FROM THE DUGOUT

Good afternoon and welcome to Tayport for this afternoon's match. These are words I haven't written for 2 months as we have been on the road for 8 games. It makes a welcome change to come home again. Results on our travels have very much been a mixed bag. We suffered heavy defeats to both Carnoustie and North End



but bounced back with impressive wins at Forfar and Lochee Harp. The defeats have proven to be great learning experiences, as we have tried to eradicate the errors from our game made during those losses. The opening 45 minutes in both defeats highlighted a need to begin games better. No team can give opponents 3 or 4 goals of a start and hope to take something from the match.



Luke Emmett, on loan from Highland League Keith, celebrates his goal at Blairgowrie

At Blairgowrie we started very well and went in at the break 4 goals to the good. I asked the players if it was a better feeling than 4 down and of course the answer was yes. I believe the mind-set was put in place that day and set us up for our semi-final tie at Broughty. Again, we had learned from our previous encounter with the hosts, as they became the first team to beat us during my reign in charge. The midfield battle proved to be pivotal that day on the Canniepairt and we just never got to grips with Broughty's midfielders. In the build up to the semi-final we made sure we worked on our shape against the ball. As it was, the lads turned in a very impressive performance and have given us a cup final to which we can look forward.

The final will see us return to Whitton Park and the players should be relaxed about this, as artificial sur-

faces have been rewarding experiences for us this season. We have had plenty opportunities to sample this surface as no fewer than 4 teams in our league play on this surface. In each case we have been victorious. In fact, we have recorded wins on both occasions we've played at the cup final venue this season. Therefore, whilst not a guarantee, it is certainly a record which should give us some confidence.



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Front cover pic: Tayport 'keeper Craig Hepburn, on loan from St Johnstone, pictured in action at Broughty last Saturday Pic by Ryan Masheder

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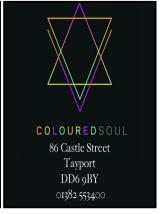
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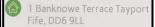
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1981 - FROM THE ARCHIVES - 1982



Forty years ago the month Tayport lost 0-1 on the Canniepairt to YMCA but the narrow defeat was sufficient to see the club lift its one and only top tie Midlands AFA Championship, finishing on the same points as SMT but with better goal difference. Pictured are (back I-r) E.Stewart, A.D.Oswald, D.Ayro J.Herd, R.Macmillan, A.J.Oswald, I.Cougan, E.Beat. Middle - K.Coutts, B.Simpson, C.Gray, J.Downie, P.Smith, A.Charity, B.Wilson, R.Stewart,

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Brechin Vics from

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Tayport did come out a lot more passionate and energetic for the second half. Ryan Paterson and Jamie Gill continued to take shots on goal. However, it just wasn't enough and the match ended 4 -0 and Tayport were out of the Cup.

Blairgowrie FC 0-6 Tayport FC (23/04/22) - Midlands League

Fast forward a week, and we saw a completely different Tayport team face Blairgowrie. Adam Fraser was back in action after his red card a couple of weeks ago and he performed well scoring Tayport's first goal 15 minutes into the match. More goals from Man of the Match Louis Joyce, Greg McColm and a fantastic strike from Luke Emmett, meant Tayport went into half time leading 0-4. This was a much more organised and devoted team than we had seen the week before.

The second half was much the same. Captain Jamie Hume made it 0-5 only 10 minutes in and Daniel Dorovic added a sixth goal just before the end of the match. Tayport dominated the match and it was a great win off the back of their disappointing exit from the Thorntons Cup.

Broughty Athletic 1-3 Tayport FC (30/04/22) - Semi Final Quest Engineering Cup

The second last of a long string of consecutive away games saw Tayport travel to Whitton Park to face Broughty Athletic in the semi-final of the Quest Precision Engineering Cup. After being knocked out of the Thorntons Cup, Tayport were definitely looking to redeem themselves and make it to the Quest Cup final. It was a tense game with both sides creating equal chances. However the first goal didn't come until the 46th minute of the first half when Tayport took the lead through Ewan White.

Unfortunately, immediately after coming out for the second half, Broughty levelled the score and it looked like Tayport were going to really struggle. The home side had come out much stronger for the second half and their strikers looked dangerous, firing shots on goal. However, it was Tayport who got the next goal. A Paul Sludden shot took a deflection off Broughty's David Rae and Tayport were now 1-2 up.

