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DAVID MOSS IS BACK IN ACTION, AND JUST LIKE HE WAS BEFORE, SCORING GOALS

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Today is an historic occasion as Pars new Head Coach Jim Calderwood selects his team for his first home match in charge. Jim gives us his own thoughts on events so far....

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Caley Thistle did Dunfermline a huge favour last week when they drew with St Mirren thus ending the Paisley club's lengthy winning run. It was further evidence that Steve Paterson's side have settled well to the task of keeping themselves in the First Division. We run the eye over their likely line up....

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Bob Storie interviews one of the fittest guys around. Don't worry about the fact that Hamish will be 36 in February - who else is going to run around the way he does? He can also score a goal or two, as he showed recently, and he's such a nice guy anyway...

18 JIM MACDONALD'S WORLD OF FOOTBALL

Jim bemoans the fact that there's so much news around it's difficult to find any news to talk about!. Despite that, you can read about Bertie Felstead, the richest clubs in the world, King Cole, World Cup mascots, Jose Luis Chilavert, Lowry paintings, Belgian beer.....

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Jim Calderwood...

I AM LOOKING FORWARD to today's game. After two hard away matches against clubs battling at the bottom end of the league, it is good to be at home in front of our own fans.

As I think most people know, I still had another year and a half of my contract to run in Holland. Although I had made no secret of the fact that I wanted to return to Scotland, I would not have been persuaded had it not been for the set up at Dunfermline and the definite ambition that the club has shown me. I have had a very warm welcome from everybody at the club and from the fans, and I am now looking forward to what I hope will be a successful future here.

The first day I signed on as Head Coach at Dunfermline, I was given the opportunity to travel to Inverness with Jimmy Nicholl to watch them play Ayr United. I have to say



that I was given a lovely reception by the Board at Inverness, and I'd like to thank them for that and hope that they will get the same here today - but without taking the points!

Inverness had a great result against St Mirren last week, and I've also had reports about how difficult we found our own game at Inverness earlier this season, which all goes to show just how difficult a game we can expect. We will need to be patient. We've been fortunate in our last two games in taking a two goal lead before half-time, but it doesn't always happen that way. I am sure that most teams will come here to defend and the way that defences are organised these days, they can be much harder to break down.

We played very well in our game against Ayr, but not so well against Morton. We didn't defend well enough and we didn't pass well enough, but I know we can play a lot better. If Morton had scored first the game might have been different, but luckily enough the quality of our finishing saw us through. What I was pleased with is that players have been able to come on from the bench and make a good impression. Chris McGroarty, John Potter and Steven Hampshire all played well when they came on and that pleases me because it takes more than eleven men to win a title. As it is, injuries are likely to force us to make changes to the side today.

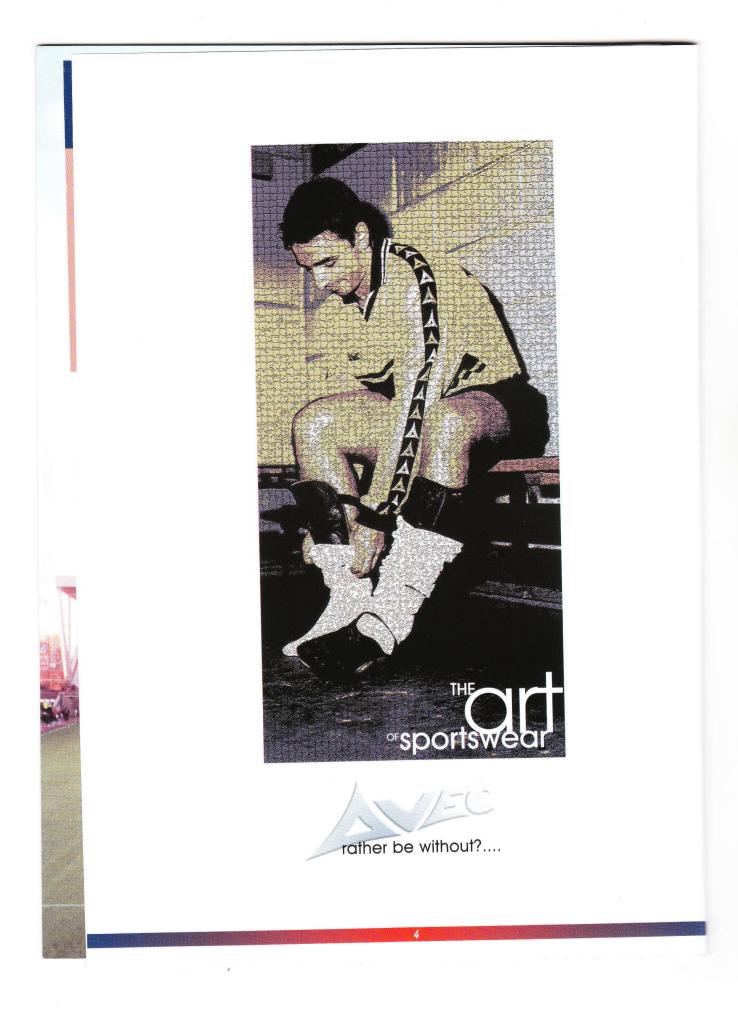
We have a great bunch of lads here and they have just notched up their fifth win in a row. The most important thing today is the result so that we can go into the St Mirren game with a six win run. It won't be easy and we must respect our opponents, but I'd like to get off to a good start at home.

Finally, I hope that we can rely on the crowd to be our 'twelfth man' because that can definitely make a difference.

My best wishes to everybody for a very good Christmas.

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YOU CAN TELL THAT INVERNESS have finally been accepted into the Scottish footballing establishment the journalists are no longer talking about them as if they are some quaint Highland outfit! In fact, last weekend's newspapers were more interested in the fact that the club is allegedly £2 million in debt. Whether or not that is true, Inverness Caledonian Thistle have quite definitely arrived.

Enormous credit should be given to those

who have made things happen over the last five or six years. It would have been quite simple for the two previous clubs to remain as fairly big fish in a fairly small pond, but those in charge took some courageous and not always popular decisions, and the rest, as they say is history.

On the footballing front, they have a manager with a proven record of success and a pool of talented players who increasingly are showing that they can hold their own in the First Division, despite having come a long way in a short time. At this precise moment in time, Dunfermline fans love them to bits after pegging back St Mirren last week!

Steve Paterson is likely to select his team for today from among the following pool:

LES FRIDGE Goalkeeper Signed from Dundalk on 23rd May 1997 Former Scotland Under 21 internationalist. He's been an ever present in the side this season and has a number of clean sheets to his credit. An excellent shot stopper. Has made a number of imporant saves in recent games to keep the team in a winning position.

JIM CALDER Goalkeeper Signed from Inverness Thistle on 29th June 1994. Now in the veteran stage of his career but still an excellent goalkeeper. Until last week when he faced St Mirren, he had been playing his football this season in the Reserve East League and the Highland League competitions and recently won an Inverness Cup Winners Medal.

MICHAEL TEASDALE Defender Signed from Dundee on 8th December 1995. A tremendous signing by Steve Paterson back in '95. He has now made over 160 appearances for the club and made his 150th appearance in the away draw against Airdrie. Gives 100% effort and his breaks from defence into the forward line are quite breathtaking.

RICHARD HASTINGS Defender Signed from S-Form on 19th July 1994. Canadian internationalist who recently gained his second full cap against Saudi Arabia. One of the bright young stars in the side. The second player to reach the magical 150 appearances for the club and should make his 180th this afternoon. He's been playing exceptionally well this term.

ROSS TOKELY Defender Signed from Huntly on 3rd June 1996 Scotland Schoolboy internationalist at various levels. This season he's been in excellent form, resulting in him winning a number of Man of the Match Awards, Supporters Player of the Month for November. He made his 100th appearance for the side last week against St Mirren.

BOBBY MANN Defender Signed from Forfar Athletic on 2nd February 1999. A commanding figure at the heart of the defence. Loss of form saw him lose his place in the side but recently reinstated after the club lost out in the Final of the

League Challenge Cup and he is looking a lot leaner and fitter. Dangerous in opposition penalty

MARK McCULLOCH Defender/Midfield Signed from Dunfermline Athletic on 22nd August 1997. This is the second season as Club Captain for the former Pars player. Started the season in midfield but was moved back into the heart of the defence. Making his 100th appearance for the club this afternoon, an appropriate place to bring the ton up for the former Pars favourite.

