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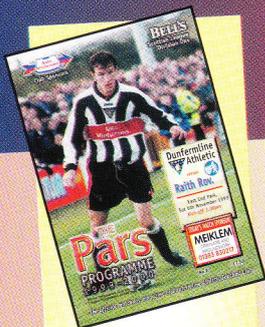
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Cup Winners Cup: 1961/62
(quarter final), 1968/69
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1962/63, 1964/65, 1965/66
(quarter final), 1966/67,
1969/70

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

Jimmy Nicholl...

DICK CAMPBELL'S RESIGNATION CAME as a shock and a surprise to us all. Dunfermline are not in a bad position, and with the confidence of one really good performance could go on to achieve great things. I am personally disappointed because Dick brought me back into the game - he worked hard at his job and did it with a lot of good fun. On behalf of the players and the staff I would like to wish Dick and his family all the best for the future.

When I look at what I see around me at Dunfermline, I can't help but feel optimistic about the club. I realise that this is as much about my recent personal experiences as anything, but I do believe that Dunfermline have got a great set up - we don't have the problems that some other

clubs have got, and we do have a good set of players.

My optimism is also based on what I see here every day of the week in training. But having the skills and talent is only one part of being a good professional - you've got to show them when it matters. We haven't been doing that recently, and we're not kidding ourselves either. When we have won or drawn matches the performances have not been convincing enough. Yes, we have shown what we are capable of - the second half against Livingston, the first half against Ayr, the grit that nine men showed against Airdrie were all good performances, but we didn't sustain it. What we need is one really good consistent performance over a whole 90 minutes where fans can go away happy and the players can feel that they really enjoyed the experience.

Regardless of what happens in the near future, the players are going to have to show what they are made of. They are going to have to show character, to take risks, and to make things happen - that is the real sign of quality. You can talk all you like about what fans want, but the only thing that they respond to is the performance on the park - that is why the game is all about players. We have good players and if they can handle these things, I am sure that something will spark soon.

They talk about the 'luck of the Irish', but it hasn't happened to me. If I wanted to have a quiet start to my new temporary position, then I wasn't going to get it with my first match in charge against Raith Rovers! Things seem to be going well for them and good luck to Raith, but my responsibilities are here now.

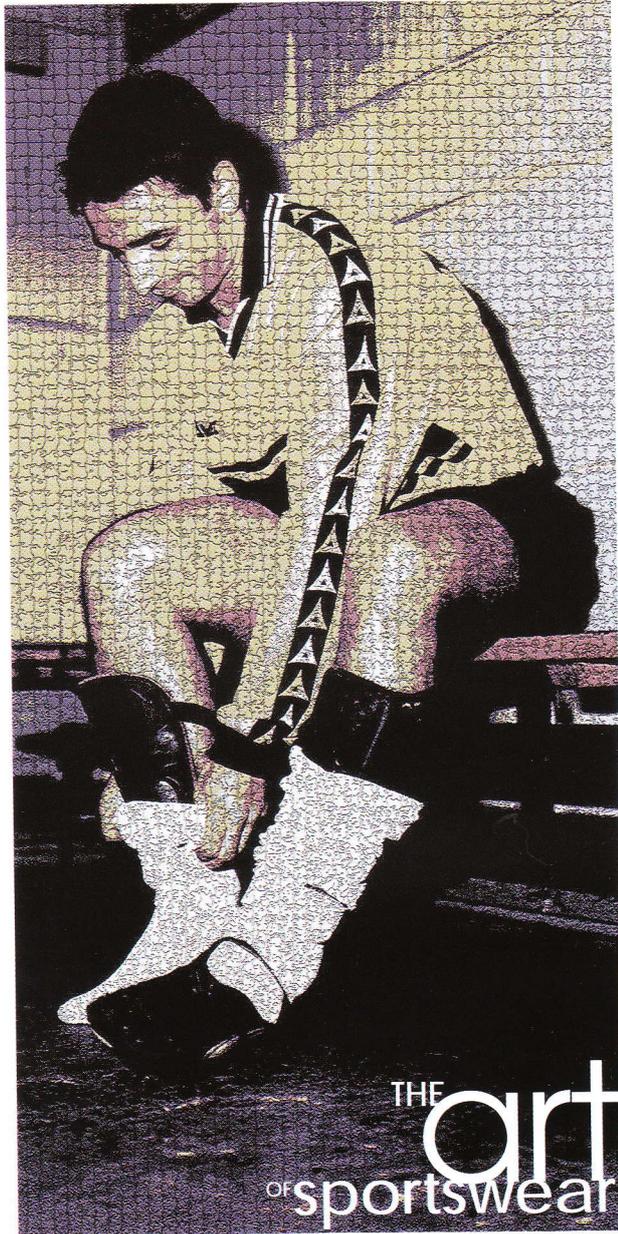
I am sure that every professional wants to play in the Premier League, and with the right attitude that aim is well within the capability of the players here at Dunfermline.



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RAITH ROVERS



MATCHES AGAINST OUR CLOSEST RIVALS always have an interesting edge to them. Not unlike 'Old Firm' matches, games between Raith and Dunfermline will always be hard fought – irrespective of the teams' relative positions in the league. The news this week of Dick Campbell's resignation has added further interest given that former Rovers boss will be taking charge of the Dunfermline team for today's match at least.

John McVeigh's side have performed very well after a shaky start, and have climbed into a challenging position alongside Dunfermline near the top of the table. He is likely to select his side for this all-important clash from among the following:

GUIDO VAN DE KAMP (Goalkeeper). Born Hertogenbosch, Holland, 8.2.64. The big Dutchman (6 ft 2.5 inches) has enjoyed two good seasons at Stark's Park since leaving Dunfermline Athletic on a free transfer in the summer of 1997. A Scottish Cup winner with Dundee United in 1994, he came to Scotland in 1991 from his home town team. His performances over the last two years have caused Rovers fans to forget their Cup Final hero Scott Thomson. Recently returned to the first team after a short spell out through injury, when he was replaced by 19 year old Craig Coyle.

STEVEN HAMILTON (Right Back) Born Baillieston 19.3.75. One of eight summer signings by Manager John McVeigh, this tidy full back had five years at Rugby Park, following a spell with Troon Juniors. An ever-present in pre-season matches, he has recently featured in the first team in midfield.

GREIG McCULLOCH (Left Back) Born Givan 18.4.76. Signed for £65,000 from Aberdeen. He is in his fifth season at Stark's Park, and he is hoping for an up-turn in the club's fortunes, and in his own career.

CRAIG McEWAN (Right Back) Born Glasgow 3.10.77. A regular in the Scotland Under 21 team during his two seasons at Stark's Park, he followed former Assistant Manager Alex Smith from Clyde for a six figure fee. A danger to opposing defences when he ventures upfield, McEwan has been tried by John McVeigh in a more advanced, midfield position in early season matches but has recently returned to the right back position.

PAUL BROWNE (Central Defender) Born Glasgow 7.2.75. Three appearances in the Premiership for Aston Villa attracted Rovers attention and a tribunal decided that they should pay Villa £105,000 for his services in July 1996. He has been a fixture in the Rovers defence since, albeit with a variety of defensive partners.

MARVIN ANDREWS (Central Defender) Born Trinidad & Tobago 22.12.75. Made an instant impression on the Rovers support when he signed in February 1998, he enjoyed a good season as Rovers otherwise struggled in the First Division, and is now established as a fans favourite. Commanding in the air, he is a member of his country's international squad.

KENNY BLACK (Midfield) Born Stenhousemuir, 29.11.63. Vastly experienced left sided midfield player, who has graduated to Player-Coach at Stark's Park. Many Airdrie fans were surprised at his free transfer at the end of last season, one of his best at the club. Prior to his years at Airdrie, he saw service with



Portsmouth, Hearts, Motherwell and Rangers.

STEVEN TOSH (Midfield) Born Kirkcaldy, 27.4.73. Finally signed for his home town club in March 1998, following a number of years with Arbroath and St Johnstone. He cost Rovers £30,000, and has enjoyed something of a love-hate relationship with supporters. A hard-working, all-action midfield player with a nose for goal, he fell out of favour with the previous management team at the end of last season and is hoping for a good season this time out.

