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well it was that
kind of game as
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Gerry Farrell
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Campbell's Kingdom.

HE FIRST FEW MATCHES of the season have shown me that we have nothing to worry about in terms of quality and ability. We do still need to learn something about applying the 'killer touch', and that was very evident again last Saturday.

Against Airdrie, I felt that we had enough of the play in a first half in which we played some very good football to have won the match comfortably. Instead, we lost two soft goals and allowed Airdrie to take a point from the game. On the face of it, going to Airdrie and coming away with a point is not a bad result - just watch how many other teams will find that difficult this season. But we have set ourselves standards, we are playing good passing football and we are scoring goals, and when

all of those things happen we should not be dropping points.

I was very pleased with our performance on Wednesday. Bigger teams are very often in a no win situation in Cup matches like that, but I thought we went about our business well. It was a very clean, very professional performance. We played a lot of attacking football in the first half and we are scoring goals. When you look at the other results during the week, we can be happy with what we have achieved. It was good to see Jason Dair back. I was only going to play him for 65 minutes, but circumstances meant he played the whole match. I also thought that Craig Ireland came in and did a really good job. Hamish French and Brian Reid gave us a bit of a worry on Wednesday night but neither appear to have serious injuries so might be back in contention today.

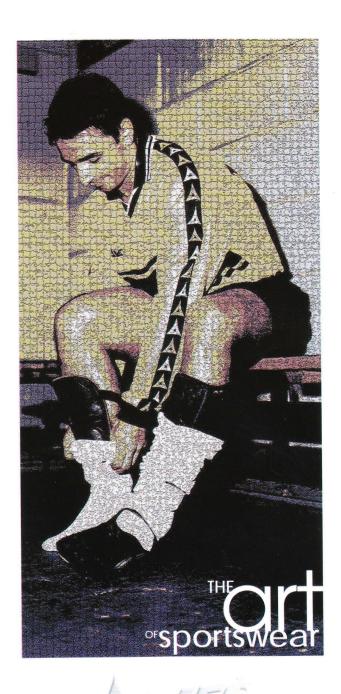
League matches are our bread and butter, so it is vital that we are up for today's game. The fans and the media have very high expectations, and every team that comes here will be up for the game because we are seen to be the favourites. We can cope with that kind of pressure and we have enough motivation for today's game against Morton. They are in the next round of the Challenge Cup and we are not, and we need say no more. Morton are a very competent side, and Billy Stark will have them well organised again today, so we will have to be patient and ready to compete.

Finally today, I wish to record my thanks to Graeme Robertson. During the close season, fifteen players have left the club and although some have come in, there is not the same workload. Unfortunately, it is just one of those things that happen in football, but I do wish to express my gratitude and the club's gratitude for his service both as a player and a coach at Dunfermline Athletic.



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ORTON'S excellent start came to a bit of a halt in midweek when they found themselves on the wrong end of a 3-1 scoreline in a CIS Cup match at Cappielow against Second division Alloa Athletic. That result, combined with their scoreless draw against Clydebank last Saturday will have taken a bit of the wind out of their sails.

As they've already shown with an excellent league win at Falkirk and a penalty shoot out win here, they do travel well and will go into today's match with the confidence of knowing they've already won here.

Morton are likely to include some of the following players in their pool:

ALLY MAXWELL (D.O.B. 16.02.65) - Experienced goalkeeper who took over from the long-serving David Wylie in September of 1998. He has proved to be a great asset to the team as the Pars fans will no doubt testify – his superb finger tip save from Scott Thomson last week kept Morton in the Challenge Cup. A Scottish Cup winner with Motherwell in 1991.

DAVID MURIE (D.O.B. 21.08.76) - Right back signed towards the end of last season after spending seven years with Hearts. Inexperienced at first team level but is improving with every game.

ANDY MILLEN (D.O.B. 10.06.65) - Signed during the close season from Ayr United and is already proving to be a valuable addition. His defensive know-how has been honed over a 16 year senior career which began at St Johnstone and continued through six more clubs before Morton.

DEREK ANDERSON (D.O.B. 15.05.72) - Another who joined during 1998/99 to help lift the club well away from the relegation battle. A powerful defender who began his career at Cappielow, Derek gained Premier Division experience at Kilmarnock before spending short spells with both Ayr and Hibs.

PAUL FENWICK (D.O.B. 25.08.69) - Pars fans will remember Paul from his time at East End Park the last time the club played in the First Division. A popular player at Morton despite signing for local rivals St Mirren, Paul won't feature in today's game because of a dislocated shoulder suffered here in the Challenge Cup tie.

JOHN ANDERSON (D.O.B. 02.10.72) - A regular in the team since signing from amateur football in 1993/94. Lined up in midfield against Dunfermline recently but did a great job in central defence when Paul Fenwick went off.

HARRY CURRAN (D.O.B. 09.10.66) - Hard working midfielder player whose association with Bert Paton stretches back to his Dumbarton days (where he played alongside Owen Coyle and Allan Moore), followed by St Johnstone and then, of course, Dunfermline. Although Morton are looking for more goals from him, Pars supporters will remember the equaliser he scored at Ibrox a couple of seasons ago.

PAUL McDONALD (D.O.B. 20.06.68) - Began his career at Hamilton where his wing wizardry earned him a move to Southampton, but things didn't work out for him there. After playing for Brighton, Paul had a period at East End Park and joined Morton during the summer. He played in the left-wing

back position in the Cup tie and did a particularly good job.

WARREN HAWKE (D.O.B. 20.09.70) - Scored a cracking goal against the Pars and is understandably a favourite amongst the fans. Formerly with Sutherland and Berwick Rangers, he is a versatile player who can do a job in either attack or midfield.

IAN FERGUSON (D.O.B. 05.08.68) - 6'1" striker who had an absorbing tussle with Andy Tod last time out which saw both booked. His career began at Raith Rovers before he had a two year spell with Hearts, then on to St Johnston and Ayr. Unfortunately, he's had to put up with a lot of injury problems.

