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Front cover pic: Kieran Sturrock celebrates his stunning strike in last week's league game v Arbroath Vics  
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Good afternoon. Can I begin by welcoming our fans and the players and officials of our visitors Kirrie Thistle for this Midlands League match.

Eddie's apprehension didn't materialise as we ran out comfortable winners.

The 3-1 win didn't really reflect our dominance, I counted on eight occasions we had glorious opportunities to score and didn't. At the end of the day, a victory is a victory and 3 points. I'm not really one for picking out an individual performance but the decision to give Kris Rollo the man of the match award was well deserved. Well done, Kris.

This afternoon we entertain Kirrie Thistle, our third home league game in a row, which is followed by

at least 6 away games which seems a bit excessive and a bit unfair on our fans who can't get to away games. So can we make it 3 from 3 home wins? It won't be easy, as Kirrie are a much improved side but we are playing with a degree of confidence and shouldn't fear any side.

Enjoy the game.

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**Kirrie  
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## Exciting and Passionate Performance

*Charlotte's Chat*

After a fantastic 5-2 win at home to Forfar West End the week before, Tayport were looking to claim another 3 points against Arbroath Victoria, once again at The Canniepairt. This was a great result as, earlier in the season, Tayport lost 2-1 when they travelled to Arbroath's home ground, Ogilvy Park.

It was an energetic and passionate start for both teams, but it was Arbroath who got the first goal through Joshua Chalmers in the first 5 minutes. Tayport, however, continued to challenge the away side with many great chances for new signing striker Adam Fraser, who was making his debut for the Port.

Paul Sludden, Jamie Gill and Ryan Paterson all had their own opportunities to level the score, but it wasn't until the 35<sup>th</sup> minute when defender and captain Jamie Hume slotted the ball into the back of Arran Lyall's net, making the score 1-1.

Tayport's determination and efforts on goal were definitely paying off as they got their second goal just before half time. A superb pass from Man of the Match Kris Rollo to striker Kieran Sturrock meant that Sturrock had a chance on goal from just outside the box. His superb strike flew into the back of the net and it was 2-1 to Tayport at the break.

Out for the second half and Tayport dominated the next 45 minutes. Sludden and Sturrock has shots that flew over the crossbar and Fraser had a great chance but it was easily saved by Lyall. However, Arbroath still continued to pressure the home side. A Sam Clark free kick on the edge of the box was well defended by Greg McCollm and substitute Argyle Cairns looked dangerous with his corners, perfectly landing them in the box and causing huge scrambles amongst the players.

It was Tayport however who got their third and final goal of the match in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute through Sludden. A fantastic cross from Luke Emmett fell to Sludden who simply had to hit the ball into the back of the net. Gill and substitute Louis Joyce had their own chances near the end but neither could find the back of the net.

This was a great result for Tayport given the poor performance last time we met Arbroath in the league. If the team were looking to redeem themselves then they did just that with an exciting and passionate performance.

Today we face Kirriemuir Thistle at The Canniepairt in the last home game for 6 matches. Last time when we travelled to Kirrie we came away with a 3-1 win. If the team continue to play with energy and devotion then there is a high chance it can be another 3 points for the Port.

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East Craigie	28	24	2	2	116	27	89	74
Lochee United	26	20	2	4	99	22	77	62
Broughty Athletic	28	18	5	5	123	33	90	59
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>59</b>
North End	25	17	5	3	75	32	43	56
Forfar West End	29	10	9	10	45	55	-10	39
Arbroath Vics	30	11	5	14	62	76	-14	38
<b>Kirrie Thistle</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>36</b>
Brechin Vics	27	11	3	13	52	63	-11	36
Lochee Harp	26	11	2	13	56	69	-13	35
Violet	30	10	4	16	41	63	-22	34
Letham	29	10	4	15	61	80	-29	34
St James	28	9	3	16	61	81	-20	30
Blairgowrie	27	9	2	16	47	63	-16	29
Downfield	27	8	3	16	34	72	-38	27
Forfar United	24	4	2	18	36	85	-49	14
Coupar Angus	28	3	2	23	39	127	-88	11
Scone Thistle	30	1	1	28	34	162	-128	4

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

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



## TODAY'S GAME

### EAST REGION MIDLANDS LEAGUE

#### TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE



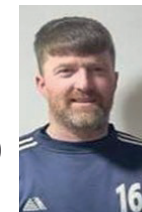
A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to our visitors Kirrie, their first visit since just prior to the pandemic kicking off in 2020.