CHARLIE CHRISTIE Midfield Signed from Caledonian on 5th August 1994. The ex-Celtic has been playing exceptionally well this season and has made the most appearances for the club, currently 182. Scored an important goal in the recent 1-1 draw with Ayr United in horrendous conditions. Silky, smooth midfielder.

PAUL SHEERIN Midfield Signed from Ostersund on 27th January 1998. He's the club's leading goalscorer and penalty kick expert. Scored a hat-trick in the recent League Challenge Cup Final but was still on the losing side. Has played in every match, except one, since signing for the club. Playing extremely well this season.

KEVIN BYERS Midfield Signed from Raith Rovers on 3rd August 1999. Came to Caledonian Stadium highly recommended by his ex-boss at Rovers, Alex Smith. A quality midfielder who has been given a one year full time contract. Has featured regularly this season and his form looks very good.

BARRY WILSON Forward Signed from Raith Rovers on 20th July 1996. He's been in excellent form again this seaosn. Was unfortunate to be injured in the opening minutes of the game the last time the two sides met at East End Park so he will be going all out to give the Pars defence a difficult time this afternoon. Scored a cracking goal in the recent Challenge Cup Final.

MARTIN GLANCY Forward Signed from Dumbarton on 19th February 1999. Diminutive striker who likes to get in and about defences, especially those of the bigger variety. He has scored a few goals this season and hopes to feature in the squad this afternoon. The Supporters Club Player of the Month for October.

DAVID XAUSA Forward Signed from Dordrecht 90 (Holland) on 8th September 1999. Canadian internationalist striker who has gained eight caps. Previously played with St Johnstone and Stoke City. Has signed a two year full time contract with the club. Injured in his first game against Clydebank but now back to full fitness and scored his first goal for the club in a recent match v Airdrie, a superb headed goal.

DENNIS WYNESS Forward Signed from Aberdeen for a one month loan. Age 22 After a successful one month on loan period. Dennis will stay at the club until January 2000. He's been at Pittodrie since October 1994, signing from FC Stoneywood. Very quick good touches and an excellent shot. Leading the line well. Another pacy player.

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Headlines....

A Warm East End Park Welcome To Jim Calderwood

We hope that Dunfermline fans will give a truly FAN-tastic welcome today to Dunfermline's new manager Jim Calderwood on this his first game at East End Park.

Judging by all accounts, the Pars supporters are favourably impressed with the things our new man has been saying and doing (not least of which have been winning two away matches by the handsome margin of 3-0 both times!). Dunfermline still have an awful lot to do if we want to get back into the Premier League at the end of this season. The Pars Board have gone that extra mile to get the man they felt could do the job for them, and the time has now come for the fans to do their bit too. We all know that there have been differences of opinion among fans about the team and about how it was playing, but the time has come to put all of that behind us.

We need Dunfermline fans to be right behind the new manager and all of his players for the vital period that lies ahead, so let's start today by giving Jim Calderwood and the players a rousing reception!



Westie Watch

We reported in the Pars Programme a couple of issues ago about how close Ian Westwater was to breaking a number of club records. We are now delighted to advise you of the following:

- Westie has now officially broken the record number of League Appearances for a Dunfermline goalkeeper, having passed Hugh Whyte's total of 311 league appearances for the Pars at the Morton game. In addition to his 312 goalkeeping appearances, he has one as an outfield player. Our heartiest congratulations to Westie, but there should be more to follow...
- Having re-checked Hugh Whyte's all-time record, we have added a further two appearances for games in the Anglo-Scottish Cup and the Dryborough Cup. These games were in official national competitions and so are just as relevant as the Scottish League Challenge Cup appearances which we credit Westie with. So, counting all first class games (League Cup, Scottish Cup, etc), Hugh Whyte made 364 appearances for the Pars – a goalkeeping record. To date, Ian Westwater has notched up 357 appearances in all games.
- Hugh Whyte made 101 league shut-outs for the Pars, and a total of 116 in all games. Ian Westwater has currently 98 in league matches and 114 in total.

Hamish Watch

Since our last issue, Hamish French notched a couple of goals in a Man of the Match performance against Ayr United at

Somerset Park. It was a brilliant reply to those who think Hamish is past his best, and now takes Hamish past Andy Smith on the all time goalscorers list again, with 64 goals to Andy's 63. For the trivia seekers, we can also tell you that Hamish has now scored 46 goals in First Division matches which puts him only four behind the highest ever for the club - 50 by Sandy McNaughton. Hamish is also 9th equal with Jackie Sinclair in the overall post war goalscorers list.

Finally, Hamish now has chalked up 292 first team appearances for the Pars and is nearing that magical 300 appearances which only 14 other players in the club's history have achieved.

Stevie Crawford

Since our last issue was produced, Stevie Crawford's loan spell with Dunfermline has been extended until the end of December which means that he is available for selection for next week's all-important game against St Mirren.

Stevie is a local lad who is not surprisingly very popular with the fans. He has developed an excellent partnership with Owen Coyle which has helped him to score seven goals in the seven matches he has played in to date (all the goals have come in the last five matches!) Even last season with Hibs runaway winning team, Stevie only(!) scored 14 league goals in 35 appearances, so his average for the Pars is his best ever. Pars fans will be hoping that a deal can be done, but with him playing so well and Hibs looking for a big fee, it may not be a straightforward matter. In the end, a lot will come down to what the player himself wants, but we'll keep our fingers crossed.

Andy Smith

Andy Smith's loan period with Premier Division Kilmarnock was finally tied up in time for him to make his debut against Rangers at Ibrox last Saturday. The loan is until the end of December but just exactly what the long-term situation is going to be is hard to gauge at this stage. Andy clearly wants first team football and the deal with Killie is sure to give him that. He has a lengthy contract with Dunfermline, and his future may also be influenced by what happens to Stevie Crawford.

Craig Ireland

At the time of writing, the future of Craig Ireland was no nearer to being resolved. Dunfermline have agreed a fee for the player with Dundee, so everything now depends on whether or not Dundee can match the player's personal terms.

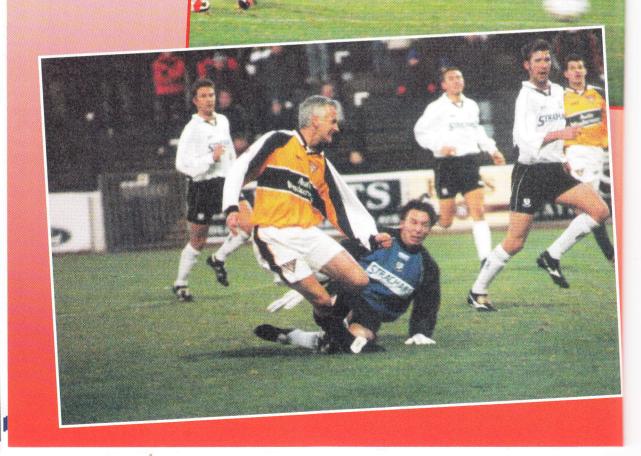
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BOTTOM: Hamish French strikes Pars second goal after some superb build up play.







