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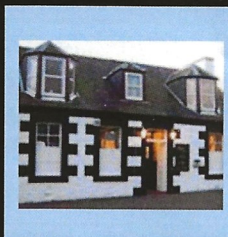


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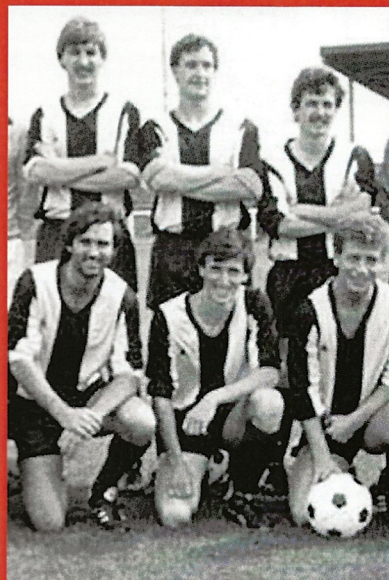
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EAST CRAIGIE
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TAYPORT v ARBROATH VICTORIA
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TONIGHT'S VISITORS - EAST CRAIGIE

East Craigie haven't been particularly regular visitors to The Canniepairt and tonight will be only their 15th visit in 34 years. The first 9 visits saw Tayport record 9 wins but it's been a different story since 2021 with Tayport failing to win a game. Tayport have netted only once in those 5 games. A 0-0 draw in August of that year which has been followed by 1-1, 0-1, 0-0 and most recently, a 0-2 defeat.

In recent years East Craigie have put many seasons of struggle behind them to become been one of the top Midlands clubs during a period in which they have developed a number of young players who have been snapped up by more affluent clubs.

One of the more experienced players during these successful years has been the wholehearted Andy McDonauld (right) who spent some time at Canniepairt under John McGlashan twelve years ago. A teammate at the time of current Tayport players Gary Robertson and Stefan Elvin, Andy made 21 appearances, scored 2



goals, collected 9 yellow cards and 2 of the red variety. It would be fair to say that his enthusiasm often got the better of him. Also in the East Craigie squad tonight is likely to be Aiden McDougall (left). Aiden was one of the many Darryl McKenzie signings who failed to hold down a regular spot during 20



23 but made 26 appearances and scored two goals.

Current form, however, must be a concern for the Craigie management. After collecting four successive league wins during September, the Shipbuilders have only taken 1 point from a possible 16 since, and have shipped 21 goals during this period.

East Craigie's glamour Scottish tie at home to Largs Thistle in common with all matches, was postponed last Saturday and goes ahead this week. It's quite a task for Craigie as Largs are flying high in the West of Scotland Premier Division, currently holding down 3rd spot.



Scottish Junior Cup update

Mass postponements last weekend has caused complications in rescheduling the ties. **East Craigie** v Largs, Cumnock v **Letham** and **Montrose Roselea** v Beith go ahead this Saturday but gone are the days when Scottish Junior Cup ties took precedence over what might be called domestic fixtures. Troon v **Lochee United** now has a mid December date while at the time of writing, there's no date for the Bo'ness United v **Downfield** tie. 5th tier Bo'ness are members of the Lowland League and they have a Scottish Gas Scottish Cup tie this Saturday and have Lowland League fixtures scheduled for all Saturdays and a midweek in December.

Scottish Gas Scottish Cup update

It's the 3rd round this weekend and local interest is with **North End**. The Dokens host SPFL Championship's Airdrieonians and this tie, kicking off at 1pm this Sunday, should see North End Park's biggest attendance since Tayport met Downfield in that classic Scottish Junior Cup Final second replay back in 1993, the last occasion on which a third game settled a tie. We wish them well.

North End are one of three clubs from Tier 6 - **Clydebank** and **Musselburgh Athletic** are the others and **Irvine Meadow** from Tier 7 - bidding for a place - and a healthy payday - against the big boys in Round 4.

