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## THE CHAIRMAN...

The Quest Engineering Cup is the order of the day for us. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our opponents Fraserburgh United to the Canniepairt.

For me this cup tie gives us an opportunity, not only to advance to the quarter finals, but allows our players to produce a professional performance against a side from a different area and league. Our opponents arrive on the back of a couple of reversals whereas we start on the back of six victories but there's an old saying, "you're only as good as your last game"



Speaking of our recent games, last Saturday's 3-1 victory at home to Downfield saw us pick up 9 points in the space of 8 days with prior victories over Scone Thistle and Forfar United. Scoring 16 goals into the bargain made it a successful week for the club. The manager used his squad wisely over the 3 games and it gave him a better understanding of his players and of course gave all his players valuable game time.

I mention in our last programme that we had a visit from the SFA Licensing officers. The visit was more of an advisory nature but they will return on the 8th February for a full audit from which they will determine if we're acceptable to be put forward to the SFA Board for approval. Between now and the 8th February we have a power of work to complete. The

officers have said we have up until the board meeting date of 24th February if we have started, but not completed, aspects of work.

As I said, today's encounter is a welcome change of opposition from sides we know well, so it should focus our players on a level of performance which will be needed to advance in this competition but I'm confident if they do just that, we can achieve success. Enjoy the game. Support The Port,

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Engineering  
Cup R.3

Saturday  
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Tayport are keeping up their fantastic winning streak, now with 12 points from all 4 games played this year. The first mid-week game of 2022 was the rescheduled match at home to Forfar United. A Daniel Dorovic goal in the



16<sup>th</sup> minute got Tayport off to a great start. Then, just before half time, a foul on Reece Ritchie in the box meant Jamie Gill put the home side 2-0 up through a penalty. The second half was much livelier with goals from Gill and Kieran Sturrock sealing the home side's win. Jamie Gill, unsurprisingly, was named Man of the Match.

Tayport were back in action a couple of days later in their usual Saturday match, this time at home to Dundee Downfield. The team were looking to redeem themselves after a poor performance against Downfield back in August, in which they lost 3-2. The match was full of yellow cards (5 for each side) and Tayport definitely started the stronger side with a Ryan Paterson goal only 6 minutes in. However, Downfield soon equalised and it looked like it might be a replay of the last meeting.

Coming out for the next 45 minutes, Tayport had a new burst of energy. This seems to be a running theme with the team putting on a much better performance in the second half and scoring more of their goals here. Two more goals from Dorovic and Gill meant Tayport had the win they needed. Ryan Paterson received the Man of the Match award for working hard and creating great goal scoring opportunities.

Tayport are definitely unstoppable at the moment. Let's hope we can finish this season on a high!

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East Craigie	24	21	2	1	104	25	79	65
Carnoustie Panmure	23	19	2	2	85	21	64	59
Lochee United	21	16	2	3	89	18	71	50
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>
Broughty Athletic	23	15	4	4	103	26	77	49
North End	21	13	5	3	61	27	34	44
Forfar West End	24	10	8	6	41	40	1	38
Lochee Harp	20	11	2	7	52	34	18	35
Brechin Vics	23	10	3	10	45	53	-8	33
Arbroath Vics	24	9	4	11	54	66	-12	31
Kirrie Thistle	22	9	3	10	53	57	-4	30
Violet	27	8	4	15	38	58	-20	28
Letham	24	7	4	13	45	69	-24	25
St James	23	7	3	13	44	69	-25	24
Blairgowrie	23	7	2	14	39	56	-17	23
Downfield	22	6	3	13	27	49	-22	21
Forfar United	19	3	2	14	29	66	-37	11
Coupar Angus	23	1	1	21	22	117	-95	4
Scone Thistle	26	1	1	24	30	145	-115	4

### Current League Form - most recent result to left

East Craigie	W W W W W W	Lochee Harp	L W W W L W
<b>Tayport</b>	W W W W W W	Lochee United	L W D W W W
Arbroath Vics	W W W W W L	Broughty Athletic	L W L W W W
Carnoustie Panmure	W W W W L W	Letham	L W L L L W
North End	W W W D L L	Forfar United	L L W L L L
Kirrie Thistle	W W L L L W	Downfield	L L L W W D
Blairgowrie	W L W L W L	St James	L L L L W L
Forfar West End	W L L W D W	Coupar Angus	L L L L L L
Violet	W L L L L L	Scone Thistle	L L L L L L
Brechin Vics	L W W W D L		



### TODAY'S GAME

#### Tayside/North Region

#### Quest Precision Engineering Cup R.3



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to our visitors Fraserburgh United for this afternoon's Quest Precision Engineering Cup 3rd round tie.

