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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 Dite Carmichael) - **Gregor Anderson**
 Fans' Favourite- **Danny Cavanagh** Top Scorer Award (Presented By Andrew Robertson) - **Alan Tulleth**
 Morris Cooper Award for Goal Of The Season (Presented 1993 by family of Morris Cooper) - **Alan Tulleth**



Tayport
from

Today's Teams



Jeanfield
from

1	Gavin SORLEY
20	Duncan BRUCE
2	Kieran CONWAY
3	Craig STURROCK
4	Daniel SANCHEZ
5	Drew FLEMING
6	Pavel OSTROVSKIS
8	Stuart WALTON
9	Alan TULLETH
10	Gary SUTHERLAND
11	David GEEKIE
12	Liam ROSS
13	Struan CHRISTIE
15	Marc OGG
16	Sergio ALVAREZ
17	Connaire CONNELLY
18	Grant PATERSON
19	Dale REID
21	Fraser ANDERSON
22	Taylor CARROLL

East of Scotland Cup R2

Saturday
21 January 2017
Kick off 1.45pm

Referee:
Chris McNAB

Assistant 1:
Luke HARRISON

Assistant 2:
Matthew
McCONNACHIE

Cover pic shows
Jeanfield manager
Ross Gunnion, who
won 13 major hon-
ours whilst with

Tayport FC, and
Jeanfield striker
Robbie Holden who
debuted for 'Port in
the trophy laden
2002/3 season

gk	Mark MITCHELL
gk	Stephen BLAIR
3	Sean FLEMING
4	Mark DUIGAN
5	Lee DEANS
6	Fraser SMITH
7	Chris SCOTT
8	Tony HOLT
9	Robbie HOLDEN
10	Daniel KELLY
11	Stevie McMANUS
14	Chris ANTON
15	Ross GUNNION
16	Scott MOLLISON
17	Lewis BAKER
18	John ANDERSON
19	Jack PARR
21	Keith DEWAR
22	Scott SUTHERLAND

Player/Manager - John Ovenstone

Assistant Manager - Steve Kerrigan

Coach - Allan Ramsay

Goalkeeping Coach - Jim Moffat

Player/Manager - Ross Gunnion

Player/Asst. Manager - John Anderson

Coaches - Eric Fleming, Michael Dott

Goalkeeping Coach—Scott Cummings



Today's Game

DJ Laing East of Scotland Cup R.2

Tayport v Jeanfield Swifts



Jeanfield Swifts were formed in 1928 and over the years have played home games at Jeanfield Recreation Ground, Simpson Park and, since 2006, at the Riverside Community Stadium, Perth.

Swifts won many cups in the 1940s and 1960s whilst members of the Perthshire Junior FA, and also picked up a few in the mid 1970s, 80s and 90s after the Perthshire JFA amalgamated with Dundee and Angus to form the Tayside JFA. More recently they won the East Region Central Division in 2011/12, the GA Engineering (North/Tayside) Regional Cup in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and the ACA Sports League Cup in 2012/13.

Swifts are of course defending East Premier League Champions having gained a first ever promotion to the Super League.

If Jeanfield can sustain their current level of success, which has seen the club's profile rise steadily over the past few seasons, then Perth can at last boast a club which can

compete with the best.

Swifts as we know, are player/managed by former Tayport junior cup winner Ross Gunnion who is assisted by John Anderson. There is a further Tayport/Jeanfield link in that they are captained by Chris Anton a former Port player as are teammates Stevie Mc Manus and Robbie Holden.

This season Jeanfield have had a steady if not spectacular

Scotland Cup is Swifts last hope of silverware this season. Jeanfield reached today's 2nd round stage by going to Coupar Angus in 1st round and winning 5-0.

Recent Jeanfield form has been pretty good with 1-1 draws in each of their last two games v Linlithgow and Broughty Athletic, Robbie Holden scoring for Swifts on both occasions, the most recent a last minute leveller at Prestonfield.

Today's tie will provide a tough test for John Ovenstone's players against a team from a division above

but hopefully we can progress to the next round of a competition in which we haven't the best of records.

New signing Gary Sutherland is ineligible, Daniel Sanchez is still in Tenerife and there is a doubt over Stuart Walton but on the plus side Kieran Conway could return after a lengthy injury lay off.

