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**SCOTTISH JUNIOR  
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**2nd ROUND**

**SATURDAY**

**24th SEPTEMBER**

**2022**

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**2.30pm**



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## This afternoon's Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round ties

Aberdeen E E v Sunnybank \*  
Arbroath Vics v Kilsyth R'ers\*  
Arthurlie\* v Lugar B'well This  
Banchory St T v Gartcairn  
Beith\* v Hermes  
Carnoustie\* v West Calder  
Cumnock\* v Ashfield \*  
Dalry This v Stoneyburn  
Darvel v Glentinar  
East Craigie v Broughty  
Ellon Utd v Bathgate This\*  
Forres This v Thorniewood  
Glasgow P'shire\* v Kilbirnie\*  
Greenock v Rutherglen\*  
Hurlford\* v Downfield  
Kirkintilloch RR\* v North End

Of the 64 still in the competition, those in **blue** are **Senior clubs** either playing in the West of Scotland Football League or the East of Scotland League. **Black** is the **North Region Junior League** and **red** our own **Midland Junior League**.

In the last 30 years only one club, Auchinleck Talbot with 8 wins, has won the competition more often than Tayport (3 wins)  
\* previous winners

Larkhall This\* v Benburb \*  
Livingston v Scone  
Lochee Utd v St Rochs\*  
Maryhill\* v Newmains Utd  
Montrose R'lea v Shotts BA\*  
Newmachar v Letham  
Petershill\* v Irvine Meadow\*  
Rossvale v Auchinleck T'bot\*  
Rothie Rovers v Glenafton\*  
St Anthony's v Blantyre Vics\*  
Stonehaven v Culter  
Stoneywood P. v Bellshill Ath  
Syngenta v Craigmark Burn.  
Tayport\* v Ardeer This  
Troon v Irvine Vics  
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# TODAY'S TEAMS

Ardeer Thistle  
from



Scottish Junior  
Cup  
2nd round

Saturday  
24th September  
2022  
Kick-off  
2.30pm

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## TODAY'S GAME

### SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP 2nd round

#### TAYPORT v ARDEER THISTLE



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt to Ardeer Thistle for this Scottish Junior Cup tie. Ardeer, from Stevenston in Ayrshire, don't play in Junior league football, they are members of the West of Scotland Football League (WOSFL). However, like some other WOSFL clubs, they retain membership of the Scottish Junior FA which allows them to play in this competition.

Until recently Ardeer hadn't been setting the heather on fire and life had been a struggle. In June 2021, however, new manager Sean Kenney took up the challenge of improving the club's fortunes and this he did in his first season, finishing mid table in the Conference division which was rewarded with a place in the restructured WOSFL's second division.

Kenney had brought in a host of new players from his former Kilbride Thistle amateur side, several of whom had previous Junior experience. The team has made a steady start to this season's campaign with two wins and three defeats in their five league games played.

Best result to date, however, was the Scottish Cup 1st round win over first division Johnstone Burgh, 26 places above them in the WOSFL. Burgh went ahead in the 1st minute but Jack Loudon (pictured) levelled from the spot 5 minutes later. No change after 90

minutes and an exciting afternoon at the Ardeer Stadium came to a conclusion when Thistle won the penalty shoot-out 5-4.

Ardeer have suffered two of their league defeats on the bounce and according to manager Sean Kenney, it was a poor performance in losing 1-3 at Greenock last Saturday when they ended



with 9 men. Talking about today's tie, the Ardeer boss said *"this is a massive game and one which we have been looking forward to for a long time"*.

Tayport have been cooling their heels since the draw at Arbroath three weeks ago, a game in which their inability to convert their chances, combined with defensive errors, cost them two points in a league which is developing into a tight title race.

Manager Daryl McKenzie, who gave his players a workout in a friendly earlier this week, is not a fan of chopping and changing so look for his selection to be on the usual lines. A reminder that it's penalties after 90 minutes if required.

Winners of this afternoon's tie are favoured with a home tie against either Greenock - victors v Ardeer last weekend - or Rutherglen Glencairn who also play this afternoon.



# 1907 - FROM THE ARCHIVES - 1907

The first and only ever Scottish Junior Cup meeting between a **Tayport** team and **Ardeer Thistle** was a 4th round tie **115** years ago, in **December 1907**.

In round 1 Tayport chartered a boat from Tayport harbour for their tie against **Montrose Roselea** at Links Park, winning 2-1. In **round 2**, it was a 5-0 home win over **Arbroath Parkhead** and a 3-2 win over **Glenavon** in Dundee in **round 3** which set them up for the 4th round tie on 28th December.

Ardeer's path to the 4th round was 4-0 v **Girvan Athletic** in round 1, 2-0 v **Dunaskin Lads** in round 2 then after two drawn games v **Vale of Garnock Strollers** in round 3, a penalty in the third game gave Ardeer a 1-0 win and their place in round 4.



