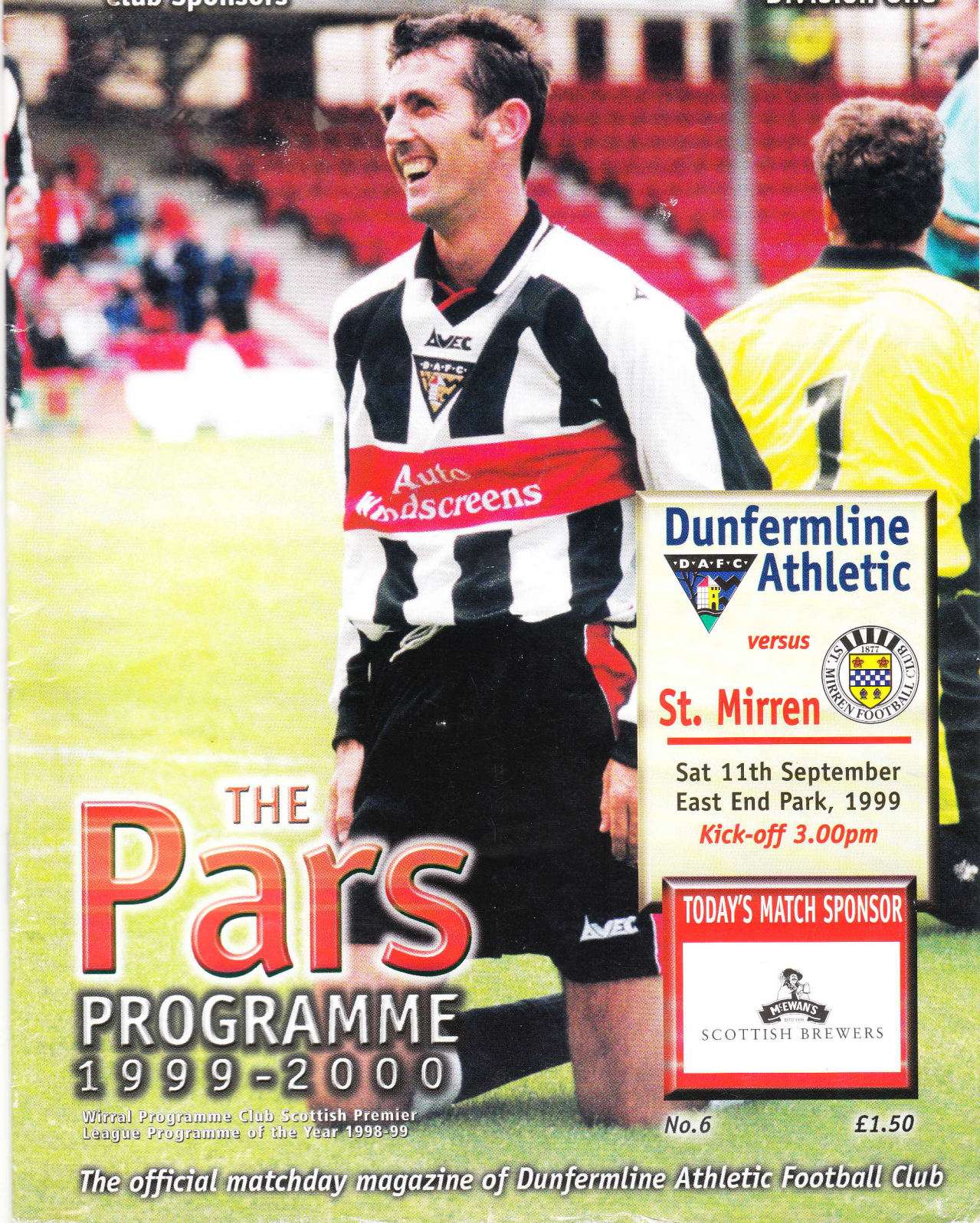




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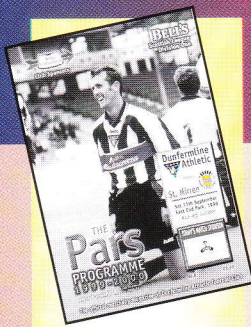


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Fairs (now UEFA) Cup:  
1962/63, 1964/65, 1965/66  
(quarter final), 1966/67,  
1969/70

**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**

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Champions: 1925/26  
Runners-Up: 1912/13,  
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**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,  
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Champions: 1986/87, 1992/93

# Campbell's Kingdom...

**I**T HAS BEEN A GOOD COUPLE OF WEEKS for Dunfermline Athletic. Despite the fact that I tried, but failed, to hold on to Greg Shields, the club is absolutely buzzing just now.