PAUL TOSH (Forward) Born Arbroath 18.10.73. Strong running winger-cum-striker, he started his career with his home town team and was involved in two big money transfers, firstly to Dundee, and then to Hibs in March 1997. Rarely played for the Easter Road team last season, when he was loaned to Partick Thistle and John McVeigh took the opportunity to snap him up on a free transfer during the summer.

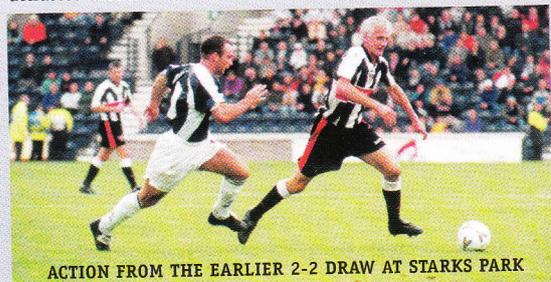
ALEX BURNS (Forward) Born Bellshill 4.8.73. Made his name at Motherwell during a seven year spell, before playing abroad, then spent last season with Southend United. Keen to re-establish his reputation in Scottish football, he signed for Rovers during the summer and has immediately impressed with some skilful performances, firstly in attack, and more recently in midfield.

JAY STEIN (Winger) Born Dunfermline 13.1.79. Nearing four years at Stark's Park, having been called up from Inverkeithing United, this old-fashioned left winger has impressed the new management team and has been an ever-present in early season matches. Made some telling contributions as Rovers clawed their way to safety at the end of last season.

PAUL SHIELDS (Forward) Born Dunfermline 15.5.81. Made a surprise debut in a League Cup tie at Tynecastle last September and scored on his debut. Further appearances last season showed him to be a striker of some promise, and led to a cap for Scotland Under 19s. Much is expected of this tall, mobile player this season.

DIDIER AGATHE (Forward) The French centre forward made a stunning debut for the club with a hat-trick at Airdrie, and he has since impressed with some strong and direct performances which saw him named as September's First Division Player of the Month. Left Montpellier during the summer, frustrated at failing to establish himself in the first team. Rovers snapped him up on a year's contract following an inconclusive trial at Stockport County.

ANDY CLARK (Forward) Born Stirling 21.4.80. Made his debut on the last day of last season, but he has featured on several occasions this season and has taken the eye with his hard work, pace and good ball control. His early season form has already attracted scouts.



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Headlines...



Manager Resigns

On Tuesday morning, 2nd November, Dunfermline's Manager Dick Campbell tendered his resignation to Club Chairman John Yorkston and asked to be released from his position as Team Manager. His resignation was accepted and it was agreed that Dick would leave the club immediately. In the interim period, Jimmy Nicholl has been placed in

charge of all team matters, but the club intended to advertise the post as soon as possible.

Dick Campbell's connections with Dunfermline go back to the early 1970s when he was one of a group of talented young players who were brought into the first team by the then manager George Miller. Dick left in 1975, but the connection was renewed in 1993 when he joined Bert Paton to form a new management team at East End Park. He and Bert had formed a successful partnership with junior side Rosyth Recreation, and it was this that had attracted the pair to the attentions of the Pars Board.

It turned out to be a wise move because over the next five years, Dunfermline enjoyed one of the most successful periods in the club's history, reaching two Cup semi-finals, finishing in 5th place in the Premier League, and establishing a place in the new SPL.

Unfortunately, things started to go wrong last season, mainly because Dunfermline were unable to turn draws into wins. Bert Paton resigned on 4th January this year, and was initially succeeded by Dick Campbell on a caretaker basis. Dick made a very promising start to his own managerial career with a win at Firhill in the Scottish Cup, then followed that with a run of six league matches in which only one defeat, at the hands of Rangers, was suffered. More importantly, back to back wins against Dundee and St Johnstone saw the Pars move off the bottom into 8th place in the Premier League, giving genuine hope that the Pars would, after all, survive.

This tremendous start encouraged the Board to appoint Dick on a permanent basis, but amazingly, as soon as this happened, results began to deteriorate. The last eight matches of 1998/99 saw only one point gathered from a possible 24, and with it relegation.

A hectic summer of activity saw Dick introduce a number of new quality signings and new coaches in Jimmy Nicholl and John Ritchie, and after a good start in pre-season matches, Dunfermline were justly installed as strong favourites for promotion. This label and the very high level of expectation from fans did Dick no favours, but after a tremendous result at Livingston in September, the pundits appeared to have got it right. Since then, however, Dunfermline have struggled to show any consistent form and have dropped from top spot in the table. Dick's disappointment with his team's performances together with some very unfair abuse which he was subjected to from one section of fans will no doubt have contributed to his decision to resign. He said earlier this week that he felt that a change at the top might benefit the club and added, "I have had seven wonderful years at the club and the supporters have been fantastic - I still honestly believe Dunfermline will win the Championship." For their part, the Board wanted to record their thanks to Dick Campbell for all his efforts over the seven years, and to wish him well in the future.

Dick Campbell's tenure as manager of Dunfermline lasted 302 days and 31 games, the third shortest in the club's history after Bobby Calder and William McAndrew in the 1940s. Like his old partner

Bert Paton, too many draws may have led to his decision to quit. Whatever else though, nobody could accuse Dick Campbell of not having Dunfermline's interests at heart - he genuinely felt for the club and tried his very best to succeed.

The fact that in the end he didn't quite make it was as much to do with other factors as it was to do with Dick Campbell. We at the Pars Programme now fervently hope that the fans will rally round the team and help Dunfermline to the dream that Dick was sure he would achieve.

Competition	P	W	D	L	F	A
Premier League	14	2	4	8	11	26
First Division	12	5	6	1	21	13
Scottish Cup	2	1	0	1	2	5
CIS League Cup	2	1	0	1	4	1
Challenge Cup	1	0	0	1	2	2
TOTALS	31	9	10	12	40	47



Other News In Brief



Pars centre half Craig Ireland has gone on a one month loan to Premier League side Dundee. The move came late last week when Dundee were struggling for defensive cover, and surprised Craig as much as anyone. In recent weeks, Craig has been on the fringes of the first team at Dunfermline, but when he got the opportunity to go straight into the starting line up for a Premier league match, he grabbed the opportunity with both hands. By all accounts, Craig played a stormer against Hearts and helped Dundee to a shut-out and their first home win of the season. Well done, big man!

Richard Huxford and Jason Dair will be out of the reckoning for some time. Huxford has been out injured for some weeks and has now been told that he will need a knee operation and could be out for months. Jason Dair has ligament problems and is likely to be sidelined for three or four weeks.

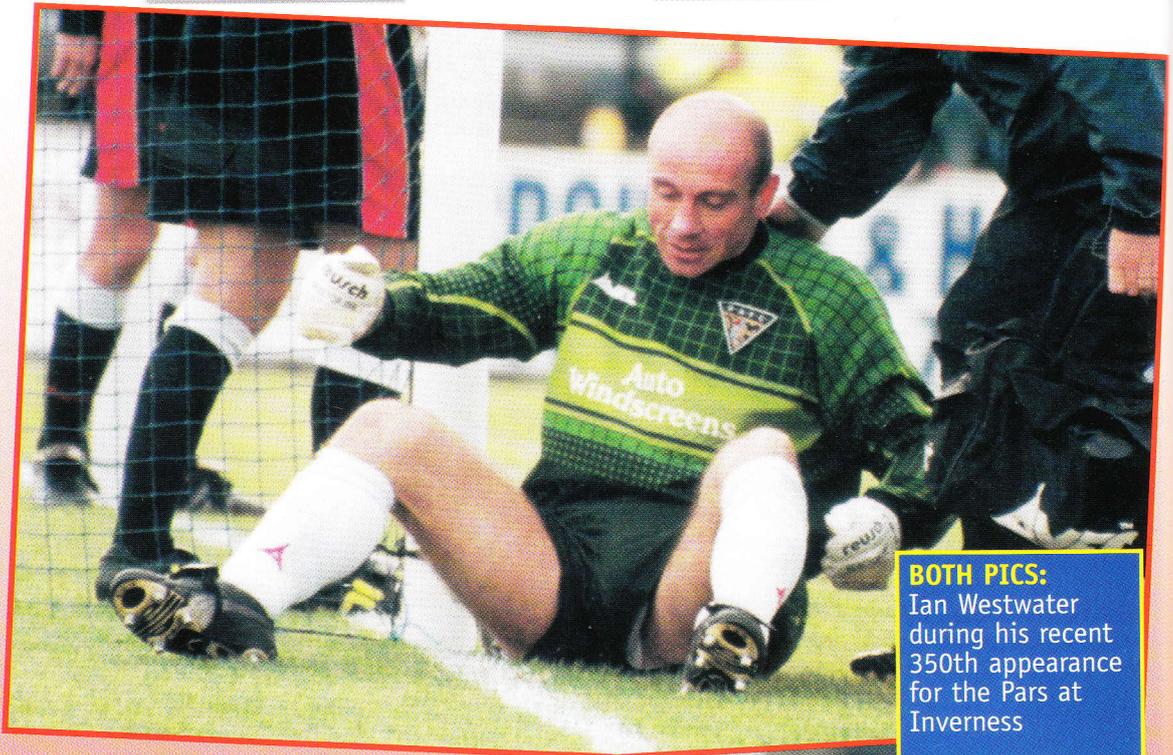
Today's match should see a return to first team duty for Owen Coyle following his two match suspension. On the way out for the next couple of matches is winger Stewart Petrie who has gone over the disciplinary points total.