By this stage, the competition which had an entry of 231 clubs, was all-in and the draw for the last 32, which included a few familiar names still going strong well over a century later, had favoured Tayport with a home tie.

THE DRAW.	
Dundee North End v. Aberdeen East End.	
Granton Oakvale v. Perth Roselea.	
Dundee Arnot v. Denny Athletic.	
Lassodie Juniors v. Glenbuck Cherrypickers (Ayrshire).	
Tayport v. Vale of Garnock or Ardeer Thistle.	
Kilbirnie Ladeside v. Aberdeen Shamrock.	
Seafield Athletic v. Anstruther Rangers.	
Douglas Water Thistle or Larkhill United v. Bowhill Thistle.	
St Joseph's (Dundee) v. Newmilns (Ayrshire).	
Dundee Violet v. Cadzow Oaks.	
Cumbernauld v. East Pleau or St Ninians.	
Cowie Wanderers v. Addiewell United.	
Rothsay St Blane's v. Chryston Athletic.	
Larkhall or Blantyre Rangers or Earnock Rovers v. Port-Glasgow Clyde Vale.	

The rules of the competition decreed that if clubs were more than 100 miles apart, the home club had to either guarantee the visiting club's fares or otherwise, stage the game at a neutral midway venue – an almost certain loss of money whichever way they decided.

Tayport took the neutral venue option but then agreed to Ardeer's suggestion that, for a monetary consideration, the neutral venue be in Ayrshire!

Tayport had wanted £15 [worth around £2,005 in 2022] but eventually a deal was struck and they settled for Ardeer's top offer of £10. The temptation to accept the financial inducement may well have been regretted, as the match report records...

*"There was a large attendance at Stevenston to witness the encounter between these Fifeshire and Ayrshire teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of the Scottish Cup. Prompt to time the game started, and in a twinkling Harvie had the ball in the net for Ardeer. The Fifers strove hard to get an equaliser but the Ardeer players were too strong for them and they were repulsed. Another smart piece of play brought a second goal for Ardeer, and*

*at half-time they led by 2-0. On resuming, it was expected that Tayport, with the strong wind in their favour, would make a better show, but this hope was not realised. Ardeer completely outplayed them, scoring four more goals and winning the tie by 6-0"*

*Tayport's line-up was Heggie; Crawford & Lonie; Balfour, Oswald & Guthrie; Morris, Rae, Mills, Campbell & Greig.*

*Ardeer fielded - Stevenson; Ewing & Leckie; McCulloch, Reid & Auld; Hamilton, Speirs, Harvey, Duff, and Allardyce.*

It was noted that... *"The Committee of the Ardeer FC have been reluctantly compelled to raise the price of admission to Saturday's match to 4d. Members on this occasion are also kindly asked to pay at gate, so as to assist the management in meeting the large expenditure which this important match will entail"*

### **The local press also noted...**

The visit of the Fifers to the town of explosives was looked forward to with much interest and anxiety by the supporters of Ardeer Thistle. The visitors arrived in Stevenston on Saturday forenoon at 11.30am, leaving Tayport in the morning at 6.12 am. They left Stevenston with the 4.57 pm train for Glasgow where they were to get a connection for home at 8 o'clock. On being asked why they were going away so early from Stevenston, their reply was that *"they wanted a wee while in Glesca"*. They also remarked that *"it was awfu' cauld doon this way"*; and they considered *"Ardeer grand players"*

## ARDEER THISTLE...on the way up



Ardeer Thistle almost went to the wall back in the early 1950s but thanks mainly to the efforts of Jimmy Clements, chairman at the time, the club was resuscitated and re-admitted to the Ayrshire JFA in time for season 1951/52. 70 years later and a similar threat was once again hanging over the club when the club was reported to be thinking about taking a year out. However in June 2021 an agreement was made with crack amateur side Kilbride Thistle based



about seven miles up the road in West Kilbride whereby the management, players and backroom staff of Kilbride Thistle switched lock, stock and barrel, to Ardeer.

Manager Sean Kenney (pictured) said at the time he had been building a squad at Kilbride with a view to joining the West of Scotland

League

and this was a ready made opportunity.

Previously having spent a few seasons in the doldrums, Ardeer, in their new guise, quickly got their act together and finished comfortably in mid table in Conference B thus qualifying for a place in this season's West of Scotland Football League's 2nd Division, the third of the WOSFL's 5 divisions, tier 8 of the Scottish Football Pyramid, (current standings right).

Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Renfrew	5	5	0	0	14	4	10	15
2	Craigmark Burntonians	6	5	0	1	17	10	7	15
3	Ashfield	6	4	1	1	23	11	12	13
4	Maybole Juniors	6	3	2	1	11	10	1	11
5	Greenock Juniors	5	3	1	1	11	9	2	10
6	Yoker Athletic	4	3	0	1	9	3	6	9
7	Forth Wanderers	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3	7
8	Glasgow University	5	2	0	3	7	7	0	6
9	Kilsyth Rangers	5	2	0	3	11	13	-2	6
10	Glasgow United	6	2	0	4	10	12	-2	6
11	Wishaw	6	1	2	3	8	12	-4	5
12	Glasgow Perthshire	6	1	2	3	7	12	-5	5
13	St Anthony's	5	1	1	3	7	11	-4	4
14	Ardeer Thistle	5	2	0	3	8	11	-3	3
15	Maryhill	5	1	0	4	4	11	-7	3
16	Muirirk Juniors	5	1	0	4	10	18	-8	3

## Pete's Page

### Youth football returns to Tayport

Back in June, myself, Dave Baikie and Dave Aitken representing Tayport FC, met with Paul Dempsey. Paul lives in Tayport and is currently studying coaching at University in Aberdeen. Paul had been approached by a number of parents about the lack of youth football in Tayport. The club had received similar feedback from the local community about no youth football teams or sessions available for kids in the town. This led to us putting out on social media an ask to see if anyone would be willing to start up youth teams in Tayport, in partnership with the football club. Paul came forward and said he would be willing to be involved in such a venture.



This has led to the creation of **Tayport Community Football Club (TCFC)** which will be led by Paul and other individuals in partnership with Tayport FC. TCFC will shortly be beginning inclusive sessions which will take place on the East Common. There will be sessions running for kids from three years old up to 14 years old.

We are aware that most kids over 14 are currently already with teams, either in St Andrews or Dundee. So, by starting off with inclusive sessions for younger ages, there will be an opportunity for kids to start off with these sessions before potentially being part of a competitive team within TCFC, if the uptake is there. The hope is that in years to come there will be many teams under the banner of TCFC competing in local youth leagues.

As the community club will run in partnership with Tayport FC, we are hoping the community club can provide a pathway to the first team. We want kids playing for the community club to have the dream that one day they will play for Tayport FC.

To find out more information about Tayport Community Football Club and the sessions they are running, go to their Facebook page, **Tayport Community Football Club**. This new project will take time but we are all hoping that it proves to be a success and benefit both the community and Tayport Football Club.

*Peter McEleny*

Tayport FC's Communications Officer



# FROM THE TAYPORT FC ARCHIVES

## HEINOUS CRIME IN 1930s TAYPORT !

### STREET FOOTBALL IN TAYPORT

#### Four Youths Fined

Street football has become very prevalent in Tayport lately, despite the warnings issued by the police, and four youths were up before the Police Court on this charge. Provost G. B. Black was on the bench.

Adam Cook (19), apprentice painter, 17 Albert Street; Thos. Adamson (17), foundry worker, 46 Ogilvy Street; Gregor Kemp (17), apprentice butcher, Cowgate Cottage; and Robert Irvine (16), apprentice joiner, Riverview, Cowgate, all pleaded guilty to having played football in Queen Street, Tayport, and were each fined 5s, or five days' imprisonment. The fines were paid.

Tough times being a youth in Tayport back in 1930. Just imagine...the possibility of 5 days in jail on bread and water for playing football in Queen Street.

No TVs, no computer games, too young to go to the boozer and looking for a wee bit recreation after work, only to end up before the Police Judge!

Queen Street in 1930 was hardly the M90 but the boys had been warned and somebody must have made another complaint.

[5s (25p) would have the value of £20 in today's money]

## Who, Where and When?



A Tayport FC legend on the ball, but **Who?**, **Where?** & **When?** Answer inside back cover.

## THE TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALLERS UPDATE

**Well done, Fergus!** Fergus Mann (right), who played with Tayport's Fife and Alliance XIs in the late 80s and early 90s, now a TFC Walking Football stalwart, successfully completed the recent Great North Run half marathon from Newcastle on Tyne to South Shields. There were 60,000 taking part in what is the world's largest half marathon event, and Fergus finished in the top half of finishers with a time of 2.57:29 for the 13.1 mile event. Fergus, brother of 'Port goalkeeping legend Fraser, was running for Ninewells Hospital's Maggie's Centre charity



before



during



after

It was a mixed bag of Walking Football results on 4<sup>th</sup> September, winning 2 games and losing 1. The results keep us in 4<sup>th</sup> place, with 5 games to go. Looking at the remaining fixtures, although we are realistically still in with a chance of improving our position, 4<sup>th</sup> place seems to be where we will probably finish. At the beginning of the season, we would have thought 4<sup>th</sup> place was probably beyond us, considering the strength and experience of some of the other clubs involved, but we have played exceptionally well for a new club with fewer players than most.