HARD ACTS TO FOLLOW

Tayport's current run of 6 successive League wins under **George Shields** is the club's best since **Eddie Wolecki's** 7 in a row when he took over from **Chris McPherson** in season 2021-22. **Dave Baikie** had 8 in season 2014-15 and going back a bit further, **Andy Sommerville** had 13, 11 and 14 in successive seasons, 1998-2010.

The best run, however, was 18 successive league victories under current chairman **Dave Baikie** during his first managerial spell in 1995-96 which of course was our first Scottish Cup winning season.

Pretty Impressive

Andy Sommerville's record was pretty impressive to say the least. Under his management Tayport played 149 games and lost only 12, 9 of which were by the odd goal.



Andy Sommerville - a colossus on and off the field

HOW ARE THINGS SHAPING UP IN THE MIDLANDS LEAGUE?

We're heading to the halfway point of the season and in the Midlands League, it's very much a case of as you were, with the top four positions occupied by the same four clubs as finished there last season. In fact the top ten, with one exception - **Letham** instead of **Montrose Roselea** - is the same as finished in last season's top half. The most upwardly mobile club at this stage is **Coupar Angus**...our opponents on Saturday... who have moved from second bottom to 13th. Charlie King's **Scone Thistle** have plummeted in the opposite direction from 13th last term to rock bottom at present with a single point from a possible 42 to date.

Most clubs have five games left before the split, with the current top six looking like they will secure a top ten place. However, as many as six of the clubs in the present bottom half could find a surge in form to take advantage of any poor run by any top ten tailender. It's an interesting scenario.

and ELSEWHERE LOCALLY

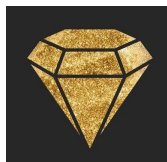
Geographically, they could well be described as being in the Midlands League catchment area, but five of our neighbouring clubs, **Jeanfield Swifts**, **St Andrews United**, **Luncarty**, **Kinnoull** and **Newburgh** choose to play their football in the East of Scotland League which embraces Pyramid tiers 6 to 9.

Jeanfield are currently the best positioned of the three in the Premier Division (tier 6) where they are challenging Musselburgh Athletic and Hill of Beath Hawthorn for the title and with it, a play off place which provides an opportunity to step up to the Lowland League.

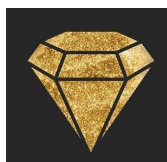
At the other end of the table are Luncarty and St Andrews United, both recently under new management. Saints are taking time to find their feet and are currently in a relegation berth but recent form suggests they are on an upward spiral. Luncarty, a couple of places above them, could find it more tricky but of course, with half a season to go, plenty can happen.

Kinnoull, relegated from the Premier Division last season, are at present marooned at the foot of Division One (tier 7) and at the moment, another drop looks a distinct possibility. Newburgh dropped into Division Three (tier 9) this season and, although looking unlikely to mount a challenge for a quick return, have steadied the ship.

DIAMOND CLUB WEEKLY DRAW



The most recent winners are:-
Jim Cook; Tayport Walking Football; Liz
Alexander; Tom Bradley; Graeme
McBeth, Robert Bryson; Carolyn Reid.
This week No. 59 - Maureen Moonie



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	Kyle McMULKIN
	Lewis STRACEY
	Nik MANN
	James SIMPSON
	Ben SIVEWRIGHT

Wednesday
27th
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7 pm

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McCALLUM

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Vikkie
ROBERTSON

Assistant 2:
Graeme
BOWMAN

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	Jack ROLLO
	Andy McDONALD
	Aidan MARSHALL
	Paul MORAN
	Aiden McDOUGALL
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	Paul CONSTABLE
	Jordan CONWAY
	Lee CAMERON
	Lennox TENDHAR
	Paul MORAN
	Kieron DOLAN
	Reece REDPATH
	Kyle PEACOCK
	Jude DUGUID
	Kai FLYNN

Manager

George
SHIELDS

Management

Craig Sean
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TAYPORT FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2024-2025

