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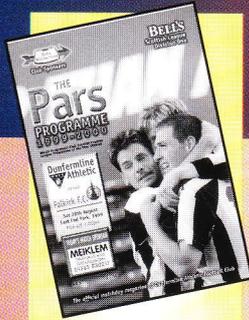
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1969/70

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1933/34, 1954/55, 1957/58,  
1972/73

**Scottish League 2nd Division**

**Champions:** 1985/86  
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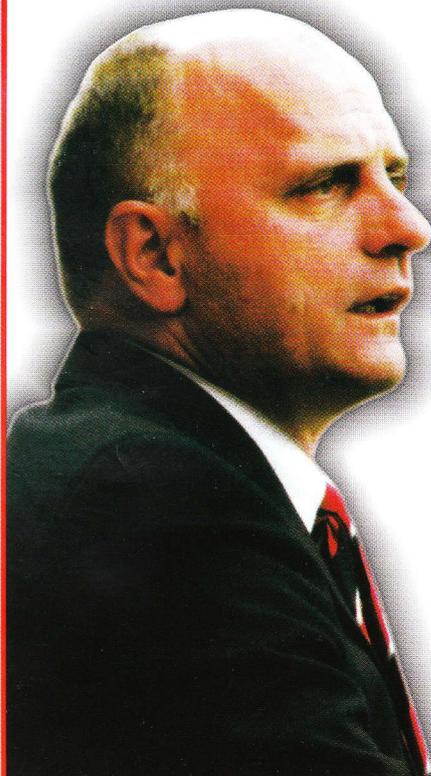
**Winners:** 1987/88

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# Campbell's Kingdom...

FROM A PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW, I am disappointed that, in the end, I was unable to convince Greg Shields that his future lay with Dunfermline Athletic. It certainly wasn't for the want of trying on the club's part and on my part because I have spent the best part of three months discussing and negotiating with Greg on a new contract. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, but don't get me wrong, I bear Greg no ill feeling whatsoever. He has been a great player for us and a joy to work with. He's a local lad come good, so he goes with my best wishes. I spoke to Charlton manager Alan Curbishley during the week and told him that if he was patient, Greg would turn out to be a top class player. I will be actively looking at other players and have the support of the Board to do so. Having said that, there's no doubt that we could fill the gap left by Greg's departure from within.



It was fitting that Greg won the Man of the Match last week in his final game for us. Overall, the Morton game was very frustrating for me, very frustrating for the players and very frustrating for the fans. I realise that I'm going over the same points that I've made before, but patience is going to be the name of the game for us in a lot of games. I was annoyed with some of our play last week, but nobody gives the opposition any credit at all. We must all realise that we have no divine right to just walk on the park at East End Park and win our home matches. We are going to have to do this together - management, players and fans. I thought we played some very good football in the second half and was pleased to see how well Andy took his goals. I was also pleased with Brian Reid, especially after his midweek head injuries. But for a defensive lapse near the end we might have won by a bigger and more realistic margin.

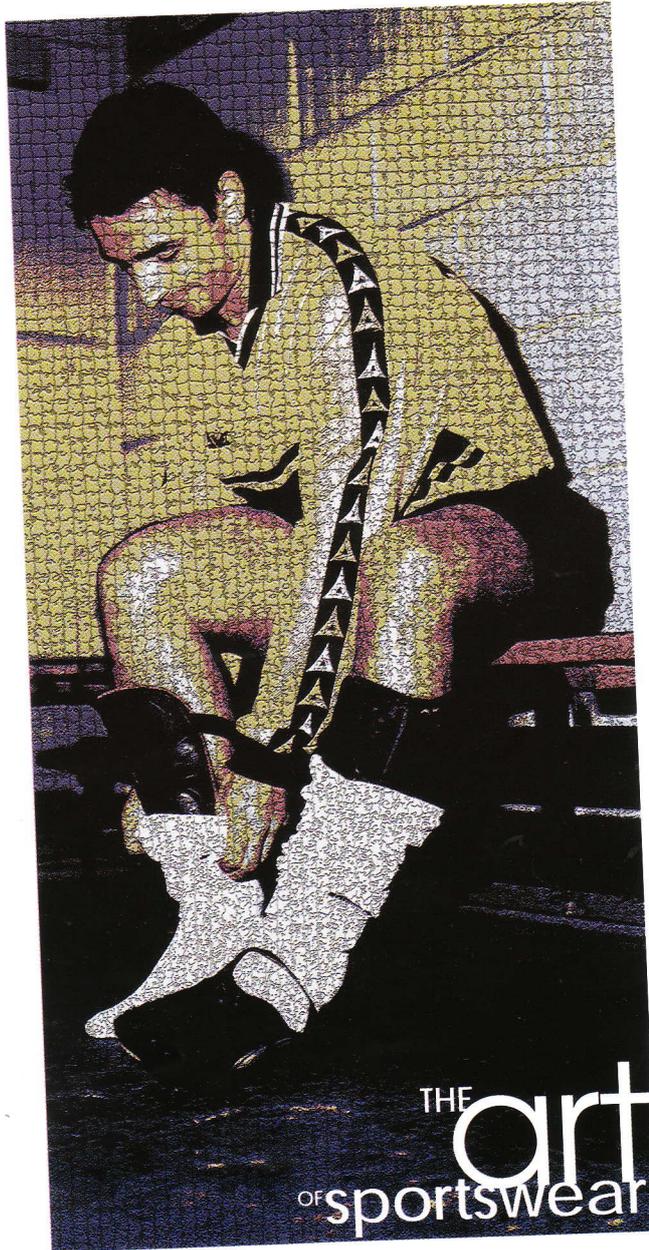
I was delighted with our CIS Cup draw in midweek. There's no point in pretending - the extra cash that the game will generate will come in handy! But that doesn't mean to say that we'll go to Ibrox to lie down. No, instead I'd like to go there to show them what a good side we are. There'll be plenty of media attention and I hope we can show that we really are a Premier League team. And anyway, if you're going to win the Cup, you have to beat Rangers somewhere along the line...

We'll have to make at least one change this weekend, but only Scott Thomson remains doubtful so I should have a good pool to select from. When you look at our fixtures over the next few weeks, you realise what a tough league this is, but today's game is a very special one. Falkirk are always difficult opponents and there should be a local derby atmosphere at the game. I am really looking forward to it, and although the fans got frustrated last week, I know how important today's game is to them and I have no doubt that we can rely on their support today.

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# FALKIRK...



**F**ALKIRK MAY BE IN THE MIDDLE of a mini-crisis in terms of their ability to get into the Premier League because of problems with their proposals for a new stadium, but none of that will stop their ebullient manager Alex Totten from trying to top the First Division at the end of the season. The former Pars player from the 1960s is a determined

character and there is no doubt at all that he will have his players well prepared for this one. In his second spell with the Bairns, Totten has kept his side right up at the top of the First Division despite their being a serious lack of funding to support his needs.

He is likely to choose his side for today's match from the following pool:

**MYLES HOGARTH (GOALKEEPER)** - The highly rated 'keeper made the switch to Brockville as part of the deal which took Kevin James to Hearts. He made a few on loan appearances at Airdrie last season. At that time Myles decided to stay and fight for his place at Hearts but the fact that he is a self-confessed Falkirk supporter had a bearing on his decision to return to his home town team.

**JAMIE McQUILKEN (FULL BACK)** - Former Celtic starlet who moved to Dundee United in 1996 after failing to breakthrough to the Parkhead first-team. After limited appearances at Tannadice he decided to head for Easter Road in a bid to resurrect his career. Again the move was less than successful, managing only one League appearance for the Edinburgh club in season 97/98. Alex Totten moved quickly to secure the full back's signature at the start of last season.

**ANDY SEATON (FULL BACK)** - Signed in 1996 after moving through the youth ranks. Spotted by former manager Jim Jeffries following an impressive spell at Stoneyburn Juniors, the left-sided player already has an impressive c.v by virtue of the previous seasons cup runs. A deal with Huddersfield Town fell through by which time the club had already signed Jamie McQuilken as cover so Andy now has to battle it out for the No.3 jersey.

**DAVID SINCLAIR (DEFENDER)** - Brought in mid-season by Alex Totten to install some 'dig' into his side, 'Sinky' is a born winner having collected a League Cup winners medal with Raith Rovers in 1994. A move to Millwall, following in the footsteps of manager Jimmy Nicholl, turned sour but Tommy McLean persuaded him to return north of the border to Tannadice but when regular football was not forthcoming David opted to move to the Bairns.

**STEPHEN RENNIE (DEFENDER)** - Another member of Falkirk's youth set-up to break into the first-team. The tall central defender looked calm and composed in his debut at Airdrie and the Bairns management team reckon they've unearthed the ideal replacement for Kevin James. At only 17 he looks set to have a long career in the game.

**SCOTT CRABBE (MIDFIELD)** - Came through the ranks at Tynecastle as a youngster before a big money offer from Dundee United secured his services. Injuries curtailed his first team appearances at Tannadice and the midfielder schemer found it almost impossible to recapture his first team spot and he moved to Falkirk for a nominal fee in January 1997. Has natural enthusiasm and was captain of the side in the early part of last season.

**DAVID MOSS (FORWARD)** - The big striker has been around a few clubs but seems to be improving with age. A bid from Hibernian for his services last season was rejected but he incurred a serious injury and it was to be late December before he resumed his first team duties and captaincy. Uses his height and strength to great effect.

