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TODAY'S GAME

MIDLANDS LEAGUE

TAYPORT v BRECHIN VICS

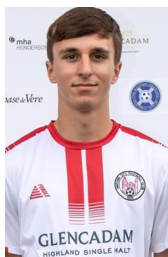


A warm welcome to Brechin Vics for this afternoon's League match.

This is not a fixture with which too many Tayport fans will be familiar. For 33 seasons both clubs have been together as members of Tayside/East Region/ Midlands League, yet this will be only Vics' 4th visit to the Canniepairt on official business in that time.

For the best part of thirty of those seasons, we lived in different divisions and only met in the occasional (very) cup tie.

Vics have had a tough time over the years and this season looked to be shaping to one of the worst with no wins recorded until December, a 3-0 cup tie win at Scone Thistle.



During that period eight games were either drawn or lost by the odd goal. However, results picked up gradually in the new year and although these results were mixed, it

was clear that defensively, things were tightened and in a six game spell from the beginning of March, the management team were delighted to see their side score in each game and have a + 2

goal difference.

An ever present in this six game run was Brechin City loanee Dominic Naglik (pictured left) who spent the first half of the season here at Canniepairt where he made 13 appearances.

Goals may have generally been at a premium but Murray Smith who netted against us in the corresponding game at Victoria Park, has been finding the net with some regularity.

No midweek game for Vics this past week but the three points gathered from a 2-1 win at Arbroath Vics will have them in good heart as it took them off the bottom of the table for the first time this season.

Their yellow cards having caught up with them, Tayport will be without Greg McColm and Andy Walls today. Next Saturday, McColm, Barbour and McDougall will miss out for the same reason.

Tristan Baxter will miss out today through injury.

With four league defeats on the bounce and goals over the last two months being conceded at an average of over three goals per game, it can surely only get better, or can it? Today will tell.

CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK

to CUPAR HEARTS for reaching the final of the Scottish Amateur Cup with a crushing 6-1 win over East Kilbride Colts at Hamilton's New Douglas Park. Opponents in the Final at Hampden Park on Wednesday 10th May are Steins Thistle from Allandale near Cumbernauld.

CUMNOCK NO' HAPPY

Cumnock have been kicking up stink over the SJFA's decision to hold the Scottish Junior Cup Final on a Friday night [June 2nd]. One fan said: "Disgraceful decision holding it at that time on a Friday night! Sunday afternoon would be far more convenient for families to attend." And also, for whoever the winning team is, Sunday gives them time to parade the cup/bring it back home for the fans at a reasonable hour. Poor form from the SJFA." Just like Cupar, bus parade with the Cup will be in the dark.

CLOSING FIXTURES Tayport's final fixtures for the season are all on Saturdays. 6th Downfield (a); 13th Blairgowrie (h); 20th Scone Thistle (a); 27th Violet (a);

King gets crowned as Scone manager

Boss Charlie excited about taking club forward

Former Tayport boss Charlie King (56 games 2017-2019) was recently appointed the new manager at Scone Thistle and has got off to a great start with wins over Lochee Utd and North End. Scone also nailed the points at Blairgowrie. Despite losing 3-2 after holding a 2-0 lead, Scone were awarded a 3-0 win after a timeline infringement.



ST ANDREWS AMATEURS

Former Tayport players Fraser Anderson and Struan Christie are playing a prominent role in Saints strong finish to the season which took them into the semi-final of the Fife Amateur Cup which was scheduled to be played on Thursday evening past.

THE COURIER

The Courier newspaper has the slogan 'Local Matters' on its masthead, but that doesn't appear to count for local football.

One would have been struggling to find a mention of Cupar Hearts winning their Scottish Amateur Cup semi-final prior to two days after the event. It's presently as tight a Midlands JFA title race as there's been for a long while, yet readers never see a league table. A midweek match card for the Juniors last week but nothing in the press in the day of, or after, the matches.

WALKOVER FOR CARNOUSTIE when Harp couldn't field a team in Wednesday's Thornton's Cup tie

THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



Today is our penultimate home game of a challenging season and we face a much-improved Brechin Vics team who have won their last 2 away matches at Dundee Violet & Arbroath Vics.

Our last home game was a very disappointing defeat to St. James in a game where we just never got going and were deservedly beaten on the night. Both the players and I are desperate to put that performance behind us and give our supporters something to be positive about going into next season.