It was a stressful time with Tayport only one goal ahead and at least 20 more minutes to play. Both teams were throwing everything at the match and it was looking very even. However, 5 minutes before the final whistle, Jamie Gill had a fantastic run down the line before passing the ball to Ryan Paterson who smashed it in the back of the net. The match ended 1-3 to Tayport. It was a really tense game but what a fantastic result for the club!

The Quest Precision Engineering Cup final will be played against East Craigie on Saturday 4th of June at Broughty Athletic's Whitton Park.

East Craigie 1-1 Tayport FC (04/05/22) - Midlands League

For their 9th away game in a row, Tayport made a strong start, receiving a penalty only a couple of minutes in after Craigie keeper Liam Dunn clashed with Daniel Dorovic but Jamie Gill's shot was well saved by Dunn. However, Tayport did take the lead in 4 minutes through a Jamie Hume header.

Just before the 30 minute mark, East Craigie drew level i through Grady McGrath

The 2^{nd} half was similar to the first with loads of chances for both sides. Many yellow cards were shown and there were numerous calls for penalties.

In additional time, there was drama in the East Craigie box. Dunn kicked the ball into the back of Gill and it bounced off him and rolled into the back of the net. Dunn received his 2nd yellow of the match and was sent off. Unfortunately, for no known reason, the goal was not given.

It was an exciting and tense match and a good point for Tayport against a top side.

Forfar United 0-6 Tayport FC (26/03/22) - Quarter Final Quest Precision Engineering Cup

On the 26th of March it was the Quarter Final of the Quest Precision Engineering Cup, away to Forfar United. Tayport got a great start with a Jamie Gill goal only 3 minutes in. More goals from captain Jamie Hume and Ryan Paterson meant the teams went into half time with Tayport leading 0-3.

A superb second half performance for the away side, including goals from Paul Sludden, Kieran Sturrock and a Forfar own goal from Aidan Marshall meant Tayport came away with a 0-6 win.

Jamie Hume received the Man of the match award and Tayport would now advance to the Semi Finals of the cup.

Carnoustie Panmure 5-0 Tayport FC (02/04/22) - Midlands League

The next week Tayport were back in league action against league leaders Carnoustie Panmure. The home side dominated the match with much more pace and skill than the Tayport team. 4 goals in the first half, including a fantastic strike from former 'Port striker Dale Reid meant the teams went into half time with Carnoustie leading 4-0.

It was a much similar second half, which saw Reid get his hat trick in the 76th minute. As if it couldn't get much worse for Tayport, 90 minutes in, striker Adam Fraser received a red card for a foul on a Carnoustie player just outside the box.

Tayport struggled against a strong home side with quality and a great defence and the match ended 5-0.

Lochee Harp FC 1-7 Tayport FC (09/04/22) - Midlands League

It was a completely different story when Tayport travelled to face Lochee Harp a week later. A Greg McColm goal meant the away side had taken the lead only 9 minutes in. Just before half time, Tayport made it 0-2 through a powerful Kieran Sturrock strike. Then, 2 minutes later, they added another goal this time from Daniel Dorovic. A superb start from Tayport meant the first half ended 0-3.

Tayport continued to dominate the match and in the 53rd minute they made it 0-4. Sturrock crossed the ball to Louis Joyce who smashed the ball into the net. Only 6 minutes later, Dorovic added another goal for the away side. 2 more goals, both from Ryan Paterson, in the 73rd and 78th minute gave Tayport a 0-7 score line. However, Harp got a goal back in the 81st minute through a Ross Anderson header.

The match ended 1-7. It was a great result for Tayport and a fantastic 3 points earned.

Dundee North End FC 4-0 Tayport FC (16/04/22) - Thorntons Property Cup R 2

Unfortunately, it wasn't such a good result for Tayport a week later when they faced North End in the second round of the Thorntons Property Cup. Only 5 minutes into the match Tayport went 1-0 down due to a goal from North End Captain Ryan Smith. Despite Tayport's best efforts, North End were the much stronger side and by half time it was 4-0.



TODAY'S GAME

EAST REGION MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v BRECHIN VICTORIA



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to our visitors Brechin Vics for our final home game of the 2021-22 season.

With one exception, all Vics' visits to the Canniepairt in the past three decades have been cupties. The exception was the second pandemicaborted 2020-21 season when we played Brechin in one of our four league games before football closed down. Tayport won 7-0 that day.

