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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Can I begin by wishing all our supporters a happy new year. Kirrie Thistle provide this afternoon's opposition, may I welcome both their players and officials to Tayport.

Last Saturday saw us gain a good 5-3 victory up at Luncarty and three valuable points which helped us move off the bottom of the league. It goes without saying we've got to be pleased with the win but we're still extremely fragile defensively.

I had a browse over our last dozen games and results wise and it looks better than our league position would suggest. Played 12 won 7, drawn 2 with 3 defeats but the following statistics very much tells a story and where we must opposition this afternoon, a victory would very work to improve. Goals for 31, against 32.

Prior to the Luncarty game, we deservedly led Lochee United 2-0 and had we become more streetwise, we'd have gone in at the interval 2-0 up. I have always maintained the most vulnerable periods in games are first and last 5 minutes in both halves, the periods where concentration has to be at its utmost. We lost two

goals at the death in both halves which tells a tale and ultimately cost us the game.

There was a great Christmas surprise for two people sharing the Super Six Lot-

tery prize of £5,300. On behalf of Tayport FC, I hope both enjoy their win and if you are anyway near the Pondy tonight, mine is a Whyte & Mackay!

With two of our nearest rivals involved in cup games and us having a game in hand over our much strengthen our league position.

We have made decent strides in the past few week so let's continue with a victory today.

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Davie Baikie



Congratulations to Dave Smith, Port Supporter home and away, who won the DIAMOND CLUB quarterly prize of £200

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Today's Teams



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Today's Game McBOOKIE SUPERLEAGUE NORTH **Tayport v Kirrie Thistle FC**



A warm welcome to the Canniepairt this afternoon to the players and officials of Kirrie Thistle

Fourth visit

This is Kirrie's fourth visit here in little over a year. Tayport won both last seasons contests by 3-0 margins but were beaten 2-1 by Thistle in our first home game of this season back in August.

It was a result which rocked Tayport back on their heels and a dismal run thereafter of only one win in eight matches saw us entrenched at the bottom of the league.

Fluctuating form

Kirrie's form has fluctuated of late, picking up eight points in an unbeaten run but most recently it's been a run of three defeats on the bounce, but those have been to the division's high fliers, Carnoustie and Broughty twice.

This disappointing run can largely be put down to manager Darren Scott being unable to put out a full strength line-up nor get a settled side.

an improvement in that Cup finalists out of this situation today. Kirrie, on season's cup. their day can certainly

100 years ago this very week Kirrie were in the news...well, not Thistle but one of their predecessors ... Kirrie Athletic, one of three clubs in the town, the others being Kirrie Celtic and Kirrie Violet.

The newspaper headline this week in 1920 read "Donnybrook at Kirrie" and the report of the match between Kirrie Ath. and Forfar West End Juniors said that the game had been terminated early in the second half. Free fights were numerous, so rough at times was the play that the ref stopped 'hostilities' to give players of both sides a lecture. The West End Captain eventually took his players off 'which brought the match to an abrupt halt. More is likely to be heard of the affair' concluded the report.

produce the goods as demonstrated when they full back. knocked Largs Thistle, last

He is hoping, however of season's Scottish Junior

Dale is the threat

The main goal threat to Tayport will come from their former player Dale Reid (below) who is the leading Kirrie marksman as he was in his two seasons at Tayport.



Tayport have also had to chop and change and that will be the case again today as Ryan Suttie is suspended.

Addition to squad

Jamie Mackie, though, is back from suspension and should return to action.

