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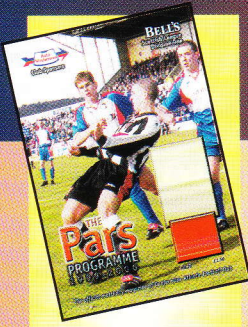
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1969/70

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3rd : 1964/65, 1968/69

Scottish League 1st Division

Champions: 1988/89, 1995/96

Runners up: 1912/13,
1993/94, 1994/95

Scottish League Division 2

(pre-reconstruction)

Champions: 1925/26

Runners-Up: 1912/13,
1933/34, 1954/55, 1957/58,
1972/73

Scottish League 2nd Division

Champions: 1985/86

Runners-Up: 1978/79

Scottish Cup

Winners: 1961, 1968

Runners-Up: 1965

Semi-Finalists: 1964, 1966

Scottish League Cup

Runners-Up: 1949/50, 1991/92

Semi-Finalists: 1989/90,
1996/97, 1997/98

Scottish Qualifying Cup

Winners: 1911/12

Central League

Champions: 1910/11, 1911/12

BP Scottish Youth Cup

Winners: 1987/88

Scottish Reserve League

(East)

Champions: 1986/87, 1992/93

Jim Calderwood...

THE GAMES THAT YOU ARE EXPECTED to win are always the hardest, and that is why I was so pleased to get the result that we did against Clydebank. Our preparations weren't perfect - we were ready at 2.15pm only to find that their coach had been delayed. In the end the boys did tremendously well but I was genuinely disappointed that we didn't score more goals than we did. But we showed a lot of good movement and got enough goals to make sure that if goal difference does come into it we will be in with a shout.

The game at Inverness was always going to be a hard, hard game, and a lot of people were predicting that we would slip up in this match. The fact that we didn't was more down to the quality of our finishing rather than the quality of our play, because we did not play well. Two good goals from David Moss and Lee Bullen appeared to have set us up but when they got a goal back it was nailbiting stuff to the end. This result, combined with results elsewhere gave us the target we wanted to achieve -

promotion to the Premier League. I'm pleased that we've got it when we have because that saves a lot of sleepless nights at the end of the season!

We'll have to make some changes for today's game due to the injury situation. At the time of writing, Ian Ferguson's injury is being investigated, but he could be out for the last two games. Similarly, Eddie May, who's done so well in these last few games, will be out because he has to have an operation. Add to that doubts over Steven Hampshire, Jason Dair and Andy Tod, and there could be several changes. Today could also see the last game for Kris Mampaey, who will be returning to Holland. I hope that the fans will give him a good send off.

Talking of Holland, I am still trying to put together the arrangements for our tour. It is difficult to finalise arrangements because of availability of pitches and teams, but I'm hoping that we'll have six matches - three against amateur teams and three against professional sides. The games should all be within an hour of where we are staying, which is between Hengelo and Almelo.

At the end of the game at Inverness we were really disappointed to hear that St Mirren scored in extra time. That makes it very difficult for us to win the Championship now, but stranger things have happened. We need Raith Rovers to get something at Paisley, and that would mean St Mirren would have to win at Inverness. It may be a tall order, but stranger things have happened. But of course for any of that to be of any use, we must win our two remaining games, starting with today's game against Airdrie.

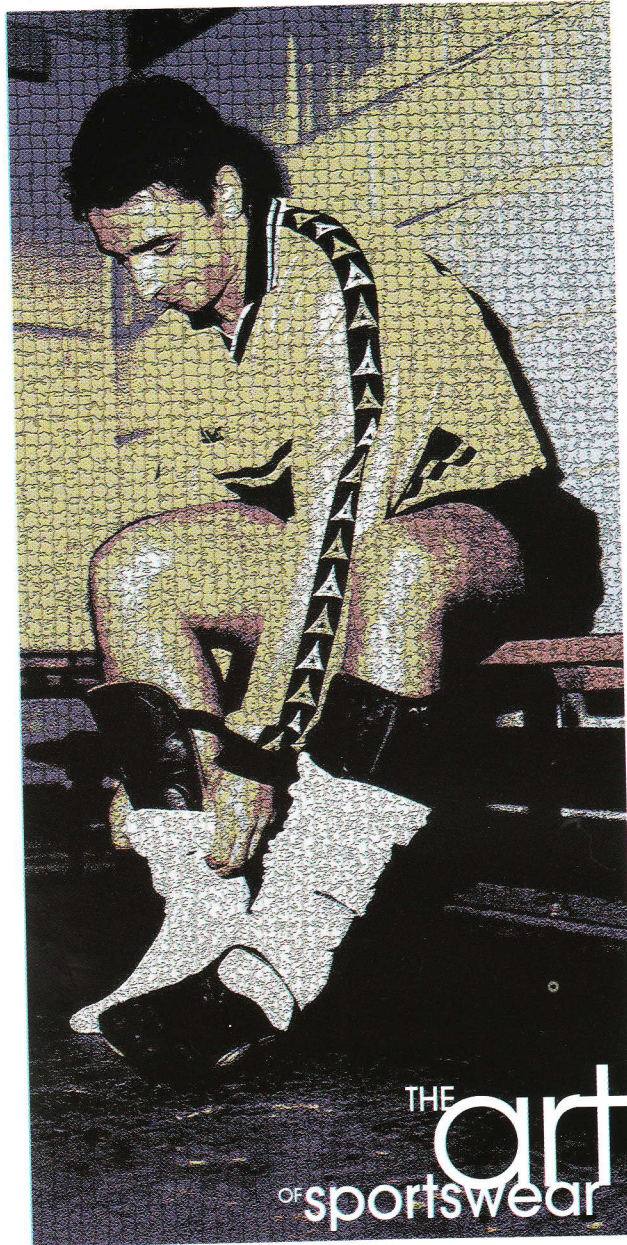
Gary has nothing to lose in today's game and I know that he's been giving some of his younger lads a game and it's paid off with some good results. Airdrie have a bit of a reputation as being a bogey team for Dunfermline, so today will be a hard game. But it's important for us to win our last home game, to thank our fans and to give them something to think about for next season. I would also like to give my personal thanks to the fans who have treated me very well since I arrived - I hope you enjoy the summer break and come back to support us in the Premier League.



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AIRDRIE



THE FACT THAT AIRDRIE FOOTBALL CLUB have survived until the end of this season is in itself nothing short of a miracle. In what will surely go down in history as the most dramatic in the Diamonds history, the club have seen just about everything that could go wrong, go wrong.

Indeed, were it not for the enthusiasm of the players and the fans (whose 'Save The Diamonds' Campaign helped raise money to give the players and staff wages recently), the club would surely have vanished.

As it is, Airdrie are not yet out of the woods. Provisional Liquidator Blair Nimmo has been trying to find a buyer, but so far without any success. The only offer he's had has been one from Steve Archibald, but that ran into difficulty when the former Scotland star refused to take on the club's previous debts. The one asset that the club do have is a 10,000 all seater stadium, but the difficulty is making best use of it. Falkirk's attempts to buy it to gain entry to the Premier League failed, and more recently discussions have taken place with Third Division minnows Albion Rovers about a ground-sharing scheme.

Amidst all of this, life has not exactly been easy on the football side either. The club have struggled in the First Division this season, and had it not been for Clydebank's dismal form and the fact that only one team is to be relegated, then Airdrie would have been in further trouble.



ACTION FROM THE FIRST GAME AT THE SHYBERRY



It's not hard to see why this has happened. Quite apart from the morale-sapping problems off the park, Airdrie have had difficulty in keeping eleven men on it! Last Saturday, Austin McCann became the club's fifteenth player to be sent off this season. That unenviable disciplinary record has racked up all sorts of problems for manager Gary Mackay, and continues to do so with three players - McCann, Jim Dick and Paul Jack all absent today because of suspensions.

As if all of that wasn't bad enough, Airdrie have also had to contend with players leaving and with injuries. Since the Diamonds last visit to East End Park, players like former Dunfermline full back Gerry Farrell and striker Steve McCormack have left to play their football elsewhere. They have also lost key players like David Farrell, Forbes Johnston, and Scott Thomson through injury. Goalkeeper Thomson suffered a particularly nasty triple fracture of the cheekbone and will be out for a while.

Put together, all of this must have represented a disastrous situation for manager Gary Mackay. When he took over as manager earlier this season, little would he have thought that he was going to have to contend with all of this! To his credit, however, he has stuck to his task and made a virtue out of a necessity by introducing a whole squad of youngsters to first team football. And after a pretty dismal run of defeats, the enthusiasm of the youngsters has paid off with some great displays recently. A 3-0 win over Morton was followed by a huge 5-1 win at Inverness. Only last week's goalless draw against Clydebank could be considered to be disappointing.

The loss of Austin McCann and Paul Jack will have an adverse affect on Airdrie's defence which will now rely on the youth of the likes of goalkeeper Stephen Wilson and full back Eddie Forrest, with the old reliable experience of long time servers Sandy Sandison and Sandy Stewart. Forrest has recently come back after being sent off at Livingston.