Club founded 1947 as Amateurs and 1990 as Juniors

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Colours: Red /white Change: Black /black

Honours

Scottish Junior Cup Winners: 1996, 2003, 2005
Runners-up: 1993, 1997, 2004

East Super League Champions: 2003, 2006.
Runners-up: 2004, 2005.
East Region Premier League Champions 2010

10 Tayside JFA Championships 1990 - 2022
11 Regional Cups 1992 - 2015
21 Local Cups 1991 - 2008

Club Management

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Vice-Chairman: John Anderson
Secretary: John Morris - johnmorris37@btinternet.com
Treasurer: George Knight

Committee:
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Graeme McBeth Paul Berg Mick Roberts

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Manager: George Shields
Assistant manager: Barry Smith
Coach: Gary Sutherland
Goalkeeping coach: Grant Clark
Physio: Emma Gillespie
Media: Lachlan Harrison

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Tony Sneddon (2), James McRitchie

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EDITORIAL

Be wary when looking at the Midlands League table online. There have been numerous errors on goals for & against therefore compounding goal difference errors. Whilst league placings mean little at this stage, there could be issues when the split comes.

Front Cover

You may wonder the relevance of the pic. Vics fans of a certain vintage will recognise that it's from a Vics team pic taken at the 1982 centenary match between Vics and Arbroath FC. Ok, the star of the show, the legendary **George Best**, is instantly recognisable but there are also two others, also in Vics colours, who would become Tayport FC legends, **Andy Sommerville** (back, centre) and **Jimmy Hunter** (front right).

Vics players on either side of Andy are left, R.Butchart & Tom Cargill and front is B.Chapman

Note kick
off times

Forthcoming Matches

Next Game is in Midweek

on Wednesday 27th November

Home vs. East Craigie in the League

under the Canniepairt floodlights at **7pm**

followed by....

Coupar Angus v Tayport

on Saturday 30th November,

also in the League, at Foxhall Park, Coupar Angus
when kick-off will be 1.30pm

Thereafter another two League games away from home on successive Saturdays, at **Brechin Vics** and **Kirrie Thistle**, before meeting Broughty Athletic on The Canniepairt on Saturday 21st December

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THE CHAIRMAN...

Arbroath Victoria provide our opposition for this afternoon's league game, May I extend a warm welcome to both their players and officials to the Canniepairt and of course our supporters.

Since our last Port Programme we've played two league games and gained six points against sides close to our league position. Carnoustie was first up and to be fair, we struggled at times in the game but I'll take the 2-0 victory all day. Last season we'd have lost that game.

Last weekend we travelled to Perth to face another tricky fixture at Letham. In both games last season vs, Letham we looked comfortable at 3-0 ahead but in both games our opponents pulled it back to 3-2 and we ended up enduring an edgy final few minutes to get over the line. This time around we once again found ourselves winning 3-0 and having to play the final 35 minutes or so with 10 men, losing the services of Aiden McKelvie to two yellows but this time around we ran out comfortably winners. As I said about the Carnoustie game, last season the outcome may well have turned out to be a different result.

Since the last edition, we've added 5 players to our squad, Jamie Timmons and James Simpson from Dundee Violet, re-signed Nick Mann, a former player from some ten years ago, Ben Sivewright from Broughty Athletic and Ross Milne, on loan from Brechin City. We were struggling with numbers with a few injuries so the options the manager has at his disposal are now much healthier.

Today's opposition Arbroath Vics have enjoyed a mixed season with some great results and some poor, so it's vital that we show the confidence and workrate that we've offered these past few games. Do so, then we can prevail this afternoon.

Enjoy the Game

Support the Port.

