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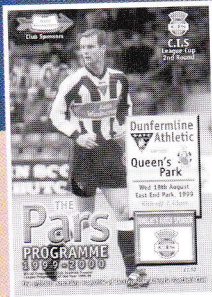
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ON THE COVER

Brian Reid who scored on his league debut for the Pars against Inverness.

IN THIS ISSUE...



5, 22. This evening's visitors, Queen's Park, have a proud history but not, unfortunately for them, in the League Cup. We look at their past encounters with the Pars, one of which featured a legendary goalkeeper who earned his first cap at the age of 36 (there's still hope, Westie!)

15, 16, 17. After scoring one of the best debut goals seen at East End Park for years, Steven Boyle earned a name for himself amongst the supporters. Read about his hopes for this season and his influences at the club.

18. The World of Football takes a look back at the days when men were men, Britannia ruled the waves and footballers were paid a tenner a week. Players today don't know they're born... see that Anelka....

20. The Pars Under 18's are already showing some good form. Find out how Graeme Robertson and the lads are getting on.

26. The start of the new season comes under the spotlight in 'One Up', as well as the bizarre world of Scottish league re-organisation, part 216.

Plus, all the other news from around the club. The big story is that the editor is back from his holidays (once again during the season) so I'm off to bed to sleep for Scotland! Night, Night!

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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...

Despite all the talk in the newspapers following the Inverness game I, for one, was not allowing myself to be kidded by the result. It was only the first match of what will be a long hard season and as if to prove the point along came the Morton game.

I felt that the Inverness match was typical of how I expected it would go. They didn't create much but made it difficult for us to play an open game and that is something we'll have to get used to at East End Park this season. Although we passed the ball around well in stages we also gave it away far too often and I emphasised to the players that their concentration has to be a lot better.

Having said all that, I was very happy with the start we made - if anybody had

asked me on Saturday morning if I'd take a 4-0 then, of course, the answer would have been yes.

I was pleased that the goals were shared out even if two of our best performers didn't get on the scoresheet. Chris McGroarty was absolutely outstanding, particularly for an 18 year old, and Owen Coyle also had a superb game. His link play was excellent and it was unfortunate that he didn't manage to score. I was delighted to see both Stewart Petrie and Scott Thomson find the net - we're always drumming it into them that they'll score if they get into the box more often.

There were times that we didn't get the ball out wide as often as I'd have liked and sadly that was one aspect of our play that carried over into the Morton match. We simply didn't get behind their defence often enough and when we did, the quality of the crosses into the box was very poor.

For twenty minutes after the start the players seemed to be switched off and they never recovered until after half-time. I don't think there's any doubt over the 120 minutes who the better team was but sloppy defending cost us dear. Morton took full advantage by scoring two great goals out of the few chances they had to hand us a hard lesson.

The players' attitude was great in the second half and we almost pulled off an excellent fightback but at the end of the day it was just not good enough.

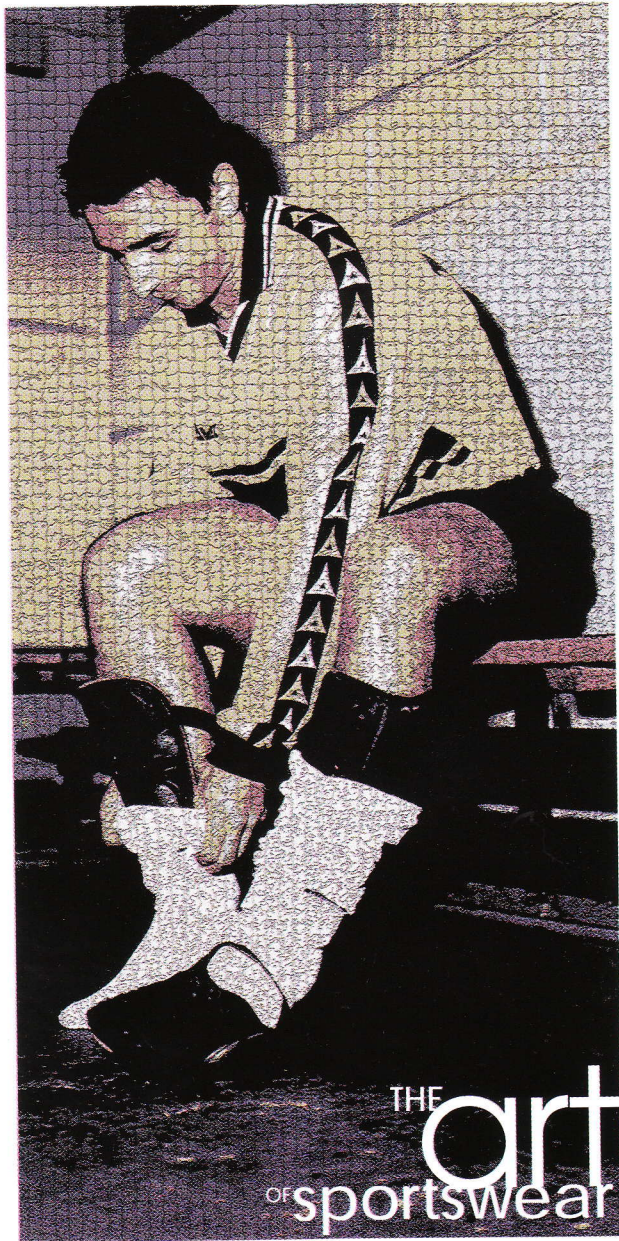
Tonight we have another cup tie, against Queen's Park and although I don't know that much about them I know that John McCormack will have them well organised. They did very well last season against Dundee United in the Scottish Cup and we'll be treating them with the utmost respect. This time, we have to make home advantage count.



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Queen's Park....



NEIL INGLIS (Goalkeeper) Aged 24
Returns for his second spell with the Club having left with only eleven games under his belt to spend the remainder of last season with Linfield. Has also gained experience with Rangers, Clydebank and Morton which will be put to good use as the last line of Queen's defence.

DAVID ALEXANDER (Defender) Aged 20
Signed from Knightswood Juniviles at the start of last season he immediately impressed with a maturity which belied his tender years. Was previously with John McCormack at Dundee so the Queen's coach is well aware of his potential. Whilst he can play as a wing-back, his future appears to be in a more central role.

DENIS CONNAGHAN (Defender) Aged 23
Signed in February of last year from Clydebank, Denis has become a big favourite with supporters by showing total commitment to the cause. Comfortable in either central defence or as a wing back, he has great ability to get forward and deliver dangerous crosses.

PAUL FERGUSON (Defender) Aged 25
Made his first team debut eight season ago but has spent much of that period struggling with a variety of injuries and, sadly, this season is no exception. A cultured player who is very accurate with his distribution and who deserves better fortune in the future.

