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Bruno Debembe (18), our recent loan signing from Highland League Turriff United, who made his Tayport FC debut at Brechin last week



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Referee:

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TODAY'S GAME

MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v COUPAR ANGUS



A warm welcome to our Perthshire visitors whose visits to the Can-niepairt over the past 33 years have been scarce to say the least . Coupar first came calling in November 2002 and were beaten 8-1 in the 1st round as Tayport took the first step along the way to lifting their second Scottish Cup. In October 2013, it was 4-0 in the GA North/Tayside Cup and last season, in only a 3rd visit in four decades, it was 6-0 in the first ever League meeting of the sides.

The fact that this is only the second league encounter between today's teams, despite both always being members of the same association, is down to the fact that the clubs had always been in different divisions.

All change now of course, not only are the two clubs in the same division, but Coupar's seemingly perennial end of season position near the bottom of the league could be over, following an injection of new blood which, after a sticky start to the season, has seen has seen results improve.

This can be illustrated by their 1-1 draw at present League leaders Broughty Athletic earlier this season while their defeat by Lochee United

last Saturday was only their third loss in their previous ten games.

One familiar face in the Coupar squad is Connaire Connelly who had four seasons at Canniepairt, making 53 appearances. Dominic Blair will be missing through suspension.

For goals, Coupar will be looking to Sean Tucker who has four goals in his last four matches. Coupar have scored in each of their last ten games so expect them to find the net today

Scoring goals at home has been manager McKenzie's headache, the strike rate of five goals in their last six home games is a conundrum the Tayport boss is desperately keen to solve.

Greg McColm will be back for Tayport following his suspension and there could be a starting place for loan signing Bruno Debembe who looked lively in his 20 minute cameo at Brechin last week.

So, an interesting game today. Will Coupar maintain their goalscoring run? Will Tayport find the road to goal and in so doing maintain their 100% home record v Coupar. We should have these answers around 4.15 this afternoon.

FIRST and LAST with

ETHAN SAMSON

Age - 20

School - Carnoustie High School

Further Education - Abertay University

Occupation - Gardener/Hospitality

Previous Clubs - Fairmuir BC, Forfar West End

Favoured Position - Central midfield

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Your FIRST...

Football boots - Nike T 90s

Junior appearance -
for Forfar W E v Kirrie Thistle in
August this season

Replica shirt - can't remember!

Car - Peugeot 308

Football Idol - Messi

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

Celebrity crush -
Kim Kardashian

Your LAST...

Takeaway meal - McDonald's

TV series watched -
Money Heist

Holiday destination - Turkey

Concert attended -
never been to one!

Train journey - Carnoustie to
Aberdeen

Pub visited - Can't remember!

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

**Best Player you've played
against** - Innes Barbour

Last weekend's Quest East/North Regional Cup

Last weekend we were in league action against Brechin Victoria but for many teams in the league, it was cup weekend. Seven East Region Midlands League clubs were in action in the Quest Engineering Cup, which we got to the final of last year, but sadly after being knocked out by Broughty Athletic in the second round of this year's competition in December, there was to be no repeat of last year's cup run for us.

The team that beat us in last year's final, East Craigie, are in the third round of the competition and they are in action today, after being occupied by their Scottish Junior Cup quarter-final last weekend. They take on Sunnybank today in the third round of the Quest Cup and you would predict them to advance in that competition. If they do advance to the next round, that will mean six of the eight teams in the quarter-finals are from the Midlands League with only two being from the North Region. This is a pattern since the competition was inaugurated 34 years ago, with only two North teams getting their name on the Cup, whereas there are around a dozen Tayside names, Tayport taking up most space with eight wins.

Glentanar won against Dundee Violet in what sounded like an exciting match at Glenesk Park, winning on penalties after the match ended 3-3. The other team from the North to advance was **Hermes**, currently, second in the North Premier league, who according to reports, comfortably beat Kirrie Thistle 2-0. The other five winners were **Carnoustie**, who overcame a battling Bridge of Don Thistle by 3-2, **Downfield** who edged Maud 1-0 and **Lochee Harp** who perhaps somewhat surprisingly beat Rothie Rovers, 2-1, and will be delighted to still be in the competition after a challenging month, where they have lost to Brechin Victoria and Dundee St James at the bottom of the league. There were comfortable wins for **Dundee North End**, who beat Stonehaven 3-0, and **Broughty Athletic** who thrashed Islavale 6-0.

