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2.30pm

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TODAY'S GAME

MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v EAST CRAIGIE



For much of last season East Craigie looked to be heading for the Midlands title only to be pipped at the post by Carnoustie.

This season they had an indifferent start to their campaign but then strung together eleven league wins which refreshed their title challenge. Alas, only one win in their four most recent league outings has seen Craigie slip back in the title betting. That win, however, was an impressive 2-1 success at League leaders Broughty in the first game of the year.

The resurgence of East Craigie in recent seasons is down in no small way



to the management of Craig Brown (left) and 'Port legend Sean Wilkie. Sean was at the Can-niepairt from 1990 to 2000 during which time he led

the team in a success packed decade.

For much of the season Craigie have generally relied on a tried and trusted starting eleven with only the odd adjustment here and there.

Two experienced members of East Craigie's squad who have previously

worn Tayport colours are the uncompromising Andy McDonald, who played here under John McGlashan in the 2011/2012 season, and striker Stewart 'Tweedy' McConnachie who had the latter part of the 2017/2018 season here under Charlie King.



Tayport will be aware that they have a task on their hands this afternoon if they are to collect the points, or even a point, as Craigie have a 100% record against teams beneath them in the league table.

Tayport created chances last week against Letham but will have to be less profligate in front of goal. Youngster Aiden MacDougall made his debut as a trialist when he came on in central defence last week but could possibly be on from the start today. Kyle McMulkin, out through injury since last year, is back to fitness and could get a place on the bench.

Bradie Heggie won't feature. He is on the transfer list. Neither will Craig Sturrock who is off to Broughty Athletic on loan.

FIRST and LAST with

ROSS MACDONALD

Age - 26

School - Carnoustie High School

Further Education - Abertay University

Occupation - Director of The Good Joinery Co.

Previous Clubs - Broughty Athletic, Lochee United, Forfar West End

Favoured Position - Left Back

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Your FIRST...

Football boots - Nike Tiempo

Tayport FC appearance -
v St James in August this season

Replica shirt - Barcelona

Car - Vauxhall Astra

Football Idol - David Alaba

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

My dad at my Boys' club

Celebrity crush - Rihanna

Phone - Sony Ericson

Your LAST...

Takeaway meal - Luigi's

TV series watched -
Junior Bake Off

Holiday destination -
Fuerteventura

Concert attended - The Fratellis

Train journey - London

Pub visited - Mennies

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

**Best Player you've played
against** - Ryan Stevenson

In my previous two columns, I have written about sticking with the club over this transitional period. In both columns I mentioned if we want to be successful, we need to be patient and allow the manager to rebuild the squad and implement his ideas.

The first half of this season has really been a survival job for us, just getting a team on the pitch has been an achievement at times. It's not been an easy time for the club but I believe we are very slowly starting to turn a corner, and I saw this last Saturday against Letham in two ways. Firstly, we had a full bench for the first time this season, Secondly, for the first time this season the majority of players in the starting line-up - eight - were players that Daryl has signed. This is extremely significant as I think we are now starting to see it becoming Daryl's team.

What many have probably noticed is that many of our recent signings are young players, who have joined us on loan or who have joined us after being released from other clubs. The average age of our squad is currently 23 years and comprises eight teenagers. Now, there will be many people who may be saying we are signing too many young players, but I don't think this is a bad thing. In the 1995-96 season, Sir Alex Ferguson showed that having a young team could still win trophies. This made Alan Hansen eat his words after he had previously said, "You can't win anything with kids." The manager is building for the future and with these young players he can implement his ideas, coach them, and develop them. Of course you need some experience in there but we do have some experienced players in the squad.

You can be successful with a young team and I believe today's opponents East Craigie are a prime example of this. There are teams in the league who have spent lots of money but then you have a team like Craigie who have invested in young players and have built a really strong side.

Last season they came extremely close to the League Championship, just falling at the final hurdle as Carnoustie took the crown, but they deservedly won the Quest Cup where they comfortably defeated us in the final. Despite losing star players Grady McGrath and Fraser MacLeod to Brechin City they have once again shown that they have quality in their squad to be competing at the top of the league.

I think East Craigie is a very good example of how a club can develop young players and be successful. We need to be patient with the young players but let's remember we can have a young squad and still be successful

Peter McCleny

Tayport FC's Communications Officer

PAUL BERG (pictured) MATCHDAY GATEMAN AT THE CANNIEPAIRT, TELLS US HIS STORY AND THE STORY BEHIND EMERGENCE OF THE SUCCESSFUL TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB

I was born in London in 1950, and my wife and our two daughters lived in Barnet, north of London.

