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Player/Coach: Gary Robertson  
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Media: Olivia O'Donnell



## EDITORIAL

Unlike pre-Pyramid days, there is now no longer a ceiling for what would previously be described as 'non-league clubs'. The closed-shop days when a club seemingly perennially destined to finish bottom of the Scottish League and survive, are gone. Some of those clubs which have since finished bottom following the advent of the Pyramid, are gone too, at least for the present time, eg Albion Rovers, Berwick Rangers, Cowdenbeath, East Stirlingshire, who are all now playing in the Lowland League. It's refreshing to see clubs which replaced them, and which were once regular visitors to The Canniepairt, now playing with the 'big boys' eg Kelty Hearts and Bonnyrigg Rose.

More than twenty years ago Tayport pushed for changes, arguing that the Scottish Cup should be open to all and we were pooh-poohed when suggesting that, if it was, then maybe one day Rangers or Celtic could be our opponents on The Canniepairt.

Well, after beating us here, Buckie Thistle eliminated Forres Mechanics and then Broxburn Athletic to hit the jackpot and be financially secure for many years, by drawing Celtic in Glasgow in round 4. Despite losing 5-0, Buckie were far from disgraced and their fans had a great weekend out.

### NEXT WEEK'S MATCH

**Tayport v Carnoustie Panmure**  
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## THE MANAGER'S VIEW

This week we welcome visitors Scone Thistle to the Canniepart for our 3rd league game in 2024. Weather disruptions have already played havoc with our fixture list but we're hopeful February will see us complete an important run of games in both the League and Quest Cup.

We have won our first two League games of 2024 with good performances against Blairgowrie and East Craigie. The players worked tirelessly over the Christmas break and it's great to see them getting their reward by collecting 6 points so far this year. We know it will be a tough game today as we go in search of 3 wins in a row. Scone have proved already this year they can be a tough team to beat, as we found out with a 2-2 draw at Scone earlier in the season.

Some good news for supporters is that we have been successful in freshening up our squad over the festive break and during January. We have added Kieran Crighton from Lochee United, initially on a short-term loan but with a view to making him a permanent signing. 16 years old Alex Balfour has signed and has already made a big impact across the friendlies and league games, with goals and assists and is certainly a player that excites. We are hopeful of adding one more player to our squad in the next few days. Centre back Aiden McDougall has joined Lochee United on loan until the end of February.

We will be announcing player contract renewals in February on the website and social media channels, the coaching staff are delighted with the response of the players and for the first time in a few years we will have consistency across different seasons. Top teams can't have wholesale changes season after season, and we felt it was vital that we retained players for next season. Supporters should keep an eye on the pages over the next few weeks for further information.

Please get behind the players again today as you have done all season and let's make it 3 wins in a row to start off 2024.

*Daryl*



Tayport 'old boys' enjoying success in the East of Scotland League

Former 'Port striker Dayle Robertson is currently enjoying a goal laden time at Jeanfield Swifts in the EoS League Premier Division. Here he captures the back page of the PA following his 5 goals v Coldstream earlier this season. From 2017-2022 (incl. two Covid aborted seasons), Dayle netted 91 goals in 108 games for the 'Port.

Jeanfield's manager is Robbie Holden who, as a teenager, was in Tayport's Scottish Junior Cup winning squad v Linlithgow Rose in 2003. Robbie (right) ended that season a cup hero as Tayport won the Inter Regional (now Quest) Cup to complete a cup double. The match report noted "seconds from a penalty shoot-out, rising star Robbie Holden plundered the last gasp winner. The young striker's glory goal deserved to make all of the headlines for a match which none who was present is likely to forget"



Tayport  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS



Scone Thistle  
from

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g/k	Elliot SMITH
	Callum PETRIE
	Marc VAN DER KUHL
	Jamie HUME
	Greg McCOLM
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2011



The late Councillor Annie Beaton is to thank for The Canniepairt being a football ground today instead of a housing scheme. At a Tayport Town Council's meeting in June 1968, Councillor John Rae's proposal, seconded by Police Judge Bill Crone, to build a scheme of 96 houses, was defeated 5 votes to 3 by Councillor Beaton's amendment, seconded by Dean of Guild Jim Heggie, to instead build new houses on gap sites in the town and not on The Canniepairt. Town Clerk Harry Wilson was instructed to "close all correspondence with Bett Brothers, the contractors"



In 2010/11, Tayport's home Scottish Cup tie v Petershill was postponed on 8 successive weeks from November. No Saturday afternoon was wasted, though, and Manager Willie Garner had his troops training on the snow-covered Shanwell Common (pictured are David Black, Chris Anton and Derek Wemyss) and on the adjacent beach. The tie was finally played on 5th February (0v0). The replay in Glasgow was also 0-0, Tayport losing on penalties.

