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13th MAY  
2023  
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2.30pm**



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## TODAY'S TEAMS

Blairgowrie  
from



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2023  
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2.30pm

Referee:  
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## TODAY'S GAME

### MIDLANDS LEAGUE

### TAYPORT v BLAIRGOWRIE



We welcome Blairgowrie to the Caniepairt this afternoon for our final home match in what has been a disappointing season. For Blair, it's also been a disappointing season and they are destined to finish fourth bottom of the table.

This is Blairgowrie's penultimate match, their final game being a visit to Carnoustie at the end of the month.

Mid season, Blair had a miserable run of form with only one win in 12 games until beating Coupar Angus in the middle of April. The run might have ended a week earlier when Blair won 3-2 v Scone but fielding a player not listed on the teamline saw them forfeit the match with the points and a 3-0 win awarded to Scone.

One bright spot in the Berrypickers



run of recent moths has been the scoring form of former 'Port striker Matty Adam. Before Blair's most recent game, a 5-1 win at Forfar West End, Matty (pictured below left, old & new!) had found the net in each of his side's previous seven league fixtures. Quite an achievement! Matty was signed for 'Port by the late John McGlashan and from 2013-15 made 49 appearances for Tayport, scoring 16 goals.

After our win at Downfield, the home support will be looking for more of the same today before away games at Scone and Violet on the next two Saturdays.

Although Tayport netted three v Downfield, the finishing could have been more productive, especially in the game's early stages, so hopefully we can sign off the home season with some goals.

Unavailable for selection are player/manager Daryl and for a second week, Greg McColm, both as a result of suspension following an accumulation of yellow cards.

## When Bobby played at Canniepairt for Ballingry Rovers

**Bobby Linn**, darling of the Arbroath FC faithful, was described in this week's Press as having *"...rolled back the years to turn in a masterclass and help Arbroath secure Championship football for a fifth season. The Lichties veteran was outstanding for almost 90 minutes as he left the field to a standing ovation from the home fans in their 0-0 draw with Hamilton"*

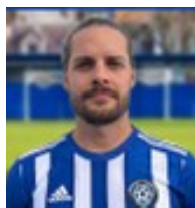
TODAY'S TEAMS			
TAYPORT			BALLINGRY ROVERS
from			from
10 Iain ROSS			Kyle ALLISON
20 Neal FERRIE			Chris HEGARTY
10 Dale HART			Dougie CAMERON
10 Gary ROBERTSON	←		Jonathan SMART
4 Barry DONACHIE	←		Alan RATTRAY
10 Paul THOMSON	←		Stevie NICHOLAS
6 John TONNER			Kevin BYERS
6 Kris ROLLO			David MOWAT
10 Steven McPHEE	←		John MARTIN
9 Simon MURRAY	←		Craig SMART
10 Nicholas MANN		→	Bobby LINN
10 Jake MAIR			Sean ANDERSON
10 Connor GRAY			Jayson ALEXANDER
10 Blair MUDIE			Mark MORRISON
10 Stefan ELVIN			Adam MOFFAT
10 Robert BOYD			Steven KICZYNSKI
19 Tom CASEY			Graeme GIBSON
10 Stephen TRONT			Willie CROWE
10 Kenny McCULLEY			

### TEN YEARS AGO in season 2012-13

Bobby Linn was a 27 year old playing for **Ballingry Rovers** v Tayport in the East Region Premier League.



That afternoon in March 2013, Tayport's 3-2 win over Ballingry, with goals from Steven McPhee (2) and Nik Mann, was our first win after a dismal run of only 2 wins in 12 league games.



A glance at Tayport's teamlist that afternoon ten years ago contains around half a dozen familiar faces still playing locally, only one - Gary Robertson - at the Canniepairt. Simon Murray not playing? No, he was suspended after receiving a red card at



Broughty the previous week. Our victory against Ballingry sparked off a run of 7 consecutive league wins which clinched a promotion place with a dramatic 2-1 win at Penicuik on the last day of the season.



Paul Thomson (above left) is now playing in the East of Scotland Premier League for Penicuik and Simon Murray (right) is at Tannadice today in the Premiership with Ross County in a crucial SPFL relegation battle. McPhee, who played against us last week for Downfield, and Murray celebrating the win at Penicuik.

# THE MANAGER'S THOUGHTS



Today is our final home game and my final Manager report of a challenging, yet personally rewarding first season at the club. Some may be surprised to see me say “rewarding” but I take great pride in what we have achieved this season, given where we started and I am extremely proud of how this group of players & coaches have battled on through a difficult season on the pitch.

