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MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION - 28th MARCH 2026

TAYPORT v EAST CRAIGIE

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Andy Ballantine  
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Congratulations to North End for reaching the semi final of the Scottish Communities Cup with a 2-1 win at Johnstone Burgh last week.

Bobby Linn put the Dokens ahead in 48mins, and own goal from Barry O'Neill in 87 mins made it 2 before Kyle Lafferty, (yes, he who has 109 caps for Northern Ireland) gave the home side hope by reducing the leeway in 89 mins. North End survived a nerve wracking added time to make the last 4.

North End, who visit The Canniepairt next Wednesday, meet Auchinleck Talbot in the semi final 1st leg on Sunday 12th April and the 2nd leg in Ayrshire on 26th April.

Buchanhaven Hearts from Peterhead meet Largs Thistle in the other semi-final.

### Midweek WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Home v North End 28/36  
Midlands League Premier Division  
Kick off 6.45pm

### Next Saturday

Saturday 4th April  
Midlands League Premier Division 29/36  
Away v East Craigie  
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## THE CHAIRMAN...

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



I'd like to update our supporters on our position with the new tier 5 East Lowland League. Can I say, to date, we haven't received any official communication inviting Tayport FC into the new set up. We've been relying on the Midlands League Secretary for information and he has said that two clubs from our league will be offered an invitation. Ourselves and Lochee United are at present the only two clubs with licences, but Broughty Athletic are going through the application process and will know by the end of March if they are successful.

The club's position is that we'd love to be part of the new set up but after doing the maths, our present income falls well short of what will be required to compete in the new league. So, with heavy hearts, if the invitation does come, we can't put the club into a position we financially couldn't sustain.

Last Saturday we played out a 1-1 draw with Lochee United. There's no doubt they had the upper hand in the first period, but I felt we produced a much-improved performance after the interval and most definitely were robbed of all three points when we were denied a stonewall penalty with a few minutes remaining.

On Wednesday evening, it was another pleasing performance against a Downfield team which last Saturday rattled in seven goals against this afternoon's opponents.

Hopefully this afternoon we can continue that winning form but we'll need to start putting away some of the chances.

Enjoy the Game.

*Davie Baikie*



TAYPORT  
from

## TODAY'S TEAMS

EAST  
CRAIGIE  
from



1 gk	Gary THAIN
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN
2	Owen LUNAN
3	Nairn LOWE
4	Kieren CRIGHTON
5	Greg McCOLM
6	Jamie HUME
7	Sam SIMPSON
8	Ethan SAMSON
10	Jay YULE
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18	Ryan SMITH
19	Dale REID
21	Jamie TIMMONS
22	Fraser BURNETT

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Division  
27/36

Saturday  
28th March  
2026

Kick-off  
2.30pm

Referee:  
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CROMAR

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Vikki  
ROBERTSON

Assistant 2:  
Gary  
DENCHFIELD

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## HEADLINES FROM HISTORY APRIL 1992

Not a football match this week, but a Press report from 34 years ago on the club's Car Boot Sales

# Car boot sales to continue

TAYPORT Amateur Football Club are to be allowed to continue their car boots sales at the Canniepairt.

Members of the District Council's Recreation Committee agreed, on Tuesday, to permit the club to run their sales from this month until October.

Director of Recreation, Mr Andrew Kydd, in a report to the committee, said last year's sales — which had been monitored — had been held fortnightly.

"In the three years that the football club have organised car boot sales, their popularity has grown.

"In the early stages they attracted a handful of participants. This has now grown to such an extent that these sales are best described as mini-Ingliston markets

and are by far the largest and most popular car boots sales within North East Fife.

"The police have estimated that, on average, more than 500 cars and 4000 people are attracted to these sales during the course of a day."

Mr Kydd said the sales were very well organised, with 18 committee members involved at each event, four of them equipped with radios to deal mainly with parking and traffic.

There had been very few complaints, despite the influx of visitors and traffic. A complaint from a neighbouring proprietor about noise and indiscriminate parking had been investigated but it was found to have no justification.

The club, with four teams in action every Saturday, had had quite a

dramatic impact on junior football within Scotland in the last few years.

Proceeds from the sales, said Mr Kydd, were ploughed back into the club to meet normal running costs and to develop facilities within the ground.

Plans were being considered to further improve the ground by providing toilets for spectators, seated accommodation and a public address system as well as continuing with tree planting and landscaping.

"Without the income generated from car boot sales the club could not continue to operate at its present level. That would be detrimental to football, not only in Tayport, but throughout the district."



TODAY'S GAME  
TAYPORT v EAST CRAIGIE  
MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 27/36



This is our third meeting of the season with East Craigue and our second on The Canniepairt. We've won the previous two but are under no illusions that this will be nothing other than a challenging contest.

Like ourselves, Craigue haven't fared well against top five clubs (four clubs in our case). Their only win was against current league leaders Broughty Athletic in the first game of the season. That form wasn't maintained and Craigue could only muster a single win from their following 12 league games, although included in that run were creditable draws with Downfield and Lochee United. The fact that bottom of the league Letham's sole league point this season, was from a draw with Craigue, perhaps illustrates our visitors up and down form.