### RESULTS

Montrose 2-0 St Andrews & East Neuk  
Arbroath 2-0 Fairfield  
Fife Wanderers 1-2 St James  
Dundee Utd 1-1 Saints in Community  
Carnoustie Panmure 0-2 Dundee Utd  
Raith Rovers 5-0 St Andrews & East Neuk  
Crieff 3-1 Saints in Community  
**Fife Wanderers 0-3 Tayport**

### Fairfield 4-1 Tayport

Montrose 0-6 St James  
Saints in Community 2-0 St Andrews & EN  
Crieff 2-0 Dundee Utd  
Raith Rovers 1-3 St James  
Carnoustie Panmure 1-2 Fairfield  
**Montrose 1-2 Tayport**  
Arbroath 5-1 Fife Wanderers  
Carnoustie Panmure 3-3 Raith Rovers

## WFS East of Scotland Over 50s League



		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	ST. JAMES	19	14	4	1	51	14	37	46
2	ARBROATH	18	14	2	2	43	12	31	44
3	CRIEFF JUNIORS	18	13	3	2	49	22	27	42
4	TAYPORT	19	13	0	6	35	24	11	39
5	FAIRFIELD	19	9	4	6	27	24	3	31
6	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	19	6	7	6	25	20	5	25
7	DUNDEE UTD CT	19	7	4	8	22	27	-5	25
8	FIFE WANDERERS	20	7	4	9	27	33	-6	25
9	RAITH ROVERS	18	6	3	9	26	27	-1	21
10	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	19	2	7	10	20	35	-15	13
11	MONTROSE	19	3	4	12	16	32	-16	13
12	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	19	1	5	13	12	46	-34	8
13	ST. ANDREWS & EAST NEUK	18	2	1	15	6	43	-37	7



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Southend Football Club was taken to task on social media last week, after seeming to name part of its stadium after a serial killer. The club had struck a sponsorship deal with a local estate agents – Gilbert & Rose – which involved awarding it naming rights over the West stand. As a result, this became the Gilbert & Rose West Stand. The club seems to have been oblivious to the problem, until fans pointed it out. "I don't think they thought this one through," tweeted journalist Iain Macintosh on Twitter. "Have to say, this leaves Manchester City's legendary Bell End in the shade," wrote another Twitter user.

## Forthcoming Fixtures

**Saturday 1st October**

League

Tayport v Violet

**Saturday 8th October**

League

North End v Tayport



Join Tayport FC's Diamond Club.  
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committee member for details

## Former Ardeer Thistle Player Makes The Big Time



**Ross Stewart (26)**, of English Championship side Sunderland FC, cut his footballing teeth with **Ardeer Thistle** from 2013 - 2015. The 6'2" striker, who moved to the Stadium of Light from Ross County, was top scorer in last season's English League One and, with 5 goals in 7 Championship games this season, the man the fans have dubbed the Loch Ness Drogba, was well on his way



to a record haul when a recent injury put him on the sidelines and temporarily halted his chances of adding to his two Scotland caps.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Today's opponents are the 83rd different club Tayport have faced in the Scottish Junior Cup since entering the competition in 1990. Ardeer Thistle are the 13th of these clubs from Ayrshire, and the 7th to visit the Canniepairt. To date, only Hurlford have won here.

