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Front cover pic: Ryan Paterson (centre), Kris Rollo and Craig Sturrock celebrate Ryan's stunning free kick goal to put his side 2-0 up at Lochee last Saturday. Pic by Ryan Mashedor

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to all our fans and can I welcome the players and officials of today's Midlands League opposition Broughty Athletic.

Our last home game saw us advance to the quarter finals of the Quest Engineering Cup. On a day where most game had to be postponed due to the extreme weather conditions, we managed, despite a degree of stumbling blocks, to get our game played. It wasn't a game for the purists and I'm fairly confident in saying that had the condition been a bit calmer, we'd have won by a more convincing scoreline than the 1-0 win. On a positive note, however, we did win, we had a shutout, we're in the quarter finals and have an away tie at Forfar United.

Last weekend saw us travel to Lochee United. It's been a wee while since we managed to get a result over there but a result we did get. Over the piece I think we deserved our 2-0 victory, two great goals from two talented players. In his post-match interview, the manager said for him the most pleasing aspect of the win was the players' work rate and I can't disagree with that and as he said, we produced it for the ninety minutes. Football is a team game and all too often it's the lack of unity and togetherness that can let a team down. We had it at Lochee and we need to produce it week in week out from now till the season's end.

For the last few editions of the programme, I've been updating you of our progress with our application for full membership of the SFA. On Tuesday I spent 2/3 hour with Stuart Brown the SFA Licensing Office who was conducting an Audit which covers every aspect required to gain the licence and although we've still a number of areas to get over the line, I'm confident that we can. I also had a visit from Keith Ferguson who carried out an inspection on our ability to assess our facilities from a disabled person's aspect, as

things stands and where we should be. There are a number of areas where we need to improve and upgrade before we can get his organisation's approval. We're actively working on this.

This afternoon we face Broughty Athletic. Over the past number of years, they've been a formidable side and they arrive here on the back of a 6-1 midweek home win over Lochee Harp. We know this will be a tough task but we also know we have the capabilities to create a positive result.

Enjoy the game.

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Tayport are continuing their unbeaten run this year with wins in the Quest Precision Engineering Cup and the Midlands League. They faced Fraserburgh United in the 3rd Round of the Quest Cup which would see strong winds delay the match for an hour. It was a

slow, dull game with little chances for either team early on. Tayport were also definitely feeling the loss of captain Jamie Hume who was out with injury (Kris Rollo took charge).

Charlotte's Chat

The only goal of the game came in the 37th minute from Daniel Dorovic. A Paul Sludden corner into the box gave Dorovic a chance to simply head the ball into Fraserburgh's net. The second half wasn't much more entertaining. Chances from Greg McColm and Dorovic had good opportunities for the home side to double their lead but the match ended 1-0. Tayport will now face Forfar United away in the quarter finals.

It was a different story altogether a week later when Tayport travelled to Thomson Park to play Lochee United in the Midlands League. Rollo replaced Hume as captain once again and the away side got off to a cracking start with a fantastic Jamie Gill goal 14 minutes in. Some great saves by keeper Darren Brown meant it remained 1-0 at half time. 15 minutes after the break Ryan Paterson doubled Tayport's lead with a superb free kick which flew over Lochee's wall and past their keeper.

Ewan White deserved his first Man of the Match award for his excellent performance.

Today Tayport take on Broughty Athletic. It will be a tough game but if the team perform as they did at Lochee then there is a good chance for success.

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Lochee United	23	17	2	4	91	21	70	53
Tayport	25	16	5	4	66	29	37	53
Broughty Athletic	25	16	4	5	110	31	79	52
North End	22	14	5	3	65	28	37	47
Forfar West End	26	10	9	7	43	45	-2	39
Lochee Harp	22	11	2	9	54	42	12	35
Arbroath Vics	26	10	5	11	57	68	-11	35
Brechin Vics	24	10	3	11	46	55	-9	33
Kirrie Thistle	22	9	3	10	53	57	-4	30
Violet	27	8	4	15	38	58	-20	28
Letham	26	8	4	14	49	72	-23	28
St James	25	8	3	14	50	75	-25	27
Downfield	23	7	3	13	30	51	-21	24
Blairgowrie	24	7	2	15	41	59	-18	23
Forfar United	20	3	2	15	30	72	-42	11
Coupar Angus	25	2	1	22	29	121	-92	7
Scone Thistle	27	1	1	25	31	150	-119	4

Current League Form - most recent result to left

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



TODAY'S GAME

EAST REGION MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v BROUGHTY ATHLETIC



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to our visitors Broughty Athletic, our closest neighbours as the seagull flies.

