



## DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

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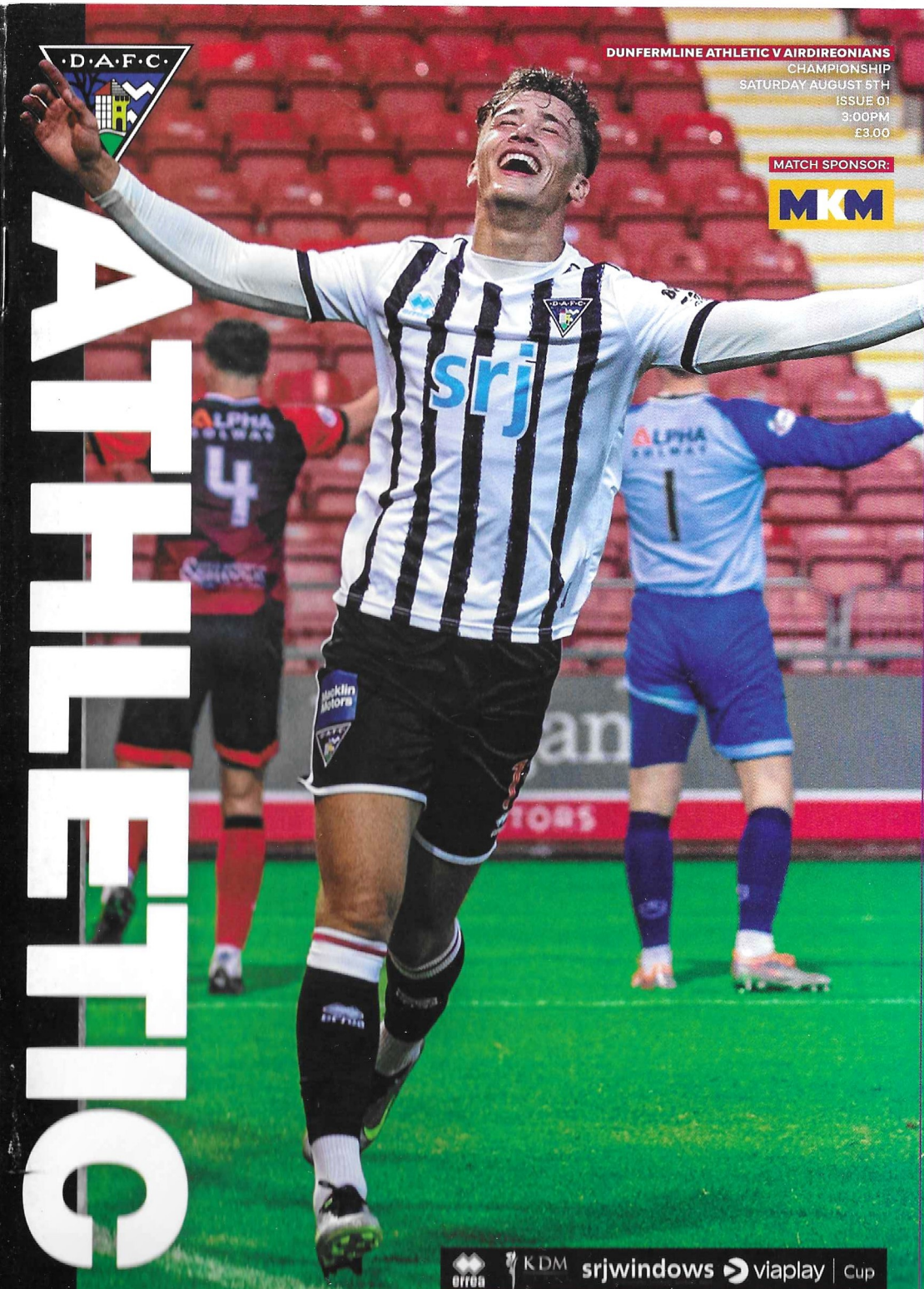


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- 4 Rhys McCabe
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- 7 Josh O'Connor
- 8 Lewis McGregor
- 9 Callum Gallagher
- 10 Adam Frizzell
- 11 Nickolay Todorov
- 14 Dean McMaster
- 16 Craig Watson
- 17 Justin Devenny
- 18 Murray Aitken
- 19 Elliot Dunlop
- 21 Charlie Telfer
- 22 George Oakley
- 23 Gabby McGill
- 25 Alex King
- 30 Dominic Kavanagh
- 34 Kyan Gunn
- 43 David Hutton

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DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC V AIRDREONIANS  
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**SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP** -  
*Runners Up:* 1949-1950, 1991-1992, 2005-2006

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION** -  
*Champions:* 1988-1989, 1995-1996, 2010-2011  
*Runners Up:* 1986-1987, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1999-2000

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO** -  
*Champions:* 1925-1926  
*Runners Up:* 1912-1913, 1933-1934, 1954-1955, 1957-1958, 1972-1973

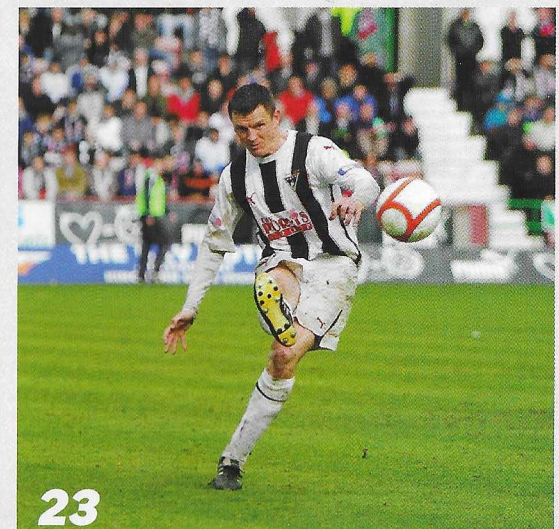
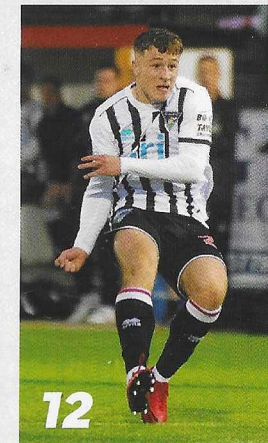
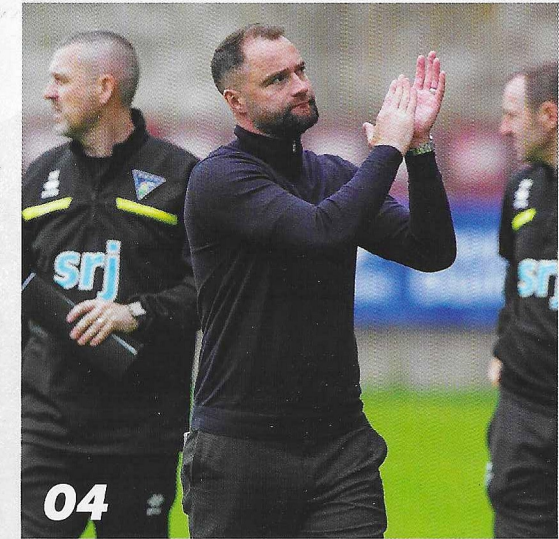
**SPFL LEAGUE ONE** -  
*Champions:* 2015-2016, 2022-2023 **RUNNERS UP:** 2013-2014

