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EDITORIAL

We've seen it before, we've seen it on TV, we saw it on Saturday past. We'll no doubt see it again. It's the unseemly debate between players after a penalty has been awarded to their team. Kyle had been brought down to win the penalty and grabbed the ball to take the spot kick. Nobody appeared to know what was happening but Kyle seemed adamant he was taking it. And he did. Of course, given our shocking record from 12 yards this season, it shouldn't have been a great surprise that he joined the list of those who missed from the spot. Ok, we were already ahead against 10 men and ultimately it didn't matter, but in most games it would have. Can we afford have debates in these situations? Cup ties are now settled in one game, so we can expect plenty of opportunities from the spot.

Forthcoming Matches

Saturday 12th October

Midlands League
Away v St James
Fairfield Park, 2.30pm

Next Home Match

Saturday 19th October
Scottish Junior Cup Round 3
Tayport v Pollok
Canniepairt 2.30pm

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our fans and may I welcome the players and officials of our visitors Dundee Violet.

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Violet's Norrie Farquhar. I had many a conversation over a beer with Norrie, a great man and a great servant to Violet. He'll be sadly missed by all who knew him. RIP Norrie.



We've had three games since the last edition of the Port Prog. All three turned out to be 'a game of two halves'. Blair was first up and a very disappointing first period was followed by a much improved 2nd half, running out 6-1 winners.

Drawn away to Aberdeen Sunnybank in the Scottish Junior Cup was next up and like the Blair encounter, we struggled to create an opportunity in the first period and we could well have been behind at the interval. Like the previous week, we produced a much improved second half performance to comfortably move into the 3rd round.

Last weekend we travelled over the bridge to Lochee Harp, and although we led 1-0 at half-time it took a much improved 2nd half to see off our young opponents. Of course, we've got to be pleased with the three victories but it is concerning that we need the 15 minute interval to produce improvements.

Looking ahead to our 3rd round tie with Pollok two weeks today, what a great opportunity and test for our players. Of course, over the years the gap between ourselves and Pollok has widened quite a bit, given the budgets the clubs in their division have compared to ours. Although the odds are very much stacked against us, it's one day, one game, and if our players produce their very best, we can succeed.

This afternoon we have the chance to gain three league points but nothing is a given, success has to be earned and it would be great for our fans if we can put a full 90 minute performance together. If we can, I'm confident the points on offer can be ours.

Enjoy the game.

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Davie Baikie



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TODAY'S TEAMS

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Violet
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3	Gary ROBERTSON
4	Kieran CRICHTON
5	Greg McCOLM
6	Jamie HUME
7	Sam SIMPSON
8	Ethan SAMSON
9	Scott McCOMISKIE
10	Ian PLENDERLEITH
11	Jamie GILL
12	Jamie CROWE
15	Stefan ELVIN
16	Ryan SMITH
17	Aiden McKELVIE
18	Kyle McMULKIN
19	Lewis TRACEY



Saturday
5th October
2024
Kick-off
2.30 pm

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Scott
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Murray
DEWAR

Assistant 2:
Shaunlee
OGILVIE

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g/k	Lewis MILLER
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

North Fifers of a certain vintage and Arbroath FC fans of the mid 1970s will remember Chris Symes.

Nobody in football could have had a life so immersed in football as the loquacious 78 years old Chris whose lifestyle was like his chat, and that comes through in this autobiography

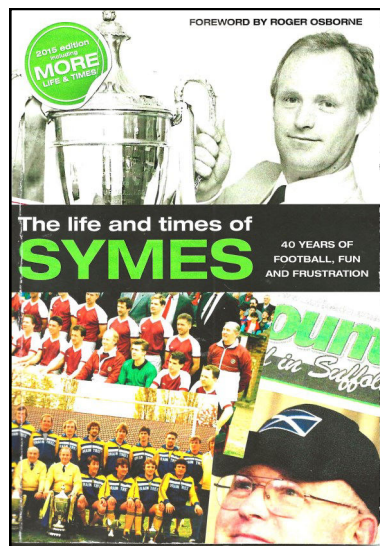
The former Navy man had been based at RM Condor when he became first team coach at Arbroath FC for 18 months under manager Albert Henderson. It was during this time, he tells us, that he applied for the Aberdeen manager's post but, despite making the shortlist, the job went to a certain Alex Ferguson.

It was after that the *Life & Times* impacted on this area when Chris was appointed manager of the newly built sports centre at Newport's Waterstone Crook.

Chris quickly became involved with Newport Amateurs and he tells us that *"Newport lived in the shadow of Tayport, except in one season when we beat them twice on the Caniepart [sic] which led to Bob Downie and I being banned from the Tayport Arms during a Saturday night visit"*. We've little doubt over the accuracy of the second part, but Newport only ever won once on Canniepairt during the 1970s!

