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## EDITORIAL

The Scottish Junior FA has five office bearers who effectively run the show, namely President Bobby Macnamara; Vice-President Clark Nicol; Chief Operating Officer Alex McDowall; Assistant Secretary/Fixtures Secretary Kennie Young; Treasurer/Disciplinary Secretary John Fyfe.

One wonders how many of these officials have visited the Midlands JFA heartland this season to see how their clubs are doing, speaking to club officials, seeking opinions of supporters, offering advice etc etc.

The Scottish Junior FA is based in Hampden Park and the only Junior Leagues are in Tayside and Aberdeenshire, so maybe the honoraria don't stretch to journeys east.

Not sure what a Chief Operating Officer does? Just google it

### Next Match

is the first game of 2025,  
**Saturday 11th January,**  
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1991 winner Liz McColgan who presented the prizes at TFC's annual Fun Run

## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to the Port Supporters and a warm welcome to the players and officials of today's opponents Broughty Athletic.

It's been a wee while since I last penned this column. That day we had a good 2-0 win over Carnoustie. Next up was Letham away, always a tough place to play but we ran out 3-1 victors.

In the recent past, our encounters with East Craigie were always tight affairs but, in our midweek meeting, we comfortably gained the three points with a 2-0 win. Unfortunately, the following home fixture with Arbroath Vics had to be postponed and will now go ahead on 18th January.

A further 6 points on the road were gained with comfortable wins over Coupar Angus and Brechin Vics 3-1 & 2-0 respectively. So, we can't grumble, 15 points gained over the piece which keeps us in touch with the top sides.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sold the club's Christmas Raffle tickets, Committee, Players, Management, Supporters and a special mention must go to Paul and the Walking Football guys who have surpassed last year sales. The draw takes place tomorrow.

Today we face arguably our toughest encounter of the league season to date. League leaders Broughty Athletic have been flying of late, steam rolling all in their wake. Can we stop them? It most certainly will be a tall order but not insurmountable. It goes without saying that we will have to produce our best performance of this season to accomplish what would be a fantastic achievement. Carpe Diem. Enjoy the Game.

*Port.*

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*Davie Baikie*



### SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE...

....not even 2025 and there's only one Midlands team - Downfield - left in the Scottish Junior Cup. And that could be because they've waited three months since winning their 3rd round tie, to play their 4th round tie away to Bo'ness United on 18th January. Sadly, Lochee United went out in the 5th round at Troon last week in agonising fashion, losing 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out after a 3-3 draw.

Another two wins and Downfield will join a last eight where the other seven clubs play in the EoSFL, WoSFL or Lowland League.



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## TODAY'S TEAMS

Broughty  
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from



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## 1994 FROM THE ARCHIVES 1994

On 24 December 1994 Tayport were at home to North End in a Tayside League fixture which attracted an attendance of 317 to The Canniepairt to witness a 3-1 win. The win would extend Tayport's unbeaten run from the middle of May the previous season to 28 games to which another 16 would be added before Whitburn came to town in March to win 2-0 in the 6th round of the Scottish Cup. Thereafter, Tayport would go unbeaten in a further 14 games stretching to the end of May 1995.

A look at the line-up which accounted for the Dokens would leave no doubts as to why the team was enjoying such success. What a star studded line-up it was: Fraser Mann, Grant Miller, Grant Paterson, Mark Spalding, Andy Sommerville, Sean Wilkie, Gary Maher, Steven Stewart, Hamish Mackay, Dave Reilly, Ewan Cameron. On the bench were Jimmy Hunter (whose young lad Ryan will be in the Broughty line-up today) and Mike Gray. Hamish Mackay, a rare goal from Grant Paterson and an own goal counted for Tayport



Tayport FC 1994/95

Tayside JFA champions, Tayside/North Regional Cup winners, Cream of the Barley Trophy winners, Albert Herschell Trophy winners

Back (l-r) – Eddie Stewart (chairman), John Anderson, Bert Irvine, Sandy McDade, Alastair 'Hercs' Oswald, Larry Beveridge, Albert Oswald (secretary), Ross McMillan (treasurer), Iain Cougan  
Middle – Alex Spence, Andy Bell (physio), Jimmy Hunter (coach), Hamish Mackay, Keith Nicolson, Fraser Mann, Andy Sommerville, Mark Spalding, Graeme Irons (asst manager), Dave Baikie, (manager)  
Front – Ewan Cameron, Grant Miller, Gary Maher, Steven Stewart, Jackie Devine, Grant Paterson, Sean Wilkie, Dave Reilly, Paul Reilly, Billy Coventry



## TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v BROUGHTY ATHLETIC MIDLANDS LEAGUE



Broughty Athletic arrive here this afternoon currently four points ahead of the Championship chasing pack. However, with our two games in hand. we are potentially only one point behind them. The outcome today is therefore very important for both sides.

