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Competition Entered this Season

East Super 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 2017/18

Player of the Year (Presented 1991 by Messrs Oswald, Redpath & Stewart) - **Alan Tulleth**
Players' Player Of The Year (Presented 1991 in memory of the late Rev. G.S. Ayre) - **Alan Tulleth**
Travel Club Player Of The Year (Presented in memory of the late Davie Ayre) - **Alan Tulleth**
Young Player Of The Year (Presented by Bella Carmichael in memory of Dite Carmichael) - **Kieran Conway**
Fans' Favourite - **Alan Tulleth** **Top Scorer Award** (Presented by Andrew Robertson) - **Dale Reid**
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A Word from our Chairman

Good afternoon to all our fans and may I extend a warm welcome to Fauldhouse United for today's Superleague match.

Just a wee update on the proposed Thistle hut relocation. We received the building warrant a number weeks back which allowed us to move things on. The groundwork required for the structure to sit on has now been completed and a date has now been set for the relocation which, weather permitting, is this coming Thursday, so let's hope we get a good day for it.

Once it's in place the most pressing issue is to get a new roof as the present roof is in a bad state of repair. Once it's wind and watertight we can then think about getting the services in, gas, electricity and water. Beyond that the progress will be as and when funding becomes available and finding the right tradesmen who can offer their services for a nominal fee!! It's a challenge we're all looking forward to.

Since the last edition of the Port Prog we've had three games, winning the home fixture against Downfield and losing to both Broughty Athletic and Carnoustie away, both of which, in my opinion, were winnable. I'm sure I touched on it in our last edition, that I can almost predict the outcome of games. I look at the players who are not available on the day and make a judgement. As it stands, out of our five games I've got a 100% record! Every week we have 4 or 5 players unavailable for one reason or another and in the main it's experienced players. The manager must be at his wits end. I certainly would be. What chance have we got of winning any honours when we go into the fight every week with one hand tied behind our back!

It's not that long ago we faced today's opposition on their home patch. Yes, there was little at stake, as it was both clubs' last remaining fixture with the outcome of league reconstruction known. Nevertheless, we won the game handsomely, so some more of the same would be welcome today.

Enjoy the game...

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Davie Baikie



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Today's Teams

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8th September
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Referee:
Chris FORDYCE

Assistant 1:
Robert REDMOND
Assistant 2:
Matthew McCONNACHIE

Older club members would have been saddened to learn of the death recently of Alan 'Soccy' Pater-son.

Left full back Soccy played for the club in 1985/86 and featured in all eleven ties on our way to the Scottish Amateur Cup semi final at Dens Park in April 1986.

Fauldhouse
United
from



1	Mark QUINN
21	David McGUINNESS
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Today's Game McBookie.com Super League Tayport v Fauldhouse United



A warm welcome to the Canniepairt to Fauldhouse United's committee, players and supporters for this Super League encounter.

Fourth Away Game

It's a fourth away Super League game already for the West Lothian club. Their Park View pitch was re-laid during the summer and wasn't ready for action until late August, hence the need to kick off the season with three away games.

The new pitch was hanelled with a Fauldhouse victory, a creditable 3-2 win over Forfar West End on 25th August when three goals in seven minutes midway through the first half from David O' Donnell (2) and Sean McManus ensured the points would stay with Fauldhouse.

East Region Cup Exit

Things didn't pan out as well last Saturday when Lochee United came calling in the East Region Cup and returned to Thomson Park with a 4-0 win. No disgrace there as the Dundee side are in top form these days.

Stick with Juniors

As 17 East Region Junior clubs in the Lothians area played follow my leader to

join the East of Scotland League, Fauldhouse were one of 9 Lothians clubs who chose to stick with the Juniors.

After three seasons in the Super League, Fauldhouse were relegated in 2017 but pulled themselves together last season to finish second in the Premier League and gain

Derek Sharp of Arma-dale won £2,000 in the Fauldhouse United weekly lottery at the end of last season and immediately donated £500 back to the club.

A magnificent gesture.

We've paid out something like £250k in prize money from our lottery over the last 25 years and even a few quid never mind £500 would have been nice!

an automatic step-up to this season's re-vamped Super League.

McManus Catches the Eye

Tayport's last clean sheet was at Fauldhouse in the last game of last season, a 4-0 win so they will be looking to keep the back door bolted today. It won't be easy with striker



Darren Gribben, now with his 12th club, always a goal threat but the greatest threat could come from young Livingston FC player Sean McManus (pictured) who has been receiving very positive reports since joining Fauldhouse on a year's loan from the SPL club.

Can't get a settled side

Tayport manager Charlie King has seen his team been in contention in every game played this season, but being unable to get a settled line-up and the invariable loss of the first goal have been crucial factors in their disappointing start to the campaign.