Last year in this cup the Midlands League teams dominated and it looks like it's going to be the same this year, an indicates that the Midlands League teams seem to currently be at a higher level than teams in the North Region. But it's important to remember that on paper it would appear that teams from the top league in the West of Scotland and the East of Scotland are at a higher level than teams in the Midlands League. But as we have seen from Darvel this year, on the day, anyone can beat anyone regardless of level or tier. It was disappointing not to be involved in the Quest Cup last weekend but as we know, this is very much a transitional season for the club as Daryl builds his squad for the future and hopefully, it won't be too long till we are reaching cup finals again.

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

New Season's Fixtures for Walking Footballers' **Reds** & **Yellows**

Walking Football Scotland has just released the fixtures for the coming season. As reported earlier, Tayport will be entering 2 teams, the **Reds**, basically the side from last year, playing in the Premiership division, and the **Yellows**, playing in the Championship division and made up of players who have joined since last year.

The **Reds** will have experienced Stevie Craib playing for them. Stevie played in the Scottish League with Montrose FC and Clyde, and will play midfield for the Reds while former Tayport Amateurs star Alan Gray will be in defence.

WFS O50s EAST PREMIERSHIP SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023 DUNDEE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE CENTRE



GAME 1			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	LINLITHGOW ROSE CFC	V	ORIAM
2	FAIRFIELD	V	TAYPORT REDS
GAME 2			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	HEARTS	V	ST. JAMES
2	CRIEFF JUNIORS	V	ARBROATH
GAME 3			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	FAIRFIELD	V	HEARTS
2	ARBROATH	V	ST. JAMES
GAME 4			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	TAYPORT REDS	V	ORIAM
2	CRIEFF JUNIORS	V	LINLITHGOW ROSE CFC
GAME 5			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	ST. JAMES	V	TAYPORT REDS
2	ORIAM	V	CRIEFF JUNIORS
GAME 6			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	HEARTS	V	ARBROATH
2	LINLITHGOW ROSE CFC	V	FAIRFIELD

Highlight of the Yellow squad is the return of Tayport FC legend Fraser Mann in goal. Having his experience will I'm sure give the rest of the squad a boost, knowing they have such an experienced player with them. Fraser played in the Tayport FC goal from 1991-2000. During this time there was a spell when, in a run of 272 games, he missed only one game between the sticks. That included a run of 9 games without losing a goal. Former Tayport FC Amateurs Frank Feechan and Jim Shields are also in the squad.



WFS O50 s EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023



GAME 1			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	CARHOUSTIE PANNMURE	V	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY
4	DUNDEE FC	V	RAITH ROVERS
GAME 2			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	DUNDEE UTD	V	MONTROSE
4	HIGHLAND UTD	V	LUNCARTY FC
GAME 3			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	TAYPORT YELLOWS	V	RAITH ROVERS
4	CARHOUSTIE PANNMURE	V	MONTROSE
GAME 4			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	DUNDEE FC	V	LUNCARTY FC
4	DUNDEE UTD	V	HIGHLAND UTD
GAME 5			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	V	MONTROSE
4	TAYPORT YELLOWS	V	LUNCARTY FC
GAME 6			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	CARHOUSTIE PANNMURE	V	HIGHLAND UTD
4	DUNDEE FC	V	DUNDEE UTD
GAME 7			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
1	RAITH ROVERS	V	LUNCARTY FC
2	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	V	HIGHLAND UTD
3	TAYPORT YELLOWS	V	DUNDEE UTD
4	CARHOUSTIE PANNMURE	V	DUNDEE FC
GAME 8			
PITCH	TEAM	V	TEAM
3	MONTROSE	V	TAYPORT YELLOWS
4	RAITH ROVERS	V	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY

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CRAIGIE JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM FINAL

A stirring performance from East Craigie at Craigie Park last Saturday marked a momentous occasion for the Shipbuilders as they secured a Scottish Junior Cup semi final place for the first time in the club's 150 year history, at the expense of Shotts Bon Accord.

Before their biggest crown in modern times, Craigie took an early lead through Chris Mudie and looked to take the advantage into the break but a penalty kick brought North Lanarkshire club level.

