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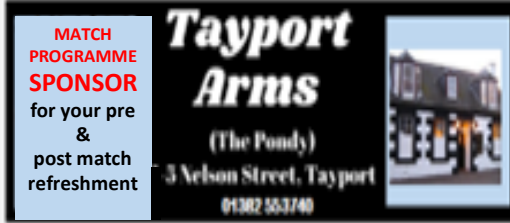
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### Two Steps Away From Playing Celtic!

Had we managed to overcome Dumbarton in the Scottish Cup earlier this season, we'd have been drawn at home v Auchinleck Talbot whom we've twice knocked out of the Scottish Junior Cup.

A win over Talbot at Canniepairt and our opponents in the next round would have been Celtic at home!

Auchinleck did well in the televised tie v Celtic with only a late second goal in a 2-0 defeat finally settling their fate.

Auchinleck's consolation would be the sizeable boost to their bank account. Given that, one might wonder why they did not have their players' names on the back of their shirts.

### Next Saturday

**Saturday 14th March**  
**Midlands League 23/36**  
**Home v Carnoustie Panmure**  
**Kick-off 2.30pm**

### PORT LOTTO

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## THE CHAIRMAN...

Good afternoon and welcome to the players and officials of our visitors, Stonehaven FC, from the North Region for this John Reilly Memorial Trophy last 16 stage. Can I also welcome our supporters.



Our last official game was way back on 20<sup>th</sup> December, some 7 weeks ago, while our opponents today had a great 4-1 home win over their league leaders Rothie Rovers last weekend.

When I was in management, I always believed that having that match fitness was a big plus, so Stonehaven arrive with that distinct advantage. We have managed a couple of friendlies on Astro, winning handsomely in both encounters, but as I say, there's no substitute for the real thing.

A place in the quarter finals is on offer today. Hopefully I've got it wrong and we hit the road running and achieve a successful outcome.

Enjoy the Game.

*Davie Baikie*



To the uninitiated it would appear that Brian Craik, hero of our Scottish Cup winning run of 2003, has gone into business in St Andrews.

And here's us thinking we had copyright on that name, too



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## TODAY'S TEAMS

STONEHAVEN  
from



1 gk	Gary THAIN
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN
2	Owen LUNAN
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7th March  
2026  
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2.00pm

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**HEADLINES FROM HISTORY  
APRIL 1982**

# TAYPORT ARE EURO CHAMPS!

**A.C. OUGREE..... 0**  
**TAYPORT..... 4**

The trophy for the team with the best defence of the tournament also went to the Scottish club who had conceded only one goal in their three games.

As well as receiving the huge Jacques Van-debosh Trophy, Tayport lifted several other awards. Alan Harte won the award for the best player of the tournament and the award for the best young player of the tournament went to Tayport's Philip Smith.

but had a smart cough at their disposal for the trips into Lige for the matches.

**OPENING TIE**

**TAYPORT..... 2**  
**D.C. COINTE..... 1**

Tayport were faced with Lige and District first division side Cointe in their opening fixture at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday morning and got the verdict by the odd goal in three against skillful opposition.

Tayport had Angus Charity in goal and Barrie Toner lined up in midfield. Colin Gray who was back for Rab Downie who was on the bench and Kenny Burnett, Neil Downie and Kenny Smith.

Alan Howe got Tayport ahead after 10 minutes. After a lock from Kevin Murphy had come back off the bar, Howe was on the spot to head home. Cointe were soon level.

Bobby Wilson conceded a free kick for which he was severely warned (being sent off for the trophy). De Lapina answered the ball past the wall and wide of Charity for the equaliser.

Tayport's winner late in the second half was also scored by the experience Howe who crashed Murphy's pass past the keeper.

**SECOND TIE**

**ROANA..... 0**  
**TAYPORT..... 1**

Tayport made heavy weather of beating the Italian side Roana, who had disposed of the Germans in their opening tie, the same afternoon. Tayport had all the pressure but some great goalkeeping and desperate defending kept the Scots at bay.