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## **TODAY'S GAME** **TAYPORT v SCONE THISTLE** **MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP**



This afternoon we welcome Scone Thistle to the Canniepairt for only a tenth competitive visit here since their first, back in 1991 and, with ten defeats since then, it's never been a happy hunting ground for the Jags. Scone, though, have generally been in good form this season and their defeat at Lochee United last Saturday was their first on the road since September.

Farquharson Park boss, former Tayport manager Charlie King, has revitalised Scone this season, and they maintained their record of scoring in all bar one of their league games away from home, when they gave Lochee a fright to lead 1-0 at half-time before four goals in the last half hour gave the Bluebells full points.

The visitors' top scorer this season, 21 year old Sean Hastie (pictured), signed for Highland League leaders Brechin City just before Christmas and his presence - and goals - will be missed. The experienced former 'Port No.1, Gavin Sorley has been a standout between the sticks for Scone this season and he will be determined to thwart, what has been this season, a relatively shot shy Tayport attack.



Just as Scone had done prior to the Christmas break, Tayport returned from East Craigie with full points and having won at home to Blairgowrie in our previous home game, will be looking to cheer the home support by making it three in a row.

It's been something of a revolving door at the Canniepairt this season, with no fewer than 23 player movements, either in or out or in several cases both, as the manager tries to find a formula which can take the club forward.

Latest to get a dressing room peg are young striker Alex Balfour and Kieran Crighton. Kieran moved from Lochee United where he had only started two games this season, with Aiden McDougall heading in the opposite direction. Kieran came on as sub at East Craigie last week and quickly made his mark by collecting a yellow card within five minutes of his debut!

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

Tomorrow, February 4th, will see the start of the Walking Football Scotland Over 50s league programme.

We will again have 2 teams in the East Division. One in the Premiership, **Tayport Reds**, and one in the Championship, **Tayport Whites**. We now have a team manager and a selection committee, and have balanced out the 2 squads so we will see how it goes!



The **Premiership** clubs include Raith Rovers, Linlithgow Rose, Hearts, Arbroath and St. James plus another 3 teams making 9 in all. We will play Raith Rovers, Luncarty, Hearts and Arbroath on February 4th, so it doesn't come tougher than that!

In the **Championship** Division, the teams include Hibernian, Dundee FC, Forfar and Montrose plus another 7 making 12 in total. Our games tomorrow are against St. Duthus, Arbroath second team, and Carnoustie Panmure. All games last 15 minutes and will be refereed by SFA qualified referees, trained to know all the walking football rules etc.

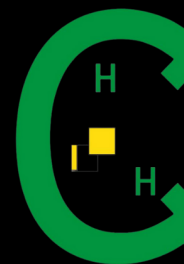
Fortunately we have one of our members who has decided not play, but instead to referee our training games on a Friday morning. He has learnt the rules from A to Z and makes sure the players are punished for breaking any of the rules! The biggest infringement is not walking! The rule clearly states that if you're not walking then you're running and that's an indirect free kick. Tackling is also not allowed, and if any team gives away 3 free kicks, the third one becomes a penalty, so it's imperative our players have it drilled into them that they must think about their play and not give away unnecessary fouls.

If anyone wishes to come along and support the teams, get the dates in your diary, the games are being played at the **Regional Sports Centre (RPC), Caird Park, Dundee**. **The Premiership games start at 1:30**, followed by **the Championship games at 3:15**.

We are continuing to train indoors at the RPC on a Friday morning, starting at 10:30, and will do so until the weather improves, and then we will return to training at the Canniepairt.

If anyone wants to come along and join us on a Friday morning, just contact me, Paul Berg, on 07831-535555 or email [tfwalkingfootball@gmail.com](mailto:tfwalkingfootball@gmail.com).

