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TAYPORT v DUNDEE NORTH END

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How disappointing that *The Courier* did not make more of North End's Scottish Cup semi final first leg tie v Auchinleck last Sunday.

North End are bidding to be the first Dundee based club to win this competition for 97 years, yet DCT's football reporters couldn't drag themselves away from their TVs to provide a match report.

A sizeable all ticket crowd, the first all ticket non-league tie in these parts in the 140 years history of the competition, was attracted to North End Park, yet all we get is a banal six paragraph piece alongside the twice as many paras covering Midlands Div 1 games.

And of course, being a semi-final there was another tie being played...but not a mention.

For the record it was Buchanhaven Hearts 1-1 Largs Thistle. Next legs are a week tomorrow

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

Midlands League Premier Division

Game 32/36

Carnoustie Panmure v Tayport

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Midlands League Premier Division

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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, North End, to the Canniepairt.



Today's game will be our last Saturday home game of the season, so this Programme will be our last edition this term, although we do have a midweek home fixture against Lochee Harp on Wednesday 29th April.

I must say I've never known a season where the fixtures have but so out of sync, 5/6 home games in a row then 5/6 away. It doesn't help any club who hope to plan hospitality. I'm not having a go at anyone as we did have something like 6/8 weeks without a game due to adverse weather.

The past half a dozen games have been quite favourable to us, apart from our home midweek against today's opponents, a 4-0 defeat, 3 victories and 2 draws. Last week's 6-1 win at Downfield must go down as our best performance of the season. Welcome but I must say, I didn't see that coming.

As you probably know, we will be hosting the first TayFest on 23rd May, and hopefully you will come along and enjoy the day. The main stage will host 6 acts with a possible 7th all the way from LA. The huge beer tent will host a number of solo acoustic sets. There will also be 6 fairground rides for the kids and lots more. Tickets are now on sale.

Today's opposition are once again top of the table and are the team to beat. The title is theirs to lose but they still have to get over the line. We're in their way, and hopefully we can produce a much better performance than we did last time out. If we can take into the game the form of last week's game, then we could maybe get something out of today's game.

Enjoy the Game

Davie Baillie



TAYPORT
from

TODAY'S TEAMS

NORTH END
from



1 gk	Gary THAIN
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN
2	Owen LUNAN
3	Nairn LOWE
4	Kieren CRIGHTON
5	Greg McCOLM
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31/36

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2026

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Ross
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99 gk	Daryl BURNS
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5	Ross JAMIESON
6	
7	Bobby LINN
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Record Victory

Tayport's 6-1 win last week at Downfield was the biggest ever of their 24 wins v the Spiders away from home, bettering a 5-1 win there in 2017.

Highest winning margin was 6-0 at Tayport, also in 2017, and the highest scoring of Tayport's 22 wins at Canniepairt was 7-2 in September 2000.



TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v NORTH END

MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 31/36



We welcome champions elect North End to the Canniepairt today. There might be a few bumps in the road as we move into the last few weeks of the season, but barring an unprecedented runs of defeats, the title is surely heading for Fairmuir Street.

This afternoon, we trust that Tayport will be doing their utmost to delay that arrival. We weren't at the races when North End recorded a fairly comprehensive win here at the beginning of the month and we also struggled at North End Park in the first game of the season. Such has been the turnover in the regular starting XI since then, that today's Tayport line-up will show at least six changes. Will the result change? We'll know by about 4.15 this afternoon!

North End could be playing as many as 57 games before the season ends - but that's the price of success. In Tayport's halcyon days of the nineties and noughties, most seasons finished after playing 50 + games. When you're winning every week you don't feel tired. North End didn't win last week and needed a last minute goal to beat Lochee Utd 2-1 on Wednesday, so hopefully they are a wee bit tired!

We didn't see the four goal margin of North End's semi-final 1st leg defeat coming, at home to Auchinleck on Sunday past, and the trip to Ayrshire on Sunday week is now a daunting one, but never say never.

When we met here at the start of this month, North End were sharper in thought and action all over the park and oozed confidence. Tayport certainly played in that manner at Downfield last week and hopefully we can see some of that today.

