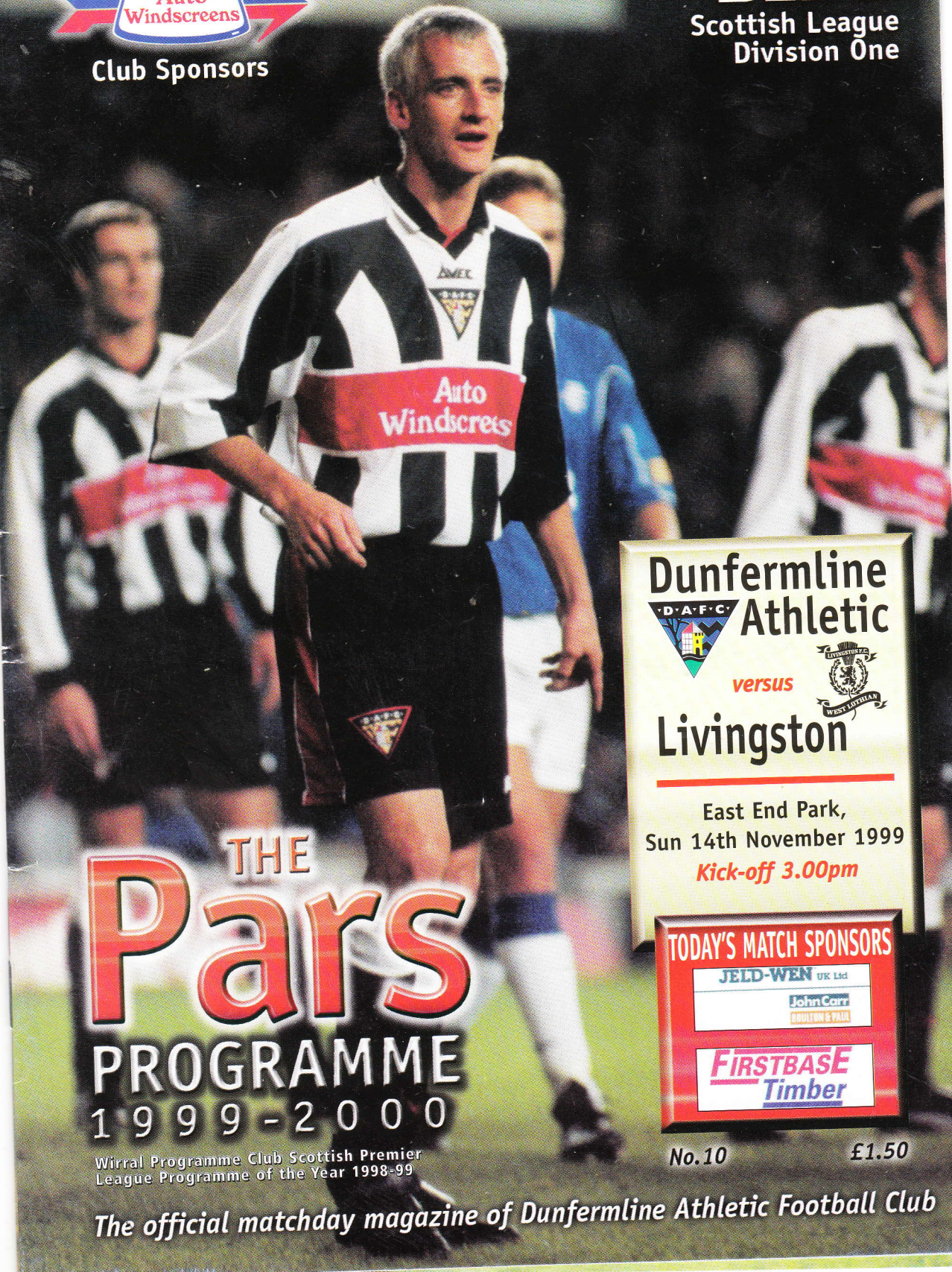




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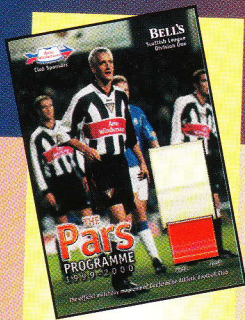
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1962/63, 1964/65, 1965/66
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Highest Position**

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Scottish League 1st Division

Champions: 1988/89, 1995/96
Runners up: 1912/13,
1993/94, 1994/95

Scottish League Division 2

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Champions: 1925/26
Runners-Up: 1912/13,
1933/34, 1954/55, 1957/58,
1972/73

Scottish League 2nd Division

Champions: 1985/86
Runners-Up: 1978/79

Scottish Cup

Winners: 1961, 1968
Runners-Up: 1965
Semi-Finalists: 1964, 1966

Scottish League Cup

Runners-Up: 1949/50, 1991/92
Semi-Finalists: 1989/90,
1996/97, 1997/98

Scottish Qualifying Cup

Winners: 1911/12

Central League

Champions: 1910/11, 1911/12

BP Scottish Youth Cup

Winners: 1987/88

**Scottish Reserve League
(East)**

Champions: 1986/87, 1992/93

Jimmy Nicholl...

CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES during the week, I was happy with the players' response at the start of the game against Raith on Saturday. We had good movement and passing and although I would have liked to see a bit more goalmouth action, I was happy going in 1-0 up at half-time. The crowd responded too when we did play good football.

We knew at 1-0 down that Raith would come at us in the second half but for some strange reason instead of being able to respond we sat back. I watched the video of the game and we were 15 to 20 yards deeper in the second half. I can understand how players feel in that situation because I've been there myself - I'm sure that a lot of the time players don't actually realise that they are doing it. I don't mind players making

mistakes, but the bottom line is that you can't keep making the same mistake time after time because that is unforgivable. And what some don't seem to realise is that allowing the opposition to have possession does affect us - they might not be scoring goals, but it does affect our support.

As I've said, there were good signs from last week - Stevie Crawford and Owen Coyle showed that they can combine well, and there was more mobility than we've had. Chris McGroarty played very well and showed what can be done when you get stuck in. A special mention too for Ian Westwater. We thought he had a serious viral infection so the decision to play him was taken late on, but he did really well considering he was ill.

I took the decision last week to leave one or two players out of the team, but I have to say that they have shown a great attitude to being left out. On Monday we played some of them in the Reserves and players like Jamie Dolan, Eddie May and Andy Smith responded well. In fact, Andy scored all four goals in the Reserve win.

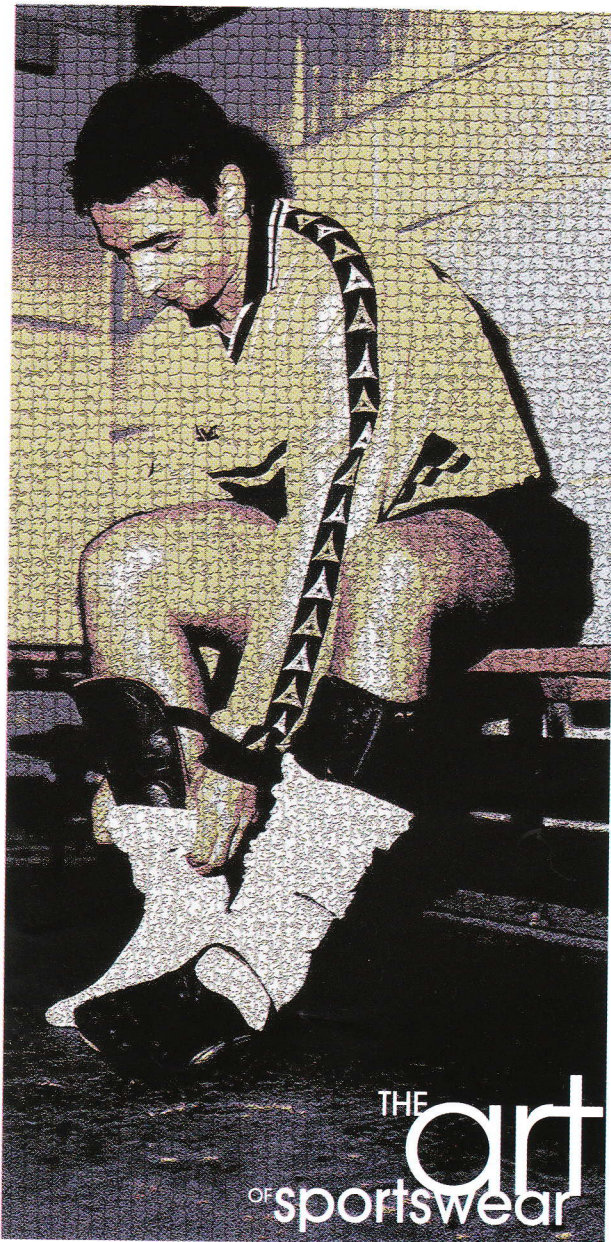
Livingston might have stuttered a little in recent weeks but they are still a major threat. I saw them against St Mirren and they played very well in the first half before losing narrowly. They have a strong squad of experienced professionals and they still expect to be up there at the end of the season. All that I am concerned about is winning the game - we have to try to break the negative thinking that is around at the present time.

