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EDITORIAL

Exactly twelve months ago, we were playing Kirrie Thistle in a league fixture on the Canniepairt, a game which Tayport won 3-2.

The programme's match preview in 2023 noted that [after 24 league games] *"... more concerning is the fact that we've only scored 2 goals in 9 games against the top 7 best placed clubs above us in the league...let's hope things improve this afternoon"*. Well, of course, it did improve that afternoon, with a 3-2 win for Tayport.

Looking at the picture a year on, however, there's no great improvement evident, with Tayport having scored only 9 goals in the 10 games [after 26 league games] played against the top 7 placed clubs.

Let's hope things can improve, and continue to improve, starting today.

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to the Port Support and a warm welcome to the players and officials of our visitors Kirrie Thistle.

Last weekend we were bundled out of the Quest Engineering Cup Quarter Final, our last opportunity of silverware this season. Of what I saw, and what others who watched the whole game, there was a general consensus that it was by far our poorest performance of the season. If East Craigie had a decent finisher we could well have found ourselves 5-0 down at the interval and it never really improved after the break. So, failing to score and win at Forfar West End the previous week, it's been a very disappointing period for us.

Unfortunately taking account of recent performances, it has been mutually agreed that the manager and the club part company. It's with genuine regret that we've arrived at this position. On behalf of everyone at the club I'd like to thank Daryl for all the hard work he put into the club and wish him well in the future. We are actively working on a replacement and hope to announce a new manager in the foreseeable future.

Kirrie Thistle who provide this afternoon's opposition, sit a couple of places above us in our division. We lost in our previous encounter at Kirrie earlier in the season, and, as I recall, it was another poor performance. Someone once quoted "that today is the first day of the rest of our life" Can our players take that quote on board, start afresh and produce a winning performance? Let's hope they can.

Enjoy the game

Davie



Tayport
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

Kirrie
Thistle
from



g/k	Darryl BURNS
g/k	Dylan ROSE
	Callum PETRIE
	Marc VAN DER KUHL
	Jamie HUME
	Greg McCOLM
	Ian PLENDERLEITH
	Ethan SAMSON
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	Callum KINNEAR
	Nathan DEGERNIER
	Dylan WILSON
	Reece RITCHIE
	Liam DUELL
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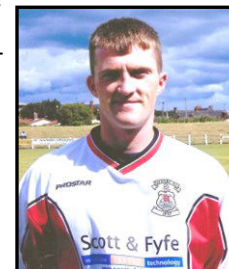
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Duell In the Kirrie Crown

Kirrie's line-up this afternoon will likely include two of Junior football's most experienced campaigners in player/manager **Stephen McNally** and his assistant **Bryan Duell**. Between them, Stephen (40) and former Tayport player Bryan (42) have been playing Junior or Senior football for about 45 years between them. A magnificent achievement. The two players, who took over at Kirrie in 2021 and have been regulars in the Kirrie line-ups this season, were also teammates with Forfar Athletic in seasons 2007-2009, playing 20 games together for Forfar during that period.



Bryan Duell (right, in 2006 and below) was signed for Tayport from Forfar West End by 'Port manager Keith Burgess in 2005. He played 38 games in 2005/06 and in every one of the club's 49 competitive games the following season, 2006/07, before signing for Forfar Athletic. Bryan had two seasons



at Station Park, the first under Jim Moffat & Willie Garner, later to be the management team at Tayport from 2008 to 2011, and the second under the legendary Dick Campbell. During his time at Forfar, Bryan was a teammate of Chris Anton, Barry Donnachie and John Ovenstone all of whom would later wear a Tayport jersey.

Bluebells and Shipbuilders carry the Midlands League hopes

With Downfield exiting at Buchanhaven Hearts, **Lochee United** and **East Craigie** are left to carry the flag for the Midlands League



in next month's Quest Inter Regional Cup semi-finals. Lochee travel to Peterhead to meet **Buchanhaven Hearts** on 27th April and if they are to reach the final will have to do better than Broughty and Downfield who both lost 1-0 at Raemoss Park. East Craigie's reward is a home tie against **Bridge of Don Thistle**, 3-1 winners over Hermes last week. Bridge of Don have only lost once away from home this season and only lost out to Auchinleck Talbot on penalties in the Scottish Cup.

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TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE

MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP



A warm welcome to Kirrie for this afternoon's league match. For 15 seasons we never had the pleasure of a league visit from Kirrie Thistle but since the Junior League restructure we've seen Kirrie pay an annual visit to Canniepairt on Midlands League business. The scoreline on the three most recent visits has been close, Kirrie twice winning 2-1 whilst in the most recent encounter a year ago, Tayport won 3-2.