Since my last report the team has produced 2 very different performances that have resulted in much needed back-to-back victories vs Brechin Vics and Downfield. Both games showed the different qualities of this team. We had to be patient and resilient vs Brechin Vics who came with a game plan and a very good defensive shape and frustrated us right up until the 89<sup>th</sup> minute when we got our winner through top scorer Kieron Sturrock. In Saturday's away win at Downfield the team showed their quality in possession and determination not to concede easy goals to beat a team challenging for the league, with a great away performance.

We now have 3 games remaining vs Blairgowrie, Scone & Violet to wrap up the season and are determined to finish with 3 victories. We are guaranteed to finish 8<sup>th</sup> in the league and all the players are very aware that is not an acceptable position for Tayport but as a group we are desperate to put that right next season and be in amongst the title contenders this time next year.

We have already made good progress with re-signing some of our existing squad for next season and coupled with 4/5 new signings, we are confident the squad will be in a better place come pre-season and we are all looking forward to a small break before coming back stronger for season 2023/24.

Some may have noticed that over the last few weeks we have had a much-depleted squad through injuries and suspensions, I want to take this chance to personally thank Caleb Addo, Luke O'Brien and Callum Petrie who have helped us out in the last few games. These guys have given up their Saturdays to play for us and it has been greatly appreciated.

One player who will be leaving the club this summer is goalkeeper Tom Welsh as he will return to Dundee FC following his loan spell. Tom has been a joy to work with for all the coaches and he has shown what a top professional he is over the course of this season. Everyone wishes Tom well and we hope to see him back at the Canniepairt as a fan in the future.

I hope everyone enjoys today's game and we look forward to welcoming the fans back next season.

Kind Regards



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

### East Over 50s at Dundee RPC

#### Premiership Results to date

Arbroath 3 –0 St James

Crieff 0-2 Arbroath

Crieff 4-3 Linlithgow Rose

Fairfield 1-4 **Tayport Reds**

Fairfield 2-2 Hearts

Hearts 1-1 St James

Hearts 2-2 Arbroath

Linlithgow Rose 0-0 Oriam

Linlithgow Rose 0-2 Fairfield

Oriam 2-0 Crieff

St James 3-2 **Tayport Reds**

**Tayport Reds** 0-0 Oriam

Premiership	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
ARBROATH	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
ORIAM	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	5
<b>TAYPORT REDS</b>	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
FAIRFIELD	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	4
ST JAMES	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
HEARTS	3	0	3	0	5	5	0	3
CRIEFF	3	1	0	2	4	7	-2	3
LINLITHGOW	3	0	1	2	3	6	-3	1

### East Over 50s at Dundee RPC

#### Championship Results to date

Carnoustie 2 –0 Saints in Com.

Carnoustie 2-0 Montrose

Carnoustie 1-1 Highland United

Carnoustie 2-0 Dundee FC

Dundee FC 1-2 Raith Rovers

Dundee FC 1-2 Luncarty

Dundee FC 0-1 Dundee Utd

Dundee Utd 2-Montrose

Dundee Utd 2-0 Highland Utd

Highland Utd 0-1 Luncarty

Montrose 3-1 **Tayport Yellows**

Raith Rovers 1-1 Luncarty

Raith Rovers 4-0 Saints in Com.

Saints in Com. 2-2 Montrose

Saints in Com. 0-0 Highland Utd

**Tayport Yellows** 1-3 Raith Rovers

**Tayport Yellows** 0-0 Luncarty

**Tayport Yellows** 0-1 Dundee Utd

Championship	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
DUNDEE UTD	4	4	0	0	7	1	6	12
RAITH ROVERS	4	3	1	0	10	3	7	10
CARNOUSTIE	4	3	1	0	7	1	6	10
LUNCARTY	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
MONTROSE	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4
DUNDEE FC	4	1	0	3	2	8	-6	3
HIGHLAND UTD	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2
SAINTS in COM.	4	0	2	2	2	8	-6	2
<b>TAYPORT Y'WLS</b>	4	0	0	4	2	9	-7	0

Positions after first round of matches.

Next round tomorrow at Dundee RPC



Congratulations and commiserations to **Kieran Inglis** a key member of the **Brechin City** side which won the Highland League Championship but sadly lost out on a chance to get back to the SPFL when they lost the play-off on penalty kicks to Lowland League Champions Spartans. Kieran was on loan to Tayport from Dundee United for three months in 2019, making nine appearances and scoring one goal.



## SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP FINAL 2023

On Friday 3rd June all roads - that is all those from Rutherglen and Cumnock - lead to Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld for the 136th Scottish Junior Cup final, this season between Rutherglen Glencairn and Cumnock. Both clubs play in the West of Scotland League, Cumnock in the Premier Division and Rutherglen in the First Division.

Neither club is setting the heather on fire in their respective divisions. Beith have already been crowned West of Scotland Champions. Not that they received much of a challenge from Cumnock who currently lie 11th in the 16 club league.

Rutherglen, a division below Cumnock, eliminated Tayport in round 3 and East Craigie in the semi final. With four league games left to play, Rutherglen are presently hovering pretty close to a relegation spot.

That 4-0 win at Canniepairt earlier this season is the only time we've met Rutherglen. We have, however, played Cumnock on 4 occasions previously, winning 4-1 in 1993, 2-1 in 1998, both away from home in 4th round ties, then drawing 1-1 in the 6th round at Cumnock in 2003 before winning 3-1 in the replay at Tayport.

Rutherglen have previously appeared in 6 finals, lifting the Cup in 1902, 1919, 1927 and most recently 84 years ago in 1939. They were runners-up in 1967 and 1975. Cumnock have appeared in 3 previous finals, winning in 1979 and 1989 but lost in their most recent final in 2008.

BBC Alba is showing the final live.

### Scottish Junior Cup

#### Top Twelve Clubs with Final

#### Appearances

1887 - 2022



	Won	Lost	Total
Auchinleck Talbot	14	3	17
Cambuslang Rangers	5	6	11
Petershill	5	5	10
Parkhead	5	4	9
Burnbank	5	2	7
Linlithgow Rose	4	3	7
Ashfield	4	2	6
Rutherglen Glencairn	4	2	6
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy	3	5	8
Tayport	3	3	6
Pollak .	3	3	6
Bo'ness United	3	3	6

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# 2003 FROM THE ARCHIVES 2003

20 years ago on 2nd JUNE 1903

## Tayport greets its football heroes

THE PEOPLE of Tayport were painting the town red last night as they gave a heroes' welcome to their Junior Cup-winning football team.

There were scenes of jubilation as an estimated 1000 supporters of all ages gathered next to the harbour to welcome home the side who arrived aboard an open double-deck bus.

Led down Castle Street by the Tayport Instrumental Band, the only sound louder than the roar of the flag waving crowds who greeted them when they arrived at 9.40 pm was the noise being made by the players, manager and officials themselves.

The jubilant players' celebrations on the top deck had the whole bus bouncing—literally.

As cameras flashed all around them and flags continued to wave the players and manager were mobbed by the crowds as they disembarked and it was clear this was one party which would go on all night.

One Tayport fan, John Boyd, who had watched the game on TV and travelled over from his home in Loches to see the celebra-



Crowds gather at the harbour as Tayport FC return home with the cup.

tions, said, "After the disappointment of Dundee FC failing to win the Scottish Cup against Rangers at Hampden on Saturday, it's absolutely brilliant and well deserved to see Tayport take on and beat the holders Linlithgow Rose in the Junior Cup final at Firhill."

After a hard-fought but goalless 90 minutes which saw one Tayport player sent off, a Brian Craik tap-in, in the third minute of extra time, was enough to secure victory for the Tayport

men—repeating their famous victory in the competition in 1996.

For the supporters who had travelled, celebrations began immediately after the final whistle.

The arrival of the team home however sparked the real party among Baikie's Barny Army and made it clear to anyone with doubts what was meant by predictions that Tayport would be "jumping". Speaking shortly before the bus ar-

rived, Bob Sparks, landlord of Cobblers Inn—which was also the base for the Tayport Travel Club—said, "It's been a fantastic day and I can tell it's going to be mental in here tonight."

There might be a few sore heads in Tayport this morning but few of those who experienced yesterday's celebrations are likely to care.

See also Pages 1, 18 and 20 and comment on Page 10.



Fans celebrate at the end of the game.



Any vantage point will do to get a good view of the returning heroes.

**The Courier** of Monday 2nd June 2003 reports the return to the town of the conquering heroes after the Scottish Cup win over Linlithgow Rose the previous day. Note: the occasion was covered on the front page and also on another four page of the paper. Can't see imagine coverage to that extent like in **The Courier** of the modern era..

