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TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: *Calum James Sandison*

Date of Birth: *04/04/98*

Favourite Player: *All the players (especially my dad!)*

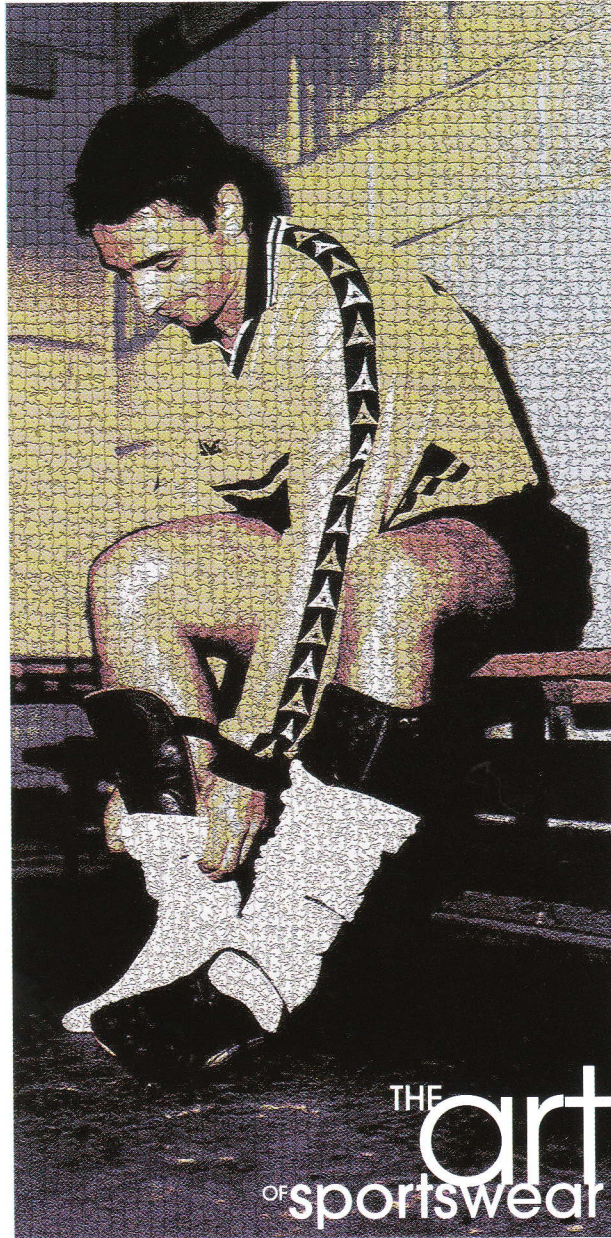
Hobbies: *Eating chicken nuggets and making a mess!*

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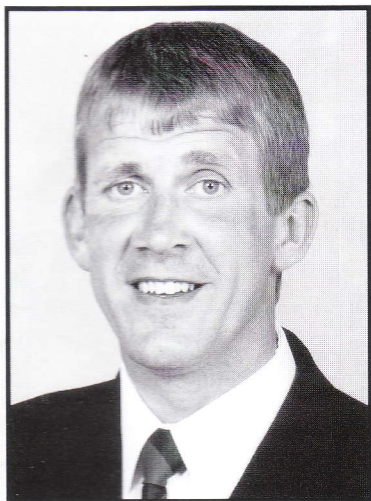
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GARY MACKAY



I always felt that it was going to be an awkward match, playing Clydebank with so much attention being given to other

matters. In difficult circumstances the players stuck to the job they had to do, which was picking up the three points. There is room for improvement and the players know that.

Dunfermline are our first visitors in the league and they have been installed justifiable favourites for promotion and they will be even more upbeat having acquired the services of Jimmy Nicholl, a man I greatly respect.

The managers and coaches are only bit part players and I have every confidence that we will prove to be very tough opponents for Dunfermline. With the crowd behind us, we're hoping that the people will see us as challengers for promotion.

Gary Mackay

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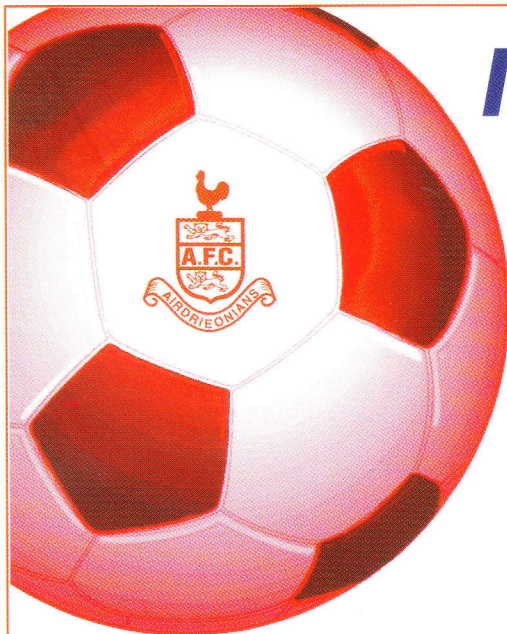
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MATCH REPORTS

PRE-SEASON FIXTURES

24/7/99 Scarborough 0 Airdrieonians 2

A goal in each half put Airdrie into the final against Doncaster Rovers, the next day Forbes Johnston struck a fine 25 yard shot in 23 minutes for the opener, and 2 minutes after the break Steve McCormick took advantage of poor defensive play to kill the match.

25/7/99 Doncaster Rovers 2 Airdrieonians 1

After pulling themselves back into the match in 63 minutes thanks to Eddie Forrest, having conceded a goal in 2 minutes, the Diamonds lost out to a late winner in 88 minutes.

27/7/99 Airdrieonians 3 St Johnstone 2

Steve McCormick bagged a double, and James Dick scored from the penalty spot to turn around a 2 goal deficit against premier Saints who fielded a number of their first team squad new boys, Frank Conway and Eddie Forrest made their Shyberry debuts in the match which was the Diamonds only home fixture of the preseason.

