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Competition Entered this Season

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

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12 May 1996 2-0 (aet) v Camelon at Fir Park Motherwell Fraser Mann Grant Buist Grant Paterson Mark Spalding Keith Nicolson Sean Wilkie Grant Millar (Allan Ramsay) Steven Stewart Stephen Ross (Barry Gray) Dave Reilly Gary Maher (Jim Henry) Scorer - Ross (2) Att. 4,652	1 June 2003 1-0 (aet) v Linlithgow Rose at Firhill, Glasgow Frazer Fitzpatrick Ross Gunnion Grant Paterson Roberto Morris John Ward Scott Peters Jon Mitchell Steven Stewart (Doug Scott) Brian Craik (Allan Ramsay) Barry McNaughton Gareth Dailly (David Evans) Scorer - Craik Att. 4,613	29 May 2005 2-0 v Lochee United at Tannadice Park Frazer Fitzpatrick Roberto Morris Grant Paterson (Lloyd Young) John Ward Derek Wemyss Scott Peters Barry McNaughton Steven Stewart Robbie Henderson (Allan Ramsay) Gary Middleton (Ralph Hunter) Brian Livie Scorers - Middleton, Henderson Att. 6,868
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Tayport F.C Player of the Year Awards 2016/17

Player of The Year (Presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Daniel Sanchez**
Players' Player Of The Year (Presented 1991 in memory of the late Rev. G.S. Ayre) - **Daniel Sanchez**
Travel Club Player Of The Year (Presented in memory of the late Davie Ayre) - **Daniel Sanchez**
Young Player Of The Year (Presented by Bella Carmichael in memory of Dite Carmichael) - **Kieran Conway**
Fans' Favourite - **Daniel Sanchez** **Top Scorer Award** (Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Dale Reid**
Morris Couper Award for Goal Of The Season (Presented 1993 by family of Morris Couper) - **Stuart Walton**



Tayport
from

Today's Teams



Kirrie Thistle
from

1	Gavin SORLEY
2	Kieran CONWAY
3	Craig STURROCK
4	Ricky PATRICK
5	Gregor ANDERSON
6	Connor GRAY
7	Jamie MACKIE
8	Jamie GILL
9	Dale REID
10	Gary SUTHERLAND
11	Conor IRELAND
12	Kamil KADELA
14	Charlie KING
15	Marc OGG
16	Kris ROLLO
17	Alan TULLETH
18	Grant PATERSON
19	Martin STRACHAN

Saturday
6th January 2018
Kick off 1.45 pm

Referee:
Chris McNAB

Assistant 1:
Mike CRICHTON

Assistant 2:
Archie FINNEGAN

Cover pic
Tayport players gather after training to bid a farewell to Daniel Sanchez who has headed home to Tenerife along with Spanish teammate Sergio Alvarez

g/k	Sean DIAMOND
g/k	Ryan PATTULLO
	Stuart McKENNA
	Scott DRUMM
	Stewart RUSSELL
	Frankie LANNEN
	Jonny SNOWDON
	Stephen DUFFY
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	Ryan CORMACK
	Sean McVICAR
	Connor McLEOD
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	David MILLER

Player/Manager - Charlie King
Assistant Manager - Daryn Smith
Coach - Grant Paterson
Coach - Darren Tennant
Physio - Andy Bell

Joint Manager - Ralph BRAND
Joint Manager - Chris KETTLES
Coach - Hamish SOUTAR



Today's Game McBOOKIE Premier Division Tayport v Kirrie Thistle



We welcome Kirrie Thistle this afternoon, as our 2018 first foot, their first visit here on league business for 16 years.

Thistle were relegated from the Premier Division to the Region's North Division back in 2013/14 and reached their nadir the following season when they ended up in second bottom spot of that division.

It was a case of taking one step back before taking a leap forward. as the club got its act together under new manager Jim Finlayson with a host of new signings to soar up the league in 2015/16, finishing third.

Better was to follow and last season Finlayson took Kirrie to the title, pipping Thornton Hibs on goal difference.

