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## Competition Entered this Season

East Premier League    Scottish Junior Cup    North/Tayside Cup    East of Scotland Cup

## Tayport F.C. 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. Millar (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. Livie Scorers - Middleton, Henderson Att. 6,868
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## Tayport F.C Player of the Year Awards 2015/16

Player of The Year (Presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Gregor Anderson**  
 Players' Player Of The Year (Presented 1991 in memory of the late Rev. G.S. Ayre) - **Gregor Anderson**  
 Travel Club Player Of The Year (Presented in memory of the late Davie Ayre) - **Gregor Anderson**  
 Young Player Of The Year (Presented by Bella Carmichael in memory of Dite Carmichael) - **Gregor Anderson**  
 Fans' Favourite - **Danny Cavanagh**    Top Scorer Award (Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Alan Tulleth**  
 Morris Couper Award for Goal Of The Season (Presented 1993 by family of Morris Couper) - **Alan Tulleth**



Tayport  
from

## Today's Teams

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Downfield  
from



1	Gavin SORLEY
2	Kieran CONWAY
3	Craig STURROCK
4	Daniel SANCHEZ
5	Gregor ANDERSON
7	Jamie MACKIE
8	Stuart WALTON
9	Alan TULLETH
10	Gary SUTHERLAND
13	Struan CHRISTIE
14	Pavel OSTROVSKIS
15	Marc OGG
16	Sergio ALVAREZ
17	Luke O'BRIEN
18	Grant PATERSON
19	Dale REID
21	Fraser ANDERSON

Saturday  
20th May 2017  
Kick off 2.30pm

Referee:  
Johnathan BELL

Assistant 1:  
Marc RITCHIE

Assistant 2:  
Robert REDMOND

front cover shows  
action from

Downfield

v

Tayport

on 18th February  
earlier this year

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No	
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For	
Line-up	

Player/Manager - John Ovenstone

Assistant Manager - Steve Kerrigan

Coach - Allan Ramsay

Goalkeeping Coach - Jim Moffat

Manager -

Coaches -

Goalkeeping Coach -

Physio -





## Today's Game Premier League Tayport v Downfield



A warm welcome to the Canniepairt to the players, officials and supporters of Downfield.

Downfield were formed in 1904 and are nicknamed the Spiders, apparently after Queens Park had donated a set of their strips to help the club when they first started.

Last season Downfield won the North League and were promoted to the Premier League. Regardless of this afternoon's result the Spiders will finish in mid-table, a creditable position for a promoted side.

In terms of recent form, manager Paul Marr has seen his team beat St. Andrews United 3-1, lose 4-1 to Arniston and draw 3-3 with Whitburn in their last three games, which pretty much illustrates their lack of consistency over the past ten months.

In last week's home draw equalising goal by Jack Neave which would have moved them



against Whitburn a late denied Whitburn a win, a result out of the relegation places.

Downfield's other goal scorers were former Lochee United winger Phil Hagen and ex-'Port striker Kevin Milne who blotted his copy book by being sent off after receiving a second yellow card.

Jordan Timmons of Downfield is suspended for today's game as is 'Port Manager John Ovenstone who starts a 4 game ban, bringing to 13, the number of games missed through suspension, which includes next week's GA Cup final. Ovy, though, will be looking for a convincing performance from his players today ahead of next Sunday afternoon's final at Tannadice against Broughty Athletic.

### Joe Puts In The Miles

Tayport's Joe Kimmet recently joined the Easter 'Groundhop' down south, attending 14 football matches in 6 days (Thurs-Tues) The kick-offs for a Groundhop are staggered by arrangement throughout each day and are a boost to the home clubs whose attendances, bar, food and programme sales are hugely boosted by the hundreds of Groundhoppers who gather from all over the country.

Starting on Thursday evening, Joe's first match was Champion FC v Dronfield Town in **Bradford** then Garforth Town v Staveley MW (**Garforth W.Yorks**), Armthorpe Welfare FC v Hemsworth Miners Welfare (**Armthorpe, Doncaster**), Romulus FC v Sheffield FC (**Sutton Coalfield**), Rossington Main FC v Hall Road Rangers (**Doncaster, W.Yorks**), Selby Town FC v Penistone Church FC (**Selby, North Yorkshire**), Ashton Athletic v Squires Gate FC (**Wigan, Lancs**), Ashton Town v Stockport Town (**Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan**), Runcorn Town v Barnton (**Runcorn, Cheshire**), Wellingborough Town v Cogenhoe United (**Wellingborough, Northants**), Aveley FC v AFC Hornchurch (**Aveley, Essex**), Barnoldswick Town v Runcorn Town (**Lancashire**), Bowers & Pitsea FC v Great Wakering Rovers (**Pitsea, Essex**) plus Coventry City v Charlton Athletic. Quite a few miles covered!