KEVIN THOMAS (D.O.B. 25.04.75) - Promising career at Hearts interrupted by a bad knee injury, Kevin signed on at Tynecastle in 1992 on the same day as David Murie. Unable to break into the first team there, he's since proved very popular at Cappielow (it's amazing what a hat-trick against St Mirren can do).

ROSS MATHESON (D.O.B. 15.11.77) - Ex-Rangers youngster who was a substitute in the Challenge Cup. A skilful player who likes to run at defences and is a good finisher.

CRAIG McPHERSON (D.O.B. 27.03.71) - Known as "Hagi" to his team mates – not because he's short and fat but because of his "educated" left foot, which supplies quality crosses into the box.

STEPHEN AITKEN (D.O.B. 25.09.76) - Morton's longest-serving player, having made his debut in 1993/94, and is still only 22. An aggressive midfielder who gives opponents no time on the ball.

KEITH WRIGHT (D.O.B. 17.05.65) - A striker well-known to Dunfermline fans after his spells at Raith Rovers, Dundee and Hibs. His excellent scoring record looks like continuing as he's already notched several since joining Morton last season after his second period in Kirkcaldy.

OWEN ARCHDEACON (D.O.B. 04.03.66) - Well known for his time at Celtic, Owen subsequently played for Barnsley and Carlisle before joining Morton in November 1997. He didn't face the Pars although he lined up at left back against Falkirk in the previous match and scored his team's fourth goal.

BRYAN SLAVIN (D.O.B. 23.09.77) - A full back who broke into the team last season. Bryan has so far been unavailable this time around due to injury.



Two "auld heids" fight it out. Hamish French and another ex-Par Harry Curran in action during last week's Challenge Cup tie.

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Headlines

CIS CUP SUCCESS

Dunfermline made a successful start in the first ever CISsponsored League Cup competition with a comfortable 4-0 win over Queen's Park at East End park on Wednesday night. That takes them into the draw for the third round when the 'big' clubs' (Rangers, Celtic, Kilmarnock and St Johnstone) enter the draw for the first time. As reported in our last issue, the Cup has now very sensibly been extended to be played over a much longer period than previously which now means that we have to wait until either Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th October to play the next round.

As it happens, all of the Premier clubs will appear in the last 16 draw, but it could quite easily have been oh so different if luck had favoured some of the smaller clubs earlier this week. Indeed, only Dundee appeared to have managed to avoid a tough match, running out 4-0 winners over Dumbarton. Much-troubled Aberdeen did little to convince their fans that better is to follow. True, they did score a goal and that in itself is something of a miracle based on recent form, but the manner of their 1-0 home win over Livingston was less than convincing. Dundee United may be good at giving the 'Old Firm' a hard time, but they always seem suspect when it comes to sides from the lower divisions. So it was this week when, hot on the heels of their excellent win over Celtic, they needed extra time to take of Ross County on home territory. Despite their drubbing last weekend, Raith Rovers fought back to take their match against Motherwell into extra time, only to lose on penalties. Hearts travelled to Dumfries and eventually won 3-1, but only late in the game and in controversial circumstances after ref Hugh Dallas chalked off a Queen of the South goal. Edinburgh neighbours Hibs may be on a revival but they also had a very tough time of disposing of a lower league side when Clyde took the game to injury time and penalties at Broadwood.

Apart from the Premier League sides, the other clubs to feature in the third round draw are Ayr United (conquerors of Hamilton), Inverness CT (stopping St Mirren in their tracks!), Alloa Athletic (with an excellent win at Cappielow), Falkirk (beating local rivals East Stirling), East Fife (doing what Dunfermline couldn't do on Saturday and beating Airdrie), and of course DUNFERMLINE!

JASON RETURNS

One of the most positive things about Wednesday's game against Queens Park was the return of Jason Dair to first team duty. Jason was beginning to look as he could make a real contribution when he was injured at the end of last season. It has been a long boring summer for him, and with no preseason training it was difficult to assess how he might perform on his return. On Sunday, he turned for the Testimonial at Kelty, his first outing of the season. When Wednesday's match came, the manager was in doubt about whether he would be ready for it and just how long he might

last, but he needn't have worried -Jason fitted in as if he had never been away. He made an excellent

contribution, albeit in his less favoured left back position, defending well and joining the attack at every opportunity. He capped the performance with a fine run to lay on the last goal for Andy Smith. There's no doubt that he'll face tougher opposition in the weeks ahead, but it was a great start for Jason!

RUMOURS ABOUND

The media were filled with tales at the weekend about how Greg Shields had turned down the opportunity to join Aberdeen for a fee of around £400,000, and instead would await developments with Hearts or with Charlton Athletic whose manager Alan Curbishley watched Dunfermline's game against Airdrie.

True or otherwise, Dick Campbell made his feelings on the subject known to the Pars Programme:

"Greg is a Dunfermline player who is under contract with us until the end of the season. We have made him an offer which he has turned down, but we are still negotiating and I'll be doing everything that I can to keep Greg here at East End Park. If other clubs are interested, all I can say that we have not had any offers for him."

AND FINALLY...



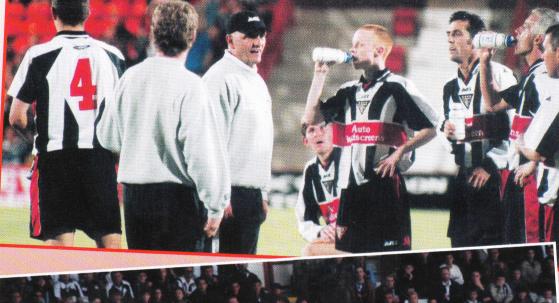
Isn't it absolutely brilliant to see just how much backing Owen Coyle is now getting from the fans, and isn't it great to see how well he is responding?

