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EDITORIAL

There is often chat about the perceived advantages of a club playing their home games on artificial grass pitches. However that does not appear to be the case in our league.

This season Blairgowrie have lost more than twice as many home games as those away from home and Lochee Harp also have lost twice as many at home as away. Letham's record at Seven Acres and playing away is roughly the same.

Not surprisingly, league leaders Broughty Athletic have won most of their games, both at home and away, but of the few games they have actually lost, there have been more at Whitton Park than they have been away from home.

In total, these four clubs have lost as many games away as they have on their home pitch so, plastic grass or real grass, results suggest that it doesn't really matter.

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday 24th April

North End v Tayport

**League
North End Park**

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Dundee Violet provide our opposition for this afternoon's league encounter, May I take this opportunity welcome both their players and officials to the Can-niepairt and a warm welcome to our fans. As you read this article I'm sunning myself In warmer climes but a chairman's job is never done...

Can I firstly pass on everyone at the club's deepest sympathy to our fellow committee member and walking football secretary Paul Berg for the recent passing his wife Glynis. Also to former committee member Dave Aitken who's wife Kirsten passed away on Tuesday morning, all our thoughts are with both Paul and Dave at this very difficult time. RIP.

Last weekend we gained another 3 home points with a win over Letham. Once again I was unable to see the full ninety minutes but as I predicted in my notes, that the addition of both strikers would be the difference between the sides and I wasn't wrong with our three goals being shared by both. Although their goals were enough to see us over the line it must be said that our very obvious frailties at the back almost, once again, managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and had it not been for their first half penalty miss it may have ended badly.

I felt we were unlucky on Wednesday evening against champions in waiting, Broughty, when the breaks certainly went against us, but that's football. So this afternoon we face Dundee Violet who, like Letham, have had a rather mixed bag of results this season. On today's encounter my thoughts are very much on how better we can defend as team, if we can, we will most definitely have a great opportunity to gain a further three points and I'll be raising my Pina Colada glass.

Enjoy the game.

Support the Port,

Davie

Match Report 17th April 2024
Tayport 1-3 Broughty Athletic

Midlands Championship

A missed penalty, a controversial denial of a penalty and two harsh red cards sums up Tayport's night. Caught out by a Kesson's 25yd snapshot on 15mins, Tayport lost a second to a well worked goal from Faulkner on 36 mins but Ewan White converted Jamie Gill's cross to pull one back a minute later. Tayport had a great chance to level two mins after the break when the Broughty keeper Diamond pulled down Scott McComiskie but Jaden Ferguson's spot kick was easily saved. Tayport went down to 10 men on 50 mins when Ryan Smith received a second yellow before they were denied what looked like a stonewall penalty when White was brought down in the box. Two pens? No, that doesn't happen!! With 15 minutes left sub Findlay made it 3-1 and despite losing McComiskie to a second yellow, Tayport still had their chances late on but the points went destined to go back across the Tay



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TODAY'S TEAMS

Violet
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	Greg McCOLM
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20th April
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Kick-off
2.30 pm

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THE RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

	to play	pts	max		to play	pts	max
Broughty Ath		100	103	Lochee Utd		89	98
20 April	Forfar United (a)			20 April	Downfield (a)		
				24 April	Carnoustie (a)		
				1 May	Forfar Utd (a)		
							
Broughty Athletic							
							

	to play	pts	max
North End		80	104
20 April	Kirrie This (a)		
24 April	Tayport (h)		
27 April	Forfar Utd (h)		
1 May	Arbroath Vics (a)		
4 May	Forfar WE (a)		
8 May	St James (a)		
	Brechin Vics (h)		
	Forfar Utd (a)		
			

Regardless of Wednesday's results, the race isn't over, although Lochee United 's hopes were ended in no uncertain fashion when they were thumped 5-0 at North End.

Broughty's 3-1 win here kept them bang on course for a first ever title.

Their final match is a top of the league v bottom of the league affair at Guthrie Park today when anything other than three points is unthinkable. For Broughty to be pipped for the title, North End will require to win all their remaining eight games starting at Kirrie Thistle this afternoon. Not an easy place to go but by 4.15 tonight the champagne corks could be popping...

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

Our team in last week's Glasgow Trophy, did well, finishing 3rd in our group of six and finishing top scorers in the group with 11 goals. Linlithgow Rose, who we should have beaten in our first game, went on to win the trophy. Tomorrow sees our next set of league games.

Walking Football Scotland is looking to form a regional over 60s squad to play against other regions. They are looking for each team to put 2 players forward for the trials, probably in August, so Tayport, with 2 teams, can nominate 4.

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TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v DUNDEE VIOLET

MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to the players, committee and coaches of Violet for this league game which was originally scheduled for early December before becoming an early victim of the wet winter.