**GARETH HUTCHINSON (MIDFIELD)** - The Bairns splashed out for the midfielder from local rivals Stenhousemuir in August of last year. Although predominantly a midfielder he is also comfortable in a striker's role where he can use his speed to great effect. Still adjusting to the pace of the First Division but with pre-season training under his belt Gareth is hoping to get off to a flyer.

**SCOTT MCKENZIE (MIDFIELD)** - One of the longest serving players at Brockville with almost ten years under his belt. A very consistent ball-winning midfielder who has also had to fill in at right full back on occasions due to injuries. Held in high regard by his fellow professionals, Scott has been a great servant to the Brockville men.

**DAVID HAGEN (MIDFIELD)** - Originally one of the many young stars uncovered by Walter Smith at Ibrox. David found it hard to hold down a first team slot at Rangers and took the chance to move to Hearts. The arrival of Jim Jeffries at Tynecastle saw the midfielder off-loaded in a swap deal with Stevie Fulton and he has settled in well at Falkirk. Injury forced him on to the sidelines last season but he is now back to full fitness.



**DAVID NICHOLLS (MIDFIELD)** - Former 'Bankie who was in great demand in the close season. Despite interest from Premier League teams he settled on a move to Brockville where he is confident that the Bairns will be challenging for premier status at the end of the season. A real playmaker in midfield he will be an exciting addition to the squad.

**GARRY McSTAY (MIDFIELD)** - The stylish young midfielder with great passing skills has started to make the breakthrough into the first team. He was farmed out local junior side Bonnybridge but was recalled to the first team squad and appeared from the bench during the last season's important fixture with Hibs. He has made regular starts since then and is hoping for an extended run in the new season.

**GED O'HARA (DEFENDER)** - Alex Totten had to move quickly for the talented Fauldhouse Juniors defender as Celtic and Livingston were poised to swoop for his services early last season. Bad luck has played a major part in his spell at Brockville when just as he was breaking into the first team, a horror knee injury effectively ended the season for him. Now back to full fitness.

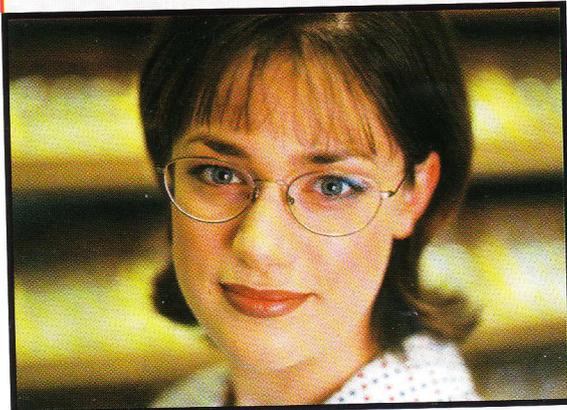
**ANDY LAWRIE (DEFENDER)** - Andy has been with the club since 1996 and has featured on several occasions in the first team. The stylish defender was allowed to go to East Fife on a loan deal at the end of last season. However, the offer of another year's contract at Brockville would appear to indicate that he is still in the manager's long term plans.

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# Headlines...

## GREG SIGNS FOR CHARLTON

Pars full back Greg Shields finally signed for English First Division side Charlton Athletic on Wednesday 25th August, after a week of speculation and negotiation during which Greg first turned down an offer to join another Scottish League club then appeared to turn down an offer from Charlton before finally agreeing terms with Alan Curbishley at the second attempt. In between, Pars manager Dick Campbell was himself attempting to persuade Greg to remain at East End Park, and right up to the last minute it looked as if a deal could be struck. In the end, however, Greg was emphatic that he wanted the move to England.

Bert Paton signed Greg Shields for Dunfermline from Rangers on 30th June 1997. A local lad born in Dunfermline, Greg had been one of a crop of young players trying to make the breakthrough at Ibrox. During season 1996/97, he had made 11 first team appearances for Rangers, but nevertheless with Rangers' massive resources and a huge influx of foreign talent, Greg seemed to have no future at Rangers. Dunfermline snapped him up for a fee of around £100,000 and he was put straight into the first team. His success was immediate and he went on to play from the first game of season 1997/98 right up until last Saturday - a total of 86 consecutive first team matches including 75 League games, 6 League Cup games, 4 Scottish Cup games and one Challenge Cup game. Not only that, but out of that run, there were only two occasions when Greg did not complete the full 90 minutes of a match.

It is a credit not only to his fitness and health, but also to his consistency that he was able to have such a remarkable run in the first team. Curiously enough, he played some of his best football last season when Dunfermline spent much of the year struggling to avoid relegation, and deservedly won virtually every Player of the Year competition among fans and sponsors.

Greg played most of his football in the right back position with the exception of a short spell last season in the heart of defence where he actually acquitted himself very well. Almost certainly his one regret from a playing point of view would be that he never once got on the scoresheet in all of those games!

Greg was fulsome in his praise of Dunfermline earlier in the week and said, "I'd like to thank everybody at East End Park, and in particular Dick and Bert, for giving me the chance to play first team football and to develop as a player. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and the fans have been absolutely wonderful. My only regret is that we were relegated last season. Dunfermline are a great club and they should get back to the Premier League quickly. In a lot of ways I'm sorry to be leaving, but at 23 I feel that this is the best chance I have to try out football in the English League."

Manager Dick Campbell said, "Although I'm sorry to lose Greg, I wish him the very best. He has been a joy to work with because he wanted to be the best. It has been great to see his career blossom, and I believe that he will get better still in the years ahead. I would like to thank him for all his effort and consistency."

Greg would have reached the end of his current contract at the end of this season, but under current regulations could have had pre-contract talks six months prior to the end of his contract. In those circumstances, Dunfermline could have lost

Greg without ever getting a penny for his transfer. As it transpires, the deal involves a transfer fee of just under £600,000, which, with other incentives such as appearances and promotion, could rise to around £700,000. It represents the second highest transfer fee ever received by Dunfermline (Jackie McNamara's being the highest and that happened in the pre-Bosman days). Given the present state of the transfer market where current internationalists like David Weir can be transferred to Everton for £400,000, the deal appears to be a very good one for the club.

## IBROX BOUND FOR THE CIS CUP

Dunfermline were given what is regarded as the 'dream draw' when the teams came out of the hat in last Sunday's third round draw for the newly sponsored CIS Cup. An away trip to Ibrox is not everyone's idea of an easy tie, but with a share of the gate and TV monies, the Pars are guaranteed a good pay night irrespective of the result.

There will be few expectations of Dunfermline in a match like this. Rangers have already been thrashing just about every team in Scotland out of sight this season. The last time the teams met in the League Cup competition was in the 1997 semi-final at Parkhead when Rangers ran out 6-1 winners, but strangely enough, having the odds stacked against the team in this way might serve to help the team relax. Manager Dick Campbell has made it clear that he wants to have a go at Rangers, and why not?

The match is due to be played on either Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th October. The full CIS Cup third round draw is:

*St Johnstone v Dundee United*

*Inverness CT v Motherwell*

*Aberdeen v Falkirk*

*Alloa Athletic v Dundee*

*Kilmarnock v Hibernian*

*Ayr United v Celtic*

## RANGERS V DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

*East Fife v Hearts*

## AND FINALLY...

Scottish football found itself with one less ex-Dunfermline player managing a senior club when Colin Miller decided to call it quits at Hamilton last week. The ex-Pars full back took over the reins last season when Accies were already having a hard time but Colin couldn't prevent them from getting relegated. A bad start to the season was probably enough for Colin who has decided to pack up and go back to his native Canada to live.