One of the reasons for that is that we have been able to go into the transfer market to bring in quality players. I have admired Justin Skinner for a while and John Ritchie made a very strong case to me about his ability. I watched him two or three times but Alex McLeish didn't want to let him go. Eventually, I got my way and we now have a player who can use the ball and maybe unlock some of those defences that we might find hard to break down in the First Division.

We also managed to secure the signature of David Moss this week and I'm certain he'll be another magnificent acquisition for Dunfermline. He's an attacking midfielder

who will score lots of goals and create all sorts of problems with his strength and aerial ability.

Lee Butler has withdrawn his transfer request and I am happy for him that he's seen the error of his ways. I was extremely annoyed and felt that Lee was morally wrong at the time, but we must move on. I hope that Lee will now knuckle down and do what he is undoubtedly very good at.

These changes mean that we now have a better than ever pool to choose from, but the spending won't stop there. My priority is to get out of this division and if that means more competition for places then so be it.

For today's match, we will be without Scott Thomson who is still injured, and Stewart Petrie who is suspended. In some ways, Stewart was a little unlucky to be sent off last week but the first booking was sheer stupidity on his part. There's no doubt that he has been playing well this season, but such is the competition for places that he might struggle to get straight back in again. Andy Tod should be fit to play although we'll have to be careful because he's had a severe strain.

Livingston got at us from the start last week but once we'd had a chat in the dressing room at half-time and made some tactical changes, we completely dominated the second half. Bearing in mind the fact that Livingston had been unbeaten at home for so long, I thought it was a good result. My only disappointment to be honest, was the quality of the television coverage.

St Mirren will be a major test for us. There is no question that St Mirren are a big team who could do well in the Premier League. Tom Hendrie has done a very good job and I wish them well this season. For today, however, I am concerned to try to ensure that we win three points in our home games. I hope that St Mirren will come here to play an open game of football because not everybody does. They have certainly scored a lot of goals so far, so the winners today could be the fans in what I expect will be another sizeable crowd.



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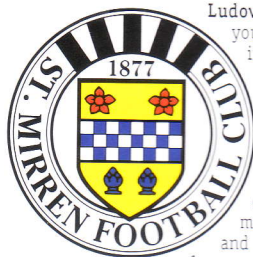
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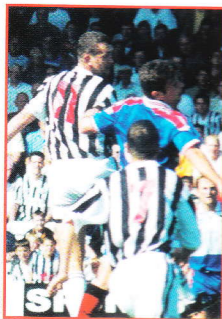
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# St. Mirren



**Ludovic Roy (18.8.77 - Tours)** : The young Frenchman who is an Under-21 internationalist in his own country, arrived in Paisley at the beginning of last season. His early appearances in the Reserve side clearly defined his talents as being a daring custodian who is an excellent shot stopper and an expert in cutting out cross balls. He made his senior debut against Falkirk and went on to record six shut outs from 19 starts.

**Iain Nicolson (13.10.76 - Glasgow)** : Midfielder Iain signed as a 16-year old for Rangers back in 1993 but with the depth of talent in the Ibrox stables he never really had the opportunity to establish himself as a first team player. He left Ibrox on a free transfer and signed for Partick Thistle. The holder of a record number of Scottish schoolboy caps, it was Tony Fitzpatrick who persuaded Iain to parade his undoubted talents at Love Street.



**Ian Ross (27.8.74 - Broxburn)** : It was as a Whitburn schoolboy that Tom Hendrie first spotted the midfield talents of Ian who graduated to Bathgate Thistle before joining Motherwell in the summer of 1993. Never a prolific scorer Ian did hit the headlines with a winning strike against Celtic in season 96-97. He has the ability to provide a terrific dig with his left peg.

**Barry McLaughlin (19.4.73 - Paisley)** It was Manager Jimmy Bone who converted Barry from being a front runner into a quality defensive man. He now has registered 180 playing appearances the second highest at the Club - but that figure might have been substantially higher but for a series of shoulder dislocations last term. Now fully fit Barry is determined to regain his position in the back four, a job with which he combines well as an active member of the St Mirren commercial department.

**Sergei Baltacha (28.7.79 - Kiev, Ukraine)** Sergei comes from a sporting family where his father in joining Ipswich Town in 1989, was the first Russian player to play in the UK. His father, Sergei senior also played for St Johnstone before embarking on a managerial career with Inverness Caledonian. Young Sergei at 6' 5", made his first senior start in a pre season match against Blackpool.

