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EDITORIAL

It's been a miserable few months for Port supporters, last Saturday's humbling experience surely capping all that's gone before during this season.

A promising start to the season, albeit against teams Tayport would have been expected to beat, saw us achieve a lofty position. It was a false dawn, however, and since then, it's all gone wrong and we've slipped down the table to a lowest ever position in a Tayside league.

Supporters were anticipating a league challenge, a Junior Cup run, perhaps even a Senior Scottish Cup adventure but these hopes are out the window and it's only early November.

Cup runs and league challenges are the lifeblood of a club like Tayport which needs the financial support these bring to maintain standards both off and on the field.

Sadly, too, supporters drift away, perhaps never to return.

Cover pic: A reunion dinner to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tayport's 2nd Scottish Junior Cup win, 1-0 vs Linlithgow Rose in 2003

Back: (l-r) Barry McNaughton, Gareth Dailly, Jon Mitchell, Scott Peters, Duncan Bruce. 2nd back: Brian Craik, Ralph Hunter, Ross Gunnion. Middle: Derek Carr, Roberto Morris, Norrie Marshall, Allan Ramsay, Derek We-myss, Abby Oswald, Dave Baikie. The rest: Mel Irons, Frazer Fitzpatrick, Grant Paterson, Steven Stewart & Doug Scott

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TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v DUNDEE NORTH END

MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP



We welcome title chasing North End to the Canniepairt this afternoon. Unlike North End, Tayport have been struggling. Three successive home defeats, conceding eleven goals and failing to find the opposition's net has given the management a headache.

Things looked a bit brighter at Lochee United, well, until the last minute, that is, when two rapid fire goals saw the league leaders preserve their unbeaten record. The following midweek under the Links Park lights, Tayport finally found the road to goal, hitting three past Montrose Roselea in the Quest Cup.

After a week's weather enforced break, we reverted to type, losing three goals and three points at Broughty Athletic in what was a fifth league defeat in the past six games. The Scottish Cup tie at Hurlford in East Ayrshire last week brought no respite, crashing out 6-0.

North End also went out of the Scottish Cup last week, beaten 3-0 at big spending Johnstone Burgh. North End had their chances before Johnstone took a half-time lead and again early in the second half, but two further goals sealed the Dokens' fate.

North End's league form, however, is in stark contrast to Tayport's. Unbeaten since 2nd August, today's visitors have since notched ten wins and one draw to climb up and tuck in just behind the league leaders in third top spot. In their most recent six games, North End have scored 24 goals for the loss of only 3 in contrast to Tayport's 7 for and 14 against during the same period. Ironically, in those six games, Paul Sludden, who was with Tayport last season, has been on the scoresheet in all 6 games, netting 13 goals including two hat-tricks. This would be a fine time to ensure that run is ended!

Also a regular starter for the visitors is Tristan Baxter who made 10 appearances for us during the second half of last season whilst on loan from Montrose FC. An old face, Kris Rollo, is in the Dokens' pool but has been restricted to the subs' bench for much of the season.

Tayport gave debuts at Hurlford to new faces, midfielder Ryan Smith, signed last week from North End and a scorer when playing against us eighteen months ago in our 0-4 cup loss at North End Park. Coming on as substitute at Hurlford was 22 year old full back Lewis Stracey, previously with Brechin Vics.

Missing today are Jamie Hume and Matty Adam, both suspended following their indiscretions at Broughty two weeks ago. Ian Plenderleith, carried off in the first half at Hurlford must be a doubt.

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

These next few months are known as “The Flat Season”. The league programme has finished and the most interesting issue is, can we play outside at Tayport FC, or hope we can get indoors at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee?



When I send out my weekly newsletter on a Sunday to all our players, currently standing at an impressive 38, I have to make a decision on the weather forecast for Tayport on the coming Friday.

If the weather forecast is advising wet weather, I have to book the RPC straightaway, otherwise it may get booked. Two weeks ago we lost out to Dundee FC, who booked it for practice on a 4G pitch before they played Livingston FC!

Because of that we had to go indoors at Soccer World in Dundee, adequate, but the pitches cannot be altered in size, so as we had 18 players, it was a bit static!