McConnachie and Conway out today

McConnachie, recipient of a red card, will be out today but Sturrock, Gray and Chalmers should be back in contention. Kieran Conway's injury could keep him out for a few weeks yet.

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1	Lochee United	4	4	0	0	17	2	15	12	66
2	Broughty Athletic	4	4	0	0	10	2	8	12	66
3	Carnoustie	4	2	1	1	9	5	4	7	61
4	Tayport	4	2	0	2	7	5	2	6	60
5	Forfar West End	4	2	0	2	7	6	1	6	60
6	Thornton Hibs	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6	60
7	Downfield	4	2	0	2	3	5	-2	6	60
8	Fauldhouse Utd	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4	58
9	Kirrie Thistle	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4	58
10	Glenrothes	4	1	1	2	5	13	-8	4	58
11	Whitburn	4	0	2	2	8	16	-8	2	56
12	Kennoway Star	4	0	0	4	4	10	-6	0	54

Current League Form

Lochee Utd	W W W W
Broty Ath	W W W W
Carnoustie	L D W W
Tayport	L W L W
Forfar WE	L L W W
Fauldhouse	W L D L

Today's Super League card

Carnoustie	v	Broty Ath
Forfar WE	v	Glenrothes
Kennoway	v	Whitburn
Lochee Utd	v	Downfield
Tayport	v	Fauldhouse Utd
Thornton	v	Kirrie This

Fauldhouse United's season so far

4 Aug Away v Broughty L 0-2 (SL)	25 Aug Home v Forfar WE W 3-2 (SL)
11 Aug Away v Whitburn D 3-3 (SL)	1 Sept Home v Lochee Utd L 0-4 (EoS)
18 Aug Away v Glenrothes L 1-3 (SL)	

Tayport's Next Game Sat. 15 Sept.
Away v Glenrothes

Tayport's Next Home Game
Forfar WE Sat. 22nd Sept.



Such has been the upheaval in the East Region juniors that Tayport's recent run of fixtures has been more akin to the days of the Tayside League. Of course, 'Port are no longer the dominant force, with opponents such as Broughty and Carnoustie now higher up the pecking order.

So, there have been a couple of defeats over the last two weeks, but last time on the Caniepairt, Tayport did record a satisfying win against old foes Downfield. In the 14th minute of the contest, the hosts opened the scoring when Dayle Robertson carried the ball along the box, quickly turned and fired off a low shot into the corner of the net.

By the break, the Spiders were level, Davidson having collected the ball from the left, danced past a couple of defenders and crashed the ball high into the roof of the net from 12 yards out.

In the second half, Tayport eased ahead of their rivals to post a 3-1 win. Stewart McConnachie and Jamie Gill combined down the right to set up the chance for Conor Ireland to run clear of the defence and he lofted the ball past the 'keeper, for his side's second counter of the afternoon.

For the third, Gill's free kick from the right found Ireland at the left side of the goal and he, in turn, found Stephen Duffy, who fired home through a crowded area, for his first goal in Tayport colours.

A fortnight ago, 'Port made the short trip to Whitton Park, to take on 100%ers Broughty Athletic. Charlie King's men lost narrowly to a home side, who, on balance, deserved their win. The dangerous McLellan was the second half scorer. While 'Port remained in contention, they did not do quite enough to get back on level terms and the Fed' claimed the points.

At half-time against Carnoustie, last weekend, Tayport looked far removed from being in contention in the DJ Laing East Region Cup tie. The Caniepairt outfit trailed by three goals. Jamie McCabe, Mark Smith and, fortuitously Bailey Steele, all netted for the Gowfers and the match seemed lost. Although there was no grandstand comeback, 'Port did at least give their hosts a fright, netting twice and coming close to a late equaliser. Dayle Robertson raced away to score Tayport's first goal of the afternoon and a Ryan Suttie header further reduced the deficit. It was not to be, though, and the dismissal of Stewart McConnachie, to make it ten-a-side, was the last notable incident of the match. Today, Fauldhouse come to town and it will be another tough test for Charlie King's side.

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From the ARCHIVES



The Canniepairt Farmhouse and Dairy late 1800s. Situated on the present pitch, approximately in the vicinity of the away dugout. Photo taken from the east on the access road looking west across the pitch towards the enclosure which is situated bang in the middle of what was the Edinburgh to Dundee railway line.

Players & fans weren't just tough in the old days...they could also see in the dark as this report from a match played in **Tayport 132 years ago** would suggest

Vale of Tay (Dundee) v Viewbank Juniors (Tayport) - on Our Boys' ground, Tayport. The first half ended—Vale 1; Juniors 0. The second half was played in darkness. The Juniors scored twice, thus winning by 2 goals to 1. The Vale, who had the best of the game all through, wanted three of their usual team.

