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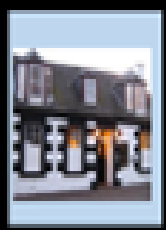

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Front cover: Tayport players celebrate Nairn Lowe's goal at Downfield last week.
Photo courtesy of Murray Allan

Next Saturday, 10th October
Midlands League 11/36
Brechin Vics v Tayport
Kick-off 2.30pm

NEXT HOME GAME
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER (TBC)

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THE CHAIRMAN...



Good afternoon an a warm welcome to the players and officials of today's visitors Wick Academy for this Scottish Gas Cup 1st Round tie. May I also extend a warm welcome our fans.

We've had a successful couple week since the last edition of the Port Prog. That day we overcame St Andrews United in the 3rd Preliminary Round of this competition. I felt we deserved the 2-1 victory on the day and both our goals were special finishes that would grace any level of Football.

We followed that good win with a 9-0 away thrashing of North Region's Islavale. A Dale Reid goal in less than a minute set us on our way. 8 goals would follow. Down the years we've sometimes struggled to get over the line at places like Islavale but certainly not this time around.

Last weekend I was asked to make the trek to Lossiemouth to have look at today's opponents. Wick triumphed 4-3 on the day and I saw enough to think we'll have to be at our best today.

By all accounts I missed a good win at Downfield which is never an easy place to go. So, I'm sure the 2-0 win would have pleased the manager.

So, all in all, we've had a very good September to date, can we top it off with a victory this afternoon? My thought is, we can, but it will take a strong disciplined performance from our players. Do so, then we'll have earned ourselves a place in round 2. Enjoy the Game.

Support the Port

Davie Baikie

TODAY'S TEAMS

TAYPORT from		WICK ACADEMY FC from	
1 gk	Darren CLARKSON	1 gk	Lewis GALLACHER
22 gk	Jordi DUNCAN	25 gk	Kyle BAIN
2	Owen LUNAN	2	Brandon SINCLAIR
3	Nairn LOWE	3	Toby SUTHERLAND
4	Kieren CRIGHTON	4	Jack HENRY
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16	Ben SIVEWRIGHT	21	Graham MACNAB
17	Paul LUNAN	22	Kieran MACGREGOR
18	Andy BALLANTINE	23	Gordy MACNAB
19	Dale REID	24	Stuart CAMPBELL
		26	Jas MACKINTOSH
		27	Ryan CAMPBELL
		28	Jason SCOTT
		29	Owen RANDALL

Scottish Gas

Scottish Gas Scottish Cup Round 1

TAYPORT v WICK ACADEMY FC

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Kick-off 3pm

Referee: Clyde BUCHAN

Assistant 1: Nathan CLAC-MANSFIELD

Assistant 2: Shaunlee OGILVIE

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WICK ACADEMY 1
TAYPORT JUNIORS..... 2

Tayport made the 500-mile round trip last weekend to play the country's most isolated Senior club when visiting Harmsworth Park for a friendly against Wick Academy, who finished 10th in the Highland League last season.

Tayport's travelling squad contained no new faces, but new manager, Kenny Bunce, had to do without Stewart, Miller and Nicolson who were unavailable.

Skipper Sean Wilkie was in the travelling party but has yet to resume training following his horrific injury at the end of last season.

On a beautiful afternoon at Harmsworth Park, Tayport quickly showed they meant business when they forced two early corners. Cameron, who was to enjoy a good match in an unfamiliar midfield role, sparked off a move between D. Reilly and Gray which saw the Wick goal briefly under threat.

Tayport took the lead after 15 minutes from the penalty spot when Ross, in attempting to reach Gray's cross, was pushed by McDougall. Coventry blasted the kick high out of Thomson's reach.

Wick's Sutherland fired well over as the Highland team tried to get back on terms but Tayport were on top. D. Reilly missed a good chance from a Gray cross then 'keeper Thomson denied Ramsay with a fine diving save.

Gray was giving both full-backs a torrid time as Tayport, playing up the slope, continued to call the tune. Cameron sent Ross clean through but he put his shot wide. Then Cameron himself had a chance but goalkeeper Thomson was equal to the effort.