It's clear that Chris loved his time with Newport FC and has fond memories of the guys he met there, many of whom

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played here at Tayport for years, and who get a mention in the extra 50 pages added to the second edition of his book. This edition includes several photos of his Newport teams.

It was during his love affair with the area that in 1977 Chris started his own Junior side, North Fife Juniors FC, playing out of Waterstone Crook. Maybe not surprisingly, Chris makes no mention of their two dismal seasons in the Fife Juniors' B Division.

It's often a bit of a rambling read and would never be in contention for a Pulitzer Prize but it's full of interesting stories of a football life well lived.

The Life and Times of Chris Symes by Chris Symes and Neil Manning
www.greensquarebooks.com



TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v DUNDEE VIOLET MIDLANDS LEAGUE



Violet arrive here on the back of three successive league defeats, the most recent of which was a surprise a 4-1 defeat by Forfar West End, their first win of the season. This defeat was something of an exception, though, a three goal deficit being their biggest losing margin in any game this season.

Finding the net has been a problem but defensively Violet have given little away and the recently appointed team boss Iain Jenkins has something to build on. Jenkins, the former Northern Ireland Internationalist, Everton and Dundee United player, who was appointed Head SFA Elite Performance Coach based at St John's HS in 2018, had a brief and unsuccessful spell as manager at Canniepairt in 2009.



Two of today's Violet squad previously wore Tayport colours in two spells here. Matty Adam (left) had 17 goals back in season 13/14 and was back here last season. Ewan White was on loan here in 21/22 and was also back again for a

short spell last season. Both have been on the mark for the Pansies this season.

Youngster Kyle McMulkin was at Violet last season, but returned to the Canniepairt this campaign and was twice on the mark last week v Harp.

Missing last week were our two leading marksmen, Scott McComiskie and Ethan Samson. Both are doubtful again this week. Also doubtful is Stefan Elvin who was take off injured last week.

Darryl Burns, disappointed at being unable to secure the No.1 jersey, has left the club.

Violet and Tayport since 2000

All games played	35	last 10
Tayport wins	21	4
Violet wins	5	1
Drawn games	9	5
Biggest Tayport win	7-3 (league cup '09)	
Biggest Violet win	4-0 (league cup '08)	

Only 13 games during this period have been won or lost by more than one goal

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Walking Football Scotland has this year introduced Regional Cup competitions covering men's over 50s, over 60s, over 65s and over 70s age groups. They also have cup competitions for women's over 40s and over 50s. Each age group competition is played on a different day of the week at the Toryglan indoor facility in Glasgow.

Scotland's teams have been divided into 5 areas: North East, which includes Fife, Dundee and surrounding areas, Central, South East, South West and West. Each group had a manager and assistant appointed to run trials and select squads of 12.

Tayport put forward 4 players in the over 60s section, Alan Gray, John Boyle, Andy Blackburn and Bruce Peebles. We also put forward Colin Hardie who trains with us, but lives in Kirkcaldy and plays for Raith Rovers as he supports them.





















Unfortunately Alan couldn't attend the first trial and thus he was ruled out, but I am pleased to say that the other 4 have made it into the squad. Tayport players will therefore comprise one third of the final squad of 12 playing on Friday October 11th. Quite a feat considering there are over 20 teams in the North East group.

Although a few players have fallen by the wayside, we continue to attract new players and in the last few weeks we have seen 20+ attend our Friday morning training sessions, which consists of a warm up and exercise programme followed by a game of 2 x 30 minute halves.

October 27th sees the last league group matches involving our Red team in the Premier Division and our White team in the Championship Division. Then, on Sunday December 1st, we will be playing in the Raith Rovers Walking Football Christmas Cup, currently entering one team.

Recently a new player, who lives in Tayport joined us and after playing for the first time said if he had known what Walking Football was all about, he would have joined months ago. He expected elderly gentleman struggling to walk, let alone play football! So, or any of your mates have got that idea in your head, come along and see for yourself.