My elder daughter met a “ Dundonian “ whilst visiting a friend at Dundee University, and in 2006 they married and set up home in Ardler, Dundee. In 2009 our first grandchild was born, and we decided to close our business, sell our home and move up to Monifieth to be nearer our daughter and now our two grandchildren.

Not wanting to retire, I got a seasonal Ranger job at Crombie Country Park for a few summers, and then switched to B&Q stores, firstly in Dundee and then Arbroath. Whilst there, a colleague mentioned that he played Walking Football on a Wednesday afternoon at the Douglas Sports Centre in Dundee. I went along with him and thoroughly enjoyed it and continued going each week. It got me fitter, healthier and I even lost a few pounds! It also became a social event.

In 2017 we moved over “The Bridge” to live in Wormit. I continued going each Wednesday to Douglas, but one day I visited the Waterstone Crook Sports Centre in Newport, and was shown their indoor football court. I thought it would be perfect for Walking Football, so I contacted Fife Leisure, who run it. They were very supportive of me running a club there, but only Friday mornings were available so we agreed on a time and set a date to start.

I wanted the club to have a name, as there were Walking Football teams at Dundee Utd., Arbroath and Raith Rovers. I knew of Tayport FC, so I got the contact details for chairman Davie Baikie and emailed him my ideas. Within minutes he rang me, totally enthusiastic about the idea and that was the start of Tayport over 50s Walking Football Club. I got posters and leaflets printed and I distributed them around the catchment area, and gave out the leaflets on a Saturday morning!

On Friday August 2nd, 2019, we held our first session. 9 people attended including old Tayport players Fergus Mann and Frank Feechan, who still attend regularly. By the end of the month we had 18, including Tayport FC vice-chairman John Anderson, Abby Oswald and a one off visit from the club chairman, Davie Baikie, who unfortunately pulled a hamstring and is apparently still waiting for it to heal!!

I registered the club with the governing body, Walking Football Scotland, and, wanting the club to be self-funded, I went looking for sponsors and grants. After sending out over 12 sponsorship requests and getting no response, I saw on the news that Tunnock's were sponsoring a private lifeboat, so wasting no time, I pinged off an email to them and within a week they responded, offering to purchase our full kit, and allowing us to have their logo on the shirts, the only football team Tunnock's have ever sponsored! A local garden designer, Iain Hogg, sponsored our waterproof jackets. I also applied and got a sports grant from ScotMid stores to purchase footballs and proper walking football sized goals, which enabled us to play outside at Can-niepairt.

In 2021, after 9 months of inactivity due to Covid, we restarted and entered a team in the Walking Football Scotland East Division League. We finished an amazing 4th, and the following year the league expanded to 13 teams and we again finished 4th, coming above teams from Dundee United, Montrose, Raith Rovers and Carnoustie.

This season (2023), the league has expanded further, creating 2 divisions, a Premiership and a Championship. Tayport FC will be the only club having a team in each division, a great effort considering we have only 36 active members. Of those only 2 are under 60, the rest are aged up to 74, and that's one of our goalkeepers!

My next step is to create an evening fortnightly session, as I know there are people who want to attend but obviously work during the day. Hopefully I can get this started when the evenings get lighter, and warmer.

Tayport Walking Football Club isn't just about playing football. The club has developed and at a Friday session we meet, train and afterwards sit in the clubhouse at Tayport and have coffees and teas, and nobody rushes off. We all sit chat, and show what the true meaning of "A Club" is all about, and we have to thank Davie Baikie for all his enthusiasm towards us, and Abby Oswald who promotes the club so well whenever the club programme is published.

I am always available, so spread the word and should anyone want any further information, contact me on 07831-535555, or email tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com, or via our Facebook page.



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EAST CRAIGIE'S BIGGEST DAY A WEEK AWAY



Craigie Park will likely host its biggest crowd in recent memory next Saturday when East Craigie play Shotts Bon Accord in the Quarter Final of the Scottish Junior Cup, which is sponsored by *Clydebuilt Home Improvements*. With an entry of only 108 clubs, the majority of which no longer play in Junior leagues, the 136 years old competition may not have the profile of 100 years ago when around 400 clubs entered, but it's still the holy grail of Junior football.

East Craigie are flying the flag for the Juniors as the other 7 quarter finalist play in the West of Scotland Football League (WOSFL) Apart from Craigie and **Bellshill Athletic**, the quarter finalists have all previously won the competition at least once. **Rutherglen Glencairn** who eliminated Tayport from this season's competition have won it on four occasions.