The turnover of players in the Junior games these days is well illustrated by the fact that only one player from each side that day in early January, our Jamie Gill and Thistle's keeper Darryl Burns, will be listed for today.

Last Saturday's 0-2 loss to Carnoustie saw Kirrie's hopes of a fifth successive league victory derailed in a win which saw Panmure take over leadership of the table for the first time this year. In a match settled by two penalty kicks, Kirrie finished with 10 men, former Tayport full back Marc Ogg seeing red in the closing minutes and consequently missing today's game. Up until the second penalty, late in the game, Kirrie were still in contention so will provide formidable opponents today.

It was only the 3rd time in 35 games this season that Kirrie have failed to find an oppo-

nent's net. Since our 3-1 win at Kirrie in November more than half Kirrie's league goals have been scored by the dual Duell pairing of veteran Bryan (pictured) and the 20 years younger Liam.



Tayport were caught sleeping early on last week when Arbroath Vics took an early lead and although their profligacy in front of goal had the home punters on edge for much of the game, they finished worthy winners.

An injury forced Bradie Heggie's substitution but he misses this week's game anyway through suspension.

Tayport's new striker Adam Fraser, signed from Lochee Harp, had a pleasing debut, coming close to a debut goal on several occasions and will be looking to get off the mark this week.

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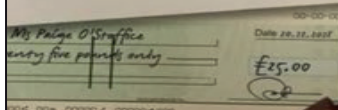
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## 1990 - FROM THE ARCHIVES - 1991

Kirrie Thistle will always have their place in Tayport FC's history. Thistle were the first ever team to defeat Tayport ... not once, but twice... first at Kirrie and also first at Tayport!

In the fourth game of Tayport's inaugural 1990/91 season, Tayport went down 2-1 at Westview Park and, when the return game was played on the Canniepairt in December, Kirrie also ended Tayport's previously unblemished home league record with a 3-2 win (newspaper report below).

The two clubs were going neck and neck for the Tayside Division Two Championship for most of that season. It went right to the wire and on the final day of the campaign Tayport, a point ahead of Kirrie, were at Scone Thistle and Kirrie were at home to St Josephs.

Kirrie won 7-2 but Tayport kept their noses in front by winning 6-1 to lift the title, the first of 13 titles to date.

### How they finished in June 1991

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tayport	22	17	2	3	79	22	36
Kirrie This	22	16	3	3	55	24	35
Blairgowrie	22	13	4	5	45	34	30



Grant Cushnie, scorer of Tayport's second goal, but it wasn't enough

■ BECAUSE OF the atrocious weather conditions only one Junior game in the region went ahead. It was the McEwans Lager League, Division Two game between TAYPORT JUNIORS and KIRRIE THISTLE at snow-swept Tayport.

Kirrie Thistle, the only team to have beaten Tayport Juniors this season, did it again with a 3-2 league win.

Kirrie went ahead when Sinclair headed home Gallacher's free kick

In 40 minutes Gallacher set up Sinclair to net Kirrie's second from close range and one minute later Gallacher turned goalscorer with a magnificent hooked shot from 35 yards out which left Toshney stranded.

### JUNIORS

With the wind at their backs Tayport pressed and in 50 minutes Lamont ran on to Toshney's kick, but Martin saved.

One minute later, Coventry's header was cleared off the line but Irons was on hand to net the rebound.

Tayport continued to press and from Lamont's free kick Coventry flashed a header just wide.

Tayport pulled back another goal in 80 minutes through Cushnie, but Kirrie held on for victory.

Sunday Fixture

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## Bryan Duell's two seasons at Tayport, 2005/6 & 2006/7

He turned 40 last year but Kirrie's Bryan Duell continues to comfortably hold his own,



week after week, against players often more than half his age. Bryan or Dueller as he was always known here, had two memorable seasons at Canniepairt, 2005-2007, making 88 appearances and scoring 28 goals. He featured in 5 cup finals during his time here and also the semi final of the Scottish Junior Cup in 2006, losing 1-2 to Auchinleck Talbot before a 2,440 crowd at Firhill. Bryan's stellar performance for the club however, was the 5th round of the Scottish at Barrhead in the glaur of Dunterlie Park v Arthurlie when he was man of the match, scoring twice in Tayport's thrilling 6-3 win.

## Tayport will have a part to play in title's destination

The Midlands championship, which has six of the 19 clubs well ahead of the trailing pack, is entering its final stage. Carnoustie currently sit top of the pile and here are the possible points each club can achieve in the run in. Of these opponents, Tayport have yet to play East Craigie and Carnoustie, both away from home.