The Italians, relying on the

chance of a breakthrough goal, eventually cracked ten minutes from time when a fierce free kick from right back Phil Smith was deflected past Roana's keeper.

With two wins out of two, Tayport were in Monday afternoon's final. Host club A.C. Ougree were the other finalists. Ougree had caused an upset in their semi final with a last minute goal to pip the favourites, Spanish side Granada, by 1-0. Ougree's winner caused amazing scenes with the scorer being immersed under a pile of bodies made up of his ten team mates including the goalkeeper. French club Lille were defeated 1-0 in Ougree's opener.

Despite changeable weather conditions, a sizeable crowd had paid to see the final between the local side and Tayport who were again outplayed - A. Charry, P. Smith, A. Hart, B. Wilson, C. Gray, G. Muir, J. Bissett, B. Toner, A. Harte, K. Murphy, I. Howe, Sals, R. Downie, N. Downie, B. Burnett, K. Smith.

The muddy pitch had been rolled flat and was in reasonable condition as the teams lined up for the 'finalists' national anthems and presentation to the mayor.

Tayport stunned the home main opponents, Murphy capped a notable display with a fourth goal to complete his hat-trick after having earlier been foiled by the save of the tournament from the Ougree goalkeeper. A great tournament for Tayport, clouded slightly when it was discovered that the trophy had been damaged by the baggage handlers at Heathrow Airport.

Tayport are back in domestic action this weekend with a league game away to St. James at Drumglen. The Alliance side are away to Kingway in a league game. The file side are unlikely to have a game. Players meet pavilion at 1.30 p.m.

Next Thursday Tayport are in the North of Tivy Cup semi final versus Harris F.P. at East End Park, Dundee. Kick-off 6.45 p.m., meet pavilion at 5.45 p.m.

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**TODAY'S GAME**  
**TAYPORT v STONEHAVEN**  
**JOHN REILLY REGIONAL CUP Round 3**



A warm welcome to The Canniepairt this afternoon to Stonehaven for this North/Tayside Regional Cup competition, now known as the John Reilly Memorial Trophy but previously labelled by the sponsor's name, the first of which was Zamoyksi back in the late 80s.

Tayport have lifted the cup on eight previous occasions, however it's eleven years since that eighth success, a 4-1 win at Tannadice against North End.

There's little doubt Tayport will have their work cut out this afternoon as Stonehaven, aka the Hive, arrive here on the back of some very impressive form. Unbeaten on the road since the first week of August, the Hive were unlucky to lose the Grill Cup Final in December to a late Bridge of Don Thistle goal in a 2-1 defeat at Cove Rangers' Balmoral Stadium, a match played throughout in gale force conditions.

The visitors' form was underlined by last Saturday's 4-1 win over top of the league Rothie Rovers, thanks to a blistering start with three goals in the opening ten minutes. Cameron Beattie (right) had a goal and an assist in that opening period and will be keen to make his mark again this week.

As the table shows, in terms of points dropped, Stonehaven are well positioned to mount a challenge for the North of Scotland title in the second half of their season.

With four postponements on the trot,

Tayport haven't kicked a ball in anger this year and will be anxious to get quickly out of the traps. The recent friendly matches have allowed recent signing Dale Reid to get settled in back at the Canniepairt.

The striker has wasted no time in showing manager George Shields that he knows how to find the back of the net with no fewer than eight goals in these games. In Dale and Jay Yule, 'Port have a significant threat up front. Now, if only the defence could tighten up...