If the paperwork has been completed, 17 year old Danny Strachan, signed on loan from Dundee FC until the end of the season. could make his debut at

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|----|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----------|----|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Carnoustie | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 19 | 37 | 41 | 74 |
| 2 | Broughty Athletic | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 33 | 66 |
| 3 | Lochee United | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 18 | 15 | 28 | 70 |
| 4 | Downfield | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 22 | 61 |
| 5 | North End | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 32 | 33 | -1 | 22 | 55 |
| 6 | Luncarty | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 37 | 46 | - 9 | 18 | 45 |
| 7 | Kirrie Thistle | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 29 | 38 | -9 | 15 | 54 |
| 8 | Scone Thistle | 17 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 15 | 42 | -27 | 15 | 45 |
| 9 | Tayport | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 20 | 36 | -16 | 11 | 53 |
| 10 | Forfar West End | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 30 | -1 3 | 10 | 46 |

Current League Form...Last 6 Games Carnoustie WWDWWW Lochee United WWLWDW Broughty Athletic WLWWW Downfield LWWWWL **Tayport** WLWWLL North End WDLWLL Kirrie Thistle LLWWDD Luncarty LDWLDW Forfar West End LWLLLD Scone Thistle LLLLLL



TODAY'S McBOOKIE SUPER LEAGUE NORTH GAMES

Broughty Ath v Carnoustie Lochee Utd v Downfield North End v Forfar W E Tayport v Kirrie Thistle

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Talbot a tough task for Tayport

Only three East Region clubs remain at the round of 16 stage of the Macron Scottish Junior Cup, the eight ties of which go ahead two weeks today. **Broughty Athletic** will be favourites at home to **St Roch's** who are currently in the lower reaches of the West Region's second tier, while **Fauldhouse United** have the unenviable task of taking on **Pollok** in Glasgow. **Tayport** however have, on paper anyway, the toughest task of

any side left in the Cup when we travel to meet holders **Auchinleck Talbot** in Ayrshire.

The open era for the Wm Hill Scottish Senior Cup came just too late for the Tayport sides which, in this day and age, would have been eligible for at least four bites at the cherry. Talbot have demonstrated just what Junior sides can achieve against the 'big boys' with wins over 7 Senior sides in the past two seasons including Ayr United and Cove Rangers. This season only a late penalty at Beechwood Park earned Arbroath FC a 1-1 draw. Yes, it's a tough task for Tayport, but who knows...?



Former 'Port player Mark Whatley who captained Arbroath FC in their draw at Auchinleck earlier this season



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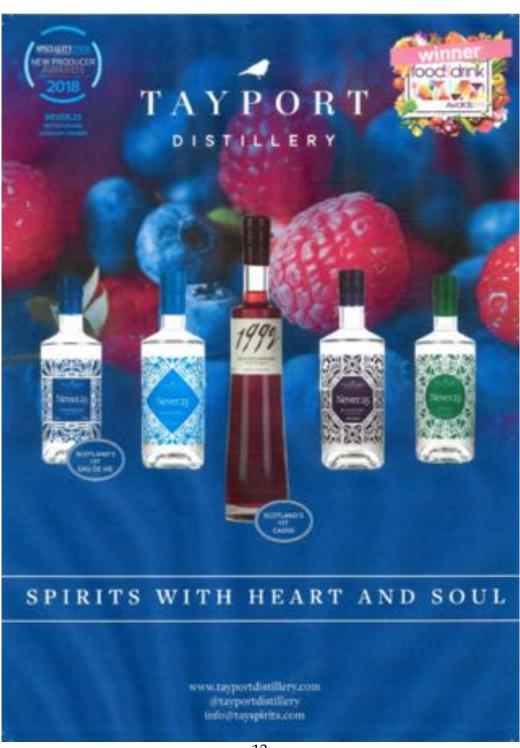
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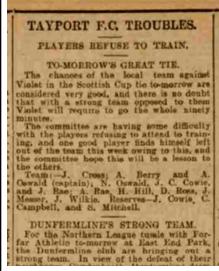
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2004 FROM THE ARCHIPES 1903



116 YEARS AGO



As cuttings from just over 116 years ago tell us, controversy reigned in Tayport at the end of **November 1903**. Friday's *Evening Post* tells us that on the eve of a Scottish Junior Cup tie, the committee were having trouble getting the players to train and were making an example of one player by dropping him from the tie. All was well though as Violet also had their troubles and Tayport reached round 4, winning 3-1

16 YEARS AGO

Tayport were also in Scottish Junior Cup action in **January 2004**, drawing 0-0 v Arniston Rangers at Gorebridge on 17th January and winning the replay the following week before a crowd of 573 at Canniepairt thanks to a goal from Barry McNaughton, brother of Kirrie's Kevin.

