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Up go the heads a Letham defend a Tayport corner when the teams met in August



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## TODAY'S GAME

### MIDLANDS LEAGUE

### TAYPORT v LETHAM



Letham pay only their second visit to the Canniepairt. Their first, in September last season, ended in a 3-2 win for Tayport. Indeed all three previous meetings between the teams have been settled in our favour by the odd goal, 3-2 in Perth last year and 1-0 at Seven Acres Park earlier this season.

A quote from last week's media when discussing Senior clubs' artificial surfaces said *"They bring nothing to the game. Teams that have them get the benefit of being familiar with them, home results/stats prove that"*

Well, Letham can certainly knock these statements on the head. Only four Midlands League games went ahead last weekend - all on artificial surfaces. The other six were postponed because of frozen pitches. More relevant to today's fixture is the fact that Letham have lost five league games at home on their Seven Acres artificial facility, and haven't won on four visits (3 draws) this season away from home on artificial surfaces. So it appears grass surfaces suit Letham just fine!

Letham's form on the road has generally been good, their last league defeat away from home was at East

Craigie on 20th August.

Stephen Mann and Jack Hutchison missed last week's 0-1 home defeat by Arbroath Vics but should be back in action today. However top scorer Aiden Edwards will be an absentee after collecting not one, but two red cards in last week's defeat.



Defensively, Letham are strong and keeper Aiden Bright's form between the sticks (pictured) has been a contributory factor.

Tayport 'keeper Thomas Welsh played for Dundee FC Reserves in the Scottish Reserve League Cup derby tie v Dundee United Reserves in mid-week. Tom was faultless but United's finishing was clinical and they were worthy 5-0 winners

Tayport have Jamie Hume back but there is a doubt over Ross McDonald, while still on the injured list are Kyle McMulkin, Ethan Samson (month), Jamie Gill (rest of season). Likely debuts today for Arran Leiper, Tristan Baxter and maybe also a first start for another new face Aidan McKelvie.

# **FIRST and LAST** with

## **PAUL SLUDDEN**

**Age** - 33

**School** - St Mungos RC High School

**Further Education** - University of Stirling

**Occupation** - P.E. Teacher

**Previous Clubs** - Falkirk, East Fife, Taringa Rovers  
(Australia), Stirling University, Stenhousemuir,  
East Stirlingshire, Broughty Athletic

**Favoured Position** - Striker

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**Football boots** -  
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**Senior appearance** - July 2009,  
Falkirk v Vaduz FC (Europa  
League Round 1)

**Replica shirt** - Celtic

**Car** - Vauxhall Corsa

**Football Idol** - Henrik Larsson

**Football Manager to make an  
impression on you** - John Hughes

**Celebrity crush** - Britney Spears

**Phone** - Nokia 3310

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

**Takeaway meal** - Fish Supper

**TV series watched** -  
House of the Dragon

**Holiday destination** - Tokyo

**Concert attended** -  
Liam Gallagher

**Train journey** - Kyoto to Tokyo

**Laugh! who's the biggest joker in  
the club?** - Keiran Sturrock and  
his accents!

**Best Player you've played  
against** - Mamadou Sakho  
(Scotland U18s v France U18s)



# **Pete's Page**

## **THE MAGIC OF THE CUP**



On Monday night we witnessed one of the biggest shocks in Scottish football history, whether it's the biggest that's up for debate, as Darvel defeated Aberdeen 1-0 in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup. Apart from Aberdeen fans, I can't imagine that there were many people not cheering on Darvel on Monday night, their performance and victory was everything that we love about football. You can argue that Aberdeen are in poor form and that Darvel have spent a lot of money at their level, but even with both these factors, it is still a massive cup shock. A team from tier 6 beating a team from tier 1. There can't be many that can honestly say they thought this would happen, as a tier 1 side should have had more than enough to beat a tier 6 side, but on the day the tier 6 side were the better team and fully deserved to win.

This is the beauty of the Scottish football pyramid. In recent years, teams below the Highland and Lowland Leagues have been able to compete in the Scottish Cup. This has been done in different ways, like winning the Scottish Junior Cup, winning your regional league, or most recently having an SFA licence. With more teams in tier 6 and below with their SFA licence, the lower tiers are now meeting the higher tiers in the Scottish Cup. It's happened for years in England in the FA Cup but finally, we have caught up and teams in the lower leagues are now able to have a cup dream.