## Manager's Memo



Today's league fixture is the last in what has been a bit of a disappointing campaign. Draws ultimately have been our downfall, but the players have been magnificent for us this season and have given us everything. I just want to thank them for their efforts. Also the committee who have backed me all the way this season and worked very hard to give the coaching staff and players the platform to build the club back to where it should be.

I'm not one for excuses but there was a big turnaround in the playing staff at the start of last season and slowly but surely we are building a great squad going into next season. It was never going to happen overnight but I was more than hopeful we could have achieved our start of season targets but it wasn't to be in the league.

We're very positive in our thoughts on next season. During the second half of this season we have definitely start-

ed to click and the guys have been playing some great football and to carry that into next season is the aim. But that is a long way off and we need to concentrate on finishing the season strongly.

Today, we play Downfield and they will be here for revenge after we turned them over quite convincingly at their place with one of our best performances of the season. We will be looking for the same today as we want to finish as high as we can. We can jump a place if we get the 3 points today and, with a view to a week Sunday, the players will be giving their all to grab hold of a jersey for the GA Cup Final.

The GA Cup Final is something the players will be looking forward to and we did say at the start of the season that we wanted a trophy to go with promotion. We didn't achieve the latter but the guys have got a great chance to finish the season by lifting some silverware and that would be very

pleasing.

I just want to thank the support we've had from the fans this season.

Speaking for the coaching staff and players we appreciate the support we get from you guys. I would definitely encourage all that attend today's game to get behind the guys, firstly this afternoon to finish strongly in the league and obviously next week at Tannadice where it will be a great day made even better if we lift the trophy.

Thanks again for the support we've received and hopefully we will see everyone back here at the Canniepairt next season with fresh optimism that we can be successful, firstly in the league campaign but during the season overall.