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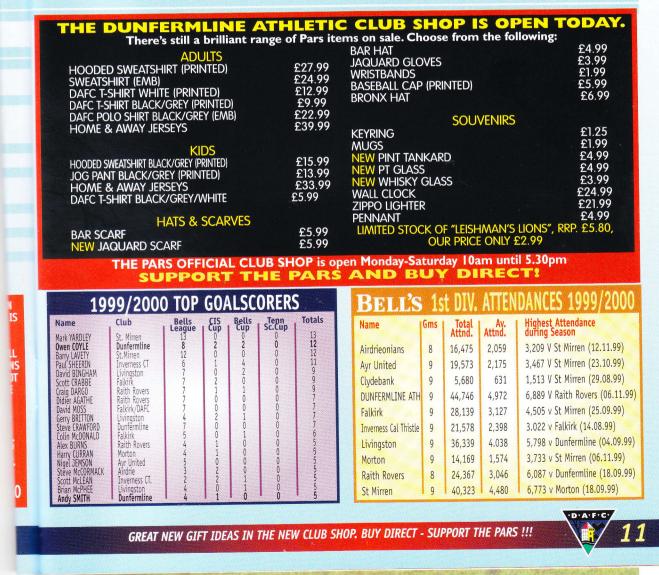
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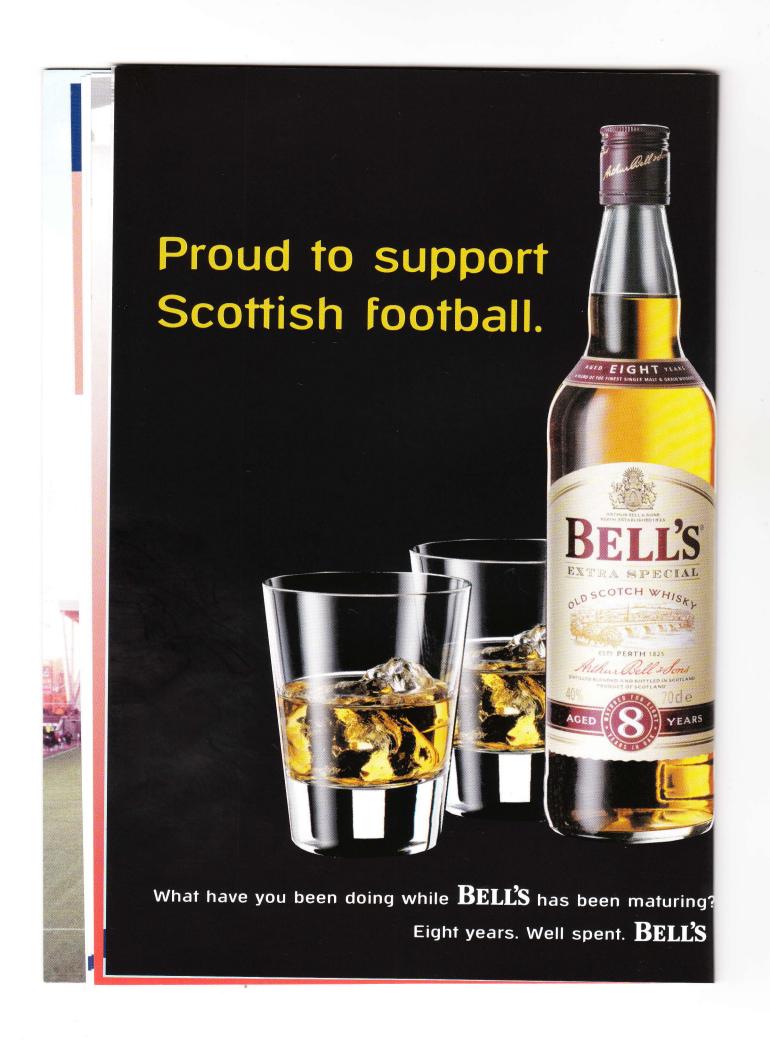
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Well, things are really hotting up now (with the obvious exception of the weather of

very pleased to say we are now beginning to claw back that lead that the Saints built up over us. A good pair of results today and it will really be game-on when the Buddies tist East End on the course!) I'm very pleased

visit East End on the 27th!

visit East End on the 27th! Believe it or not this is welcome our new manager Jimmy Calderwood into the family! I do hope you give him a very warm welcome here at East End for his home debut. His first two games away ended up in 3-0 wins, so lets hope the team can serve up another result like that today! Oh yes, and give a big cheer for my old mate Jimmy Nicholl... his run of games prior to the appointment of our new man were very impressive indeed. Thave finally been able to get a hold of some rather comfortable seating for reading my Dunfermline Press before the game kicks off today. Thanks to my sponsorship deal with the paper now have a lovely big comfy chair to sit in. Watch out for some new pre-match antics with the paper now then! My pre-match message today should appeal to both the home fans and the Inverness fans as well, so make sure you are watching closely just before kick off! What a hoot I had at Touch Primary School on

o make sure you are watching closely just before kick off! What a hoot I had at Touch Primary School on the 10th December at their Christmas Fayre! I won two different gifts at two separate stalls! And add to that a great shoot-out at the beat the goalie, where I hit the ball so hard that even the keeper ended up in the net! Thanks for a great night and hope you made lots of cash. There's lots of other things happening for me between now and the big day, but 'm particularly looking forward to appearing at the Pantomime this year (to plug my fund-raising efforts for Civic Week 2000) and I do hope you come along and support the event. The only thing is I'm a bit worried about the cast of the panto telling me to break a leg! I am not sure if this is a theatre term or whether they are not really fond of me??? Finally, let's cheer on the team today, with this Selected Sammy Song which should be sung as loud as you can.... should be sung as loud as you can....

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rs YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hello Everyone,

First of all, our apologies to those of you who read our column regularly and thought you might be seeing double. You were! Our Livingston programme news was duplicated in the Clydebank programme due to a mistake by our printers.

(No, we weren't just being lazy, honest!) Anyway, here we are with all of our latest news! Our first Christmas Events took place over the last few Thursdays at the Leisure Bowl in Rosyth and, thanks to the superb turn out of Players, we all had a really great time. The games of ten pin bowling were strictly for fun although we did notice that the Players were much more competitive than our Young Pars!

Winning team Captain during the Event for Young Pars aged 7-9 years was Colin Nish, and the next week's winning Captain at the Event for our older Young Pars was John Potter. (P.S. We promise that Scott Thomson can have bumpers on his lanes if he "volunteers" to come along next time!)

Look out for news of our Sammy's Gang Christmas Party in

the next Programme. We must also mention a lovely letter and photo we received from Aidan McKinlay's parents. Aidan joined the Young Pars when he was only 6 days old and his Dad and Grandad, who are both Season Ticket holders in the Norrie McCathie Stand, brought him along to see us at the recent Open Day.

nother Young Par who deserves a mention is Mark

Toynton, from Dalgety Bay, who won our most recent programme Competition. We received loads of entries for this, so well done Mark!

YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Many Happy Returns to the following Young Pars: Mark Liska Daniel Pasieka

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COMPETITION TIME!

We've decided that since we had such a great response to our last Programme Competition, we'd have another one! Just answer the following question and win two tickets for the match against St. Mirren on Monday December 27th: Which current St. Mirren playe used to play for a Fife team Send your entries to Jean Nelson, 54 Moncur Street, Townhill, Dunfermline.

Another bumper entry, please!

AND FINALLY

We'd like to wish all of our Young Pars a very happy Christmas and we hope you all get your stockings filled with lots of DAFC goodies! A big thank you goes to Fraser Semple for his gifts and thanks to all of you who sent Christmas cards. We had hoped by this time to give you news of an Away Day for the Young Pars, but unfortunately the visit that we had planned to Livingston FC in January has had to be postponed due to building work taking place at their Stadium.

We're now looking at an alternative - anyone fancy going to see Airdrie, Ayr United, Falkirk! (Just kidding, we wouldn't inflict that on you all!) Anyway, we promise that we will organise an exchange visit for you before the end of the Season so watch this space!

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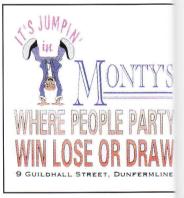
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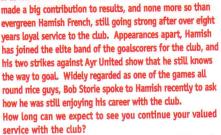
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HAMISH FRENCH









IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW that the senior members can still

"As long as I possibly can, anyway! If my luck holds out, I hope I'll be able to pull on a Pars jersey for a while yet. I think most players would say that the best time to call it a day is when you stop enjoying it all, and when the enthusiasm stops as well. All things considered, I feel as fit as ever, and I still do feel enthusiastic about playing, and I enjoy it all just as much as ever. I had a knee operation last summer, which slowed me down a bit over the pre-season, but I'm more or less my old self now. I've got a contract until next summer, and I'll be doing my best to win another after that!"

Will the new management set-up call for big player changes in the future?

"I'm sure the new boss will assess things fairly, and make his decisions carefully. None of us know much more about him than what the papers have reported. But he has a high reputation, and I'm sure he'll have some new ideas on games, and freshen things up. Jimmy Nicholl staying on is reassuring for all the players, so it's up to all of us to do our best to impress the new man."