Previous to that, it was an East Region Cup-tie in August 2019, the first of the two abandoned seasons, which Tayport won 3-0.. From the Tayport squad that day, only Kris Rollo, Craig Sturrock and Jamie Gill still wear the Tayport colours.

From Vics' team that day, Aaron Stephen, Morgan Smith, Euan Duff, Cameron Fraser and Jack Gribben are still regulars in Vics' line-up, two of whom, Fraser and Gribben, were the marksmen in their side's 2-1 win in Perth v Letham last Saturday.

It was a second successive win on the road for Brechin who hit five at Forfar United the previous week.

Since the turn of the year Vics have lost 8 and won 5 of their 13 league games and with the five wins coming v teams beneath them in the league, they have comfortably secured a mid table finishing position in the Division.

Tayport disappointed their support by failing even to score in recent heavy defeats in the league at Carnoustie and a cup-tie at North End but the local fans will have been heartened by impressive back to back performances at Blairgowrie and Broughty plus Wednesday's draw at East Craigie.

Brechin's record in the league this season away from home against the clubs above them in the league is pretty miserable - 7 defeats and a draw with only 2 goals scored and 30 conceded.

Today is Vics' last chance to get that elusive away win against a top ten side. They will no doubt have noticed that Tayport's home league record against the top10 clubs at home is not particularly clever, with a negative goal difference and a disappointing 2 wins from their 8 games before today.



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Tayport FC 1-2 Kirriemuir Thistle (12/03/22) Midlands League



The last home game for what would be two months took place on the 12th March against Kirriemuir Thistle. The last time we met in the league it was a comfortable win for Tayport. However, Kirrie were much improved and they put up a great fight. The first half was dull with a few chances from both sides but nothing much to shout about. We went into half time drawing 0-0.

In the second half Tayport had much more energy. The home side opened the score line with a 50th minute goal from Daniel Dorovic. However, only 8 minutes later, Kirrie equalised through Andrew Walls. Tayport's heads went down and the game lost its momentum.

There was also a huge blow for Tayport when keeper Darren Brown received a straight red card for a bad tackle. Then, to rub salt in the wound, Kirrie got the winning goal in the 93rd minute through substitute Blaike Kyles. The match ended 1-2 to Kirriemuir Thistle and Tayport would now not face another home game until May.

Letham FC 2-3 Tayport FC (19/03/22) - Midlands League

A week later, Tayport travelled to Perth to face Letham FC. An early goal from Kieran Sturrock got the away side off to a great start. Only 9 minutes later, Tayport doubled their lead with a fantastic goal from Man of the Match Ryan Paterson. However, 40 minutes in, there was a scramble in the Tayport box and a Letham player went down. The referee called for a penalty. Mark Shaw stepped up and he easily scored in the bottom right corner. The first half ended 1-2 to Tayport.

In the 77th minute, Letham made it 2-2. A mistake in the Tayport defence meant Alan Cunningham easily netted. However, Tayport reclaimed the lead in the 88th minute through another Paterson goal. A close game but a good win for Tayport.





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Cammy Fraser, the Brechin Vics ace marksman, is one of the Midlands League's top scorers this season with 24 goals to date.

Cammy has netted in each of his team's last four matches and it will be recalled that, in our 1-1 draw at Victoria Park earlier this season, he showed the Tayport defence a clean pair of heels to open the scoring with a fine goal in the 1-1 draw.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of the Tayport FC Committee, hopes are high that the club can obtain a Scottish FA Licence for next season. A licence will allow the club entry to the William Hill Scottish Cup and the potential for Pyramid progression



2002 - FROM THE ARCHIVES - 2003

19 YEARS AGO

OLD ADVERSARIES ONLY A STEP AWAY FROM THE SPFL

This afternoon at New Dundas Park, Bonnyrigg, **Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic** are playing **Cowdenbeath** in the first leg of the play-off for a place in the

SPFL. The second leg goes ahead next Saturday at Central Park Cowdenbeath.

The Blue Brazil, whose form has picked up a wee bit lately, will be favourites over the two legs and thus avoid the ignominy of joining the likes of Brechin City, Berwick Rangers and East Stirlingshire in tier 5 of the SPFL pyramid.

New Dundas Park will bring back happy memories to the 'Port Support. On **Saturday 7th June 2003,** only six days after the winning the Scottish Junior Cup v Linlith-



gow Rose, Tayport arrived in Bonnyrigg knowing that a win over Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic in what was our penultimate league game would secure the inaugural East Super League Championship.