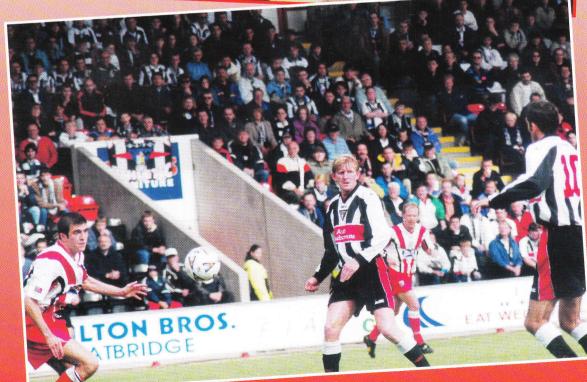
He wasn't everyone's favourite at the end of last season, and Owen himself admits that he can understand why that was the case. But class will out, and a rejuvenated Owen has been tearing defences apart this season and has scored six goals in the last three

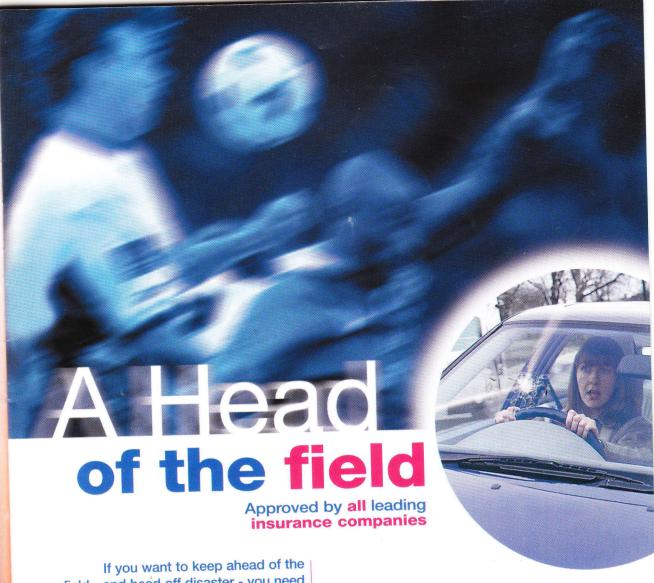
games. Together with Andy Smith, Dunfermline's front line now carries as potent a threat as it has for many a long year. Indeed, Coyle and Smith are reminiscent of the O'Boyle - Jack partnership which did so much harm to Premier League defences in the late 1980s. Keep up the good work - and keep supporting, you can see it gets results!

TOP: Extra-time advice from Dick Campbell during last weeks cup tie against Morton.

BOTTOM: Intresting shot from last week's league match at Airdrie, showing a section of the large Pars travelling support.







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Inverness C.T.	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	4	-5	0

1999/2000 TOP GOALSCORERS

Name	Club	Bells League	CIS Cup		Tenn Sc.Cup	TOTALS
Owen Coyle	Dunfermline	2	2	2	0	6
Steve McCormac	k Airdrie	2	2	0	0	4
Gerry Britton	Livingston	1	2	0	0	3
Allan Moore	Airdrie	1	0	2	0	3
Kevin Thomas	Morton	2	0	1	0	3
Alex Bone	Ayr United	1	1	0	0	2
Scott Crabbe	Falkirk	1	1	0	0	2
Colin McDonald	Falkirk	1	1	0	0	2
Scott McLean	Inverness C.T.	0	2	0	0	2
Stewart Petrie	Dunfermline	1	1	0	0	2
Paul Sheerin	Inverness C.T.	1	1	0	0	2
	Dunfermline	1	1	0	0	2
Mark Yardley	St Mirren	2	0	0	0	2

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Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	Н	4-0	4,685	
	Tue 10	Morton Bells Cup 1	Н	2-2	2,893	
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	Α	2-2	2,872	
	Wed 18	Queens Park				
		CIS Cup 2	Н	4-0	2,596	
	Sat 21	Morton	Н			
	Sat 28	Falkirk	Н			
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	Α			
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	Н			
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	Α			
	Sat 25	Ayr United	Н			
0ct	Sat 02	Clydebank at Cappielow	Α			
	Wed 13	CIS Cup 3				
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	Н			
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	Α			
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	Α			
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	Н			
	Sat 13	Livingston	Н			
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A			
	Sat 27	Clydebank	Н			
Dec	Wed 01	CIS Cup 4				
	Sat 04	Ayr United	Α			
	Sat 11	Morton/SFA Cup 1	A			
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	Н			
	Mon 27	St. Mirren	Н			
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	Α			
	Sat 08	Livingston/SFA Cup 2	A			
	Sat 15	Falkirk	Н			
	Sat 22	Ayr United	Н			
	Sat 29	SFA Cup 3				
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A			
	Sat 12	Morton	Н			
	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	Н			
	Sun 19	CIS Cup Final				
	Sat 25	Falkirk	A			
Apr	Sat 01	Livingston	Н			
	Sat 08	Ayr United/SFA Cup Semi's	A			
	Sat 15	Clydebank	Н			
	Sat 22	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A			
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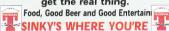
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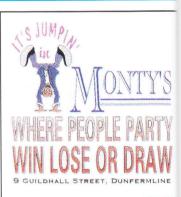
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Reid

DESPITE THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER of outgoing players during the summer, there were only two major signings of incoming players prior to the seasons start, and one of those is the subject of today's interview. Brian Reid has shown himself to be a very string and classy player at the heart of our defence, and has proved to be quite a marksman, too! Bob Storie asked Brian how he was settling in during a recent interview.

How are you enjoying things at East End Park?

"Very much so, yes! The set-up here is very impressive, with a magnificent stadium, and both the boss, and the Chairman, have sold me quite solidly on the club. Coming here all happened rather quickly. Burnley had offered me another contract, and I was aware that Wigan and Portsmouth had also shown some interest in me, but I was up here for my holidays, and spoke to Dunfermline. The attraction of coming back home had a lot going for it, but if it had fallen through, I would have been happy enough to stay in England. However, there was not much likelihood of things going sour, and it took me no time at all to decide to come here. It's a nice town, I'm living locally now, so I'm a newly fledged adopted Fifer!"

