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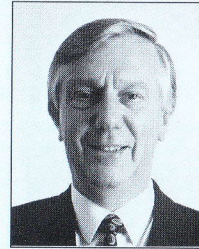
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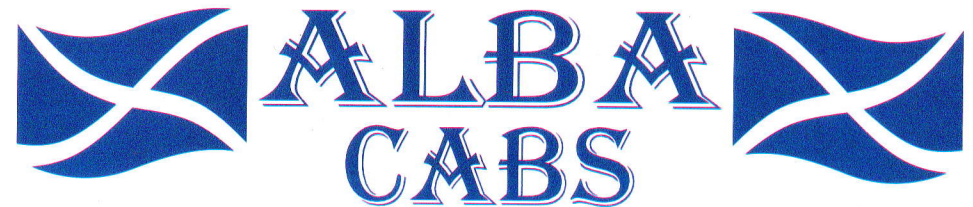
On behalf of the Board of Directors thank you for the fantastic support the team received at The National Stadium on Saturday. Over 9,000 Ayr supporters made the trip to Glasgow and certainly gave the team fantastic backing throughout the match despite the unfortunate scoreline. I am sure all the players will have benefited from playing in such a great occasion and hopefully it will make everyone at the Club more determined to play in more matches of this standard in the not too distant future.

Tonight we face a difficult match against promotion chasing Dunfermline. Dunfermline will be looking to continue their good run against us and regain second place in the league table. However, all of our players will be determined to extinguish the memory of the scoreline at Hampden and if we play to the standard we can and did in the first third of Saturday's match then I am sure we can be successful.

Many thanks for your support this evening. I hope we all witness an entertaining match.

Our next home match is a week on Saturday against St Mirren which should be another cracking match at which I hope I can count on your support.

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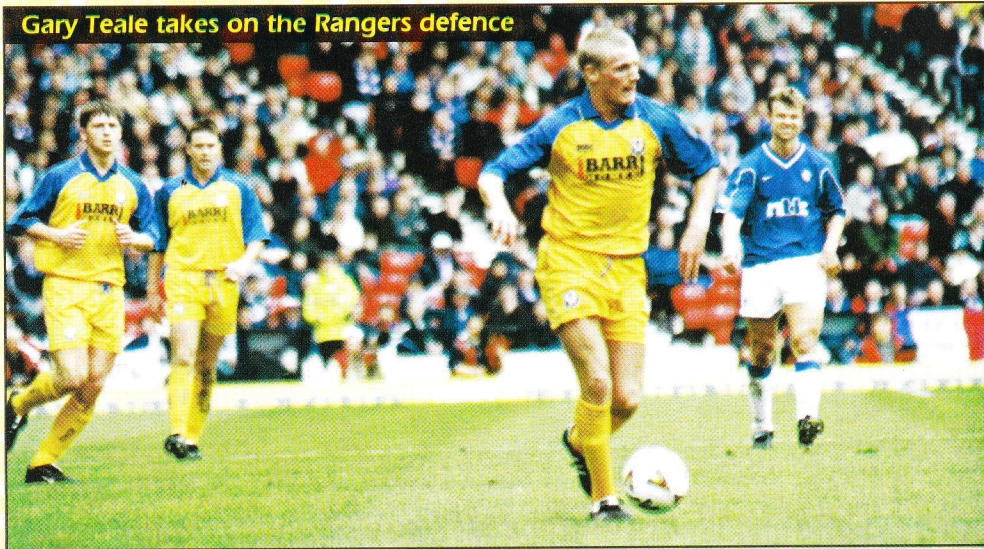
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Gary Teale takes on the Rangers defence



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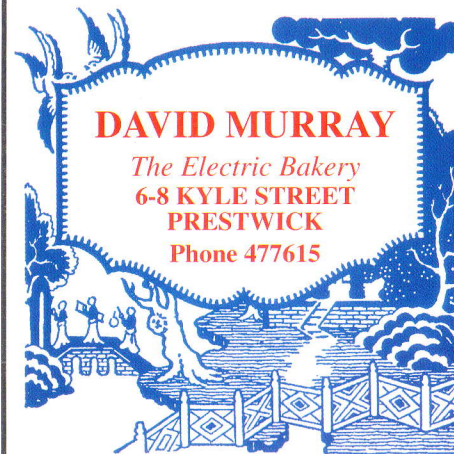
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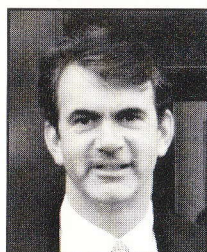
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Welcome to Somerset Park tonight when we return to League business against Dunfermline.