Our most recent run of games since Kirriemuir, have been so inconsistent and really shows where the team is at just now. We have signed so many new players this year that we haven't been able to get a consistent team on to the pitch for more than 2/3 games at a time. In some games alone, we have been excellent for 45 minutes then in the 2nd half we look like a shadow of the team and to be honest this is what you get from constant changes.

I must shoulder some of the blame as I am a demanding coach who consistently challenges my players with different tactics and formations for certain opposing teams and I have told the players this won't change next season. The players must learn to be flexible and adaptable in their approach to games as we need to be ready for any opponent and the different styles that the teams in our league will provide.

Next season will be like a fresh start for everyone associated with the club. The players, coaches and committee need a well-earned break to recharge the batteries and go again for next season. This season has been non-stop from me coming in early July, there was no real planning phase, and the priority was getting a team on the park and signing players. Most of our signings hadn't done a pre-season and this summer will allow us to get our players fit & ready for the new season. We will of course, have some new faces in to freshen our squad up and I am delighted to say I have appointed a new Assistant Manager that will be announced in the close season.

I want to close by thanking the fans for their continued support and I hope we can give them something to be cheerful for with our last 4 games of the season.

Daryl

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

The Walking Football squad has continued throughout the year with their Friday morning training, where we have been using the marvellous facilities at the Regional Performance Centre (RPC) in Dundee. But now is the time of year when we should be looking to return to outdoor training on the grass at Tayport. We were fortunate enough to return home a couple of weeks ago, but due to weather forecasting we have had to use the RPC again recently.



The problem is that if I don't book there by a Monday morning, it's fully booked by Friday. If I book it and we don't use it, we have to pay the full amount, and it's quite expensive! So, it's a gamble. Obviously, training outside at Tayport is the preferred choice. We planned to be there yesterday, weather permitting, and hopefully future Fridays will also be at the Canniepairt where changing, showering facilities and post session refreshments are available. We might even try an odd evening session as well just to see if we can attract some new players.

Sunday May 14th sees our next league fixtures, with both our teams having 4 games each, so hopefully I will be able to report good performances from both teams. We obviously want to win as many games as possible, but it's really the taking part that makes Friday training so worthwhile. By the way, thanks to Alan Gray for running things in my absence last Friday.



There's no truth in the rumour that John Boyle is keen to organise a trip to Japan after reading this article.

"If I hadn't played soccer, I'd have been dead by now" – Shingo Shiozawa, 93, on representing White Bear in the newly-formed, over-80 division of

Tokyo's Soccer For Life league, which kicked off earlier this month. Former Japan international Mutsuhiko Nomura is another player involved, albeit at the more youthful age of 83. "When I was a kid, men in their 50s and 60s were considered 'grandpas'," he explained. "And now, we're all still at it in our 80s. It's shocking."

East Craigue's Dream Ends In Penalty Shoot-out

It's an all West of Scotland Football League affair in this season's Scottish Junior Cup final when **Cumnock** meet **Rutherglen Glencairn** at Broadwood Stadium Cumbernauld on Friday 2nd June.



The Junior Association's last hope, **East Craigue**, missed out on a place in the final, losing out in the semi-final by the slimmest of margins to Rutherglen Glencairn, the team that eliminated Tayport in R3. How much more unlucky could the Shipbuilders have been? In front with Stewart McConnachie's 2nd minute goal, Craigue led until 5 minutes from time. As their hopes ebbed away, in desperation the Glencairn threw defender Anthony Maguire up front and he grabbed the equaliser. Straight into penalty kicks, with Rutherglen edging it by 8-7. Attendance at Armadale was 1,023

Already in the final were Cumnock who won 4-2 against close neighbours Glenafton Athletic the previous Friday evening. Two penalty kick goals either side of half time put Cumnock in easy street and they doubled their lead be-



fore Glenafton got a couple of consolation goals. Attendance at Meadow Park, Irvine was just over 2,000.



The inevitable big game pyros cause a temporary delay at the Cumnock v Glenafton semi-final.