Davie Baikie



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	Lewis TRACEY
	Nik MANN
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	Ben SIVEWRIGHT



Saturday
23rd November
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2.30pm

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Duncan
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Murray
DEWAR

Assistant 2:
Matthew
RACE

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gk	Scott CLARK
	Jonjay REID
	George NEDYALKOV
	Dylan BARNETT
check	Dean HARDIE
	Connor GRAY
board	Kieran MACGREGOR
	Kyle RAMSAY
at	Calvin WOOD
	Andrew GRUBB
gate	Connor MCFARLANE
	Ross FINDLAY
for	Liam THOMSON
	Jamie THOMSON
Nos.	Mitchell WILLIAMS
	Carlo GIACOMINI
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1974 FROM THE ARCHIVES 1974

50 Years go this ago this week Tayport, then an amateur side, were travelling to Kirkcaldy to meet Boglily Bluebell in a Fife Cup 1st round replay.

It had been 1-1 on East Common with David Henderson scoring for the locals. For the replay, big Jim Scott, having missed the first game, returned in place of Stuart Davie as the only change in Tayport's line-up, most of whom were regulars throughout the 1970s. They fielded Richard Callander; Frank Leslie, Peter Wilson, Ian Mathers, Ron Fleming, Jim Scott, 'Graham 'Spider' McLaren, Dave Henderson; Doug Henderson (Abby Oswald), Ian Howe, Gordon Hughes (Stuart Davie).

Tayport won 3-1 (Howe, Hughes 2) and went on to eliminate, Kirkcaldy YM and Cupar Hearts before losing 0-1 on East Common to Star Hearts who would lift the Scottish Amateur Cup at Hampden Park eight weeks later.



The same afternoon Tayport's Alliance XI lost 8-4 at Monifieth in a league game despite leading 4-1 at half-time with goals from Bryson, Filipovic, Harris and Feechan. The line-up was: Phil Callander; John Porter, Gordon Brankin, Frank Feechan, John Anderson; Ian Rae, George Caldwell, Phil Filipovic; Ally Harris, George Bryson and Bob Brannan. Subs were Colin Hughes and John Hackett.



Bob Brannan (above) went on to become CEO of Rangers FC and chairman of Walker's Shortbread while (Dr) George Caldwell (left) went on to become Head of Scotland's Rural College of Veterinary Services

Also Happening in Tayport in November 1974

* **Tayport Amateur Musical Society** was providing the entertainment for the Carnbee Literary & Social Union in the Arncroach Hall. A dance was to follow with admission 30p *

140 pupils from Tayport were attending Madras College daily. Provost Pow, in seeking to have a school built in the local area, again got a knock back from the Glenrothes based Education convener who said he'd get a school in the south Tayside area when the population justified it.

* **The Tayport instrumental Band** was being lined up for two concerts next year playing in the Bandstand at the Cart Hough in Cupar.

* **Miss Linda Smith**, Tayport, was the runner-up in the Miss SNP contest at a dance in the Ta li ho Hotel in Newburgh



TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v ARBROATH VICTORIA MIDLANDS LEAGUE



This afternoon we welcome one of the oldest clubs in the country when Arbroath Vics, having celebrated their Centenary back in 1982, visit Canniepairt.

Vics finished 4th from bottom of the League last season after a horrendous end to last season, losing their final four games, conceding 27 goals and scoring only 3.



Matters have improved, though, and Vics currently sit comfortably in mid table and one win from their remaining 24 games will equal their entire total of wins from last season.

Defensively things seemed to have tightened up... until last Saturday, that is, when Carnoustie rattled in 7 against Vics 2 at Ogilvy Park. It should be noted, however, that had Vics not been denied a goal to make it 3-3 at one point, there might not have been such a dramatic late collapse.

Connor McFarlane (pictured) has netted half of Vics' goals in their last eight games, including the double v Carnoustie last week.

Describing the forthcoming run up to Christmas as a difficult spell for Vics, is something of an understatement. After today, they play Downfield *, Broughty Athletic, North End and have a visit to Letham.

Whilst Vics will be looking to improve their tally of only one win on foreign soil this season. Tayport meanwhile, will be looking to ensure their unblemished home league record is maintained.