The Scottish Pyramid system isn't the easiest to get your head around but Darvel play at the same tier as us. They are in tier 6 in the West of Scotland league and we are in tier 6 in the Midlands league. They have an SFA licence, as do we, and they entered the Scottish Cup this year in the preliminary round as did we. Sadly, for the moment that's where the similarities end but in years to come, hopefully that won't be the case.

For me having the opportunity to take part in the Scottish Cup is the most exciting part of having an SFA licence. It allows you to dream, to dream about doing a Darvel and beating a tier 1 club at your home ground with your whole town there. Now we all know that, currently, we are miles off this but if we rebuild, recruit well, grow and stick together then why in a few years could we not go further in the Scottish Cup? It might not be beating Aberdeen in the 4th round but we've already seen what could be possible with Pollok playing Ayr and Drumchapel beating Edinburgh FC, all in this year's Scottish Cup. These clubs have received great media attention and have brought the community together putting the club and the town on the map, whilst also receiving a large financial boost from their cup run. It might seem like a distant dream at the moment but with the SFA licence, we have the opportunity to maybe one day make the dream a reality.

*Peter McLeny*

Tayport FC's Communications Officer

## PAUL BERG WITH THE TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALLERS UPDATE

Despite the weather being too cold and frosty to train outside, the Tayport Walking Football squad has continued its weekly training indoors, splitting our location between Waterstone Crook, Newport and Soccer World, Dundee.



The new league season starts in March, and this year sees the Walking Football Scotland East League expanded to 2 divisions.

This is partly due to the Central League being curtailed and those clubs from that league will play in either the East or West. Many of our players wanted to get involved, so I took the perhaps overly enthusiastic decision to enter 2 Tayport teams.

Our final finishing position last season ensured we had a team in the new Premiership division, but our other team will have to start in the Championship division and hopefully gain promotion, as there will be relegation and promotion between the divisions.

The main decision that was taken is that, as far as possible both our teams will be of equal strength.

We are not having a first team and reserve team, but obviously those players who have played in the league over the past two seasons will form the nucleus of the Premiership squad. Players have to be registered with the League per team, so we cannot swap players between the two sides.

As seen from the clubs below taking part, the standard of both divisions is extremely high, with new teams from Hearts, Oriam and Linlithgow Rose in the Premiership and Dundee FC, Highland United and Luncarty in the Championship.

I feel proud that, out of all the clubs, only Tayport has 2 teams competing, so considering the Walking Football section has only been going for 3 years, let's hope we can maintain the success we have achieved over the last 2 seasons. More updates, including fixtures, will be published in our next programme. We are always looking for newcomers, so please contact me (**07831 535555**) if you or someone you know, may be interested.



## EAST - OVER 50<sup>s</sup> PREMIERSHIP

Arbroath  
Crieff Juniors  
Fairfield  
Hearts  
Linlithgow Rose CFC  
Oriam  
St. James  
Tayport Reds

## EAST - OVER 50<sup>s</sup> CHAMPIONSHIP

Carnoustie Panmure  
Dundee FC CT  
Dundee Utd CT  
Highland Utd  
Luncarty FC  
Montrose  
Raith Rovers  
Saints in the Community  
Tayport Yellows

### DID YOU KNOW?

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Kieran Sturrock 15  
Ryan Paterson 6  
Ethan Samson 5  
Jamie Hume 4  
Niklas Edwards 2  
Luke O'Brien 2  
Innes Barbour 2  
Rikki Gillespie 2

### GOALS



### SEASON 2022-23

Paul Sludden 1  
Greg McColm 1  
Dominic Naglik 1  
James Malone 1  
Daryl McKenzie 1  
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## THE WINTER BREAK!

So, what's been happening? Well, not a lot on the field anyway, because of a combination of the holiday break and wet, then cold, weather which has seen us play only one game in eight weeks - a 4-1 league win over Forfar West End here on the Canniepairt.

The three points kept us in the top half of the table - just - but any hopes of challenging for the title had long evaporated. That situation had basically been as a result of our failure to take a single point from all seven matches against teams above us in the league.