If you perhaps think Walking Football is worth trying, for more information, contact me on 07831-535555, or email me at tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

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	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	8	7	1	0	26	22
	DOWNFIELD	8	6	0	2	11	18
	EAST CRAIGIE	8	6	0	2	6	18
	DUNDEE NORTH END	6	5	0	1	32	15
	TAYPORT	7	5	0	2	13	15
	LOCHEE UNITED	6	5	0	1	13	15
	KIRRIE THISTLE	7	5	0	2	5	15
	LETHAM	7	5	0	2	3	15
	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	8	4	2	2	3	14
	MONTROSE ROSELEA	7	3	0	4	2	9
	COUPAR ANGUS	8	3	0	5	0	9
	FORFAR UNITED	8	3	0	5	-15	9
	BLAIRGOWRIE	7	2	2	3	-3	8
	ARBROATH VICS	7	2	1	4	-4	7
	DUNDEE VIOLET	7	2	1	4	-5	7
	DUNDEE ST. JAMES	7	1	3	3	-7	6
	LOCHEE HARP	7	2	0	5	-13	6
	BRECHIN VICS	7	1	0	6	-15	3
	FORFAR WEST END	8	1	0	7	-26	3
	SCONE THISTLE	8	0	0	8	-26	0

Match Report

Midlands League - Saturday 28th September 2024 - Lochee Harp 0 v 3 Tayport

Tayport picked up the points at New Beechwood last Saturday with a comfortable win against a Harp side which played for fifty minutes with only 10 men after Cain Buchanan had been dismissed on receipt of a second yellow card.

Tayport, without their strike force of Samson and McComiskie, took the lead after 25 minutes, Kyle McMulkin seizing on Harp's failure to clear Gary Robertson's ball through the middle to comfortably beat Dallas in the Harp goal.

There was a glorious chance for Tayport to wrap up the points early in the second half when McMulkin was brought down in the box, but taking the penalty kick himself, he saw Dallas save his effort. However, he redeemed himself ten minutes later when he forced Dallas into a hurried clearance which rebounded off the Tayport player and into the net.

The match had been far from a classic contest, but was lit up in 71 minutes when Jamie Gill finished off a good run with a splendid finish. Jamie might have netted again but for a fine stop by the Harp No.1.

Stefan welcomed back to Canniepairt ... after eight years

Port fans would no doubt have been surprised to see Stefan Elvin come on as substitute against Blairgowrie in our last home game.

Stefan was signed from Dundee FC in August 2008 and he played 204 games before retiring in 2016 to concentrate on his business.



During his first spell at Canniepairt Stefan played under five different managers in his eight seasons, Iain Jenkins' brief spell, Willie Garner, John McGlashan, Dave Baikie and John Ovenstone. His last game on Canniepairt prior to retirement was a Super League game v Kelty Hearts, now of course in SPFL League One, in May 2016.

Above, right, Stef and Simon Murray celebrating a goal in 2013 and left, celebrating Adam o'Connor's winning goal at Ballingry Rovers in a Fife & Lothians Cup tie in May 2010



Scottish Junior Cup Update

The 3rd round is scheduled for 19th October...at least it is for some clubs. Scone Thistle will be playing their 2nd round tie at Camelon that day and Bo'ness United are playing Kilsyth Rangers today. The 2nd round tie between Finnart FC and Cambuslang Rangers was abandoned in the 88th minute two weeks ago when a Finnart player suffered a facial injury. Rangers were winning 6-1 at the time and their manager, somewhat understandably, suggested they should be awarded the tie but at the time of writing no decision has been made. With this delay and it would ap-

pear EoSFL and WoSFL fixtures taking precedence over Scottish Junior Cup ties, one wonders who is running the show!

The 3rd round is dominated by clubs not playing Scottish Junior League football. Of the 67 clubs still in contention, only 20 are playing Junior League Football, the remainder are EoSFL and WoSFL clubs.

Ties involving Midlands League clubs are **Tayport v Pollok**; **Blairgowrie v Downfield**; **Violet v West Park United**; Dyce v **Lochee United**; Islavale v **East Craigie**; Johnstone Burgh v **North End**; **Letham v Thorn Athletic**; **Montrose Roselea v Newmains United**; West Calder United v **Broughty Athletic**

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CONGRATULATIONS to **Lochee United** and **North End** on reaching the 2nd round of the Scottish Gas Scottish Cup. **Lochee** won 3-2 at East Stirlingshire whilst **North End** demolished Tranent, another Lowland League team by 4-0. Jeanfield Swifts, now of the East of Scotland League and managed by former 'Port striker Robbie Holden, won 2-1 at Forres Mechanics.

The 2nd round draw on 26th October sees **Lochee Utd** travel to Peterhead, **North End** to Inverurie Loco and Jeanfield are at home to Edinburgh City. The financial rewards for progress will keep the wolf from the door for a wee while!

In total, ten clubs, formerly fellow members of ours in the former East Region Super league are in 2nd round action. Another five wins and they are at Hampden!!

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★ **Nobody** seems to be able to confirm that North End's recent 25-0 win v Banff's Whitehills FC was a Scottish Junior Cup record but there's no doubt that it must have been, in one respect. Thirteen different players netted for the Dokens, including a Whitehills player who was no doubt devastated to have scored an own goal! Of course, for the first 75 years of the competition, there were no substitutes.