How do you rate the quality?

"You just have to look at the fixture list to see that there are absolutely no easy games at all, like there used to be a few seasons back – even Clydebank, for all their troubles, will be no pushovers. A lot of clubs have strengthened their squads with a lot of good experienced players, and they all want to succeed as much as we do! A lot of the clubs in this league gave a good account of themselves against good sides in pre-season friendlies, and although it's hard to judge in that basis, our attitude will have to be spot on – we can't slack off even for a minute. We have all the right attributes to be back up, as we have all the appearance of a Premier Club, and the ability to do the job is beyond doubt, but we have to give 100%, and more, week in, week out!"

You've played at the top level in the game - what are your best memories?

"Being at Rangers offered me the privilege of playing at the highest level in the game, at home and abroad. I've turned out in games against old rivals, Celtic, and I've played in the Champions League in front of a full house. I'm very much looking forward to adding some great moments from my time here, as I only want the best for Dunfermline now!"

Your major injury must have been hard to overcome – what kept you going?

"The encouragement and belief of everyone at Rangers that I'd recover and get back to playing again. I had the very best of physio treatment at Ibrox, and then went out

to the United States for

surgery. It was a long haul, nearly nine months in rehab, but Ian Durrant was especially supportive, as he'd been down the same path himself. Even after I got back to full training, it was a fair while until I was fully match fit again, but all the effort was worthwhile – I never lost faith or hope in myself. Even through it was over eight years ago, I'm thankful for what I have now."

Do you think the top league should be bigger?

"I think I read somewhere that at least one manager stressed that 3 or 4 clubs looked remotely like winning the league, whilst the other six were fighting relegation! I believe that by adding six to the existing ten will allow the youngsters a chance to gain valuable experience. Players can get fed up facing each other four times a year. Sixteen would be ideal, as it would mean six less games, and take off a lot of the stress and strain that a small division creates.

We face your old club again today - how do you rate them at the moment?

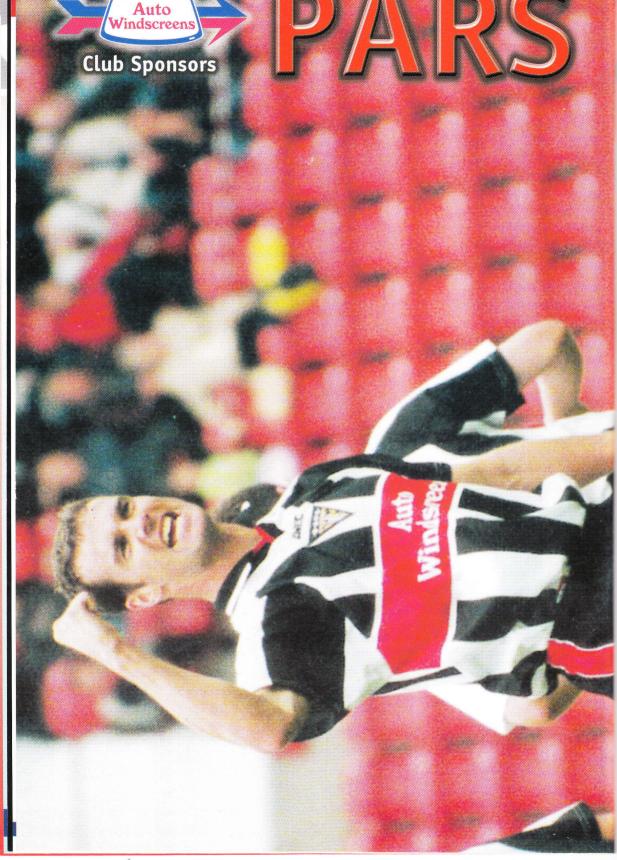
"They're a strong side. Billy Stark has bought wisely, with at least five new players with the very best of experience. We've had a good look at them from our Challenge Cup game, and we know it will be just as tough again. A lot of pundits are tipping them to be the dark horses this season, and they'll be there or thereabouts at the finish. I've got a few good moments of my time at Cappielow, but I'll be out there today doing my best to stop them in their tracks – maybe the visiting fans will give me some more pelters again, like the last time, but I hope to have the last word this time!"

Can the Old Firm fare better in Europe this year?

"Both clubs have had different paths to walk this summer. Rangers have had the success of the treble to build on, and played well against Parma. They look organised, and the tactics look stronger. Celtic are making big changes again, but also look very strong. Once again, there are more foreign imports, which may hamper our chances at international level. All in all, though, I'm much more interested in what Dunfermline achieves over the next few months!"







IN PERSON

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SHOTGUN WEDDING

Did you know that Arsenal are looking to register "Gunners" as an official European Trade Mark? Not content with the small fortune they picked up from Real Madrid in return for the services of Nicolas Anelka (a move which, seemingly, hasn't impressed the French national selectors, who have chosen to "rest" the sulky multi-millionaire) the Highbury outfit's trade mark application covers a wide range of goods and services including medals, medallions, hair cream, games and merchandising ... and the "provision of wedding facilities"!

PATENTLY NOT ON

Stunning news from Manchester is that "Simply Red" singer Mick Hucknall has upset Spanish aces FC Barcelona by naming his Castlefield, Manchester restaurant "Barca". The word on the street is that the Nou Camp senors are planning to set up a merchandising operation in Britain and have contacted the Patent Office to object to their name being taken in vain by Mancunian Mick and his (Simply) Red Devils.

