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**Owen Coyle**  
who averaged a  
goal per game  
during the  
pre-season  
fixtures

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**European Competitions**

**Cup Winners Cup:** 1961/62  
(quarter final), 1968/69  
(semi-final)

**Fairs (now UEFA) Cup:**  
1962/63, 1964/65, 1965/66  
(quarter final), 1966/67,  
1969/70

**Scottish League  
Highest Position**

3rd : 1964/65, 1968/69

**Scottish League 1st Division**

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

**Scottish League Division 2**

(pre-reconstruction)  
**Champions:** 1925/26  
**Runners-Up:** 1912/13,  
1933/34, 1954/55, 1957/58,  
1972/73

**Scottish League 2nd Division**

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

**Scottish Cup**

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

**Scottish League Cup**

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

**Scottish Qualifying Cup**

**Winners:** 1911/12

**Central League**

**Champions:** 1910/11, 1911/12

**BP Scottish Youth Cup**

**Winners:** 1987/88

**Scottish Reserve League  
(East)**

**Champions:** 1986/87, 1992/93

# Campbell's Kingdom...

**T**he rescheduling of the cup-tie against Queen's Park enabled us to arrange a friendly match up at Forfar last week. Although the players hadn't kicked a ball in anger in the nine days following the Preston game they still looked really sharp and came away with a comfortable 6-1 win.

It was a good workout to get us in the right frame of mind for the opening league fixture. I took the opportunity to field what I regarded to be our strongest team and was very pleased with the outcome.

Up front, Andy Smith and Owen Coyle are really looking the part with something like eleven goals between them at the time of writing. Against Forfar, Andy scored as good a hat-trick as I've seen at any level, with one diving header and a couple of cracking shots. Owen's goals were equally as good, and it

doesn't take a genius to work out that they are the first choice striking partnership.

I've been very encouraged by their form but I have to say that I've been encouraged by the attitude of all the players. They are all pushing for a first team place and that is something that I want to see maintained for the whole season.

Tonight we welcome Morton for the Bell's Challenge Cup tie. I know manager Billy Stark and his assistant Frank Connor very well and they'll have their team prepared for this game, which I reckon is the tie of the round. Former Dunfermline players such as Harry Curran and Paul Fenwick will be determined to put one over on us so we'll have to be up for it.

There is no way that we'll be flippant about this competition. I want us to win every match we play so our strongest possible team will take the field tonight. We've reached the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup twice before and I want to see us go one step further this season.

In the last couple of weeks the Scottish Premier League have announced their plans for a twelve team format, with the top six splitting after three-quarters of the season. Rangers coach Dick Advocaat was quick to condemn this decision and I have to agree that, from a football point of view, a twelve team league is far from ideal. I've long advocated a sixteen team top division and I know from personal experience that other managers in the Premier League simply do not enjoy the pressure of fighting for survival in such a small league.

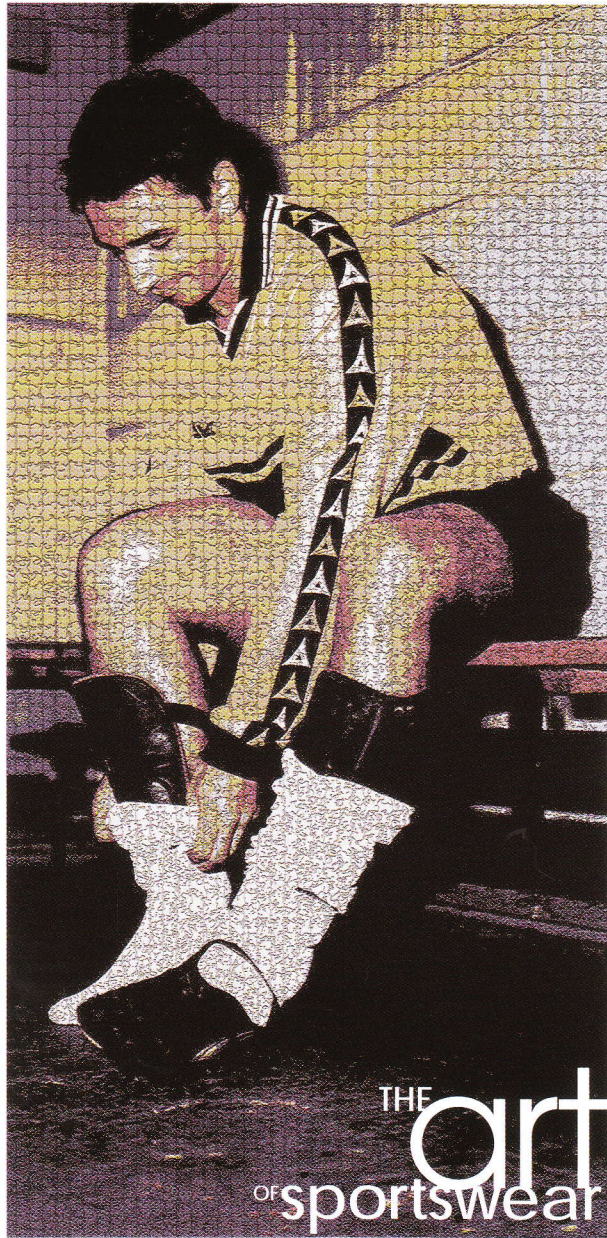
It's high time that the people involved in the playing side of the game should have their opinions heard. Admittedly, there's a lot of money in the game these days and, of course, money talks but if the game is to prosper the ideas of everyone involved should be taken into account. The first thing we have to do, however, is make sure that Dunfermline Athletic get a bigger say by getting back into the top flight.



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# GREENOCK MORTON.....



**ALLY MAXWELL -**  
D.O.B. 16.02.65 - BORN  
HAMILTON

Experienced goalkeeper who replaced David Wylie in September of 1998 and has proved to be a great asset to the team. Previous clubs - Motherwell, Rangers and Dundee United.

**DAVID MURIE - D.O.B. 21.08.76 - BORN EDINBURGH**

Full back signed in April 1999 from Hearts and is a steady player. Morton supporters have yet to see the best of the player.

**BRYAN SLAVIN - D.O.B. 23.09.77 BORN IRVINE**

Full back reserve team captain who broke into the first team last season and is a committed player who always gives 100%.

**OWEN ARCHDEACON - D.O.B. 04.03.66 BORN GREENOCK**

Full back and local born player who joined Celtic straight from school and won many honours with them. He moved to Barnsley and then Carlisle before returning north in season 1997/98. Owen scored one of the goals of the season against Dundee in the Scottish Cup.

**DEREK ANDERSON - D.O.B. 15.05.72 BORN PAISLEY**

Joined in December 1998 and has proved to be a great asset to the team, his signing coinciding with Morton's great run of form. Previous clubs include Ayr United, Kilmarnock and Hibs.

**ANDY MILLEN - D.O.B. 10.06.65 BORN GLASGOW**

Signed during the close season from Ayr United and will add experience to the team. Andy won two B & Q cup medals with Hamilton Accies and lists no fewer than eight previous clubs in his career.

**JOHN ANDERSON - D.O.B. 02.10.72 BORN GREENOCK**

Local player signed from amateur football in season 1993/94 and has been an ever present player since. John is known to score a few crucial goals every season.

**PAUL FENWICK - D.O.B. 25.08.69 BORN LONDON**

Canadian internationalist who has just broken back into national side. He won all the Supporters Clubs awards during last season and this was some feat as Paul was signed from local rivals St. Mirren. Another player who has the knack of scoring a few goals a season.

**HARRY CURRAN - D.O.B. 09.10.66 BORN GLASGOW**

Midfield player who will be well known to Pars fans having a spent a couple of years at East End Park. Tireless worker

who covers all areas of the park although more goals will be expected from him this season.

**STEPHEN AITKEN - D.O.B. 25.09.76 BORN GLASGOW**

Despite only being 22 he is Morton's longest serving player making his debut in 1993/94. Hard working, aggressive midfielder who gives opposition players no time on the ball.