With Downfield knocking Broughty off the top of the table with a 4-3 win on Wednesday night, North End's midweek win took them back to the top.

An interesting match awaits us.

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

The last couple of months have been busy ones for the Walking Football Club. At the end of March we had the well documented visit to one of our training sessions by 2 MSPs and 1 MP.

Michael Marra MSP comes to training from time to time, as his father Nick is a regular player. Willie Rennie had heard about walking football from a statement Michael made at Holyrood, in which he praised the benefits of walking football for both its physical and mental wellbeing in older people, both men and women. Michael also spoke highly of Tayport Walking Football Club, and this led to Michael and Willie Rennie, our North East Fife MSP, and Wendy Chamberlain, MP for the same constituency, coming along to the Regional Performance Centre last month.

Both Michael and Willie took part in the complete session, from the 20 minute warm up, through to the 3 games of 6 a side we played. Wendy watched on for the whole session. Following the conclusion of the session, all 3 visitors joined the players for refreshments in the main building, something we have after every session, and an important part of the club's social side.

We had fantastic coverage in *The Courier* the next day, thanks to them sending a reporter and photographer along. Both Michael and Willie have put reels out on social media saying what a great sport it is, and showing them both playing.

To emphasise the social side of our club, we had a hospitality day at the Caniepairt the following Saturday v East Craigie, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tomorrow is our next set of league games at the Regional Performance Centre, and we hope, despite being without key players due to injury, holidays and Celtic playing in the Cup semi-final, to have both our teams giving good performances, thus maintaining their strong league positions.

We have also accepted an invitation to the Dunfermline Dynamos Tournament next month.

As this is the last programme of the season, we will continue updating the Walking Football Facebook page, and if you or anyone you know, male or female, may be interested in finding out more about Walking Football, just contact me on 07831-535555, or email: tfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com

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30th ANNIVERSARY

SCOTLAND on SUNDAY 12th MAY 1996

Silvery Tayport and deeds of valour

It is all a question of direction for Tayside's leading football sides. In one of the biggest mass exoduses from Tayside since Sydney Davine last played the Whitehall Theatre, 8,000 Dundee United and 2,500 Tayport fans will hope to regroup on the A80 north of Glasgow to discuss how the west was won.

The division extends to Tayport's Canniepart ground. To the west, in the factory shadow of their sponsors Scott & Fyffe, is an overgrown dark green, corrugated iron garage and a bulldozed terrace. It all looks very junior league. To the east, however, things seem rosier. At the end of a line of pine trees, there is a very welcoming two-storey changing pavilion. In the background, beyond the dormant funfair, the placid Tay gently mirrors Broughty Ferry two miles across the river. It is the closest Tayport gets to Tayside.

Yet the fifters have been one of the region's greatest football success stories. They are the only team from the Tayside league to have reached a Scottish Cup final twice. In fact Tayside has only had two other

finalists; Dundee Violet, who won the trophy in 1929, and Lochess Harp, who lost in 1954. The tale is all the more remarkable given that Tayport were an amateur team six years ago. In their inaugural 1991 season, they won the Second Division and their now traditional handful of cups. Since then they have won every First Division title.

A major factor in their meteoric rise is their manager, Dave Baikie. Much respected by his players, when he talks the silver whiskers in the centre of his ginger moustache dance like magic wands. Having disposed in the Cup so far of Banchory, Lochgelly, Stoneywood, Bon Accord, Kirkintilloch Rob Roy and Auchinleck, the locals are under his spell. "It's a village, so right away the team has an identity," relates Baikie. "You know they used to say Tayport, where's that? Not now. We're the best-supported team in the

league and we have guys who want to come and play for success."