First of all I would like to thank all of our supporters for the excellent backing we got at Saturday's cup semi-final. To take almost 10,000 supporters on Saturday was a great achievement and despite being outnumbered you certainly out sang the Rangers support. I was obviously very disappointed with the outcome of the match. The players gave their all and had one of the early chances gone in it could have put a different reflection on the game. However, Rangers are a class team and the match was won by half time with 4 shots on target and three goals scored. Basic errors caused our downfall which was very disappointing.

There are a lot of positive things we must take from the match. The majority of the team are still very young and the experience they will have gained from this match will be invaluable to both them and Ayr United FC.

Thank you also to all the supporters who attended the party at the Centrum after the match. Your loyalty was very much appreciated by everyone at the Club and the response gave everyone a much needed lift.

Tonight's match will be another tough one with Dunfermline pushing for promotion. They have a very strong squad who have beaten us each time so far this season. Hopefully, we can end that sequence tonight. Thank you for your support and I hope you all enjoy the match.






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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Mirren	32	20	7	5	68	32	67
Falkirk	32	18	6	8	59	35	60
Dunfermline Ath.	31	16	11	4	55	30	59
Raith Rovers	32	17	7	8	54	33	58
Livingston	32	16	7	9	51	41	55
Inverness Cal.Th.	32	12	9	11	51	46	45
Ayr United	31	9	7	15	35	41	34
Greenock Morton	32	8	6	18	39	57	30
Airdrieonians	32	6	7	19	24	65	25
Clydebank	32	1	5	26	17	73	8



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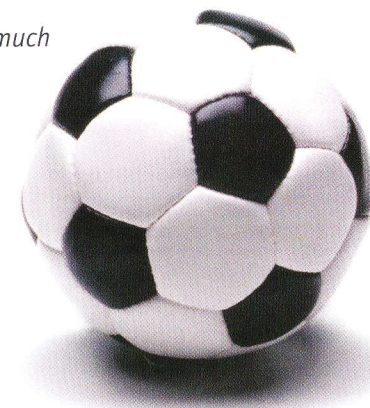
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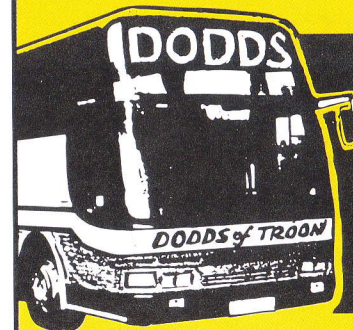
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Kris Mampae (Goalkeeper)
DoB: 2/11/70 Ht: 6ft 1in
Wt: 12st 7lbs

Coach Jimmy Calderwood used his knowledge of Dutch football to sign the 29 year old from Willem II in January. The Belgian-born goalkeeper was Willem's first choice earlier in the season and played in the Champions League against Bordeaux, Sparta Prague and Spartak Moscow. He took over the number one jersey from Ian Westwater immediately and has been there ever since. Confident on the ball and agile, he has already turned in several good performances.

Michel Doesburg (Defender)
DoB: 10/8/68 Ht: 5ft 11in Wt: 12st 2lbs

Jimmy Calderwood's most recent signing, the 31 year old full back signed from Motherwell until the end of the season to bolster the Pars defence. Signed by Motherwell from AZ Alkmaar in 1998, Michel took the move after losing his first team place at Fir Park. Made his Pars debut against Falkirk recently.

Andrew Tod (Central Defender)
DoB: 4/11/71 Ht: 6ft 3ins Wt: 12st 0lbs

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 nearly 250 League and Cup appearances. He is dangerous at set pieces, has a keen eye for goal, and has improved his defensive skills considerably. Was made Club Captain at the start of the season but more recently passed the honour to Ian Ferguson.

John Potter (Central Defender)
DoB: 15/12/79 Ht: 6ft 0in Wt: 12st 8lbs

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 20, 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. Coach Jimmy Calderwood calls him the only natural defender at East End Park, and those skills have been rewarded by

Eddie May (Full Back/ Midfield)

DoB: 30/8/67 Ht: 5ft 8in
Wt: 10st 10lbs

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. He has been in and out of the side this season, but had probably his best game in a Pars jersey on his last outing against Livingston.

Scott Thomson (Full Back/Midfield)
DoB: 29/1/72 Ht: 5ft 10in Wt: 11st 10lbs

Signed on a three year deal under freedom of contract from Raith Rovers two years ago, 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 an eye for goal which, with a bit of luck, might have seen him score more often. Has been used very effectively by Coach Jimmy Calderwood in a man marking role..