3/8/99 Kilwinning Rangers 1 Airdrieonians 1

Brian McCloy provided the only goal the diamonds scored down Ayrshire way

in a tousy battle with Junior footballs topside, which ended in a draw.

5/8/99 Vale of Clyde 1 Airdrieonians 1

Another draw with one of the junior football's sides, allowing the opportunity to give everyone some additional match practice.

Bell's First Division

7/8/99 Clydebank 0 Airdrieonians 2

With so much emphasis being placed on the plight of the Bankies, the trip for the Diamonds to Greenock was clearly in the category of everything to lose, 3 points to gain. The 3 points were taken, which was the priority, although the performance leaves a good deal of room for improvement. Steve McCormick secured a fourth minute lead when he followed up on a Gerry Farrell cross which Clydebank Keeper Scott failed to hold. Despite playing against 10 men for almost the whole of the second half, the match was not over for the home side gave Airdrie some anxious moments. When Allan Moore took on full back Stewart, darted to the line and hit a perfect cross for Gareth Evans to knock home, then the contest was over with just 13 minutes remaining, and gave Airdrie a winning start to season 1999/2000.

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SCOTT THOMSON



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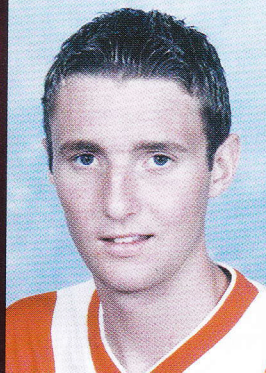
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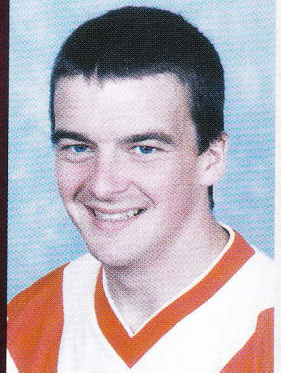
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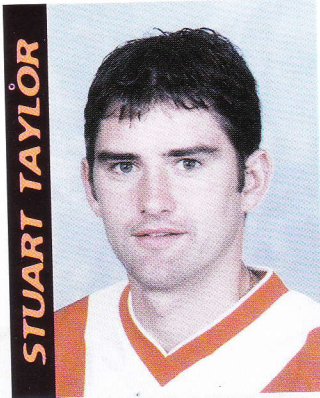


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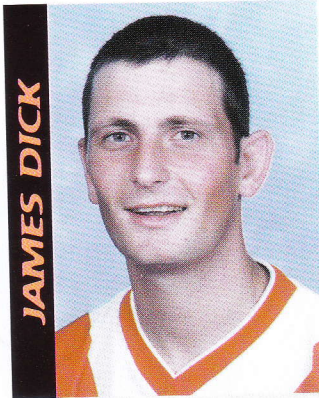
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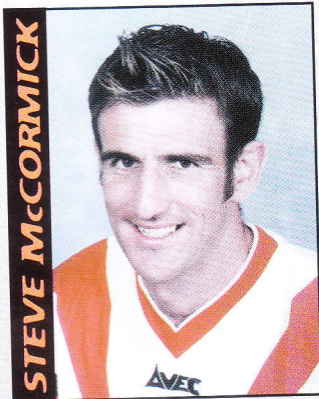
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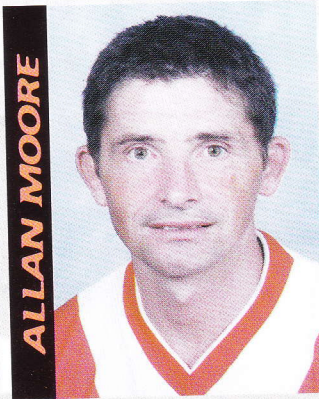
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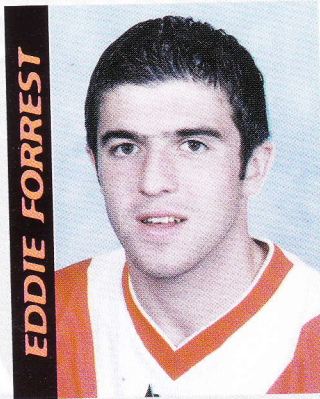
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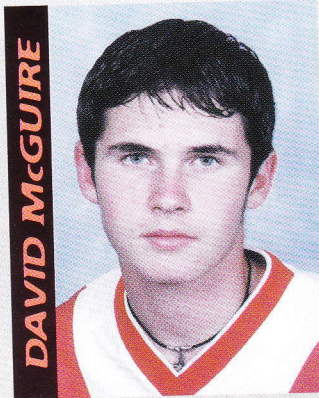
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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



Apart from the Doncaster result, the Preseason has been excellent. The training has been different, just like my new role in the side. I'm delighted to be in the team, and feel that it is working at the moment. Long may it continue!

Last week the result was the most important thing, and perhaps once all the new boys have had the chance to get a few more matches playing along side the rest of the lads, the overall displays will benefit.

Today we face Dunfermline who have been made favourites for promotion, and it gives us the chance to judge ourselves early on in the Season, and it will be interesting to see how our new style stands up. For a while now we have been accused of being predictable, sometimes unfairly, but if our change in the way we play brings us some success, I'm sure we will get any due praise.

Two Airdrie 'Old Boys', Owen Coyle and Andy Smith are up against us. I think it is the first time Oweny has played against us since he left Airdrie and we'll need to make sure that neither have a happy return.

On a personal note, I hope the Mascot for today's game is a lucky one. He will, of course be wanting his dad to be successful.

Jimmy Sandison.