Kirrie made a steady if unspectacular start to life in the Premier Division, seven points from seven games including three at Tayport's expense. Jim Finlayson then announced he was leaving, stating he had taken the club as far as he could. Not exactly the news the club needed as they looked to get a foothold at a higher level

Within a couple of days Kirrie had a new management team in place. Around the same

Happy New Year 2018

time the ex-Thistle boss was being announced as Broughty Athletic's new manager, a post which the Dundee club had been looking to fill for a number of weeks.

The new management team at Westview Park, joint managers Ralph Brand and Chris Kettles along with coach Hamish Soutar (below) are all familiar figures on the Tayside Junior scene and they have been in charge for the past eight league games.



It's not been easy for the new guys. Goals have been hard to come by with only one goal scored in these eight games. That goal, however was enough to bring home all three points from a 230 mile round trip to Dunbar United..

Barring a couple of exceptions, Kirrie have shown defensively they are pretty sound and have actually conceded fewer goals than Tayport despite playing more games than Tayport.

It is clear then that Tayport will have their work cut out this afternoon to breach the visitors' defence.

Although they've trained regularly and had a couple of friendly games, Tayport will be looking to maintain the form that put Broughty to the sword back in their most recent competitive game five weeks ago.

Key midfielders Sanchez and Alvarez have returned to Spain but Charlie King has brought former 'Port player Kris Rollo back from Lochee United and former St Andrews United midfielder Ricky Patrick in on loan from Dundonald Bluebell until the end of January

The enforced winter break has allowed Jamie Mackie to regain fitness and also back in the pool is Martin Strachan who was cup-tied v Broughty Athletic.

Kirrie's Jonny Snowdon is unavailable today through suspension.



What's the Manager saying? - the view from the dugout



Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game against Kirrie Thistle. Weather has clearly played its part over the past few weeks but we have managed to scrape together a couple of friendlies and had some different locations for training sessions.

Back to league action today though, and after our game earlier this season at Kirrie where we ended up on the wrong end of a poor performance and result to boot, we are very keen to make up for that today. Finally can I extend my thanks to Dani and Serge who have both left the club for abroad. We wish them all the best on their travels.

Keep behind the boys.

Charlie, Daryn, Grant and Darren

THE CHALLENGE STARTS TODAY

At we move into 2018, more or less at the halfway stage in the season, our performance is exactly as it was 12 months ago, 23 points from 14 games and a goal difference of +4. We've scored 7 more but also have conceded 7 more.

An analysis of the past four seasons suggests that it is likely a club looking to finish in the top three in the Premier Division, ie the promotion and play-off spots, must achieve a minimum of 1.83 points per game.

We are currently averaging 1.64 therefore to have an outside chance of finishing in the top three we need to collect a very minimum of 32 points from our remaining 16 games.

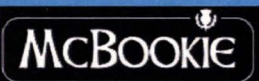
Realistically, however, it's got to be 37 points from these games. There are 48 points still to be played for, therefore only 11 can be dropped, which of course equates to 3 defeats and a draw or 2 defeats and 2 draws or 1 defeat and four draws or no defeats and 5 draws. That's the challenge for the next five months ...starting today. We live in hope. As Mark Twain once said ..Facts are stubborn things but statistics are pliable

Kirrie Thistle at the Canniepairt

1990/1 Tayport 2-3 Kirrie L	1994/5 Tayport 4-0 Kirrie L	1999/0 Tayport 3-0 Kirrie L
1991/2 Tayport 4-0 Kirrie L	1995/6 Tayport 3-0 Kirrie W	1999/0 Tayport 3-1 Kirrie NE
1992/3 Tayport 4-0 Kirrie L	1997/8 Tayport 4-1 Kirrie L	2000/1 Tayport 2-0 Kirrie L
1992/3 Tayport 6-0 Kirrie Z	1998/9 Tayport 3-1 Kirrie L	2001/2 Tayport 2-0 Kirrie L
1993/4 Tayport 5-1 Kirrie Z	1998/9 Tayport 1-0 Kirrie W	2003/4 Tayport 3-1 Kirrie RL
L - Tayside League LC - League Cup	Z - Tayside/North Cup NE - Tayside/North Cup	W - Whyte & Mackay Cup RL - Tayside/Fife Cup