Saturday's match report in the *Dundee Courier*

Monday 15 November 1886



SELKIRK FC—A SAD TALE

The resignation of Selkirk FC who finished 5th in last season's Lowland League, has come as no surprise. The club had been subject to two £500 fines, half suspended, but the request to post a £750 bond proved to be the last straw. But, as *The Southern Reporter* reports below, the writing appeared to be pretty much on the wall.

...Selkirk chairman Jay-Dee Sharkey resigned last week after five weeks in the post, while club secretary Sheree Davison, who also wished to stand down, said she had been told by a Scottish Football Association representative that she had to stay on for the time being as a point of contact. The club issued a statement on Tuesday [28 August], in which it said: "It's with regret Selkirk FC announce that, after having tried everything to keep the club going over an extremely difficult period, they have been unable to do so and are withdrawing from the Lowland League. "The club would like to thank the people of Selkirk, all supporters, sponsors, managers, management team, office bearers and committee members who, over the time the club has been in the Lowland League, have worked so hard."

The clubrooms were closed during week, while Ms Davison was earlier today (Wednesday 29th) engaged in shutting down the electrical and gas services, among other duties. She said at present, she had been left to deal with everything. While it seemed likely that Selkirk FC, as a business concern, would have to be formally wound up in its present form, Ms Davison said she did not know what would happen, adding: "Somebody is going to have to help me in this direction."

The crisis at Yarrow Park escalated after rumours last season that players may be considering leaving because they had not been paid. Former manager John Coughlin – who was both preceded and succeeded by Ian Fergus – also said he had not been paid when he left the club at the beginning of April, after just six weeks in charge. Many of the playing personnel left the club at the end of last season, before it emerged they had not been paid since December 2017 and were possibly owed around £12,000. Ian Fergus also left his managerial post, while his successor, Terry Ferguson, quit along with assistant Scott Patterson after just one game in charge this season – a 10-0 whipping by East Kilbride – saying the dire financial position made it impossible for him to construct a team. Former Hibernian player and Gala Fairydean manager Gordon Rae was brought in as interim manager, as the club struggled to field a team from one game to the next. But the club's worsening reputation over the financial uncertainty, along with its inability to guarantee twice-weekly training sessions or game time on a Saturday, made it very difficult to attract players. In addition, many whom Rae was in contact with were already committed to other clubs. Earlier, chairman Ross Anderson had stood down at the club's annual general meeting in July, to be replaced by Jay-Dee Sharkey, who tried to appeal to the wider community and the people of Selkirk to help ensure their town's football team could survive. But, at an open meeting in August, it was revealed the club owed around £37,500 in outstanding bills – along with over £116,000 personally to an individual committee member. Mr Sharkey said on the night he feared the club could not continue to participate in the Lowland League, as it could not put together a team and it seemed nobody local wanted to play for Selkirk. Others at the meeting agreed legal action should be pursued in relation to some of the financial matters.

Financial issues....always at the root of football clubs' problems



A CHAT WITH CHARLIE



Your team selections over the past two games have probably been pretty much dictated by the availability of players. After five games, only four players have been ever-present starters. Can you comment on how this has impacted on the indifferent start to the season? Also, how significant a consideration is a player's potential unavailability when you are looking to sign a player?

Yes, it's been a tough start to the season re. consistency and as I think I mentioned previously, we do miss certain players training wise through the week (defensively most of the time) and that hampers us come a Saturday. It is something we tried to address through the summer but were let down in the end. At the 4 game stage last season I think we had lost 14 goals so I can only see it as an improvement so far. Re. a players availability, unfortunately at junior level and the way the mentality of a player is these days, you will find it very tough to sign players who are fully committed to football.

Chris Liversedge had a fairly prominent debut last Saturday at Carnoustie. Chris seemed to be a surprise signing. What was the thinking behind adding Chris to your squad? Got any other signings in your sights?

Chris being a surprise signing, you ask? Not for me, though. Chris is someone I've chased for a bit purely because what I believe Jamie Gill can give us on one side we lack that on the left, so I'm delighted to have got Chris in and look forward to working with him. Always looking to strengthen the squad and currently have 2 lads on trial.

Against Broughty two weeks ago, you didn't bring on two of your three substitutes until the last two minutes. What was your thinking there?

Substitution wise, can't remember too much about the finish to Broughty game, if truth be told, but we must have felt at the time it was maybe going to come, so we left it.

Still on subbies. At Carnoustie there was mild surprise expressed amongst the fans when you didn't introduce recent signing, striker Steven Harris, into the fray after the big centre half Buggins had been ordered off with half an hour to go. Indeed you only used one sub. v Carnoustie. Again, what was your thinking there?

If you don't mind, this will be kept in-house. It was discussed after the game in the changing room and that's the end of it.