Jason Dair (Full Back/ Midfield)
DoB: 15/6/74 Ht: 5ft 11in Wt: 12st 5lbs

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 90s, Jason was very highly thought of. He was part of a £1 million transfer to Millwall with Stevie 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. Has been filling the left back area most of this season and has turned in some good performances recently.

David Moss (Midfield)
DoB: 15/11/68 Ht: 6ft 2in Wt: 13st 3lbs

Big, strong attacking midfielder who was signed from Falkirk for £120,000 in September 1999. Started playing part-time in the lower leagues in England before moving to Partick Thistle when a job opportunity arose in Scotland. He was signed by Falkirk in 1997, and was made captain at Brockville. Has a tremendous scoring

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record since coming to Scotland, including five for Dunfermline. Bothered by injury and was ruled out of the last game.

Justin Skinner (Defender/Midfield)
DoB: 30/1/69 Ht: 6ft 1in Wt: 12st 11lbs

Another new signing this season, Justin came to East End Park from Hibernian at the beginning of September in an £80,000 deal. A cultured midfielder who enjoys providing defence splitting passes, Justin was a key member of Hibs promotion-winning side last season. Originally went to Easter Road from Bristol Rovers in March 1998. Has been used effectively recently as a sweeper.

Ian Ferguson (Midfield)
DoB: 15/3/67 Ht: 5ft 11in Wt: 13st 6lbs

It must have been a major wrench for Fergie to leave Ibrox in January after spending more than 12 years with Rangers, but it was a testament to the Pars pulling power that he made the move. He may be 33 but is still a class act. Strong and powerful in midfield, the Pars fans have very much taken to Fergie who has been made captain by Jimmy Calderwood.

Stewart Petrie (Forward)
DoB: 27/2/70 Ht: 5ft 10ins Wt: 11st 11lbs

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 Craigue 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. Started this season in particularly good form, Stewart has made over 350 appearances in Scottish football and is approaching 100 senior goals.

David Graham (Forward)
DoB: 6/10/78 Ht: 5ft 10in Wt: 11st 2lbs

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 in a European match. Has lightning pace up front but probably would

have wanted to score more goals than he did last term. Has been out of the team most of this season but is still only 21 and a great prospect for the future.

Owen Coyle (Forward)
DoB: 14/7/66 Ht: 5ft 11in Wt: 10st 5lbs

Many were surprised when Owen decided to opt for Dunfermline ahead of other offers he might have had, particularly when Dunfermline were in relegation trouble. A skilful and talented player, Owen is the 'thinking man's footballer' who is already a tremendous asset to the Pars with 13 goals this season. Previously with Dumbarton, Clydebank, Airdrie, Dundee United and Bolton Wanderers in England and a former Republic of Ireland internationalist.

Steven Hampshire (Midfield/Forward)
DoB: 17/10/79 Ht: 5ft 10in Wt: 10st 10lbs

An attacking midfielder/forward who has signed a three month loan deal from English Premiership side Chelsea. Originally from Dunbar, Steve was a regular goalscorer with the Chelsea Youth and reserve side, but is keen to taste first team football. Highly thought of by Coach Jimmy Calderwood who offered him an extended contract. Has been out injured recently.

Stephen Crawford (Forward)
DoB: 9/1/74 Ht: 5ft 10in Wt: 10st 7lbs

Originally an 'S' signing for Dunfermline, Steve moved to Raith Rovers where he enjoyed great success under Jimmy Nicholl. He was involved in a big money transfer to Millwall before returning to play for Hibs in 1997. Has won many Under 21 caps and one full Scotland cap. Out of favour at Easter Road this season, Steve opted to sign for Dunfermline until the end of this season. Has been a great hit at East End Park where he has scored 13 goals in only 20 appearances to date.

Lee Bullen (Forward)
DoB: 29/3/71 Ht: 6ft 1in Wt: 12st 3lbs

Lee started life in Scottish football with Meadowbank and Stenhousemuir before deciding to try his luck in Hong Kong. His career blossomed away from Scotland and last year he played for Greek side PAE Kalamata before being snapped up by Coach Jimmy Calderwood on a short term contract until the end of the season. Made a goalscoring debut at Cappielow in February and now has four goals to his credit.



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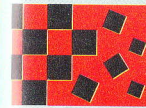


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Vikki plays for AUFC Soccer School and her favourite Ayr players are Glynn Hurst and Mickey Reynolds.