Date	Opp	C	WDL	Res	1	2	3	4	5	6
23 July	Broughty Ath	L	L	0-2	C.Kennedy	Heggie	C.Walls	McColm	J.Malone	Hume
27 July	LOCHEE UTD	L	L	0-1	Brown	Heggie	Walls	McColm	Malone	Hume
30 July	NORTH END	L	L	1-2	Kennedy	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Malone	Hume 1
3 Aug	St James	L	W	3-0	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Malone1	Hume 1
6 Aug	Forfar WE	L	W	3-0	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	RMcDonald	Hume 1
10 Aug	SCONE THIS	L	W	2-0	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	RMcDonald	Hume
13 Aug	LOCHEE HARP	L	W	3-1	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	McDonald	Hume
17 Aug	Letham	L	W	1-0	Brown	Heggie	C Sturrock	McColm	Walls	Hume
20 Aug	ARBROATH V	L	W	3-1	Brown	Walls	CSturrock	McColm 1	McDonald	Hume 1
24 Aug	Coupar Angus	L	W	2-0	Brown	Walls	CSturrock	McColm	McDonald	Hume
27 Aug	Dundonald	SC	L	1-3	Brown	Walls	CSturrock	McColm	McDonald	Hume
3 Sept	Arbroath Vics	L	D	2-2	Brown	Walls	CSturrock	McColm	McDonald	Hume 1
10 Sept	North End	L	X	XX				match	postponed	following
24 Sept	ARDEER THIS	SIC								
01 Oct	VIOLET	L								
8 Oct	North End	L								
15 Oct	FORFAR UTD	L								
22 Oct	Kirrie This	L								
29 Oct	TBA									
05 Nov	DOWNFIELD	L								
12 Nov	Blairgowrie	L								
19 Nov	BRECHIN VICS	L								
26 Nov	BROUGHTY ATH	L								
03 Dec	TBA									
10 Dec	Lochee Utd	L								
17 Dec	ST JAMES	L								
07 Jan	TBA									
14 Jan	FORFAR WE	L								
21 Jan	Scone Thistle	L								
28 Jan	LETHAM	L								
04 Feb	Lochee Harp	L								
11 Feb	TBA									
18 Feb	COUPAR ANGUS	L								
25 Feb	TBA									
04 Mar	TBA									
11 Mar	CARNOUSTIE	L								
18 Mar	Violet	L								
25 Mar	EAST CRAIGIE	L								
01 April	Forfar United	L								
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O'Brien	Paterson	McInnes	D.McKenzie	K Sturrock	Fraser (9)	Edwards (7)	McMulkin(11)	130
O'Brien	Paterson	McInnes	Edwards	McMulkin	Caleb Addo (9)	C.Petrie (10)		112
O'Brien	Paterson	K.Sturrock 2	Walls	McMulkin	Ross McDonald(5)	Edwards (11)	Addo (4)	88
O'Brien 1	Paterson 1	K Sturrock	McKenzie	McMulkin	DRobertson (11)	Addo (2)		90
O'Brien	Paterson	K Sturrock	McKenzie	McMulkin	D.Naglik (11)	Edwards (7)	Walls (3)	98
O'Brien 1	Paterson	K.Sturrock 2	McKenzie	Naglik	Armstrong (10)	McMulkin(11)	Cameron (8)	101
O'Brien	Paterson 1	K Sturrock	McKenzie	Naglik	Cameron (2)	McMulkin (11)	Walls (8)	95
O'Brien	Paterson	KSturrock 1	McKenzie	Naglik	Edwards (7)	McMulkin (11)	Edwards (7)	91
Naglik 1	Paterson	Edwards 1	McKenzie.	McMulkin	O'Brien (2)	Abbo (2) / (10)	Cameron (10)	47
Edwards	Paterson	KSturrock	McKenzie 1	McMulkin	Ethan Samson(2)	O'Brien (11)		219
Naglik	Paterson	KSturrock 1	McKenzie	Samson	Cameron (3)	McMulkin (7)	Edwards (2)	61
death	of	Queen	Elizabeth					

### Where are all the Assistant Referees?

This question was raised by one of our supporters who pointed out that there were no assistants at recent Tayport games at Arbroath Vics, Coupar Angus and Letham. The supporter continued by saying, if it's a shortage, then is there a recruitment drive? But if it's clubs not wanting to pay for Assistants, then it's a poor show which devalues our game. With no Tayport game last week, he tells us he took in St Andrews United v Edinburgh South where he was charged £8 for admission and there were no assistant referees!

We take his point about the Assistants. Re. admission, we can only assume that St Andrews either has a more affluent clientele or they all qualify as concessions!

## GOALS

Keiran Sturrock 6  
 Jamie Hume 5  
 Luke O'Brien 2  
 Ryan Paterson 2  
 Daryl McKenzie 1



Lewis Armstrong 1  
 Greg McColm 1  
 Own Goals 1  
 Dominic Naglik 1  
 Niklas Edwards 1

SEASON 2022-2023

MATCH STATISTICS

## FIRST and LAST with GREG McCOLM

**Age - School -** Laurelhill (N.Ireland)

**Further Education** - William Carey University (Mississippi) and Abertay University

**Occupation** - Student and Store Assistant at ALDI

**Previous Clubs** - Portadown, Glenavon, Cupar Hearts, WCU, Dundee FC, East Stirlingshire

**Favoured position** - Centre back

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### **Your FIRST...**

**Football boots** - Nike Total 90

**Senior appearance** - Portadown

**Tayport appearance** - home  
4-1 v Violet January 2022

**Football idol** - Nemanja Vidic

**Replica shirt** - Dundee FC

**Car** - Seat Ibiza Sport

**Football manager to make an  
impression on you** - Neil  
McCulloch who gave me my  
first Senior start, age 15, at  
Portadown Reserves

**Celebrity crush** - Megan Fox in  
*Transformers*

**Mobile phone** - Nokia 321

### **Your LAST...**

**Takeaway meal** - Pizza

**TV series watched** -  
All American

**Holiday destination** - Tunisia

**Concert attended** - Tiesto at  
Bellsonic (N.I.)

**Pub you were in** - Cobbies Inn

**Train journey** - Cupar to  
Dundee

**Difficult opponent** - Greg  
Stewart at Aberdeen FC

**Laugh! who's the biggest joker  
in the club?** - Keezo (Kieran  
Sturrock)

## Ardeer Thistle - Scottish Junior Cup Semi Finalists in their first season!



**Ardeer Thistle** was a crack Juvenile side which was formed around the start of the 20th century. After reaching the semi-final of the Scottish Juvenile Cup in 1901/02, losing to Airdriehill Shamrock, Thistle turned Junior the following season.

What a mark they made as first season Juniors! Stevenston was buzzing as Thistle reached the Scottish Junior Cup semi finals.

