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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 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



Musselburgh
from



1	Gavin SORLEY
2	Kieran CONWAY
3	Craig STURROCK
4	Kris ROLLO
6	Connor GRAY
7	Jamie MACKIE
8	Jamie GILL
9	Dale REID
10	Gary SUTHERLAND
11	Conor IRELAND
13	Struan CHRISTIE
14	Dayle ROBERTSON
15	Stewart McCONNACHIE
16	Luke O'BRIEN
17	Alan TULLETH
18	Grant PATERSON
20	Fraser ANDERSON
21	Ryan SUTTIE

Saturday
14th April 2018
Kick off 2.30 pm

Referee:
Steven TRAYNOR

Assistant 1:
Mike CRICHTON

Assistant 2:
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Cover pic
Dale Reid,
Tayport's top
scorer this season,
in action

v
Kirrie Thistle.
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1	g/k Ally ADAMS
20	g/k Asher TUFALL
2	John McMANUS
3	Matty LYNCH
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Coach	- Darren TENNANT
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Manager	- Calvin SHAND
Coach	- Stuart BURNETT
Coach	- Allan TODD



Today's Game McBookie.com Premier Division Tayport v Musselburgh Athletic



Weather havoc

The bad weather in late February and March caused havoc with fixtures during these months. Late switches of venue meant that programmes couldn't be issued for Bathgate and Thornton games. Our apologies

Visit of league leaders

Today we welcome league leaders Musselburgh Athletic to the Canniepairt. Musselburgh are a bit like Man City, St Mirren and Celtic in that it's really only a matter of time before they clinch the title. Regardless, promotion looks a stick on. Only one defeat to date in the league and that was, somewhat surprisingly, at Kirriemuir.

Goal threat

Currently on a roll of six wins and a draw, Mussy have seen strikers Stephen MacDonald (below) and Matthu King (right) rattling in the goals for the Olive Bank club this



season, 19 for King, scorer of last Saturday's late winner at Blackburn, and 21 for MacDonald, including 4 v Kirrie the other week. King has been 10 years at the club and is set to break the club's appearances record later this season.

Musselburgh Athletic are one of only two East Region clubs against whom Tayport have never recorded a victory.

In addition, our 6-2 defeat in the first game of this season at Musselburgh is Tayport's heaviest ever away league defeat and the 6-0 defeat by today's opponents on the Canniepairt in 2015 is our heaviest ever home defeat in any game.

Previously, the biggest defeat in a league game had been 6-3 at Carnoustie 21 years ago

Disappointment

Tayport, who bounced back with a sound performance at Dalkeith, after a dreadful show at Hermes will be disappointed at dropping four points at home to Bathgate and Thornton in our last two league games.

The dwindling promotion / playoff hopes can be revived today, however, with a win over the Olive Bank side,



probably the best team we've played this season.

Incentive for 'Port

Charlie will be looking for his side to avenge that heavy defeat the team suffered at the hands of today's opponents in the first game of the season and should have the experienced trio of Mackie, McConnachie and Sturrock available to call upon today. Missing though will be Ryan Suttie who starts a 2 game suspension this afternoon.

Got to tighten up

Tayport's six game unbeaten league run has taken them to third top spot and if they can eliminate the chronic profligacy in front of goal, then three points this afternoon is not beyond them. However, with only three clean sheets in 26 games this season, it looks like that profligacy will have to be well and truly put to bed if we are to achieve the win!



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



Welcome again to the Canniepairt for this afternoon's Premier League match as we host form team and league leaders Musselburgh Athletic.

Not on a bad run ourselves as we go into this game and we are fairly happy over the last couple of weeks in particular. On another day the chances we had last week might have made for a more comfortable afternoon had we put a couple away.

We're building a good group and starting to see some consistency, so hopefully going into today as underdogs, we will be at our best. Get behind the team please and let's finish strong.