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	W	1-0	Welsh	Petrie	McDougall	Robertson	McDonald	O'Brien
6 May	Downfield	L	W	3-1	Burns	Petrie	Hume	Robertson	McDonald	Bembebe
13 May	BLAIRGOWRIE	L								
20 May	Scone Thistle	L								
27 May	Violet	L								
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SEASON 2022-2023

MATCH STATISTICS

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Thornton's Property Cup

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Answers inside back cover

**WHEN?**

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## GOALS

Kieran Sturrock	24
Ethan Samson	8
Paul Sludden	7
Jamie Hume	6
Ryan Paterson	6
Rikki Gillespie	4
Innes Barbour	4
Luke O'Brien	2
Gary Robertson	2
Greg McColm	1



**SEASON**  
**2022-23**

Niklas Edwards	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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## **Since our last Programme** - Review by *Tom Van Beek*

On **Saturday 29 April** we ended our 4 game barren run with a 1-0 win over a well organised Brechin Vics outfit thanks to Kieran Sturrock's 23rd goal of the season. In truth, the game should have been out of sight much earlier but our finishing was again disappointing.

If we had left it late, it wasn't as late as Broughty Athletic who needed Josh Skelly's 94th minute winner to complete their comeback in a 2-1 win at Coupar Angus and thus keep their slim title hopes alive. East Craigie's challenge has withered away and they were held to 2-2 at Kirrie. The locals led 2-0 after 20 minutes but Craigie pulled one back before the break and sub Stewart McConnachie equalised on the hour. Kirrie collected no fewer than 9 yellow cards and a red for Liam Duell while Craigie later also finished with ten men when Andy McDonald walked during added time.

Lochee United, 1-0 ahead at the break, conceded two goals early in the second half but two goals in five minutes from Ryan Paterson and Kerr Hay quickly restored United's advantage to keep the points at Thomson Park and put them second top ...for a few days anyway.

On **Wednesday 3rd May** Carnoustie went back to the top on goal difference with a 4-0 win at Forfar United in the only midweek league game. Dale Reid, the League's top scorer, had Carnoustie ahead at half time but it took 3 goals in the last ten minutes to finally see off Forfar.

In Thornton's Property Cup R2 former ex-Port, Owen McCabe, put North End ahead in the first half against Lochee United. Two red cards in the second half dashed United's hopes before North End added a second. Broughty won 3-1 at Letham in the same competition.

On **Saturday 6th May** brought some welcome cheer to the Port Support with a 3-1 away against a Downfield side at the time sitting one point off the top of the table, on a run of 13 wins from their previous 14 league games, including victories over all would be title challengers. Not just a welcome result but a performance which could justifiably go down as one of the best performances of the season. Ethan Samson had Tayport ahead at the break with an excellent run and finish and although an equally fine goal from Spiders' top scorer Liam McArtney brought the home side level, a penalty from Kieran Sturrock, after Bruno Dembebe had been flattened, put us back in front before Ethan sealed the points late on. Downfield,

incidentally, fielded four former Tayport players in their starting line-up. The Spiders weren't the only side to disappoint their support, East Craigie going down 4-2 at Coupar Angus and North End losing 1-0 at home to Letham. Broughty kept their slim title hopes alive, winning 2-1 at Forfar United. With a 3-1 win at Violet, Lochee United are mathematically still in the championship frame.

On **Wednesday 10th May**. No surprises here. Despite a 7-0 win at St James, the other results ended Broughty's chances. It's a two horse race now between Carnoustie and Downfield. Downfield scraped through 1-0 at Brechin while Carnoustie crushed Harp 9-1. Downfield, away to Kirrie today, must win to keep hopes alive or Carnoustie winning at home to Lochee today, will see the Gowfers take the title. In the other mid-week game, Scone maintained their vastly improved form, sharing four goals at East Craigie.

### **The reason why Tayport are not challenging at the top.**

The league table below shows how the Midlands League's top eight clubs have fared in matches against each other during the season and it clearly demonstrated that Tayport's problem has been their form in games against the teams which have finished above them in the league. Tayport picked up 50 points against sides finishing below us, plus a potential 9 more, as we see out the season but only 6 points from games against those clubs finishing above us.