**WARREN HAWKE - D.O.B. 20.09.70 BORN DURHAM**

Fans favourite who was signed from Berwick Rangers and has previously played for Sunderland. Versatile player who can either play up front or in midfield.

**ROSS MATHESON - D.O.B. 15.11.77 BORN GREENOCK**

Local boy signed from Rangers who is looking to establish himself as a first team regular. A skilful player who likes to run at defences and a good finisher.

**KEVIN THOMAS - D.O.B. 25.04.75 BORN EDINBURGH**

Without doubt the fans favourite player for season 1998/99 after his superb hat trick against local rivals St. Mirren at Love Street in April of this year. Signed from Hearts where he missed a year through injury. Aggressive forward player who makes sure defences know they are in a game.

**IAN FERGUSON - D.O.B. 05.08.68 BORN DUNFERMLINE**

Tall forward who despite his height is very skilful and pacy. Sure to cause many problems for opposition defences. Previously played for Hearts, Raith Rovers and Ayr United.

**KEITH WRIGHT - D.O.B. 17.05.65 BORN EDINBURGH**

A great goal scoring record at all his previous clubs - Hibs, Dundee and Raith Rovers and has already hit the net a number of times for Morton since signing last season from the Kirkcaldy club.

**PAUL McDONALD - D.O.B. 20.04.68 BORN  
MOTHERWELL**

Tricky, pacy winger who provides quality balls into the box. He made his name when he was a youngster at Hamilton Accies and was expected to go onto bigger and better things. Paul had a brief spell at Dunfermline and joined Morton during the summer.

**CRAIG McPHERSON - D.O.B. 27.03.71 BORN GREENOCK**

Known as "Hagi" to his team mates because of his educated left foot - another player who supplies quality balls into the box. Does not score as many goals as the management would like.

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## RING OUT THE BELLS!

It's back! After a year's sabbatical, the Challenge Cup returns tonight with new Sponsors. As part of their £2 million deal with the Scottish Football League, Bell's are getting behind the knockout competition for lower division clubs which has been without a backer since 1995.

Although the early rounds have often struggled to attract crowds, (often because they clashed with European fixtures), the later stages have proven very popular.

There's no change to the format - a draw at full-time tonight will result in an extra-time period of 30 minutes and then penalty kicks, if necessary.

*The dates for the subsequent rounds are as follows:*

- 2nd Round** - Tuesday, 24th August
- 3rd Round** - Tuesday, 14th September
- Semi-Finals** - Tuesday, 28th September
- Final** - Sunday, 21st November

## PRE-SEASON ROUND UP

*Tuesday, 13th July*

**Ross County 0 Dunfermline 1**

The Third Division Champions had already played a couple of matches prior to the visit of the Pars but were unable to make it count as Owen COYLE gave Dunfermline a last-minute victory.

Early chances fell to Andy Smith and Jamie Dolan while County's best effort fell to Brian Irvine, who headed narrowly over.

The only goal came in the 89th minute after Scott Thomson weaved through the home defence before setting up Coyle to tap home the winner.

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Shields, Huxford, Tod, Reid, May, Thomson, Coyle, Smith, Dolan, Petrie.

Subs not used: Butler, Graham, Ireland, Squires, French

*Thursday, 15th July*

**Nairn County 0 Dunfermline 8**

The Pars recorded an easy win over their Highland League hosts with Stewart PETRIE opening the scoring after just two minutes, shooting home from the edge of the box. Five minutes later Jamie SQUIRES headed home from a corner to make it two.

Colin NISH netted the third after ten minutes following a goalkeeping error and next up was David GRAHAM six minutes later, beating the offside trap to lob the helpless 'keeper.

On the half-hour, NISH slotted home a Petrie cross for number five and Nairn's problems increased when striker Ross was sent off. Three minutes before the break SQUIRES scored his second after a defensive mix-up.

Chris McGROARTY found the net with a good far post shot in the 47th minute and eight minutes later NISH completed his hat-trick with a deflected shot to make the final score 8-0.

**Dunfermline:** Butler, Shields, (Tod 46), McGroarty, Squires,

Ireland,  
Templeman,  
French, Nish,  
Graham,  
Dolan (May  
46), Petrie  
(Reid 46)  
Subs not used:  
Smith, Coyle,  
Westwater.

*Saturday 17th July*

**Dunfermline 6 Cardiff City 1**

The Pars continued their goal glut with an excellent victory over promoted Cardiff. From the moment Andy SMITH neatly dummed his marker to open the scoring in the 17th minute, there was only going to be one winner.

Owen COYLE beat the 'keeper to a weak back-header for the second in the 21st minute and six minutes before half-time Stewart PETRIE cut in from the left to curl a superb right-foot shot into the top corner from 25 yards.

Petrie was in action again for the fourth in the 63rd minute, crossing perfectly for Scott THOMSON to head home.

Cardiff's Brazier volleyed in a consolation in 71 minutes but only sixty seconds later Brian REID fired in the Pars' fifth from the edge of the box. In the last minute David GRAHAM completed a comprehensive win with a jinking run into the box and a shot which found it's way into the net via the leg of a Cardiff defender.

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Shields, McGroarty, (Ireland 75), Tod, Reid, (Squires 83), May, (Templeman 78, Dolan, Thomson, Coyle, (Graham 74), Smith, (Nish 74), Petrie.

*Wednesday, 21st July*

**Dunfermline 2 Wigan Athletic 1**

Wigan, widely expected to be promotion contenders again this season, proved a harder nut to crack for the Pars, who fell behind to Haworth's header after 28 minutes.

It took eleven minutes for Dunfermline to claim the equaliser, with Andy SMITH on hand at the back post to finish off Petrie's cross.

The second half saw both goalkeepers in action, Pars' substitute Lee Butler pulling off a couple of good saves while ex-Aberdeen stopper Derek Stillie made an excellent double save from Thomson and May.

Two more substitutes combined for the winner, Graham's cross from the right met by the stooping Colin NISH who angled his header into the net.

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, 9Butler 46), Shields, Huxford, (Ireland 82), Tod, Reid, Dolan, Thomson, (Graham 75), May, (French 75), Smith, Coyle, (Nish 82), Petrie.

*To be continued....*

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# Action Gallery...



*Influential in the recent 3-0 win over Preston were wide men Scott Thomson (above) and Stewart Petrie*

