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Club Management

Chairman: David Baikie - davidbaikie@hotmail.com
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Reading the Midlands League notes on Saturday and Monday in *The Courier*, there is a suspicion that guesswork is used to fill up space. For example on Saturday past it told us that on Wednesday *'Letham were down to the bare bones against Tayport'*. Bare bones? Maybe, but they still managed to list a full quota of 7 substitutes.

On Monday past *'Jay Yule headed the Fifers into a half time lead...'* Well, actually, Jay's header was ten minutes before the end of full time. Aye, as the saying goes, never believe what you read in the papers!.

One wonders why some of the space allocated to the column can't be used for league tables and a list of results/fixtures.

**Midweek
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH**

**Home v Downfield 26/36
Midlands League Premier Division
Kick off 6.45pm**

Next Saturday

**Saturday 28th March
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THE CHAIRMAN...



Good afternoon to the Port Support. I'd like to welcome both their players and officials of today's Midlands League opponents, Lochee United, to the Canniepairt.

A week past Wednesday saw us inflict a heavy midweek defeat on Letham, scoring 10, I'd need Abby to look back his records to confirm the last time a Tayport side scored that amount in a game [he tells us 14-0 at St Josephs, November 1998 – Ed.]

We followed that with an uninspiring home draw with Carnoustie. With ten minutes or so remaining, it looked a likely result but Jay Yule got on the end of a cross to put us in the driving seat only to lose a soft goal in the 97th minute. How to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory! It also wrecked our record of not dropping a point this season to a team below us in the League.

In fairness, in recent weeks our opponents have had two great results, 6-2 over Downfield and 4-2 over today's opposition Lochee United, so as much as I believe we should be winning these games, a draw isn't the end of the world.

It's only a couple of weeks ago since we faced Lochee United, losing 5-3. The outcome may well have tuned out differently had we kept 11 players on the park, losing our first sending off 10 minutes or so before the interval and leading 2-0 at the time. On the sending off, I felt we were harshly dealt with and a yellow card would have sufficed.

So today is another day, I know we go into the game with a number of players unavailable but it's up to the players who start to produce a performance worthy of victory.

Enjoy the Game.

Davie Baikie



TAYPORT
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

LOCHEE
UNITED
from



1 gk	Gary THAIN
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN
2	Owen LUNAN
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4	Kieren CRIGHTON
5	Greg McCOLM
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25/36

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HEADLINES FROM HISTORY

MAY 2005

No sentiment from Port veteran as Lochee plan stat attack

Today's headline is from a newspaper article on the eve of the 2005 Scottish Junior Cup Final at Tannadice on 29th May 2005 between Tayport and today's visitors Lochee United

As we know, Frazer kept a clean sheet that afternoon in a 2-0 win for 'Port which secured our third Scottish Cup triumph

Juniors

FRAZER FITZPATRICK knows there will be no chance of staging an old pals' act when he squares up to Lochee United at Tannadice tomorrow, because all of his former Bluebells teammates have long since retired.

The veteran Tayport goalkeeper is readying himself for his third appearance in an O.V.D. Scottish Cup final, knowing this occasion will have some added spice.

Fitzpatrick spent three seasons at Lochee United earlier in his career, before moving on to St Josephs and then trying out the senior ranks at Montrose.

Now settled back in the juniors with Tayport, where he has chalked up more than 200 appearances, the 34-year-old said: "Lochee United were my first junior club, but that was around 10 years ago - things have changed since then."

"Owner Tom McMillan arrived during my time there and he and his committee have obviously done great things for the club.

"And while some of the officials are still there, I think all of the players who were at the club during my time have now retired. I am the only one still on the go.

"But full credit to Lochee for the tremendous progress they have made - their Super League success was well deserved. But it is up to us to make sure they don't get the double. I am determined to win my second Scottish Cup winner's medal.

"It was wonderful to be part of our triumph of two years ago, but I then had to suffer defeat in last season's final against Carnoustie. There's no way I want to go through that again."

Meanwhile, Lochee statistician Malcolm McFadyen will be ready to select the man of the match after tomorrow's final.

The sports psychologist is the one who settles all the arguments in the Bluebells camp when it comes to sorting out who played a blinder and who had a nightmare.

McFadyen is acknowledged by Lochee manager Eddie Wolecki as a major contributor to the progress made at Thompson Park in recent seasons.

After earning promotion from the Tayside league a couple of seasons ago, Lochee bagged the East Super League title this term, and hope to add the national cup to their haul.