I contacted Dundee Sport and Leisure, who run the RPC, to enquire about booking it for 13 weeks over the winter. Normally we are the only ones who use it on a Friday morning, apart from Dundee FC on the odd occasion, but was told the minimum is 26 weeks, so I have to book on a week-to-week basis.

Last week we trained here at Tayport, so that's the RPC's loss.

So far this year we have only missed one Friday training, and that's when we had all that flooding a few weeks ago and we couldn't get into the RPC because the entrance was flooded. The photo shows how impressive the facility is.

We have entered a team in the **Raith Rovers over 50s Walking Football Tournament**. It's on **Sunday November 26th** and is being played on the main pitch at **Starks Park**. We had enough interest to enter 2 teams but unfortunately we are only allowed to enter one. To make it fair to all those interested, the squad was selected by those who put their name down first, so it's a mixed squad made up of players from both our league teams in the main.

That's it for this edition, if anyone wants any more information about coming along and trying Walking Football, you can find me taking your money on the gate at Tayport FC home games, or email me at tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com.

Paul



Quest Precision Engineering Cup

The Quest Cup is the Inter-Regional competition between the North and Midlands Regions. As there are now only two Junior FA Regions, Midlands Region & North Region, the Quest Cup could arguably be what the Scottish Junior Cup used to be, i.e. the major cup competition exclusive to Scottish Junior FA League clubs.

First established in 1988-89, it has been labelled with various sponsor names throughout the past 35 years, including Zamoyski, Concept Group, North End Centenary, Dugout, GA Engineering, Signature Signs and now Quest Precision Engineering. The competition has been dominated by Midlands (Tayside) clubs since its inception, with Tayport way out in front, lifting it on nine occasions despite not competing during our East Region Super League days.

North End are the holders, having defeated Carnoustie 4-1 in last season's final.

The early rounds are played on a regional basis with eight Midlands clubs joining their North Region counterparts in an all-in draw at the last 16 stage. The North haven't completed their 1st round stage yet.

Midlands clubs already into the all-in draw

Midlands Round 1

Brechin Vics 0-1 Letham
 Violet 0-5 Lochee United
 Forfar West End 2-6 Arbroath Vics
 Kirrie Thistle 0-5 North End



Midlands Round 2

Coupar Angus 0-4 **Broughty Ath**
Downfield 3-1 St James
 Lochee Harp 1-3 **Carnoustie**
 Montrose Roselea 0-3 **Tayport**
 Lochee United v Blairgowrie
 East Craigie v Arbroath Vics
 North End v Forfar United
Letham 1-0 Scone Thistle

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Scottish Gas Scottish Cup



Only one local non-SPFL club, **Jeanfield Swifts**, has survived to take a place in the 3rd round of the Scottish Gas Scottish Cup at the end of this month. Jeanfield had the most stunning result of the last round, defeating League 2's Elgin City by 6-0 in Perth. Their reward is a trip to meet **Clyde** at **New Douglas Park** in Hamilton. Former Tayport players Ross Gunnion and Robbie Holden are General Director and Manager respectively at Jeanfield.



Jeanfield manager Robbie Holden who scored Tayport's extra time winner in the 2003 N.E. Challenge Cup final v Violet at North End

In round 2, **Luncarty** lost 0-1 to Bo'ness United and thus missed out on an away tie at Greenock Morton. Robbie Raeside's in-form **St Andrews United** lost by the same score at Albion Rovers - who now meet Bonnyrigg Rose. However, both clubs have the consolation of pocketing a decent cheque for their efforts.

As well as Jeanfield, another three clubs who were East Region Juniors until moving to the East of Scotland League a couple of seasons ago are in round 3, where they join Championship and League 1 clubs. Their ties are:-

Broxburn Athletic v Buckie Thistle; Dunbar United v Alloa Athletic; Tranent v Forfar Athletic

Scottish Junior Cup Update



The postponements caused by the bad weather on 7 October and the fact that the Junior Cup played 2nd fiddle to the West of Scotland League's domestic programme, caused some delays and congestion with some 2nd and 3rd round ties being played on the same day.