The fans expectations continue to be very high - how are the players reacting to that?

"We all understand that the fans have big expectations from us this season, but all the players have exactly the same ambitions! Believe me, we feel just as disappointed if things don't go exactly as expected, but it's certainly not down to lack of hard work, or for thorough preparation. No effort is being spared in our attempts to come out on top in this division and every player at this club is capable of going into the side and doing a good job of work. Everyone here is doing their best, including the younger players - they have as much to play for, because if they play well enough, it will force the hand of the management team to play them. We know that the fans can get a bit uptight, but the vast majority know that the task we have to do is not easy, so we won't give up the fight - it's not our way!"

John Collins' decision to retire from national football was sudden - will he be missed?

"John is a quality player, and he's been involved at national level for quite some time, so anyone who lasts the course that long is bound to be missed. He has his reasons for

wanting to call it a day, and they are no one else's business but his, and I'm sure he goes with Craig

Brown's thanks and good wishes. The natural thing to do now is to look for fresh faces, and give opportunities to try out new guys with new ideas and styles. There are different levels of pressure when you play at that stage, and it's up to the individual to deal with it as best as he can. Players at that level must give 100% to the cause, and that is on top of their normal club careers. It takes a special type of man to cope with it, and I respect all those men who compete in these games!"

Our visitors today have shown a great improvement recently - how do you rate them?

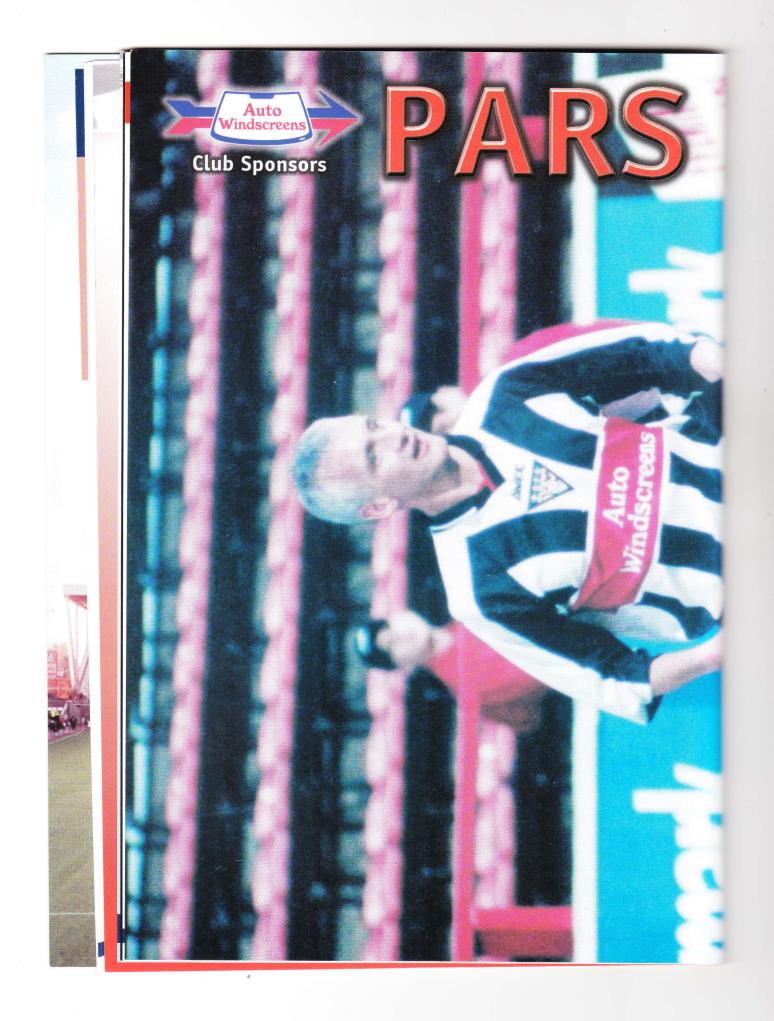
"They had a bit of a shaky start, but they have learnt quickly from their mistakes, and their recent results have been quite impressive. They've coped well with the demands of a new league, and Steve Paterson has done a good job. He's proved himself to be a good manager in a short spell of time. The stadium is quite impressive as well, and the ground surface is great for playing on. Our two previous games against them were quite contrasting, and we know it will be a hard game today. I know I'm biased, being a native of the region, but I'm pleased to see them doing well, as it's good for the area to have a club placed high up the leagues". Should the Highlands provide another League Club?

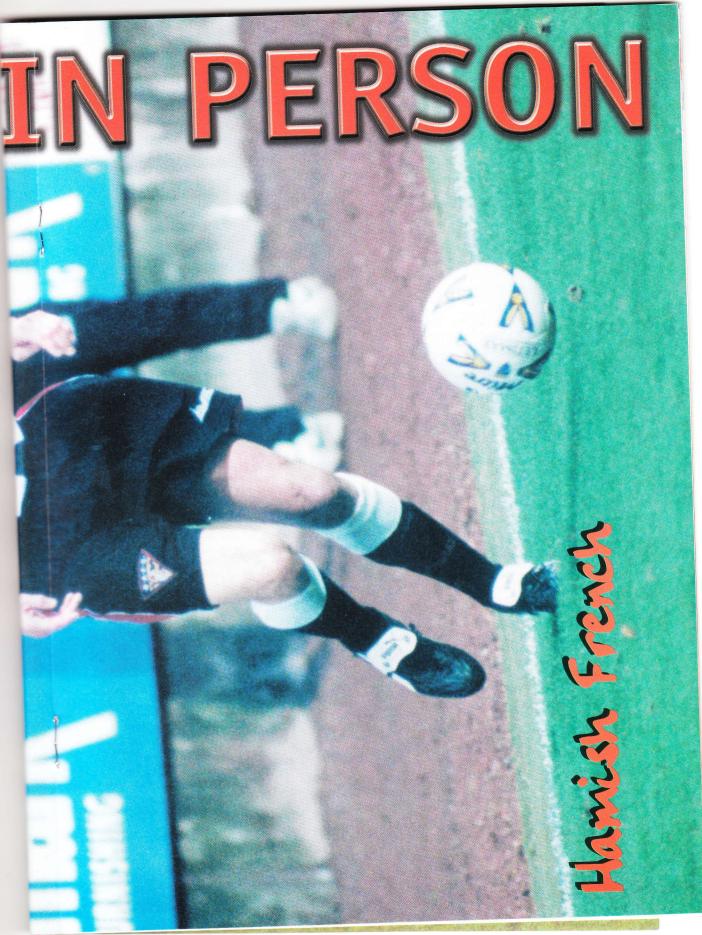
"If the Scottish League is to increase, the main aim must be to provide the strongest, best equipped clubs, regardless if where they are. Inverness and Ross County have clearly justified their entrance, and that has been good for the game on all fronts. But there will, of course, be other clubs from other central regions that have just as strong a case to make. Travelling plays its part for the existing clubs, as it can be a bit of a journey for the most southern clubs travelling to the most northern. However, as I say, the vital factors are being strong both in structure and finance - after all, they have to come in for their own benefit as much as anyone else's"

How will Hamish French be spending his Christmas?

"At home, quietly, with the family. My wife Alison and I have two young children, Scott who's 2 and Ailsa who's just 14 months old. So they'll be the focus for us on the day. It's as well to make the most of it, because we've got some crunch games coming up, so I've no doubt the boss will have us in for training as soon as possible to get prepared. Obviously the focus will be on our game with St Mirren, as that's our biggest opportunity to claw back some of their lead over us. That'll be the best Christmas present for all the lads. I'm sure!"

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Jim Macdonald's World of Footbal

NOT MUCH OF IT ABOUT

News, that is ... especially the stuff that hasn't been done to death by the professional new hacks, fuelled by minute to minute Internet access and hotlines to every fitba' club manager and/or chairman ... and the tea lady.