For myself, I am philosophical about the future. I am trying not to get involved in all that is going on around me, but instead to work away and focus on the job in hand which is about winning today's game. I enjoy working here, but I will have to wait to see what my own future holds after today.



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Ian McCaldon (Goalkeeper)
Previous Club: Glenafton Juniors
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Signed: December

24 year old Ian must surely be one of the tallest keepers in Scottish Football. Given the number one shirt two seasons ago, "Eagle" didn't let the side down with a series of brilliant performances. An excellent penalty kick and shot stopper, he treated the ball as his prey. His presence along can be off-putting even to the most experienced striker. Missed 26 games through injury last term but is now fully fit and back to his best.

Paul Deas (Defender)
Previous Club: Stirling Albion

Signed: July 1998

Ray Stewart brought Paul with him from Stirling Albion when he was appointed first team coach at Livi last term. Paul, "Deadel" to the fans, can be depended upon to clear his lines and tidy his area before moving forward to provide an option in attack. An almost ever present during the last campaign, he has begun this season exceptionally well.

Sean Sweeney (Defender)
Previous Club: Airdrie

Signed: July 1998

A strong and focused central defender who brings hard won experience to the Livi squad. Sean plays every game with trademark determination and can be counted on to turn the tide of any assault. Poses a threat at set pieces as he showed when scoring versus Airdrie in August.

Allan McManus (Defender)
Previous Club: Hearts

Signed: August 1998

Allan was a member of the Jambo's Scottish BP Youth Cup winning side in 1992. He played his way through the youth set up and made his first team debut v Aberdeen at Pittodrie at the end of 1995. Made his Livi debut v Caley Thistle on the 15th August last year. A determined, no nonsense centre back with great vision, Allan won both Junior and Senior supporters' player of the year awards for season 98/99.



Graham Coughlan (Defender)
Previous Club: Blackburn Rovers
Signed: July 1999

This tall defender, originally brought on loan from Blackburn, signed full-time during the close season. Graham uses height and natural ability to great effect and is never afraid to make an incisive forward run when an unwary midfield allows him the opportunity. Brave and fearless, he goes in where it hurts. A stand out already this term and a real fans favourite.

John Millar (Midfielder)
Previous Club: Raith Rovers

Signed: July 1998

Tall strong and organised defensive midfielder who was recently promoted to player/coach. A former team-mate of Robbo's at Hearts, he is both consistent and determined and never gives less than a full shift. John brings vast experience to the team and commands great

respect. Has netted 7 times so far for the Lions including a great strike this term versus Morton.

Marc Millar (Midfielder)
Previous Club: Dunfermline

Signed: 1999

Some great performances in the pre-season friendlies had the Lion's faithful purring in anticipation of the campaign ahead. Marc has not disappointed. With creativity, vision and passing he can control a game from the midfield. Packs a powerful shot and is a real threat at set pieces. An excellent addition to the Lions squad.

Ray McKinnon (Midfielder)
Previous Club: Luton Town

Signed: Sept 1999

Another ex-Terror with a wealth of experience in the upper reaches of the game. Came on as a late sub in the Challenge Cup semi final loss at Inverness. Ray made his full debut in the 1-1 draw away to St Mirren and slotted in well to the Lions midfield. An intelligent and skilful player.

Charles King (Midfield)
Previous Club: St Johnstone

Signed: Sept 1998

Signed to the Lions last December on a two and a half year deal following an extended loan period from the Saints. Charles has made the right winger's shirt his own and proved an extremely valuable acquisition for gaffer Ray Stewart. His pace and wizardry have made him a cult hero with the Lion's fans and, still only 19 years old, he may improve even further! Netted nine times during the last campaign.

David Bingham (Forward)
Previous Club: Dunfermline

Signed: June 1998

A terrific capture from the Fifers. An attacking forward, his contribution will often dictate both the pace and the shape of the game. Livi's joint top marksman last season with 15 goals. "Bingo" suffered a bad injury in the Cup game with the Dons and missed several games during which he could well have added to that tally. He is really enjoying First Division football and has already struck a rich vein of goalscoring form.

Brian McPhee (Forward)
Previous Club: Airdrie

Signed: July 1998

Full of pace, ability and vision. The "Bee" loves to score goals, and even though he mostly had to be content with coming off the bench, he managed a total of 9 last term. On one famous occasion he came on as a sub versus Alloa and, 36 seconds later, struck the goal that guaranteed Livingston a place in the 1st Division this season. Netted 40 seconds into the Challenge Cup quarter final victory over Raith Rovers.

Mark McCormick (Forward)
Previous Club: Nil

Signed: July 1998

Signed 'S' form with Livi during their first season. Now a regular in the first team, young Mark has a bright future ahead. Recurring injury restricted his training schedule two years ago but the unwelcome lay off has imbued him with a voracious appetite for the game. He was rewarded with an inaugural first team start for Livi's initial League game last term and scored the first goal of the game 3 minutes after the start. Netted a total of five including the historic last goal ever scored at old Bayview.

Gerry Britton (Forward)
Previous Club: Dunfermline

Signed: 1999

An experienced attacker who has performed with several clubs including Dundee, Partick Thistle and Dunfermline. Gerry made a huge impact on his Livi debut away to Cowdenbeath, scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory. Excellent in the air, or with the ball at his feet. Gerry has a great eye for goal.

Andy McLaren (Forward)
Previous Club: Reading

Signed: October 1999

Signed to Reading by Tommy Burns and found himself on the sidelines when his gaffer was sacked. Yet another ex Dundee United player Andy has signed a 3 month contract initially and will be looking to impress Ray Stewart. Can play on either wing and is an excellent crosser of the ball.

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Headlines...

Progress On Managerial Appointment



Chairman John Yorkston faces the media.

Dunfermline are on course to make an announcement about a new managerial appointment next week. This follows a hectic spell of activity in which a huge amount of interest has been created over the post vacated after the resignation of manager Dick Campbell. The club have received messages of interest from around Europe and from different parts of Britain.

The decision will only be made after very careful consideration, despite the fact that the media are already clamouring for news about the appointment. The Chairman John Yorkston has made it clear that he has an open mind on the appointment, because what he wants is the best person possible and one who will get the club back into the Premier League at the end of the season. When the Chairman went on live radio at the weekend, he was castigated by Chic Young and Jim Traynor for making such high demands on any new manager, but why not? Fascinating to see these Sportsound boys have suddenly become Dunfermline's best buddies (forgive the pun in Chic's case), and that they're looking after our best interests. No offence intended guys, but most of us here would rather leave the selection to the Chairman! Dunfermline are an ambitious club with a good support and a clear vision about where it wants to go. Yes, there are pressures that go with such responsibilities, but a lot of very good football people would be delighted to be offered the chance of such a challenge.

Ian Westwater's Records

Quite a lot has been written recently in the local press about Ian Westwater's 'record' number of appearances for the Pars. We are not quite sure from where the information came, but we can assure Pars fans it is inaccurate!

Regrettably, Ian Westwater has not broken Hugh Whyte's 13 year old league goalkeeping record - well not just yet anyway! We always suspected that this was the case, but having double checked our records against the official league records, we can reveal that the exact position is as follows:

q Hugh Whyte made a total of 311 league appearances for the Pars between 1976 and 1986, the highest ever by any Dunfermline goalkeeper. Up to and including last Saturday's

match against Raith Rovers, Ian Westwater had made 308 league appearances for the Pars.