Tayport duly rose to the challenge and goals from the iconic pair of John Ward (above left) and Scott Peters (above right) gave Tayport a 2-1 win and the first of two Super League titles.

Tayport lined up that day -

Frazer Fitzpatrick, Ross Gunnion, John Ward, Roberto Morris, Grant Paterson, Scott Peters (Davie Evans), Allan Ramsay, Brian Craik, Jonathan Mitchell (Ralph Hunter), Steven Stewart, Barry McNaughton

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21 Aug	Forres This	S1	w	6-0	Thain	Joyce 1	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
25 Aug	Forfar WE	L	W	5-2	Thain	Joyce 1	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie 1
28 Aug	ARBROATH VIC	L	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF		
4 Sep	Kirrie Thistle	L	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF		
11 Sep	ARBROATH VIC	Q2	w	2-0	Brown	Cameron	Sanchez	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
18 Sep	LETHAM	L	W	3-2	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
25 Sep	Gartcairn	S2	L	2-5	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
2 Oct	St James	L	W	3-1	Thain	Joyce	Garmany	Musanhu 1	Hume	Ritchie
9 Oct	BLAIRGOWRIE	L	w	4-0	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Musanhu	Hume	McCabe
16 Oct	FREE WEEK	-	X		odd	team	out	in	19	team
23 Oct	Arbroath Vic	L	L	1-2	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	McCabe
30 Oct	LOCHEE HARP	L	W	2-1	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
6 Nov	Brechin Vics	L	D	1-1	Thain	Joyce	Sturrock	Musanhu	Hume	Heggie
13 Nov	North End	L	D	2-2	Thain	Heggie	Sturrock	Ness	Hume	Ritchie
20 Nov	Kirrie Thistle	L	w	3-1	Thain	Heggie	Sturrock	Ness	Hume 1	Ritchie
27 Nov	ST JAMES	٦	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF	Power	Cut
4 Dec	FORFAR UTD	L	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF	Water	logged
8 Dec	ST JAMES	L	w	1-0	Thain	Heggie	Joyce	Musanu	Hume	Ritchie
11 Dec	Carnoustie	L	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF	Frost	
18 Dec	East Craigie	L	X		Halftime	MATCH	ABAND	ONED	Fog	
8 Jan	VIOLET	L	W	4-1	Brown	Heggie	Joyce	Cameron	Hume	McCabe
15 Jan	Scone This	L	W	6-1	Brown	Heggie	G.McColm 2	Cameron	Hume	McCabe
19 Jan	FORFAR UNITED	L	W	4-1	Lockhart	Heggie	Joyce	McColm	Hume	Ritchie
22 Jan	DOWNFIELD	L	W	3-1	Thain	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	McCabe
29 Jan	FRASERBURGH UTD	Q3	w	1-0	Brown	Heggie	C.Sturrock	McColm	Joyce	McCabe
5 Feb	Lochee Utd	L	w	2-0	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Joyce	Rollo
12 Feb	BROUGHTY ATH	L	L	0-2	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	Rollo
19 Feb	Coupar Angus	L	X			MATCH	CALLED	OFF	SNOW	
26 Feb	FORFAR WEST END	L	w	5-2	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm 1	Hume	Joyce
5 Mar	ARBROATH VIC	L	W	3-1	Brown	Heggie	Emmett	McColm	Hume 1	Rollo
12Mar	KIRRIE THISTLE	L	L	1-2	Brown	Joyce	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	Rollo
19 Mar	Letham	L	W	3-2	Hepburn	Joyce	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	Rollo
26 Mar	Forfar United	Q4	w	6-0	Hepburn	Joyce	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume 1	Cobb
2 April	Carnoustie	L	L	0-5	Hepburn	Heggie	Joyce	McColm	Hume	Rollo
9 April	Lochee Harp	L	w	7-1	Hepburn	Emmett	C Sturrock	McColm 1	Hume	Rollo
16 April	North End	ERC		0-4	Hepburn	Emmett	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	Rollo
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23 April	Blairgowrie	L	W	6-0	Hepburn	Emmett 1	C Sturrock	McColm 1	Hume 1	Rollo
30 April	Broughty Ath	QS	W	3-1	Hepburn	Emmett	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume	Rollo
4 May	East Craigie	L	D	1-1	Brown	Emmett	C Sturrock	McColm	Hume 1	White
7 May	BRECHIN VICS	L								
14 May	Coupar Angus	L								
4 June	East Craigie	QF								
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Pete's Patter