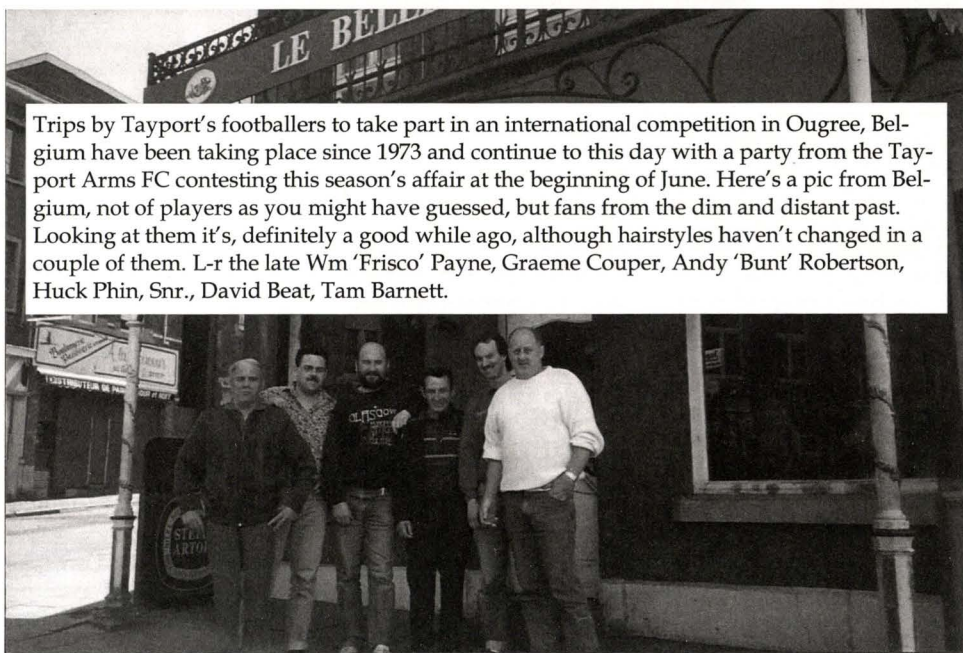
Enjoy your afternoon

C'mon the 'Port,

Ovy



## FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES



Trips by Tayport's footballers to take part in an international competition in Ougree, Belgium have been taking place since 1973 and continue to this day with a party from the Tayport Arms FC contesting this season's affair at the beginning of June. Here's a pic from Belgium, not of players as you might have guessed, but fans from the dim and distant past. Looking at them it's, definitely a good while ago, although hairstyles haven't changed in a couple of them. L-r the late Wm 'Frisco' Payne, Graeme Couper, Andy 'Bunt' Robertson, Huck Phin, Snr., David Beat, Tam Barnett.



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Premier League 2016/17

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	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	MAX
1	Sauchie	26	19	3	4	70	27	43	60	66
2	Kennoway Star Hearts	28	19	3	6	75	42	33	60	60
3	Forfar West End	28	18	4	6	54	29	25	58	58
4	Tranent	28	14	6	8	51	41	10	48	48
5	Arniston Rangers	28	13	8	7	43	41	2	47	47
6	<b>Tayport</b>	<b>27</b>	12	8	7	49	38	11	<b>44</b>	47
7	Dalkeith Thistle	28	13	4	11	49	41	8	43	43
8	Bathgate	<b>28</b>	11	8	9	56	45	11	<b>41</b>	41
9	Haddington Athletic	<b>28</b>	10	6	12	58	52	6	<b>36</b>	36
10	<b>Downfield</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>33</b>	39
11	Glenrothes	27	10	2	15	40	60	-20	32	35
12	St Andrews United	<b>28</b>	5	8	15	37	56	-19	<b>23</b>	23
13	Whitburn	<b>26</b>	5	7	14	46	56	-10	<b>22</b>	28
14	Dundee Violet	<b>26</b>	4	3	19	39	77	-38	<b>15</b>	21
15	Armadale	<b>28</b>	3	4	21	26	79	-53	<b>13</b>	13

### TODAY'S PREMIER FIXTURES

Dundee Violet	v	Sauchie
Tayport	v	Downfield
Whitburn	v	Glenrothes
<b><u>Dates yet to be confirmed</u></b>		
Downfield	v	Sauchie
Dundee Violet	v	Whitburn



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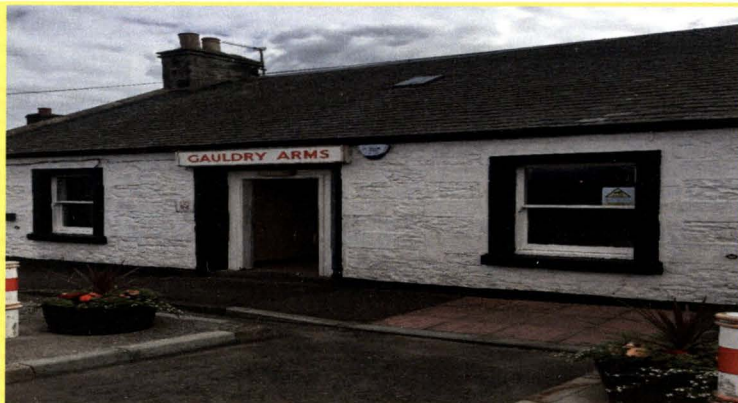
# STATS 2016/17