The Cup Final, kick off 7.35pm, will be televised live by BBC Alba.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



40 YEARS AGO this weekend **Dundee United** won 4-0 at Morton to leave themselves three games away from winning their only Scottish Premier League title. United then defeated Motherwell by the same score and then famously clinched the title two weeks later on 14 May 1983 with a 2-1 win at Dens Park. Here's a pic from some years later which shows three members of United's title winning team that day, plus Jim McNally, taking in a Tayport game at the Canniepairt. l-r John Holt, Paul Sturrock, McNally and Dave Narey.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 1973

50 Years ago today Tayport FC had just returned, earlier in the week, from Belgium and were playing their final game of the Midlands AFA season. Perhaps not surprisingly after their lengthy bus journey from Liege, they lost 4-1 to Broughty United in the 2nd round of the Bremner Cup. Line-up was Gordon Brankin; Walter Kemp, Abby Oswald; Ian Mathers, Jim Mathers, Stewart Ritchie; Ian Howe, Ian Rae, Raymond White, Ian White, Frank Leslie (Eddie Gilmour).

The Belgian Tournament was notable whereby in their third game on the Monday afternoon, Tayport had taken part in the club's first ever penalty shoot out, winning 5-4 v A.S.O.Calais. In the first match Tayport had lost 3-2 to hosts AC Ougree before beating the Germans from FC Fuchtorf by 2-1.

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	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	W	3-2	Welsh	McKelvie	McColm	McDougall	Robertson	Leiper
01 April	Forfar United	L	W	4-2	Welsh	A Walls	McColm	McDougall	Robertson	Hume
08 April	Lochee Harp	L	W	5-4	Welsh	A Walls	McColm	McDougall	Robertson	Leiper
15 April	Carnoustie	L	L	2-4	Darryl Burns	Baxter	McColm	Hume 1	Robertson 1	A Walls
19 April	ST JAMES	L	L	0-1	Welsh	C Walls	McColm	Hume	McDonald	McDougall
22 April	Lochee United	L	L	1-5	Burns	A Walls	McColm	Hume	McDonald	McDougall
26 April	East Craigie	L	L	0-4	Burns	A Walls	McColm	C Walls	McDonald	McDougall
29 April	BRECHIN VICS	L								
6 May	Downfield	L								
13 May	BLAIRGOWRIE	L								
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27 May	Violet	L								
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WHERE?

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DID YOU KNOW?

Not since Tayport met Lochee United in at Tannadice in 2005, has a club from north of the River Tay appeared in a Scottish Junior Cup Final

GOALS

Kieran Sturrock	22
Paul Sludden	7
Jamie Hume	6
Etahn Samson	6
Ryan Paterson	6
Rikki Gillespie	4
Innes Barbour	4
Niklas Edwards	2
Gary Robertson	2
Greg McColm	1



Aiden McDougall	1
Ross McDonald	1
Daryl McKenzie	1
Kyle McMulkin	1
Dominic Naglik	1
James Malone	1
Lewis Armstrong	1
Craig Sturrock	1
Own Goal	1

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REVIEW by guest reporter *Tom van Beek*

It's been four weeks since our last Saturday home match so let's take a look at what's been happening since our last programme.

On **25th March** in a league match littered with nine yellow cards and wasteful set pieces by the home side, Tayport twice came from behind to edge out Kirrie Thistle by 3-2 at the Canniepairt, thanks to a second half double from Paul Sludden. Kirrie were missing their top marksman Craig Batchelor who had been transferred to Carnoustie. Carnoustie's title challenge almost took a knock at home to Violet. Two goals in the last eight minutes, the winning goal coming from substitute and former Tayport perma-substitute, Dan Dorovic, kept the points at Laing Park. Elsewhere, East Craigie suffered a surprise home defeat by Forfar United while Lochee United were dumped 4-1 by city rivals North End, erstwhile Tayport player Ryan Paterson getting the Bluebells' goal.

Tayport picked up the points the following week, **1st April**, with a deserved 4-2 win at Forfar United, although it took a late strike from Ethan Samson to settle the nerves. Despite taking a 3rd minute lead, we fell behind before Paul Sludden and a second from Kieran Sturrock put us in front at the break. Goals from former 'Port players Gary Breen and Liam McCartney gave Downfield a 2-0 win over Coupar Angus to maintain the Spiders title challenge. The win closed the gap on Carnoustie who dropped two points at East Craigie.

