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EDITORIAL

It's time for the split, the Midlands Juniors' innovative scheme to reduce the number of league games played in a 20 team division. It will also provide a competitive edge to a season for both those clubs finishing the first half of the season in the top ten, and those finishing in the bottom ten. With a couple of exceptions, in the last four seasons, the same clubs have occupied the top 6 places and the same clubs have occupied the bottom 6 places. So, vying for these finishing slots has been the competitive element for the first half of this season. Has this been highlighted in the local press? No chance. Your local newspaper reader will have no clue. The Juniors' notes haven't highlighted the contest, but of course if there was a league table, then all would be clear to see even the most casual reader of the newspaper!

Next Match

League Championship - Top Ten Game One
Saturday 22 February Tayport v Kirrie Thistle

Cover photo

Tayport on the attack at Thomson Park when today's teams played a league match three weeks ago
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1991 winner Liz McColgan who presented the prizes at TFC's annual Fun Run

THE CHAIRMAN...

Our last issue of the Port prog was our league game against Arbroath Vics with us gaining the three points from a comfortable 2-0 victory.

We followed that with a 1-0 league win at Thomson Park against today's opposition, a tough encounter but I thought we just about deserved the victory. We then travelled to Kirrie hoping to continue our winning ways but we faced a very committed and physical side on the day, I must say I was very surprised they finished the game with eleven players still on the park. It was disappointing that we could only come away with a share of the points.

Attitude will always have a large bearing in a game and they had it on the day, one week later it appeared their attitude didn't quite match up, as they scraped 1-0 win over bottom of the table side Scone Thistle who haven't won a game this season and had a 55 goal deficit going into the game.

We haven't had the greatest luck with Cup draws in recent years and a first round home draw against the best side in our division is testament to that. I felt we took the lead well against the run of play and failed to get through the vital 5 minute before the interval losing two quick goals then we lost a further goal not long after the break.

I felt our substitutions had a positive reaction and Sam Simpson's goal which reduced the deficit to 2-3, gave us hope but unfortunately we ran out of time. I must say that although were still a way short, we were most definitely far more competitive and in turn are getting closer.

As I said, when it comes to our luck in Cup draws it doesn't get any easier. Today's opposition Lochee United are up there with the best, but we now know we have the capability to compete with the best. I spoke about Kirrie's attitude on the day against us and we will need that today, provide it, then we can advance in this competition.

Enjoy the Game.

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TODAY'S TEAMS

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GARY MOVES ON

We don't know if this qualifies for inclusion in the Archives page but 13 years is a long time in football!

Player/coach Gary Robertson has moved back over the river to take up a coaching role at Dundee Violet.

Gary's first spell at Canniepairt was in 2011-12 season when he joined us from Dundee Violet, making his Canniepairt debut in a 1-1 draw with Penicuik Athletic in an East Region Premier League game in February 2012. The programme noted that..."Major interest for the home fans will be the likely debut of 19 year old striker Simon Murray, signed from Montrose FC four weeks ago but still to make his debut after successive match postponements and being ineligible for last week's cup-tie. Simon is familiar with the Premier Division, having been on loan to Downfield this season and actually played against his new team on the Canniepairt earlier this season. Another new face who could debut today is left sided defender Gary Robertson (25), signed on Thursday from Dundee Violet"

Also in manager John McGlashan's line-up that February afternoon was Stefan Elvin, playing alongside former Dundee FC (and another nine Senior clubs) striker Paul Tosh (right).

Gary made 41 appearances in his first season and a half here, returning ten years later to make a further 61 appearances in a player/coach capacity under Daryl McKenzie. Gary's name will be forever etched in Tayport FC history after scoring in Tayport's 1-0 win at Hill of Beath in 2023, the club's first ever... and at the moment only... win in The Scottish [Senior] Cup.



Bobby Linn at The Canniepairt

Lochee manager Bobby Linn's only previous appearance on the Canniepairt was for Ballingry Rovers on 2nd March 2013 in an East Region Premier League match when Tayport chairman Dave Baikie was Rovers' manager at the time. Nine man Tayport's 3-2 win would spark off a run of 8 wins in the club's last 8 games to win promotion to the Super League at Penicuik on the last day of the 2012-13 season. Here's how *Dunmore* reviewed that game.

