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THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to all and a warm welcome to the players and officials of visitors Dalbeattie Star for this 2nd Preliminary round of the Scottish Gas Scottish Cup.

We've now completed 8 league matches in a fairly short period of time, playing Saturdays & Wednesdays for the past 4 weeks which is quite a demand on all the clubs. I must say I'm disappointed at our league officials' lack of support leading into such an important fixture for a member club. Our opponents today played their last game a week past Friday.

Our form has most definitely been going in the correct direction after a disappointing first game, a 3-1 defeat against last season's league winners. I must say in mitigation, we started the game with two hands tied behind our backs having 5 players suspended, 3 injured and 2 on holiday.

I was in favour of league reconstruction to two leagues of 10 but the downside is we will play each other 4 times and there will also be the inevitability of that turning to 5 or 6 times in the season with local cup ties. The upside is our players will be playing a very competitive game week in week out which will help improve our standards going into cup-ties such as today and the Scottish Communities Cup and the inter region cup. One of the major reasons I supported the reconstruction was it will allow teams with younger players to improve, with games being more competitive.

The manager has added a few players to last season's squad. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them all to Tayport FC and hope they flourish. Today we welcome Dalbeattie Star to the Canniepairt for the first ever time. There is of course a connection between both clubs in the form of Gregor Anderson who moved up to Dundee for University studies and signed for Tayport, then later moved to Broughty Athletic before stepping back from football due to injury. We may very well see Gregor at today's game.

A season or so ago Dalbeattie Star were competing in the Lowland League but now play in the South of Scotland League which they lead after four wins, so we know we have a difficult task on our hands today but I'm confident that if we can produce our best we can find ourselves in the hat for the next round.



Enjoy the Game

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TODAY'S TEAMS

Dalbeattie
Star
from



1 gk	Gary THAIN
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN
2	Owen LUNAN
3	Nairn LOWE
4	Kieren CRICHTON
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Tayport's win at Carnoustie a week past Wednesday ended a lengthy barren run for Tayport at Laing Park, a run stretching back to 2009. Yes, it's hard to believe that it was sixteen years ago, almost to the date, when we last put one over the Gowfers on their home ground, recording a 3-1 win on 12th September. Amongst our goals that day... Stefan Elvin, who scored that wonder goal at Lochee United last Saturday. Here's how *Dunmore* reported the win.

A week later, another three points came Tayport's way, courtesy of a 3-1 win at Carnoustie. Grant Manzie rolled in the first goal, from close-range and, in the second half, Chris Webster stole in at the far post to put the visitors two up. Late in the game, the Gowfers pulled one back, but before they could think about salvaging a draw, Stefan Elvin rattled in another goal for the Canniepairt outfit.

Tayport's line up in the East Premier League that afternoon was

Frazer Fitzpatrick

David Black **Roberto Morris** Scott Hunter Joe Pepper
Barry Donnachie Martin O'Doherty **Stefan Elvin**,
Ronnie Kenneth Grant Manzie Chris Webster.

Subs were **Steven Stewart** and Darren Scott.

There are a few Tayport FC **legends** in that lot! Darren is now Broughty Athletic manager. The Tayport manager was Willie Garner, now a director with Scottish Cup holders Aberdeen FC. Attendance at Laing Park that day was 180. Last Wednesday at Laing Park it was half that number. The following week we were at Fauldhouse United and Willie noted in his programme notes *"I would like to thank the large travelling support at that game which easily outnumbered the home support"* Changed days indeed

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Preliminary Round 2



The road to Hampden next May has already kicked off, with the four Preliminary round 1 ties having been settled on 9th August, North End (on penalties), Invergor-don, Johnstone Burgh and Whitburn winning through to this afternoon's stage. There are 26 ties this afternoon featuring clubs from Midlands League, East of Scotland League, West of Scotland League, South of Scotland League and North Caledonian League, all looking for the opportunity to win a few ties and further down the road, maybe meet a Premiership club. Well, they can all dream anyway!

Tayport boss George Shields has with him in the dugout this season, the experienced Barry Smith who led Dundee FC clear of relegation in 2010/11 with a unbeaten 23 game run after the club had received a 25 point deduction for going into administration. In a bid to improve on last season's 5th top placing, George has been busy reshaping his pool with six new signings. They've all had an opportunity to get to know each other after a string of seven pre-season friendlies and eight league games.

The most recent of the eight past, a hard fought 1-1 draw Canniepairt. In contrast the only played four league past Friday.



league games, was on Wednesday with Broughty Athletic on The Dumfries and Galloway club have games, their most recent, a week

George Shields fielded an unchanged team v Broughty but there could be a change or two this afternoon. Injury however will still rule out Jamie Hume.