Date	Opponent	Comp	W D L	Result	1	2	3	4	5
06/08	TRANENT	PL 1	D	1-1	SORLEY	OGG 1(p) R	STURROCK	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
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	DALKETH	PL 7	W	2-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	CONWAY 1	OVENSTONE
24/09	Arnisron 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 1p
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 OSTROVSKIS	FLEMING	OGG 1p
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	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	FLEMING	OGG 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	-	-		POSTPONED	WATERLOGGED	PITCH	
04/03	KENNOWAY SH	PL 19	L	3-4	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	G.ANDERSON	OGG
11/03	CARNOUSTIE	GA 3	W	2-0	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	G.ANDERSON	OGG
18/03	Dalkeith Thistle	PL 20	L	0-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	OVENSTONE	G.ANDERSON	OGG
25/03	ARNISTON R'GERS	PL 21	L	1-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	OVENSTONE	CHRISTIE	OGG
1/04	Tranent	PL 22	W	1-0	SORLEY	STURROCK	OVENSTONE	SANCHEZ	OGG
8/04	St Andrews United	PL 23	W	1-0	Sam MORRIS	STURROCK	SANCHEZ	G.ANDERSON	OGG
15/04	Bathgate Thistle	PL 24	W	3-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	SANCHEZ 1	G.ANDERSON	OGG
22/04	Kirrie Thistle	GA 4	W	3-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	ALVAREZ	G.ANDERSON	OGG
26/04	Dundee Violet	PL 25	W	2-1	SORLEY	CONWAY	ALVAREZ	G.ANDERSON	F.ANDERSON
29/04	GLENROTHES	PL 26	D	0-0	SORLEY	STURROCK	ALVAREZ	OVENSTONE	OGG
6/05	Sauchie	PL 27	L	1-2	SORLEY	STURROCK	CONWAY	G.ANDERSON	OGG
17/05	DOWNFIELD	PL 28							

# STATS 2016/17

6	7	8	9	10	11	sub	sub	sub	Att
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	CONNELLY	REID	MOWATT	ROSS	Robertson (3)	Tulleth (11)	McDowell (10)	107
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	McDOWELL	REID 1	MOWATT	ROSS	Geekie (9)			89
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	MACKIE	GEEKIE	MOWATT	ROSS	Reid (9) 1	Paterson (8)		94
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	MACKIE 1p	REID 1	GEEKIE	ROSS	Mowatt (11)			97
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	MACKIE	REID 2	GEEKIE	ROSS 1	Connelly (5)	Mowatt (10)	Paterson (11)	139
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	MACKIE 1p	REID	MOWATT	TULLETH 1	Connelly (5) 1	Paterson (10)		98
WALTON	SANCHEZ 1	CONNELLY	TULLETH 1	GEEKIE	ROSS	Reid (10) 1	Alvarez (8)	Carroll (5)	105
ALVAREZ	SANCHEZ	CONNELLY	TULLETH 1	REID	ROSS	McDowell (8)	Paterson (2)	Geekie (11)	110
ALVAREZ	SANCHEZ	MACKIE 1	McDOWELL	REID	TULLETH	Geekie (9)	Ogg (3)	Connelly (8)	64
ALVAREZ	CONNELLY	GEEKIE	McDOWELL	REID 2	ROSS	Fleming (5)	Mowatt (11) 1		60
ALVAREZ	SANCHEZ	GEEKIE	MACKIE	REID 1	ROSS	Ogg (6)	Mowatt (11)	Connelly (8)	104
ALVAREZ	SANCHEZ	GEEKIE	MACKIE	REID	ROSS	McDowell (6)	Connelly (8)		89
CHRISTIE	SANCHEZ	McDOWELL	MACKIE	TULLETH	ROSS	Reid (11)	Mowatt (10)		158
CONWAY	SANCHEZ	McDOWELL	GEEKIE	REID 1	ROSS	Fleming (3)	Mowatt (8)		141
CONWAY	SANCHEZ	MACKIE	GEEKIE	REID 2	ROSS	Fleming (2)	Mowatt (11)	Christie (9)	91
CONWAY 1	SANCHEZ	FLEMING	PATERSON	REID	ROSS	Tulleth (11)	Alvarez (5)		161
CHRISTIE	SANCHEZ	CONNELLY	WALTON 1	REID 1	ROBERTSON	Ross (8)	Mowatt (6)	F. Anderson (11)	81
MACKIE 1	SANCHEZ	CONNELLY	WALTON	REID 1	MOWATT	Ross (11)	Geekie (5)	Tulleth (8)	131
MACKIE	ALVAREZ	TULLETH	WALTON	REID 1	GEEKIE	Christie (9)	Connelly (11)	Ross (8)	107
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## Tayport's GA Cup Final at Tannadice Next Sunday

Tannadice Park is the venue for our last game of the season - the final of the GA Engineering Tayside/North Regional Cup Final next Sunday (May 28) Kick-off

2.30pm. Five former Tayport players, Iain Ross, Drew Fleming, Danny Cavanagh, Ryan Suttie and Grant Lawson will be in the Super League side's squad, the last two having been in our team which won the Cup at the same venue two years ago.



