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## EDITORIAL

We were lucky to get such a good day, weatherwise, last week for the visit of Pollok, a game which attracted our biggest attendance since Highland League Buckie Thistle last season.

The Canniepairt pitch and surrounds were looking good and a lot of that's down to the on-going efforts of Paul Reilly of PullStart at Willison's, and volunteers Willie Fry and Ron Saunders.

The contributions of matchday volunteers last Saturday, Sandy McDade, Jim McDade and Mark Gilmour should also be noted.

### Forthcoming Matches

No game next week as East Craigie have to fulfil their postponed Scottish Cup tie

#### Next Game

Saturday 9th November -

Midlands League

Home v Carnoustie  
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**Cover Pic** - Jamie Hume challenges Adam Forde, voted Pollok Supporters' Man of the Match. Pic courtesy of Pollok's James Graham

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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Today our Midlands League opponents are Scone Thistle and I'd like to welcome both their players and officials to the Canniepairt. Can I also welcome our supporters.

Well, our Scottish Junior Cup campaign has ended for another season. I know at some stage in a cup competitions you are going to face the better sides but over the past number of seasons we've had the misfortune of being drawn against one of the better side very early in the competitions. The saying "it's the luck of the draw" hasn't happened for us and it can be the luck of the draw that can give you the momentum needed to gain the confidence and time to improve as a side and the time to strengthen your side.

Last weekend's Scottish Cup tie against Pollok was a tall order for us. They compete week in week out in a much stronger division than ours and unfortunately it showed throughout the game.

In conversation with Martyn

Robertson who follows both sides and who attended our Scottish tie at Hurlford last season, he said he definitely saw a marked improvement in us and I must agree with his observations.



So it's local football for us for the remainder of this term but from our point of view there's still a lot to play for. Although we're only a third into our league campaign, it's vital we continue winning against sides below us in the table and begin to start succeeding against the sides above us.

Today there are another 3 points on offer. Our opponents haven't had the best of starts but had a good result at Letham the other week so we have to be totally focused and produce the work rate and attitude required. Do so then I'm confident we can gain the 3 points. Enjoy the game.

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*Davie Baikie*



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Thistle  
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### BRANCH RAILWAY LINE CLOSED

Another of Fife's country branch railway lines was closed to passenger traffic when the last train ran from Leuchars to Tayport on Saturday night.

On arrival at Tayport Station the train was greeted by the strains of "Lochaber No More" by Piper David Smith. This tune was chosen as it was the nearest approach to "Leuchars No More" among pipe tunes.

A large body of "mourners" awaited the arrival of the train and they included several members of the Town Council. Provost J. D. Barron, Bailie J. L. Garvie and Councillors Mrs Diana Griffiths, James B. Pow and James Wyles were among those who made the nine-minute journey from Leuchars and Bailie William Jack met the train at Tayport.

The Town Council are now to raise with the Railway Company the question of the long walk from the bus to the station at Leuchars and will ask that some buses should be to Cupar.

Why a reference to a Railway line, you may ask? In 1848 a railway line north from Edinburgh via Leuchars was extended to Tayport (then known as Ferry-Port-On-Craig) and this railway ran parallel to the Canniepairt pitch through what is now our Enclosure and our half-time members' hospitality cabin. 112 years later this railway line was closed down and as you can see in the adjacent press report, the last passenger train to run through what is now our football ground was Saturday 7th January 1956

### 25 MAY 1991 SCONE THISTLE VISIT CANNIEPAIRT TWICE IN 4 DAYS

With our inaugural 1990-91 season rapidly drawing to a close, Tayport and Kirrie Thistle were neck and neck for Tayside JFA's Division 2 title, as Tayport prepared to take on Scone at Canniepairt for the second time in 3 days.

After qualifying for the Whyte & Mackay Cup semi final with a 4-1 win (8-5 aggregate) on the Wednesday, this was a must win league fixture. Kirrie, two games to play, were on 32 points, Tayport, with three games to play were on 29 points. A crowd of 120 saw Tayport line-up:- Ian Christie; George Malone, Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, Grant Paterson; Graeme Irons, Frank Dolan, Grant Cushnie; Billy Coventry, Dave Reilly, Gary Lamont; Subs were Jimmy Hunter and Gavin Howey.

Tayport took full points from a 4-0 win with goals from Dave Reilly (2), Jimmy Hunter and Billy Coventry. Kirrie dropped a point at home to Blairgowrie that same afternoon and two days later on the Monday night, Tayport won 2-1 at Forfar Albion, setting up a grand finale on Saturday 8th June. Tayport needed a draw from their last game, away to Scone (a 4th encounter with Thistle in little more than two weeks!), while Kirrie needed to win at home to St Josephs and hope that 'Port would lose at Scone. Joeys won 7-2 but an attendance of 250 saw Tayport take the title with a 6-1 win.



## TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v SCONE THISTLE MIDLANDS LEAGUE



Scone Thistle are making their tenth visit to the Canniepairt, still looking for their first win, although they came close last season when Cody Bateman scored their equaliser in a 1-1 draw. Thistle finished just below mid table that season during which they had a creditable 5 wins league wins away from home, failing to find their opponent's net on only two occasions.