Tayport were rocked back on their heels two minutes from the break when Wick snatched an equaliser. A run and cross from left back McDougall was cleared by Buist at the expense of a corner. The kick was poorly defended, allowing Hughes to scramble the ball past Mann.

The locals were becoming restless as Wick continued to struggle to make the expected impact on the game and the second half was only 12 minutes old when Tayport regained their lead. Cameron knocked the ball out wide to Gray on the edge of the box and the number 11 coolly took aim and - cute as you like - lofted the ball over the stranded goalkeeper.

Their pride dented, Wick tried hard to get back on terms and, after Buist had lost possession to Hughes, Connelly crashed a shot just over Mann's bar.

Goalkeeper Thomson was again in action, saving well from Hutcheon at the expense of a corner as Tayport ran out worthy winners.

Tayport: Mann, Spalding, Paterson, Cameron, Buist, P. Reilly Ross, Ramsay, D. Reilly (Hutcheon 30), Coventry, Gray.

Tayport's build-up to the start of the season on August 16 continues tomorrow with a game against Armadale Thistle.

WE'VE MET BEFORE - 29 YEARS AGO

Tayport and **Wick** have met on one previous occasion, a pre season friendly up north in **1997**.

The ***Fife Herald's*** match report reminds us that it was new manager Kenny Bunce's first game in charge, having taken over from present chairman Davie Baikie who had moved to Arbroath FC where he would have a very successful tenure

TODAY'S GAME

TAYPORT v WICK ACADEMY

Scottish Gas Scottish Cup 1st ROUND

This afternoon we have a match which is important to both clubs. Realistically, of course, neither side can see themselves running out at Hampden in May, but the important factor today is all about prestige and the kudos that comes with getting their club's name into the hat for the next round.

Both clubs will fancy their chances. Highland League Wick, despite their current lowly league placing are in tier 5, a tier above Tayport in the Scottish Football Pyramid, and this status will give them the favourite's tag. Of course, it doesn't always work out that way. Tayport will look at the tier 5 Lowland League table and see newcomers Lochee United a mere 8 points off the top of the table, the same Lochee team which finished in 5th spot in last season's Midlands League. Lochee, being a licensed club, had accepted an invitation to step up to join the revamped tier 5 Lowland League structure.



New manager bounce

Wick's new manager, Ewan McElroy from Halkirk United in the North Caledonian League, quickly showed he meant business in his debut match at Lossiemouth last week when he selected five players who hadn't been in the starting XI against Fraserburgh the previous Saturday.

He got off to a flying start, picking up full points from a 4-3 win at Lossiemouth, a first win away from home this season. Indeed, it was Academy's first away win for six months and the first time they had scored four goals on their travels since April 2024. The side's top scorer this season, 19 years old Euan Kennedy (pictured), grabbed a double and will surely be in the mood for more today.

Tayport took the opportunity two weeks ago in Keith v Islavale to give game time to all fit members of their squad. It was a win which was the club's biggest, since another 9-0 win under Willie Garner's stewardship at Harthill Royal way back in 2010.

Ross Lunan is unlikely to make many, if any, changes today from last week's winning line-up at Downfield where, in a keenly fought contest, Tayport deservedly picked up the points. This afternoon is only Tayport's second home game since August and the locals will be looking for a repeat result from that last game, the cup win in the derby v St Andrews United.

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WICK ACADEMY...THE SEASON SO FAR

Banks o' Dee	2 - 0	Wick Academy	League
Wick Academy	0 - 2	Strathspey Thistle	League
Brora Rangers	8 - 0	Wick Academy	League
Wick Academy	0 - 2	Turriff United	League
Huntly	3 - 0	Wick Academy	League
Wick Academy	1 - 2	Invergordon	League
Rothes	3 - 2	Wick Academy	League
Keith	4 - 1	Wick Academy	League
Wick Academy	4 - 3	Thurso FC	North of Scotland Cup
Wick Academy	1 - 0	Forres Mechanics	League
Wick Academy	2 - 1	Fraserburgh	League Cup
Nairn County	2 - 0	Wick Academy	League
Wick Academy	2 - 3	Fraserburgh	League
Lossiemouth	3 - 4	Wick Academy	League