Tayport's line-up that afternoon was Frazer Fitzpatrick, Roberto Morris, Grant Paterson, John Ward, Derek Wemyss, Scott Peters, Barry McNaughton, Steven Stewart, Ben Honeyman, Kevin Heenan and Sean Christie. Ralph Hunter, Brian Craik and Gareth Dailly came on as substitutes

DUNMORE'S Match Report



Since the last Dunmore report was written. 'Port have recorded three wins and had a narrow defeat against champions Lochee United, all in the Superleague. So, it's been a positive festive period for the club, with much more optimism in terms of the bid to beat the drop.

Luncarty were beaten 4-1 on the Canniepairt, in mid-December. Dayle Robertson opened the scoring early on and that was the only counter of the first half. The Bleachers equalised through a Fraser Mills penalty, but 'Port soon regained control of the contest. Fraser Wilson dinked a nice ball through for Ryan Suttie to score and two Luncarty players were ordered off in the aftermath of the goal. A Robertson penalty extended the lead and Jamie Gill rounded off the scoring late on.

That was the first win of the league season and a second was posted the following week at Scone, where the team's first away goals of the campaign were scored. Forwards Liam McCartney, on his debut, and Dayle Rob-

ertson grabbed the goals, within the hour mark. By that stage, Tayport

were playing with ten men, as Jamie Mackie had been sent off after half an hour. Aiden Benvie pulled a goal back for Scone with around ten minutes left, but 'Port deservedly took the points.

At home to Lochee United, Chris McPherson's men showed up well and led at the break. After only five minutes, good play between Lvall Shaw and Liam McArtnev released Dayle Robertson and he rounded a defender before coolly slotting the ball past 'keeper Gor-

Towards half-time, strong play from Ryan Suttie started the move which saw McArtney go clear to fire the hall low into the net, to double the lead. Unfortunately, Greg Kirk reduced the leeway before the interval, giving the Bluebells that bit more hope.

Danny Cavanagh levelled matters. the second goal the visitors had scored from a corner, and, late in the day, another former Tayport player, Kevin Milne, pounced the notch the winner, to the disappointment of the home support.

Tayport bounced back from that loss though, when they won at a minute of each Luncarty last week. The Canother, just shy of niepairt outfit looked to be well in control of that match, but did suffer a wobble. A neat Davle Robertson shot provided a sixth minute breakthrough, followed later by a Robertson penalty. which had to be retaken due to an initial encroachment.

> Fergus pulled a goal back for the hosts, with a header, but a Liam. McCartney back-heeler made it 3-1 by the break. Somehow, the Bleachers and substitute Doig, in particular, were able to net two more headers to draw level at three apiece.

> This could turn out to have been a critical moment in Tayport's season, as dropping points here could have dented morale. 'Port showed real character, however, to regain the initiative and score twice more to post a 5-3 win. A tremendous Greg Whyte free kick kick-started the recovery and Dayle Robertson produced a classy finale for his hat-trick goal.

Kirrie Thistle will provide another stern test this afternoon, but Tayport will be up for the chal-

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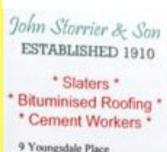
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ARCHIVE PIC from 2009



Kirrie manager Darren Scott celebrates after scoring Tayport's late equaliser in the 2009 Redwood Leisure Cup Final v Glenrothes.

The sides finished level at 2-2.

Glens won the penalty shoot-out but they were subsequently discovered to have fielded an ineligible player and Tayport were awarded the Cup on appeal.

