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**TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE**  
**SATURDAY 10th MAY 2025**

**Balmuir Sheds League Cup**

**Top 10 - Section B game 3/4**

**2.30 pm**



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## COMMENT

Congratulations to North End on winning the Midlands League Championship for a second successive season, chased all the way by Broughty Athletic.

Only a week past last Saturday North End Park was rocking as the Dokens hit nine goals past East Craigie to confirm their title win.

Disappointing, then, that there were so few souls in attendance last Saturday, one of the lowest we've played in front of all season.

### Cover photo

Former Tayport goalkeeper Sam Morris who died suddenly on 22nd April. (see inside)

## PORT LOTTO

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

## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to all. Kirrie Thistle provide today's opposition for this League Cup sectional game and. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome their players and officials to Tayport. May I also welcome our fans to the Canniepairt.



It's been a difficult period for us this past couple of weeks, a home mid-week 0-0 draw versus Carnoustie wasn't in the script. Unfortunately, I wasn't in attendance but by all accounts it was a fairly flat game with very few scoring opportunities. Our keeper had little or nothing to contend with, while their keeper made a couple very good stops.

That result was followed with another poor result in our final league game, losing 3-0 at Broughty. Again I was missing in action on a Turkish jaunt. Seemingly our first half performance was okay, but we were second best after the interval. The early sending off of Jamie Crowe compounded a poor 45 minutes and we deservedly lost the game.

Despite my early morning return from holiday, I did manage to make the North End cup game. To be honest, our opponents completely dominated possession and were well worthy of their 3-0 victory, the only threat we posed was from set pieces and long throws.

So, with our league season at an end, how have we done? From my position as the club chairman, I'm very pleased with our progress. Last season we finished 9<sup>th</sup>, losing a lot of points against sides who finished below us in the division. This time around, that hasn't been the case. Our defeats all came from the three sides who finished above us. Continuous improvement will do me. That won't be easy with the clear financial gap that exists between us and them but nothing is impossible.

This afternoon's encounter against Kirrie is basically a must win game for us if we have any chance of continuing in this league cup. A victory today and a win at Letham next Saturday would hopefully see us make the semi-final stage. But one step at a time. Our opponents had a good win over Letham last weekend and our players should know that, if we're to succeed this afternoon, we must earn it.

Enjoy the Game

*Davie Baikie*



Tayport  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS

Kirrie  
Thistle  
from



gk	Nathaniel NWOSU
gk	Fraser BURNETT
gk	Lewis MILLAR
2	Ross MILNE
3	Ben SIEVWRIGHT
4	Kieren CRIGHTON
5	Greg McCOLM
6	Jamie HUME
7	Sam SIMPSON
8	Ethan SAMSON
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10	Daniel JOHNSTON
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14	James SIMPSON
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16	Ryan SMITH
17	Andy BALLANTINE
18	Kyle McMULKIN
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Top 10 Section B  
Game 3/4

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## BALMUIR SHEDS LEAGUE CUP

### PRESENT POSITIONS

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	North End	3	2	1	0	10	2	8	7
2	Kirrie Thistle	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
3	Carnoustie P'mure	3	0	2	1	1	4	-3	2
4	Tayport	2	0	1	1	0	3	-3	1
5	Letham	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0

### Results

Tayport 0 - 0 Carnoustie  
 North End 3 - 0 Tayport  
 Kirrie 3 - 0 Carnoustie

Carnoustie 1 - 1 North End  
 Kirrie 2 - 0 Letham  
 Letham 2 - 6 North End

### To Play

Today 17 May  
 Tayport v Kirrie  
 Carnoustie v Letham  
 North End v Kirrie

## TODAY'S GAME



## TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE BALMUIR SHEDS LEAGUE CUP Top 10 Section B Game 3/4



We welcome Kirrie Thistle to Tayport this afternoon for what is our penultimate Balmuir Sheds League Cup (Top Section) tie and our final home game of the season.

Well, after Wednesday's results, we know what we have to do in order to have a chance of the runners-up spot in the section and therefore a place in the semi-final. Quite simple. We have to convincingly defeat Kirrie today and also Letham in Perth next week... and that's all on the assumption that Kirrie lose to North End next Saturday. A win or a draw for Kirrie today will take them into the semi-final with a game to still to play

Since our most recent meeting with Kirrie, our 3-1 win on Canniepairt in the first of the clubs' nine second phase matches, today's visitors have had a disappointing time in the league. A 2-0 win over Carnoustie Panmure was their solitary win in the midst of eight Top 10 section defeats.