Our first meeting this season was way back in July when an early Gary Sutherland goal was all that separated the teams and secured the three points for Tayport.

Violet have shown this season, they are a very organised side. They may not be prolific scorers but give little away, as their recent defensive record illustrates, only eight goals conceded in their last eleven games. Over the season, this is a dramatic improvement on their last campaign when they conceded an average of 2.8 goals per game compared with only 1.4 in this season to date. For example, at championship chasing North End it took a late, late goal to secure the 1-0 win for the home side.

Since their 3-2 win at Harp in early January, however, the Pansies have yet to record an away win and arrive at Canniepairt today having scored only five goals on the road this year.



With a load of games in hand over all but one of the other teams in the division, Violet, who have already surpassed last season's total, will be looking to finish the season in the top ten.

Tayport displayed a lot of attacking intent in Saturday's win over Letham, particularly in the first half but this wasn't sustained in the second period.

After scoring four goals in his first three matches, Scott McComiskie has been rapidly elevated to second top scorer for the season to date, behind Mac Williamson (pictured), the other players available to George Shields today. Nic Fletcher and Jamies, Hume and Gill, were back in the squad on Wednesday but Ethan Samson and Kieren Crighton have long term injuries and will likely be out for a while.

Included in Violet's line up will be local youngster Kyle McMulkin and another former Tayport player, defender Marc Ogg, who has also been with Kirrie and Blairgowrie this season

Dundee Violet's 1929 Controversial Scottish Junior Cup Win



Until 1996, when Tayport lifted the trophy, Dundee Violet was the only club from Forfarshire, Dundee or Tayside Junior Leagues to have previously won the Scottish Junior Cup. But what a job Violet had to get their hands on the trophy. There are still those today who claim that it was won by default.

Violet beat Harp 1-0 in round 1, then disposed of Constable, Kinnoull, St Johnstone YMCA and then took a football special train to Dunbar United for a quarter final win. Coalburn from Lanarkshire were no match in the semi-final at Dens Park, Violet winning 4-1 before a crowd of 8,000.

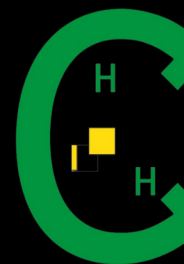
In the final on Saturday 25th May 1929, Violet met Denny Hibs in the final at Tynecastle Park and won 2-0. A large enthusiastic crowd including Lord Provost High, had gathered at Dundee Station and was in good voice singing *Up Wi' The Bonnets* and other locally familiar ditties whilst waiting for the 9.08pm train from the capital to welcome the Cup and players back to the city.

The train arrived on schedule but spirits were dampened hugely when the crowd realised they hadn't brought the cup with them! It was understood that Denny had lodged a protest, alleging that Violet had played an ineligible player, John Nelson, and the President of the Scottish FA decreed that the cup should be withheld pending the outcome of the protest.

The protest was upheld and a decision was that the final be replayed, this time at Dens Park on Saturday 1st June. Violet agreed, but only under protest. The game finished 1-1 in front of 10,000 fans, the largest ever crowd in Dundee for a Junior game. Gate receipts were in today's money, £36,000.

The second replay was scheduled for Saturday 8th June, again at Dens Park. It was at first thought that Violet had been dealt a blow when their

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Broughty Athletic	37	33	1	3	143	34	109	100
Lochee United	35	28	5	2	146	32	114	89
Dundee North End	30	26	2	2	96	23	73	80
Kirriemuir Thistle	32	19	4	9	67	63	4	61
Carnoustie Panmure	30	18	4	8	80	46	34	58
Downfield	26	19	0	7	85	39	46	57
Montrose Roselea	36	16	6	14	73	68	5	54
East Craigie	31	15	5	11	74	45	29	50
Tayport	30	14	6	10	57	43	14	48
St. James	30	14	1	15	65	71	-6	43
Letham	33	12	6	15	59	80	-21	42
Dundee Violet	28	12	4	12	40	39	1	40
Blairgowrie	35	9	6	20	55	107	-52	33
Scone Thistle	29	8	4	17	43	73	-30	28
Lochee Harp	34	9	3	22	46	91	-45	28
Arbroath Victoria	32	6	9	17	44	92	-48	27
Brechin Victoria	32	7	4	21	29	68	-39	25
Forfar West End	31	5	4	22	31	83	-52	19
Coupar Angus	33	4	4	25	47	110	-63	16
Forfar United	32	3	4	25	48	121	-73	13

Match Report 13th April 2024 Tayport 3-2 Letham

Midlands Championship

Three points from what at one stage looked a comfortable victory, but was one in which Tayport were left hanging on to their success. New signings McComiskie and Ferguson continued where they left off against Coupar and were instrumental in our whirlwind start to lead 2-0 after only 15 minutes. Scott headed the opening goal from Callum Petrie's cross after five minutes and ten minutes later supplied the pass which sent Jaden through to net the second.