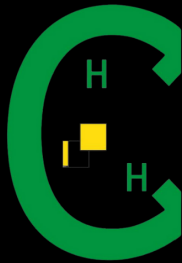
This mini league table will be completed today when Carnoustie host Lochee United and Downfield visit Kirrie Thistle

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
LOCHEE UNITED	13	4	2	1	23	15	3	1	2	11	10	9	24
DOWNFIELD	13	2	2	3	10	9	5	0	1	14	4	9	23
BROUGHTY ATH.	14	5	0	2	19	12	2	2	3	10	13	4	23
CARNOUSTIE	13	5	0	1	17	5	1	4	2	8	10	10	22
NORTH END	14	2	1	4	10	12	4	1	2	12	13	-2	20
EAST CRAIGIE	14	2	3	2	11	9	3	1	3	22	23	1	19
KIRRIE THISTLE	13	2	2	2	11	9	2	1	4	16	20	-2	15
<b>TAYPORT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>6</b>

**Congratulations to Cupar Hearts who won the Scottish Amateur Cup on Thursday evening beating Steins Thistle 2-1 at Hampden Park**

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<b>17s Final</b>	Friday	19 May	<b>Broughty United Pumas v Dundee United SC</b>	6.45pm
<b>16s Final</b>	Friday	9 June	<b>Dundee West Royals v Newburgh Juniors</b>	6.45pm
<b>15s Final</b>	Sunday	11 June	<b>Ferry Athletic v Letham SC Blacks</b>	11.30am
<b>14s Final</b>	Sunday	11 June	<b>Monifieth Athletic v East End Boys</b>	14.00



### Tayport & Blairgowrie

#### The Last Six (2015 - 2023)

Blairgowrie 0 - 2 **Tayport**

Blairgowrie 0 - 6 **Tayport**

**Tayport** 4 - 0 Blairgowrie

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Blairgowrie 2 - 8 **Tayport**

Blairgowrie 1 - 6 **Tayport**



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CARNOUSTIE	33	26	4	3	116	30	86	82
BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	35	26	4	5	116	32	84	82
LOCHEE UNITED	35	24	6	5	110	44	66	78
DOWNFIELD	33	25	3	5	100	38	62	78
NORTH END	35	23	4	8	95	43	52	73
EAST CRAIGIE	33	21	5	7	86	40	46	68
KIRRIE THISTLE	35	19	9	7	101	65	36	66
<b>TAYPORT</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>
LETHAM	35	14	8	13	62	56	6	50
ARBROATH VICS	35	12	7	16	56	70	-14	43
FORFAR UNITED	36	12	6	18	61	95	- 34	42
VIOLET	34	11	5	18	61	96	-35	38
COUPAR ANGUS	35	10	4	21	56	89	- 33	34
SCONE THISTLE	33	9	5	19	46	88	- 42	32
DUNDEE ST JAMES	34	8	6	20	46	96	- 50	30
<b>BLAIRGOWRIE</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>- 54</b>	<b>25</b>
LOCHEE HARP	36	5	5	27	57	108	- 51	20
BRECHIN VICS	34	4	6	24	34	90	- 56	18
FORFAR WEST END	34	5	1	28	33	114	- 81	16

## Current League Form - most recent result to left

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

## THE CHAIRMAN...

Today's encounter will be our final home game of 2022/23 season, Blairgowrie provide our opposition and I'd like to welcome their players and officials to the Canniepairt and of course also our loyal support.



As you know the week before Christmas 2022 we had a flood in the main building which damaged almost every room. As I write this article in May 2023, the repairs still haven't begun. We are covered by Fife Council's insurance, but to get someone within the council to give the go ahead for the work to start is proving extremely difficult. They are maybe holding a decision back to give us a 2023 Christmas surprise!

In our last "Port Prog" I mentioned we'd won 3 games in a row which was followed by 4 defeats in a row and now a victory this afternoon would give us 3 victories in a row. I'm afraid that sums up our form or lack of form! What is the saying? Inconsistency is failure.

Season 22/23 is turning out to be another disappointing year without any real progress on the pitch which is extremely frustrating. Our last successful season was quite a number of years, and managers ago, and I'm not getting any younger. Like our fans I've watched all our games this season and in my opinion, the teams who will finish above us are in no way a million miles ahead of us. I genuinely believe that it wouldn't take that much to turn our failures into successes. It was evident in our 3-1 win at Downfield last week, our starting line-up had a better shape about it and was more experienced, which is fundamentally the reason why Carnoustie will win the title.

The victory at Downfield was arguably our best league performance of the season and hopefully, with our final 3 league games against opponents who are below us in the division, we can continue with that form and finish the season undefeated. But first things first, we have to overcome Blairgowrie this afternoon, there's no doubt if we can match last week's standards we will achieve a victory. Enjoy the game

Enjoy The Game.

*Davie*

**Where?** Somervell Park, Cambuslang  
**When?** March 2004.  
As Dave Baikie walks past, Tayport fans celebrate Tayport's 1-0 Scottish Cup 6th round win over Cambuslang Rangers, thanks to a Barry McNaughton goal before a crowd of 1,513. A lot of familiar faces in the crowd. How many can you spot? Sadly several no longer with us.



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