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## EDITORIAL

The Scottish FA has just produced its “**Report on the ‘Transition Phase’**” which tells us that not enough 16 -21 year old players are getting game time in the Scottish Premiership.

In the calendar year April ‘23-’24, in Scottish Premiership football only 6.7% of game time was played by players under 21. This was lower than any other comparable Leagues in Europe The report goes on to suggest that SPFL managers/head coaches should play more youngsters.

[Interestingly, Barcelona, cited as an example in the Report, fielded 3 x17 year olds and 2 x20 year olds in their opening league game this season]

A couple of thoughts... are our academies actually producing enough quality players to merit a 1st XI place? and where are all these under 21 players who are being denied a game in the 1st XI?

The Juniors and the like aren’t exactly flooded with them.

### Forthcoming Matches

**Saturday 7th September**

**Midlands League**  
**Away v Downfield**  
**Downfield Park, Balgowan Avenue**  
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**Saturday 14th September**

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**Tayport v Blairgowrie**  
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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our fans and a warm welcome to our visitors Dundee North End for this Scottish Cup preliminary round tie.

Of course last weekend North End unfortunately inflicted on us our first defeat of this season. In my opinion a well deserved win for them. Personally its the first time I've seen last season's league champions play for over a year or so and I must say I was quite impressed. They put us under a lot of pressure both with their pressing and their quality of movement and passing. However all isn't lost for us but we have a lot of work ahead to get to their stage. George and his coaches are not long through the door and I can see a marked improvement with our attitude and commitment. Last Saturday we showed character that just wasn't there last term.

Unfortunately I have been posted missing for four of our five opening games due to holidays and maybe I should have prolonged my break as we won all five games, albeit against sides which, on paper anyway, we should be beating. The important thing is we did win all five.

Believe or not as luck would have it, we not only face today's opponents on consecutive Saturdays, but have drawn them in the first round of the Quest Cup as well. "Familiarity breeds contempt", they say, but for me it's a fantastic opportunity to learn and improve. We now know from last Saturday where we failed, where we can improve, what we need to stop and what we need to exploit. I remember when I managed Cowdenbeath, they'd finished 2nd bottom of the league the previous season and one of my first games was at home to Gretna who were full-time and of course were a Premiership side in the making. We lost 8-0 we were 6-0 down at half time. I'm told that Sky TV's Jeff Stelling, when reading out our score, said I'd love to be a fly on the wall in Dave Baikié's dressing room. We improved! We only lost 2-0 in the 2nd half, but did they take the foot off the gas? Our next meeting at Gretna we lost 4-0 and I'd say that's an improvement. Our 3rd encounter at Central Park it ended in a 2-0 loss, we're definitely learning. In our final meeting of the season at Gretna we drew 1-1, result or what? We were only one of a very few who took a point off them, finishing 3rd in the table. The moral of the story is that it's all about learning, improving, doing your homework and above it's all about instilling an attitude and a mentality within the squad.

So, can we make inroads, show improvements this afternoon and be harder to beat? Only our players hold the answers to that. The prize is a place in the first round of the Scottish Cup.

*Seize the Day.*

*Davie Baikié*



Tayport  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS

Dundee  
North End  
from



1	Darryl BURNS
22	Fraser BURNETT
2	Callum PETRIE
3	Gary ROBERTSON
4	Kieran CRICHTON
5	James THOMSON
6	Jamie HUME
7	Sam SIMPSON
8	Ethan SAMSON
9	Scott McCOMISKIE
10	Ian PLENDERLEITH
11	Jamie GILL
12	Jamie CROWE
15	Greg McCOLM
16	Ryan SMITH
17	Aiden McKELVIE
18	Kyle McMULKIN
19	Lewis STRACEY



Saturday  
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2024  
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KENNEDY

Assistant 1:  
Liam  
DUNCAN

Assistant 2:  
Shaun  
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g/k	Daniel CLARK
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3	Brian RICE
4	Jack ALLAN
5	Ross JAMIESON
6	Ben MIDDLETON
8	Jamie MONTGOMERY
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## SEASON FROM THE ARCHIVES 2012-2013

A dozen seasons ago Tayport were playing in the East Region's Premier Division with the target of a promotion place to the following season's revamped East Super League. A finish in the top four would guarantee that fourth place and, somewhat like North End's charge to the Midlands title last season, Tayport would have to win each of their remaining 7 games to get that fourth place. Wins v Ballingry Rovers (then managed by none other than our own Dave Baikie), Dalkeith Thistle, Jeanfield Swifts, Glenrothes, Dundee Violet and Ballingry again, had Tayport needing to win their final game at Penicuik Athletic. It was a nerve wracking finale but goals from Simon Murray and Kris Rollo gave Tayport their 2-1 win and a place back in the Super League.