If the tie is level after 90 minutes, then it will be decided by a penalty shoot out.

baptism in the Super League, having won 3, drawn 4 and lost 7 games to date.

Swifts were surprisingly knocked out of the Scottish Junior Cup by North Region's Hermes, 3-2 at the Riverside Stadium in the 3rd round, after disposing of Lugar Boswell Thistle and St Andrews United in the previous two rounds.

Eliminated from the GA Cup earlier in the season by Carnoustie, the East of



Manager's Memo



Today we take a little break from the league when we welcome Jeanfield in the EOS. Jeanfield have at the helm a very familiar face for the Tayport support in Ross Gunnion. I'm sure he will want to come back to his old stomping ground and get a good result.

Last week was frustrating because of the weather but we did manage to get facilities and put in a decent training session followed by a bounce game against Dundonald. It was a good test especially as we are up against Super League opposition this week. Today will tell us how close we are to these teams and hopefully we can prove the gap isn't as big as people may think.

Our league form continues to be a concern with the draws that are accumulating, but today isn't the league. We think the play-

ers maybe feel a bit pressure in the league and that's what's costing us. We think it's a case that their mentality is not to get beaten as our reaction when we go behind in games is great. Saying that, the reaction shouldn't be sparked by going behind. It should be there from the start of the game.

This afternoon is different and what we will say to the players is go and play with a freedom. We're the underdogs but there's no doubt if we click and follow the game plan, we have the quality in the squad to win this game. We're still looking for a complete performance this season and there is no better day to get that than today and progress to the next round of the competition.

On the transfer front we have brought in a new but old face in Gary Suther-

land. We've been lacking a physical presence up front and I had the chance to get Gary back so I jumped at it. He will add a lot to this team, specifically by holding the ball up top and giving us a physical presence which can upset centre backs. He has been in a rich vein of goal scoring form for the last six months and long may it continue. Unfortunately Gary is cup tied today but he will be available for next week's game versus Armadale.

One face leaving the club is Grant Mowatt. For one reason or another it didn't quite work out for Grant but I wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

I hope you enjoy your afternoon and we get the performance and result to progress through to the next round.

C'mon the 'Port, Ovy

TODAY'S SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 4th ROUND TIES

Beith v Auchinleck
Broughty Ath v Sauchie
 Carluke v Irvine Meadow
 Cumbernauld v **Luncarty**
Dunbar Utd v Benburb
 East Kilbride This. v Glenafton
Edinburgh Utd v Kilwinning
Fauldhouse v Maryhill

Gartcairn v Hermes
 Girvan v **Penicuik**
Kelty Hearts v Hill of Beath
 Kilsyth v **Bonnyrigg** (28th January)
 Kirkintilloch v **Musselburgh**
Linlithgow v Blantyre
 Petershill v **Haddington**
 Renfrew v Greenock



D.J. Laing East of Scotland Cup 2nd round

Blackburn 1-3 **Crossgates**

Blaigowrie 5-1 Luncarty

Brechin Vics 1-4 **Sauchie**

Camelon v Newtongrange (today)

Carnoustie 3-1 Arbroath Vics

Downfield v Bonnyrigg Rose

Edinburgh Utd 0-1 **North End**

Kelty Hearts v Hill of Beath

Kirrie Thistle v Broxburn (today)

Linlithgow Rose v Bo'ness United

Lochgelly v Broughty Athletic

Musselburgh v St Andrews Utd

Penicuik 3-2 Glenrothes

Tayport v Jeanfield

Tranent v Dundonald (today)

Whitburn 3-0 Easthouse Lily

Junior News

The West Super League match between Pollok and Auchinleck Talbot on 7th January attracted an attendance of 1,012. This was bigger crowd than attended any Scottish League First or Second Division game that same afternoon [note...the attendance when Tayport replayed v Pollok in a Scottish Cup 6th round tie at Newlandsfield in March 1998 was 2,104]

The next level down from the second division of the Scottish League pyramid is the Lowland League so, whilst on the subject of attendances, we can report that one Tayportian took in a Lowland League between the Universities of Edinburgh and Stirling on a recent Tuesday night at East Peffermill, Edinburgh. Our man reports that the crowd totalled 39 hardy souls. Given that he recognised around half the crowd, many of those who were in attendance were visiting groundhoppers.

