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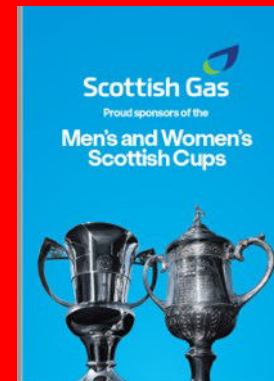
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EDITORIAL

Linesmen/Lineswomen/Linespersons, or to give them their proper title, Assistant Referees, are a feature of Midlands League football matches on The Canniepairt, as those attending home games would attest. However this is not the case at all Midlands League games. Clubs have to request Assistants and many clubs within our league choose not to. Why? Because they have to pay for them. So, what do we see? Well, sometimes nobody on one line (usually Tayport's), sometimes somebody on both lines with a flag usually looking totally disinterested. And for what purpose? Certainly not for offside and corner calls but perhaps only for the very odd occasion when the referee isn't sure who touched the ball last. Of course, who gets the throw in such situations, matters not a toss.

So really, what Referee Assistants are there for is to do exactly that. Assist. They are wired up to the referee and can greatly assist in offside, corners, off the ball incidents. Issues that really matter in a game

We are talking about a Tier 6 football league with semi-professional teams but taking a less than professional approach. Is it not time for a professional league to take a professional approach and make Assistants mandatory in all Midlands games? Supporters paying at the gate should expect their cash to contribute to the cost of Assistants.

Cover pic Gary Robertson tucks away the penalty at HoB which took Tayport into today's round 1

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to the Port Support and a warm welcome to the players and officials of our visitors Buckie Thistle for this 1st Round Scottish Cup tie.

Down the years since this club joined the juniors ranks in 1990 we have continually made history, winning numerous leagues, local cups and Scottish Junior Cups. Today we find ourselves creating another piece of history competing in the Scottish Cup 1st Round for the very first time. How nice would it be to say we're competing in the Scottish Cup 2nd Round for the first time, but that's a statement that can only happen at 5pm this evening and can only happen if we can overcome one the tallest orders the club has faced in a long time. Buckie Thistle, over the past few years, have consistently been in contention for the Highland League title so we are well aware of the challenge we face today.

This season Daryl has brought in more than double figures of new players and that, in itself, can bring its own problems. It can take time to find his best 11 and with quite a number of our newcomers still very young, inconsistency goes with the territory. But to be part of games like today should be an inspiration to our management and players to perform to their absolute best and if they embrace that and play to their best, that's all a manager can ask of his players.

As this is the first edition of the "Port Prog" this season, 13 league game have come and gone, we finished 8th in the table last season and still sit 8th in the table so as the saying goes "the stats don't lie". On the surface it would seem little or no progress has been made but I'm of the opinion that there is progress being made although it's not an overnight fix, through time, I'm confident that we will see more consistency and with that progress on the pitch.

As you know the week before last Christmas, we had a bad flood in our main building and as we are covered by Fife Council's insurance, they were to get the repairs done, and yes, you've guessed it, 9 months later the work still hasn't started. It's quite frankly outrageous. Who said bureaucracy was dead? I've had to involve our local councillor to help put pressure on them and I'm informed it won't be long! It may be a nice Christmas present! Might as well round it up to a year!

Well, today is an opportunity for our players to surpass themselves and create a bit more history. Tall order? Yes, but impossible? No! For me, I'd like see our players give everything and if they all do that, then I can ask no more.

Enjoy the Game.

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Davie Baikie



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TODAY'S TEAMS

Buckie
Thistle
from



g/k	Darryl BURNS
g/k	Elliot SMITH
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	Marc VAN DER KUHL
	Jamie HUME
	Greg McCOLM
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1 gk	Stuart KNIGHT
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2	Shaun WOOD
3	Darryl McHARDY
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6	Jack MURRAY
7	Kevin FRASER
9	Josh PETERS
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13	Cohen RAMSAY
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50 years ago FROM THE ARCHIVES 25 years ago

On **22nd September 1973** Tayport drew 1-1 with Grove AFC in a Midlands Division 1 on the East Common. Team that day was: **Phil Callander; Ian Mathers, Graeme 'Spider' McLaren, Ron Fleming, Ian Rae; Jim Scott, Lindsay Ancell; Albert Oswald, Andy Johnstone, Eddie Gilmour, Gordon Hughes; Subs: Ian Howe, George Caldow.** Of that line-up 50 years ago, sadly Gordon Hughes and Lindsay Ancell are no longer with us. Tayport would finish 4th bottom of the table that season avoiding relegation by 3 points.