Charlie, Daryn, Grant and Darren

CURRENT LEAGUE FORM (most recent result to left)

							<u>Pts</u>
Musselburgh	W	W	D	W	W	W	16
Tayport	D	W	D	D	W	W	12
Haddington	W	D	L	W	D	W	11
Thornton Hibs	D	W	W	D	D	D	10
Dunbar United	W	L	W	D	W	L	10
Arniston Rangers	D	D	D	D	W	W	10



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Tayport's meetings with Musselburgh Athletic



24 Oct 2010	EoS Cup R3	Tayport 1-2 Musselburgh	25 Jan 2014	Super League	Tayport 1-1 Musselburgh
26 Mar 2011	Super League	Musselburgh 2-1 Tayport	3 Oct 2015	Super League	Tayport 0-6 Musselburgh
7 May 2011	Super League	Tayport 1-2 Musselburgh	9 Apr 2016	Super League	Musselburgh 3-2 Tayport
10 Aug 2013	Super League	Musselburgh 3-1 Tayport	5 Aug 2017	Premier League	Musselburgh 6-2 Tayport

Musselburgh's season so far

5/8/17	League	H	Tayport	W	6-2	28/10/17	SCup 2	H	Darvel	W	3-2
9/8/17	League	A	Dunbar Utd	W	6-0	4/11/17	League	H	Downfield	W	3-2
12/8/17	League	A	Dalkeith Th	W	3-1	11/11/17	EoS Cup	H	Crossgates	D	0-0*
16/8/17	League	H	Arniston	W	1-0	18/11/17	League	A	Fauldhouse	D	1-1
19/8/17	League	H	Bathgate	D	0-0	23/12/17	SCup 3	A	Hurlford	L	1-2
26/8/17	League	A	St Andrews	W	3-0	6/01/18	League	H	Whitburn	W	3-1
2/9/17	EoS Cup	A	St Andrews	W	5-1	13/01/18	League	A	Kirrie This	L	0-1
9/9/17	League	H	Thornton	W	1-0	27/1/18	League	H	Tranent	W	2-0
16/9/17	League	A	Downfield	W	3-1	3/2/18	League	H	St Andrews	W	3-2
23/9/17	SCup 1	H	Newburgh T	W	4-0	17/2/18	League	A	Bathgate	W	2-1
30/9/17	League	H	Glenrothes	W	3-2	24/2/18	League	H	Haddington	W	3-0
7/10/17	F&L	A	Haddington	D	0-0+	24/3/18	League	A	Glenrothes	D	2-2
14/10/17	League	H	Blackburn	W	2-1	31/3/18	League	H	Kirrie This	W	7-0
21/10/17	League	A	Tranent	W	1-0	7/4/18	League	A	Blackburn	W	1-0

+ lost on pens

* won on pens

Player moves since last programme..... Ryan's back and he's joined by Dayle and Stewart

Ryan Suttie, who appeared 75 times for Tayport from August 2013 to November 2015, is back at the Caniepairt. He's joined us on loan from Broughty as has 22 year old Perth based striker Dayle Robertson whom the Ferry club signed from North End at the start of the season. Dayle's made a bright start with a goal in each of his last four games. Veteran striker Stewart McConnachie (aka Tweedy) makes it a trio of Broughty players to cross the Tay in the past few weeks. Defender Gregor Anderson, who had been unavailable for us recently, has gone the other way, moving on loan across the water to Whitton Park. Gregor played 60 times and scored once. Gregor's been an ever-present in Broughty's impressive run since his move.

Also off to pastures new are Marc Ogg who had 66 appearances and 15 goals since signing in 2015 and Kamil Kadela who had 5 appearances this season, 3 of which were as substitute. Both have signed for Dundee Violet.

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East Region

Premier League 2017/18

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	max
1	Musselburgh Ath	22	18	3	1	56	17	39	57	81
2	Haddington Ath	20	11	6	3	47	29	18	39	71
3	Tayport	20	10	5	5	46	37	9	35	65
4	Dunbar United	22	10	5	7	43	35	8	35	59
5	Blackburn United	22	10	4	8	31	28	3	34	58
6	St Andrews Utd	26	10	4	12	45	57	-12	34	46
7	Fauldhouse Utd	16	10	3	3	45	29	16	33	75
8	Thornton Hibs	19	7	7	5	33	5	8	28	61
9	Tranent	22	8	3	11	40	42	-2	27	51
10	Downfield	20	7	3	10	37	50	-13	24	54
11	Bathgate Thistle	23	5	7	11	26	38	-12	22	43
12	Dalkeith Thistle	22	6	3	13	38	50	-12	21	45
13	Arniston Rangers	20	3	11	6	19	25	-6	20	50
14	Glenrothes	18	5	4	9	45	44	1	19	55
15	Whitburn	19	5	4	10	35	49	-14	19	52
16	Kirrie Thistle	23	5	2	16	18	49	-31	17	38