- Round 1: **Ardeer Thistle** 5 - 1 Mauchline Thistle
- Round 2: **Ardeer Thistle** 4 - 0 Greenock Volunteers
- Round 3: **Ardeer Thistle** 4 - 3 Drongan
- Round 4: Rutherglen Glencairn 2 - 4 **Ardeer Thistle**
- Round 5: Darvel 1 - 2 **Ardeer Thistle**
- Round 6: **Ardeer Thistle** 3 - 1 Cambuslang Rangers
- Semi-final: Larkhall Thistle 3 - 2 **Ardeer Thistle**

It was a memorable season and packed with incident. In November, in an Ayrshire Cup-tie at home on Warner Park v Cronberry Eglinton, the sides were level at 0-0 with 25 minutes to go when Eglinton were awarded a penalty which had to be re-taken. This roused the wrath of the Ardeer support who made for the ref and assaulted him as he fled to the sanctuary of the pavilion. The game was not re-started. A quickly convened meeting of the Ayrshire JFA decided that *'the town of Stevenston be closed against Junior Football for the next two months owing to the gross misconduct of the spectators when the referee was assaulted and the crowd invaded the field of play'*.

As a consequence, the 3rd round tie v Drongan was played at Blacklands Field, Kilwinning and the 4th round v Cup holders and hot favourites Rutherglen Glencairn, took place in front of a record crowd at Winton Park, Ardrossan. In round 5, a special train was laid on to take 300 Ardeer fans to Darvel.

Warner Park had been re-opened in time for the quarter final tie v Cambuslang. *'The crowd at Warner Park was a huge one and very orderly. The game was billed as Ayrshire's Hope v Glasgow's Cracks and enthusiasts from all parts of the country poured into Stevenston to see the encounter'*. Cambuslang, clutching at straws, appealed on the grounds that Ardeer had fielded an ineligible player but the appeal was thrown out.

In the semi final Ardeer led Larkhall by 2-1 at half-time, but two goals conceded in the last five minutes, cost them a place in the final. And that's a dream which has eluded the club for the past 120 years



57 years later Ardeer would go one step further to realise their dream of a place in the Junior Cup Final when they drew 3-3 with Greenock in the 1959/60 semi final only to lose the re-play 2-0. Greenock's opponents in the Final? St.Andrews United, who would bring the Cup to north Fife for the first time.



## A Mixed Bag of Results

It's been a mixed bag of results since our last home game. In our final midweek game, in the league at Coupar Angus, despite us dominating proceedings, the scoresheet was still blank as we moved into the last 15 minutes. However, late goals from youngsters Niklas Edwards (penalty) and Dominic Naglik ensured the points would come back across the bridge to Fife.

We stayed in Fife later that week, travelling to Cardenden for our first ever 'big' Scottish Cup tie against a Dundonald Bluebell side well placed near the top of the East of Scotland League's Premier Division and mounting a serious challenge for promotion to the Lowland League. A very trim looking Moorfield Park had attracted a healthy attendance which saw Tayport's plans up in the air inside 2 minutes of kick off when Bluebell took the lead. Player manager Daryl levelled with a neat header midway through the half as Tayport settled into the game but a scrambled goal in added time at the end of the half gave Bluebell a crucial lead. A third goal inside 5 minutes of the restart sealed Tayport's fate with the home side content to sit back and hold on to their two goal winning margin.

In the next round Dundonald went down 4-2 at Benburb. Lochee United eliminated Dalkeith Thistle in the 1st preliminary round but didn't travel as well on the near 500 mile round trip to Wick in the next round. Despite breaking the journey with an overnight stay, United went down 5-1. This was pretty much an exception, as no fewer than nine Highland League clubs went out at this stage, their first hurdle in the competition. Included was a defeat for Rothes at Carnoustie Panmure. The Gowfers had reached that stage despite a fright in the 1st preliminary round when they were held at home by a Hawick Royal Albert side, firmly entrenched at the bottom of the East of Scotland League second division. No problems for Carnoustie in the replay, however, winning 3-0 down at Hawick to set up a round 2 match at home to former Juniors, Formartine United, now of the Highland League.

Back on league business the following week in a rearranged league game at Arbroath Vics, Tayport's profligacy in front of goal almost cost them full points after Vics had cashed in on two errors inside the first 20 minutes to lead 2-0 at the break. Jamie Hume pulled back a goal just after half time and Kieran Sturrock salvaged a point with the equaliser in added time.

### Video and Photography

Please note that Tayport Football Club records all of our home and away matches on our Veo camera, which are then turned into highlights and posted online. The club also has a matchday photographer, Ryan Masheder, who takes pictures at all of our matches and then uploads the pictures online. Ryan has been given permission by the club to do this.