Shotts looked livelier in the second half and had the ball in the net but a linesman's flag came to Craigie's rescue, with the goal ruled out for offside. Further drama with 20 minutes left when the home team was reduced to 10 men, former Tayport player Andy McDonald (right) collecting a second yellow card.

The visitors might have sensed an opportunity to cash in on their one man advantage but it wasn't to be and it would be Craigie's day when Rory Faulkner grabbed the winner in the dying minutes.



Elsewhere **Glenafton** won 4-0 at Bellshill, Tayport's conquerors **Rutherglen** were 2-1 winners at Larkhall while in the top billed game of the day, **Cumnock** came from a goal behind to edge out Hurlford United.

The semi final draw is



Rutherglen Glencairn v East Craigie
Glenafton Athletic v Cumnock



With only six miles between the second pairing, that's what you call a derby!

Quest Tayside/North Region Cup



As Pete has mentioned elsewhere in today's programme, Tayside clubs dominate the last eight of this season's Regional Cup. Local clubs are paired with North Region clubs in last week's 3rd round and, as often is the case, Tayside clubs took the majority of quarter final places. Unlike the Scottish Junior Cup, this is now the only competition in the country which is exclusive to Junior League clubs.

East Craigie meet **Sunnybank** in Aberdeen today in a delayed tie, with the winners playing at **North End** in the quarter final. The other last eight pairings are **Broughty Athletic v Downfield**, **Lochee Harp v Carnoustie** and a guaranteed North club in the semi final when **Hermes** meeting **Glentanar**

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	Blairstown	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	L	0-1	Welsh	Baxter	McDonald	McColm	Robertson	McKenzie
11 Feb	Brechin Vics	L	W	3-1	Welsh	McKelvie	McDonald	McDougall	Leiper	A Walls
18 Feb	COUPAR ANGUS	L								
25 Feb	Forfar United	TPC								
04 Mar	TBA									
11 Mar	CARNOUSTIE	L								
18 Mar	Violet	L								
25 Mar	TBA	L								
01 April	Forfar United	L								

SEASON 2022-2023

MATCH STATISTICS

TPC

Thornton's Property Cup

7	8	9	10	11	SUB	SUB	SUB	Att
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
11 th FEB	Subs. v	Brechin V.	Debembe (11)	Baxter (9)	Robertson (3)	C Walls (6)	Samson (7)	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
A.McKelvie	Hume	KSturrock 1	Gillespie	Sludden	McDougall (3)	A.Walls (8)	Barbour (2)	144
Barbour	Hume 1	K sturrock 1	Gillespie 1	Sludden			Leiper (7)	72



Answers inside back cover

WHERE

WHAT?

WHEN?

DID YOU KNOW?

When Tayport FC reached the semi final of the Scottish Amateur Cup in 1986, it had taken the team 11 games to reach that stage and one player who featured in all 12 games was 19 year old John Walsh. Pretty straightforward name, you would think, but no, John had 11 middle names! His dad being an ardent 'Dee fan, he registered his son with the names of his favourite Dundee FC players of the era, hence John is registered as John Arrol Hamilton Cox Murray Stewart Stuart Campbell Scott Wilson McLean Bryce Walsh. Interestingly, that XI never actually played together for 'Dee.

Kieran Sturrock 17

Ryan Paterson 6

Ethan Samson 5

Jamie Hume 5

Rikki Gillespie 3

Niklas Edwards 2

Innes Barbour 2

Luke O'Brien 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

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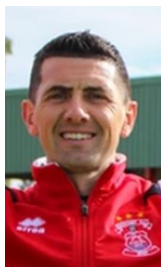
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THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



After 2023's form guide has been well, the same as 2022 so far, to be totally honest. We have played well in spells across all 4 games this calendar year, but at the same time we have been frustrating as well.

Our last home game against East Craigie was a typical game for us in my time as Manager. I felt we more than matched one of the most consistent teams in our league but then lost a poor goal from our point of view and from that moment onwards never really threatened getting back on level terms.