For example, we were browsing through Carolyn Djanagly's "Centurion" - as one does - and found "Bertie Felstead" alongside Cliff Richard, John Major, Andrew Lloyd Webber and James Callaghan among others in a list of 100 British men and women who, in the words of the author "have helped fashion the social, political and cultural texture of the 20th century". Bertie Paton ... we could understand that ... but Bertie Felstead? Seemingly Mr Felstead's claim to fame is that while serving in the trenches on the Western Front he played football against a group of Germans: it was Christmas Day 1915, many years earlier than the Wembley hostilities of 1966. The story goes that Bertie, the last survivor of the event, enjoyed an unofficial Christmas truce with British and German soldiers emerged into no-man's land, exchanged greetings, handshakes and cigarettes ... produced a football ... and agreed not to fire on each other until the next day. They enjoyed their game ... and the following day set about the business of war. (Thought we had a scoop with that story .. that is until "The Scotsman" devoted about thirty column inches to it on Armistice Day.)

RICH

Things looked more promising when "Four Four Two" published the findings of a survey carried out by financial analysts Deloitte and Touche, focussing on the wealth of the world's footy clubs, based on reported turnover figures for 1997/98. Surprise, Surprise ... scarcely had "FFT" hit the doormat when every newspaper in Christendom was giving us the lowdown of the "Twenty Richest Clubs in the World" ... and Britain's Top 102. Otherwise we would have revealed - exclusively - that Man United sit on top of the pile with an annual turnover (1997/98) of £88 million, Newcastle (5th), Chelsea (9th) and Liverpool (10th) make it into the "Top Ten". Rangers creep into 16th spot with a mere £32.5 million ... and rivals Celtic were only half a million pounds short of making it into the "Top Twenty"... now, if only they had managed to off-load Harald it might have been a different story. Speaking of Harald ... as one does ... we hear that the Celtic star is learning Gaelic, reportedly indulging in the craic on the kids' radio programme "Splaoid" - freely translated as "hooley". Useful to know that, don't you think? We would have devoted at least half of this page, too, to a list of "Britain's Top 102", headed, of course by Man Utd, and this time Harald's club makes it into the Top Ten (10th) while anoraks will be pleased to note that the Pars' 1997/98 turnover of £2.4 million earned us 65th place - wow!

Pity I couldn't use that story, though.

KING KEY BUSINESS

We reckoned we had struck a rich seam (!), too, when we heard on the grapevine that all was not well in the Cole Kingdom - with Man Utd striker Andy Cole and West Ham midfielder Joe Cole, heading for the courts to secure the exclusive rights to the nick name "King Cole". Jings, Crivvens, help ma boab ... whatever next ... but apparently there's big money on the line in the merchandising game for whoever succeeds. Cole clan member Andy claims that he has enjoyed the title for at least the last six years, when the "Young Pretender", Joe, was scarcely 13 years old. As I say, we thought we had another scoop ... but the big boys beat us to it, pics "n" all.

NAE ATMOS HERE

Never mind, the inside track on World 2002 preparations would give us something to write about, something really obscure, like mascots. You know the story .. the hacks did it again - page after page - pull-out supplements interactive three-dimensional replicas with every copy .. FIFA unveiled the Atmos - the bizarre futuristic creatures will appear on everything from tickets to toilet rolls to promote the 2002 event ... and we missed the story! For the



record, for those of you who may have missed it " ... Atmos live in the sky is a place called Atmozone where they play their own version of football called Atmoball ... "

If Atmos are for you, storylines will be developed over the next two years plotting the adventures of a family of Atmos as they try to find their way to the 2002 World Cup Final!

GOALIES GALORE

By now we were despairing to coming up with anything for this page. A waste of time reporting the hat-trick of penalty kicks converted by Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert in a 6-1 victory for Velez Sarsfield against Ferro Carril Oeste in the Argentine championship. Possibly, though, the papers might have given a body swerve to the accusation levelled against Torino goalkeeper Gianluca Bucci that he had stubbed out a cigarette in the face of a Perugia official. Maybe not.

PICTURES OF MATCHSTICK MEN

Art. Now there's a subject the tabloids will steer clear of ... we thought. Tucked away in a wee corner of a so-called "heavy" was a little snippet about a LS Lowry painting which was about to be auctioned. Appropriately the "matchstick" man's work had the title "Going to the Match" and was expected to fetch £500,000 ... about the same price as a redundant Celtic striker, for example. What happened? The painting, described as a "... vivid recollection of English football's golden age ... showing crowds of matchstick men and boys on their way to Bolton Wanderers' Burnden Park", was bought for £1,926,500 by the Professional Footballers' Association ... and the following day the front pages of the World's press went overboard on the story!

BELGIAN PLEASURES

Last chance ... the World Cup draw ... and we've cracked it. Wall to wall coverage of Scotland's opponents in the 2002 qualifiers ... boring stiff on Belgium, Croatia, Latvia and San Marino ... but not a word about beer ... specifically Belgian beer. Now I happen to know that Belgium boasts more than 300 beers, including a range of biblical bevvy - "Forbidden Fruit" (banned in Israel and Bible-belt America); "St Sixtus" and "Triple Moine" (three monks) for instance; "diabolical" beers such as "Judas", "Satyre" and "Duvel" (devil); and real draft beverages like "Delirium Tremens" and "La Morte Subite" - which in proper French means "sudden death" (in slang it means "orgasm").

That's what I call "Exclusive" .. cos I read it in Adrian Gardiner's column in a popular broadsheet's "Weekend" supplement - so there!

AND FINALLY ...

Another exclusive .. time to say "Happy Christmas" to our reader.



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Second Eleven

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Big Win For Reserves

After some disappointing results recently John Ritchie was in an up beat mood when he talked to the Pars Programme about how work with the Reserve team was coming along. Although he was understandably pleased about the good all round performance in the 5-0 win over Montrose (a game which was switched to East End Park) on Thursday 30th November, John also expressed some satisfaction with the attitude and the work ethic of the squad. As Jimmy Nicholl has previously mentioned, it is sometimes difficult to get consistency and the right blend in the reserve team, because the team, of necessity, gets chopped and changed, sometimes at the last minute.

The Pars reserve side changed their system to the one recently favoured for the first team. When preparing for this game a threeman defence with Jamie Squires deployed as a sweeper behind was utilised to positive effect. John Ritchie explained that instead of the flat back four marking zones, the three-man defence marked man for man at the back. This then requires the midfield players to match the forward runs from the opposition's attacking midfield players. As we have seen in some recent home games when Justin Skinner operated so effectively as a sweeper, this system requires the use of four midfield players and allows for three front players so that it can be used as a very positive attacking model of play when required.

The Pars also showed some maturity in the second half by being able to adapt to Montrose's change of defensive tactics. When Montrose reverted to a flat back four in an effort to try and deny the Pars space in the wide positions, the Pars started to play more through the middle of the park where more space could be exploited.

One particularly pleasing feature from John Ritchie's point of view was that all of the goals came from the Pars forwards who received good service from the midfield players. Davie Graham impressed with a hat-tick and Colin Nish and Steven Hampshire scored one a piece. The Pars side was Hay, Taylor, Anderson, Squires, Potter (Wardlaw, 84 mins), McLeish (McCreadie, 80 mins), McGarty, Hampshire (Walker, 82 mins), Graham, Templeman, Nish.

Games are going to be hard to come by for the Reserves in the coming weeks, and postponements have already taken their toll. Pars Reserve match against Forfar Athletic at Station Park has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 21st December, while the match against Raith Rovers which was due to be played on Tuesday has now been postponed indefinitely.

Under 18 Team News

Not to be out done, the Under 18s beat Alloa 4-1 at Recreation Park on Saturday 20th November. John Ritchie felt that the

Under 18s have not recently been getting the results that their play perhaps deserved. On this occasion the Pars played well and got the result that they



had been after. Keir Nicol scored Pars first goal after 25 minutes and Dean Walker made it two before half-time. Walker was on the scoresheets again ten minutes into the second half, and Mark McGarty

rounded off the scoring in the 60th minute. The Walker-McGarty combination has now scored 17 of Pars Under 18s 19 goals this season, with Dean on 10 and Mark on 7. Craig McCreadie and Mark McGarty both played well in their

craig McCreadie and Mark McGarty both played wet in their respective midfield roles, as did the full backs. Indeed, John Ritchie referred to their overlapping support, which helped produce the



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young Pars second goal. The Pars side was from: Harrower, Nicol, Anderson, Hobbs, Wardlaw (Stuart, 45 mins), McCreadie, Fleming (Reekie, 45 mins), McGarty, Walker, Hynd (McDonald, 60 mins), Walls



The Under 18s next game, which was a reverse league against Arbroath, was postponed, because all the available match officials were on Scottish Junior Cup duty on the day in guestion!