It will go down in the annals as a unique cup success. Played 5 ties, won none but still won the Cup after five penalty shootout and a protest - R1 1-1 v Rosyth; R2 1-1 v St Andrews United; R3 1-1 v Dundee Violet; Semi-final 0-0 v Lochee United

Current League Form

First six league games

| <u>P</u> | | <u>Pts</u> |
|----------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | Carnoustie Panmure | 13 |
| 2 | Lochee United | 12 |
| 3 | Broughty Athletic | 10 |
| 4 | Scone Thistle | 9 |
| 5 | Luncarty | 9 |
| 6 | Downfield | 8 |
| 7 | Kirrie Thistle | 7 |
| 8 | North End | 7 |
| 9 | Forfar West End | 3 |
| 10 | Tayport | 1 |

Most recent six league games

| <u>P</u> | | <u>Pts</u> |
|----------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | Carnoustie Panmure | 16 |
| 2 | Broughty Athletic | 15 |
| 3 | Lochee United | 13 |
| 4 | Downfield | 12 |
| 5 | Tayport | 9 |
| 6 | Luncarty | 8 |
| 7 | Kirrie Thistle | 7 |
| 8 | North End | 7 |
| 9 | Forfar West End | 4 |
| 10 | Scone Thistle | 0 |

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A CHAT WITH MANAGER CHRIS McPHERSON

Well Chris, there have been a few bumps in the road since August but despite two crushing defeats, results have improved and there's been an upturn in our fortunes recently. Thirteen goals scored since our last programme, however the manner in which we've been losing goals was again our Achilles' heel last Saturday. Your thoughts.

Slowly but surely, we have managed to recruit quality players that have complemented the squad and in turn results and performances have improved. Yes, we are still some way off from where we want to be, but things are looking up. We have won 3 games from 4 and are in the last 16 of the Scottish Cup. Yes, we have conceded goals. Last weekend for example we lost 3 similar headed goals which is frustrating. However, look at the



facts. We won at a place where Broughty, Carnoustie and Lochee United have failed to win, we are playing good football and creating lots of chances. I think when you put things in context you can see that we are improving all the time, and that's what matters.

Another two new faces in Logan Irvine and Liam McArtney added to the squad since your last *Chat*. That's 23 signed players now and although your selections, last Saturday, for example, have been regularly hampered by a number of players being unavailable, it's a lot of guys to keep happy. Do you envisage further player movements before the end of March deadline?

Player recruitment is an ongoing process for both this and next season so yes, there will be more comings and going with the squad. At the moment the players are really enjoying their football, training is played at a high tempo, the players are buoyant, and there's generally a good feel about the club. There will have to be some difficult conversations as players will have to depart to make way for new signings, however that is part and parcel of football.

This is our last home game before the Macron Scottish Cup tie at Auchinleck Talbot two weeks today. A tall order, no doubt, but cup ties are all about upsetting the odds. Have you had them watched? Do you plan to run the rule over them yourself?

Auchinleck Talbot are obviously a quality team. Probably a team to which every manager wishes to aspire and year on year they seem to be the team to beat. I recently watched a television programme in which they featured heavily and I was impressed how the team comes from a proud community, something that I'd like emulate here at Tayport. In terms of watching them, I'm going to call on a couple of contacts who I trust for any tips or guidance that I can incorporate into our game plan. I believe that Auchinleck had a scout at our game last weekend in Luncarty so it shows that they aren't taking the tie lightly. One things for sure, we'll be competing the game 100% so who knows what will happen!!!