Peter McEleny is Tayport FC's Communications Officer

Looking back at this season

Well, after eight away games in a row we are finally back playing at the Canniepairt. It feels a long time since our last home game against Kirriemuir Thistle on 12th March and it was a disappointing result on that day as we lost 2-1. It has been a mix of results since then as we took heavy defeats to both Carnoustie and North End. We had a tight victory against Letham and then won comfortably against Forfar United, Lochee Harp and Blairgowrie. But the highlight was last Saturday's 3-1 victory against Broughty Athletic in the Semi Final of the Quest Precision Engineering Cup which booked our place in the final. At the time of writing we have still to play our 8th away game in a row against East Craigie in the league at Craigie Park.

Today we are against Brechin Victoria and it's our last home game of the season and as this will be my last column of the season I just wanted to take a look back at the Port's season. It seems a very long time now since our first league game of the season which took place on 17th July 2021. After such a long time without football as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic we were all just delighted to have football back and to be able to be back at matches. This has been our first full season since the 2018/19 season and we have all been reminded that there are many highs and lows when following a football team. After an undefeated pre-season we went into the league campaign full of optimism and it all started so well with an opening day win against Dundee North End but after that in our next seven matches we dropped 15 points out of 21. Unfortunately the very poor start to our season saw us lose significant ground on the teams challenging for the league and sadly since then we have never been able to make up the ground on the teams at the top of the table. So that was a real disappointment being out of the title race after just eight league matches.

Results then did pick up starting with a very good 1-0 victory against Broughty in the league and this was the first of six victories in a row, two of them being in cup competitions. However we came crashing back down to earth when we were dumped out of the Scottish Junior Cup when Gartcairn beat us 5-2. Personally, this was probably the lowest moment of the season as it was such a big match for us in a competition in which we have such a great history, but we never turned up that day and Gartcairn tore us apart. We then won two league games but unfortunately this run could not be extended and we suffered a 2-1 league defeat at the hands of Arbroath Vics on 23rd October. This proved to be the last match for manager Chris Macpherson as the club and manager parted company.

On 26th October we appointed Eddie Wolecki Black as our new manager. Things got off to a good start with a 2-1 victory against Lochee Harp. The next two matches resulted in draws against Brechin Vics and North End. But after that the team went on a great run winning eight games in a row which took us to the middle of February. The highlight of these wins was a 2-0 victory away to Lochee United at Thomson Park, a venue at which we hadn't won since 2006. Unfortunately our winning run came to an end at home to Broughty Athletic. The next seven league games saw us pick up 15 points out of 21. During that spell we played three Cup games, we had a disappointing result away to North End as we exited the Thorntons Cup but we had much more joy in the Quest Cup beating Forfar United and then Broughty Athletic last Saturday. Results and performances have definitely been better since Eddie took over and under his management we have played 22 matches in all competitions winning 16. Josing 4 and drawing 2.

At the time of writing we have played 40 matches in all competitions this season, winning 26, drawing 5 and losing 9. We have two league matches left and it is very much looking like we will finish the season in 6th place unless other results go our way. It has been an up and down season with highs and lows but as we go into the final home game of the season we would just like to thank every Tayport supporter for their support this season. We just have one last ask for you, keep supporting the team right to the end of the season and please turn out in force for the Quest Cup final against East Craigie on Saturday 4th June at Whitton Park. The cup final will be our last and biggest game of the season and wouldn't it be great to end it with a trophy coming back to the Canniepairt, so please get right behind the team in the final.

Support the Port!

Is there a case for two divisions in the Midlands League?

Not that you ever see a league table in the Courier, Fife Herald or St Andrews Citizen's, sports pages but if you did, it would be very obvious that there is a huge gulf between the top teams and those at the bottom of the Midlands League. Not really unusual. It's like that in any professional or semi professional league, you may think, and that's true.

However, in most such leagues we don't see regular scorelines of 10-0, 12-0, 13-0 or even 15-0, as we've seen in the Midlands League this season. Not much fun for those at either end of the scoreline and no great enjoyment for the spectator either. It's certainly not pulling in the punters. Witness the attendance at Laing Park the other week. Carnoustie might be playing some sparkling stuff, topping the league at present and getting a big build up every week in the Courier, but with an attendance *c*.130 at the recent Tayport match, such an attendance seems a trifle disappointing.