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Broughty Athletic	25	23	0	2	99	22	77	69
Lochee United	22	19	3	0	104	13	91	60
Dundee North End	20	17	1	2	64	19	45	52
Montrose Roselea	25	13	3	9	58	45	13	42
Downfield	18	13	0	5	60	29	31	39
East Craigie	22	11	5	5	57	27	30	38
Kirriemuir Thistle	22	12	2	8	44	45	-1	38
Letham	23	10	4	9	43	55	-12	34
Carnoustie Panmure	18	11	0	7	47	26	21	33
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>
St. James	21	10	1	10	47	51	4	31
Blairgowrie	27	7	4	16	43	86	-44	25
Dundee Violet	18	7	2	9	28	33	-5	23
Brechin Victoria	23	6	4	13	26	44	-18	22
<b>Scone Thistle</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>21</b>
Lochee Harp	24	6	3	15	37	64	-27	21
Arbroath Victoria	21	5	4	12	30	63	-33	19
Forfar West End	23	4	2	16	23	69	-46	14
Forfar United	21	2	2	17	31	88	-57	8
Coupar Angus	23	1	4	18	30	81	-51	7

## Midweek results keep Lochee and Broughty to the fore

Lochee United and Broughty Athletic are taking advantage of their own and other clubs' floodlights to gather in the points as they challenge for the title. Both were in action a week past Wednesday, Broughty winning 5-1 at Blairgowrie and Lochee beating Forfar West End 5-0 at Thomson Park. On Wednesday 14 February, Lochee face Carnoustie at Thomson Park while a week later, 21 February, the Bluebells are at Links Park to meet Montrose Roselea. Lochee have re-signed ex-Tayport Ryan Paterson from Forfar Athletic. Ryan moved to Forfar last summer and in his 6 months at Station Park made 26 appearances and scored 3 goals.

## SCONE THISTLE TRIVIA

DAVE Reilly, Tayport's all-time top goalscorer, was a thorn in the side of many clubs and none more so than Scone Thistle. Between 1991 and 1996, DR, as he was always known, scored 21 goals against Scone, finding the net in each of the 10 games between the two clubs during this period.

SCONE Thistle's manager Charlie King was a popular manager at Tayport FC from July 2017 to January 2019. Charlie was in charge for 56 games and had a 45% win percentage during his time at Canniepairt.

## 12 MONTHS ON...

	14 Jan '23	Pos.	ave goals for	ave. goals against	ave. points
North End		1st	3.00	1.30	2.24
Broughty Ath		2nd	2.80	0.80	2.19
Downfield		5th	2.89	1.26	2.21
Lochee Utd		6th	3.10	0.94	2.17
Carnoustie *	* Champions	7th	3.25	1.00	2.37
Tayport		9th	1.83	1.28	1.61
Scone Thistle		17th	1.11	3.29	0.58
	14 Jan '24	Pos.	ave goals for	ave goals against	ave points
Broughty Ath		1st	3.91 +	0.91	2.71 +
Lochee Utd		2nd	4.75 +	0.60	2.70 +
North End		3rd	3.20 +	0.95	2.60 +
Downfield		4th	3.33 +	1.61	2.16 -
Carnoustie		5th	2.61 -	1.44	1.83 -
Tayport		11th	1.50 -	1.60	1.50 -
Scone Thistle		14th	1.72 +	2.55	1.16 +

Taking a look at the comparison between the top of league table on **14th January this year** and the table a year ago, on **14th January 2023**, the point when most clubs were roughly halfway through their league programme. The comparison suggests that the strong are getting stronger in terms of points won and goals scored. Carnoustie have fallen away and **Tayport**, with fewer goals scored and fewer points, are treading water.

The league title looks destined for either Whitton Park or Thomson Park with North End keeping in touch to take advantage of any slip-ups. With an improvement in all fields, **Scone Thistle** are clearly on an upward trajectory

Note: on **14 January 2023**, Kirrie were 3rd, East Craigie 4th and Letham 8th

Bridge of Don This. v **North End** (holders)

Buchanhaven Hearts v **Broughty Athletic**

Dyce v **Tayport**

Hermes v **Carnoustie**

**Downfield** v Deveronside

**East Craigie** v Sunnysbank

**Letham** v Culter

**Lochee Utd** v Banks O' Dee JFC



## Round 3

Quest Precision Engineering Cup

Last Saturday saw the last 16 draw tidied up and takes Tayport to Dyce when the ties are down to be played on 17 February. As is the norm, 4 clubs from each Association are at home and 4 away.