NoSFL PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Rothie Rovers	19	12	3	4	42	31	11	39
Longside	22	11	5	6	49	39	10	38
Culter	16	11	3	2	56	16	40	36
Bridge of Don This	16	10	3	3	49	22	27	33
Hermes	15	10	3	2	39	21	18	33
<b>Stonehaven</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>
Maud	17	7	3	7	50	38	12	24
Dyce	12	7	1	4	23	22	1	22
Buchanhaven	16	7	2	7	27	35	-8	23
Ellon United	20	5	4	11	23	46	-23	19
Lossiemouth	19	5	3	11	26	43	-17	18
Colony Park	16	4	4	8	20	25	-5	16
Aberdeen E.E.	18	5	3	10	25	31	-6	18
Islavale	18	4	2	12	20	57	-37	14
Banks o'Dee Jnrs	16	2	5	9	23	34	-11	11
Sunnybank	18	3	2	13	18	48	-30	11

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

**Tayport FC Walking Football Gets A Mention In Parliament!**  
**In a recent debate at Holyrood, Michael Marra, MSP for North East Scotland (Labour), took the stand with the following (abridged) contribution.**

“Scottish Football is a very significant part of our national culture and our daily conversations. It is part of who we are as a country.... Those are the reasons why our Scottish Parliament should discuss the state of our national game. It is also incumbent on us to recognise the challenges that the football monoculture of our sporting landscape presents for diversifying sporting activity and ensuring maximum participation in the game.... I also want to advocate on behalf of Walking Football and for the inclusion of that game in what will be, as we heard yesterday, a summer of sport for Scotland. I have played the game alongside my father in recent weeks. He is in his mid-70s, and he has a weekly game with Tayport Junior FC. Walking football can help men with loneliness, and it also provides healthy exercise and improves mental health. I pay tribute to Paul Berg, Tom Malone [brother of Tayport FC 90s legend George] and the rest of the group that organises the weekly sessions in Dundee. Walking Football is being played right across Scotland, in all the communities that we represent. There has been a quiet revolution in how we see physical activity in later life, particularly for men who are so enthralled with the game. Walking Football can also combine a cross-generational and cross sex aspect, which should be considered. The Minister might explain, in her closing speech, the opportunities to include Walking Football in that summer of sport.”



**Walking Footballers In Exalted Company**

We’ve been in exalted company whilst training at the Regional Performance Centre recently. A few weeks ago Dundee United were inside training prior to us, and literally blocked our entry until our start time of 10:30, as they were ‘practising set pieces’.

**We are indebted to those who have sponsored players.**

*Your support is extremely welcome and much appreciated*

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That was prior to them playing Celtic. Didn't do them much good !! After us, Dundee FC commenced their training routine, and it was no secret, and some of our guys stayed on to watch them. In the gym Scottish Rugby were training, so we certainly were mixing with the "big boys", literally ! Last Friday we again had Dundee FC training alongside us, and they watched us playing and cheered a couple of goals. Simon Murray, ex Tayport Junior, always asks me how the club is doing, and hopes to come and watch a midweek game. For more information email: [tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com](mailto:tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com) or call me on 07831:535555, Paul

### PIC FROM THE PAST - MAY 2013



Tayport players celebrating their East Region Premiership title win on the final day of the season after a 2-1 win at Penicuik Athletic in **May 2013**. Tayport finished their campaign with seven successive wins to clinch the championship. From left - Jake Mair, Kenny McCulley, Steven McPhee, Kris Rollo, Paul Thomson (half hidden), Iain Ross, Simon Murray, Gary Robertson and Stefan Elvin. Stefan is still an important cog in the wheel here and similarly Steven at league leaders Downfield while Simon will likely be in action at Celtic Park this evening.

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Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Downfield	23	16	2	5	69	37	32	50
Broughty Athletic	22	15	4	3	65	30	35	49
North End	16	15	0	1	58	10	48	45
Lochee United	21	14	1	6	77	29	48	43
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>
Kirrie Thistle	22	8	3	11	38	50	-12	27
East Craigie	22	5	7	10	40	58	-18	22
Carnoustie	23	7	2	14	38	54	-16	23
Lochee Harp	26	5	2	19	25	89	-64	17
Letham	25	0	1	24	24	109	-85	1

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Violet	20	14	6	0	60	24	36	48
Blairgowrie	24	17	2	6	51	28	23	53
Forfar United	22	11	5	6	51	31	20	38
Arbroath Vics	22	9	5	8	44	46	-2	32
Montrose Roselea	24	8	7	9	49	56	-7	31
Coupar Angus	23	8	6	9	41	45	-4	30
Brechin Vics	22	5	6	11	29	40	-11	21
St James	21	6	2	13	38	47	-9	20
Forfar West End	22	6	2	14	35	52	-17	20
Scone Thistle	22	5	3	14	40	69	-29	18

## THE MANAGER....



Tayport Football Club would like to welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today for our first game of 2026 against Stonehaven FC.