GRAEME ELDER (Defender) Aged 37
The oldest player at the club as Paul Martin is always quick to remind him but you wouldn't believe it when you see him charging forward like an 18-year-old on occasion. He also shown he has the know-how to fill a central midfield role if required and scores the occasional goal too.

ROSS CAVEN (Defender) Aged 34
Amazingly now in his eighteenth season here, last season saw him make his 500th competitive appearance while he only requires another 8 goals to break the magic 100 barrier. Is eighth in the chart for league goalscorers and is on target to become the all-time league appearance record holder before the Millennium and likely to continue well beyond that.

PAUL MARTIN (Defender) Aged 34
Acquired from Albion Rovers at the start of last season, his experience in central defence was Rovers' loss and Queen's gain. He also has the ability to cause problems at the other end of the field too and has scored some valuable goals. Last season's Player Of The Year.

DANNY FERRY (Defender) Aged 22
Has bags of energy and his willingness to help out at both ends of the park ensures his continued popularity with supporters ever appreciative of his efforts. Earned many new admirers in the cup matches against Dundee United when he ran himself into the ground.

JOE GOEGHEGAN (Defender) Aged 21
Canadian born Joe arrived at Hampden from Knightswood Under-21's at the same time as Martin McFadyen and also has memories of good times here as a player with the Strollers a couple of season ago. Has now matured into an attacking left wing back and will be a valuable addition to the squad this season.

NEIL McFARLANE Aged 21
A tremendously exciting prospect whom John McCormack snapped up at the start of this season from Glasgow Amateurs. Originally



thought of as a midfield player, he is currently helping out at the heart of the defence where his passing ability was ably demonstrated when he created the two goals against Berwick earning himself the Man of the Match award too.

RICHARD SINCLAIR (Defender) Aged 17
Tipped for a great future given that he was playing in the Club's U-16 championship winning side last season! Will continue to gain experience this term and 1st team appearances are not beyond him.

MARK TRAVERS (Defender) Aged 22
Another new signing, this time from Possil Y.M.C.A. If he can emulate the Club's other signing from that source, Ross Caven, Queen's will have no complaints. Will compete for a wing back role.

JONATHAN WHELAN (Midfield) Aged 26
When his work brought him to Glasgow last season, he was quickly napped up. Latterly with Total Network Solutions F.C., this Liverpoolian gain European Winners Cup experience on two occasions with fellow League of Wales side Bangor City. A tremendous acquisition.

GRAHAM CONNELL (Midfield) Aged 24
Signed in July from Partick Thistle whom he joined from Clydebank the previous season. Covers a lot of ground and he can also slot into a defensive role if required.



STEWART ORR (Midfield) Aged 18
Was quickly snapped up when he became available after leaving St. Johnstone and

looks to be a cultured player who will add creativity in the centre of the park.

JIM BROWN (Forward) Aged 21
Signed at the end of last year from Gourock Y.A.C. U-21's, he progressed straight into the first team where he impressed in both the Scottish Cup matches against Dundee United in a midfield role. Now pushed forward go good effect where he is ably demonstrating that he has an eye for goal.

SCOTT EDGAR (Forward) Aged 23
A consistent scorer for the Club, he continues to improve each season and will hope to do even better this time around. Has now been at Hampden for five seasons and has consistently finished top scorer despite the lack of a regular striking partner.



KEVIN MCGOLDRICK (Forward) Aged 27
Made his debut in October 1994 but joined old boss Hugh McCann at East Stirlingshire last season. Returned like the prodigal son however to score his seventeenth goal for the Club when equalizing in the League Cup tie against Berwick Rangers. The complete utility player, he can also fill a midfield or defensive role should the need arise.

MARK GALLACHER (Forward) Aged 24
Comes to the club highly recommended with a proven goal scoring record in the Ayrshire Leagues with Knockentiber. As the competition to fill the striking roles heats up, he will be eager to impress.

TOM LITTLE (Forward) Aged 21
Put pen to paper for the second time in August although his six month absence was work related. Very skilful left sided player who is capable of crossing as good a ball as anyone at this level.

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Headlines...

A FLYING START

There's nothing better than kicking-off the season with an emphatic win to get the adrenaline flowing! It's been a while since Dunfermline won their opening day league fixture - the 1995/96 season, to be exact, defeating Airdrie at Broadwood thanks to a Greg Shaw goal. However, it's a lot longer since the Pars recorded such a one-sided scoreline in the first league match. Way back in 1984 the Pars hammered Stranraer 5-0 at East End Park with John Watson netting four of them. Fair enough, the optimism was dulled slightly with the outcome of the Morton cup-tie but it was an encouraging start and it should give everyone confidence for the coming season.

C.I.S. INSURANCE CUP-NEW DATES

It wouldn't be a new season if certain clubs didn't gripe about the continued existence of this competition, but it's here again and to make it somewhat easier for those clubs competing in Europe the dates have been rescheduled in order to ease fixture congestion. Our four European entrants now don't have to enter until October (don't be sarcastic - of course they'll still be involved on the continent at that stage).

The revised dates are:

3rd Round - Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th October

4th Round - Tuesday 30th November or
Wednesday 1st December

Semi-Finals - Sunday 13th February and Tuesday 15th
or Wednesday 16th February

Final - Sunday 19th March

PROGRESS REPORT

Dunfermline's two long-term injury victims, Craig Martin and Jason Dair, are on the road to recovery at last. Craig has finally been given the all-clear on his back injury by a specialist and is now on a course of antibiotics which will help clear the problem. It will be a while yet before he is back to full fitness as he was unable to train at all without feeling pain in his back.

As for Jason Dair, who during the summer had keyhole surgery to remove scar tissue on his anterior cruciate ligament, he's resumed training and even managed to play in a reserve friendly match last week. It won't be long, hopefully before Jason is back in contention for a first team place.

PRE-SEASON ROUND-UP (continued)

Saturday, 24th July

Dunfermline 3 Preston North End 0

Dunfermline did well enough to impress former player, now Preston manager, David Moyes into tipping them as

title

contenders.

The Pars gave their opponents a real chasing in the first half and after a couple

of missed chances the deadlock

was broken after 19 minutes. Andy SMITH put through Owen COYLE whose return pass was met by the big striker twelve yards out for a clinical finish.

In the 31st minute, COYLE chased a long ball and beat 'keeper Lucas from a narrow angle at the second attempt.

Preston improved after the break and forced WESTWATER into a couple of good one-on-one saves. The last word went to the Pars, however, as NISH headed home a COYLE cross with seconds left to play.

Dunfermline: Westwater, Shields, Ireland, Tod, Reid, (Huxford 80), May, Thomson, (Boyle 74), Coyle, Smith, (Nish 74), Dolan, (French 74), Petrie, (Graham 71).