**Scott Walker (5.3.75 - Glasgow)** : With central defender Ronnie McQuilter likely to be sidelined with injury for some time, Manager Tom Hendrie signed Scott Walker as his replacement. A season as a Dalry Thistle player saw him lift the club's Player of the Year Award which was the catalyst that persuaded Alex Totten to sign him for Kilmarnock. A year at Rugby Park preceded a season in Singapore before John Brownlie signed Scott for East Stirling.

**Paul Rudden (10.8.80 - Glasgow)** : Made his senior debut against Dundee in the last game of the 97-98 season and since then has developed into a quality player who can perform either in defence or midfield. Strong in the tackle, and creative in launching attacks Paul reads a game exceptionally well and picked

up four Man of the Match awards last term.

**Tommy Turner (11.10.63 - Johnstone)**

: Released by Kilmarnock as a youngster, he returned to the Juvenile ranks with Glentworth Thistle to re-establish his career before Tommy McLean brought him back onto the senior stage with Morton in 1984. Since then he has registered over 350 League appearances in the colours of Morton, St Johnstone and Partick Thistle. His St Mirren record at the start of this season was a seven goal return from 59 starts.

**Junior Mendes (15.9.76 - London)** : The mercurial attributes of this talented striker were initially harnessed by Chelsea. It was a Chelsea playing colleague - John Spencer - who recommended that Junior come north and try his luck with St Mirren. His explosive darts have earned him a goal tally at the start of the season of 17 from 78 First Team starts.

**Hugh Murray (8.1.79 - Bellshill)** : An Under-16 internationalist, Hugh has developed into a class midfielder and a First Team regular all in the space of two years. Another graduate from the St Mirren Youth Development Project who is not averse to knocking in the odd goal but there was nothing odd about the one that he scored last week!

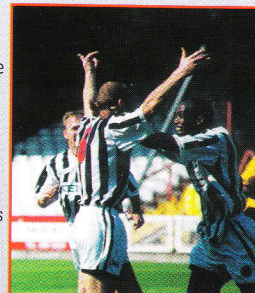
**Colin Drew (5.5.79 - Paisley)** : A product of the Mossvale and Gleniffer Thistle Boys Clubs, Colin joined Saints in 1995 but suffered a broken leg in one of his early games. Further injury worries befell him last season and limited his appearances to 17 outings. The hope in Paisley is that the midfield drive that Colin offers will again be on tap for the First Team squad.

**Tom Brown (1.4.68 - Glasgow)** : A nippy striker who has developed a prodigious heading ability, Tom arrived at Love Street in June 1997 in a part exchange deal that took Martin Baker to Kilmarnock. Tom clocked up 26 First Team starts last term and netted five goals. He was a member of Kilmarnock's Scottish Cup winning side and also has two Scotland "B" caps to his credit.

**Steven McGarry (28.9.79 - Paisley)** : A First Team debut against Partick Thistle in August 1996 Steven has gone on to become one of the Club's main goal getters. Capped at Under - 17, 18 and 21 for the national side, Steven is a graduate of the St Mirren youth policy. He netted eight counters last term and scored a double against Rangers in a pre season friendly

**Mark Yardley (14.9.69 - Livingston)** : Originally with Cowdenbeath, he scored four in his senior debut against Arbroath in August '94. That season's 27 goal tally was the catalyst that encouraged Jimmy Bone to bring Mark to St Mirren. Since then his marksmanship has taken him into St Mirren's top twenty post war goal scorers with 41 from 103 appearances.

**Barry Lavety (21.8.74 - Paisley)** : Local boy whose career has been a succession of highs and lows. Started professional life at Love Street before moving to Hibs in a £200,000 move in 1996. Controversy has followed him around, and he spent most of Hibs' season in the First Division on the bench but nevertheless an accomplished striker who since his return to St Mirren on loan has been a great favourite with the Love Street faithful.



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# Headlines...



## Falkirk Captain Moves To East End Park

David Moss has signed a three year contract with Dunfermline Athletic in a six figure transfer deal which went through on Thursday. There has been much speculation in the media about the possibility of Moss joining the Pars after

Dunfermline had expressed interest in the player. On Tuesday, Falkirk gave Dunfermline permission to talk to the player and after a period of negotiation, the club and player have agreed terms with a contract that will keep him at East End Park until June 2002.