And Finally

Congratulations to Chris Templeman, David Hay and Kevin Donnelly who have become the first young Scottish professional players to complete Sport and Recreation Modern Apprenticeships. The players received their certificates at a recent award ceremony held at Lauder College. Bert Paton and Ian Westwater who represented Dunfermline and former Youth Development Officer for the Pars, Davie McParland, who had worked closely with the players during their apprenticeships, attended the ceremony.

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

| Date | Opponents | Venue | Result | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| 31 August | FORFAR ATHLETIC | A | 2-0 | Nish, Squires |
| 7 September | RAITH ROVERS | Н | 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, Tod |
| | | | | McGroarty, Nish, Walker |
| 19 October | FORFAR ATHLETIC | Н | 4-1 | French, Moss, Nish, Petrie |
| 26 October | RAITH ROVERS | A | 0-1 | |
| 8 November | BRECHIN CITY | Н | 4-0 | Smith 4 |
| 17 November | AYR UTD (Res Lge (| Cup) A | 1-1 | (won on pens) Graham |
| 30 November | MONTROSE | A | 5-0 | Graham 3, Hampshire, Nish |

SCOTTISH LEAGUE YOUTH DIVISION 'C'

| Date | Opponents | Venue | Result | N.C. I. William |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|
| 2 September | FORFAR ATHLETIC | A | 2-0 | McGarty, Walker |
| 15 September | RAITH ROVERS | A | 0-3 | |
| 18 September | | Н | 1-1 | McGarty |
| 3 October | EAST STIRLINGSHIRE | Н | 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 (Youth Cu | D)H | 1-2 | Walker |
| 28 October | STENHOUSEMUIR | H | 1-3 | McGarty |
| 6 November | FORFAR ATHLETIC | Н | 1-3 | Walker |
| 18 November | | Н | 1-4 | Walker |
| 20 November | | A | 4-1 | Walker 2, McGarty, Nicol |
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RISTMAS QUIZ

Test your Pars knowledge (we've also included a few questions for Inverness fans) in this bunch of teasers about the Nineties. Better still, have a

bet with your mates about who can get most right - it might pay for those extra drinks at the Christmas party. There are no prizes, but we have printed the answers below, and remember, we're always right!

HOT SHOTS

1. Who scored the Pars first goal of the '90's?

2. When the Pars were relegated in 1991/92, who was their top scorer with six of the club's 22 goals?

3. True or false, Stewart Petrie was Dunfermline's top scorer in both 1994/95 and 1995/96 seasons.

4. Who scored twice on his full debut for the Pars on January 13th, 1996?

5. Only four hat-tricks have been scored by Pars players in the league during the '90's - who scored them?

CUP TIES

1. Who scored his first goal for the club in a Scottish Cup replay at Hamilton on January 31st, 1990? 2. Which 2nd Division side knocked Premier Division Dunfermline out of the Skol Cup at East End Park in 1990/91?

3. Which clubs did the Pars defeat on their way to the 1991/92 Skol Cup Final?

4. During the '90's, how many times did the Pars face non-league opposition in the Scottish Cup?

5. How many current Pars players appeared in Scottish Cup Finals during the '90's?

TRANSFERS

1. Billy Davies joined Dunfermline on October 31st, 1990, from which club?

2. Who signed for the Pars in August 1992 from Swansea City? 3. Which two players left East End Park to join Partick Thistle

in August 1991? 4. Since 1995, Dunfermline have signed two players from Birmingham City. Can you name them?

5. From which club did the Pars sign defender Steve Welsh and who does he play for now?

GOALKEEPERS

1. True or false, Andy Rhodes never missed a league match during his two seasons at the club.

2. John Hillcoat left East End Park in March 1994 to join which club?

3. The Pars used four goalkeepers during season 1994/95 can you name them?

4. From which club did the Pars sign Zoran Lemajic?

5. Who took over between the posts when Guido Van de Kamp went off injured against Dundee in October 1995?

ODDS AND ENDS

1. Who made his first team debut in a B & Q Cup tie at Arbroath on October 6th, 1992?

2. Which Pars players of the '90's were born in the following places: Gloucester, Nis, Darjeeling?

3. The highest crowd for a 1st Division match at East End

Park is 13,357, but against which team? 4. Can you name the Finn who made two appearances for the Pars during 1995/96?

5. What was the Pars biggest league win during the '90's and against whom?

ABOUT INVERNESS

1. Who was Caley Thistle's manager in 1994/95, their first season in the Scottish League?

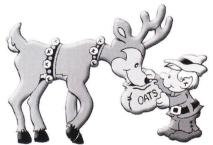
2. True or false, Charlie Christie scored a hat-trick in Inverness's first ever match in the Scottish League.

3. What Premier Division club narrowly

defeated Inverness after extra time in the Scottish Cup 4th Round replay in 1997/98?

4. Which Inverness player was voted Third Division Player of the Year in 1996/97?

5. Can you name two former Dunfermline players who went on to play for Caley Thistle?



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MATCH TIMES

Fans are reminded of the times of Pars forthcoming fixtures. The match here on Monday 27th December has been confirmed as having a 3.00pm kick off.

The match at Almondvale against Livingston on 8th January has been moved to a 12.30pm kick off. This is because Livingston are starting work on their fourth stand and the electrics will be out of commission, thus disabling the floodlights.

SECOND WALL IS ON THE WAY

The first wall of the new Supporters Wall along the length of the concourse at the Norrie McCathie Stand has now been completed and the task of building it will commence in January. Meanwhile, all fans who requested the Certificate have had them sent - just in time for Christmas.

The whole scheme has captured the Pars fans' imagination - so much so that the orders for the second wall are now over the one hundred and thirty mark! Look out for some more info in January about some other famous faces who might be joining the second wall, but in the meantime, if you want to be a part of it for £25, you can purchase a hand-crafted brick for yourself, your friend or relative with their own inscription with all of the proceeds from the venture going towards the Pars Youth Development Scheme.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS CLUB

Transport: The next away game is against Raith Rovers on Monday 3rd January. The bus will leave East End Park at 2.00pm. At this point we have been informed that the game will be all ticket but no further details are available. Please contact the Supporters Club for further details.

The game against Livingston on Saturday 8th January will kick off at 12.30pm. Departure will be 11.00am from East End Park. Any changes will be announced over the tannoy at the St Mirren game. If you require seats please contact the Supporters Club or telephone Caron Aird on 01383 515601.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH THE DIRECTORS, PLAYERS AND STAFF AT EAST END PARK, ALONG WITH PARS SUPPORTERS EVERYWHERE, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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CLUB SHOP

A final Christmas reminder that the new Buy Direct Club Shop at East End Park will be opening extra hours over the next week to allow you to get those late Christmas pressies. The Shop has taken in a whole load of NEW items including new jacquard scarves, glassware, and DAFC kids T-shirts. The good old Black and White home kit is also back on sale! The Shop has everything from stocking fillers right up to goods which would delight any Pars fan as their gift from Santa!

The shop will be open tomorrow from 12.00 noon until 5.00pm, and will be opening late on Thursday until 7.30pm. Remember too, that it now has its own telephone number - 01383 626737.

RAB'S 50TH!

A very happy 50th birthday to Mr Rab Wilson, an avid Pars fan who travels all the way from Orkney to support his favourite team! Rab's 50th is on 21st December, and he will be in the Jock Stein Suite today. His birthday wishes come from wife Sheila and Zoe and Paul in the North West Stand - and of course everyone else at East End Park!

AND FINALLY....

Talking of fans who travel from long distances, we received a very nice copy of press articles which had appeared in a local Inverness paper after five year old Zoe Johnstone who comes from Nairn was selected as Mascot for the Pars match against Raith Rovers. Zoe got some very nice publicity for herself and the Pars, and her Dad Alan who is also a Pars fan. Alan also happens to be a Youth Coach with today's visitors Inverness CT, thus the connection!



