

THE TRULY HORRIFIC HISTORY OF DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

PART 6 : SUCCESS AT LAST FOR THE PARS

In March 1960 Dunfermline needed a new manager and the owners of the club gave the job to the Glasgow Celtic youth coach. He was called Jock Stein.

He had played football, but was never a great player. Would he become a good manager? No one knew and only time would tell...

The Pars were near the bottom of the league, but he managed to get the players playing much better and, after winning all of their final six games of the season, they escaped being relegated to the 2nd division in May 1960.

In his second season the Pars played even better and in April 1961 reached the final of the Scottish Cup for the first time ever!

In that final the Pars had to play Celtic. They were Jock's old team and he knew most of them well. The game finished 0-0, so a replay was held on the Wednesday night.

The Pars won that game 2-0 and for the first time (but not the last) brought the Scottish Cup to Dunfermline! Footage from the game can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/historypars1961SC>.

That evening, the players paraded the cup down the High Street on an open top bus, in front of thousands of happy townsfolk!



Pars players celebrate as Dave Thomson scores the first goal in the Scottish Cup Final win over Celtic.



Bringing the Cup home to Dunfermline, as thousands of fans surround the team bus.

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