Monday 2nd August

Forfar 1 Dunfermline 6

Manager Dick Campbell fielded the team that was to start against Inverness and was rewarded with another fine win, although 'keeper Ian WESTWATER performed first half heroics which included a penalty save.

Scott THOMSON created the opener by beating a couple of defenders on the byeline before lofting the ball to the back post where Andy SMITH did the needful.

The second half saw the Pars take control after Eddie MAY forced home the second. After an hour, PETRIE's inch-perfect cross was headed home by SMITH and shortly after Owen COYLE got on the scoresheet with a superb volley from the edge of the box.

SMITH completed his hat-trick with a neat touch from Petrie's cross and the winger set up the Pars' sixth with an excellent pass to COYLE who shot low into the net from 18 yards.

After a rash of substitutions, Forfar pulled one back when a deflected cross left 'keeper HAY stranded giving BRAND an easy header.

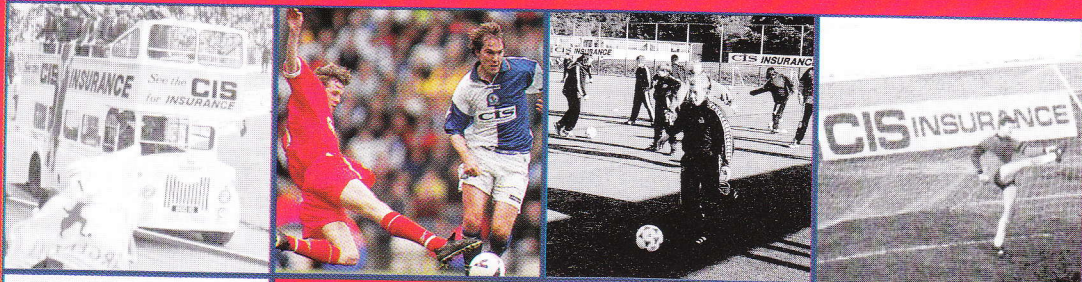
Dunfermline: Westwater, (Hay 80), Shields, McGroarty, (Ireland 80), Tod, Reid, Dolan, (French 80), Thomson, May, Smith, Coyle, Petrie, (Nish 81).



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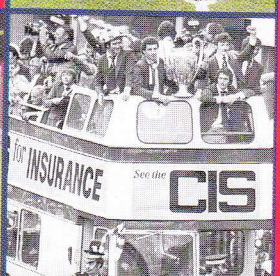
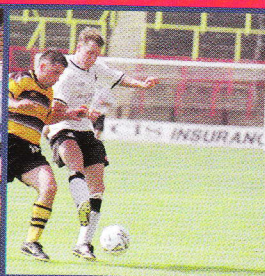
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1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

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

Correct at 11 August, 1999. *Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper.

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Greenock Morton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	3	
Airdrieonians	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	
Ayr United	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	
Livingston	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Raith Rovers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	
St. Mirren	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Falkirk	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clydebank	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inverness C.T.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	4-0	4,685
	Tue 10	Morton	H	2-2	2,893
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A		
	Wed 18	Queens Park	A		
		CIS Cup 2	H		
	Sat 21	Morton	H		
	Sat 28	Falkirk	H		
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A		
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H		
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A		
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H		
Oct	Sat 02	Clydebank at Cappielow	A		
	Wed 13	CIS Cup 3	A		
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H		
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A		
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A		
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H		
	Sat 13	Livingston	H		
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A		
	Sat 27	Clydebank	H		
Dec	Wed 01	CIS Cup 4	A		
	Sat 04	Ayr United	A		
	Sat 11	Morton/SFA Cup 1	A		
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H		
	Mon 27	St. Mirren	H		
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	A		
	Sat 08	Livingston/SFA Cup 2	A		
	Sat 15	Falkirk	H		
	Sat 22	Ayr United	H		
	Sat 29	SFA Cup 3	H		
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A		
	Sat 12	Morton	H		
	Wed 13	CIS Cup Semi	A		
	Sat 19	SFA Cup Round 4	A		
	Sat 26	Airdrieonians	A		
Mar	Sat 04	St. Mirren	A		
	Sat 11	SFA Cup Round 5	A		
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	H		
	Sun 19	CIS Cup Final	A		
	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	A		

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KEY TO STATS

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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
Water	Shields	McGroarty	Tod	REID 1	Dolan	THOMSON 1	May	SMITH 1 PEN	Coyle	PETRIE 1	Graham (9)	French	Ireland (5)
Water	Shields	McGroarty	Tod	Reid	Dolan	Thomson	May	Smith	COYLE 2	Petrie	Graham (11)	French (8)	Ireland



Jamie Dolan lines up a shot against Inverness.

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Hi Folks, well, I don't know how you feel, but I'm really getting back into the swing of things now that the season is well under way. Tonight's game has plenty at stake, and I can tell you that everyone in the stadium will be up for an exciting game alright!

There is some very big news to discuss with all Sammy fans in the Young Pars ranks. A new fan-club has been set-up called "Sammy's Gang". This will be excellent for all the younger members and there are some special items of interest for those who may wish to sign up for membership (sorry, no grown-ups allowed!). If you need any more information on "Sammy's Gang" just contact anyone on the Young Pars Committee.

Thanks for all the interest in my home kit! I've heard many complimentary comments on the new strip design, but none of the comments directed at my kit worn at the Preston NE game were very kind! OK, so the top was too small and the shorts were too large - I knew that! That's all part of the fun with me though, you just never know what daft outfits I'm likely to wear - do you?

I hope no-one got their eyes burnt out with my routine at the Morton game last week when I did my simulated "full eclipse of the sun". It was a great change for me to be able to do a more relaxing routine - instead of having to run about like some sort of headless chicken!

I am very pleased to say that we have had excellent feedback regarding the new PARS GOAL celebration song which we used as our very first Selected Sammy Song this season. So much so, that we are using it again today, so lets hear you singing it as loud as you can every time we score! (and let's hope we're singing it lots of times!) Your loud vocal support will lift the team and help them to give us their best, so let's hear it

I'm feeling... (clap, clap)... Glad All Over!
Yes I'm... (clap, clap)... Glad All Over!
Baby I'm... (clap, clap)... Glad All Over!
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YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hi everyone, welcome to all our new Young Pars, our Membership list is growing fast, and it's great that so many of you are rejoining season after season. Remember, our Membership package is great value for money, so if you have any leftover holiday cash, enroll in the Young Pars! You'll get all the benefits of being involved in your local Football Club! Just come along and enroll and we'll prove it to you!

Especially for our Young Pars aged up to 6 years we have Sammy's Gang, and the first Event of our season is a special Birthday Party for Sammy and his friends. This will take place on Sunday 5th of September at East End Park and we want all of you to come along and help Sammy celebrate his birthday!