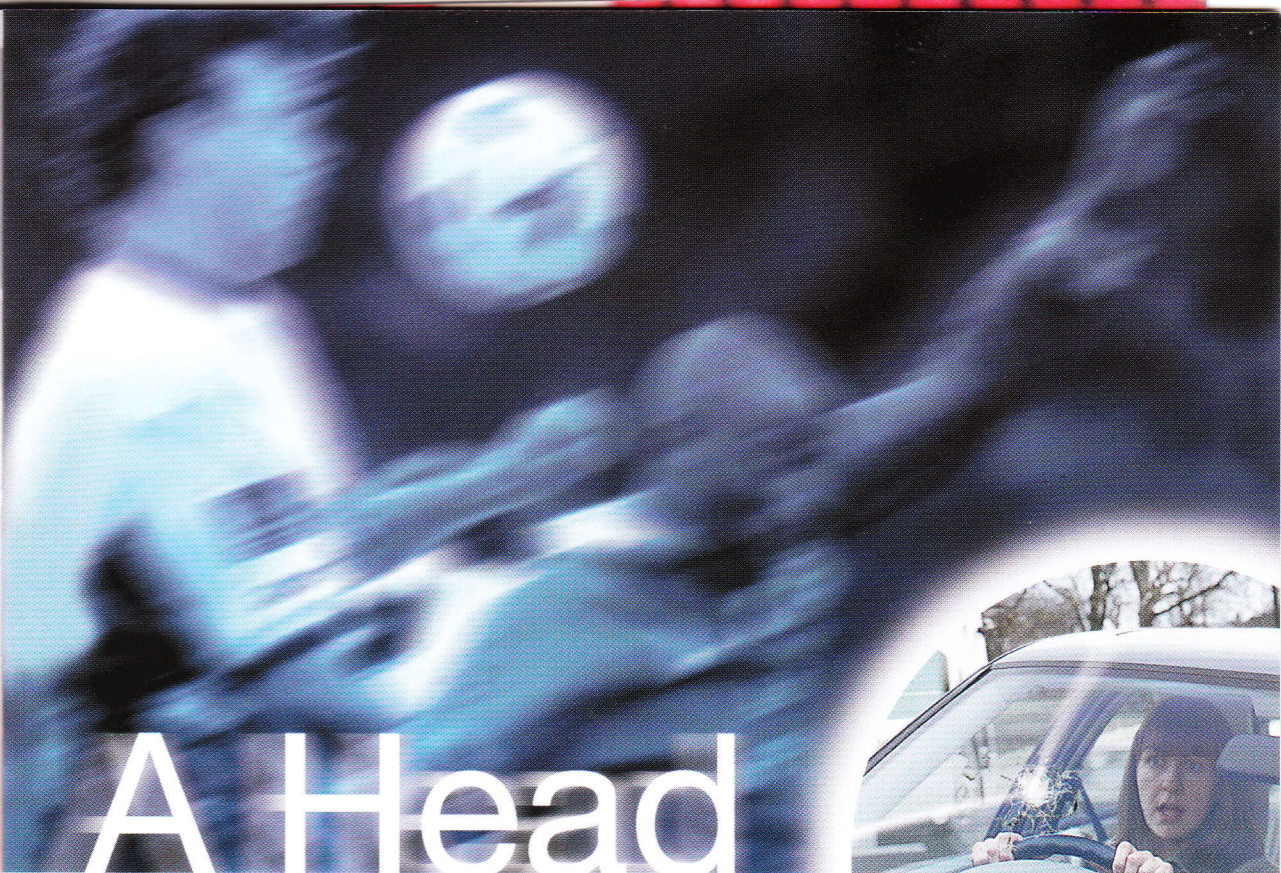


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## 1998/99 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	Premier League		League Cup		Scottish Cup		TOTALS	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Steven Boyle	1(0)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	1
Gerry Britton	13(8)	2	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	13(8)	2
Lee Butler	35(0)	7*	1(0)	0	2(0)	0	38(0)	7*
Ivo Den Bieman	0(2)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(2)	0
Owen Coyle	11(0)	1	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	11(0)	1
Jason Dair	9(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	9(1)	0
Jamie Dolan	10(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	10(0)	0
Endinho	5(4)	1	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	5(5)	1
Craig Faulconbridge	1(5)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	1(6)	0
Derek Ferguson	18(3)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	20(3)	0
John Fraser	2(4)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(4)	0
Hamish French	15(6)	2	1(0)	0	2(0)	0	18(6)	2
David Graham	14(7)	2	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	16(7)	2
Richard Huxford	22(3)	0	1(0)	0	1(1)	0	24(4)	0
Craig Ireland	21(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	21(2)	0
Gavin Johnson	18(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	18(1)	0
David Linighan	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0
Billy Macdonald	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0
Scott McCulloch	19(0)	1	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	21(0)	1
Chris McGroarty	3(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	3(2)	0
Craig Martin	2(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(1)	0
Marc Millar	13(8)	1	1(0)	0	2(0)	0	16(8)	1
Colin Nish	0(2)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(3)	0
Stewart Petrie	19(11)	2	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	21(11)	2
George Shaw	10(8)	2	0(1)	0	2(0)	0	12(9)	2
Greg Shields	36(0)	0	1(0)	0	2(0)	0	39(0)	0
Andy Smith	29(6)	8	1(0)	0	2(0)	2	32(6)	10
Jamie Squires	19(2)	2	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	19(2)	2
Chris Templeman	5(7)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	5(7)	0
Scott Thomson	20(1)	2	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	22(1)	2
Andy Tod	24(1)	1	1(0)	0	2(0)	0	27(1)	1
Ian Westwater	1(0)	0*	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0*

Correct at 25 May 1999. \*Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	ATTND.
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	
	Tue 10	Morton	Bells Cup 1	H
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A	
	Wed 18	Queens Park or Berwick Rangers		
		League Cup	H	
	Sat 21	Morton	League	H
	Sat 28	Falkirk	SFL Cup 4	H
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A	
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H	
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A	
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H	
Oct	Sat 02	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	
	Wed 13	SFL Cup Semi-Finals		
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H	
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A	
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A	
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H	
	Sat 13	Livingston	H	
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A	
	Sat 27	Clydebank	H	
	Sun 28	SFA Cup Final		
Dec	Sat 04	Ayr United	A	
	Sat 11	Morton	A	
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	
	Mon 27	St. Mirren	H	
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	A	
	Sat 08	Livingston	A	
	Sat 15	Falkirk	H	
	Sat 22	Ayr United	H	
	Sat 29	SFA Cup Round 3		
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	
	Sat 12	Morton	H	
	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	
	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	
	Sat 27	SFA Cup Final		

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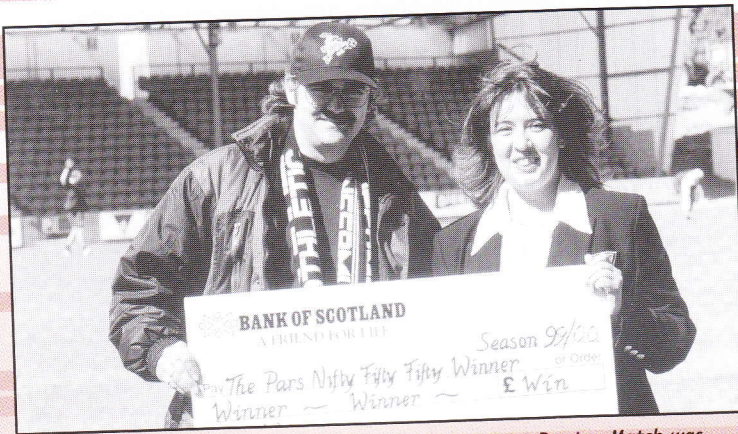
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Goalscorers (and the number of goals scored) are noted in capitals. The first named substitute is No.12, the second named No.14 and third is named No.15. If a substitute is brought on, the number of the player he has replaced appears in brackets after 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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Winner of the 'Pars' Nifty 50/50 draw at the recent Preston Match was JOHN NEIL of Glenrothes, who picked up a cheque for £260.



'Pars' keeper Ian Westwater saves at the feet of Preston Striker Kurt Nogan

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## HELLO EVERYONE

It's great to see our membership numbers rising and rising, let's make this our best season ever! Look out for details of our first Young Pars Events of the Season - remember to look in this page, in the Dunfermline Press, the DAFC booth in the Kingsgate Centre and the Centenary Club window. No excuses for not coming along!

We're all looking forward to meeting the new Players and we're sure that they just can't wait to volunteer to attend our Events! Especially for our very young Young Pars we have our new Sammy's Gang, and we promise you that we have a very special surprise for Sammy at our first Meeting!

We bet that he hopes it will involve food! Doesn't he look smart in his new strip? Is it our imagination or his head really getting bigger!

## COMPETITION TIME!

Just answer the following question and win two stand tickets for the match against Greenock Morton on Saturday 21st August.

**Which current Pars Player used to play for Morton?**

Please send your entries to Jean Nelson, 54 Moncur Street, Townhill, Dunfermline

## YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Many Happy Returns to the following Young Pars who have had birthdays recently:

Nikki Duncan  
Corin Anderson  
Craig Spowart  
Gavin Spowart  
Ross Matthews  
Garry Thomson  
Greg White  
Craig MacCallum

## AND FINALLY

We're still waiting for all your messages and news so get the writing paper out and get busy!