3rd round results (* = won on penalties)

Outstanding ties are due today

Bellshill 3-1 Lesmahagow

Banks o' Don Thistle 1-1 **Auchinleck Talbot** *

Caledonian Locomotives 4-2 Carnoustie

Culter 0-2 **Lochee United**

Downfield v Dalry Thistle

Dundee Violet v St Cadoc's

Finnart 1-4 **Larkhall Thistle**

Gartcairn v Largs Thistle

Glenafton 1-2 **Darvel**

Hermes v Hurlford United

Johnstone Burgh v Irvine Meadow XI

Rothie Rovers v Shotts Bon Accord

Rutherglen v Arthurlie

St Anthony's 2-2 **Benburb** *

Stonehaven 2-0 Aberdeen East End

Vale of Leven 4-2 Montrose Roselea

So, with 6 months of the season left, we will be left with eight 4th round ties. How did they ever manage in 1923 with 412 entries, replays and 2nd replays ... and no floodlights!

Date	Opp	C	WDL	Res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22 July	MONTROSE	L	W	2-1	D.Burns	C Petrie	GRobertson	J Hume	G McColm	AMcDougall	M V de Kuhl
26 July	Violet	L	W	1-0	Burns	Petrie	RMcDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Van de Khul
29 July	Blairgowrie	L	D	1-1	E Smith	Petrie	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Barbour 1	Reid
2 Aug	FORFAR W E	L	W	2-0	Burns	Petrie	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
5 Aug	ST JAMES	L	W	7-2	Burns	McKelvie	McDougall	Hume 1	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Barbour
9 Aug	Downfield	L	L	1-4	Burns	Petrie	Brown	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
12 Aug	Scone Thistle	L	D	2-2	Burns	Petrie	McDougall	McDonald	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
16 Aug	EAST CRAIGIE	L	D	0-0	Burns	Petrie	McDougall	Barbour	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
19 Aug	Forfar Utd	L	W	5-2	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Brown
23 Aug	ARBROATH V	L	W	3-1	Smith	McDougall	McDonald	Hume 1	McColm	Plenderleith 1	Brown
26 Aug	LOCHEE UTD	L	L	0-5	Burns	Robertson	McDonald	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
2 Sep	Hill of Beath	SC	W	1-0	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson 1	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
9 Sep	Kirrie Thistle	L	L	0-1	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Petrie	Reid
16 Sep	Coupar Angus	L	W	4-1	Burns	V.de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Brown
23 Sep	BUCKIE THISTLE	SC	L	0-4	Burns	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Petrie
30 Sep	LOCHEE HARP	L	L	0-2	Smith	V de Khul	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Petrie
7 Oct	Hurlford United	SJC	Post.	X				Pitch	Flooded		
14 Oct	Lochee United	L	L	1-2	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Reid
18 Oct	Montrose	Q	W	3-0	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm 1	Plenderleith	Reid
21 Oct	CARNOUSTIE	L	Post.	X	WATER	LOGGED	PITCH	STORM	BABET		
28 Oct	Broughty Ath.	L	L	*2-3	Burns	Petrie	Robertson	McKenzie	McColm	Plenderleith	Reid
4 Nov	Hurlford United	SJC	L	0-6	Burns	McKelvie	Robertson	Hume	McColm	Plenderleith	Ryan Smith
11 Nov	NORTH END	L									
18 Nov	Brechin Vic	L									
25 Nov	Montrose R'lea	L									
2 Dec	To be announced										
9 Dec	VIOLET	L									
16 Dec	Forfar West End	L									
6 Jan	BLAIRGOWRIE	L									
13 Jan	St James	L									
20 Jan	DOWNFIELD	L									
27 Jan	East Craigie	L									
3 Feb	SCONE THISTLE										
10 Feb											
17 Feb		L									
24 Feb	Arbroath Vic	L									
2 Mar	FORFAR UTD	L									
9 Mar	Lochee Utd										
16 Mar		L									
23 Mar	KIRRIE THIS	L									
30 Mar	COUPAR ANG	L									
6 Apr	Lochee Harp	L									
13 Apr	LETHAM										
24 Apr											
27 Apr											
1 May											

Match Report 18 October 2023

Montrose Roselea 0-3 Tayport

Quest Cup Round 2

Despite the weather concerns on the eve of a storm, conditions were fine for this Wednesday evening tie under the Links Park lights.