BUCKY BACO

We liked the story leaked out of Warsaw last week that Jaroslaw Bako, goalkeeper for Polish first division side Stomil Olaztyn has been banned for two years and fined \$250 for being drunk in charge of his goalmouth in a league game at Pogon Szozecin. Stomil lost 3-0 and "Buckfast Baco" carried the can (in a manner of speaking) for the surpirse defeat. Jaroslaw has denied the accusations, claiming that no-one could prove he was drunk because no blood tests were taken after the game.

Couldn't happen here, could it?

Think about it.

2006 AND ALL THAT

It was supposed to be a low key affair when the runners and riders for the 2006 World Cup presented their bids to FIFA last week, but instead it was full of pomp and ceremony as the candidates jockeyed for early position.

The South African delegation set the tone, being led into the FIFA HQ by a man dressed in ceremonial Zulu lion skins and head dress, loudly proclaiming "... South Africa's time has come. This beautiful game is our game, this is our time." Maybe so ... but like the other four delegations, South Africa's "time" was limited to just 30 minutes! Outsiders Morocco – who lost out to the USA in 1994 and to France in 1998 – played it straight, although the head of their bid committee claimed that, of the African nations, Morocco has the most to offer. "... a FIFA decision in our favour will take the World Cup back to the heart of the football planet" was one of the lines used to eclipse the claims being made by others.

England's 135 person delegation led by Bobby Charlton, Geoff Hurst, Michael Owen and Tony Banks claimed that "... We're ready ... and we're right". They were also late ... leaving themselves only 10 minutes to state England's case before turning over a 1000 page bid document to Sepp Rlatter!

Germany and Brazil joined the race a day later, Germany leaving it to living legend Franz Bakenbauer to present its bid, while Brazil wheeled out superstars Zico, Dunga and Carlos Alberto Torres to kick off their campaign.

Jings, criveens, help ma boab ... what a cairy oan!

BA'HEID

We remember an incident from the old days before East End Park had a make-over, and standing up for 90 minutes – or most of that time – was the way to take in the action. It concerned a former favourite now plying his trade in Umbro out west. Not pleased with the way things were going, he lashed the ball into the crowd, catching the gut in front of me full in the face. Instant oblivion and an unscheduled liedown resulted.

So what? Well, it seems that something similar happened to an Ipswich Town supporter – a 24 year old nurse who was the victim of a bit of bad-tempered ball-booting by Bradford Citygoalkeeper Guy Walsh. As a result the nurse reported neck, shoulder and arm injuries, disrupted sleep and stress ... claimed compensation and was awarded a four figure sum by the Football Leaque.

Must remember to drop Jackie a note next time the "Hoops' are in town ... and wear a face guard!

AND FINALLY

Thanks to "Side Lines" columnist in the Dunfermline Press finis kind remarks on the programme team's achievements lasseason, winning the Wirral Programme Club Premier League Programme Award for 1998/99.

I've been bursting to ask the question ... does that make "the team that never sleeps " 'Wirral' Champions?!







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Second Eleven

NEW COACHING ARRANGEMENTS

Graeme Robertson's departure has meant that the coaching duties at the club have been reviewed. The changes will in many ways enhance the arrangements because it will mean that the club's professional coaches will all play a role in coaching all of the players, including the younger players.

Jimmy Nicholl and John Ritchie will both play their parts, and with Jimmy interested in youth development and John keen to maintain contact with the first team squad, the new arrangments could benefit everybody.

RESERVE LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY



Chris Templeman has started the season in the Reserves, but will be pushing for first team recognition

The Reserves have been waiting in the wings for what has seemed like a long time, but their season is about to get under way officially. The first match is due to be played against Forfar Athletic at Station Park on Tuesday 31st August. This season there are of course no restrictions on the number of older players who can turn out for the Reserves, but given the healthy numbers in Dunfermline's youth ranks, they are going to have to work hard to retain their places!

Pars Reserves will play all of their home matches at East End Park this season which is something that will be appreciated by a number of local fans who enjoy watching these games.

Meantime, a team which included a mixture of first team and younger players took on Kelty Hearts last Sunday in a Testimonial for Kelty's Steven Leyton. The manager insisted on playing first team players in order to pay proper respect to the Testimonial. The Pars team ran out 5-0 winners.

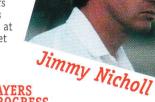
UNDER 18S ARE STARTING TOO

The Under 18 side will continue to play in a competitive league this year. Although no longer eligible to play in the Under 18 Premier league they will play in Youth Division 'C', which is in fact only a title for a division which will comprise of clubs in the East like Falkirk and Raith Rovers. Youth Division 'B' is for clubs in the West of Scotland.

The Under 18s first match is also against Forfar Athletic and is due to take place at Station Park on Saturday 4th

September. The Young Pars home matches will be played at either the Fleet

Grounds at Rosyth or at Longannet.



YOUNG PLAYERS MAKING PROGRESS

The coaching staff are delighted that so many young players are making a serious push for inclusion in the first team this season. Already, the first team has featured Chris McGroarty and Colin Nish, while Steven Boyle and Chris Templeman have been included in the first team pool without actually making it on to the bench.

One player who hasn't featured yet is Craig Martin. Craig is still out long-term and is due to see a specialis shortly. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.

AND FINALLY...

Coach Jimmy Nicholl didn't take long to decide that he had made the right decision in coming to East End Park Earlier this week he said, "It's been just brilliant comin back. I've had a great welcome and the fans especially have been terrific."

So there!

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PARS HOLD THE EDGE

Since the first league meeting between the two clubs at East End Park, on Christmas Day 1926, the Pars have held the upper hand. Out of 31 matches here, Dunfermline have won 18, Morton 6 and the other seven have ended in draws. Morton first recorded a league victory here on February 28th, 1953, at their sixth attempt, and repeated that feat the next season.

They then endured a run of only one win (1969/70) at East End Park in thirteen visits. They were no league matches for ten seasons after 1975/76 as Morton enjoyed several seasons in the top flight while the Pars struggled. Morton's recent record shows an improvement, with two wins from their last five games here although the Pars notched up a 4-1 victory in the last, in March 1996.

