

THE TRULY HORRIFIC HISTORY OF DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

PART 2: HOW THE DEMON DRINK TOOK OUT THE ATHLETIC KEEPER

In 1911, Dunfermline Athletic FC signed a star goalkeeper from Bathgate, who went by the name of Maurice Slavin.



Not the actual Maurice Slavin in action, but this is what he would have looked like. Probably.

He helped the Pars to win their first major trophy, which was the Scottish Qualifying Cup in 1912.

However, Slavin, like many people of the time, liked to drink too much.

This made the Dunfermline captain, Jim Brown, send the keeper off the park in a league game when it became clear that Slavin was very drunk, and was having difficulty even picking up the ball!

Dunfermline Athletic eventually lost the game by 7 goals to 2!

The Temperance movement in Scotland was a group of people who were against the selling of alcohol.

This Temperance movement did not want men to drink alcohol and wanted people to be teetotal (not drink ANY alcohol at all).

They asked the government to make alcohol laws to ban the making and selling of it.

In Scotland, this reached its height in 1913, with the passing of the Temperance Act (kind of law) which let towns ban the sale of alcohol.

After 1920 both Airdrie and Kirkintilloch voted to remove all public houses (pubs) but this law was never passed in most of Scotland including Dunfermline.

However the Act remained in force until it was finally changed in 1976!



Many women made it clear that they didn't want to see wages wasted on booze!

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