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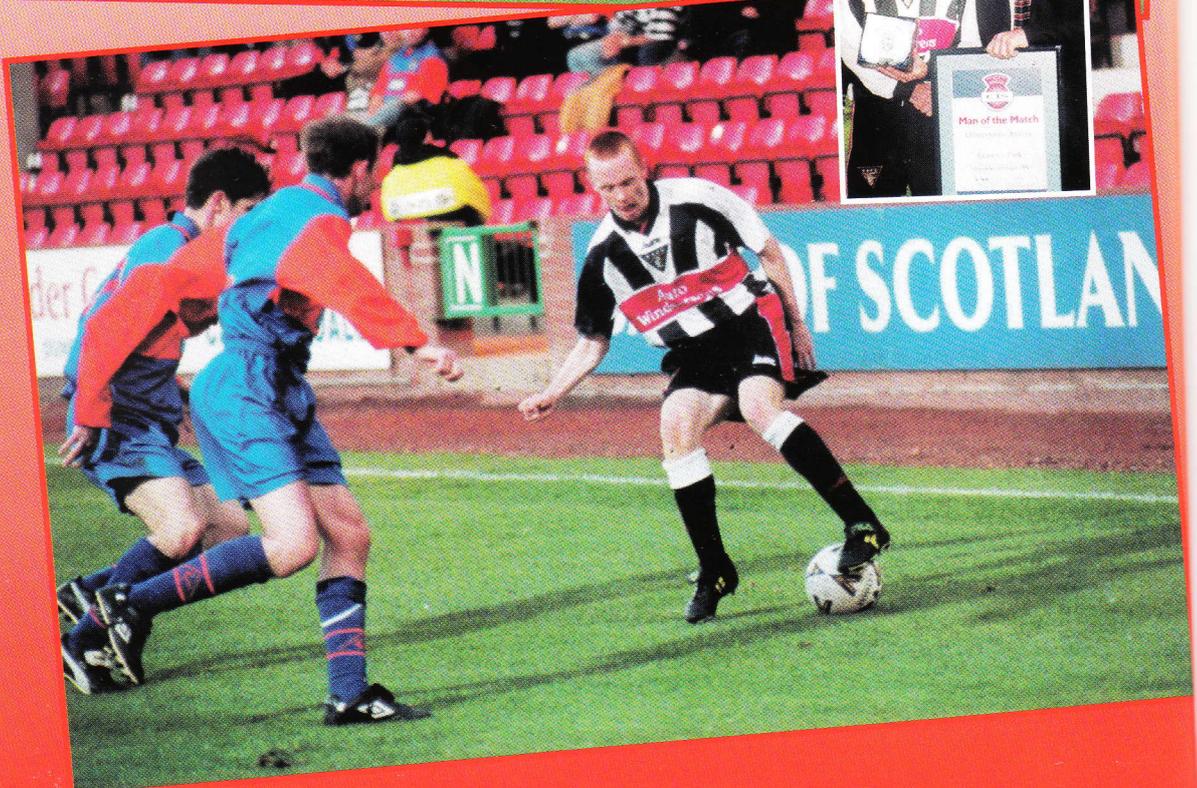
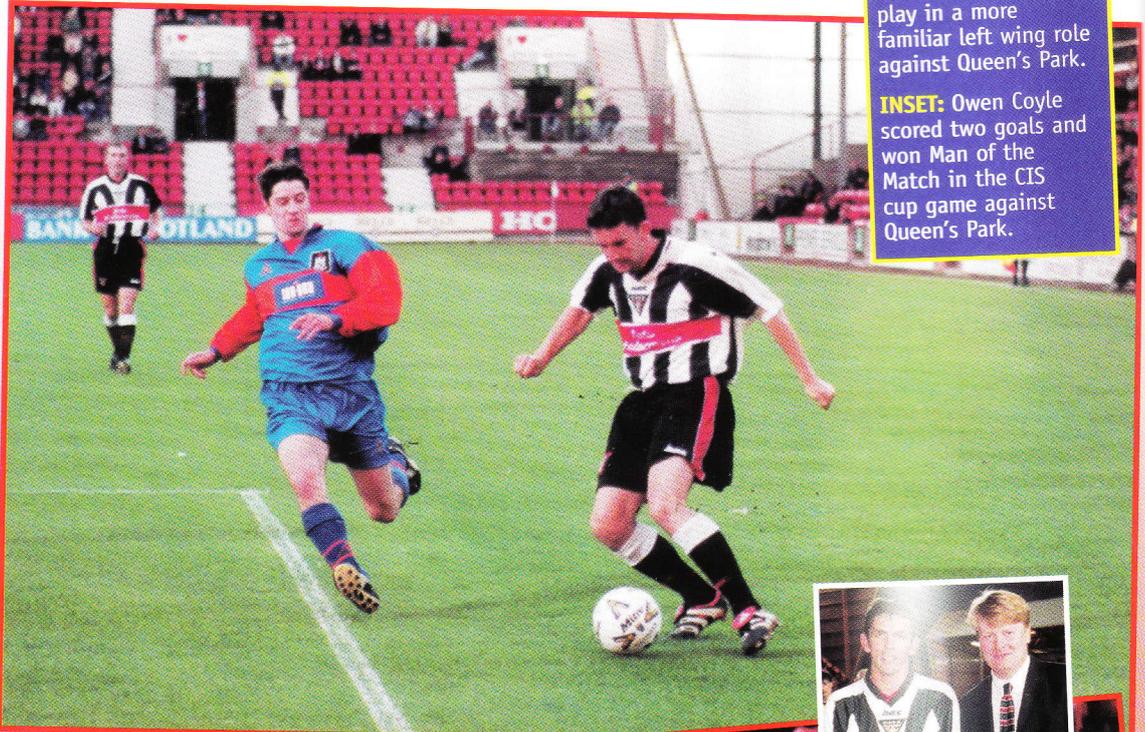
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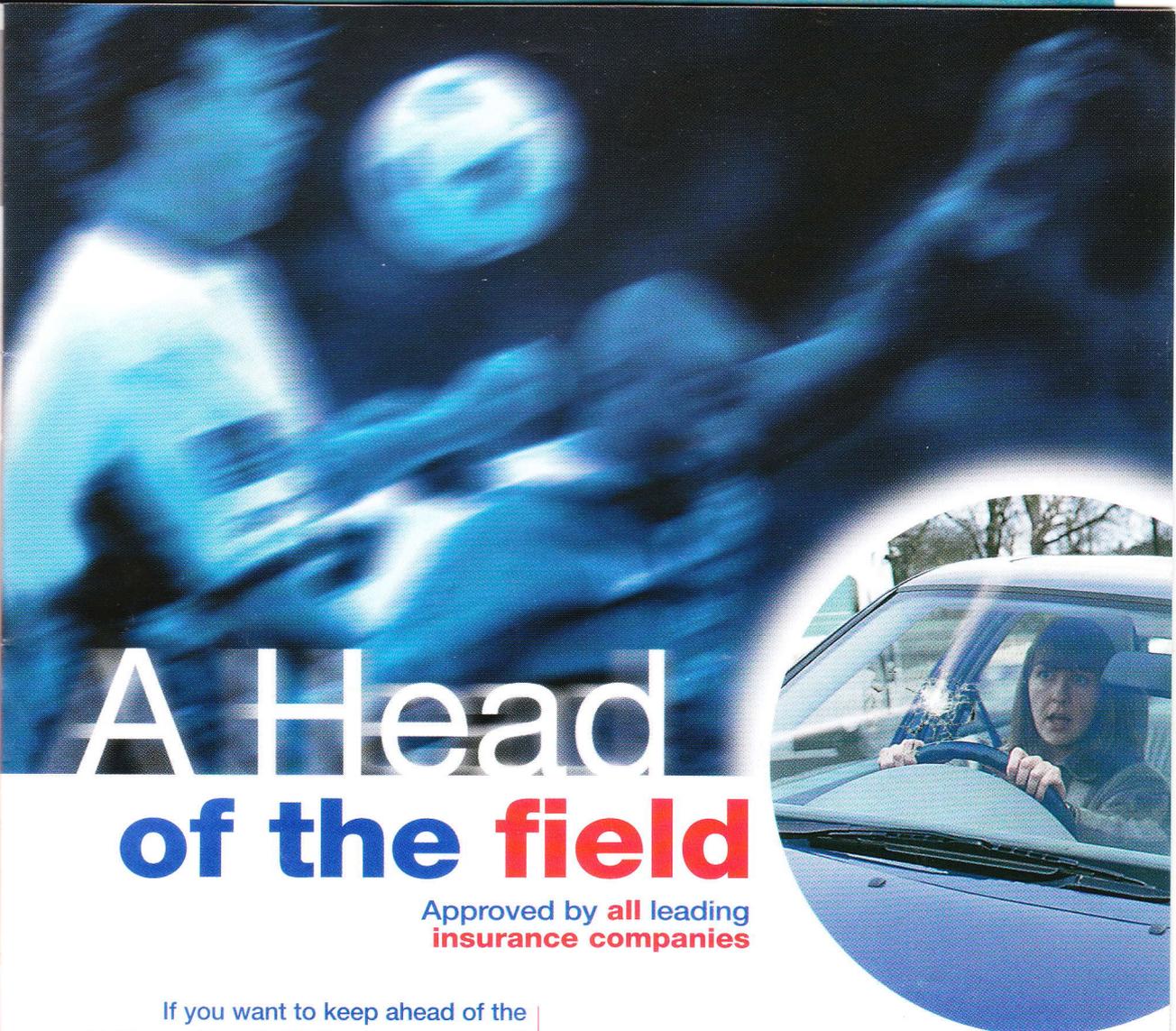
# Pars Stroll In The Park...

**TOP:** Jason Dair made a fine season's debut in the match against Queen's Park.

**BOTTOM:** Chris McGroarty came on to play in a more familiar left wing role against Queen's Park.

**INSET:** Owen Coyle scored two goals and won Man of the Match in the CIS cup game against Queen's Park.





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# PARSTATS

## 1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	League		League Cup		Challenge Cup		TOTALS	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Owen Coyle	3(0)	2	1(0)	2	1(0)	2	5(0)	6
Jason Dair	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0
Jamie Dolan	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Hamish French	1(1)	0	1(0)	0	0(1)	0	2(2)	0
David Graham	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
Craig Ireland	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(3)	0
Eddie May	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Chris McGroarty	2(1)	0	0(1)	0	1(0)	0	3(2)	0
Colin Nish	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(2)	0
Stewart Petrie	3(0)	1	1(0)	1	0(0)	0	4(0)	2
Brian Reid	3(0)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	1
Greg Shields	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Andy Smith	3(0)	3	1(0)	1	1(0)	0	5(0)	4
Scott Thomson	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	3(0)	1
Andy Tod	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Ian Westwater	3(0)	1*	1(0)	1*	1(0)	0	5(0)	2*

Correct at 22 August, 1999. \*Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper.

