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MIDLANDS LEAGUE 20th DECEMBER 2025



TAYPORT v KIRRIEMUIR THISTLE

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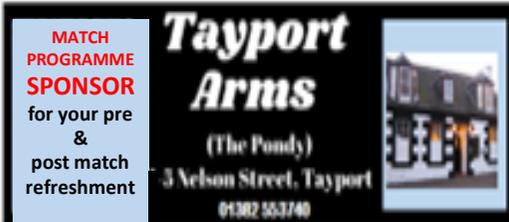
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**Saturday 10th January**  
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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon to our fans, and a warm welcome to the players and officials of our visitors Kirrie Thistle.



Last week saw us get back to winning ways with a 3-1 victory over bottom of the table Letham FC. The scoreline didn't reflect our dominance of the game and on another day, we could have recorded double figures but in the broad scheme of things the 3 points were gained and with Downfield and Lochee United losing their games, it keeps us in contention.

The club's annual Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday 22nd December so if you haven't got your ticket speak to any committee member today, the main prizes include a Deluxe Hamper, a Large Hamper and many more prizes.

Can take this opportunity to thank all our loyal fans for your support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when they arrive.

Today we entertain Kirrie Thistle, our previous meetings have been fairly tight and I don't envisage anything different this time around. We will have to be at our best if we are to gain success.

Enjoy the Game

*Davie Baikie*

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4	Kieren CRIGHTON
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LEAGUE

19/36

Saturday  
20th December

2025

Kick-off  
1.30pm

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# HEADLINES FROM HISTORY

14 DECEMBER 1990

These were the *Fife Herald* headlines on 14 December 35 years ago.

Tayport, in their inaugural season in the Juniors, and Kirrie were neck and neck for the title and this was their first ever visit

## Hectic finish

TAYPORT JUNIORS.....2  
KIRRIE THISTLE.....3

In dreadful conditions of a snow-covered surface and an icy Arctic gale blowing the length of the Canniespait, Tayport Juniors went down to fellow championship aspirants Kirrie Thistle for the second time this season in a Tayside Juniors Division Two match.

It was ironic that Gallacher should play such an influential part, having turned out for Tayport in all their pre-season friendlies before being unable to settle on terms with the club.

to Canniespait. Having already won at Westview,

## GOAL DELUGE AT TAYPORT

TAYPORT JUNIORS.....9  
ST JOSEPHS.....0

Most of their Junior colleagues failed to get any action at the weekend but Tayport Juniors managed to slot in two fixtures with their Sunday McEwan's Lager League Division Two one on the Canniespait.

At kick-off time and throughout the first half with hail and rain battering down on the already sodden turf the idea of this rearranged fixture didn't look too clever, but six second-half goals in better weather and some scintillating football vindicated the move as far as Tayport were concerned. It also went some way to erasing from the memory the previous day's defeat by Kirrie.

that miserable December ago,

Tayport used the same players in both games –

Dave Tosney  
George Malone  
Sean Wilkie  
Frankie Dolan  
Grant Paterson  
Mel Irons  
Grant Cushnie  
Billy Coventry

Kirrie completed the double that afternoon but Tayport would ultimately win the title. It's hard to

believe now, but Tayport would play two games weekend thirty five years

Kevin Thoms  
Dave Reilly  
Gary Lamont  
Gary Christie  
Mark Spalding.  
As late as the last Saturday in May, Kirrie topped the table but Tayport won their last two games to pip Kirrie by a point.



## TODAY'S GAME TAYPORT v KIRRIE THISTLE MIDLANDS LEAGUE - MATCH 19/36



This will be the third league meeting of the sides this season, the fourth in total when you include the John Reilly Trophy tie. The three previous meetings have resulted in wins for Tayport, 3-1, 4-2 and 4-1. However this is a much improved Kirrie outfit since that last meeting on 1st November.