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|--------|---------------|-------|-----|-----|----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 3 AUG | Downfield | SL 1 | D | 0-0 | Shaw | Suttie | F Wilson | G Whyte | Sturrock | Anderson |
| 7 AUG | KIRRIE THIS | SL 2 | L | 1-2 | Shaw | Suttie | Wilson | G Whyte | O'Brien | Robertson |
| 10 AUG | Forfar WE | SL | - | - | Match | Off | Flooded | Pitch | | |
| 14 AUG | CARNOUSTIE | SL 3 | L | 2-3 | Shaw | Suttie | Wilson | G Whyte 1 | O'Brien | Robertson |
| 17 AUG | Broughty Ath | SL 4 | L | 0-3 | Shaw | Suttie | Wilson | G Whyte | Myles | Robertson |
| 24 AUG | DUNDEE NE | SL 5 | L | 3-7 | M Mackie | Suttie | Wilson | Sturrock | Myles | Patasalides |
| 31 AUG | BRECHIN V. | ER 1 | w | 3-0 | Shaw | Suttie 1 | Wilson | G Whyte | Sturrock | Robertson |
| 7 SEP | SCONE THIS | SL 6 | L | 1-2 | Shaw | Suttie | Robertson | G Whyte | O'Brien | Breen |
| 14 SEP | FORFAR WE | NT 1 | L | 1-2 | Mackie | Suttie | Robertson | G Whyte | O'Brien | B Ness |
| 28 SEP | Girvan | SC 2 | D | 5-5 | Shaw | Wilson | Sturrock 1 | O'Brien | Ness | Anderson |
| 05 OCT | GIRVAN | SC 2r | W | 2-0 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | G Whyte | Ness | Anderson |
| 12 OCT | Armadale | ER 2 | w | 5-4 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | T Whyte |
| 19 OCT | DOWNFIELD | SL | - | - | Match | Off | Flooded | Pitch | | |
| 26 OCT | Downfield | SC 3 | w | 4-3 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | Christie |
| 2 NOV | Kirrie This | SL | - | - | Match | Off | Flooded | Pitch | | |
| 9 NOV | FORFAR WE | SL 7 | D | 0-0 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Robertson | Ness | Christie |
| 16 NOV | Carnoustie | SL 8 | L | 0-5 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | Christie |
| 23 NOV | Kirrie This | SC 4 | W | 2-1 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | Anderson |
| 30 NOV | BROUGHTY | SL | - | - | Match | Off | Frozen | Pitch | | |
| 7 DEC | Broughty | SL 9 | L | 0-6 | Shaw | O'Brien | Wilson | Suttie | Ness | Anderson |
| 14 DEC | LUNCARTY | SL 10 | w | 4-1 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie 1 | Ness | Wilson |
| 21 Dec | Scone Thistle | SL 11 | W | 2-1 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | G Whyte |
| 28 Dec | LOCHEE UTD | SL 12 | L | 2-3 | Shaw | O'Brien | Sturrock | Suttie | Ness | Gourlay |
| 4 Jan | Luncarty | SL 13 | W | 5-3 | Shaw | Wilson | Robertson | Suttie | Ness | G Whyte 1 |
| ll Jan | KIRRIE T | SL 14 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 18 Jan | Downfield | SL 15 | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Jan | Auchinleck | SC 5 | | | | | | | | |
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KIRRIE'S AWAY FORM THIS SEASON

| 7 Aug L | Tayport | 1-2 | Kirrie | W |
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| 14 Aug L | Luncarty | 5-0 | Kirrie | L |
| 24 Aug L | Scone Th | 4-3 | Kirrie | L |
| 7 Sep L | Forfar WE | 3-3 | Kirrie | D |
| 12 Oct SC | Maud | 0-3 | Kirrie | W |
| 19 Oct L | North End | 0-0 | Kirrie | D |
| 9 Nov L | Lochee Utd | 3-3 | Kirrie | D |
| 14 Dec L | Broughty | 2-1 | Kirrie | L |
| 28 Dec L | Carnoustie | 5-2 | Kirrie | L |



Danny arrives on loan from Dundee FC

Tayport this week were expected to sign 17 year old full back Danny Strachan on loan until the end of the season. Danny, a product of the Aberdeen FC youth setup, signed for Dundee earlier this season

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New Faces at Canniepairt

Striker Liam
McArtney, left,
from North End
and midfielder
Logan Irvine (r)
from Lochee Harp