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION** -  
*Champions:* 1985-1986 **RUNNERS UP:** 1978-1979

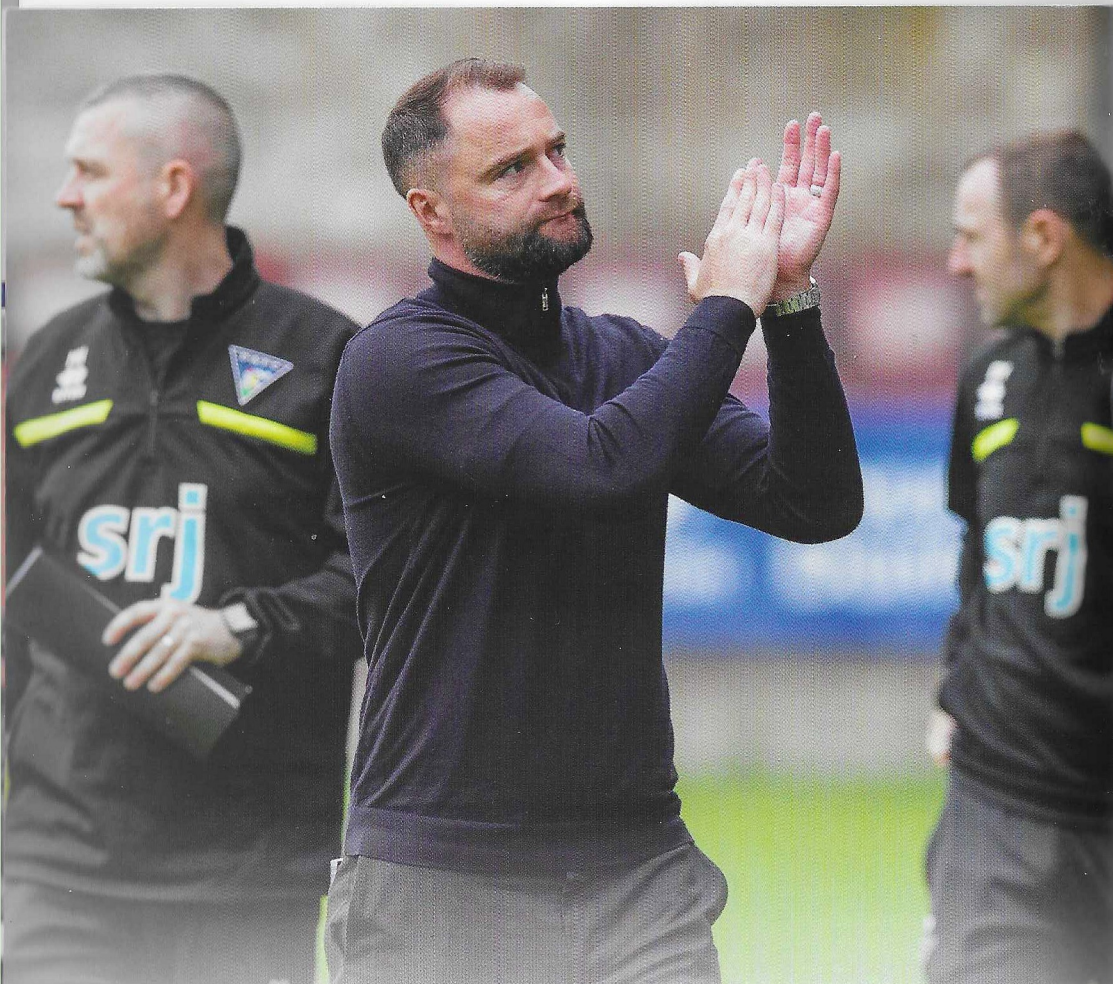
**SCOTTISH QUALIFYING CUP WINNERS** - 1911-12  
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## MANAGERS NOTES

**Good Afternoon and welcome to KDM Group East End Park for our opening cinch Championship league fixture and Flag Day as we take on Airdrieonians FC.**

I'd like to extend my welcome to Rhys McCabe, his staff, players and everyone connected with Airdrieonians following their successful season in League One, joining us for what is sure to be a thrilling Championship campaign.

This afternoon we will see the League One winners flag unfurled ahead of kick off, recognition of a fantastic season 2022/23. A season that will be fondly remembered by all. However we are very much looking forward now. Looking to the exciting challenges that lay ahead in a highly competitive league.

While we were disappointed to exit the Viaplay Cup at the group stages the players continued to give us their all. This has

continued through from pre season matches and every single day on the training pitch.

During these matches it's been fantastic to see you continue to turn out in numbers, home and away. Packed terraces from Cove to Coatbridge continue to provide that positive energy for the players to feed off.

Enjoy the afternoon and thank you for your continued support.

