

THE TRULY HORRIFIC HISTORY OF DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Part 1: HOW THE FOLK OF DUNFERMLINE GOT SOME LEISURE TIME AND SPENT IT ON A NEW FOOTBALL TEAM

Dunfermline Athletic was founded on 2 June 1885 at a meeting in the Old Inn pub, near Dunfermline Abbey.

There was a bit of an argument because this was a break-away from Dunfermline Cricket Club, where football had been used as a winter exercise sport as early as 1874.

However by 1885, the football section wanted independence, (and not to pay membership fees to the cricket club as well).

So the first game for Dunfermline Athletic Football Club was at East End Park on 13 June 1885, and was a 2-1 win over Edinburgh University. This club would surely be victorious forever!



"What say we play football instead, eh chaps?"



Tough conditions working down the mines.

In Victorian times, people began to get more leisure time as daily working hours gradually went down to as little as 10 hours per day, and for the first time in the 1870s skilled and professional people were given Saturday afternoon off work.

This became normal for all workers in the 1890s and the government made laws called Factory Acts.

The main sources of work in Dunfermline were linen mills, coal mines and work on farms.

As early as 1886, Dunfermline Athletic were playing in front of crowds of several thousand at East End Park on a Saturday afternoon.

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