Youth will also be to the fore in the Diamonds midfield where the loss of James Dick will also be felt. 18 year old Stewart Easton has made a good impression this season, as has former Dunfermline Athletic youth Alex Neil, and they will be supported by ex-St Mirren midfielder Stuart Taylor.

Up front, the Diamonds can still rely upon some of the 'oldies'. Both Gareth Evans, now 33, and Allan Moore, now 35, are well known to the Pars fans and they can be relied upon to do their best to give the Pars defence a hard time. They will be joined by 26 year old Canadian import Niall Thomson who made a name for himself with a superb hat-trick against Inverness a fortnight ago.

Airdrie have had a habit of playing against Dunfermline at crucial times during the promotion race, and this year is no exception. Let's hope their presence here can ignite memories of 1996 when the First Division title was sealed rather than anything that might have happened in the two seasons prior to that!

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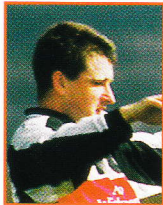
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Headlines...

THE GARY RIDDELL TROPHY

Pars fans will know that one of the most important trophies at this time of the season is the one in which the players vote for their own Player of the Year. That Dunfermline have such a prize, and splendid trophy, is thanks to the parents of Gary Riddell, the parents of the young Pars centre half who died so tragically while running the Dunfermline Half Marathon eleven years ago.



SCOTT THOMSON HAS PLAYED SUPERBLY IN A WHOLE VARIETY OF POSITIONS THIS SEASON

This year after a very close vote, the Players Player of the Year for 1999/2000 has gone to Scott Thomson who narrowly pipped Stevie Crawford for the accolade. It is a very well deserved award for a player who has finally shown through an injury-free spell just what he is capable of doing. He has been a mainstay in Jimmy Calderwood's teams - although not always in the positions he would prefer. He has played at right back, at left back, in the centre of defence, in a defensive midfield marking role, as an attacking midfielder, and as a winger. At a recent function, Scott mentioned to the Coach that the goalkeeper's jersey was just about the only one he hadn't tried, but that brought a very quick reply from Jimmy Calderwood who reminded Scott that he hadn't tried the number 15 jersey either!

It is a tribute to his consistency and to his contribution as an important team player that Scott has received his award from his fellow professionals. We'd just like to join them in saying well done Scott!



STEVIE CRAWFORD WAS A NATURAL CHOICE OF PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR MANY SUPPORTERS GROUPS

The player who appears to have won most Player of the Year Awards is striker Stevie Crawford. Despite the fact that he didn't make his debut until the 15th game of the season at the end of October, Stevie's contribution has been absolutely vital to Dunfermline this season. A firm favourite with the fans who would now like his position at the club to be made permanent, Stevie has had a very successful season under the guidance of the Pars management team. For example, Stevie scored 14 league goals (four of which were penalties) in the First Division for Hibs last year in 35 outings. This season, he's already got 16 league goals in 23 league matches showing just how much he has thrived being at East End Park!

Our match sponsors prize for the Auto Windscreens Player of the Year has this year gone to young full back Chris

McGroarty. Chris has had a tremendous first full season in which he has turned out 24 times for the first team. A run of fine performances in the middle part of the season saw him take no less than five Man of the Match Awards, and this was enough to secure him as the best player over the season in the eyes of the match sponsors. With only today's game to go, Chris is currently sitting with 18 points, five ahead of second placed Owen Coyle, with Ian Ferguson one point back in third.



Finally on the trophy front, our picture shows Stephen Jordan handing over the Bill Hogg Trophy to Lee Bullen for the fastest goal of the season.

Well done to all the players who received awards this season.

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Commercial Manager Audrey Bastianelli has asked that we record our thanks to Auto Windscreens in the final programme of 1999/2000. Auto Windscreens became Dunfermline's main sponsors at the start of the season, and their support has been invaluable to the club. Audrey commented, "Auto Windscreens have taken a very active involvement and have been a really great sponsor for the club. We've enjoyed a wonderful working relationship and I hope that they will enjoy the greater exposure that they will get as a result of the club being promoted to the Premier League."

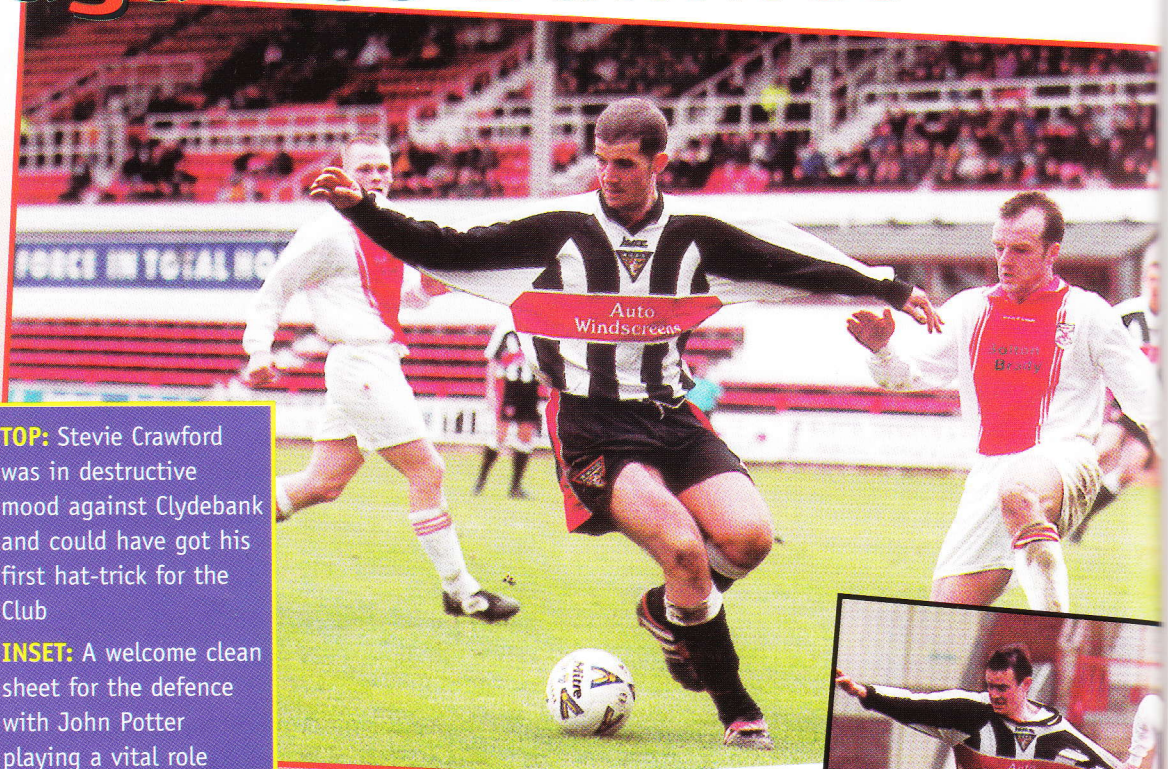
We've also got a few congratulations of our own to give to Auto Windscreens because earlier this year they won the national Fleet Excellence Award for windscreens, having fixed around 500,000 car windows last year! Well done, and thanks for your support.

AND FINALLY...

As this is our final issue of the year, it only remains for us to thank you all for buying the Pars Programme. We will be back next year in slightly different shape and ready to meet the challenges of the Premier League. Thanks also to all our contributors, and in particular our photographer Ian Malcolm who is retiring from his position at the end of this season, and to Garthland RGS who have provided a quality printed product for us to read.

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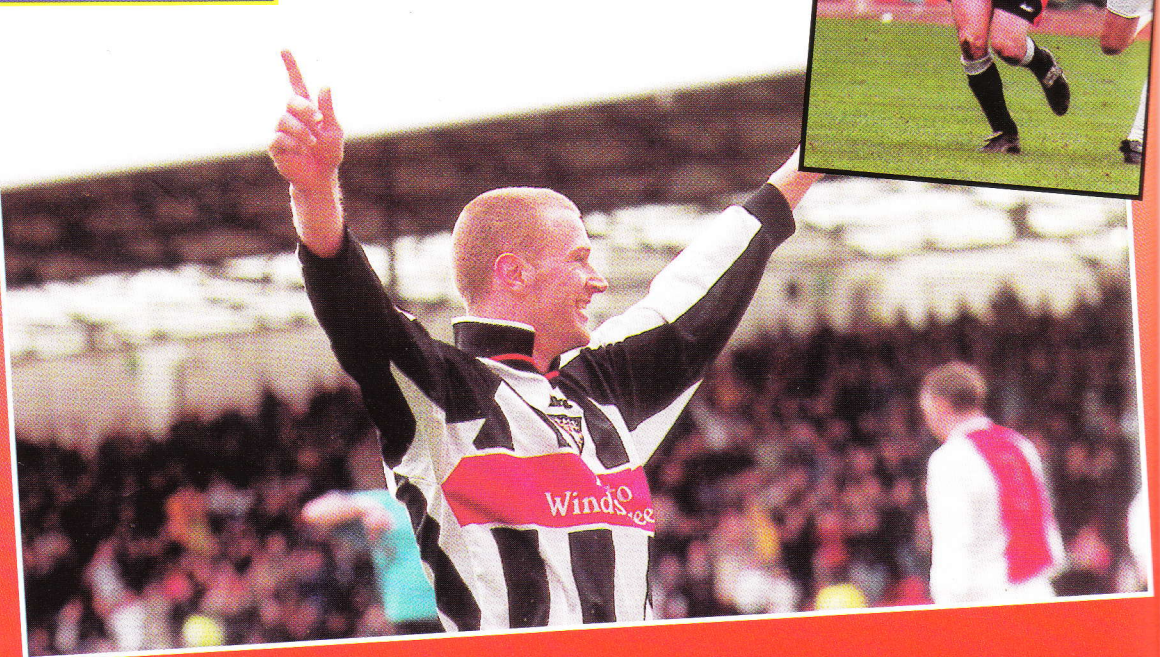
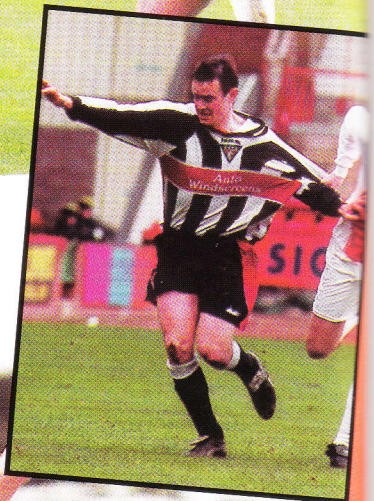
Six pack for Pars against Bankies