In Tayport they like to think that they are wheeling junior football away from the blood and snorter trenches of Ayrshire. Their discipline has paid dividends as the side now boasts four junior internationalists, in-

Brechin, got himself fit and in the shop window. Now he's in the Premier Division. It's definitely going on up here and it's certainly more fun than in the lower leagues where you're struggling to get win bonuses. Here I'm in a winning team and the crack's great every Saturday."

did they arrive wet behind the ears, but thanks to motorway maintenance they arrived at Firhill with only 40 minutes to spare. By the time Baikie had got rid of the well-wishers from the dressing-room and the team had had a warm-up, there was only ten minutes left for a team talk. Even that was scuppered as the TV crew burst in and started interviewing team members. By the time the dazed and confused Fifters reached the pitch, they had forgotten how to attack and played out a lifeless game which Glenafton eventually won by a single goal.

This time Baikie thinks he's got it right, and he feels only good omens. "Having beaten Auchinleck at Fir Park in the semi-final and Camelon the last time we played them, we have a 100 per cent cup record for the ground and our opposition. This cup is our destiny."

Cynics may argue that the Scottish Junior Cup couldn't find itself back to Tayside with a very detailed map and Sir Ranulph Fiennes in the vanguard. The village expects otherwise and they plan to boost the dormant carnival into life.

Unlimited success has followed a Fife village team. Victory tomorrow would eclipse it all, says Philip Dorward

'They used to say Tayport, where's that? Not now. We're the league's best-supported team and we have guys who want to come and play'

cluding defender Grant Paterson. Like many in junior football, he had, with St Johnstone, his shot at the big time. He's not bitter, in fact he still believes that Tayside is a fertile breeding ground for talent. "A good friend of mine is Marc Miller of Dunfermline who played with me in the amateurs. He got in at

By the end of the afternoon, success may well depend on which side has best learned past lessons. Camelon's spur is simple, revenge. Tayport were the last team to beat Camelon in the cup and that was a healthy two years and 19 games ago.

For Tayport, there is a bigger itch to scratch. In 1993, not only

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Downfield	32	20	3	9	91	59	32	63
Tayport	30	19	4	7	93	50	43	61
Lochee United	30	17	3	10	92	45	47	54
Carnoustie	32	15	3	14	63	62	1	48
Kirrie Thistle	30	9	3	18	43	73	-30	30
East Craigue	30	7	7	16	52	86	-34	28
Lochee Harp	30	6	2	23	28	103	-75	20
Letham	32	1	1	30	33	148	-115	4
DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blairgowrie	33	20	4	9	62	42	20	64
Violet	28	18	9	1	77	38	39	63
Forfar United	31	16	7	8	65	40	25	55
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Arbroath Vics	31	12	6	13	57	59	-2	42
Coupar Angus	31	11	6	14	54	62	-8	39
St James	30	9	5	16	55	62	-7	32
Forfar West End	30	9	4	17	47	65	-18	31
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THE MANAGER....



Tayport Football Club would like to welcome everyone to The Canniepairt today for our game against Dundee North End

We'd like to wish the management, coaching staff, committee and supporters of North End FC all the very best for the rest of season and a safe journey home across the Tay Bridge.

We have Fraser Burnett and Ryan Smith still out long term injured, but Alan Cunningham our new signing from Letham Lads Club, returns to the squad today after missing last week's game at Downfield. I would also like to let our supporters know that we have 15 of our squad signed up for next season and have been talking to other players in order to strengthen our squad for next season.

After last week's result against Downfield we have challenged the players to try and finish the season with as many wins as possible. On that note, we hope we can put in a similar performance today and thus maintain pressure on the teams around us. We now only have six league games left of this campaign and we hope to finish as high up the league as we can. With some very important games fast coming up for all the teams, we are hopeful this can continue today against opponents who will be looking to put last week's Scottish Cup semi final 1st leg defeat behind them.

