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EDITORIAL

Despite all football matches being played under the same 'Laws of the Game' and referees adhering to instructions which seem to be tweaked every season, we can see there are differences from matches on The Canniepairt and those we see on TV.

Ok, it would be ridiculous to expect there would ever be a VAR at tier 6 clubs' matches.

However there are simple TV ideas which could be introduced to our games. For example, why not issue our referees with a wee canister of white foam to allow them to mark where a direct free kick offence has taken place and a ten yard mark for the 'wall'.

It would be particularly helpful at games where there are no linesmen (aka Assistants). It would help everyone by reducing moans from players and spectators alike.

Next Match

Saturday 25th January,
Away to Lochee United in the
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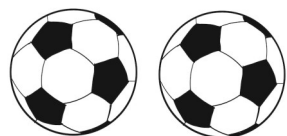
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1991 winner Liz McColligan who presented the prizes at TFC's annual Fun Run

STEFAN GETS HIS DOUBLE AT LAST!

Saturday 31st January 2009
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When Stefan Elvin made his debut for Tayport in August 2008, it took him until January 2009 to score his first goal. However, they were worth waiting for!

In successive weeks that month, Stefan found the net in Tayport's Super League games, winning 3-0 v Bo'ness United (now in the Lowland League), 4-2 v Kelty Hearts (now in SPFL League 1 and challenging for a place in the SPFL

Championship) and the only goal of the game v Whitburn. Stefan's double in our last game, the 2-2 draw with Broughty is the first time he's ever netted more than a single goal in any game for Tayport from 2008 to 2013. What is it they say? Everything comes to he who waits!

No column from the Chairman today. He was only due back from holiday last night.

He never missed a game during his absence so we don't suppose he'd have much to write about anyway!



Tayport
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

Arbroath
Vics
from



gk	Fraser BURNETT
	Callum PETRIE
	Gary ROBERTSON
	Kieran CRICHTON
	Greg McCOLM
check	Jamie HUME
	Sam SIMPSON
board	Ethan SAMSON
	Scott McCOMISKIE
at	Ian PLENDERLEITH
	Jamie GILL
gate	Jamie CROWE
	Jamie TIMMONS
for	Ryan MILNE
	Stefan ELVIN
Nos.	Ryan SMITH
	Aiden McKELVIE
	Kyle McMULKIN
	Lewis TRACEY
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1.30pm

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Willie
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gk	Trialist
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	George NEDYALKOV
	Dylan BARNETT
check	Dean HARDIE
	Connor GRAY
board	Kieran MACGREGOR
	Kyle RAMSAY
at	Calvin WOOD
	Connor MCFARLANE
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1975 FROM THE ARCHIVES 1975

50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH!



Today's cover photograph shows the Tayport FC team v Grove FP from half a century ago. Tayport won 3-0 with Doug Henderson, Henderson and Howe scoring. Feechan is playing Walking Football, Mathers plays 5-a-sides while Doug Henderson is still playing 11 a-side. Sadly Waddell, Taylor, Hercs, Ancell and Hughes are no longer with us.

The photo of the **Tayport FC** team taken on East Common on **1st February 1975**.

Back (l-r) Bobby Waddell (manager), Iain Cougan (committee), **Abby Oswald**, George Taylor, Peter Wilson, Phil Callander, Graham 'Spider' McLaren, Frank Feechan, **Ian Mathers**, Alastair 'Hercs' Oswald (committee) Ron Fleming (injured) Front - **Doug Henderson**, Lindsay Ancell, **Ian Howe**, Dave Henderson, Gordon Hughes, Bob Brannan.

Those in bold are regulars at Canniepairt and likely to be here today

That season Tayport were eliminated from the Scottish Amateur Cup at the 3rd round stage, losing at home to SMT. In the Fife Amateur Cup there were wins over Boglily Bluebell, Kirkcaldy YMCA and Cupar Hearts before losing 0-1 at home to Star Hearts in round 4. On the local scene, the team lost to Kingsway Tech in the 2nd round of the Bremner Cup, were runners-up in the Gray Trophy, losing 3-4 to NCR, and finished 5th in the League.

