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PHASE 2 - GAME 3/9
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EDITORIAL

As we are aware, the league season has to be completed by the end of April and there are no cup fixtures currently scheduled for the remainder of the season.

In the early 1990s it wasn't unusual to play as many as 20 competitive games in May and early June. Maybe it's time to dust down some of the old trophies in order to enjoy some end of season cup football.

In 1991, for example, there were six local cups on the go, with nine clubs enjoying a taste of cup final action at five different cup final venues

No game on 15th March

Next Match

Saturday 22nd March Carnoustie v Tayport

League Championship - Top Ten Game 4/9

Next Home Match

Saturday 29th March Tayport v Downfield

League Championship - Top Ten Game 5/9

Cover photo

Action from last week's game v North End shows Kieran putting Tayport ahead

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

THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to all our support and a warm welcome to the players and officials of today's league opponents Lochee Harp.

Last week's league defeat was particularly hard to take. As the years have rolled on, I've become a far more laid-back individual but when North End scored that 93rd minute winner I was raging! My immediate action was to disappear from the pitch side and head upstairs. Anne said she hadn't seen me so angry in a long time. Why? Maybe because we'd played North End in three previous games this season and, albeit we deservedly lost out in each game, I felt we were gaining some ground on them and up until their equaliser, I felt we were relatively comfortable. There's that old saying "we snatched defeat from the jaws of victory". That is how it felt at the point former Tayport striker Jaydon Ferguson stroked home their winner. If we can take any positive from the game, I'd say we are getting even closer to challenging those at the top.

Today in our upstairs lounge we are hosting the Players' Sponsors, so may I welcome them to the Canniepairt and personally thank them for their support.

Last season, today's opponents Lochee Harp achieved something that they hadn't done since Tayport joined the junior ranks, they defeated us at the Canniepairt, I sincerely hope it's another couple of decades before they repeat it. Despite our defeat last week, our players' work rate from start to finish can't be faulted, if they can produce the same today we should be confident of victory. Enjoy the Game.

Support the Port.

Davie Baikie



Tayport v North End last week



Tayport
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

Lochee
Harp
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
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Midlands
Championship
2nd Phase
Game 3/9

Saturday
8th March
2025
Kick-off
2.30pm

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support travelled to Gay-field at a return fare of £9.60 in today's money to meet Arbroath Woodside in the semi final of the Forfarshire Junior Cup.

Woodside were one of the top Junior sides locally and later that 1924/25 season would reach the semi final of the Scottish Junior Cup. As the match report shows Harp went down by the only goal of the game. However, every cloud has a silver lining. The train back to the *Dark Suburb* didn't leave Arbroath until 7.45pm, leaving plenty time to drown the sorrows.

Harp disappointed their followers at Gay-field, when they went under to Arbroath Woodside in the semi-final of the Forfarshire Cup. The whole of the eight hundred odd spectators who travelled from the "Dark Suburb" looked for a "green" victory, but their champions met their Waterloo. It would have been a great thing for Harp had they succeeded in winning, for so far the Woodside have not suffered defeat this season, and to be the first to lower their colours would have been a feather in the cap of the Lochee team. However, the only goal of the afternoon was sent past Hutchison in the Harp's goal some ten minutes from the finish. Result—

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NINE YEARS LATERand an excursion to Auld Reekie for a visit to Hibernian's Easter Road was another Saturday away day for the Harp faithful. This time for the 1934 Scottish Junior Cup semi final. Train fare was 5 shillings which would be £23 today. (Today's Dundee to Edinburgh train fare is £24) The attendance of 8,435 was described in the report as disappointing. Equally disappointing was the result, Bridgeton Waverley 3 Lochee Harp 0



TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v LOCHEE HARP MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP PHASE TWO GAME 3/9



We welcome Harp to Tayport this afternoon for the third of the nine games which will take us to the end of the league season.

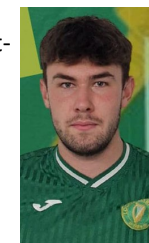
Harp may have scraped into the top ten and so tight was the margin that, despite their draw at Letham last week, they have slipped a place. They are now 11th after Blairgowrie's win at Coupar Angus last week in the bottom 10 clubs' Phase Two.