Latest signing, 17 year old full back Ross Milne (left) on loan from Brechin City, is in today's squad. Hopefully, as with the likes of Mark Whatley, Mark Corcoran, Simon Murray and others, The Canniepairt can be a stepping stone in the game for Ross. Nick Mann and Jamie Simpson are also in the squad as are Jamie Gill, who returns after injury, and Scott McComiskie who was ill.

* Could be postponed if Downfield have to play a cup tie

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

Attracting new players to Walking Football isn't easy !

It doesn't matter which club is recruiting, when you say the words "Walking Football" to anyone, they get an image of elderly people either wobbly on their feet or in wheelchairs trying to play football !! This image couldn't be further from reality.

We have recently had three new players join our club, it took persuasion over a few weeks to get them to come and try it, but once they tried, they were hooked. All three had played either Junior or Amateur football in their younger days, but they weren't prepared for the standard of football our guys play, nor the stamina needed to play for well over 1 hour.

Many of our players, now totalling about 36, have played local Amateur football in their youth and never thought they would be playing at this stage of their lives. Not only do they thoroughly enjoy, and look forward to our Friday training sessions, it undoubtedly has got them fitter and healthier than they were before.

It normally takes 3 to 4 weeks for a new player to get their fitness level up to what is required. They also have to be careful not to overdo things which can lead to strained muscles and hamstring injuries.

Nonetheless, once they have played for a few weeks they either love it or can't keep up and stop coming. Fortunately the latter isn't the norm ! I can honestly say that the guys are like a big family, and make newcomers feel at ease from their first visit.

We are now going to be indoors at the Regional Performance Centre over the next few months, but the benefit is that we can have two pitches and, should we get over 24 players attending, we can play two games at the same time, something we cannot do at Tayport.

If you know of anyone who has played football in the past, but feel they are too "senior" to play now, just get them to email tfwalkingfootball@gmail.com or phone me on 07831-535555 for more information. It's never too late. We have 4 players in their 70s playing, and you wouldn't know which ones they were!



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	14	12	1	1	55	12	43	37
North End	12	11	0	1	56	5	51	33
Lochee United	13	11	0	2	45	9	36	33
Downfield	14	11	0	3	39	15	24	33
Tayport	12	10	0	2	43	11	32	30
Carnoustie	14	8	2	4	39	27	12	26
St James	14	6	3	5	27	27	0	21
Kirrie Thistle	14	6	1	7	22	27	-5	19
Letham	13	6	1	6	21	30	-9	19
East Craigie	13	6	1	6	19	28	-9	19
Lochee Harp	13	6	0	7	17	32	-15	18
Montrose Roselea	13	5	1	7	26	28	-2	16
Arbroath Victoria	14	5	1	8	23	30	-7	16
Coupar Angus	13	4	1	8	23	21	2	13
Dundee Violet	13	4	1	8	10	27	-17	13
Blairgowrie	12	3	3	6	24	31	-7	12
Forfar United	14	3	2	9	20	51	-31	11
Brechin Victoria	14	3	1	10	11	32	-21	10
Forfar West End	14	3	0	11	20	52	-32	9
Scone Thistle	14	0	1	13	13	60	-47	1

Match Report

Midlands League 16 November 2024 at Seven Acres, Perth Letham 1-3 Tayport

Quite a polished performance from Tayport once they had taken the lead on the half hour mark, the busy debutant Nick Mann getting on the end of Greg McColm's header across the goal to send a clever dipping header past a despairing keeper. Ten minutes later it was 2-0 when Ethan Samson pinched the ball off a defender in midfield and ran through to coolly slot the ball home.

A second yellow card for McKelvie early in the second half saw Tayport down to ten men but this was nary noticed as Tayport continued to control proceedings. Their efforts were rewarded in 77 minutes when Sam Simpson finished off a great run with No.3. The one blemish came in the last minute when another Simpson, this time Letham's Shaun netted the home side's consolation goal, only the second conceded by Fraser Burnett in his past seven games

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

The Scottish Junior Football Association has 5 officials based at Hampden Park running the organisation, The President Bobby Macnamara of Ardrossan Winton Rovers; Vice President Clark Nicol of Hurlford United; Chief Operating Officer Alex McDowall; Secretary/ Assistant Secretary Kennie Young; Treasurer/Disciplinary Secretary Alex Fyfe.