The Shipbuilders, with a history lengthier than the competition itself, despite this longevity, have never previously reached the semi finals. They'll never have a better chance than next Saturday when **Shotts Bon Accord** are their quarter final visitors.

Shotts, Cup winners in 2012, play in Division 1, the second tier of the WOSFL which is tier 7 of the Scottish Football Pyramid. A good run of league results towards the end of the year has been halted by successive defeats since the turn of the year.



Rutherglen also play in WOSFL Div 2 while **Larkhall Thistle** and Bellshill Athletic play in WOSL Div 3. The Cup favourites all play in the WOSFL Premier Division, like Craigie, they're in tier 6 of the Scottish Pyramid. Next Saturday's match of the day will undoubtedly be the Ayrshire derby between **Hurlford United** and **Cumnock**. Rutherglen are at Larkhall and **Glenafton** are at Bellshill.

If East Craigie do the business next week - and we'll all be rooting for them - they will join the band of local clubs to have reached the semi finals. **Violet** (1929); **Harp** (1931, 1934, 1954, & 1968); **Carnoustie** (1952, 1978, 2001 & 2004); **St Josephs** (1961); **Lochee United** (1980,1995,2005, 2010 & 2019); **Downfield** (1985); **Tayport** (1993, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006)

| 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 | CSturrock | McColm | Malone | Hume 1 |
| 3 Aug | St James | L | W | 3-0 | Brown | Heggie | CSturrock | McColm | Malone1 | Hume |
| 6 Aug | Forfar WE | L | W | 3-0 | Brown | Heggie | CSturrock | McColm | RMcDonald | Hume 1 |
| 10 Aug | SCONE THIS | L | W | 2-0 | Brown | Heggie | CSturrock | McColm | RMcDonald | Hume |
| 13 Aug | LOCHEE HARP | L | W | 3-1 | Brown | Heggie | CSturrock | McColm | McDonald | Hume |
| 17 Aug | Letham | L | W | 1-0 | Brown | Heggie | CSturrock | 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 | SJC | W | 7-1 | Brown | Walls | CSturrock | McColm | McDonald | Hume |
| 01 Oct | VIOLET | L | D | 2-2 | Brown | Walls | Malone | McColm | McDonald | Edwards |
| 8 Oct | North End | L | L | 0-1 | T.Welsh | Heggie | Malone | McColm | Walls | Hume |
| 15 Oct | FORFAR UTD | L | W | 8-0 | Welsh | Heggie | Malone | C Sturrock | Barbour 1 | Hume |
| 22 Oct | Kirrie This | L | L | 1-4 | Brown | Heggie | Malone | CSturrock | McDonald | Hume |
| 29 Oct | RUTHERGLEN | SJC | L | 0-4 | Brown | Heggie | Malone | Walls | McDonald | McKenzie |
| 05 Nov | DOWNFIELD | L | L | 0-4 | Brown | C.Walls | Malone | A.Walls | McDonald | McKenzie |
| 12 Nov | Blairgowrie | L | W | 2-0 | Welsh | Heggie | C.Sturrock | McColm | C.Walls | McKenzie |
| 19 Nov | BRECHIN VICS | L | X | XX | | postponed | | flooded | pitch | |
| 26 Nov | BROUGHTY ATH | L | L | 0-3 | Welsh | Heggie | A.Walls | McColm | C.Walls | McKenzie |
| 03 Dec | Broughty Ath | QC | L | 2-4 | Welsh | C Walls | C.Sturrock | McColm | McDonald | McKenzie |
| 10 Dec | Lochee Utd | L | X | XX | | postponed | | frozen | pitch | |
| 17 Dec | ST JAMES | L | X | XX | | postponed | | frozen | pitch | |
| 07 Jan | Downfield | L | X | XX | | postponed | | flooded | pitch | |
| 14 Jan | FORFAR WE | L | W | 4-1 | Welsh | Heggie | CSturrock1 | McColm | GRobertson | McKenzie |
| 21 Jan | Scone Thistle | L | X | XX | | postponed | | frozen | pitch | |
| 28 Jan | LETHAM | L | W | 1-0 | Welsh | T Baxter | McDonald | McColm | Robertson | McKenzie |
| 04 Feb | EAST CRAIGIE | L | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Feb | Brechin Vics | L | | | Stop Press There could be an addition to this afternoon's matchday squad. It's understood that Tayport were in talks with Turriff United to negotiate the loan transfer of Dundee University based midfielder Bruno Debembe | | | | | |
| 18 Feb | COUPAR ANGUS | L | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Feb | Forfar United | TPC | | | | | | | | |
| 04 Mar | TBA | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Mar | CARNOUSTIE | L | | | | | | | | |
| 18 Mar | Violet | L | | | | | | | | |
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| 01 April | Forfar United | L | | | | | | | | |
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MATCH STATISTICS