TOP: Stevie Crawford was in destructive mood against Clydebank and could have got his first hat-trick for the Club

INSET: A welcome clean sheet for the defence with John Potter playing a vital role

BOTTOM: Lee Bullen celebrates his fantastic goal





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1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	League		League Cup		Challenge Cup		Scottish Cup		TOTALS	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Lee Bullen	9(2)	7	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	9(2)	7
Owen Coyle	21(7)	9	2(0)	2	1(0)	2	0(1)	0	24(8)	13
Stephen Crawford	23(0)	16	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	23(0)	16
Jason Dair	20(2)	1	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	23(2)	1
Michael Doesburg	5(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	5(0)	0
Jamie Dolan	18(0)	0	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	22(0)	0
Ian Ferguson	12(0)	2	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	13(0)	2
Hamish French	11(8)	3	2(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	13(9)	3
David Graham	0(14)	1	1(0)	0	0(1)	0	1(0)	1	2(15)	2
Steve Hampshire	11(7)	3	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	12(7)	3
Richard Huxford	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	1
Craig Ireland	1(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(3)	0
Kris Mampaey	13(0)	4*	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	14(0)	4*
Eddie May	19(4)	2	1(1)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	21(5)	2
Chris McGroarty	13(7)	0	0(2)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	15(9)	0
David Moss	18(6)	6	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	18(7)	6
Colin Nish	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(3)	0
Stewart Petrie	30(0)	3	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	33(0)	4
John Potter	15(4)	1	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	16(4)	1
Brian Reid	21(0)	3	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	25(0)	3
Greg Shields	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	5(0)	0
Justin Skinner	24(2)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	24(2)	0
Andy Smith	11(1)	4	2(0)	1	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	14(1)	5
Scott Thomson	26(1)	2	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	29(1)	2
Andy Tod	27(3)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	30(3)	1
Ian Westwater	21(0)	7*	2(0)	1*	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	24(0)	8*

Correct at 29th April, 2000. Brackets indicate appearances as substitute.
*Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper.

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.	1
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	4-0	4,685	Westwat
	Tue 10	Morton	Bells Cup 1	H	2-2	2,893 Westwat
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A	2-2	2,872	Westwat
	Wed 18	Queens Park	CIS Cup 2	H	4-0	2,596 Westwat
	Sat 21	Morton	H	2-1	4,036	Westwat
	Sat 28	Falkirk	H	1-1	6,520	Westwat
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A	1-0	5,798	Westwat
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H	1-1	6,220	Westwat
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A	2-2	6,087	Westwat
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H	2-1	4,051	Westwat
Oct	Sat 09	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	4-1	560	Westwat
	Wed 12	Rangers (CIS Cup 3)	A	0-1	30,024	Westwat
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H	0-0	3,964	Westwat
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A	1-1	3,016	Westwat
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A	1-3	6,130	Westwat
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H	1-1	6,889	Westwat
	Sun 14	Livingston	H	3-0	4,163	Westwat
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A	3-1	4,229	Westwat
	Sat 27	Clydebank	H	2-1	4,224	Westwat
Dec	Sat 04	Ayr United	A	3-0	2,113	Westwat
	Sat 11	Morton	A	3-0	2,200	Westwat
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	1-0	3,775	Westwat
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	A	0-3	7,463	Westwat
	Sat 08	Livingston	A	0-1	4,418	Westwat
	Sat 15	Falkirk	H	2-2	7,233	Mampae
	Sat 22	Ayr United	H	2-0	3,684	Mampae
	Sat 29	Hibernian (SC Rd 3)	A	1-4	10,863	Mampae
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	3-1	611	Mampae
	Sat 12	Morton	H	1-1	4,289	Mampae
	Sat 19	St. Mirren	H	1-1	7,132	Mampae
	Sat 26	Airdrieonians	A	2-1	2,304	Mampae
Mar	Sat 04	St. Mirren	A	2-0	6,938	Mampae
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	H	0-2	6,694	Mampae
	Sat 25	Falkirk	A	1-1	5,242	Mampae
Apr	Sat 01	Livingston	H	4-1	4,337	Mampae
	Tue 11	Ayr United	A	2-0	1,798	Mampae
	Sat 15	Clydebank	H	6-0	4,958	Mampae
	Sat 22	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A	2-1	2,677	Mampae
	Sat 29	Airdrieonians	H			
May	Sat 06	Morton	A			

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	HOME						AWAY						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
St Mirren	34	11	3	3	39	19	11	4	2	33	15	73	38	
Dunfermline	34	9	7	1	33	13	10	4	3	32	18	68	34	
Falkirk	34	11	1	5	36	21	9	5	3	26	14	66	27	
Raith	34	11	2	4	35	21	6	5	6	20	16	58	18	
Livingston	34	8	5	4	26	16	9	2	6	29	28	58	11	
Inverness CT	34	6	6	5	29	25	6	3	8	24	28	45	0	
Ayr	34	6	2	9	22	21	4	5	8	16	25	37	-8	
Morton	34	6	3	8	20	23	2	3	12	20	38	30	-21	
Airdrie	34	4	5	8	15	24	3	3	11	14	42	29	-37	
Clydebank	34	1	3	13	11	37	0	3	14	6	42	9	-62	

KEY TO STATS

Goalscorers (and the number of goals scored) are noted in capitals. The first named substitute is No.12, the second named No.14 and third is named No.15. If a substitute is brought on, the number of the player he has replaced appears in brackets after his name. If no such number appears, the player has remained on the bench, and this does not constitute a substitute appearance.

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Paul SHEERIN	Inverness CT	11	1	4	1	17
Steve CRAWFORD	Dunfermline	16	0	0	0	16
Barry LAVETY	St. Mirren	16	0	0	0	16
Scott CRABBE	Falkirk	12	2	0	1	15
Craig DARGO	Raith Rovers	12	1	1	1	15
Brian McPHEE	Livingston	13	0	1	1	15
Glynn HURST	Ayr United	14	0	0	0	14
Owen COYLE	Dunfermline	9	2	2	0	13
Barry WILSON	Inverness CT	10	1	1	1	13
Dave NICHOLLS	Falkirk	10	0	0	1	11
Harry CURRAN	Morton	8	1	0	0	9
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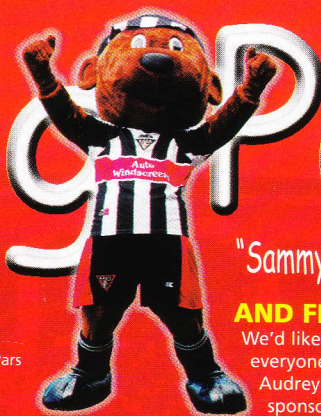
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Hello everyone,

First of all, we hope all those of you who came along to our final Young Pars Event of the season at the Clydebank game really enjoyed yourselves. As so many of you said that you were fed up with discos and parties we thought we'd try something a bit different, so please let us know what you would prefer.

We found that the whole afternoon passed really quickly (even with the kick-off delay!) And we'd like to thank everyone who helped us out. A special thank you to the girls from the Bank of Scotland for their non-stop face-painting. (We noticed that it wasn't only our Young Pars who enjoyed this as the girls had big queues all afternoon!)

Congratulations to all of our members who won raffle prizes and the best prize of all, Chris Templeman's autographed shirt, was won by a delighted Jamie Fitzgerald. Well done, Jamie!

YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Happy Birthday to the following Young Pars;

Ross Lumsden, Kelly McFadden, Ryan Etherington, Shaun McAlpine, Graeme Simpson, Siobhan Lynch, Ryan Benson, Ross MacLeod, Christopher Batty, John Barras, Frazer Bishop, Ryan Fair

Many happy returns in advance to all of you who will be celebrating your birthdays in the close season, sorry we can't mention you all.