Since losing to Downfield on November 9th, Broughty have won their last 4 league fixtures, scoring 29 goals in the process for the loss of only two. Their goals in these four games have been spread amongst 11 different players but leading their scoring charts with 20 goals already this season, is former Scotland Under 16 International cap Darren Watson (pictured).



21 year old Darren moved from school in Fife to the SFA's Performance School programme at St John's HS in Dundee and a contract with Dundee United, making his debut v Rangers in a Premiership match. He has since had SPFL League experience at Forfar Athletic and East Fife before settling at Broughty.



Since making the number 1 spot his own back in September, Tayport keeper Fraser Burnett faces his former side today and will be anxious to do his bit to help his team extend their superb run of 10 successive league wins during which time Fraser has lost only four goals.

Whilst Broughty have chalked up six clean sheets at home, away from home, they haven't managed to deny their opponents a goal since the first game of the season in August.

It's a return to Canniepairt for Broughty boss Darren Scott, signed back in 2008 by then Tayport manager Ian Gilzean.

George Shields was pleased with the opportunity of a friendly last Saturday after the Kirrie game had been postponed. His squad had a good workout, so he should be spoiled for choice this week. It's one thing collecting points from the bottom half of the League but it's a different story against the teams in the top half dozen or so.

This, therefore will be a test today as the year draws to a close and we look forward to the league split, probably at the end of January

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

### Hearts win Christmas Cup ...Tayport pipped for semi-final place

The fifth annual Raith Rovers Christmas Cup competition took place earlier this month at Starks Park with 10 east of Scotland clubs competing for the prestigious trophy.

The teams were drawn into two groups of five, playing each other once. Tayport WFC, winning two of their four section games, just missed out on a semi-final place. Their results were:- Tayport 2-0 Linlithgow Rose; Tayport 1-0 Hibernian; Tayport 3-2 Stenhousemuir; Tayport 0-1 Fairfield.

Group A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Fairfield	4	4	0	0	7	1	6	12	Raith Rovers	4	3	0	1	9	7	2	9
Linlithgow Rose	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7	Hearts	4	3	0	1	7	5	2	9
Tayport	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6	Arbroath	4	2	0	2	5	5	0	6
Hibernian WF	4	1	0	3	4	6	-2	3	Falkirk	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
Stenhousemuir	4	0	1	3	4	8	-4	1	Crieff	4	0	1	3	6	9	-3	1

**Semi-finals:-** Hearts 2-1 Fairfield ; Raith 2-0 Linlithgow; **Final:-** Hearts 1-0 Rovers. So, a new name is on the Cup after an enjoyable and competitive afternoon's walking football played in good spirits throughout.



Here's the Tayport Walking Footballers IX at Kirkcaldy. Back - Billy Moyes, Alan Gray, John Boyle, Bruce Peebles, Ian Paterson, Paul Berg. Front - Bert Valentine, Andy Blackburn, Simon Little and Tom Malone. Billy, Alan and Bert all played for Tayport Amateurs during the 1980s, accumulating some 323 games between them. In the 1990s when Ian played with Brechin City he was a (unsuccessful) target for then Tayport boss Davie Baikie. Tom is the brother of George who starred for us in the early days in the Juniors. John Boyle, of course, is a weel kent figure around the town.