Any new Members who would like to enroll are welcome to come to this Party and join in the fun. Sammy is very excited about his party and just can't wait! We have some surprises lined up for all of you, so come along and join in!

YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Happy Birthday to the following Young Pars whose birthdays are coming up,

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AND FINALLY

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the questionnaires we sent out with your membership forms. There have been some really excellent suggestions and we must mention Gavin Fotheringham, whose ideas we might just try out! We're not telling you what they are, you'll have to see for yourselves!

In response to our pleas for some holiday news, one Young Par spotted a DAFC pennant in a tiny taverna in Aegina in the Greek Islands this summer. (Don't ask us what a Young Par was doing in a taverna!)

Another member spied a certain person in Magaluf, but refuses to divulge any details! (We're working on her though, just watch this space!)

Keep the stories coming, we're starting to enjoy this feature!

Remember, all you Sammy's Gang members, keep Sunday 5th September free for Sammy's Birthday Party!

All older Young Pars - watch out for details of the dates of your first Events!

See You All Soon.
Young Pars Committee

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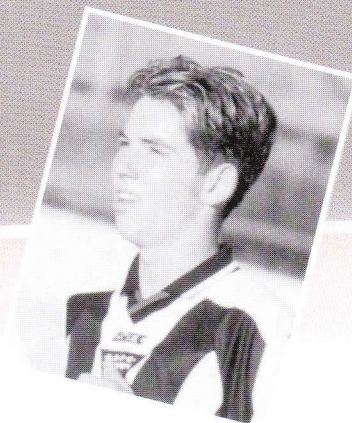
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Steven Boyle



The phrase "Out of darkness cometh light" could have been coined for our final game of last season. Despite a home defeat to Motherwell, the talking point of the day was the sparkling display of debut boy Steven Boyle, who gave a tremendous performance and scored a sensational goal. Steven spoke to Bob Storie in a recent interview to outline his hopes and ambitions for the new season.

You got a great deal of praise for your debut at the end of last season – did it surprise you?

"I suppose it did, yes! I was delighted that I'd managed to put in a good game on the day. I didn't even know I was going to be playing until about an hour before kick-off, so there was not any time to bother about getting nervous beforehand. Getting the goal as well was just unbelievable – the icing on the cake! Everyone around me kept me on my toes, and I was really happy to get a good reception from the fans when I went off – that meant a lot. The experience did me the world of good as well, as I now know what to expect on a competitive level with the first team."

How did your form go last season?

"I started most of the reserve games last year, and played the full 90 minutes for the majority of them. My goalscoring was not what it should be, and that's something I hope to improve on this season. My form dipped a bit over the Christmas period, and I was due to go to East Fife on loan, but that fell through. I then got a chance to go up to Brechin on loan, and was up there for over two months. I enjoyed that spell, and I was sorry to see they missed out on promotion on the last day to Stenhousemuir. After that, I came back for the last two weeks or so, and got my debut – I like to think I made some real progress."

How has your close season gone?

"I had some time down south in England with my girlfriend, and then I was on a trip to Magaluf with my friends, so I got some serious relaxation done. Pre-season went quite well, and I took part in our first friendly against Ross County up at Dingwall. Unfortunately, I got a bit of hamstring trouble during the game, so I missed out on most of the other friendlies arranged. I came on in the Preston game, albeit with an unnumbered shirt, but there was no way I was putting on a number 13 – I'm too superstitious!"

Have you been told you'll get more games this season?

"I've been told what every other squad player has been told – it's up to me to mount a serious challenge for a first team place, and then try to hold on to it, and that's all perfectly fair and square. I'm a left-sided player, and with the form that Stewart (Petrie) is showing at the moment, it's going to be no easy task. I've been kept involved with all first team squad duties thus far, so I know that as long as I keep my work rate up, I'll get a chance again sometime soon."

What are your targets this year?

"Getting Stewart's shirt! No, seriously, I'd obviously love a chance to get a run of games together, but I'll have to be patient for that. At the moment, I need to improve my upper body strength, and also my sprinting as well, so those areas are what I'm working on at training in the gym. The senior players are a great help to me, guys like Scott (Thomson) and Stewart himself. There's a common bond between all the players here, and that's to get a winning side out every week, whoever is involved – everyone pulls for each other."

Tell us a bit about yourself?

"I'm an Edinburgh lad, born and raised, and although I was no die-hard, I used to follow Hearts. John Robertson was my favourite player with them, and it's rather strange to think that I might just get the chance to play against him this season, when the Livingston games come around. My best pal at the club is Big Nishy (Colin Nish), he and I go back a long way, and we really root for each other whoever gets a game – a real friendly rivalry without the rivalry."

What made you decide to join Dunfermline?

"The opportunity of knowing I'd get a better chance of getting on in the game. There were one or two English clubs showing a bit of interest, and Aberdeen as well, but David McParland really sold me on the club. When you're 16, you're always in a rush to live your life, and I wanted to show that I was good enough to stake a claim. I've no regrets about coming here, and I've got a lot to be thankful for, I can only hope that the best is yet to come."



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GAMEKEEPERS AND POACHERS

Curiosity got the better of me a couple of weeks ago when the word on the street was that former SFA supremo Jim Farry had completed a course in creative writing and the product of his labours would appear in print in 'The Herald's Monday morning sports supplement.

After waxing eloquent on the professionalism of all concerned with the modern game, JF then played his ace with the question: "... in this era of equality and legislation regarding free movement of labour...could the new millennium herald referee transfers?"

"... can we anticipate videos of referees' career highlights...suitably edited, being circulated to leagues and associations by agents?"

Revolutionary stuff, eh? He does go on to explain in inimitable fashion "... I feel it appropriate to advise you that this column was penned after a lunchtime bowl of mushroom soup and, as I re-read the above paragraph, there's the danger that the soup's contents were of a hallucinogenic nature. On the other hand, perhaps our football leaders should contemplate this and other evolutionary aspects of professionalism!"

Don't know what they'll make of that in the 'House on the Hill'. Watch this space for a response from David whatsisname!

JEANS ARE IN

First there was Jean-Marc...Bosman, that is.. who contrived to change the face of professional football at a stroke, but his contribution is small beer seemingly compared with the plans of namesake Jean... Jean-Louis Dupont, an ambitious Belgian lawyer.

Jean-Louis had planned to use Nicolas Anelka (who else?) as a high-profile test case to prove to the world of football (nice line that, isn't it?) that any player can give reasonable notice to his employers and then walk out the door to work somewhere else without being restrained by his contract or by the fact that a national association holds his playing registration.

If Monsieur Dupont succeeds, transfer fees could be a thing of the past, club loyalty will be tested to the limit and team planning will go out of the window... and it isn't as far-fetched as some might think. Jean-Louis is not alone... Robert Swanney, legal advisor to the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association argues that footballers are workers like everyone else... there should be no transfer fees within contracts... and that the sooner people talk about it being at an end the better.