However, the League Cup has seen a resurgence of form for Thistle with successive home wins over Letham and Carnoustie without former Tayport goalkeeper Jack Shaw losing a goal.

We maybe should not be surprised, however, as it should be noted that the scorelines in our three second phase defeats against the League's top 3, North End, Broughty Athletic and Downfield, in terms of the score, were virtually in line with Kirrie's defeats against the same opposition. This, and their current form, suggests that we will have our work cut out this afternoon.

Tayport have lost nine games this season... and five of those defeats have been by North End. We rarely threatened the Dokens in the most recent encounter last week, so the manager will be anxious to improve on that performance today.

With a number of players struggling with injury, the pool will be stretched but nevertheless, we will be looking to end our home season on a positive note.



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

April was a busy month for the Walking Football section.

On Sunday the 6th, both teams were in action in over 50s league games. Playing 3 games each, both the Championship and Conference sides finished the day undefeated. Well, to be honest we didn't win any either, all our six games finished drawn!

The Reds, in the Championship, drew 1-1 with Dunfermline, 1-1 with Dundee, and 0-0 with Hibs and we sit 4th in the league.

The Whites, in the Conference, drew 1-1 with Fort William, 1-1 with Forfar North, and 2-2 with Letham. They sit 5th in the league.

We now have a league break until August.

However, on Sunday **May 25th**, we have a team playing in the inaugural **Dunfermline WF Tournament, being held at Pitreavie Sports Centre.**

Each squad must include 2 players over 70 years old, and no more than 2 players in their 50s. The rest of the squad must be in their 60s.

Then on Saturday **June 7th**, we have a team entered in the over 60s section of the **Walking Football Scotland Scottish Cup & Festival**, sponsored by *Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland*. This is being held at Glasgow Green Football Centre.

18 teams are competing in this age group, and there are initially 3 groups of 6.

We have been drawn against Arbroath, Motherwell, Oriam, Saint Anthony's and Townhead Strollers !



On Saturday April 6th we held a hospitality event at the Canniepairt, which 18 of our members attended.

It was a great success, the food was excellent, plenty of drink and Tayport won 3-0, so it couldn't have been better!

It'll now be an annual event on the WF calendar.

## THE FINAL MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

		Overall						Home						Away						GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
1	Dundee North End	28	25	2	1	113	17	11	1	0	53	4	14	1	1	60	13	+96	77		
2	Broughty Athletic	28	24	3	1	114	20	14	0	0	70	5	10	3	1	44	15	+94	75		
3	Dundee Downfield	28	23	1	4	92	29	12	1	1	49	17	11	0	3	43	12	+63	70		
4	Tayport	28	20	3	5	72	26	13	1	2	44	11	7	2	3	28	15	+46	63		
5	Lochee United	28	20	1	7	79	26	8	1	4	28	14	12	0	3	51	12	+53	61		
6	Blairgowrie Juniors	28	14	4	10	79	61	8	2	5	46	30	6	2	5	33	31	+18	46		
7	Montrose Roselea	28	12	6	10	54	53	6	3	6	24	28	6	3	4	30	25	+1	42		
8	Dundee East Craigie	28	13	1	14	49	64	7	0	7	31	28	6	1	7	18	36	-15	40		
9	Carnoustie Panmure	28	11	4	13	60	61	6	2	6	26	25	5	2	7	34	36	-1	37		
10	Letham	28	11	4	13	56	67	5	1	7	27	28	6	3	6	29	39	-11	37		
11	Dundee St James	28	8	8	12	46	60	4	4	7	22	35	4	4	5	24	25	-14	32		
12	Kirriemuir Thistle	28	10	2	16	38	57	6	2	7	23	27	4	0	9	15	30	-19	32		
13	Brechin Victoria	28	9	5	14	34	56	3	3	9	17	32	6	2	5	17	24	-22	32		
14	Lochee Harp	28	9	5	14	38	71	5	2	7	20	33	4	3	7	18	38	-33	32		
15	Forfar United	28	8	4	16	47	97	4	3	8	25	53	4	1	8	22	44	-50	28		
16	Forfar West End	28	8	1	19	37	75	4	0	9	20	31	4	1	10	17	44	-38	25		
17	Arbroath Victoria	28	7	2	19	40	77	6	2	6	30	37	1	0	13	10	40	-37	23		
18	Dundee Violet	28	6	4	18	25	76	4	2	8	15	29	2	2	10	10	47	-51	22		
19	Coupar Angus	28	5	5	18	40	61	3	2	7	19	29	2	3	11	21	32	-21	20		
20	Scone Thistle	28	3	3	22	31	90	2	2	9	20	39	1	1	13	11	51	-59	12		

