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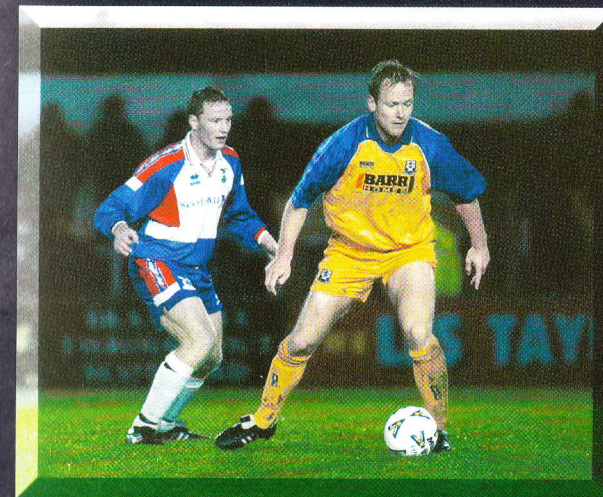
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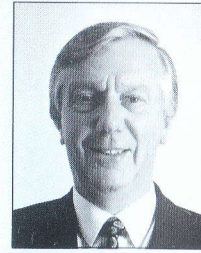
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chairman's message

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A warm welcome this afternoon to our match with our friends from Dunfermline to whom we extend our welcome.

Two draws in our last two away matches have unfortunately not helped our League position, however, the improved performances have given us some hope for the weeks ahead.

Today, we face the start of three very difficult matches against Dunfermline, Falkirk and St Mirren. We will certainly need to be at our best if we are to be successful in these matches. Every team is capable of beating one another in the First Division. We therefore must look to take points from the top teams and close the gap while improve on our own League position.

Dunfermline have a very strong pool of players and are looking for a speedy return to the Premier League. They have only lost one match so far this season and their players will be keen to impress their new Manager Jimmy Calderwood this afternoon.

Please get behind the team this afternoon and enjoy the match.

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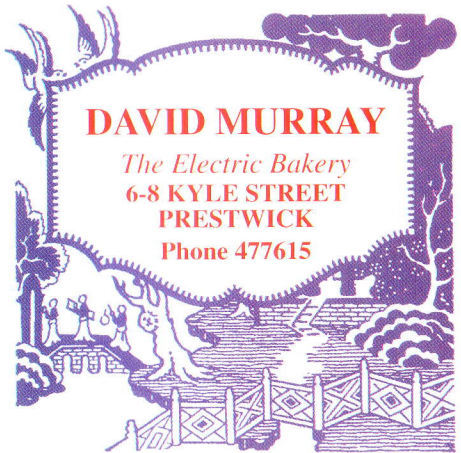
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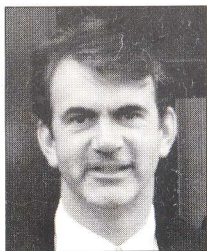
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Welcome to our Bell's League match this afternoon with second placed Dunfermline. A special welcome back to Scottish football for new Dunfermline Manager Jimmy Calderwood who took charge at East End Park on Tuesday. I'm sure that he will have great success with the Pars, however, I hope that his good fortune does not start until after today's game as we hope to secure the three points.

Over the last couple of weeks the players have worked extremely hard and showed an improvement in form in the last couple of matches. On Tuesday, bearing in mind the difficult conditions and injury and suspension problems, I was pleased to leave Inverness with a point. The players who came in did

not let the Club down and this makes for good competition for places for the next couple of games. Dave Rogers, Marvyn Wilson and Mark Campbell all complete their suspensions this afternoon and will be available next weekend for the visit of Falkirk. David Craig and Neil Scally are doubtful for this afternoon's match.

Thank you to all the supporters who made the long trip to Inverness on a wet, windy Tuesday night, your support was magnificent and was much appreciated by everyone at the Club.

I hope you enjoy the match and can return next weekend for our match with Falkirk at Somerset Park.



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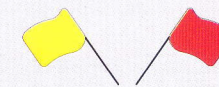
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St Mirren	16	12	3	1	43	18	39
Dunfermline Ath.	16	8	7	1	30	16	31
Falkirk	16	8	3	5	27	24	27
Raith Rovers	16	7	5	4	29	24	26
Livingston	16	6	5	5	24	22	23
Inverness C.T.	16	5	5	6	21	24	20
Airdrieonians	16	4	5	7	12	25	17
Greenock Morton	16	4	4	8	25	29	16
Ayr United	16	4	4	8	16	23	16
Clydebank	16	0	3	13	10	32	3



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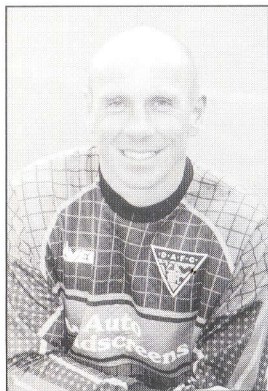
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Ian Westwater (Born Loughborough - 08.11.63)



