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## EDITORIAL

Clearly at our level, a Video Assistant Referee is out of the question but what do we think of sin bins in Junior Football? We wonder what else the powers that be are going to come up with?

Football changed little over many years but the Rules...sorry...Laws continue to be tweaked season after season, or so it appears.

Sin-bin trials, or temporary 10 minute dismissal trials, as punishment for dissent have taken place in 31 grassroots level football leagues down south. So, will the Midlands League take up the offer of a trial? It is understood the sin bins, one located adjacent to each technical area, will merely be adapted portaloos. They will be painted red, and as they already have a seat, the only adaptations will be a window installed in the door and a 10 minute lock release. Whether this will work, only time will tell.

### NEXT WEEK'S MATCH

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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Today's visitors for this Quest Engineering Cup Quarter Final tie are East Craigie I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome both their players and officials to the Canniepairt. May I also extend a warm welcome to our supporters.



On Sunday past I was informed of the passing of a good friend of mine Sheriff Lindsay Wood, after a short illness. Lindsay and I stuck up a good friendship when I arrived at Arbroath FC from The Canniepairt in 1997. He was a great support to myself and my family. At the time Lindsay was the managing solicitor at Thorntons where he arranged for my daughter to gain work experience and more recently, just prior to his diagnosis, helped my granddaughter with her National 5 exam project. He moved to Glasgow some twenty years ago to take up a position as a Sheriff. After a couple years he was appointed to a ground breaking role, presiding in over the drugs court in Glasgow which has been widely acclaimed as huge success, so much so that he was invited to a number of countries all over the world to help set up similar drug courts. Away from his very serious day job Lindsay was very down to earth and a football guy who excelled on the after dinner speaking circuit. He was someone I very much respected and a great friend. RIP Lindsay.

After last weekend's encounter at Forfar West End we still have that undefeated tag for 2024 but I'm afraid our performance deserves little praise. Yes, if you count possession as yardstick we most certainly had the lion's share. But there's little point if you can't create scoring opportunities and we fail miserably in that department. I don't know how many points we've dropped because of this, if you're not ambitious, you're always going to fail.

Today's opponents sit above us in the table so we know we have a task ahead of us but they are a side we've already had success over this season and it's a one off, a chance to get ourselves into a semi-final. To achieve that we need our work rate and commitment to be better than theirs. We need to be more aggressive and more positive in our set up play. If we can produce this, then we can be in the hat at the outcome.

Enjoy the game.

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*Davie*



Tayport  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS

East Craigie  
from



g/k	Darryl BURNS
	Callum PETRIE
	Marc VAN DER KUHL
	Jamie HUME
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Saturday  
16th  
March  
2024  
Kick-off  
2.30 pm

Referee:  
Abbie  
HENDRY

Assistant 1:  
tba

Assistant 2:  
tba

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## 100 Years Ago

### In 1924 East Craigie weren't happy with Junicus... nor Carnoustie!

From Carnoustie comes the following:-  
"You ask what has gone wrong with Carnoustie's team. There is nothing wrong, just bad luck. Just wait a week or two and you will see the Carnoustie boys doing something.  
"In Saturday's game with East Craigie Carnoustie played practically all the second half with nine men, Thomson, outside right, and Peters, centre forward, being off injured. Peters is so severely injured that he is confined to bed, and will not resume playing for a long time.  
"These injuries were due to rough play, over which the referee had absolutely no control, and the game was the worst seen in Carnoustie—a pure farce; hence the defeat 4-2.

And here's why.

Back in 1924, Junicus (my, hasn't he... or maybe she... aged well) was raising the ire of East Craigie with comments in his column in the Evening Tele following Craigie's win at Carnoustie.

The comments (left) prompted the reply (below) from

James Kennedy, the East Craigie secretary.

DUNDEE JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECOND DIVISION									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	F.	A.	Pts	
Bro'ty Ex-Service,	3	2	0	1	12	5	5	5	
Arbroath Ardenlea,	3	2	0	1	10	4	5	5	
East Craigie, .....	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	4	
Clydemore, .....	3	2	0	0	5	2	4	4	
Roselca, .....	3	2	1	0	6	5	4	4	
St Joseph's, .....	3	2	1	0	9	8	4	4	
Downfield, .....	1	0	0	1	3	3	1	1	
Stobswell, .....	4	1	2	1	10	11	5	3	
Tayport Violet, ..	2	0	2	0	4	6	0	0	
Invergowrie, .....	2	0	2	0	1	7	0	0	
Carnoustie Comr's,	3	0	3	0	5	14	0	0	
Clephington, .....	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	