On **19th September 1998**, Tayport defeated Broughty Athletic 5-2 on Can-niepairt in a Tayside/North Regional Cup tie. Tayport's line-up was **Fraser Mann; Grant Buist, Keith Nicolson, Sean Wilkie, Ian Greig (Alan Ramsay); John Young, Billy Coventry (Brian Craik), Steven Stewart; Stevie Ross (Mark Corcoran), Dave Reilly, Kenny Cameron.** What a star studded line-up that was! Manager was **Andy Somerville.** It was Tayport's 8th successive win since the start of the season, scoring 25 goals and conceding only 3 goals, 2 of which were in this game. **Mark Corcoran** played 99 games for Tayport before going on to play 278 Senior games for Hamilton Accies,



Buckie Thistle are only the second Highland League club to have played at The Canniepairt. The other was Keith FC who lost a pre-season friendly here back in July (pictured)

Before joining the Highland League, Formartine United, Turriff United, Banks o' Dee and Inverurie Locos all played here in Scottish Junio and Regional FA Cup ties. Only Banks o' Dee were successful.

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TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v BUCKIE THISTLE

Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 1st round



We welcome the players, officials and supporters of Highland League Buckie Thistle to The Canniepairt this afternoon for what is something of a historic occasion, a first ever (Senior) Scottish Cup tie in Tayport.

Buckie Thistle will be hoping this visit to the area will be more successful than this season's earlier visit to Tayside. That was

against Dundee FC Under 21s or Dundee 'B' as they were sometimes billed, in the Scottish Challenge Cup. Not at Dens Park but at Station Park, Forfar in August. Dundee ran out 4-0 winners.



Darryl McHardy

Buckie have been flying high at the top end of the Highland League in recent

times and have been runners up in both the last two seasons, to Fraserburgh and Brechin City respectively. When Buckie were pipped for the Highland League title on the final day of last season, they missed out on a play off against Spartans and the opportunity to take a place in the SPFL.

Thistle started this season impressively but last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Banks o' Dee saw them fall four places from the top of the table. It was a second successive disappointing Saturday for the Jags who were knocked out of the League Cup by Keith on penalties, after a 0-0 draw, the previous week.

In the close season they brought in four additions to their squad, experienced 'keeper Stuart Knight (17 seasons at Forres Mechanics), defender Dale Wood (Forres Mechanics), Josh MacIver (Formartine United) and central

defender Darryl McHardy (12 years and 300+ games for Elgin City).

Leaving Victoria Park were Kyle Macleod (transferred to Brora) and Sam Morrison (on loan to Clach).

Manager Graeme Stewart, in charge at Victoria Park for eight seasons, has pretty much relied upon a settled starting eleven since the start of the season but, following these two successive defeats, is likely to make changes for today. Top scorer Andy MacAskill received two yellow cards for dissent and saw red in last week's defeat at Spain Park but will be available today.

Tayport's results and performances of late have seen them slip down the table, dropping points when being punished for a defensive error, at Scone and Kirrie for example, and a failure to execute opportunities at the other end, for example at Scone and Blairgowrie.

Tayport haven't been in the best of form and will be playing competitively against a team from tier 5 for the first time so will be rank outsiders today, perhaps a unique situation for a Tayport team.

The Cup is different though and who knows, there will be no lack of effort and if Tayport can play to their capabilities, another cup shock can be added to the SFA's archives!



Greg McColm Man of the Match v Hill of Beath

Players' Thoughts on Today's Game

Ethan Samson - "It's a massive game for everyone associated with the club and to be part of it is a privilege I don't take lightly. Coming off a good result at the weekend fills the whole squad with confidence going into this game.

I think that most people would agree that Buckie are the favourites going into the match but this just fills the squad with more freedom to play and enjoy the occasion. We must try not to get ahead of ourselves and focus on the game at hand, although to progress to the next round would be a dream for everyone associated with the club"



Club Captain **Jamie Hume** - "Today marks a fantastic milestone in the club's history. Tayport has enjoyed success in the Junior Scottish Cup in the past, having won it three times, so it's an amazing opportunity for the club to finally be involved



in the Senior Scottish Cup and is something everyone involved is relishing. There's been a major push from the committee and club members over the past few years to get us here and it's great that all their hard work has got its reward. This is something that we, the players, appreciate and hope to repay with our performance on the pitch.