On the park, March proved to be a successful month for the club. It began with a stunning victory against Dave Baikie's Ballingry Rovers. John McGlashan's underdogs opened the scoring through Steven McPhee, only for Bobby Linn to enhance his reputation with a forceful run and unstoppable strike, to make it one apiece. Connor Gray was ordered off on the stroke of half-time, leaving Tayport a tough second half assignment. 'Port rose to the challenge and McPhee fired in his second goal of the afternoon to edge his team back into the lead. Unfortunately, a second yellow card for Blair Mudie reduced Tayport to nine men and when Kevin Byers headed Ballingry's second equaliser, the visitors must have expected to go on to win the game. Remarkably, it was the numerically disadvantaged hosts who notched the winner, in injury-time, with Nik Mann netting an emphatic strike which will long be remembered by the 'Port support.



TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v LOCHEE UNITED EAST of SCOTLAND CUP QUARTER FINAL



The Midlands JFA's 20 clubs are now the only clubs left in the East Region Juniors to participate in this Cup which has been contested since 1895. Indeed, it's one of the oldest competitions in football. In this bewildering world of Scottish football, to dispel any doubt, the SFA this week announced today's game as the quarter final tie in the **East Region Junior FA East of Scotland Cup 2025**.

This is the cup which Lochee United lifted in 2009 and Broughty Athletic won in 2019 in competition with Lothians & Fife Junior clubs, all of whom are now in the East of Scotland Football League. Since 2018/19, a 'Thornton's Property Cup' appeared to have filled the gap since Broughty's win, but that competition wasn't completed last season.

The other quarter final ties are: Lochee Harp v Coupar Angus; East Craigie v North End; Scone Thistle v Downfield.

We welcome Lochee United here this afternoon for what should be an entertaining contest, as was the recent league game between the clubs at Thomson Park. Tayport edged that one by 1-0. Dyed in the wool, veteran 'Port fan Fred Bremner, was struggling to remember when we had last won a game at Thomson Park. Weren't we all? It was a long time ago! A 4-3 Currie Cup win in December 2006, 16 winless games ago! It's not been much better at home, 7 wins in 16 games during the last 20 years. Maybe we can improve on that record today.

Since we met three weeks ago Lochee manager Dougie Cameron and his Assistant Gavin Tinley have left the club, with veteran striker Bobby Linn appointed Bluebells new manager. Although he'll have hung up his boots, the Arbroath FC legend has an experienced and talented squad at his disposal, including the familiar faces of ex-'Port players Ryan Paterson and Louis Joyce.

Tayport manager George Shields was previously in the manager's seat at Thomson Park and he'll be keen to show that the recent league win was no one off. The Tayport boss rarely makes changes for changes sake but is likely to fine-tune his starting line-up today with some of the four substitutes v North End, McComiskie, Elvin, Crichton and Gill possibly in line for a start, as will be teenager Daniel Johnston, who made his debut from the start v North End, following his loan signing from Brechin City,

With three cup exits already this season, Tayport will be determined to ensure cup football continues a bit longer than this afternoon.

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

All Roads Lead to the Corn Exchange Next Month

The Tayport FC Over 50s Walking Football Club will be in the spotlight next month after being nominated for East Fife Sports Council's 2025 Club Development Award is what popped into my my email box last week:

East Fife Sports Council Awards Ceremony 2025

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Tayport over 50s Walking FC have been shortlisted for the Club Development Award at our 2025 Awards Ceremony, which is being held in the Corn Exchange, Cupar, at 7pm on Wednesday 5th March, 2025. This event recognizes the achievements of our local athletes and those who helped support sport in our community during the year to 31st December 2024.

Derek Brown
Secretary/Treasurer
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Paul

Derek Carr, aka Goose, well acquainted with both today's clubs and now match analyst for Cove Rangers, literally keeps an eye on Scott Brown, as both men undertake a spying mission at the recent Falkirk v Livingston match.

Derek was coach at East Fife under Tayport chairman Dave Baikie's management and twenty years ago this season Goose was head coach here at Canniepairt. That season Derek played a significant tactical role in the downfall of Lochee United when Tayport lifted the Scottish Junior Cup at the Bluebells' expense at Tannadice.



Brechin City's Daniel Johnston joins 'Port on loan



Attacking midfielder Daniel Johnston made his debut for Tayport against North End, a day before his 18th birthday after signing from Brechin City earlier in the week, on loan until the end of the season .

A product of Monifieth Athletic's 2007s, Daniel was with Dundee FC's Academy before moving to Glebe Park.

In Brechin's Scottish Cup win over Huntly earlier this season, Daniel substituted for former Tayport striker Dayle Robertson. Dayle, who scored a barrowful of goals in his time here, is still banging them in at Glebe Park.