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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Scone Thistle are this afternoon's opponents for this league fixture, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome both their players and officials to the Canniepairt. May I also welcome our supporters.



Last weekend saw us gain a welcome 3 points with 1-0 victory over East Craigie, I may be wrong but I think it's the first time this season we've managed to defeat a side above us in the table which is an added bonus, Unfortunately I missed the game having volunteered to go run the rule over our potential opponents in the next round of the Quest Engineering Cup, Stonehaven hosted Dyce and it was the visitors who eventually ran out deserved winners. So, it's a trip to Dyce on the 17th February, if any of you wish to travel on the team bus, please contact any committee member. I did receive a run down on the game at Craigie Park and the general consensus was a fairly even first period and we edged the second half to give us a deserved win.

The past couple of months has been a very frustrating period with games being called off on the day, and this comes with a cost, inspection fees, pies ordered, matchday programmes printed, loss of hospitality income, costs for Astro pitch hire and referees' fees for friendlies. There's a significant difference between Saturday home game gate income and rearranged midweek game income. This is probably a factor no one really considers but it's a genuine loss of income for the club which isn't recoverable. Donations welcome!

Scone Thistle are a much-improved side since our former manager Charlie King took the reins so we know this encounter will not be an easy three points. It will have to be earned. We succeeded last week so let's build on that and produce more of the same. Enjoy the Game.

Support the Port,

*Davie*

### Elsewhere Locally... A Mid Season League Report

**Jeanfield Swifts**, boasting the EOS L Premier Division's best defence, and with games in hand, are very much in the title race and a play-off place to join the Lowland League. **Glenrothes, Kinnoull & Luncarty**, three of last season's four clubs promoted to the EoSL Premier Division, are currently in the bottom three places and a quick return to Division One looks likely. **St Andrews United** have lost a bit of ground recently in their bid for promotion from Division 1, losing 0-1 at home to Leith and then 0-3 at Dunipace. **Newburgh**, with only 2 league wins from 15 games, are deep in a relegation battle to avoid a drop into Division 3. It's only halfway through the season, though, so things could well change.

## Lochee United the sole Scottish Junior Cup survivors

Originally Scheduled for 2nd December, **Downfield** waited two months to play their much postponed last sixteen tie at WoSL Division 1's **Johnstone Burgh** but alas, the wait was in vain, the Spiders going out on penalty kicks after the 90 minutes had ended in a 2-2 draw. **Johnstone Burgh**, having won 8 games on the bounce at home prior to the Downfield tie, had already eliminated East Craigie and North End and thus completed a Midlands League hat-trick. The overseas investments by Jack Henderson and by local businessman Scott Graham have revolutionised the Keanie Park club and a Scottish Cup win is an early target on the road to greater things.



The Spiders had been aiming to join **Lochee United** in the quarter finals but Lochee are now the only Junior League club still with an interest in the competition. In the only tie to beat the weather, way back on Saturday 2nd December, **Lochee United** had a successful trip to Ayrshire to reach the quarter finals, beating **Largs Thistle** 3-0 on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

The quarter final draw is - Auchinleck Talbot v Hurlford United; Bellshill Athletic v Arthurlie; **Darvel v Lochee United**; Johnstone Burgh v St Cadoc's. Ties are scheduled for next Saturday.

## Scottish Gas Scottish Cup



The 4th round draw gave a picture of what might have been, certainly for Tayport, when Buckie Thistle were drawn away to Celtic, a match shown live on TV last weekend. Buckie, whose 1st round win at The Canniepairt earlier this season, set them on the road to Celtic Park are estimated to have made between £200,000 and £250,000 from the tie and that doesn't include merchandise sales. Two one-time Junior clubs not so long ago, were also in 4th round action. Bonnyrigg Rose provided the shock of the round, knocking out League One leaders Falkirk but Kelty Hearts went out at Ayr United.