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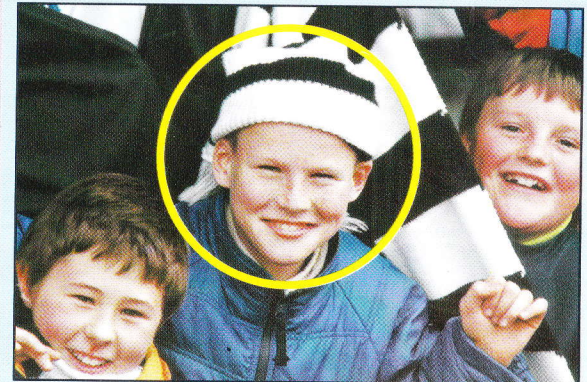
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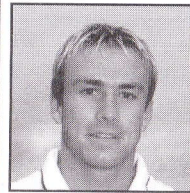
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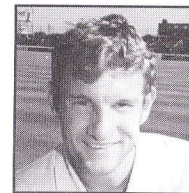
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Aug 7	St Mirren	SFL Div.1	A	1-1	3,311
10	Raith Rovers	CS Cup 1	H	0-1	1,881
14	Livingston	SFL Div.1	H	1-2	2,533
17	Hamilton Academical	CS Cup 2	H	2-1	1,789
21	Falkirk	SFL Div.1	A	1-2	2,938
28	Inverness Cal. Th.	SFL Div.1	H	1-0	2,157
Sep 4	Raith Rovers	SFL Div.1	A	1-5	2,368
11	Airdrieonians	SFL Div.1	H	2-0	1,888
18	Clydebank	SFL Div.1	A	2-0	400
25	Dunfermline Ath.	SFL Div.1	A	1-2	4,000
Oct 2	Morton	SFL Div.1	H	3-0	2,190
13	Celtic	CS Cup 3	H	0-4	8,421
16	Livingston	SFL Div.1	H	1-3	3,270
20	St Mirren	SFL Div.1	A	0-3	3,467
30	Airdrieonians	SFL Div.1	H	1-2	1,558
Nov 6	Clydebank	SFL Div.1	H	0-0	1,727
14	Raith Rovers	SFL Div.1	H	0-1	1,150
27	Morton	SFL Div.1	A	0-0	1,158
30	Inverness Cal. Th.	SFL Div.1	H	1-1	1,073
Dec 4	Dunfermline Ath.	SFL Div.1	H	0-3	2,113
11	Falkirk	SFL Div.1	H	1-1	1,729
17	St Mirren	SFL Div.1	H	2-1	3,607
22	Airdrieonians	SFL Div.1	A	5-0	2,004
Jan 3	Clydebank	SFL Div.1	A	0-2	901
8	Raith Rovers	SFL Div.1	A	2-2	2,383
22	Dunfermline Ath.	SFL Div.1	A	0-2	4,000
29	Durdee	SFA Cup 3	A	0-0	3,925
Feb 5	Morton	SFA Cup 3	H	3-2	1,985
12	Falkirk	SFL Div.1	A	0-1	2,229
15	Durdee	SFA Cup 3	A	1-1 (AET)	3,029
(Ayr with 7-6 on penalties)					
26	Motherwell	SFA Cup 4	A	4-3	5,222
29	Livingston	SFL Div.1	A	0-1	1,765
Mar 4	Airdrieonians	SFL Div.1	A	0-0	1,038
7	Inverness Cal. Th.	SFA Cup 5	H	1-3	1,274
11	Partick Thistle	SFA Cup 5	H	2-0	8,965
18	Clydebank	SFL Div.1	H	4-0	1,661
25	Inverness Cal. Th.	SFL Div.1	A	1-1	1,790
Apr 1	Raith Rovers	SFL Div.1	H	0-1	1,841
8	Rangers	SFA Cup 6	Hampden		38357
11	Dunfermline Athletic	SFL Div.1	H		
15	Morton	SFL Div.1	A		
22	St Mirren	SFL Div.1	H		
29	Livingston	SFL Div.1	A		
May 6	Falkirk	SFL Div.1	H		





