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**TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE**  
**MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**PHASE 2 - GAME 1/9**  
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## TAYPORT FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2024-2025

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## EDITORIAL

As we note elsewhere in the programme,  
after today we will have 8 fixtures to play  
and that will complete our season.

Discounting midweek dates, there are 14  
Saturdays until the end of May.

In times past, those April, May and often  
into June fixtures, particularly those lucky  
enough to coincide with a balmy evening,  
were something of a cash cow to Junior  
clubs, with funds taking a healthy boost  
after the Senior Leagues had completed  
their seasons.

In season 2001-2002 for example, Tayport  
FC played 24 competitive games between  
4th April and 11th June.

This season, with no cup-ties left to play,  
we'll have played a total of 35 games.

### Next Match

**League Championship - Top Ten Game 2/9**

**Saturday 1st March Tayport v North End**

Cover photo

Jamie Timmons miscues and George Johnston nets  
Lochee's equaliser last week

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1991 winner Liz McColligan who presented the prizes at TFC's annual Fun Run

## THE CHAIRMAN...

Kirrie Thistle provide today's league opposition, I'd like to welcome both their players and officials to the Canniepairt. A warm welcome also to our fans.

Last weekend's narrow defeat at the hands of Lochlee United in the East of Scotland Quarter Final has now left us with 9 league games, the long and short of it is, our season could well be finished by the middle of April unless the powers that be decide to introduce another trophy.

It's a far cry from when I managed the club back in the day when our season went on to the middle of June. I recall in the final two weeks we played Saturday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. 8 games in two weeks, the Friday night game was a cup semi-final which went to extra time, the next day we won the final. Changed days.

I understand the thinking behind the league split, the 38 league games last season was too many but, was reducing it to 28 the correct decision? For me the jury is out. There is no doubt these nine games will be a test for all clubs competing in the top 10 but we could be twiddling our thumbs over the 8/9 weeks before pre-season starts.

If you've not heard by now, the Midland League made the historic decision to leave the SJFA and apply to become an autonomous association within the SFA. The Aberdeen based North Region Juniors made the decision to leave before us, so in effect the SJFA committee is close to being redundant. Therefore, the question is, will the Scottish Junior Cup exist next season? Do we need an SJFA committee? What's to happen to the major cash pot they are sitting on?

If you're wondering why both associations made the decision, it's partly to do with finance. When all other non-league Junior associations left a few years ago, they all received a financial benefit from the SFA but ours went to the "SJFA", so operating as a separate SFA affiliated League, we should receive financial support direct. I believe the SJFA are attempting to rebrand the Scottish Junior Cup as the Scottish Communities Cup which would be competed for by all the other non-league sides. I maybe a sceptic but I smell an attempt by these officials to keep themselves in a position of power. Time will tell.

We know how competitive today's opponents were when we met a few weeks ago so we need to better their commitment this afternoon, do so then I'm confident we can succeed. Enjoy the Game.

*Support the Port.*

*Davie Baikie*



Tayport  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS

Kirrie  
Thistle  
from



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	Ross MILNE
	Kieran CRICHTON
	Greg McCOLM
	Jamie HUME
check	Sam SIMPSON
	Ethan SAMSON
board	Scott McCOMISKIE
	Daniel JOHNSTON
at	Jamie GILL
	Jamie CROWE
gate	Jamie TIMMONS
	Stefan ELVIN
for	Aiden McKELVIE
	Nik MANN
Nos.	James SIMPSON
	Ben SIVEWRIGHT
	Ryan SMITH
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Midlands  
Championship  
2nd Phase  
Game 1/9

Saturday  
22nd February  
2025  
Kick-off  
2.30pm

Referee:  
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Assistant 1:  
TBA

Assistant 2:  
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gk	Jack SHAW
3	Callum KINNEAR
4	Nathan DEGERNIER
5	Aaron BARNETT
6	Rory DAVIDSON
7	Lewis GRANT
8	Stewart RUSSELL
9	Ben STARKEY
10	Ryan KERRIGAN
11	Robbie GALLACHER
14	Callum RENNIE
15	Stephen McNALLY
16	Bryan DUELL
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## 40 years FROM THE ARCHIVES 1985

In 1985 Tayport FC had three teams in weekly action, the 1st XI in the **Midlands AFA**, the 2nd XI playing in the **Kingdom Caledonian League** and the Strollers XI playing in the Midlands AFA's **Alliance League**.