Finally, a warm East End Park welcome to Steve Crawford who has joined Dunfermline on loan from Hibernian. The ex-Scotland internationalist has been on the fringes of things at Easter Road this season, and welcomed the chance to show his worth at the club which he signed S forms for a decade ago! Still only 25, the former Raith Rovers and Millwall striker could prove to be a very important acquisition for the Pars.

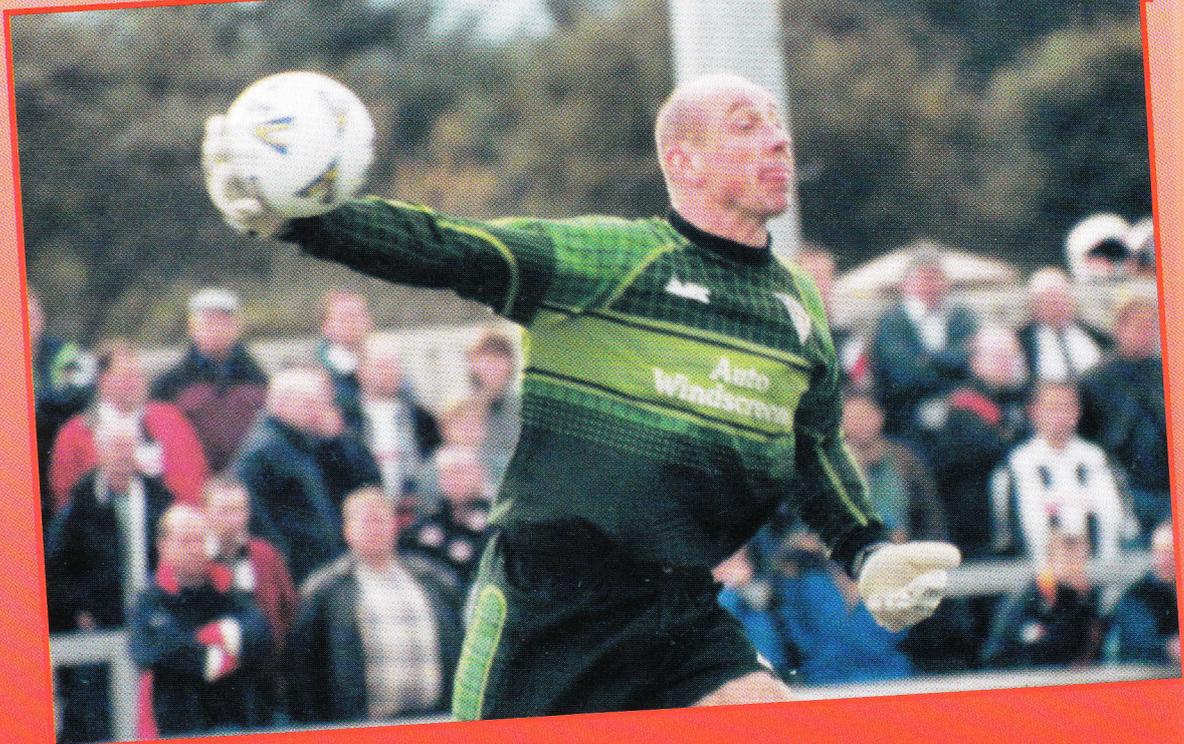
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1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

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

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

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	HOME						AWAY						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
St Mirren	12	5	2	0	19	9	3	1	1	14	6	27	18	
Dunfermline	12	3	3	0	10	4	2	3	1	11	9	21	8	
Raith	12	4	1	1	15	12	2	2	2	10	8	21	5	
Livingston	12	3	3	1	13	7	2	2	1	8	7	20	7	
Falkirk	12	3	0	3	10	12	2	3	1	9	8	18	-1	
Airdrie	12	2	3	1	7	8	2	1	3	4	10	16	-7	
Inverness CT	12	1	2	2	5	7	2	2	3	10	11	13	-3	
Ayr	12	3	0	2	7	5	1	1	5	8	16	13	-6	
Greenock Morton	12	1	2	2	6	7	2	1	4	12	15	12	-4	
Clydebank	12	0	1	6	5	18	0	1	4	3	7	2	-17	

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.	
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	4-0	4,685	West
	Tue 10	Morton Bells Cup 1	H	2-2	2,893	West
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A	2-2	2,872	West
	Wed 18	Queens Park CIS Cup 2	H	4-0	2,596	West
	Sat 21	Morton	H	2-1	4,036	West
	Sat 28	Falkirk	H	1-1	5,520	West
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A	1-0	5,798	West
	Sat 11	St. Mirren	H	1-1	6,220	West
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	A	2-2	6,087	West
	Sat 25	Ayr United	H	2-1	4,051	West
Oct	Sat 09	Clydebank at Cappielow	A	4-1	560	West
	Wed 12	Rangers (CIS Cup 3)	A	0-1	30,024	West
	Sat 16	Airdrieonians	H	0-0	3,964	West
	Sat 23	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A	1-1	3,016	West
	Sat 30	St. Mirren	A	1-3	6,130	West
Nov	Sat 06	Raith Rovers	H			
	Sat 13	Livingston	H			
	Sat 20	Falkirk	A			
	Sat 27	Clydebank	H			
Dec	Wed 01	CIS Cup 4				
	Sat 04	Ayr United	A			
	Sat 11	Morton/SFA Cup 1	A			
	Sat 18	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H			
	Mon 27	St. Mirren	H			
Jan	Mon 03	Raith Rovers	A			
	Sat 08	Livingston/SFA Cup 2	A			
	Sat 15	Falkirk	H			
	Sat 22	Ayr United	H			
	Sat 29	SFA Cup 3				
Feb	Sat 05	Clydebank at Cappielow	A			
	Sat 12	Morton	H			
	Wed 13	CIS Cup Semi				
	Sat 19	SFA Cup Round 4				
	Sat 26	Airdrieonians	A			
Mar	Sat 04	St. Mirren	A			
	Sat 11	SFA Cup Round 5				
	Sat 18	Raith Rovers	H			
	Sun 19	CIS Cup Final				
	Sat 25	Falkirk	A			
Apr	Sat 01	Livingston	H			
	Sat 08	Ayr United/SFA Cup Semi's	A			
	Sat 15	Clydebank	H			
	Sat 22	Inverness Cal. Thistle	A			
	Sat 29	Airdrieonians	H			
May	Sat 06	Morton	A			

KEY TO STATS

Goalscorers (and the number of goals scored) are noted in capitals. The first named substitute is No.12, the second named No.14 and third is named No.15. If a substitute is brought on, the number of the player he has replaced appears in brackets after his name. If no such number appears, the player has remained on the bench, and this does not constitute a substitute appearance.