Obviously, today's opposition are in a very good place right now and we know this will be the toughest fixture on this season's calendar, but this is the calibre of game in which the club wants to be involved, so hopefully we can lay down a

performance to mark the occasion and thank the fans for their terrific support throughout the season"

All Ready For The Cameras!

The advertising guys were at Canniepairt this week delivering the Cup Sponsors Scottish Gas advertising boards, all in place for the BBC Scotland cameras



Buckie Thistle's Season to date



29 July	W	League	Clachnacluddin 2-3 Buckie
5 August	W	League	Buckie 4-0 Turriff United
12 August	W	League	Fraserburgh 1-3 Buckie
16 August	W	League	Buckie 3-1 Forres Mechanics
19 August	D	League	Formartine United 1-1 Buckie
26 August	W	Cup	Buckie 4-0 Turriff United
2 September	W	League	Buckie 3-0 Huntly
9 September	D *	League Cup	Keith 0-0 Buckie (3-1 pens) *
16 September	L	League	Banks o' Dee 2-0 Buckie



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
Formartine United FC	8	6	1	1	22	6	16	19
Brechin City FC	6	5	1	0	14	3	11	16
Huntly FC	7	5	1	1	21	11	10	16
Buckie Thistle FC	7	5	1	1	17	7	10	16
Fraserburgh FC	6	5	0	1	23	8	15	15
Turriff United FC	8	5	0	3	19	13	6	15
Banks o' Dee FC	6	4	2	0	18	3	15	14
Brora Rangers FC	7	4	2	1	9	5	4	14
Forres Mechanics FC	6	3	1	2	9	8	1	10
Rothies FC	7	3	1	3	9	9	0	10
Nairn County FC	7	3	0	4	12	10	2	9
Deveronvale FC	8	1	3	4	8	20	-12	6
Keith FC	6	1	1	4	6	9	-3	4
Wick Academy FC	6	1	1	4	6	17	-11	4
Lossiemouth FC	8	0	2	6	6	17	-11	2
Clachnacuddin FC	7	0	2	5	8	24	-16	2
Inverurie Loco Works FC	6	0	1	5	5	21	-16	1
Strathspey Thistle FC	6	0	0	6	3	24	-21	0



Buckie's top scorer
Andy MacAskill who received a red card last week at Banks o' Dee

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THE MANAGER'S VIEW

Welcome everyone to this momentous occasion in the history of Tayport Football Club. All the players and coaches understand how much work has gone in from the club's inception in 1947 to today and we truly hope to put in a positive performance to give everyone a memory to treasure.

As everyone knows, Tayport FC has a proud history in the Junior Scottish Cup but after our hard-fought 1-0 victory over Hill of Beath in the last qualifying round we now have a chance to participate in the 1st round of the Senior Scottish Cup and we are all looking forward to today's game.

There is no doubting we have been handed an extremely hard tie in the form of Buckie Thistle. As I sat in my kitchen watching the draw, I had a list of 5 teams I didn't want us to face and Buckie were on the list but, as fate would have it, we were paired together so we now have no option but to face the challenge head on. We know how strong a team they are and we know we are massive underdogs in today's game, but our young team will give it their all and see where we are, come the final whistle.

To be brutally honest, our start to this season has continued from last season and we have become such a frustrating team to watch. The coaching staff and players have discussed consistently our disappointment with our results so far, but we are staying positive and most importantly, sticking together as a group. We signed 13 new players in the summer and after a promising start we have found it tough to get any real rhythm and consistency in our performances. We have a young squad this year and it will take time to gel and improve.

I hope everyone enjoys today's game and hopefully this is not my last Scottish Cup programme

Daryl



PAUL BERG of TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB REPORTS...

Tayport's Walking Football section has continued to flourish in the last 6 months, new players have joined, bringing the number of members to just over 30. If the weather is favourable we continue to train and socialise on a Friday morning at The Canniepairt, or over the bridge, indoors, at the Regional Performance Centre (RPS) in Caird Park if it is wet. The RPS is a state-of-the-art training facility, with full size 4G indoor and outdoor pitches. Tayport FC train there in the winter where the facilities include changing rooms, showers and gymnasium. We only book half a pitch, and find ourselves occasionally sharing the pitch with Dundee FC's under 21 squad. Quite an age spectrum!



