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PHASE 2 - GAME 2/9
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EDITORIAL

With the Midlands League gaining autonomy in non-league Tier 6 football, and at the same time kicking off a potentially exciting new championship phase, one would imagine our local press's squad of football correspondents might manage an article or two on these significant non-league football developments.

They might have been persuaded to publish a league table showing the 'split'. After all, what is it they say, a picture is worth a thousand words? But no, we've seen no league table showing the split in the local press.

If they had an interest in 'Local Matters' as they keep telling us, we might get a list of 'today's games' or 'this week's games' or even a note of kick off times.

And last Saturday 'The Courier' told us 'Tayport head to Westview Park to face a Kirrie Thistle side...'

Next Match

League Championship - Top Ten Game 3/9

Saturday 8th March Tayport v Lochee Harp
2.30pm

Cover photo

Action from Tayport's most recent meeting v North End
on 5th Feb 2025

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

THE CHAIRMAN...

We welcome Midlands league leaders Dundee North End to the Canniepairt for today's league encounter, can I also welcome the Port Support.

Last weekend we gained a deserved 3-1 victory over Kirrie Thistle with goals from Nick Mann 2 and Ethan Samson 1. I was pleasantly surprised we started with Scott and Nick up front, yes it put more responsibility on our midfield but I thought they stepped up to the plate well, I also thought Stef Elvin was excellent on the day and is getting back to the player he was of old.

As you have probably noticed over the past couple of weeks our squad of players has somewhat decreased in size. Gary Robertson was first to depart after signing for Dundee Violet, I'm sure his influence has encouraged the club to then enquire about other players at Tayport who weren't getting a lot of game time, so we agreed to transfer Callum Petrie and loan both Kyle McMulkin and Ian Plenderleith. I hope they all do well for Violet, although their result, a 6-0 defeat last weekend against bottom of the table Scone Thistle, won't give them much cheer.

So, it's Dundee North End for the 4th time this season. There's no doubt their league favourites tag is deserved as in all three previous encounters I've been impressed, I maybe shouldn't say this just in case it comes back to haunt me but I do see us creeping bit closer to them! If we can nullify their strengths better and outwork them we can get something out of today's encounter. Enjoy the Game.

Support the Port.



Davie



VAL GRAHAM

We were sorry to learn of the death last week of Val Graham. Val may not have made a No. 9's contribution on the park but she certainly played an important role for many years in supporting the club's successful fund raising Bingo sessions in the Ponderosa and Bellrock.

We offer husband Colin and daughter Laney our sincere condolences.



Tayport
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

North
End
from



gk	Fraser BURNETT
	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
	Lewis TRACEY
	Dale ROBERTSON



Midlands
Championship
2nd Phase
Game 2/9

Saturday
1st March
2025
Kick-off
2.30pm

Referee:
Jordan
KINNON

Assistant 1:
Matthew
RACE
Assistant 2:
Cameron
CHALMERS

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gk	Grant ADAM
gk	Daniel CLARK
2	Liam GIBB
3	Brian RICE
4	Jack ALLAN
4	Ross JAMIESON
6	Ben MIDDLETON
8	Jamie MONTGOMERY
9	Jaden FERGUSON
10	Brian CLARK
11	Frankie DEVINE
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25 years FROM THE ARCHIVES 2000

This Concept (now Quest/John Reilly Trophy) Cup was the second of four meetings between Tayport and North End in 1999/2000. Tayport would win both league games and the two cup ties, going on to win both cups.

40 March 10, 2000

Football

Finnan's net burst

NORTH END..... 1 TAYPORT3

Tayport booked a meeting with Carnoustie Panmure, in the semi-finals of the inter-regional Concept Group Trophy, by outclassing rivals North End on Saturday afternoon. Goals from Scottish internationalists Steven Stewart and Kenny Cameron put 'Port firmly in control, then Ian Greig added a late third. The home side's injury-time penalty was a mere consolation.