After reading the questionnaires that you've sent to us, we've got lots of ideas for this Season. One thing that you all have agreed on is that you want the Players to come along to Young Pars Events and join in the mayhem! We thought that already happened!

It's lovely that our tiny Young Pars have rejoined this Season so a special welcome goes to Dominic and Abigail.

Wonder if any more babies will join this time? They will have to be quick to beat the record set for joining early!

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish one of our committee members, Vicky, all our best wishes for the future following her wedding to Mark (What a pity he's a Morton fan, but we're sure Vicky will do her best to change that!). Anyway, Congratulations to both of them from us all.

See You All Soon.  
Young Pars Committee

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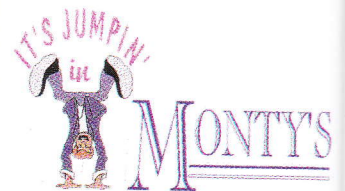
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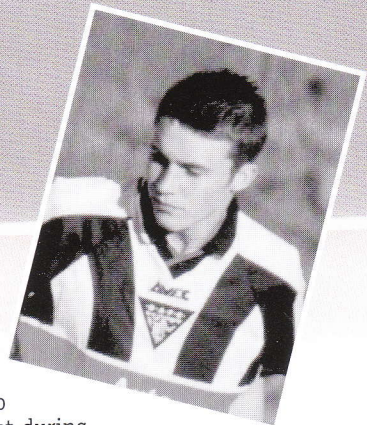
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# PARS IN PERSON

## Colin Nish



Experience will be the key factor in the Pars campaign to regain SPL membership at the first attempt, but the chance will be there for some of our bright young prospects. Colin Nish has shown in the pre-season games that he is ready and able to take up that challenge, and Bob Storie spoke to him in a recent interview to ask how he was shaping up for the new season.

**You only had three substitute appearances last season in the Premier – had you hoped for more?**

"I'm just as ambitious and keen as everyone else to get a regular game, but I was happy enough just to get the experience of big game atmospheres. It may only have been three games, but as these games were against Rangers, Celtic and Kilmarnock, you can't get much bigger games than those! Big crowds like that are just what you need to get you keyed up and raise your game. It was a big step up from the Reserves, there's no denying that, but the senior players kept me right, and got me working in the right areas. Andy Smith and Owen Coyle were a big help, and kept me focused.

**What are your own objectives for this year?**

"Just to stay involved in first team action on a regular basis, and that's no easy task with this club when you look at the quality of the players here. Pre-season has gone well, and I feel my fitness is fine right now. I prefer to work with the ball as much as I can, so I can stay sharp on a skills level. My best position is what I've always been good at – up front and centre! With Big Andy, Owen and David Graham ahead of me, it won't be easy, but the boss has said it's up to me to stake my claim as hard as I can – that's fine by me!"

**You've grabbed a few goals in the pre-season games, are you a natural scorer?**

"Well, I like to think so, yes! I had a fairly good return of goals for the Reserves last season, but I couldn't tell you exactly how many I did get! I have enjoyed getting a wee run of games in the friendlies, although you're only as good as the players

around you, and I've got nothing but praise for

everyone who helped me out during these games – I've worked as hard as I could, and really enjoyed myself".

**Where do you think the threat will come in the First Division this year?**

"Every one of the sides in this league is capable of mounting a serious challenge. I really feel that the new sides, Inverness and Livingston, shouldn't be underestimated, as they look to be very ambitious clubs. The obvious challenge will come from clubs like us with a full-time set up, so you'd expect Airdrie and Falkirk to be up there.

**Which players, home or abroad, do you most admire, and why?**

"To be honest, I don't have any particular favourites. I like to watch as many games as I can, both on T.V. and live, so that I can learn as much as I can from everyone out there playing. I've got a lot of respect for the senior players at Dunfermline, and I feel there's a great deal of work and attention being put into developing the younger players – that can only benefit everyone, especially me in the long run".

**What made you decide to join Dunfermline?**

"I've been here from under 16 level, and a lot of the credit for that should go towards Dave McParland, who's now at Motherwell. He's a great guy, and he'll be missed around here. He's one of the reasons I've managed to get on here".

**Tell us a little about yourself?**

"Not much to say, really, I'm from Edinburgh, and still live there. I'm fairly pally with Steven Boyle here, and he and I travel to training with David Graham. I followed results for Hibs as a lad, and my favourite player used to be Romario – that's about it, really.



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## CUPS AND COPAS

We mean no disrespect to the sponsors of the trophy which is the focus of our attention tonight – the Challenge Cup – but few would argue that the recently completed 'Copa America' has a slightly higher profile in global terms. You may disagree.

Since we're still playing catch-up on world events between seasons there may be one or two anoraks out there who missed out on the action first time around and are desperate to hear all about it; so here it goes.

Brazil showed that they meant business by including Rivaldo, Ronaldo and Amoroso in their squad. Argentina's European contingent gave the competition a body-swerve; Columbia unveiled a new generation of talented players; Mexico and Japan took part as guests; Uruguay and hosts Paraguay looked to do great things; Venezuela didn't... and predictably exited the tournament after three straight defeats and a goals against tally of 13!

Bizarre highlight of the first round was a hat-trick of penalty misses by Argentina striker Martin Palermo. Informed sources suggest that the Boca Juniors marksman – who left Paraguay with three goals to his name – is unlikely to retain his place in the national side!

Local interest in the competition died with Paraguay's quarter-final exit at the hands of Uruguay, who went on to contest the final against Brazil. Superstar Ronaldo had been out of sorts throughout the tournament, despite scoring four goals, but came good in a one-sided final, adding to Ronaldo's brace of strikes to give Brazil a well deserved 3-0 win.

So there you have it, Copa America '99... now for Copa Caledonia '99 – go for it!

## JUST CHAMPION

It will come as no surprise to learn that yours truly did not take in Copa America in the flesh – the Programme team's budget doesn't run to South American jollies, unfortunately, but one man who was there to take in the action in the Defenders of the Chaco Stadium was Manchester United legend, Bobby Charlton. His mission, apparently, was to present England's bid to host the 2006 World Cup to the South American Football Confederation but he took the chance to tell the 'man from Reuters' that for Manchester United "...to be asked to compete in the first world club championship is a unique opportunity to go forward and take part in a new competition."

Wrong! Every regular reader of this page will know that a long-gone Dunbartonshire club and founder member of the Scottish League – Renton – earned the title 'Champions of the World' in 1888 by beating FA Cup winners, West Bromwich Albion, 4-1 in a one-off challenge match between Scottish and English cup winners. Ten years later the Club was expelled from the League, never to return.

Now, if only I had been in Paraguay for the Copa America final I could have set the record straight!

## SHIPS IN THE NIGHT

Talking of cups – what else – you may have caught a tongue-in-cheek piece in 'The Scotsman' a couple of weeks ago. It started "...Clubs today, they don't know they're born. The snooty aristocrats of the game spend their pre-seasons negotiating exemptions from cup tournaments, whereas just a couple of decades ago our thirst for competitions.. knew no bounds".

The author – Tom Lappin – brought it all back by reminding readers about the Texaco Cup "... a competition that provided mid-season opportunities to

abuse the English over two legs..." Then there was a trophy won by Hibs a couple of times – the Dryburgh Cup – a pre-season competition for the season's top scorers from the Scottish League.

The walk down Memory Lane is rounded-off with a reference to "... an unlikely Edinburgh tournament called the Skol Festival Trophy notable only for Coventry turning up wearing chocolate brown strips and being ridiculed accordingly."

Ridiculed? What on earth could he be talking about?

## SKIDS

Based on the pre-season evidence it looks as if the last season's battle cry – 'Into the Valley' – has been 'retired', with Big Country taking over from the Skids. So my mates tell me, anyway. My musical knowledge doesn't run to telling the difference between Kid Creole and the Coconuts and Fat Bob/Slim Jim!