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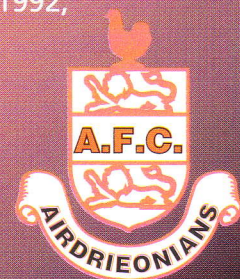
Runners-up: 1900/01, 1946/47, 1949/50, 1965/66

Scottish Cup Winners: 1924

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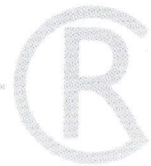
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MILLENNIUM MEMORIES

Around this Time...

...one year ago: A visit to Firhill for a Lanarkshire Derby with Hamilton Accies yielded one point in a 1-1 draw. Steve Cooper scored for the Diamonds. Having used both Brian McCloy and Paul Jack as Substitutes, Scott Thomson was ready to take part in the match as an outfield player, such was Airdrie's injury and suspension problem. Marvin Wilson played through the pain barrier to keep Airdrie's No.1 on the bench.

...five years ago: Airdrie kicked off their first season in exile at nearby Cumbernauld. Broadwood, the home to Clyde was to become home for the Diamonds for four seasons. Dunfermline were the visitors and the match ended goalless. 3 days later it took a penalty shoot to see Airdrie past Morton in the CocaCola Cup at Cappielow

...ten years ago: Paul Jack made his league debut against Clyde at Firhill, although it was in a single goal defeat. On August 15th Forfar Athletic provided the opposition in the Skol Cup, when Airdrie recorded their first win of the season. Goals from Lawrence (2), Balfour and Butler, scored in a convincing victory earned a third round tie with Aberdeen.

...twenty years ago: The 79/80 season began with success in the Lanarkshire Cup beating Motherwell 4-3 at Fir Park in the semi-final and Hamilton Accies 3-2 in the final at the same venue. League matters started with draws with Berwick Rangers and Raith Rovers. Ian Gordon and Sandy Clark scored in the 2-2 draw at Berwick, while it was goalless against Raith Rovers.

...twenty-five years ago: The League Cup qualifying section included St. Mirren, Stirling Albion and Clydebank. Although the qualifying matches began with an emphatic 4 goal win over Clydebank, defeats from Albion and St Mirren made it a difficult path to the quarter finals for the Diamonds. McCulloch, Walker, Wilson and an own goal disposed of the Bankies.

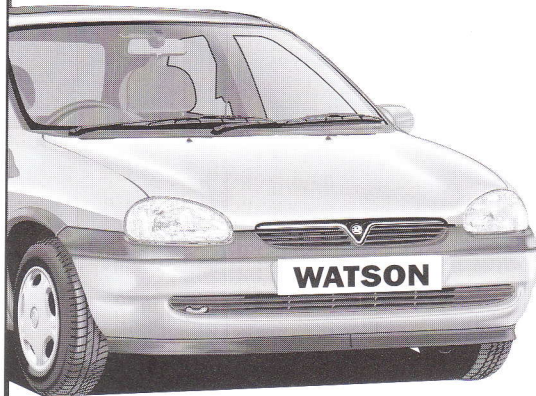
...fifty years ago: After failing to bounce back to Division 'A' at the first time of asking, Airdrie's priority for the 1949/50 season was promotion, but before the League campaign began a League Cup section with 5 points from a possible six. Dundee United were hammered 5-2 at Broomfield, Arbroath were beaten 2-1 at Gayfield while Dumbarton and Airdrie shared the points in a 2-2 draw.

...seventy-five years ago: Runners up in the First Division the season before the month of August began well. Hughie Gallagher and Bob McPhail scored in the opening League win over St Mirren at Broomfield. McDougall bagged the only goal in the single goal success over Ayr United and the unbeaten run continued when Russell netted Airdrie's counter against Celtic in Glasgow in a 1-1 draw.

...one hundred years ago: Airdrie's sixth season in the Scottish League began with a trip to play Linthouse. No less than six players were making their debuts for the Diamonds there a 1-1 draw was a reasonable effort. The line up was McAllan, McLean, M. Scott, Goldie, McCurrie, P. Gardner, J. Gardner, Kyle, Brown, Thomson, and Hardie. Thomson was the goal scorer.

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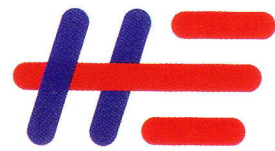
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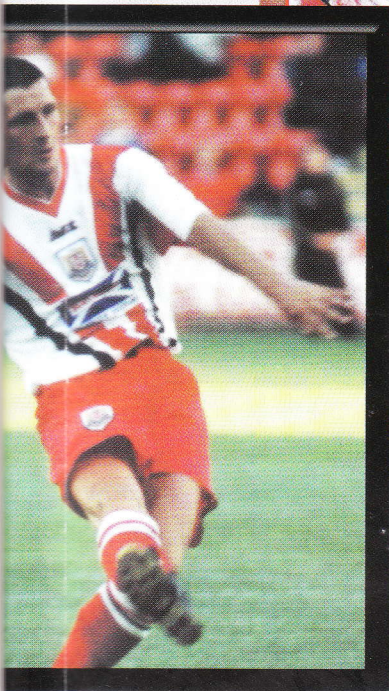


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"Match days are obviously very hectic but there is a great deal of satisfaction at around 5 o'clock on a Saturday or 9.30pm after a mid-week match when everything has gone without a problem".

Alistair enjoys the fact that his role within the Club has allowed him to get to know the officials and players quite well. "I feel that Brian McCloy is a very talented young player. He is a really good passer of the ball. Gareth Evans is my favourite player while Gerry Farrell is probably the funniest character". Away from the Shyberry Excelsior Stadium, Alistair enjoys family life with his wife Rebecca and two sons Gerry (15) and Stephen (11).

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The Broomfield Airdrieonians Supporters Club welcome any new members for the season ahead. The supporters buses leave from the final site of the Airdrie market, beside the Scottish Power offices in Stirling Street. Buses are being run to the Diamonds next 2 away fixtures.

On Tuesday 17th August, the bus for New Methil for the C.I.S. Insurance Cup second round tie against East Fife will leave at 6.00pm. The following Saturday 21st August, the bus for Almondvale for the league match with Livingston leaves at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to travel can contact Ricky Anderson on Airdrie (01236) 747321. All non-members are more than welcome.