As we see, Wick Academy FC had a sticky start to their league campaign, failing to score in their first five matches and losing their first eight. However there's been an upward turn since their win over Forres Mechanics and things are looking considerably brighter

THE ROAD AND THE MILES TO WICK

The Proclaimers might want to walk 500 miles. Wick Academy FC are not walking 500 miles this weekend but their round bus trip to play here is almost exactly that distance! .
The club's players all hail from Caithness apart from Jason Scott and Owen Rendall, both of whom cross the Pentland Firth from the Orkney Islands for home games.

Wick is the furthest flung of the clubs in the top five tiers in the Scottish Pyramid but travel is no hindrance to the Scorries. Every away game in the Highland League sees the club chalk up a significant mileage. Tayport's **furthest** trip in a League season is a 65 mile round trip to Montrose. Wick's **shortest** is a 92 mile round trip for the local derby with Brora Rangers. Lossiemouth last week was a 290 mile round trip whilst Banks o' Dee is a 400 mile trip.



Tayport FC Walking Footballers pictured at the Regional Performance centre in Dundee earlier this year to celebrate the 6th Anniversary of TFC Walking Football.

Back row: Neil Mcleod, Paul Berg, Nick Marra, Billy Moyes, Jim McDonald, Ian Scott, Gordon Gourlay, Kenny Sturrock, Neil Doherty, Alan Wallace, Martin Jamieson, Alan Gray, Guest Player, John McMaster, Malcolm Wilson, Andy Blackburn, Paul Davidson, Harry Gordon, Bill Ramsay (referee). **Front row:** Willie Rennie, Jimmy McIlravey, Fergus Mann, Bruce Peebles, Tom Malone, Gav Gowans, Mike Bruce, Colin Hardie, Frank Feechan, Ally Reid, Michael Marra
Willie Rennie is an Member of the Scottish Parliament and Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats while Michael Marra is also a Member of the Scottish Parliament and is the new Leader of the Scottish Labour Party

THE MANAGER....



It's great to welcome everyone from Wick Academy to The Canniepairt for today's Scottish Cup tie. Hopefully everyone travelling down has a safe journey and enjoys the day.

We come into the game off the back of a really good 2-0 win against Downfield last Saturday. I was delighted with the performance. I thought the boys were excellent, and more importantly, we looked like a proper team. Everyone worked for each other, we defended well and we took our chances when they came. As a manager, that's what you want to see. You can talk about tactics and football all day, but the attitude and togetherness of the players is massive. Last Saturday the boys showed that, and hopefully we can bring the same attitude into today's game.

The Scottish Cup is always a great competition to be involved in and these are the days you look forward to as a player and as a manager. Wick Academy will come here looking to spoil the party and we know it will be a tough game. We'll have to earn the right to play our football and compete for every ball.

I also want to mention the supporters. The backing we've had has been brilliant, and it doesn't go unnoticed by the players or the management team. Whether it's home or away, we really appreciate everyone who takes the time to come and support us.

Enjoy the game and get right behind the boys.
Ross Lunan
Tayport FC Manager

Scottish Communities Cup v Johnstone Burgh

The 3rd round draw paired Tayport FC with Johnstone Burgh on The Canniepairt. But when? That is the question! But what is the answer?
When we went to print, the Midlands website had this tie scheduled for 17 October but Johnstone Burgh are scheduled to play at home to Gretna in a Lowland League fixture that day. Next week, Burgh are at home to Eglinton FC in a South Challenge Cup 3rd rd tie, and if Burgh win today at Newton Stewart, they will play a 2nd round Scottish Cup tie on the 24th with Lowland League fixtures scheduled for the following two Saturdays. Given the Lowland League's enthusiasm for the Communities Cup, changes are unlikely, but one never knows...

VETERANS' DAY!