Kirrie Thistle's season so far

5/8/17	League	H	Whitburn	L	0-1
8/8/17	League	A	Downfield	W	2-0
12/8/17	League	H	Fauldhouse Utd	L	1-4
16/8/17	League	H	Tayport	W	2-0
19/8/17	League	A	Haddington Ath	D	3-3
26/8/17	League	H	Thornton Hibs	L	0-2
2/9/17	EoS 1	H	Lochee Harp	W	2-0
9/9/17	League	A	Tranent	L	1-3
16/9/17	League	H	Blackburn Utd	L	0-2
23/9/17	S Cup 1	A	Rutherglen	L	0-4
30/9/17	League	A	Dunbar Utd	W	1-0
7/10/17	League	A	Glenrothes	L	0-5
14/10/17	League	H	Dalkeith This	L	0-1
28/10/17	League	H	St Andrews Utd	L	0-1
4/11/17	League	H	Bathgate This	L	0-1
11/11/17	GA Cup	A	Blairgowrie	W	2-1
18/11/17	League	A	Whitburn	L	0-4
2/12/17	League	A	Arniston Rangers	D	0-0



East Region

Premier League 2017/18

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	max
1	Musselburgh Ath	13	11	2	0	33	10	23	35	86
2	Fauldhouse Utd	13	9	3	1	38	20	18	30	81
3	Haddington Ath	14	8	4	2	36	20	16	28	76
4	St Andrews Utd	17	8	4	5	34	30	4	28	67
5	Blackburn United	14	7	3	4	22	15	7	24	72
6	Tayport	14	7	2	5	33	29	4	23	71
7	Thornton Hibs	14	5	4	5	22	19	3	19	67
8	Dunbar United	14	5	4	5	25	26	-1	19	67
9	Glenrothes	16	5	3	8	41	39	2	18	60
10	Bathgate Thistle	14	4	6	3	15	20	-5	18	66
11	Dalkeith Thistle	16	5	2	9	32	35	-3	17	59
12	Tranent	15	5	2	8	22	30	-8	17	62
13	Downfield	16	4	2	11	25	45	-20	14	56
14	Whitburn	13	3	3	7	21	34	-13	12	63
15	Kirrie Thistle	15	3	2	10	11	28	-17	11	56
16	Arniston Rangers	13	0	7	6	10	20	-10	6	58

Results since 25 Nov

Arniston Rangers	0v0	Kirrie Thistle
Dalkeith Thistle	5v0	Tranent
Thornton Hibs	3v0	St Andrews United
St Andrews United	0v1	Dunbar United
Dunbar United	1-1	Thornton Hibs

Today's Premier League Fixtures

Arniston Rangers	v	Glenrothes
Blackburn United	v	Bathgate Thistle
Haddington Ath	v	St Andrews United
Musselburgh Ath	v	Whitburn
Tayport	v	Kirrie Thistle
Thornton Hibs	v	Fauldhouse Utd
Tranent	v	Dunbar United

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Jeanfield Swifts v Beith	Whitburn v Yoker Ath
Dyce or Irvine Meadow v	Kilbirnie v Forfar WE
Dunbar United	Gartcairn v Arthurlie
Blackburn v Linlithgow	Downfield or Wishaw v
Rutherglen v Bo'ness Utd	Forth Wanderers
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or Cumbernauld	Rossvale v Pollok

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● St Joseph's officials hand over a club blazer to Wallace Fisher, Wallace Land O' Cakes sales director (second from left).

Now St Joseph's will have their cake AND eat it!

THE old saying, "You can't have your cake and eat it" certainly does not apply to enterprising Tayside junior side Dundee St Joseph's.

The club, whose fortunes on and off the park completely turned round last season, have revealed a two-year team sponsorship contract with well-known Dundee bakery firm Wallace Land O' Cakes Ltd., bakers of many fine products, perhaps the best known being a variety of world-famous Dundee pies.