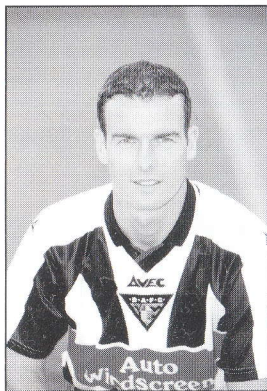
A former Scotland Youth international, Ian is in his second spell with the Pars. His senior career started with Hearts in 1980 and he remained at Tynecastle for 5 seasons before making a £4,000 move to Dunfermline in March 1985. He helped the club win both the Second and First Division titles before

joining Falkirk then Dundee. In March 1994 he returned to East End Park. 6 feet tall he is 36 years old.

DEFENDERS

Brian Reid (Born 15.06.70 - Paisley)

Brian made his mark on the game with Morton. He was sold to Rangers but sadly suffered a dreadful knee injury just when the first team doors were welcoming him. He recovered and moved back to Morton before having a spell in England with Burnley. Now an integral part of the Pars defence, he will be a key player in the promotion push.



Eddie May (Born 30.08.67 - Edinburgh)
A highly experienced professional who has played up front and in midfield but now prefers a

defensive beat. Eddie started out with Hibs where he was a teenage sensation. That earned him a six-figure move to Brentford but he returned to Scotland with Falkirk. A move to Motherwell gave him plenty of Premier League experience and now that expertise is at the disposal of the Pars.

Andy Tod (Born Dunfermline - 04.11.71)
Dunfermline born youngster who joined from Keltie Hearts in 1993 for £5,000. He made an immediate impact with his 6'3" frame and ability to either lead the attack or bolster the defence. Aged 27 he has passed the 100 SFL appearance mark for the Pars and his haul of 22 goals is pretty impressive. He was an ever present in Dunfermline's promotion winning side two seasons ago and scored 6 times in 41 matches last season.

John Potter (Born - 15.12.79)
A recent signing for Dunfermline, John was given a chance to go straight into the first team when skipper Andy Tod was injured. Still only 19, John is a product of Celtic's youth policy. Despite becoming captain of the Celtic youth team, he decided to move to Dunfermline to get the chance to play first team football.

MIDFIELD

Justin Skinner (Born 30.01.69 - London)
An early season capture from Hibernian, Justin is a combative midfielder with a touch of class. He spent his early career in England serving a number of clubs including Fulham. He joined Hibs at the start of last season and helped the Easter Road club win the First Division championship in a canter. A similar outcome this season would clearly go down well in Fife.

Hamish French (Born Aberdeen - 07.02.64)
A subtle and well balanced striker Hamish is now in his seventh season at East End Park. He cut his professional teeth with Dundee United where although amongst the goals he rarely hit

the highs. Played against Motherwell in the 1991 Scottish Cup final. Since arriving at Dunfermline the 34 year old has been a consistent scorer despite occasionally being used in a midfield role. Has scored almost 50 goals for the Pars, including 4 last term.



three seasons ago but broke his leg in a pre-season friendly against Bolton Wanderers and as a consequence scored only 5 league goals in his first 55 outings. He made up for last term in some style scoring a remarkable 26 times and narrowly missed out on a full Scotland cap.

David Moss (Born 15.11.68 - Doncaster)
David signed from Falkirk earlier in the season. He played with Doncaster, Scunthorpe and Chesterfield in the English league before moving to Partick Thistle in 1996. He was amongst the goal for the Jags and joined Falkirk a season later. Never out of the goals his industry and sheer professionalism made him a popular player in recent times.

Richard Huxford (Born Scunthorpe - 25.7.69)
Initially signed on loan last season, Richard is now a permanent member of the Fifers team. Kettering Town were his first club and from there he moved to Barnet, Millwall, Birmingham City (on loan) and then Bradford City. Recently turned 29 he brings a degree of experience to the Pars side that is difficult to ignore.

Jamie Dolan (Born 22.02.69 - Salsburgh)
One of the clan of ex-Motherwell players at East End Park. Jamie was ten years at Fir Park before moving to Dundee United as part of the deal that took Owen Coyle to Fir Park, now of course they are team-mates. Jamie moved from Tannadice to Dunfermline last February and his eager and strong style will add steel to the Fife engine-room.

FORWARDS

Andy Smith (Born Aberdeen - 27.11.68)
A tall Aberdonian who joined Airdrie from Peterhead and made excellent progress, scoring in the 1992 Scottish Cup final when Airdrie lost 2-1 to Rangers. His lay-offs frequently helped those around him and in 1994/95 he hit double figures for the Broomfield side. Joined Dunfermline

Stewart Petrie (Born Dundee - 27.02.70)
Tall, rangy striker who was a £70,000 capture for Forfar Athletic in August 1993. He was five seasons with the Loons before his move to East End Park and he played a big part in ensuring the Pars went up in 1996. Now played increasingly out wide he has the power and directness to upset the best of defences.