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	Dundee North End	19	18	0	1	85	14	9	0	0	41	2	9	0	1	44	12	+71	54
2	Broughty Athletic	19	16	2	1	79	15	9	0	0	49	3	7	2	1	30	12	+64	50
3	Lochee United	19	16	0	3	66	12	7	0	2	23	5	9	0	1	43	7	+54	48
4	Dundee Downfield	19	16	0	3	65	20	9	0	1	35	13	7	0	2	30	7	+45	48
5	Tayport	19	15	2	2	58	16	9	1	0	34	6	6	1	2	24	10	+42	47
6	Carnoustie Panmure	19	11	2	6	51	31	6	1	2	21	8	5	1	4	30	23	+20	35
7	Letham	19	9	3	7	42	38	5	1	4	25	18	4	2	3	17	20	+4	30
8	Dundee East Craigie	19	9	1	9	34	40	6	0	3	22	15	3	1	6	12	25	-6	28
9	Kirriemuir Thistle	18	8	2	8	27	31	4	2	2	15	12	4	0	6	12	19	-4	26
10	Lochee Harp	19	8	2	9	28	46	5	0	5	14	23	3	2	4	14	23	-18	26
11	Montrose Roselea	19	6	5	8	33	39	2	3	5	12	21	4	2	3	21	18	-6	23
12	Dundee St James	19	6	5	8	32	42	3	2	5	18	29	3	3	3	14	13	-10	23
13	Blairgowrie Juniors	18	6	4	8	44	48	3	2	4	23	23	3	2	4	21	25	-4	22
14	Dundee Violet	19	5	2	12	16	55	3	2	5	10	21	2	0	7	6	34	-39	17
15	Arbroath Victoria	19	5	1	13	28	55	4	1	4	19	25	1	0	9	9	30	-27	16
16	Forfar West End	19	5	0	14	27	63	3	0	7	17	27	2	0	7	10	36	-36	15
17	Coupar Angus	19	4	1	14	30	43	3	1	5	16	20	1	0	9	14	23	-13	13
18	Brechin Victoria	19	4	1	14	13	42	1	0	9	8	26	3	1	5	5	16	-29	13
19	Forfar United	19	3	3	13	23	75	1	2	7	10	43	2	1	6	13	32	-52	12
20	Scone Thistle	19	0	2	17	18	74	0	1	8	11	36	0	1	9	7	38	-56	2

Match Report **Quest Inter Regional Cup (now known as John Reilly Memorial Trophy)** **Wednesday 5 February 2025 at Canniepairt** **Tayport 2-3 Dundee North End**

Tayport bowed out of the Inter Regional Cup under the lights a week past Wednesday. Ironically, two of North End's goals came from Jayden Ferguson, who was manager George Shields' first signing at the end of March last season but was tempted away by the Dokens during the close season.

Tayport, giving 17 years old loanee Daniel Johnston his debut, struggled to contain a lively North End side in the early stages but nevertheless shocked their visitors with the opening goal from a Greg McColm header after 17 minutes after a Sam Simpson corner had been recycled into the visitors' goal area. North End's first half efforts were rewarded just before the break when Tayport failed to get their six yard box cleared in a scramble and Ferguson forced the ball home. It was clearly with a hand ball assist and the Tayport players, to a man, appealed but the referee ruled no offence. There was further damage just on the half-time whistle when Brian Rice gave Fraser Burnett little chance with a 25 yarder.

North End increased their lead on 56 minutes when Ferguson got the break of the ball in a busy goal-mouth. Tayport had started the second half better and their spirits were boosted by a quickfire equaliser from Sam Simpson who crashed home a drive from a tight angle as he cut in from the right. Tayport brought on four substitutes and the changes enlivened their efforts but they couldn't get that elusive equaliser which would have forced a penalty shoot out.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP SHAMBLES

Football punters can be forgiven if they've been left wondering what's happening in this season's Scottish Junior Cup. Downfield won their 3rd round tie back in mid-October but what was the scoreline in their 4th round tie at Bo'ness United? The fixture disappeared from the SJFA website. No result, nothing. Then up pops a 5th round tie, Downfield v Drumchapel United, which incidentally, was played on Saturday past, finishing 1-1, the WoSFL side winning on penalties to reach the last 8, none of which are Junior clubs. Why has this 4th round tie disappeared from the SJFA's social media? Probably to hide the SJFA's embarrassment.

So, what has happened? The SJFA hierarchy invited East of Scotland (EoS) and Lowland League (LL) teams to enter the Scottish Junior Cup. These associations don't recognise the Junior Cup and discouraged their clubs from entering. Nevertheless, a handful of their clubs, L.L.'s Bo'ness United being one of them, chose to enter. When the EoS and LL scheduled their fixtures for the season there were no specific dates laid aside for the Scottish Junior Cup ties. It was left to the clubs to try and squeeze the ties in somewhere other than on Saturdays, should no Saturday dates be available.