At the end of March 1975 most of the team above plus Stuart Davie, Jim Scott and Frank Leslie travelled to Belgium to play in a European Amateur Competition, winning two of their three games against Belgian and Italian opponents.

January 1975 Committee Meeting

The Tayport FC monthly meeting noted that the committee was busy with their fundraising efforts, running an Under 21s Disco in the Town Hall (profit £20 - £215 today) and planning a St Valentine's Disco.

The club was asked and agreed to provide four stewards for the Tayport Youth Development Committee's Burns Supper. The Seymour Hotel had over-charged for two meals at the club's Christmas Dinner Dance and this matter was being pursued. The construction of the new pavilion was discussed and it was noted that work was to commence immediately. Provost Pow is to be asked to cut the first turf and appropriate publicity for the occasion was to be organised.

At the previous day's match at Harris FP, team manager Waddell, player McLaren and secretary Oswald had all been booked by Referee McGillvray.

Elsewhere in Tayport, the local press reported in January 1975, the appearance at Christmas time of a Tayport father and daughter, Graeme and Dorothy Cumming from Grey Street, on prime time BBC TV, winning on Bruce Forsyth's *Generation Game*, Graham causing a stir as the first Scotsman on the show in a kilt!



TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v ARBROATH VICS MIDLANDS LEAGUE



A Happy New Year to our first foots from Ogilvy Park for this League game which was postponed back on 23rd November when Canniepairt was frozen.

We said back then in the aborted programme notes that, before their 2-7 defeat by Carnoustie the previous week, Vics seemed to have tightened things up defensively. We couldn't have been more wrong as Vics four league games since show (above).

Injuries and suspensions haven't helped and manager Neil Cargill has had to chop and change his line-up to accommodate these issues, including listing four different goalkeepers over this period.

Since that postponed fixture, Vics have made two signings, striker Lewis McKimmie (below left) from East Craigie and Isaac Deh (right) from Lochee United. Both made their debuts v Downfield.



It was a debut to remember for Lewis who scored after only 1 minute with literally his first touch in a Vics jersey. He quickly doubled his total with another goal on 12 minutes.

Vics kept their noses in front to lead 3-2 just before the break but after keeper Ross Scott had been ordered off, the ten men lost the equaliser in added time and succumbed to two second half goals.

Like their opponents today, Tayport have been out of action since 21 December when we drew 2-2 at home v Broughty Athletic. That afternoon Tayport battled hard to secure a point and preserve their unbeaten home record. Training sessions have gone well with the break allowing for the opportunity to get over injuries.

A disappointing aspect of the game v Broughty was our players' receipt of yellow cards for unnecessary reasons such as dissent and kicking the ball away after the whistle had gone. As happened in recent seasons, accumulation of said cards resulted in suspensions at the business end of the season.

Downfield 5-1 Vics
Vics 1-7 Broughty
Letham 5-0 Vics
Vics 1-6 North End



* pics courtesy of Arbroath Vics

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

Despite the recent cold and frosty conditions, the Walking Football Club has been able to train continuously over Christmas and the New Year.

January 3rd saw us having to train outside at the Regional Performance Centre, as Scottish Rugby had a standing booking.

The photo below shows the frosty conditions we had to start with, but once the training started the frost melted away and despite the wintry conditions. We still had 20+ players attending,.

The success of the club, in terms of players joining and attending, is now causing us a financial dilemma! We have been discussing the necessity to replace the goals which we use at The Canniepairt. Firstly, they are not League regulation size (too small) and secondly we have had them since 2019 and they are getting a bit tatty.

Having room to store the goals dictated what size we purchased back then, and also the cost. We have looked at regulation size goals recently, and again storage in the compound by the stand is a problem, getting them through the entrance gate.

There are some models where the side frame folds inwards and this hopefully would solve the problem. They are made of aluminium and weigh about 32 kilograms, 5 stones in old fashioned weights! A bag of cement weighs 25 kilograms. Hopefully 2 people would be able to carry them from the compound to the pitch. These goals cost about £1,200 for a pair! Watch this space...