Everyone at Tayport Football Club would like to wish the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of Stonehaven all the best for the rest of season and a safe journey across the Tay Bridge and back up to Stonehaven after today's game.

On the playing side we have Fraser Burnett and Ryan Smith still out long term injured, Aaron Shepherd returns after his loan spell at Blairgowrie.

After our last league result in 2025 against Kirriemuir Thistle, a 3-2 win, we are hoping to start 2026 with another victory. But this will not be easy as Stonehaven are a very good side who are having a good season and had an excellent result last week against league leaders Rothie Rovers.

The training through the festive period went exceptionally well as the coaching staff were able to give the players a mini pre-season schedule, finishing with a game against high flying Dundee Violet two weeks ago. This was a very good test with us chalking up a 5-0 win followed by a 6-1 win in a friendly v Forfar West End the following week. Every player got a decent work out, so it was a well worthwhile exercise, and we thank Dundee Violet and West End for taking the games at very short notice.

We are nearly at full strength for possibly the first time this season so we will be looking to kick on and mount a league and cup challenge.

We hope that after today's game, our first game of 2026 at The Canniepairt, we can achieve what was our aim at the start of the campaign and mount a league and Cup challenge.

Ross, Barry, Andy, Grant, Emma and myself would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hope you all had a great festive break and wishing you all a prosperous 2026. *George*



## Scottish Communities Cup (SCC) Update



The Scottish Junior Cup in its new guise will no doubt eventually reach a conclusion but it continues to be a very fragmented competition.

The quarter finals (round 6) have been drawn, two of which, **Pollok 1 v 1 (2-3) Buchanhaven Hearts** and **Auchinleck Talbot 2 v 0 Kirkintilloch Rob Roy** have been decided.

Three weeks ago **Lochee United**, were eliminated by **Fraserburgh United** in a 4th round tie. Fraserburgh, who currently top the North of Scotland Football League's 2nd tier division, are at home today to **Largs Thistle**. The winners of that tie are at home in a quarter final tie v **Benburb** who ended our interest in the competition.

**Dundee Violet's** 5th round tie v cup holders **Johnstone Burgh**, postponed again last week, is scheduled for today. Johnstone are struggling to get fixtures played. They've played only 9 league games to date this season and with 21 league games plus cup ties yet to be played, there are only 12 Saturdays left until the end of the season. The days when the Scottish Junior Cup took precedence over domestic fixtures is history. It would appear to be playing second fiddle to the league card

The winner of Violet's tie will be at home to **North End** in a quarter final tie which was originally scheduled for today. Subject to it being mutually agreed some of these ties could probably be played off in midweek.

So, at the time of writing, there are still 10 clubs retaining an interest in the Cup. As well as the 2 Midlands clubs, we have 2 from the North of Scotland Football League, and the remaining 6 are from the West of Scotland Football League.

### TAYPORT FC's DIAMOND CLUB...the weekly draw for £60.

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**LAST WEEK'S WINNER was No. 60 - Willie Fry;**



Recent winners are No 57- Robert Bryson; No.62 -  
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No.35 - Mick Roberts



## PLAYER PROFILE

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**Tayport FC Debut** - 3rd August 2024