Although Tayport have won the two most recent fixtures between the sides on the Canniepairt, Broughty's form in recent seasons has well eclipsed that of Tayport. Broughty's fans have been treated to a deluge of goals in the League from the very first day of this campaign. They've rattled in a 13, two 10s, an 8, three 7s and three 6s, only failing to score twice this season, one of which was the corresponding fixture v ourselves at Whitton Park in August.

August wasn't the best of months for Broughty. Elimination from the Scottish Cup in a penalty shoot-out against East Kilbride presaged the departure of Jamie McCunnie who had held the managerial reins since 2018. Into the hot seat came former Tayport striker and Kirrie Thistle manager Darren Scott who was elevated from his post as McCunnie's assistant to take over as manager.

Broughty were in league action under the Whitton Park lights in midweek thumping in their latest 6 against a hapless Lochee Harp side to make it 110 for the season.

Last Saturday's win at Thomson Park saw Tayport probably record their best result - and performance - since that early season success at Broughty and the Port Support will be looking for more of that.

Broughty will be without suspended central defender Graham Hay who got two games for his red card v Carnoustie on Saturday past.

Paul Sludden will be out to put one over the side from which he was transferred earlier in the season and Tayport will be hoping Dan Dorovic has recovered from the injury which necessitated his first half substitution at Lochee.



Broughty manager Darren Scott, 65 games & 23 goals for 'Port 2007/10 including 2 in the 3-1 win which eliminated Brody from the 08/09 Scottish Cup

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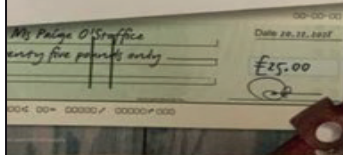
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Bert Aitken



Club members were saddened to learn of the death earlier this month of Bert Aitken, aged 89. Bert was a lifetime Tayport resident, player and supporter and was following the team at Caniepairt only a few weeks ago. Bert was a member of the Tayport Violet team which won the Midlands AFA's first ever Division Two title, the Balnacraig Trophy, in 1951 and also of the legendary Tayport Amateurs team which won the Midlands AFA's Bremner Cup in 1959. Bert was the father of committee members, Dave who continues the family representation at the club, and the late John. We offer our sincere condolences to Bert's family. Bert's funeral is next Tuesday (15th) 9.45am at

Grant Carroll

Tayport FC has lost a season ticket holder and enthusiastic supporter with the sudden death of Gaudry's Grant Carroll. Grant, (73) who rarely missed a Tayport game, home or away, was enjoying a weekend in York. Having earlier taken in York City v Gateshead, he collapsed and died on Saturday evening. We offer Grant's wife Marina our sincere condolences. At the time of going to print there were no details of funeral arrangements.

It's been a long time coming

After 15 seasons of almost complete domination, including a 9-1 win in 2002, culminating in the Scottish Cup final win at Tannadice in 2005, Saturday past was the first time in 11 meetings that Tayport have been able to put one over Lochee and was also our first win at Thomson Park since 2008. We've met Lochee on 29 occasions since that Tannadice final and Saturday was only our 6th win.