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Craig DARGO	Raith Rovers	7	1	1	0	9
Barry LAVETY	St. Mirren	9	0	0	0	9
Mark YARDLEY	St. Mirren	8	0	0	0	8
Paul SHEERIN	Inverness CT	5	1	1	0	7
Didier AGATHE	Raith Rovers	6	0	0	0	6
David BINGHAM	Livingston	4	0	2	0	6
Gerry BRITTON	Livingston	3	2	1	0	6
Scott CRABBE	Falkirk	4	2	0	0	6
Colin MACDONALD	Falkirk	5	0	1	0	6
Nigel JEMSON	Ayr United	5	0	0	0	5
Steve MCCORMACK	Airdrie	3	2	0	0	5
Brian MCPHEE	Livingston	4	0	1	0	5
Andy SMITH	Dunfermline	4	1	0	0	5

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Name	Gms	Total Attnd.	Ay. Attnd.	Highest Attendance during Season
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Clydebank	7	4,755	679	1,513 v St Mirren (29.08.99)
DUNFERMLINE ATH	6	29,470	4,912	6,520 v Falkirk (28.08.99)
Falkirk	6	18,655	3,109	4,505 v St Mirren (25.09.99)
Inverness Cal Thistle	5	13,111	2,622	3,022 v Falkirk (14.08.99)
Livingston	7	28,012	4,002	5,798 v Dunfermline (04.09.99)
Morton	5	5,886	1,177	1,433 v Clydebank (14.08.99)
Raith Rovers	6	20,037	3,340	6,087 v Dunfermline (18.09.99)
St Mirren	7	30,909	4,416	6,773 v Morton (18.09.99)

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Many thanks to Dick Campbell for organising our visit and a very special thank you goes to Scott Thomson, Hamish French, Chris McGroarty, Colin Nish and Steven Hampshire for braving the cold and taking the time to stay behind and sign autographs for the Young Pars, when everyone else was rushing for the nearest warm radiator! (Look forward to some special interviews coming up in your next Young Pars Newsletter)

COMPETITION TIME

Win two match tickets for next week's fixture against Livingston. Just answer this easy question :

What is the name of Livingston's Ground?

Send your entries to: Jean Nelson, 54 Moncur Street, Townhill, Dunfermline.

(Please, Please, Please, will someone enter a Competition! We're beginning to know how Sammy the Tammy feels when he doesn't get any letters!)

AND FINALLY...

Today is a very special one for the Young Pars as we receive our sponsorship cheque from the Bank of Scotland. This superb sponsorship deal enables us to fund all of our activities throughout the season, and without this we would not be able to offer all of you such a value for money package. Many thanks to David Gemmell and Ellen Lindsay at the Bank of Scotland.

In case any of you have forgotten, a part of your Membership Package is a special deal to open a Bank Account at the Bank of Scotland along with which you will receive a fantastic free gift as well as your Young Pars Gift!

Why don't you come along tomorrow to East End Park and visit the Young Pars table to see what we have to offer. A Young Pars Membership would make a super early Christmas present for your friends or family and would give you the chance to become part of your LOCAL Football Club! If you enrol now you'll still be able to take advantage of our discounts, Club Nights, Christmas events, a visit to an away fixture and much more! How can you miss out on all the fun and games!

Our special 'Sammy's Gang' is proving to be very popular with our youngest members (We think it's the special Sammy's Gang T-Shirt that's the big attraction, but of course, Sammy says it's because he comes to all our events!)

What do you think? Write and tell us, and we can tell Sammy to stop being so big headed! (We don't really mean that Sammy!) Anyway, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow, so come along and join in the fun!

See You Soon

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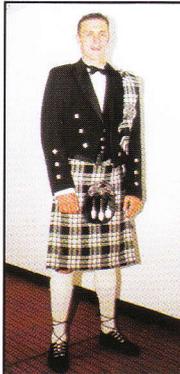
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Jason Dair

ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT PREFER TO BE CONSIDERED as a midfielder, there's no doubt that one of the attractions of signing today's featured player Jason Dair is that he is able to convert successfully to a full back role. Despite missing the start of the season, Jason has proved to be a great asset in defence with calm and assured performances. He spoke to Bob Storie recently....

Have you been quite happy with your move to East End Park?

"Yes, very much so. It's obvious that this is a big club with big potential, and the appeal of playing Premier League football, and going to grounds like Ibrox and Parkhead, was too great to ignore. Raith were going through somewhat of a tough time, and although Dunfermline were in a tight spot, I didn't have to think twice - the challenge presented itself just at the right time. Relegation was disappointing, but the club is geared up for a quick return, and there's such a determination about the place. It's good to work with Jimmy Nichol again, and he's enjoying his football again - things are on the up!"

You needed surgery during the close season - what was the extent of the injury?

"I picked up a knock during the last Celtic game last season, a simple clash of knees. So I had surgery just prior to pre-season training. I had to have two weeks complete rest, then I started back getting into shape with a lot of exercise in the pool at the Carnegie Centre. It's taken a while to get my fitness levels back, and I do get the odd twinge once in a while, but the boss gave me a run out, and I've played on ever since."

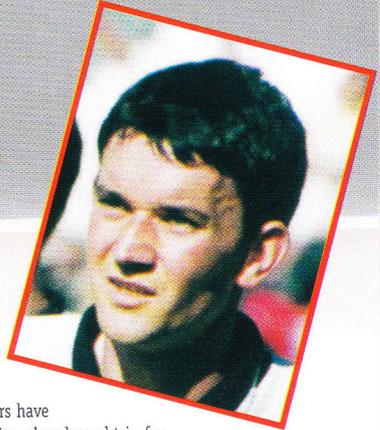
Have you been happy with your own form?

"We're all playing under a wee bit of pressure at the moment, as expectations are high for us to finish on top. I've only been in the side for a handful of games, so it's early days for me yet, but it seems to be going all right for me at the moment. I've played both on the right and the left as a full back, and I've no real preference, just as long as I'm getting a game. There's no doubt teams raise their game when they come here, and the hardest game we've had was the St Mirren match. The best performance we've made this far was the game at Livingston, where I felt we showed how strong we can be in a tough game. I managed a goal against Clydebank, which is rare for me at the moment, so hopefully, I'll weigh in with one or two more before the end of the season if I'm lucky!"

The full back pairing has been varied since Greg Shields departure - do we have adequate cover?

"I think so, yes! We have a very strong and varied squad now, and a number of players here can do a good job in a number of positions. Eddie May has stepped in once or twice, and has shown his experience well. Scott Thomson is another who's equally at home in defence or midfield, and Richard Huxford even got a goal for us in the number two shirt - sadly,

it looks like he'll be out for a while, as he's got a bit of a serious injury just now. Even our younger players have shown great promise when brought in for their debuts. Chris McGroarty has been a great success for us in early games, and John Potter has got some great praise from a lot of quarters. Greg will be missed, as he's a quality player, but we're not lacking in numbers to fill the gap - quite the reverse!"



Scotland against the old enemy in the play offs - what are your thoughts on the outcome?

"The first thing I'm trying to do is get my hands on a ticket if I can - it promises to be some game! With the first game being at Hamden, we need to get a good result to take down to Wembley with us, and try to hold on to it down there. Neither team has played as well as it could do. England may be able to boast of some quality players, but they haven't exactly acquitted themselves all that well. You can imagine what will happen if they do manage to beat us - the English media will never let us hear the end of it! We need our key men to be at the top of their game, guys like Colin Hendry, John Collins and Don Hutchison, and I'd like to see Billy Dodds and Mark Burchill paired up front - who knows, it might just catch them out - we can but hope, anyway!"

Your old club are visiting today - how do you rate them this season?

"They've had a reasonable start to the season, better than most folk probably expected. They're in 3rd place at the moment, so this is a big game for both clubs. John McVeigh and Peter Hetherston have come in at the close season, and have got the team playing well and getting consistent results. I've worked with both of them, having played alongside Peter, and John was coaching here last season. The changes made in the side have certainly helped, and I'm sure they'll be there or thereabouts at the finish! Our earlier game against them ended at two apiece, which was probably a fair result, but we were far too slack to let them back in after being two in front - we'll have to make sure we don't make the same slip-up this time around!"

What does Jason Dair do away from football?

"Pretty much your average stuff, I suppose. I like to play a bit of golf and snooker when I get the chance, and I'm playing off five on the golf course at the moment, so I must be doing something right. My wife Lynne and daughter Kali, who's just under two get most of my attention at the moment. I've got a few good friends in the game that I see from time to time, guys like Steve Crawford, Kevin Fotheringham, and of course, Scott Thomson here at East End Park. I live locally in Cowdenbeath, so it's just a five minute journey for me in and out of training."