	Finishing Form - Top 10	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
1	DOWNFIELD	6	6	0	0	22	7	15	18
2	NORTH END	6	5	1	0	23	2	21	16
3	BROUGHTY ATHLETIC	6	5	1	0	22	3	19	16
4	TAYPORT	6	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
5	EAST CRAIGIE	6	3	0	3	7	17	-10	9
6	LETHAM	6	2	0	4	11	19	-8	6
7	LOCHEE HARP	6	1	2	3	6	17	-11	5
8	LOCHEE UNITED	6	1	1	4	5	12	-7	4
9	KIRRIE THISTLE	6	1	0	5	6	12	-6	3
10	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	6	0	2	4	8	18	-10	2

With the championship completed, the above table records the clubs' most recent form in their final six league games of the season playing against clubs positioned in the top ten at the split. Tayport's position pretty much demonstrates the challenge that faces them. Fourth in both above tables, taking a single point from a possible eighteen in their six games against those clubs finishing in the top three.



## Match Report

**Midland Championship Phase Two game 7/9**

**12 April 2025 at Canniepairt**

**Tayport 3 - 0 Letham**

All the action came in the second period with Tayport finally breaking down the Letham resistance. As long as the game remained goalless, there was always the chance of Letham leaving the Canniepairt with at least a point, something never achieved before. It looked a possibility as the minutes ticked away. However Tayport were getting closer and finally the deadlock was broken in 80 minutes when Kyle McMulkin got his first goal since his return from his loan spell at Violet. Kyle was then goalmaker in 85 minutes when Jamie Crowe got the last touch off Kyle's corner kick. Stefan Elvin put a more realistic look on the scoreline with the third goal in the final minute after good work by Ethan Samson.

## Match Report

**Midland Championship Phase Two game 8/9**

**19 April 2025 at Craigie Park, Dundee**

**East Craigie 0 - 2 Tayport**

With neither Dundee nor Dundee United playing at home, one of Craigie's best attendances of the season was attracted to Craigie Park to witness Tayport completing a league double over their opponents. Tayport's Nigerian World Cup goalkeeper Nathaniel Nwosu kept a third successive clean sheet but, in truth, he was rarely troubled.

Tayport got an early goal when Nic Mann crashed in a shot from 12 yards after Kieren Crighton's presence in the six yard box had caused disruption amongst the home defence. On the half hour, it was 2-0. A throw into the box was cleared, but only as far as Stef Elvin who crashed the ball home with the aid of a deflection, to register his third goal in successive weeks. His goal apart, once again, Stefan turned in a masterful midfield performance as 'Port cruised comfortably to three points.

## Match Report

**Midland Championship Phase Two game 9/9**

**26 April 2025 at Whitton Park, Dundee**

**Broughty Athletic 3 - 0 Tayport**

Tayport got off to the worst of starts, conceding a goal from a poorly defended free kick in 5 minutes. Tayport had their chances to equalise with both Kyle and Nick going close. The game was peppered with yellow cards but a card of that hue seemed little punishment for a high challenge on Ethan.

It was also a bad start to the second half when Tayport lost Jamie Crowe to a red card for a reckless challenge. Broughty took advantage of their superior numbers and took the points with goals in 76 and 81 minutes. Despite taking the points, a crushing win for North End v East Craigie kept the Dokens two points clear of Broughty at the top to clinch the title.

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## PORT TRIVIA PROG

It was pointed out in the Pondy the other day that if Tayport had beaten North End in the 2nd preliminary round of the Scottish Cup, then gone on to knock out Tranent, then eliminate Inverurie Loco, then Airdrieonians, then Dumbarton, then Dundee, beaten Hearts, then we'd be looking forward to the cup final v Celtic two weeks today!

In all the English Premier League starting line-ups the other Saturday, there were more players who had been born in Birmingham, Alabama USA (one) than in Birmingham, England (none)

There were four players named Jamie in our starting line-up v North End last week. Seems a lot, but maybe not surprising when we consider there have been just short of 30,000 born in Scotland over the past 50 years!

If we do not win the Balmuir Sheds League Cup, it will be the first time in the club's near 80 years history that we've gone more than ten years without winning any silverware.

