

THE TRULY HORRIFIC HISTORY OF DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

PART 7: HOW DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC AND THE BEATLES CONQUERED EUROPE AT THE SAME TIME

In the summer of 1962, the Main Stand was built on Halbeath Road, using the money from winning the cup. Although it has been refurbished and improved several times since, it is still one of the icons (landmarks) of Scottish football.

Along with larger stands came improved public address systems, which were used not only for public safety announcements but also to play music.

The Bluebell Polka by Jimmy Shand was soon established as a club favourite, and win, lose or draw, the crowds at East End Park have left the stadium to this accordion tune ever since.

1962 was also the year in which The Beatles became the most popular band in Britain and Europe, and ever since then current hits have been played before and after games, along with appeals to move cars and pick up lost children.



The Beatles, Paul, Ringo, John and George.

The Pars got to the final again in 1965, but this time lost to Celtic 3-2. They were also third in the league that year and only ONE POINT behind the winners Kilmarnock!

However, in 1968 the Pars won the Scottish Cup once more when they beat Hearts 3-1 in the final at Hampden Park.

During these times Dunfermline Athletic was also playing football regularly in Europe. Between 1961 and 1970 the twenty home games played at East End Park saw 17 wins, 2 draws and only one defeat. At one point the Pars won 12 home European matches in a row at East End, a Scottish record!



Beating Anderlecht 3-2 in 1970. Sadly the Pars missed a penalty (above) and lost on away goals.

In all, the club reached two European quarter-finals and one semi-final. Highlights of this time include the defeats of English teams, Everton and West Bromwich Albion, as well as Stuttgart of Germany, Gwardia Warsaw of Poland, Olympiakos Athens of Greece and Bordeaux of France.

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