I have tried different methods to recruit new players, banners have been put up and flyers distributed, but the majority of new players have come from word of mouth. And not just from the immediate area, one comes from Cumbernauld, another from Kirkcaldy and one from Markinch. I think the most positive result is that once someone new comes along, they enjoy the whole experience, not just playing, but the fun atmosphere and social interaction afterwards.

This year, Walking Football Scotland, to which we are affiliated, announced that in the East Region the league competition would involve 2 divisions for the first time, a Premier league and a Championship league. The Premiership would be the top 8 teams from last year and the Championship would include the bottom 5 sides plus new teams from Dundee FC, Luncarty and Highland Utd.

We had several players interested in taking part, so I took the huge step of entering a second team in the Championship! I didn't want an A and B team or first and reserve team, but wanted both our teams to be separate 'squads', each with their own identity, so the Premiership squad became **Tayport Reds**, basically last year's team, and the Championship squad became **Tayport Yellows**, predominantly new players. When you look at clubs the size of Hearts, Dundee Utd., Linlithgow Rose, Raith Rovers etc., only entering one team, it's very positive that Tayport FC is the only club entering two (but it's not been easy)!

At the moment the **Reds** are 6th in their division, down on last year, but injuries haven't helped. The **Yellows**, predictably, are bottom of their division but are up against very experienced teams such as Raith Rovers, who last time out beat us 2-0, and top of the table Dundee Utd., who beat us 4-2.

It takes time for new sides to gain experience of playing together, and the Yellows results are similar to how the **Reds** fared in their first season. All in all, the club is going forward and hopefully next year we will again enter two teams, and attract more players to our club.

I would like to thank the parent club Tayport FC for its continued support of the Over 50s Walking Football section, and for the use of the club's facilities.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Lochee United	13	12	1	0	64	8	56	37
Broughty Athletic	13	12	0	1	52	12	40	36
North End	13	10	1	2	41	13	28	31
Downfield	13	10	0	3	46	20	26	30
Montrose Roselea	13	8	1	4	31	15	16	25
Kirriemuir Thistle	13	8	1	4	25	25	0	25
Carnoustie Panmure	13	8	0	5	36	20	16	24
Tayport	13	7	3	3	28	20	8	24
East Craigie	13	6	3	4	33	18	15	21
Letham	13	6	3	4	20	25	-5	21
St. James	13	5	1	7	25	37	-12	16
Scone Thistle	13	4	3	6	27	37	-10	15
Dundee Violet	13	4	1	8	21	26	-5	13
Lochee Harp	13	3	2	8	22	35	-13	11
Brechin Victoria	13	3	2	8	14	27	-13	11
Blairstown	13	3	2	8	18	37	-19	11
Arbroath Victoria	13	3	2	8	18	43	-25	11
Forfar West End	13	2	0	11	9	41	-32	6
Forfar United	13	1	2	10	20	56	-36	5
Coupar Angus	13	0	2	11	13	48	-35	2



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2022-23 r1	Lossiemouth	1-2 Buckie Th.
r2	Buckie Th	1-2 Broomhouse
2021-22 r1	Cumbernauld	1-1 Buckie Th.
rep	Buckie Th	4-1 Cumbernauld
r2	Kelty Hearts	4-1 Buckie Th.
2020-21 pr	Strathspey	0-4 Buckie Th.
r1	Albion Rovers	0-3 Buckie Th.
r2	Buckie Th.	2-3 Inverness CT
2019-20 r1	Buckie Th.	4-1 Civil Service Str.
r2	Bonnyrigg Rose	2-0 Buckie Th.
2018-19 r1	Edusport Acad	3-1 Buckie Th.
2017-18 r2	Buckie Th.	6-2 BSC Glasgow
r3	Buckie Th.	2-3 Brechin City
2016-17 r1	Inverurie Loco	0-6 Buckie Th.
r2	Gretna 2008	2-6 Buckie Th.
R3	Buckie Th.	3-5 Dunfermline Ath
2015-16 r1	Buckie Th.	7-0 Rothes
r2	Edinburgh City	1-2 Buckie Th.
r3	Stranraer	3-1 Buckie Th.
2014-15 r1	Auchinleck T.	5-0 Buckie Th.
2013-14 r1	Wigtown & B.	3-4 Buckie Th.
r2	Buckie Th.	0-0 Annan Ath.
rep	Annan Ath.	4-0 Buckie Th.
2012-13	no entry	
2011-12 r2	East Stirling.	1-1 Buckie Th.
rep aet	Buckie Th.	2-4 East Stirling.
2010-11 r2	Wigtown & B.	1-7 Buckie This
r3	Bo'ness Utd	0-2 Buckie This
r4	East Stirling.*	1-0 Buckie Th.
*ineligible player r5	Buckie Th.	0-2 Brechin City
2009-10 r1	Buckie Th.	0-0 Forres Mech.
rep	Forres Mech.	0-0 Buckie Th. aet
Buckie Th 4-1 on penalty kicks		
r2	Deveronvale	2-2 Buckie Th.
rep aet	Buckie Th.	1-2 Deveronvale
2008-09 r1	Rothes	1-3 Buckie Th.
r2	Lochee United	3-0 Buckie Th.
2007-08 r1	Glasgow Univ.	1-2 Buckie Th.
r2	Buckie Th.	4-1 Nairn County
r3	Morton	3-2 Buckie Th.
2006-07 r2	Elgin City	1-0 Buckie Th.
2003-04 r1	Spartans	6-1 Buckie Th.
2001-02 r1	Stirling Albion	2-1 Buckie Th.
1994-95 r2	Buckie Th.	1-4 Berwick Rgrs