There is a proposal on the table exploring the future of Saturday afternoon Amateur football in the Tayside area. This would see an amalgamation of the Midlands AFA and the Perthshire AFA. Issues being explored are a Super League and a Reserve League, travel mitigation measures and 1pm kick offs. Newport Amateurs are to move to the Fife Amateurs next season although it is likely their Alliance team would continue to play in the Midlands AFA Alliance League.



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## THE MANAGER'S MUSINGS



We welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today to see us take on Kirriemuir Thistle in this Balmuir Sheds League Cup tie.

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

Since our last home victory against Dundee East Craigie we have failed to score a single goal in our last three fixtures. This has been very concerning for me and my staff, especially as we managed to score in nearly every game leading up to this lean spell.

On the playing side we have Scott McComiskie, James Simpson, Fraser Burnett, Jamie Timmons, Jamie Crowe, Ryan Smith, Nathaniel Nwuso all unavailable for today's game and unfortunately 6 of the 7 may not play again this season.

Our young on-loan goalkeeper Lewis Millar from Dundee Violet has extended his loan until the end of the season which will help us out in that position. Returning to the squad from last week are Stefan Elvin and Gary Sutherland which will leave us with 14 fit players for today's game and because it's a cup-tie we cannot add any trialists to strengthen the squad.

I have always been a firm believer that the opportunity is there for whoever gets a start because of such circumstances. They should go out to try and cement their place in the starting 11 for the remainder of the season because, remember, we still have a trophy to play for this season.

During the season we have proved that we can compete with the top teams in our division but now we want to take that to the next level and challenge for league titles. As I have always said, anyone can win a cup, but the league never lies and the only 3 teams to beat us in the league this season finished above us. So, that's our next challenge, to beat these teams.

My staff and I have been targeting potential players for next season so we can take that next step and maintain our challenge at the top end of the league. Overall, we are pretty happy with the progress that has been made this season. However, we must maintain that and improve if we want to take Tayport Football Club to be back to where they once were.

Once again from myself and all my staff Barry, Grant, Gary, Ross and Emma, we would like to thank everyone for their support this season and hope it continues to the end of the season and beyond. Finally, we all hope you have enjoyed coming to our games throughout this season.

*George*

## 'Make It To Munich' and its Tayport FC connection

Ethan Walker, an under 18 player with Huntly FC, was on a football scholarship in the USA in 2023 when he was struck by a car travelling at 60 mph. The accident left the promising footballer with catastrophic injuries ranging from brain and lung injuries to several broken bones. It was thought he might never recover. Such was his determination and the skill of his pioneering Glasgow surgeon, Professor Gordon Mackay, that he recovered sufficiently to take up the challenge of a charity cycle to Munich from Hampden Park last summer. He was entrusted with carrying with him the Scotland team's pennant in time for the Euros opening match between Scotland and the hosts.

Accompanying Ethan, his surgeon and fellow football fan Stephen Collie, was filmmaker Martyn Robertson, a BAFTA winning Director and Producer of Martyn Robertson Films.



Martyn the Film Director

Martyn, of course, is a Tayportian and from a young age, has followed his team [see 'Growing Up A Tayport Fan' at [www.tayportfcarchive.com](http://www.tayportfcarchive.com)]. The outcome of the two week cycle to Germany was the movie **Make it to Munich**.

Described as 'a belter of a crowd pleaser', the film was chosen to conclude this year's Glasgow Film Festival.



Martyn the Fan in 1996

**Make it to Munich** is showing at the Byre Theatre, St Andrews on Saturday 17th May (7.30pm) and the DCA Dundee on Wednesday 21st May (7.30pm). The Dundee showing will be followed by a Q&A session with Martyn in the company of ex 'Dee Bobby Glennie and ex United John Reilly.

### Tayport to Hollywood

Incredibly, the recent Glasgow Film Festival featured a double connection with Tayport FC. Whilst Martyn's **Make it to Munich** closed the Festival, the World Premiere of the thriller **Tornado** opened the

Festival. In attendance was **Tornado's** director and screenwriter John Maclean (middle) who, was also brought up in Tayport, literally a couple of streets away from Martyn. John wrote and directed the 2015 Hollywood movie **Slow West** which starred Michael Fassbender. The Tayport FC connection? John Maclean (right), in his youth, won the 1990 Tayport FC Fun Run!