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# THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



Junior Scottish Cup week is always an exciting time of the year and this year is no different, this will be my first experience of the competition as Tayport manager and it is one I am very much looking forward to. The club has a fantastic tradition of doing well in this competition and this year we are hopeful of adding to that history with a positive run ourselves.

The draw has been lucky to us so far as we have received home ties in both this round and the next round, should we play well enough to progress today. I was lucky enough to be able to watch today's opponents Ardeer last week in their 3-1 loss to Greenock. Although they lost the game, I was impressed with how they approached it with an intense pressing style and an aggressive approach, even when they were reduced to 10 men late in the first half. In the end they were unfortunate to lose but I'm sure they will be relishing the prospect of putting that behind them with a strong performance this afternoon. Today will certainly be a difficult game for our young team but one we are very much looking forward to.

Since my last programme notes we have had a mixed bag of results. We continued our good early season form with further wins vs Letham, Arbroath Vics & Coupar Angus, winning an impressive 7 straight games in the league. We then came unstuck in the Senior Scottish Cup vs Dundonald Bluebell eventually losing out 3-1 after a hard fought 90 minutes. We had hoped to bounce back when we travelled to Arbroath Vics the following week but we stumbled to a 2-2 draw in a match where we missed an incredible amount of chances.

The Scottish Cup will now come as a welcome break before we get back to League business, with fixtures vs Dundee Violet and Dundee North End next for us.

We have continued to add to our squad rebuild with further signings in the shape of Ethan Sampson from Forfar West End and Innes Barbour from AM Soccer. I want to thank Dave and the committee for their continued guidance and support with our efforts to improve the playing squad. Today we will also see the return of Adam Fraser to our squad after a long injury lay off. The squad is slowly starting to take shape and we hope that Jamie Gill isn't too far away from returning, which will be a massive boost to everyone.

I look forward to seeing the supporters at today's game and hope they enjoy the match and can help cheer us onto the next round of this fantastic competition.

Regards, *Daryl*

## HOW ARE OUR OLD PALS GETTING ON?

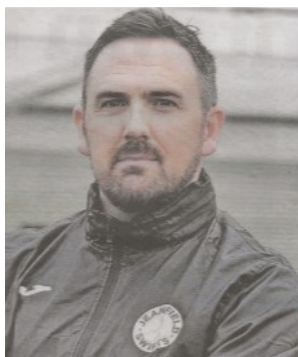
What's life like with the local clubs we used to play against regularly but who are now members of the East of Scotland League (EOSL)?

Such is the fragmented and, quite honestly, pathetic coverage of the Scottish football pyramid's tiers 6, 7 & 8 in the local press, that there is no longer the opportunity for Joe Public, to tell at a glance how football is doing at that level. Sure, searching on social media will probably provide plenty information, but that's for the aficionados of this world, not your average punter who will often probably check out their own club at best. When did you last see any tables - including our own - in the local press?

So, what's been happening with our south of Tay neighbours, those clubs within 25 miles of the Canniepairt - **Jeanfield Swifts** (Premier Division-Tier 6 of SFA Pyramid), **Luncarty, Kinnoull, Glenrothes** and **Kennoway Star Hearts** (all Division 1- Tier 7), **St Andrews United** and **Newburgh** (both Division 2 - Tier 8). All these clubs we used to meet regularly in league and cup fixtures but are no longer Juniors and are now EOSL members

In the next few programmes we'll have a look at how they are all doing. **Jeanfield Swifts** jumped ship to the EOSL before the other clubs abandoned ship and this helped the Perth club consolidate a place in the EOSL Premier Division.

Under the management of former Tayport full-back Ross Gunnion (277 games for Tayport), Swifts' profile in the Perth area has never been higher and clearly their PR machine is working well. Swifts have their sights on a place in the Lowland League and who knows, could join St Johnstone in the SPFL. And why not? We did suggest in a programme this time last



Ross Gunnion

year that Kelty Hearts might soon be meeting their neighbours Dunfermline Athletic in a league match and that transpired a few weeks ago!

Apart from Jeanfield, it's derby day for these clubs today. Luncarty host Kinnoull, Newburgh face St Andrews while Kennoway look for their first win of the campaign at home v Glenrothes.

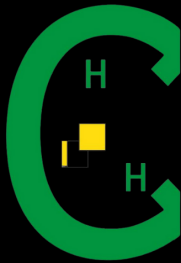
### 2022-2023 Premier Division

	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Penicuik Athletic	7	6	0	1	17	6	11	18
2	Linlithgow Rose	6	4	1	1	24	7	17	13
3	Dundonald Bluebell	6	4	0	2	15	5	10	12
4	Crossgates Primrose	5	4	0	1	13	9	4	12
5	Jeanfield Swifts	6	4	0	2	13	10	3	12
6	Inverkeithing Hillfield Swifts	6	4	0	2	11	8	3	12
7	Broxburn Athletic	6	3	2	1	16	10	6	11
8	Sauchie Juniors	6	3	1	2	20	14	6	10
9	Haddington Athletic	6	2	2	2	5	7	-2	8
10	Musselburgh Athletic	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
11	Tynecastle	6	2	1	3	8	12	-4	7
12	Blackburn United	6	1	2	3	11	14	-3	5
13	Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale	6	1	0	5	8	19	-11	3
14	Hill of Beath Hawthorn	4	0	2	2	7	9	-2	2
15	Oakley United	5	0	0	5	5	20	-15	0
16	Vale of Leithen	6	0	0	6	7	29	-22	0

doesn't include Inverkeithing v Dundonald Bluebell played last night \*

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## JOHN EWING (1935-2022)