Kirrie are unbeaten since then with very impressive league victories, 3-1 v

Carnoustie, 3-0 at Lochee United and a stunning 4-2 success v Downfield before being held to a 2-2

draw at Harp last weekend. Much of that damage

has been done by Craig Batchelor and Calum Kinnear who have netted five and three goals respectively during that four game run.



Calum Kinnear (l) and Craig Batchelor (r). Strikers in form

Kirrie manager Bryan Duell, the former Tayport striker, will be delighted with the form which has seen his side leap up the table and will be keen to put one over his old club as he did as a Thistle player.

Tayport haven't been finding goals hard to come by, 27 in the most recent 8 games, and will have been delighted to see Ethan Samson back on the goal trail on his return to action last week following his car crash injury. The Tayport management, however, will be concerned at the goals conceded recently, 12 in the last four games.

With the Kirrie strikers in scoring form, today will be a test as Tayport look to keep in touch with the top of the table before the turn of the year.

**PAUL BERG of TAYPORT FC WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB WRITES...**



Tayport Over 50s Walking Football wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and much success in 2026, both on and off the pitch, to the players, management and committee of Tayport FC, and all its supporters.

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**Scottish Communities Cup (formerly the Scottish Junior Cup) Update**

Four clubs, **North End**, Buchanhaven Hearts, Auchinleck Talbot and Benburb are through to the last eight. However, such is the current profile of the competition, that league games are taking precedence and fitting in ties is proving tricky.

Consequently, another ten clubs - Fraserburgh, Dundonald Bluebell, **Lochee United**, Largs Thistle, Armadale Thistle, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, **Dundee Violet**, Johnstone Burgh, Pollok and Knightswood all have an interest in getting a last four spot. Let's hope we have a mild winter.

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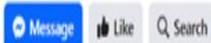
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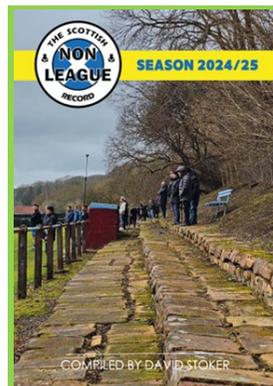
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Downfield	20	13	2	5	54	31	23	41
Lochee United	19	13	1	5	67	24	43	40
Broughty Athletic	18	11	4	3	47	27	20	37
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>
Kirrie Thistle	20	7	3	10	33	47	-14	24
East Craigue	19	5	5	9	36	50	-14	20
Carnoustie	19	6	1	12	33	46	-13	19
Lochee Harp	21	4	1	16	20	62	-42	13
Letham	19	0	1	18	16	86	-70	1



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## THE MANAGER....



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 rest of season and a safe journey home to Kirrie after today's game.

On the playing side we have Fraser Burnett and Ryan Smith still out injured and Dale Reid is suspended. However Owen Lunan, Jamie Gill, Nairn Lowe are back in the squad for the game today.

After our last result, a 3-1 win against Letham, we are hoping to finish this year with another victory. This will not be easy as Kirrie Thistle have had some excellent results recently, none more so than beating Lochee United and Downfield, so we all know that this will be a tough encounter, The training this week has been very competitive as we are nearly at full strength for possibly the first time this season.

We had a good start to our season with some excellent performances and are looking for consistency if we are to maintain our challenge, The game today is a must win if we are to keep the pressure on the teams above us.

We hope that after today's game, our final game of 2025 at The Can-niepairt, we can achieve what was our target at the start of the campaign, and continue challenging the top teams in the league. My only disappointment is that we have been beaten by the four teams above us in the league and if we are to challenge for honours, we must try and rectify that in 2026.