AROUND THE WORLD

The final summer of the Millennium saw another international Tournament take place. The Copa America was won, not surprisingly, by Brazil,

although the opposition in the final was somewhat surprising, particularly as Uruguay had only reached that stage courtesy of best third placed side in a group of 4, then winning their quarter final and semi-final matches against Paraguay and Chile, respectively, on penalty kicks. The star of the competition was Barcelona's Rivaldo. He scored a wonderful free kick in the quarter final victory over Argentina, one in the semi-final against Mexico, and a brace in the final, to end up joint top scorer in the Championship. It should be recognised that Uruguay had a young side competing, and it had almost been comprised of home based players only as Daniel Passarella, former Argentina Boss and Captain, has now taken over as Manager of Uruguay and he has made separate preparations with 17 of the top Uruguayan stars playing abroad for the World Cup Qualifiers.

One agent who deserves special praise is a chap called Steve Kutner who acts as agent for Paul Merson. Steve was also responsible for a relatively unknown 20 year old called Ronnie O'Brien. Although he was listed in the Middlesborough squad for the Premiership last season, he did not make a single appearance, but thanks to his agent he has been snapped up by Juventus. Team Boss Carlos Ancelotti liked what he saw on the video and the next thing the youngster knew, he was signing a lucrative 5 year deal and lining up alongside names such as Davids and Conte. No doubt Ronnie continues to retain the services of his agent.

The 'Club -v- Country' issue took on new meaning as Manchester United did some globetrotting and headed down under to meet Australia. While these matches formed part of United's pre season preparations, they will be returning to the Southern Hemisphere in January. The inaugural World Cup Championships take place in Brazil and with the consequence of their involvement being United's failure to defend the F.A Cup, the wider stage is being seen as a preference to events at home. It appears that with the increase to the Champions League coming at the same time as the world event it is only a matter of time before a permanent European League comes into force. For the big players only, though.

The Intertoto Cup was seen originally as an inconvenient route to European football coming at an inconvenient time. With the inclusion of Juventus and West Ham in this seasons tourney it may no longer be seen that way, after all which side would say no to a home tie against the Italian giants.

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The race is on for what looks to be the most competitive First Division in a number of years, especially as two places are now available in the SPL. The last 3 years has seen one club build up an unassailable lead in top spot to take the only guaranteed promotion placing, effectively leaving the bulk of the sides, those not with the concerns of relegation, to play out the remaining couple of months of the season. Presently, the emphasis appears to have fallen on the criteria required to meet entry into the SPL, and the question of whether clubs put their home in order, literally, or invest in personnel now, has left an air of uncertainty around most First Division Grounds. It will be interesting to see if clubs without a 10,000 seater stadium in place, in May, occupy a promotion spot and are refused entry into the SPL.

A look at past promotion winning performances gives an indication of the levels of consistency produced by the

respective Champions, since the three points for a win was introduced. It may have been the case that with the one automatic promotion place there was no holding back from the top side, just in case complacency was ever going to set in. A review of the second placed clubs over the last 5 years gives a more accurate points total that the clubs should be aiming for this season. It would be reasonable to suggest that if two sides hit the 65 points plus goal then they will be heading for pastures new next term. Falkirk earned nothing for their consecutive runners up roles, save the payment for not being allowed a play off in 97/98, while the three other clubs did have the benefit of a play off but only Dundee United took full advantage of their end of season double header. You have to go back to season 92/93 to find the last side that went up to the Premier as runners up of the First Division, which was Kilmarnock, and how well they have performed since then.

Sides in First Place

| Year | Club | P | W | D | L | F | A | POINTS |
|-------|--------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|--------|
| 98/99 | Hibernian | 36 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 84 | 33 | 89 |
| 97/98 | Dundee | 36 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 52 | 24 | 70 |
| 96/97 | St Johnstone | 36 | 24 | 8 | 4 | 74 | 23 | 80 |
| 95/96 | Dunfermline | 36 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 73 | 41 | 71 |
| 94/95 | Raith Rovers | 36 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 54 | 32 | 69 |

Runners Up Details

| Year | Club | P | W | D | L | F | A | POINTS |
|-------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| 98/99 | Falkirk | 36 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 60 | 38 | 66 |
| 97/98 | Falkirk | 36 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 56 | 41 | 65 |
| 96/97 | Airdrieonians | 36 | 15 | 15 | 6 | 56 | 34 | 60 |
| 95/96 | Dundee Utd. | 36 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 73 | 37 | 67 |
| 94/95 | Dunfermline | 36 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 63 | 32 | 68 |

PLAYER OF THE PAST

JOCK EWART

The on-field antics of John Martin and his rapport with the supporters are well known to the current generation of Airdrie fans but it appears that he is not the first Airdrie keeper to have such a reputation as I have discovered when I came across an article in an old "Football and Sports" magazine dated 19/1/24.

The article in question was written by Jock Ewart, Airdrieonians' Scottish International Goalkeeper, who was described as one of the most famous players in the game at that time and soon to be the proud holder of a Scottish Cup winners medal. The article was entitled "The Keepers View of the Funny Men Behind the Goal" in which he recounts a number of amusing incidents which happened while playing with Airdrie and Bradford City and the following are extracts from this article

"Certain people seem to have a veritable gift of getting on terms of intimacy with the crowd. The great Lloyd George, we are often told, casts a kind of spell over his audiences and woe betide the wit who tries to score at his expense.

The majority of football players are too fully occupied with what is going on in the field of play to be conscious of remarks passed by the crowd. Goalkeepers whose duties merely consist of picking loose balls from the net, and generally in seeing that the goalposts and nets are kept in their proper position in the field of play have often quiet periods when it is both interesting and entertaining to speak to the wits in the crowd behind the goal. It helps to break the monotony of policing the goal-line and keeps the crowd in good humour." (It should be remembered that this article was written at a time when Airdrie were too good for most teams in the country and finished runners-up in the 20-club First Division four seasons in a row from 1922/3 to 1925/26 as well as winning the Scottish Cup). Jock goes on to recount some of his memories.