Footnote - If Ryan Paterson had been taking free kicks for Senegal v Egypt, they wouldn't have needed extra time and penalties! To win the African Cup

Pandemic ended the Broughty dream

When the pandemic struck and forced closedown in March 2020, Broughty Athletic were on the cusp of an achievement that generations of their players, committee and supporters could only have dreamt of. Broughty were drawn away to Darvel in the quarter final of the Scottish Junior Cup and twice the tie was postponed. Three weeks later the tie went ahead and Broughty returned from Ayrshire with a 2-2 draw. Then came the lockdown, all football cancelled and eventually it was decided to abandon the 2020/2021 Junior Cup altogether. What might have been...



East Craigie's Cup win deserved more recognition



Banks o' Dee haven't lost a league game since a 2-1 defeat by Bridge of Don Thistle in 2018. This season they've dropped only 2 points from a possible 48 as they march relentlessly on to another North Region title success. Also this season, in the 'big' Scottish Cup, they've accounted for Linlithgow Rose, Highland League sides Turrieff United and Nairn County as well as SPFL Div 1's East Fife before losing 3-0 to Premiership promotion challengers Raith Rovers on 22 January. A week later they were knocked out of the Quest Cup, again beaten 3-0, but this time by **East Craigie**.

East Craigie, the oldest Junior club in these parts and indeed one of the oldest in the entire country, have in their 140 years existence, hardly won anything. A solitary league title, the Tayside Division 2 title 37 years ago, and only 3 cups since the 1930s.

One would imagine, then, that an achievement such as their win at Banks o' Dee, would have been worthy of some decent recognition. Well, yes, but the local newspaper, The Courier, didn't appear to think so. We got a Monday after headline telling us about the '*Gowfers adapting to stormy conditions*' to beat St James. There were five paragraphs telling us about the Gowfers and St James, but **East Craigie's** efforts in beating Banks o' Dee in their own back yard, in a cup competition second only in status to the Scottish Junior Cup, received scant recognition, a mere two paras.

Having topped our league since early in the season, East Craigie are enjoying a season like no other, so surely the sub-editors or whoever, can give Craigie's efforts some better recognition. And while they are at it, maybe come up with more varied and imaginative headlines than those we've seen in the few weeks since the turn of the year (below). Disappointing, too, not to see on a Saturday a note of fixtures with kick off times and on a Monday, a league table with a list of results.

Laing Park setting as Carnoustie do battle in league with Lochee

Gowfers adapt to the stormy conditions as they reduce gap at top

Gowfers looking to close gap on leaders

Reid the Gowfers hero as late winner shocks fellow title challengers

Broughty leave it late for clash with Gowfers

Gowfers to the fore as Broughty well beaten

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NEWS UPDATE

Despite having a few players absent through injury, we still had a good turn-out at Waterstone Crook. The weather is still preventing us from playing outside, as although the weather has been dry, the apparent outside weather temperature has been down to freezing. We will continue at Waterstone Crook next Friday and see how the weather is thereafter.

We received the fixtures for the forthcoming Walking Football Scotland's East Scotland Over 50s League. This season there will be 13 teams, new clubs this season include Montrose, Crieff and Fairfield. Matches will be played, as last season, at the Regional Performance Centre, Caird Park, Dundee and will take place on the first Sunday of each month, commencing March 6th and concluding on November 6th. There are no games in July. We will play every team twice, so 24 matches!

The fixture list for March 6th begins with Crieff, followed by Dundee United CT, and finally Dunfermline Dynamos.

On April 3rd we face Fife Wanderers, Saints in the Community and St. Andrews & East Neuk.

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For more information about how to join us, message via our Facebook page, or email: tfwalkingfootball@gmail.com

The lads in action at Waterstone Crook



Paul Berg,

Tayport FC Walking Football Co-ordinator

Pete's Patter

Peter McEleny is Tayport FC's Communications Officer

It's been a very good fortnight for the Port, into the quarter finals of the Quest Precision Engineering Cup and a massive win away to Lochee United.

On Saturday 29th January we took on Fraserburgh United in the Quest Engineering Cup looking to progress into the next round and sign off January with a 100% record after winning our previous four matches during the month. It was an achievement in itself that the game went ahead. Strong winds had closed the Tay bridge and therefore our opposition and everyone else who was coming from the other side of the bridge had to detour via Perth. As a result, kick off was delayed by an hour. After our 1-0 win we were drawn away to Forfar United in the quarter finals on Saturday 26th March.