## MIDLANDS LEAGUE SEASON 2024/2025

### Statistics are for League Games only

note: an own goal is not included in the stats

Goalkeepers	games	clean sheets	goals conceded	per game
Fraser Burnett	21	9	20	0.95
Nathaniel Nwosu	4	4	3	0.75
Darryl Burns	2	0	5	2.5
Lewis Millar	1	0	1	1

	starts	sub on	appearances	yellows	reds	goals
Jamie Crowe	22	4	26	7	1	8
Ethan Samson	22	3	25	2	0	12
Greg McColm	25	0	25	5	1	2
Sam Simpson	23	2	25	7	0	6
Kieren Crighton	18	3	21	6	0	6
Jamie Hume	20	0	20	2	0	3
Jamie Gill	5	14	19	1	0	5
Kyle McMulkin	11	7	18	3	0	6
Scott McComiskie	14	4	18	1	2	6
Stefan Elvin	15	1	16	3	0	5
Ryan Milne	14	1	15	2	0	0
Ben Sievwright	15	0	15	2	0	0
James Simpson	12	2	14	0	0	3
Nic Mann	11	2	13	1	0	7
Jamie Timmons	7	6	13	1	0	0
Callum Petrie	5	8	13	2	0	0
Aiden McKelvie	10	2	12	1	0	0
Gary Robertson	9	2	11	0	0	0
Ian Plenderleith	6	2	8	0	0	0
Lewis Stracey	2	6	8	0	0	1
Ryan Smith	6	0	6	1	0	1
Daniel Johnston	1	3	4	0	0	0
Andy Ballantine	2	0	2	0	0	0
Keir Bertie	1	0	1	0	0	0

## Match Report

### Balmuir Sheds League Cup (top League Section B) game 1/4

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at Canniepairt      Tayport 0-0 Carnoustie Panmure**

The Balmuir Sheds League Cup got off to an inauspicious start in our first midweek match with two points dropped at the first hurdle. Carnoustie's form belied some of their recent results although they failed to threaten the home goal. And with Tayport demonstrating a lack of firepower up front, a goalless outcome surprised few. Bright spots? Well, Nathaniel had his fourth successive shut out and it was good to see our legendary centre-half and later manager, Andy Sommerville, taking in the game.

### Balmuir Sheds League Cup (top League Section B) game 2/4

**3rd May 2025 at North End Park      North End 3-0 Tayport**

How Dundee North End must be wishing they could play v Tayport every week! This, the fifth meeting of the sides this season, was our fifth defeat, in four of which we have conceded three goals. In this game at North End Park, it never looked if that run would be ended. Although the three goals were cheaply conceded, North End always looked the better side with lively off the ball movement. Tayport's passing was hurried and more often than not, in contrast to the home side, would find an opponent. North End went ahead midway through the first half after Tayport had failed to interrupt a strong down the right and Devine bundled home the cross at the far post. A couple of minutes before the break it was 2-0 when Sludden caught out keeper Nwosu with a cute chip. Any hope of a comeback was dashed when Donald added a third, his shot sneaking under the diving body of Nwosu who was injured in the process and was replaced by Lewis Millar. A header late on from Jamie Hume one of the few 'Port efforts on goal, came close to a consolation goal but that was about it.

## Blairgowrie party after winning the lower half of split

JOHANNATION MENZIES  
There were celebrations as Blairgowrie Juniors were crowned winners of the lower half of the Midlands League on Saturday.  
The inaugural title, earned as a result of the division being split into two groups of 10 for the first time earlier in



The concept of splitting the Leagues has gone down well, if Blairgowrie's experience of winning the 'bottom half' of the Midlands Championship is anything to go by. As well as having a party, the records will show the Berrypickers finished 6th top of the Midlands Championship!

## SAM MORRIS



We were all shocked last week to learn of the untimely death of our former goalkeeper, local lad Sam Morris, age 35.

A genial character, popular with teammates and supporters alike, Sam was first choice goalkeeper in 2013/14, playing 32 games that season.

Sam's name will be rooted in the club's history for a memorable January afternoon on The Canniepairt in 2014. Tayport were facing Hill of Beath Hawthorn in a 4th round Scottish Junior Cup tie and bidding for a place in the last 16. The match report read

*"...then goalkeeper Sam Morris took centre stage. After the re-start, a Hill of Beath attack faltered and Sam collected the ball inside his box. In the immediate aftermath of an equaliser, the general shout was for Sam to calm things down. He did much better than that, launching his kick upfield and watching in delight as the ball bounced over his opposite number and into the net, to give Tayport the lead. It was a moment that will be remembered for many years to come"*

Tayport won 3-2 and, given that The Canniepairt is one of the game's longer pitches, that final sentence was a prudent comment.

We offer Sam's family and friends our sincere condolences.

Sam's funeral service will be held next Tuesday, 13th May, in Dundee Crematorium at 12.30pm.



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