The players who pulled it off that May afternoon in Penicuik were Ian Ross; Kenny McCulley, Blair Mudie, Paul Thomson, Gary Robertson, Robert Boyd, Connor Gray, Stefan Elvin, Stephen McPhee, Simon Murray and Kris Rollo. Jake Mair came on as a substitute.

Simon and Kris had the goals which sparked off the celebrations. Managing the team during that era was the late John McGlashan, whose son, young John, is playing for Lochee Harp this season. The evergreen Gary Robertson is a member of today's Tayport squad. Simon, who was signed from Montrose FC for £1,000 in February 2012 netted 36 goals in his 41 games at Canniepairt and is still doing his stuff at Dens Park.



Gary and Simon in celebratory mood in 2012



## TODAY'S GAME

**TAYPORT v DUNDEE NORTH END**

**SCOTTISH GAS SCOTTISH CUP**

**Preliminary Round 2**



Back in the days of the former Tayside and Dundee Junior Leagues with the closed shop mentality of the SFA of the time, few could ever have imagined two local Junior clubs playing each other in the 'big' Scottish Cup. Yet, that's what we have here today. So, we welcome you all to this unique occasion and also our near neighbours Dundee North End, to the Canniepairt.

The Dokens are competing in the competition this season by virtue of being Midlands JFA Champions, their first title success since pipping Tayport



**TODAY'S  
MATCH BALL  
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for the Tayside title back in 1998.

As we know, the clubs met only last week when North End took the points from a 3-1 win at North End Park in what was a first big test of the season for a Tayport side who had started the new campaign with a string of victories. However, there would be no complaints from Tayport over the outcome, with the home side controlling the tempo in the middle of the park, an area where Tayport were frequently guilty of shipping possession.

North End's attacking threat is evidenced by their 22 goals in their opening four league fixtures. Tayport, although struggling at times to contain this threat, had their moments at the other end, and this afternoon will be looking to be more incisive in their attacking third.

With quality players in both teams and the management duos in both camps having an abundance of experience in the Senior game, we can expect an interesting game.

Should the teams be level after 90 minutes and still a square after 30 minutes extra time, the tie will be decided on penalty kicks.

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

Despite players being unavailable due to holidays and injury, we have managed to have an average of 18 players attend our Friday morning training sessions. We've trained at both the Canniepairt and the Regional Performance Centre over the last few weeks.

As previously mentioned, we haven't missed a single training session, as my piece of seaweed gives very accurate weather forecasts !

We have attracted a few new players recently, and the feedback we get is "should have tried it earlier " !

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Walking Football is the fastest growing sport in Europe, especially in the UK. Most clubs allow players from 50 years old to play, and there is no upper age limit. Our oldest player, Jimmy McIlravey, who plays in goal, is 75 years old and is still an amazing keeper. Jimmy plays in our league games, and admits he never thought he'd still be playing and enjoying it.

Walking Football Scotland, the governing body, has leagues for over 50s, over 60s, over 65s and over 70s, and can include women. They also have women's leagues for over 40s and over 50s.

There are 16 teams in our over 50s league, so if you perhaps think Walking Football is worth trying, contact me on **0783-535555**, and I can give you more information about the sport and our club.

*Paul*

MIDLANDS LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Broughty Athletic	4	4	0	0	14	2	12	12
Lochee United	4	4	0	0	14	3	11	12
Kirriemuir Thistle	4	4	0	0	9	2	7	12
Dundee North End	4	3	0	1	22	2	20	9
Letham	4	3	0	1	7	5	2	9
Tayport	4	3	0	1	12	6	6	9
Dundee Violet	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
Carnoustie Panmure	4	2	1	1	8	8	0	7
Montrose Roselea	4	2	0	2	10	6	4	6
Blairgowrie	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
Downfield	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
Arbroath Victoria	4	2	0	2	10	10	0	6
East Craigie	4	2	0	2	5	6	-1	6
Coupar Angus	4	1	0	3	5	8	-1	3
Brechin Victoria	4	1	0	3	3	8	-5	3
Lochee Harp	4	1	0	3	5	15	-10	3
St. James	4	0	2	2	4	8	-4	2
Scone Thistle	4	0	0	4	4	17	-13	0
Forfar West End	4	0	0	4	2	16	-14	0
Forfar United	4	0	0	4	2	21	-19	0

South of Scotland League has 6, the Midlands League 3, North Caledonian League 2 and the North Region JFA and the Amateur Cup winners each with 1 entry.

Locally, look for an upset at Glenrothes' Warout Stadium where **Cupar Hearts** take on a Wigtown & Bladnoch side which is anchored at the foot of the South of Scotland League, having lost all their seven games to date, scoring a measly 1 goal in the process.