## BELL'S Scottish Football League - Div. 1

	Pld	HOME					AWAY					G	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
St. Mirren	3	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	6	0	7	7
DUNFERMLINE ATH.	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	2	2	5	7
Livingston	3	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	7
Falkirk	3	1	0	1	4	5	1	0	0	3	2	0	6
Greenock Morton	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	2	4
Airdrieonians	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	4
Clydebank	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	-2	2
Raith Rovers	3	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	2	2	-6	2
Ayr United	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	-2	1
Inverness C.T.	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	7	-6	0

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.	
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			
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A			
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H			
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A			
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H			
Oct	Sat 02	Clydebank at Cappielow	A			
	Wed 13	CIS Cup 3				
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H			
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A			
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A			
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H			
	Sat 13	Livingston	H			
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A			
	Sat 27	Clydebank	H			
Dec	Wed 01	CIS Cup 4				
	Sat 04	Ayr United	A			
	Sat 11	Morton/SFA Cup 1	A			
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H			
	Mon 27	St. Mirren	H			
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	A			
	Sat 08	Livingston/SFA Cup 2	A			
	Sat 15	Falkirk	H			
	Sat 22	Ayr United	H			
	Sat 29	SFA Cup 3				
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A			
	Sat 12	Morton	H			
	Wed 13	CIS Cup Semi				
	Sat 19	SFA Cup Round 4				
	Sat 26	Airdrieonians	A			
Mar	Sat 04	St. Mirren	A			
	Sat 11	SFA Cup Round 5				
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	H			
	Sun 19	CIS Cup Final				
	Sat 25	Falkirk	A			
Apr	Sat 01	Livingston	H			
	Sat 08	Ayr United/SFA Cup Semi's	A			
	Sat 15	Clydebank	H			
	Sat 22	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A			
	Sat 29	Airdrieonians	H			
May	Sat 06	Morton	A			

### 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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Shields	McGroarty	Tod	<b>REID 1</b>	Dolan	<b>THOMSON 1</b>	May	<b>SMITH 1 PEN</b>	Coyle	<b>PETRIE 1</b>	Graham (9)	French	Ireland (5)
Shields	McGroarty	Tod	Reid	Dolan	Thomson	May	Smith	<b>COYLE 2</b>	Petrie	Graham (11)	French (8)	Ireland
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Brian Reid had an excellent game in defence against Morton

### 1999/2000 TOP GOALSCORERS

Name	Club	Bells League	CIS Cup	Bells Cup	Tenn Sc. Cup	Totals
Owen Coyle	Dunfermline	2	2	2	0	6
Steve McCormack	Airdrie	2	2	0	0	4
Andy Smith	Dunfermline	3	1	0	0	4
David Bingham	Livingston	1	0	2	0	3
Gerry Britton	Livingston	1	2	0	0	3
Scott Crabbe	Falkirk	2	1	0	0	3
Craig Dargo	Raith Rovers	1	1	1	0	3
Chris Ewing	Clydebank	0	0	3	0	3
Scott McLean	Inverness CT	0	2	1	0	3
Allan Moore	Airdrie	1	0	2	0	3
Paul Sheerin	Inverness CT	2	1	0	0	3
Kevin Thomas	Morton	2	0	1	0	3
Mark Yardley	St Mirren	3	0	0	0	3

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Name	Gms	Total Attn.	Avg. Attn.	Highest Attendance during Season
Airdrieonians	1	2,872	2,872	2,872 v DAFc (14.08.99)
Ayr United	1	2,533	2,533	2,533 v Livingston (14.08.99)
Clydebank	2	532	266	300 v Airdrieonians (07.08.99)
<b>DUNFERMLINE ATH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>4,358</b>	<b>4,685 v Inverness CT (07.08.99)</b>
Falkirk	2	5,925	2,963	2,987 v Morton (07.08.99)
Inverness C.T.	1	3,022	3,022	3,022 v Falkirk (14.08.99)
Livingston	2	7,3081	3,654	4,128 v Raith Rovers (07.08.99)
Morton	1	1,433	1,433	1,433 v Clydebank (14.08.99)
Raith Rovers	1	2,787	2,787	2,787 v St Mirren (14.08.99)
St. Mirren	2	6,333	3,167	3,311 v Ayr United (07.08.99)

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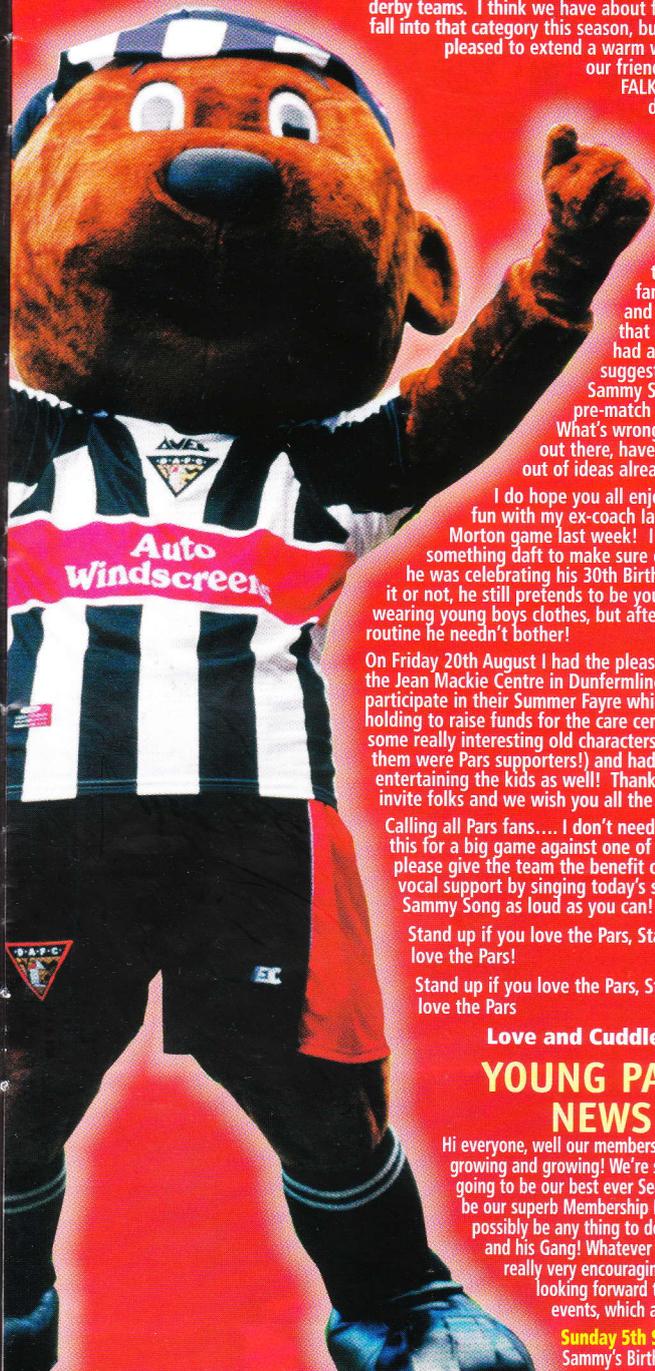
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FALKIRK! Please do all you can to let our visitors know they are welcome!

I've been looking through the fan-mail recently and I've noticed that we have not had any daft suggestions for Sammy Songs or for pre-match routines! What's wrong with you lot out there, have you all run out of ideas already??

I do hope you all enjoyed my bit of fun with my ex-coach Ian Baxter at the Morton game last week! I had to do something daft to make sure everyone knew he was celebrating his 30th Birthday. Believe it or not, he still pretends to be young by wearing young boys clothes, but after last week's routine he needn't bother!

On Friday 20th August I had the pleasure of visiting the Jean Mackie Centre in Dunfermline to participate in their Summer Fayre which they were holding to raise funds for the care centre. I met some really interesting old characters (many of them were Pars supporters!) and had a great time entertaining the kids as well! Thanks for the invite folks and we wish you all the very best!

Calling all Pars fans.... I don't need to tell you this for a big game against one of our rivals, but please give the team the benefit of your full vocal support by singing today's selected Sammy Song as loud as you can!

Stand up if you love the Pars, Stand up if you love the Pars!

Stand up if you love the Pars, Stand up if you love the Pars

Love and Cuddles, Sammy

## YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hi everyone, well our membership List is growing and growing! We're sure this is going to be our best ever Season! It must be our superb Membership Package! (Can't possibly be any thing to do with Sammy and his Gang! Whatever the reason, it's really very encouraging and we're all looking forward to our fist events, which are as follows:

**Sunday 5th September** -  
Sammy's Birthday Party!

2pm to 3 pm (for Members aged up to 6 years)

**Thursday 16th September** - Club/Enrolment Night 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm (for Members aged 7 years to 10 years)

**Thursday 23rd September** - Club/Enrolment Night 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm (for Members aged 11 years and over).

All members are welcome to come along and new members can enroll so don't miss out on the fun and games!

## COMPETITION TIME

As all our existing Members know, we have a Membership Draw for every Home Fixture, where some lucky Young Pars win two South Stand tickets for a match. So far the winners are:

Paul Stewart, Craig Reid, Sandy Rutherford, Hannah Murphy, Lisa Murray, Greg Alexander and Stuart Foster. Well done all of you, and we hope that you enjoyed the games!

Our fist programme competition winner of the Season is Stuart Foster, who won tickets for last week's match against Greenock Morton. (As you can see, last week seems to have been a lucky one for Stuart, hope his Mum let him choose the Lottery numbers!)

Keep looking out for our Competitions in the programme and send those entries in!

