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Cover pic

The crowd, the size of which is a record unlikely to be bettered, rolls up at Canniepairt for the Downfield v Tayport quarter final tie on 1st April 1973.



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TODAY'S GAME MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v KIRRIEMUIR THISTLE



We welcome Kirrie Thistle to the Canniepairt almost exactly a year since they were last here. That day they returned to Angus with all three points from a 2-1 win.

Kirrie's form has been reasonable this season, and they are unbeaten in their past four games, with three wins and a draw, results which see them comfortably in the League's 6th place.

The veteran ex-Tayport striker Bryan Duell, the assistant manager at Westview Park, is on a defensive shift these days but still grabs a goal or two and usually also does a neat job from the penalty spot.

Full back Marc Ogg was in Tayport colours in 2015/16 and a more recent recruit from 'Port is Adam Fraser.

Adam didn't manage a goal in his twelve appearances for Tayport this season, mainly as substitute, but has bagged two goals already since his move last month to Kirrie.

Stewart Russell is the man in form

for the visitors with five goals in his last three games

Tayport went down to one of their heaviest defeats of the season in the corresponding league fixture at Kirrie in October, a day in which the home side severely punished the visitors' defensive lapses.

Tayport will be hoping to improve on their most recent home performance, a 0-3 defeat by championship favourites Carnoustie Panmure.

Sad to say, but the form book suggests that is unlikely. In this season's league campaign we have played 9 games against teams above us in the league and lost 9. No points from a possible 27!

Probably more concerning is the fact we've only scored 2 goals in these nine games against the top seven.

Let's hope things improve this afternoon but we'll have to do without captain Jamie Hume who is serving a one game suspension for an accumulation of cautions.

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Your LAST...

Takeaway meal - Indian

TV series watched -
Love Island

Holiday destination - Mallorca

Concert attended -
Liam Gallagher

Train journey - Can't remember!

Pub visited - Cupar Arms

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

**Best Player you've played
against** - Karamoko Dembele

THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



I want to start today's programme notes by passing on our best wishes to the injured Dundee Violet player from last week, Brad Ronan. It is never nice to see a player lying stricken on the football pitch like that but all the players and coaches were delighted to hear that luckily, Brad had not suffered a broken ankle as we had all feared when we left the ground last week. We wish Brad a speedy recovery and look forward to playing Violet again in the rearranged game later in the season.

Reflecting on last week's game vs Dundee Violet, the coaches and I were equally as frustrated, as encouraged, by our performance. Going into the game Violet had won their last 3 games vs other mid table teams and were full of confidence. We were coming off the back of 2 defeats without scoring and I felt that in the 1st half that form continued. Violet could have been 2-0 up but for Darren's penalty save and then we scored a very fortunate goal on the stroke of half time to give us a lift. In the 2nd half we changed the shape of the team a little. The players responded well with Aiden McKelvie putting us ahead. We then created several chances with Ethan Samson coming close on three occasions and Keiran Sturrock also had a good chance. Although we were disappointed the game didn't finish, I was happy with the 2nd half performance and reaction from the players.

Our last home game vs. Carnoustie was a similar performance, just the opposite way around. I felt there was real positive signs of improvement in the 1st half and although the score line was 0-0, I was delighted with the players' attitude and performance level, and I felt we were unlucky not to be leading the game. Unfortunately, the 2nd half was the complete opposite and poor defending from us allowed Carnoustie to score twice from corners and eventually run out deserved 3-0 winners. It was a real lesson for our young team on grinding out results away from home even when not at your best and I think Carnoustie are arguably the best in our league for consistently showing that.

Today's game will be another tough fixture. We were on the receiving end of a 4-1 defeat to Kirriemuir earlier in the season and some poor defending and sloppiness in front of goal cost us that day. We only have four home games left this season and the coaches and players will be giving 100% to try and win all four to give our supporters some optimism going into the summer. Daryl



PAUL AND HIS CRYSTAL BALL!



The Walking Football section has been fortunate in not having to cancel a training session since we put the clocks back last year, and it's not just luck, but forward planning, well that's what I like to think !

Last August I got out from hibernation my piece of seaweed, plus my crystal ball, and got the feedback that I needed to arrange indoor training from October.

We have, in the past, always used Waterstone Crook Sports Centre in Newport to train indoors, but the wooden playing surface, despite being "spongy", isn't to everyone's liking, so I decided to alternate Friday indoor training between Waterstone Crook and Soccer World in Dundee, which has an artificial 3G pitch.

The only added drawback to both those locations is that the pitches are enclosed by a wall on all 4 sides, so the players start passing the ball using the wall to play off, not a good habit to get into.

I contacted the Regional Performance Centre located in Caird Park, where amongst others, Dundee FC train, and fortunately they had availability on Friday mornings between 10:30 & 12:00 on their indoor pitch, no walls!