We've been drawn at home to Port Glasgow in the Scottish Cup. Do you know much about them? The competition has maybe been watered down a little through the absence of those clubs which defected from the East Region, yet, with our history it's still a competition we look to do well in. How will you prepare?

We will certainly take the opportunity to go see them in the next couple of weeks. Yes, the Scottish Cup is something the club hold dear to them and we want to re-ignite that affiliation with the big one!!!



Tayport v Fauldhouse Utd

The Previous Meetings



2006/7	EoS 2	Tayport	2-0	Fauldhouse	2017/18	PL	Tayport	1-4	Fauldhouse
2009/10	PL	Fauldhouse	1-1	Tayport		PL	Fauldhouse	0-4	Tayport
	PL	Tayport	3-0	Fauldhouse	PL = Premier League; SL = Super League;				
2011/12	EoS 3	Fauldhouse	2-0	Tayport	EoS = East of Scotland Cup				
2013/14	EoS 3	Tayport	3-0	Fauldhouse					
2015/16	SL	Tayport	0-3	Fauldhouse	all games - Tayport P 9 W4 D1 L4 F14 A12				
	SL	Fauldhouse	2-0	Tayport	at Canniepairt - Tayport P 5 W3 D0 L2 F 9 A 7				

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MACRON SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

ON 29th SEPT. PORT GLASGOW WILL PAY THEIR SECOND VISIT TO CANNIEPAIRT

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Aberdeen East End	v	Lochgelly Albert	Kirkcaldy YM	v	Renfrew
Arbroath Vics	v	Largs Thistle	Livingston United	v	Kilsyth Rangers
Auchinleck Talbot	v	Forfar WE	Lochee United	v	Dalry Thistle
Bathgate Thistle	v	Craigmark Burntonians	Lochore Welfare	v	Fauldhouse United
Benburb	v	Broughty Athletic	Newmachar	v	Whitburn
Carnoustie Panmure	v	Longside	Pumpherston	v	Forfar Albion
Clydebank	v	Armadaile Thistle	Rosyth	v	Newmains United
Colony Park or Kirrie This	v	Stonehaven	Scone Thistle	v	Neilston
Cumnock	v	Coupar Angus	Shettleston	v	North End
Downfield	v	Larkhall Thistle	Spey Valley	v	Harthill Royal
Dundee Violet	v	Maryhill	Stoneyburn	v	Luncarty
Glenrothes	v	Brechin Vics	Tayport	v	Port Glasgow
Hall Russell United	v	Kennoway Star Hts	Thorniewood United	v	East Craigie
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SIMON GETS OFF THE MARK



Former 'Port star Simon Murray who moved from Hibs to South African side Bidvest Wits in July this year in a £1500,000 transfer, scored his first league goal for his new club last week. Simon's goal in a 3-1 win over AmaZulu FC helped take his side to the top of the South African Absa Premiership.

Simon arrived at the Canniepairt from Montrose FC in February 2012, the week after our 2-0 defeat at Fauldhouse in the East of Scotland Cup. In Simon's season and a bit with us, he played 34 games + 4 as sub, scored 34 goals and picked up all the annual club awards

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Gill 1	S Duffy	Robertson 1	J Chalmers	Ireland	Anderson (10)	S Harris (11)	Paterson (3)	103
Gill	Duffy	Harris	Anderson	Ireland 1	King (3)	Christie (6)		91
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Gill	Anderson	Robertson 1	McConnachie	Liversedge	Duffy (8)			109

Last week's East Region Cup 1st round results

Arbroath V 2-4 Downfield *Kirkcaldy 1-1 Bathgate
 Broughty 2-1 Glenrothes Livingston 3-1 Thornton
 Carnoustie 3-2 Tayport Lochore 2-3 Kirrie
 East Craigie 1-4 Luncarty North End 2-0 Blairgowrie
 Fauldhouse 0-4 Lochee Utd Rosyth 12-1 Coupar An
 Harp 4-5 W. Calder Stoneyburn 1-6 Scone
 Harthill 2-1 Newburgh Violet 1-3 Forfar WE
 Kinnoull 3-0 Armadale Whitburn 0-1 Pum'erston



* won on pen



A Real Kick in the Goolies...

In the last programme we made mention of the travails of Fort William FC in the Highland League. A horrendous start to the season has since been made worse when the Claggan Park club was fined £150 for fielding an ineligible player. The player, on loan from Keith, played 3 matches in August for Fort William before being registered with the SFA. They also had 9 points deducted so they are at the foot of the league with -8 points and the way things are going they will finish the season with a negative points total which would probably be a record.

Manager Kris Anderson was not a happy chappy, saying "I honestly feel that everything and everybody is against us. It feels like a bit of a witch hunt"