So, what's the solution? Clearly two divisions might be a start, but small divisions probably mean playing each other three times. Not Ideal. Or is it better surfaces? Or covered and improved spectator accommodation? Or better PR. Or is it just the way things are these days?

An increased number of clubs could be one solution. What about East of Scotland League clubs Newburgh, St Andrews United, Kinnoull and Luncarty for starters? They are bound to be getting a bit fed up of the travelling and the cost of same. St Andrews United, for example, were playing in England last Saturday! If a club with an SFA licence wants to climb up the pyramid, the Midlands League also provides entry to the Wm.Hill Scottish Cup and is arguably is a far quicker and easier route for an ambitious club with the desire to climb the pyramid.

Jeanfield Swifts, the most ambitious of the Perth clubs, have an SFA Licence, clearly have a good PR machine and are super keen to climb the pyramid. At the moment they are 4th in the East of Scotland Premier Division, behind three other former Junior clubs, Tranent, Penicuik and Linlithgow Rose but Swifts are out of this season's promotion picture. It's a Division which will always have a pretty robust pecking order and next season's challenge will be no easier, with the bottom four clubs being replaced by the two conference Champions.

Tayport FC Committee Member **Graeme McBeth** is also an avid Dundee Stars fan. His attention at Whitton Park last Saturday afternoon was split between the semifinal v Broughty and Dundee Stars Ice Hockey semi final v Belfast Giants being played at Nottingham at the same time. There was no double celebration though, Stars going down 6-0. Here's Graeme (left), spotted at a recent Stars match at Dundee Ice Arena.









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This is how two Divisions of a Midlands League would look based on a current top ten split and results this season between each other.

Very little change at the top but Brechin would be relegated and if there was a relegation play-off, Kirrie would have to avoid a 6 goal defeat at Lochee United in their final game to leave Arbroath Vics in the play-off position.

In the bottom half, Junior newcomers St James and Letham would have joined Harp, Downfield and Blairgowrie in having an exciting end to the season.

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Gd	Р
CARNOUSTIE	17	8	1	0	32	9	6	0	2	28	8	43	43
EAST CRAIGIE	17	6	1	1	21	6	6	2	1	21	11	25	39
LOCHEE UNITED	17	4	2	2	19	9	7	0	2	31	7	34	35
BROUGHTY ATH	18	4	2	3	30	14	5	1	3	21	17	20	30
TAYPORT	17	2	2	4	13	15	4	3	2	16	14	0	23
NORTH END	16	3	3	2	13	9	2	3	3	17	15	6	21
FORFAR W.E.	17	1	2	5	8	24	2	5	2	17	17	-16	16
KIRRIE THISTLE	17	3	0	6	15	22	2	0	6	11	29	-25	15
ARBROATH VICS	18	3	2	4	19	30	1	1	7	11	31	-31	15
BRECHIN VICS	16	0	1	7	6	34	0	1	7	2	30	-56	2
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Gd	Р
DOWNFIELD	16	4	2	2	16	9	5	1	2	18	11	14	30
LOCHEE HARP	15	4	1	2	20	15	5	0	3	26	17	14	28
LETHAM	16	4	1	3	22	11	5	0	3	20	17	14	28
ST JAMES	15	5	0	1	29	14	3	3	2	15	19	19	27
BLAIRGOWRIE	15	4	0	4	27	20	3	1	3	20	16	11	22
FORFAR UNITED	14	4	1	2	13	12	1	1	5	12	23	-10	17
COUPAR ANGUS	15	2	1	5	17	23	1	0	6	10	26	-22	10
SCONE THISTLE	16	0	1	7	9	37	1	0	7	8	34	-54	4

Back in Port Prog # 12 we noted that Tayport FC's erstwhile match reporter Ellidh Aitken had secured a reporter's position with the Dunfermline Press . Experience here must have stood her in good stead as two weeks ago she has taken over the role of Match Reporter at East End Park as our photo shows.



THE TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALLERS UPDATE

Last Sunday, May 1st, saw us in league action at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee. Over the past month or so, we have been hit with a few injuries to players, plus both of our regular keepers were unavailable, so a new keeper, Stuart Yanetta, was drafted in at the last minute. Having to play 4 games this session didn't help either, and in our first game we faced **Raith Rovers**, a side we had never beaten, and who were runners up in the league last season.