It is also where we play our league games and has 3G pitches indoors and outdoors, so it also gave our new league team experience on where they would play and on what surface etc.

The cost is double the other two locations, but the amenities are second to none.



We have trained there since January and on a couple of occasions have played outdoors alongside Dundee FC Under 19's, when the weather permitted.

Now, it's crystal ball time again, and this time I need to anticipate when we can return to training at the Canniepairt on a Friday morning. Our main concern is that if the Juniors are playing at home on the Saturday, we do nothing to damage the playing surface, as we get around 18/20 at training.

The Juniors are playing away from home on the first 4 Saturdays in April, so hopefully April 7th will see us returning 🙏🙏

I am also trying to set up an evening training session, hopefully alternate Tuesdays, as I know we can attract new players who cannot make Friday mornings. But that's still in the pipeline.

With British Summer Time beginning this weekend, hopefully we can look forward to better weather and longer daylight hours and our Walking Football squad can return to its home at The Canniepairt.

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ARCHIVE PIC



JUNE 1983

Veterans XI (mostly) which lined up in Tayport colours at the club's summer gala weekend in June 1983. Back l-r Jim Henry, Peter Castle, Ian Stewart, Doug Paterson, Ronnie Laing, Gordon Hughes, Dennis Gillespie. Front – Maurice Milne, Allan Kennedy, Kenny Dick, Billy McGann and Bobby Waddell.

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	W	5-1	Welsh	McKelvie	McDonald 1	McDougall 1	Robertson 1	McColm
25 Feb	Forfar United	TPC	L	0-1	Brown	Baxter	McColm	McKelvie	Leiper	McDougall
11 Mar	CARNOUSTIE	L	L	0-3	Brown	Baxter	McColm	McKelvie	Robertson	A Walls
18 Mar	Violet	L	X	XX		Match	Abandoned	Due to	an	injury
25 Mar	KIRRIE THISTLE	L								
01 April	Forfar United	L								
08 April	Lochee Harp	L								
15 April	Carnoustie	L								
19 April	ST JAMES	L								
22 April	Lochee United	L								

SEASON 2022-2023

MATCH STATISTICS

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Thornton's Property Cup

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WHO?
are the Tayport players

WHAT?
was the occasion

WHEN?
was the year

WHERE?
was the venue

Answers inside back cover

DID YOU KNOW?

In six of the nine games in last week’s Midlands fixture card, 8 former Tayport players scored a total of 16 goals

GOALS				
Kieran Sturrock	17		Aiden McDougall	1
Ryan Paterson	6		Gary Robertson	1
Ethan Samson	5		Ross McDonald	1
Jamie Hume	5		Daryl McKenzie	1
Rikki Gillespie	4		Kyle McMulkin	1
Innes Barbour	3		Dominic Naglik	1
Niklas Edwards	2		James Malone	1
Luke O'Brien	2		Lewis Armstrong	1
Greg McColm	1		Craig Sturrock	1
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THE GAME THAT CAPTURED TAYSIDE FANS' IMAGINATION

(see front cover)

An April never to be forgotten in the annals of Tayport FC

Tayside Junior Football was emerging as the force which would dominate the Junior game for the following 15 years. Although Downfield faded from the scene, Tayport, and briefly, St Josephs, who had a brief spell in the limelight when backed by Peter & Jimmy Marr before they took over Dundee FC, regularly grabbed the Junior Football headlines throughout the 90s and into the Super League era of the new century.

ARCHIVES APRIL 1993

Tayside's junior clubs are doing the region proud

By Steve Bruce and Neil Buchan

TAYSIDE MAY no longer have an interest in the Tennents Scottish Cup but the region's junior clubs are still going great guns in their national knock-out tournament.

Tayport and Dundee club Downfield are through to the quarter-finals of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup and St Joseph's, also from Dundee, may yet join them, giving the Tayside leagues a magnificent three-strong representation in the last eight of the competition for the first time ever.

The quarter-final ballot will be made next Sunday, live on ITV's Scotsport programme, and Downfield co-manager George Grier has a clear idea of the draw he would like.

"Looking at the other clubs who are through there are unlikely to be any easy ties but we would be happy if we got either Kilbirnie or Glenafton at home," he said. "We would, though, prefer to avoid the other local sides because the more Tayside teams who make it through to the semis the better."

A hat-trick from internationalist Derek Mitchell, which took his scoring tally for the season to

21, secured Downfield their 3-0 fifth-round win over Bellshill at the weekend.

"We did our homework for the game and it paid off," said Grier.

Surprisingly, Tayport are hoping for an away tie following their 3-1 win against Shettleston at the Canniepairt.

"I don't know if it is nerves or what but we definitely don't produce our best form at home," said boss Dave Baikie.

"While I was happy to make it safely through to the last eight I wasn't pleased with our performance and will be looking for an improvement."