The Dokens did, however, have a first chance of the match, when a Tommy King header looked net-bound, before Fraser Mann amazingly stretched to claw the ball away, thus somewhat denting the morale of 'Port's eager opponents.

On six minutes, Tayport capitalised on this psychological advantage, when they incisively opened the scoring. Stevie Ross, starting for the first time this year, pressured the home defence, allowing Kenny Cameron to gain possession, wide on the right. His deep cross found Grant Paterson arriving in the box at speed and he touched the ball inside to Steven Stewart, who made no mistake in guiding it past 'keeper Graeme Finnan, and into the back of the net.

Midfielder Allan Ramsay came close to doubling the lead with a strong header, which was narrowly off-target, then Ian Greig saw a shot saved by Finnan, as Tayport pushed their hosts to the limit.

As half-time neared, Graeme Finnan diverted a Stevie Ross cross into the path of Dave Reilly, only for the 'Port star to blast the ball over the top. So, despite this, and other opportunities for the visitors, North End only trailed by a single goal at the interval.

It did not take 'Port long to extend their lead though, with Kenny Cameron capitalising on good work by Stevie Ross to drill the ball home from inside the box, within a minute of the restart.

Cameron then flashed a volley over the bar, while Ross broke forward to fire in a strike which was comfortably saved by Finnan, as the Dokens left spaces at the back, in their effort to salvage something from the match.

Those efforts went unrewarded though, and the Tayport defence coped admirably with any attacks. Graham Davidson had North End's best opening, but Fraser Mann was untroubled by the 75th minute shot.

Mark Corcoran should have wrapped things up for Tayport in the final 10 minutes, when he raced clear, courtesy of a Grant Paterson pass. Unfortunately, he did not produce the composed finish which was required and blazed the ball wide of the far post.

The inevitable third goal did come eventually, when Kenny Cameron played in Stevie Ross. The pacy front-man thumped in a shot, which Finnan managed to block. Ian Greig, however, was on hand to tuck the ball into the net, with the North End defenders conspicuous by their absence.

The downside to the match was the loss of what was only the second goal conceded by 'Port since late October, and the award of the penalty, converted by Scott Flynn, was debatable, to say the least.

North End: Finnan, Cranston, Houghton, Flynn, Gardiner, Jeffrey, Paul, Adams, Davidson, King, Taylor (McCafferty).

Tayport: Mann, Buist, Paterson, Greig, Nicolson, Jones, Ramsay, Stewart (Wilkie), Cameron, D. Reilly (Corcoran), Ross (Craik).

Tomorrow, Saturday, March 11, Tayport will be at home to Kirrie Thistle, in a league match, which kicks off at 2.30 pm. 'Phone the club's newsline on 552755 for up-to-date information.

TODAY'S GAME



TAYPORT v DUNDEE NORTH END

MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP

PHASE TWO GAME 2/9



If there was such a thing in our League, today's encounter would be billed as Match of the Day.

We have league leaders North End, having won all nine games away from home since dropping their only points of the season, a 0-1 defeat at Broughty in early August, meeting a Tayport side, seven points behind and unbeaten at home in the league, dropping their only points at Canniepairt in a 2-2 draw with Broughty.

It should be noted, of course, that half of Tayport's six defeats this season have been by North End, knocking Tayport out of two cups and winning 3-1 in the corresponding league game at North End Park in August. There's little doubt that those who saw these matches would acknowledge that North End impressed and few could deny that they probably warranted their wins.

However, the most recent win, 3-2, three weeks ago, saw Tayport edge a bit closer to getting a positive result. Tayport will show changes from their starting selection on that occasion and if they can avoid being caught offside, cut out the backchat to the referee and improve the successful passing percentage, then to the delight of Lochee United, Broughty and Downfield, blast the league title race wide open!