Stevie Crawford (Born 09.01.74 - Paisley)
Stevie is currently on loan from Hibs and is scoring regularly for the East End Park team. A quick dangerous striker he also has served Millwall and Raith Rovers. Just 25 years old Steve will be looking to make his loan deal permanent in the coming weeks.

Owen Coyle (Born 14.07.66 - Paisley)
A man of many clubs Owen has been a regular marksman throughout his career. He started with Dumbarton before making his name in prolific spells with Clydebank and Airdrie. Bolton Wanderers were next to use his sharp reflexes before stints with Dundee United and Motherwell considerably increased his goal haul. Two of his brothers played senior football too and Owen is one of the football family's great characters.



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Marc likes going to away games on the AUTC bus, and dislikes referees who send Ayr players off!

Marc's favourite player is Glynn Hurst.

Marc plays for Prestwick B.C. Under 11s and also supports Arsenal.

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10	Raith Rovers	Ch. Cup 1	H			0-1	1,881	Nelson	Robertson	Rogers	Wilson	Traynor	Duffy	Hurst	Davies	Lindau	Bone(10)	Lennon	Bone(10)	Bradford(9)	Scally(5)
14	Livingston	SFL Div. 1	H			1-2	2,533	Gill	Penderville	Bowman	Duffy	Rogers	Lennon	Hurst	Davies	Bradford	Bone	Lindau	Bone(10)	Robertson(11)	Robertson(9)
17	Hamilton Academical	CIS Cup 2	H			2-1	1789	Gill	Penderville	Rogers	Duffy	Wilson	Craig	Hurst	Davies	Bone	Bone	Lindau(10)	Teale(9)	Lennon(8)	Lindau(6)
21	Falkirk	SFL Div. 1	A			1-2	2938	Gill	Penderville	Rogers	Duffy	Robertson	Craig	Hurst	Davies	Bone	Bone	Lindau(8)	Teale(9)	Lennon(10)	Lindau(6)
28	Inverness Cal. Th.	SFL Div. 1	H			1-0	2157	Gill	Robertson	Bowman	Duffy	Wilson	Craig	Hurst	Reynolds	Bone	Teale	Lindau(8)	Penderville(6)	Lennon(10)	Lindau(11)
11	Raith Rovers	SFL Div. 1	A			1-5	2368	Gill	Robertson	Rogers	Duffy	Campbell	Wilson	Teale	Lennon	Bradford	Teale	Lindau(6)	Penderville(7)	Reynolds(10)	Lindau(9)
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25	Durfermilline Ath.	SFL Div. 1	A			1-2	4000	Gill	Robertson	Rogers	Duffy	Campbell	Wilson	Hurst	Davies	Teale	Teale	Lindau(6)	Reynolds(7)	Lennon(4)	Teale(10)
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Craig Nelson

Age
28

Date of Birth
28 May 1971

Born:
Coatbridge

Height:
6'2"

Weight:
13st 7lb

Position:
Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs:

Airdrieonians (87-88)

Partick Thistle (89-93)

Heart of Midlothian (93-95)

Falkirk (95-98)

Honours Won:

1 Scotland 'B' Cap

Runner-Up – '97 Scottish Cup

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Reserves

Ayr United Reserves continued their unbeaten run in the Reserve League West following a 4-1 victory over St Mirren at Somerset Park. Goal scorers were Peter Lindau, Alex Bone(pen), Mark Crilly and substitute Gareth Armstrong who scored with his second touch of the ball! On Tuesday night they have another home match against Clyde at Somerset Park, kick off 7.30pm.

Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AYR UNITED	10	8	2	0	37	11	26
Livingston	8	3	4	1	22	9	13
Stranraer	7	3	2	2	11	15	11
Clyde	8	3	1	4	10	15	10
Morton	8	1	5	2	8	11	8
St Mirren	7	1	3	3	6	12	6
Queen's Park	10	0	3	7	10	31	3

Loans

Derek Adams returned to Motherwell on Monday following his month's loan spell while Roddy Grant signed a month's loan spell on Tuesday from St Johnstone in time to make a scoring debut at Inverness. The 33 year old striker scored 34 goals for St Johnstone in the last 4 seasons at McDiarmid Park. John Bradford's loan spell at Dumbarton is now up and he travelled with the squad to Inverness during the week. 'Brado' scored 3 goals for Dumbarton during his month's loan.