Last Saturday came our toughest test of 2022 so far when as we travelled to Thomson Park to take on Lochee United in the league. For me, this was our best performance of the season to date, and maintains our unbeaten record since Eddie Wolecki Black came in. The feel good factor around the Canniepairt continues to grow but it is now all about today's match. Another huge match as we look to keep climbing the league but it will be a tough match as we face a strong Broughty side that includes the league's top goal scorer Josh Skelly, who has scored 48 goals so far this season.

We know what's been happening at the Port but let's take a look at what else has been happening in the Midlands League in the past fortnight. The line-up for the Quest Engineering Cup's last eight has now been confirmed. Two weeks ago, along with ourselves, Forfar United, East Craigie, Dundee North End, Dyce and today's visitors Broughty Athletic booked places in the quarter finals.

The result of the day had to go to East Craigie who produced an excellent performance to beat the leaders of the North Super League, Banks O'Dee, 3-0.

Both Forfar United and Dundee North End were taken to penalties but managed to squeeze through to the next round. Dyce from the North Super League also went through after a 2-1 win away to Downfield.

The two postponed ties were played last weekend. Midlands sides Kirriemuir Thistle and Dundee Violet both headed north. Kirrie lost 3-1 at Culter but Violet won on penalties at Stoneywood Parkvale after a goalless 90 minutes. The other quarter final ties are: Broughty v Violet, North End v East Craigie and Culter v Dyce.

Last week the majority of the Midlands teams were back in league action. It was a hard fought 2-1 win for league leaders East Craigie at home to Letham, a result which kept the Shipbuilders at the top of the league. Also a good 4-1 win for second place Carnoustie who kept up their title challenge at Broughty.

But the stand out result has got to be Coupar Angus 6 Forfar United 1. Prior to last week, Coupar Angus had only won one game, drawn one, lost twenty two and had conceded 120 goals. Last Saturday was the first match for new co-managers Derek Mitchell and Jay Smart, who had left Lochee Harp only a few weeks earlier, and what a start it was to their tenure at Foxhall Park.

Broughty got back amongst the goals on Tuesday evening when they defeated Lochee Harp by 6-1.



Finlay Baird scored a double for Broughty v Harp on Tuesday

1985 FROM THE ARCHIVES 1986

37 years ago this spring Tayport FC was planning its major annual fundraiser, the Midsummer Gala. Held in a marquee erected on the Canniepairt, it was a weekend long event which, in the 1980s, was a popular event in the town's social calendar.

Saturday night's entertainment was to be headlined by *Big Mac* but much to the disappointment of many who were looking forward to their Saturday night, not least the club's committee, he didn't turn up.

The Monday phone call to seek an explanation and perhaps receive an offer of some recompense from the booking agency proved fruitless, the call being ended with a throwaway response along the lines of 'if you're not happy, speak to your solicitor'. Big mistake. Because that's exactly what the club did.

As it happened, playing in the team that season was young solicitor, Joe Myles, who agreed that the club had a case. It took nine months to get to court but the club's decision to pursue the matter was vindicated when Sheriff Cox found for the club and Tayport FC was awarded £506, worth around £1,500 today.



Vice-chairman Chas Anderson.
Convinced that TFC had a case



Joe Myles...player and club's
solicitor



Treasurer Ron Redpath advised
Sheriff Cox of loss of income

FROM THE DUGOUT

Good afternoon and welcome to the Canniepairt for this afternoon's match. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Broughty players, staff and supporters.



We are very much looking forward to the game today as we are on a good run and continued that fine run by winning at Lochee last week. I have to say it was our most complete performance to date in my charge. The players were up for the game, and the work rate they showed throughout the 90 minutes was a standard bearer for us as a club. If we are going to continue our good run then we will need a repeat of that performance to get past a very good Broughty team today.