★ A first on The Canniepairt a week past Monday when a Girls' U14 East Region tier 1, Caroline Weir League's top of the league clash between Dundee United Community Club and Arbroath Youth FC Yellows took place under our lights. All other astro pitches and grass pitches with lights were all booked out, hence Canniepairt staging its first girls match under its floodlights. In an entertaining match, the Lichties stayed top of the league with a last minute goal from Millie McLeish. The Arbroath team's incentive was understood to have been a celebratory poke of chips on the way home! Evie Burnett, the Arbroath Yellows' centre back probably wouldn't be aware, but she was playing on the same ground which her great, great uncle was farming 100 years ago, some 50 years before it became our football stadium!

★ **Look** for a big change on our next visit to Blairgowrie's Davie Park. The dressing rooms which have remained virtually unchanged since the club was formed in 1946 will have been demolished to make way for the construction of a brand new complex containing all mod cons to be enjoyed by all levels of football within the community. The cost? £500,000 in grant aid and a great community



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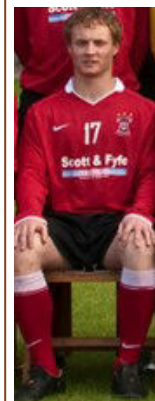
Welcome to The Canniepairt for today's match which sees us take on Dundee Violet for the first time this season.



This is a very sad time for all at DVJFC with the sad news of the passing of their honorary president Norrie Farquhar who for many years was the stalwart of the club, Norrie was the president when I played and managed the club many seasons ago and was always very supportive and wanted nothing more than for DVJFC to do their best, Norrie will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him and especially all at his beloved club Dundee Violet. Rest In Peace, Mr Violet.

Everyone at Tayport Football Club wishes the coaching staff and committee of Dundee Violet JFC all the very best for the remainder of the season.

I am very happy with our last three results, two wins in the league and a good win in our Junior Scottish Cup game up in Aberdeen v Sunnybank. We still have our 100% league record at home and hope to maintain this form today and set a precedent whereby any away team visiting will have to be on their best form to take anything away from the Canniepairt.



As I said in the last programme, we were hopeful that we could add another few new faces in the coming weeks to strengthen our squad and add extra competition for places, We have added midfielder Stefan Elvin (left) to the squad. Stefan is no stranger to Tayport supporters, having been at the club when we last tasted silverware. Stefan's had a few seasons out because of his business commitments but a chance meeting at our recent game v Downfield, he suggested he maybe wanted to get involved again. He was invited to come to training and has now signed until the end of the season.

Illness and injuries robbed us of three players for last week's game at Lochee Harp and we could still minus them today. Ryan Smith may be a long-term injury as he is awaiting a scan on a groin injury. The others should be fit for our next game.

Hopefully you can all enjoy today's game, and we can take all 3 points to keep us climbing the table.

George

Match Report

Midlands League

Saturday 14th September 2024 on Canniepairt

Tayport 6 v 1 Blairgowrie

Tayport recorded their second big win of their league season but had to come from behind after the lively former Brechin City striker Stuart Heenan had given the Berrypickers the lead on 26 minutes. Heenan was adjudged to have been fouled 20 yards out but it looked more like a clever piece of deception. He quickly got up to put his side ahead with a delightfully taken free kick.

Three goals in three minutes, literally the last kick of first half added time and another two in the opening two minutes of the second period, put Tayport firmly in the driving seat. Scott McComiskie equalised after being set up by Sam Simpson. Sam was again the provider with a corner for Jamie Gill to head Tayport in front. A great run and cool finish by Ethan Samson made it 3-1. It was 4-1 on the hour mark when McComiskie's pass was coolly lobbed home by Gill. The goals kept coming with Jamie Crowe setting up McComiskie for his second and Tayport's fifth before Jamie Gill collected his hat-trick on 87 minutes to complete the scoring from the penalty spot.

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Match Report

Scottish Junior Cup R2

Saturday 21st September 2024 at Heatheryfold, Aberdeen

Sunnybank 0 v 2 Tayport The Aberdeen North Premier Division side hadn't been in the best of form leading up to this tie. They had nevertheless looked the more determined side during the opening exchanges which were more noted for the referee's colourful display of yellow cards being issued to players of both sides.

Sunnybank were having the better of the goalscoring opportunities and might have taken an interval lead but for a fine stop by Fraser Burnett in 40 minutes.

Tayport's half time elixir did the business once again and they took the lead shortly after the resumption of play, Ethan Samson having the simple task of knocking home Scott McComiskie's ball from the left.

The goal settled Tayport but victory wasn't sealed until Ethan headed his second goal of the afternoon with 15 minutes to play thus setting up a round 3 clash with old adversaries Pollok on The Canniepairt

*** Own Goal**