Today's Fixtures

Airdrie v Morton
 AYR UNITED V Dunfermline
 Clydebank v Livingston
 Raith Rovers v Inverness CT
 St Mirren v Falkirk

Female Front

Ayr United Ladies beat local rivals Kilmarnock 3-1 on Sunday in the semi final of the Scottish League Cup at Portland Park, Troon. In difficult conditions Ayr proved to be the stronger side with Linsey Cameron scoring all three goals. Ayr now meet either Hibs or Aberdeen in the final at Alloa's Recreation Park next Saturday. Tomorrow they are away to Stirling Albion.

The Under 16's are also in action tomorrow facing Dumbarton in the League Cup Final at Baillieston Juniors, kick off 2pm. Ayr are looking to win back the trophy they lost last year which has been a regular feature of the Somerset Park trophy cabinet with the girls having won it 10 times out of the last 12 years.

Tennent's Lager Scottish Football Review

The 20th edition of Scottish football's premier reference book, "The 1999/2000 Tennent's Lager Scottish Football Review" is now available from the Club Shop and is priced £7.95. The Review has 180 action packed pages of facts and figures on all 40 Scottish Clubs and their playing pools, Scotland International results, match statistics and much more.

Cashdash

Winner of the Cashdash against Raith Rovers was Stark's Park Director Jim White who won the prize of £253 with winning ticket number 212. The half time draw was made by ex Ayr defender David Kennedy who now plays for Glenafton Juniors.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gordon Burns who celebrated his 21st birthday on Thursday. Rumour has it that Burnsie may be fit in time for his 30th birthday celebration.

Pitch Matters

During the fortnight without a first team match the Somerset Park playing surface has continued to be improved and maintained which has included a vertidrain and sand top dress. The vertidrain involves the punching of deep holes in the grass to enable good drainage which has certainly been required this week with so much rainfall. The sand top dress keeps the surface level and fills the holes which all helps to keep the grass looking as good as it is. Here ends the horticultural lesson for today!

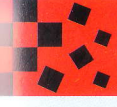
Taxi for Lewis

Local taxi driver and Five Star Lottery agent Willie Scott (wee fat baldy guy with a blue jacket) was lucky enough to pick up a couple of sporting legends in his taxi when he popped in to Somerset Park to pay his lottery dues recently. Willie was

seen driving out of Somerset Park to Glasgow Airport with boxers Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis in the back of his black cab. Conversation was a little one way however as the two boxers were life size cardboard cutouts which the Sky reporter had been ferrying about while promoting the World Title fight. The reporter had also been tasked with interviewing Craig Brown while the Scotland team prepared for the England match at Somerset Park. Typical taxi driver, Willie took the threesome via Edinburgh on the way to the Airport!

Sharp Shooters

Our scoring duck was broken well before Roddy Grant's spectacular



strike at Inverness on Tuesday when young midfielders Neil Scally and Mark Crilly hit the net a record amount of times prior to the match. Unfortunately, they were the winners of the team basketball competition at the hotel in Aviemore when they amassed 76 points in 1 minute!

Dork of the Week

This week's Dork of the Week award goes to Gordon Burns who forgot to remove his trainers while being weighed by Physio John Kerr this week. Burnsie then took them off and stepped on to the scales holding his trainers!

Snakey Story No 632

Live On Ayr just wouldn't be the same without a John Traynor story. The talk in the treatment room on Wednesday morning involved Manchester United's Toyota Cup victory, a match in which Ryan Giggs was presented with a car by the sponsors for being Man of the Match. John T was very impressed that Giggsy won a Ferrari! Eh, I don't think so John!

Nicknames

Nigel Jemson returned from the Highlands sporting a new nickname. Nigel is now responding to Colonel Sanders, the Kentucky Fried Chicken man. The reason behind the nickname cannot be revealed other than to say there was a fair bit of clucking after Nigel was silent after being named on the bench against Inverness.

Well Done

Well Done to the Ayr supporters who made the 414 mile round trip to Inverness on Tuesday night in terrible road conditions. According to Inverness Caledonian Thistle there were around 100 brave souls who 'came down' to the game. To say 'came down' I guess they were thinking we were 'AIR United'!

Blunderland

Live on Ayr can exclusively reveal that the Ayr Advertiser are giving away free night vision glasses to every Ayr supporter who follow the fortunes of the Reserves. This was following the Ayr Advertiser's revelation that last Tuesday night's 4-1 victory over St Mirren was played at the Old Racecourse. Perhaps they could make them special 3D glasses to increase the effect of the live beamback to Somerset of the remaining away Reserve fixtures!

However, we have been unable to confirm reports that the Advertiser's Stewart McConnell obtained a press pass to watch Ross County's training session last Tuesday following his preview of the Inverness Caledonian Thistle match at DINGWALL!

KaisAYRslautern

Scotland may have failed to qualify for next summer's Euro 2000 Championships but a squad of Ayr United Internet supporters hope to be crowned World Champions following qualification for next July's World NET Championships in Leeds. Plenty of goals are expected at the Championships as all players are used to hitting the NET regularly!