The youthful Craigue team's recent form has seen two wins sandwiched between two defeats, both from Downfield. Striker Lee Lorimer always poses a threat and he's netted more than half his team's goals in their last six games.

East Craigue's visit brings extra local interest to this afternoon's game. Local lad Kyle McMulkin who wore the Tayport colours at the start of this season, has been a regular Craigue starter.

Another Tayport based youngster, 16 years old Finlay Cockburn, who is on a dual contract with East Craigue and Ferry Athletic, played for the Shipbuilders against Downfield last week and will be anxious for a taste of action on his doorstep. Finlay



(pictured) who plays central midfield, has Tayport football in his blood. His father played for Tayport Amateurs, both his grandfathers were regulars in the '70s and two of his great grandfathers also wore the local team's colours, one of whom was selected for the Scotland Amateur International team ([www.tayportfcarchive.com](http://www.tayportfcarchive.com))

Tayport should have most of their squad available and it remains to be seen if George

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

**Still game – over-50s footballers set the pace**

BY ALAN WILSON

The importance of staying fit and healthy in old age is a well-known fact. It is a fact that is often overlooked, however, in a world where many people are living longer and longer, it is becoming increasingly important to stay fit and healthy. This is especially true for those who are over 50 years old. For many of these people, staying fit and healthy is not just a matter of personal well-being, but also a matter of social well-being. It is a fact that many of these people are still active and engaged in their communities, and that they are still able to enjoy life to the full. This is a testament to the power of staying fit and healthy, and it is a message that we should all take to heart.

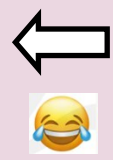


**Men's Shed set for expansion with help of £33,000 in council funding**

Expansion plans for Tayport Men's Shed have been given the go-ahead after a £33,000 grant from the council. The grant will be used to purchase a new shed and to fund the expansion of the club's activities. The club has a rapidly growing membership and is looking for more space to accommodate its members. The new shed will provide a dedicated space for the club's activities and will also provide a place for members to socialize and enjoy their hobby. The council's support is a testament to the club's commitment to the community and to the importance of staying fit and healthy in old age.

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Tayport's walking footballers were centre stage last weekend when they featured in a 2 page spread in Saturday's Courier. The article by Alan Wilson highlighted the importance of over '50s staying fit and healthy and the role played in this respect by the Friday walking football sessions.

Tayport FC's Walking Football section was founded some five years ago by Paul Berg and his late wife Glynis and last week's inter club tournament was in memory of Glynis who passed away two years past Friday.

Joining members for the occasion was North East Fife's MP Wendy Chamberlain, North East MSP Michael Marra and Willie Rennie the MSP for North East Fife. Michael, whose father Nick is a regular, joined in the action as did Willie.

Wendy Chamberlain MP restricted her role to that of an interested spectator whilst emphasising the benefits to older people of staying active as well as enjoying the social aspects of a Walking Football Club.



Pictured here are (back l-r) are Neil Macleod, Paul Berg, Nick Marra and Billy Moyes. Front - Willie Rennie and Jim McIlreavy. Neil and Billy were Tayport FC stalwarts in their younger day

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8	Ethan SAMSON	2	Sam SIMPSON
6	Nick MANN	1	Ben SIVEWRIGHT
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## SCOTLAND'S LINK WITH SEVILLA FC

When in Seville, Spain recently, a 'Port Supporter visited Seville FC and was surprised to see the mention of 'Dundee' in a display within the club's Estadio Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan. The article recognises that Seville FC, Spain's oldest football club, was founded in 1890 by Scotsman **Edward Johnston**, the club's first president.

### The Dundee Courier AND ARGUS.

No. 11,448. (ESTABLISHED 1816) MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1890. PRICE ONE HALFPENNY.

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(DE UN CORRESPONSAL DE SEVILLA.)

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(Lunes, 17 de marzo de 1890. Página 4, "The Dundee Courier")

#### FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH IN SPAIN

(FROM A SEVILLE CORRESPONDENT.)

... After a deal of talk and a limited consumption of small beer, the "Club de Football de Sevilla" was duly formed and office-bearers elected. It was decided we should play Association rules...

(Monday, March 17, 1890. Page 4, "The Dundee Courier")

THE DUNDEE COURIER AND ARGUS, MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1890.

**FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH IN SPAIN.**  
[FROM A SEVILLE CORRESPONDENT.]

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North End	22	19	1	2	89	15	74	58
Downfield	28	18	3	7	84	48	36	57
<b>Tayport</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>
Lochee United	27	16	3	8	90	42	48	51
Carnoustie	28	11	3	14	54	60	-6	36
East Craigue	27	7	7	13	49	78	-29	28
Kirrie Thistle	27	8	3	16	39	69	-30	27
Lochee Harp	30	6	2	22	28	97	-69	20
Letham	30	0	1	29	32	145	-113	1
DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blairgowrie	29	20	3	6	59	34	25	63
Violet	23	15	7	1	67	31	36	52
Forfar United	27	15	5	7	60	34	26	50
Montrose Roselea	29	11	8	10	62	65	-3	41
Arbroath Vics	27	10	6	11	52	55	-3	36
Coupar Angus	27	9	6	12	46	56	-10	33
St James	25	8	3	14	46	52	-6	27
Scone Thistle	26	7	4	15	46	72	-26	25
Forfar West End	25	6	4	15	41	60	-19	22
Brechin Vics	26	5	6	15	32	52	-20	21

## THE MANAGER....



Tayport Football Club would like to welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today for our home game against East Craigue

And we'd also like to wish the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of The Shipbuilders all the very best for the rest of season...after today... and a safe journey home across the the Bridge.

Jay Yule, Nairn Lowe and Jamie Hume all return to the squad today after missing last week's games v Lochee United. All returned in midweek and got some game time on Wednesday in our win over Downfield.

Following last week's result against Lochee United, when we were disappointed not to take all 3 points late on, I was pleased with the performance against Downfield which maintains pressure on the teams above us.

We now hope to continue to build on our league campaign and remain challenging at the top end of the league. We have some very important games coming up quick and fast and we are hopeful we can continue our recent good form against today's opponents.

Ross, Barry, Andy, Grant, Emma and myself would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hope you all enjoy the game today.

*George*

### April Fixtures (all Premier League)

Wed 1st North End (H)

Sat 4th East Craigue (A)

Sat 11th Downfield (A)

Wednesday 15th Carnoustie Panmure (A)

Sat 18th North End (H)

Sat 25th Broughty Athletic (A)

Wednesday 29th Lochee Harp (A)



## Bandages or Bollocks?

If you watch televised football matches you will have noticed the increasing number of players who have one of their hands/wrists bandaged up.

In the recent West Ham v Manchester City game, no fewer than five Man City players and one from West Ham had a wrist/hand strapped up with a white bandage. There's hardly an English Premier game which doesn't have at least one player with a sore(?) hand in need of a bandage. Recently there were 23 Premier players in one weekend with one hand/wrist bandaged up.

Is it an injury that's being protected or is it superstition, or worse, is it a fashion statement? There is of course a tendency for our local footballers to follow what they see on TV, so will we see it catching on in the Midlands League? Keep your eyes open!

On a similar topic, look at the number of players who play in socks with holes cut in the back of them, or in socks which have no feet in them and are replaced with white ankle socks. That's caught on. It's probably the manufacturers who have told them they'll be better players with bits of their socks missing. The football medical folk will no doubt tell us of the benefits but sceptics are not so sure. It's always a pity when you're the player looking for a whole sock and there are only holey ones left!



## TAYPORT FC 1996 SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP WINNERS BACKROOM STAFF



Back (l-r) Ryan Fenton (ballboy), Martin Gourlay (Lottery), Derek Eddie (ballboy), Linsey Boath (teabar), Cara Mathers (teabar), Billy Nelson (bingo) Mark Kirk (ballboy). Front - Elaine Whammond (players' boots), Elma Nelson (bingo), Yvonne Stewart (catering), Maureen Oswald (catering), Nicola Whammond (players' boots), Linda Whammond (cleaner). Absent when the photo was taken were Abby Walker and Davie Hughes (Groundsmen)

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## MATCH REPORT

**21st MARCH 2026**

**MIDLANDS LEAGUE 25/36 TAYPORT 1 v 1 LOCHEE UNITED**

Tayport's miserable record this season of failing to record a home win over a top five team continued last Saturday and it took a penalty kick ten minutes from time to secure a point.

The main talking point in a fairly scrappy game was probably the inconsistent performance of the referee but ultimately it was a good result for us, as Lochee were the better team on the day.

The visitors took the lead in 40 minutes when, following a Lochee corner kick, a poor clearance was picked up by Lennox Tandhar at the edge of the box and he belted the ball through static defenders into the net.

There had been few chances for either side as the game approached its final stages and 'Port grabbed their lifeline when substitute **Keiren Crighton** netted from the spot after a handball offence. Lochee finished the game with ten men, and there was little surprise that it was defender Paul Lunan for adding to his yellow card collection.

**25th MARCH 2026**

**MIDLANDS LEAGUE 26/36 TAYPORT v DOWNFIELD**

Tayport finally got a home win over a top five club and in so doing kept their first clean sheet in 7 games. The three points elevated us to fourth top of the table, five points behind Downfield in third place.

As the scoreline suggests, it was close and it was the first time this calendar year that the Spiders had failed to find their opponent's net. Some credit for that must go to keeper Gary Thain who made some fine stops. The goal was worthy of winning any game, a stunning rocket of a 30 yard free kick into the postage stamp corner after 65 minutes from **Keiren Crighton**. Downfield played the last five minutes with 10 men, Luke Owens being sent off for denying Dale Reid a goalscoring opportunity

The other midweek result was Lochee United 2-2 North End

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