We can report, tho' that others to 'hit the skids' are Craigie Broom's 'Boys in Blue' who have sunk down the charts big style following their disastrous gigs in the Faroes and in Prague – down four places to number 31. Leading nations in an unchanged top five are Brazil, Czech Republic, Italy and Germany. 'Nul point Norway' rise to number 10, Keegan's Kats are hanging in there at number 14... and even the Star Spangled Banner Bover Boys are above us, in 30th spot.

More chart-topping news next month... watch this space.

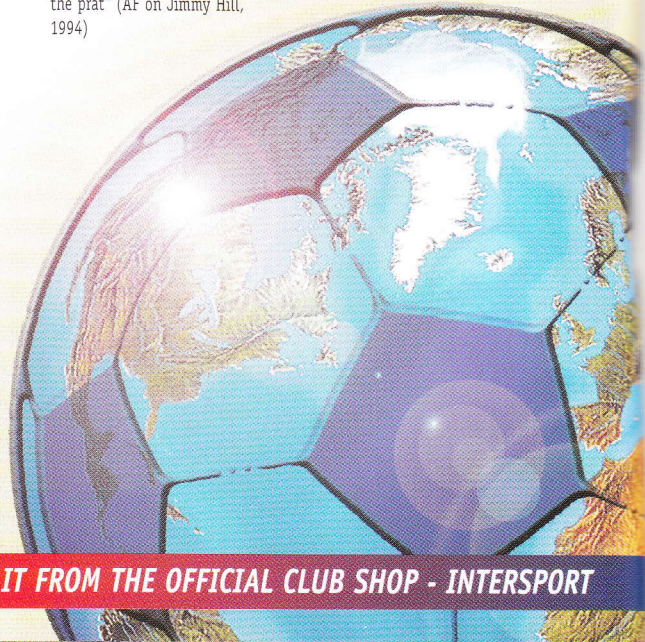
## YES SIR

Thought it would be a change to finish with a few quotes attributed to Sir Alex Ferguson made while he was still a mere mortal:

"He needed five stitches – three in the first half and two at the interval when his brain started to seep through" (Commenting on a Steve Bruce head injury in 1993)

"I've been at this game a long time and I've got a lot of it right... but I've never mastered the trick of pleasing the eight lads I have to leave out every Saturday" (1998)

"If there's a prat in the world, he's the prat" (AF on Jimmy Hill, 1994)





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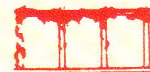
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# Second Eleven with



*Graeme Robertson*

**T**he U18's league programme is due to commence on the 29th of August with an away fixture against Forfar Athletic. The side's next two fixtures are at home to Falkirk and then away to Raith Rovers. In the meantime, the U18's beat Motherwell 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Pitreavie on 17th July. Graeme Robertson is hoping to arrange further friendly matches prior to the new season starting.

The young Pars also took part in the recently held Mussellburgh Five's competition and were, by all accounts, unlucky to lose 1-0 in the final to a strong Hearts team that included experienced first team regulars such as Gary Locke. In the event of teams drawing corners are counted and the young Pars had been winning on corners until the last minute when Hearts scored their winning goal. On the way to the final the Pars recorded wins of 5-0 against Hibs and 3-2 against Whitehill Welfare.

As we reported in the first edition of the Pars Programme, the structure of the Pars youth strategy is now well established and Graeme Robertson as the coach with responsibilities for youth and skill seekers now really has his work cut out for him. Dunfermline now have established playing squads at under 18, 16, 15, 14 and 13 years. All of these squads are now up and running with the younger ones training two evenings per week. This structure is designed to allow young players to progress through the ranks of the various squads right up to the reserve and first team. All the young players selected for these squads at what ever age have the benefits being consistently professionally coached and trained and where they learn good professional habits that will stand them in good stead as they progress through the ranks of the various sides.

As we saw last season and again during the pre-season friendly games, the likes of Chris McGroarty has been

able to play either at left back or in mid field and has

shown that skillful and talented young players can progress quickly. By the same token, the likes of Colin Nish, Stephen Boyle and Chris Templeman are young players that Dick Campbell considers now when he is drawing up the first team list and that he has confidence that young players can do well in the first team.

Meanwhile, equally important work has been going on behind the scenes. John Ritchie, in his capacity as the club's Development Manager and Bert Paton as Chief Scout, have been hard at work with youngsters, parents and teachers around the local schools and community groups in Fife to establish a pathway into the Pars youth structure for boys aged 10 years and over. The success of their endeavours in this area will help to ensure that the club attracts the most promising young players to East End Park, whilst giving the youngsters an opportunity to develop their skills and talents in the best of environments.

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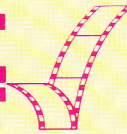
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# Past Historic...

Alex Mathie's seven goals for Morton during the 1992/93 B & Q Cup remains the highest single season total not only for his club but in the history of the competition. Only a handful of players, such as Andy Thomson (Queen of the South), Richard Cadette (Falkirk) and Gerry Britton (Dundee), have managed to score six.

Mathie is also the highest scorer for Morton in the Challenge Cup, with nine goals, and is the only player from his club to have scored a hat-trick in it. Rowan Alexander has a total of seven goals, with Lilley on six, Flannery four, Anderson three, Tolmie, Blaikie and McArthur on two each and Reid, Doak, Fowler, Matheson, Rajamaki and Mahood all on one.

Morton have suffered their share of shock defeats in the Challenge Cup. The very first competition saw them knocked out on penalties by Cowdenbeath at Cappielow after being held goalless through extra-time.

The last three competitions saw them exit the cup at the hands of lower league opposition. In 1995/96 they suffered a 1st Round Knock-out at Livingston, who were playing their first ever match in the competition.

In 1996/97 Morton reached the semi-finals and were expected to qualify after being drawn against Stranraer. An ecstatic crowd of 1,383 at Stair Park saw Morton crushed 3-0 and Stranraer went on to pull off an even bigger surprise by defeating St. Johnstone in the Final.

The following season saw Morton reach the last four again only for them to lose 2-0 at home to Queen of the South, who were beaten by Falkirk in the last Final to be played.

Dunfermline and Morton have not met in this competition prior to tonight's match although the 'Ton have come up against certain opponents with East End Park connections. The Hamilton team which defeated them in the 1992/93 Final was led by Colin Miller, and also featured Kenny Ward and Paul McDonald (who is now, of course, at Cappielow). The following season, saw them suffer a painful 4-2 home defeat by local rivals St. Mirren in which former Pars striker Eddie Gallagher scored twice.

Despite surviving a George O'Boyle hat-trick in the 2nd round in a 4-3 win over St. Johnstone, Morton fell in the next game of the 1994/95 tourney to Dundee, for whom Gerry Britton scored the winner. Willie Callaghan netted the only goal in 1995/96 when Morton fell to Livingston but perhaps the sorest of all had nothing to do with any past or future Pars player. The loss to Queen of the South in the 1997/98 semi-final was made worse by the fact that the victors were led by Rowan Alexander, the former Morton goalscoring hero.

*Morton have been ever-present in the Challenge Cup since its inception in 1990/91, although as it is a competition for lower league teams it's doubtful whether their supporters appreciate that. Here is a closer look at their record in the resurrected event.*

Morton have taken part in all eight competitions, stretching back to the original B & Q Centenary Cup held in 1990/91, with varying levels of success.

The club has never actually won it but came close in 1992/93 when they lost narrowly in the Final to Hamilton Accies. The first match of that competition saw them take on Forfar, who had in their ranks a youthful Stewart Petrie, the beginning of a three-game sequence away from Cappielow.

Alex Mathie scored a hat-trick at Station Park and netted again in the ties against Brechin and Kilmarnock. A home semi-final against Montrose went to extra-time before Morton clinched victory with Mathie scoring another two.

Unfortunately, the final was the only match out of the five in which the striker didn't find the back of the net. Played at Love Street, Paisley, in December 1992, the final attracted a crowd of 7,391 which was excellent for a fixture between Morton and Hamilton, but remains the second lowest attendance for the final of this tournament.