Here are the line-ups from **40 years ago** on **SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1985**

MIDLANDS XI	FIFE XI	ALLIANCE XI
Gray Trophy r.1 away v Dundee YMCA fine but windy	Fife Cup quarter final away v Ballingry Rovers raining	League away v St James fine but windy
<b>YMCA 1-4 Tayport</b> (4-3-3)	<b>Ballingry 5-2 Tayport</b> (4-3-3)	<b>St James 2-4 Tayport</b> (4-2-4)
<u>Brian SMITH</u>	<u>George HAYTER</u>	<u>Johnny CLARK</u>
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Stephen WHYTE	David BLAIR	Rab BURNS
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Jimmy GRIFFIN	Jim DOWNIE	<u>Lindsay CLARK</u>
<u>Doug PATERSON</u>	<u>Colin ROBERTSON</u>	Graeme DEMPSTER
Graeme COX	Allan HARTE	Ian HOWE
Bruce BURNETT	Stuart DAVIE	Roy LESSELS
<u>Willie 'Molly' BROWN</u>	<u>David MACDONALD</u>	<u>Alan PATERSON</u>
subs:	subs:	subs.:
Ian NESS,	Rod McCAFFERTY	Graeme McBETH
Rab DOWNIE	John SQUIRE	Ron REDPATH
<u>Scorers:</u>	<u>Scorer:</u>	<u>Scorers:</u>
Burnett 2, Brown 2	Davie	Lessels 2, Whiteside, Clark
Manager: Drew HERD	Manager: Geo. NORRIE	Manager: Ron REDPASTH

## TODAY'S GAME

### TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### PHASE 2 GAME 1/9



We welcome Kirrie Thistle to Canniepairt for this first match in the restructured Midlands Junior Championship which sees the top ten clubs, starting with their with their current pointage, playing each other once to determine who will be champions.

Defending champions North End are in pole position and it won't be an easy task to dislodge them, but as the race moves into its last couple of months, the four clubs sitting below them will fancy giving them a run for their money.

Tayport completed a league double over Kirrie in the 2001/2 season which was pretty par for the course in the 1990s but we didn't meet them in league action again until 2017. Since then it's been a different story, with Kirrie winning six of the last ten encounters. Last season they competed the league double over Tayport, their 1-0 win at Canniepairt just short of a year ago, proved to be one defeat too many with manager Daryl McKenzie and the club parting company following that game.

Earlier this month the sides shared four goals at Westview Park, the first ever drawn game between the sides. Tayport got off to a good start on that occasion but too often thereafter were playing second fiddle to a Thistle side which caused us more than a few problems, so we had to settle for a point. Thistle's point that afternoon was the only point they gathered in their final six matches against top ten opponents.

In last week's tie v Lochee United, Tayport were well short of expectation in respect of attacking football and rarely looked like reducing the deficit following two cheaply conceded goals to allow the visitors' to achieve a successful second half comeback.

Kirrie edged out Blairgowrie by the odd goal in seven last week and this afternoon are looking to extend their current unbeaten run to four games. Tayport will welcome back defenders James Simpson and Ben Sive-wright, both unavailable last week.

Whether at the back or up front and still putting in a shift for Kirrie is Bryan Duell (pictured in Tayport colours), who scored v Blairgowrie last week.

Dueller had two seasons at Tayport back in 2005/07 before signing for former Tayport management duo Jim Moffat and Willie Garner at Forfar Athletic in 2007/08 for two seasons. During his Tayport spell Duell netted 26 goals in 79 appearances.



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

### BRAVO ROYAL BRITISH LEGION!

Shortly, hopefully, when the weather “warms up”, the Walking Football club will return to Canniepairt for their Friday training sessions. Although the training facilities at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee are world class, it is at a cost, and nothing is better than playing outside on a grass pitch.