STEFAN ELVIN receives a well deserved **Tayport Distillery Man of the Match** award following our win over Carluke Rovers earlier in this competition.



The award is sponsored by our Canniepairt neighbours, Tayport Distillery.

Stefan, who celebrated his 37th birthday earlier this week, will be pulling on a Tayport shirt for the 214th time this afternoon. It would have been very many more had Stefan not taken a lengthy break from 2013, only returning to action in 2024. Stefan first signed for Tayport FC from Dundee FC in 2008 before his 'retiral' in 2013 to pursue work related activity. Eleven years later he made his comeback and has been a regular since.



Wick Academy FC 's veteran **DAVIE ALLAN,** recently hitting 450 appearances, is a month older than Stefan, and is in his 18th season at Harmsworth Park.

Although spending the early part of last month on the bench, Davie has been on from the start in the Scorries last two games and last week was a goalscorer and goalmaker in the win at Lossiemouth.

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MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Tier 6)

Broughty Ath.	10	9	1	0	42	6	36	28
Carnoustie	12	9	0	3	41	14	27	27
Tayport	10	8	0	2	28	11	17	24
East Craigie	12	7	2	3	30	23	7	23
Blairgowrie	12	7	1	4	34	24	10	22
North End	9	7	0	2	33	12	21	21
Kirrie Thistle	11	6	2	3	35	36	-1	20
Downfield	11	6	1	4	24	20	4	19
Letham	11	6	0	5	30	32	-2	18
Arbroath Vics	11	5	1	5	19	24	-5	16
Forfar United	11	4	2	5	30	24	6	14
Montrose	11	4	1	6	25	27	-2	13
D'dee Violet	11	4	1	6	17	21	-4	13
St James	11	4	1	6	18	32	-14	13
Forfar W.E.	10	3	2	5	19	25	-6	11
Lochee Harp	11	2	1	8	15	26	-11	7
Coupar Angus	11	2	1	8	14	36	-22	7
Scone Thistle	12	2	1	9	22	46	-24	7
Brechin Vics	11	0	0	11	7	44	-37	0

HIGHLAND LEAGUE (Tier 5)

Brora Rangers	12	10	2	0	48	10	38	32
Inverurie Loco	13	7	5	1	29	18	9	26
Formartine	12	6	4	2	23	16	7	22
Fraserburgh	11	6	3	2	24	10	14	21
Strathspey Th	12	6	2	5	24	16	8	20
Forres Mech	12	6	2	4	21	15	6	20
Buckie Thistle	11	6	1	4	30	16	14	19
Banks o' Dee	12	5	4	3	28	24	4	19
Clachnacuddin	11	4	5	2	24	11	13	17
Turriff United	12	5	1	6	16	17	-1	16
Huntly	12	4	3	5	23	20	3	15
Nairn County	12	3	5	4	16	19	-3	14
Lossiemouth	12	4	2	6	16	26	-10	14
Deveronvale	12	3	3	6	16	20	-4	12
Keith	12	3	3	6	18	29	-11	12
Invergordon	12	3	1	8	15	35	-20	10
Wick Academy	12	2	0	10	11	34	-23	6
Rothes	11	1	0	10	8	52	-44	3

Invergordon replaced Brechin City who have moved to the Lowland League





The guys from TAYPORT PREMIER .....

Tayport's

CITIZENS of the YEAR 2026

Wick Academy FC's Scottish Cup History

Wick first qualified for the Scottish Cup in both **1933** and **1935** but lost both games away to Second Division opponents, the now defunct **St Bernard's** and **Kings Park.** Qualifying again in **1956,** Wick recorded their first Scottish Cup win, beating **Girvan** by 4-3. Following election to the Highland League in 1994, Wick qualified for the Scottish Cup in **2001** but in front of the BBC cameras, lost 3-2 at home to **Threave Rovers.**

2008 - Academy made the 361 mile journey to Kirkcudbright where a Gary Weir hat -trick earned a 3-0 win v **St Cuthbert Wanderers.** After drawing 0-0 at Meadowbank in the next round, the Scorries lost the replay at home to **Edinburgh City** by 4-1.