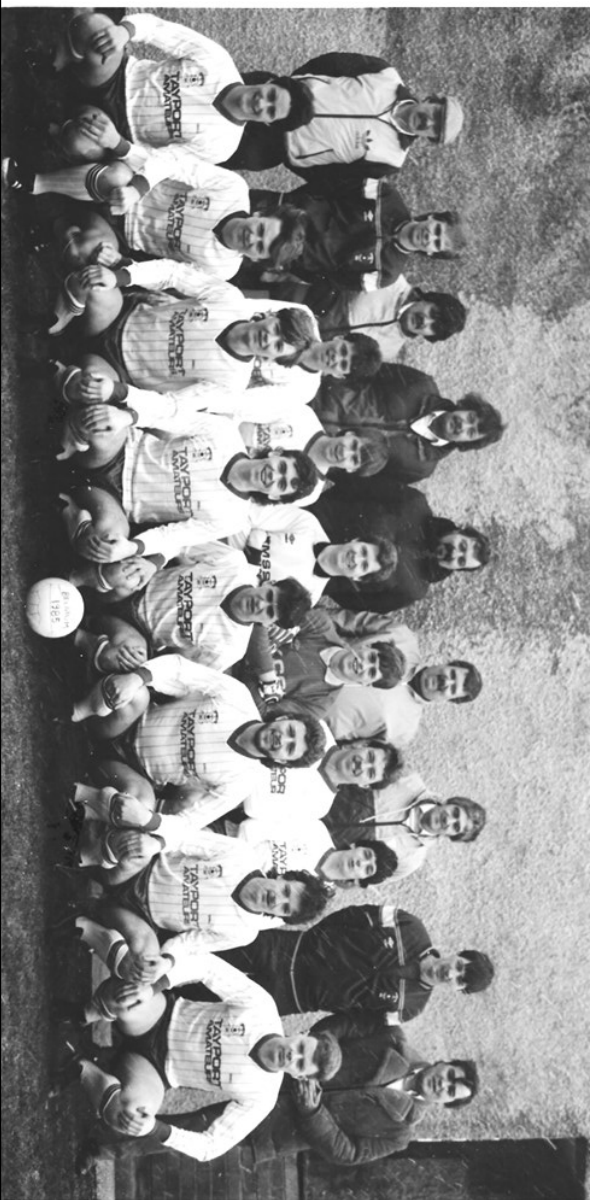
After the East Craigie game, I challenged the player directly to overcome the soft underbelly that has become evident to me in the games vs. our rival teams. We have played well in several of these games this season but have yet to take any points from 9 games!! The players need to understand that in these tight games it is much about mentality and desire to win as it is technical or tactical and this is something I need the players to understand.

Last week's win at Brechin was a routine one, we played well 1st half and were deservedly 3-0 up then we stopped playing and allowed the game to go passive and in the last minute ended up losing a sloppy goal which was bitterly disappointing. Still, it was an important 3 points that as we look to move up the league.

This week we entertain Coupar Angus who are a very competitive team. We won the away fixture earlier in the season 2-0 but it was 2 late goals that sealed the points and Coupar played 60 minutes with only 10 men. I expect a tough game today but as the home team I expect us to go out and try to dominate the game and hopefully bag the 3 points.

The last few weeks has seen a few coming and goings in our squad. I am delighted that we have signed Bruno Debembe on loan from Turriff United and also Aiden McDougall who was recently at Dundee FC Academy. Both players will be good additions and add competition to our squad. Leaving the club are Nik Edwards and Adam Fraser. Nik is going to concentrate on his studies in preparation for university this summer and Adam has signed for Kirriemuir Thistle. We wish both players well for the future and thank them for their contribution to this season.

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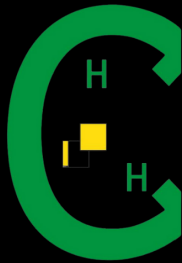
It will be 50 years this Spring since Tayport FC first travelled to Belgium to compete in an International Amateur Tournament, a visit which has been repeated in many years since. Here's a line-up taken a few weeks prior to leaving for the 1985 Tournament.

Back: Abby Oswald, Colin Gray, Drew Herd, Eck Beat, Hercs Oswald, Chas Anderson, Ron Redpath, Gaeme McBeth, Brian Burnett.