It's our first meeting with a club from the South of Scotland apart from pre-season friendlies over the years at Gretna and Gala Fairydean.

Dalbeattie manager David Taylor was appointed during the close season but although taking over the South Champions, he's recognised the need to strengthen the side, recruiting striker Reece Paterson from Gretna 2008, midfielder Dylan Woods from Caledonia Braves and Tyler Bowman from Upper Annandale FC. Four wins from these opening four games suggests things are purring along nicely at the Islescroft Stadium.

Both clubs recognise the value, both financial and reputational, of a run in this competition with the next two rounds involving only clubs from tiers 5 & 6, so we can truly say the stakes are high today.

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

Unlike most forms of football, Walking Football doesn't take a summer break! Although the majority of our players go away at some time over the summer, the club maintains training days, and numbers have kept consistent at between 16 - 20, sometimes more. We currently have a membership of 50 players, but a few of those can't regularly attend as they work and can only make our Friday morning sessions when they are off.

We trialed a Tuesday evening training session, but unfortunately although the attendance was good to start with, numbers have dwindled recently and the committee has decided to just stick with Friday mornings.

The Walking Football Scotland over 50s East League programme resumed two weeks ago. It had been moved forward from tomorrow because of the Glasgow and Dundee derbies on TV. Both our teams, the **Reds in the Championship** division, and the **Whites in the Conference**, only had 2 league games. The League in its wisdom gave both teams a friendly... against each other! This game was played first and resulted in a draw. It probably helped us as we are notoriously slow starters, so it got both teams up to speed, not a word used much in walking football!

The **Red** team's first game was against **Linlithgow Rose**, top of the Championship division and unbeaten. Despite all referees being SFA qualified, the game stuttered mainly due to some weird refereeing decisions. Nevertheless, we won the game 1-0, thanks to a **John Boyle** penalty.

Next up was a 1-0 win over second top of the table **Carnoustie Panmure**, thanks to our keeper **Jimmy McIlravey** saving 2 penalties and once again a **John Boyle** penalty proved decisive. These two victories moved us up to 3rd place in the division, and with a game in hand, promotion is still a possibility.

The **White** team were pretty well at full strength for their 2 games. They had previously drawn 5 of their 6 league games, so were looking for their first victory. First up were top of the table **Saints in the Community**. The **Whites** dominated the game, and won 2-0 with both goals scored by **Bruce Peebles**. Next up were second top **Fife Wanderers**. Unfortunately, we didn't play as well in that game and lost 0-2.

Our final league games are on Sunday October 12th at the RPC, and hopefully we will have fully fit players back and full squads available.


For more information on our over 50s Walking Football club, contact me at:

tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com

MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Downfield	8	6	2	0	20	7	13	20
Lochee United	8	6	0	2	35	10	25	18
North End	7	6	0	1	23	6	17	18
Tayport	8	5	1	2	18	10	8	16
Broughty Athletic	8	3	2	3	15	12	2	11
Carnoustie Panmure	8	3	1	4	14	22	-8	10
East Craigie	8	2	2	4	17	21	-4	8
Lochee Harp	8	2	0	6	10	27	-17	6
Kirrie Thistle	8	1	1	6	6	24	-18	4
Letham	7	0	1	6	8	27	-21	1

SOUTH of SCOTLAND LEAGUE (Tier 6, same level as Midlands League above)

Dalbeattie Star	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Last 5
this season									
1-0 v Creetown (H)									
5-1 v Nithsdale (A)									
4-0 v Mid Annandale (A)									
5-0 v St Cuthbert's (A)									
Clearly impressive away form to date by the South of Scotland League Champions									
									
Dalbeattie Star	4	4	0	0	15	1	14	12	✓✓✓✓○
Abbey Vale	4	3	1	0	12	4	8	10	✓✓✓○
Stranraer II	4	3	1	0	7	4	3	10	✓✓✓○
Lochar Thistle	3	2	1	0	8	2	6	7	✓✓○
Mid Annandale	3	1	1	1	5	8	-3	4	✓○
Newton Stewart	2	1	0	1	7	3	4	3	✓○
Lochmaben	4	1	0	3	5	14	-9	3	✓○
Nithsdale Wa...	3	0	2	1	3	7	-4	2	○
Creetown	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1	○
St. Cuthbert ...	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1	○
Wigtown & Bl...	4	0	0	4	1	10	-9	0	○

SOCIAL MEDIA WITH IAIN

Five games unbeaten. Let that sink in. Tayport, marching on like a runaway train, and we've managed to catch every single goal on camera. That's right – no blurry replays, no “was that our striker or a passing seagull?” moments. Pure, clear evidence of brilliance.