The following season Academy reached the 3rd Round and were 4-2 up at home to **Brechin City** before conceding two late goals and losing the replay 4-2.

2012 - Wick won 2-0 away to **Spartans** and supported by over 200 travelling fans, were unlucky losing 1-0 at **Berwick Rangers** to a soft last minute penalty.

2015 - Wick won replays at **Whitehill Welfare** and home to **Nairn County** before **Linlithgow Rose** drew 2-2 at Wick and won the replay.

2016 - a 3-1 win at **Dalbeattie Star** and a 4-1 home win v **Whitehill Welfare** set up a 3rd Round tie at Stirling Albion but Academy lost 2-0.

Over the next three years Wick suffered single goal defeats, 0-1 in a replay away to **University of Stirling**, 1-2 at home to **Auchinleck Talbot** and 0-2 at **Inverurie Loco.**

2020 - a Covid restricted crowd of 300 at Harmsworth Park saw Wick beat **Musselburgh Athletic** on the Monday evening before Christmas but there were no spectators allowed for the next round on Boxing Day (and no food or showers either!) when Wick lost 2-0 at **Cowdenbeath**.

2021 - a 2-2 draw at Wick meant two trips to **Bo'ness United**. The first replay was abandoned and Bo'ness won 4-1 in the second replay on the Tuesday evening.

2022 - after beating **Lochee United** 5-1 and then **Benburb** 2-0 at home, Wick lost 6-0 at **Falkirk.** The next season Jeanfield Swifts won 3-1 at Harmsworth Park and in 2024 there were no replays, so after drawing 2-2 at **Huntly**, the tie went to penalties, Wick losing 5-3.

Last season, after a 5-0 win v **Rothes** in round 2, Wick again welcomed **Benburb** to Harmsworth. Sir Alex Ferguson had given his local boyhood club a generous donation enabling them to travel up north on the Friday and be refreshed enough to win 8-7 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

Tayport went out of the competition that same afternoon, losing 0-2 at Dumbarton FC. Four weeks later Tayport would also play Benburb, losing 1-2 at Govan in the Scottish Communities ((Junior) Cup.

THIS AFTERNOON'S'S SCOTTISH GAS SCOTTISH CUP 1st ROUND TIES

Beith Juniors v Huntly
Bo'ness United v Irvine Meadow XI
Bonnyton Thistle v East Stirlingshire
Brechin City v Buckie Thistle
Caledonian Braves v Fraserburgh
Civil Service Strollers v Formartine United
Clachnacuddin v Bonnyrigg Rose
Cumnock Juniors v Auchinleck Talbot *
Cowdenbeath v Berwick Rangers
Deveronvale v Troon
Dunipace v Preston Athletic
Forres Mechanics v University of Stirling
Gala Fairydean Rovers v Largs Thistle
Haddington Athletic v Cumbernauld Colts
* played last night

Hill of Beath v Glasgow University
Keith v Stonehaven
Kirkintilloch Rob Roy v Banks O'Dee
Linlithgow Rose v Clydebank
Lochee United v Inverurie Loco Works
Musselburgh Athletic v Lossiemouth
Nairn County v Gretna 2008
Newton Stewart v Johnstone Burgh
Penicuik Athletic v Kilwinning Rangers
Pollok v Albion Rovers
Renfrew v Broxburn Athletic
Rothes v Brora Rangers
Strathspey Thistle v Dalbeattie Star
Tayport v Wick Academy
Threave Rovers v Invergordon

Fife, Angus and Dundee clubs are highlighted. Some interesting pairings catch the eye. For example, last night's meeting between the former Junior Old Firm of Cumnock and Auchinleck, and this afternoon, the meeting of two former SPFL clubs, Cowdenbeath and Berwick Rangers. Some lengthy treks too, as well as Wick's, there's Troon to Banff, Gretna to Nairn, Dalbeattie to Grantown on Spey but pipping them all is Highland League newcomers, Invergordon's trip to Castle Douglas to meet Threave Rovers.