### Congratulations Fraser



**Fraser Anderson**, captain of Tayport FC legend Grant Pater-son's successful Tayport Utd Under 19s team, picked up his team's Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year awards as well as finishing joint top scorer with Caleb Addo. Fraser made his competitive debut for the Juniors back in December in the 4-3 win over Haddington. Another in the Juniors' squad today, Luke O'Brien picked up the goal of the season award.

### TURKEY HOLIDAY



The major raffle prize at our successful Dinner in Janu-ary was not taken up by the winner. Accordingly, the prize of one week's accommodation for up to six people in Dalaman, Turkey is still available. The highest offer over £100 will secure. Flights are **not** included. If interested speak to a committee member with your offer.



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Grammatically incorrect perhaps but, as they say...the boys done good!

It's been a great season for Tayport old boys **Mark Whatley** (left) and **Simon Murray** (right). Mark captained Arbroath FC to the SPFL Division 2 championship and Simon's goals have been a significant factor in Dundee United's efforts to get back into the Premiership.

Mark moved to Tayport from Raith Rovers before stepping back to the Seniors with Spartans. **From 2009-2012 Mark played 77 games for his home town club and scored 5 goals.** Mark also picked up Tayport's Goal of the Season award in 2010 and Young Player of the Year award in 2012.

Signed from Montrose FC in February 2012, **Simon played 41 games, scoring 36 goals** before taking a gap year in Australia at the end of season 2012/13. In season 2011/13 Simon collected Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year, Players' Player of the Year, Fans' Favourite, Travel Club Player of the Year and Top Scorer awards. Like Mark, Simon's exploits got him a second bite at the Seniors and he joined Arbroath on his return from Down Under. The rest...is history.





## DUNMORE REPORTS....



Games seem to have been few and far between of late, with only two fixtures taking place in the last three weeks. When last on the Canniepairt, 'Port played out a goalless draw against Glenrothes.

Despite dominating the contest, the hosts had nothing to show for their efforts. Alan Tulleth went close on a few occasions in the first half, but could not find the net. The closest he came to a goal was a shot which came off both posts, after he was set up by Grant Paterson.

On the hour, a second bookable offence saw Pavel Ostrovskis red-carded for the second time this season, but the ten men continued to dictate the game.

There was controversy on 80 minutes, when visiting 'keeper Small smashed Dale Reid to the ground. Marc Ogg took the penalty, but Small, who was only booked, became the Glenrothes hero by diving to his left to make the save.

Dale Reid later had a goal ruled out for offside, at the end of what had been a frustrating afternoon for the Canniepairt outfit.

Next up was a trip to Sauchie, a fortnight ago. Now effectively champions, barring a goal difference collapse in their last two games, Sauchie were desperate for points at the time. Tayport, however, shocked their title-chasing opponents by taking the lead, courtesy of Dale Reid's 23<sup>rd</sup> goal of the season, following a clanger by the home 'keeper.

Martin Shields missed a sitter for Sauchie on 52 minutes, but when a similar chance fell to Josh Flood, he rammed home the equaliser.

'Port did have a chance to edge back into the lead, midway through the half. Dolan stopped a Mackie free kick at the near post, but Gary Sutherland blazed over the top.

A disputed late penalty won the match for Sauchie, but Tayport had held their own against their Super League-bound opponents.

*Support the 'Port*

### CURRENT LEAGUE FORM (most recent result to left)

							Pts
Sauchie	W	W	W	L	L	D	10/18
*KSH	W	W	D	W	W	D	14
*Forfar WE	W	L	W	W	D	W	13
*Tranent	W	W	W	W	L	W	15
*Arniston	L	W	W	D	D	L	8
Tayport	L	D	W	W	W	W	13
Downfield	D	L	W	W	L	L	7

\* = season complete

## Chairman's Chat

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

Our final league game of season 2016/17 is upon us. Downfield provide the opposition and I'd like to welcome their players and officials to Canniepairt and of course, a warm welcome to the Port Support.

Let's hope today's outcome mirrors our last encounter with the Spiders, arguably our best performance of the season.

Because this programme goes to print on a Thursday, I will be writing of the future but as you read this it will have passed. Scratching your head yet? On Friday I'll be back in the dugout with my East Fife side who won the title in 2008 to play a final game against a Fans' Select on grass at Bayview before they switch to an artificial surface.