Neil Tarrant

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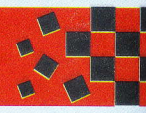
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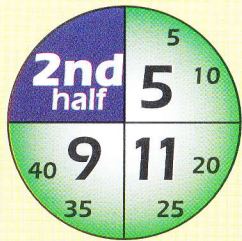
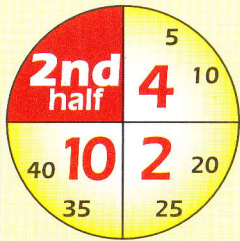
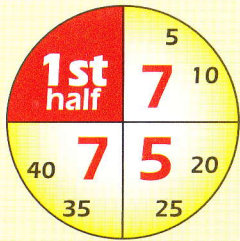
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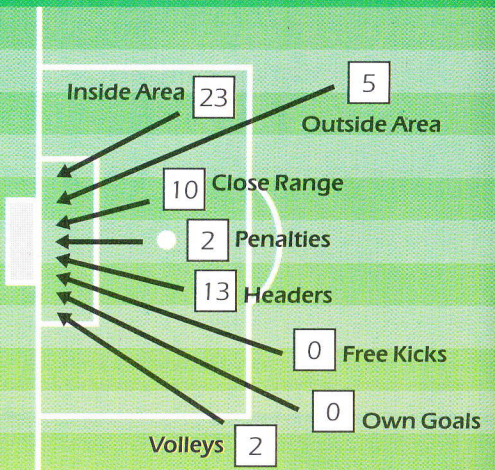
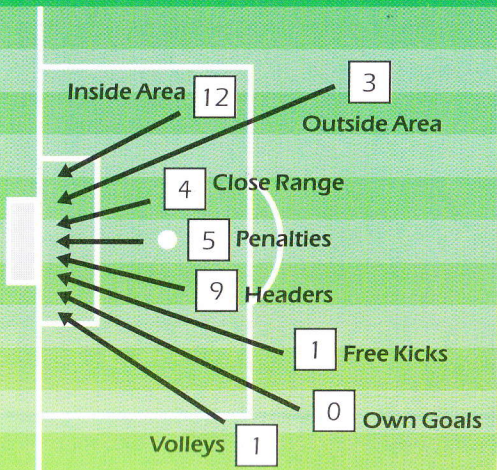
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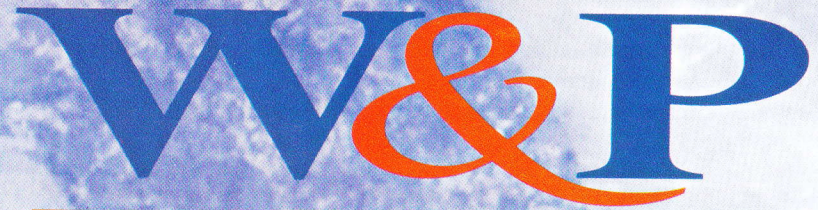


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10 YEARS AGO

14th April 1990 – Ayr United 0 Albion Rovers 2. Crowd – 1,477. Team – Purdie, McCann, Hughes, Furphy, McAllister, Fraser, Templeton, Kennedy, McCracken, Bryce and Evans; subs – Gillespie and Willock.

This match was extremely important for the visitors. They were desperately battling against the threat of relegation. It was a battle they were to lose narrowly.

In theory Ayr United lacked incentive but that was no excuse. The players still had a duty to the paying public. It was, however, our first home defeat since 7th October 1989.

In the 17th minute Willie Furphy saved a Gary Clark overhead kick in goalkeeper style. His instinct to prevent a goal earned him a yellow card and the resultant penalty kick was stuck away by Jim Chapman. It transpired that this was a costly yellow card because he was shown another one after 53 minutes for a challenge on Ally Graham. Later in 1990 the pair of them would be Ayr United team mates but here in April we were left to battle for most of the second half without Willie Furphy. It was a particular blow due to the fact that Ian McAllister had already been carried off in the first half. The loss of two influential defenders was an undoubted handicap quite apart from being numerically disadvantaged.

A face saving equaliser proved elusive and Mike McAnenay put his team 2-0 ahead in the final minute.

Ally MacLeod was justifiably furious and for the next match he had an injection of youth in his team selection.

News of the Week: *Mr Frisk* wins the Grand National in record time.

Number One Hit: The Power – Snap

20 YEARS AGO

12th April 1980 – Raith Rovers 2 Ayr United 0. Crowd – '1,200'. Team – Rennie, Shanks, Nicol, McSherry, McAllister, Fleeting, Frye, Armour, Morris, Connor and Christie; subs – Cashmore and Hendry.

This result virtually killed our hopes of promotion. Yet it could have been so different. In the first half good chances were created but none taken. Good work in midfield was spoiled by wayward marksmanship.

Early in the second half we were made to rue this bad finishing. Just five minutes after the break Ian Stein put Raith ahead with a fine shot. He had Pat Carroll to thank for creating the opening. Hopes of retrieving something were almost evaporated when Andy Harrow put in a cross which Raith captain Bobby Ford converted into a goal. The home team could even afford the luxury of a missed penalty in the 78th minute.