What should be recognised, however, is that Alan McSkimming's side have tasted defeat in only one of their last six league games, albeit that four of these were against bottom ten clubs, and that single defeat, like ourselves last Saturday, was by North End.



McSkimming's been in charge at New Beechwood now for three years and has assembled a side with some talented youngsters which, on its day can play some neat football.

Included in the Harp pool are several players with Tayport FC connections. John McGlashan (right)'s late father, big John, was a successful manager here for two and a half years after succeeding Willie Garner in November 2012. Marcus Craik (left)'s dad, Brian, aka Birdie, is of course a club and Tayside football legend after netting the goals to win Tayport two Scottish Cup semi finals and a Scottish Cup final, all by 1-0.



Marc Van Der Kuyl made 25 appearances for Tayport last season and top scorer for Harp this season with ten goals is Daniel Dorovic. Daniel made 27 appearances for Tayport in 2021-22, playing v Harp twice, getting sent off in one and notching two goals in the other.

Tayport matched North End all over the pitch last week but the Dokens recovered from being a goal behind to cash in during time added on at the end. A galling outcome for 'Port after the effort put in, but hopefully they can put that result behind them.

Only 11 goals in our last 6 home games tells its own story and if we are to make an impression on those clubs above us, this ratio will have to improve.

The manager will have been reasonably pleased with individual performances last week, so any changes are likely to be at a minimum

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

The first league games of the 2025 Walking Football season were held last Sunday. It was a successful afternoon for both Tayport teams, especially considering neither team had played together before.

In the **Championship**, the Tayport Reds played well in the first game, but fell into the trap of committing, in the opinion of the referee, too many offences which gave the opposition easy possession - Linlithgow Rose 2-0 Tayport Reds.

In the next game lessons were learnt, and we beat Carnoustie, who had won their previous two games - Carnoustie 0-3 Tayport Reds. It was a similar performance against Arbroath Whites - Arbroath Whites 1-3 Tayport Reds.

In the **Conference**, the Tayport Whites got an excellent draw against an experienced Saints in the Community side and were disappointed not to take full points - Saints in the Community 3-3 Tayport Whites - the only points Saints would drop on the opening day

Against Fife Wanderers, who have a very successful over 60s team, Whites played well and felt unlucky to lose - Fife Wanderers 2-1 Tayport Whites. This scoreline actually needs to be checked as Team Manager Frank reported that we had lost 0-3. Well, at least he got the number of goals correct and we know we lost. These things tend to happen in Walking Football but we'll wait for the VAR to confirm.

Finally, the Whites played new club Fairfield MH and should have won but missed several chances - Fairfield MH 0-0 Tayport Whites

So, not a bad start for our teams. Altogether we played 6 won 2 drew 2 lost 2. Goals for 10 against 8. Respective managers Tom Malone and Frank Feechan were reported to be happy with the outcome, but agree there are areas in which we can improve, as I am sure those who played today will agree. *Paul*

THE MIDLANDS **TOP 10** LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1	Dundee North End	21	20	0	1	90	15	75	60
2	Broughty Athletic	21	18	2	1	86	16	70	56
3	Lochee United	21	18	0	3	71	14	57	54
4	Downfield	20	17	0	3	69	20	49	51
5	Tayport	21	16	2	3	62	19	43	50
6	Carnoustie Panmure	21	11	2	8	51	37	14	35
7	Letham	20	9	4	7	45	41	4	31
8	Kirrie Thistle	21	9	2	10	32	40	-8	29
9	East Craigie	21	9	1	11	37	47	-10	28
10	Lochee Harp	21	8	3	10	31	52	-21	27

Today's fixtures

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

Last week's results

Carnoustie 0-4 Downfield
East Craigie 2-3 Lochee United
Kirrie Thistle 0-3 Broughty Athletic
Lochee Harp 3-3 Letham
Tayport 1-2 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	3	2	1	11	7	4	11
4	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	6	4	1	1	18	6	12	13
5	LOCHEE UNITED	6	4	0	2	12	5	7	12
6	LOCHEE HARP	6	1	1	4	7	18	-11	4
7	EAST CRAIGIE	6	1	0	5	11	19	-8	3
8	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	6	1	0	5	6	16	-10	3
9	KIRRIE THISTLE	6	0	1	5	4	15	-11	1
10	LETHAM	6	0	1	5	7	21	-14	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 since the split

Match Report

Midland Championship Phase 2 Game 2/9

1 March 2025 at Canniepairt

Tayport 1-2 North End

A disputed goal in added time saw the visitors take full points to cement their place at the top of the league and in so doing, end our unbeaten home league record. Tayport led for over an hour before the visitors drew level and then grabbed the winning goal two minutes into added time at the end of the game.