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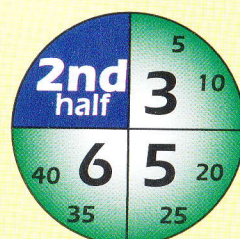
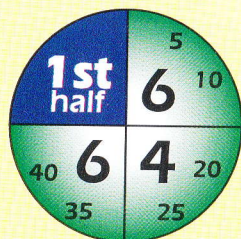
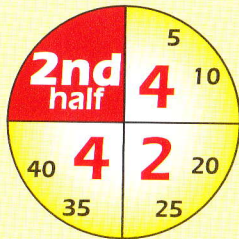
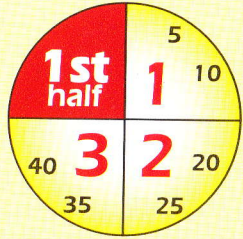
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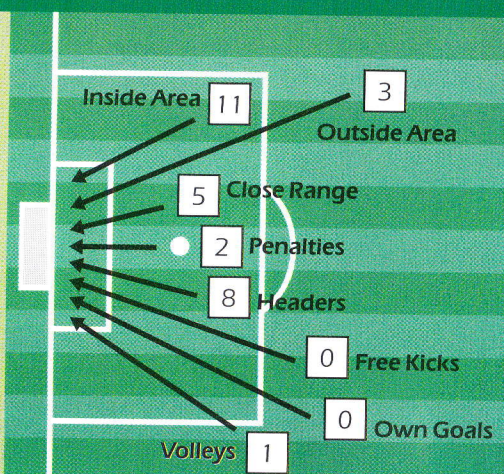
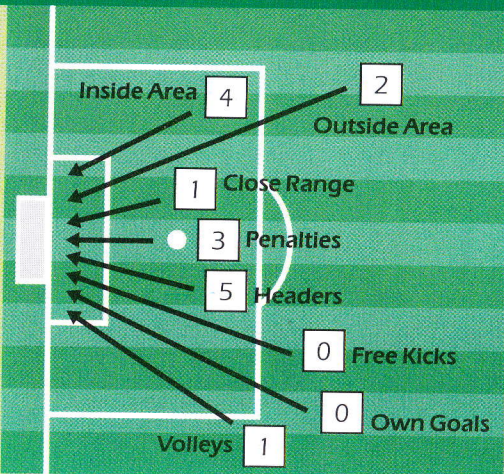
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Hurst 2	
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Shepherd 2	
Teale 1	
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Petrie 3	Hampshire 1	Coyle 1
Dair 2		Smith 1
Thomson 2		
Smith 1		
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How Ayr United scored

How Dunfermline scored



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10 YEARS AGO

2nd December, 1989 - Partick Thistle 1 Ayr United 2. Crowd - 3716. Team - Purdie, McIntyre, Hughes, Furphy, McAllister, Evans, Templeton, Kennedy, Walker, Bryce, Lewis subs - Willock and Wilson.

Thistle lined up with no more than 5 players with Ayr connections either past or future in Duncan, Craig, Law, Collins and Charnley.

A young David Craig put Thistle ahead in 39 minutes, scoring his first ever First Division goal, when his looping header dropped in under David Purdie's crossbar and in to the net.

Ayr made Thistle pay for missed chances in the second half when in the 73rd minute a McIntyre cross to the back post and when McAllister challenged the ball broke to Henry Templeton who scored from 12 yards.

Six minutes later Henry weaved past three defenders before scoring past keeper Cammy Duncan which turned out to be the winning goal.

News of the Week: At a meeting of the worlds superpowers in Malta the end of the cold war is declared.

Number One Hit: You Got It (The Right Stuff) – New Kids on the Block

20 YEARS AGO

1st December, 1979 - Ayr United Raith Rovers 0. Crowd - 2766. Team - Rennie, McColl, Connor, McSherry, McAllister, Fleeting, Frye, Armour, Morris, Cramond, Christie subs - Lindsay and Hendry.

Ayr turned on the style and power of a team ready to make the step up. Raith had goalkeeper Murray McDermott to thank that the margin of defeat was not more embarrassing.

Ayr took the lead in the 23rd minute when Christie fed the ball to Frye and his cross from the right eluded McDermott and was headed home by Jim McSherry. Raith then went close to pulling level in a five minute spell when Rennie saved one then Raith hit the post.

Ayr put the game beyond Raith two minutes before the break. Eric Morris sent Derek Frye into the box then curled an excellent shot past McDermott.

In the second half there were chances at both ends before Robert Connor added Ayr's third from the penalty spot after Thomson handled a McSherry header. McDermott then made superb saves from Christie and Frye to bring the curtain down on a fine game.