Although the home side made five changes from the previous weekend's seven goal mauling by East Craigie, they struggled to unduly threaten the 'Port goal.

In the first half Tayport's on-going profligacy in front of goal continued until the 40th minute when Jamie Gill finished off a fine move, instigated by some tricky play from Ethan Samson, to fire home a shot from the edge of the box.

Set pieces haven't been Tayport's strong suit this season but Jamie Gill's free kick on the hour mark was expertly nodded home by Greg McColm. Tayport's passage to round 3 was secured five minutes later when Samson showed some neat skill before slipping the ball past the keeper.

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Quest

THE MANAGER'S VIEW

Today's game vs Dundee North End sees the end of a very tough run of fixtures for us and hopefully a fixture that can bring us 3 valuable points.

There is no getting away from the disappointing recent run of results and all the playing and coaching staff are desperate to turn our fortunes around. The players are an honest bunch, they work hard every week at training and although we have shown some positive performances recently, we have been far too inconsistent at times this season. Consistency and more aggressiveness are two things we have been talking about weekly as a group.

What I would ask, from all the fans and club officials is that we stick together as a group, we need to be unified and mentally strong to turn the club's fortunes around. It won't be easy, there are some very good clubs in this league, and we must work hard to get the club back into the top 2/3.

Saturday's Scottish Cup defeat was a very disappointing performance. We never really turned up and at no point were we competitive in the game which was very frustrating to see. We will learn from the game and will be stronger for our next away trip. In fairness to Hurlford, I thought they were excellent on the day and their pace / power was too much for us.

Last week we added 2 new players to the squad in Ryan Smith & Lewis Stracey. Ryan has spent the last 7 years at Dundee North End and at only 23 is already a very experienced junior player, Ryan will add to our midfield options, and we were delighted to get his signature.

Lewis has recently returned to junior football after a period away from the game. A Montrose youth player, he spent some time at Brechin Vics and will add to our defensive options. Both players are welcome additions to the squad.

Today we take on one of the form teams in the league and it will be another tough test for us but one we are very much looking forward too.

I look forward to seeing everyone at today's game

Daryl

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Broughty Athletic	17	16	0	1	62	17	45	48
Lochee United	15	14	1	0	76	8	67	43
North End	15	12	1	2	49	14	35	37
Downfield	15	12	0	3	55	23	32	36
East Craigie	17	8	5	4	45	23	22	29
Kirriemuir Thistle	16	9	2	5	33	32	1	29
Carnoustie Panmure	14	9	0	5	42	21	21	27
Montrose Roselea	16	8	1	7	33	26	7	25
Letham	16	7	4	5	25	39	-14	25
Tayport	16	7	3	6	31	27	5	24
St. James	16	6	1	9	33	44	-11	19
Blairgowrie	18	5	4	9	30	49	-19	19
Lochee Harp	17	5	3	9	31	42	-11	18
Dundee Violet	14	5	1	8	23	27	-4	16
Brechin Victoria	16	4	4	8	21	29	-8	16
Scone Thistle	14	4	3	7	27	40	-13	15
Arbroath Victoria	16	4	2	10	20	49	-29	14
Forfar United	17	2	2	13	25	70	-45	8
Forfar West End	17	2	1	14	12	52	-40	7
Coupar Angus	17	0	4	13	21	59	-38	4

Spiders miss out on Pollok visit!

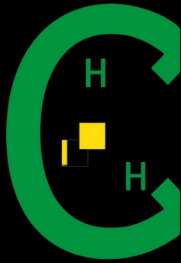


When the 2nd round draw in the **Scottish Junior Cup** gave Downfield a home tie against **Pollok** or **Dalry Thistle**, the Spiders' treasurer would be seeing £ signs flashing in front of his eyes in anticipation of a large travelling Pollok support arriving in Balgowan Avenue this afternoon.

In the 1st round tie at Newlandsfield, the Glasgow giants, sitting third top of the West of Scotland Premier Division, were odds on favourites to see off the challenge of their Ayrshire visitors, Dalry Thistle, who are sitting in mid table in 9th tier West of Scotland 3rd Division. However the visitors pulled off their result of the season, winning the tie 8-7 on penalty kicks after the teams were tied 2-2 after 90 minutes. So, it's Dalry popping in at Downfield today. Funny game football!