It's been League business for Fraserburgh since eliminating Super League Ellon United from this competition in early October. A run of four wins in their next six games to the turn of the year had confidence soaring but fol-



lowing a 6-1 derby win over Buchanhaven Hearts in early December, postponements kicked in to affect momentum

United's season only got underway again two weeks ago and defeats at Dufftown and Aberdeen University have made it a disappointing start to 2022. The introduction of Matthew

Gordon (pictured) during the first half of last week's loss to the students improved things after a poor first half but the newcomer's second half goal was insufficient to avoid a 2-1 defeat.

Tayport have only tasted defeat twice since the beginning of August and have chalked up six successive league wins but the visitors will have noted that all six have been against sides in the bottom half of the table. Nevertheless, the team has done all that manager Eddie Wolecki Black has asked of them. He's now seen most of his charges in competitive action and the availability of Louis Joyce (above) after his one match suspension further strengthens his hand.



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## Former 'Port Players Amongst the Goals

Of the 22 goals scored in five of last Saturday's Midlands fixtures, more than half were scored by players who currently wear or at one time wore the Tayport colours. As well as our three goals v Downfield, **Stephen McPhee** and **Dale Reid** had Carnoustie's two goals in their win over Lochee United, **Matty Adam** had a double for Blairgowrie, **Gary Sutherland** also had a double and **Connor Macleod** a single for North End with **Greg Breen** netting both Violet goals v Scone.

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## Hats off to Kelty Hearts

What an occasion it must have for Kelty Hearts fans on Saturday, seeing their team knock St Johnstone, the cup holders, out of the 'big' Scottish Cup. When Kelty were formed, as relatively recently (in Scottish football terms) as 1975, who would have imagined this scenario? Very few, no doubt, and they'd have been ridiculed. Only five seasons ago we returned from Central Park with two wins inside five months, never thinking the Scottish Cup holders would be playing on Central Park, never mind being knocked out. Well done Kelty!

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**CONGRATULATIONS...**to Jamie Gill who notched up his 100th game for the club last week v Downfield

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Daniel Dorovic on the mark last week v Downfield

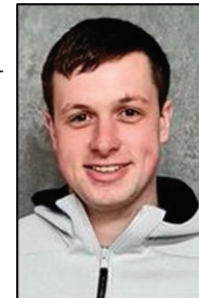
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## FRASERBURGH UNITED



Although we have met Fraserburgh United on two previous occasions, this is the Broch's first visit to Tayport. The first meeting was at Fraserburgh in March 1993 in this same competition (then sponsored by Zamoyski) when Tay-



port won by 3-1. The three goal scoreline was replicated in March 2005 when we again travelled north, also in the North/Tayside Cup (now sponsored by The Dugout), winning 3-0. Fraserburgh play in the North Region's First Division, the 2nd of the Association's three tiers. Manager Brent Bruce (right)

was appointed about nine months ago and has gradually been shaping a team which he hopes can take the club forward.

By reaching the last 16 of this competition, eliminating Dufftown and Super League side Ellon on the way, the College Park team has demonstrated it can raise its game. Earlier in the season they gave Carnoustie Panmure something of a fright in the Scottish Cup. The tie at Laing Park looked like it was heading to penalty kicks until three very late goals saw the Gowfers through.

### McBookie North Region First Division

	P	w	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Stoneywood/ Parkvale	18	13	2	3	48	17	31	41
Stonehaven	17	10	4	3	37	14	23	34
Sunnybank	17	8	4	5	37	28	9	28
Dufftown	16	8	3	5	37	23	14	27
Buchanhaven Hearts	20	7	2	11	27	56	-29	23
<b>Fraserburgh Utd</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>19</b>
Longside	19	5	4	10	30	39	-9	19
Aberdeen University	16	2	2	12	19	50	-31	8



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## TAYPORT F.C. OVER 50s WALKING FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS UPDATE

The Walking Footballers returned to *Soccerworld* in Dundee last Friday for training, but we were able to revert back to Waterstone Crook yesterday, government restrictions having been lifted.

Each venue has its own merits, *Soccerworld* is a 3G pitch and is slightly wider, whereas Waterstone Crook is a quicker surface and we also get more time there.

Hopefully we will be able to return to the Canniepairt when the weather improves enough to allow us to get out in the fresh air!

It will also allow the lads to enjoy our club room facilities at the club, as seen below, for post training coffee, tea and snacks etc.

If you want to come along any Friday, please contact me at [tfcwalkingfootball.com](http://tfcwalkingfootball.com) or via our Facebook page and I will let you know where and at what time we are training.