The problem, and a good one in most respects, is that our playing numbers have significantly increased. Recently we have had 24+ attending, and a fortnight ago we had 30! We can adjust to those numbers because at the RPC we can create 2 identical pitches, same size area and official size goals. We then create 4 teams of 6 or 7, depending on numbers, and play 3 x 25 minutes games, so everyone gets to play at the same time. It’s tiring but everyone gets more involvement.

What we have at Tayport though are only one set of small size goals ! So, realising we would have problems organising training at Tayport we decided we would have to purchase at least one set of goals of official size.

The next problem would be storage. We have use of the storage area inside the Canniepairt but the new goals are 12ft by 6ft, and it would be a squeeze to get one set in, let alone two.

I looked into the different suppliers and found that they actually make folding goals. The stanchions at the side fold in for storage, so we could lean them flush to the wall. They’re the ones! But costly!!

One of our members is on the committee at the Tayport Branch of the Royal British Legion, and he suggested we applied for a grant through them. Apparently Tayport Tennis Club have just got a huge grant from the Legion to replace their floodlights, so I got the forms and applied. Fife Council have to vet all applications and they then advise the Legion on whether we are a bona fide club, and our application was valid. We got through that hurdle and we also showed that we had raised 25% of the cost of the goals ourselves.

Last Sunday, the RBL committee met, and with our member speaking on our behalf, we were awarded the grant we were asking for! This will enable us to purchase, when required, 2 sets of folding goals, allowing us to set up 2 pitches on a Friday if required.

We will purchase one set first, just to make sure they work ok for us, and then get a second.

Obviously, we are very thankful to the Tayport Royal British Legion for their support.

*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	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	Kirriemuir Thistle	19	9	2	8	31	34	5	2	2	19	15	4	0	6	12	19	-3	29
9	Dundee East Craigie	19	9	1	9	34	40	6	0	3	22	15	3	1	6	12	25	-6	28
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	19	6	4	9	47	52	3	2	4	23	23	3	2	5	24	29	-5	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

	Current Form	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
1	NORTH END	6	6	0	0	16	4	12	18
2	DOWNFIELD	6	5	0	1	20	7	13	15
3	TAYPORT	6	4	2	0	12	5	7	14
4	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	6	4	1	1	17	7	10	13
5	LOCHEE UNITED	6	3	0	3	12	5	7	9
6	LOCHEE HARP	6	2	0	4	6	16	-10	6
7	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	6	1	0	5	10	15	-5	3
8	LETHAM	6	1	0	5	8	21	-13	3
9	EAST CRAIGIE	6	1	0	5	11	26	-25	3
10	KIRRIE THISTLE	6	0	1	5	4	16	-12	1

With the championship’s second phase kicking off today, the above table records the most recent - six games - league form of the top ten clubs when playing against each other during the first phase.



## COMPETITION UPDATE

Unless a fixture drought prompts the introduction of a local cup competition, last Saturday's defeat saw us say goodbye to cup football for the season.

**Scottish Gas Scottish Cup** - eliminated by North End

**Scottish Junior Cup** - eliminated by Pollok

**Quest Inter Regional (John Reilly Memorial) Cup** - eliminated by North End

**East of Scotland Cup** - eliminated by Lochee United.

### State of Play

**Scottish Junior Cup:** Quarter final results - Drumchapel 3-0 Benburb; Largs Thistle 1-0 Armadale; Camelon v Tranent (1 March); Johnstone Burgh v Irvine Meadow (8 March) No Junior clubs there, so semi finals will have three West of Scotland League clubs and one East of Scotland League club.

**Quest Regional (John Reilly Memorial) Cup** 3rd round (15 March)

Bridge of Don v Downfield or St James	Letham v Ellon
Dyce v Blairgowrie	Lochee United v Rothie Rovers
East Craigie v Islavale	Maud v Carnoustie Panmure
Forfar WE v Fraserburgh Utd	Stonehaven v Broughty Athletic

**East of Scotland Cup;** semi finalists

Lochee United; Coupar Angus; East Craigie **or** North End; Scone Thistle **or** Downfield

The **Midlands Championship** has to be determined by the end of April to allow the champions - if they hold an SFA Licence - to participate in the pyramid play-off.

At present, only Tayport and Lochee United are licensed clubs. Regardless, the champions get an automatic entry into next season's Scottish Gas Scottish Cup preliminary round.