Of those, two were substitute

appearances - one as a replacement goalkeeper which counts,

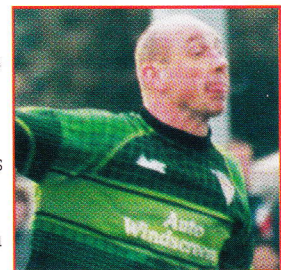
and one, famously, as an outfield player against Airdrie, which, while counting towards Westie's overall record, cannot be included in any count for the record number of goalkeeping appearances. Before today therefore, Ian required a further four goalkeeping appearances to equal Hugh Whyte's all-time record!

q Counting all first class games (League Cup, Scottish Cup, etc), Hugh Whyte made 362 appearances for the Pars - again, a goalkeeping record. To date, Ian Westwater has notched up 352 appearances in all games, so is also very close to breaking this record.

q Hugh Whyte made 101 league shut-outs for the Pars, and a total of 116 in all games. Ian Westwater has currently 95 in league matches and 111 in total.

q Finally, counting matches for Hearts and Falkirk, Ian Westwater has played in a total of 435 matches in Scotland, and has achieved 131 shut-outs.

Ian Westwater has been a fantastic servant to Dunfermline Athletic Football Club, having played in 14 out of the last 16 seasons for the club. He has seen off numerous challenges for the number one jersey and has kept himself superbly fit throughout his career. He has also been a wonderful ambassador for the club, so we at the Pars Programme fervently hope that he reaches all of those milestones mentioned. And when he does, we'll be there to tell you all the facts!



And Finally...

Dunfermline's home crowd last Saturday was the highest attendance of the season to date in the First Division. The crowd of just under 7,000 was not brilliant, but it and some of the other First Division attendances this season show that the fans will turn out to see football in this division. Crowds against Falkirk (6,520), St Mirren (6,220) and Raith (6,889) compare favourably with crowds in the Premier League from last season such as Dundee (5,279), Kilmarnock (5,608) and Aberdeen (6,510), all of which happened at the same stage in the year. It certainly provides food for thought....

OPEN DAY SUCCESS

A LARGE NUMBER OF DUNFERMLINE'S most devoted supporters are now truly 'In With The Bricks' following the successful launch of the scheme to create a Supporters Wall in the Norrie McCathie Stand Concourse at East End Park.

The event which began with an emotional first brick in the wall from Norrie McCathie's Mum Elaine McCrindle, was followed by some of the most famous players from the last five decades – George Peebles, Harry Melrose, Grant Jenkins, Ross Jack and Greg Shields – all placing their very own brick in the wall. Fans then queued up to arrange their own bricks – some with very poignant messages. One of the earliest customers said that he was dedicating his brick to his seven year old son who had died. Others wanted to include a bit of humour while others still wanted a place for their family name in the Wall.

Commercial Manager Audrey Bastianelli declared the first day of the Supporters Wall a huge success adding, "We have sold over 400 bricks on our first day which has considerably exceeded my expectations. Since then we have been taking orders every day from fans. The first wall contains 598 bricks, so if fans want to be in that first wall they need to act quickly." The bricks, which can contain a personalised inscription are priced £25 each. In addition, fans can get a Certificate of Authenticity for a small extra charge. Details are available now from the Main Office at East End Park.

The rest of the Open Day was also a great success with the new Pars Shop, the Young Pars, and the various other stalls and events doing a good trade. Considering the weather and the fact that the 'Old Firm' were playing, it was a very good day!



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1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

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	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Owen Coyle	10(0)	6	2(0)	2	1(0)	2	13(0)	10
Stephen Crawford	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0
Jason Dair	10(0)	1	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	12(0)	1
Jamie Dolan	12(0)	0	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	15(0)	0
Hamish French	4(5)	1	2(0)	0	0(1)	0	6(6)	1
David Graham	0(6)	1	1(0)	0	0(1)	0	1(7)	1
Steve Hampshire	3(0)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	1
Richard Huxford	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	1
Craig Ireland	1(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	1(3)	0
Eddie May	8(1)	0	1(1)	0	1(0)	0	10(2)	0
Chris McGroarty	3(3)	0	0(2)	0	1(0)	0	4(5)	0
David Moss	4(2)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	1
Colin Nish	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(3)	0
Stewart Petrie	10(0)	1	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	12(0)	2
John Potter	3(2)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	0
Brian Reid	12(0)	3	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	15(0)	3
Greg Shields	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Justin Skinner	7(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	7(0)	0
Andy Smith	10(1)	4	2(0)	1	1(0)	0	13(1)	5
Scott Thomson	8(1)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	10(1)	1
Andy Tod	9(1)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	11(1)	0
Ian Westwater	12(0)	3*	2(0)	1*	1(0)	0	15(0)	4*

Correct at 13th October, 1999. *Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper.

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	HOME						AWAY						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
St Mirren	13	5	2	0	19	9	4	1	1	18	7	30	21	
Dunfermline	13	3	4	0	11	5	2	3	1	11	9	22	8	
Raith Rovers	13	4	1	1	15	12	2	3	2	11	9	22	5	
Falkirk	13	4	0	3	12	12	2	3	1	9	8	21	1	
Livingston	13	3	3	1	13	7	2	2	2	8	9	20	5	
Inverness CT	13	2	2	2	7	7	2	2	3	10	11	16	-1	
Airdrie	13	2	3	1	7	8	2	1	4	4	12	16	-9	
Ayr United	13	3	1	2	7	5	1	1	5	8	16	14	-6	
Greenock Morton	13	1	2	3	7	11	2	1	4	12	15	12	-7	
Clydebank	13	0	1	6	5	18	0	2	4	3	7	3	-17	

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.	
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	4-0	4,685	West
	Tue 10	Morton	Bells Cup 1	H	2-2	2,893 West
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A	2-2	2,872	West
	Wed 18	Queens Park	CIS Cup 2	H	4-0	2,596 West
	Sat 21	Morton	H	2-1	4,036	West
	Sat 28	Falkirk	H	1-1	6,520	West
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A	1-0	5,798	West
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H	1-1	6,220	West
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A	2-2	6,087	West
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H	2-1	4,051	West
Oct	Sat 09	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	4-1	560	West
	Wed 12	Rangers (CIS Cup 3)	A	0-1	30,024	West
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H	0-0	3,964	West
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A	1-1	3,016	West
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A	1-3	6,130	West
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H	1-1	6,889	West
	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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Name	Club	Bells League	CIS Cup	Bells Cup	Tenn Sc.Cup	Totals
Owen COYLE	Dunfermline	6	2	2	0	10
Barry LAVETY	St.Mirren	10	0	0	0	10
Craig DARGO	Raith Rovers	7	1	1	0	9
Mark YARDLEY	St. Mirren	9	0	0	0	9
Scott CRABBE	Falkirk	5	2	0	0	7
Paul SHEERIN	Inverness CT	5	1	1	0	7
Didier AGATHE	Raith Rovers	6	0	0	0	6
David BINGHAM	Livingston	4	0	2	0	6
Gerry BRITTON	Livingston	3	2	1	0	6
Colin MACDONALD	Falkirk	5	0	1	0	6
Nigel JEMSON	Ayr United	5	0	0	0	5
Steve MCCORMACK	Airdrie	3	2	0	0	5
Brian MCPHEE	Livingston	4	0	1	0	5
Andy SMITH	Dunfermline	4	1	0	0	5

BELL'S 1st DIV. ATTENDANCES 1999/2000

Name	Gms	Total Attn.	Avg. Attn.	Highest Attendance during Season
Airdrieonians	6	12,331	2,055	2,872 v Dunfermline (14.08.99)
Ayr United	6	13,962	2,327	3,467 v St Mirren (23.10.99)
Clydebank	7	4,755	679	1,513 v St Mirren (29.08.99)
DUNFERMLINE ATH	7	36,359	5,194	6,889 v Raith Rovers (06.11.99)
Falkirk	7	21,299	3,043	4,505 v St Mirren (25.09.99)
Inverness Cal Th.	6	15,585	2,598	3,022 v Falkirk (14.08.99)
Livingston	7	28,012	4,002	5,798 v Dunfermline (04.09.99)
Morton	6	9,619	1,603	3,733 v St Mirren (06.11.99)
Raith Rovers	6	20,037	3,340	6,087 v Dunfermline (18.09.99)
St Mirren	7	30,909	4,416	6,773 v Morton (18.09.99)

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Livvy don't quite fall into the category of a traditional local derby team, but I'm sure with their ex-Pars players today's game should be a good old fashioned tussle. They will want to sneak out of East End Park today with at least one point, but I'm sure our boys will do everything they can to make sure they get none!