Last week's Premier League results

Bathgate Thistle	2v3	Dalkeith Thistle
Blackburn United	0v1	Musselburgh Athletic
Downfield	3v2	St Andrews United
Dunbar United	2v0	Whitburn
Kirrie Thistle	0v1	Arniston Rangers
Tayport	1v1	Thornton Hibs

Today's Premier League Fixtures

Arniston Rangers	v	Bathgate Thistle
Downfield	v	Dunbar United
Fauldhouse United	v	Kirrie Thistle
Haddington Athletic	v	Blackburn United
St Andrews United	v	Dalkeith Thistle
Tayport	v	Musselburgh Athletic
Tranent	v	Whitburn

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9 AUG	GLENROTHES	PL 2	W	6-2	Sorley	Walton	Sturrock	King	Conway	Ogg 1
12 AUG	DUNBAR UTD	PL 3	W	3-2	Sorley	Walton	Robertson	Conway	G.Anderson	Ogg
16 AUG	Kirrie Thistle	PL 4	L	0-2	Sorley	Conway	Sturrock	King	G.Anderson	Ogg
19 AUG	Tranent	PL 5	W	3-0	Sorley	Conway	Sturrock	King	G.Anderson	Ogg 1p
26 AUG	FAULDHUSE	PL 6	L	1-4	D. Bruce	Conway	Sturrock	Sanchez	G.Anderson	Ogg 1p
2 SEP	LINLITHGOW	EoS			Postponed	as	Linlithgow	had	Wm Hill	Scottish
9 SEP	Blackburn	PL 7	L	1-2	Sorley	Gray	Sturrock	Sanchez	G Anderson	Ogg
16 SEP	HADDINGTON	PL 8	W	3-2	Sorley	Gray	Sturrock	Sanchez 1	King	Ogg
23 SEP	CUMBERNAULD	SC1	L	1-2	Sorley	Gray	Sturrock	Sanchez	Mackie	Ogg
30 SEP	Arnisdon	PL 9	W	2-1	Sorley	Gray	Sturrock	Sanchez	Mackie	Ogg
7 OCT	Downfield	PL 10	W	2-1	Sorley	Gray	Sturrock	Sanchez	Mackie	Alvarez
14 OCT	WHITBURN	PL 11	D	2-2	Sorley	Ogg	Sturrock	Sanchez	Mackie 1	Alvarez
21 OCT	Bathgate	PL	No	game	as	Creamery	Park	was	declared	unplayable
28 OCT	Glenrothes	PL 12	D	2-2	Sorley	Conway	Gray	Sanchez	Anderson	Alvarez
4 NOV	DALKEITH	PL 13	W	4-0	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Sanchez	Anderson	Tulleth
11 NOV	LINLITHGOW	EoS	L	0-2	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Sanchez	Anderson	Tulleth
18 NOV	ST ANDREWS	PL 14	L	2-3	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Sanchez	Anderson 1	Tulleth
25 NOV	BROUGHTY	GA	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
02 DEC	BROUGHTY	GA	W	4-1	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Anderson	Tulleth 3
09 DEC	Bathgate	PL	No	game	as	Creamery	Park	was	declared	unplayable
16 DEC	Bathgate	PL	No	game	as	Creamery	Park	was	declared	unplayable
23 DEC	BATHGATE	PL	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
6 JAN	KIRRIE THIS	PL 15	W	3-2	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth 1
13 JAN	Bathgate	PL	No	game	as	Creamery	Park	was	declared	unplayable
20 JAN	THORNTON	PL	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
27 JAN	Dunbar Utd	PL 16	W	2-1	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth 1
3 FEB	BRECHIN	GA 2	W	5-0	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth 1
10 FEB	ARNISTON	PL 17	D	1-1	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth
17 FEB	HALL RUSSELL	GA 3	W	2-1	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth 1
24 FEB	DOWNFIELD	PL	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
3 MAR	BATHGATE	PL	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
10 MAR	BATHGATE	PL 18	D	2-2	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth
17 MAR	MUSSELBURGH	PL	No	game	as	Canniepairt	pitch	was	declared	unplayable
24 MAR	Hermes	GA 4	L	2-4	Sorley	Sturrock	Gray 1	Paterson	Conway	Mackie
31 MAR	Dalkeith	PL 19	W	4-1	Sorley	Sturrock	Luke O'Brien	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth 2
7 APR	THORNTON	PL 20	D	1-1	Sorley	Gray	O'Brien	Paterson	Conway	Tulleth
Best wishes to Lochee United for their Scottish Junior Cup semi final 1st leg against favourites Auchinleck Talbot in Ayrshire this afternoon. 2nd leg is next Saturday at Thomson Park, Lochee.										