There were five bookings in the course of this match. They were Jim McSherry and Ian McAllister for Ayr United and Forsyth, Carroll and Urquhart of Raith.

With the slender promotion hopes now extinguished there may have been a lack of incentive for the rest of the season but we were still on course for qualifying for the Drybrough Cup. To qualify it was necessary to be one of the top two scoring teams in the First Division. Four Premier League clubs would be pitched in against two each from the First and Second Divisions. The format was such that the four Premier League clubs automatically got home ties against the lower league clubs. However, this lack of fairness would prove to be no handicap for Ayr United at the outset of the next season.

News of the Week: Britain's last African colony, Rhodesia, becomes Zimbabwe.

Number One Hit: Working My Way Back To You – Detroit Spinners

This is being written pre-Hampden and your writer is in a severe state of distraction. The Hampden build-up only accounts for a part of that distraction. In truth there is a song which I cannot get out of my head. You've probably guessed that it is Tommy Truesdale's rendition of 'United Men of Ayr'. A vinyl copy originally came out on the Gaelfonn label in the summer of 1966. That original is not part of my record collection but there is a very good reason. The reason is that I could not afford the 6/9d (34p) at the time! Allowing for inflation this year's CD version seems a giveaway by comparison. (£3).

Another distraction to preparing this article is the surrounding clutter. Most Ayr United diehards probably live in a black and white shrine but a few new items have suddenly appeared in this household. These items comprise two discounted Leader tops, a jester hat and a 'Hampden 2000' flag. If this household is typical of other households in the locality then Hampden will have presented a colourful spectacle. Of course all this should not mask the seriousness of the Rangers tie. It need hardly be stated that a Scottish Cup semi-final is a very important occasion and Gordon Dalziel was quite correct to put the 'great day out' patter into some sort of perspective.

People have been harking back to our 1973 semi-final with Rangers at Hampden but few will recall the clubs meeting at the same venue in 1984. What's more, on that occasion, Ayr United beat Rangers by a record score. Our team that night was captained by Davie Armour. The twist is that the competition was the Radio Clyde Kick-Off Quiz.

What memories will there be of Hampden 2000? At this stage it can only be guessed at. Speculation would be foolhardy since we will all know the outcome by the time this programme

goes to print. (Although Hampden news will be accommodated elsewhere in this publication).

By comparison it almost seems mundane to reflect on our last league match. Yet there was nothing mundane about the action despite reports to the contrary. The Raith Rovers fixture was intensely fought. In the overall context of this season's First Division the early penalty miss will have no meaningful outcome but an irksome issue is the challenge which caused the award to be made. Glynn Hurst appeared to be on the point of scortng before he was so crudely tackled. Greig McCulloch was most fortunate in being allowed to remain on the field in the circumstances. To say a goalscoring opportunity was denied would be putting it mildly. However Raith's on loan Wimbledon striker was probably unlucky when shown a yellow card after scoring. Reports stated that he was cautioned for over celebrating but it is certainly true that his celebration was in the modest category compared to some we have seen this season. It seems more likely that he was booked for facing home fans (on the stand side) when he was doing his celebrating. If this was the case it was surely down to unawareness since he has never played at Somerset Park before.

Anyway let's hope that tonight will be the occasion of some over celebrating but only for Ayr United and also of the non-bookable variety if possible.

The game should be a spectacle. Dunfermline, of course, are on track for promotion but we do not want a party at our expense. This will also be true of our next home game which happens to be against St. Mirren.

Here comes that song again

"Everybody who's somebody's heading intae Ayr"