I hope you all liked my tribute to Guy Fawkes last week, when I did my impression of "Rocket Man". Fortunately my rocket was less likely to fire up than a damp squib! Mind you that's pretty lucky really because the last thing I wanted to do was to be projected into space for Saturday night - especially THAT Saturday night! For all those who missed it on Channel 5 last Saturday night, Dunfermline's It's a Knockout Team were finally crowned on TV as Great Britain Champions! Yours truly had a wonderful time - I fair enjoyed getting my big grinning face on telly again!! And to top the lot, we were all invited along to a Civic Reception in the Music Institute directly after last week's game....VERY POSH INDEED! Rumour has it that the It's a Knockout organisers want me in Europe next year for the old Jeux Sans Frontieres - here's hoping!!

Calling all Pars fans... I don't need to tell you this is a big game for us against one of our championship 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!

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**Love and cuddles,
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YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hello Everyone,

First of all, we must send our very best wishes to Dick Campbell and his family for the future and also thank him for all he has done over the years for the Young Pars. From the Young Pars Committee's point of view, our events just won't be the same without that cheeky grin! (mind you, we won't miss the frequent slaggings he used to give us!) One thing that we should all learn from this is that we are here to support the Club, and everyone involved in it. We're certain that our Young Pars will give 100 percent backing to the Management and Players for the rest of the Season, and we would all hope that genuine Pars fans will do likewise (End of lecture!!)

YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Many Happy Returns to the following Young Pars:

Dominic Sherry	Kieran Lynch
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Craig Nicol	Mark Toynton
Peter Rumney	Adam Claybourne
Scott Curtis	Ruth Henderson
John Whyte	Ross Beattie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Christmas Events are coming up and the plans are as follows:

Thursday 2nd December: Young Pars aged 7-9 years:

Ten Pin Bowling

Thursday 9th December: Young Pars aged 10-16 years:

Ten Pin Bowling

Sunday 12th December: Sammy's Gang Members:

Bubbles and Burgers with Sammy!

More details will be in your Young Pars Newsletter, which will be coming your way soon, so look out for your Postie, and remember, you MUST send in your replies!

AND FINALLY....

Remember, it's still not too late to join the Young Pars this Season, especially if you want to come to our Christmas Events, so just phone Margo on 01383 736879 for an application form.

Have you all visited the new Club Shop yet? There are plenty of gifts you can buy for your friends and family for Christmas, as well as ideas for your own list! We're busy choosing the design for this year's Christmas card and it's proving to be a difficult task as the drawings are so good. (Mind you, there was an entry from a certain I. Westwater that looks a bit promising, but maybe that would be a bit unfair as we don't know what age group this would fit into!). We've also chosen Sammy's Christmas present already, but he'll just have to wait and see what it is!

See you all soon

Young Pars Committee

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JOHN POTTER

IF THERE IS ONE GOLDEN RULE in football, it is that when your chance comes along, seize it with both hands. Although only with the club for a few short months, John Potter made a surprise debut in place of club captain Andrew Tod, and acquitted himself well with a series of solid, consistent performances, as well as gaining high praise from sources in and around the club. Bob Storie asked John how he was adapting to his new role in the team in a recent interview.

Tell us a wee bit about yourself

"I'm a local lad, I was born in Dunfermline. I've got to admit that I was more of a Liverpool fan when I was younger, so I didn't come to that many games here. I didn't really have that many interests or hobbies outside of football - about the only thing I'm doing at the moment is taking driving lessons, so transport for me back and forward to training is on the good old bus! I enjoyed my time at Celtic, and there were some good moments to look back on - winning the BP Youth Cup was a special occasion, and I was one on the bench for a First Team friendly against Sporting Lisbon in Portugal. However, that's all behind me now, and all I'm looking forward to now is doing my bit to help Dunfermline get back to the Premier League - that's what it's all about."

What is the story behind you joining the club?

"Celtic released me at the end of last season, which would normally have been a big wrench, but I was kind of half expecting it from about the turn of the year. I wasn't alone - there were about 11 of us from the under 21 side allowed to leave. I had trials with both Bournemouth and Oldham during the summer but nothing clear-cut was decided on. I then got a call from my agent that Dunfermline were interested in signing me, and that was great news as far as I was concerned, as I'm a local lad anyway! In a perfect world, they would have been my first choice. As it was, I'm delighted to be here, and trying to make my mark."

Your debut came very quickly - was this expected?

"Certainly not by me, no! I've only been here a few weeks, so it was out of the blue when the boss told me the Friday before the Ayr game that I was in to cover for Andy (Tod) on the right side of defence. That's my natural position, and I think I did ok on the day, because I got to stay in for the next four games, including Ibrox. The senior players kept me right during the games, and I've enjoyed the bonus of an early call-up."

Barry Ferguson has recently signed a major new contract for Rangers - does big money guarantee success?

It's clearly an indication from Rangers that they want to hold on to their best players, and Barry is a tremendous player, who's come on in leaps and bounds in the last year or so. He's definitely one of our best young players, along

with Marc Burchill at Celtic, and I'm sure he'll be a regular in the Scotland

Squad very soon, maybe even for the England games.

This is the kind of move that should be a big incentive for our own home-grown players, as this is the kind of beginning to aim for.

Henrick Larsson's injury was pretty horrific - can he be the same player again?

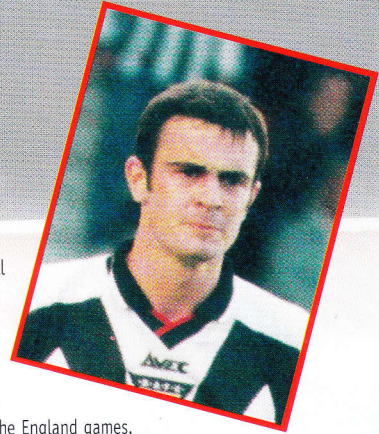
"It certainly was a real bad one, and TV footage showed it in all its horror. I've no doubt that Henrick can come back from this - he strikes me as the kind of guy who's just as tough mentally as well as physically, and he'll get the very best of treatment from the club. The remainder of the season will be used to recover in a proper and disciplined manner, and you can be sure that Celtic will give him just as much moral support and motivation. It'll be a wrench for him to probably miss out on Euro 2000, as he's the main man for Sweden, but there's no reason why he can't play for his country again in the future."

Recent results have not been kind - how are the players addressing this?

"No one's denying how disappointing our performances have been over the last two or three games. The Inverness game was a real let down, as we started off all right and Stevie Hampshire scored a good goal. I don't know what came over us after that, but we seemed to fade out of the game second half, and we allowed them a fairly soft equaliser near the end. Down at St Mirren's place, we seemed to be chasing the game the whole way through. We've lost our first game. Maybe it's not the best thing to say, but perhaps the heat will be off us now that the unbeaten run has gone. We must get back to basics, and work ever harder to get a cutting edge again!"

Livingston have fared well this season - can they be strong challengers?

"They probably already are! They're up near the top on merit, and have got some good results. It's no surprise to me, though, as I expected them to be there this early. They've got good resources, a good squad of players, and they've got money to spend if they have to, and that's a great position to be in if your playing for Premier League football. I'm sure there will be a good bit of friendly rivalry on the day, as there's one or two ex Athletic players in their ranks, notably Mark Millar and Gerry Britton, as well as David Bingham - they'll be anxious to put one over on us, so they'll be players to watch out for. Each new game seems to take on even bigger significance, so we'll be concentrating on making sure we'll be well prepared!"