MORTON'S PREMIER RECORD

Both Dunfermline and Morton have spent seven seasons playing in the Premier Division but have only crossed each others paths once, in 1987/88. It wasn't a particularly memorable year for either club – both ended up being relegated. At least that was the Pars first experience of that level of football but Morton have never been back since.

They had played five successive seasons of Premier football from 1978/79 but were later relegated as the first club to concede 100 goals in a season, in 1984/85. They repeated that in 1987/88 and to this day no other club has let in the ton during a Premier Season.

THE BOYS FROM BRAZIL!

One of the strangest, not to mention most exotic, players ever to line up for the Pars did so in a match against Morton. In 1965 excitement surrounded the arrival at East End Park of two South Americans, Alexandre Gabrielle, aged 20, and Joaquim Filho, 25, from the Juventus club of Sao Paulo. The SFA, however, would not allow them to play until clearance was received from the Brazilian F.A.

Gabrielle was released but Filho, reported to have three Brazilian caps, played one first team game for Dunfermline, a 1-1 draw at Cappielow on September 18th, 1965. Around this time it was discovered that Filho was actually Venezuelan and having failed to impress was released by the end of October.

MORTON TRIVIA

Morton's highest league position came in 1916/17 when they finished second in the First Division.

The club's only Scottish
Cup success was in 1922
when Rangers were
defeated 1-0 in the

Jimmy Cowan is Morton's most capped player, making 25 appearances for Scotland between 1948 and 1952.

In 1963/64, Morton won 23 consecutive league matches from the start of the season until February 1st, when they lost to East Fife.

Former Morton manager Allan McGraw scored 41 league goals for the club in 1963/64.

Morton's only European appearance was in the 1968/69 Fairs Cup, whent hey lost 9-3 on aggregate to Chelsea.

Andy Ritchie was awarded the 1979 Scottish Football Writers Association Player of the Year trophy and was the Premier Division's top scorer.

Morton lifted the First Division title twice in four seasons, in 1983/84 and 1986/87.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Since the war, few clubs have had such an upand-down existence as Dunfermline and Morton. Between them they've been promoted fifteen times and relegated on fourteen occasions, sometimes together.

Today we look at two matches from seasons when promotion was on the agenda for at least one of the teams. On November 12th, 1949 the Pars visited Cappielow for the first time in ten years to face a Morton side which had started the season with a run of eight wins and one draw.

Morton opened brightly and gave the visitors defence a real going over. Nobody was surprised when an early goal came, McGarrity heading home at the near post. The Pars silenced the crowd by equalising only four minutes later, Clarkson scoring form the penalty spot after McGairy was brought down.

Alexander restored Morton's lead before the break but once again Dunfermline fought back, Henderson netting in the 70th minute. Both sides had chances to win the game but the final score was 2-2, with the Pars being the first team to leave Cappielow that season with a point.

Morton: Clark, Mitchell, Westwater, Orr, Whigham, Hunter, Farquhar, McGarrity, Mechan, Boyd, Alexander.

Dunfermline: Houston, Kirk, McLean, McCall, Clarkson, Whyte, Mayes, Cannon, Henderson, McGairy, Smith.

Morton led from start to finish and went up as Second Division Champions in 1949/50, while the Pars were third. However, they survived for only two seasons in the top flight and couldn't regain momentum for another crack at promotion. By season 1954/55, it was Dunfermline who had hopes of going up when Morton visited Fife on March 19th.

Attacking from the start, the Pars took the lead in the 17th minute, a loose ball outside the box struck home by left-half Chalmers. Very little was seen of Morton throughout the game but the Athletic forwards were unable to finish them off. Their fast, passing football frequently carved open the visitors defence only for the strikers to hesitate and lose the opportunity.

A second and decisive goal did eventually come, in the 86th minute, through O'Brien.

Dunfermline: Mackin, Laird, Mackie, Samuel, Crawford, Chalmers, McKinlay, O'Brien, Dickson, Muir, Anderson.

Morton: Harvey, Percival, Baird, Little, Lewis, Hinchelwood, Gibson, Bryceland, Fleming, Orr, Linwood.

The Pars did indeed gain promotion, finishing second behind Airdrie (their third promotion since the war) although Morton had a poor season, ending up in ninth place. They didn't regain a First Division berth until 1964.



Around East End Park...

NORRIE McCATHIE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, 22nd August the Norrie McCathie Memorial Tournament once again takes place at Pitreavie Playing Fields. Lining up against Dunfermline's Under 16 team will be Albion Rovers, Cowdenbeath, Dundee, Hearts, Livingston, Raith Rovers and last year's winners, Falkirk.

The Preliminary Rounds kick-off at 10.00am with the teams split into two groups of four. The Finals commence at 1.30pm when all the teams will play off for the eight places.

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VIDEO APPEAL

The club has been contacted by exiled Pars fan Linda Knox, from Peterhead, who is trying to track down a copy of the 'Champions' video, a record of Dunfermline's 1995/96 promotion winning season. Having tried the manufacturers and various shops without success, Linda is hoping that a Pars supporter may have a copy that they are willing to part with. She is prepared to pay up to £20 for the video, so if anybody is interested please contact her at 13 Slains Court, Peterhead, AB42 2YF, or telephone 01779 471194.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS CLUB

AGM – Due to administrative problems the A.G.M. scheduled for August 26th, has had to be cancelled. A new date will be arranged and details posted to all members, and an advert will be placed in the Dunfermline Press as soon as possible. We apologise for the delay.

Membership can be renewed in the Supporters Club Shop on matchday if required.

A Question of Sport – The club is looking for ten supporters who would be interested in completing a questionnaire and in making themselves available for their comments on football. There is no cost involved in this, so if you're interested in obtaining further details please contact Joan Malcolm on 01383 611793 as soon as possible, or call in at the Supporters Club Shop.