**Appearances to date** 55    **Goals** 10

**Preferred position** - Winger

**Previous clubs** - Carnoustie Panmure and Montrose

**Honours won** - Back to back League titles and GA (North/Tayside) Cup with Carnoustie Panmure

**Biggest football influences** - My dad

**Where did you live as a youngster** - Dundee

**Live now** - Monifieth

**Schools/College** - Carnoustie High School

**Any jobs whilst at school** - none

**Occupation** - Project Manager at Scottish Water

**Family** - Wife, Robyn and children Rudi (5) and Crue (3)

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

**Best ground/stadium in which you've played** - Dumbarton FC's Marbill Coaches Stadium

**Last Holiday spot** - Centre Parcs

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

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## MATCH REPORTS

**20th DECEMBER 2025**

**MIDLANDS LEAGUE 19/36 TAYPORT 3 v 2 KIRRIE THISTLE**

Tayport ended Kirrie's recent good run - unbeaten since we last met – with a win more convincing that the scoreline might suggest. Off to a flying start with an opportunist headed goal from **Jay Yule** - his 24<sup>th</sup> of the season – after 15 minutes and then a second from **Kieren Crighton** on the half hour, with Jay supplying the ammunition.

Kirrie were always in the game and quickly pulled back a goal. A corner was cleared to the unmarked Henderson some 20 yards out from where he found the net with a powerful shot.

A linesman was substituted through injury at half time, Tayport's vice-chairman John Anderson taking over the flag for the second half.

Tayport were caught dreaming a minute into the half when defender Ross Milne, up for a free kick, headed the equaliser. To their credit, Tayport buckled down and passed up several good chances before **Kieren** regained the lead, cutting into the box on a pass from **Ben Sivewright** to fire home a beauty. Kieren would pass up a couple of chances to get his hat-trick as Tayport remained in control to gather three points and keep them in touch with the league leaders.

The injured Jay Yule was replaced by **Aaron Shepherd** and **Jamie Gill** saw some action after replacing Ethan late on.

**17th January 2026**

**Friendly - Dundee Violet 0-5 Tayport**

With our league fixture at East Craigie called off on Saturday morning and Violet's Scottish Communities 5th round tie at home to Johnstone Burgh also a victim of a late postponement, the clubs saw some much needed action in a friendly on an all weather pitch in Dundee.



It was a particularly welcome return to action for **Dale Reid** (pictured here during his first spell at Canniepairt) who bagged a hat-trick after **Sam Simpson** and **Jay Yule** had put the first nails in the Violet coffin.

**24th January 2026-- Forfar West End 1-6 Tayport**

The home league game v Downfield was a late call-off allowing the provisionally arranged friendly with Forfar West End to kick-in. It was another **Dale Reid** show who followed last week's hat-trick with five goals here. **Ethan Samson** chipped in with the other goal with West End's consolation a penalty at 5-0.

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### RESULTS

R.P.C. DUNDEE

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

### OVER 50s EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

TAYPORT REDS

TAYPORT REDS

GAME 1			GAME 3		
TEAM	V	TEAM	TEAM	V	TEAM
CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	3 v 0	DUNDEE ST. JAMES	DUNDEE ST. JAMES	1 v 1	FORFAR ATHLETIC WFC (BLUES)
FORFAR ATHLETIC WFC (BLUES)	0 v 0	ARBROATH FC - WHITES	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	4 v 1	FIFE WANDERERS
TAYPORT - REDS	2 v 3	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	6 v 2	FORT WILLIAM
FORT WILLIAM	1 v 0	FIFE WANDERERS	TAYPORT - REDS	3 v 1	ARBROATH FC - WHITES

GAME 2			GAME 4		
TEAM	V	TEAM	TEAM	V	TEAM
ARBROATH FC - WHITES	1 v 0	DUNDEE ST. JAMES	TAYPORT - REDS	2 v 4	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE
DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	1 v 0	CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	ARBROATH FC - WHITES	1 v 1	FIFE WANDERERS
FIFE WANDERERS	1 v 4	TAYPORT - REDS	FORFAR ATHLETIC WFC (BLUES)	1 v 2	DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS
FORFAR ATHLETIC WFC (BLUES)	1 v 0	FORT WILLIAM	FORT WILLIAM	4 v 3	DUNDEE ST. JAMES