A League visit on **8 April** to Lochee Harp's new home across the road from their former stomping ground was next on the agenda. Kick off was delayed for a lengthy period to allow Harp to get a team line to the referee but there was no wait for Tayport to take the lead with two Kieran Sturrock goals in the opening five minutes. Paul Sludden added a second after 20 minutes and a landslide looked on the cards. Unfortunately, what followed was described by one punter as 'the worst display I've seen'. Maybe a bit of a hyperbole there, but it was a shocker. Efforts to play out from the back invariably broke down before play threatened the Harp goal. Harp seized the initiative and reduced the leeway before the break. A minute into the second period Kieran completed his hat-trick but Harp again quickly reduced the leeway to a single goal. As the clock ticked past the 90th minute mark, there was unfettered joy in the Harp camp when the locals grabbed an equaliser to draw level at 4-4. Still time to save the day though and Paul Sludden duly obliged with a cracking shot deep into added time.

Elsewhere Broughty became the first side to chalk up 100 league goals for the season and at the other end of the scale Forfar West End were first to concede 100 goals. The shock of the day was at Scone where the locals, with former 'Port keeper Gavin Sorley now added to Charlie King's backroom team, beat Lochee United by 3-2, two goals in a couple of minutes after the Bluebells' goalie had been sent off, sealing the visitors' fate.

Saturday 15th April brought a test with a visit to Carnoustie Panmure and it would be fair to say that the 4-2 win which took them to the top of the table flattered the home side. The match was finely balanced at 2-2, ironically both Gowfers' goals being scored by former 'Port players Dale Reid and Ryan Suttie, when two late and very debatable penalties saw Tayport leave pointless.

Still, Tayport did display a welcome fighting spirit but overall Carnoustie were a bit more streetwise and this probably gave them the edge. Tayport gave keeper Darryl Burns, brought from Kirrie in a swap deal which took Darren Brown to Westview Park, a first start for what was a fairly inauspicious debut.

Broughty's 4-1 defeat at home by North End saw Carnoustie go top. Downfield, helped by a couple of ex 'port Stephen McPhee penalties inside a couple of minutes, came from behind to beat Letham 3-1 and remained 3rd top, 3 pts behind Panmure with the same games left to play. At the other end of the table, Forfar West End lost a half time lead against Arbroath Vics to go down 3-2 and fall even closer to the bottom of the table.

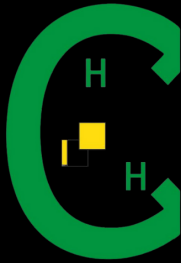
It was woeful **Wednesday (19 April)** in the first midweek card last week, not least for ourselves, with a humbling 1-0 home defeat by St James. Incredibly, Saints scored with their only shot of the evening, a well taken far post volley from Dylan Higgins after 37 minutes. Once again Tayport were profligate in front of goal, particularly in the game's early stages. A shock result at Downfield too, where the title challengers received two red cards, including keeper Mark Stewart after half an hour, and went down 4-2 to Forfar United. It was Spiders' first defeat after a run of 13 successive wins. A slight wobble by Carnoustie who dropped a point in a goalless draw at Kirrie Thistle.

We thought it couldn't get worse but it did last **Saturday, 22nd April**, at Lochee United when we crashed 5-1. Again, just as was the case the previous Saturday at Carnoustie, it was the immutable law of the ex, as Italian footballers say, with former players' goals doing the damage, a hat-trick from Ryan Paterson – on loan from us pending the end of season expiry of his contract – and a single from veteran Gary Sutherland. A decent attendance at Thomson Park demonstrated Lochee v Tayport matches can still pull in the punters...but for how long? Elsewhere last Saturday, Downfield recovered from their midweek defeat and got the result they needed to continue a realistic quest for the title, a 1-0 win at Carnoustie. This win allowed Broughty, 4-1 winners v Harp, to go back to the top albeit on goal difference. North End came a cropper, losing 2-1 at a rapidly improving Scone Thistle under new boss Charlie King. Forfar West End recorded a 20th successive defeat at Coupar Angus and swapped places at the bottom of the table with our opponents this afternoon who maintained their improved form with a 2-1 at Arbroath Vics, thus pulling themselves away from bottom spot for the first time this season.

Wednesday past (26 April) was another woeful affair for us, a 0-4 league defeat at East Craigie. The scoreline might have flattered the home side somewhat, but the truth is the Dundee side won at a canter with the home 'keeper never called upon to make a save during the 90 minutes. A 5-1 win at Violet took Downfield to the top of the table for the first time this season. Wins for North End and Lochee United kept it tight with only 3 points separating the top five clubs as the season heads towards a close.