News of the Week: Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Number One Hit: Walking on the Moon – Police

chit chat



Your writer would not be so bold as to predict the result of today's match but one forecast will be made right here. Ayr United will score today. This forecast is based on the assumption that the dearth of home goals cannot continue indefinitely. We have not scored at home since 2nd October when Morton were beaten 3-0. Since then the defence of Celtic, St. Mirren, Clydebank and Raith Rovers have been unbreached at Somerset Park. However, taking home and away matches into account, it could also be argued that we have had just one defeat in the last four games. That may sound alright but few of us would settle for a series of low scoring draws.

The Inverness game provided a great opportunity to make some headway in the league. At three points for a win there is great scope for quick movement and we must capitalise on this quickly. Tales of injuries, suspensions and chronic bad luck may be valid but there is a tendency to look at the first team result on a Saturday with tunnel vision. To most of us that is all that matters and few are particularly objective about how it is achieved. Victory today would be most welcome even if achieved by an own goal or a ricochet. Three points won with a stylish performance would be a bonus.

Defeat against Raith Rovers in the last match was hard to take. It all seemed to be going well, even after Mickey was sent off. I didn't have a close view of that incident so it is difficult to comment. The fans on the far side though were fired up with a feeling of injustice at that particular red card. Dave Rogers' red card at Cappielow, however, merely reinforced the view that it is not particularly difficult to get sent off nowadays. Such decisions should really even themselves out. They should do but they don't! Not this season anyway. Even allowing for Ayr United bias it is difficult to see any kind of consistency. In Scottish football there is an ongoing plea for fair play. It is high time the dictates of fair play were applied to the guys in white shirts and black shorts. Paranoia? Not at all! Even neutral sections of the press have been vehement in support of Ayr United over some of the decisions that have gone against us.

This month we have a fabulous opportunity to do the club a power of good. Including today, our next three games are against the teams who currently occupy the top three places. Making some decent impact in these games would provide a huge lift. Why care about the millennium? It would seem like a mere sideshow compared to the elation of Ayr United taking a decent crop of points from the First Division's leading clubs. There has to be a self belief that something like this can be achieved.

The foot of the Chit-Chat page is not normally given over to book reviews but this week an exception will be made. Bill Leckie's 'Penthouse and Pavement' is definitely recommended reading. He is a St. Mirren supporter and a journalist in that order but he prides himself in covering matches in all four leagues. Some of his observations are really spot on. Take this one for example. "Even worse than the Know-Nothings at the football are the Turncoats. The one who say they grew up supporting Ayr United, but now never miss a Rangers game - except when they're playing a wee team, of course. No point taking it to fanatical extremes.

Elsewhere he describes Paul Kinnaid as: "One of the funniest, mentalest, drive-you-off-your-nut-est guys in the game". (Not much scope for argument there). A description ensues of P.K.'s Savoy Shuffle. (this is a dance). When P.K. was at Dunfermline, Dick Campbell, then assistant manager, pulled him aside at training and told him he wanted the Savoy Shuffle as a warm-up. Apparently he soon had the whole team doing it. The place was soon in uproar. Bill Leckie explains that The Savoy is "A Glasgow nightclub where men are men and women are even more like men".

His coverage of Stranraer's promotion push in 1998 is superb. It contains a few references to a chip shop in Girvan but he admits being unable to remember the name of it. Anyway, Ayr United supporters probably know the one he means. It has Killie Pies on the price list even on days when we are passing through!

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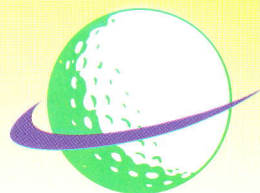
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In bygone ages football reporters must have had a very difficult job. Can you imagine writing about a game before shirt numbers had even been thought about? There were problems. Sometimes it would be reported that a goal was scored after a "scrimmage" and the reader would be left none the wiser about the scorer's identity.

In hindsight it seems like a relic from a primitive age but when Dunfermline Athletic came here for a league game on August 29th, 1970, the Ayr United team played in sky blue shirts with no numbers. That team was Stewart, Malone, Murphy, Fleming, Quinn, Walker, Young, Ferguson, Whitehead, Reynolds and Doyle; sub - Hood. The programme listing for Dunfermline, not necessarily actual, was Arrol, Callaghan, Brown, Thomson, McGarty, McLaren, Robertson, McNicoll, McLean, Gardner and Gillespie.

As early as the 4th minute Ian Whitehead shot Ayr United in front after the ball had broken to him off McLaren. He then went on to impose his authority on the game and was easily identifiable even without a shirt number. Four minutes from half time he scored again. It was a close range effort which was set up by some wayward defending. Then, just one minute before half-time, Ian Whitehead's hat trick was completed with a finely executed header. 3-0 ahead at the break! The points just had to be in the bag, provided, of course, we did not conceded an early goal in the second half. Well, the early goal was conceded. It came from George McLean in the 56th minute. This was the same George Mclean who was less than three months away from becoming an Ayr United player. At 3-1 an onslaught might have been expected. Fortunately it did not materialise. In the 63rd minute Jacky Ferguson took a John Doyle cross first time to make it 4-1 and it remained so. This was the opening match of the 1970-71 league programme therefore it was a superb start.