*Paul*

## MIDLANDS LEAGUE TABLE

		Overall						Home						Away							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Broughty Athletic	17	15	1	1	76	13	9	0	0	49	3	6	1	1	27	10	+63	46		
2	Dundee Downfield	17	14	0	3	52	19	8	0	1	29	12	6	0	2	23	7	+33	42		
3	Lochee United	15	13	0	2	49	9	7	0	1	23	4	6	0	1	26	5	+40	39		
4	Tayport	15	13	0	2	51	12	8	0	0	30	4	5	0	2	21	8	+39	39		
5	Dundee North End	13	12	0	1	57	5	8	0	0	38	2	4	0	1	19	3	+52	36		
6	Carnoustie Panmure	15	8	2	5	39	28	5	1	1	16	7	3	1	4	23	21	+11	26		
7	Letham	15	8	1	6	32	31	5	1	3	24	16	3	0	3	8	15	+1	25		
8	Dundee St James	16	6	4	6	28	30	3	1	4	14	20	3	3	2	14	10	-2	22		
9	Dundee East Craigie	15	7	1	7	24	30	5	0	1	14	5	2	1	6	10	25	-6	22		
10	Montrose Roselea	16	6	2	8	29	35	2	1	5	10	19	4	1	3	19	16	-6	20		
11	Kirriemuir Thistle	15	6	1	8	22	29	2	1	3	10	13	4	0	5	12	16	-7	19		
12	Blairgowrie Juniors	14	5	3	6	29	32	1	2	2	8	9	4	1	4	21	23	-3	18		
13	Lochee Harp	14	6	0	8	18	35	5	0	5	14	23	1	0	3	4	12	-17	18		
14	Arbroath Victoria	17	5	1	11	27	47	4	1	3	18	19	1	0	8	9	28	-20	16		
15	Dundee Violet	15	5	1	9	11	37	3	1	3	7	10	2	0	6	4	27	-26	16		
16	Coupar Angus	16	4	1	11	25	31	3	1	3	12	11	1	0	8	13	20	-6	13		
17	Forfar West End	16	4	0	12	24	59	3	0	5	17	24	1	0	7	7	35	-35	12		
18	Forfar United	15	3	2	10	20	56	1	1	5	7	29	2	1	5	13	27	-36	11		
19	Brechin Victoria	16	3	1	12	11	36	1	0	7	7	20	2	1	5	4	16	-25	10		
20	Scone Thistle	16	0	1	15	14	64	0	0	8	8	33	0	1	7	6	31	-50	1		

### Match Report

**Midlands League 7 December 2024 at Victoria Park**

**Brechin Vics 0-2 Tayport**

On an afternoon when Storm Darragh caused widespread postponements throughout the uk, the Midlands League managed a full league programme. Ironically, Tayport were at Victoria Park Brechin, Vics ground, which is situated in the heart of the area of the Angus city which was devastated by floods exactly a year earlier during Storm Babet.

Tayport chalked up their sixth successive victory on the road with their fifth 2-0 scoreline of the season and showed only one change from the side which started at Coupar Angus, Scott McComiskie replacing the unavailable Nick Mann up front.

Tayport completely dominated the first half and were well worth their two goal lead. James Simpson, up for a corner, knocked home a loose ball from close range for the first in 17 minutes and the second, five minutes from half time, was from a perfectly executed penalty from Jamie Crowe after Ethan Samson had been flattened in the box. It was a different Vics in the second period, and that was perhaps because it was a different 'Port. The home side had more of the ball but like their visitors, rarely threatened their opponents goal. It wasn't to be Vics day, though, as the two chances they did have, resulted in misses with the goal at their mercy.

**Stats. courtesy of  
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## MIDLANDS LEAGUE CURRENT FORM

		Overall						Home						Away							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Dundee North End	6	6	0	0	18	2	4	0	0	14	0	2	0	0	4	2	+16	18		
2	Tayport	6	6	0	0	18	2	3	0	0	9	0	3	0	0	9	2	+16	18		
3	Broughty Athletic	6	5	0	1	32	5	4	0	0	25	2	1	0	1	7	3	+27	15		
4	Lochee United	6	5	0	1	19	3	3	0	1	8	2	2	0	0	11	1	+16	15		
5	Dundee Downfield	6	5	0	1	20	8	3	0	0	12	4	2	0	1	8	4	+12	15		
6	Lochee Harp	6	4	0	2	10	10	3	0	2	8	9	1	0	0	2	1	0	12		
7	Dundee St James	6	3	1	2	12	7	2	0	1	8	3	1	1	1	4	4	+5	10		
8	Carnoustie Panmure	6	3	0	3	16	10	2	0	0	8	0	1	0	3	8	10	+6	9		
9	Letham	6	3	0	3	15	13	3	0	2	15	8	0	0	1	0	5	+2	9		
10	Dundee Violet	6	3	0	3	4	17	2	0	1	3	4	1	0	2	1	13	-13	9		
11	Montrose Roselea	6	2	2	2	9	11	0	1	1	1	6	2	1	1	8	5	-2	8		
12	Blairgowrie Juniors	6	2	1	3	12	14	0	1	1	2	3	2	0	2	10	11	-2	7		
13	Brechin Victoria	6	2	1	3	4	9	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	7	-5	7		
14	Forfar West End	6	2	0	4	9	23	1	0	1	4	9	1	0	3	5	14	-14	6		
15	Kirriemuir Thistle	6	1	1	4	9	15	0	1	0	4	4	1	0	4	5	11	-6	4		
16	Dundee East Craigie	6	1	0	5	10	22	1	0	1	6	4	0	0	4	4	18	-12	3		
17	Arbroath Victoria	6	1	0	5	9	27	1	0	2	5	15	0	0	3	4	12	-18	3		
18	Forfar United	6	0	2	4	8	23	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	3	7	21	-15	2		
19	Coupar Angus	6	0	1	5	4	14	0	1	3	3	8	0	0	2	1	6	-10	1		
20	Scone Thistle	6	0	0	6	3	23	0	0	3	3	15	0	0	3	0	8	-20	0		