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AST SUNDAY SAW THE START of the Youth Development Initiative matches for two of Dunfermline's young teams. The Pars programme will endeavour to cover all these games but don't expect results of league tables – the emphasis is on nurturing the players rather than winning cups and medals.

The Under 15's lost to a strong Hibernian side at Broxburn. They were one or two good performances from the Pars lads but they'll have a lot of work to do in the next few weeks.

At Bonnybridge, the Under 13 team played Falkirk and after a close game lost out in the final few minutes. Michael Frew, playing up front with Steve Ferguson gave Dunfermline the lead with a cracking shot from twelve yards. Falkirk were the stronger team, physically and really only won the game when the Pars players tired towards the end.

The match was played in thirty minute periods with breaks in between to allow the coaches a quick word with the players. Substitutions were allowed at any stage throughout the game which lets all fourteen youngsters get onto the park for a decent length of time.

Youth Development Officer John Ritchie said after the match, "I'm really pleased with how the team played. We're beginning to look like a team now, which is great considering how short a time we've been together. The game was played in a good spirit with both teams playing football from the back. Towards the end our lads ran out of

steam a bit but they kept trying to play football. One or two



The team that played Falkirk included Craig Condie, Kevin Lawrie, Charlie Lynott, Gary Paton, Kerr Mitchell, Fraser Beveridge, David Reekie, Paul Thomson, Greig Lawrie and Daniel Bell, as well as the three mentioned above.

One interesting aspect of the Under 13 squad is that they all come from Fife. Although the club is not looking exclusively for local talent it is determined to capture the best in the region. Two of the players, Charlie Lynott and Daniel Bell, are from Leuchars and came to the attention of Dunfermline through the participation centres in Cupar and St Andrews.

The past week saw maintenance work begin at the Naval ground in Rosyth, with groundstaff from East End Park preparing half a dozen pitches. The teams will not be training there yet but the authorities have given permission for matches to take place there.

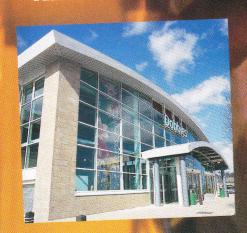
Tomorrow sees the first games taking place there, with the Under 13's playing Hibs and the Under 15's taking on Motherwell. Kick-off is at 11.30 am, so go along and cheer on the stars of tomorrow.





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A Review of the First Division

AFTER TWO LEAGUE GAMES

Dunfermline sit second in the league separated on goal difference from St Mirren, who are top, and Airdrie (3rd), Morton (4th), and Livvy (5th). AS predicted by everyone and their dog, this will be a fairly evenly balanced league with perhaps only two or three teams unable to challenge effectively for promotion to the SPL.

Last week, the Pars earned a point at Airdrie but everyone who witnessed the game will know that we should have had maximum points. A couple of defensive lapses allowed Airdrie to grab two headed equalisers against the run of play as Dunfermline Athletic were clearly the better footballing side. As I intimated last time out, there have been a number of changes in Scottish football, however some things remain constant and will never change. Firstly, Airdrie's ground pre-Shyberry Excelsior and Broadwood was of course Broomfield. For those who were not at the Shyberry Excelsior last week for the first time, the new grandiosely named stadium would have been a considerable disappoinment. We know that money doesn't grow on trees but the dirty seats and half-finished interior gave Pars fans no consolation when they were paying over the odds to get in. It really does make you wonder if this all-seater stuff is absolutely necessary. Secondly, Aidrie's style of football has in the past been described as "robust, committed, tough" but last week Colin Bryant in the 'Scotland on Sunday' said that, "..under Gary Mackay, Airdrie's renowned brand of aggressive, bruising football has been tempered." Hmmm!

ELSEWHERE IN THE FIRST

Elsewhere in the Bell's First Division, Falkirk twice came back from a goal down and, with a winner three minutes from time, secured their first points of the season with an away win at ICT. The league's new boys are beginning to find life in the First Division rather tough. They were my tip to be the surprise side this season and finish mid table. However, the jump from third to second and the first divisions in successive seasons may be too much for them to handle.

Two ex-Pars, David Birgham and Gerry Britton, gave Livingston their first win of the season at Ayr United. Gerry scored on the stroke of half time before ex Hibs and Raith striker Danny Lennon equalised but up popped Bingo to score the winner with quarter of a hour left. Livvy play Airdrie today in what could be described as a "derby". This will be a tough test for Livvy and will be a pointer to just how good they really are and whether they have what it takes to get into the SPL.

The big win last weekend went to St Mirren, who incidentally were one of my tips for the drop! It's still

early days but the humble pie is warming nicely thank you! The Paisley Saints fair gubbed the wee team 0-6 with short term signing Barry Lavety scoring the first. Whether the prodigal son will make a permanent move back to Love Street remains to be seen.

Today's visitors Morton played at home last week to Clydebank who were also playing at "home" except they were the away team!! Confused? So were they – neither could find their way to a goal and they fought out a 0-0 draw. 1,433 turned up to watch this one which was 1,404 more than the Bankies had the last time they were at home or was it away – now I'm confused.

Yes, Morton return just ten days after that penalty shoot-out victory in the Bell's Challenge Cup. I still think that the Pars have the ability and talent to win this league and make a swift return to the SPL. So, starting today we have back-to-back home league games and an opportunity to stamp our authority on the Division.

THE SPORTSOUND TEAM (AND BIG JIM!)

Travelling to Airdrie last week with the Ed and some other Chums, we were listening to Radio Rangers (Sportsound to the rest of us). Now the guys on the show were reviewing the progress of the four Scottish sides in the two European competitions last midweek. After waxing lyrical about how brilliant Rangers were against Parma - how lucky Killie were to return only 1-0 down to Reykjavik and how the Saintees drew 1-1 thanks to an equaliser by "Two Goal" Nathan - they turned to Celtic's 6-0 hammering of Cwmbran. All of a sudden, without warning and without any thought for its implications, that sylph - like figure Jim Traynor declared that had the Sportsound Team been wearing the green and white hops, they could have beaten the Welshmen. Maybe not 6-0 but they could have beaten them he espoused.