A very contentious penalty on half time gave Letham a chance to get back into the game but McKenzie, looking for his fifth penalty goal in his last five games, sent his spot kick wide.

However Letham did get back into the game shortly after the break when Edwards took advantage of some defensive slackness but McComiskie restored the two goal lead on the hour mark with a neat back post header from Gary Robertson's cross from the right. The referee seemed determined to award the visitors a penalty and another mysterious award allowed Carlon to net from the spot on 86 minutes to set up a nervous few minutes for the home side.

left back Proctor was suspended by the Dundee Junior League. Violet, however, had found a way round this by appealing to the SJFA against their local Association's decision. The SJFA ruled that Proctor who, incidentally, had scored the goal against Harp in round 1, would be eligible to play pending the appeal. Violet won a convincing 4-0 victory in front of a crowd of just under 10,000 and finally the bonnets were flying again with Lord Provost High this time having a cup to present. The following week the SJFA heard Violet's appeal against Proctor's suspension and dismissed the appeal.

Alas, the matter wasn't finished. The Dundee Junior League's nose was out of joint through having the Violet appeal in respect of their decision to suspend Proctor, held over by the SJFA, which allowed him to play in the final, so at a meeting during the week following the final the Dundee Junior League lodged a protest with the SJFA.

Denny Hibs weren't finished either and they filed another protest, this time on the grounds that Violet's James Pryde was a provisional signing with Dundee FC and therefore ineligible. The SJFA upheld the Denny appeal. The season was finished, so another final could not be played and the Cup would therefore have to be withheld.

The SJFA looked for a way out and reminded Denny that they, the SJFA, had ruled on an issue in Denny's favour earlier in the season. They then asked Denny to be 'good sports' and allow the result to stand. Denny took the request back to a meeting of their members and supporters on June 18 where it was agreed to allow the result to stand.

The matter rumbled on into both the Forfarshire JFA's AGM and the SJFA's AGM in July with Mr A B Reid (Fairfield) questioning the SJFA secretary's decision to give Violet permission to play Proctor. Mr George Walls (Harp) said the Scottish Association *had not played the game*.

So, despite playing three ineligible players, Nelson, Proctor and Pryde, in the course of the cup final and its two final replays, it's Violet's name that's on the cup and that's all that will matter when the Pansies get round to organising their centenary celebrations in four years time!

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THE MANAGER'S VIEW



Today sees us take on Dundee Violet JFC and we at Tayport wish Ross and his coaching staff and Andy and his committee all the very best for the remainder of the season.

My second game in charge saw us take on a Letham team that was only one place behind us in the league and anything other than a win for us would have given them the opportunity to leapfrog us so I stressed to the squad that we make sure we only go in one direction. Fortunately,

enough we managed to collect all three points and open up a gap on our opponents.

We thoroughly deserved our 2-0 half time lead which could have been more if we had taken our chances. The second half was a different game as Letham came at us with everything they had and deservedly scored to reduce our lead. The pleasing thing for myself was the way we responded and quickly restored our two goal advantage.

We did not play to our full potential in the second half, possibly because of the conditions but we managed to gift Letham a late penalty to make it an interesting finish to the game and a test of our character. Darryl Burns made sure that all three points stayed at the Canniepairt with an excellent save near the end of the game.

The pleasing thing for myself was that our young striker Jaden Ferguson managed to get off the mark with an excellent first goal for club and experienced striker Scott McComskie managed to double his goal tally to four goals in two games.

We entertained league leaders Broughty Athletic FC at the Canniepairt on Wednesday evening for our first midweek game and although I was disappointed with the result, I cannot criticise the effort and spirit shown by our players, especially after playing most of the second half with ten men then the last ten minutes with nine men.



George

Scottish Junior Cup semi-finals (first legs)

Auchinleck Talbot 0-2 Darvel (2nd leg last night)

Arthurlie 2-2 Johnstone Burgh (2nd Leg this evening)

FROM THE ARCHIVES....NOVEMBER 2012

Following the advent of the Super League era, league meetings between Tayport and Violet, until recently, had been fairly infrequent and we have to go back to November 2012 for Violet's last win, 2-1 at Glenesk Park.

The scorer of Tayport's goal that day was Simon Murray. Simon of course, is still scoring goals as Rangers found to their cost up at Ross County last weekend. Pic shows Simon heading that goal at Glenesk and below,



the loyal Port Support the same afternoon at a chilly Glenesk Park



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