Only six of Tayport's 15 players used that day are still with the club but that significant turnover of bodies hasn't improved our progress as we're still bedded down in mid table. Kirrie are tucked in 4th in the table at present and, although they've played more games than most, look likely to again finish well up the table.

Although Kirrie finished the year with their worst run of the season, successive defeats by Broughty, East Craigie and Carnoustie, the only defeat since, has been a 7-0 tanking at Lochee United a couple of weeks ago.

As well as welcoming Liam Duell (pictured), the son of player/assistant manager Bryan Duell, back from

Brechin City, Kirrie added two further players to their squad at the end of January, former Tayport player Reece Ritchie from North End and Dylan Wilson from Broughty Athletic.



Although they take a rest on the bench occasionally, the experience of the player/management duo of Stephen McNally and Bryan Duell is influential. The Kirrie goalscoring is well spread out but the versatile Duell leads the way.

With 58 goals in their 29 matches, Kirrie haven't spent too long in their opponents penalty boxes, but they've made the most of the time they've had, scoring eight penalties already this season. So, Tayport, be careful in your penalty box!

Tayport's lack of a goal threat continues to give their supporters grief and this was all too apparent in their last outing against a well drilled East Craigie side, when attempts on goal were a rarity. We've not done too well against teams above us in the league. This would be as good a time as any to repeat last season's win over today's opponents.

FROM THE ARCHIVES....100 years ago this month

Tayport in March 1924

Tayport Violet played in the City and District Junior League and their normal line-up was Dick; Brown, Jackson; Longair, Hanlon, Milne; Manzie, Mitchell, Young, Clark & Brown. Reserve was Anderson. The Tayport players were to meet at Tayport railway station at 1.30 to travel to play Lochee St Mary's FC

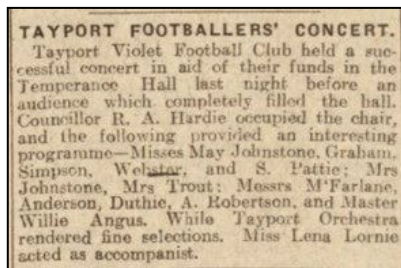
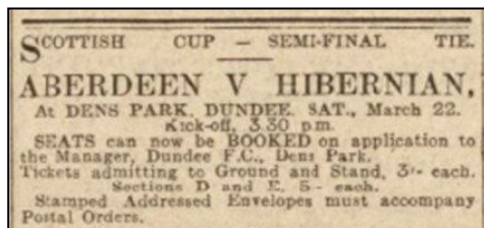
As well as playing League football in the Dundee C&D Junior League, Violet played cup ties against Fife clubs and this month drew 1-1 at St Monance Swifts in the Davidson Cup. Also in action were amateurs **Tayport Hearts** who recorded a 6-0 win over Valentines FC. **Tayport United Cricket Club** received their fixtures for their season which started in April.

It was a bad month for the pubs. James Keddie of the **Tayport Arms** was fined £10 or 30 days in jail for selling a sampling officer 3 glasses of whisky 10 degrees below proof, the Fiscal commenting "10% under proof - almost water"! Robert Muir, publican at the **Freemason's Arms** [now Cobbies Inn] also sold the sampling officer understrength whisky. He claimed his wife had temporarily displaced the Notice whilst dusting the shelves. He was fined £2.

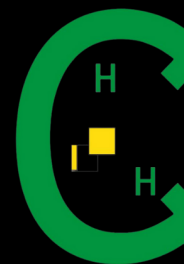
Tayport's **automatic telephone exchange** opened this month.

Provost Mather announced that a big scheme of **road reconstruction** was to take place in the Burgh. Cupar Road through to the Newport Road, Castle Street and Tay Street were to be laid in tarmacadam at a cost of £2,650 [£202,000 in today's money]

Tayport's oldest inhabitant, Margaret McConnachie, widow of the former schoolmaster at Careston, who had lived here for 30 years, died aged 93.