And McFadyen's input, providing the facts and figures, has allowed the players to analyse their performances in a more scientific way - and the results speak for themselves.

McFadyen said: "My role is to look at applying psychology in sports coaching. I am a great believer in statistics - they provide a breakdown of each individual's performance to allow the player concerned to look for ways to improve. And if we can win this weekend, all the work will have been worthwhile."

Lochee will give late fitness checks to captain Jonathan Thompson and forward Phillip Hagan.



Frazer Fitzpatrick



TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v LOCHEE UNITED

MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 25/36



Meetings between Lochee United and Tayport have always caught the attention locally. This is a legacy of the early 2000s when, following the East Region Super League re-structure 2002 - 2019, the two clubs dominated Scotland's Non-league Football scene.

Between them, they lifted 4 championships in the first six years of the new set up and appeared in 4 Scottish Junior Cup finals. These achievements can be measured by the fact that the other titles during 2002-19 were won by Kelty Hearts (2), Bonnyrigg Rose (4), both of whom stepped up to the SPFL, Linlithgow Rose (3) and Bo'ness United (3), both currently leading lights in the Lowland League. Lochee United added another title in 2019.

Today is the fourth league meeting of the clubs this season with Tayport looking to square the series, Lochee having won 4-0 here earlier in the season and most recently 5-3 at Thomson Park, with a 4-2 for 'Port in between. The two sides' form this campaign against the three clubs above them means that it's likely a realistic finish is now third place at best. Both clubs' efforts to make a title challenge is down to a failure in matches vs these three clubs, Dokens, Fed and Spiders. To date, Lochee have gathered 6 points from a possible 18 whilst Tayport's tally is a miserable 2 points from 18. With each club yet to complete the final quarter of the league card, that can change and this is their challenge for the remainder of the campaign.

Only 6 clean sheets in 31 games this season is a statistic with which the Tayport management will not be happy and Lochee boss Steve Fallon will be less than pleased with the loss of 15 goals in their most recent 4 games against fellow top five teams. United's strength, their threat from set pieces, will have been noted. Lochee have transferred former 'Port player Ryan Paterson to North End. Meanwhile Tayport will be without Kieren Crighton, Jamie Crowe and Ethan Samson but it is the expected absence of top scorer Jay Yule which will be of greater concern. However, Sam Simpson is back after his suspension and Jamie Gill and Aaron Shepherd could make a start and seize the opportunity to make their mark.

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

Some Friday morning photographs of the Tayport Walking Footballers at their weekly gathering at the Regional Performance Centre at Caird Park



Top pic shows the guys getting ready for their warm-up. Middle shows a training match underway and left is former 'Port player Frank Feechan . Frank made his debut for Tayport in a Midlands Amateur FA match 54 years ago, scoring in a 3-2 win v YM Anchorage in September 1972,

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As this drone image taken last week shows, the Canniepairt is looking good despite the winter storms, a credit to Paul Reilly's ground management

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Well, the pic is not from the past...but the content is! Taken at Thomson Park when we last met on 28th February are a quartet of Tayport FC Legends, Derek Carr, Mel Irons, present chairman Davie Baikie and George Malone. Given the smiles, the Pic must have been taken when we were leading 2-0!

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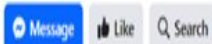
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North End	21	19	0	2	87	13	74	57
Downfield	26	17	3	6	77	46	31	54
Lochee United	25	16	1	8	87	39	48	49
Tayport	24	15	3	6	80	42	38	48
Carnoustie	27	10	3	14	51	60	-9	33
East Craigie	26	7	7	12	48	71	-23	28
Kirrie Thistle	26	8	3	15	38	64	-26	27
Lochee Harp	29	6	2	21	28	94	-66	20
Letham	30	0	1	29	32	145	-113	1
DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blairgowrie	28	20	3	5	59	32	27	63
Violet	22	15	6	1	65	29	36	51
Forfar United	26	14	5	7	59	34	25	47
Montrose Roselea	28	10	8	10	60	65	-5	38
Arbroath Vics	26	10	6	10	52	54	-2	36
Coupar Angus	26	8	6	12	43	54	-11	30
St James	24	8	2	14	45	51	-6	26
Scone Thistle	25	7	3	15	45	71	-26	24
Forfar West End	24	6	3	15	39	58	-19	21
Brechin Vics	25	5	6	14	30	49	-19	21

THE MANAGER....



Tayport Football Club would like to welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today for our home game against Lochee United.

And we'd also like to wish the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of Lochee United all the very best for the rest of season...after today... and a safe journey home across the Tay Road bridge.