## AND FINALLY

As usual we have chosen our Ballboys/girls for the first part of the season and they are as follows:

SCOTT CLARK KEVIN CAMPBELL

PETER SHAW FRAZER BISHOP

TOMMY BEST IAN MCBAIN

PAUL THOMSON ROSS MATTHEWS

ASHLEY HUGHES ASHLEY LIGHTFOOT

All of these boys and girls do a very important job for the Club and are expected to turn up in all types of weather with smiles on their faces (Doesn't always happen!) They are expected to be very punctual (Definitely doesn't always happen!) and do everything that everyone tells them to (Never happens!).

And if all that doesn't put them off, they have to contend with Sammy the Tammy and his antics (and we all know how unpredictable he can be!)

Occasionally, we'll turn the spotlight on one of them and today we'll tell you a little bit about our very own Ashley Lightfoot. Anyone who knows Ashley will be able to tell you who her favourite player is (even Andy Tod himself!)

Amongst Ashley's dislikes is being Ballgirl at Rangers and Celtic games, but her favourite player from an opposing Team is Henrik Larsson. She says that the best bit about being a ball girl is helping the Team and we all think that she does this very well. She has been waiting very patiently for several seasons to become a Ballgirl, so take note, all of you new Members, your turn might come.

Look out for more Ballboy/girl stories coming your way.

See You All Soon.

Young Pars Committee

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# PARS IN PERSON

## Eddie May...



AS OFTEN AS NOT, home fans tend to look at opposition players with the words, "we could use someone like him on our side" loud and clear in their thoughts, and today's subject cropped up more than once last season. Eddie May brings a wealth of ability and experience to the Pars midfield, and he has been known to be proficient in a number of roles. Bob Storie spoke to Eddie recently, to ask how he was enjoying his new lease of life....

### How are you enjoying yourself at the club?

"I'm absolutely delighted to be here. It means a lot to me to be made so welcome by everyone at the club, and it's a great reward to have all my efforts appreciated. Dunfermline are clearly a good club geared for the highest level. You only need to look at the stadium to understand that. It's very impressive, and I'm sure that will count for a lot in some of our home games this coming season. Everyone here is very down to earth, everyone pulls together, it's all one big happy family. Dick (Campbell) is a no nonsense kind of guy, very honest, very straight forward, and the guys all like that kind of approach - he has the club deep down in his heart. The fans have been tremendous to me since I arrived, and that's helped me to settle into the side early on - I'm enjoying the whole thing!"

### How did your move come about?

"Strangely enough, I could have been here a lot earlier in my career. When I was with Brentford, the then manager Iain Munro came in for me, but for one reason or another, it didn't materialise. Stranger still, I could have been here before the deadline last season, as a swap deal involving Derek Ferguson was suggested, but Motherwell knocked it back at the time. So at the third time of asking, here I finally am! I'm not bothered about a drop in league status, as I believe we'll be back up very soon. It's not so far to travel, either, as I'm just across the bridge at Cramond Brig in Edinburgh!"

### What do you regard as the high points in your career?

"I would probably say that my two First Division Championship Medals with Falkirk are my biggest achievements. I've got some very happy memories of my time at Brockville, also, I've got great recollections of derby games with Hibs against Hearts - I even scored against them, too! Great players at Easter Road, like Andy Goram, John Collins, Paul Kane and Steve Archibald. I enjoyed my time at Brentford when Steve Perryman was manager, so all in all, I've had good times just about with every club."

### Your old club have started well - can they mount

### a real challenge?

"I think it will be very hard for them to be outstanding this year, mainly because no-one can compete on level terms with the Old Firm, but also because I personally feel that Hearts will do better than them this season. I trained with Hearts at the end of last season, and I had an option to go there on a regular basis, but I couldn't be guaranteed regular first team games, whereas Dunfermline appealed more to me for regular games. In Hibs' case, I feel they will do well to finish in the top five, but you never can tell!"

### Have we made the best of starts to the season?

"Not really, no - all of us know that we haven't been anywhere near where we should be on performance or achievement. We played well in the match against Inverness, but against Morton, we let ourselves, and the fans down with losing two bad goals, and then we did much the same again against Airdrie. We're going to have to learn to bury teams when we get the chances, because we're capable of playing some very good football on our day - what we've got to do is do it every game throughout the game - we're working hard to get it right!"

### One of your old clubs today - how do you rate the present Falkirk side?

"Well, they've been second in the league for the last two years, so they're obviously no mugs! I think that bringing Tommy Coyne in will give them a big lift. I know Tommy well, he has good experience, and he'll be one to watch out for. Of course, wee Kevin McAllister is still going strong, and even at 36 or 37 years old, Crunchie can still do the business. I don't know a lot about all of their players, but on their day, they can be a real menace!"

### How do you relax away from the game?

"Over the last few months, I've enjoyed a lot of reading, and that helps me to unwind a bit. I've also got two cocker spaniels, so they've got to be exercised quite a bit. My wife and I have been married ten years now, and the dogs take up a lot of our attention. I don't bother going to watch other games much, although I saw Hibs a couple of times last year, and I thought they were lucky to get a result when I saw them. I'm looking to finish my career with Dunfermline if I can. I'm settled, I like it here, and I want to give of my best to the club!"



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# PARS



# IN PERSON

*Eddie May*



# Jim Macdonald's World of Football

## GLAD ALL OVER

Fellow programme contributor Gordon Baird was dead right a couple of weeks ago when he suggested that yours truly might be musically challenged. Yes, Gordon, I wouldn't know Ricky Martin from Steve Martin ... and as for "Salsa" - until my mates put me in the picture I thought it was a fizzy drink consumed in vast quantities by our American cousins in the mid west.

But, "Glad All Over" - that's different, 'cos I've been there, dun it ... and have the T-shirt. Dave Clark Five ... I knew them like the back of my hand ... Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull and Ormond ... what a line up!

Maybe our resident DJ has a different story to offer but I believe that the adoption of "Glad All Over" was born out of adversity, specifically the 2 nil defeat at Tynecastle towards the end of last season. I wasn't there, but I'm told that my big mate Danny led the Pars fans chorus of "Sad all over" as the Jambos banged a couple of nails in the DAFC coffin, continuing with the "Sad all over" chant on the long walk back from Gorgie to Haymarket.

Now you know. Oh ... one other gem, of course I know Ricky Martin ... wasn't he the guy who played for Hibs and Sunderland in the 1960's .. round about the time "Glad All Over" burst onto the scene?

## HIGHLAND HOPES

For the life of me I can't imagine why so many successful non-league clubs should be bursting a gut to join the SFL next season; it's not as if membership is the passport to untold wealth ... ask Clydebank, for example.

Heading the queue are Peterhead, north-east hot shots who can boast a spanking new stadium, thanks to a lucrative deal with supermarket giants, Safeway. Not far behind are high profile Huntly, who reckon that it'll not take a king's ransom to bring Christie Park up to scratch to meet SFL requirements. There is, too, the possibility of a commercial development providing them with a Peterhead style stadium on an alternative site. Third in line are Cove Rangers, although their Allan Park home is hopelessly inadequate for League business, as Pars fans who made the Scottish Cup pilgrimage a few years ago will testify.

Outsiders in the League membership stakes are Elgin City, who missed out last time around, but still harbour ambitions to join the so-called "big boys". Some may disagree, but the word on the street is that the Borough Briggs outfit isn't best placed financially to bring its stadium up to SFL standards, but time will tell.

Watch this space as the race for League places gets underway in earnest over the next few months.

## EURO 2000

Maybe Scotland won't be there ... although Craig Brown will think otherwise ... but the good news for some is that young victims of landmines will benefit from fines levied on the bad guys taking part in Euro 2000.

UEFA's game plan, seemingly, is to fine recipients of red and yellow cards - possibly £400 for a yellow and between £1,200 and £2,000 for a red - and put the proceeds into a fund for children who are victims of anti-personnel mines.

We go along with the statement attributed to tournament director Alain Courtois that, "... it's not only sport that matters ... these children will never be able to play soccer again."

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## FOOTBALL COMES HOME

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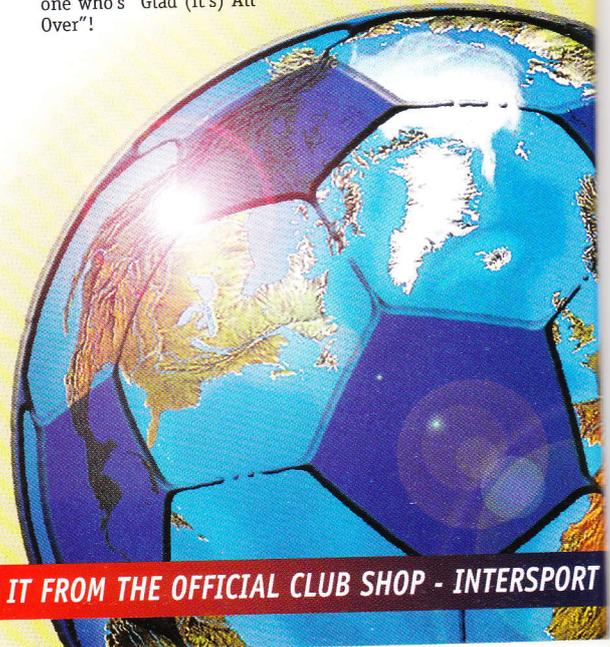
After being turfed out of Yugoslav - wide contests and its home stadium in 1991 by Slobodan Milosovic, Kosovo club FC Pristina - the main ethnic Albanian team in Kosovo's provincial capital - returned to its old home last month, with a bottle or two of champagne to mark the occasion.