Out of both Scottish Cups and the Quest Regional Cup, the remainder of the season, as the manager has indicated, will see us concentrating on building a squad which can see us challenge for honours next season.

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On the subject of **the** Scottish Cup, had we progressed to the fifth round stage (we can dream!), we, not Falkirk, would be in Ayrshire next month for a fifth round tie against ...Darvel FC, a club that's been the talk of washhouses all over the world this week from a town with a smaller population than Tayport!

10 seasons ago, season 2012-2013, Darvel weren't in the West Region Super League nor even the Super League First Division. They finished 4th bottom of the Ayrshire District League. They were knocked out of the Scottish Junior Cup in the 1st round, beaten 7-3 by Oakley United

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We've been plagued by injuries and unavailabilities in key positions during the first half of the season but hopefully things will improve from now on in. The recent acquisition of Thomas Welsh (Dundee FC), Tristan Baxter (Montrose FC), Aiden McKelvie (North End) and Arran Leiper (Carnoustie) adds further young talent to a squad already containing youngsters Niklas Edwards, Innes Barbour, Ethan Samson and Kyle McMulkin.

Moving in the opposite direction were Ryan Paterson, Dominic Naglik and Caleb Addo. Ryan, out of contract at the end of the season, declined a contract extension and was expected to move to Carnoustie but Lochee United stepped in to take him on loan after he signed a pre-contract agreement with the Thomson Park club. Dominik has been recalled by his parent club Brechin City and quickly got off the mark with a goal in City's 3-0 win at Lossiemouth on Saturday past. Caleb has moved to St Andrews Amateurs.



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## WHAT?, WHERE & WHEN?

**WHAT** was the occasion? **WHERE** was pic taken and **WHEN**?



Answers inside back cover

## EDDIE WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL CHUFFED

Arran Leiper may be a new face to some, but his connection to the club is strong. Arran's granddad Eddie Stewart was chairman who played a major role in the club's development from the 1970s thru' to his death in 2009.



Grandmother Yvonne, Arran's mum Gill (right, just a wee lass when pictured at Canniepairt in the late 1980s) and her big sister Nicola (now Head Teacher at Camperdown PS in Dundee) were all weel kent faces at Canniepairt.

Yvonne helped with the post-match catering whilst Nicola ran the pie shop.

Eddie would have been so, so chuffed to see his grandson turning out in Tayport colours





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# THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



Today's game January has been a frustrating month for the boys with 2 postponements already to start off the new year. You always expect tough weather at this time of the year but it never makes the disappointment of a Saturday morning postponement any easier. The weather has also made it difficult to train consistently or arrange friendly fixtures for the boys so all in all it's been a challenging month.

Our last game vs Forfar West End resulted in a positive 4-1 victory and overall, I was pleased with the win. Last year had ended with a disappointing run of results so it was important for us to win the game and I thought we did so comfortably in the end. I can't fault this group of players' commitment and effort. Although I would like our overall performances to be better, I know the players are giving their all.

January has been a positive month in terms of recruitment with 4 new players arriving and hopefully still more to come. I was delighted when I received a message from Paul Sludden to say he was returning to Scotland from Japan and was keen to return to Tayport. Paul is a player I worked with at Broughty Athletic and he brings added quality as well as real experience to the team. We have also signed young central defender Aiden McKelvie from Dundee North End on loan. Aiden is a player I have tried to sign on a couple of occasions and I'm delighted to finally get him over the line. Two young full backs have signed in Tristan Baxter and Arran Leiper from Montrose FC and Carnoustie respectively. Both players will add energy, enthusiasm and quality to our squad and both have settled in well so far.

New signings tend to mean players leaving the club and I want to place on record my thanks to outgoing players Caleb Addo, Dom Naglik and Ryan Paterson who leave the club with our best wishes and we look forward to seeing them back at the Canniepairt one day in the future.

Today's opponents will be tough. We had a narrow 1-0 victory in Perth early in the season in what was a very difficult game where we scored a late winner to snatch the points. Letham are a good team with some very technical individual players. This is a game we have to win if we are to start climbing the table and we are looking forward to the challenge.