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THE BROONS

Let me tell you a story... are you sitting comfortably?.. then I'll begin. Once upon a time there was a fitba' man called Brown - John Brown, as in shipyard, but not as in Fergus soul-mate - better known in Ayrshire as 'Jock Broom'. Now Jock was something of a goalkeeper who played professionally with Clyde, Hibs, Dundee and Kilmarnock. 1938-39 was a big season for 'Big Jock'.. that was when he won a Scottish Cup medal with the 'Bully Wee'... after earning his first (and only) 'cap' for Scotland against Wales. It was a good time, too, for followers of the handling code, with Scotland's rugby men notching up a rare victory against the 'Auld Enemy' to give them the Triple Crown for only the third time (and it was to be a long wait for another).

Not many people will know this, but Jock had a brother Tom who played between the sticks for Ipswich Town - and another brother James, who first found fame for the New York Giants, played for America in the 1930 World Cup in Uruguay, and went on to play centre-forward for Manchester United. Jock finished his playing career at Kilmarnock, taking on the job of physio/trainer with the Rugby Park club.

Still with me? The big man had three baby Broons - John, Peter and Gordon - with the singing duo namesakes going on to follow Pa' Broom onto the international roll of honour - turning out many times in the dark blue of Scotland. Which brings us, finally, to the point of this story... the 'baby Broons' shared the very rare distinction of tasting victory against England twice within eight days - yes, two wins back to back! Mind you, it wasn't fitba'.. it was rugby. First there was the 16-15 triumph at Twickenham - for the first time since 1938, coincidentally - with Peter (PC) Broom scoring and converting a try. This was followed a week later with a thumping 26-6 win in the Centenary international at Murrayfield. 'PC' was on the scoresheet - as was another 'Broom' - Galashiels man Arthur R and the physio was, you've guessed it - none other than 'Pa' Broom' - Big Jock of that ilk.

Wasn't that a lovely story? There's a message, too, for another 'Brown' - Craigie, no less. Back to back wins against the 'Auld Enemy' - it's been done before... and there's no reason why it can't be achieved again. Go for it. and we'll all live happily ever after!

HOPPING MAD

Travelling fans in Scotland don't know they're living compared with some of their brethren south of the border when it comes to piling on the miles. Even a trip from Stranraer to Dingwall is a bit of a breeze when you think of the hike for fans of Newcastle or Sunderland, for example, to see their favourites do battle against Southampton at The Dell; or Carlisle's followers making the trips to Plymouth at Exeter on Nationwide Three business.

I mention it because for one Pars fan the trip up the A9 for the Inverness Caley Thistle game a couple of weeks ago was just a little bit special. For Pars season-ticket holder and intrepid traveller Findlay Murray, the visit to the Caledonian Stadium represented the end of a long hard road which has seen him take in games at every English Premiership ground; every stadium in Nationwide Divisions One to Three; every Scottish Premier League ground; and now every ground in Divisions One, Two and Three, in addition to a host of non-league fitba' venues the length and breadth of Britain.

To mark the occasion, a few of the guys clubbed together to present Findlay with an appropriate gift - a compass mounted in a handsome presentation case suitably inscribed "...to the guy who's been everywhere... etc."

Congratulations, Findlay. Mine's a pint, if you can find your way to the bar with that brand spanking-new compass.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER CUP

Maybe we've lost interest in a couple of cup competitions so far, but the 'big one' awaits in the new Millennium. If the fates decree that we enter the fray against a so-called minnow. Who do you fancy from this crop of qualifiers from the north and the south? Another trip to Inverness, to meet Clachnacuddin? A 'nor'-easterly against Fraserburgh or Peterhead? Or perhaps deposited champs and old friends Huntly? Action in the south could take us to Whitehill's Midlothian fortress or Dumfries and Galloway could beckon with a tie against Annan, Dalbeattie or Threave.

You have been warned!

MOVING THE GOALPOSTS

I confess that I wasn't around to swell the attendance to 476 at Cappielow recently, Clydebank's biggest home crowd of the season, no less. It struck me that it was something just crying out for the Scottish Rugby Union approach to atmosphere creation. Seems hard to believe, but the 'suits' who run the rugby game in Scotland thought it was essential to embellish the Murrayfield atmosphere with tape-recorded crowd noises. This wasn't the 'Mickey Mouse' game against Uruguay in a near-deserted stadium, this was a game between Five Nations champions, Scotland and World Champions South Africa with more than 50,000 fans shouting them on. Eat your heart out! Ian McCall!

The stunt, seemingly, did not impress 'Scotsman' journalist Ian Bell, who had this to say, "...the next obvious step is to field a virtual team before a virtual audience and award ourselves a virtual World Cup."

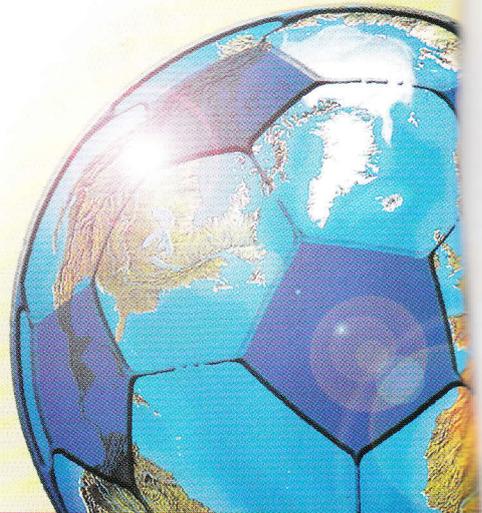
The idea could catch on.

AND FINALLY...

What has Lee Butler let himself in for? Hot news on the Yorkshire front is that Halifax mascot 'Freddie the Fox' got involved in a punch-up at Rochdale against homester, 'Desmond the Dragon'.

Seemingly Freddie upset the Rochdale punters by cocking a leg against a goalpost and giving the fans the thumbs-down. Desmond - doubtless defending his territory - responded by punching Freddie on the snout!

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Second Eleven

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WHILE THE PARS FIRST CHOICE striking partnership of Andy Smith and Owen Coyle were forced to cool their heels away from first team action, the Pars reserve side decided it was time to hit the goal trail.

In the re-arranged league fixture at Links Park on 13th October, the Pars ran out comfortable winners 6-0. The strong Pars line up helped six different players on to the scoresheets – first half goals from McGroarty, Nish and Tod, while Hampshire, Ireland and young Dean Walker coming on as substitute completed the scoring in the second half.

The Pars side on the day was: Hay, Taylor (Walker, 73 mins), Squires (McCreadie, 60 mins), Skinner, Tod, Ireland, Nicol, Moss (Walls, 17 mins), Nish, Hampshire, McGroarty.

On Tuesday 19th October the Pars defeated Forfar 4-1 at East End Park in a scheduled Reserve League East fixture. Stewart Petrie notched the opener for the Pars from the penalty spot after he had been fouled. Colin Nish scored the second from an inch perfect pass from Steven Hampshire. Early in the second half David Moss headed Chris McGroarty's cross home for Dunfermline's third goal. Forfar then pulled one back through McIlravey before Hamish French concluded the scoring when he forced a Craig Ireland cross into the net from close range in the 67th minute.

The Pars side was: Hay, Squires, McGroarty, French, Tod (Potter, 68 mins), Ireland, Hampshire, Moss, Graham (McLeish, 70 mins), Nish, Petrie (Taylor, 46 mins).

On the 26th October, however, the Pars run of good form came to a disappointing close when they lost 1-0 to their Kirkcaldy rivals Raith Rovers at Starks Park. The only goal of the game coming from a Davie Kirkwood free kick. A win for Dunfermline would have put the Pars at the top of the Reserve League East, so Jimmy Nicholl was understandably frustrated with the result.



JOHN POTTER SUCCESSFULLY MADE A QUICK TRANSFORMATION TO FIRST TEAM FOOTBALL

Despite this, though, Jimmy was keen to emphasize that there had been some good individual performances. Craig Martin, for example, played well in midfield and put in some good tackles. This was Craig's first competitive game since returning from injury and resuming training and as a precaution he was substituted after 75 minutes. Chris Templeman has recently returned to full training with the squad and acquitted himself well according to the Pars assistant boss.