Remember where you read it.

## AND FINALLY...

What a tough month. Five Pars Programme pages to be produced over a three-week period.

I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who's "Glad (it's) All Over"!





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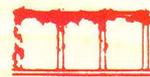


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# Second Eleven with

## THE RESERVE LEAGUE AND UNDER 18'S GET UNDER WAY - AGAIN!

I know that it probably feels like with we've been chanting some kind of mantra in the Pars Programme about the beginning the season for the Reserve League East, but we are mindful of the need to keep everyone up to date about when the Pars are playing. We promise, though, that this is the last time that we will remind fans that the first game of their season kicks off on Tuesday 31st away to Forfar at Station Park. As also mentioned in last week's edition, the Under 18's season also kicks off at Station Park against Forfar Athletic on the morning of 5th September.

### HOW THINGS ARE SHAPING UP

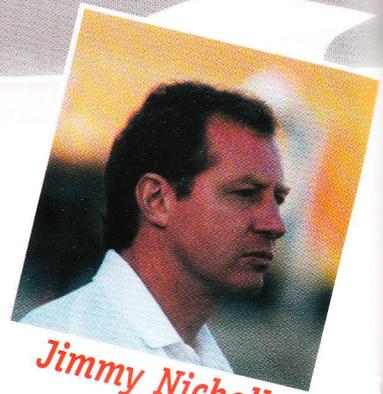
In the meantime, Jimmy Nichol and John Ritchie have been busy trying to arrange some bounce games and further friendly games for both the Under 18's and Reserve sides in preparation for the season. When we have specific information, we will update you on teams and results in due course.

### HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE RESERVE AND UNDER 18 MATCHES?

As the First Division League campaign starts to hot up, Jimmy Nicholl took some time out from his busy schedule to explain something of the importance of the Reserve Team and the Under 18 side in the wider scheme of things at East End Park this season.

First of all Jimmy stressed the importance of players being properly motivated and he clearly saw every reason for players turning out in the reserves to want to put in good performances. As the season progresses, inevitably some players will need to play in the reserves in order to return to match fitness when recovering from injury. By the same token, the squad system employed by the Pars, in order to sustain the challenge at the top of the division, means that there will hopefully be competition for virtually all positions in the first team. In these circumstances, squad members, not currently playing regularly in the first team, still need to maintain match fitness in case the manager needs to call upon them at short notice.

Jimmy then went on to explain that it was also important to think carefully about the development of the younger players now breaking into the first team from the Under 18's and the Reserve side. For



**Jimmy Nicholl**

example, a balance needs to be struck between providing competitive games at the right level in order to encourage development, whilst also making sure that younger players are not burned out by playing too many matches, or left vulnerable to some types of stress injuries.

### IN CONCLUSION

In addition of course, he also pointed out that there is also the minor consideration of Dick Campbell's final selection for the forthcoming first team match. Depending upon when and where the various games are played this can cause major headaches for team selection for those running both the Reserve and Under 18 sides. Perhaps we've now discovered just why managers and coaches jump up and down in frustration on the touchline during games!

### RESERVE LEAGUE EAST - SEASON 1999/2000

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06.02.00	East Fife v DAFC	A		
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# Past Historic...

## PARS EDGE AHEAD

This afternoon's match will be the 36th league meeting between Dunfermline and Falkirk at East End Park. The Pars have a slight advantage, with 16 wins to Falkirk's twelve, although they've only done so after recording three victories (and one defeat) from the last five fixtures.

The biggest win here was achieved by Falkirk, a 6-0 thrashing in 1951/52 but Dunfermline gained some measure of revenge by handing out a 6-1 hammering in 1965/66. Between 1956/57 and 1966/67 the Pars recorded eight successive victories over the Bairns at East End Park, with the last three seeing Falkirk concede 15 goals.

Since league reconstruction in 1975, the Pars home record isn't so good with only four wins to Falkirk's five, together with seven draws.

## UP OR DOWN

The last five seasons in which the two clubs have played each other has resulted in one of them being either promoted or relegated. In 1993/94 Falkirk went up from the First Division, turning the tables on the Pars who did the same five years earlier. In 1991/92 Dunfermline suffered relegation from the Premier Division while in 1987/88 both teams endured that fate, the only time that they've gone up or down together.

It's interesting to note that out of the 29 seasons during which the Pars have faced Falkirk in league football, there have only been 13 occasions when neither club has moved up or down. They have each been promoted twice while the Pars have been relegated eight times to Falkirk's five. These two are obviously not good for each other's health!

## HAT TRICK HEROES

Three Dunfermline strikers have scored league hat-tricks against Falkirk, all of them at East End Park, with the list consisting of three of the club's greatest ever goalscorers.

Charlie Dickson netted the first, on January 17th, 1959 in a 4-1 win. This was the seventh hat-trick in his Pars career which eventually brought a total of thirteen.

On September 5th, 1964, Harry Melrose netted all the goals in a 5-1 victory over Falkirk. Strangely, Harry never actually scored three times in a game for Dunfermline - in April 1959 he scored six in the famous 10-1 win over Partick Thistle and in March 1965 he got on the scoresheet four times against Third Lanark.

Finally, Alex Ferguson scored four against the Bairns in a 6-1 win in April 1996, one of five hat-tricks he scored that season.

## THE LAST TIME

It's been six seasons since Falkirk last visited East End Park on their way to lifting the 1993/94 First Division Championship. Their first season back in the top flight saw them finish in fifth place but they were unable to sustain this and were relegated in 1996, just as the Pars were gaining their own title.

In 1978/79 and 1988/89 the two clubs had fought out epic promotion battles and this was continued in 1993/94 with Falkirk winning the first meeting 3-2 at Brockville on the opening day of the season. On October 9th, they visited Fife sitting in third place, five points ahead of the Pars, who had kicked-off the Bert Paton era with three straight league defeats.

A crowd of 6,261 saw a tense match in which both sides created chances but took only one between them. The main villain for the Pars was Stewart Petrie, who had yet to score for the club since a move from Forfar the previous summer. Denied by keeper Tony Parks on two occasions, he then hit the bar with a header before being substituted for Derek Laing with twenty minutes left. Richard Cadette missed two good chances for Falkirk and Kevin Drinkell had a header superbly touched over by John Hillcoat.

The only goal came with nine minutes remaining. George O'Boyle took advantage of a slip by Joe McLaughlin to send over a cross which substitute Laing volleyed into the net.

**DUNFERMLINE:** Hillcoat, McNamara, Cunningham, McCathie, Cooper, Smith, Den Bieman, Robertson, Petrie, (Laing), O'Boyle, Preston.

**Falkirk:** Parks, Oliver, McQueen, Weir, McLaughlin, Rice, May, Drinkell, Cadette, (Sloan), Duffy, Taggart, (McCall).

By the time the two met again at East End Park, on March 26th, the promotion race involved nobody else, with Falkirk leading the Pars by a point. An excellent crowd of 13,357 (the Pars biggest for a First Division fixture) saw an inspired performance by Falkirk goalkeeper Tony Parks. The only time he was beaten was in the 34th minute, when he blocked Robertson's powerful shot only for O'Boyle to smash the loose ball home.

Although they had done little in the first half, Falkirk snatched an equaliser in the 52nd minute. Not for the first time, Lindsay Hamilton was indecisive at a cross and Greg Shaw rose to head into an empty net. The Pars had one last chance to win it but once again Parks was the hero, blocking O'Boyle's close range strike.

**DUNFERMLINE:** Hamilton, McNamara, Sharp, McCathie, Cooper, Smith, Den Bieman, Robertson, Petrie, (Morre), O'Boyle, Tod, (French).

**Falkirk:** Parks, Weir, McQueen, Hughes, McLaughlin, Rice, McCall, (May), Oliver, Cadette, (Gallacher), Ristic, Shaw.

## CONNECTIONS

Looking back at those 1993/94 fixtures, it's amazing how many players have lined up for both the Pars and Falkirk. Wearing black and white back then was Paul Smith, in his second spell at East End Park after spending 18 months with Falkirk. In a deal struck in August 1991, Paul and Ian Westwater went to Brockville while Derek McWilliams made the reverse journey. Although they were both still at their respective clubs, neither Westie or McWilliams featured in the two games here six seasons ago.

Ivo Den Bieman spent last season with the Bairns after giving us a good five years service while in their team Ian McCall was a former Pars player, and a further three went on to join the club.

Brian Rice transferred from Falkirk to Dunfermline in October 1995 but made only 18 appearances before moving on to Clyde in the summer of 1997. Another winning a second championship medal in three years was Greg Shaw, whose early season goals helped the Pars up in 1995/96. The last of the three is, of course, Eddie May, who joined Dunfermline this summer after a spell with Motherwell.

Back in the 1980's players such as Gary Thomson, Rab Stewart and John Perry lined up for both clubs. In the vital promotion clash in May 1979 Perry gave Falkirk the lead before Andy Rolland's penalty saw the Pars go up. Perry moved to East End Park four years later.

Gordon Forrest, Ken Mackie and Jim Meakin, Pars players during the 1970's, all went to Brockville. The most well known of the three, Ken Mackie, was a teenage striking sensation at East End Park and rejected a £50,000 move to Rangers. A professional youth and Under 23 cap, he looked to have a great future but suddenly it all went wrong. In 1976 the Pars accepted Falkirk's £6,000 offer but he only spent just over a season at Brockville.