## Match Report

**Midlands League 30 November 2024 at Foxhall Park**  
**Coupar Angus 1-4 Tayport**

The young Coupar side provided Tayport with a tough first half challenge but succumbed to the opening goal after 35 minutes. Ross Milne and Sam Simpson combined to set up Stefan Elvin whose vicious 20 yarder forced keeper Smith into a good save but the rebound fell to the alert Ethan Samson who netted the loose ball.

Within 5 minutes top scorer Samson had doubled Tayport's lead, taking a pass from Elvin to cut in from the left to score from a narrow angle. The game could have effectively been over at half-time, had Sam Simpson not missed a pinch just on the break.

Gordon Norrie pulled back a goal for the locals early in the second period but Jamie Crowe, skipper in Jamie Hume's absence, regained his side's lead, heading a third from Kieran Crighton's cross before sub Scott McComiskie quickly netted a fourth from Ethan's cross to ensure a comfortable closing fifteen minutes

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Scott McComiskie	8
Sam Simpson	7
Jamie Crowe	7
Kyle McMulkin	6
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## Port handed £50m boost

The Tayport committee almost choked on their cornflakes the other morning when they saw the above headline.

TFC's erstwhile communications manager, Peter McEleny, now in a similar role at Dens Park, photobombs the pic of Dundee FC players out supporting their club's Help the Kids Christmas appeal. Pete is pictured back (left) and Dens skipper, the former TFC striker Simon Murray is back (2nd right)



Here's a question. Which former BBC Sports Personality of the Year (this is its 70th year) once turned out at the Canniepairt? Answer inside back page.



## DIAMOND CLUB



Members of the Diamond Club contribute £10 per month by way of a standing order.

The proceeds of the draw are used exclusively to improve the facilities at the Canniepairt.

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There's a weekly draw for £60



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## THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today to see us take on Broughty Athletic JFC the current league leaders in our 16<sup>th</sup> league game of the season, Today will be one of the toughest tests we have had at home in the league so far this season, and ultimately this game will give me the measure of the progress myself and my coaching staff are trying to make since our arrival at Tayport Football Club.

Everyone at Tayport Football Club wishes the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of Broughty Athletic JFC all the very best for the remainder of the season and a safe journey across the Tay Bridge home.

Having kept our 100% league record at home with a 2-0 victory and a contender for goal of the season from Keiron Crighton, over Dundee East Craigie JFC under the floodlights at the Canniepairt on a very cold Wednesday evening. we went on- to play Coupar Angus JFC away from home the following Saturday and won 4-1. This was a game we had under control at 2-0 until we conceded a soft free-kick and never defended it properly. Scott McComiskie came back into the squad after a few weeks of absence and came off the bench to restore our lead and James Simpson scored another to make the game more comfortable for the last 20 mins. We then were on our travels again to play Brechin Victoria JFC. Again we went 2-0 up in the first half with goals from James Simpson and a penalty from Jamie Crowe, In the worst conditions I have seen in a long time we managed to control the game and collect another 3 points on the road, making it 10 wins from our last 10 league games.

Our away fixture v Kirriemuir Thistle JFC last Saturday became foul of the bad weather and our game was postponed, so we quickly arranged a friendly against EOS premier league side St Andrews United FC at our training base, the RPC. This game gave me the chance to get minutes into the players legs that hadn't been playing in previous weeks.

The exercise was a great success and to top it off we managed to keep our good run of winning games going with a 1-0 victory courtesy of a Scott McComiskie second half goal.

As this will be our last home fixture of 2024, I would like to wish everyone that attends today's game and our many supporters near and far

**"A Very Merry Christmas & A Prosperous 2025"**

Hopefully you can all enjoy today's game, and we can take Tayport FC another step further to where we all want to be and maintain our 100% league record at the Canniepairt for 2024.

*George*

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 East of Scotland Cup
  Yellow Card
  Red Card
 \* Own Goal