OUR PICTURE SHOWS A HAPPY MR MACINTYRE FROM DUNFERMLINE WHO WON THE VERY SIZEABLE CHEQUE FOR £800 FOR WINNING THE 50/50 DRAW AT THE CLYDEBANK GAME. PARS INJURY VICTIM JASON DAIR KINDLY PRESENTED THE CHEQUE.

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THANKS TO THE RECENT ADVERSE WEATHER there were several matches cancelled but there s still plenty to catch up on with the Pars teams in the Youth Development Initiative.

On November 21st, the Under 13s produced what coach Kenny Black believed to be their best performance of the season so far, away to Rangers. In what was a tight match, Dunfermline worked hard, kept their discipline and defended particularly well. Playing his first game for the club, goalkeeper Craig Lawrie had an outstanding match as did Craig Condie in defence.

With both of their following matches called off, it was disappointing that the lads couldn't build on their excellent display.

The Under 14s also were involved in a close game at Motherwell, where the teams shared a total of nine goals. In a match that flowed from end to end, Motherwell showed a degree of indiscipline by having three players red carded, although under the rules of the Youth Initiative others were allowed on in their place. The Pars outstanding performer was Fraser Allan, who scored two good goals, with Alistair Campbell and Stuart Harkins also doing well.

The following week, November 28th, the Under 14s played at home to Aberdeen in a match reduced to two 25 minute periods because of the terrible weather. Aberdeen played a very effective pressing game in the early stages and frequently caught the Pars out as they tried to play their short passing game. Following a few words of wisdom at the interval, the lads turned in a much improved second period, getting the ball up to the forwards much more quickly.

Demonstrating the importance that

Aberdeen are putting into their Youth Programme, three coaches were



on the sidelines for this fixture - Drew Jarvie, Chic McLelland and Ian Fleming, all former players of the club.

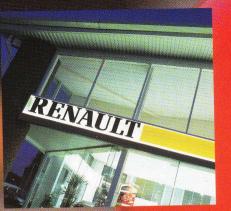
The Under 15s only recent match was against Cowdenbeath at Dundonald. After coming under some early pressure the Pars came more into the game as they grew in confidence and turned in a good all round performance. The goalscorers included Chris Spinks, who netted with an early header, David Henderson, with a volley from the edge of the box, and Gary Sutherland, who ran from his own half to score a fine individual goal.

The Under 16s have also played only once, at Glebe Park, Brechin, on November 28th. Heavy rain turned the pitch into such a mudbath that the Dunfermline kit needed four washes to get it clean!

Tony Lennon netted a hat-trick in a high scoring draw, although it was disappointing that the Pars played well and controlled most of the game only to suffer a late lapse which let Brechin back into the game.

All the matches scheduled for December 5th were washed out and with the winter break now upon us, the next round of fixtures in the Youth set up won't take place until January 23rd. There will still be plenty going on, however, as the players will be in for training the coaching staff will be put through the Coaching Education Course, which John Ritchie is qualified to do. We'll catch up with their progress in the New Year.

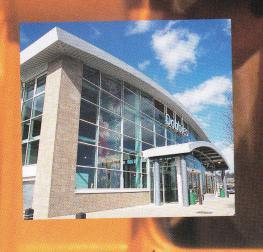
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A Review of the First Division

BILL KINNEAR has been struggling to fill the space in this week's issue, but he still finds time to look at the First Division scene and take a swipe at two of his mates, Lorenzo and Roy....

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First of all may I extend a personal welcome to Jimmy Calderwood. Jimmy, I hope you get as much enjoyment out of reading this often anarachic column as I have writing it. I hope that your time at East End Park is fruitful and that you can guide the team to the SFL First Division Championship and onward to the SPL where we belonq....

Last week, St Mirren's draw with today's visitors Inverness Caley Thistle coupled with the Pars 3-0 win at Cappielow against Morton (isn't it just about the saddest sight to see the state of Cappielow these days?) means that the gap between ourselves and the boys from Paisley cut by 25% to just six points. St Mirren are due here a week on Monday for what should be a real post-Christmas cracker (got the pun in Ed!). The Pars are undefeated since that 3-1 defeat at Love Street at the end of October and have won five games on the trot, scoring 15 goals and conceding only three. I guess the important thing is to keep the pressure on the current league leaders by continuing to win our own games.

Last week's league card was curtailed by the weather with Raith's tie against bottom side Clydebank and Airdrie v Livingston falling foul to flooded fields. Puddles of precipitation and postponements putting paid to peoples pleasure!! (I have to fill this column somehow when game are off!). As you know, I usually try to include something about the Shyberry Excelsior Stadium in my piece, and today is no different! The more observant of you will have noticed that Airdrie played their re-arranged match with Morton during the previous midweek in front of a crowd of 935. Apparently only one side of the ground was open. Winter shutdowns? All seater stadia? Premier League status? It definitely makes you think.

In the other game last week Falkirk came from behind to snatch a point at Ayr. Gordon Dalziel's side have now gone nine games without a win. I thought that they could have been contenders for a top five place but they have slipped to 8th place just a point ahead of Morton. Two weeks ago the Pars contributed to that poor run with a fine 3-0 at Somerset. Man of the Match Hamish "Faither" French bagged a brace and left the field to a standing ovation when he was substituted late in the second half. Maybe now the mindless boo-boys in the Norrie McCathie Stand won't boo him when his name is read out in the starting line up.

Raith Rovers made the headlines when the club and ex-Pars coach John McVeigh parted company. The big question was, did he jump or was he pushed? He said he was fired, the club said he left by mutual consent. He said that the Board were Scrappies, Carpet Fitters,

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Accountants etc and accused him of not being tactically aware. He said that was rubbish and that Kenny Black would always be the first name on his team sheet. You decide!

Anyway, both Fife First Division clubs are now under new management and if current form continues the New Year derby at Starks should be a real Millennium curtain-raiser.

STRANGE BUT TRUE..

Elsewhere in football strange, if not controversial things have been happening in European football.

Shock, horror, probe! Lorenzo Amoruso was accused of being racist when it was alleged he abused Borussia Dortmund's striker Victor Ikpeba. The TV cameras captured it - lip reading experts called in to confirm what he said - the Rangers captain denied it. But, two days later there he was apologising, admitting he said it, denying he was racist. Subject closed.

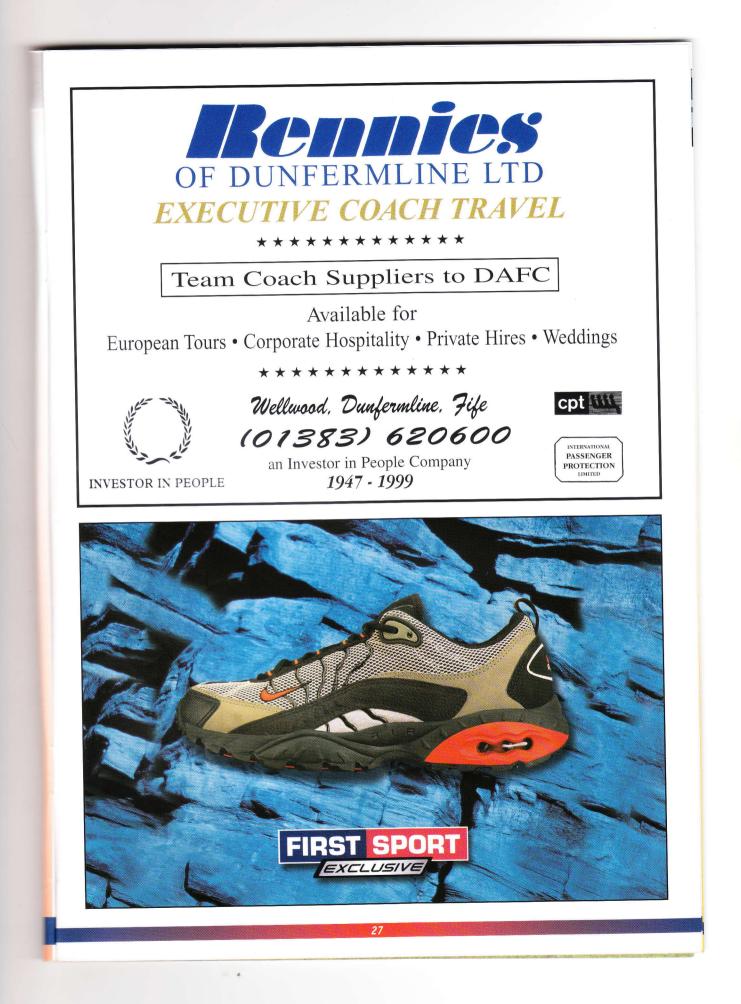
If that was you or me - Joe Fan hurling racist abuse at a black player we would be arrested, charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, taken to court and banned from the ground and humiliated beyond the pale, and rightly so. But, not big, Lorenzo, oh no. One rule for the high profile over paid, popular superstar and another for the rest. UEFA should transfer list him - make an example of him and demonstrate that this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated. But we all know that won't happen.