Clydebank are riding high at the top of the WoSFL Premier Division with 6 wins out of 6, so it looks like a fruitless journey west for **St Andrews United**. Hawick Royal Albert are in tier 9 of the Pyramid so are unlikely to be a match for **Lochee United** at Thomson Park. Similarly, in Perth, although the visitors have won their last three games, there should be no slip up when **Jeanfield Swifts** get a visit from SoSL's Newton Stewart.

One of the games of the day will surely be at Penicuik where the home side face Musselburgh Athletic. Both clubs are neck and neck at the top of the EoSFL's Premier Division.



## Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 2024/25

### Preliminary Round 1

Bo'ness Athletic 3-1 Beith  
Culter 4-0 Invergordon.

**Byes** - Dundee North End & Cupar Hearts

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### Today's Preliminary Round 2 ties

Benburb v Vale of Leithen

Bo'ness v Kilwinning Rangers

Bonnyton Thistle v Dunbar United

**Burntisland Shipyard** v Dunipace

Clydebank v **St Andrews United**

Coldstream v Camelon

Creetown v Cumnock

Culter v Sauchie

**Cupar Hearts** v Wigtown & Bladnoch

Dalbeattie Star v Whitehill Welfare

Dalkeith Thistle v Blackburn United

**Dundonald Bluebell** v Edinburgh Univ.

Easthouses Lily v Newtongrange Star

Fort William v **Hill of Beath**

Girvan v St Cuthbert Wanderers

Glenafton v Threave Rovers

Golspie Sutherland v Carluke

Haddington Athletic v Auchinleck Talbot

**Jeanfield Swifts** v Newton Stewart

**Lochee United** v Hawick Royal Albert

Penicuik v Musselburgh Athletic

Pollok v Darvel

Preston Athletic v Irvine Meadow

Rutherglen Glencairn v Hutchison Vale

**Tayport v Dundee North End**

Tynecastle v Glasgow University

Only clubs with an SFA licence can enter this competition. Exceptions are the holders of the Scottish Amateur Cup (Cupar Hearts) or the champions of the North Caledonian League (Invergordon FC), Midlands JFA (Dundee North End) and North Region JFA (Culter FC) who are invited to enter.

There were only two ties and two byes in Preliminary round 1, so the road to Hampden next May starts in earnest today.

We have a real contrast in the distances the clubs have had to travel this afternoon. Compare, for example Carluke's round trip of 460 miles to Golspie and Wigtown & Bladnoch's 320 miles round trip to Cupar (although it's a wee bit less now, with the tie being played in Glenrothes), with the 3 miles round trip of Newtongrange Star to play Easthouses Lily and North End's hop across the bridge to Canniepairt.

The East of Scotland League dominates today's cup card with an entry of 25 clubs followed by the West of Scotland Football League with 14 entries.

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## Match Report

**Midlands League**

**Saturday 17th August 2024:**

**Tayport 1 v 0 Forfar United**

It was top v bottom but it didn't look like it as Tayport huffed and puffed in their attempts to add to **Ethan Samson's** 20th minute goal, another fine strike which maintained his run of scoring in four successive games. Pointless United, who had parted company with their manager on the eve of the game, battled gamely and with Tayport's slender margin there would always be the chance of a shock result but it wasn't to be, and we collected full points

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## PORT TRIVIA PROG

As well as the six goals scored in our East of Scotland tie v St James last mid-week, there were another 25 goals spread across the other seven ties, with one third of these scored by players who have previously worn a Tayport FC jersey.

 Dayle Robertson fired Brechin City to the top of the Highland League last week with a hat-trick in City's 4-1 win at Wick. Dayle was at The Canniepairt from 2018 to 2021 scoring an amazing 92 goals in 88 appearances during his time in Tayport colours

St Andrews United were due to play Gartcairn (from Airdrie) on 17 August in the South Challenge Cup, now the Non-League competition which has out-paced the Scottish Junior Cup as the competition with the country's biggest entry. Although the Challenge Cup's 1st and 2nd round ties had been drawn on 12th July, St Andrews United were only aware the tie was off on the eve of the game, with Glencairn, who play in the West Of Scotland Football League's Premier Division, claiming they hadn't entered the competition! We're told it was an error by the competition's administrators, but did nobody spot the tie had been listed when the draw was published and moreso when the fixtures were published? St Andrews United were left bewildered, left with a load of programmes, and maybe pies too, for the match that never was. WoSFL Gartcairn's spokesperson in this affair is Alex Mcdowall who holds the position as the Scottish JUNIOR FA's Chief Operating Officer.