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| L.O'Brien | Paterson | Fraser | R.McInnes | K.Sturrock | K.McMulkin (10) | N.Edwards (9) | | 122 |
| 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) 1 | 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 | | | Malone (3) | Barbour (10) | X |
| Edwards 1 | Paterson 2 | KSturrock 3 | McKenzie | Samson | McMulkin (7) 1 | Heggie (2) | Fraser (11) | 140 |
| Naglik | Paterson | KSturrock 1 | McKenzie | McMulkin | Addo (7) | Fraser (11) | Barbour (7) 1 | 111 |
| Naglik | Paterson | KSturrock | McKenzie | Samson | Fraser(7) | McMulkin (2) | Edwards (8) | 148 |
| Fraser | Paterson 2 | KSturrock 3 | McKenzie | Samson 2 | Brown (1) | Naglik (9) | Barbour (12) | 107 |
| Fraser | Paterson | R Gillespie | McKenzie | Samson 1 | Edwards (7) | McMulkin (8) | Addo (4) | 132 |
| Edwards | Paterson | Naglik | Barbour | Samson | McMulkin (9) | Naglik (5) | Barbour (8) | 162 |
| Edwards | Paterson | Gillespie | McMulkin | Samson | McMulkin (10) | C Sturrock(7) | Fraser (9) | 120 |
| A.Walls | Paterson | Gillespie 1 | Barbour | Samson 1 | Naglik (10) | Barbour (9) | Fraser (8) | 63 |
| | | | | | | | Fraser (10) | X |
| Edwards | Paterson | K Sturrock | Gillespie | Samson | McDonald (5) | Barbour (7) | Naglik (9) | 117 |
| Barbour | Paterson | KSturrock 1 | Gillespie | Samson 1 | Edwards (7) | Fraser (8) | | 92 |
| | | | | | | | | X |
| | | | | | | | | X |
| | | | | | | | C Walls (8) | X |
| Barbour | A Walls | KSturrock 1 | Gillespie 1 | Sludden 1 | A McKelvie (3) | Edwards(7) | Fraser (9) | 94 |
| | | | | | | C.Walls (9) | A Walls (3) | |
| A.McKelvie | Hume | KSturrock 1 | Gillespie | Sludden | A.McDougall (2) | Barbour (7) | A Leiper (8) | 135 |
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| | Tayport Football Archive update tayportfcarchive.com Recent additions to the Archive include Tayport's Football History now up to the start of WW2 and a complete record of Tayport clubs in the Scottish Junior Cup | | | | | | | |
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| SC | Scottish (Snr)Cup | | | SJC | Scottish (Jnr) Cup | | QC | Quest Cup |



WHO?

WHERE?

WHEN?

Answers inside back cover

DID YOU KNOW?

Tayport have never met East Craigue in the Scottish Junior Cup but they have met all the other of next week's quarter finalists. Larkhall (4 times); Cumnock (5); Glenafton (4); Bellshill (2); , Shotts BA (1), Hurlford Utd (1); Rutherglen (1). Tayport lost all three ties v Shotts, Hurlford and Rutherglen but have never lost in eleven games v Larkhall, Cumnock or Bellshill. A draw, a win on penalties and two defeats is the record v Glenafton Athletic.

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Kieran Sturrock | 16 |
| 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 |
| Kyle McMulkin | 1 |
| Lewis Armstrong | 1 |
| Craig Sturrock | 1 |
| Own Goal | 1 |

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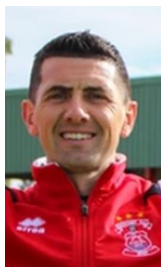
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THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



After last week's narrow 1-0 win over Letham we welcome East Craigie to the Canniepart this afternoon in what will be a very tough game. East Craigie have been a top team in our league for the last 3 or 4 seasons and they continue to impress year on year.

I was pleased with our determination and will to win last week vs Letham. We asked the boys to line up slightly differently than normal and we integrated 3 of our new signings from the start of the match. I thought we started the game well and deservedly led but as Letham grew into the match, we found it difficult to get a stranglehold on the game and were forced to defend well for the 2nd half. Our most consistent run this season was at a time when our defence was consistent and strong, and I was delighted for the whole team to get a clean sheet and confirm our victory.

I was most impressed with how our new signings settled in, Tristan Baxter was a breath of fresh air with his powerful running and his tenacious tackling. Aiden Mckelvie settled into our defence well and looked assured throughout. Paul Sludden led the line well and, on another day, would have got a deserved goal. We asked Aiden MacDougall and Arran Leiper to come into the game at a difficult time and they did that very well helping us to see out the victory with great composure both on the ball and in defensive moments.