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	18	15	2	1	78	15	9	0	0	49	3	6	2	1	29	12	+63	47
2	Lochee United	17	15	0	2	62	11	7	0	1	23	4	8	0	1	39	7	+51	45
3	Dundee Downfield	18	15	0	3	58	20	9	0	1	35	13	6	0	2	23	7	+38	45
4	Tayport	16	13	1	2	53	14	8	1	0	32	6	5	0	2	21	8	+39	40
5	Dundee North End	14	13	0	1	63	6	8	0	0	38	2	5	0	1	25	4	+57	39
6	Carnoustie	16	9	2	5	44	28	6	1	1	21	7	3	1	4	23	21	+16	29
7	Letham	16	8	2	6	32	31	5	1	3	24	16	3	1	3	8	15	+1	26
8	Dundee East Craigie	16	8	1	7	28	31	6	0	1	18	6	2	1	6	10	25	-3	25
9	Kirriemuir Thistle	16	7	1	8	25	29	3	1	3	13	13	4	0	5	12	16	-4	22
10	Dundee St James	17	6	4	7	28	33	3	1	4	14	20	3	3	3	14	13	-5	22
11	Blairgowrie Juniors	16	6	3	7	34	39	2	2	3	13	16	4	1	4	21	23	-5	21
12	Montrose Roselea	17	6	3	8	29	35	2	2	5	10	19	4	1	3	19	16	-6	21
13	Lochee Harp	15	6	0	9	19	39	5	0	5	14	23	1	0	4	5	16	-20	18
14	Arbroath Victoria	18	5	1	12	28	53	4	1	4	19	25	1	0	8	9	28	-25	16
15	Dundee Violet	16	5	1	10	11	44	3	1	4	7	17	2	0	6	4	27	-33	16
16	Coupar Angus	17	4	1	12	26	34	3	1	3	12	11	1	0	9	14	23	-8	13
17	Brechin Victoria	17	4	1	12	12	36	1	0	7	7	20	3	1	5	5	16	-24	13
18	Forfar West End	17	4	0	13	24	60	3	0	6	17	25	1	0	7	7	35	-36	12
19	Forfar United	16	3	2	11	20	61	1	1	5	7	29	2	1	6	13	32	-41	11
20	Scone Thistle	17	0	1	16	15	70	0	0	8	8	33	0	1	8	7	37	-55	1

Match Report

Midlands League 21 December 2024 at Canniepairt

Tayport 2-2 Broughty Athletic

Tayport maintained their unbeaten home league record for the season. Only just, however, with veteran midfielder **Stefan Elvin** twice grabbing an equaliser in added time at the end of each half.

In an entertaining afternoon's football under the Canniepairt lights, Broughty got off to the better start and took the lead after 10 minutes through a long ranger from Paul Scobie. The visitors were down to ten men on the half hour mark when full back Greg Petrie foolishly got himself sent off.

The visitors had started the better but were rocked back on their heels when Stefan made the half time drinks that bit sweeter by grabbing a dramatic leveller with the last kick of the half.

The ten men regained their lead with quarter of an hour left through Derryn Kesson and it looked as if his goal would extend Broughty's lead at the top of the table. It wasn't to be, however.

As the added minutes ticked away and spectators started to make their way to the exit, Stefan notched a second dramatic equaliser to salvage a point for his side.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE CURRENT FORM

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Lochee Utd	6	6	0	0	24	2	22	18
North End	6	6	0	0	17	3	14	18
Tayport	6	5	1	0	15	4	11	16
Downfield	6	5	0	1	21	8	13	15
Broughty Athletic	6	4	1	1	31	6	25	13
Letham	6	3	1	2	14	10	4	10
Carnoustie	6	3	0	3	17	10	7	9
Blairgowrie	6	3	0	3	16	14	2	9
Brechin Vics	6	3	0	3	4	8	-4	9
Lochee Harp	6	3	0	3	9	14	-5	9
Dundee Violet	6	3	0	3	4	21	-17	9
Montrose Roselea	6	2	2	2	8	10	-2	8
Kirrie Thistle	6	2	1	3	12	11	1	7
St James	6	2	1	3	8	9	-1	7
East Craigie	6	2	0	4	12	17	-5	6
Forfar West End	6	2	0	4	9	20	-11	6
Arbroath Vics	6	1	0	5	9	31	-22	3
Forfar United	6	0	2	4	6	20	-14	2
Coupar Angus	6	0	0	6	4	16	-12	0
Scone Thistle	6	0	0	6	4	24	-20	0