Buckie Thistle & the Scottish Cup



Being a tier 5 club and thus exempt from the competition's two preliminary rounds, this is Buckie's first appearance in this season's competition.

Over recent years Buckie have had their moments but can count only Albion Rovers and East Stirlingshire as 'giants' killed. The last named weren't really killed, more euthanised after they were found to have played an ineligible player in their 1-0 win over the Jags in the 2011/12 competition.

The default result put Buckie in the last 16, their best run ever. They could have drawn Aberdeen, Dundee United, Rangers or Celtic in the 5th round but they had to settle for Brechin City at Victoria Park and that was the end of their dream.

Buckie's last and only visit to Fife was to New Central Park, Kelty in 2021 where they lost out to a Hearts team which would end its inaugural season in the SPFL as Division 2 champions.

Not Fife, but a lot closer, eight miles or so to be exact, was their visit to Thomson Park Lochee in 2008 where Lochee United, eligible for entry to the Scottish Cup by virtue of being East Super League champions, knocked out Buckie by 3-0 in a 2nd round tie.



Friday morning training at RPS and Canniepairt. Left - a Reds VI. Back - Fergus Mann, John Boyle, Andy Blackburn, Alan Gray and Bert Valentine with the irrepressible Jimmy McCreavy between the sticks

The Highland League's Scottish Cup Shocks

There haven't been too many Scottish Cup upsets caused by Highland League clubs which would come into the mega shock category. Two, however, which certainly do come into that category, occurred in 1959 and 2021.

In **January 1959** Dundee FC travelled north to meet Fraserburgh at Bellslea Park in a 1st Round tie. The Broch were mid table in the Highland League. Dundee were third top of the Scottish League and four years later would be playing in the semi-final of the European Cup [Champions League]. Without doubt, an away banker. But Fraserburgh pulled off a shock 1-0 win which still reverberates round the fishing town to this day, thanks to Johnny Strachan's goal just before half time.

The other, more recently, was the 2-1 win for Brora Rangers v Heart of Midlothian at Dudgeon Park in **March 2021**. Hearts, beaten Scottish Cup finalists in the two previous seasons, had come into the tie unbeaten in 9 games whilst Brora had won only 3 games all season. A reminder for Tayport today that shocks can happen



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The Season Up To Now *by Jay Aitch*

The return of Montrose Roselea, moving from the North Region to the Midlands fold, gave each Midlands club another couple of league games to fit into their schedule. The season got off to a July start with five midweek games and consequently, with eight months to go, one third of the league season will have been completed by next Saturday.

For our opening games against the returning Montrose side, it was a much changed 'Port line-up. Only two players remained from the side which opened the season a year ago and only four of those starting the closing fixture at Violet lined up vs Montrose. The aim was to improve the final league placing of 8th and offer a challenge to those teams fighting it out at the top.

A sound 2-0 win over Montrose was followed by a run of ten games, seven of which were against teams which finished beneath us last season. Unfortunately profligacy in front of goal cost us dearly with two points dropped at both Blairgowrie and Scone where the points could have been banked early doors. There was a goalless draw at home to East Craigie in the first of three games vs. sides which had finished above Tayport last season. Disappointingly, the other two games, at Downfield and at home to Lochee United, saw us comprehensively beaten.