Ally MacLeod's selection for this match was influenced

by injury problems. Bobby Rough had not played since March and was still well short of match fitness. Ian Hume found himself sidelined with a recurrence of a leg muscle injury while Andy Aitken was out with a knee injury. To further compound matters Dougie Mitchell was ruled out with a rib injury. On the positive side Cutty Young was available for the first time that season. Suspension had ruled him out of all 6 League Cup sectional ties and we now had the exciting prospect of Cutty Young on one wing and John Doyle on the other wing.

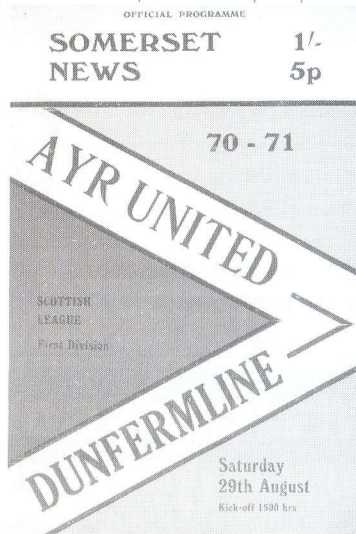
Supporters who can recall this period of Ayr United history may be wondering why Alex Ingram was not in the team. However, he was sold to Nottingham Forest in December 1969 and bought back a year later. He had a bit in common with Ian Whitehead. Both were strikers who came here from Queen's Park. Their style was similar too. Uncompromising!

Victory in this match was not unexpected. One week earlier Dunfermline had lost 6-0 at home to Rangers in a League Cup match. The Fifers were also going to get embroiled in a relegation battle in the season ahead. Not that there was any shame in that. Ayr United got embroiled in the same battle! Ultimately St. Mirren and Cowdenbeath went down.

On the occasion of the return league fixture Dunfermline atoned. With interest!

It was a Boxing Day fixture which they won 5-0. (Robertson 2, McBride 2, Michell).

The programme illustrated on this page ran to sixteen pages and, at the time, was probably the best club programme in Scotland. On the cover the price was shown in decimal as well as old currency. This was in preparation for the introduction of decimal currency during the season. Another neat touch was the publication of the kick-off time as 1500 hours rather than 3p.m.



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Nigel Jemson

5/10

In this afternoon's quiz representing 'The Fans' is Eddie Cattell who is a Business Manager at the Clydesdale Bank in Ayr and he pits his wits against striker Nigel Jemson who represents 'The Players'.

The Questions are by Somerset Physio John Kerr.

A tight contest continues 'The Fans' recent good run with a 6-5 victory to make the scores:

PLAYERS 7 1/2 FANS 5 1/2

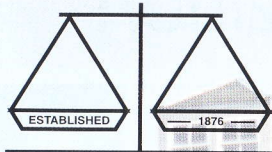


Eddie Cattell

6/10

19,000	What is the record attendance at Somerset Park to the nearest 1000? <small>(A: 25,225)</small>	25,000
Lord Lucan!	Name the Dunfermline Manager before Bert Paton? <small>(A: Jocky Scott)</small>	Jim Leishman
Bradford	Which English Premier League club is nicknamed the Bantams? <small>(A: Bradford City)</small>	Bradford
Kaiserslautern	Who knocked Spurs out of this year's UEFA Cup? <small>(A: Kaiserslautern)</small>	FC Cologne
Kilmarnock!	What is the capital of Syria? <small>(A: Damascus)</small>	Damascus
I've Won Everything!	What is the title of Alex Ferguson's biography? <small>(A: Managing My Life)</small>	Managing My Life
Uri Geller!	Who is Dunfermline's most capped player? <small>(A: Istvan Cosma)</small>	Istvan Cosma
Palmeiras	Who did Manchester United play this week in the Toyota Cup? <small>(A: Palmeiras)</small>	Palmeiras
Jim Jefferies	Who is the current longest serving Scottish Manager at the one club? <small>(A: Jim Jefferies)</small>	Gordon Dalziel?
Chester City	Which English 3rd Division team play at the Deva Stadium? <small>(A: Chester City)</small>	Leyton Orient

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MALCOLM MARVEL

Ayrshire Post



He's Dunfermline through and through, living in the town and having both played and coached his local club. Maybe then it is not too surprising that **Graeme Robertson's Honest Memory** of his time with Ayr is a game where he lined up

Like that for most sides, the backing of the supporters is vital and Graeme knew from his time at East End Park that one of the things Ayr had to do was to silence the home support. United did just that as they raced into a 2 goal lead inside the first half hour.