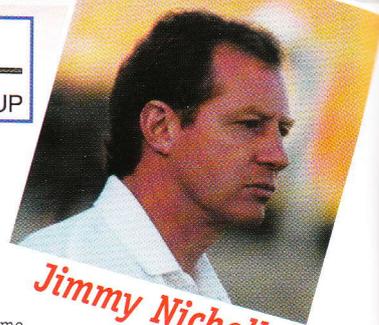
The Pars side was: Hay, Taylor, Ireland, May, Potter, Squires, Graham, Moss (McGroarty, 60 mins), Smith (Trialist, 80 mins), Martin (Nish, 75 mins), Templeman. Meanwhile, like his colleague, Chris Templeman who was on loan to Dumbarton, Steven Boyle returned from his spell with Brechin with an injury. Pip Yeats is currently treating Steven's thigh strain.

Under 18s Out Of Cup

Pars Under 18 side made a quick exit from the Scottish Youth Cup, going down in a home match here at East End Park to Livingston. The match was level at 1-1 after 90 minutes, but Livingston scored the winner in extra time to progress.

The Under 18s have had a mixed bag of results recently. A good 3-0 win over Cowdenbeath was followed by an amazing 4-4 draw at Berwick. Two days after the Cup defeat, the team went down 3-1 to Stenhousemuir in a Youth Division 'C' match.

One highlight among all of this has been the goalscoring form of Dean Walker, Not content to score in the Reserves, Dean has also been putting them away in the Youth matches. He scored twice against Cowdenbeath and twice against Berwick and was also Dunfermline's scorer against Livingston. Let's hope he keeps up the good work!



Jimmy Nicholl

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
31 August	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0
7 September	RAITH ROVERS	H	0-2
12 September	ARBROATH	A	1-2
19 September	BRECHIN CITY	H	Postponed
26 September	EAST FIFE	A	4-1
3 October	INVERNESS CT	A	3-1
10 October	MONTROSE	H	6-0
17 October	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	4-1
24 October	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-1
31 October	ARBROATH	H	

Note: Actual Dates To Be Confirmed:

7 November	BRECHIN CITY	H	
14 November	EAST FIFE	H	
21 November	INVERNESS CT	H	
28 November	MONTROSE	A	
5 December	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE YOUTH DIVISION 'C'

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
2 September	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0
9 September	FALKIRK	H	Postponed
12 September	RAITH ROVERS	A	0-3
19 September	ALLOA ATHLETIC	H	1-1
26 September	ARBROATH	A	1-2
3 October	EAST STIRLINGSHIRE	H	

Note: Actual Dates To Be Confirmed:

10 October	COWDENBEATH	A	
17 October	BERWICK RANGERS	A	
24 October	STENHOUSEMUIR	H	



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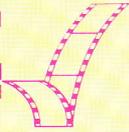
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Past Historic...

PARS JUST AHEAD

In the forty previous league meetings at East End Park, Dunfermline holds a narrow advantage with 18 wins to Raith Rovers 16, thanks to the two victories here the last time the teams met in 1996/97. There have only been six draws, usually high scoring affairs although season 1992/93 brought the novelty of the first goalless draw against the Rovers at East End.

The Pars relatively poor home record can be traced back to the period between 1980 and 1985, when the visitors were undefeated in eight matches, winning six of them. Since league reconstruction in 1975, Raith have built up an excellent away record, winning ten and drawing three of the 18 fixtures. Hopefully, the tide is beginning to turn with the Athletic emerging victorious in three of the last four played here.

TOP SCORES

Raiths biggest win at East End Park remains the 4-0 success they enjoyed on their first league visit, on November 19th, 1927. Dunfermline's hospitality went as far as to score two of Rovers goals for them.

The Pars best came on December 8th, 1945 with a crushing 8-1 win in which two players, Gilmour and Forbes, scored hat-tricks. The only other post-war hat tricks against Raith came during the 1960s. George Peebles was on target three times, two of them penalties, in a 6-0 win in September 1962 which also saw Alex Edwards score his first senior goal for the club. Raith's next league fixture at East End Park was on January 1st, 1968. Once again they were on the wrong end of a 6-0 hammering, with Bert Paton and Hugh Robertson each netting a hat-trick.

Strangely, for a fixture that used to provide goals galore recent years have seen them practically dry up. The matches have become much tighter and the last time East End Park witnessed a winning margin of more than two goals was way back on January 1st, 1970.

ONE TO FORGET

Towards the end of season 1948/49 four clubs were vying for promotion - Airdrie, Stirling Albion, Raith Rovers and Dunfermline. The vagaries of the league system meant that Stirling, whose campaign ended on April 2nd, led the way with 42 points, while the Pars were next on 41, with one game to go.

On April 16th, the Rovers defeated Airdrie to effectively eliminate them from contention, and then won again the following week, giving them a points total of 40. Their last game of the season, on April 30th at Starks Park, was against Dunfermline.

Whatever the result, Stirling were up and to accompany them, the Pars needed only to draw. They went in this crucial fixture having not played a league match for four weeks. A crowd of 22,000, a record for Fife clubs, saw catastrophe hit the Pars after only 11 minutes when goalkeeper Jimmy Michie collided with Rovers' Willie Penman and suffered a broken arm. Bill Keith went into goal but with only ten men the Pars slumped to a 4-0 defeat. Raith won the Second Division on goal average while the Pars finished fourth, only one point behind.

THE LAST TIME

Season 1996/97 saw Dunfermline and Raith Rovers clash in the Premier Division for the first time. The two clubs hadn't met in the top flight since 1969/70 when the Pars were Fife's top team but the 1990's had seen Raith stake a claim to that title.

A crowd of 8,634 turned up at East End Park on September 28th, to see if either club could bag only their second win of the season. Montenegrin keeper Zoran Lemajic made his debut for the Pars but had a quiet opening 45 minutes. Despite being in control, Dunfermline had to wait until first half injury time for the opening goal. A John Clark cross was swept back across goal by Stewart Petrie for Gerry Britton to head home. Raith drew level within a couple of minutes of the restart, Kevin Twaddle netting with a back post header, but it didn't last long. In the 51st minute Britton smacked a shot off the Rovers bar and Hamish French was on hand to power a header past Geddes. Substitute Marc Millar wrapped up a 3-1 win with a superbly taken goal in injury time. Sent through by Andy Smith, Millar ignored the unmarked French to swerve a shot past the keeper and just inside the far post.

Dunfermline: Lemajic, Miller, Fleming, Den Bieman, Tod, Clark, French, Robertson, Smith, Britton, (Millar), Petrie.

Raith Rovers: Geddes, Kirk, Bonar, (Harvey), Kravokapic, Dennis, Lennon, (Thomson), Taylor, Millar, Duffield, Twaddle, (McCulloch), Rougier.

When Raith returned to East End Park for the Ne'erday game they were adrift at the foot of the table, eight points behind Dunfermline. The New Year failed to bring them any happiness as the Pars coasted to a 2-0 win, recording only the second shut-out. In a scrappy first half, Gerry Britton was the first to manage a shot on target - in the 40th minute. After the break the Pars had a much more positive attitude and took the lead in the 53rd minute, Smith setting up Britton for the simplest of goals. Two minutes later the game was over as Britton netted again, holding off Mitchell's challenge to lob the ball over Raith keeper Thomson. The striker came close to scoring a hat-trick, the post denying him as he followed up on a save from a Petrie shot.

Dunfermline: Westwater, Miller, Millar, Tod, Welsh, Curran, French, (Den Bieman), Robertson, Smith, (Bingham), Britton, Petrie.

Raith Rovers: SY Thomson, Kirk, Mitchell, Craig, Dennis, Millar, Taylor, (Duffield), Anderson, (Rougier), McGill, (Harvey), Lennon, SM Thomson.

CUP WINNING CONNECTIONS

When Jock Stein arrived as manager in 1960, there was already a strong Kirkcaldy influence at East End Park. Harry Colville, Ian Bain and Jack Williamson were all ex-Rovers players and although Colville's playing career would shortly end, the other two played an important role in the Pars Scottish Cup success in 1961.

Ian Bain had experience with East Fife and Stirling Albion before moving to Raith in December 1954. Playing a left back in a very good team (they once defeated Rangers 5-1 at Starks Park). Ian spent three years there before joining the Athletic during 1957/58 for a fee of £60.00. He was re-united with ex-Rovers team-mate Jackie Williamson in March 1959 when the versatile defender moved to East End Park but Williamson played at Hampden Park, only to receive an injury which meant he had to leave the field before the end of the first half. He returned after the break only to withdraw again before finally (this being the era before the introduction of substitutes) playing out the last five minutes on the wing. The injury ensured that he missed the replay and also called a premature end to his career, retiring at the end of season 1962/63. Ian Bain remained at the club until 1972, helping several managers in a coaching capacity including George Farm as he led the club to a second cup success in 1968.