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26 July	Violet	L	W	1-0	Burns	Petrie	RMcDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Van de Khul
29 July	Blairgowrie	L	D	1-1	E Smith	Petrie	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Barbour 1	Reid
2 Aug	FORFAR W E	L	W	2-0	Burns	Petrie	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
5 Aug	ST JAMES	L	W	7-2	Burns	McKelvie	McDougall	Hume 1	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Barbour
9 Aug	Downfield	L	L	1-4	Burns	Petrie	Brown	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
12 Aug	Scone Thistle	L	D	2-2	Burns	Petrie	McDougall	McDonald	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
16 Aug	EAST CRAIGIE	L	D	0-0	Burns	Petrie	McDougall	Barbour	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
19 Aug	Forfar Utd	L	W	5-2	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Brown
23 Aug	ARBROATH V	L	W	3-1	Smith	McDougall	McDonald	Hume 1	McColm	Plenderleith 1	Brown
26 Aug	LOCHEE UTD	L	L	0-5	Burns	Robertson	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
2 Sep	Hill of Beath	SC	W	1-0	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson 1	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
9 Sep	Kirrie Thistle	L	L	0-1	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Petrie	Reid
16 Sep	Coupar Angus	L	W	4-1	Burns	V.de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Brown
23 Sep	BUCKIE THISTLE	SC	L	0-4	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Petrie
30 Sep	LOCHEE HARP	L	L	0-2	Smith	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Petrie
7 Oct	Hurlford United	SJC	Post.	X				Pitch	Flooded		
14 Oct	Lochee United	L	L	1-2	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Reid
18 Oct	Montrose	Q	W	3-0	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Reid
21 Oct	CARNOUSTIE	L	Post.	X	WATER	LOGGED	PITCH	STORM	BABET		
28 Oct	Broughty Ath.	L	L	*2-3	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
4 Nov	Hurlford United	SJC	L	0-6	Burns	McKelvie	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Ryan Smith
11 Nov	NORTH END	L	L	1-2	Burns	McKelvie	Robertson	McDougall	McColm	Petrie	Smith
18 Nov	Brechin Vic	L	W	2-0	Burns	McKelvie	Robertson	McDougall	McKenzie	Petrie 1	Smith
25 Nov	Montrose R'lea	L	L	1-2	Burns	McKelvie	Robertson	McDougall	McKenzie	Petrie	Smith
2 Dec	CARNOUSTIE	L	Post.	X				SNOW			
9 Dec	VIOLET	L	Post.	X				FLOODING			
16 Dec	Forfar West End	L	Post.	X				FLOODING			
6 Jan	BLAIRGOWRIE	L	W	3-1	Burns	McKelvie	Plenderleith	Hume	Reid	Petrie	Smith
13 Jan	St James	L	Post.	X				FROZEN			
20 Jan	DOWNFIELD	L	Post.	X				FROZEN			
27 Jan	East Craigie	L	W	1-0	Burns	Petrie 1	McKelvie	Reid	McColm	Plenderleith	Smith
3 Feb	SCONE THISTLE	L									
10 Feb	CARNOUSTIE	L									
17 Feb	Dyce	Q									
24 Feb	Arbroath Vic	L									
2 Mar	FORFAR UTD	L									
9 Mar											
16 Mar		L									
23 Mar	KIRRIE THIS	L									
30 Mar	COUPAR ANG	L									
6 Apr	Lochee Harp	L									
13 Apr	LETHAM	L									
24 Apr											
27 Apr											
1 May											

**Match Report 6 January 2024**  
**Tayport 3-1 Blairgowrie      Midlands Championship**  

Daryl left himself and coach Gary Robertson out of his matchday squad, bringing Hume, Plenderleith, Reid, Samson and Barbour back into the starting line-up along with new signing, youngster Alex Balfour. Tayport started the livelier and were deserving of their half time lead when Ethan, in action for the first time since being injured at Brechin Vics, put his side ahead ten minutes before the break. There was a lively start to the second half when debutant Balfour chased a long ball to round the Blair keeper and get his finishing effort over the line despite Mark Ogg's despairing effort to clear. Within five minutes Blair were back in the game when McManus cashed in on keeper Burns' misjudgement but with 10 mins to go sub Van Der Khul secured the points with a fine goal.