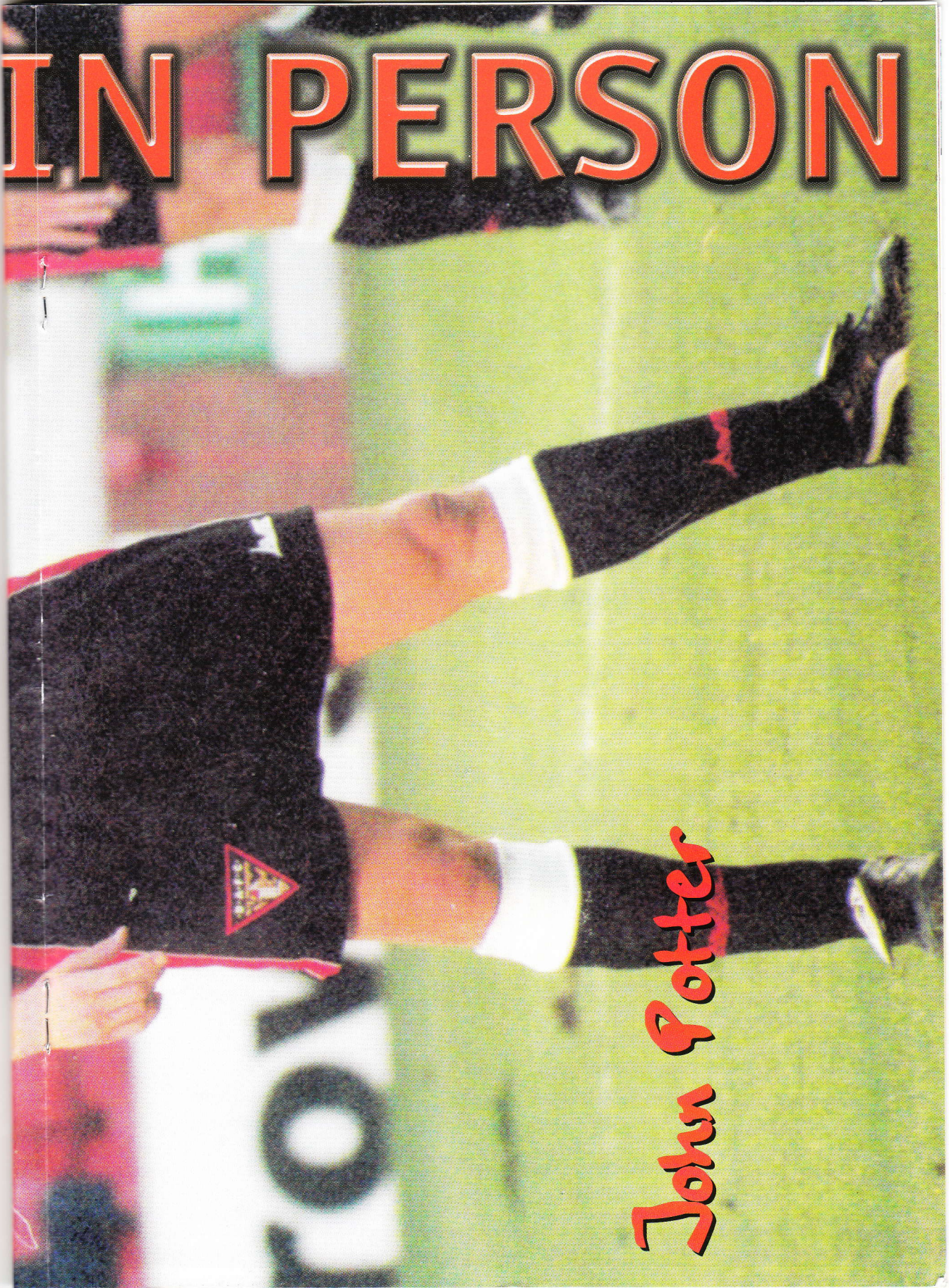
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AWAY FROM IT ALL

Don't know if it's a good idea to go off on holiday during the fitba' season, but I enjoyed it - and seemingly didn't miss too much. Three goals, two draws and one defeat in the matches following the Airdrie debacle was no big deal; Dick's resignation was a bit of a surprise; and the European "achievements" of the "Old Firm" were fairly predictable.

Most of the time we had to make do with snippets of news in the "Vancouver Sun", competing for readers' attention with yards of coverage of ice hockey, baseball, American football and golf. Soccer is a poor relation in Canada. Jimmy Nicholl's old club - Vancouver Whitecaps - seems not to be around anymore; more girls than boys appear to be involved actively; and goalposts in the public parks are made of aluminium or stainless steel, something which may be of interest to our friends in Greenock!

FFT EXCLUSIVE

Always first with the news, "Four Four Two" had a real scoop on its hands this month with the news that Roy Murray had been appointed to the managerial hot seat at East End ... but only for a day ... shades of Iain Munro's sojourn with the "Wee Team"

Maybe we should explain that the report was set out in the "If you were the boss" fantasy section of the glossy mad., where punters can indulge themselves with a bit of daydreaming. We don't know if Roy has made it onto the short list for the real thing, but he's not alone in identifying the strengths, weaknesses and spending priorities.

Whetted the appetite? You can find out more by sending a mere £2.90 on the December edition of "FFT" ... or put it on your Christmas list as stocking filler.

GOGGLES

Seems that, not content with facemasks and facial strips, the latest facial accessories for Fitba' superstars are protective goggles. Word on the street is that Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids wore them after a long dispute over the eyedrops he takes for glaucoma, FIFA reluctantly sanctioning the goggles after ruling that the drops contained a banned substance. Some claim that the dispensation gives Davids an unfair visual advantage ... like the ability to see clearly.

Will it catch on? Will referees be the next in line? Watch this space.

GIGGLES

We liked the quote attributed to Aberdeen manager Ebbe Skovdahl following the Dons' thumping defeat at Celtic Park last month: "Our goalkeeper - David Preece - has gone to hospital with a head injury, he can't remember anything. I said to him "I wish I was you".

From the lips of a politically incorrect member of the Radio Scotland commentary team reporting on last week's Hearts v Motherwell fixture: "I was impressed by 'Well's fat black four...." To spare his blushes we won't name the culprit ... but it was a former central defender of some renown.

Probably done to death by the tabloids, but we enjoyed the story that at long last Gordon Strachan has acquired three mates ... following Coventry City's football merchandising venture to launch British Football's first "official" condom". Sorry!

GRIEF, GOALS AND A GOOD WOMEN

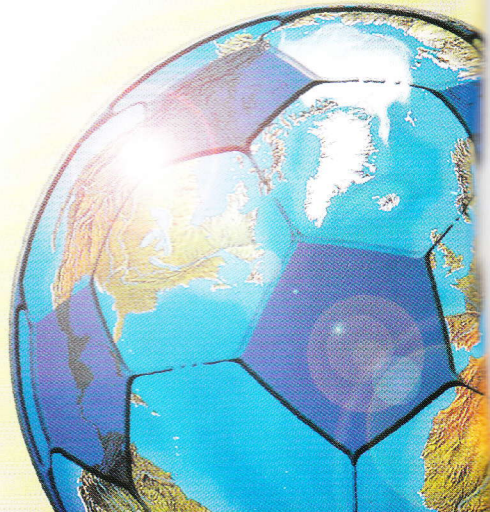
In a moment of weakness - although it may have had something to do with Asda's heavily discounted price - we broke the habit of a lifetime by spending serious cash on a football autobiography for holiday reading, much to the disgust of my mate Peter, who described the tome in question as, "... the sort of book that once you lay it down you cannae pick it up again ..." Nothing to do with the quality of writing, of course, more the fact that it was a 500 page hardback, Sir Alex Ferguson's "Managing My Life".

Pars fans looking for a quick fix will find most of the Dunfermline action in a single, 18 page chapter, "Grief, Goals and a Good Women" which captures the "highlights" in the opening paragraph where football's newest knight tells us, "Most of the unfading memories from a football career are created by occasions when is surging, and I had plenty of those in my three years with Dunfermline. It was with them that I had a season in which I scored 45 goals in 51 matches; in their colours that I was introduced to the unique highs of European football; and in their dressing room at Hampden Park that I vented my rage after learning, less than an hour before kick-off, that I had been dropped from the team for the Scottish Cup Final."