YOUNG PARS PENALTY KICK COMPETITION - THE FINAL!

Please give loads of support to our three Finalists today - Ryan Holmes, Alistair Low and Kevin Campbell.

At the most recent semi-final, at the Clydebank game, it was brilliant to hear the crowd encouraging (?) the boys! We know that the smallest boy is always going to be the "crowd" favourite and little Ross Martin really enjoyed your support! The eventual winner, Kevin Campbell, (the oldest), said that the booing didn't put him off at all, but spare a thought for poor Chris Hughes who was totally ignored! He was quite indignant about it! Anyway, Good Luck to all three boys today!

AND FINALLY...

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at DAFC, with special thanks to Audrey Bastianelli for her support, our sponsored player, Chris Templeman, and indeed all of the players who have attended

our events throughout the season. Special thanks to Sammy the Tammy, things wouldn't be the same without you, Sammy! (Just kidding!)

Our Sponsorship Deal with the Bank of Scotland has now come to an end so many thanks to David Gemmell and his staff for their support over the last few seasons. (P.S. any multi-millionaires reading this, please feel free to contact us!)

As we look forward to next season we'd like to remind any of you who want to go into the draw for Ball Boys/Girls to phone Jean on 01383 731409. Remember, you have to be available for all home fixtures (including midweek reserve games). You have to be happy to be freezing cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. You have to be able to laugh off insults from the crowds (especially when Sammy the Tammy decides to try out a particularly embarrassing routine!) In other words you have to be slightly mad! If all that hasn't put you off, give us a call!

Finally, many thanks to all of you Young Pars and your parents for all of your support and enthusiasm throughout the season, just make sure you join the Young Pars next season and support your LOCAL Team!

See you all soon

Christine, Jean, Margo, Vicky and Helen

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PARS IN PERSON

OWEN COYLE

THE RETURN OF TOP FLIGHT FOOTBALL to East End Park has been in everyone's hopes for a very long time. One year ago, our subject today was hoping to celebrate that very event, and there is no doubt that the experience of Owen Coyle has played a major part in our sustained push for promotion. Goals and good humour go hand in hand with the popular striker, and Owen spoke to Bob Storie in the last of our interviews for this season....

It appears we may miss out on the Championship – are the lads downbeat about that at all?

"The priority here has been first and foremost to get back to the SPL at the first attempt. That's now done. Obviously, it would put the icing on the cake to go up as champions, but right now you have to give credit to St Mirren, who have played well all season, and we've had to work hard to stay on their tail – mind you, who's to say there might not be a few twists and turns in the story before the very end! There's still six points up for grabs, so you can never tell. I think that the last few weeks has seen us playing at our best, ever since the Rovers game anyway! We've applied ourselves throughout these games, playing better for longer, and this is the right time to take your form on to a higher level. It's the oldest cliché, but it's still one game at a time right now, and we have to play at our peak for the whole ninety minutes today, and next week, and see where it takes us from there."

You've had to start from the bench in recent weeks – is it that hard for you to get a game right now?

"Well, I won't deny it's very frustrating not to get a start at this stage of the season, but I've only myself to blame – I was suspended after the New Year derby, came back, then went out again for the Cup game. The boss brought Lee in, and he's played well for his place, and I'm pleased for him – he's a real trier! I just have to keep working hard to force myself back into the frame, but it's not about individuals at this club – the club itself is more important than that. We have a good and talented squad, tactics play their part as well, and competition for places is healthy for everyone – you only need to look at the calibre of the lads not getting a regular game here to realise the depth we have in the quality of players"

The New Year derby game dealt harshly with you – has it changed your outlook on the game at all?

"I didn't think you'd let me escape this one! (Laughs). No, seriously, I think it's left me a bit stronger mentally. I know in my heart that I did nothing wrong, and all the evidence on show backs that up – the decision was wrong. I was convinced I was getting a penalty, but officials decided otherwise – that's football, and I've put it behind me and moved on. Strangely enough, the same referee, Alan Freeland, was in charge against Clydebank two weeks ago, and I thought he might have

said some kind of recompense comment to me, but no, not a cheep! It's a bit of a shame, but match officials seem to have lost their humour and sense of banter during a game – I suppose it's all these directives they have to take on board – changed days, I'm afraid!"

Have you been happy with your own form this year?

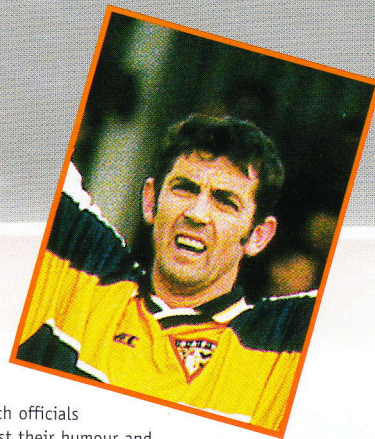
"Heading up to Christmas, I was reasonably happy with things – I was playing a good bit better, general play was ok, I'd got a few goals, and I was able to give support to the other lads. With suspension coming my way, opportunities came for other lads, like Stevie Hampshire and later on Lee Bullen, and that made it tougher to get back in. I'm still playing my part, of course, but not as much as it was. Big Andy (Smith) moved on to Kilmarnock, as well, and I was sorry to see him go – he's a good friend, and as long as we played together this season, we weren't on the losing side! If this all sounds like sour grapes, it's not meant to be, believe me – we've got some smashing lads here, and young lads like Colin Nish are exciting prospects, and I'm pleased to see him doing his bit down at Alloa. The new boss is a fair man to work with, and I keep telling him every week he should be playing me from the start!"

Your old club are opponents today – are you sorry for their current plight?

"You'd have to have a heart of stone not to feel for their present state. I'm still friends with guys like Sandy Stewart, Paul Jack and Jimmy Sandison, and it must be tough to survive on half-pay with bills to pay like everyone else – despite what you read, it's not that glamorous a lifestyle in the game outside the Premier League. I'm pleased to see they've had some good results in recent weeks. It'll give them a lift, especially as they couldn't buy a goal in some of their earlier games! We all hope someone comes into put it all right, but today, it's pure business, and we're out for a win!"

Have you enjoyed your first year with us?

"The day I stop enjoying this business is the day I walk away from it all! I'm very happy with the daily routine here – the mix is brilliant, and guys like Fergie, Eddie May and the rest are great to work with – it's a very friendly club from top to bottom. It was a big shame that we had to come down in the first place, but we have nothing to fear from the mainstream clubs outside the Old Firm. Dunfermline has what it takes to compete strongly at the sharp end, and I'm looking forward to having my chance to play at the top level once again."



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Unbelievably, in the eyes of some, the Sons of Scotia have leapt into 21st spot in the latest FIFA world rankings, despite being outclassed by current champions, France, in last month's inaugural match at Hampden. For the record, top five places go to Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Spain and Germany. England creep in at number 13. Republic of Ireland occupy 26th place, Northern Ireland leap up one place to 87th and Wales drop to 98th position, behind the mighty Singapore, Oman and Togo, but one spot above Vietnam.

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Maybe he's been busy buying votes for the FIFA rankings, 'cos team leader Craigie Brown has not been much in evidence recently ... but your super sleuth ran him to earth three weeks ago, posing as an All-American boy. Venue was Braehead Arena, the event was the World Curling Championship, with none other than Craig Brown leading the USA troops into action against high-flying Canada in the semi-final of the tournament. Predictably, Broon's boys were well and truly humped. So what's new?

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

On the same day that the 'other Craig Brown' was falling at the penultimate fence at Braehead, Aintree was hosting another high profile non-footie event, the Grand National. Not being a betting man and knowing next-to-nothing about horse racing, my annual flutter is usually based on the name of the beast rather than its form.

This year "Mely Moss" got the Macdonald vote, something to do with the colours (black and white) and the link with a Pars player, Mely. We noted the Old Firm flavour in the line up too, with Choisty and Celtic Giant in the field and a Hibs challenge from Young Kenny. Doubtless, Celtic minded patrons of Baird's Bar would have put their money on Celtic Giant based on the profile in a well-known broadsheet, "known to the other horses as 'Big Man'... on account of his massive frame. Given a name like his, his chances of winning can probably be best summed up as ... maybes aye, maybes naw..."

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EURO 2000

All set for Euro 2000? Going over to the Low Countries to cheer on England ... or will you wait until the real action, Pars pre-season tour, gets under way before visiting Holland ...?

So far as the joint-hosts are concerned, the clever money will probably be on Belgium to get a bit further than Holland, but only just. Holland look to be up against it in their first round group, facing France, Czech Republic and Denmark. Maybe Scotland's match in Arnhem against the Dutch will give a pointer to the shape they're in. Life won't be much easier for Belgium, though. Sweden, Italy and Turkey will not be easy to overcome. A place in the quarter-finals could hinge on the result of their final group game

against Turkey, to give them second place in the group and a quarter-final tie against the winners of Group A (England, Germany, Portugal, Romania).

