Port

4-1 down and with less than ten minutes still to

CURRENT LEAG	GUE FORM	(most re	ecent res	ult to le	ft)		<u>Pts</u>
Dalkeith	W	W	W	W	W	L	15
Sauchie	W	W	W	W	L	D	13
KSH	W	D	L	W	W	W	13
Forfar WE	W	L	W	L	W	W	12
Tayport	L	W	W	D	D	W	11
Arniston	D	W	L	D	W	W	11

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1877

The President of the USA is never off the TV or out of the newspapers these days and it prompts the memory of the day one of his predecessors, President Ulysses S. Grant, paid a visit to Tayport. President Grant, then General Grant, took the surrender of General Lee's Confederate Army at Appottomax in 1865 to end the American Civil War. Afterwards, in 1869, he went on the become the 18th President of the USA before retiring in 1877 and embarking on a world tour.

Would you believe, as well as visiting Rome, Paris, London and the like, he had Tayport on his itinerary and had there been a football match on the Canniepairt on Saturday 1st September 1877, the fans would have had the chance to wave to the ex-President and Civil War hero. The reason this unique opportunity would have arisen is because the world renowned celebrity, having just paid his visit to Tayport, was in his special train heading back to Edinburgh at 3.35pm on what was then the main railway line south. Had our enclosure been built 110 years earlier, the railway line would have run straight through it! As this visit took place on a Saturday, the train back to Edinburgh would have passed the Canniepairt just as the second half was about to start. We'd probably have asked the referee to delay the start of the second half by a few minutes to allow everyone to give old Ulysses a wave. Earlier, the President's train had arrived in Tayport at 11.35am, so had there been a game on, he would more than likely have seen the guys erecting the goals and nets!

It was quite a coup for the town when Ulysses decided to visit Tayport as part of his world tour. We can't see President Trump paying a visit, unless he wants to invest in the club (we've no scruples), so President Grant is likely to be the only USA president or ex-president ever to pass by the Canniepairt.

Of course, his visit wasn't just to meet the great and good of Tayport, it was to catch a boat to check-out how the construction of the Tay Railway Bridge was progressing (he must have paid attention because we've no record of any similar bridges falling down in the USA a year after being built) and Tayport harbour was the end of the

railway line at visit of the been marked housing beside Tayport honour.



the time. The great man has by naming a development harbour in his

Chairman's Chat

Club chairman and legendary former manager David Baikie pens a regular column for the match programme.

Our visitors for this afternoon's GA Engineering Cup quarter final are Carnoustie Panmure and may I offer a warm welcome to their players and officials and our support to the Canniepairt.

I'd like to echo the manager's comments praising the guys who attended and put in the work to get the game on last Saturday morning. Well done! Unfortunately the outcome wasn't what their efforts deserved. I know with hindsight cynics could say you shouldn't have bothered but not me, we did the right thing for the right reason. Yes, the outcome wasn't what we wanted but on another day it will work. There's no success without work.

Preparation and Knowledge is Power. I'd like to believe that played a major part in our success, not only in that 1992/93 season but in every part of my management career. Prior to the Auchinleck semi-final that season, we'd actually had them watched three times. I saw them, Robbo (Ronnie Robb) who had arrived from Downfield with me back in 1990 watched them and we had also looked at them prior to us being drawn against them at the quarter final stage. I know this might have been seen as presumptuous but I decided that we should also have the other three quarter final games covered so I delegated six guys to watch all other six teams and asked them for six written reports.

Our quarter final tie against our close local rivals, Downfield, the club I'd left to begin my Tayport journey, and of course against my mentors, the Grier Brother, Willie and George, turned out to be a marathon. It took three games to settle the tie and all three produced terrific attendances. We drew 0-0 at Tayport in a rather nervy game with both sides not prepared to give anything. The replay went on at Downfield and ended 1-1 after extra time.

Again, as the scoreline suggests, it was a very even encounter.

Knowing the Griers as I did, I knew they'd try to pull a stroke. At the end of the game myself, George and Willie along with the Scottish JFA President of the day, John Reilly and other officials entered the committee room. What was to be decided was where the third game was to be staged. Willie announces that we should toss a coin. The Griers liked to gamble. I was asked my opinion. I looked around the room and with the knowledge that John was also North End secretary, I said it should be at North End Park, a neutral venue. We were asked to leave the room to allow the others to make a decision. We were then asked back in to be told that the game would go ahead at North End Park. The

Griers were livid. In my mind I'd won a significant advantage and the rest is history, we won 1-0 at North End.

I know I've kind of digressed from the semi-final itself but I thought you might have been interested!



We arrived at Firhill 40 minutes before kick off for the biggest game to date in Tayport FC's history in only our third season as a Junior side. In our way were the holders, the mighty Auchinleck Talbot. I believed I'd covered everything I could have. Our players were ready. We knew how they'd play. Ironically, in my mind, their vast experience at the back was also their weakness. All four were in their thirties and I believed the longer the game went on and if we were able to weather the storm they'd more than likely provide, we could exploit their 'weakness'. The storm did come. We did weather it and managed to steal a 1-0 lead when Davie Reilly was upended in the box and Hamish Mackay slotted away the penalty. Unbelievably we went in at the interval 1-0 ahead. When I entered the dressing room I couldn't believe what I saw. It was packed with our players and every one of our committee and I'm sure a few rogue supporters. The noise was deafening. I had to sort it out so at the top of my voice I announced that I wanted only myself, our coaches and our players to remain in the dressing room.. They all left. The players were hyper!

The away dressing room at Firhill is actually under the home dressing room and it has little or no natural light, so I asked Ged Reilly to go over to the door, not to allow anyone in and to switch off the lights. I did the team talk in almost total darkness. The reason was that I needed my players to calm down and to focus their minds. They couldn't see each other or me. They could only hear my instructions. Did it work? We ran over the top of them in the second half winning 3-0 going on 6-0. We were magnificent. The Auchinleck manager Willie Knox was magnanimous in defeat. We'd done it, something no other Tayside club had done in 39 years. Needless to say we had a small celebration which went on into the wee small hours. Good days!

Regards, Davie Baikie

Tayport's Remarkable Record In GA Cup

Despite only contesting 17 of the 28 GA Cups (and its various predecessors) since the inception of the Tayside/North Regional Cup competition in 1988, Tayport have lifted the trophy on no fewer than 8 occasions, winning finals against Forfar West End, Dundee Violet, Lochee United (twice), Sunnybank, Dundee North End (twice) and Carnoustie.

Amazingly, Tayport's eliminations from the contest have almost all been at home, losing to Banks o'Dee, Forfar Albion, St Josephs, Kirrie Thistle, Carnoustie and last season, Broughty Athletic and all defeats have been by the odd goal.

Tayport's last defeat away from home in this cup was 24 years ago in the semi final at Forfar West End.

The Banks o' Dee loss is the only defeat, to date, ever inflicted on Tayport by a club from the North Region.

Tayport didn't compete in the competition from 2005 to 2014, preferring instead to participate in the now defunct Fife/Tayside Cup.

GA Engineering North/Tayside Regional Cup games against today's opponents Carnoustie Panmure have been few and far between. Tayport won 3-1 in the 2000 semi-final but lost a third round tie to the Gowfers the following season, 2-1 at Tayport.



Today's GA ties

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