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Broughty Athletic	32	29	1	2	132	29	103	88
Lochee United	29	23	5	1	125	22	103	74
Dundee North End	25	21	2	2	80	21	59	65
Montrose Roselea	32	16	4	12	68	57	11	52
Kirriemuir Thistle	29	16	3	9	58	59	-1	51
East Craigie	27	15	5	7	72	35	37	50
Downfield	22	16	0	6	74	33	41	48
Carnoustie Panmure	25	14	3	8	68	41	27	45
Tayport	26	12	6	8	50	37	13	42
Letham	29	11	5	13	49	66	-17	38
St. James	26	12	1	13	57	66	-9	37
Dundee Violet	24	9	3	12	34	39	-5	30
Scone Thistle	24	8	4	12	40	57	-17	28
Blairgowrie	31	8	4	19	49	100	-51	28
Lochee Harp	31	8	3	20	43	86	-43	25
Arbroath Victoria	28	6	5	17	39	87	-48	23
Brechin Victoria	30	6	4	20	27	66	-39	22
Forfar West End	27	5	4	18	29	73	-44	19
Coupar Angus	29	4	4	21	46	98	-52	16
Forfar United	27	3	2	22	40	108	-68	11

Trivia

Scone Thistle's match at home to Coupar Angus last week was abandoned in the 83rd minute following an injury to a Coupar player which necessitated an ambulance being called. A double blow for Coupar who led 5-0 at the time.


Alex Balfour, who moved to Montrose just a couple of weeks ago, sustained a broken ankle playing for the Links Park club. He'll be out of action for a while but we wish him a speedy recovery

Kaisey Brown, who left Tayport for Blairgowrie earlier this season, has since moved to Luncarty in East of Scotland League Premier Division

Simon Murray who netted Ross County's 2 goals v Hibs last weekend, scored twice for Tayport v North End on the corresponding weekend in 2013. Simon also netted for Tayport at Broxburn Athletic on the same weekend a year earlier, in 2012.

The season's stats update

	Appearances	Goals	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Own goals	32	1		
Mac Williamson	30	7	10	0
Darryl Burns	28	0	0	0
Ethan Samson	28	11	1	0
Max Reid	27	1	4	0
Greg McColm	25	3	2	1
Ian Plenderleith	26	1	5	0
Callum Petrie	25	2	4	1
Gary Robertson	23	1	1	0
Matt Adam	22	1	2	1
Marc Van der Khul	21	1	0	0
Jamie Hume	21	4	2	2
Innes Barbour	20	5	7	0
Nicholas Fletcher	20	1	7	1
Gary Sutherland	20	6	2	0
Jamie Gill	18	2	3	0
Kaisey Brown	16	2	0	0
Aiden McKelvie	16	0	2	0
Kyle McMulkin	11	0	1	0
Daryl McKenzie	11	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
Ewan White	6	0	0	0
Lewis Stracey	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

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THE MANAGER'S VIEW

No **Manager's View** this week, for the simple reason, there's no manager, at least at the time of the programme going to press, there's not.

The committee and Daryl came to a decision during midweek that it was time for a change, a decision probably prompted by the club's lame exit from the Quest Cup last weekend.

Ironically perhaps, Saturday's defeat was the first of the calendar year but there were few bright sparks in that run, the win at Dyce perhaps the exception.

The performances against the Division's top sides over the past

couple of seasons suggested that Tayport still had a way to go if they were looking to mount a challenge for honours.

20 months in charge

Daryl took over from Eddie Wolecki in July 2022 in a player/manager role and made 41 appearances in his player capacity. During his tenure at Canniepairt, Daryl gave Tayport debuts to 43 players, 32 of whom are no longer at the club.

14th Manager

Daryl, who was Tayport's 14th manager since turning Junior in 1990, oversaw 73 games, winning 35, drawing 9 and losing 29, a winning percentage rate of 63%.

Match Report 16th March 2024 Quest Inter-Region Cup Quarter Final Tayport 0-2 East Craigie

Another less than inspiring effort as we exited the Quest Cup with little more than a whimper, beaten by a Craigie side who had done their homework, dominated the tie and deserved their win.

Tayport hardly mustered a worthwhile shot on target in the 90 minutes. Craigie keeper Ewing was little troubled, although he was probably lucky to stay on the park after taking Ethan Samson out and receiving only a yellow card.

Craigie's top scorer Lee Cameron cashed in on a defensive error to open the scoring in 63 minutes and Robbie Norrie ended Tayport's hopes of reaching the semi-final with a second goal seven minutes later.

Tayport pictured on their pre-season tour to England in 2005 during which they won friendlies v Crook Town FC and South Shields FC. Back (l-r) Derek Weir, Gary Middleton, Ross Gunnison, Allan Ramsay, Stephen Stewart, Lloyd Young, Gus Malone, Sean Christie. Front - Frazer Fitzpatrick, Robbie Henderson, John Knox, Roberto Morris, Barry McLaughlin, Craig Brown and Gareth Dailly.



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