Likely winner? Could be France or Czech Republic or Germany ... possibly Italy. Then again, Portugal, Sweden, Norway and Spain could be in with a shout ... even England. My forecast? The competition will get under-way on 10th June 2000 and finish on 2nd July 2000. Cumbernauld contra-flow permitting!

BRICK GOES AWOL

Have you bought a brick ... and have you found it in the wall? If not, check it ... that's the advice given by our mate, Chris.

Now, Chris is a very trusting bloke, so when he learned that one of his Christmas pressies was a Pars brick, he took it for granted that the brick would find its way into the wall. Not so, seemingly. The word on the street is that the brick's gone AWOL (!) twenty minutes close scrutiny of the wall by an eagle-eyed team (killing time while Clydebank hitch-hiked to East End Park) could find nary trace of the Chris Purves brick.

The popular theory is that it's found its way to Brockville, via ex-Pars, Ivo den Bieman, quoted in "The Scotsman" recently as being "... the mortar between the bricks at Falkirk".

More anon. Meanwhile, please contact "Brickwatch", East End Park, Dunfermline, if you can shed some light on this mystery. As you can imagine, not only is Chris distraught .. he's mortally offended!

AND FINALLY...

To finish the season on a really low note ... a Radio Scotland match summariser reported (allegedly) that "...Dundee fans were over the moon when new signing, Luna, banged in the fourth goal against Motherwell!"





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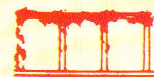
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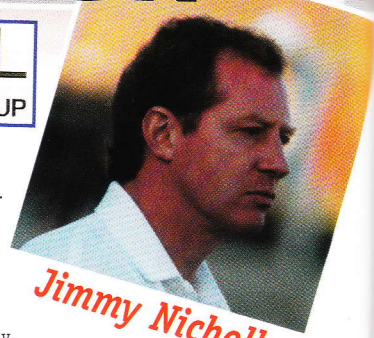
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RESERVES MAKE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Following their success of winning the Reserve League East, the Pars Reserves are now going for the double after an excellent 2-0 win in the Reserve League Cup Semi-Final over Morton at East End Park on Tuesday.

Dunfermline didn't trouble the visitors goal too much during the first period, although Jamie Squires did come close with a flashing header from a Kevin McLeish corner. Indeed, it was Morton who looked the more likely and the Pars were twice saved by Ian Westwater with good saves as the visitors sought the opener.

But McLeish's corners were causing problems, and from another in the 65th minute, Hamish French got the vital opener with a six yard shot. Hamish was then involved in the second when, along with McLeish, he set up McGroarty to strike the all important second goal.

Dunfermline: Westwater, Nicol (Anderson, 85 mins), McGroarty, Squires (McDonald, 55 mins), Reid, Dolan, McGarty (Fleming, 65 mins), Templeman, Graham, McLeish, French

The Reserve League Cup Final has now been provisionally arranged to take place at Starks Park, Kirkcaldy on Wednesday 10th May where Raith Rovers will be Dunfermline's opponents.

PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

Now that we know that the Pars are going to be promoted to the Scottish Premier Division, Jimmy Nicholl and John Ritchie can now make preparations for next season. In accordance with SPL requirements the Pars are planning to run Under 21 and Under 18 teams. There has, though, been a change to the SPL rules regarding the Under 21 teams for next season. We understand that up to six over age players can now be included in a team. This should be of assistance to all clubs as they try and maintain players' fitness levels. It will also help when players are returning from injury.

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

Dunfermline continued their winning run in the Reserve League with a hard fought win over Arbroath. With just under half an hour gone, David Graham's lob forced a corner for the Pars, which was sent across the box to the back post where David Graham jumped above everyone else to head back across goal and put the Pars one up. The Pars increased their lead just two minutes later. Hamish French, making a welcome return from injury, ran at the visitors defence and under pressure from a defender slid the ball past the keeper from twelve yards.

In the fifty-sixth minute Arbroath pulled one back when Kevin Tindal fired in an unstoppable shot. The visitors had most of the pressure in the last stages of the game but with the exception of one close-range header that Westy tipped over, though, Arbroath were unable to breach the Pars defence. The Pars had the last chance of the game when substitute Mark McGarty had his long range effort tipped onto the bar.

Dunfermline: Westwater, Squires, Anderson (McGarty, 62 mins), Tod, Reid, French, Graham, McLeish, Templeman, Dolan, McGroarty.
Subs not used: Nicol, McDonald

Remaining Fixtures

Unfortunately, we are unable to include reports of the final matches in the last Pars Programme of the season, but we wish the team well

in the Final and in continuing their excellent league form. The venue for the match against Brechin City was reversed and was due to be played at Brechin on Thursday, while the final reserve league match (and the final game at East End Park) is against East Fife on Wednesday 3rd May, kick off 7.30pm.

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
31 August	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0 Nish, Squires
7 September	RAITH ROVERS	H	0-2
14 September	ARBROATH	A	1-2 Nish
28 September	EAST FIFE	A	4-1 Graham 2, Ireland, Miller
5 October	INVERNESS CT	A	3-1 Graham 3
13 October	MONTROSE	H	6-0 Hampshire, Ireland, McGroarty, Nish, Tod, Walker
19 October	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	4-1 French, Moss, Nish, Petrie
26 October	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-1
8 November	BRECHIN CITY	H	4-0 Smith 4
17 November	AYR UNITED (Res Lge Cup)	A	1-1 (won on pens) Graham
30 November	MONTROSE	H	5-0 Graham 3, Hampshire, Nish
25 January	EAST FIFE (Res Lge Cup)	H	3-2 Moss 2, McGarty
1 February	BRECHIN CITY	H	6-0 Nish 4, Bullen, Templeman
8 February	EAST FIFE	A	2-0 French, Dair
15 February	INVERNESS CT	A	3-0 Nish, Graham, French
22 February	MONTROSE	H	7-0 Graham (2), Coyle (2), Nish, French, Taylor
29 February	RAITH ROVERS	H	2-0 Coyle (2)
9 March	INVERNESS CT	H	2-1 Graham, Nish
28 March	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	4-1 Templeman (2), McGarty, Graham
4 April	ARBROATH	A	2-1 Graham, McLeish
18 April	ARBROATH	H	2-1 Graham, French
25 April	MORTON (Res Lge Cup)	A	2-0 French, McGroarty
27 April	BRECHIN CITY	H	
2 May	EAST FIFE	H	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE YOUTH DIVISION 'C'

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
2 September	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0 McGarty, Walker
15 September	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-3
18 September	ALLOA ATHLETIC	H	1-1 McGarty
3 October	EAST STIRLING	H	1-2 McGarty
14 October	COWDENBEATH	A	3-0 McDonald, Walker 2
19 October	BERWICK RANGERS	A	4-4 McGarty 2, Walker 2
26 October	LIVINGSTON (Yth Cp)	H	1-2 Walker
28 October	STENHOUSEMUIR	H	1-3 McGarty
6 November	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	1-3 Walker
18 November	RAITH ROVERS	H	1-4 Walker
20 November	ALLOA ATHLETIC	A	4-1 Walker 2, McGarty, Nicol
9 January	STENHOUSEMUIR	A	2-0 Walker, Hynd
13 February	ARBROATH	A	1-2 Lennon
18 March	STENHOUSEMUIR	H	1-2 Walker
30 March	COWDENBEATH	A	2-2 McDonald, Vaughan
4 April	RAITH ROVERS	A	1-2 Walker
8 April	BERWICK RANGERS	H	2-0 Walker, McGarty
14 April	EAST STIRLING	A	1-2 Hynd



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Past Historic...

AIRDRIE EDGE IT

Despite Dunfermline's recent successes over Airdrie, (they're now undefeated in their last eleven matches) it is the Lanarkshire club which holds a slight edge in the series. This afternoon sees the 89th Scottish League fixture between the two, with the Pars 30 wins trailing Airdrie's total of 33.

The dozen pre-war meetings saw the Diamonds establish a healthy 8-2 lead. In fact, over the first thirty meetings up to 1960 Dunfermline managed a paltry six victories. Things improved during the Sixties, of course, and since league reconstruction in 1975 the Pars have had slightly the better of it, mainly due to their recent record.

A CURE FOR INSOMNIA?

Fixtures between the Pars and Airdrie have proven extremely competitive and evenly matched over the last few years. The last time a game was won by more than a two goal margin was back in November 1986, when Airdrie won 3-0 at Broomfield. Nearly half of the 34 league matches since 1975 have ended in draws, with the goalless variety a speciality. In the first sixty years of playing each other, there had only been two 0-0 draws, but since 1986, in only 26 matches, there have been seven goalless bores. The most notorious season was 1994/95, when all four games ended in draws - three of them 0-0.

GUBBED!

Airdrie may have found it difficult scoring against Dunfermline during the past decade but from a Pars point of view, it's just balancing out the early years of the fixture when the Diamonds found it rather easier. In the fifteen games at Broomfield between 1926 and 1960, Airdrie scored 57 goals, nearly four a game on average. It wasn't that much better at East End Park, to be honest, as Airdrie handed out some real gubbings, their best being a 0-5 hammering on September 14th, 1946.