Of course, not everyone has been thrilled with my updates. Apparently, calling a tidy 3-0 win anything other than a 3-0 win is a bit strong. Personally, I thought it was accurate. Maybe “light mauling” would've kept the critics happier, but where's the fun in that? Football's meant to have a bit of drama. You don't want to read: “we scored three goals, they didn't, thanks for coming.” You want fireworks, you want theatre, you want me comparing a tap-in to something out of Scarface.

But don't worry, I've learned my lesson. Next time we win 3-0, I'll just say we “politely escorted the opposition out the back door and wished them a pleasant evening.” Much safer.

Still, unbeaten runs don't come along every day, and long may it continue. And if the lads keep performing, I'll keep writing, exaggerating, and probably getting told off. Not to toot my own flute – but if you ask me, the match reports are almost as entertaining as the football itself.



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How many spotted **Peter McEleny**, Tayport FC's erstwhile Communications Officer, on TV earlier this month, invading the Ibrox pitch at full time after Dundee's 1-1 draw at Rangers? Peter, now Head of Media at Dundee FC, is seen here on the Ibrox turf with Dark Blues' captain Craig Robertson!

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2018/19	Dalbeattie Star 0 - 0 Kelty Hearts replay Kelty 3 - 1 Dalbeattie	Celtic
2019/20	Dalbeattie Star 1 - 3 Gala Fairydean	Celtic
2020/21	Huntly 2 - 0 Dalbeattie Star	St Johnstone
2021/22	Newtongrange Star 1 - 1 Dalbeattie Star replay Dalbeattie 3 - 2 Newtongrange Dalbeattie Star 0 - 0 Rothes replay Rothes 0 - 1 Dalbeattie Dalbeattie Star 1 - 2 East Kilbride	Rangers
2022/23	Cumbernauld Colts 0 - 1 Dalbeattie Star Dalbeattie Star 1 - 7 Darvel Dundonald Bluebell 3 - 1 Tayport	Celtic
2023/24	Carluke Rovers 2 - 3 Dalbeattie Star (aet) Banks o' Dee 6 - 0 Dalbeattie Star Hill of Beath Hawthorn 0 - 1 Tayport Tayport 0 - 4 Buckie Thistle	Celtic
2024/25	Dalbeattie Star 1 - 2 Whitehill Welfare Tayport 1 - 3 Dundee North End	Aberdeen



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THE MANAGER'S CHAT

We at Tayport Football Club would like to welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today for our first Scottish Gas Scottish Cup game of the season which sees us take on Dalbeattie Star FC.



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

On the playing side we have added six new players to our squad from last season and two have moved on to pastures new. The new players are **Jordi Duncan**, a young goalkeeper who we signed from Kinnoull FC; **Nairn Lowe** a left sided full back / midfielder who after leaving Dundee United FC, had a spell with Blairgowrie FC; **Owen Lunan** a centre half who, at the tender age of 18 has played over 60 games with Lochee United FC, Dundee Violet FC and most recently, Coupar Angus FC; **Jay Yule** a striker who has played at the highest level of non-league football with Carnoustie Panmure FC, accumulating over 150 games by the age of 22. **Aaron Shepherd** another striker who most recently had a spell with St Johnstone FC before signing for Luncarty FC for whom he was a prolific goal scorer in the East of Scotland Premier League last season; Finally **Gary Thain** (ex Tayport FC), signed from Downfield, a vastly experienced goalkeeper with nearly 500 appearances for various clubs.

These additions will only strengthen our squad for the coming season as we look to keep building for the future of Tayport Football Club. The players that moved on to other clubs were Scott McComiskie and Ian Plenderleith. Everyone at Tayport Football Club would like to wish both players all the very best for the future.

Getting back to today's game we expect a highly competitive contest against opposition who have started their season very well and as yet, are undefeated. We have had an good start to our season with some excellent performances followed by some not so good. But in this league the moral of the story is to be more consistent if we are to challenge at the top end of the table for honours, and that is where I have challenged our squad to be this season.

My staff and myself have been targeting potential players to keep improving the squad so we can maintain this challenge for trophies and keep the squad we already have fully focused on the task ahead. On the coaching side I have added Andy Ballantine as player/coach who has stepped into the role that was vacated by club legend Gary Sutherland.

We have also added Iain Brough as our new social media manager who has done an excellent job since joining the club at the beginning of the season, please check out all our social media platforms for everything related to Tayport Football Club.