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8	9	10	11	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5	Att
K Brown 1	G Sutherland 1	N Fletcher	MWilliamson	Plenderleith(3)	McMulkin(11)	M Adam(9)	Barbour (10)	M Reid(8)	118
Brown	Sutherland 1	Fletcher	Williamson	Samson (7)	Barbour (10)	Adam (11)	M Reid (9)		97
Brown	Adam	Samson	Williamson	Plenderleith (7)	McMulkin (9)	J.McCabe (8)			87
Fletcher	Sutherland	Samson 1	Williamson	Adam 1 (9)	McMulkin (8)	Brown (7)	Barbour (11)		121
Brown 1	Adam	Samson 1	Williamson 1p	Reid (3) 1	McMulkin (2)	McCabe (8)	Sutherland(11) 1		76
Sutherland	Adam	Samson 1	Williamson	Fletcher (3)	McDougall(7)	Barbour (9)	McMulkin (8)		141
Sutherland	Fletcher	Samson 1	Brown	Robertson(7)	Williamson (3) 1	Barbour (2)	McMulkin (9)	Adam (8)	79
Brown	Fletcher	Samson	Williamson	Adam (9)	Robertson (7)	Sutherland(11)			147
Sutherland 3	Fletcher	Samson	Williamson 2	Barbour (10)	Reid (3)	McMulkin (9)	Adam (7)		73
Barbour	Reid	Samson 1	Williamson	Robertson (2)	Adam (9)	Fletcher (8)	Sutherland(7)	McMulkin (11)	97
Sutherland	Fletcher	Samson	Williamson	Barbour (3)	Adam (11)	Brown (9)	V De Khul		270
Sutherland	Fletcher	Samson	Brown	Barbour (7)	Adam (11)	Williamson(8)	McMulkin (11)		152
Sutherland	Fletcher	Samson	Brown	Barbour (10)	Adam (8)	McKenzie (7)	RMcInnes(10)	McMulkin (2)	75
Adam	Barbour 2	Samson 1	Williamson 1	Sutherland (11)	McInnes (7)	McMulkin(10)	Reid (8)		60
Sutherland	Barbour	Samson	Fletcher	Brown (8)	Williamson (11)	Reid (7)	Adam (9)	Gill (10)	330
Sutherland	Williamson	Samson	Fletcher	Brown (4)	Barbour (8)	Reid (2)	Adam (7)	Gill (11)	54
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Gill	Williamson	Samson	Fletcher	V de Khul (11)	Sutherland(8)				232
Gill 1	Williamson	Samson 1	Fletcher	V de Khul (7)	McKelvie (6)	Sutherland (9)	Adam (8)	Barbour (11)	86
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Gill	Williamson	Samson 1	Fletcher	Hume (7)	McKelvie (4)	Adam (9)	Sutherland(2)	V D K 11)	132
Gill	Adam	Samson	Fletcher	McKenzie (4)	Lewis Stracey (9)	Williamson(8)	Reid (11)		158
Gill	Williamson	Samson 1	McKenzie	V de Khul (2)	Sutherland (7)	Stracey (8)			112
Gill	Williamson 1	Samson	Fletcher	Adam (10)	Sutherland(9)	Hume (4)	V de Khul(11)		79
Gill	Williamson 1	Adam	Fletcher	V De Khul (11)	Hume (10)				43
Barbour 1	Williamson	Alex Balfour 1	Samson 1	Gill (7)	McColm (5)	Stracey (3)	V D Khul (11)	Adam (9)	85
Gill	Williamson	Balfour	Samson	K Crighton (4)	Barbour (8)	V D Khul (10)			128

**Match Report 27th January 2024**  
**East Craigie 0-1 Tayport      Midlands Championship**  

After two postponements it was back to league action at Craigie Park in only our second competitive match since November. In an uninspiring contest, it took a while for Tayport to get going against a Craigie side which had the better of the first half. There was however a gilt-edged chance for Tayport to take the lead late in the half, but Craigie keeper Ewing saved recent recruit Alex Balfour's penalty kick. Tayport came out more determined in the second period and looked the more likely side. Their efforts were rewarded with ten minutes left when McKenzie Williamson's fierce free kick ricocheted off the Craigie defensive wall and fell into the path of an alert Callum Petrie who crashed the ball high into the net for what proved to be the winning goal

Yellow card  
 2 x Yellow Cards  
 Red Card  
\* Own Goal