At Broomfield, Airdrie have given Dunfermline no fewer than three 6-2 pastings while more recently, the Pars went down 5-1 in September 1979. Dunfermline recorded their best scores during the sixties, with home wins of 6-2 in November 1961 and 5-1 in March 1964 and a Broomfield best of 3-0 in January 1967.

AIRDRIE'S INTERNATIONALS

Airdrie's seventeen Scottish internationals vary from forgotten names of long ago to legends whose memories will always be treasured. Their first cap, goalkeeper, JAMES CONNOR, made his only appearance against Ireland in 1886 but is perhaps better known for facing the first penalty kick in Scottish football in 1891. The 1890's also saw brothers MATTHEW and ROBERT SCOTT each earn one cap, albeit four years apart.

Centre forward FRANK O'ROUKE, in 1957, and fellow striker ALEX THOMSON, two years later, also made a solitary appearance although both managed to score for their country. Next up was JAMES REID, first capped in 1914 but who didn't pick up his other two until 1920 and 1924. Originally a centre forward who twice topped the Scottish League scoring charts, Reid moved to the wing to accommodate the legendary HUGHIE GALLACHER. Still recognised by many to be the best Scottish striker ever, Gallacher picked up the first five of his 20 caps at Airdrie, his debut coming against Ireland in March 1924. That same year saw Gallacher and Reid enjoy success with Airdrie as they defeated Hibs 2-0 in the Scottish Cup Final, along with another four players who represented their country. They were WILLIE RUSSELL (2 caps, Airdrie's Cup Final goalscorer), left half ROBERT BENNIE (3 caps), JOHN McDUGALL (capped once, in 1926), and BOB McPHAIL. An 18 year old when Airdrie lifted the Cup, McPhail gained one cap at the club, against England in 1927, but 74 league goals in 109 appearances earned him a transfer to Rangers, where he earned 16 more.

JIMMY CRAPNELL played 9 games for Scotland between 1929 and 1932, captaining the team four times. In 1947, striker BOBBY FLAVELL made two appearances, followed five years later by IAN McMILLAN, "The Wee Prime Minister", made five appearances as an Airdrie player, three in 1952, including against England, whom he also faced in 1955 and 1956. After ten years at Broomfield he moved to Rangers and earned a final cap in 1961.

A prolific scorer for Airdrie, HUGH BAIRD earned his only cap, in May 1956. Goalkeeper LAWRIE LESLIE made his Scottish debut in October 1960 and then played in four out of the next five - the one he missed was the 1961 9-3 Wembley fiasco. Finally, DREW JARVIE earned three caps in 1971, all as a substitute. Scotland lost all three but at least he gained the attention of Aberdeen, who paid £76,000 for him the following year.

PAST MATCHES

The first meeting between the clubs on November 27th 1926, may have resulted in a 2-0 victory for Airdrie at East End Park but it's not difficult to see why. The Pars were tasting life in the First Division for the first time while Airdrie had no fewer than five players who had been or would be Scottish internationalists - Crapnell, McDougall, Bennie, Reid and McPhail. Thankfully, Hughie Gallacher had already joined Newcastle.

Dunfermline also had a couple of players who would go onto bigger and better things. Jimmy Dickson, capped by Ireland and who later joined Leicester; Jimmy Stein, an F.A. Cup winner with Everton; Andy Herd, a future Hearts stalwart; and legendary goalscorer Bobby Skinner, who signed for Airdrie soon after playing for the Scottish League.

Quality of this kind just doesn't exist at provincial Scottish clubs any more but in those days it was commonplace. Even back in 1956, when the clubs met at East End Park on December 29th, there were international-class players on view. Earlier that year, Ian McMillan and Hugh Baird were capped in different matches for Scotland. McMillan in a 1-1 draw with England. No mugs, but they were given the runaround by a Pars side in which Felix Reilly was the nearest thing to an international player. Felix went on to become the first Dunfermline signing to be capped at Under 23 level, in February 1957, and was sold to Dundee for £3,250 that summer.

In a controversial match, Baird levelled the score 3-3 despite Pars protestations that the ball never crossed the line. That's the kind of breaks you get when you're capped by Scotland...well, perhaps at certain clubs.

Two opposing players that day lined up as team-mates only a few months later. Pars inside right George O'Brien joined Leeds United in March 1957 while High Baird went to Elland Road in June for £12,000, which was double O'Brien's fee.

Eddie Connachan and Lawrie Leslie faced each other as international goalkeepers on several occasions. Leslie's last cap was in May 1961, a disastrous World Cup Qualifying defeat away to Czechoslovakia. After winning the home leg, the tie went to a play-off in Brussels in which Connachan made his Scotland debut.

Around East End Park...



A VERY SPECIAL FAN

Thanks to all Pars fans who gave our oldest supporter GEORGE McCONNELL a very special welcome to East End Park a fortnight ago. George was one hundred years young on 13th April and was invited into the Boardroom as guest of the

Directors. A lifelong Pars fan who has lots of great memories about the team's past exploits, George appears to have thoroughly enjoyed his day out - not surprising of course when Dunfermline notched up their biggest win of the season just for him!



NIFTY 50/50 DRAW

The lucky winner of a cheque for £920 for the nifty 50/50 draw at the Clydebank game was Mr Thomson from Kelty. Here he can be seen receiving his prize from Jamie Dolan.

HOLLAND TRIP

There are still some places available for the club's pre-season tour to Holland. At a price of £299 per person, the coach will leave Dunfermline on the evening of Saturday 8th July, returning on Monday 17th July. Jimmy Calderwood expects the team to play six matches on the tour.

Could anyone who is interested please contact Lesley Ford on 01383 412607/ 07967 011117 for further information.

YOUNG FAN OF THE YEAR

The UK's biggest selling football magazine has teamed up with Nationwide to launch a 'Fan of the Year' competition, which aims to reward football fans under the age of eighteen who actually attend football matches.

From now until 30th October, budding Fans of the Year can enter two competitions - to find the best supporter of a club side and the most dedicated fan of either the Scotland, England or Wales national teams. Prizes on offer include season tickets and a £100 voucher to spend in the club shop of their choice.

Parents and friends can also nominate who they think should be 'Fan of the Year 2000' by writing in to Match, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DZ. There will be an application form in the 13th May issue of Match.

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Our last game of the season is against Morton and supporters wishing to travel can book by either contacting the Supporters Club today or by telephoning Caron on 01383 515601 as soon as possible. Coaches will leave East End Park at 1.00pm.

Player Of The Year Dinner Dance:

The Club's Player of the Year Dinner Dance was held on 15th April with Stevie Crawford winning the Player of the Year. Chris McGroarty was second and Owen Coyle third, while John Potter won the Young Player of the Year Award and Stevie Crawford the prize for top goalscorer

during the season.

The club wishes to thank Mr and Mrs Yorkston, Mr and Mrs Meiklem, and all the players and their partners for attending, and especially the 'Chris McGroarty Fan Club' for making it such a good night! DASC sponsored player Ian Westwater presented his shirt to Leanne Malcolm and Owen Coyle his to Rebecca Martinson. The raffle prizes went to Chris Cumming (£100), Chris McDonald (£75), Carole MacDonald (£50), Andrew Aird (£25), Ron McCormick (gift voucher), Paul McCulloch (hotel voucher).

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER, COME BACK NEXT SEASON, AND SUPPORT THE PARS IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE



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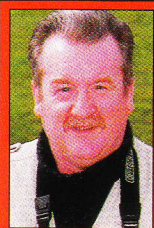
Our picture shows Pars fan John Swift at the recent game at Love Street. Swiftly is a great fan of Sammy The Tammy so was delighted to pose with him! Today, John is enjoying the hospitality at the Jock Stein Suite, having celebrated his 48th birthday on 27th April. We hope you have a great day out John, and best

wishes from all your friends and fellow Pars fans Gillian, Jess, Fiona, John, Christine, Johnny and Allan.

WYSE - BEFORE THE EVENT!

Alec Wyse, exiled Pars fan from Epsom, Surrey, is at East End Park this afternoon, in the hope of joining in the promotion celebrations. Unfortunately, he arranged the trip without due care and attention to dates as it transpires that today is also his 5th wedding anniversary. His wife Lesley, obviously being the understanding type, realised that the Pars' needs were greater than hers and gave her blessing to the trip. Alec will have to work hard to replenish his supply of brownie points but the big present he's planning on taking home will no doubt help.

Enjoy your day in the Jock Stein Lounge, Alec, and here's hoping we see you again for the start of the Premier Division campaign - but next time, bring Lesley with you!



AND FINALLY...

And it is a very special 'And Finally' because today's game sees the final match of Club Photographer Ian Malcolm. Ian has undertaken the duties of Club Photographer for the past fourteen years, but has decided that a combination of factors including the pressures of his day-to-day job as a hospital haematologist are sufficient for him to take a back seat.

Ian's job as Club Photographer has been a labour of love with him attending over 500 games during the period at all sorts of venues. He has attended everything from Cup Finals to pre-season friendlies in the remotest of places. He has also enjoyed some of the best - and some of the worst weather possible in his quest to bring us good pictures from Dunfermline games!