This season hasn't started as well for the Jaggies, their recent point from a 2-2 draw at Letham, being their first



from their ten league games to date. This is perhaps surprising as it's much the same squad as last season. It seems just a matter of time before Charlie King's side starts clicking

and moving up the table.

Charlie was a popular team boss here at Canniepairt for 18 months between 2017-19 and only one Tayport player - Jamie Gill, above, - is still at Tayport from that era.

Scone's Ross Cameron (pictured right) was at Tayport during a period in which he played under managers,

McPherson, Wolecki and McKenzie. Ross made 17 appearances and was never on a losing side, 16 wins and one draw, scoring once, in the Scottish Cup at Forres.



Last Saturday Scone were at Camelon in the Scottish Junior Cup. It was always going to be a difficult afternoon against a side sitting top of the East of Scotland League's 1st Division and so it transpired, the home side winning 7-0.

Tayport, after an unbeaten run in the League, also struggled in the Cup last week and will be hoping to get back to winning form today.

George Shields has added 22 years old winger Jamie Timmons, signed from Violet, to his player pool.

Scott McComiskie, recipient of a red card last week, is available to play as his suspension is restricted to Scottish Cup ties.

With manager Shields on holiday, Gary Sutherland and Grant Clark are the main men in the dugout today.

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

On Friday October 18th we had a record attendance at training! 24 players attended, plus myself and Bill "the ref" Ramsay. The pitch at the Regional Performance Centre was virtually full size to accommodate them all. We even had 4 regulars absent because of holidays !

In future with these numbers we will, hopefully, split into 4 teams and set up 2 pitches, and create 3 games for each team of 15 minutes per game, similar to how league games are played. Everyone enjoyed the 12 aside we played except Bill the Ref, whose view was often obscured as he referees from the side of the pitch, which is how Walking Football league games are refereed.

Tomorrow, October 27th, we have our final session of league games, being played at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee. Our Premier league team, Tayport Reds, have 4 games to play. Their first game is against St. James, then we play Oriam, Linlithgow Rose and finally Dundee East, currently top of the league. We need favourable results to make sure we don't get relegated, but we have virtually our strongest squad available, so we are confident we will do well!!

Our Championship side, Tayport Whites, have 2 league games and 2 friendlies on the same day at the RPC. Our first game is a friendly against Dundee FC, then it's a league game against Hibernian, and another against Dunfermline Dynamos before finishing with a friendly against Carnoustie Panmure. A good result in the 2 league games could see us finish mid table, a great result considering it's only our second season running 2 teams. Up to this year we were the only club running 2 league teams, but this year Arbroath have followed suit.

We have always run our 2 teams equally, and that's what the players want again next year. We could have a 1st team and 2nd team, but we don't want our players feeling they are only good for the reserves, so we will again have 2 equally balanced teams in both ability and age. Obviously there will be the necessity to swap the odd player around, but once players are registered with Walking Football Scotland, they can only move once from one team to the other. To misquote the late, great Liverpool manager, Bill Shankly, the 2 best teams in Scottish Walking Football are Tayport Reds and Tayport Whites!!

In the last programme notes when listing the TWF Committee, I got my Grays mixed up. It should be Alan, the Tayport FC stalwart of the 1980s, not Andy!!

*Paul*

## MIDLANDS LEAGUE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Broughty Athletic	10	9	1	0	41	7	34	28
North End	9	8	0	1	48	4	44	24
Downfield	10	8	0	2	29	10	19	24
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>
Lochee United	8	7	0	1	25	6	19	21
Carnoustie	10	6	2	2	27	18	9	20
East Craigie	10	6	1	3	16	14	2	19
Letham	9	5	1	3	17	18	-1	16
Kirrie Thistle	10	5	0	5	13	18	-5	15
Coupar Angus	11	4	1	6	22	18	4	13
Arbroath Victoria	10	4	1	5	18	19	-1	13
St James	10	3	3	4	16	23	7	12
Blairstown	10	3	3	4	18	25	-7	12
Montrose Roselea	9	3	0	6	16	23	-7	9
Lochee Harp	9	3	0	6	10	25	-15	9
Forfar United	10	3	0	7	14	41	-27	9
Dundee Violet	9	2	1	6	7	20	-13	7
Forfar West End	10	2	0	8	15	36	-21	6
Brechin Victoria	11	1	1	8	8	28	-20	4
<b>Scone Thistle</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>1</b>

The League will be splitting after each club has played each other once, with the top ten teams fighting it out for the title and with it, the chance of a place in the preliminary rounds of the 'big' Scottish Cup, while the bottom ten play in the bottom division to determine who is to be the best of the rest. Unlike a normal season, the relegation and promotion battle will be fought out mid season with the teams in the top ten eg, those in the top ten at the moment, anxious to avoid playing out the season in the bottom division. And those in the bottom division at the moment will be hoping to play out the second half of the season in the top ten. Complications will surely arise if we have bad weather causing postponements and clubs are way behind with their fixtures as the end of the calendar year approaches.