The Petershill v Haddington Athletic in the junior cup today has been moved to St Anthony's McKenna Park because Petershill's plastic pitch is still being relayed after their existing artificial pitch was damaged by a stray firework on bonfire night.

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SJFA East Region Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ForfarWest End	17	12	2	3	33	19	14	38
Kennoway	17	12	0	5	46	26	20	36
Sauchie	13	11	1	1	41	13	28	34
Arniston Rangers	16	9	3	4	26	21	5	30
Tayport	16	6	7	3	29	25	4	25
Tranent	17	6	5	6	28	28	0	23
Bathgate Thistle	16	6	4	6	30	25	5	22
Downfield	14	6	3	5	29	28	1	21
Dalkeith Thistle	17	6	3	8	24	28	-4	21
Haddington Ath.	16	5	3	8	31	33	-2	18
Glenrothes	16	6	0	10	22	35	-13	18
St Andrews Utd	17	3	4	9	23	32	-9	16
Armadale Thistle	15	3	3	9	11	34	-23	12
Whitburn	14	2	4	8	26	31	-5	10
Dundee Violet	15	2	2	11	24	45	-21	8

THIS AFTERNOON'S PREMIER CARD

Armadale Thistle	v	Glenrothes
Arniston Rangers	v	Whitburn
Bathgate Thistle	v	Dundee Violet
Downfield	v	Dalkeith Thistle
Kennoway Star Hearts	v	Forfar West End

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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	Armadae 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	Arniston Rangers	PL 8	D	1-1	SORLEY	STURROCK	WALTON	CONWAY	OVENSTONE
1/10	Coupar Angus	GAC 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 17				POSTPONED	SNOWBOUND	PITCH	
21/01	JEANFIELD	EOSC 2							
28/01	ARMADALE	PL 18							

CURRENT FORM (all games) most recent result to left

Forfar WE	W	W	W	W	W	D	W	L	L	D
Sauchie	W	W	W	W	L	L	D	W	W	W
KSH	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	L	D
Arniston	L	D	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W
Tayport	D	D	W	D	L	D	L	L	W	W
Downfield	L	W	L	L	D	D	W	W	W	L
Jeanfield	D	D	L	L	L	D	W	W	W	L

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	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	Pateron (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)	Pateron (11)	139
SANCHEZ	ALVAREZ	MACKIE 1p	REID	MOWATT	TULLETH 1	Connelly (5) 1	Pateron(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)	Pateron (2)	Geekie (11)	110
ALVAREZ	SANCHEZ	MACKIE 1	McDOWELL	REID	TULLETH	Geekie (9)	Ogg (3)	Connelly (5)	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 (5)	104
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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

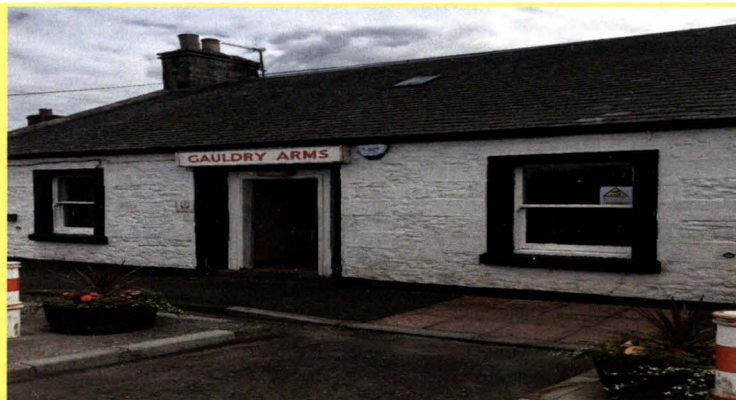
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TAYPORT'S DRINK PROBLEM

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Temperance. — A temperance campaign, organised by the Tayport Lodge of I.O.G.T., was opened last night in the Temperance Hall. Ex-Provost Scott presided, and was accompanied on the platform by Mr G. M'Kerracher, G.L.A., Glasgow; Mr David Miller, D.D., Dundee; Mr Melville, and others. The ex-Provost said there was no village in Scotland that required more rousing up in temperance principles than Tayport. Nineteenth of the crime of the country was attributed to strong drink, and Tayport was no exception to the rule. Tayport's drink bill was £120 per week, much too large for a village with a population of 3500. Mr Geo. M'Kerracher, in the course of his address, called upon all young men present to become total abstainers—they would be better men—have purer blood, clearer brains, fuller pockets, and their physical life healthier, purer, and sweeter. During the evening solos were ably rendered by Misses Cooper and Henderson, while Miss Lindsay delighted the audience with her recitations.