On the playing side we have Fraser Burnett and Ryan Smith still out long term injured but Sam Simpson returns to the squad today after missing the game v Stonehaven FC and the mid-week game v Letham. Unfortunately, we have Jay Yule, Kieren Crighton and Ethan Samson all unavailable.

After last week's result, when we were bitterly disappointed to lose a goal so late on against Carnoustie Panmure, we hope to put in a performance today that will show that last week was a case of not taking our chances when they came along.

We now look to build on our league campaign and remain challenging at the top end of the league with some very important games coming up quick and fast. Hopefully this will start today against a Lochee United side that are in transition.

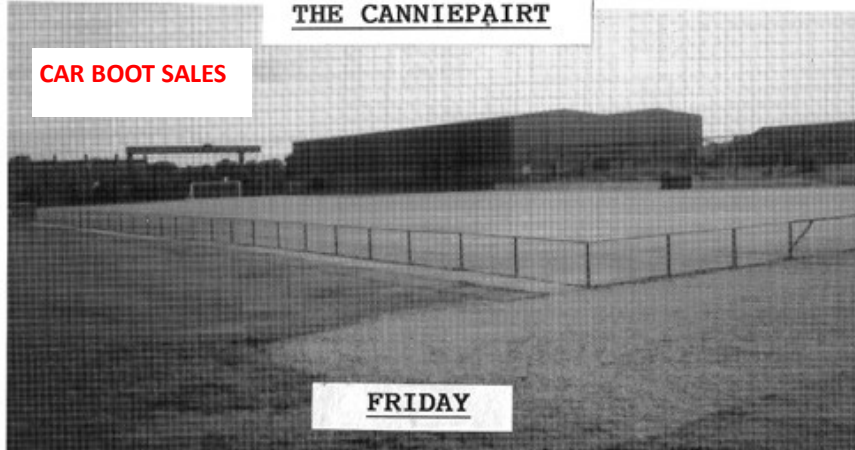
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George



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Preferred position - right back

Previous clubs - Celtic Boys, Dundee FC, Forfar Athletic, North End, Downfield, Broughty Athletic

Honours won - Two Championships with North End

Biggest football influences - Henrik Larsson

Where did you live as a youngster - Dundee

Live now - Dundee

Schools/College - St Paul's Academy

Any jobs whilst at school - No

Occupation - Facilities Assistant

Family - daughter - Romae

Biggest match played in - Dumbarton away in Scottish Cup

Best ground/stadium in which you've played - Tynecastle

Last Holiday spot - Ibiza

If you were to win a National Lottery or Euromillions jackpot, what's the craziest thing you might do - Not sure what I'd do but I'd head for Las Vegas, anyway

BTW - Ben tells us his grandfather was born and brought up - 77 years ago - in Tayport

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14th MARCH 2025

MIDLANDS LEAGUE 24/36 TAYPORT v CARNOUSTIE PANMURE

14th February 2026 Midlands League Premier Division 24/36

Canniepairt - Tayport 1-1 Carnoustie Panmure

From ten goals at Letham in midweek to one here, the sublime to the ridiculous could perhaps sum up Tayport's last two matches. Losing another late goal effectively lost the two points which would have taken us above today's visitors in the league table and saw the local punters trudge home disappointed for a second successive week. Carnoustie's improved form in recent times was evident and they will no doubt consider themselves worthy of a point.

No Crowe, Crighton or the suspended ex-Gowfer Sam Simpson in the home line-up but Greg McColm was back in central defence. There was little goalmouth action at either end in the opening half. Jay Yule had come closest but saw his parting shot slipping just past the post with only keeper Smith to beat. That and two long rangers from Ethan Samson which just cleared the bar, was the extent of the Gowfers' goal being threatened.

Gary Thain saved from Debembe as Carnoustie opened the second half strongly but neither goal was really troubled and a stalemate was looking increasingly on the cards. Things livened up in 70 minutes when visiting keeper Smith denied Jay and then Jamie Simpson headed just over from Ethan's corner. With nine minutes left Tayport took the lead. Ben Sivewright collected Jamie Gill's pass wide on the stand side and launched a ball into the far post where Jay was on hand to net his 25th goal of the season.

Tayport got a fright in 85 minutes when Debembe set up Christie, only for the sub to be denied by Gary Thain. The visitors weren't to be denied, however, and 7 minutes into added time, Johnston tricked Ben and saw his pass knocked home by Christie, ironically, perhaps, that the goal came in the time added on for introducing a substitute in the 90th minute to bolster the home defence.

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