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1975 FROM THE ARCHIVES 48 years ago

The shock result of the day, as reported by the now defunct Scottish Daily News (May – November 1975) was Tayport eliminating holders Star Hearts from the Scottish Amateur Cup at the 1st round stage on the East Common on 4th October 1975. Tayport went into the match in good form on the back of an eight game unbeaten run.

The Tayport team that day included a number of familiar names who would give the club long and loyal service, a couple of whom are regulars at the Canniepairt today.

Tayport won 2-0, with goals from Jim Scott and a second half Graeme Dandie penalty. Team was Richard Callander; Frank Leslie, Ian Mathers, Graeme 'Spider' McLaren, Ron Fleming; Doug Henderson, Jim Scott, Lindsay Ancell; Keith Ritchie, Graeme Dandie and Gordon Hughes. Subs were George Taylor and Stewart Ritchie



Barry back at the Canniepairt

Dundee North End have a vastly experienced management team. Kevin McNaughton is joint manager with Lewis Toshney (right). Included



in the backroom team at North End Park is Kevin's older brother Barry, who is assistant manager, and needs no introduction the Port fans. Our former 'keeper Neal Ferrie (left) is the Dokens goalie coach.



Kevin, who was capped for Scotland, played 429 games for Aberdeen and Cardiff City while Lewis played for Dundee, Raith Rovers, Dundee United and 8 other clubs in a 10 year Senior career.

Barry had a stellar career here at Canniepairt, making 366 appearances between 2001 and 2011, winning an incredible number of honours, including 2 Scottish Cups, 1 Scottish Cup runner up, 2 East Super League championships, an East Region Premier championship, a Tayside League title and around 12 other cup wins. Neal shared the No.1 jersey with Frazer Fitzpatrick in 2010, playing 55 games between then and 2013.



Kevin (left) and Barry

THE CHAIRMAN...

Dundee North End are today's visitors for this league game, I'd like welcome their players and officials to Tayport and also wish a warm welcome to our fans.

The past five weeks has been a massive disappointment for the club, losing three of our four games. At Lochee United we probably performed better than we've done all season, yet we managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, leading 1-0 in the 90th minute only to allow our opponents to score twice and gain all 3 points. There was a brief respite and there looked to be light at the end of the tunnel when we won 3-0 at Montrose Roselea in the Quest Cup the following Wednesday.



Carnoustie were next up but the storm did its worst and the game was unable to go ahead. The following week it was Broughty Athletic and the all-weather pitch at Whitton Park meant our game was always going to go ahead but again we lost by the odd goal.

Last week saw us fail miserably at Hurlford United. I've always preached the importance of the first and last ten minutes of each half of games and if you look at the time we lost goals in all three games, it tells me a story. Sides with good mentalities don't lose goals in these periods.

Last Friday night we held a dinner to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of winning the Scottish Cup and the Super League. It turned out to be a fantastic evening with the vast majority of that side in attendance. Also in attendance was the actual Scottish Cup, kindly on loan from Hampden Park's Museum. Roberto Morris one of the cup winning team aptly described his thoughts on the evening.

"Great night! It was amazing how we all just clicked-like we'd never been away-that truly is something special and I'm just super glad to be a small part of it. Great memories, Great achievement and Great friends for life"

As Roberto described, it was a fantastic night. For me to see my former players and coaching staff together again was memorable, also to have my old friend from my Arbroath days, Sheriff Lindsay Wood as our main speaker, was great. To have Dave Nicoll my former goalie coach conduct proceedings and of course the club's former Secretary Abby Oswald deliver his observations of the lead up to both achievements, was terrific.

We also had the video of that day on 1st June 2003 playing in the background throughout the evening, showing our fans leaving early morning from Tayport, the game itself, of course, and the team arriving back in the town on the open top bus. It brought back fantastic memories. The only sad part was seeing in the film so many people who are no longer with us.

Once again we have a very difficult afternoon ahead of us, if we can manage the periods of the game I spoke about earlier and outwork our opponents then we'll have a decent chance of victory. Enjoy the Game.

Support the Port, Davie Baikie

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