Going further back, there's been Harry Colville, Eddie Connachan, George Miller, Hugh Maxwell, Ian Cowan, Alex Totten, Alex Ferguson and Doug Baillie.

There are also strong coaching links between the clubs. Willie Cunningham went on to manage Falkirk after quitting the Pars in 1967 and in 1971 was the first non-Scot to be offered the national team job, which he declined. George Miller became Pars manager when he gave up playing at Brockville and then made the return journey to take over at Falkirk. Two of the Pars coaching staff from the mid-eighties, Gregor Abel and John Jobson, both played for the Bairns, while current Falkirk boss Alex Totten understudied legendary Pars full backs Willie Callaghan and John Lunn during the 1960's and even made three European appearances!

# Around East End Park...



**Nifty Fifty Fifty Winner** - A happy David Bellingham from Kirkcaldy collects a neat £750 from Colin Nish at half-time during the Morton game.

## ANTHONY NOLAN BONE MARROW TRUST APPEAL

Dunfermline fans will have been touched by the sad story which has made headline news in the Dunfermline Press in the last two weeks.

26 year old Steven Miller was a great Dunfermline fan who was looking forward to seeing his beloved Pars compete in the First Division this season, but sadly it was never to happen. Steven found out that he had leukaemia in November last year and in June died suddenly. Steven met his wife Katy in 1996 and this year brought forward their wedding to January from June. Although deeply devastated by what has happened, Katy now wants to make sure that Steven's death can have a positive effect by helping others.

Just before Steven died, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust were looking for a match for Steven. The work of the Bone Marrow Trust is vital and help is desperately needed since they require at least ten times as many donors as they currently receive. To try to promote her appeal, Katy enlisted the help of the Dunfermline Press, and through them she ran a competition for a season ticket at East End Park which she has donated. The winner was due to be announced this week.

Earlier this week, Katy spoke to the Pars Programme about her appeal:

"I want to help the Trust to find new donors and football supporters are exactly the type that they need. The kind of leukaemia that Steven had affects mainly children and young men so football supporters are a good target."

Steven was such a keen Dunfermline fan and this is such a sad story that we really hope that people might come forward for the appeal. It is particularly fitting for Pars fans to be doing this since one of the greatest Dunfermline players of all time, John Lunn, had himself an untimely death as a result of having leukaemia.

Please help if you can.

## DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS CLUB

AGM: A date has now been set for the AGM. It will take place on Tuesday 6th October in the Jock Stein Suite. Memberships will be taken on the night and non-members are welcome to attend. Letters will be in the post to members shortly.

TRANSPORT: Buses for the game against Livingston on

Saturday 4th September will leave East End Park at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to book seats can contact the Supporters Club Office or telephone Caron Aird on 01383 515601.

**DUCKHAMS FANSVIEW:** We are still looking for a few Pars fans to complete the Duckhams fansview questionnaire. As a member of Duckhams fansview panel, you will have the opportunity to make your views about the game known. During the course of the year you will be asked periodically to complete surveys sent to your home, and occasionally you may be asked to take part in surveys conducted over your home telephone, if and when we need to get your views quickly about an important issue. An early reply is required, so if you are interested, please contact the supporters club office after today's game or telephone Joan Malcolm on 01383 611793.

## 2000 FLORA LONDON MARATHON

A super-fit fan is needed to run in the 2000 Flora London Marathon as part of the Football Challenge on Sunday 16th April 2000. This is your chance to represent Dunfermline Athletic in a fixture with a difference. The Football Challenge takes place within the Flora London Marathon. Runners representing all major British football clubs don their club strip and set off from a specially designated Football Challenge Start to battle it out over the 26.2 mile course

If you are fit enough to take up the Challenge and help the Pars come out on top we want to hear from you. Please contact Audrey Bastianelli in the Commercial Department for more details.

The Flora London Marathon awards a trophy to the first football club runner to cross the finish line from each of the divisions. In 2000 there will be a new award to the first woman to finish as part of the Football Challenge.

Last year Robert Phin represented the club coming in 6th in the Scottish section in a time of 4.14.17.

## PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

The Commercial Department still have a few first team and a number of up-and-coming young players available for sponsorship during the current season. Anyone interested should contact Audrey Bastianelli on 01383 724295.

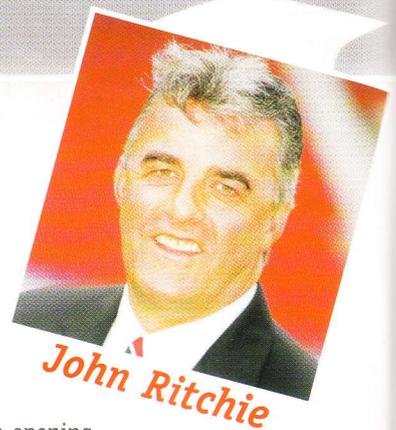
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## NORRIE McCATHIE TOURNAMENT

The annual Norrie McCathie Memorial Tournament took place last Sunday at Pitreavie Playing Fields and, as usual, it proved to be a successful event with some outstanding young players on show.

In their group matches, Dunfermline's under 16 team defeated Falkirk and lost to Livingston before the crunch game with Cowdenbeath. A win would have put the Pars in the final, but it wasn't to be and they had to settle for fourth place. The tournament was eventually won by a very strong Hearts team, who defeated Livingston 2-0 in the final.



Action from the Norrie McCathie Tournament



Coach John Ritchie was pleased with the Dunfermline team's performance in the competition, which was again played to a high standard, although he felt that our overall play deserved better.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

It was good preparation for the season ahead in the Youth Development Initiative, which kicks off for the Under 16's tomorrow. Earlier last Sunday, two other Pars teams played at the Fleet Grounds in Rosyth. The Under 15's took on Motherwell and although they scored early on, poor defensive play ensured that the visitors ran out winners. The Under 15's coach, Chris Candlish, was fairly happy with the overall display but disappointed with the goals conceded.

The Under 13 team also went down after taking the lead, Fraser Beveridge scoring against Hibs early in the opening third. In a close game, the Pars began and finished strongly but were given problems by the Hibs midfield and their centre forward. Despite that, Grant McKay had a good game at centre half, as did David Reekie at right back. In goal, newly signed Ryan Bunyan had another impressive match after being released by his previous club, Cowdenbeath Central, in order to join the Pars.

The idea of rotating the players into different positions worked well, with Daniel Bell having a good match in both central midfield and at full back, while Fraser Beveridge moved forward to link well with Steven Ferguson and almost produced an equaliser.

Encouraged by the good weather, there were a fair number of parents watching and encouragingly, didn't let their enthusiasm get the better of them. The Fleet Grounds host one match tomorrow, with the Under 14's starting their season against Brechin, kick off 12 o'clock.

## NEXT FIXTURES

The full fixture list for the next two weekends is as follows:

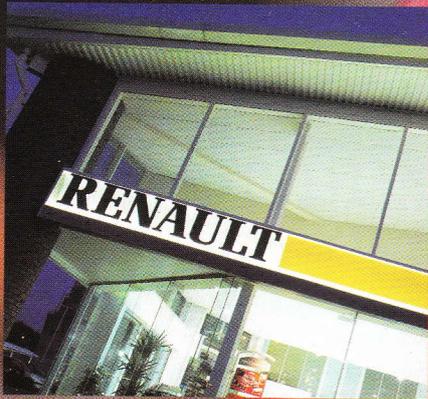
### Sunday 29th August

- U/13's - away to Motherwell
- U/14's - home to Brechin
- U/15's - away to Celtic
- U/16's - away to Livingston

### Sunday 5th September

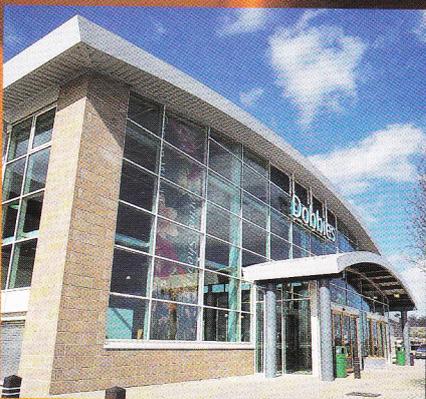
- U/13's - home to Aberdeen
- U/14's - away to Hibs
- U/15's - home to Celtic
- U/16's - home to Montrose

As far as the coaches are concerned, only one position remains to be filled, at Under 14 level. At U/16 level, the coaches are Bobby Drummond and Mo Hutton, the U/15's are run by Chris Candlish (the former Raith Rovers and Brechin player) and Davie Hunter, the U/14's by George Anderson and the U/13's coached by Kenny Black (no, not that one!) assisted by Archie Ford.



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# One Up...

## A Review of the First Division

*BILL KINNEAR'S REVIEW OF THE WEEK starts with another impassioned plea for patience before going on to wonder how on earth Clydebank manage to survive.....*

I'M STARTING THIS WEEKS COLUMN more in hope than expectation. Hoping that some of the Athletic fans at whom it's directed will read this but probably not expecting them to take any notice of it.

Patience my friends, patience. Like the rest of you, I expect the Pars to win this division, but it's not going to be easy. Teams that come here are going to defend in numbers and try to make things particularly difficult.