Now we know why Arsenal accepted Real Madrid's £23 million-plus offer for poor little rich boy Anelka. We hope that someone has told the 20-year old superstar that Spain operates a system whereby a player can buy his freedom at any time, based on a wages-linked valuation...

We'll save that story for another day.

GOOD OLD DAYS

He didn't turn out against us in the pre-season warm-up but I'm pretty sure that the Preston North End legend, Tom Finney, could still have shown us a thing or two, even in his 80th year.

I was reminded of his daring deeds recently in an excerpt from 'McIlvanney on Football' focusing on the giants of the game. For the record - because I know how much some people like these things - the Preston and England winger - a contemporary of Stanley Matthews - scored 247 goals in 565 first class matches, including 30 in 76 full internationals for England and 7 in his inter-league appearances.

So what? This is 'so what' ... when he joined Preston he was offered the princely sum of £2.50 a week to go on the ground staff, but elected instead

to play as an amateur and continue with his plumbing apprenticeship for six-bob (30p) a week. Later however he progressed to the giddy heights of £20/week in season, £2 for a win... £1 for a draw and £17 per week for his close-season wage by the time he retired in 1960. So much for the maximum wage... even international appearances carried at most a £50 fee, sometimes a miserly £20... and first-class travel was not on the agenda for most of the superstars at that time.

The maximum wage applied in Scotland, too, as Lawrie Reilly ex-Hibs and Scotland centre-forward (striker to you), reminded us in a Radio Scotland interview. Lawrie, who plied his trade at the same time as Tom Finney, recalled that when Hibs set Scotland's European ball rolling in 1955 he, and other members of the 'Famous Five', were paid £12 a week basic wage, with a £2 win-bonus and £1 for a share of the points.

Staggering stuff... what must these guys think of the £40,000-£50,000 a week that some of today's 'stars' believe they are worth... even 20-year old starlets.

TIME FOR A LAUGH

It's been gey serious fare so far, so, just for a laugh, what do you think about the latest proposals for the SPL?

As it isn't bad enough that this season's bottom side in the 'Scoddish' Premier League will be given the lifeline of a play-off against SPL minnows Mark 2 and Mark 3... with all sorts of comforts built in to virtually ensure that there will be no relegation...there's the crazy parting of the ways after 33 games.

Okay, it gives the opportunity to add a couple of clubs to the SPL structure... at a time when a so-called first-class fixture can grip the imagination of only 29 paying customers. What's wrong with the odd merger or two and two divisions of 16-18 teams?

Now, if only I could get a job with 'The Herald'!

AND FINALLY

From the heraldic pen of New Age writer 'Fearless Farry'... "Football, happily, continues to occupy a prominent place in our Scottish culture, best illustrated by the reputed management memo on the factory notice board which reads:

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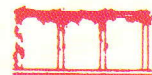
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Second Eleven with



Graeme Robertson

Strictly speaking our opening comments this week are not about the young Pars, but they are directly related to the work of the club's youth development scheme and just occasionally it's nice to be able to sing someone's praises. So just for once we'll allow ourselves a little diversion. (Anyway the editor is away on his holidays). As most of the fans who attended the first home league game of the new season against Inverness Caley Thistle will agree, Chris McGroarty was a deserved winner of the sponsors man of the match award. It is almost no exaggeration to say that Chris hardly put a foot wrong or made a poor pass during the entire match. He made a telling contribution in his defensive role at left back and was also more than willing to support his midfield and forwards with intelligent forays forward. Dare we argue with Dick Campbell's comments at the end of the match when he suggested that Chris was a new Jackie McNamara?

When you consider that in Chris' and Graeme Robertson's view, his best position is in an attacking role on the left of midfield, his potential is clearly there to be seen. Before he gets too carried away with all this praise and adulation, however, Chris will be the first to recognise that he has a long way to go yet and we can be sure that Dick Campbell, Jimmy Nicholl, Graeme Robertson and the other members of the coaching staff will be sure to explain exactly what he has to do in order to continue his progress. By the same token, it's also probably a fair bet that the rest of the first team squad will help to keep his feet firmly planted on the turf. In the meantime, it's nice to know that the club's youth development scheme is producing results. All credit to the staff who work so hard behind the scenes to develop such talent.

As we mentioned in the previous addition of the Pars Programme, the Pars U 18's, as part of their preparations for the start of the new season, recently played Albion Rovers at Pitreavie Park. The result was a fairly conclusive 5-0 for Dunfermline and helps in the process of developing confidence in readiness for the new season.

The side was D Hay, G Findlay, G McCarty, S Gayne, S Anderson, K Nicol, C McCreadie, Trialist, G Walls, S Ferguson and D Walker. The substitutes were D Lambie R Harrower and a Trialist. The goals came from D Walker who scored two, one of which was a penalty. D Lambie and S Ferguson scored the others for the Pars.

For those who have been closely following the progress of the young Pars during the course of last season, it will be noticeable that Graeme Robertson has continued to introduce younger players from the U 16 squad when the coaching staff think that they are ready to move up. On this occasion, one or two younger players have been introduced into the side as the new season is starting. Graeme Findlay and Colin Findlay, for example, have

moved up from the U 16's. In addition two trialists were also given an opportunity to show what they could do in this match. As the season develops we will keep you up to date with the progress of the Pars young talent.

The reserves were also in action during the pre-season with matches against Brechin, Cowdenbeath and Dundonald Bluebell.

Tuesday 20th July Brechin 1 Dunfermline 1

The game came to life in the second half after Brechin took the lead from the penalty spot. David Graham and Colin Nish had chances to equalise before Graham made amends late on. After picking up a loose ball, he held off a challenge before sliding it past the Brechin 'keeper.

Dunfermline: Butler, McDonald, Anderson, (Walls 46), Ireland, Squires, (Gayne 54), Huxford, Templeman, French, Nish, Graham, Boyle.
Subs not used:- Nicol, Hay

Tuesday 27th July Cowdenbeath 1 Dunfermline 1 (Cowdenbeath won 4-2 on penalties)

After dominating this Fife Cup semi-final, the Pars were eventually knocked out after a penalty shoot-out. Cowden opened the scoring in the 19th minute but Dunfermline fought hard for an equaliser, with Huxford and Nish bringing out excellent saves from Godfrey.

The Cowden 'keeper continued to impress in the second half but was finally beaten by a Hamish French header in the 65th minute.

In the penalty shoot-out Graham and Thomson scored but May and French saw their kicks saved by Cowden hero Godfrey.

Dunfermline: Butler, Squires, Huxford, Tod, Ireland, Templeman, (Dolan 81), Thomson, French, Graham, Nish, (May 81), Boyle, (Petrie 81)

Tuesday 3rd August Dundonald Bluebell 0 Dunfermline 6

The Pars cruised to a comfortable victory at Moorside Park with young striker Colin Nish grabbing a hat-trick. The other scorers were David Graham (2) and Hamish French.