Carnoustie	98
East Craigie	98
Lochee Utd	92
North End	89
Broughty	83
Tayport	83

## Addition to the Tayport FC Archive

There's been a recent addition to Tayport FC's Archive ([www.tayportfcarchive.com](http://www.tayportfcarchive.com)) It's a further part in The History of Football in Tayport - Football in Tayport Through The Ages Part 3 which covers the four year period **1910 to 1914**. Interesting times.

## Where did we lose them?

Tayport remain in the hunt for third place, despite losing two goalkeepers in the last week - Josh Lockhart joined Lochee Harp and Gary Thain moved to Dundee North End. That did not stop Port from beating Arbroath Vics 3-1 at The Canniepairt.

We read in this week's Courier that we had lost goalies Gary Thain and Jamie (Josh!?) Lockhart. Lost where? Tentsmuir? In the factory burn?

And given that Jamie had only played once this season and Gary only once this year, can't imagine how 'losing' them was ever going to affect Tayport's performance against Vics.

## Pete's Patter

### Peter McEleny is Tayport FC's Communications Officer

Since my last round-up a month ago Tayport have played 3 matches, won 2, lost 1 and had 1 postponed due to snow. We know what's been happening at the Canniepairt so let's take a look at what else has been happening in the Midlands Football League.

On Saturday 12th February when we were defeated 2-0 by Broughty Athletic it meant we were the only team in the league's top 6 not to win that weekend. It was, however, second top Carnoustie that seemed to have the toughest win of the day but they eventually overcame Coupar Angus 3-2.

Coupar Angus are now a transformed side. Since the start of February, they have brought in Derek Mitchell and Jonathan Smart as co-managers. They were previously in charge of Lochee Harp before being dismissed at the end of January. The managerial departures prompted a mass exodus from Harp with many of the players opting to join their former managers at Coupar Angus. We were due to play Coupar Angus on Saturday 19th February but heavy snowfall the day before saw this match postponed. This fixture has still to be rearranged by the league and it will be a tough game for us when it comes.

That weekend only three matches beat the weather. East Craigie beat Downfield 8-0, Arbroath Vics beat Forfar United 4-0 and St James beat Lochee Harp 7-0. Harp were still without a manager then, and things went from bad to worse when they played Carnoustie on the following Tuesday night and were thumped 15-0. These goals could be very important come the end of the season with things so tight between Carnoustie and East Craigie at the top of the league. Two days later after a few very hard weeks for Harp they appointed a new management team of Alan McSkimming and Chris Macpherson who were in charge here at the Canniepairt earlier this season. Their first game in charge was on Saturday 26th February against Violet. It finished 2-1 to Violet and by all accounts there was very little between the sides. That weekend we defeated Forfar West End 5-2 but the score that grabbed everyone's attention was Broughty 2-2 Coupar Angus, again highlighting the transformation at Foxhall Park.

The big game last weekend was at Craigie Park between East Craigie and Lochee United. Going into the match Craigie were level on points and goal difference with Carnoustie but had 1 game in hand. Lochee have dropped more points than they would have liked so far this season but they left Craigie Park with all 3 points. It was 1-0 for the Chee and only a second league defeat of the season for Craigie. Carnoustie took advantage of East Craigie slipping up with a 2-0 win against Kirrie. The other teams in the top 6 took 3 points last weekend.

At the moment it looks like our best league finish would be 4th but Broughty and North End will also be looking to do the same. There are still plenty of points to play for and there will be slip ups between now and the end of the season. We have to hope that it is not us that slip up.

Lochee's win last Saturday keeps them in the title race. They are currently 15 points behind Carnoustie with 3 less games played so they have the chance to close the gap. Most people believe it will either be Carnoustie or East Craigie that will take the title this season. They have played each other twice so it will all come down to who has the stronger finish. We still have both Carnoustie and East Craigie to play away from home so we could play a part in determining where the title ends up. The most important thing for the Port is to focus on ourselves and finish as high up the league as possible and with some silverware in the cabinet from one of the cup competitions.

## GOOD START FOR THE WALKING FOOTBALLERS

Last Sunday saw the Walking Football Scotland East League programme commence. All games over the next 8 months will take place on the first Sunday of each month, at the Regional Performance Centre, Dundee.

13 teams are involved, including Dundee United, Arbroath, Raith Rovers and Montrose.