Ross, Barry, Andy, Grant, Emma and myself would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

*George*



PIC FROM THE PAST...35 YEARS AGO...WINTER 1990 - 91



Match Day at The Canniepairt captures the changes over the years. no trees, no engineering works, no mobile stand... but there was a healthy attendance



## PLAYER PROFILE

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**Tayport FC Debut** - 8th January 2022

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**Preferred position** - Centre back

**Previous clubs** - Glenavon, Portadown, Dungannon Swifts, Wm Carey University Mississippi, Cupar Hearts, Dundee United, Dundee

**Honours won** - Fife Amateur Cup with Cupar Hearts and MOTM award

**Biggest football influences** - My dad

**Where did you live as a youngster** - Lisburn, Belfast

**Live now** - Cupar

**Schools/College** - Laurelhill Community College Lisburn, Wm Carey University, Abertay University

**Any jobs whilst at school/University** - retail worker, delivery driver

**Occupation** - Police Officer

**Girlfriend/Wife/Partner/Children** - no children

**Biggest match played in** - Scottish Cup match v Dumbarton

**Best ground/stadium in which you've played** - Dens Park

**Last Holiday spot** - Cruise around Italy, Greece & Turkey

**If you were to win a National Lottery or Euromillions jackpot, what's the craziest thing you might do** - Buy a helicopter and fly everywhere!

## MIDLANDS FIRST DIVISION

It's also the halfway stage in the Midlands First Division. Whilst the Premier Division is dominated by Dundee based clubs - Tayport being one exception - the First Division consists mainly of clubs based outside the city. Of the two exceptions, one, Dundee Violet, is leading the race for promotion whilst the other, St James, is in bottom spot

	Overall										Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD
1	Dundee Violet	18	13	5	0	51	20	6	3	0	22	7	7	2	0	29	13	+31	44			
2	Blairgowrie Juniors	18	12	2	4	40	18	8	0	2	27	7	4	2	2	13	11	+22	38			
3	Forfar United	19	9	5	5	41	27	5	4	1	26	14	4	1	4	15	13	+14	32			
4	Arbroath Victoria	19	8	5	6	40	40	4	1	4	17	21	4	4	2	23	19	0	29			
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7	Forfar West End	19	6	2	11	31	43	5	2	5	22	27	1	0	6	9	16	-12	20			
8	Brechin Victoria	20	4	6	10	25	35	2	4	4	12	16	2	2	6	13	19	-10	18			
9	Scone Thistle	19	5	3	11	35	55	1	1	7	15	28	4	2	4	20	27	-20	18			
10	Dundee St James	17	5	2	10	30	38	2	1	4	9	13	3	1	6	21	25	-8	17			

## MATCH REPORT

### SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER 2025 MIDLANDS LEAGUE GAME 18/36

#### TAYPORT 3 v 1 LETHAM

Tayport duly collected the points against bottom of the league Letham, but they made heavy weather of it, and only in the closing stages after taking a 2-0 lead could they be sure of the win... but even then there was a passing concern when Letham scored in 91 minutes. However, with light failing, in a hectic period of added time, Tayport missed a penalty then regained their two goal lead before passing up a golden opportunity of a fourth.

Tayport had the Letham goal under attack from the start. The Letham keeper defied Tayport time after time as the locals seemed certain to get an opening goal. Three corners conceded by Tayport in quick succession mid-way through the half gave Letham some respite but they'd have been well happy to have a 0-0 scoreline at the break.

Eight minutes into the second half Tayport finally took the lead when Sam Simpson set up Jay Yule to open his account with his 17<sup>th</sup> goal in his last 7 league games.

It took until the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute for the second goal to come along, Ethan Samson knocking the ball into an empty net after the over-worked Bright in the Letham goal had failed to get to grips with Kieren Crighton's shot. Tayport seemed sure to add to their tally in 86 minutes when Jay was upended in the box to win a penalty but Bright capped what had been a fine performance by saving the kick.

The slight glimmer of hope for Letham came when substitute Cunningham pulled back a goal but up at the other end, Jay set up Ethan for his second of the afternoon. Within a minute Jay found himself clean through on goal but sent his parting shot past the post.