Dunfermline: Butler, Squires, Huxford, Taylor, Ireland, French, McCarty, Templeman, Nish, Graham, Boyle

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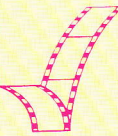
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Past Historic...

The Pars have faced Queen's Park only four times in the history of the League Cup and all of these meetings took place in the early years of the competition which began in 1946.

For over thirty years the Cup was played in a sectional format, with the four teams in the group coming from the same division, and the winners qualifying for the quarter-finals. Dunfermline had failed to achieve this in any of the three previous seasons and looked set to miss out again after a disappointing 2-1 home defeat by St. Johnstone. However, a run of four straight wins, concluded by an excellent 4-2 victory at Kilmarnock, saw them through to the last eight.

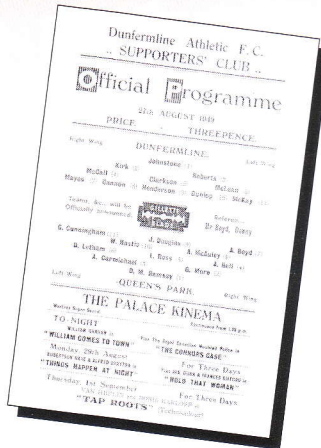
Along with Dunfermline in the quarter-finals were East Fife and Cowdenbeath, but it was another Second Division side, Airdrie, that came out of the hat to play the Pars. In a classic game at Broomfield, Dunfermline pulled off an excellent 4-3 win, the goals coming from Clarkson, Henderson (2) and Cannon.

The return match at East End Park was played on a Tuesday night to avoid clashing with Rangers visit to Cowdenbeath the following day. A goalless draw meant that the Pars were through to face Hibernian in the semi-final at Tynecastle.

In what was one of the Club's greatest days, Hibs were defeated 2-1 to set up an all-Fife final at Hampden Park. The full story will be told nearer to the 50th Anniversary of the Pars first major final.

For the visit of Queen's Park in August 1949, Dunfermline issued a small single-sheet programme which opened out to create six pages. Although this was a couple of pages longer than the previous season, there is still hardly anything in it other than adverts.

Other than a small paragraph welcoming the visitors, content is a message from the newly appointed Secretary/Manager, William Webber Lees, coming to East End Park after a 23 year association with Albion Rovers. The new manager asked for patience to be shown towards his young team, but it wasn't the supporters he needed to appeal to. After a very disappointing 1950/51 season, the Board of Directors asked Mr Lees to resign, having spent the previous two seasons selling off the Club's best players.



Younger supporters may not recognise too many of the names of either team when the Pars played Queen's Park in August 1949, but the Amateurs goalkeeper at East End Park went on to become a legend in Scottish football.

In a career of great extremes, Ronnie Simpson made his Scottish League debut for Queen's Park well before his 15th birthday. After five years at Hampden, he turned professional with Third Lanark in 1950 and impressed enough for Newcastle to pay £8,750 for his services in February 1951.

From the start of the next season he was an automatic first choice, a position he held for seven campaigns. A double Wembley winner with the Magpies, in 1952 and 1955, Ronnie made 297 appearances for the club before a serious muscle injury kept him out of the game for months.

At one stage it looked as if his career was over, but in October 1960 he joined Hibs and began the second part of his career. After four years at Easter Road he signed for Celtic, ostensibly to provide cover. Jock Stein arrived a few months later and although at first the two didn't see eye to eye, Simpson eventually became the first choice goalkeeper, winning every domestic honour as well as the European Cup in 1967. Amazingly, he earned the first of his five Scottish Caps at the age of 36, against England at Wembley in the famous 3-2 victory in 1967. After playing 188 games for Celtic he retired in 1970, but continued in a coaching capacity for several clubs over the years, including Dunfermline.

The opening match of the 1949/50 season, on August 13th, saw Dunfermline travel to Hampden Park and record an encouraging 1-0 win. The Pars had the best of the first half, although Cunningham came close for the Amateurs when he hit a post with a header. In response, McSeveney fired a shot just wide and Henderson hit an upright.

The deadlock was broken by Jimmy Cannon, who burst through the home defence to score from an acute angle.

QUEEN'S PARK: Ramsay, More, Carmichael, Bell, Ross, Letham, Boyd, McAulay, Brown, Hastie, Cunningham.

DUNFERMLINE: Johnstone, Kirk, Roberts, McCall, Clarkson, McSeveney, Mayes, Cannon, Henderson, Dunlop, McKay.

The return match two weeks later saw an emphatic 3-0 win for the Pars. McKay took advantage of a poor pass-back to open the scoring and before half-time the Athletic had added two more. Simpson in the Spiders' goal did well to push away a Mayes cross shot, but Henderson was on hand to head home and right after this Mayes netted from close range.

The second half saw two Pars goals disallowed and a shot from Henderson, which looked to have crossed the line, not given.

DUNFERMLINE: Johnstone, Kirk, Roberts, McCall, Clarkson, McLean, Mayes, Cannon, Henderson, Dunlop, McKay.

QUEEN'S PARK: Simpson, More, Carmichael, Bell, Ross, Letham, Boyd, McAulay, Douglas, Hastie, Brown.

On August 18th 1951 Queen's Park recorded their only win over Dunfermline in the League Cup, a comfortable 2-0 success at Hampden Park. Both goals came after the interval, Stewart scoring from the penalty spot and Omand shooting low past Moodie. The home side twice hit the bar and only a fine display by the Pars' keeper saved his team from a hiding.

QUEEN'S PARK: Weir, Stewart, Imlah, Harnett, Harbour, Hastie, Black, O'Connell, Grierson, Dalziel, Omand.

DUNFERMLINE: Moodie, Kirk, McSeveney, Whyte, Clarkson, Baikie, Mailer, Macaulay, Mayes, Wright, Smith.

Dunfermline played host to the Amateurs on September 1st knowing that a draw was good enough to see them progress to the last eight. Determined not to play safe, the Pars went ahead in the 17th minute when McGairy hit a first time shot into the net.

The visitors were hardly in the game, but pulled off a shock equaliser with 19 minutes left, O'Connell converting Omand's cross. Straight from the kick-off the Pars raced downfield and McGairy set up Wright who smashed the ball home from close range to give Dunfermline a 2-1 win.

DUNFERMLINE: Moodie, Kirk, McSeveney, Whyte, Clarkson, Baikie, Mailer, McGairy, Mayes, Wright, Smith.

QUEEN'S PARK: Weir, Stewart, Imlah, McQuarrie, Harbour, Hastie, Black, O'Connell, McKirdy, Dalziel, Omand.