It will be great to catch up with all the players who were part of that successful side and myself and Mel Irons will once again take charge. Of course the players will all be ten years older and in most cases ten years slower! There are a few of them still playing, though, so the onus will be very much on them to carry the day. The likes of Bobby Linn, Chris Templeman, Paul McManus, Dougie Cameron and big Jay Smart are still playing. They were all part of a great side and the title was won by early March.

The team was led by big Tweedy. Steven's career took him to all parts of the globe, starting at Hibernian then on to Stoke City followed by stints in Greece, Germany and Japan before returning to Scotland where he joined Livingston FC. We signed him at the start of season 2007/08 and he played a significant role in our success.



There's no doubt in my mind that this success wouldn't have been possible without my chairman Willie Gray, whose support and generosity was unequalled, besides his insight to hire me!. His unwavering belief, support and friendship is something I will never forget and I'm certain the players feel the same way. I wonder if being in that dressing room will rekindle a spark in me. Wouldna think so, but you never know...

Enjoy today's game

Regards, *Davie Baikie*

**Since this is the last programme of the season here's a brief update on how things stand in the various Divisions.**

Kelty are still Super League title favourites but Bonnyrigg have a slim chance if they can avoid dropping points in their last 5 games.

Fauldhouse United are relegated and it's any one from four for the other relegation place. Camelon, Jeanfield, Newtongrange and Musselburgh are in

the frame with the last two mentioned looking most at risk. It's the match of the season at Jeanfield today. A win for Swifts v Musselburgh would see them stay up with two games to play and consign Mussy to the play-off and Nit-ten to the drop.

Although they have a vastly superior goal difference, anyway, Sauchie should clinch the Premier league today when they take on Violet. Kennoway also go up and West End are in the play-off.

At the other end Armadale and Violet are relegated while St Andrews will go down unless Whitburn fail to take a point from their last two games v Glenrothes and Violet.

In the North League, Kirrie and Thornton are promoted to the Premier but the title is still in the balance.

They will be joined in the Premier by South Champions Dunbar Utd and runners up Blackburn Utd. We've been there on cup duty but it will be a first on league business for us next season.



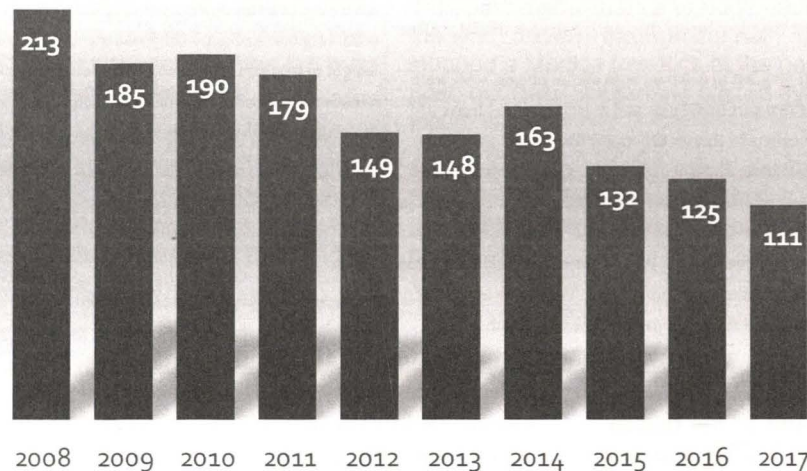
## SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 2017

The final of this season's competition, an all Ayrshire affair between Auchinleck Talbot and New Cumnock's Glenafton Athletic, will take place on the artificial surface at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock on Sunday 4th June. Kick-off is 4.05pm. Glenafton hold the bragging rights at present with 3-1 and 1-0 wins in the league and a draw in an early season league cup tie which finished 1-1.



Very much a derby affair but not quite as near neighbours as were Tayport and Lochee United in the 2005 final at Tannadice.

### TAYPORT AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCES 2008-2017



### WORRYING TREND

It's likely to be pretty generally much the same throughout the Juniors but there has to be some concern over the way attendances have dropped over the past ten years. After 20+ seasons of success upon success, a dip in Tayport's support through the gates was inevitable as the club's fortunes on the field waned. Indeed this season the club will be posting its lowest league placing ever. With costs always escalating, it seems inevitable there will be a point at which running a Junior club in its present form will be unsustainable.

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