Myself, Ross, Barry, Andy & our club physio Emma thank everyone for their continued support we have had the past few seasons and hope it continues through this season and beyond.

George

AUGUST MATCH REPORTS - 8 PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

North End 3-1 Tayport 2nd August 2025

The litany of yellow cards issued to Tayport's players came home to roost big style when around six regulars had to stand idly by as the first game of the season kicked off. Faced with the defending champions, it was always going to be a tough task anyway, and so it proved. The loss of a carelessly conceded goal after only seven minutes didn't help the situation. The loss of another bad goal on the half hour mark and then a silly concession of a penalty seven minutes into the second half had the visiting support bracing themselves for the worst. They needn't have bothered however as Tayport rallied and after one of their four trialists pulled back a goal in 65 minutes with a superb strike, Tayport probably had the better of the remainder of the game and efforts by Andy Ballantine, new signings Aaron Shepherd and Jay Yule came close to reducing the leeway.

Tayport 3-1 Kirrie Thistle Wednesday 6th August 2025

A disappointing attendance on a perfect summer evening for Tayport's first home game in the new League set up saw the locals pick up the points. A flashback from the past brought memories. Former 'Port player Bryan Duell, now in his 44th year and looking as youthful as ever, was at the heart of the Kirrie defence, whilst Finlay Peters, a second half sub for the visitors, is the son of 'Port legend Scott Peters who was back at the Canniepairt to cheer on his lad.

Tayport took the lead in 17 minutes with a well worked goal. Greg McColm's searching ball found Sam Simpson wide right and his cross was headed home by Aaron Shepherd at the back post. It could have been level just before the break when some shambolic defending from a corner saw the ball bounce off the top of the Tayport bar. A minute after the break a stramash in the home goalmouth saw Kirrie draw level, but the visitors' joy was shortlived when an earlier linesman's flag was spotted.

Within five minutes Tayport were 2-0 up with a penalty from Ethan after he had been felled in the box. A third goal shortly afterwards, a fine free kick from Sam Simpson, completed Tayport's account for the evening. The one blemish, apart from players continuously being caught offside, was conceding a goal when Craig Batchelor outstripped the home defences to finish with a fine shot with literally the last kick of the game.

Tayport 1 – 3 Downfield Saturday 9th August 2025

Tayport finished a poor second to an energetic Spiders side which demonstrated just why they maintained their place at the top of the table with a 100% record. Two goals in the opening 12 minutes effectively sealed Tayport's fate. Hearn headed the first with a far post header and two minutes later the score was doubled when a poor clearance was returned into the home box and Liam McPake's shot was deflected past Jordi Duncan. It could have been worse, Downfield hitting the bar and it was worse a minute into the second period when Van Der Toorn finished of a sweeping move to register goal No 3.

Tayport rallied – all too late – and missed a couple of good chances before Ben Sivewright netted a consolation in 40 minutes, seizing on a loose ball to run through and coolly beat 'keeper Robertson. So, once again, Tayport's Achilles' heel, losing early and late goals, had cost them dearly.

East Craigie 0-3 Tayport Wednesday 13th August 25

Tayport recorded a first clean sheet of the league season with this relatively comfortable midweek win at

PLAYER PROFILE

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Tayport FC debut	4th May 2024 in 7-0 home win over Lochee Harp
Games played	49 appearances Goals scored 8
Preferred position	Centre midfield
Previous clubs	Dundee United and Forfar United
Honours won	None to date, but I'm hoping this will change with 'Port
Biggest football influences	Growing up, it was Ronaldinho and Ronaldo
Where did you live as a youngster	Broughty Ferry
Live now	Carnoustie
Schools	St John's HS and Grove Academy
Any jobs whilst at school	Nope
Occupation	Scaffolder
Wife/Partner/Children	Eva Fisher and our daughter Isabella Lucia Crowe
Biggest match played in	I'd say Pollok in 'big' Scottish Cup last season, my first taste of a Senior cup competition
Best ground/stadium in which you've played	Tannadice
Last Holiday spot	Dominican Republic
If you were to win a National Lottery or Euromillions jackpot, what's the craziest thing you might do	Treat all my teammates to an unreal holiday and buy Tayport FC!

Today's Visitors DALBEATTIE STAR FC



Dalbeattie's strike force today. New signing Reece Paterson, left, has 4 goals in 2 games, and last season's top scorer Connor Potts, right, has 4 in 4 games this season so far.