Around East End Park...



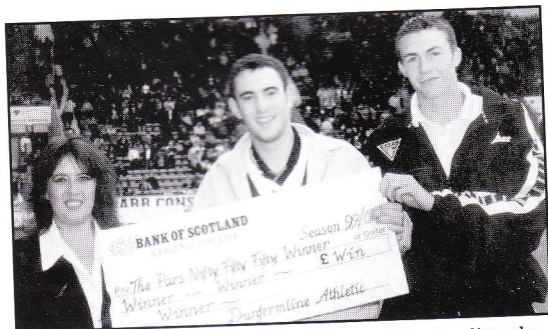
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'Pars' Colin Nish a delighted Gavin Lumsden of Dunfermline who won the Nifty 50/50 prize £680 at the recent Inverness match.

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. schedule 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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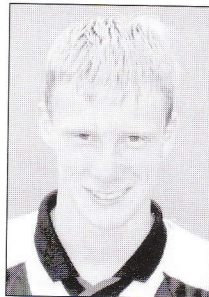


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With the season now underway in the Youth Development Initiative, the coaching staff have been busy preparing for what should be an exciting and innovative year ahead. The four squads have been in training twice a week but they have all spent a week receiving full-time coaching, with the Under 15's and 16's in two weeks ago and the Under 13's and 14's last week.



Duncan Lambie, one of the Pars new Skillseekers

This gave the coaches a great chance to see the youngsters up close over a concentrated period and for the players to receive more in depth work than they would normally get. Some of them had never been to East End Park before and they were all very impressed with what they saw and, more importantly, with the coaching they received.

During the week, the manager, Dick Campbell, along with Jimmy Nicholl, spent some time at Pitreavie working with the youngsters, which was also a great experience for them.

A couple of weeks ago the Under 16 team competed in a professional Youth tournament organised by Hearts, with matches at Meadowbank and Saughton. Youth Development Officer John Ritchie was pleased with the exercise and had this to say about it:

"We played four games over the course of the week and it was great for the kids and very useful for the coaches. We began the competition unfamiliar with each other but by Friday we were a real team.

The lads finished off with a convincing display and I am very pleased with both their progress and the way they played. The work we did in training paid off, such as passing from the back and supporting each other. I don't really like singling out anyone but Tony Lennon, who joined us recently as a centre-half, ended up impressing midfield. Others who did well were 'S' signing John Hynd and Duncan Lambie, one of our new intake of Skillseekers."

Another match the Under 16's played was against a touring American youth team at Pitreavie. The Americans included six members of their Olympic squad and although the result isn't that important, the Pars recorded a good victory. The tourists were highly impressed with Dunfermline's set up and with the team's display and good contacts were made which could prove beneficial in future.

That the whole system is up and running in such a short space of time reflects well on the coaching with Bert Paton doing a great job as Chief Scout (and part-time minibus driver). All the squads aren't completely full yet but the club is doing it's best to ensure that local kids fill a good number of the places available.

At the weekend, two of our teams played their first matches of the season. The Under 13's played Falkirk at Bonnybridge and the Under 15's took on Hibs at Broxburn. Reports will appear in the next programme.



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One Up...

A Review of the First Division

After the first weekend of the Bell's Scottish League First Division, there were no huge surprises other than perhaps Morton's 4-2 victory at Falkirk. The Greenock side had led 3-0 after an hour with ex-Hearts striker Kevin Thomas bagging a pair. The Bairns did stage a come back but Morton scored a fourth in the final minute to seal victory.

Clydebank have become almost everybody's tip for the drop to Division 2 and a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Airdrie certainly reinforced the view that this team of nomads will find things tough. Elsewhere, draws between Raith and Livingston and St. Mirren and Ayr meant that the Pars topped the table on goal difference after that stunning second half display against Inverness CT.

Whatever Dick Campbell said to the boys at half time certainly did the trick. Although reduced to ten men after Andrew Allan was sent off for his tackle on Brian Reid ICT were never at the races. Call it superstition, but I always feel that the Pars play better when they're playing towards the home end in the second half. The passing and movement in the second half was reminiscent of those pre-season friendlies. Now all we need to do is keep it up for another 35 games and the Championship will be ours!

A 4-0 home victory should have sent a message out to the other teams in the league most of whom already know how difficult it is to come to East End and win. Equally, some road trips will be tricky encounters but with a secure game plan, the Pars have the ability and quality in abundance to ensure a quick return to the SPL.

That quality has clearly been enhanced with the arrival of Jimmy Nicholl. A coach with a first class pedigree and a wealth of experience. It was nice to see him receiving a warm welcome from the fans at the season opener. Probably unknown to Jimmy, he has another big fan around these parts! She will remain nameless but if Jimmy accepts a forthcoming invitation to our Fantasy Football League End of Season Bash next June, all will be revealed, especially by Phyllis!! (surname removed to protect identities and a libel suit against me).

Talking of the SPL, there appears to be much unhappiness at the proposed set up for Season 2000-2001. A twelve team league splitting into two 'mini-leagues' of six who then play each other to

determine Championship/Euro-places/relegation. It would appear that the format is doomed even before it gets a chance. It was an idea first mooted, I believe, by Ian Munro when he was in charge here. How the critics laughed - "It'll never happen" - they said, Well, it has. I don't believe that we should have change for the sake of it, but let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Nothing that has happened in Scottish Football in the past 20 years has vastly improved our game. Yes, we have better facilities, higher wages, better TV coverage etc., etc. But the quality on the park - at least on a Scottish level - has not improved. We are currently 33rd in the FIFA rankings and our Champions have to pre-qualify for the Champions League. Taken together with other proposals an improved Scottish game could be the net result of the new format.

Let's not get carried away. At the risk of being radical (forgive me, please) I think I have the answer. What we need is equality. It's truly philanthropic of the Chairmen of big clubs to say that they will take less money so that the rest can get a bigger slice of the pie and consequently become stronger with the ability to mount a serious challenge. Has it happened? No! Will it happen? Unlikely! After just 2 weeks of the 1999-2000 SPL it is, as everyone predicted, a two horse race. In its current form, Celtic and Rangers are too big for Scottish Football. They may play on the same pitch but they operate at a different level. If, as was suggested last season, and I'm sure will be suggested this term, we have a Euro League or even a British League, then let the Old Firm go. Scottish football would be more evenly balanced, more equitable and just about anybody could win it. What about the revenue that Celtic and Rangers bring some will say? I don't believe it's an issue because I think balance and equality amongst more teams would mean more meaningful games and an increase in attendances. Any views?

Also hitting the headlines recently was talk of Graeme Souness returning to Scottish football as the front for a consortium looking to plough a few quid into the Jambos. When Souness left Rangers he vowed that he would never return to football in Scotland. Now, you see, values and principles do have a price!