Wallace Fisher, Wallace Land O' Cakes sales director, said, "Junior football is gaining prominence, and nowhere more so than in Dundee, with Dundee St Joseph's a prime mover in this resurgence.

"Our company is always looking at ways to raise its market profile and awareness.

"The package put forward by St Joseph's meets most of the criteria we set, and we look forward to becoming an integral part of the team's rising profile."

'VERY EXCITING SEASON'

Derek Souter, the club's marketing man, said, "The seeds of this contract were sown by Jim Connor as far back as January of this year.

"And, as the club sets out on what will be a very exciting season, which we believe will bring us success, we are thankful for the backing provided by Wallace Land O' Cakes and our other sponsors.

With this off-field coup, Joeys may have been forgiven for relaxing just a little.

But that isn't the case, and the management team have moved swiftly to add yet another senior to their pool.

The latest acquisition is Andy Heggie—who formerly played for Tayport and Riverside Amateurs—from First Division Brechin.

'VERY USEFUL ADDITION'

Andy is equally at home in midfield or up front, and coach John Weir said, "Dave Tosney and I heard a whisper that Andy might be available and contacted Brechin.

"He was and, knowing there would be competition, we moved quickly and fixed him up.

"Andy will be a very useful addition to the strong squad we are building at Fairfield Park."

Andy is delighted with the move.

"Being a Dundee boy, I know the local scene quite well and, like many others, have been very impressed by the Joeys' re-emergence," said the 24-year-old.

"The club is looking to win trophies and I'd like to be a part of their success."

● DON'T MISS 'JUNICUS' IN OUR SPORTS ROUND-UP.

It's 20 years since St Josephs were the dominant Junior team on Tayside. From winning the Division 2 title in 1993, St Josephs set out to challenge the supremacy which Tayport enjoyed at the time. They picked up a couple of cups in 1995 and 1996, but in 1997 they hit their peak. Heavily backed by sponsorship, Joeys, were able to cherry pick players from the Senior and Junior ranks and they cleaned up in the 96/97 season leaving Tayport, for once, potless.

The target, as it is with all Junior clubs, was the Holy Grail, the Scottish Junior Cup, but a shock 1-0 defeat at Tranent ended those dreams that season at the third round stage.

Joeys success wouldn't last, however. They picked up a couple of cups the following season but a lack of funding and they were on the slippery slope. 6-0 and 14-0 league defeats by Tayport starkly illustrated their plight in 1998/99 and relegation in was inevitable. And then St Josephs were gone.

Sadly, both St Josephs and their sponsors at the time, iconic Dundee bakers Land o' Cakes have been consigned to history.

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KIRRIE'S FIRST VISIT TO CANNIEPAIRT

SEASON 1990/91

1990/91, Tayport's debut season in the Junior ranks, brought a titanic battle for the Tayside Division 2 Championship between Tayport and Kirrie Thistle which wouldn't be decided until the last day of the league campaign in June.

By December 1990, Tayport had suffered only one defeat - 2-1 at Kirrie in their fourth game of the season - and were looking to exact revenge when the clubs faced each other in the corresponding game at Tayport on Saturday 8th December. Kirrie had other ideas, however, and recorded another win, this time by 3-2. It was the last occasion to date on which Kirrie would record a win on the Canniepairt.

Match Report

The match report noted

'In dreadful conditions of a snow covered surface and an icy Arctic gale blowing the length of the Canniepairt, Tayport went down to fellow championship aspirants Kirrie Thistle for the second time this season. That the weather conditions played a crucial role in proceedings, there is no doubt, but Tayport failed to get to grips with Kirrie's recent midfield signings, Simpson from Coupar Angus and Billy Gallacher from East Fife. Both played a major role in Tayport's downfall with Gallacher involved in all three Kirrie goals'

Interestingly, Tayport were back in league action again 24 hours later, a Sunday, when they defeated St Josephs by 9-0, also on the Canniepairt. Definitely one of the few occasions on which a Junior league game was played on a Sunday

The title race would go to the last game of the season. Top of the table Tayport who were leading Kirrie by a point, were away to Scone Thistle whilst Kirrie were at home to St Josephs. Kirrie did their best, winning 7-2 but Tayport triumphed by 6-1 at Scone to lift the Championship.