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
DUNFERMLINE DYNAMOS	4	4	0	0	10	4	6	12
CARNOUSTIE PANMURE	4	3	0	1	13	5	8	9
TAYPORT - REDS	4	2	0	2	11	9	2	6
FORT WILLIAM	4	2	0	2	7	10	-3	6
FORFAR ATHLETIC WFC (BLUES)	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
ARBROATH FC - WHITES	4	1	2	1	3	4	-1	5
DUNDEE ST. JAMES	4	0	1	3	4	9	-5	1
FIFE WANDERERS	4	0	1	3	3	10	-7	1

## Was Season 2010 –2011 the Worst for Postponements?

Prior to this afternoon, Tayport had suffered seven postponements this season due to unplayable pitches - and that's without any snowfall! But there's a bit to go before it gets as bad as season 2010-2011.

On 20th November that season Manager Willie Garner's side beat Kelty Hearts 4-0 in a league game on The Canniepairt (Stefan Elvin will remember, he was playing) and the team didn't play again until 5th February. That next game was a Scottish Cup tie at home to Petershill which had been called off on eight successive Saturdays throughout December and January, ice bound (5), snow (2), waterlogged (1).



August '25



January '26

Paul Reilly pics

## THE JOHN REILLY INTER REGIONAL CUP

### Next Week's's Fixtures

Dundee Violet v Culter

### Round 2 (North)

### Outstanding

Rothie Rovers v Newmachar Utd (21/02)

### Round 2

### Round 3 (all in)

Colony Park v Buchanhaven Hearts (21/02))

Brechin Vics v Hall Russell United

### Round 3

Dyce v Downfield

Colony Park or Buchanhaven v Broughty Ath (date yet to be fixed)

Hermes v Lochee Harp

Dundee North End v Rothie or Newmachar (28/02)

Maud v Forfar West End

Tayport v Stonehaven

## STONEHAVEN FC'S ONLY PREVIOUS VISIT TO THE CANNIEPAIRT

### 6th DECEMBER 1997 OVD SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP ROUND 3

It was 29 years ago, so there are likely to be very few of the 276 at that tie, who are here today and who will recall much about the previous meeting.



Check out the match programme from the 1997 cup-tie in the Tayport Football Archive at [www.tayportfc.archive.com](http://www.tayportfc.archive.com)

TAYPORT.		Stonehaven J.F.C.	
Fraser MANN	Paul BELL	Lee MULLOUGH	Gary THOM
Martin WILKINSON	Grant MILLER	David MUIR	Ian MATHIESON
Grant PATERSON	Grant BUIST	Paul NICOL	Brian MITCHELL
John MUISE	Keith NICOLSON	Stuart PETRIE	Stuart ROBERTSON
Mark SPALDING	Alan RAMSAY	Steven BLACKLAWS	Derek RITCHIE
Steven STEWART	Stephan ROSS	Darwin STEPHEN	Paul REID
Stephen BOSS	Dave BELL	Raymond WATT	Michael TURNBULL
John GRAY	Ian GREIG	Gary MILLAR	Neil YEOHAN
Stephen HUTCHISON	Bry Gardner	Dave INGRAM	Andrew SKEA
Erwin CAMERON			

Referee: A Hunter  
 Referee Assistants: K Cameron, C Brown  
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 TAYPORT - Stonehaven  
 Kick Off - 1.45pm  
 276th F.C. YEAR 20. 4.12.1997

CHRISTMAS GIFTS?  
 LOOK NO FURTHER THAN PH. IRVING'S, HILL LANE, TAYPORT FOR TAYPORT FC MERCHANDISE AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

TAYPORT MATCH STORES OPEN 10.00am - 4.00pm

In their match preview the *Aberdeen Evening Express* may have thought Tayport was in Dundee but skipper Gaza Thow, the former Keith and Cove Rangers player, knew where his side was heading and 'expected to face the music at a crowded house today on Tay-side where the sides are now stronger than the once feared Ayrshire sides'.