With potentially 21 Saturday and midweek dates available between next week and the end of May and a mere 8 league matches to play, we're not going to be over-stretched.



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Scott McComiskie	8
Sam Simpson	8
Jamie Crowe	8
Kyle McMulkin	6
Jamie Gill	5

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All Tayport's Football Clubs' results ... and some goalscorers... from 1899 to 2024 in the Scottish Cup. Scottish Junior Cup and Scottish Amateur Cup Other articles soon to be added

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## PORT TRIVIA PROG

John Walsh, who played 41 game for Tayport FC in season 1985/86 and that season helped the club reach the semi final of the Scottish Amateur Cup at Dens Park, had the unique distinction of having eleven middle names... all Dundee FC players from the 1967/68 season. John was registered John Arrol, Hamilton, Cox, Murray, Stuart, Stewart, Campbell, Scott, Wilson, McLean, Bryce, Walsh. Although the Dundee players all turned out for the club that season, they never actually played a competitive game together. Fortunately, two names, John and Walsh were sufficient for the Tayport team list.

In December 1990 Tayport played Tayside League games on successive afternoons. On Saturday 8th December Tayport lost 2-3 at home to Kirrie Thistle and the following afternoon, also on the Canniepairt, Tayport defeated St Josephs by 9-0 with the same 12 players



**Lochee United JFC @LocheeUnitedJFC · Feb 1**  
Bobby Linn is the new manager of Lochee United!  
Check our Facebook for all todays information.  
[facebook.com/Official.Lochee](https://facebook.com/Official.Lochee)

Port Prog was well caught out when Lochee United announced that Bobby Linn was their new manager, then, by the end of the week,

after the match programme had gone to print, they announced that Bobby had been replaced by Jay Smart. Must be a record!



**Lochee United JFC**  
7h · 🌐

Lochee United can today confirm the appointment of Jay Smart as manager.



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## THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS

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



After the disappointment of last Saturday against Lochee United FC in the EOS Cup, we now look forward to concentrating on our league campaign with the final 9 games determining who will be successful in their challenge for the title.

A few weeks back we played Kirrie in the league away from home and recorded a 2-2 draw. It was a physical affair and we will expect nothing less today from a team that has been challenging in the top half of the league since the new management team of Stephen McNally and Bryan Duell took the reins.

We have added Ross Lunan to our coaching staff. Ross will add that winning mentality to our squad having won previous league titles as manager of Dundee North End FC, Supporters of a certain age will remember Ross had a short spell with Tayport FC back in the day, Myself Barry, Grant & Gary welcome Ross on board and wish him all the very best at the Canniepairt.

We now must see if we can maintain our excellent home record in the league and climb the league table which we all know was very tight at the split.

Myself and everyone at Tayport FC greatly appreciates the support that you all have given the club this season so stay along for the last 9 games and see where it can take us.

*George*



Ryan Paterson heads Lochee's winner last Saturday

## Match Report

## East of Scotland Cup quarter final

15 February 2025 at Canniepairt **Tayport 1-2 Lochee United**

A super save early on by Fraser Burnett from Lochee's Kerr Hay kept the scoresheet blank but was an indication of the way cup-tie would develop with the visitors looking the more threatening side. Tayport, without Ben Sivewright and James Simpson, were dealt a further blow after Keiran Crichton was substituted following a face injury, Jamie Gill taking his place. It would be Tayport who held the halftime advantage, however, when, with the clock ticking close to the break,

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Nik Mann anticipated a careless passback and raced into the box before being flattened by Jamie McCabe as he rounded the Lochee keeper. Jamie Crowe made an excellent job from the spot to secure an interval lead.

By just over the hour mark, Tayport's fate had been effectively sealed by two goals of similar origin, both of which were in the cheaply conceded category. In 54 minutes, Jamie Timmons sclaffed an attempted clearance from a left wing cross and substitute George Johnston had the easy task of knocking the ball into the net. Ten minutes later another cross from the left found ex-Port player Ryan Paterson unmarked and in splendid isolation to head home what proved to be the winning goal. Lochee would finish the match with ten men when Hay was sent off after senselessly collecting two yellow cards. Credit here to Referee Kevin Murray whom, it must be said, had an excellent game.

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