Middle: John Aitken, Stephen Whyte, George Hayter, Brian Smith, Davie Blair, Alan Hart. Front: Ian Ness, Andy McRobbie, Neil Downie, John Squire, Bruce Burnett, Jim Bissett, Graham Cox, Roddy Davie. Not in the pic but who played in Belgium were Molly Brown and Rab Downie. For the record, Tayport beat the Italians of FC Pulfero by 2-0 with goals from Brown & Burnett. Then lost on a corner count after a 1-1 draw (Brown) with hosts AC Ougree, so didn't qualify for the final but defeated the French from FC Lambersat by 3-2 (Whyte 2, Brown) in their final match. For the record, Neil Downie, Bruce Burnett and Brian Smith later played for the Juniors when Tayport joined the SFA in 1990. The latter was in goal when Tayport lifted their first piece of Junior silverware

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3 POINTS BUT NOT A LOT TO CHEER

Tayport returned with full points from their visit to Victoria Park, Brechin last week and although, after Keiran Sturrock had given his side the lead in 14 minutes, a win looked fairly assured, there was little for the travelling fans to get excited about. Brechin Vics had managed only one league win in 21 outings prior to last Saturday's game and it showed.

Greg McColm was suspended and player/manager Daryl had left himself out with assistant Gary Robertson dropping down to the bench. With no hope of a title challenge and only a local cup competition remaining for the last four months of the season, the manager was taking the opportunity to give the recently signed youngsters in his squad some decent game time during the course of the 90 minutes.

Two further goals from Rikki Gillespie (33m) and Jamie Hume (36m) put us 3-0 ahead at the break and effectively sealed the points. Hopes of a second half goal fest were forlorn with the home side putting, for them, a better complexion on the scoreline by grabbing a late goal after Tayport were left exposed following a careless loss of possession in midfield.

In our home game the week before, Scottish Cup semi-finalists East Craigie took the points back across the Tay Bridge with the only goal of the game, a dubiously awarded free kick magnificently executed by Ross McNaughton early in the second half.

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NORTH END	24	16	3	5	68	34	34	51
DOWNFIELD	21	15	3	3	61	26	35	48
CARNOUSTIE	19	15	2	2	64	17	47	47
LOCHEE UNITED	22	14	6	2	64	22	42	47
EAST CRAIGIE	22	15	2	5	55	26	29	47
KIRRIE THISTLE	22	13	5	4	73	42	31	44
TAYPORT	22	12	2	8	41	26	15	38
ARBROATH VICS	24	9	7	8	39	31	8	34
LETHAM	24	9	6	9	38	36	2	33
FORFAR UNITED	25	10	2	13	43	67	- 24	32
VIOLET	20	8	3	9	35	51	- 16	27
COUPAR ANGUS	22	7	3	12	37	54	- 17	24
BLAIRGOWRIE	24	5	4	15	35	68	- 33	19
LOCHEE HARP	25	4	5	16	38	63	- 25	17
FORFAR WEST END	24	5	1	18	25	65	- 40	16
DUNDEE ST JAMES	23	4	2	17	31	74	- 43	14
SCONE THISTLE	21	4	1	16	25	48	- 43	13
BRECHIN VICS	22	1	5	16	22	70	- 48	8

Current League Form - most recent result to left

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

THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our fans and a warm welcome to the players and officials of our visitors this afternoon, Coupar Angus FC.

Our last home game versus East Craigie saw us lose out by the only goal of the game, there was very little between the sides and by all accounts we “wis robbed” out of a couple strong penalty claims.



Last weekend's league game at Brechin Vics didn't quite measure up to the easy victory that most of us would have predicted. Although we led at the break with a comfortable 3-0 lead, our second half performance left a lot to be desired and we actually lost that 45 minutes 0-1. To be frank from a spectator's point of view the only stand out was the lack of quality on show. At the end of the day, I know we've added three points to our tally but we can't be content with that alone. I'm not having a go at anyone at the club as I'm well aware that it's throughout our area and our league, that there's just not the quality out there as there was in the past.

The update on the repairs to our main building is... there no update, it's at a standstill. The latest news I received was that the only structure within the ground that is recorded on the council's system is our enclosure, none of the buildings are, so this has held up an asbestos survey that's required to allow any required work to proceed. As I mentioned in the last issue of this programme the wheels of local government turn very slowly.

This afternoon we entertain Coupar Angus. Coupar lost out at home last weekend to Lochee United so they'll be looking to improve on that today. We know we'll have to put in an improved performance than last week if we are to prevail in this one, but we will have few players returning for this game, so we should be confident of success. Enjoy the Game.

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