A press report on the launching in January 1903 of the I.O.G.T. [International Order of Good Templars] campaign's efforts to reduce the harm caused by strong drink being consumed by Tayport's young men. The local newspaper tells us that 114 years ago there was no place in Scotland as bad as Tayport in this respect. What a reputation! Apparently the IOGT originated as one of a number of fraternal organisations for temperance or total abstinence founded in the 19th century and with a structure modelled on Freemasonry.

FROM THE ARCHIVES 48 years ago

Tayport Amateurs were cruising through the 1968/69 season and heading for their one and only Midlands Division 2 title and on 18th January won 6-3 at home to Craigiebank. Team was Derek White, Walter Kemp (pictured right), Stan Cowe, Ronnie Laing, Jim Mathers, George Ritchie, Abby Oswald, Andy Johnstone, Ian White, Raymond White, Doug Henderson. Sub was George Bryson. Ian White (2), Raymond White, Ritchie, Mathers and Laing were the scorers.

The Alliance XI game was off on 18th January but the following Saturday they lost 4-2 at Broughty United. The line-up was Dick Pearce, Ian Mathers, Ronnie Redpath, Iain Bell, George Bryson, Derek McRobbie, Ian Mackie, Davie Ure, Jimmy Foulis, Alan Brown, Maurice Flynn. Dennis Auld was sub.



DUNMORE REPORTS....



It's been a stop-start couple of months for Tayport and the lack of consistent action has not helped the team's form, with the Canniepairt outfit struggling to break the drawing habit.

In common with the vast majority of East Region fixtures, last weekend's trip to Downfield fell victim to the weather, so Tayport's last match was at home to Bathgate Thistle, in a Premier League encounter, a fortnight ago.

In a goalless first half, there were a few early half-chances for the hosts, but the visiting 'keeper was not really troubled. At the other end, Gavin Sorley saved from Robbie Feeney and Craig Sturrock's excellent tackle stopped Reece Boyle from racing into the box.

After the break, Dale Reid was denied by a near-post block, while Sorley made a good save to keep out Feeney, but it was looking like one goal would

settle the outcome.

On 80 minutes, it was Bathgate who opened the scoring when Feeney got in behind the 'Port rearguard, touched the ball past the advancing Sorley and rolled home from close-range.

At that point, Tayport finally upped the ante. Jamie Mackie came ever so close to a leveller, only for 'keeper Watson to get the merest touch to keep out the well-struck free kick.

With only a couple of minutes remaining, the home side did equalise, when Dale Reid was given the chance to send his low finish arrowing into the corner of the net.

John Ovenstone's men had not been at their best, but let's hope Tayport can rise to the challenge this afternoon, for the visit of Super League Jeanfield Swifts.

Support the 'Port!

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES 1982/3



Tayport's Alliance XI from 35 years ago pictured with their manager, the late Kenny Coutts, Davie Blair, Roy Lessels, Doug Whammond, Brian Davidson, Rab Hanlon, Roy Shaw, John Falconer. Front – Des Docherty, Roddy McCafferty, Wilf Pawlik, Dougie Hill, Jimmy Shields and Ian Ness. The occasion was an Alliance Cup tie at home v Newport. Tayport won 4-1 with goals from Hanlon, Shields, McCafferty and an own goal. Nessie played all but one of the 35 league and cup games that season. Only regular missing from the team that day was Frank Feechan. Jimmy Shields was top scorer with 25 goals, pipping Nessie who finished on 23. Exactly 50 different players turned out for the Alliance XI that season.

Chairman's Chat

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

Good afternoon and welcome to our fans and to our opponents Jeanfield Swifts for today's East of Scotland Cup tie. The Swifts have been terrific over the past 18 months or so under the stewardship of Ross Gunnion, one of our former stalwarts. Ross played his part in so many successes for the club and I'm looking forward to having a chat with Gunnion after the match. Swifts also have Robbie Holden and Chris Anton who both played their part in Tayport successes. I believe all three will be attending next weekend's Presentation Dinner so I'm sure we'll have a bit more time to catch up then.