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Today's Football

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The stand out tie in terms of 'upset potential' has to be along the coast at Kirkcaldy where Raith Rovers face Motherwell. Pre-season predictions had the Rovers down as relegation fodder but their results so far prove that to be wide of the mark. With big centre-half Marvyn Andrews reportedly in superb form the visitors will find Raith difficult to break down. Motherwell have drawn their opening two league matches but really should have finished off Dundee United. They should have too much experience for their First Division opponents. Speaking of Dundee United, they also face a tricky tie at home to Ross County. United have struggled against smaller clubs in recent years although this season they seem to have a bit more fight about them. Neale Cooper's side got off to an excellent start and this will give them a real chance to show how far they've progressed.

Hearts shouldn't have any problems seeing off the challenge of Queen of the South, which leaves the big Falkirk derby. East Stirling are actually moving back to Firs Park for tonight's game, having agreed a deal to groundshare with Stenhousemuir, so this may be the last true local derby. Falkirk have had a difficult start to the season but it would be a major surprise if their lowly neighbours knocked them out. Stranger things have happened.

C.I.S. INSURANCE CUP 2ND ROUND

Dundee United v Ross County
 East Stirling v Falkirk
 Queen of the South v Hearts
 Raith Rovers v Motherwell



Player of the Year

Picking up a Man of the Match award after a comfortable win in which four different players scored is one thing. Being given it as an inexperienced youngster playing in a new position in defence is something else altogether. Chris McGroarty had an outstanding match against Inverness Caley Thistle and fully deserved the award.

After making an impression last season it was expected that Chris would be given another chance in the First Division but few thought it would be at left-back. As the Pars pushed forward, however, his strong running and accurate crossing came into its own. It's early days yet but Chris looks a certainty for a lengthy run in the team.

It was good to see Owen Coyle winning second place points. He also had an impressive match, with his tireless running creating opportunities for others without managing to score himself.



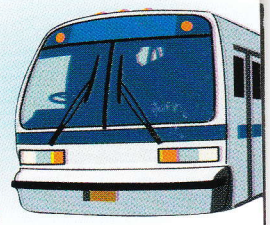
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Posn.	Player	Points
1	Chris McGroarty	3
2	Owen Coyle	2
3	Brian Reid	1



Next Please!



On Saturday we welcome Morton back to East End Park, a mere eleven days since the Bell's Challenge Cup tie. The big question for Dunfermline supporters is whether their team can rise to the occasion and gain revenge for their Cup exit.

Morton have started the season in style and will be looking to continue their fine vein of form which started with an opening day victory at Brockville. Not many people tipped Morton to win that one let alone score four goals in the process - there will not be many teams go to Falkirk this season and score that many.

Fair enough, Falkirk were under strength but that's not an argument one can use concerning Dunfermline.

The Pars had the majority of possession but were rarely able to break down a resolute Morton defence superbly marshalled by the evergreen Andy Millen.

It was interesting to see them use a wing-back formation with Paul McDonald on the left flank. Not many First Division clubs are capable of using this system to its full potential but Morton gave it a very good shot, particularly defensively.

There's also not many opponents would come to East End Park with three strikers such as Thomas, Ferguson and Hawke. It was a brave decision by manager Billy Stark and one which ultimately paid dividends. Ian Ferguson, who didn't play against Falkirk, certainly proved a handful for the Pars defence.

Can the Athletic do better this time around? Of course - there is still a lot more to come from them, particularly from an attacking point of view. It's important that the Pars don't drop many points at home and the best way to do that is to score goals. Morton proved themselves to be a good team last week but certainly not unbeatable. There are points at stake this time and Dunfermline won't want to slip up again.

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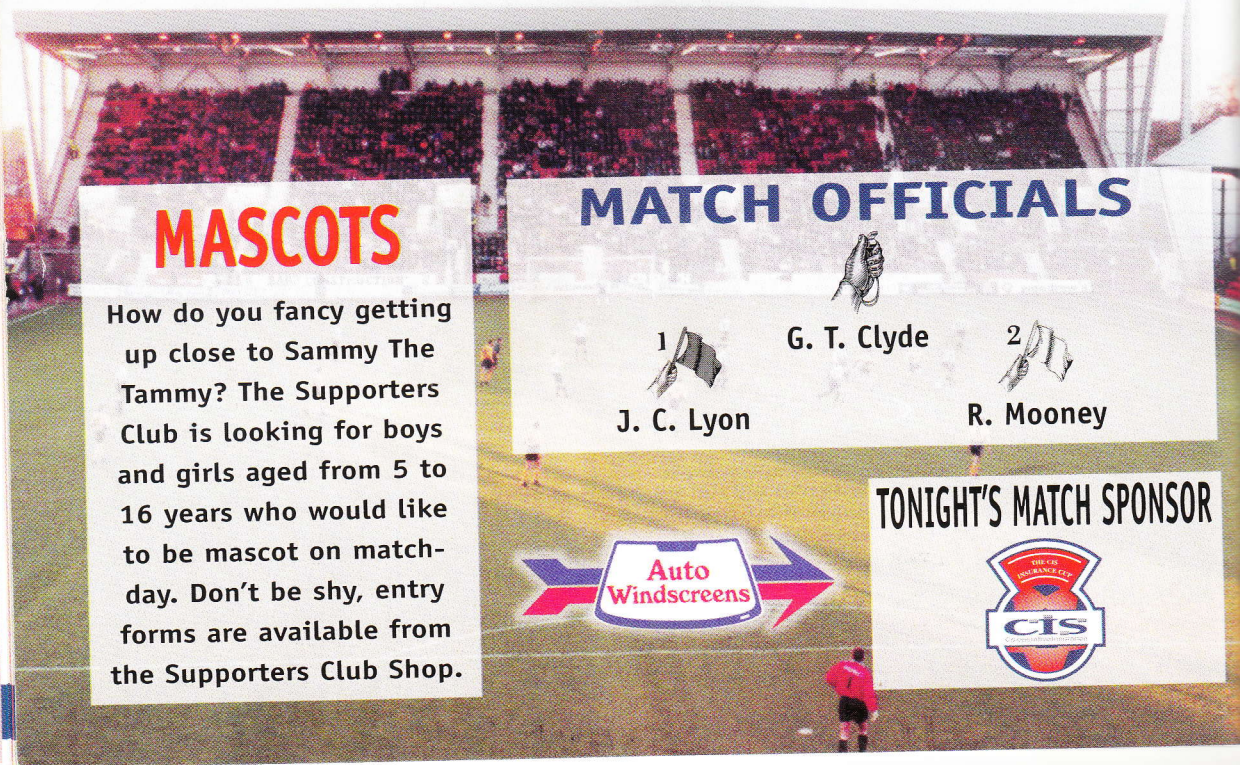


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