This week experienced tough tackling defender Craig Sturrock has left the club and signed for Broughty Athletic on loan for the remainder of the season. Craig has been at the club for six seasons now and leaves with our best wishes. Everyone at the club would like to place on record our thanks to Craig for his loyal service and we wish him all the best at his new club.

We may have a new signing in our squad for today's game but at the time of writing this note, we haven't quite finalised all the required details. We are still working hard to improve the squad and hope to be able to announce something to the fans soon.

I hope everyone enjoys today's game and thank all the supporters again for their continued support which is greatly appreciated by players and coaches.

Daryl

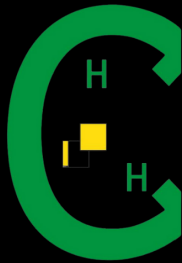


Here's a Tayport XI pictured at Tom Morris Drive, St Andrews almost 50 years ago. The occasion was a friendly match v Madras FP Rugby Club XI. Given the fact the half time ...or maybe pre-match ...drinks were cans of Tennents Lager, this was more of a social occasion as five in the pic were on the committee. This can perhaps be confirmed by the fact that for three of the team it would likely have been the first and last time they had been pictured in a football strip, never mind a TFC strip.

There's no record of the score that evening but pictured in early 70s liv-
 ery are Back - Jim Scott, Jimmy Lindsay, Alastair 'Herx' Oswald, Andy
 'Bunt' Robertson and Gordon Hughes. Middle - Abby Oswald & George
 Ritchie. Front - Stewart Ritchie, Frank Leslie, Doug Henderson (hidden
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SINGLE GOAL PROVES TO BE ENOUGH

Tayport completed the league double over Letham last weekend, repeating the early season 1-0 score-line in Perth.

Once again, it was a game in which Tayport might have taken the pressure off on several occasions by adding to their early lead. Top scorer Keiran Sturrock was the marksman after only 6 minutes, finishing off a good move initiated by young Montrose FC

loanee Tristan Baxter.

The manager made full use of his substitutes bench giving the maximum five replacements decent game time. The three points, which ended Letham's unbeaten league run which had stood since August, took us above our opponents in the table and we recorded only a second clean sheet at home since the start of the season. So not too pretty at times, but a lot of positives. Greg McColm's latest caution will see him miss the visit to Brechin Vics next week through suspension, and a fourth caution in his last five games sees Daryl getting closer to a similar sanction.

Never a dull moment in the West

With team of the moment Darvel surrendering a two goal lead to lose at Arthurlie last week, Beith retain leadership of the WOSFL Premier Division.

There was a sensational end to Beith's 3-1 win at Largs the previous week.

The game was past the 90 minutes and into added time when Beith grabbed their match clinching goal.

Thereafter a contretemps between the respective managers saw them both receive red cards and then the fans were stunned when the referee abandoned the game!

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our fans and a warm welcome to the players and officials of East Craigie.

In my column last week, I offered a prediction that the outcome of the Letham game would be similar to our earlier encounter at Letham which ended in a 1-0 win for us. So, I didn't do too badly, another 1-0 win for us!

Once again, I didn't see all of the game but by all accounts, had we taken our chances, we could have won by a larger scoreline but, at the end of the day, 3 points were secured.

Unfortunately, the aftermath of the flood we incurred in the clubhouse prior to Christmas is still in the same state. As part of the club lease we are covered by Fife Council's insurance but as we all know, the wheels of local government turn slowly. We have had a visit from a building services surveyor who has taken measurements for pricing repairs so let's hope it won't be much longer before we can get started.

The late great Jimmy Greaves' famous saying 'It's a funny old game' couldn't be more accurate. Sixth tier Darvel's success over Aberdeen was quite rightly praised as possibly the greatest upset in Scottish football history. Then last week, after cruising to a 2-0 lead in their West of Scotland league encounter away to Arthurlie, they managed to concede three second half goals and lose 3-2.

There's no doubt our task this afternoon isn't going to be an easy one, our opposition over that last couple of seasons have really emerged as a force to be reckoned with. Praise must rightly go to Sean, Craig and their coaching staff for the club's upturn. Today is the first meeting of the clubs this season and I'm sure they will start very much as favourites but nothing is a dead cert. We know we'll have to turn in a very good performance to achieve success but there's no doubt it isn't beyond us.

Enjoy the game

Davie



WHO ? Tayport's Jackie Devine collects the Man Player of the Match award after netting a hat trick
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