Certainly Fergie was less than pleased to miss out on the 1965 Final against Celtic, but the "grief" in the chapter title referred to the death (in 1974) of John Lunn, described as, "... a young full-back who was... the most exciting prospect I have ever seen in that position." Happier memories are recalled in his account of his marriage to Cathy, the 'good woman', in 1966 towards the end of Fergie's second season at East End. Later (in 1967) he was to sign for Rangers, moving onto Brockville for a 4 year term in 1969, followed by a brief spell with Ayr United in 1973/74 ... and then into management. The rest is history ... and lots of it.

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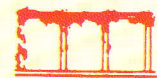


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SINCE THE RESERVE SIDE'S SCHEDULED League game against Arbroath was postponed, because of a match due to be played by their first team, it is worth having a look at the Pars Under 18 side this season.

On the 26th October the young Pars played Livingston Thistle in a BP Youth Cup tie at East End Park. The game was a big occasion for both teams and all the usual match arrangements and preparations were made for the evening match. Unfortunately, the young Pars lost 2-1 after extra-time. Whilst clearly disappointed with the result, John Ritchie was, in the most part, pleased with the side's performance. Colin Nish played up front with Dean Walker and over the piece they created three or four good scoring opportunities.

Dean Walker gave the young Pars the lead, but Dunfermline unfortunately conceded a penalty, which allowed Livingston back into the game. John Ritchie had no complaints about the referee's decision. The Pars two central defenders allowed themselves to be split by some neat Livingston forward play and a penalty was the consequence.

The remainder of normal time saw a mid-field struggle between the two sides to try and gain the upper hand. The Pars created one or two chances during this period and indeed, Colin Nish had what John Ritchie felt was a stone wall penalty claim turned down in the eighty ninth minute. Colin was through one-on one with the Livvy 'keeper. Having put the ball past him, Colin went over the top of the goalie and went down. Livingston's winner was a well struck free kick.

One day later the young Pars went down 3-1 to a strong Stenhousemuir team. John Ritchie did not want to seek excuses for what he saw as a poor Pars performance on the day, but he felt that the players were tired after the BP Youth Cup game and had suffered a reaction to that game. John's view was that to some extent lack of experience told on the day. The young players needed to learn to put disappointments behind them and move on to the next game. Despite these reverses, however, John remained up beat about the progress that players were making. Keir Nicol is becoming a good future

prospect and Mark McGarty was now another young player looking to break into the Reserve side.



Jimmy Nicholl

SMITH ON TARGET



ANDY SMITH

Andy Smith bounced back to goalscoring form this week with all four goals in Dunfermline's 4-0 win over Brechin City on Monday. Dunfermline's strong line up were far too much for the opposition and Andy took the opportunity to sharpen up for the crucial time ahead. The win keeps Dunfermline in contention for the Reserve League title, despite the fact that they have twice been defeated by Raith Rovers.

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
31 August	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0
7 September	RAITH ROVERS	H	0-2
14 September	ARBROATH	A	1-2
21 September	BRECHIN CITY	H	Postponed
28 September	EAST FIFE	A	4-1
5 October	INVERNESS CT	A	3-1
13 October	MONTROSE	H	6-0
19 October	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	4-1
26 October	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-1
8 November	BRECHIN CITY	H	4-0
Note: Actual Dates To Be Confirmed:			
	ARBROATH	H	
14 November	EAST FIFE	H	
21 November	INVERNESS CT	H	
28 November	MONTROSE	A	
5 December	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE YOUTH DIVISION 'C'

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
2 September	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0
15 September	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-3
18 September	ALLOA ATHLETIC	H	1-1
3 October	EAST STIRLINGSHIRE	H	1-2
14 October	COWDENBEATH	A	3-0
19 October	BERWICK RANGERS	A	4-4
26 October	LIVINGSTON (Youth Cup)	H	1-2
28 October	STENHOUSEMUIR	H	1-3
6 November	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	1-3
Note: Actual Dates To Be Confirmed:			
	FALKIRK	H	
	ARBROATH	A	



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Past Historic...

6-1 TO THE PARS

After being admitted to the league in 1974 as Meadowbank Thistle, today's opponents played their first match at East End Park on November 7th, 1976. In a 1-1 draw, Roddy Georgeson scored for the Pars while former Celtic and Hearts striker Steve Hancock netted Thistle's first league goal at the home of Dunfermline.

Since then, there have been a further nine league matches here, with the visitors emerging victorious only once, on October 22nd, 1988. Meadowbank stunned the Pars with goals from Sprott, Logan and Prentice in the opening fifteen minutes and then held on for a fully deserved 3-1 win.

PAST SCORERS

Dunfermline's six home wins includes their best result against Meadowbank, a 7-1 thrashing on April 22nd, 1978, before a crowd of 1,400. Jimmy Mullin led the way with two goals and the scoresheet also included, for the only time that season, left back Bonar Mercer. That match also featured the only home goal scored by Mike Leonard against Thistle. Earlier in that season, he became the only player to score a hat-trick in this fixture when the Pars defeated their hosts 4-2 at Meadowbank Stadium.

Leonard, with four goals, remains the Pars top scorer against Meadowbank, closely followed by Jimmy Mullin, Walter Borthwick, John Watson and Billy Davies, all on three. Apart from Owen Coyle, Hamish French is the only current player to have scored for the Pars against Thistle/Livingston.

THE NEARLY MEN

Even before the move to Livingston, the club enjoyed a certain level of success with promotion to the First Division in 1982/83 and 1986/87, the second as champions. Something that is not often remembered is just how close Meadowbank were to making it into the Premier Division.

A two year experiment with a twelve team top flight ended in 1988, which meant three teams being relegated and, for the first time, only one going up. Thistle were the unfortunate team to miss out, finishing second behind Hamilton, after losing their first two home matches, both against lowly opposition. It will be interesting to see if Livingston can emulate (or surpass) their 2nd place in 1987/88.

They also enjoyed an excellent League Cup run in 1984/85, defeating Premier Division sides Morton and Hibs (at Easter Road), the fellow 1st Division outfit St Johnstone before facing Rangers in the semi-final. Although they went down 4-0 at Ibrox, Meadowbank gained a lot of credit for drawing 1-1 in the return leg, played at Tynecastle..

THE LAST TIME

When Meadowbank visited East End Park on September 19th, 1992 they had every chance of inflicting a third successive home defeat on Dunfermline. The Pars had also lost at St Mirren and were desperate to avoid four defeats from five matches against a side performing well in their away fixtures.

With Norrie McCathie suspended and Davie Moyes and Craig Robertson injured, manager Jocky Scott drafted in youngsters Andy Williamson and Mark Haro alongside Neale Cooper in defence.

The visitors took full advantage of the Pars nervous start with a goal in twelve minutes. David Roseburgh cracking in an eighteen yard shot into the top corner. The only Pars response was Chalmers shot which was cleared off the line by Williamson.

There was more trouble for the Athletic defence when Cooper limped off in the 26th minute, ensuring a return to a conventional back four. Billy Davies finally got the Pars back into the game in the 39th minute, beating two defenders before sliding the ball past Jim McQueen.

Davies and Derek Williams were the influential figures as the game swung the Pars way in the second half. A McWilliams cross provided the second goal, Paul Chalmers slamming home the knock-down for his first goal at East End Park.

With teenagers Little and Coyle causing problems Roseburgh twice came close to equalising before McWilliams wrapped up a 3-1 win for the Pars in the 71st minute. Although the outcome may have been down to fitness as much as anything else, at least the bulk of the 2,624 crowd were happy with the result.

Dunfermline: Hamilton, Shannon, Sharp, Hero, Williamson, Cooper, (Cunningham), McWilliams, Chalmers, Grant, Davies, French, (Leitch).

Meadowbank: McQueen, Coughlin, Armstrong, Williamson, Murray, (Kane), Banks, Young, Wilson, Coyle, Roseburgh, Little, (Irvine).

When the teams met again at East End Park on February 27th, it was Dunfermline who got off to a great start with two goals in the opening three minutes. Recalled Derek Laing netted right from the kick-off, heading in after French's shot hit the underside of the crossbar, in a time later given as 19 seconds. When Scott Leitch shot home just after that, it looked all over but inexplicably, sat back and when Gordon Rae headed home in 17 minutes both the fans and the players allowed nerves to get the better of them.

It got worse for the Pars straight after the restart when an unmarked Lee Bailey headed in a corner. Their last visit to Meadowbank Stadium saw the Pars throw away a two goal lead and history looked like repeating itself when Bailey chipped the 'keeper but Moyes popped up to clear off the line.