**James**

*All the best to the Pars.*

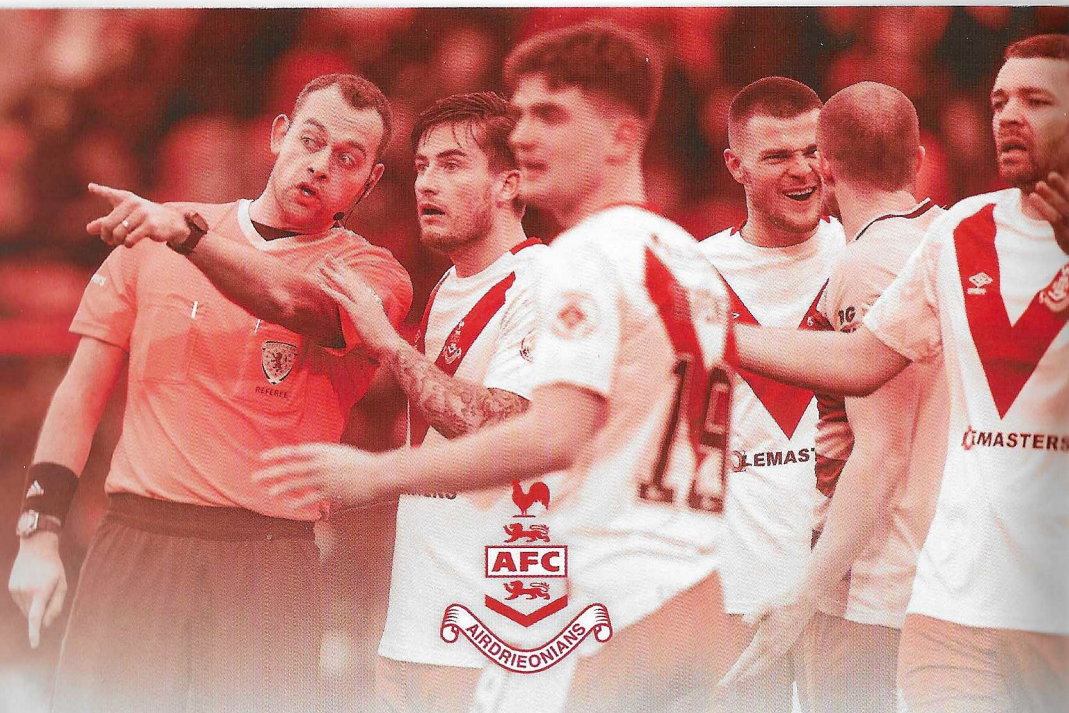


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# OUR VISITORS

**A warm welcome to KDM Group East End Park this afternoon for the first league game of the 2023/24 Championship season.**

Airdrieonians are our visitors, having joined us in winning promotion from League One last year. Rhys McCabe and his squad will be looking to push on from their victory in the play offs, here we take a look at the players likely to feature today;

22 year old goalkeeper Josh Rae played in the club's League Cup group matches. Came through the Hibs youth academy and has since featured for Edinburgh City, Cowdenbeath, Peterhead and Queen of the South.

Aaron Taylor-Sinclair is an experienced 32 year left back who has represented Antigua and Barbuda at international level in recent years. Played for a number of clubs north and south of the border, including Wigan, Plymouth and Motherwell.

Cammy Ballantyne came through

the Dundee United youth system before making his debut for the Tannadice club in 2016. Three loan spells to Montrose followed before a move to Dumbarton ahead of a permanent transfer to Montrose!

Callum Fordyce was captain during his spell here at KDM Group East End Park, until a horrendous broken leg injury took him out of the side for a prolonged spell. Assistant manager to Rhys McCabe, Callum has proven himself to be a stalwart at the back for Airdrie following his move there in 2019.

Craig Watson made his debut for Hamilton Accies back in 2011 before transferring to East Fife in 2017. Now in his third season at Airdrie.

Murray Aiken is on loan from Hibs and will be looking to establish himself in the first team line up during his spell at Airdrie.

Player Manager Rhys McCabe

needs little introduction to Pars fans. Playing over 50 games for The Pars during his spell here, he came through the Ibrox youth system to make his debut for Rangers in 2012. A move to Sheffield Wednesday followed later that year. Had a great season in both roles last year and will be critical to the side again this campaign.

Adam Frizzell previously played for Kilmarnock in the top flight before loan moves to Livingston, Queen of the South and Dumbarton (which became a permanent deal) Joined Airdrie in 2021 and is club captain.

Dean McMaster will be another looking to establish himself in the first team this season. Previously played for St Mirren before having a loan spell at Airdrie last year. Made that move permanent during the summer.

Charlie Telfer is another product of the Ibrox youth system.

Made his debut for Rangers in 2014 before moving to Dundee United that year. Also played for Livingston (on loan) Almere City in The Netherlands, Morton and Falkirk.

Gabby McGill previously played for Dunfermline between 2019 and 2021, before moving to Edinburgh City and then back to York City on loan spells. Joined Airdrie in 2021 where he has racked up an impressive goal every two games for the club.

Nikolay Todorov was a popular player here last year. Made the summer move to Airdrie and scored on his debut against Dumbarton in the League Cup last month.

Calum Gallagher scored an impressive 23 goals in all competitions last season. Previously played for Rangers, where he also had loan spells at Alloa, East Stirling and Cowdenbeath. Also played for St Mirren and Dumbarton.



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# THE ONCE A YEAR GAME

**What is a football fan? Someone who religiously travels home and away? A strictly season ticket holder who may attend the occasional local away fixture? A person who was once a regular but through family, finance or distance is unable to attend? How about someone who has a love for a club as a connection to a past memory, a candle for a family member of life they once had?**

In a globalised world, football fandom is complicated. Whilst there isn't a written hierarchy or what constitutes a football fan, there is an argument to state that regular match goers have a greater emotional investment. Covid took away so much from too many, but in a footballing sense it stripped away the sense of collective joy, heartache, exasperation and belonging. A game on a stream was through someone else's vision, being part of a crowd is the epitome of the

immersive experience.

In 2009, my Dad passed away from cancer, something that I've written about for the club website and in the Scottish magazine Nutmeg. Two of the greatest gifts he bestowed upon me was a love of my local football team in the midlands of England, and also his beloved Pars. Dunfermline was where he was born, and the club was his connection to the past. He never forgot this, and ensured that the DAFC on his plethora of early 90s shirts would serve to educate those who asked which team it was. As he lay dying of cancer, I was able to gift him a Pars shirt, the awful disease that had ravaged his brain temporarily and mercifully paused for him to recognise the badge and fleetingly cry tears of joy. In one of the final acts of father and son bonding, Dunfermline Athletic Football Club served as the vehicle.

A once a year love affair began, and totally by accident. It was never my intention to make a once a year pilgrimage to East End Park to honour my Dad, but thanks to sleeping through an alarm and missing a flight to Krakow in 2010, I instead decided to drive to Dunfermline. 2134 hardy souls attended a second tier clash with Dundee played in weather that would make Antarctica seem moderately mild. The Pars won 2-1, the feelings in my fingers and toes eventually returned, and the idea formulated that I would come back every calendar year.

Matches can serve as a moment in time, a snapshot of a wider world. The beauty of football lies in its unpredictability, and not knowing whether the once a year game would be a largely forgotten encounter or one of such beauty. Take the second annual visit, in April 2011. In contrast to a year prior, East End

Park was packed, Raith Rovers had made the short journey, and that was never ten yards. Tears of joy amidst the lingering grief.

Another twelve months, and the euphoria of promotion had long since dispersed. A 2-1 defeat to Kilmarnock in what is still our last ever top flight appearance. Worse was to come. As we prepare to face Airdrie today in what will be my 14th annual visit, ten years ago a 2-1 home defeat, combined with the calamity of administration looked like our very survival was hanging by the tiniest of threads.

Three years later, and the purgatory finally ended. After annual visits that saw a playoff victory against Stranraer and a meaningless friendly against Hibs, a third tier clash against Brechin awaited. To see the Pars win the league was another wonderful occasion, the collective sense of euphoria something that being away from the stadium cannot compete with.