As this will be the last programme of the season, Ross, Barry, Andy, Grant, Emma and myself would like to thank everyone for their support this season and hope you all enjoy the game today. *George*

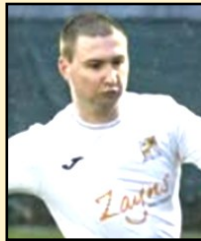


MATCH REPORTS

28th MARCH 2026

MIDLANDS LEAGUE 27/36 TAYPORT 3 v 1 EAST CRAIGIE

Tayport had new signing Alan Cunningham from Letham (pictured) on the bench and what a debut he had, scoring with literally his first touch for his new club after being introduced midway through the second half to put his side into the lead. Another sub, Jamie Gill, made the points safe when he netted the third with a fine diving header in added time. Dale Reid was unavailable and Keiren Crighton injured but otherwise Tayport's starting 11 was unchanged. Craigie shocked the locals when Owen Moir gave them the lead after only 11 minutes but as half time approached Tayport levelled with an opportunist header from top scorer Jay Yule. Tayport would finish with ten men when Jamie Hume collected a second yellow card, both for tackles which, on another day and with another referee, would not have received such harsh punishment.



1st APRIL 2026

MIDLANDS LEAGUE 28/36 TAYPORT 0 v 4 NORTH END

North End showed just why they are champions elect in this Wednesday performance. From the moment Bobby Linn put the visitors ahead after 10 minutes, there was only going to be one winner. Former 'Port player Ryan Paterson, just signed from Lochee United, made it 2 on the stroke of half time. North End were sharper team in both thought and action, and second half goals from Paterson and another former 'Port man, and recent signing, the veteran Grant Lawson sealed the win.

4th APRIL 2026

MIDLANDS LEAGUE 29/36 EAST CRAIGIE 1 v 2 TAYPORT

Still without the suspended Jamie Hume, Tayport reshuffled at the back with Greg starting and Ben and Jamie T. on the bench. It may have been Easter Saturday but, with the freezing rain battering down in Dundee, it seemed more like a cold afternoon in February.



Within a minute, Tayport were behind when Jordan Garden exploited a gap down Tayport's left and then waltzed past a hesitant Gary Thain to find the net from a tight angle. Within three minutes, Tayport were level when Dale nipped in to head home a corner and within another four minutes Stefan had fired home a 22 yarder to put Tayport in front. And that was that.

Tayport did have a couple of chances to increase their lead but a profligate Jay (pictured), the League's equal top scorer missed a couple of opportunities which might have increased his already impressive total for the season.

30th Anniversary

DAILY RECORD MONDAY 13th MAY 1996

CRACK OUT THE PORT "N CIGARS

Stevie's wonder double seals it

TINY Stevie Ross wrestled the Scottish Junior Cup away from Camelon at Fir Park yesterday.

The Tayside terror - the smallest man on the field - grabbed the extra time double which earned his side the cup.

First, he stopped to HEAD the ball past Camelon keeper Alan Banner for his side's crucial opener.

Then he broke the Stirlingshire club's double dreams by grabbing a hugely-controversial second seven minutes from the end.

The Taysiders' first Scottish Cup win eased the pain of their final defeat by Glenafton three years ago.

Yet Ross could have saved his side the bother of overtime when he came close to netting the winner in 87 minutes.

The little winger burst through to unleash a shot from the edge of the area.

But Banner kept his side's hopes alive - for another half hour at any rate - with a superb driving save.

However, Ross would not be denied and his crucial strike came just five minutes into the extra period.

Striker Dave Reilly, who earlier had passed up three chances, drove the ball against the wall of Camelon players.

It rebounded to Gary Maher

HERE'S TAY US

Mighty mite Ross is just that wee bit extra special

TAYPORT tot Stevie Ross couldn't believe he was the head man in yesterday's Junior Cup Final day.

The 5ft 6in winger set the Dundee side on their way to glory with an extra-time header.

And he grinned: "You don't score many goals with your head when you're my size! In fact, I don't even REACH many balls in the air."

"I've scored 25 goals this season but very few have been headers."

"The boys have believed we could win the cup right from round one this season."

"Now we've proved we are

By IAIN CAMPBELL

the best team in Scotland. "It's been a great day - the highlight of my career. The first goal was certainly the most important I've ever scored."

"To be honest I didn't think I played that well - but we got the win and that's what matters."

Delighted Tayport boss Dave Baikie revealed he had used the film *Dumb and Dumber* to relax his nervous heroes.