## Only Four Midlands League Survive to Reach Round 4

We got most of our predictions correct in last week's prog preview of last week's Scottish Junior Cup 3rd round ties. We did say that if North End won at Johnstone Burgh, they could go all the way. They can't. They lost 3-1 so will now have to set their sights on retaining their league title. The one we got wrong was **Broughty Athletic's** defeat at West Calder United. Flying high at the top of our league, Broughty's hopes of getting to the later stages were ended in a shock 3-3 draw and a defeat on penalties in West Lothian by the 8th tier club East of Scotland League club.



So, Downfield, Montrose Roselea, Lochee United are into the last 32. East Craigie's game at Islavale was postponed. Letham have to play either Camelon or Hall Russell United to reach this stage.

The draw for Round 4 is : Bo'ness United or Ardrossan Winton Rovers v **Downfield**; **Montrose Roselea** v Beith; Troon v **Lochee United**; Islavale or **East Craigie** v Largs

## Variety is not the Spice of (Midlands JFA) Life

As some will know, *The Courier* has a football correspondent who writes a Midlands League column in the Dundee edition each Saturday and Monday. Readers may have observed that in eleven of the last thirteen columns Broughty Athletic have featured in every headline and, therefore, also in the introductory paragraphs.

Last Saturday, Broughty were away from home, miles away in West Lothian, playing a Scottish Junior Cup tie at West Calder United. The local Scottish Cup attractions on Saturday were Violet, Downfield and Tayport, Tayport were playing Pollok, who, as well as being one of the best known of Scotland's Non-League clubs are also the best supported, boasting the highest average attendance figures of any Non-League club in the country. Surely, then, we thought, this week we'll maybe get a different headline on Saturday. But no! What do we get? "West Calder tough cup test for the Fed". The first paragraphs referenced Broughty, then Lochee and North End, also playing miles away. What about Downfield, Violet and Tayport? We're trying to attract folk to Midlands games, so maybe a more imaginative approach would get a few more bodies through the gate.

One wonders, of course, if the sports staff who oversee contributions have any interest in Non-League football.

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## PORT TRIVIA PROG

A few former Port stars were at last Saturday's match, including Steven Stewart who played against Pollok on three previous occasions. Steven's not long back from a holiday in Florida where he was caught up in hurricane Milton. He was delighted to report that his holiday was forcibly extended by three days!

We wish our two surviving Midlands clubs, Lochee United and North End, the best of luck this afternoon when they both travel north in Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 2nd round ties. Lochee are at Peterhead, currently 3rd top of SPF League 2, while Inverurie Loco Works, 4th top of the Highland League, await the visit of North End.

We've no game next week, as scheduled opponents East Craigie are required to play their Scottish Junior Cup tie at Islavale that day, a game which was postponed last week. Postponements always used to be played the following week but it appears that the Scottish Junior Cup has been devalued to the extent that the local leagues now call the shots and the Scottish Junior Cup takes second place.

Tayport v East Craigie will now be played on Wednesday 26 November under the Canniepairt lights.

Letham received a walkover in the last round of the Scottish Cup after Thorn Ath. had been turfed out for playing a suspended player in the previous round

The highlights of Tayport v Pollok can be viewed on Pollok FC's You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxbcswCr0g>



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## THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS

We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today which sees us take on Scone Thistle JFC in our 10<sup>th</sup> league game of the season.



Everyone at Tayport Football Club wishes the coaching staff, committee and supporters of Scone Thistle JFC all the very best for the remainder of the season and a safe journey home.

I am very disappointed with the performance on Saturday v Pollok FC, it was always going to be a very difficult game but our defending at set plays let us down badly and is something we will be working on in the coming weeks. Our previous four performances, three convincing wins in the league and our Scottish Junior Cup game at Sunnybank FC have been pleasing. However, today our opponents Scone Thistle JFC will no doubt be thinking that after a good result in the league the previous week, they will make it a tough test for us today. I know Charlie King their manager very well having coached him at Brechin City FC when he was in his prime and he will have his team fired up for this game today.

As I said in the last programme, we were still hopeful that we could add another few new faces in the coming weeks to strengthen our squad and I am delighted to tell everyone we have secured the services of defender Jamie Timmons from Dundee Violet JFC on a 2 year deal, Jamie comes highly recommended and he will be a great addition to the squad.

Suspensions and injuries robbed us of 3 players for last week's game, and unfortunately they are all still missing for today's game. Our long-term injuries as previously reported are Ryan Smith, who is still waiting on a scan, and Stefan Elvin who damaged his hamstring and may be out for a good few weeks, Sam Simpson is on a family holiday this week but will return for the next fixture which will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November as East Craigie have to play their Scottish Junior Cup tie on the day we were meant to play them, so we will not have a game on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Hopefully you can all enjoy today's game, and we can take Tayport FC another step further up the league and maintain our 100% league record at the Canniepairt.

*George*

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The opener in 13 minutes followed a free kick which wasn't cleared allowing centre half Gow the opportunity to crash

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