Club members and supporters were saddened to learn of the death last month of John Ewing, an enthusiastic follower of the club for many years. John was born in Abernethy and spent much of his early life in Perthshire before moving to Tayport, where he quickly settled into community life. John had been a keen footballer in the Perth area and later became a referee so there was no surprise when the Can-niepairt became an immediate attraction. As well as following the team in these halcyon days, John had a spell as groundsman. We offer our sincere condolences to John's partner June and family members.



Pics show John on the TFC mower which spent the early part of its life on the Queen's Balmoral Estate and John celebrating a Scottish Cup Final win from the top of the open top bus as it toured the town



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NORTH END	12	8	2	2	31	17	14	26
BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	11	7	2	2	32	10	22	23
CARNOUSTIE	9	7	1	1	28	8	20	22
<b>TAYPORT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>
LOCHEE UNITED	11	5	5	1	29	13	16	20
DOWNFIELD	11	6	2	3	32	19	13	20
VIOLET	11	5	2	4	16	19	- 3	17
FORFAR UNITED	12	5	2	5	20	27	- 7	17
LETHAM	10	4	3	3	19	11	8	15
ARBROATH VICS	11	3	4	4	14	13	1	13
FORFAR WEST END	12	4	1	7	17	28	- 11	13
BLAIRGOWRIE	11	3	1	7	18	31	- 13	10
COUPAR ANGUS	10	3	0	7	13	30	- 17	9
SCONE THISTLE	11	2	0	9	10	30	- 20	6
DUNDEE ST JAMES	12	2	0	10	16	38	-22	6
LOCHEE HARP	11	1	1	9	10	31	- 21	4
BRECHIN VICS	11	0	1	10	6	40	- 34	1

## Current League Form - most recent result to left

East Craigie	. W W W W W W	Lochee United	. D W W D D L
Carnoustie Panmure	. W W W W D L	Letham	. D D L L L W
Downfield	. W W W L L D	Violet	. L W W L W L
North End	. W W L W L W	St James	. L W L L W L
Broughty Athletic	. W D W W W L	Coupar Angus	. L L W W L L
Forfar United	. W D W W L L	Blairgowrie	. L L L W W L
Arbroath Vics	. W D L W L L	Lochee Harp	. L L L L L L
Forfar West End	. W L L L W L	Scone Thistle	. L L L L L L
<b>Tayport</b>	. D W W W W W	Brechin Vics	. L L L L L L
Kirrie Thistle	. D W W W D W		



## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our support and may I begin by welcoming our visitors Ardeer Thistle to the Canniepairt for this Scottish Junior Cup 2nd round tie.



It's been over 4 weeks since our last home game. That day we gained a 3-1 win over Arbroath Vics and followed that with a midweek 2-0 away victory over Coupar Angus.

Our club has had many historic successes over our 32 year existence as junior club and our away Scottish Cup preliminary round tie at Dundonald Bluebell could be classed as another historic event in our history. Unfortunately, we lost out to an experienced and fairly physical side. We certainly didn't disgrace ourselves on the day and in my opinion for long spells we were the better side. As a manager I'd always drum into my players that the first 5 minutes and last 5 minutes of both halves were vital periods when our concentration should be at its utmost. Unfortunately, we lost two goals in these periods of the first half. Hopefully we learned from the experience, the great aspect of gaining full SFA status is we'll have another opportunity next term.

Our last competitive game was 3 weeks ago which isn't the best preparation for this afternoon's game, we travelled to Arbroath Vics for a rearranged league fixture, I know, like myself, the manager had a concern about playing them so soon after we had beaten them at home, and his concerns were vindicated after finding ourselves 2-0 down at half time. We did rally to salvage a point but it was very much a case of two points lost. Had both sides taken their scoring opportunities we'd have won 10-3 but at this point we're still short in this department.

I may be wrong, but this must be the first time both sides have met each other in any competition so only time will tell who prevails. Ardeer won through round one, taking the scalp of Johnstone Burgh who play in a division above on penalties after the game finished at 1-1, so we must show them great respect and only a complete performance will see us into the next round.

Enjoy the game.

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Regards

*Davie*

Who, Where and When - Tayport's record  
goalscorer Dave Reilly at Glenatton's Loch Park  
in New Cumnock in March 1992

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