"I am built on lean, but I hope, graceful lines. Yet, when I made my debut as a senior footballer for Airdrie at Cathkin Park, Glasgow against Third Lanark arrayed in the outfit of my predecessor who turned the scale at sixteen stones. I was greeted from behind the goal with shrieks of laughter although I thought I was the greatest thing that had ever happened.

"Where did Airdrie get that silly looking duffer?" Was the first question I heard when I took up my stance. From that day I established an intimacy with the crowd which I don't regret.

If I have been a failure as a goalkeeper, at least I have added to the gaiety of the game. I am not yet quite

sure if I was signed on by Airdrie or Bradford City for any ability I possess in the direction of goalkeeping or perhaps these shrewd club officials appreciated the need for a comedy man who could keep the crowd entertained.

I can't fathom whether my personal appearance or my football rigout is responsible for my appearing in a comedy role. My kneecaps certainly provoked remark in London, and the Cockney lads used to tell me that I might have been more successful as a comedian in Drury Lane.

I used to reply that if this was their opinion I would require to see that they paid an extra sixpence at the gate to see me the next time I returned to their ground.

Crowds in general are good natured if handled tactfully. I remember once playing at Port Vale. The Port boys were in irresistible form and I was being kept very busy. On several occasions I had to dash out to take the ball at an opponent's feet. Evidently the Port Vale crowd behind me were growing anxious for my safety and one lad called out encouragingly "You'll get killed when you go up the other end!". I could not help retorting that they would not have much credit in killing me as I felt half dead already. At Falkirk recently some of the crowd had been digging up my past and wished me to answer the question "Have ghost's tails?" I reminded them that Falkirk's team had a very big tail which we would soon twist. As luck would have it we won by three clear goals that day.

I must confess I would not find the game so interesting if I did not have a rapport with the crowd. After all football is a sport and I am convinced from my experience of the game that the followers of football are on the whole as fine sports as one will meet anywhere. Their remarks add zest to the game and I must confess any success I have achieved is in great part due to this feeling of intimacy with the crowd." This extract gives an interesting insight into the football of the 1920's and in particular into the character of one of Airdrie's greatest ever goalkeepers of whom there have been a few more than useful ones, including John Martin.

Details of Jock Ewart's career are as follows- Bellshill Athletic, Larkhall Thistle, Airdrieonians March 1909, Bradford City May 1912 (£1,200), Airdrieonians again 1923 (£300), Bradford City again May 1927; Preston NE 1928, retired 1930. Honours- One Full Scottish Cap v England 1921, 2 Scottish League Caps, Scottish Cup Winner 1924.

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PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Dundee
Dundee Utd. v Celtic (Sun)
Hibernian v Hearts
Rangers v Motherwell (Sun)
St. Johnstone v Kilmarnock (Sun)

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrieonians v Dunfermline
Ayr United v Livingston
Morton v Clydebank
Inverness C.T v Falkirk
Raith Rovers v St Mirren

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa Athl. v Partick Thistle
Arbroath v Clyde
Hamilton Accies v Q.O.S
Stenhousemuir v Stirling Albion
Stranraer v Ross County

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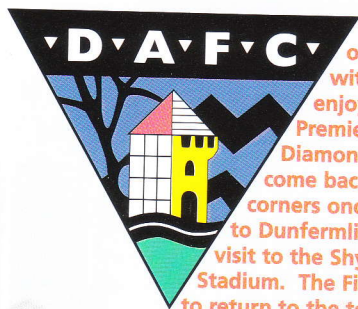
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TODAY'S VISITORS



After an absence of three seasons, with Dunfermline enjoying life in the Premier League, the Diamonds and the Pars come back into opposing corners once more. Welcome to Dunfermline for their first visit to the Shyberry Excelsior Stadium. The Fifers are favourites to return to the top league within a season and fired their way to the top of the League last Saturday with a convincing win over Inverness Caley Thistle.

It was no surprise, perhaps, that Dunfermline would find that the constraints normally associated with playing in the Premier Division lifted and that goals would come much more freely. That was certainly the case in the Pre-Season when Cardiff City were hit for six, and Preston beaten by three goals to nil.

First team Boss Dick Campbell also ensured that the void, created by John McVeigh's departure to manage Raith Rovers, was soon filled. In fact Jimmy Nicholl moved in the other direction, returning to one of the club's he once played for. Nicholl's recent knowledge of the First Division will no doubt be an asset to Dunfermline's promotion challenge, especially having steered Raith to the First Division title twice.

Dick Campbell is adamant that he will leave all the predictions for his Club's season to others, but is of the opinion that workrate is the key ingredient to becoming champions, and that by matching or being better in that department than the opposition, they have enough elsewhere to see them succeed. The main obstacle that comes with being favourites is the fact that all the Club's would want to be the side that stops them in their tracks.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS.