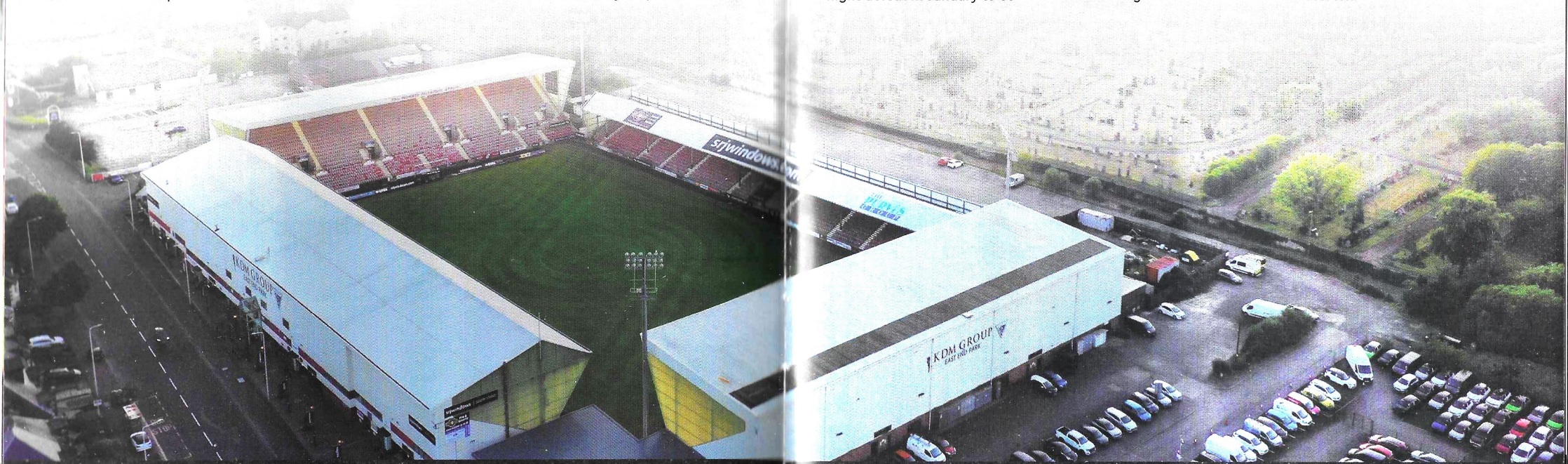
The games continued. An inconsequential end of season victory against Morton, a Friday night defeat in January to St

Mirren in which I had driven down from my then home in the highlands from and then continued to England to watch my main team play an FA Cup match. For most, these games will merely be a footnote, but they remained everything to me, a way of honouring a man who was taken from the world far too soon. Being able to visit the abbey where I scattered his ashes and then watch his beloved team at East End Park was a sense of poignant reflection.

2019 and 2020. Two games against Arbroath, but two very different experiences. A routine 2-0 victory in 2019, but 2020 was awful. I was writing for Nutmeg about the absence of fans, and the 1-0 victory felt unlike anything I'd experienced in a stadium before. As Jock Stein famously said, football is nothing without fans. I didn't belong. A solemnity hovered over the stadium, a microcosm of the world of such uncertainty. Eight months later, tentative steps to healing began. A crowd capped at 1000 for a league cup win against Dumbarton for a 6-1 hammering.

April 2022. Ayr United at home for a 2-1 victory. The aftermath of this game was a footballing brutality that led to relegation, but for 90 wonderful minutes I was able to introduce a new generation. The club that my long departed Father had introduced me to was now being introduced to my daughter. She was only 18 months old for this game and will have no memory, but to take her to the stadium enhanced the annual visit more than I ever thought was possible.

I love Dunfermline Athletic Football Club, and whilst I know there will be thousands more in attendance today that have put in more time, effort, emotion and finance to the club than I ever have and ever will, for 90 minutes once a year I feel like I truly belong to a club that has done so much for me. A club's brilliance lies in the kindness of its people, and Dunfermline Athletic are a shining example of this. As I make my 14th trip in memory of my Dad, this is my love letter, my heartfelt thanks, and my longing for even more special memories, even in the often forgotten matches against Morton.





## PREVIOUS MATCH

**Dunfermline returned to the Reigart Stadium in Coatbridge for the first time since they played Albion Rovers there in April 2016. The Fifers were seeking the three points that would keep their Viaplay Cup hopes alive.**

James McPake made two changes with Kyle Benedictus and Joe Chalmers rested and Rhys Breen and Paul Allan starting. The home manager Sandy Clark made one change from his team that won at Annan on Saturday – Bright Prince being preferred to Devan McColl.

The pitch looked in good condition for what would be its first match of the season. The travelling support filled the east end of the stadium and there was a good turnout of home supporters as well.

The first corner of the evening in seven minutes was conceded by Niyah Joseph and that created the opportunity for Allan to send a decent cross into the Albion

box. The defence cleared only as far as Aaron Comrie on the right and his return travelled back to the left side where Lewis McCann burst in but shot wide left.

Then two minutes later Comrie whacked a shot on to the crossbar but Dunfermline had all the play and Comrie forced another corner on the right. This time the cross was big but Breen won the throw on at the corner flag. Josh Edwards produced one of his speciality long throws but Albion cleared.

The home side carelessly gave away an 18th minute corner and this time it was skipper Chris Hamilton who headed over Allan's cross. Patrolling 25 yards out Deniz Mehmet was being engaged as an extra outfielder as Dunfermline were in total control, the only thing missing was a goal.

The opener arrived however midway through the first half. Andrew Tod cut back from the

right byline, Craig Wighton was just too far ahead to convert but Josh EDWARDS met the ball on the edge of the box to melt it through defender and keeper. 0-1

Going behind spurred a response from the home side and Mehmet was made to make two saves in as many minutes. Firstly from Joe Bevan and then, at full stretch, from Callum Wilson.

The Fifers soon got the game back under their control, assisted by a few stray passes from their opponents but facing five men strung across the back it was proving difficult to get into good scoring opportunities. A good series of passes through McCann, Wighton, and Tod set up Comrie for an attempt but only a corner would follow.

Joseph made a powerful counterattack seven minutes from the break and Mehmet was against called into serious action to preserve the lead.

**Half time: Albion Rovers 0 Dunfermline 1**

Otoo was pushed into midfield for the second half and in 49 minutes Kyle Benedictus replaced Sam Fisher who was suffering from a stomach bug. An Edwards run produced a corner on the left and before that was taken Joe Chalmers subbed Chris Hamilton. The corner would yield nothing and the ball went out wide right.

In 57 minutes Tod took off towards goal down a channel on the left and having past two defenders, his shot was beaten

away by keeper Ross Connelly. The right goalpost then denied McCann. Lewis had a 62nd minute shot deflected behind and again it was all Dunfermline. A cute Allan chip into the Albion box was cleared and then from a 73rd minute free kick McCann whizzed the ball right through the penalty box.