Left to right in photo, Fergus Mann (brother of Tayport FC legend Fraser). Fergus played 61



competitive games for the club), Alan Wallace, Alan Gray (another well-known former Tayport FC amateur player - 183 games for the club), Bruce Peebles (experienced former local amateur player), Frank Feechan (well-known former Tayport player - 350 games) and Paul Davidson (experienced former amateur player). By the looks of things, Big Grayser can't hide his delight at getting first pick from the biscuit tin!

**Footnote:** Alan Gray, Fergus and Gilbert Valentine, another of the TFC Walking Footballers, were all members of the Tayport FC Fife XI which won the East Fife Amateur FA's Skol League Cup in October 1990, beating Savoy Hearts 1-0 in the Final at East Fife FC's original Bayview Park. The only goal of the game came from Alan Gray after only 4 minutes.

Any person interested, please email me at [tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com](mailto:tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com) and I can send you details of the club.

*Paul Berg.*

Tayport FC Walking Football Co-ordinator

## Pete's Patter

Peter McEleny is Tayport FC's Communications Officer

### January so far in the Midlands Football League

After four league matches in January we take a break from league duty today as we host Fraserburgh United in the 3rd Round of the Quest Precision Engineering Cup. Our four league matches in January couldn't have gone much better, played four and won four.

Before the first game of the year the manager made it clear to the players and supporters that he wanted four league wins in January and to be sitting on 50 points going into the month of February and he has got what he wanted. Great credit has to go to the players and management for getting these four wins. Three of the four teams that we beat this month were teams that we dropped points to earlier in the season and I think this is an indication that our team is improving.

We know how January has gone for Tayport but let's have a look at what else has been happening in the Midlands Football League. Like every January there are always question marks over whether matches will beat the cold weather and for the first week of fixtures in 2022 the weather and the ongoing Covid situation meant that only two games in the Midlands Football League were played, one being our match against Violet and the other being Carnoustie's against Scone, which the Gowfers won 4-0 to close the gap on league leaders East Craigie.

The milder weather the following weekend meant that all nine Midlands League matches went ahead with the game of the day being at Whitton Park where Broughty Athletic hosted North End. Going into this match it was 4th against 6th and it was the Dokens in 6th place that took home all three points. Goals from Frankie Devine, John Farquharson and Gary Sutherland gave North End a 3-1 victory.

Last weekend there was just one match that didn't survive the weather and that was Forfar

United's home game against Broughty Athletic which was off due to a frozen pitch. The big game of the day was at Laing Park as second place Carnoustie Panmure hosted third place Lochee United. A goal just before half time from Steven McPhee gave the home side the lead. Lochee equalised with 15 minutes to go through Calvin Colquhoun but they were only level for 10 minutes before Dale Reid scored the winning goal for the Gowfers in the 85th minute. The win for Carnoustie saw them go nine points ahead of Lochee but Lochee have two matches in hand.

League leaders East Craigie have continued to go about their business effectively and professionally, first beating Violet 5-1 and then beating St James 7-1. On the subject of the league leaders, they too are in Quest Cup action this afternoon and their match against Banks o'Dee is being called the game of the day as top of the Midlands League take on top of the North Super League. It will be a tough match for the Shipbuilders against Banks who last week put in a strong performance against Raith Rovers in the 4th round of the Scottish Cup. It took Raith until the 67th minute to break the deadlock and it wasn't till injury time that the win was secured for the Fife side with two more goals coming in added on time.

Although today is about the Quest Cup, for those clubs in the Midlands League who have already exited the competition, there are league fixtures this afternoon, the big league match being the Lochee derby as United host Harp.

Harp travel to Thomson Park after parting company with co-managers Jay Smart and Del Mitchell following last Saturday's 2-1 defeat by Arbroath Victoria. Both Lochee United and Carnoustie will be wanting to take advantage of being in league action and hoping to close the points gap on East Craigie.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES



We've met Fraserburgh United on two previous occasions in this competition. Both these matches, in March 1993 and February 2005, were in Fraserburgh, both ended in wins for Tayport, 3-0 and 3-1, and both matches were in seasons which would end in Scottish Cup Final appearances for Tayport. There, the comparisons ended. We lost 1-0 to Glenafton in the 1993 Final but triumphed 2-0 against Lochee United at Tannadice in 2005.

In 1993 Manager Davie Baikie fielded Fraser Mann; Billy Coventry, Grant Paterson, Mark Spalding (Paul Reilly), Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, Jimmy Hunter, Grant Cushnie, Hamish Mackay, (Kevin Thoms), Dave Reilly and Jackie Devine. Hunter, Devine and the club's record all-time goalscorer Dave Reilly were the Tayport marksmen in the 3-0 win. It was game number 24 in an unbeaten run of 33 games which would stretch from September to May.