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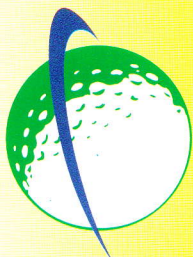
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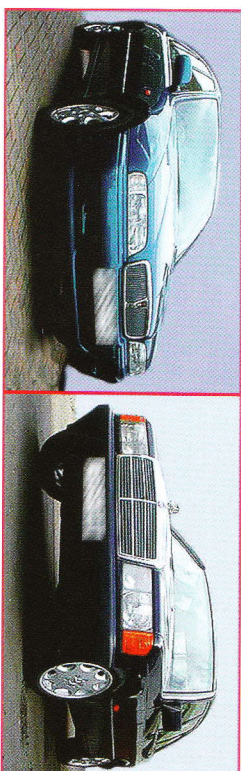
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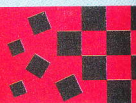
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Throughout season 1966-67 the Ayr United programme cover carried the same picture. Curiously the picture did not relate to the previous season but to the season before that. By the time it was last used it was more than two years out of date. It was an action shot of an Ayr United v Partick Thistle Scottish Cup tie on 6th February 1965. Ayr winger Billy Muir can be seen heading fresh air thanks to the intervention of Partick goalkeeper Jim Moore. In close proximity is Eddie Moore. What a player he was! To understand how good a striker he was it is only necessary to consider season 1964-65. It remains the club's worst season ever as it culminated in finishing second bottom of the Second Division and having to apply for re-election. Yet Eddie Moore scored 32 competitive goals for Ayr United in that campaign. The breakdown was 23 in the league, 5 in the League Cup and 4 in the Scottish Cup. It was an impressive total for someone playing in a bad team.

In 1965-66 there was a miraculous recovery and the Second Division Championship was won. The First Division campaign of 1966-67 began with a visit from Dunfermline Athletic on 10th September 1966, and that is the game we are featuring on this page.

The Ayr United team that afternoon was Millar, Malone, Murphy, Thomson, Monan, Mitchell, Grant, McMillan, Ingram, Hawkshaw and Paterson; sub - Oliphant. Sorry we don't have a note of the Dunfermline team but here is the programme listing or, in other words, their team from the Saturday before! It was Martin, W. Callaghan, Totten, Delaney, McLean, T. Callaghan, Edwards, Paton, Hunter, Fleming and Robertson. A prominent player in that line up was

centre half Jim McLean who had been transferred from Ayr United in March 1962, albeit that his last game for Ayr had been on 17th February.

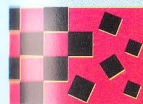
There was much excitement about the return of First Division football to Ayr after a five year absence but there was also great apprehension about facing a Dunfermline team of considerable repute. The resultant 0-0 draw was therefore considered to be an outstanding score and with a bit of luck it could even have been bettered. It was generally acknowledged that we had the better of the exchanges.

The performance bode well for the season ahead but, in hindsight, it provided false hope and our campaign soon disintegrated.

The programme illustrated on this page displayed the team line ups in 2:3:5 formation. That format was soon to be consigned to history even although programme layouts often persisted in this practice well after it was outdated. Can you imagine a team playing five forwards nowadays? One week after this game at Ayr, Dunfermline lost 6-5 to Hibs at East End Park. How's that for an

attacking emphasis.

The sixties comprised a great decade for Dunfermline. They won the Scottish Cup in 1961 and 1968 and managed to achieve consistently high league position. There were also some glorious European nights. For Ayr United it was a chequered decade. In 1964-65 the club almost folded through lack of support but, in contrast, the ground record was broken in 1969. The upsurge in fortune was mainly down to the influence of Ally MacLeod.



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Roddy Grant

8/10

In this evening's quiz representing 'The Fans' is Ayr United Groundsman Davie Harkness. 'Harko' has been with the Club for 22 years and is always desperate to put one over on the players. Tonight he is up against striker Roddy Grant who represents 'The Players'.

Questions are set as always by Somerset Physio John Kerr: A tight contest finishes in an 8-8 draw to take the scores to:

PLAYERS 13 FANS 11



Davie Harkness

8/10

38,000	What was Saturday's Hampden attendance (to the nearest thousand)? <small>(A: 38,000)</small>	38,000
Chelsea	From which Premiership Club did Dunfermline sign Stephen Hampshire? <small>(A: Chelsea)</small>	Watford
Sunderland	Which Premiership Club recently changed their nickname to 'the Black Cats'? <small>(A: Sunderland)</small>	Sunderland
Michael Caine	At the BAFTA Awards who was awarded the BAFTA Fellowship Award? <small>(A: Michael Caine)</small>	Michael Caine
Tom Smith	Name the former Ayr United player who played in Sunday's Scottish Cup semi final. <small>(A: Tom Smith)</small>	Tom Smith
Prague	Name the capital of the Czech Republic. <small>(A: Prague)</small>	Prague
1995/96	In which season did Dunfermline last win the First Division? <small>(A: 1995/96)</small>	1996/97
Berwick Rangers	Which team currently sits top of the Scottish Third Division? <small>(A: Berwick Rangers)</small>	Berwick Rangers
Duval	Who finished second in this weekend's US Masters? <small>(A: Ernie Els)</small>	Ernie Els
Mickey Reynolds	Name the only Ayr player to have scored against Dunfermline this season. <small>(A: Glynn Hurst)</small>	Glynn Hurst

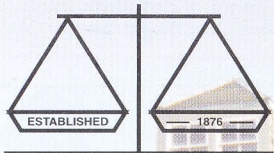
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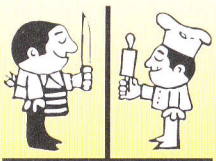
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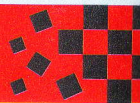
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CRAMOND'S GOAL GIVES AYR A SECOND CHANCE

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Tait, it brought back memories of another Cup run in the 1970's that saw them paired in the fourth round against the other half of the Old Firm, Celtic.