It was a fast and furious start to the game with North End going close but it was Tayport who struck first, Kieran Crichton firing past keeper Adam following a Tayport corner after 12 minutes. Tayport continued to press and although North End had a couple of chances, the home lead might have been increased, Samson and McComiskie both going close.

Tayport continued to match their opponents but conceded a controversial equaliser midway through the second half when Ross Jamieson netted a back post header from a suspiciously offside position. The game was in overtime, a period in a game in which Tayport have tended to be vulnerable, and so it proved when substitute Ferguson grabbed the winning goal in 90+2 minutes.

Tayport competed well and although they created few chances from open play, a draw would probably have been a fair result.



CANNIEPAIRT TOMORROW 1.00pm

THE TITLE RACE

It's getting tight at the top with North End's long winning run perhaps looking a wee bit vulnerable.

Unlike last season, this season's run-in for the Dokens is a bit more challenging and by the end of this month, after meetings with Downfield today and Lochee United on 29 March, their home game v Broughty Athletic on 5th April should give us a better indication of where the league flag will be flying next season.

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By an amazing coincidence at Scottish Schools Athletics Championships in Glasgow's Emirates Stadium last weekend, the grandmother of the winner of the Under 15 Girls' 1500m title (4.43.32), Imogen Turner (North Berwick HS), and the grandmother of the winner of the Under 15 Boys' 800m title (2.05.27), Harry Robinson (Madras College), were neighbours in the 1960s, staying two doors apart in Tayport's Lochside Gardens, just across from the Canniepairt.

In last Saturday's FA Cup, it took the VAR 7 minutes and 20 seconds to decide that a Bournemouth goal should be disallowed for what we've got to assume, was a clear and obvious offence. Just as well it was 'clear and obvious'! It was pointed out that, a few seasons ago, a Wrexham player took only 2 minutes 22 seconds to score a hat-trick.



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THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today which sees us take on Lochee Harp for the second time this season in our third game after the ten-team split. After losing our game last week to Dundee North End, to a 95th minute winner, it is very unlikely that we can turn round the 10 point deficit on the league leaders. However we will keep doing what we have done all season and ultimately try to finish as high up the league table as possible and we are sure we will have a big say in who will eventually win the title.

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

Our last game against Harp ended up in a 3-0 victory but since that day they have strengthened their squad and deservedly managed to get a top ten spot. Today's game, therefore, will be a very difficult encounter for us, and we will have to be at our very best and bounce back from last week's disappointment if we are to take anything from the game.

On the playing side we have Nik Mann, Jamie Timmons and our captain Jamie Hume returning to today's squad but Ryan Smith is still sidelined with his injury. I would like to thank Dale Robertson for helping us out not only last week at short notice, but all season when we have been short of a squad.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the support we have had since joining the club and hope you continue to support us to the end of the season and beyond.

George

Long serving Sauchie manager calls it a day

Long Serving East of Scotland Premier League Sauchie Juniors' manager **Fraser Duncan** who was in charge of the Clackmannanshire club on all occasions on which our clubs met in the East Region Super League days, has resigned his post.

Sauchie had failed to get to grips with the introduction of the SFA's COMET on-line registration system at the start of this season and were deducted 15 points and thrown out of a cup for unwittingly playing ineligible players. Said Duncan, who had been manager for 16 years, "The COMET thing was hard to deal with. I would have just walked away when it happened but I thought it was important that I didn't because we were sitting at the bottom of the table. He added "I don't like to keep going on about referees but the standard is so poor at the minute. They're driving a lot of managers barmy and they've driven me to the point where, along with the COMET thing, I'd had enough"