Rowan Alexander scored both of Morton's goals but they were beaten by Accies' full-back Chris Hillcoat's long-range shot.

A couple of that Morton team went on to bigger things: Alex Mathie joined Newcastle and is presently at Dundee United, while Derek McInnes signed for Rangers, and Derek Lilley went south to Leeds United.

## MORTON'S RECORD IN THE BELL'S CHALLENGE CUP 1990/91

**1st Round** - Meadowbank 1 Morton 2 (Alexander, Reid)

**2nd Round** - Morton 0 Cowdenbeath 0 (Cowdenbeath won 8-7 on penalties)

## 1991/92

**1st Round** - bye

**2nd Round** - Morton 2 (Mathie, McArthur) Kilmarnock 1

**3rd Round** - Morton 2 (Mathie, Doak) Raith Rovers 3

## 1992/93

**1st Round** - Forfar 2 Morton 5 (Mathie 3, Mahood, Alexander)

**2nd Round** - Brechin 1 Morton 2 (Mathie, Tolmie)

**3rd Round** - Kilmarnock 1 Morton 2 (Mathie, Lilley)

**Semi-final** - Morton 3 (Mathie 2, Alexander) Montrose 1

**Final** - Morton 2 (Alexander 2) Hamilton 3

## 1993/94

**1st Round** - bye

**2nd Round** - Morton 2 (Alexander, Tolmie) St Mirren 4

## 1994/95

**1st Round** - bye

**2nd Round** - Morton 4 (Lilley 2, Fowler, Alexander) St. Johnstone 3

**3rd Round** - Dundee 2 Morton 1 (Anderson)

## 1995/96

**1st Round** - Livingston 1 Morton 0

## 1996/97

**1st Round** - Forfar 0 Morton 4 (Lilley 2, Rajamaki, Flannery)

**2nd Round** - Morton 2 (Lilley, Anderson) Queen of the South 1

**3rd Round** - Morton 2 (Flannery, Matheson) Partick 1

**Semi-final** - Stranraer 3 Morton 0

## 1997/98

**1st Round** - Morton 3 (Alexander, Flannery 2) Albion Rovers 1

**2nd Round** - Ross County 1 Morton 2 (Blaikie 2)

**3rd Round** - Morton 1 (McArthur) Clydebank 0

**Semi-final** - Morton 0 Queen of the South 2

# Around East End Park...



Dunfermline's two new Directors Frank McConnell (left), and Brian Robertson

The restructuring of Dunfermline Athletics' board of directors continued recently with the announcement of two new appointments.

Solicitors Frank McConnell (54) and Brian Robertson (44) have been season ticket holders at East End Park for a number of years and are looking forward to utilising their skills and experience to help shape the Pars future.

Born and brought up in Dunfermline, Frank McConnell has followed the Pars since 1955 although he now lives and works in Edinburgh. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, he is currently President of the Society of Solicitors in Supreme Courts. He is also Auditor of Edinburgh Sheriff Court and is himself a temporary Sheriff but claims that none of these accolades can compare to his boyhood ambition to be part of this club.

Brian Robertson is also a local man but unfortunately his father, who had a farm just north of Dunfermline, preferred rugby. One of the farm workers took the football-mad youngster to matches at East End Park and he was hooked after his mother accompanied him to watch some of the Pars European games.

Brian is a solicitor in Edinburgh, specialising in tax and investments with Lindsays, a major firm with fifteen partners employing around one hundred staff.

Both men are making a personal investment into the club and are keen to use their professional expertise to tackle areas which they think can be improved.

## PARS SURFING TO SUCCESS

Leicester was the venue for the recent WorldNET '99 football tournament which featured forty Internet mailing list teams from all over Britain - and the Pars were there!

Doing themselves and the club proud was PARCELONA, a team formed from members of the Dunfermline Athletic e-mail list, which currently has over 125 contributors world-wide.

After winning a mini-tournament in Edinburgh, Parscelona

were drawn in a tough group in which their first match was against reigning champions Q.P.R. A very creditable 0-0 draw was followed by a 3-0 win over Notts County and an undeserved 1-0 defeat at the hands of eventual group winners, Middlesbrough. Needing a five goal win over Ipswich to progress the Pars team managed only one and were eliminated on goal difference, with Q.P.R. going through.

Team manager and Lothian '68 Club member Lynne Schyma was extremely proud of the team, the surprise package of the tournament, who received a standing ovation from the other teams in their group.

"We won so many friends," Lynne said, "and there are now hundreds of new Dunfermline fans all over Britain. Since coming home we have had so many e-mails congratulating us on our performance and also commenting on how friendly we were.

"I'd like to thank the whole team for their commitment and good humour and also Dunfermline Athletic for lending us a set of strips to wear".

For the record, Q.P.R. went on to reach the final but lost 2-0 to Arsenal.

Parsca play in the British League of Internet mailing list teams and regularly have matches against other teams. To join the Athletic mailing list, send a blank e-mail to

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For other information contact Lynne Schyma on 0131 337 3028 or mobile 07801 276531.

Congratulations (or should that be hard luck?) to Lynne and the team from everyone at East End Park.

## SOCCER CENTRES

As part of the football development programme being undertaken by D.A.F.C. it is intended to operate a network of Soccer Centres throughout the region.

As a community minded club D.A.F.C. wish to enhance the football opportunities available to the children of Fife. The structure within these Soccer Centres will allow children aged between five and twelve years to learn the basic skills by doing simple skill practices and by playing small sided games.

Appropriate sizes of goalposts, ball and playing area, allied to simple rules and tactics, allow for improved development within the game. The emphasis will be on promoting fun and learning and will also measure success in terms of enjoyment rather than results.

Coaches at the Soccer Centres will be approved by the Club and all coaches will have attended S.F.A. Coach Education Courses relevant to the age group they are dealing with.

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# Future Perfect with



*John Ritchie*

**O**bviously, facilities for training and playing matches are crucial to the success of the programme and to this end the club have struck a deal with the Ministry of Defence for the use of the Royal Navy recreation ground at Rosyth. With so many more teams in action the Pars had to expand their current facilities and with a number of pitches and modern changing rooms this would seem to be the ideal solution.

It is expected that all five teams will train and play there although the club will continue to use venues such as Kelty and Longannet. An all-weather pitch is also in the process of being constructed at Rosyth which will be a great help come the winter months.

Younger children will not be ignored as the club plans to introduce development centres for those aged 10-12 years. There will be seven of these, with five based in different parts of Fife, one in Edinburgh and one somewhere in the Central area.

In addition, a community football programme will be introduced in

around forty centres around

Fife. For both boys and girls in the 5-11 age group, this will feature scaled-down games in which the main objective will be to see the kids have fun. Already, ten of these centres are now in operation.

Quite apart from the logistics of this new programme all the teams will be kitted out with strips, training gear etc., which in total will add up to something in the region of £100,000 a year when everything is up and running. This is a huge undertaking by the club and to help ensure its success it is setting up a Youth Development Fund which will be run quite separately from anything else at East End Park.

Bringing through home-bred talent is now seen as one of the most important aspects in running a football club and the Board of Directors at East End Park are giving this new programme total long-term commitment. Let's hope everyone in the community gives it their full support and gets right behind John Ritchie.





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# One Up...

## A Review of the First Division

**B**y the time you read this the Pars will have played their first competitive game of the new season. Unfortunately our printers deadlines mean that I cannot comment on Saturday's match against Inverness Caley Thistle.

Instead, I intend to continue to look at the rest of the teams who make up the First Division and who may offer a challenge to Athletic's aspirations to win the Championship and the one automatic promotion spot to the Scottish Premier League.

In Saturday's magazine I commented upon Falkirk, Raith, Airdrie, Livingston and Inverness. Today I'll start with our visitors in tonight's Bell's Challenge Cup tie, Greenock Morton.