He grinned: "The guys call Steve Stewart and Grant Miller Dumb and Dumber so we got the film to show on the bus."

"I felt we made mistakes when we lost the final three years ago because we were too tense."

But we learned from that

and we've kept the whole thing very low key."

The Tayport boss praised hero Ross. He said: "He's a big game player - he scored in the semi as well."

The Taysiders now need eight points from their next eight games to retain their league crown.

Disappointed Camelon boss George Fairley admitted: "We didn't quite have the cutting edge. But it's a great achievement to get here for the second year on the trot."

"I was happy enough with the way the team played - but not with the result."

"We were lucky in the semi-final against Pollok, though, so maybe things have balanced out. I've got no complaints."

TAYPORT CAMELON 2 0

By IAIN CAMPBELL

who floated the ball back into the danger area for Ross - less than 5ft 6ins - to cheekily head it past Banner.

And the little fellow completed a dream afternoon when he grabbed Tayport's cliché just seven minutes from the final whistle.

Camelon claimed he was well offside when he diverted a pass from sub Alan Ramsay into the goal.

It was painful for Camelon who had been dreaming of a rare back-to-back cup success.

They had pledged to dedicate the cup to the suffering town of nearby Dunblane.

That wasn't to be - but at

least striker Dave Flynn could offer the consolation of handing over a cheque for £100 to the appeal fund as the tournament's top scorer.

Reilly was given a glimpse of the frustration that was in store when he passed up an open goal in just five minutes.

It gave the Taysiders confidence that this could be their day and Sean Bonnar did well to cut out a Grant Miller cross.

Reilly's frustration continued when he headed a Steve Stewart cross narrowly wide before the holders began to inch their way into the match.

Alan McGoigall volleyed just wide from the edge of the area. Then Smith curled the ball close after the influential Bonnar set him up 20 yards out.

Camelon had come right back into the match, but it was Flynn who stopped them going ahead 11 minutes from the

break. Chris McKenzie was ready to unleash a shot at Fraser Mann's goal from just inside the area when the striker inexplicably took the ball off his toe.

He passed to Bonnar but the real opportunity had gone and the midfielder shot wide.

The second period was a nervy affair.

There was a scare for Tayport in the 50th minute when Mann totally missed a Bonnar corner and Mark Spalding was forced to put the ball out for a corner.

Unlucky Reilly was left shaking his head in frustration again three minutes later.

The dangerous Ross swept another super cross into the area. Reilly's header looked nebulously, but cannoned off Banner's legs to safety.

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11th APRIL 2026
MIDLANDS LEAGUE 30/36 DOWNFIELD 1 v 6 TAYPORT

Those who missed this match missed six magnificent goals as Tayport won this six pointer against a Spiders team fresh from beating Champions elect and Scottish Cup semi finalists North End in midweek. Downfield lined up with Jamie Crowe, a recent transfer from Tayport in their line-up but he rarely got a sniff. Tayport were up for it from the start and got their reward.



Dale Reid (pic celebrating) was in sparkling goal scoring form, netting 4 goals, with Ethan and Jay adding the others.
22 mins - fine shot from Dale; 25mins - Etham powered home a header following a great run and cross from Jay. 50 mins - superb run down the left and equally fine finish from Dale; 55mins - Jay in on the act with No. 4, a well timed run and accurate finish;
67 minutes - a slight blemish on the scoreline when James Simpson and Gary Thain left a ball to each other allowing a hopeful ball from Kerr Hay end up in the net; 87 mins - a thunderbolt of a first timer from Dale; 89 mins - Dale tied up the scoring with another fine finish. Six of the best!



How will Premier Division finish?

Points	Now	Max
North End	67	97
Broughty	65	83
Downfield	63	75
Tayport	61	79
Lochee Utd	54	72

By winning their last 4 games, Carnoustie can get 60 points but Lochee need only to take six points from their last 6 games to overtake them.
It's pretty clear, then, which clubs will finish in the top five places. But, in what order?
Broughty and North End are scheduled to meet each other twice before the end of the season. Two wins for Broughty might change the picture but the bookies have the Dokens as odds on favourites

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