#### East Craigie's Denial.

I have received the following letter anent a recent par about a match at Carnoustie:-  
Dear Junicus,—Kindly allow me to correct a statement made in your notes of Thursday last. Reference was made by a Carnoustie correspondent that in the recent League game Carnoustie Comrades v. East Craigie at Carnoustie two players of Carnoustie Comrades were severely injured owing to rough play by East Craigie players. I emphatically deny and contradict any statement that rough play took place by East Craigie players in the said game. Does the Carnoustie sport\*know that two East Craigie players were also severely injured? Quite accidentally, too, in a fast and interesting game. In a feeble way he blames the referee for the apparent falling off of form by his club, as, he says, the referee had no control of the game. Does the same gentleman from Carnoustie know that the referee had to be escorted to the station after the game? I don't suppose he does. What a farce! More will be heard of the statements, as East Craigie intends to report the matter to the Management Committee of the League.—I am, &c.,  
JAMES KENNEDY,  
Secretary East Craigie, F.C.

A few of the Second Division clubs have disappeared over the last 100 years but some of the local 'big guns' were in the first division that season - Lochee United, North End, Violet and Lochee Harp - all of whom are still prominent in the Junior game a century later.

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### **TODAY'S GAME**

**TAYPORT v EAST CRAIGIE**



### **QUEST REGIONAL CUP QUARTER FINAL**

A warm welcome to the Canniepairt for the second time this season, to East Craigie who shared a goalless draw in the League here back in August. Today, of course, it's a cup tie and an opportunity for both clubs to extend their season by reaching the last four of a cup competition which, in terms of Junior prestige, is rated second only to the Scottish Junior Cup itself.

The Quest Cup, under the guise of its various sponsors' titles, has been contested since 1989 when Deveronside were the inaugural winners. In the 32 occasions since, only one other North Region club, Sunnybank FC twice, has lifted the trophy. Despite not entering for several seasons during the Super League era, Tayport lead the way for Midlands clubs with eight wins. Next come the now defunct St Josephs with four wins. East Craigie's sole win came two years ago with a whopping 5-1 over...Tayport!

Both Tayport and Craigie's form has slipped this season and both have long been out of contention as far as the league is concerned, hence the relative importance of today's tie. The Shipbuilders have lost 22 points at home this campaign but their away form has been exceptional, losing only twice in 14 games on the road, once at Scottish Cup semi finalists Johnstone Burgh and the other, the most recent, at North End, and that was six months ago to the day.

Craigie slumped to a surprise 2-5 home defeat by Carnoustie last Saturday, by a long way, their heaviest league defeat in the last couple of seasons. Even more surprising, as Carnoustie had lost 15 goals in their previous three games.

Craigie failed to breach 'Port's defence in both of their league meetings this season with Tayport netting only once. This perhaps illustrates Tayport's season long problem. Tayport have one of the Division's better defensive records and have conceded only 7 goals in an 8 game unbeaten run since the turn of the year. However, in the last two weeks we've scored only 4 goals, none against Cupar Hearts in a friendly (0-1), none against West End and the four against bottom of the league Forfar United. The two Forfar clubs have, between them, so far conceded 178 league goals. Maybe not too surprising, then, that we drew a blank in Forfar last week when our starting line-up had managed only 11 goals between them in 148 appearances this season.

Tayport will have to watch the goal threat of Craigie's two Lees, Cameron and Lormer, who between them have rattled in around 25 goals this season. Tayport could give a home debut to striker Dylan Dailly who appeared as a trialist against Cupar and Forfar West End. This is the first of six successive home matches for Tayport. The tie will be settled on penalty kicks if level at 90 minutes. No doubt we've been practising!

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

Not a great deal to report at the moment. The Walking Footballers are continuing to enjoy their weekly training sessions at the Regional Performance Centre (RPC) at Caird Park, Dundee in preparation for the next competitive action in April.



We've got to respect our ages and I have to continually remind our players that there's no rule which says they have to play the whole session, particularly if they are just returning from injury. This is what happened last week to one of our players who pulled a calf muscle and will now be out for a wee while.

We're now getting teas and coffees at our post match refreshment session and I think all agree that's preferable to queuing up at the vending machine. If you would like more information about Tayport Walking Football, either email at [tfcwalking-football@gmail.com](mailto:tfcwalking-football@gmail.com) or call me on 07831-535555.