There was some doubt about where Morton would be playing this season. Like so many sides who have long since seen their halcyon days, their stadium has suffered from the vagaries of time and is in need of major refurbishment. Billy Stark, once second in charge at Celtic, has had to build a side on meagre resources but with the recent signing of ex Ayr and Killie veteran Andy Millen, they might spring a few surprises. I doubt however that they can mount a serious challenge over the stretch (Predicted league finish 8th)

Ex Par Ian McCall who is presently in charge at homeless Clydebank (who, assuming they stave off the liquidators and threats of closure, will also play their home games at Cappielow this season), definitely has his work cut out.

The Bankies are also victims of the changes that have swept across Scottish football and like so many of the clubs in the west have to cope in the shadow of the 'big two'. Once influential with one of the first all-seated stadiums, albeit benches, Clydebank will struggle to stave-off relegation. This time round they have no cash and no facilities and possibly no hope. (Predicted league finish 10th)

St Mirren, not long since Scottish Cup Winners, have also slipped from fame to obscurity in a short space of time. The Saints are one of the most consistent, if not successful teams in the First Division and are the leagues longest-serving member, now entering their seventh consecutive season. Many famous names have graced the Paisley Black and White before going on to greater things, particularly with the Old Firm but those days too are past. Despite backing from their most famous supporter, Chick Young, I fear this may be their last season in the First Division for at least another year. (Predicted league finish 9th).

Finally, in this review of the teams in the First Division

1999/2000, Ayr United. Gordon Dalziel, ex of Rangers and Raith and probably one of the best young managers in Scotland, has shaped a team that has promised so much and has on occasion actually delivered. They took a few Premier Scalps in last seasons Scottish Cup but failed to make a major impact in the league. They have a couple of talented players in Glynn Hurst and Garry Teale but may well struggle with depth if they run into injury problems. (Predicted league finish 5th).

Life in the First Division will be frantic whatever happens. There will be less of the silky soccer of the season past and you should look out for some blood and guts football and a few familiar faces who still ply their trade. There are many ex- Pars scattered around the First Division who will be out to prove a point against their former employers. David Bingham, Gerry Britton, Marc Millar, Paul Fenwick, Ian McCall, Harry Curran, John McVeigh, to name but a few.

Prior to the start of the SPL season the announcement was made about how the top flight will take shape in 2000-2001. With one automatic place going to the First Division Champions (The Pars). Thereafter, the second and third place teams will play a round robin against the bottom placed team in the SPL.

But, how many teams in the First Division actually meet the criteria as we stand today? The SPL demand a 10,000 all-seater stadia as the main pre-requisite along with other minor minimum standards like pitch protection. So, who fits the bill?

Only The Pars, Airdrie and Raith. With Livvy and Caley Thistle ahead of the pack with plans to improve their facilities this means only half of the teams, assuming they do the business on the park, could realistically meet the demands of the elite league. Falkirk don't meet the criteria, St Mirren, Ayr United, Morton don't meet the criteria and Clydebank are homeless. With no hope of the SPL allowing teams to groundshare these clubs are effectively consigned to life in the lower leagues.

Come the end of the season the experts will be examining the permutations of how the final decision will be reached. If the Pars, Airdrie and Raith finish one, two and three, there will be no problem. If it goes any other way and as I predict Falkirk will be there or thereabouts - what will the football chiefs do. In any case I think that whoever finishes last in the SPL will be too good and so only two from the First Division will go up. Watch this space for developments.

***Come on ye Pars!***

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# THE BELL'S CHALLENGE CUP A-Z



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*How much do you know about the Challenge Cup? Test your knowledge against our alphabetical guide... you might just find out something that you didn't know....*

**A AIRDRIE** lifted the trophy in 1994, defeating Dundee 3-2 in the final. A certain Andy Smith scored the winner deep into extra-time.

**B BELL'S** are the new sponsors of the competition formerly known as the B & Q Cup.

**C CROWDS**. The highest ever attendance was 13,763 for the 1993 final between Falkirk and St. Mirren. Dunfermline's biggest crowd was the 7,154 that watched the 1994 semi-final against Dundee.

**D DUNDEE** were the winners of the inaugural competition in 1990, beating Ayr 3-2. They reached the final again in 1994 - see AIRDRIE.

**E EAST END PARK** was the venue for both of the Pars semi-finals, against Dundee in 1994 and Dundee United a year later. Unfortunately, we lost them both.

**F FALKIRK**, winners of the trophy twice, in 1993 against St. Mirren and in 1997, the last final to date, beating Queen of the South 1-0.

**G GERRY BRITTON** is one of only two players to have scored four goals in a game, during Dundee's 5-0 win over Arbroath in September 1994.

**H HAT-TRICK**. Billy Dodds is the only player to have netted three times in a final, back in 1990 for Dundee as they beat Ayr.

**I IVO DEN BIEMAN** scored the Pars first goal in the competition, against Queen of the South in October 1993.

**J JACKIE McNAMARA** made his first team debut in a B & Q Cup tie at Arbroath in 1992 - the Pars lost 3-0.

**K KILMARNOCK** have the distinction of hosting the highest crowd (7,933) outside of the finals when they met Dundee in the 1990 semi-finals.

**L LOWEST CROWD**. The dubious honour of the final watched by the smallest attendance falls to Stranraer and St. Johnstone, who contested the 1996 final at Broadwood before 5,522 spectators.

**M MONEY**. Campbell Money, of course, who lead Stranraer to victory in the above game to earn the club their first major trophy in their 126 year history.

**N NEUTRAL VENUES**. The eight finals have been contested in five different stadiums - Fir Park, Motherwell (four), McDiarmid Park (two) and Love Street, Paisley and Broadwood, Cumbernauld, with one each.

**O OCHILVIEW**. Home of perhaps the biggest outsiders to lift the cup. In 1995 Stenhousemuir defeated Dundee United 5-4 on penalties for their first ever success.

**P PARS** top scorer in the Challenge Cup is Stewart Petrie, with five goals. As for appearances, nobody has played in all eleven games although Craig Robertson, Paul Smith and Ivo Den Bieman played in ten. Norrie McCathie, Stewart Petrie and Jackie McNamara are next with nine appearances.

**Q QUEEN OF THE SOUTH**. Winners of the highest scoring game ever played in the competition. In October 1991, they defeated Montrose 7-4 at Links Park. Jimmy McGuire scored four goals for them.

**R RAITH ROVERS** were involved in penalty shoot-outs in three successive seasons that they entered the competition. They won the first and lost the next two.

**S SECOND DIVISION**. Stenhousemuir were the first club outwith the First Division to reach the final, let alone win it. Stranraer, who also won it, and Queen of the South made it three in a row for the Second Division.

**T TWELVE**. The number of different teams to have contested the eight finals.

**U UNSUCCESSFUL TEAMS**. Remarkable, three teams have never won a game in this competition. Ross County have only had four attempts but Queen's Park and Dumbarton have fallen at the first hurdle eight times in succession!

**V VICTORIES**. The biggest margin of victories held by Dunfermline who defeated Queen of the South 6-0 at Palmerston Park in October 1993.

**W WINS**. Both Ayr and Hamilton, have recorded 16 wins in the competition, with Morton next on 13. Those three clubs have, of course, taken part in all eight events. Better ratios are held by Dundee, with 12 wins from six entries and Falkirk, who have won 11 games during only four forays into the Challenge Cup.

**X X-RATED**. Dunfermline's last appearance in the competition, a shocking 4-0 home thrashing by Dundee United in the 1995 semi-final.

**Y YOUNGEST**. The youngest Pars player to appear in the Challenge Cup has been Andrew Hawkins who was only 18 when he lined up against Cowdenbeath on October 4th, 1994.

**Z ZZZZZZZ..** That's enough about the Challenge Cup. Let's hope the game's more exciting.



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# Today's Fooball

## TODAY'S OTHER MATCHES

This evening sees the kick-off of the reborn Challenge Cup competition, now sponsored by Bells. There is a total of fourteen matches being played tonight at venues as widespread as Berwick, Inverness and Stranraer.