Man United had a convincing victory over Rangers' victors Valencia, thanks at least in part to Roy Keane's opening goal. Roy has been holding out for a new contract, and boy did he get it in the shape of a £50,000 a week deal. That's £1 for every paying customer every game at Old Trafford. Personally, I think it's obscene - mind you, I was told that Craig Levein's on the same contract at Cowdenbeath - he also gets £1 for every paying customer at Central Park....

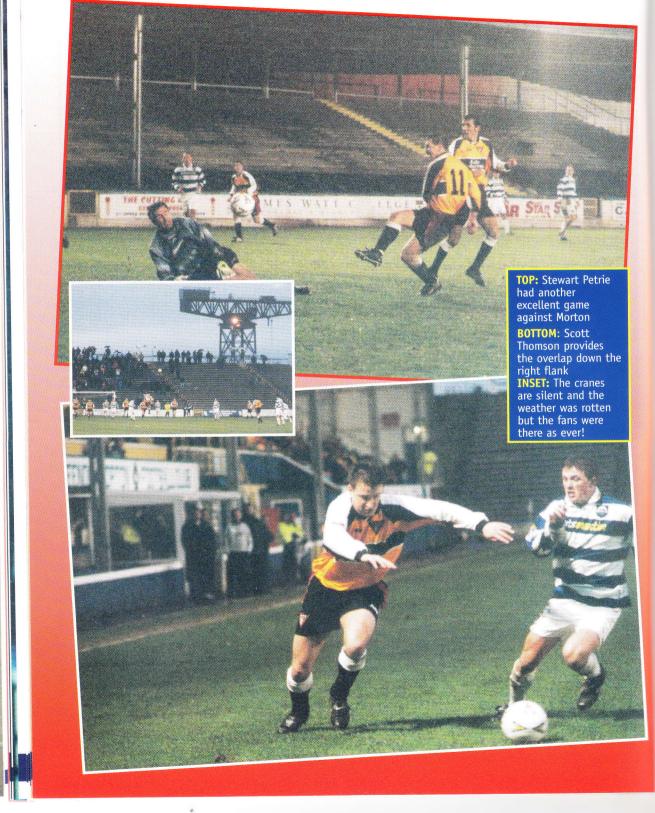
So, Hampden Park has been chosen to host the Champions League Final in 2002. Great, because the greatest ever European Cup Final took place on Scottish soil - the 1960 Final, played at Hampden in front of 135,000 fans, was an unbelievable game which finished Real Madrid (arguably the best ever club side) 7 Eintracht Frankfurt 3. These days they play so many games before they reach the final that the teams are knackered by the time May comes along. And what chance of a Scottish team in the Final? Slim and none!

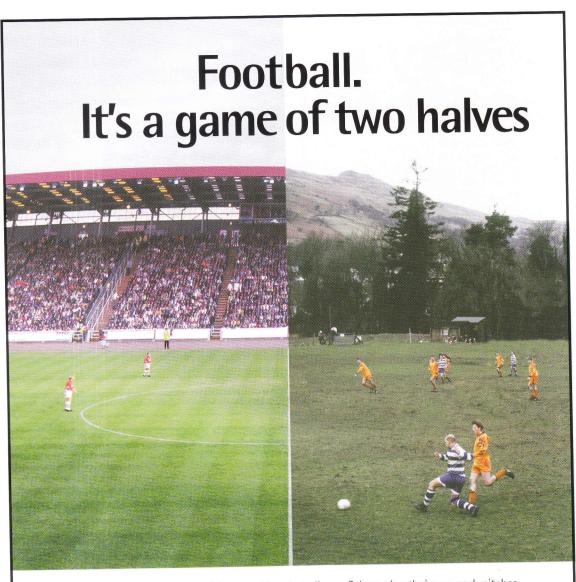
Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish the Team, Management, Board and Staff at East End Park a Merry Christmas. A joyous Noel also to the Programme Team and to all my readers (both of them - Ed). And, to all Dunfermline fans - Season Greetings!





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Today's Football

WITH RANGERS STRUGGLING FOR THE FIRST time this season to pull together results, Celtic will be feeling that they might just have a chance of getting back into the title race - particularly with the 'Old Firm' match coming up on 27th December. Motherwell is probably not the place Rangers would have chosen to go to at this time, so we'll wait until five o'clock to see if the gap has been closed.

Today's game looks as good a place as any for Clydebank to record their first win of the season, while Raith Rovers travel to Almondvale in an important match for two teams trying to keep apace with the clubs at the top. Ayr were apparently unlucky against Falkirk, so we hope that Faroese skipper Jens Christian Hansen can inspire them today against you-know-who. First and second play each other in the Second Division game of the day at Broadwood, while in the Third Division, eyes will be on Albion Rovers match against Dumbarton. The Coatbridge club are sitting bottom of the heap in Scotland, and last week equalled the worst ever defeat since the Third Division began - and that was against the second worst club, Brechin City!!

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BELL S LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION Albion Rovers v Dumbarton East Fife v Berwick Rangers Forfar Athletic v Brechin City Montrose v Cowdenbeath Queens Park v East Stirlingshire



PARS ON LOAN STRIKER STEVIE CRAWFORD won his first Man of the Match Award for the Pars for the part he played in the club's 2-1 win over Clydebank. Stevie has got better and better since his loan spell began and his partnership with Owen Coyle has been very lucrative with both players getting on the scoresheets. Quite what the future holds for the Hibs striker remains unclear but there's no doubting where the Dunfermline fans would like to see him play.

Second place points in the Clydebank game went to Owen Coyle. Typical of the way he has contributed this season, Owen made both goals for Dunfermline. His alertness and incisiveness around the box have paid dividends for the Pars this season. Owen leads the way in this season's Auto Windscreens Player of the Year points tally.

Third place went to Andy Tod whose showing against Clydebank was an indication of the big centre back's return to form.



Stevie Crawford wins his first Man of the Match Award

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MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER 1999 BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION ST MIRREN AT EAST END PARK

THIS GAME HAS BEEN GETTING the big build up for quite a few weeks. There's certainly no point in denying that it is one of the biggest games of the First Division season so far and because of that and the timing of the game, it is likely to attract the biggest crowd of the First Division this season. So much so that it just might be the first five figure crowd of the the season so far, but even if it ain't you would be wise to take your seats early!

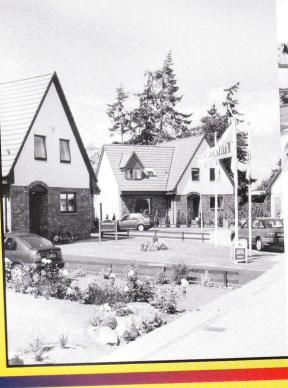
Whether the game will have any definitive say as to who is going to win the First Division title is another matter. St Mirren and Dunfermline have certainly pulled away a little from the other clubs in the Division, but with three points for a win these things can easily change. Dunfermline probably will be entering this match in better spirits than the previous two encounters this season. A new manager, the players' confidence lifted with a run of good results, and just that feeling that maybe St Mirren are there for the catching will give the players and fans the motivation to have a real go at St Mirren.

Unlike today's visitors Inverness, Dunfermline's results against St Mirren have been very poor against St Mirren this season. Dunfermline's only loss was at Love Street while the earlier game here was one of Pars worst performances and signalled a run of poor form which led to the current gap between the two sides.

Dunfermline have had a tendency of getting the big games right in recent seasons (Dundee United at Tannadice, Hibs at East End Park), and fans will be hoping that this one is no exception.

One final point - the game might unfortunately signal the end of Stevie Crawford's loan spell with the club.

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