This cup-tie was in the midst of a run of nine games in which Tayport 'keeper Fraser Mann didn't concede a single goal. That season Tayport lost their first match of the season in August 1997 before going on an unbeaten run of 33 games which stretched to the end of April 1998. Only blemish was a Scottish Cup penalty shoot-out loss at Pollok after two draws.

## Buist dumps Stonehaven

### TAYPORT 1 STONEHAVEN 0

TAYPORT — Mann; Buist, Paterson, Spalding, Nicolson, Wilkie, Ramsay, Stewart, Hutchison, Ross, Gardner Subs — Wilkinson, Cameron, Greig, Reilly, Millor.

STONEHAVEN — Mellough, Thow, Muir, Mathieson, Robertson, Mitchell, Petrie, Turnbull, Blacklaws, Ritchie, Watt. Subs — Stephen, Skea, Miller, Ingram, Nicol.

Referee — A Hunter, Glenrothes.

STONEHAVEN travelled to Tayport fired up and looking for something positive, hoping the Hive training regime would pay off.

Stonehaven attacked well, but Tayport's defence stood firm. Mellough stopped well from a Spalding header.

At the other end Stonehaven were awarded a free kick when Petrie was fouled outside the 18-yard box.

Muir was unlucky not to convert as the Port keeper just pushed round the post.

Hutchison was booked for dissent and again the Hive were awarded a free kick outside the 18 yard box, but the alert Port keeper stood firm.

(Half-time 0-0)

Tayport broke the deadlock when BUIST headed into an empty net. The Hive were by no means dead yet as they rushed forward looking for an equaliser.

Skea came on for Petrie and Stephen for Turnbull to try and inject fresh impetus into the match.

Time and again Hive tried to break the Port defence, but Wilkie and company stood firm.

## OVER 50s EAST CONFERENCE

### RESULTS

#### R.P.C. DUNDEE

#### SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

TAYPORT WHITES

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GAME 1			GAME 3		
TEAM	V	TEAM	TEAM	V	TEAM
CRIEFF JUNIORS	0 v 0	STREET SOCCER - DUNDEE	STREET SOCCER - DUNDEE	2 v 0	SCONE WFC
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	0 v 1	ST. JAMES MH WF	TAYPORT - WHITES	0 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY
FORFAR ATHLETIC (NAVY)	0 v 0	SCONE WFC	CRIEFF JUNIORS	2 v 2	LETHAM ANGUS
LETHAM ANGUS	2 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	1 v 3	FORFAR ATHLETIC (NAVY)

GAME 2			GAME 4		
TEAM	V	TEAM	TEAM	V	TEAM
TAYPORT - WHITES	5 v 1	ST. JAMES MH WF	ST. JAMES MH WF	2 v 3	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY
CRIEFF JUNIORS	2 v 2	SCONE WFC	TAYPORT - WHITES	0 v 0	FORFAR ATHLETIC (NAVY)
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	1 v 1	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	SCONE WFC	1 v 4	LETHAM ANGUS
STREET SOCCER - DUNDEE	1 v 1	LETHAM ANGUS	STREET SOCCER - DUNDEE	1 v 0	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

GAME 5		
TEAM	V	TEAM
ST. JAMES MH WF	0 v 1	FORFAR ATHLETIC (NAVY)
TAYPORT - WHITES	2 v 1	CRIEFF JUNIORS

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	LETHAM ANGUS	4	2	2	0	9	5	4	8
2	FORFAR ATHLETIC (NAVY)	4	2	2	0	4	0	4	8
3	STREET SOCCER - DUNDEE	4	2	2	0	4	1	3	8
4	TAYPORT - WHITES	4	2	1	1	7	3	4	7
5	SAINTS IN THE COMMUNITY	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
6	CRIEFF JUNIORS	4	0	3	1	5	6	-1	3
7	ST. JAMES MH WF	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
8	SCONE WFC	4	0	2	2	3	8	-5	2
9	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	4	0	1	3	1	6	-5	1