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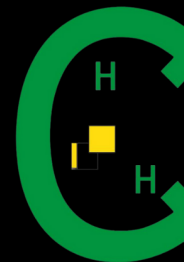
The **Fitba Nomad** groundhopper was at our game v Forfar United and, if you've not already done so, google his excellent article **Cutting About The Canniepairt**

## ARCHIVE PIC from mid 1960s



The Tayport based Walker Brothers' (Haulage and Coal Merchants) fleet lined up in their yard adjacent to The Canniepairt (top right)

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MIDLANDS LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Broughty Athletic	31	29	0	2	131	28	103	87
Lochee United	28	23	4	1	124	21	103	73
Dundee North End	24	21	1	2	78	19	59	64
Montrose Roselea	31	16	3	12	68	58	10	51
Kirriemuir Thistle	29	16	3	9	58	59	-1	51
East Craigie	27	15	5	6	72	35	37	50
Downfield	22	16	0	6	74	33	41	48
Carnoustie Panmure	24	14	2	8	67	40	27	44
Tayport	26	12	6	8	50	37	13	42
Letham	28	11	5	12	47	64	-17	38
St. James	26	12	1	13	57	66	-9	37
Scone Thistle	24	8	4	12	40	57	-17	28
Blairstown	31	8	4	19	49	100	-51	28
Dundee Violet	23	8	3	12	32	39	-7	27
Lochee Harp	30	7	3	20	41	85	-44	24
Brechin Victoria	29	6	4	19	27	65	-38	22
Arbroath Victoria	27	5	5	17	38	87	-49	20
Forfar West End	26	5	3	17	28	72	-44	18
Coupar Angus	29	4	4	21	46	98	-52	16
Forfar United	26	3	2	21	40	106	-66	11

### Match Report 2nd March 2024 Midlands Championship Tayport 4 –1 Forfar United

As expected, Tayport took the points at the expense of the Division's bottom placed club.


There was a pre-match surprise for the locals to learn that Alex Balfour had been transferred to Montrose FC on the eve of the game, but back in the starting line-up was skipper Jamie Hume.

In a first half, dominated by Tayport, but with few clear-cut chances, it was skipper Jamie **Hume** who put Tayport in front with a header on 30 minutes. **Jamie** increased the lead on the hour mark and goals from substitutes **Nic Fletcher** and **Innes Barbour**, with a rocket of a shot from distance, gave the scoreline a better reflection of the home side's dominance.

A soft penalty for a disputed hand ball offence saw Ross Bell net a late consolation for the visitors.

### The season's stats update

	Appearances	Goals	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Own goals	31	1		
Mac Williamson	29	7	10	0
Darryl Burns	27	0	0	0
Ethan Samson	27	11	1	0
Max Reid	26	1	4	0
Greg McColm	25	3	2	1
Ian Plenderleith	25	1	5	0
Callum Petrie	24	2	4	1
Matt Adam	22	1	2	1
Gary Robertson	22	1	1	0
Gary Sutherland	20	6	2	0
Marc Van der Khul	20	1	0	0
Jamie Hume	20	4	2	2
Innes Barbour	20	5	7	0
Nicholas Fletcher	19	1	7	1
Jamie Gill	17	2	3	0
Kaisey Brown	16	2	0	0
Aiden McKelvie	15	0	2	0
Kyle McMulk	11	0	1	0
Daryl McKenzie	10	1	5	0
Aiden McDougall	9	0	4	0
Ryan Smith	9	0	1	0
Ross McDonald	6	0	1	1
Alex Balfour	6	6	1	0
Lewis Stracey	5	0	0	0
Ewan White	5	0	0	0
Kieren Crichton	4	0	2	0
Elliot Smith	4	0	0	0
Thomas McConnachie	3	0	1	0
Ryan McInnes	2	0	0	0
Jamie McCabe	2	0	0	0
Dylan Dailly	1	0	0	0

 = no longer at club . Appearances includes as substitute

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## THE MANAGER'S VIEW

Today we welcome East Craigie to the Canniepairt for a mouth-watering quarter final Quest Cup tie. Since my arrival at the club we have played East Craigie four times, losing twice last season but we have fared better this season with a 1-0 win and a 0-0 draw. I have no doubt today will be another closely contested encounter between two good teams.



We made no secret of the fact that we were focusing on the two local cup competitions this season and a semi-final would be a fantastic occasion to look forward to going into the latter months of the season. We will have to be at our best to get through today but our form so far in this cup competition has been good with strong victories over Montrose Roselea and Dyce to reach the quarter finals.

Unfortunately, we will be missing two key players today with both Keiren Crighton & Ryan Smith cup tied, having played previously for Lochee United & North End in the earlier rounds of the competition. We do however welcome back Nick Fletcher & Mackenzie Williamson from holiday. We also welcome back Ethan Samson and Greg McColm after a period out with injury. The squad have trained well this week, and we are ready for the challenge East Craigie will bring.