I was informed after the game that it was 26 years since we last won at Lochee. I'm sure Abby will correct all in this matter, but I can also speak with confidence that it is a few years less than that. I was manager of Lochee and recall losing 5-1 at home to Tayport. I reckon it was around the years 99/00. Even so, it will be more than 2 decades. [not far off the mark, Ed, exactly 20 years ago, Feb 2002]

I'm very happy with how the team is taking shape now. Darren Brown's performances in goal have seen us claim back to back clean sheets. This had been an area of concern but my hope is that we can now continue to limit opposition to fewer chances.



Ronnie Kenneth heads a goal at Thomson Park in the game to which Eddie refers

At the other end of the park the front 2 have been exceptional in their work rate and, being our first line of defence, lets our ball players get on the ball. Jamie Gill and Ewan White have been superb throughout this run, as has our vice captain and midfield general Kris Rollo.

I can spend the next page or two raving about the individual performances of every player. It is a pleasure to work with this group and I hope we can finish the season with a flourish. Injury wise, although Jim Malone remains absent, he has begun running again. Returning to the squad this week are Jamie McCabe who missed last week due to work

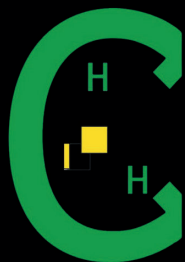
commitments, and Kieran Sturrock who had a family trip. Jamie Hume continues to receive treatment in the hope he can play a part soon. Jamie Mackie continues to make progress and we know it will be a few weeks yet before he will be capable of playing 90 minutes. The only other concern from last week was the injury to Dan Dorovic which forced him to leave the game early. Personally I believed Dan was causing Lochee no end of problems and we all hope he is back very soon. It was pleasing to see such a good support at Lochee and my hope is you are all in the same encouraging voice today as you were last week.

Enjoy the game

Eddie

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No entertainer: club is **THE NEIGHBOURS** awarded £506

An amateur football club whose midsummer gala weekend in aid of funds was financially disappointing after a performer for the Saturday night failed to fulfil the booking was awarded £506 in compensation yesterday at Dundee Sheriff Court.

Sheriff Cox found for Tayport A.F.C. against the Doug Crumley Agency, 40 Brown Street, Dundee, who had arranged for Big Mac to provide an evening of singalong entertainment.

Expenses were also awarded against the agency, who had contested the action.

Mr Ronald Redpath, the club treasurer, told the sheriff that events had been arranged for the Friday night and Saturday night.

On the Friday a band and disco provided entertainment and on Saturday Big Mac was due to appear.

On Friday ticket takings, at £2 a head, were £600 but on Saturday, at £1 a head, they were £66. Bar takings on the Friday were £1252 and on the Saturday £300, profit levels being about one third in each case.

Catering takings showed £116 profit on the Friday and £14 on the Saturday.

Going away

Mr Redpath said he believed the club would have sold all 300 tickets for the Saturday night if the entertainer had been present.

He conceded that bar takings would not have been so high on the Saturday as the evening was aimed at an older clientele, but catering takings would have been at least as good, if not better.

Club officials said that

although advance ticket sales for the Saturday night were only 100, they were confident they would have been able to sell the remainder on entrance.

Groups of people were arriving and then going away when they discovered the entertainer had not turned up. A number of them asked for their money back.

Contacted artiste

Mr Crumley said he agreed to provide an entertainer for the Saturday night singalong.

He sent a letter to the club, as was his normal practice, confirming the booking and made contact with the artiste, informing him of the date and time of the booking.

He added that he still did not know why the act did not turn up.

He received no phone calls from the club, except for one angry call from a person alleging he was a member.

He told Mr J. Myles, solicitor for the club, that he was obliged by regulations not to give out information such as identities and addresses of the artistes he acted for.

Sheriff Cox broke down the award into elements of £234 for the loss on ticket sales, £200 on bar takings and £102 on catering. From this he deducted £30 which the club would have had

to pay if the artiste had turned up.

He said the evidence, by the nature of the case, was speculative, but he was impressed by the pursuers' witnesses, who gave evidence fairly and made reasonable claims for their expectations.

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