Football aficionados will be familiar with today's visitors but it's not a club which is near the tip of anybody's tongue in these parts. Not surprising, given that Dalbeattie is about 40 miles from England and 160 miles from the Canniepairt

Dalbeattie play in the South of Scotland League which is at level 6 in the Scottish Football Pyramid, the same level as ourselves. At the beginning of this century Star moved to play in the East of Scotland League whilst still retaining an interest in the South of Scotland League by fielding a Reserve XI in that League.

Star quickly settled in the East of Scotland League and in 2009 finished runners up to The Spartans but moved back to the home comforts of the South of Scotland League in 2010/11, finishing runners up to Threave Rovers and then taking the title in the following two seasons.

This success led them to become members of the newly formed Lowland League at tier 5 in the Pyramid. It was a tough shift. With the attraction of promotion to the SPFL in sight, the Lowland League gradually strengthened its membership and Star in season 2018/19 were in company with the likes of Kelty Hearts, East Kilbride, East Stirlingshire and The Spartans.

Dalbeattie never finished higher than the nether regions of the Lowland League and in 2024 finished bottom of a rapidly strengthening League and were relegated back into the South of Scotland League.

Undaunted by relegation, Dalbeattie promptly won the South of Scotland title last season and look on course to repeat that success this season.

at Craigie Park. Tayport threatened early on but, from a promising set piece opportunity, the ball was last seen heading for the Kingsway! The breakthrough came in 15mins when Sam Simpson's throw was headed on by Jay Yule for Ethan to find the net with a far post header. Jay made it 2-0 in 30 mins after good lead up play by Ben Sivewright. The points were effectively sealed in 70 minutes when Aaron Shepherd collected a through ball from Jay to run clear and provide a clinical finish to make it 3-0.

Tayport 2-0 Letham 16th August 2025

The scoreline would give the impression this was something of a tightly contested affair but in truth that was far from the case. From the opening exchanges to the game's dying moments, Tayport were buzzing around the visitors' goal but a combination of poor finishing, bad luck but most of all, the performances of keeper Aiden Bright and central defender Adam Storrar kept bottom of the League Letham in with a chance of returning to Perth with some reward for their efforts. However it wasn't to be and the home support were relieved when Jay Yule in 80 minutes and Owen Lunan, converting Jamie Gill's corner three minutes from time, saw the points remain at the Canniepairt.

Carnoustie Panmure 0-3 Tayport 20th August 2025

This midweek victory was notable in that it was 'Port's first win in eleven attempts at Laing Park over the past 16 seasons. It was worthy win, effectively securing the points in a first half in which they scored their three goals and passed up several chances. Tayport opened their account with a Jamie Hume header in 28 minutes quickly followed by a second from Nicky Mann and the third from Jay Yule five minutes before the break. Carnoustie were more purposeful in the second period but apart from a Sam Clark free kick off the bar, the 'Port defence was little troubled.

Lochee United 2-4 Tayport 23rd August 2025

It was billed as a top of the league clash and it certainly lived up to that billing. Lochee played for most of the match with ten men after Colquhoun received a red for what appeared to be a disagreement with referee Willie Ferguson. Tayport cashed in immediately with a Jay Yule goal but were quickly pegged back when defensive dithering led to an equaliser. In a game packed with classic goalmouth stramashes at both ends, one such stramash on the hour saw Owen Lunan put Tayport back on top, only for a cheaply conceded penalty to level things at 2-2. On 70 minutes it was 3-2. Stefan Elvin was on the end of a flowing movement to fire home a worldie from 30 yards. Goal of the season? Very Likely! Lochee might have been level, hitting the bar when it looked easier to score and the Tayport goal somehow surviving an amazing scramble before Jamie Gill put the icing on a very tasty cake with the fourth goal in added time.

Tayport 1-1 Broughty Athletic 27th August 2025

Broughty were fast out of the traps in this final midweek league game and caught Tayport cold (where have we heard that before?) with a goal in the 2nd minute. A fast break down the left, a low cross finding former 'Port marksman Dale Reid at the far post and it was 0-1. There were a couple of other frights, Gary Thain tipping a Reid effort over the bar and a minute later Skelly rattling a shot off the bar. Tayport got to grips with things, though, and in 25 minutes Kieren Crichton hooked home the equaliser. The game developed into a keenly fought contest with both teams having opportunities to collect three points but over the piece, both teams were probably happy to settle for a point. Broughty were in their change strip of all dark navy blue and it's just a pity the referee hadn't decided on his change strip of red or blue or anything other than all black!

SEASON 2025 – 2026 **L** League **sc** Scottish Cup **scc** Scottish Communities Cup

 J Reilly Memorial Cup
 Yellow Card
 Red Card
 * Own Goal