7	8	9	10	11	S1	S2	S3	att
Mackie	Paterson	Reid 1	Sutherland	C. Ireland 1	Christie (6)			149
Mackie 1	Paterson	Reid 2	Sutherland 2	Ireland	Christie (10)	Robertson (8)		101
Mackie 1	Paterson	Reid 2	Sutherland	King	Alvarez(11)	D.Smith (2)	Christie (10)	88
Mackie	Paterson	Reid	Sutherland	Christie	Tulleth (7)	Smith (11)		81
Smith	Paterson	Reid 2	Sutherland	Tulleth	Sanchez (7)	(T) R. Roy(10)	Alvarez (11)	144
Jamie Gill	Paterson	Reid	Alvarez	Tulleth	King(10)	Sutherland(11)	Ireland (8)	128
Cup tie	v	Banks	O' Dee					
Gill	Paterson	Reid 1	Tulleth	Ireland	Sutherland (9)	Alvarez (10)		101
Alvarez 1	Paterson	Reid	Sutherland 1	Tulleth	Mackie (5)	Gill (8)	Ireland	84
Alvarez	Gill	Reid 1	Sutherland	Ireland	Conway (4)	Tulleth (10)	Kadela (3)	118
Conway	Tulleth	Reid 1	Sutherland 1	Ireland	Alvarez (6)	Anderson (3)	Paterson	81
Conway	Tulleth	Reid 1p	Sutherland 1	Anderson	Ireland (8)			111
Conway	Paterson	Reid 1	Sutherland	Anderson	Ireland (3)	Strachan (6)		103
Ogg	Paterson	Reid	Ireland 2	Mackie	Strachan (11)	Sutherland(9)	Tulleth (7)	96
Strachan	Paterson	Reid	Ireland	Sutherland 2	Kadela (9)	Alvarez (10)	King (4)	73
Kadela	Alvarez	Reid	Ireland	Sutherland	Gill (7)	Christie (3)	Jas Russell (10)	257
Kadela	Alvarez	Reid	Ireland	Sutherland 1	Gill (10)	Strachan (8)		129
R.Patrick	Rollo	Reid 1	Gill	Sutherland	Ireland (11)	Sanchez (8)		105
Patrick	Rollo	Reid 1 p	Gill	Sutherland	Ireland (9)	Strachan (6)	Mackie (3)	116
Patrick	Rollo	Ireland	Gill	Sutherland 1	Reid(9)	Kadela (6)	Mackie (11)	125
Mackie	Rollo	Ireland 1	Gill 1	Sutherland 1	F Anderson 1(8)	Kadela (9)	Christie(6)	78
F Anderson	Rollo	Ireland 1	Gill	Sutherland	Mackie (6)	Ogg (7)	Reid (8)	82
F Anderson	Rollo	Robertson	Gill	Sutherland 1	Mackie (7)	Reid (9)	Christie (10)	95
Suttie	Rollo	Robertson 1	Gill 1	Sutherland	Mackie (6)	McConnachie (11)		83
Anderson	Rollo	Robertson 1	Gill	Reid	Sutherland (7)	Tulleth (9)		59
Suttie	Rollo	Robertson 1	Gill 1	McConnachie	Ireland (7)	F Anderson(9)		41
Suttie	Rollo	Robertson 1	Gill	Ireland	Reid (11)	F Anderson (4)		101
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7. Cara. You are the best Mum in the World. Finlay Cockburn, 8



9. Lynsey. I love you Mum. Fraser Garnett, 8

The Tayport FC pie sales girls of yesteryear, Cara Mathers (left) and Lynsey Boath, pictured almost a quarter of a century ago, and above, how their sons see them in 2018, in The Courier's recent Mother's Day feature

Tayport FC Committee stalwarts from 34 years ago (or thereabouts)

From left Iain Cougan, the late Jim Herd, Alan Hart, Chas Anderson and Alastair Oswald (Herx)

1984



MATCH DAY HOSPITALITY

The recent Downfield game may have been postponed but the match-day hospitality went ahead with Ally Doctor's (right) party pictured here with manager Charlie King, enjoying a good day out.