The vast Senior experience of the North End management of duo of Lewis Toshney and Kevin McNaughton (four Scotland caps) is evident in the Dokens' play and this is backed up by two of their backroom staff, former Tayport stars goalkeeper Neal Ferrie (56 appearances), above right, and Kevin's brother Barry McNaughton, above left, (380 appearances and 2 Scottish Cup winner medals).



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

New League Season Kicks Off

Tomorrow sees us start the new league season, the Walking Football Scotland over 50s East Division League.

Because of the general increase in the number of Walking Football clubs in Scotland, and worldwide, this season the East League has now got 3 divisions - Premier, Championship and Conference.

Because of the re-organising of the divisions and reduction of numbers in each division to create the new Conference, we have been put into the Championship and Conference.

Since we created another team, our mindset has always been for both the teams to be of equal ability, no first team and no second team. Although we obviously want to win all our games, we don't want players thinking they're in the reserve team. No them and us, just us! Some will disagree with that philosophy, but the idea is to enjoy the day, not to win at all costs, which, unfortunately, some clubs do.



Frank Feechan, a Midlands Alliance Cup winner with Tayport in 1976, is the Whites manager for the new season

The **Red** team's Championship fixtures for tomorrow are against Linlithgow Rose, Carnoustie and Arbroath Whites. Other teams in that division are Hibernian, Dundee FC, and Dunfermline Dynamos .

The **White** team's Conference fixtures are against Saints in the Community, Fife Wanderers and Fairfield MH. Other teams in that division are Letham Angus, Forfar North and Fort William. That's 5 new teams, so we've no idea of their playing history .

Hopefully we can get both teams off to a good start, **Tom Malone** will be managing the **Reds** and **Frank Feechan** will be in charge of the **Whites**.

Paul

THE MIDLANDS **TOP 10** LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dundee North End	20	19	0	1	88	14	74	57
2	Broughty Athletic	20	17	2	1	83	16	67	53
3	Lochee United	20	17	0	3	68	12	56	51
4	Tayport	20	16	2	2	61	17	44	50
5	Downfield	19	16	0	3	65	20	45	48
6	Carnoustie Panmure	20	11	2	7	51	33	18	35
7	Letham	19	9	3	7	42	36	4	30
8	Kirrie Thistle	20	9	2	9	32	37	-5	29
9	East Craigie	20	9	1	10	35	44	-9	28
10	Lochee Harp	20	8	2	10	28	49	-11	26

Last week's results

East Craigie 1-4 Broughty Athletic
Lochee Harp 0-3 North End
Lochee United 2-0 Carnoustie
Tayport 3-1 Kirrie Thistle

Today's fixtures

Carnoustie v Downfield
East Craigie v Lochee United
Kirrie Thistle v Broughty Athletic
Lochee Harp v Letham
Tayport v North End

	Current Form v Top 10	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
1	NORTH END	6	6	0	0	15	3	12	18
2	DOWNFIELD	6	5	0	1	20	7	13	15
3	TAYPORT	6	4	2	0	13	6	7	14
4	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	6	4	1	1	18	7	11	13
5	LOCHEE UNITED	6	4	0	2	14	3	11	12
6	LOCHEE HARP	6	2	0	4	6	16	-10	6
7	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	6	1	0	5	7	13	-6	3
8	LETHAM	6	1	0	5	8	21	-13	3
9	EAST CRAIGIE	6	1	0	5	10	24	-14	3
10	KIRRIE THISTLE	6	0	1	5	4	16	-12	1

With the championship's second phase kicking off last week, 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 and those playing in phase 2 last week

Match Report

Midland Championship Phase 2 Game 1/9

22 February 2025 at Canniepairt

Tayport 3-1 Kirrie Thistle

Tayport kept in touch with the teams at the top of the table in their first match of the post-split championship challenge with three second half goals. During a match which saw periods of both torrential rain and bright sunshine, the first half could be quickly forgotten. Tayport had the lion's share of play but despite this possession failed to create a worthwhile chance.