THE SPLIT

In theory as we near the League split on the completion of 19 games, only the present top five placed clubs, Broughty Athletic, Lochee United, Downfield, Tayport and North End are definitely secure in the top half.

Six clubs, Arbroath Vics, Coupar Angus, Brechin Vics, Forfar West End, Forfar Albion and Scone Thistle can't make the cut and are destined to remain in the bottom half for the rest of the season

The future of the other nine clubs will be determined over the next couple of weeks or so to allow the fixtures to be scheduled for the remainder of the season.

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PORT TRIVIA PROG

Our last game of the year, 2-2 v Broughty Athletic, was our first drawn game this season

Pictured right is from *The Sunday Post* a couple of weeks ago when they featured pics from Tayport in their Memories page, one of which was the TFC team which reached the semi final of the Scottish Amateur Cup at Dens Park in '86, The original pic was black & white but the pic has been re-coloured. The shirts were actually red & white. The Donnies in the caption were actually Downies!

Since 2016 five clubs have been relegated from the SPFL to the Lowland and Highland Leagues - East Stirlingshire, Berwick Rangers, Cowdenbeath, Brechin City and Albion Rovers, None have returned. One worries about the fate of Forfar Athletic, currently holding up the SPFL. Could we see Forfar and Brechin City playing off for the SPFL place?



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THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



We welcome and wish everyone at The Canniepairt today a very happy and prosperous 2025. Today we take on Arbroath Victoria JFC in our 17th league game of the season and our 1st of 2025.

Everyone at Tayport Football Club would like to wish the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of Arbroath Victoria JFC all the very best for the remainder of the season and a safe journey home to Arbroath.

Having kept our undefeated home league record with a 2-2 draw against the current league leaders Broughty Athletic in our last fixture of 2024, we would obviously like to continue in the same vein in the second half of the season and make sure that visiting teams will have to be at their very best to take anything away from The Canniepairt. We are now hoping that our home form gives us the platform to build on in order to maintain our challenge at the top end of the league table.

Myself Barry, Ray, Grant and Gary have been very pleased with the way the season has started, especially in the league. The William Hill Scottish Cup and the Scottish Junior Cup defeats were hard to take but we cannot fault the players for their hard work and efforts in both of these defeats but the pleasing thing, as I said, is our league form, having never lost since the first week in September.

Since I have joined the club there has been a big turnaround of players and staff and if I am totally honest, we are further ahead of where we intended to be at this stage of our project for the club. This is a credit to everyone at the club from the committee right down to the players that were already here when we came and the new additions which we have brought in.

Before we broke off at Christmas, I signed five players on extended contracts which now brings our squad signed until June 2026 to sixteen which now gives me some time to concentrate on what other positions I will need to strengthen, the players that signed extensions were Jamie Hume, Greg McColm, Jamie Gill, Jamie Crowe, and Ethan Samson. As always, I will be looking to add more players for the run into the end of the season.

We now have a good relationship with Brechin City FC having had young Ross Milne on loan this season. I am hopeful before the end of January I will have another loan deal in place, but I will keep you all updated with any movements on that deal.

Hopefully you can all enjoy today's game, and we can take Tayport FC another step closer to where we all want to be and maintain our undefeated league record at the Canniepairt into 2025 and beyond.

George



The class of '75 in '25, well, four of them, Mathers, Doug Henderson, Howe and Oswald pictured enjoying their half time cuppa at Tayport v Arbroath Vics on 18 Jan 2025