Tayport v the Highland League

Although over the years we've played the occasional pre-season friendly v Highland League clubs, this will be only our second competitive game. The first was in 2023/24 when we lost 0-4 to Buckie Thistle in the Scottish Cup and they went on to the 4th round, losing 5-0 to Celtic before 40,180 in Glasgow. We have, however, met four present Highland League clubs competitively in the Scottish Junior and North/Tayside Cups before these clubs joined the Highland League.

	Att.		Att.
1993/4 Tayport 1-2 Banks o' Dee	227	2001/2 Formartine 1-1 Tayport	189
1995/6 Tayport 4-1 Inverurie Loco	295	2001/2 Tayport 3-0 Formartine	212
1996/7 Tayport 5-0 Formartine	296	2004/5 Tayport 6-1 Formartine	235
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ALL CHANGE AT WICK

Wick Academy parted company with team manager Gary Manson following the defeat from Fraserburgh two weeks ago. Manson had been involved with the club as player and manager for the past 26 years.

Academy wasted no time in fixing up a replacement in Ewan McElroy, manager at Halkirk United for the past seven seasons.

Club captain Gordon MacNab told the *Caithness Courier* after the win at Lossiemouth last week it was **"a big bonus" for Wick Academy to pick up three points in their first Highland League match under the newly installed management team**. MacNab has been impressed with the new management team while feeling sorry about Manson's departure. **"It's very early days yet," he said. "But it's football, and as players you have to get on with it. "They've come in, they've had two good training sessions, they've spoken very well and given us their thoughts and ideas.". I was quite sad to see Gaz go, to be honest, but I'm quite happy to see the new management team coming in. There have been a lot of positive conversations."**

Scorries' under-18 manager Derek Shearer will take on the role of assistant while Ross Suttar and James More remain part of the backroom team as head and goalkeeping coach respectively. A statement from the club read: *"The new team brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to the club, along with some valuable continuity too.*

"Together, they will lead our squad forward as we continue to develop and build for the future.

"We are delighted to have them on board and wish them every success in their new roles."

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TWISTING the lion's tail

Part 2

Redemption of sorts was to come in a rumbustious FA Cup Third Round tie against Leicester City in January. Having taken an early lead, the Foxes were holding on at The Den when McGlashan entered the fray with just 18 minutes left. Whether his entrance was the spark that lit the tinderbox is open to debate but in what little time was left, the referee saw fit to book six players, including McGlashan, and show red cards to two of the visitors as the game descended into an on-pitch battle. And just when it looked like Leicester would hold on to claim an unlikely victory, thanks to the performance of their goalkeeper Karl Muggleton, Sheringham popped up to equalise with just two minutes left on the clock.

A minute later, Millwall scored the winner, sending the home end into pandemonium – and McGlashan was its architect. As the ball bobbled around in midfield, he got it under control and played a delightful, defence-splitting crossfield ball to winger Paul Stephenson on the left, who duly tucked it away. It proved to be the making of the young Scot, whose confidence soared – not just from the assist, but from the roar of approval that had greeted the challenge which earned him a booking.

As age and injuries began to take their toll on Briley, McGlashan was given a run of games and impressed in dominant displays against both Ipswich Town and Plymouth Argyle, adding to his assist tally in both games. The match at Portman Road was one of his finest performances in a Millwall shirt, where he pulled the strings in a 3-0 victory and offered a glimpse of the exciting future ahead of him. The step up to full-time professionalism and the fact that he was still learning his craft saw Rioch use him sparingly once Briley returned to fitness. Opportunities were further restricted by the signing of Paul Kerr from Middlesbrough as the manager looked to keep the Lions' promotion bid on track by adding a bit of experience to his side, but he was never out of Rioch's thoughts.

Millwall ultimately missed out on automatic promotion, despite Sheringham's record-breaking goal haul, but still looked strong contenders in the play-offs against a Brighton & Hove Albion side they had comfortably beaten earlier in the season. However, after taking an early lead, the Lions collapsed at the Goldstone Ground, and a 4–1 defeat all but ended their promotion hopes – as well as the Millwall careers of both Waddock and Briley.