*Daryl*





Approaching 38 years ago, the Inter Pub Tug O' War competition was one of the highlights of Tayport FC's Summer Gala held on the Canniepairt. Photo shows the winning Ponderosa team's tuggers pulling their way to victory. Those tuggers who can be identified are, from the back, Committee members Chas Anderson (anchor), & Sandy McDade, Tam Barnett, Gary Cockburn and George Redpath

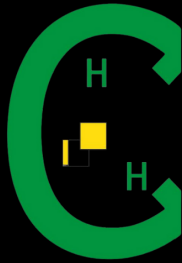


## Tristan Arrives from Montrose FC

17 year old midfielder Tristan Baxter has joined us on loan from Montrose FC until the end of the season. Tristan made his Gable Endies debut as a 16 year old v Kilmarnock last July, in a League Cup tie where one of his teammates was former Tayport player Mark Whatley (76 appearances 5 goals 2010-2012)

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## WINNING START TO 2023



After signing off the year with three consecutive home defeats, Tayport got off to a winning start in the new year with a 4-1 win over a hapless West End side who notched up a ninth successive defeat.

In a match notable for keeping the referee assistants busy with what must have been a record number of offside calls, Tayport had all the early play and Craig Sturrock's opening goal in 30 minutes was well overdue. However the lead lasted only ten minutes before Brett Hampton pulled the visitors level in a rare upfield excursion.



The equaliser had rocked Tayport back on their heels but once the returning Paul Sludden

had regained the home lead on the hour mark, Tayport cruised to three points with further goals from Rikki Gillespie (76m) and Keiran Sturrock (78m).

Player/coach Gary Robertson made his second debut for the club and there was a first look for fans at 18 year old defender Aidan McKelvie (pictured), signed from North End, who came on as substitute.

Aidan was previously attached to Montrose FC.

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LOCHEE UNITED	20	13	6	1	59	18	41	44
KIRRIE THISTLE	21	13	4	4	71	40	31	43
EAST CRAIGIE	20	14	1	5	52	24	28	43
DOWNFIELD	19	13	3	3	55	24	31	42
CARNOUSTIE	17	13	2	2	56	16	40	41
<b>LETHAM</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>TAYPORT</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>
ARBROATH VICS	21	9	5	7	34	25	9	32
FORFAR UNITED	22	8	2	12	35	60	- 25	26
VIOLET	18	7	3	8	30	44	- 14	24
COUPAR ANGUS	20	7	2	11	34	48	- 14	23
LOCHEE HARP	23	4	5	14	35	57	- 22	17
FORFAR WEST END	22	5	1	16	24	58	- 34	16
BLAIRGOWRIE	21	4	3	14	29	60	- 31	15
SCONE THISTLE	18	3	1	14	19	59	- 40	10
DUNDEE ST JAMES	21	3	1	17	26	71	- 45	10
BRECHIN VICS	20	0	5	15	18	65	- 47	5

## Current League Form - most recent result to left

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

## THE CHAIRMAN...

Letham JFC provide our opposition for this afternoon's league match and I'd like to welcome their players and officials to the Canniepairt.



Once again we were unable to get a game last weekend due to a frozen pitch at Scone, but the previous week we managed to gain a credible 4-1 victory over Forfar West End. Although I didn't get to see much of the 90 minutes, as the scoreline would suggest, it was a reasonably comfortable win.

I must say I was disappointed to lose Ryan Paterson who has gone, to Lochee United, initially on loan with the proviso of making it a permanent move in the summer.

It is important that Daryl and the coaching staff have players who are committed to the club and who believe in their philosophy. The manager has been working hard on changing the mindset and improving professionalism, something I'm fully behind but this isn't going to happen overnight. I'd describe the next 5 or 6 months as a transition period for the club. In the past week or so Daryl has added four promising young players to the squad which will add competition and a freshness to the squad. On behalf of the club I'd like to welcome them to Tayport.

This afternoon we welcome Letham, a side which has made great progress over the past season. Our last encounter in August ended with us winning a tight match 1-0 in Perth and I don't see it being much different today. Letham lost out by the same result last weekend to another improving side, Arbroath Vics but we know we'll have to be at our best to gain all three points. Enjoy the game.

*Davie*

**WHAT?** Tayport fans (a good few familiar faces there!) after our 1-0 Scottish Junior Cup quarter final victory thanks to a goal from the late Alan Kennedy  
**WHERE?** Cambuslang Rangers' Somervell Park before a crowd of 1,242  
**WHEN?** 15th March 1997

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