That was Lewis McCann's final act as Taylor Sutherland took over from him upfront. A foul on the substitute caused a free kick 28 yards out but Allan hit that

over the four man wall and over the bar. Chalmers was next to try and drive a path through the solid defence but was eventually halted.

Finally in 80 minutes the Pars secured a second goal. An Edwards long throw in was flicked on by Chalmers on the left side of the penalty area and WIGHTON was handy to turn the ball past Connelly. 0-2

Sutherland had a shot blocked but he got his reward two minutes from full time. Otoo made the run and released the ball for SUTHERLAND to sink it into the bottom right of the Albion net. 0-3

In 90th minute Sutherland delivered a fine ball in from the right that Wighton latched on to but keeper Connelly matched the striker's quality with a great save. It had been a match dominated by the cinch Championship side but their patience had been tested by these Lanarkshire Rovers.

**ALBION ROVERS:** Ross Connelly; Adam Fernie, Sean Fagan (c), Connor Duffy; Dom McMahan, Barry Duncan, Callum Wilson (Reece Patterson 84), Alex McCaw; Joe Bevan, Bright Prince, Niyah Joseph.

**SUBS NOT USED:** Josh Tran, Devan McColl, Kai McMenemy, Fraser Walker (GK), Cha Henderson

**DUNFERMLINE:** Deniz Mehmet; Sam Fisher (Kyle Benedictus 49), Rhys Breen, Ewan Otoo; Aaron Comrie, Paul Allan, Chris Hamilton (c) (Joe Chalmers 53), Josh Edwards; Andrew Tod, Craig Wighton, Lewis McCann (Taylor Sutherland 74).

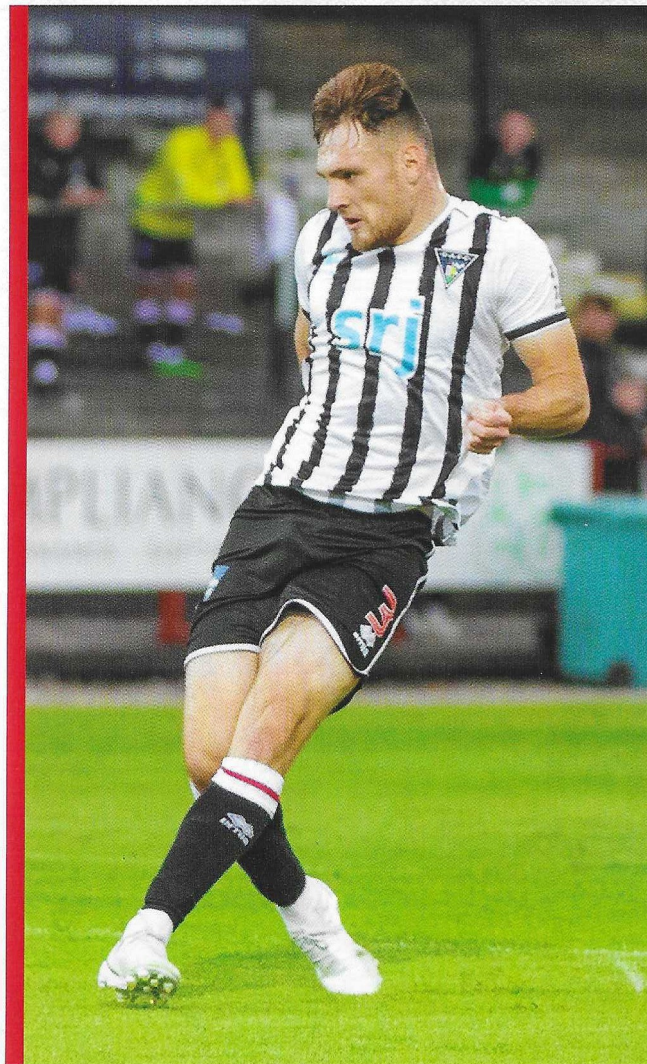
**SUBS NOT USED:** Miller Fenton, Liam Hoggan, Max Little (GK)

**SCORERS:** Edwards (23), Wighton (80), Sutherland (88)

**REFEREE:** Gavin Duncan

**WEATHER:** Overcast 16°C

**ATTENDANCE:** 824







# PARS 2023-2024

## APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	SPFL CINCH CHAMPIONSHIP		VIAPLAY CUP		THE SCOTTISH CUP		SPFL TRUST TROPHY		PLAY OFFS		TOTALS	
	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
1. Deniz Mehmet	0	0*	4	2*	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*	4	2*
2. Aaron Comrie	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
3. Josh Edwards	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
4. Kyle Benedictus	0	0	3(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
5. Chris Hamilton	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
6. Ewan Otoo	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
7. Kane Ritchie-Hosler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Joe Chalmers	0	0	3(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
9. Craig Wighton	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
10. Matty Todd	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
11. Lewis McCann	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
12. Rhys Breen	0	0	3(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
15. Sam Fisher	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
18. Paul Allan	0	0	1(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
19. Miller Fenton	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
23. Michael O'Halloran	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24. Jake Rennie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Michael Beagley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Taylor Sutherland	0	0	0(3)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
27. Sam Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Andy Tod	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
29. Liam Hoggan	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
30. Ewan McLeod	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Jake Sutherland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44. Max Little	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*
Own Goal	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0

(IN BRACKETS) DENOTES SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCES  
\* DENOTES A CLEAN-SHEET BY A GOALKEEPER

### SPFL CINCH CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 2023/24

	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Airdrieonians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Arbroath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Ayr United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Dundee United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Dunfermline Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Greenock Morton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Inverness Caledonian Thistle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Partick Thistle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Queen's Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Raith Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ALL INFORMATION CORRECT AS OF 26/07/2023

# FROM THE ARCHIVES



ANDY RHODES AND NORRIE MCCATHIE CELEBRATE AFTER THE SEMI FINAL WIN OVER AIRDRIE IN 1991

# TODAY'S MASCOTS

**LUKE McILVEAN**



**AGE - 8**  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Benedictus**

**CALLUM MACKAY**



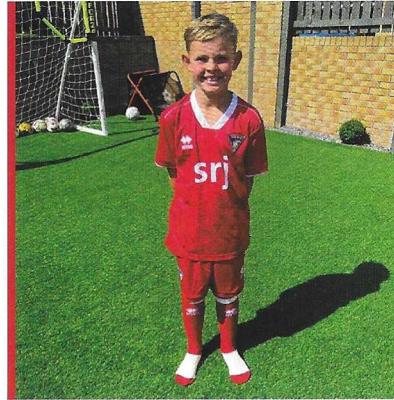
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**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Aaron Comrie**