Well, that got me thinking and so I took a long look at the permutations. I could live with Gordon Smith up front, Murdo McLeod in midfield and Willie Miller in defence. I could probably live with Richard Gordon in his role as "Team Captain". John Barnes would get a game, just because he's called John Barnes. Alistair Alexander talks a good game so he'd be in. I'd probably put Chick Young in goals because his shiney baldy napper would dazzle the opposing strikers. Now, that's seven, where would I find the rest of the team? Oh, I know, Jim Traynor, there's enough of him to make up the back four and the rest of the side, including the subs on the bench. Because as the Welsh Male Voice Choir sang "He ate all the Welsh Rarebit Leek Pies etc, etc".



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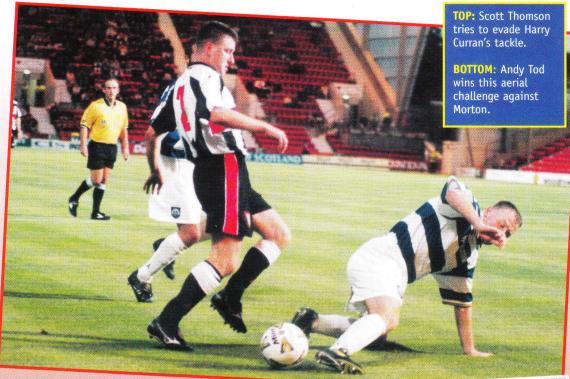
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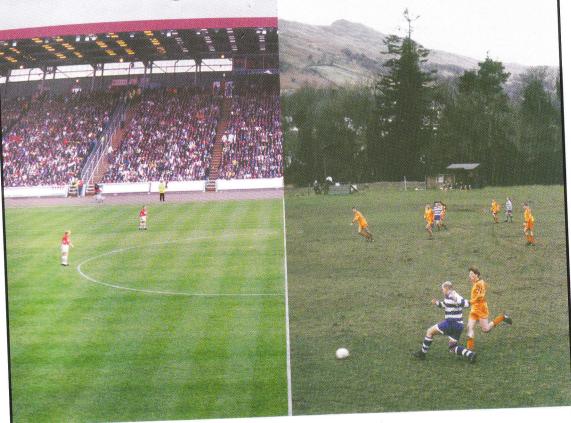
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Today's Football

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TODAY'S FOOTBALL in Scotland will surely be the clash between the 'Old Firm' and the two Dundee sides who have been acquitting themselves well of late. In particular, the match at Ibrox between Rangers and Dundee United catches the eye. United under Sturrock at last appear to be clicking, and with a reasonable past record at Ibrox they are as likely as anyone to cause an upset at the home of the seemingly invincible champions. Celtic on the other hand, must once again pick themselves up after yet another false dawn and will be absolutely devastated if a six point gap were to open up at this stage.

In the First Division, St Mirren will get the chance to show against Inverness CT which of last week's results was the more accurate reflection of their current form. And of course, we will all look out for the crowd at Cappielow where Clydebank entertain Raith Royers.

In the Second, the big question is what will happen to the Maryhill Magyars this week, while in the Third, East Fife will be looking to consolidate their good start with another win against Dumbarton.

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Player of the Year

FOR THE SECOND MATCH in succession the Auto Windscreens Man of the Match was awarded to Chris McGroarty. The youngster has obviously made a big impression occupying the left back position and another fine display in the Challenge Cup tie against Morton saw him chosen by club sponsors Auto Windscreens as Man of the Match.

His well-timed tackles are becoming something of a trademark but most attention is grabbed by his willingness to get down the flank and swing in an accurate cross. It was precisely this that kick-started Dunfermline's fightback against Morton, with Chris' well-placed centre knocked down by Andy Smith for Owen Coyle to score.

The runner-up spot went to Greg Shields who, like his full back partner, initiated several attacks with his hard running and support of the midfield. Earning one point in third place was Jamie Dolan, whose tackling in the middle of the park gave the forwards a platform to build on.



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SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 1999 BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION FALKIRK

EVERY PARS FAN WILL BE looking forward to next week's match, the first of a number of attractive local derby' games this season. It's hard to say which of the local derbies the Dunfermline fans would most like to win but this game against Falkirk would take some beating. Matches between the two clubs have always had an edge to them, and this one will be no different. There should be no shortage of atmosphere either with a big crowd expected. In the not too distant past, First Division matches between Dunfermline and Falkirk have attracted five figure crowds.

Falkirk have been runners-up in the First Division for the past two seasons and there's no doubting where their manager, ex-Pars player Alex Totten would like to see them at the end of this season. They have not, however, had the brightest of starts to the season. Surprisingly defeated by Morton at Brockville on the opening league Saturday, they scored a late winner at Inverness last week to record

their first win. They've huffed and puffed a little in the Cup matches too. Knocked out of the Challenge Cup by Stranraer, they took a long time to subdue East Stirling in the CIS Cup in midweek. But if there's one game you can guarantee that Falkirk's players and fans will be up for it will be this one.

Their side has shown a few changes this season, the most notable of which has been the signing of veteran striker Tommy Coyne. He is always a dangerous customer There is only one ex-Pars player on Falkirk's books - former youth player David Sinclair. The ex-Raith Rovers defender will be well-known to Jimmy Nicholl, but steps will have to be taken to counter the aerial threat that he and Coyne will pose.

From a Pars point of view, this will be Dunfernline's third home game in four league outings. As the manager says, it is vital to win home games. From the fans point of view, they might settle for a bit of revenge on the last time they played against each other in February 1997. On that occasion, the Premier League Pars were defeated 2-1 at Brockville by their First Division opponents in a Scottish Cup tie.

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