Not for the first time that season Billy Davies proved to be the Pars saviour, picking up a great pass from Grant to shoot home with nine minutes left to the relief of the Dunfermline support in the 2,343 crowd.

Dunfermline: Hamilton, Shannon, Cunningham, Robertson, Moyes, Cooper, (Grant), French, Leitch, Laing, (Chalmers), Davies, Smith.

Meadowbank: Ellison, Coughlin, Elder, McLeod, Rae, Roseburgh, (Duthie), Bailey, Wilson, Rutherford, Little, Hutchison.

CONNECTIONS

During the first few years of Meadowbank's existence the trade between players was all one-way. In fact, three of the first to make the move had followed the same path from Hibs to Dunfermline to Meadowbank.

KENNY DAVIDSON spend one season at East End Park, 1974/75, before he was freed as part of a cost-cutting move as the club had failed to make the inaugural Premier Division. Although he only made 22 appearances for the Pars, he did make more of an impact with Thistle, where he spend six seasons, racking up 227 appearances.

He was joined there in 1976 by GERRIE ADAIR, another who lasted only one season with the Pars, and in 1979 by LAWRIE DUNN. In four year at East End Lawrie made 117 appearances, scoring 3 goals and helped the club to promotion in 1978/79. He did the same with Meadowbank, skipping them up to the First Division in 1982/83. In total, Dunn played in 209 matches for Thistle between 1975 and 1984.

The Hibs connection continued with JOHN SALTON and BRIAN ROSS later joining Meadowbank, and others to end up at Thistle after spells in Fife include RODDY GEORGESON, IAN McLEOD and BOBBY DALL.

The first former Meadowbank player to sign for Dunfermline was none other than JOHN WATSON, a legend at East End Park but not so well known for his short Thistle career. Joining him in 1985 was DAVIE MOYES, the first player the Pars signed directly from Meadowbank, and later that year by centre half GORDON WILSON, a free transfer from Thistle picked up on a short contract by Dunfermline. All three of these players appeared in the Pars worst defeat by Meadowbank, a 4-0 drubbing in Edinburgh on April 8th, 1986.

A more successful central defender was GRANT TIERNEY, bought for £70,000 from Thistle late in 1988. After picking up a 2nd Division championship medal in 1987, Grant helped the Pars up to the Premier Division two year later.

Although he was the last player to move in this direction before DEREK FLEMING in October 1994, quite a few ex-Pars went on to play for Thistle, including JOHN PERRY, BOBBY FORREST, JIM BOWIE, WILLIE IRVINE and GRAEME DAVIDSON.

Since the change to Livingston, they've been followed by the CALLAGHAN brothers, CRAIG SMART and CHRIS SINCLAIR, as well as the current crop of signings of ex-Pars favourites.

Finally, who could forget goalkeeper JIM McQUEEN, who gave eleven years great service to Thistle and went on to do two matches for the Pars during an injury crisis in 1994/95.

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Around East End Park...



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Dunfermline's match against Falkirk at Brockville will be all ticket. The match, which is due to be played this coming Saturday, is always a popular encounter and with Falkirk's reduced capacity, the all ticket rule was applied.

Prices are as follows:

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Tickets are available from the Ticket Office at East End Park during the following hours:

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'IN WITH THE BRICKS' SCHEME LAUNCHED

Dunfermline Athletic's 'In With The Bricks' Scheme Launch was a great success with a whole variety of activity last Sunday including a celebrity football match in which former players like Ross Jack played.

The new Supporters Wall along the length of the concourse at the Norrie McCathie Stand will be created from bricks inscribed with messages from fans themselves. For £25, fans can purchase a hand-crafted brick with their own inscription. All of the proceeds from the venture will go towards the Pars Youth Development Scheme.

Dunfermline Athletic Supporters Club

Transport: Our next away game is against Falkirk on Saturday 20th November. Coaches will leave East End Park at 1.30pm. Bookings will be taken in the Supporters Club Office after today's game or by telephoning Caron on 01383 515601 as soon as possible.

Members who have ordered tickets for the game please go to the Supporters Club after the game, as all tickets must be paid for in advance.

Dinner Dance: Tickets are now available for the Player of the Year Dinner Dance which is being held at the Keavil House Hotel, Crossford on Saturday 15th April 2000. The cost is £20 and music will be provided by Apollo Disco. Contact the Supporters Club for further details.

Birthday Boy

Our warmest birthday congratulations to lifelong Pars fan Ian Baker who celebrated his 50th birthday on 8th November.

Ian goes to all the home games and most of the away games with his father Jack, his brothers Alan and Ken, and his daughter Lesley. Spare a thought too for Ian's long suffering wife June who hates football but who provides lunch for everyone before each game!

Ian had a surprise birthday party in Dundee after the Rovers game last Saturday, and having recovered from that is in the Jock Stein Suite today for another celebration! Congratulations Ian, from everyone at East End Park.



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UNDER 16 TEAM has been holding their own this season against sides that have been together for much longer but their last match saw them far below their usual standard. Their opposition of Longannet, Stenhousemuir, played well although it was a disappointing performance from the Pars overall. Amongst the few to emerge with pass marks were Mark Stuart, Tony Lennon and goalkeeper Ross Harrower.

The Under 16's were denied the chance to bounce straight back when their next game, against Albion Rovers, was postponed. With all the Youth Initiative fixtures called off last week due to the Open Day at East End Park, the team will be looking for a return to their usual form in today's game at Ayr.

On to the Under 15's, who turned in an excellent performance away to Queen of the South on October 24th. The lads began slowly but once they got going displayed a lot of good inter-passing with plenty of support and movement off the ball. Apart from scoring two or three really good goals, the most pleasing aspect was the clean sheet. The team defended well, with Stephen McPhillips having a good game and Steve Maley commanding in the air. Up front, Darren Wilson showed good pace and took his goal well before suffering an injury.

As is the nature of youth football, the Under 15's next match, at home to Rangers, saw them struggle. Against strong opponents, the Pars were on the back foot from the early stages and were forced to defend for most of the game.

Search For Consistency

The search for consistency remains one of the main objectives for the coaching staff although it's proving elusive so far. With results and league tables having no relevance to the Youth initiative there is no reason to field the so-called "best" eleven players every week.

Every player in the squad gets an equal opportunity to show what he can do and not always in his best position. Squad rotation also means being asked to learn about other areas of the pitch, to help the youngsters become good all-round footballers. Some are already proving to be "finds" in their alternative roles. With all this going on, it's hardly surprising that performances are up and down but it's early days yet.

At least over their last couple of matches the Under 14's have discovered some

consistency. Against Stirling Albion, the team produced one of their best displays of the season and followed it up a week later with an equally good game against Dundee United. Both matches saw the Pars try to play football from the back, and, while not always successful, at least the work put in on the training field is beginning to pay off.

On the windswept Fleet Grounds, there was nothing between Dunfermline and Dundee United for most of the game. One of the season's recurring problems for the Pars lads cropped up again in this fixture, that being the sheer size of some of the opposition, who were like giants compared to several of our players.

Having said that, the team played well, with good displays from Matthew Beattie, Lee Sibanda and Ian McClelland. Hopefully, they'll maintain their form today against Hearts.

Finally, the Under 13's faced a tough trip to Troon to play Kilmarnock on October 24th. Killie are strong at all age groups but this wasn't one of Dunfermline's better performances, well down on recent weeks. Nevertheless, there were solid games from Daniel Bell, Garry Penman and Paul Thomson, who played equally well on the left side of defence and midfield.

The following week saw them take on Livingston at Rosyth, where the strong wind caused problems for both sides. The opening period saw good defending keep both sets of forwards at bay although that changed later in the game when the Pars made alternations to the team. Fraser Beveridge was again on the scoresheet, Craig Wilson had an excellent match and there was a big improvement in the play of Michael Frew. Overall, this was one of the Under 13's best games so far and it's very pleasing to see their hard work bear fruit.

Fixtures for 21st November

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One Up...

A Review of the First Division

IN FOOTBALLING TERMS THE WORD "draw" is becoming the most despised. Last weekend the Pars clocked up their seventh in thirteen outings. I stand to be corrected but so far as I can recall we were ahead in four of those, behind in two and the other being a 0-0 draw against Airdrie. An apparent failure to capitalise on a lead and kill teams off contributed to last season's disappointment and everyone connected with the club knows that they need to be converted into victories if promotion is to be secured at the first time of asking.