"The first game was at Parkhead and was played on a Sunday, which was very unusual in those days" recalled Bobby, who these days works as a project engineer for a company in Beith. In 1977 however, he was part time at Ayr and had to organise his football around his normal employment with Massey Ferguson in Kilmarnock.

The Sunday experiment worked with 38,000 inside Celtic Park to see the match. *"As normal when you played against the Old Firm, your chances were written off well before a ball was kicked but at that time we were a Premier League team and knew how to play against them"* said Bobby.

"I would never have classed myself as a regular in the team. Although I did play in a number of games, I was back up to Rikki (Fleming) and Sanny (McAnespie) and really only got the call when either of them were injured, which in Rikki's case wasn't too often."

Ayr United's Scottish Cup run may be over for another year but for Bobby

That proved to be the case on this occasion as Bobby lined up alongside Rikki Fleming in the heart of the United defence to face a Celtic strike force that included Kenny Dalglish. And although written off, Bobby maintains that Ayr went into the game knowing that they had a chance of causing an upset.

"We were a very difficult team to beat in those days. We were a decent team and particularly at Somerset, it was a hard place to come and get points but this days at Parkhead, not many people gave us a chance of getting a result."

Like most professional footballers, Bobby maintains that he actually remembers very little about the game. Players tend to concentrate on their own and the teams performance during the game and don't take in the events as they



Feeling the drought... that's Ayr winger Malcolm Robertson (left) on the Parkhead pitch with his shadow—Celtic's Danny McGrain. And as the Celtic star takes a guiltless glance at the gap created in one Ayr jersey it's only fair to explain how it happened. It appears Malcolm's jersey inadvertently become entangled with an unknown defender's hand during a goal-mouth scramble. The ball was cleared and no one appeared prepared to own up to the dastardly deed.



happen but as Hugh Taylor reported in the Daily Record *"Despite the big crowd, and electric atmosphere, the tie never lived up to expectations."*

"That was probably the biggest crowd that I played in front of during my time at Ayr and it was a great atmosphere but although we were up against it most of the time, we were far from overawed."

Celtic did have the majority of the game, *"plenty of shots and 90% of the pressure"* was how Hugh Taylor described the action. But the only real incidents of note in the game were the two goals in a 1-1 draw.

Ronnie Glavin gave Celtic a 63rd minute lead. *"It was fitting that Ronnie Glavin got it"* wrote Taylor. *"He had been the man most likely to beat the agile Hugh Sproat in the Ayr goal."*

"Ronnie combined cleverly with Kenny Dalglish, got the ball back from the skipper and hit it firmly into the net."

That goal looked to have secured Celtic's place in the quarter finals against Queen of the South but back came Ayr who refused to lie down and with only two minutes remaining, they stunned the home support with a *"sensational"* equaliser, thanks to the late Gordon Cramond.

As Taylor reported *"Not all the Ayr players though were prepared to admit defeat and Danny Masterton and Gordon Cramond combined to score a sensational equaliser."*

"Masterton dribbled cleverly into the penalty area and before the horrified home defenders knew what had happened, the ball had gone to Cramond who hammered it into the net. What a turn up!"

That set up a Wednesday night replay at Somerset that Ayr lost 3-1, thanks to some dodgy refereeing decisions. As early as the sixth minute Bob Shields described a penalty incident involving Bobby Tait that put Celtic on the road to victory. *"Kenny Dalglish and Bobby Tait rushed for a ball that looked destined to roll past – but the Celtic skipper chose to fall over instead of keeping his feet. Of the 13,000 spectators at the match, very few recognised a penalty kick but the referee was one of them and it's his version that counts."*

However as a result of the first game at Parkhead, Bobby picked up his biggest ever bonus at Somerset Park of £100.

Today, Bobby (46) lives in Kilmarnock with his wife Janet and two children Gillian and Graeme. But he still remembers well his time at Somerset Park. *"There are plenty of stories to tell but not many of them would be printable"*



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