**COREY STEEDMAN**



**AGE - 11**  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Kane Ritchie-Hosler**

**HARRIS BRAISBY**



**AGE - 8**  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Kyle Benedictus & Matty Todd**

**NOAH WEBB**



**AGE - 4**  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Paul Allen**

**BEN & JOE ANDERSON**



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**FAVOURITE PLAYER - Kane Ritchie-Hosler**

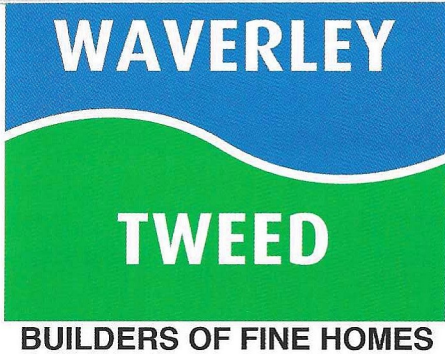
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# CONNECT FOUR

## They played for both clubs;

With the visit of Airdrie United this afternoon, we delve into the archives to look at four players who have pulled on the black and white of Dunfermline, as well as the diamonds of Airdrie;

### Andy Ryan

Now aged 28, Andy is playing for Larne in the Irish Premiership. After a successful, though short, spell at Forfar in 2015/16 season, Andy first signed for Airdrie ahead of the 16/17 campaign. An excellent 27 goals in just 41 matches brought him to the attention of a lot of clubs and Dunfermline Athletic signed him for an undisclosed fee in August 2017. He made his debut the same day, scoring twice in a Challenge Cup match against Arbroath, hitting the ground running! Alas prolonged runs of

form, or indeed appearances, didn't follow and Andy scored 16 goals in his 63 appearances for Dunfermline, but spread over three seasons at the club.

He rejoined Airdrie, on loan, in January 2020 before being released at the end of that season by Dunfermline. He has since had a successful season at Stirling, before a second stint at Hamilton Accies which ended in January this year. Larne signed him at that point and he has returned a goal every two games for the Northern Irish side during his time there to date.

### David Hutton

Currently player/goalkeeping coach at the club, David has played for 11 different Scottish league sides and is now in his second spell at the Excelsior Stadium. Came through the youth ranks at Aberdeen before

signing for Junior side Petershill. Clyde were the first league club he appeared for after signing at Broadwood in 2006. Subsequent spells were spent at Queen of the South, Hamilton Accies, Morton and Ayr before he moved to East End Park in July 2015 to battle for the first team jersey with Sean Murdoch.

After only two appearances in his first season, a wrist injury to Murdoch gave Hutton his chance in the Championship season of 2016/17. He played another 12 matches for Dunfermline that season, before Murdoch regained the goalkeeper jersey from him for the rest of the campaign.

First signed for Airdrie in 2018 and made 64 appearances during this spell. Went onto play for Brechin and Alloa before rejoining the club in June last

year as back up. One of his appearances last season came in the 1-1 draw at East End Park when he replaced Josh Rae in goals following his sending off.

### Graeme Holmes

A product of the Dundee United youth academy, Graeme was a teammate of Jim McIntyre whilst at Tannadice, a link which forged his move to Dunfermline later in his career.

Having been released from Dundee United in 2005, he immediately signed for Airdrie where he became a first team regular during his two and a half seasons at Excelsior. His performances in central midfield caught the eye of his former teammate, McIntyre, who was Dunfermline manager by the time Holmes joined The Pars in the summer of 2008.

Despite being almost ever present up to this point in his career, recurring injuries blighted his time at Dunfermline and he was only able to make 31 appearances in all competitions during his two seasons at the club.

A move to Morton, where his father Jimmy is a club legend, followed in 2010 for one season before he became a stalwart in the Alloa midfield for the following six seasons thereafter. Later played for Edinburgh City and Forfar Athletic in the SPFL before dropping into the amateur leagues with Cumbernauld Colts.

### Martin Hardie

A cult hero at just about every club he played for in Scotland throughout his long career, Martin Hardie certainly excelled

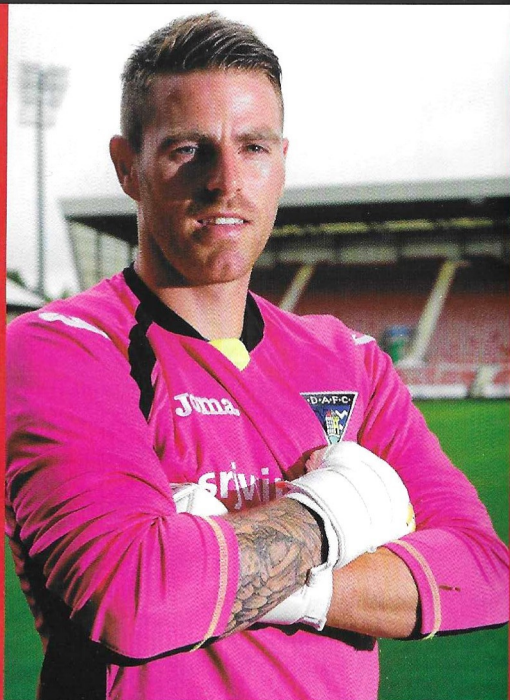
during his brief stay at East End Park. A high profile signing in the 2010/11 season, he scored eight critical goals during the run in of that campaign including a last minute winner away to Ross County, as well as the famous brace against Raith Rovers in a top of the table clash which effectively brought the title to East End Park.

He had two spells with Airdrie, initially between 2004 and 2006 (when the club was called Airdrie United) when he played over 50 games for the club and again in 2013/14 season when he played another 14 matches before retiring at the end of that campaign.

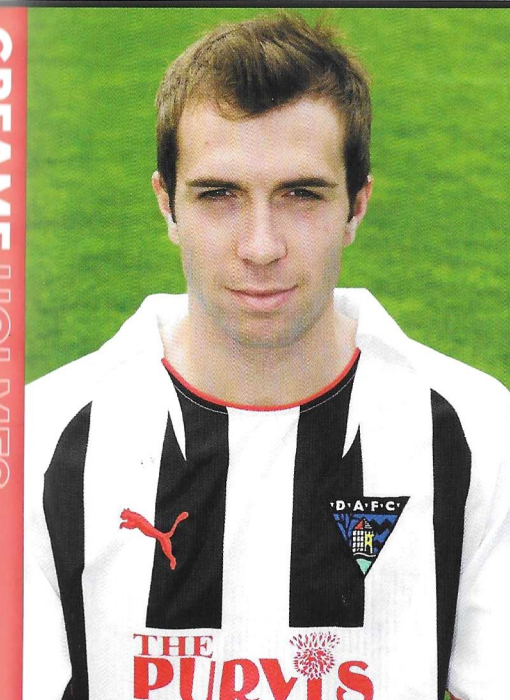
Won five league titles during his career, as well as the Challenge Cup for St Johnstone in 2007 (beating Dunfermline in the final!)