They are elected to oversee the affairs of Scottish Junior Football which basically boils down to 30 clubs in Aberdeenshire, 20 clubs in the Midlands League and the organisation of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Outwith these 50 clubs, other clubs who play in the West of Scotland Football League (WOSFL) and East of Scotland Football League (EOSFL), should they wish on payment of an entry fee of £50, can become members of the SJFA and compete in the Scottish Junior Cup.

There's a prize purse of £53,600 up for grabs. 4th round losers get £100 each; the last 16 losers get £500 each; the losing quarter finalists get £2,000; losing semi-finalists get £5,000; Runners-up get £10,000 and the Winners receive £20,000.

WOSFL and EOSFL provide 25 of the 32 clubs and therefore dominate the 4th round. Only Hermes and Burghead from the North Region and Downfield, East Craigie, Letham, Lochee United and Montrose Roselea from our Association are in with a chance of making the last 16.

Today's ties are East Craigie v Largs Thistle; Montrose Roselea v Beith; Troon v Lochee United; Camelon v Letham is on Nov 30); Bo'ness United v Downfield (TBA). Hermes are at Benburb while Burghead are at Drumchapel United. We wish them all well.

Footnote

Given that the SJFA have a plethora of officials in Glasgow with all the technical and administrative advice on hand at Hampden, one would imagine some of the Association's funds could be put towards providing a decent SJFA website. They need look no further than the WOSFL and EOSFL websites



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Scott McComiskie	7
Sam Simpson	7
Kyle McMulkin	6
Jamie Crowe	6
Jamie Gill	5

TAKE A LOOK !

All Tayport's Football Clubs' results ... and some goalscorers... from 1899 to 2024 in the **Scottish Cup**, **Scottish Junior Cup** and **Scottish Amateur Cup** and much more are now online at

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TABLES
EAST OF SCOTLAND

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Forfar Athletic	12	11	1	0	34
Arbroath	12	9	1	2	28
Perth	12	8	2	2	26
Stirling Albion	12	7	3	2	24
Stranraer	12	6	4	2	22
Greenock Morton	12	6	3	3	21
East Fife	12	5	4	3	19
Stirling	12	5	3	4	18
Perth Amn	12	4	5	3	17
Arbroath	12	4	4	4	16
Forfar	12	4	3	5	15
Stirling Albion	12	3	5	4	14
Stranraer	12	3	4	5	13
Greenock Morton	12	3	3	6	12
East Fife	12	3	2	7	11
Stirling	12	2	5	5	11
Perth Amn	12	2	4	6	10
Arbroath	12	2	3	7	9
Forfar	12	2	2	8	8
Stirling Albion	12	1	4	7	7
Stranraer	12	1	3	8	6
Greenock Morton	12	1	2	9	5
East Fife	12	1	1	10	4
Stirling	12	0	3	9	3
Perth Amn	12	0	2	10	2
Arbroath	12	0	1	11	1
Forfar	12	0	0	12	0

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
East Region Midweek League

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Forfar Athletic	12	11	1	0	34
Arbroath	12	10	2	0	32
Perth	12	9	3	0	30
Stirling Albion	12	8	4	0	28
Stranraer	12	7	5	0	26
Greenock Morton	12	6	6	0	24
East Fife	12	5	7	0	22
Stirling	12	4	8	0	20
Perth Amn	12	3	9	0	18
Arbroath	12	2	10	0	16
Forfar	12	1	11	0	14
Stirling Albion	12	0	12	0	12