Ian, who is married to Supporters Club Secretary Joan Malcolm, can now take a deserved rest knowing he has done a brilliant job over a very long period. Thanks very much Ian from everyone at the Pars Programme.

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Future Perfect with



John Ritchie

he put in over the school holidays, Gary Sutherland, who scored again, and Chris Brown, on the scoresheet twice.

THE JIM MCINTYRE TOURNAMENT

The annual Jim McIntyre Tournament took place at Pitreavie Playing Fields on April 16th and once again highlighted the skills of Under 16 teams from around the country. After drawing their opening two group matches, against Hearts and Dundee, Dunfermline needed to win their last game, against Livingston, to qualify for the Final. Unfortunately, it finished goalless, leaving the Pars in third place in their group, one goal behind Hearts who were runners-up to Livingston.

The other group consisted of Albion Rovers, Falkirk, Raith Rovers and Celtic, who defeated all of their opponents and went on to beat Livingston in the Final. The Pars got the better of Albion Rovers in the play-off for 5th and 6th places.

Dunfermline's Youth Development Coach John Ritchie co-ordinated the event and was able to watch all the competing teams in action. "The football played was to a good standard," he said, "and provided a good indication of how our team is progressing. While it was disappointing to draw all of our group games, particularly as we had opportunities to score in each game, the team performed well, especially in defence, conceding only one goal."

Thanks to all those who helped in making the tournament another success, including Fife Council, in association with Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council, Dunfermline Athletic and the Transport and General Workers Union.

THE UNDER 15s

Dunfermline's Under 15 team took another step towards the end of their season with an away match against St Johnstone on April 16th. Playing on astroturf, the Pars took a bit of a pasting in the opening period, unable to match St Johnstone's strength or movement off the ball. Although there was an improvement in the next two periods, it was still a disappointing performance particularly as the Under 15s have been Dunfermline's most consistent team during the season.

One of the most frustrating aspects was that the players didn't assume enough responsibility, preferring to let others sort the problems out. That said, St Johnstone played very well, especially in midfield, and were well organised.

Amongst the Pars better players were Steven Maley, who benefited from the full-time training

FINAL THOUGHTS

Running four teams in the Youth Development Initiative has been a real challenge for the club but one that is absolutely necessary as rival outfits compete for talent at an ever-decreasing age. It's been a very busy season for the coaching staff, as well as a fairly successful one, as the players have shown most definite signs of improvement. While the coaches deserve credit for their work with the teams, the youngsters should also be praised for their willingness to learn good habits, both on and off the field. The absence of results and league tables has helped enormously as the players could look forward to the next game without worrying about defeats or league positions.

It has been immensely satisfying to see hard work at training pay such dividends and it should be mentioned that attendance at training over the course of the season has been excellent - nearly 100% at Under 13 and Under 14 levels. That in itself bears testimony to the players desire to improve.

At present, decisions are being made regarding which of the players moves on to the next stage. There is bound to be disappointment for some, particularly at Under 16 level when there is great competition for the spaces available on the full-time Skillseekers programme.

Next season, the club will be looking to make a few changes, such as finding a full-sized pitch to use during winter months as opposed to using five-a-side pitches and school gyms. Although the games may be ending, work will continue throughout the summer in preparation for another hectic season.

Finally, Archie Ford has decided to step down as coach of the Under 13s. The Club would like to thank him for all his efforts and wish him all the best for the future.



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One Up...

A Review of the First Division

BILL KINNEAR gives his final report on the state of the First Division. It will be his last report of this kind...but just in case you thought you were getting rid of him you're not - next season he'll be reporting on the Premier League!!

Last weekend's results confirmed what most pundits had expected. Wins for the Pars, St Mirren and Falkirk, coupled with the wee team losing to Livvy, secured places at the top for the aforementioned threesome. So, it's official, there will be no play-offs since Falkirk can't be caught by any of the teams below them and this, in turn, means that (shout it) "The Pars are going up, they're going up, they're going up"... and so are St Mirren.

Not for the first time this season, St Mirren scored a late, late winner (three minutes into stoppage time to be precise) against 10-man Ayr United. But for this, the Pars would have been within three points of the Paisley side with two games left. As it is however they are five in front and, barring a major collapse by the Buddies, the title looks like heading to Love Street.

The jubilant scenes at Inverness were not muted by St Mirren's result. DA's 2-1 win, though nervy at times, meant that they had made an immediate return to the SPL after one season in the Scottish League. David Moss scored with a bullet header from a Stewart Petrie cross and Lee Bullen, boosted by securing a two year contract, netted when he was put through one-on-one with ICT goalie Les Fridge, from a deft Stevie Crawford flick. Although Caley T pulled one back through Canadian international David Xausa, and had chances to equalise, the Pars emerged victorious.

Securing SPL status for next season is a massive boost for the club and plans will already be underway to build a team that can compete and consolidate a position in Scottish football's elite league. We are all aware that we will never compete with the Old Firm but, with the proper additions to the squad, there are no teams, outside of Glasgow, that the Pars should fear.

HAMILTON'S FUTURE MAY BE ACADEMIC

So Hamilton Accies have been deducted 15 points and, following defeat by Ross County last week, were relegated to Division Three. Can this really be fair?

The whole situation started when a core of first team players had not been paid by their employers. So, what did they do, they withdrew their labour, and why not? It is a fundamental right for any worker - and that is what they are - to take whatever action is necessary to secure proper wages, especially since, on this occasion it appeared the employer had failed to meet their contractual obligations to staff (the players).

As a consequence Accies failed to fulfil a fixture with Stenhousemuir and last week were deducted the 15 points as punishment. I can see the need to prevent clubs from not playing games they really ought to play...was there not one earlier this season...maybe not...but here's a situation which can only be made worse by this kind of action. We're not talking here about £50,000 a week players. We're talking about honest pros, and maybe some up-and-coming youngsters

who are turning out for a homeless club that is desperately trying to keep its head above water.

Accies are appealing to the SFA - lets hope they see sense. Hamilton's relegation to Division Three threatens their current full-time status and the livelihood of the players. Ex-Par Eddie Cunningham is reported to have said that the players have no regrets about the initial action they took and good on them.

PAR-FUL PERSONALITIES

It has not escaped my notice that success for the Pars this season, and elsewhere in fitba', has had a distinctly Dunfermline influence about it. Not too sure about? Then read on...

- Neale Cooper, George Shaw and Paul Kinnaird helped Ross County win promotion to Division One.
- Paul Smith coaches Berwick Rangers to Division Two (at least barring a collapse).
- Likewise, although still a Par, Colin Nish's six goals for Alloa have helped secure promotion, also to Division One. Ably assisted of course by one Gerry Farrell.
- Gerry Britton, who last week helped to dent the wee teams chances of a play-off spot...not forgetting the other ex Pars at Livvy, Leishman, Fleming and Bingham.
- Jackie McNamara who helped Celtic lift the League Cup (which is all they did!)
- Oh, and Ivo den Bieman at Falkirk who helped them get into a play-off place. Shame about the stadium - not!!
- South of the border, Fergie's Man U took their sixth Premiership title in eight years.
- Although short-term, and unfortunately out injured, Greg Shields and Charlton were promoted to the Premiership.
- And finally, congratulations to cult-figure big Davie Moyes who has coached Preston North End into the Nationwide Division One.

FRENCH LESSON

In this very programme we have all seen adverts encouraging us to Kick Racism Out of Football. An extremely laudable campaign aimed at the neanderthals who abuse players primarily because of their colour.

However racism isn't just about black and white. So, it was disappointing to hear the announcer at Inverness perpetuate racist attitudes to the French by referring to them in an insulting way through their liking for the appendages of a certain amphibian. You know what I mean. Shame!

Finally, this column will take on a new format and title next season as the Pars return to the Premier. I hope you have a pleasant summer. Watch out for pre-season friendlies when the boys return from Holland.

Best wishes

PS. The wee-team could still make the play-offs. But only if Falkirk go on strike and get deducted 15 points!!!