The Ayrshire Post reported how *"Ayr's large travelling support were reaching for the songsheets after only 15 minutes"*.

The late Norrie McCathie celebrated his 450th senior appearance when he handled a George Burley cross for which he received a red card from referee Willie Young and Gordon Mair *"rattled home the penalty"*.

Mair turned provider twelve minutes later when his *"cross from the left was nodded down by John Traynor to Tommy Walker, who volleyed home a superbly taken effort"*.

United's newest recruit, Roddy Grant, came on for Dunfermline at half time as the home side pounded forward looking for a lifeline but Ayr keeper Cammy Duncan produced a string of outstanding saves to break the Fifers hearts.

Duncan was finally beaten with a chip shot from Paul Chalmers with 13 minutes remaining and with a strong wind against them, Graeme recalls that Ayr *"were really up against it in the last 15 minutes or so"* but on the break, substitute Alan McTurk went close to grabbing a third goal for United.

The Ayrshire Post headline relates to the performance of Ayr skipper Malcolm Shotton, who overcame an ankle injury to pick up the

against 'The Pars'.

"They probably won't like me for choosing this game" said Graeme as he recalled Ayr's 2-1 Scottish Cup win at East End Park in January 1993.

"We went there as underdogs but George Burley kept telling us if we get the chance to play at all and pass the ball then we would get a result" recalled Graeme. *"We went there with a bit of confidence. Although we hadn't got the result we had been looking for in the 2 or 3 games prior to the cup tie, we had been playing well and had beaten Dunfermline at Somerset in the league the previous month"*.

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Tennent's Man of the Match' award.

That was a decision with which Graeme had no complaint. *"Shotts was an inspirational figure. He's a gentleman and a real character. There's not enough like him in the game today"*.

Graeme joined United after spells at Queen of the South, Dunfermline and Partick but in December '93 he shocked everyone at the club by quitting the game at the age of 31 to take up an SFA Community Coaching position in Dunfermline - a move with hindsight which he now regrets.

"I really enjoyed my time at Ayr. It was a brilliant club to be involved with and I think I played some of my best football with Ayr" and he revealed how the decision to quit the playing side of the game was purely a career move.

"It was a season where there was league reconstruction with 5 teams going down. At the time Ayr were sitting third bottom and with my contract being up in the summer

financially, prospects were not looking too good".

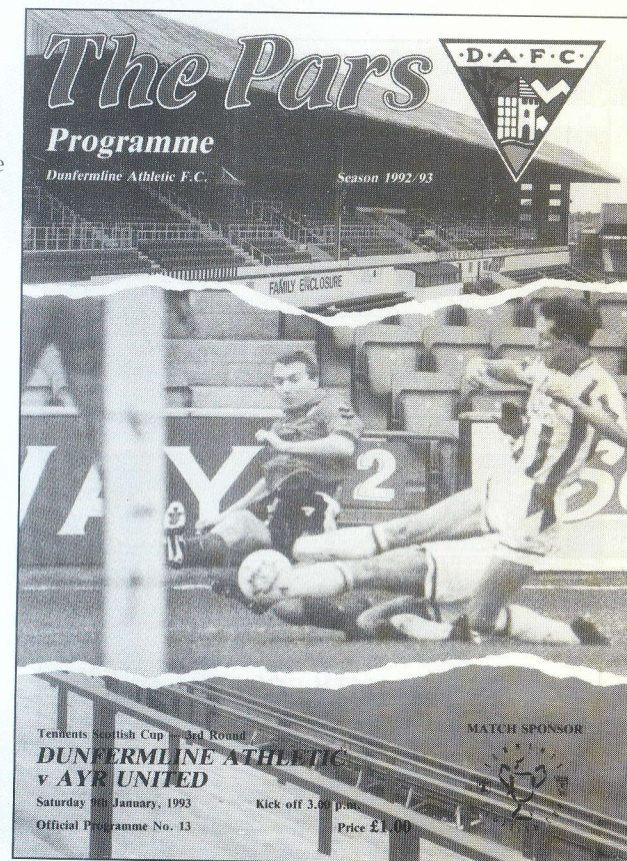
"The chance to become a Community Coach was too good an opportunity to miss and the club were really good to me. They could have held me to my contract but despite their problems they allowed me to leave".

"However I really regret giving up the game at that stage and if I was asked to give any youngster today some advice it would be to play as long as you can".

Graeme then took up a post at East End Park coaching the youth team but he was paid off during the close season as 'The Pars' trimmed their finances following relegation from the SPL.

This forced Graeme to pick up his boots

again at the age of 37, almost 6 years after he quit playing as he answered a call from Albion Rovers boss Mark Shanks but following a brief spell in Malta, Graeme is back home in Dunfermline where he is looking to get back involved in the coaching side of the game.



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