AMATEUR FOOTBALL
Adult Test Division One

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Forfar Athletic	12	11	1	0	34
Arbroath	12	10	2	0	32
Perth	12	9	3	0	30
Stirling Albion	12	8	4	0	28
Stranraer	12	7	5	0	26
Greenock Morton	12	6	6	0	24
East Fife	12	5	7	0	22
Stirling	12	4	8	0	20
Perth Amn	12	3	9	0	18
Arbroath	12	2	10	0	16
Forfar	12	1	11	0	14
Stirling Albion	12	0	12	0	12

If The Perthshire Advertiser (left) can publish local football tables, then surely DC Thomson, if they wanted, with little effort could provide something similar in the Courier and Evening Telegraph

Since Tayport FC joined the Juniors in 1990, we have fielded a goalkeeper with the first name Fraser (or Frazer) in 825 matches

Former 'Port player, local lad Mark Whatley (right) has been appointed interim manager at Forfar Athletic after the sacking of Ray McKinnon. Mark made 76 appearances and scored 5 goals for 'Port from November 2009 to May 2012



Heard at Letham last week. "Ref, he's a headcase! And I should know, I'm a psychiatrist."

St Andrews United 's new manager is Greg Shields and his assistant is Stuart Milne, Director of Football at St Andrews University



THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS

We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today to see us take on Arbroath Victoria JFC in our 13th league game of the season.



Everyone at Tayport Football Club wishes the coaching staff, committee and supporters of Arbroath Victoria JFC all the very best for the remainder of the season.

Having kept our 100% home league record with a 2-0 victory over Carnoustie Panmure JFC, we headed to Letham last Saturday to take on a strong Letham JFC side who are currently in a battle to get into the top half of the table.

This was a chance to start two of our new signings, Ben Sivewright and Nick Mann. Unfortunately, like Jamie Timmons the previous week, Ben took a knock and had to be replaced at half time by our other recent signing, James Simpson. James slotted in very well at centre back while Nick managed to play the full 90 minutes, put in the *Tayport Distillery.com Man of the Match performance* and also bagged a goal in his first start on his return to the club.

As I have said in previous programmes, we are continually looking to add to the current playing squad, and I am delighted to let you all know we have signed Ross Milne on a season long loan from Brechin City FC. Ross is a right full back and gives us options in our defensive line up.

We all wish all our new signings all the very best with the club. I will still be looking to strengthen the squad in the coming months and talking to our current players on extending their deals.

Ryan Smith (groin strain), Stefan Elvin (hamstring), Jamie Timmons (knee), Ben Sivewright (knee) are all out for today's game but Scott McComiskie, who missed the Letham game with flu and Jamie Gill, who has got over his knee problem, will return to the squad today.

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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Match Report

Midlands League

9 November 2024 on Canniepairt

Tayport 2-0 Carnoustie Panmure

The pressure was on Tayport, going into this fixture with a dismal recent record against the Gowfers and knowing that a win would see the visitors go above Tayport in the table. When Panmure's Rhys Hoon blasted the ball high and wide in the opening minute when faced with only Fraser Burnett to beat, things looked ominous. But it wasn't to be. Indeed there was hardly a scoring chance at either end for the remainder of the half. It all changed, though, right on half time, although the press report would have us think the

All roads will lead to North End Park on Sunday 1st December for the Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 3rd round tie between North End and Airdrieonians. Kick off is at 1pm. Airdrieonians are bottom of the Scottish Championship so there's maybe a shock in store.

opening goal came in the first minute of the second half! Ethan Samson was flattened by Carnoustie keeper Darren Clarkson to concede a penalty and earn himself a red card. Jamie Crowe stepped up to the spot and trialist substitute keeper Callum Ward's first taste of the action was to collect the ball from the back of the net.

In 55 minutes Greg McColm relaxed the home fans somewhat when he put his side 2-0 ahead, heading home a corner.

Tayport comfortably controlled the game thereafter and if there was any doubt over the eventual outcome it was dispelled when, with a few minutes left, Carnoustie's McWalter headed for the dressing rooms, the recipient of a red card.