After surviving some early sticky moments, the 1-0 win at Hill of Beath was perhaps the best team performance of the season albeit against a Haws side which had started poorly in the East of Scotland League Premier Division. If the Cup win at Keir's Park was one of the best displays of the season, that at Kirrie the following week, losing 1-0, was at the opposite end of the spectrum. A failure to create much in the way of goal scoring opportunities, slack defensive play and a lack of discipline, which saw Tayport finish the game with nine men, provided an afternoon to forget.

Four goals in sixteen first half minutes put Tayport in easy street at Coupar Angus last week but we failed to build on that lead and the bottom of the league side netted the only goal of the second period.

On field discipline and subsequent suspensions was a problem last season and it's a pattern which is being replicated this season. It's only September and already referees have dished out four red cards and 29 yellows to Tayport players, resulting in suspensions for five players. At present another two players are a yellow card away from a suspension.



Today's Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 1st round ties



Banks o' Dee	v Dalbeattie Star	East Stirlingshire	v Huntly
Bo'ness United	v Darvel	Edinburgh Univ.	v Dunbar Utd.
Brechin City	v Rothes	Formartine Utd.	v Threave Rovers
Brora Rangers	v Berwick Rangers	Gala Fairydean	v Strathspey This.
Broomhill	v Cumbernauld Colts	Golspie Sutherland	v Forres Mech.
Broxburn Athletic	v Darvel	Keith	v Luncarty
Caledonian Braves	v Fraserburgh	Lossiemouth	v Beith
Camelon	v Civil Service Strollers	Musselburgh Ath.	v Gretna 2008
Clachnacuddin	v Inverurie Loco	Penicuik Athletic	v Pollok
Cowdenbeath	v Linlithgow Rose	St Andrews Utd	v Auchinleck Tal.
Culter	v Deveronvale	Stirling University	v Albion Rovers
Dalkeith Thistle	v Clydebank	Tayport	v Buckie Thistle
Dundonald Bluebell	v Kilwinning Rangers	Tranent	v Hutchison Vale
Dunipace	v Cumnock	Turriff United	v Sauchie
East Kilbride	v Whitehill Welfare	Wick Academy	v Jeanfield Swifts

Of the 59 other clubs in today's 1st round, Tayport, at some time, have played against 28 of them, 23 of which were in competitive matches, including Scottish Junior Cup Finals vs Camelon, Pollok and Linlithgow Rose

Tayport's close Fife neighbours St Andrews United will fancy themselves for a win today. Saints are rolling along in good style at the moment with an East of Scotland League 1st Division promotion place in their sights whilst Auchinleck Talbot, their opponents at Recreation Park this afternoon are, for them, currently in the unaccustomed position of a West of Scotland Premier League relegation slot.

For the best of the outside bets to reach the 2nd round today, maybe look for Bo'ness United, Broxburn Athletic, St Andrews United, Beith and Jeanfield Swifts.

Swifts have one of the competition's heftiest treks today with a 420 mile round trip to Wick. But spare a thought for Berwick Rangers who have a 550 miles round trip to Brora and Threave Rovers, around 500 to Formartine and back.

7 Oct	Hurford United	SJC
14 Oct	Letham	L
21 Oct	CARNOUSTIE	L
28 Oct	Broughty	L
4 Nov		L
11 Nov	NORTH END	L
18 Nov	Brechin Vic	L
25 Nov	Montrose	L
2 Dec		L
9 Dec	VIOLET	L
16 Dec	Forfar W E	L
6 Jan	BLAIRGOWRIE	L
13 Jan	St James	L
20 Jan	DOWNFIELD	L
27 Jan	E Craigie	L
3 Feb	SCONETH	L
10 Feb		L
17 Feb		L
24 Feb	Arbroath Vic	L
2 Mar	FORFAR UTD	L
9 Mar	Lochee Utd	L
16 Mar		L
23 Mar	KIRRIE THIS	L
30 Mar	COUPAR ANG	L
6 Apr	Lochee Harp	L
13 Apr	LETHAM	L
17 Apr		L
20 Apr		L
24 Apr		L
27 Apr		L
1 May		L
8 May		L

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Simon Murray in action for Ross County last Saturday. 11 years ago next week he was netting a hat-trick for Tayport in an 8-1 win v Dalkeith Thistle on Canniepairt. Simon (below) netted 28 goals that season, his second at Tayport. A teammate that day was our pl/coach Gary Robertson



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