After a playing career which saw him gain ten Scottish caps as goalkeeper, Farm became manager of Queen of the South and Raith Rovers before taking over at Dunfermline in 1967. One of his first moves was to pay £18,000, a club record, for Rovers striker Pat Gardner. Later that season Ian Lister made the same journey and the formerly Raith pair were influential in the 3-1 Cup Final win over Hearts. Gardner netting twice and Lister once from the penalty spot.

It wasn't all one way traffic, however - when Raith lifted the Coca-Cola Cup in November 1994 they were led by former Pars player Jimmy Nicholl, while the team contained former East End youth signings David Sinclair and Steven Crawford.

Around East End Park...



LIVINGSTON MATCH

Just a reminder to fans that Dunfermline's home match against Livingston next week has been moved from Saturday 13th November to Sunday 14th November to allow fans to watch the European Championship play-off match between Scotland and England. Kick off will remain at 3.00pm.

FALKIRK MATCH IS ALL TICKET

Dunfermline's match against Falkirk at Brockville will be all ticket. The match, which is due to be played on Saturday 20th November, is always a popular encounter and with Falkirk's reduced capacity, the all ticket rule was applied.

Prices are as follows:

Watson Street Terrace (Standing)

Adult £10-00

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Adult £11-50

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Adult £13-50

Concession £6-50

Tickets are available from the Ticket Office at East End Park from Friday 5th November during the following hours:

Monday - Friday 09.30 - 16.30

Sat 6th November 09.30 - 14.00

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PARS SHOP IS A DIRECT HIT

Dunfermline Athletic new Buy Direct Club Shop has been a great success already, according to Commercial Manager Audrey Bastianelli. The

shop was officially opened by Sammy The Tammy before the last home match against Airdrie, and has been a busy place ever since!

Audrey said earlier this week, "We are delighted with the start that we've made. Fans have said that they are pleased with the new range of merchandise and I think that there is a very noticeable difference in the ground with fans coming along decked in the new gear. With Christmas just around the corner, we are expecting quite a rush in the coming weeks."

The new shop is open from 10.00am until 5.30pm from Monday to Saturday. It stocks a large range of Dunfermline Athletic merchandise including training wear, kitchen wear, mugs, glasses, souvenirs, towels and probably the most popular

item at the present time, the new yellow and navy second kit. Since it is a Buy Direct venture, the profit from sales goes back into Dunfermline Athletic Football Club.

'IN WITH THE BRICKS' SCHEME LAUNCHED TOMORROW

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

To mark the start of the scheme, Dunfermline are arranging an exciting launch event tomorrow from 12.00noon until 4.00pm. A number of Pars legends from the past will start the Wall off and thereafter fans can sign up with their very own message. A full programme of entertainment is planned for the whole of the afternoon. It promises to be a very exciting day!

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS CLUB

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



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THE SFA RECENTLY RAN A TRAINING course for coaches of all teams involved in the Youth Development Initiative. With John Ritchie unable to attend due to first team commitments, Chris Candlish and Mo Hutton represented the Pars at the day long meeting chaired by the SFA's Director of Youth and Children's coaching, Jimmy Sinclair.

As well as hearing the views of Scotland coach Craig Brown and learning what ideas the authorities plan to implement in the near future, the meeting was addressed by Crewe Alexandra coach Dario Gradi. Working at a small, unfashionable club, Gradi has produced one of the best youth development programmes in Britain and is the blueprint for many other clubs seeking the same success. Former England caps David Platt and Rob Jones began at Crewe and more recently Liverpool's Danny Murphy and Derby's Seth Johnson made the move to the Premiership after the best of education under Gradi.

An interesting talk was followed by a practical demonstration of what the Crewe youngsters are taught in training. Chris Candlish produced an excellent report of the day's proceedings which has been passed on to all the coaching staff at East End Park.

Youth Initiative

The players involved in the Pars set-up have been putting their coaching into practice with mixed performances in the Youth Initiative. After a dismal display against Clyde, the Under 13s picked up their game next time out and turned in a much better effort against Hearts. The Tynecastle side have a good set-up which has been up and running for a while but the Pars gave them a close game. A real plus for the coaching staff was that the team was really strong in the final third, something which hasn't been the case previously.

The same problem has affected the Under 14s in matches against Queen of the South and Airdrie. Against Queens, in particular, Dunfermline gained the upper hand early on before running out of steam. The lads have been creating a fair number of chances but failing to take them, something that will be worked on in training.

Among those earning plaudits from the coaches were Fraser Gillan, Calum Sheed, Grant Crickmore and Matthew Beattie, who played well in the middle of

the park after a while out through injury.

The Under 15 team played out a goalless match at home to Kilmarnock on October 17th. Killie are very good at that level so the game provided a good benchmark for the Pars, whose defence was well organised throughout.

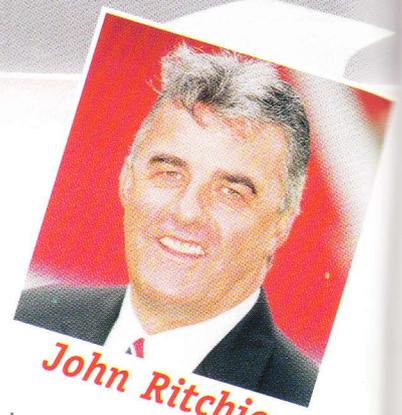
There was another good performance by the Under 16 side at St Mirren where the Pars just edged it after being behind for most of the game. The displays of several of the lads have resulted in their being promoted to the Under 18's where they haven't looked out of place.

Holiday Training

The recent school holidays saw all the squads in for full-time training. Welcome visitors to the Fleet Grounds in Rosyth for three days of coaching were sixteen lads from Rutherglen development centre in Glasgow. Under the guidance of Jack Parker, these boys played for Dunfermline Athletic Boy's Club, which runs teams at Under 14s and Under 12s level. A full-time coach travels to Glasgow once a month to help in their football education but this time it was felt that it would be to the players benefit to have an intensive three day session under Jimmy Nicholl and John Ritchie.

Hopefully, this will prove to be a fruitful association as is the case with a couple more centres just started outside Fife, at Whitburn and in West Pilton, Edinburgh, for boys aged 10 - 12 years.

One local centre underway is at Queen Anne High School, where Hamish French will coach the same age group on a Tuesday night. As well as being a popular player, Hamish is an "A" licenced coach and is keen to pass on his expertise to the youngsters.



John Ritchie

Fixtures for 7th November

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One Up...

A Review of the First Division

BILL KINNEAR'S review of the week decides the First Division is OK, which is more than you can say about the Sportsound Team or the ticketing arrangements for next week's international....

It seems that nearly every week each game is a top of the table clash in this league. Whilst the First Division may not compete in terms of crowds, sponsorship and "quality" foreign imports with the SPL, it is certainly a more competitive league.

St Mirren have opened up a six point lead over the Pars thanks to their 3-1 victory last week but with only a third of the season gone that margin is easily bridgeable. Only a further three points separate first from fifth whilst in the SPL twelve points is the gap between Hearts (5th) and Rangers who are top of the pile.

Today's visitors from Kirkcaldy have had a bit of a resurgence in recent weeks and sit joint second with us, separated only by goal difference. Rovers improved form has not been hindered by the loss of Craig Dargo with a long term injury. This, the second Fife derby of the season should demonstrate how far both sides have come since the last meeting at Kirkcaldy in September.

A point behind the Fife teams are Livvy who drew 1-1 with Falkirk last week. Only a minute separated the two goals when Ian Morris countered Marc Millar's 68th minute strike. Livvy visit Inverness today and will surely not relish a Highland visit. ICT have rallied in recent weeks after a poor start to the season and have moved to seventh, albeit on goal difference. Their 3-0 thumping of Clydebank last Saturday left Ian McCall's side well adrift and almost certainly favourites for relegation even this early in the season.