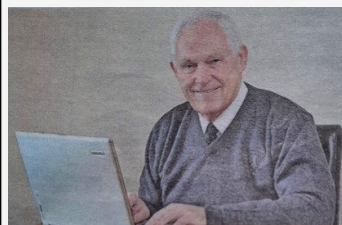
Tayport showed a greater urgency in the second period and calmed the nerves of their support with the opening goal on the hour mark. Sam Simpson's cross caused something of a stramash in the Kirrie box, the ball finally landing at the feet of Nik Mann who fired the ball past Jack Shaw.

Tayport's play was more composed by this stage and they doubled the lead in 70 minutes when a super run and perfect pass from Ethan Samson was knocked home by Nik for his second. Five minutes later it was three, a neat pass by Scott McComiskie sent Ethan scampering through to drill the ball low past former 'Port keeper Jack Shaw.

Tayport made four substitutions during the last ten minutes but it was a Kirrie sub, Sharkey, who made his mark during that period when he netted from close range after what looked very much like an trade mark foul on 'keeper Burnett. Jamie Gill had a late chance for No.4 but his lob cleared an untended goal.

Doug's a Familiar Visitor to Tayport

A familiar face at Canniepairt in his role as an RDA (Referee Development Advisor) is former referee Doug Yeats. Perth based Doug's career with the whistle has taken in over 500 Senior and Junior games, so there's no better choice for an RDA role.



Doug, who was here at last week's match v Kirrie checking out the referee's performance, was recently recognised with a two page spread

in the Perthshire Advertiser newspaper for his contribution to the Specsavers sponsored *Football Memories Group*. The SFA's Referees' boss Willie Collum said "The success of Football Memories is plain to see, and one that our roster of former referees, such as Douglas Yeats, is proud to support".



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Sam Simpson	8
Jamie Crowe	8
Kyle McMulkin	6
Jamie Gill	5
Nik Mann	5

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After a trophy laden 25 years, it's now ten years since Tayport last collected some silverware. That last success was winning the double, the East Region Premier League Championship and the Tayside/North Regional Cup (then GA Cup, now the John Reilly Memorial Trophy) at Tannadice, defeating North End 4-1 before a crowd of 546.

Stefan Elvin and Gary Sutherland, now our coach, were in the victorious 'Port side that night as was Neil Docherty, the only local lad playing that evening.

With the recent move to Dundee Violet of players Gary Robertson, Kyle McMulkin, Calum Petrie and Ian Plenderleith, the former Tayport contingent at Glenesk is up to six, counting Matty Adam and Chairman Andy Heggie.



Speaking of Violet, here's a pic of our manager during his time as a player at Glenesk. George tells us that unfortunately he was standing in a hole in the ground when that pic was taken!

Tayport's last win over North End was a 2-0 win on the first day of the 2021-22 season followed by a draw in the corresponding game in Dundee. Since then North End have won 8 out of 8, 4 of which have been by the odd goal.



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THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today to see us take on Dundee North End JFC for the fourth time this season, our second game after the ten-team split.

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

After winning our first game of the split last week we are looking to build on that to maintain our league challenge.

This game will be one of our most important games of the season as, anything but a home win, will make it virtually impossible for us to win the league title.

Going into today's game, North End have a seven points advantage over us so, with only seven games to go after today's encounter, dropping any points will make it extremely difficult to claw back the points difference.

We have had three close games with North End this season and unfortunately lost three goals in each of these games, so today the emphasis will be to defend better as a team. We know we can score goals as we have scored in every league game this season.

Unfortunately Nik Mann (holiday), Jamie Timmons (holiday), Ryan Smith (groin injury) and our skipper Jamie Hume (holiday), are all missing for today's game. We have added Dale Robertson to the pool and his experience will be invaluable for our younger players.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the support we have had since joining the club and with your continued support and the efforts of our players. I hope we can keep ourselves in the title race.

George