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Brechin Vics 1 - 5 **Tayport**



THIS AFTERNOON'S MIDLANDS CARD

Coupar Angus v Broughty Ath

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Violet v St James

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Forfar West End v Blairgowrie

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Kirrie This. v East Craigie

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Lochee Harp v Arbroath Vics

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Lochee United v Letham

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Scone Thistle v Forfar United

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Tayport v Brechin Vics



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CARNOUSTIE	30	23	4	3	100	27	73	73
NORTH END	34	23	4	7	95	42	53	73
LOCHEE UNITED	33	22	6	5	104	41	63	72
EAST CRAIGIE	30	21	3	6	80	32	48	66
KIRRIE THISTLE	33	18	8	7	97	62	37	62
TAYPORT	31	16	2	13	61	52	9	50
LETHAM	33	13	8	12	59	53	6	47
FORFAR UNITED	33	12	5	16	59	88	- 29	41
ARBROATH VICS	33	11	7	15	51	62	-1	40
VIOLET	31	11	4	16	58	83	- 25	37
COUPAR ANGUS	33	9	4	20	51	85	- 34	31
DUNDEE ST JAMES	32	8	5	19	45	88	- 43	29
BLAIRGOWRIE	33	7	4	22	45	99	- 54	25
SCONE THISTLE	30	7	3	20	41	88	- 47	24
LOCHEE HARP	34	5	5	25	55	103	- 48	20
BRECHIN VICS	32	4	6	22	34	88	- 54	18
FORFAR WEST END	32	5	1	26	32	108	- 76	16

Current League Form - most recent result to left

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

THE CHAIRMAN...

Brechin Vics provide our opposition for this afternoon's league game I'd like to welcome their players and officials to the Canniepairt and of course to the port support.

It's been a wee while since our last "Port Prog" when we had **Kirrie Thistle** as our visitors. Fortune favoured us with a 3-2 victory, I may be wrong but I think it was our first success against a side above us in the table so a well-earned win. We then travelled up to **Forfar** to face United where we had previously come a cropper in the only cup competition remaining for us, but not this time we ran out 4-2 victors and gained the three points.

Another away League match was next up at **Lochee Harp** and on paper our opponents shouldn't have troubled us and that's very much how it all began. Within 15 minutes we were 3-0 up and missed an absolute dolly to put the game well beyond the reach of our opposition but, for some reason, we allowed them to pull back a couple of goals before the interval. Then we score immediately after the break to open up a two goal gap. Surely now we can't lose this one, but once again we attempted to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Yes, we once again lose two goals, 4-4. We can't believe what's going on then, with the final whistle beckoning, Paul Sludden fires in the winner. I must say, it was a piece of drama but a piece of drama that should never have occurred.

So, 3 wins on the trot and 9 points. things are looking up. However, as in that drama at Harp, at the minute we just don't have the quality or mentality to consistently produce success, as our next three games demonstrated. **Carnoustie** away was always going to be difficult. They are favourites to take the title but by no means world beaters. Although we were competitive, as in the Lochee Harp game, our lack of defensive quality shone through leaving with a 2-4 reversal.

Never mind, **Dundee St James** at home was a good opportunity to bounce back but I must admit, I we managed to produce our worst performance of this season and many other seasons too, losing 0-1. And no disrespect to St James but we shouldn't be losing to them. As the famous saying goes "fail to prepare then be prepared to fail" A lack of quality can be forgiven but a lack of attitude and commitment can't.

There's no doubt that result should have resonated with everyone at the club going into our next encounter at **Lochee United**, I felt at the outset that there was a positive reaction, as we started well and the attitude was there but we failed with two very good opportunities to take the lead. At the interval there was every hope at 1-1, that if we showed the same commitment and learned from the first period, we could have a successful afternoon, but such thoughts quickly evaporated. We defensively went to pieces and deservedly lost the game. Consistency is a word I use frequently. We don't have that at the moment but it's something any side must possess if they are to succeed.

Today's opponents **Brechin Vics** come on the back of a couple of positive results and will give the attitude and commitment I've been talking about and that should be a given to the club and the manager and if we can give that this afternoon, we will win.

Enjoy The Game



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