Last week's derby was tinged with the departure of Dick Campbell earlier that week but spiced up by the fact that so many ex-Rovers were pitted against their former employers. For me, a disappointing crowd saw an entertaining game. Raith hardly kicked a ball in the first half which I thought the Pars dominated. Chances to extend the lead taken by David Moss's first half header came and went before Jay Stein's equaliser nine minutes from time.

I don't think anybody would deny that a draw was a fair result, but not too many of us were prepared for the slugging handed out to David Moss at the post-match press conference by a certain Mr McVeigh. John was always a vitriolic character in his Airdrie days, but you would think he might be a bit more grateful to the club who got him back into football after he got the heave from Partick Thistle! If David Moss says he was innocent that's good enough for me, and, if I might say so, McVeigh should maybe take a closer look at the tackle his player put in that started the whole thing off in the first place.....

St Elsewhere...

St Mirren capitalised on that draw by beating Morton 4-1 in Greenock. St Mirren have now scored 37 times in thirteen games (excluding last night). Both sides played most of the game with 10 men but with an eight point lead at the top, although big, is still catchable.

Falkirk hauled themselves into fourth place in the league by bringing Airdrie's three game unbeaten run to an end. A first minute Scott Crabbe goal followed by a David Hagen strike secured the points for the Bairs. The Pars go there next week which sees David Moss return for the first time since his transfer in September.

Inverness Caledonian Thistle have hit a rich vein of form. Only one defeat in their last seven matches has lifted them to sixth position. Last week's 2-0 victory over fellow league newcomers and today's visitors, Livingston has seen them move out of the relegation zone.

Clydebank, who along with Albion Rovers, are the only side in British Senior football without a victory, managed to come away from Ayr with a point after a

0-0 draw at Somerset Park. Ayr only have one recognised striker available in Nigel Jenson so, after he was taken off injured five minutes into the game, it had 0-0- written all over it.

Today sees Livingston made the short trip across the Forth and a chance for some ex-Pars to renew old acquaintances. Along with big Jim Leishman comes Gerry Britton, Marc Millar, David Bingham and Derek Fleming. Ray Stewart's side have made a big impact since they were promoted. Whilst they've only lost once at home (to the Pars!!) their away form has been more erratic having won 2, lost 2 and drawn 2.

Ticket Hotline

(If you happen to work for Glasgow City Council, BT, or the SFA!)

Sunday football returns to East End but no big time Sky production the cause. We play today because of the small matter of a clash at Hampden between Scotland and England in a Euro 2000 play off.

Whatever the result the whole match has been overshadowed by the "ticket fiasco" Glasgow Council workers, BT Staff and employees of the SFA all (allegedly! - Ed.) stealing a march on the rest of us with inside info that allowed them access to the ticket hotline via an unregistered number. Court injunctions, staff suspensions and threats of reclaiming tickets have left a sour taste in certain mouths, especially the kid in front of me who was on the phone for ten hours trying to get a ticket.

Last Sunday I invited a couple of mates round to watch the Rangers/Celtic game. We were all looking forward to it and were not disappointed, being treated to a good feast and the attendant poisonous atmosphere that goes with such an encounter. Earlier in the day I had gone to the off-licence and bought a few tinnies. Folks started to arrive, including my chum Brian Ricketts who, upon entering my humble abode, handed me his carry-out which included several varieties and favours of crisps in case we got the munchies. Brian had brought bottles of Becks and when he told me he preferred that to my Miller, I put my hand in the bag and drew out an empty bottle. "Oh Sorry Bill", says he, that's the wan I'm gonna throw at the telly if Rangers win!" Luckily I managed to get it from him before the game finished.

Finally, you may recall that I was accosted by a gent who sits near us who said that the present Pars side was the worst he'd seen and he'd been coming to East End since 1952. Well, he gripped me again last week to say that our hearing must have gone because he said he'd been a Pars fan since 1942 and they were still the worst he'd seen. What a difference ten years can make to your eyesight - not to mention other activities often played out by men!



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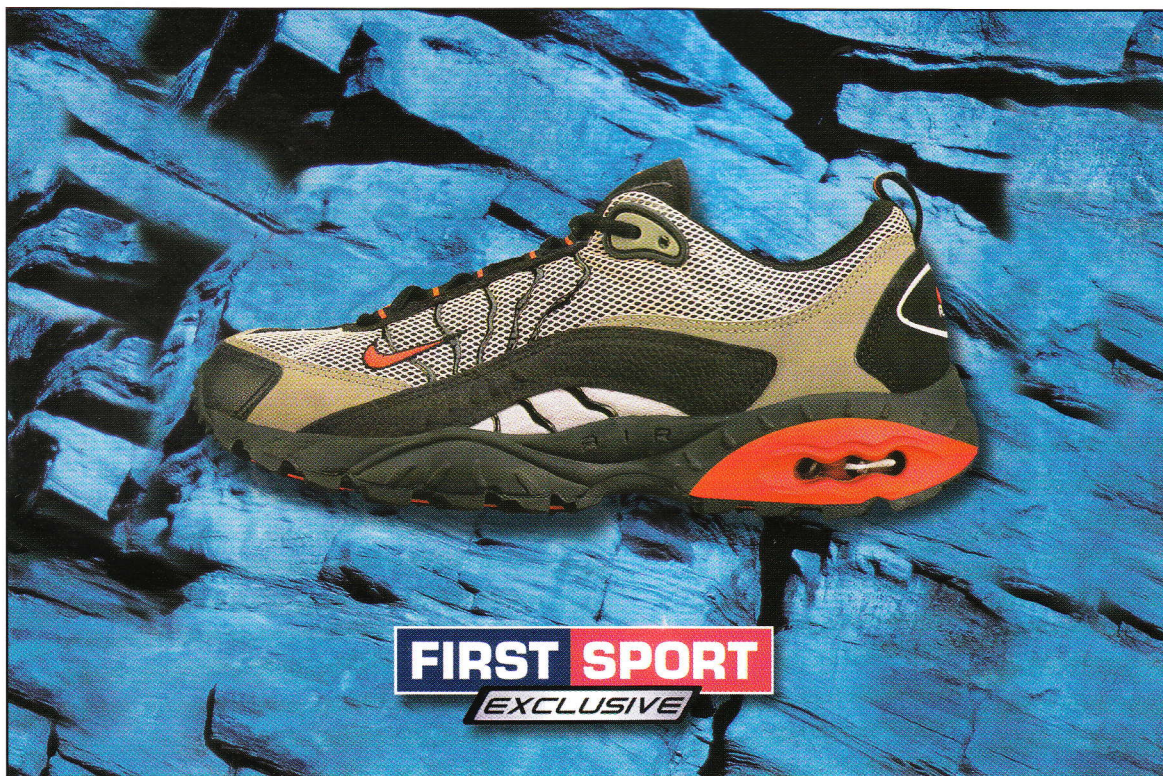
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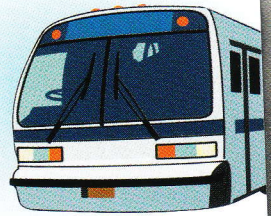
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They will be aware that they still have quite a lot to do on the footballing front before any such dreams come into focus. They have played less convincingly this season than for some time, but ominously are still up among the clubs chasing St Mirren. They have lost their skipper David Moss who will have the strange sensation of playing in

the opposite direction next week, and senior pros like Kevin McAllister who have served Falkirk so well for such a long time, don't go on forever. But in Alex Totten (touted by some for the vacant Dunfermline post) they have an experienced and consistently successful manager who is always up for a challenge like this one. With ex Hearts striker Scott Crabbe in good form currently, and former Pars youth player David Sinclair at the back, Falkirk will make it hard for the Pars. Dunfermline don't win too often at Brockville, so the Pars will have to be on their very best form to bring the necessary three points home. Crowd restrictions and the all ticket label because of the state of Brockville will not help the size of the crowd, but these games don't usually need much to serve up a red hot atmosphere! By then, Dunfermline could be playing in front of their new manager and that alone should give the players plenty of incentive.

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