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Sunday 8th September  
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## THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



Welcome to our Scottish Gas Men's Scottish Cup game at The Canniepairt which sees us take on Dundee North End FC. Everyone at Tayport Football Club wishes the coaching staff and committee of Dundee North End FC all the very best for the season ahead.

I am pleased to update everyone on what has been going on since the start of the season. Until last weekend, we had a 100% record, winning all our 5 games at the Canniepairt in the league and cup, Unfortunately, in our first away fixture, we were beaten by the current league champions, whom we meet again today. However, we still remain in a good position in the league with 9 points from 12, and are in the quarter finals of the East Of Scotland Cup.

On the playing side I have added experience to our squad by signing Carnoustie captain Sam Simpson on a 2 year deal. Sam has played 9 seasons with Carnoustie, winning numerous titles and trophies and already has brought a winning mentality to our squad.

We have also signed a young up and coming goalkeeper in Fraser Burnett (2 year deal) who had an excellent game last week against today's opponents and whom I am sure will make his mark on the Junior game. The last club Fraser played for was St James while on loan from Broughty Athletic.

Our other signing is local lad Kyle McMulkin (2 year deal) from DUSC. Kyle has already tasted junior football both here and with Dundee Violet FC. Kyle plays as a striker and scored some very important goals in his time with Violet FC and has already received the match ball for his hat-trick in our league game against Forfar West End.

Another recent arrival is Scott McComskie (2 year deal) from our local rivals Lochee United FC. Scott scored 10 goals in 10 games after signing for us late last season and has already been on target 4 times this season. Scott is another experienced player who has won numerous titles and trophies in the Junior game. We are still trying to strengthen the playing squad and hope to have more players in very shortly.

Today we hope we can continue our recent good run of home form and win our sixth match in a row at the Canniepairt. From last week's encounter with North End we know where we have to improve if we are to progress in this season's competition.

*George Shields*

# Match Report

**Midlands League**  
**Saturday 24th August 2024**  
**North End 3 v 1 Tayport**

In what was something of a dress rehearsal for today, Tayport were always second best and tumbled six places from the top of the table as North End displayed just why they will be a good bet to retain their championship title. Tayport did have their chances but found Adam in good form and at the other end some splendid goalkeeping from Fraser Burnett kept the scoreline respectable.

Montgomery put the Dokens ahead in 38 minutes, firing home a rebound after a good stop from the Tayport keeper. Tayport's passing was letting them down and this was was instrumental in the loss of a second goal from the penalty spot in the opening minute of the second half. Two minutes later it was 2-1 with a penalty at the other end, **Jamie Crowe** netting from the spot after McComiskie had burst into the box only to be brought down.

Hopes of a comeback were dashed in 63 minutes when Devine waltzed through the Tayport defence before cracking home a third goal.

## Midlands Section Draw - Round 1

Coupar Angus v East Craigie  
Downfield v Montrose Roselea  
Lochee Harp v Carnoustie Panmure  
Tayport v North End

8	9	10	11	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5	Att
E.Samson 1	S.McComiskie 1	R.Smith	J.Crowe	J.Gill (4)					98
Samson 1	McComiskie 1	Smith 1	McMulkin 3	Robertson (6)					117
Samson 1	McComiskie 1	Smith	McMulkin	Robertson (4)	Gill (6)				82
Samson 1	McComiskie	Smith	McMulkin	Simpson (2)	Stracey (3)	Plenderleith (4)			86
Samson	Plenderleith	Smith 1	McMulkin 1						56
Samson	McComiskie	Smith	McMulkin	Gill (11)	Robertson (4)	Petrie (10)			88

## Match Report

### East of Scotland Cup Round 2 Wednesday 21st August 2024

#### Tayport 4 v 2 St James

Tayport reached the quarter final of the East of Scotland Cup with a hard fought win under the Canniepairt lights on Wednesday evening. The referee and his assistants had their work cut out, as the banishment of some the visitors' management might suggest. Saints took the lead in 22 minutes following a mix up between Jamie Hume and his keeper. **Ryan Smith** brought Tayport level within a couple of minutes, netting from close range but Saints were quickly back in front when Shirkey cut in from the left to finish with a spectacular effort to give his side the lead at the break.

Tayport were back in the tie with 15 minutes left thanks to a magnificent free kick from **Sam Simpson** after McMulkin had been fouled out on the left. **Simpson** put Tayport ahead for the first time shortly afterwards but blew his chances of a hat trick when he hit the post with a penalty kick after McMulkin had again been impeded, Tayport's third penalty miss already this season. Young **Kyle**, a thorn in the Saints' side throughout, made sure of a place in the last eight with a cracking shot in the 89th minute.

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