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Joe's Giant Easter 2018 Groundhop

Not so much a hop as a series of giant leaps! Tayport (and Hibeas) fan Joe Kimmel's groundhopping exploits are pretty legendary but this Easter's odyssey must surely have surpassed his previous efforts.

During his six days on public transport on the road (and in the air) Joe managed to see 12 football matches. We'd need an entire programme to give all details but here's an abridged account of his travels.

Thursday - arrived in Devon to see **Newton Abbot Spurs** beat Teignmouth by 2-1 before a crowd of 316 [all crowds on this 3 day hop in Devon were swelled considerably by the army of Groundhoppers]

Friday 11 am - **Sidmouth Town** 3 v 4 Budleigh Salterton. (Att. 336)

3pm - **Honiton Town** 0 v 1 Ilfracombe Town (Att 228)

7pm - **Axminster Town** 2 v 1 Crediton United (Att 328)

Weather dreadful. Soaked 3 times. Had to battle a blizzard to get to Axminster where ducks were on pitch during game. Bonus - a beer festival at Honiton.

Saturday 11am - Still in Devon. **St Martins FC** 4 v 0 Alphington FC (Att 383)

3pm - **Brixham FC** 1 v 0 Galmpton & Roselands FC (Att 369)

7pm - **Plymouth Marjons** 2 v 3 Millbrook FC (Att. 293)

Caught overnight bus to **London** for a from the ridiculous to a sublime experience

Sunday 1.30pm - **Arsenal** 3 v 0 Stoke at The Emirates. (Att 59,374 - includes season tickets). Getting into the game was looking to be a problem as touts were wanting £150 for a ticket. However a chance meeting with some Arsenal fans secured one for £30. On discovering that one of the said fans, Chris, used to live in Ceres, a lengthy ...very lengthy ...post-match visit to the pub with said Gooners was a must!

Monday 11am Wandsworth for **Battersea Ironsides** 4 v 2 Tooting Bec. (Att. 9 !)

3pm **Dagenham & Redbridge** 2 v 1 Maidstone United (Att .1,633)

6pm **Aveley FC** 3 v 0 Canvey Island

Tuesday London City Airport to **George Best Belfast City Airport** and onwards to **Lurgan**

3pm After walking for 45 mins in pouring rain arrived for **Lurgan** v **Limvady Utd** but turned up at wrong ground. Relocated to correct ground only to discover game had been postponed!

7.45pm Undaunted our Joe set off on a march to **Glenavon's** ground at Mourneview for **Glenavon** 2 v 3 **Linfield** (Att. 1674). Arrived to find pitch inspection in progress but it got thumbs up. Torrential downpour at final whistle so soaked yet again on way to railway station.



DUNMORE REPORTS....



It has been several weeks since the last edition of the Port Prog, so there are lots of games to catch up on.

Back in mid-February, Tayport won through to the quarter-finals of the inter-regional GA Engineering Cup, but left it late to see off visiting Hall Russell United. The visitors took the lead on 69 minutes, courtesy of a Hamish MacLeod volley and a cup defeat was looming. Thankfully, by the 77th minute, 'Port were level. Substitute Dale Reid scampered down the right and his cross was inch-perfect for **Alan Tulleth**, who swept home a fine equaliser.

As time ebbed away, with penalty kicks very much on the cards, 'Port snatched a late winner. Midfielder Kris Rollo strode forward and fed **Gary Sutherland**, who sent his low finish past the 'keeper, to the delight of the home support.

The cold weather then returned and the match against Bathgate was postponed. By the next Saturday, much of the area was in the grip of the Beast from the East, so the Downfield fixture also fell by the wayside.

When 'Port and Bathgate eventually met, they shared four goals on the Canniepairt. 'Gate opened the scoring after only a couple of minutes, but **Jamie Gill** soon slammed home a leveller. Tayport went on to create numerous chances, but fell behind again just before half-time, after a defensive error. After the break, a Jamie Gill corner was converted by **Dayle Robertson** at the near post, to open his account for the club, and make it two apiece.

This Musselburgh fixture was called off the following week and the next action was in Bridge of Don, with a GA Cup quarter-final against Hermes. Tayport did not produce a great first half performance, but did lead 2-1 at the break. **Dayle Robertson** did well to hold off his man

and net the opener. Then, after Hermes had levelled through giant striker, Michael Smith, **Connor Gray** restored the advantage on half-time, from a Jamie Mackie delivery.