We look forward to welcoming the fans, friends and family members to the game today. The players are keen to give the loyal support a positive cup run and something to celebrate this season after another frustrating league campaign and a real vocal home crowd can help spur the team on so we hope you will play your part over the 90 mins.

*Daryl*

**Match Report 2nd March 2024**  
**Forfar West End 0-0 Tayport**

**Midlands Championship**

A familiar pattern. Tayport dominated the game, never looked like losing but created few scoring chances and fluffed those that they did create. Ewan White looked certain to finish off a good move early in the 2nd half but the ball hit the inside of the post and rolled along the line before being cleared. Then before the end, Ryan Smith looked to be giving Tayport the points with a close range finish into an empty until the ball took a wicked bounce and denied the midfielder his maiden goal for the club.

## Last Three Places Up For Grabs Today

### Quest Inter Regional Cup Semi final ties



Bridge of Don Thistle v Hermes

Buchanhaven Hearts v Downfield

Tayport v East Craigie

With Lochee United already in the semi final following their 5-0 win against Letham under the lights in Perth last Wednesday, the three clubs to join them will be known by half past four today.

At least one club from the North Region will make the last four, with Bridge of Don Thistle meeting Hermes at the Aberdeen Sports Village. Both clubs had stunning results in the last round, Bridge of Don eliminating holders North End on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw and Hermes trouncing Carnoustie Panmure by 7-1. Hermes will be the bookies' favourites but this is a derby match and with Bridge of Don boasting a magnificent defensive record, either way, it looks like a narrow win or even penalty kicks.

Downfield have the lengthy trek to Peterhead to meet Buchanhaven Hearts and the Spiders will be well aware that their hosts despatched Broughty Athletic, one of the cup favourites by 1-0 at Mossfield Park in the last round.

Tayport dominated the competition in the 1990s and 2000s, winning the trophy on 7 of the 14 occasions in which they entered but recent memories are not so fond, particularly when we were trounced 5-1 by East Craigie in the 2022 final. This afternoon would be a fine time to erase these memories.

### Montrose FC announce signing of Alex Balfour



Montrose Football Club

MIGHTY MO SIGN PROMISING YOUNG EX-DEE MIDFIELDER

Montrose FC have signed Alex Balfour from Junior side Tayport on an amateur contract until the end of the season.

The talented 16 year old, who spent 6 years as part of the Dundee Youth Academy, moved to Tayport at the turn of the year and has impressed in his short time there, scoring 6 goals in his 6 appearances.

Manager Stewart Petrie said, "We have been monitoring Alex's progress for some time now and felt this was a good time to bring him into the first team setup."

*from Montrose FC's  
Facebook*

**Alex made his Montrose debut v Alloa on March 2nd, coming on as sub at 3-3 and helping his new team get the points in a 4-3 win and into a potential play-off place.**

Date	Opp	C	WDL	Res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22 July	MONTROSE	L	W	2-1	D.Burns	C Petrie	GRobertson	J Hume	G McColm	AMcDougall	M V de Kuhl
26 July	Violet	L	W	1-0	Burns	Petrie	RMcDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Van de Khul
29 July	Blaigowrie	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	L	1-0	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson1	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	Hurford 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	Hurford 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	BLAIGOWRIE	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	D	1-1	Smith	Petrie	McKelvie	Reid	McColm	Stracey	Crighton
10 Feb	CARNOUSTIE	L	D	2-2	Burns	Petrie	McKelvie	Robertson	McKenzie	Plenderleith	Smith
17 Feb	Dyce	Q	W	2-1	Burns	Petrie	McKelvie	Robertson	McKenzie 1	Plenderleith	Reid
24 Feb	Arbroath Vic	L	W	4-1	Burns	Crighton	McKelvie	Robertson	Reid	Plenderleith	Smith
2 Mar	FORFAR UTD	L	W	4-1	Burns	Crighton	McKelvie	Hume 2	McConachie	Plenderleith	McKenzie
9 Mar	Forfar West End	L	D	0-0	Burns	Petrie	McKelvie	Hume	Robertson	Plenderleith	Smith
16 Mar	EAST CRAIGIE	Q									
23 Mar	KIRRIE THIS	L									
30 Mar	COUPAR ANG	L									
6 Apr	BROUGHTY ATH	L									
13 Apr	LETHAM	L									
20 Apr	VIOLET	L									
27 Apr											
1 May											
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