DUNMORE REPORTS....



It's been over a month since 'Port were last in competitive action, due to postponements and a festive break. So the last match on the Canniepairt of 2017 was the GA Cup tie against Broughty Athletic and what a cracker it turned out to be. The Fed' were the cup holders, having emphatically beaten Tayport in May's Tannadice final. The roles were reversed on the Canniepairt.

Alan Tulleth was the star of the show, notching a stunning treble to put the Super League outfit to the sword. 'Port made the breakthrough after quarter of an hour, when Tulleth played a one-two with Dale Reid and fired beyond Sinclair for a cracking goal.

The lead was doubled midway through the half. Jamie Gill made a superb run down the right and delivered a dangerous cross, which was blocked, but Dale Reid reacted quickly and crashed the ball home from ten yards out.

It was soon 3-0. Tulleth collected the ball at the edge of the box, slalomed past a couple of defenders and coolly beat the goalkeeper with an excellent finish.

The Fed' pulled one back on 39 minutes, when Kevin Milne found space in the six-yard box to power home a header, from a corner kick,

but the second half dismissal of Ryan Blair ended their faint hopes of salvaging the tie. Three minutes into injury-time, 'Port wrapped up a fantastic victory, when Tulleth took advantage of slack defensive play in the box to net his third and Tayport's fourth counter of the afternoon, to the delight of the home support.

Since then, there have been a couple of friendlies. In a low key encounter with Cupar amateur outfit AM Soccer, at St. Andrews University, Tayport recorded a 4-2 win. A much sterner test followed the Thursday before Christmas, when Charlie King's men took on Kelty Hearts at New Central Park.

Hearts ran out 4-0 winners, but 'Port competed well and went close on a few occasions during the second half. Ricky Patrick tested the 'keeper, Gary Sutherland struck the post and Jamie Mackie was off-target in Tayport's best spell.

So, back to real action today and Charlie King will be hoping to see his team start 2018 with a bang. So too will the home support.

Support the 'Port!

CURRENT LEAGUE FORM (most recent result to left)

							<u>Pts</u>
Musselburgh	D	W	W	W	W	W	16
Haddington	D	W	W	D	D	W	12
Tayport	L	W	D	D	W	W	11
Blackburn United	L	W	W	L	D	W	10
Fauldhouse	D	W	D	W	L	D	9
<u>St Andrews United</u>	L	L	W	W	L	W	9
Kirrie Thistle	D	L	L	L	L	L	1

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

A warm welcome to our fans and our visitors Kirrie Thistle for this afternoon's League game. May I also wish a Happy New year to everyone.

Our final game of 2017 was a GA home cup tie against Broughty Athletic. It turned out to be a good day for us, with a comfortable 4-1 victory. I thought we arguably produced our best performance of the season.



The win gives us another home tie against North League opponents Brechin Vics. The winner of that tie is blessed with a home tie versus the North Region Super League side Hall Russell United, so having contested the final in the past two seasons, there is again a great opportunity to advance to the latter stages of this cup .

Over the festive season we've unfortunately lost the services of both our Spanish players, Dani and Sergio, two very talented players. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their services and wish them every success in their lives.

So as one door closes, another opens. We welcome two experienced additions to the club. Ricky Patrick has joined us on loan from Dundonald Bluebell and Kris Rollo returns to the club from Lochee United. I'm delighted they've joined and am confident they will make their mark with us and improve our side.

This afternoon's league game gives us an opportunity to start 2018 with a victory. It won't be easy as it's not so long ago that we lost to them at Kirriemuir but if our players can produce the same standard of play they did in our last home game, then we've got to be confident of success.

Enjoy the game,

Regards

Davie Baikie

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