Today, the Bankies visit Ayr who will be looking to bounce back from a 2-1 loss to Airdrie last weekend. Gordon Dalziel has witnessed a Jekyll and Hyde attitude display from his side so far this season which has seen them as high as fourth and as low as ninth. They have a number of quality players but as we know here at East End, it's consistency that counts.

Greetin' Chick

Since we last met here at East End there has been much to talk about in Scottish Football. First, Chick Young and Jim Traynor had a wee falling out, "on air". Apparently Jim "nae pals" described oor Chick as a sycophant to which he with the balding pate took some umbrage. Now, far be it from me to comment upon the merits and demerits of each of these Scottish media heavyweights (pun intended in JT's case) but when I listen to this lot on a Saturday they sound like a bunch of wee bairns fighting in the playground.

Before we know it, their dads will be round knocking lumps out of each other. Grow up lads!!!

Chicken Greeting

Then, any of you who saw it will have been sickened by the injury sustained by Henrik Larsson the other week in Celtic's UEFA Cup clash with Olympique Lyon. The plaster was hardly dry on his leg when the pundits were talking excitedly about his replacement. Would Mark Burchill get the nod or would John Barnes open up the cheque book. Stan Collymore was mentioned (quietly) as a replacement for Larsson but quickly discounted, not on the basis of his ability as a footballer, although that is questionable at the minute, but rather on his perceived inability to cope with the goldfish bowl that is Glasgow's footballing community. Instead JB called upon his old ex-England team-mate Ian Wright. Wrighty made his name at Arsenal but has latterly played with West Ham and Notts Forest. Mr Chicken Tonight scored on his debut last week against 10 man Killie and immediately ingratiated himself with the Celtic faithful. I wonder how many parallels can be drawn between Messrs Wright and Collymore? Personally, I would have stuck with Burchill.

Did You Get Yours?

Finally, the saga of the "missing tickets". Around 1200 given away to the builders at Hampden to pay off debt. 3000 debentures seats remain unsold so no tickets available for those seats. 500 snapped up by Council staff with access via an internal number. Reportedly of the anticipated 15,000 available, only 7,000 went on sale with the possibility of those 3,000 unsold debentures being available later!?!

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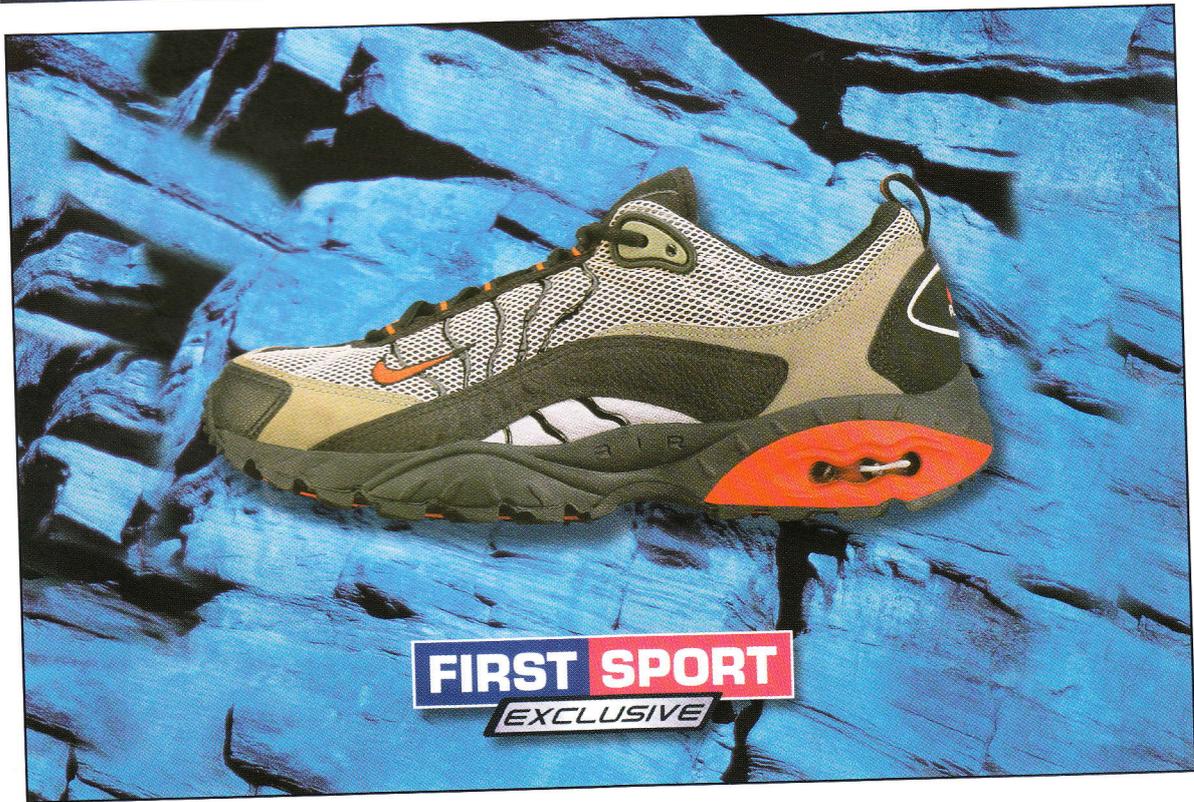
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Today's Football

THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT if you take the 'Old Firm' out of the equation, there's not much to choose between the other teams in the Premier League (although we might argue about Aberdeen this season!). Well, today is the day to test that theory because Celtic and Rangers are conspicuous for their absence. The North East derby as it is sometimes called would be my pick of the day. There was a time about 20 years ago when this match would have been THE match of the day, irrespective of who Rangers and Celtic were playing. Nowadays, it comes down to a contest about avoiding relegation or getting into a European place, but it will still be interesting if only to guess how many goals Aberdeen might concede this week!

Pars and Rovers fans will be keeping a watchful eye on the score at Cappielow where St Mirren take on local rivals Morton. Morton always fancy their chances in these games so it will be interesting to watch. Likewise the scoreline from Inverness where a resurgent Caley Thistle entertain fourth place Livingston.

Arbroath continue their marvellous run and will be looking for all three points against Stenhousemuir in the Second Division's top game, while in the Third Division East Fife take on Cowdenbeath in Fife's other derby clash.

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Alloa Athletic v Stirling Albion
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Dumbarton v East Stirling
East Fife v Cowdenbeath



Player of the Year

A BRILLIANT BACKS TO THE WALL performance against Airdrie got the fans cheering and a number of players could easily have taken the accolades for their fighting show. Dunfermline's nine men held out against the odds and in the end might have sneaked a win, and nobody showed those battling qualities more than midfielder Jamie Dolan who went on to win the sponsors prize for Man of the Match. Jamie has been steadily accumulating points in the annual Player of the Year competition and is definitely in the reckoning at this stage.

Second place points went to home debutant Steven Hampshire who worked his socks off up front. It must have been a strange experience for him, but we do normally play with eleven men, honestly Steve!

Third place went to the reliable Brian Reid, whose skills in central defence have undoubtedly helped Dunfermline to have the best defensive record in the division.



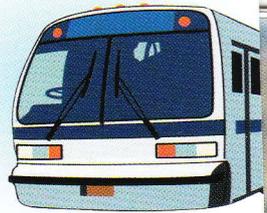
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AS EVERYBODY AND THEIR GRANNY now knows, next week's match has been put back a day to accommodate the Scotland v England European Championship play-off match. If, against the odds, Scotland do put one over their ancient rivals, a one day gap will not be enough - there will, as they say, be dancing on the streets of Raith!

Sore heads are not going to help a Dunfermline team which will be desperately in need of the fans support to maintain their challenge at the top. Regardless of the outcome of today's matches, St Mirren will still be top of the First Division table next week, so a positive result is essential.

Livingston have shown what a great asset they have been to the First Division with a good team and good support. They are another team with that ex-Dunfermline look about it, with the likes of David Bingham, Gerry Britton and Marc Millar playing a regular part in their challenge for the top.

Since taking over from Jim Leishman, Ray Stewart has assembled a formidable playing pool who are well capable of continuing their challenge for a Premier league place throughout the season. And while Big Jim may not take much to do with footballing matters these days, nobody can deny that he's one of the best salesmen football could have!

The earlier game at Almondvale was one of Dunfermline's best performances of the season, with the second half in particular providing some moments of great skill. Let's hope that we might be in for the same sort of treat again.

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