Take Morton last week, five defenders and four midfielders, two of whom were playing defensively. Because of Owen Coyle's superb start of the season, they clearly saw him as a threat and man marked him. Now, that kind of defence system is very difficult to play against, no matter how skilled you are. The Pars did it twice at Ibrox last season and came away with two draws. Now we are relegated and the Gers were Champs - take my point?

Morton were relying on hitting us on the break. They had a couple of chances and should have scored from at least one of them, but didn't. Once Big Andy got his first goal they had to open up and play a more attacking game. When that happened the Pars, with more space, dominated and scored a second. Indeed, it could have been more. Yes, we lost another soft goal but ended up with three points. Be patient people! Baying for subs five minutes into the second half and booing the team will not help. Two weeks ago, the 1,500 or so fans who went to Airdrie got behind the team from the off. Yes, criticise, yes, make your point (loudly like me, if you like) but support the team. Criticism and condemnation do not motivate people and footballers are people. Support and encouragement is required for a productive response. I know it's not easy sometimes, but we all share the same common goal. A winning Pars side and promotion - automatic promotion! Go to it.

### REVIEW OF WEEK THREE

After week three of the Bell's First Division, the Pars remain joint top with Livvy and St Mirren, all three separated only by goal difference. For me St Mirren have made a surprise start to the season and despite being a goal down to ICT last week, scored three without reply before the division's newest team, who were down to ten men, scored a late second. St Mirren visit East End in a couple of weeks and on current form, it should be a cracker.

Livingston made it two wins on the trot with a 3-0 demolition of Airdrie. No ex-Pars on the scoresheet last

week (two ex Airdrie boys bagging the goals) which proves that they are a strong side. There should be a bumper crowd at Almondvale next week when the Pars visit. Bad memories of last season's League Cup defeat but plenty to whet the appetite with four ex Pars in Livvy's starting line-up. Sparks just might fly.

Today's visitors, near neighbours and arch rivals Falkirk, managed a 2-1 victory over Ayr United who have made a poor start to the season. A David Moss goal 10 minutes from time secured a hard fought victory against a United side who played with ten men for over an hour.

Two hundred and thirty two brave souls turned up at Cappielow to see Clydebank and Raith Rovers serve up an unappetising 1-1 draw. I guess that it's just a matter of time before the Bankies go bust. There is no way that a team/club can survive in senior football with crowds of that paltry number. But, can it be allowed to happen. Should there be something in place to prevent senior clubs from going to the wall, or should clubs be more responsible. As I've indicated in previous programmes, Scottish football has changed and I don't think that we can support 40 senior clubs. Something radical is going to have to happen and I don't think it will be too long into the millennium before it does.

### A RAY OF NO HOPE

On a lighter note, last week, our mate Raymond attended his first match this season. Now Raymond has mobility problems which are thankfully soon to be resolved with an operation. It's quite a struggle for him to get here from Livingston but at the end of last season he didn't help his own cause after putting in a huge effort to get to the last game of the season against Motherwell.

As usual our Raymond turned up early in order to get a parking space close to the ground to reduce the distance he could have to walk. As he sat in the car reading his paper, he thought it was unusually quiet, even for an end of season, meaningless fixture. Nevertheless, at 2 o'clock he got out of his car on Garvock Hill and proceeded to walk to the ground. As he turned the corner onto Halbeath Road, again he thought to himself, it's very quiet for a match day.

No traffic cones, no police, no programme sellers and no sign of any other fans. As he neared the ground it was approaching 2.15 pm but not a turnstile was open. Strange - thought Raymond. Then it dawned on him - all of the final Premier League games of the 98/99 season had been switched to the Sunday and poor Raymond had turned up as usual on the Saturday. Fortunately, no one was there to witness his beaming red coupon. But yet he did make the dreaded mistake of telling me. Nae luck Raymond!!

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# Pars Overcome Morton At Last...



**TOP:** Steven Petrie played a key role again in the Morton Match.

**BOTTOM:** Physio Pip Yeates makes sure that Andy Tod recovers after being felled.



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# Today's Football

With only two games being played in the Premier League this Saturday due to midweek European matches the emphasis will shift slightly to the lower divisions. In saying that, however, the match of the day is undoubtedly at Easter Road where Hibs will be eager to maintain their relatively good early season form against a formidable Rangers side who will have their own agenda; the potential to have a six point lead over their Old Firm rivals Celtic, no matter how short-lived. The clash between Motherwell and Dundee's Dark Blues will arguably be one which will count towards a very different end of season battle when points are sorely sought after.

In the First Division it is the battle of the basement sides with Inverness CT meeting Ayr Utd on the West coast. The Inverness outfit will be desperate to get some points and prove that they can handle the step up. Their result last week could have been attributed to bad luck, so it is up to Steve Patterson's team to show their worth. Joint League leaders St.Mirren face a Bankies side who have a couple of draws under their belt and will be looking to capitalise on this by grabbing some points in this encounter. Their opponents, however will be doing their utmost to retain their top-of-the-league status and consolidate their Premier League ambitions.

In the Second, Arbroath will be keen to maintain their 100% record against Neale Cooper's Ross County, while one-time mighty (at least at this level!) Partick Thistle and Hamilton are struggling at the base of the Division, and will be anxious to record their first points of the campaign. Meanwhile, in the Third Division, Paul Smith's Berwick Rangers will look forward to their top of the table clash with Queens Park after making a very good start to the new campaign.

#### BANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

Hibernian v Rangers  
Motherwell v Dundee

#### BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Airdrieonians v Raith Rovers  
Ayr United v Inverness Caledonian Thistle  
Clydebank v St Mirren

#### DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC V FALKIRK

Greenock Morton v Livingston

#### BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

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

#### BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Berwick Rangers v Queen's Park  
Brechin City v Dumbarton  
East Fife v Montrose  
East Stirling v Cowdenbeath  
Forfar Athletic v Albion Rovers

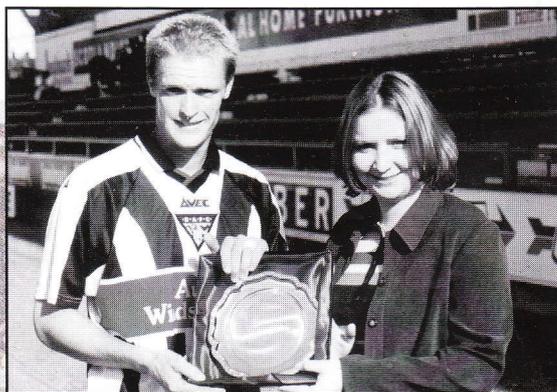


## Player of the Year

"FITTING" WAS HOW MANAGER Dick Campbell described the awarding of last Saturday's Man of the Match to full back Greg Shields, and few fans would disagree with that. True, he just about gave sponsors Robert Purvis Plant Hire red faces in the final minute when a short pass back from him could easily have led to a Morton equaliser. But that was an uncharacteristic error in an otherwise fine performance.

It's the sort of thing we've come to expect from Greg whose consistent performances week in and week out made him last season's sponsors' favourite. He won't be winning this year's Player of the Year title, but he will take with him some happy memories of his days at East End Park.

In many ways, Andy Smith was unlucky not to win the award after scoring with two superb headers to clinch the match for the Pars. He had to settle for second place, while third place went to skipper Andy Tod.



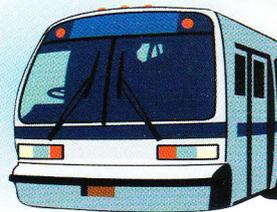
*Boo Hoo! The last ever picture of Greg Shields in a Pars strip after winning Man of the Match against Morton*

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1	Greg Shields	3
2	Andy Smith	2
3	Andy Tod	1



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**SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 1999**  
**BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION**  
**LIVINGSTON**

NEXT WEEK'S MATCH AGAINST Ray Stewart's Livingston is one which will be relished by fans and players alike. The newly promoted, ambitious Livingston outfit has its sights firmly focused on the Premier League, their new stadium bearing witness to this. We can expect a derby-like atmosphere for what could turn out to be a very tough encounter. So far this season Almondvale Stadium has drawn reasonable crowds, and with the Pars substantial away support a large attendance will be expected. Jim Leishman may no longer be calling the shots at Livingston as far as the footballing side of things is concerned, but if we know anything, that won't stop the big man from beating a few drums and getting the media interested in this fascinating encounter.

Livingston are likely to field a lot of ex-Dunfermline players at the game at Almondvale next week, adding to the intense nature of the clash. Among

the Livingston squad are the likes of Derek Fleming, David Bingham, Marc Millar and Gerry Britton; all players who have the potential to be very influential for Ray Stewart's side. Aside from these players, who have already proved themselves able to compete at the top level, the Livvy squad contains a lot of experienced pros. Their potential, even at this early stage in the season, is evident with their 3-0 win against Airdrie last week consolidating a bright start to their campaign and leaving them on equal points at the top of the league with St. Mirren and the Pars.

The only time the Pars have faced Livingston in any official match since they changed from Meadowbank Thistle and moved to West Lothian was in the League Cup in August of last year when Dunfermline were defeated by a John Robertson strike. With this in mind the Dunfermline squad will be looking to exact a bit of revenge and get their first away win in a league match since defeating Motherwell 3-1 on 25th April 1998.

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- 8 Scott MCKENZIE
- 9 Scott CRABBE
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- 15 Garry McSTAY

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