Having forced a creditable 1-1 draw away to Arthurlie, St Joseph's will look to complete the job in the replay at Fairfield Park on Saturday.

"We feel we've still got a good chance of going through," said Joeys' secretary Willie Dryden.

Already through to the quarter-final stage, in addition to Downfield, Tayport, Glenafton and Kilbirnie, are Leshmahagow, Petershill and Auchinleck Talbot.

Auchinleck booked their place in the last eight by beating Broughty Athletic 2-1 at Whitton Park.

In April 1993 Tayside Juniors provided three of the quarter finalists, Tayport, Downfield and St Josephs. Joeys went down 0-5 to eventual winners Glenafton Athletic in their quarter final at Fairfield Park. Tayport were drawn at home to Downfield. Both were in the midst of a battle to lift the Tayside League championship

The Courier (above) acknowledges the growing influence of local clubs on the Junior game

Tayport a good bet

TAYPORT'S TROUNCING of crack Ayrshire outfit Cunnock in the OVD Scottish Cup on Saturday has seen them installed as fourth favourites to lift the junior game's most prestigious trophy this season, writes Neil Buchan.

An 8-1 shot with Ayr bookmakers M and S Racing, they trail only cup holders Auchinleck Talbot (4-1), Beith (9-2) and Petershill (7-1) in the betting.

A spokesman for M and S said it was unusual to find an east coast team at such a short price but said Tayport's claims could not be ignored after their 4-1 away victory at Cunnock.

Downfield's win against Hill of Beath Hawthorn has them next best of the Tayside Juniors teams at 16-1 followed by St Joseph's (20-1), Broughty Athletic (33-1), Dundee Violet and Lochee United (both 40-1).

Tayport 16-1 for the cup

TAYPORT ARE rated a 16-1 chance to land the Scottish OVD Junior Cup this season with independent Ayrshire bookmakers MS Racing.

Holders Auchinleck Talbot

are 6-1 favourites to retain the cup, while Hill O' Beath and Pollok are next at 14-1.

Newtongrange Star are among four sides bracketed with Tayport at 16-1.



It would be fair to say that the Tayport v Downfield tie caught the local imagination. The first game ended 0-0 after 90 minutes at the Canniepairt before a record crowd. Sales of £600 (£1,750 in 2023's value) from the pie shop and 350 programmes sold. The re-week as Spiders' ground was unplayable after heavy rain and on 17 April it finished 1-1 after extra time at Downfield Park. The tie moved on to neutral North End Park on 24 April when a Dave Reilly goal settled the marathon tie in Tayport's favour before an attendance of 2,770.

ARCHIVES APRIL 1993

Less than a week later, Friday 30 April 1993, Tayport were in Partick Thistle's Firhill Stadium for the semi-final meeting with cup holders Auchinleck Talbot. It was the most memorable of evenings, Tayport shocking Scottish football when Hamish Mackay scored a hat-trick to gave the Fifers a 3-0 win and earn himself legendary status!

Sadly, a late Johnny Miller goal gave Glenafton a 1-0 win in the final but Tayport would be back...

Cup Competitions Update

For the first time ever, we move into April and the last ten weeks of the season with no cup ties to which we can look forward. However let's look at how the competitions are panning out for the others.

Clydebuilt Scottish Junior Cup semi finals

Rutherglen Glencairn v **East Craigie** Sunday 16 April @ Armadale

Glenafton v Cumnock Friday 14 April @ Irvine Meadow *

* tie was originally scheduled for Auchinleck's Beechwood Park but has been switched to Irvine after security concerns had been raised by the competing clubs

Midlands/North Quest Precision Engineering Regional Cup semi finals

Downfield v Hermes

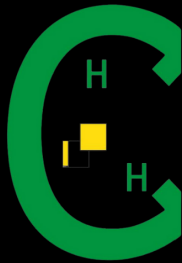
North End v **Carnoustie Panmure** - both ties on 29th April

Thornton's Property Cup

Clubs awaiting the quarter final draw are Kirrie Thistle; Forfar United; Coupar Angus; Arbroath Vics; Brechin Vics; Letham or Broughty Ath; North End or Lochee United; Downfield or Carnoustie Panmure or Lochee Harp.

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Kirrie 1 - 3 Tayport

Kirrie 1 - 3 Tayport

Tayport 5 - 0 Kirrie

Kirrie 1 - 2 Tayport



THIS AFTERNOON'S MIDLANDS CARD

Carnoustie v Violet	H
Coupar Angus v Arbroath Vics	D
East Craigie v Forfar United	H
North End v Lochee United	A
Forfar West End v Broughty	A
Lochee Harp v Downfield	A
Scone Thistle v Brechin Vics	D
Tayport v Kirrie Thistle	

Midweek Games Commence

Wednesday 19 April

Tayport v St James 6.45pm

DREAM ON!