The second half proved to be a disaster for the Canniepairt men. Hermes scored three times to secure a shock 4-2 win and Mackie received his marching orders late on, to compound a miserable afternoon for the Tayport contingent.

Fortunately, Charlie King's side has been able to put that match behind them and produce a couple of more positive displays in recent weeks. Dalkeith were put to the sword in Midlothian, where 'Port won 4-1. **Alan Tulleth** burst forward to net the opener in the first half, the tenacious **Dayle Robertson** doubled the lead in the second half. Substitute Conor Ireland played a huge part in Tayport's next two counters, with **Jamie Gill** and **Tulleth**, again, getting the goals. Dalkeith's goal, at three-nil down, was academic.

Last Saturday, there was a hastily-arranged match against Thornton, with the teams playing out a very competitive one-all draw. Tayport had numerous chances throughout, especially in the first half, but had to rely on **Dayle Robertson**, who netted for the fourth match in a row, to gain a point. Robertson struck in the 77th minute, after excellent play by substitutes Fraser Anderson and Dale Reid.

That concludes the summary of the last couple of months. Now Tayport face the East Premier League leaders and champions-elect, Musselburgh Athletic.

Support the 'Port!

A future for the Juniors in the Pyramid looming large

The rumblings that there would be further defections following Kelty Hearts' move to the SFA's Pyramid and the outcome of a recent questionnaire on the same topic prompted a meeting of the ERSJFA clubs earlier this week which was addressed by SJFA secretary Tom Johnston.

What we learned.

The result of the questionnaire showed that a majority Junior clubs would be in favour of joining the Pyramid. At present Dalkeith, Haddington and Tranent have already stated their intention to join SFA's East of Scotland League (EOSL) from next season. Dundonald and Hill of Beath have also indicated a willingness to consider such a move. Rumours exist that a number of other clubs are presently considering an application to join EOSL. The SJFA and ERSJFA executives have requested that, in any move to the Pyramid, all clubs move as one.

Situation at present is that there is a proposal from the SFA for Junior clubs to join the Pyramid at tier 6 in 2019/20. There will be a meeting in 4 weeks to rubber stamp this proposal. Thereafter an EGM will be required to confirm or otherwise a move to the Pyramid, what the timescale would be and should some clubs go ahead and move as planned at the end of this season, the implications for next season's ERSJFA league structure.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Musselburgh Athletic provide the opposition for this afternoon's Premier League match. May I welcome both their players and officials to Tayport.

Last week saw us once again fail to seal the points against a fairly average Thornton side, a very disappointing afternoon.

As the manager said in a previous post match comment, we can't continue to lose preventable goals and then have to score two, three or more to win a game. I can't really recall many teams, if any, who've come to Tayport this season and outplayed us. The opposite is more the case but we've still managed to lose twenty one goals, an average of two a game which is why we've dropped fourteen points at home. I know it's pointless to speculate, but with a bit more discipline in our defending, we'd be sitting in a much higher position than we are. That said, we're not out of the mix by any stretch, so we move on to the next challenge.

Musselburgh are just that. The next challenge. A tall order. They've lost just one league game to date and there's no doubt they are heading back to the Super League. Can we inflict their second league defeat of the season? Yes we can. Our form against sides from the division above has been good and I'd class Musselburgh in that category, so let's make it happen.

Enjoy the game, *Davie Baikie*



Lil McRae Tayport Football Club was sorry to learn of the recent death aged 90 of Lil McRae, long time Tayport resident and a keen supporter of the club, not in the matchday sense, but through fundraising. Lil was long time Bingo club member, a Super Six Lottery agent and an enthusiastic seller of Christmas Draw tickets. All told, Lil brought a fair bit into the club coffers over the years. She'll be missed.



Norman Pattie

The club was saddened recently with the news of the death, age 86, of Norman Pattie, a contemporary of our Honorary President Andy Phin, both born and brought up in Tayport. Norman got off to a good start in life, winning a Bonny Baby contest at the Tayport church garden fete in the 0-6 months category!

Norman played for the club in the early 50s before heading for foreign fields, eventually retiring to Cheshire. Although he travelled the world extensively during his retirement, he continued to renew his season ticket annually, maintaining contact with the club wherever he was. As his widow Margaret said in a letter received by the club following his passing "Norman really enjoyed getting his programme and followed Tayport's results wherever we were in the world. He used to phone the hotline each week before we started getting them on the internet. I'm sure he would want me to wish the club every success"

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