As well as the match here at East End Park, there are a further two all-First Division ties. Ayr play host to Raith Rovers, an interesting fixture as both sides have added new faces to their squads for very different reasons. Ayr are looking to take a big step towards the Premier League while John McVeigh's rebuilt Rovers are hoping to avoid another relegation battle. Inverness Caley Thistle play St. Mirren at the start of a sequence which also sees them meet in the League and League Cup within a couple of weeks.

It's always difficult to predict an upset but if the spectators at East End Park could choose they would undoubtedly pick Stranraer to beat Falkirk. These two clubs were the last winners of the trophy but it's hard to see anything other than a win for the Brockville team tonight.

## BELL'S CHALLENGE CUP FIRST ROUND

Berwick Rangers v Queen of the South

Airdrie v Dumbarton

Clyde v Ross County

Montrose v Hamilton Accies

Ayr United v Raith Rovers

Arbroath v East Fife

Brechin v Queen's Park

Cowdenbeath v Alloa

East Stirling v Clydebank

Inverness C.T. v St. Mirren

Stranraer v Falkirk

Stirling Albion v Stenhousemuir

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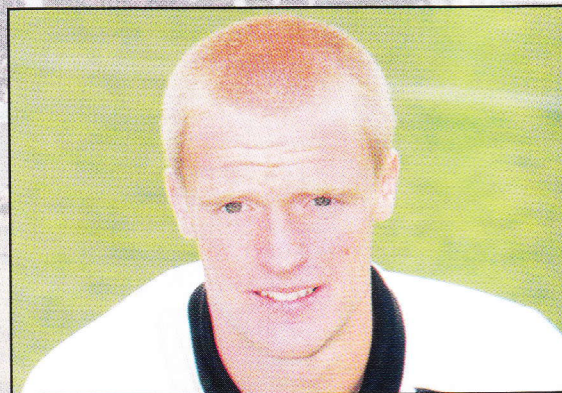
# Player of the Year

**O**ne of the real bright spots in a disappointing season for Dunfermline Athletic was the continued excellent form of Greg Shields. In a team struggling against relegation, it's not often that a defender collects accolades in the manner Greg did during 1998/99.

Not only has he been a model of consistency over the past couple of seasons but he's been so in different positions. After earning widespread praise for his attacking football from right-back, Greg then demonstrated his versatility by maintaining his high standards during a spell in central defence.

It's not often that anybody in the media praises a Dunfermline player but when Charlie Nicholas selected Greg for his Premier League select team he was spot on. His superb season saw him pick up just about all the Supporters' Clubs Player of the Year awards as well as the Player of the Year awarded on the basis of the number of Man of the Match awards received from the match sponsors.

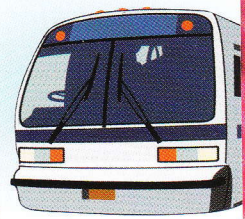
On top of all that, Greg was awarded the coveted Gary Riddell Memorial Trophy as the Players' choice of Player of the Year. That other clubs, both north and south of the border, are showing great interest in him is of no surprise to anyone at East End Park. Whether he stays or leaves, we know that he'll give his utmost to the Pars in the meantime. Congratulations, Greg, and good luck for the coming season.



*Greg Shields, a worthy winner of last seasons match sponsors Player of the Year.*



# Next Please!



The Pars hit the road for their first away game of the season on Saturday with a trip to the exotically named Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie.

This will be our first visit to the Diamonds' new ground, which will no doubt be a far more enticing prospect than the dubious delights of the old Broomfield.

A 10,215 capacity all-seated stadium, the reason for its strange name is that for the first three years of their existence, Airdrieonians were known as Excelsior F.C. So now you know.

Another thing you may need to know is how to get there. If you are travelling via the M8, leave the motorway at Newhouse junction (A73) and the stadium is two and a half miles north of Newhouse. From Cumbernauld, the Stadium is six miles south on A73.

From Airdrie town centre or Garthlea bus station, the stadium can be reached by using numbers 260 or 15 buses.

Since our last match against Airdrie the team has also

undergone an overhaul. Gary Mackay stepped up from assistant manager during last season to replace Alex MacDonald and during the summer old heads such as John Martin, Paul Jack and Kenny Black left the club after an amazing 37 years service between them.

There will still be plenty of other old friends left, however, including former Pars players Allan Moore and Gerry Farrell. It just won't seem the same with goalkeeper Scott Thomson running out towards us but at least he won't scare the kids the way John Martin used to.

Don't forget, the next match at East End Park is the Second Round of the C.I.S. Insurance Cup against Queen's Park a week tomorrow. The Spiders ensured a trip to Fife with a come-from-behind win over Berwick Rangers. They also have an Airdrie connection in manager John McCormack, who may not have a great deal of experience in the hot seat but who did an excellent job at Dundee before being surprisingly dismissed. He's signed a couple of experienced defenders in Paul Martin and Ronnie Coyle, who'll have their work cut out stopping the Pars forward line.

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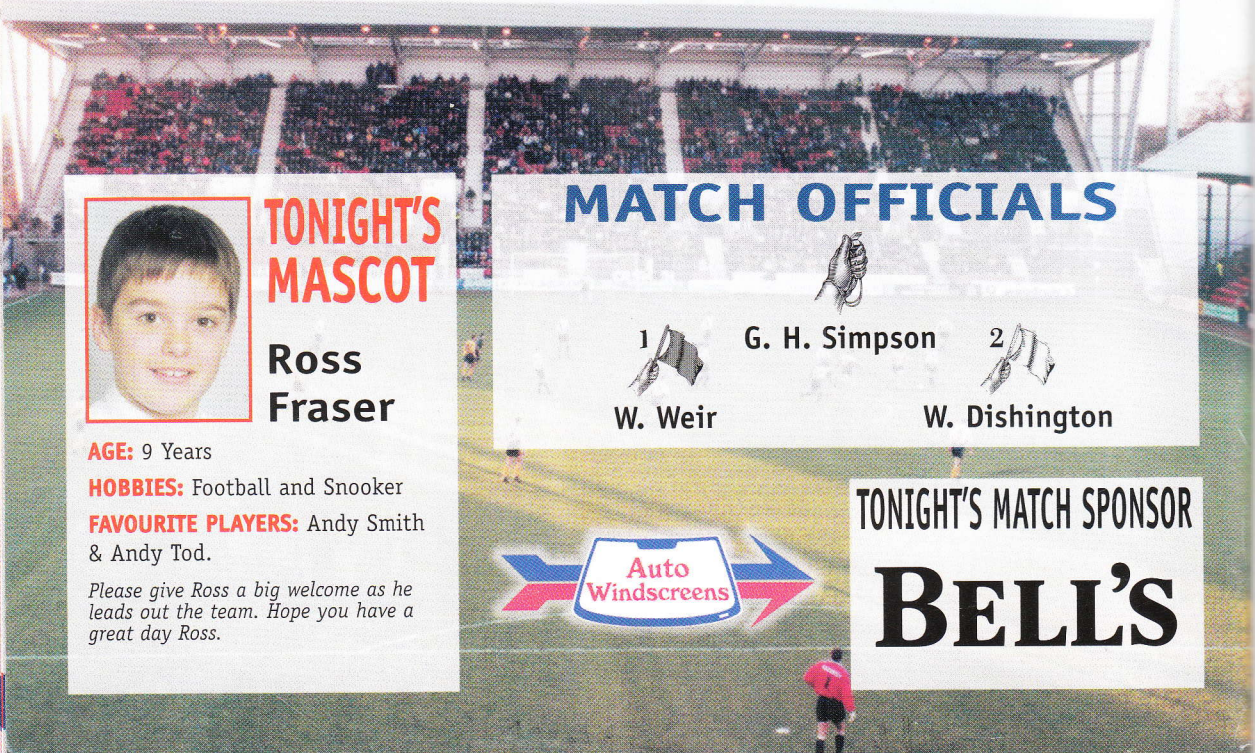


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