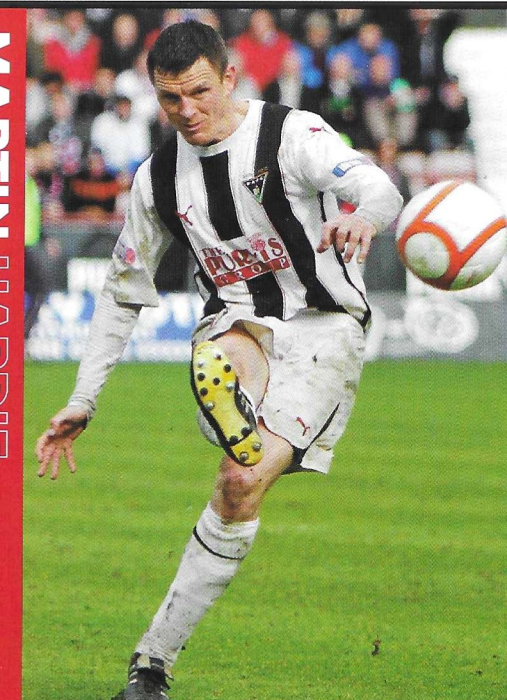
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# EDDIE MARTIN MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR

**This afternoon, we are returning to East End Park in the Championship after being promoted as league one champions. It is an exciting journey on which we are about to embark. I would like to take this opportunity to give an overview of the work I do in my role in the football club of being the Mental Health Ambassador.**

As a Pars fan and my family all season ticket holders this is a perfect fit. I am employed by NHS Fife, leading Mental Health training. I also have a position with The Pars Foundation which promotes positive mental health and well-being.

Last year was an amazing experience, and I am looking forward to delivering more workshops and initiative into our community, you may be familiar with some already established such as our walk and talk group which leaves from various locations in the Dunfermline

area, breaking the cycle of loneliness and isolation. Connecting with others and using the green spaces of Dunfermline and West Fife to improve your mental health and well-being. It is fantastic that the football club assisted us with this project, using the facilities of the stadium when needed. Recently Alister Burn, Commercial Manager for the football Club came along to meet the group and spoke about his background, his role in the football club and took a question-and-answer session from everyone. This was very well received.

Our Monday night football project 'Keep Kicking On' has been established now for 2 years, meeting at Pitreavie on a Monday night at 6.00pm. The aim of this project is to give males 16 – 25 a safe place where they can come and speak about their own Mental Health if they wish and improve their physical health too. I have seen firsthand how

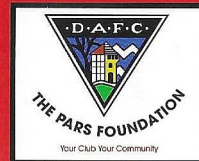


peer support in the group help each other.

The first co-hort group of the changing room is near completion. This is a 12-week programme which uses football clubs to give to give participants aged 30+ a safe place to speak about their Mental Health. The Changing Room is a 12-week behavioral change course and is a terrific opportunity for men who want to look after themselves, better their social connections and wellbeing, and improve the lives they lead.

This is a flavour of some of the work I do in the community, with more new, exciting initiatives planned for this season. I hope that you enjoy the game today.

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# PARS FOUNDATION

The first few weeks of our Pars Foundation Summer camps have been in full flow.

65+ player a week, taking part in action packed camps with matches, fun games and challenges. A huge thank you too the Pars first team players for spending some times with us too. Answering questions, signing autographs and lots of selfies.



Recently the Lisa Evans KDM Group Girls Soccer Centres visited KDM Group East End Park for a session of the famous pitch.