I'm delighted to say that we've persuaded another three to join our committee in the form of Graeme McBeth, Tony Sneddon and Davie Hamilton. All three bring with them a wide range of knowledge and experience which can only be an asset to the club, so I'd like to welcome them on board. Graeme is a former player from the amateur days and I'm sure most of you will know Tony and what he can bring to the club. Davie and I go back a bit. He was a Director at East Fife when I was the manager so I know what he can bring to the table as well. As I said in an earlier programme, I'm looking to strengthen our committee so if you feel you'd like to join the club, please feel free to speak with myself or any of the committee.

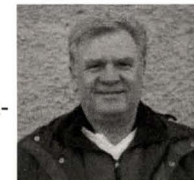
Next weekend's Presentation Dinner at the Invercarse is close to being a sell out so if you are still interested in attending, please approach one of the committee as soon as possible. It's £30 a ticket and I'm sure it's going to be a fantastic night. Of course the priority of the night is to recognise and hon-

our the contribution that Abby, Hercx and Kenny have given to Tayport Amateurs and Juniors. Also, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Tayport FC (1947-2017) and to commemorate the occasion there will be a limited edition malt whisky on sale on the night but if you can't attend and want to obtain a bottle, once again please inform a committee member. A £10 deposit is required.

Earlier last year Abby approached myself to organise a Sportsman's Dinner to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our first Scottish Junior Cup success (1996—2016). Due to the retirement of Abby, Hercx and Kenny it was virtually impossible to proceed, it was more important to keep the club on the right track. So albeit one month into 2017, we will honour all those who were involved in the first great Scottish Cup success. I know the vast majority of players, coaches and committee will be there on the night and of course our thoughts will be of friends no longer with us whose contribution will never be forgotten. So it's not too late to be there. I've asked the Scottish secretary if he'd sanction the Cup being on display on the evening and he's assured me that it will.

The majority of the 2003-2004-2005 successful sides will also be there, as will most of the side of the successful amateur team of 1981/82. A great night is in store. See you there.

Regards, *Davie Baikie*



A Return To The Canniepairt For Four Jeanfield stars

Ross Gunnion returns to the Canniepairt today in his familiar number 15 jersey but it's a black and white one rather than the red of Tayport. It's not just the jersey number that has followed him from here. The popular defender has clearly paid attention during a very successful eight seasons at Tayport and has guided Jeanfield, his hometown club, to their best ever spell of the Super League era.

Gunner made his debut for Tayport in 2001, going on to play 296 games for Tayport, scoring 7 goals and picking up two Scottish Junior Cup winners medals, two Scottish

Junior runners-up medals, two Super League titles, was twice a Super League runner-up, won three Regional Cup winners badges and six local cup winners medals. Ross also has the doubtful distinction of being ordered off in one of the Scottish Cup final wins.

Robbie Holden will always have a place in Tayport FC's history. Signed from Arbroath, a young Robbie made a scoring 'Port debut in September 2002 but had to continue to settle for substitute appearances as Tayport won the Super League and Scottish Cup double. However on the final day of the season,

Robbie became the hero of the hour when he scored the winning goal v Violet in the North/Tayside Cup final, netting in the dying minutes of extra time. Robbie was back here for a short spell in 2008/09. Altogether Robbie had 29 appearances scoring four goals.

Jeanfield skipper **Chris Anton** was at Canniepairt from seasons 2010 - 2012 making 46 appearances but failing to find the net. There was a general opinion that Chris didn't always get a fair crack of the whip.

Stevie McManus had a short spell in season 2010/11 getting 7 goals in 16 games.

KENNY COUTTS



Kenny Coutts sadly passed away on 3rd January aged 77. Kenny served Tayport FC well over many years both as member of the committee and as a team manager in the amateur days. Kenny who was pre-deceased by wife Annie, continued his involvement with the club as a lottery agent up until his death. we offer our condolences to son Michael, daughter Karen and Kenny's extended family [see also 'Archive pic']

Tayport last week signed striker Gary Sutherland from Dundee North End. Gary joined Tayport in August 2014 before moving to North End when his contract expired in June 2016.

In his first spell at the Canniepairt Gary played 66 games, scoring 19 goals. This season he's bagged 17 goals in 14 games for the Dokens.

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