The records note that *"2 goals early on killed off the Broch. Windy conditions didn't help make it a classic. Tayport were never troubled. Thoms made his comeback. Three busloads of punters made the trip"*



Twelve years later we were back up the same road, returning with a 3-1 win. Team that day, which included three of the team that had also played in 1993, was Duncan Bruce [pictured above right]; Ross Gunnion, Grant Paterson, Derek Wemyss, Roberto Morris, Scott Peters, Barry McNaughton (Sean Christie), John Knox (Robbie Henderson), Gary Middleton, Jimmy Hunter (Dave Reilly - pictured left) and Gareth Dailly.

McNaughton, Dailly and Henderson were the scorers.

## FROM THE DUGOUT

Good afternoon and welcome. It goes without saying I wish the Fraserburgh players, staff and supporters a warm welcome to Tayport for today's match.



Our run of games has seen us in regular action when we set an aim of 9 points from 3 league games in a week. Away to Scone set the ball rolling and the players were made aware of the need for everyone to get minutes in their legs, hence the multiple changes in line-ups over the 3 games. In the end we ran out comfortable winners. No doubt the debut of Greg McColm was the main talking point. Not only did he help limit Scone to very few chances, he also contributed in an attacking sense with 2 goals.

The midweek game v Forfar United proved to be a good gauge for us as we had dropped 2 points to them earlier in the season. The 4-1 victory therefore was both pleasing and rewarding. We followed that up at home v Downfield which we expected to be the toughest of the 3 games. Once again the players showed a great attitude and delivered the 3 points in what was an improvement on the first meeting when we went down 3-2 away from home. Most pleasing for me was seeing the strikers get on the scoresheet despite the changes. At Scone, both Gordon Norrie and Paul Sludden scored and v Forfar, Kieran Sturrock and Danny Dorovic both netted as did Jamie Gill whose performances have attracted a lot of attention and rightly so as he is playing well. Injury wise, only Jim Malone misses out today and we welcome back Louis Joyce from suspension.

During this time of the season every manager is looking to strengthen his squad and I am no different. It's fair to say we have had a lot of interest in our players. So far, we have declined offers for most but we have agreed to let our goalkeeper Jamie Lockhart go out on loan to Lochee Harp. This is of mutual benefit as Harp get a good 'keeper for the rest of the season and we get another player playing regularly.

Today's opponents have not had the best of seasons and lie 6th in an 8 team league. We have had them watched twice now and our players have been shown some footage. As always, we will respect our opponents and work hard to get into the last 8 of what is the second biggest cup competition available to us.

Enjoy the game, *Eddie*

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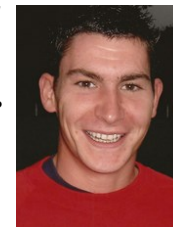
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Manager Keith Burgess was quoted later as saying *"Last week at Fraserburgh was a total contrast to the week before [a 1-0 defeat by Elmwood], as we dominated the game from the start and, although once again we missed some great goalscoring opportunities, the half time score totally flattered our opponents. We only had a Gareth Dailly [pictured right] strike to show for our dominance on a glue pot playing surface. The second half started in similar mode and, although the Broch upped their physical style a notch, with some horrendous challenges being made all over the park, the ref's quote was, 'that's how we play the game up here, son!'"*



This win at Fraserburgh was the first in a 22 game unbeaten run, including only two draws which stretched until June.



Tayside/North Region

Quest Precision Engineering Cup round 3 - Today's Ties

Banks o' Dee v East Craigie; Culter v Kirrie Thistle; Downfield v Dyce; Forfar United v Buchanhaven Hearts; Glentaner v Broughty Athletic; North End v Montrose Roselea; Stonewood/Parkvale v Violet; Tayport v Fraserburgh United

Craigie will be severely tested against a Banks o' Dee team which has won all but one of their 16 league games to date but they can take heart from the fact that Banks o' Dee were knocked out of the Scottish Junior Cup by Lochee United. Culter and Dyce are also going well in the North Super League and will be favourites to account for Kirrie and Downfield.

Glentaner have won only one league game at home this season so Broughty's place in the last 8 looks assured. North End meet former Tayside foes Montrose in Dundee where home advantage should just be about enough to see them home against the Super Leaguers. Stonewood top Division One and look a good bet for the quarter finals at Violet's expense

Penalty kicks are the order of the day if the teams are level after 90 minutes. Last eight? Look for Banks o' Dee, Culter, Dyce, Broughty, North End, Stonewood and maybe surprisingly, Forfar United