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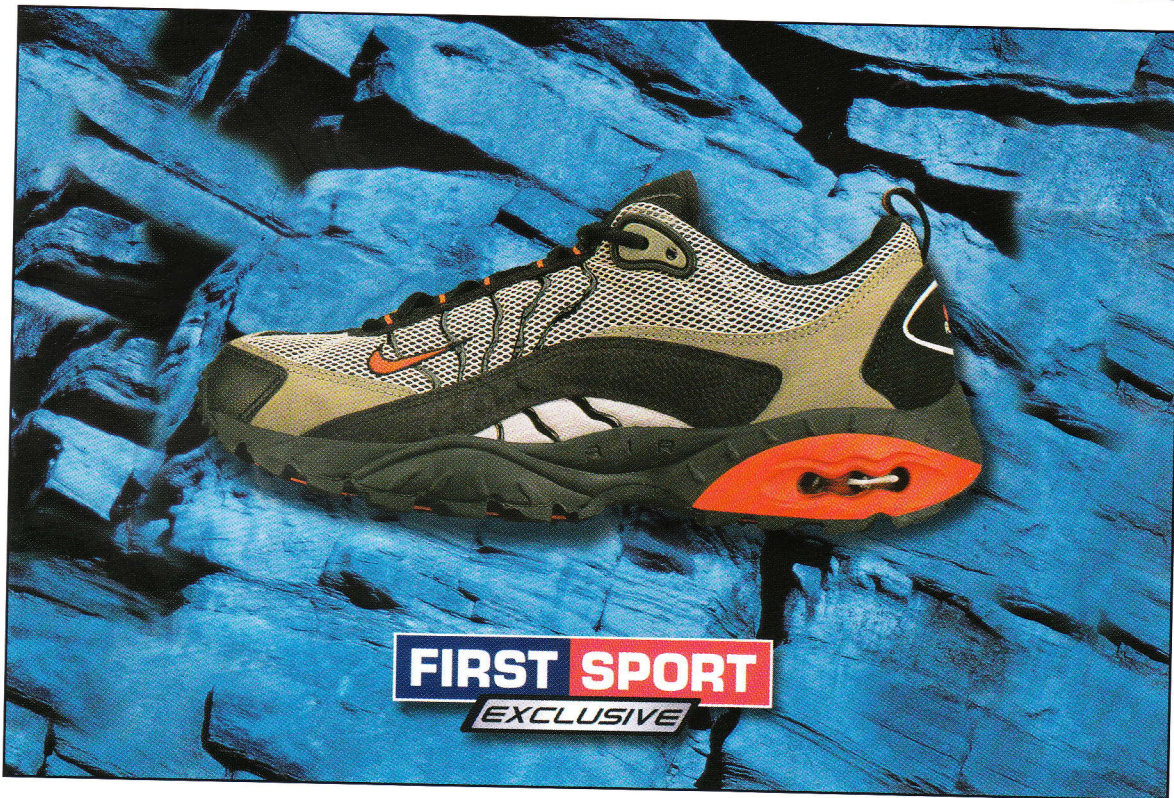
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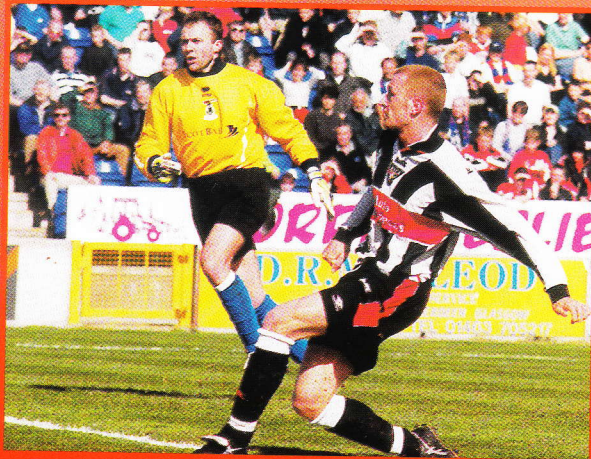
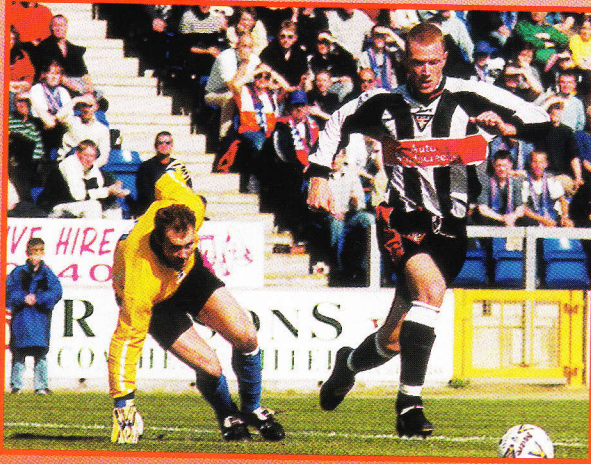
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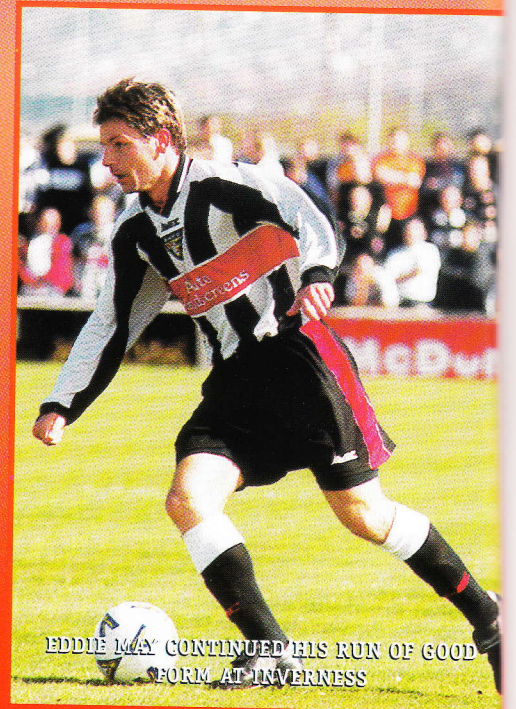
Fighting win at Inverness seals Premier Place



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AS SEASONS GO, 1999/2000 will not go down in the history books as one in which there were lots of nail-biting finishes to the season, and that is reflected in the quality of the games left to watch. Matches that under other circumstances might have a lot to offer have become meaningless, and that is certainly true of the Premier League where it is hard to find a game that you would be desperate to know the result of.

In the First Division, the Pars title hopes are still alive, just! All ears will be on what's happening at Love Street where we are hoping for the unlikely - Raith Rovers doing us a favour! We will also have to make sure that we listen in until the 94th minute...

The 'big' game in the Second Division is the fixture between Queen of the South and Hamilton. Hamilton may or may not have fifteen points deducted but if it's the latter, the only chance Queens will have to escape relegation is to win this one. In the Third Division, Cowdenbeath must win at Forfar and hope that East Fife lose to East Stirling if they hope to retain any hopes of promotion.

BANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee United v St Johnstone
Hibernian v Aberdeen
Kilmarnock v Hearts
Motherwell v Celtic

BELL'S LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v Morton
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC v Airdrie
Falkirk v Inverness CT
Livingston v Ayr United
St Mirren v Raith Rovers

BELL'S LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Clyde v Arbroath
Partick Thistle v Alloa Athletic
Queen of the South v Hamilton
Ross County v Stranraer
Stirling Albion v Stenhousemuir

BELL'S LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Albion Rovers v Berwick Rangers
East Fife v East Stirlingshire
Forfar Athletic v Cowdenbeath
Montrose v Dumbarton
Queens Park v Brechin City



Player of the Year

IT WAS APPROPRIATE that the three players nominated for Man of the Match Award points against Clydebank were all players who have made a tremendous impact at the club since coming to East End Park.

Ian Ferguson took his second Man of the Match title since arriving at Dunfermline. Not only did he show his skills and leadership qualities, but he also scored a smashing goal into the bargain. Dunfermline definitely look a more confident side when Ian's around, and that alone is worth its weight in gold.

Frontrunner Lee Bullen showed that he is much more than a big target man with his pace and ability causing all sorts of problems in the Clydebank defence. Dunfermline fans are delighted that Lee has put pen to paper and committed his future to Dunfermline Athletic.

Third place points went to Stevie Crawford who is another player that Jimmy Calderwood is very keen to tie up for the new season. And it's no wonder with the striker once again showing superb skills, and scoring two goals into the bargain.



Ian Ferguson enjoys his Man of the Match Award from sponsors Bud Light Beer

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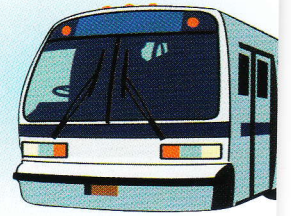
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Position	Player	Points
1	IAN FERGUSON	3
2	LEE BULLEN	2
3	STEVE CRAWFORD	1



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**SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2000
BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST
DIVISION
GREENOCK MORTON AT
CAPPIELLOW, GREENOCK**

NEXT SATURDAY'S ENCOUNTER at Greenock brings an eventful season to a close. The size of the Dunfermline support at the game is likely to depend greatly on events here at East End Park and at Paisley today, but you can be sure either way that the tremendous band of away fans will be there in numbers as usual. Their loyalty has been repaid too, because this season Dunfermline have undoubtedly reserved some of their best performances for matches away from home.

Next week's game could also represent the last match in which one or two players will be wearing a Pars strip, so for all sorts of reasons there is a lot to be interested about. Morton have certainly not had their troubles to

seek this season and their core support has diminished to the extent that their game against Falkirk last week could only attract 840 spectators. Former Par Ian McCall would be forgiven for thinking that he's gone from the frying pan into the fire!

Matches between the clubs have been close this season, with another former Pars man Harry Curran being to the fore in most games. Harry has had a great season despite his club's position and with nine goals is Morton's top scorer. Dunfermline also owe Morton one - their unexpected 1-1 draw here in February is one of the reasons that Dunfermline's title challenge has all but gone. The players will want to make up for that one, and finish the season on a high - after all, it could be some time before Dunfermline play Morton in a league match again!



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