1995/96:

Broadwood:

Airdrieonians 0 - 1 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 2 - 0 Airdrieonians

Broadwood:

Airdrieonians 1 - 2 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 2 - 1 Airdrieonians

1994/95:

Broadwood:

Airdrieonians 0 - 0 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 2 - 2 Airdrieonians

Broadwood:

Airdrieonians 0 - 0 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 0 - 0 Airdrieonians

1993/94:

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 3 - 2 Airdrieonians

Broomfield:

Airdrieonians 1 - 1 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 0 - 0 Airdrieonians

Broomfield:

Airdrieonians 1 - 0 Dunfermline

1991/92:

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 1 - 2 Airdrieonians

Broomfield:

Airdrieonians 3 - 1 Dunfermline

Eastend Park:

Dunfermline 0 - 0 Airdrieonians

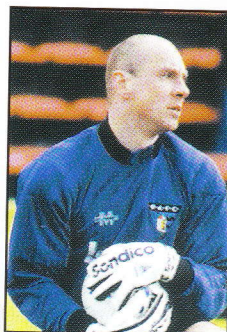
Broomfield:

Airdrieonians 3 - 2 Dunfermline

You have to go back to May '94 for Airdrie's last league win over Dunfermline. The result was a significant one for both Clubs. The Eastenders required only one point from their trip to Broomfield, for what was the Diamonds final competitive fixture at that ground, to maintain their promotion challenge with Falkirk. A win would have strengthened their case. As it was, despite dominating the match, the Diamonds were to have their day thanks to a cruel own goal. Falkirk grabbed the initiative to take the title. For the next two seasons the Pars held the upper hand, although the four meetings in 94/95 were drawn, three of them without a single goal.

1995/96 belonged to Dunfermline, as they won all four encounters. The sweetest was obviously the final clash in May '96. Once again Dunfermline were after the title and promotion with Dundee United and Greenock Morton in hot pursuit. There was to be no repeat of the events of '94 and at Eastend Park they clinched both prizes. Dunfermline have the advantage in league meetings in the nineties by 5 wins to 4 over Airdrie, and with 7 of these matches drawn, a close encounter looks likely.

PLAYER POOL



IAN WESTWATER (GOALKEEPER)
DATE OF BIRTH: 8TH NOVEMBER 1963
HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS WEIGHT: 14ST 8LBS
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER:
335 APPEARANCES, 108 SHUT-OUTS.

Former Scotland Youth International goalkeeper who had the distinction of playing in the Premier League at the age of 16 for his first club Hearts. He moved to Dunfermline in March 1985 for a fee of £4,000, a sum which has been paid over and over again. A regular in the Pars team which moved from the Second to the Premier Division in the 1980's, Westie moved temporarily to Falkirk then Dundee before returning to East End Park in 1994.

Very fit and agile, many have tried over the years but failed to remove him as first choice keeper. Unfortunately, he suffered a serious ligament injury in his first outing of 1998/99 and thanks to Lee Butler's superb form was unable to regain his place.

LEE BUTLER (GOALKEEPER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 30TH MAY 1966

HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS WEIGHT: 14ST 4LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 38 APPEARANCES, 6 SHUT-OUTS.

Signed from Wigan Athletic as cover for regular first team keeper Ian Westwater. The 33 year old also played for Lincoln City, Aston Villa and Barnsley (for whom he signed for £165,000) in a twelve year career in England. This is his first experience of Scottish football, but so far appears to be having a great time. Having been drafted into duty following Ian Westwater's early season injury, he had a series of consistent performances which kept him in the number one position throughout 1998/99.

DAVID HAY (GOALKEEPER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 2ND JANUARY 1980

HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS WEIGHT: 12ST 2LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 0 APPEARANCES, 0 SHUT-OUTS.

David is a product of Dunfermline's youth policy and with Ian Westwater's injury, was on the bench for a number of games this season. He has yet to make a first team appearance but got rave reviews with some good performances in the Under 21 side last season.

GREG SHIELDS (FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENCE)

DATE OF BIRTH: 21ST AUGUST 1976

HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS WEIGHT: 10ST 10LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 80 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

A product of Salvason Boys Club, Greg signed for Rangers in 1993 and in season 1996/97 made a significant breakthrough with ten first team appearances. Bert Paton paid a substantial sum for this young defender in June 1997, and his judgement proved to be spot on with Greg turning in some excellent performances in an ever-present run of 80 games since that date. Played both at full back and at the heart of the defence last season, and was unanimously the club's Player of the Year.

ANDREW TOD (CENTRAL DEFENDER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 4TH NOVEMBER 1971

HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS WEIGHT: 12ST 0LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 222 APPEARANCES, 37 GOALS.

Andy has played in midfield and up front for the Pars before settling into the position he currently occupies in the heart of defence. Surprisingly late into the professional ranks when he signed from Kelty Hearts in 1993, he has now made over 200 League and Cup appearances. He is dangerous at set pieces, has a keen eye for goal, and has improved his defensive skills considerably. Injuries last season meant for the first time since arriving at the club he did not play in virtually every game.

CRAIG IRELAND (CENTRAL DEFENDER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10TH NOVEMBER 1978

HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS WEIGHT: 13ST 9LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 55 APPEARANCES, 2 GOALS.

Centre half who was signed from Aberdeen for a fee of £70,000 in

February 1996. Craig's time with Dunfermline has been up and down but there have been periods of very good form when he has shown just what he is capable of doing. Occasionally used as a long throw expert, Craig is a strong tackling defender who is dangerous at set pieces in the opposition penalty area.

BRIAN REID (DEFENDER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 15TH JUNE 1970

HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS WEIGHT: 11ST 12LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 0 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Signed during the summer in a bid to bring in an older more experienced central defender to bolster the Pars rearguard. Previously with Morton and Rangers in Scotland with whom he was expected to have a highly successful career until serious injury struck. Has returned from a short spell in England under freedom of contract and is expected to be a major player with the Pars this season.

JAMIE SQUIRES (CENTRAL DEFENDER)

DATE OF BIRTH: 15TH NOVEMBER 1975

HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS WEIGHT: 13ST 3LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 26 APPEARANCES, 2 GOALS.

Signed on loan from Preston North End in March 1998, Jamie signed longer term for the Pars although he is currently on the open to transfer list. A big very solid defender, Jamie got his chance at the end of the season when Craig Robertson was injured and performed very well against Celtic. Was recommended to Dunfermline by former Pars player and Preston boss David Moyes. Another one who tried to establish himself in a young Pars defence, Jamie scored twice last season. A good long passer.