Before the SJFA played their vanishing card, Downfield were drawn to play at Lowland League Bo'ness United in round 4. Bo'ness didn't have a free Saturday but Downfield dug their heels in and said it had to be a Saturday. So, much to their chagrin and to get the competition moving, the organisers threw Bo'ness out of the competition.

Bo'ness, not the SJFA you'll note, issued the following statement, the gist of which is - *We are disappointed to announce that following lengthy discussions with Scottish Junior Football Association we have been eliminated from the Scottish Junior Cup. Everyone at the club is very disappointed that our return to the Junior Cup has ended this way. Factors outwith our control and our opponents refusing to play the tie on any day other than a Saturday, are very disappointing.*

Comments on social media included -

The Club should have been able to get reassurances from all bodies concerned regarding the timing/dates of fixtures before committing to the competition. I would have thought that any team refusing to play a tie, on whatever date would have been seen to be in breach of the rules.

Downfield played it like a fiddle and got a safe passage to the next round

Don't enter and expect every team to bow to you, rules are rules

No thought went into this at all by SJFA and the SFA.

Shouldn't be in the junior cup, blame the SJFA for the open invitations and making a mockery of it. Junior teams play on a Saturday, if you couldn't play a Saturday, then whose fault's that?

Poor show from the Junior Association for not having measures in place. The Association knew the lowland & eos don't recognise it

If the SJFA want to run this competition with Lowland League in mind they should be working with the SFA to put this in a working frame so that the competition can run freely without any complications.

Surely the SFA, which ultimately is in charge of all Scottish football and whose Chief Executive, enjoys a whopping salary, should have stepped in to sort out this embarrassing shambles.

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PORT TRIVIA PROG

Those who watch a lot of football on the TV these days see an inordinate amount of pushing, pulling and tugging at corner kicks which the referees seem unable to manage. Invariably they are observing a from the edge of the penalty box. Wouldn't it be an idea for the ref to stand right in the back of the goal net in these situations? They'd get a grand view from there!

If Tayport had made progress in this season's Scottish Gas Scottish Cup, beating North End, Tranent, Inverurie Locos, Airdrie, Dumbarton and Dundee last Saturday, we would be looking forward to a quarter final tie v Hearts at Tynecastle next month! Similarly last season if, after seeing off Hill of Beath and progressing by eliminating, Buckie Thistle, Forres Mechanics and Broxburn, we'd have enjoyed our 4th round tie, despite getting humped at Celtic Park in front of the TV cameras and a crowd of 40,180 and dreaming on the bus home of how we might spend the estimated £225,000 earned from the tie! As B.A. Robertson said back in 1982 "We Have A Dream (and) if Dreams Come True..."

Whilst his father, one time Tayport player Bryan Duell (44), was one of Kirrie Thistle's most effective players in the 2-2 draw against us two weeks ago, the same afternoon his son Liam (21) was starring for Banks o' Dee, scoring their second goal in a 2-0 win over Buckie Thistle, to keep his side 3rd top of the Highland League

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We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today which sees us take on Lochee United FC in the quarter final of the East of Scotland Cup.



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

Following our three previous games versus current league leaders Dundee North End FC in the John Reilly Quest Cup which resulted in a 2-3 defeat, our league win at Thomson Park against today's opponents by 1-0, courtesy of a Jamie Hume goal, then a 2-2 draw away from home at Kirriemuir Thistle JFC. We have loaned Ian Plenderleith, last season's player of the year, and also local Tayport lad Kyle McMulkin to Dundee Violet JFC until the end of the season. Also moving on to Violet is Callum Petrie who has signed an 18 months contract with the Pansies. We wish Callum all the very best with his new club.

As I reported in my last update for our programme, we would possibly be adding more new faces in January and we have added another young player, Daniel Johnston, an attacking player from Brechin City FC. Daniel was also sought after by today's opponent's Lochee United FC, East of Scotland Premier sides Jeanfield Swifts and Luncarty as well as Coupar Angus JFC, which is testament that he chose ourselves to develop his career. We have missed out on a centre half and a striker, but we will keep trying to improve our squad and maintain our League challenge.

We now know who we will be playing after the league split. We have 6 home fixtures and 3 away fixtures and these are listed in the centre pages of the programme. We thank each and every one for your continued support and we hope to see you in the run-in of our league campaign.

George



Former Tayport FC Chairman and Secretary

Frederik (Fred) Janssen died earlier this week in Carnoustie, aged 80. Fred, as a player and secretary, was one of those who helped keep the club together during the difficult days of the 1960s. Then, as chairman from 1968-69, he oversaw the beginning of what would be a major change in the club's fortunes, before moving south to work.