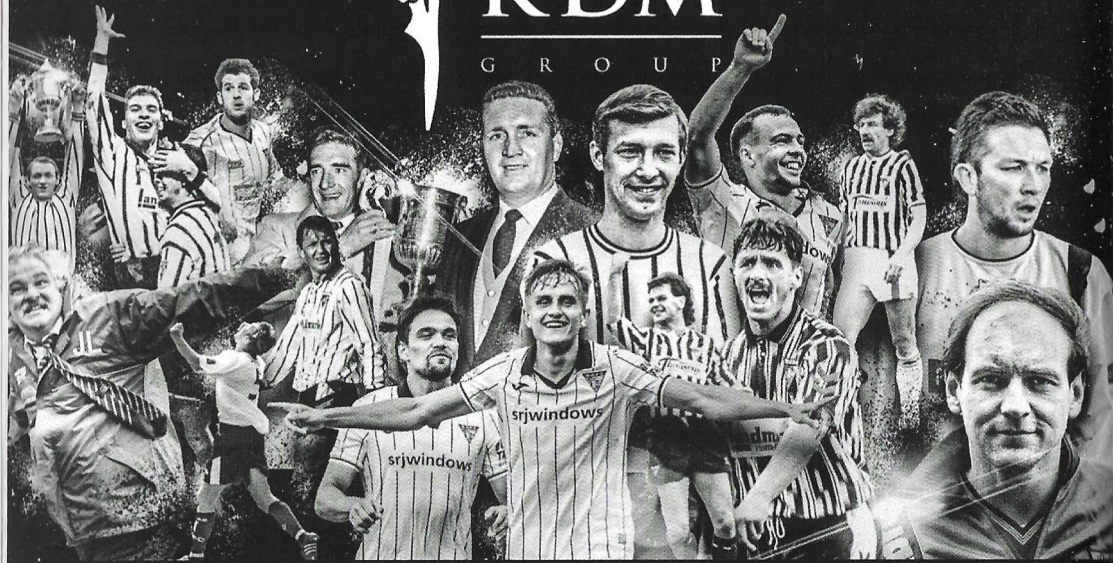
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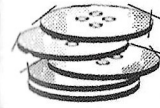
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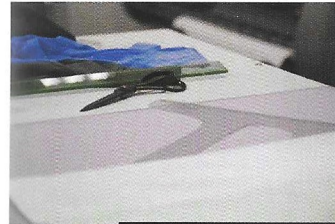
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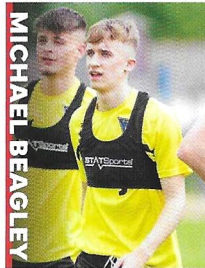
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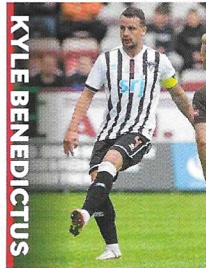
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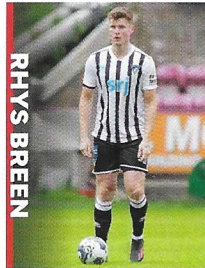
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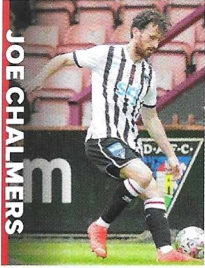
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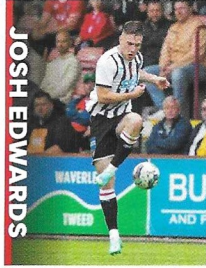
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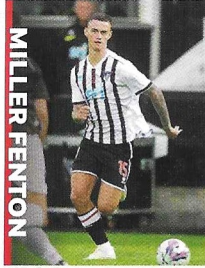
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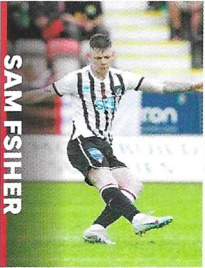
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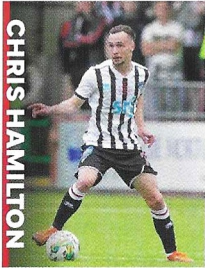
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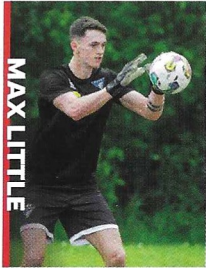
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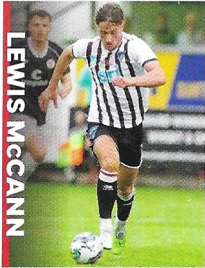
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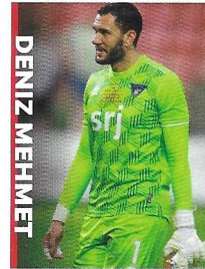
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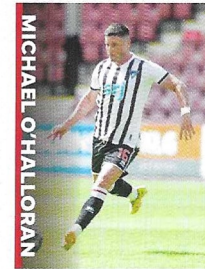
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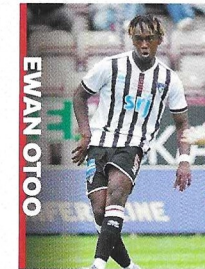
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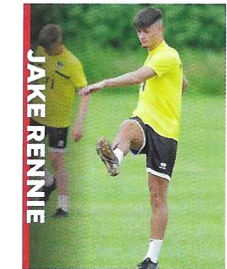
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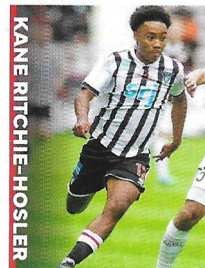
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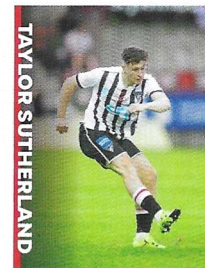
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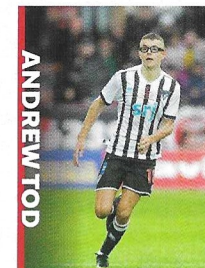
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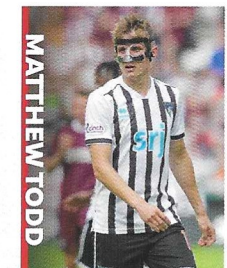
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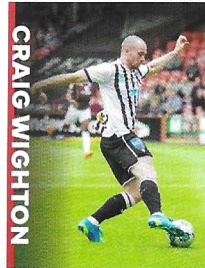
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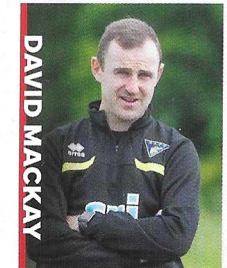
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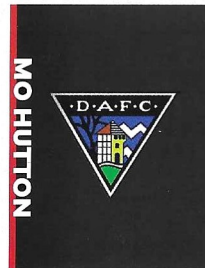
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**Congratulations to 18 year old Pars fan Ben McNair who came away with a silver medal in the WUKF Karate World Championships in Dundee in the team Kumite discipline.**

He celebrated on the podium in style by unfurling a Pars flag at the medal ceremony.

Ben has been doing karate since he was 5 years old but took a break to play some football before returning to it around 2018. In the 6 years since he has competed at UK level at various competitions round the country amassing many medals along the way and gaining his 2nd Dan Black Belt (at age 17). Last year was his first year competing internationally (delayed due to COVID) competing in the 10th WUF World Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the WUKF European Championship in Florence, Italy. His silver medal as part of the SEKA England team in 18-20 years Team Kumite was his first international medal and he was ready to celebrate on the podium with his Pars flag at the ready.

Ben said "I was delighted to win a World level medal and be able to stand on the podium with my team mates and my flag so I could represent Dunfermline Athletic and Scotland at an international competition"



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### DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

Under SFA and SPFL rules relating to Ground Safety, Behaviour at Matches and Damage to Stadia, all clubs must ensure that their players, officials, supporters and any other person exercising a function, or connected with, the club do not engage in Unacceptable Conduct at a stadium on the occasion of an official match.

For the avoidance of doubt, this includes all home and away matches played by the club.

For this purpose, Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent and/or disorderly.

Violent Conduct includes:

actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; and intentional damage to property.

Disorderly Conduct includes:

conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against, or towards, individuals or groups of people because of:

Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;

Membership, or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social

cultural group with perceived religious affiliation;

Sexual orientation;

Transgender identity; or disability.

Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; and displaying,

writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting.

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations. Upon determining that a breach of, or failure to fulfil, the rules has been established, a number of options are available to the SFA and the SPFL, three of which are:

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Any person engaging in Unacceptable

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Removal from the stadium;

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Indefinite ban from attending official matches involving the club; and

A report to the police and possible criminal proceedings.

Dunfermline Athletic F.C accepts its responsibility under these rules and will not tolerate any form of Unacceptable Conduct described above.

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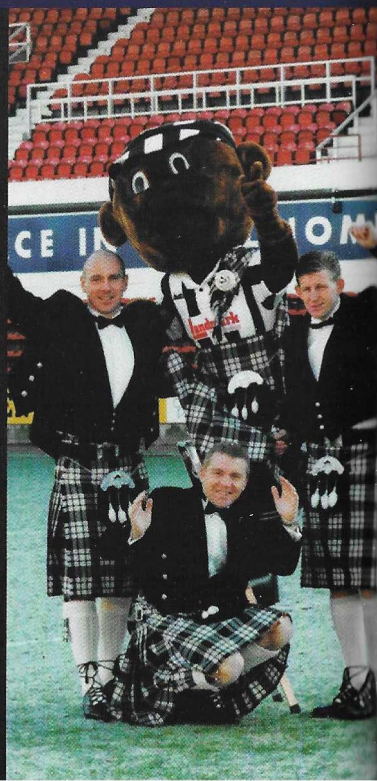
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