EDDIE MAY (FULL BACK / MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 30TH AUGUST 1967

HEIGHT: 5FT 8INS WEIGHT: 10ST 10LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 0 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Former Hibs, Brentford, Falkirk and Motherwell midfielder, Eddie was released from Fir Park in the summer and despite offers from elsewhere opted for Dunfermline. A vastly experienced and versatile player, Eddie can play in an attacking midfield role or at full back.

SCOTT THOMSON (FULL BACK / MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 29TH JANUARY 1972

HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS WEIGHT: 11ST 10LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 23 APPEARANCES, 2 GOALS.

Signed on a three year deal under freedom of contract from Raith Rovers during last summer, Scott also played for Aberdeen before his move to Fife. A utility player, Scott can play in a variety of positions including full back, midfield or forward on either side of the park. Has a deceptive turn of pace and a very good eye for goal which, with a bit of luck, might have seen him score more often last season. Another who could do with a full, uninterrupted season.

JASON DAIR (FULL BACK / MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 15TH JUNE 1974

HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS WEIGHT: 12ST 5LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 11 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

One of Dick Campbell's first signings, Jason was 'stolen' from a hard up Raith Rovers for £20,000 last season. As a youngster in Jimmy Nicholl's successful Raith team of the early 90's, Jason was very highly thought of. He was part of a £1 million transfer to Millwall with Steve Crawford but returned to Raith with his old boss in 1997. His second spell there was not as good but at 25 he is just coming into his prime as a footballer.

RICHARD HUXFORD (MIDFIELD)

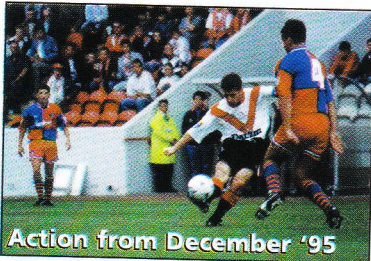
DATE OF BIRTH: 25TH JULY 1969

HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS WEIGHT: 11ST 6LBS

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 38 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Richard was signed on loan in March 1998. A competitive and skillful midfielder, Richard performed well after coming into the side and was rewarded with a longer contract. A native of Scunthorpe, Richard has gained a wealth of experience in English football with Barnet, Millwall, Birmingham City, Bradford City and Burnley. Amazingly, he has yet to score despite hitting the woodwork with some spectacular long range efforts. Currently on the open to transfer list.

PLAYER POOL



Action from December '95

JAMIE DOLAN (MIDFIELD)
DATE OF BIRTH: 22ND FEBRUARY 1969
HEIGHT: 5FT 9INS
WEIGHT: 11ST 9LBS
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 9 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Another of Dick Campbell's first sign-

ings, Jamie was brought to East End Park from Dundee United in February. A wholehearted and strong tackling midfielder, Jamie is also very skilful at the centre of midfield. Spent ten years at Motherwell before moving to Tannadice.

CHRIS TEMPLEMAN (MIDFIELD)
DATE OF BIRTH: 12TH JANUARY 1980

HEIGHT: 6FT 3INS **WEIGHT: 12ST 1LB**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 12 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

A product of the Dunfermline youth policy, Chris broke through in dramatic fashion last season with a Man of the Match winning performance against Dundee on his debut. Tall and gangly, Chris is very skilful for his size. He shows great maturity and coolness and can tackle well too. Has played for Scotland Under 18's and is a great prospect for the future.

CRAIG MARTIN (DEFENCE / MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10TH NOVEMBER 1978
HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS **WEIGHT: 11ST 7LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 3 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Another product of the Dunfermline youth policy, Craig has featured in the Pars squad several times last season and made his debut against St Johnstone in December last year. Can play in a variety of positions in defence or midfield.

CHRIS MCGROARTY (MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH:
HEIGHT: 5FT 7INS **WEIGHT: 10ST 2LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 5 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Another product of the Pars youth policy, Chris is a real crowd pleaser who operates a traditional role on the left wing. Willing to take on the opposition and has the ability to fire in accurate crosses, Chris will be trying to get a regular first team place this season.

STEVEN BOYLE (MIDFIELD)

DATE OF BIRTH:
HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS **WEIGHT: 10ST 12LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 1 APPEARANCE, 1 GOAL.

Young player who signed professional terms with the club at the start of last season. With a large pool, Steven was unable to break through into the first team so went on loan to Forfar Athletic but returned to make a spectacular debut in the final game of last season when he scored with a 25 yarder, hit the bar with another of the same, and won Man of the Match!

HAMISH FRENCH (MIDFIELD / FORWARD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 7TH FEBRUARY 1964
HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS **WEIGHT: 11ST 7LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 276 APPEARANCES, 61 GOALS.

Signed from Dundee United for a fee of £150,000 in October 1991, Hamish is now Dunfermline's second-longest serving player. Originally with Highland League side Keith, Hamish was a late entrant into the professional game when he joined Dundee United in 1987. Always honest and hard-working, Hamish is Pars current top goalscorer with 61 goals with Dunfermline. Missed much of last season through injury but has recently negotiated a new one year contract.

STEWART PETRIE (FORWARD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 27TH FEBRUARY 1970
HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS **WEIGHT: 11ST 11LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 220 APPEARANCES, 51 GOALS.

Signed from Forfar Athletic, and another who was top scorer at Station

Park before his £70,000 move in August 1993. Stewart started with junior club Dundee East Craigie before spending five seasons at Forfar. He can play either through the middle, or play in a wide left berth from where he can fire in telling crosses. His wide role seems to suit Pars present set-up and his driving runs always have the potential to cause havoc. Was Pars top goalscorer for two seasons, but plays the provider role now. Yet to agree to a new contract.

ANDY SMITH (FORWARD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 22ND NOVEMBER 1968
HEIGHT: 6FT 11INS **WEIGHT: 12ST 7LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 138 APPEARANCES, 58 GOALS.