After going 1-0 up, we lost our leading scorer, Colin Hardie, with a badly twisted ankle, which ruled him out for the rest of the day. That left us with just one substitute player, but nevertheless we went on to win 3-0, a very encouraging performance and result. **Scorers:** Alan Gray, Bert Valentine & Andy Blackburn.

We weren't involved in the next round, but in round 3 we faced **Saints in the Community.**Despite having the majority of the play, we once again struggled to find the back of the net, but eventually scored and went on to win 2-0. **Scorers:** Fergus Mann & another for Andy.
Straight into round 4, where we were up against **St.Andrews**, always a tough side to beat.
Again, despite having the better chances, we failed to take advantage, in fact we hit the woodwork 5 times in total! Eventually, however, we took the lead, and set about getting a second, but a dubious refereeing decision gave St. Andrews a penalty and we were level again. With time running out, we got the winning goal, and won 2-1. **Scorers:** Bert & Alan (his second of the afternoon)

Again, no rest time, and our 4th and final game against league champions and unbeaten league leaders, **St. James!**

We started well, but as the game progressed, fatigue crept in, especially as our opponents hadn't played a game in over 30 minutes. It's no excuse, but we finished up being well beaten 4-0. The score, however, doesn't reflect the fact that we matched them for periods, and they remain unbeaten.

MALLORCA, SPAIN WALKING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, MAY 19 - 23.

The club has entered a team in the above tournament, and John Boyle has organised all the travel and hotel arrangements. All the 8 players have self-financed the trip, and will face teams from all European countries. Their first game is against Leyton Orient's Walking Football side.



FRIDAY MAY 20th: Due to the above tournament, we intend to cancel training and have another session of FootGolf at Drumoig Golf Centre, weather permitting.

SUNDAY JUNE 5th. Next league session, we play 2 league games and 1 friendly. First game 2:30, usual venue, Regional Performance Centre, Dundee.

Come along and give WALKING FOOTBALL a try. For more information contact Paul via Tayport Over 50s Walking Football Facebook page or email him at **tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com**

WFS EAST SCOTLAND O50s LEAGUE SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022, RPC DUI



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PITCH	TEAM	v	TEAM
Α	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	0 v 5	ST. JAMES
В	CRIEFF JUNIORS	2 v 0	FAIRFIELD
С	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	1 v 1	MONTROSE
D	RAITH ROVERS	0 v 3	TAYPORT
		GAME 2	

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PITCH	TEAM		TEAM
A	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	4 v 0	FIFE WANDERERS
В	ARBROATH	2 v 1	MONTROSE
С	ST. ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	0 v 2	ST. JAMES
D	DUNDEE UTD CT	1 v 2	FAIRFIELD
		GAME 3	

		GAIVIL 3	
PITCH	TEAM		TEAM
А	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	1 v 3	FAIRFIELD
В	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	0 v 2	TAYPORT
С	ARBROATH	1 v 0	RAITH ROVERS
D	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	0 v 1	DUNDEE UTD CT

		GAIVIE 4	
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
Α	ST. ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	1 v 2	TAYPORT
В	DUNDEE UTD CT	0 v 1	FIFE WANDERERS
С	ARBROATH	3 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY
D	CRIEFF JUNIORS	2 v 2	RAITH ROVERS

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PITCH	TEAM		TEAM
Α	CRIEFF JUNIORS	2 v 1	MONTROSE
В	ST. JAMES	4 v 0	TAYPORT
С	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	1 v 1	FIFE WANDERERS
D	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	1 v 1	ST. ANDREWS & EAST NEUK

LEAGUE TABLE

		GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	ST. JAMES	9	8	1	0	28	5	23	25
2	ARBROATH	9	7	1	1	20	7	13	22
3	TAYPORT	10	7	0	3	19	10	9	21
4	CRIEFF JUNIORS	9	6	2	1	24	15	9	20
5	FAIRFIELD	9	5	3	1	15	8	7	18
6	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	9	3	4	2	12	8	4	13
7	RAITH ROVERS	9	3	2	4	11	11	0	11
8	DUNDEE UTD CT	9	3	1	5	9	12	-3	10
9	FIFE WANDERERS	9	2	3	4	10	17	-7	9
10	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	10	1	4	5	9	22	-13	7
11	ST. ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	9	2	1	6	6	19	-13	7
12	MONTROSE	9	0	2	7	5	17	-12	2
13	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	10	0	2	8	6	23	-17	2