(to be continued in the next programme)

Date	Opp	C	WDL	Res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
04.07.26	Deveronvale	F	W	5 v 0	D.Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule 4
11.07.26	Leven United	F	W	3 v 2	J. Duncan	O.Lunan	Tennant	Crichton	McColm 1	Timmons	Yule 1
14.07.26	Kinnoull	F	W	10 v 1	J.Duncan	O.Lunan	Lowe 1	Crichton 1	McColm	Elvin	Yule 2
18.07.26	BO'NESS UTD	F	W	1 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Elvin	Yule
21.07.26	Arbroath Vics	F	L	0 v 1	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Sivewright	Crichton	McColm	Timmons	Shepherd
01.08.26	Forfar W.E.	L	W	3 v 1	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Sivewright	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule 1
05.08.26	EAST CRAIGIE	L	L	1 v 2	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Sivewright	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule
08.08.26	CARNOUSTIE	L	W	3 v 1	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Sivewright	Crichton	McColm	Simpson1	Yule 1
12.08.26	Blairgowrie	L	W	3 v 2	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule
15.08.26	Scone Thistle	L	W	4 v 2	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Shepherd
19.08.26	St James	L	W	4 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule 3
22.08.26	CARLUKE ROV	SC	W	2 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Yule
26.08.26	MONTROSE	L	W	3 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm 1	Simpson	Yule 1
29.08.26	North End	L	L	1 v 4	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Cunningham	McColm	Simpson	Shepherd
05.09.26	Kirrie This	L	W	4 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson 3	Yule
12.09.26	ST ANDREWS	SC	W	2 v 1	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe	Crichton	McColm	Simpson	Sivewright
19.09.26	Islavale	SCC	W	9 v 0	Clarkson	O.lunan	Smith 1	Crichton 2	McColm	Simpson	Sivewright
26.09.26	Downfield	L	W	2 v 0	Clarkson	O.Lunan	Lowe 1	Crichton 1	McColm	Simpson	Yule
03.10.26	WICK ACADEMY	SC									
10.10.26	Brechin Vics	L									
17.10.26	JOHNSTONE BGH	SCC									
24.10.26	ARBROATH VICS	L									

8	9	10	11	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5	Att
Cunningham	C.Tennant	Sivewright	Reid 1	Duncan	Shepherd				126
Cun'ham 1	Shepherd	Sivewright	Reid	Simpson					47
Tennant	Simpson 1	Sivewright	Reid 3	Shepherd 1	Cunningham	Samson	Timmons		50
Tennant	Simpson	Sivewright	Reid 1	Shepherd	Cunningham	Samson	Timmons	Ryan Smith	114
Tennant	Simpson	Shepherd	Reid	Smith	Elvin				54
Tennant	Samson	Elvin	Reid 2	Lowe	Cunningham	Shepherd	Timmons	Trialist	131
Tennant	Samson	Elvin	Reid 1	Lowe	Cunningham			Manager	134
Tennant	Cunningham	Lowe	Reid 1						130
Tennant 1	Cunningham	Samson	Reid 2	Shepherd	Smith				81
R Smith	Cunningham	Elvin 1	Reid 2	Yule 1	Samson				57
Tennant	Paul Lunan	Elvin	Reid 1	Cunninham	Shepherd	Smith	Callum Kelly		73
Tennant	Sivewright	Elvin	Reid 2	P.Lunan	Callum Kelly				109
Tennant	Kelly	Elvin	Reid 1	Shepherd	Cunningham	Samson	Smith		85
Tennant	Kelly	Elvin	Reid	Smith	Ballantyne 1				187
Tennant	Kelly	Ballantine	Reid 1	Smith	Cunningham				86
Tennant	Kelly	Elvin 1	Reid 1	Smith	Cunningham	Ballantine			316
Tennant	Kelly 1	Cunningham	Reid 2	Duncan	Lowe	Yule 2	Elvin	* 1 og	65
Tennant	Kelly	Elvin	Reid	Smith	Cunningham				166

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