Considered by many to be one of Bert Paton's best buys, Andy was snapped up from Airdrie in July 1995. Although he suffered a broken leg in his first match, he returned to the side to play a crucial role in promotion, scoring ten goals in nineteen starts. In 1996/97, Andy was almost ever-present playing from midfield then in 1997/98 he lead the line with stunning effect, scoring twenty-six goals. Despite being made captain at the start of the season, 1998/99 was not Andy's best season with the club. A real lionheart, Andy's aerial power makes him feared by many defenders and won him a call up to the Scotland 'B' team.

DAVID GRAHAM (FORWARD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 6TH OCTOBER 1978
HEIGHT: 5FT 10INS **WEIGHT: 11ST 2LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 23 APPEARANCES, 2 GOALS.

Young striker who signed for Dunfermline from Rangers for a fee of £200,000 in November 1998. A product of Rangers youth policy, David won several Scotland Under 21 caps and made his Ibrox debut last season in a European match. Has lightning pace up front but probably would have wanted to score more goals than he did last term. Still only 20 and a great prospect for the future.

OWEN COYLE (FORWARD)

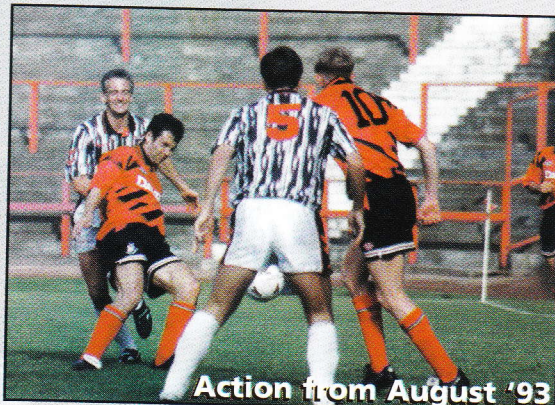
DATE OF BIRTH: 14TH JULY 1966
HEIGHT: 5FT 11INS **WEIGHT: 10ST 5LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 11 APPEARANCES, 1 GOAL.

The third of Dick Campbell's mid-season signings, many were surprised when Owen decided to opt for Dunfermline ahead of other offers he might have had. His first few months with Dunfermline did not bring the success hoped for, but Coyle is a skilful and talented player who will be a tremendous asset to the Pars in the First Division. Previously with Dumbarton, Clydebank, Airdrie, Dundee United and Bolton Wanderers in England and a former Republic of Ireland internationalist.

COLIN NISH (FORWARD)

DATE OF BIRTH: 7TH MARCH 1981
HEIGHT: 6FT 2INS **WEIGHT: 11ST 8LBS**
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC CAREER: 3 APPEARANCES, 0 GOALS.

Young striker who is a product of Dunfermline's youth policy and of whom great things are expected. Has been a prolific goalscorer at youth level and in the Reserves last season.



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| AIRDRIEONIANS | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| AYR UNITED | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LIVINGSTON | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| RAITH ROVERS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ST. MIRREN | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CLYDEBANK | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| 19.09.99 Stirling Albion | A |
| 26.09.99 Clyde | H |
| 03.10.99 Dumbarton | A |
| 10.10.99 Partick Thistle | H |
| 17.10.99 Ross County | A |
| 24.10.99 Albion Rovers | H |
| 31.10.99 Morton | A |
| 07.11.99 St Mirren | H |
| 14.11.99 Queen of the South | A |
| 21.11.99 Stirling Albion | H |
| 28.11.99 Clyde | A |
| 05.12.99 Dumbarton | H |
| 12.12.99 Partick Thistle | A |
| 19.12.99 Ross County | H |
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| 30.01.00 Queen of the South | H |
| 06.02.00 Stirling Albion | A |
| 13.02.00 Clyde | H |
| 20.02.00 Dumbarton | A |
| 27.02.00 Partick Thistle | H |
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| WED 18 | | | SFL CUP 2 | |
| SAT 21 | LIVINGSTON | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 28 | RAITH ROVERS | H | DIV 1 | |
| SEP SAT 4 | ST MIRREN | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 11 | AYR UNITED | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 18 | FALKIRK | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 25 | MORTON | A | DIV 1 | |
| OCT SAT 2 | INVERNESS C.T. | H | DIV 1 | |
| WED 13 | | | SFL CUP 3 | |
| SAT 16 | DUNFERMLINE ATH. | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 23 | CLYDEBANK | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 30 | AYR UNITED | H | DIV 1 | |
| NOV SAT 6 | FALKIRK | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 13 | ST. MIRREN | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 20 | RAITH ROVERS | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 27 | INVERNESS C.T. | A | DIV 1 | |
| MON 29 | | | SFL CUP 4 | |
| DEC SAT 4 | MORTON | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 11 | LIVINGSTON | H | DIV 1/5FA CUP 1 | |
| SAT 18 | CLYDEBANK | A | DIV 1 | |
| MON 27 | AYR UNITED | A | DIV 1 | |
| JAN MON 3 | FALKIRK | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 8 | ST. MIRREN | A | DIV 1/5FA CUP 2 | |
| SAT 15 | RAITH ROVERS | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 22 | MORTON | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 29 | | | SFA CUP 3 | |
| FEB SAT 5 | INVERNESS C.T. | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 12 | LIVINGSTON | A | DIV 1 | |
| SUN 13 | | | SFL CUP SEMI | |
| SAT 19 | | | SFA CUP 4 | |
| SAT 26 | DUNFERMLINE ATH. | H | DIV 1 | |
| MAR SAT 4 | AYR UNITED | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 11 | | | SFA CUP 5 | |
| SAT 18 | FALKIRK | A | DIV 1 | |
| SUN 19 | | | SFL FINAL | |
| SAT 25 | RAITH ROVERS | A | DIV 1 | |
| APR SAT 1 | ST MIRREN | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 8 | MORTON | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 15 | INVERNESS C.T. | A | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 22 | CLYDEBANK | H | DIV 1 | |
| SAT 29 | DUNFERMLINE ATH. | A | DIV 1 | |
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