The first of our three opponents last Sunday were **Crieff**, new to the league, so an unknown quantity! Tayport got off to a fantastic start, scoring the fastest goal of the afternoon, after just 14 seconds. But within 5 minutes we were trailing 1-2, and to make matters worse the referee awarded a throw-in to Crieff that blatantly came off one of their players, and with us expecting the ball upfield, they took the kick quickly and scored. Despite our captain explaining it should have been our kick, without VAR, the goal stood. We hammered away at their goal, and scored but with time running out, we lost **2-3**, very disappointing. Our goal scorers were Bruce Peebles and Fergus Mann.

Next up were **Dundee Utd. SC**, a team we failed to beat last season. It was pretty even for the opening minutes, but then the referee decided that our goalkeeper, Jimmy McIlravey, had handled outside the box! The resulting penalty was amazingly saved by him, diving low to his left to keep the ball out. It spurred us on and 2 goals from Colin Hardie, affectionately known as Titch, gave us a **2-0** victory. The only disappointment was losing Bruce Peebles with a muscle injury.

Our final game of the afternoon was against **Dunfermline Dynamos**.

We started cautiously but then scored 2 quick goals, which encouraged us to go forward and we ran out **5-0** winners. It let us finish the day on a high note and feeling a little bit disappointed that we hadn't done better in our opening game. Our goal scorers were Colin Hardie 2, Fergus Mann 2, and John Boyle.

We hope to resume training outdoors at The Canniepairt in April, weather permitting. It will be Friday mornings at 10:00 am until 11:30. Come along and give it a try. For more information contact Paul via Tayport Over 50s Walking Football Facebook page or email him at [tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com](mailto:tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com)

## GALLERY

Pics by Ryan Mashedder



(left) new signing Adam Fraser vaults over Vics' Luke O'Brien in last week's match.

(below left) action from Kirrie v Tayport game at Westview Park in November and (below right) Kieran Sturrock is mobbed by teammates after his spectacular goal v Vics last week.

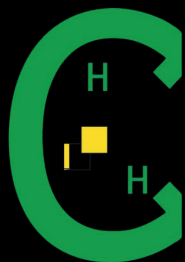


## NEXT HOME MATCHES

Not very many left! After our run of 8 home league matches and only 2 away from home since we last met Kirrie back in November, after today we find ourselves with a run of 6 league games on the road and only 1 at home to complete our league season of 36 games. Throw in the 2 cup ties away from home and it'll be a long time before we're back here! We're in Perth next week to meet Letham at Seven Acres, then on the 26th we are at Guthrie Park to play Forfar Albion in a quarter final tie in the Quest Cup.

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## THE TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALLERS 2022 SEASON



Back (l-r) Tom Craib (coach), John Hardie, Alan Gray, Bruce Peebles, Andy Blackburn, John Boyle, Paul Berg (manager). Front - John Hargreaves, Fergus Mann, Jim McIlreavy and Bert Valentine.

### Round 1 Results March 2022

WFS EAST SCOTLAND O50'S LEAGUE SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022, RPC DUNDEE				
GAME 1				
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM	
A	ARRBROATH	1 v 0	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	
B	FIFE WANDERERS	1 v 1	RAITH ROVERS	
C	CRIEFF JUNIORS	3 v 2	TAYPORT	
D	FAIRFIELD	2 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	
GAME 2				
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM	
A	DUNDEE UTD CT	0 v 1	ST JAMES	
B	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	3 v 2	ST ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	
C	MONTRIOSE	0 v 3	RAITH ROVERS	
D	ARRBROATH	1 v 1	CRIEFF JUNIORS	
GAME 3				
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM	
A	FIFE WANDERERS	0 v 0	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	
B	DUNDEE UTD CT	0 v 2	TAYPORT	
C	FAIRFIELD	3 v 0	ST ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	
D	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	1 v 3	ST JAMES	



GAME 4				
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM	
A	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	2 v 2	CRIEFF JUNIORS	
B	MONTRIOSE	1 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	
C	ARRBROATH	3 v 0	DUNDEE UTD CT	
D	FIFE WANDERERS	6 v 0	ST ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	
GAME 5				
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM	
A	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	0 v 5	TAYPORT	
B	FAIRFIELD	2 v 2	ST JAMES	
C	RAITH ROVERS	1 v 0	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	
D	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	2 v 0	MONTRIOSE	

**Footnote:** not that they are likely to remember, but Alan Gray and Bert Valentine last played together for Tayport in May 1990 when they were in the team which won a Midlands AFA Gray Trophy semi-final 1-0 v NCR. Also in the team that day was Kris Rollo's old man Steve and present day Dundee Violet manager Andy Heggie