If Tayport had beaten **Dundonald Bluebell** in the 1st preliminary round of the Scottish Cup, then gone on to beat **Benburb**, eliminate **Wick Academy**, knockout **Falkirk**, beaten **Alloa Athletic**, disposed of **Darvel** and then accounted for **Ayr United**, we'd be playing **Inverness Caley Thistle** at Hampden on 29 April and looking forward to meeting **Rangers** or **Celtic** in the Final. Dream on!!!

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CARNOUSTIE	24	20	2	2	87	20	67	62
BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	27	19	4	4	84	25	59	61
DOWNFIELD	24	18	3	3	77	27	50	57
LOCHEE UNITED	26	17	6	3	79	30	49	57
NORTH END	27	18	3	6	75	37	38	57
KIRRIE THISTLE	27	16	6	5	86	49	37	54
EAST CRAIGIE	24	17	2	5	62	27	35	53
TAYPORT	24	13	2	9	46	30	16	41
LETHAM *	28	10	8	10	49	43	6	38
VIOLET	24	11	3	10	50	62	- 12	36
ARBROATH VICS	27	9	7	11	40	8	-8	34
FORFAR UNITED	28	10	4	14	48	74	- 26	34
COUPAR ANGUS	26	7	4	15	42	69	- 27	25
DUNDEE ST JAMES	27	6	3	18	39	82	- 43	21
LOCHEE HARP	29	5	5	19	46	81	- 35	20
BLAIRGOWRIE *	29	5	4	20	37	87	- 50	19
FORFAR WEST END	27	5	1	21	28	84	- 56	16
SCONE THISTLE	24	4	2	18	29	78	- 49	14
BRECHIN VICS	26	2	5	19	28	79	- 51	11

Current League Form - most recent result to left

Carnoustie Panmure .	W W W W W W	Letham*	. D D L W L L
Downfield .	W W W W W W	Forfar United .	D L L W W L
Broughty Athletic .	W W W W L W	Coupar Angus .	D L L L L D
East Craigie .	W W W D L W	St James .	L W W D D W
Kirrie Thistle .	W D W W L D	Tayport .	L W W L W W
Lochee United .	W L W W W L	Scone Thistle .	L L D W L L
North End .	W L W W D L	Arbroath Vics .	L L L D L D
Brechin Vics .	W L L L L W	Blairgowrie*	. L L L L L W
Lochee Harp .	W L L L L L	Forfar West End .	L L L L L L
Violet .	D W W L W L	* does not include last night's game	

THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to the "Port Support" and a warm welcome to the players and officials of today's visitors Kirrie Thistle.

Last weekend's league game at Glenesk Park ended in an unusual manner, with 12 minutes or so remaining a Violet player going down with an ankle injury and with the fear that it was a break the decision was made to leave him on the pitch till an ambulance arrived. With the present situation with the NHS and the horrendous stories of ambulance arrival times, I didn't hold out much hope that the game would be played out and of course that was the case, the game was abandoned with us leading 2-1.



From a Tayport spectator's point of view I thought we were awful in the first period and very fortunate to go in level at 1-1 when we could have easily gone in 2-0 down. There was an improvement in our play in the second half and we deservedly took the lead and, with a bit of game awareness, could have led by more. So, a replay it is. I can recall a long time ago a similar incident occurred at the Canniepairt with considerable consequences. It was effectively a league decider between Tayport and Dundee North End. As was the case with last weekend's encounter, I was a spectator. I'd left to manage Arbroath FC and had a good first season at Gayfield, gaining promotion to the then 2nd Division which would be the present day's 1st Division. It was a summer's night late May and Tayport were comfortably leading with some 5/10 minutes remaining and looking likely to win an 8th league title in a row when an incident occurred directly in front of where I was standing. A North End player went down and sustained what was later confirmed as a broken leg. Although the ambulance arrived within thirty minutes or so, the light had faded and the game had to be abandoned and the game replayed. The replay didn't go the way of the first game and resulted in Dundee North End winning the league. The lad, Scott Kemlo, who had broken his leg, later developed complications and had to have his leg amputated. I'm certain that gave his teammates the inspiration to go on and win the title for him.

Our last meeting with today's opponents ended in a win for Kirrie. Unlike last weekend's game, we were by far the better side and again with better game awareness, we could have been comfortably ahead. But we failed and the game turned in Kirrie's favour. There is no doubt we're in a transitional period at this time but as fans, we want to leave at end of a game happy in the knowledge our team has produced a performance. At this point, I think we'd be happy if that was the case so let's hope we can see a victory or at least total commitment from us. Enjoy the game.

Who? Stevie Ross & Dave Reilly. What? Scottish Junior Cup Final v Pollok. When? 1997
Where? Fir Park, Motherwell

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