The 30 year old midfielder combined football with a job outside, playing part-time in England with Doncaster Rovers, Chesterfield, and Scunthorpe United, before a lucrative job offer took him to Scotland and a contract with Partick Thistle in 1996. He signed for Falkirk in August 1997 and since then his career has positively blossomed. He was made skipper by Alex Totten and despite a serious injury last season made his way back into the side and captaincy again.

At 6' 2" and likely to play in an attacking midfield role, Moss will provide a further threat in Dunfermline's already potent front line. In his first season in Scotland, he was Partick Thistle's top goalscorer, and then after his transfer to Falkirk he was their top scorer in season 1997/98. Even last season he managed eight goals despite having missed half of the season through injury, and he has already netted three league goals this season including the goal against Dunfermline.

Falkirk manager Alex Totten has made no secret of the fact that he has never been keen to let the player go. Last season, Hibernian made an unsuccessful bid to lure him away from Brockville. This time, however, Dunfermline have got their man, and Pars manager Dick Campbell was in joyous mood.

"It is a great boost for the club and it shows that we are prepared to spend money when the right type of player comes along. I am interested in two things when I sign a player - firstly I want to check his ambition, and secondly I want to check that he really wants to play for Dunfermline. David Moss passed on both counts and I am delighted to have him. He is big and strong and can offer us qualities we don't have at the moment. - he is a proven goalscorer and a leader on the park and will be a fantastic asset to Dunfermline Athletic Football Club."

For his part, David admitted that he felt a little sad about leaving Falkirk but was over the moon about joining Dunfermline.

"I have had two good seasons at Falkirk and I've made a lot of friends there. Having said that, I didn't have to think too much about coming to Dunfermline - Dick Campbell has sold me on the idea that this is a big club going places and I can see from the stadium re-development and the club's plans for the future that this is the case. Dunfermline are favourites to get to the Premier League, and I'd now like to play my part in making sure they get there."

## Justin Skinner Signs For Pars

In an earlier move, manager Dick Campbell recruited another

midfielder in the shape of former Hibernian midfielder Justin Skinner.

His transfer, reported to be in the region of £80,000, went through in time for him to make his debut against Livingston at Almondvale last Saturday and he got off to a winning start by helping the Pars to a 1-0 win. The large Pars turnout at Livingston saw enough to feel confident about his ability to fit into the side. His renowned passing ability combined with some well taken free kicks suggests it won't be long before he's a fans' favourite.

30 year old Justin was an apprentice with Fulham before going on to make more than 150 first team appearances for the London club. In August 1991, he was sold to Bristol Rovers for £130,000 and played more than 200 matches for the Pirates. He moved to Easter Road in March 1998, and had a very early opportunity to sample the atmosphere at East End Park when he played here in the relegation crunch match against Hibs in April 1998. Last season, he was a key player in Hibs impressive promotion run until he was injured.

Dick Campbell was delighted to have what he described as "yet another quality player" on his books. Dick had been after Justin for some time and was pleased with the help he'd received from Hibs manager Alex McLeish who, despite wishing to hold on to the player, had agreed to allow Dunfermline to enter negotiations with him.

## Lee Withdraws Request

Goalkeeper Lee Butler has formally withdrawn his transfer request. He has admitted that the request was ill-judged and he now wants to put that behind him and fight to get back into the first team and help the Pars to promotion.

That must be good news to Pars manager Dick Campbell who will be keen to get competition for all places. Last season, Lee Butler was one of Dunfermline's best performers and managed to keep regular keeper Ian Westwater out of the side for the whole of the season. Ironically, after the news broke last week, Ian Westwater had his best match of the season so far making a number of vital saves against Livingston. Who says competition's not a good thing?

## Bells Player of the Month

Our warmest congratulations to striker Owen Coyle who last week was announced as the Bells Scottish League Player of the Month for August.

It is a reward that is hugely deserved after a series of performances that simply oozed class and ability. Owen probably got his reward for the goals he has been scoring, but it is his ability to bring others into the play and to be inventive around the box that has made him such a hit this season. Well done!



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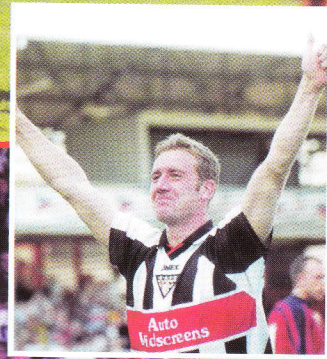
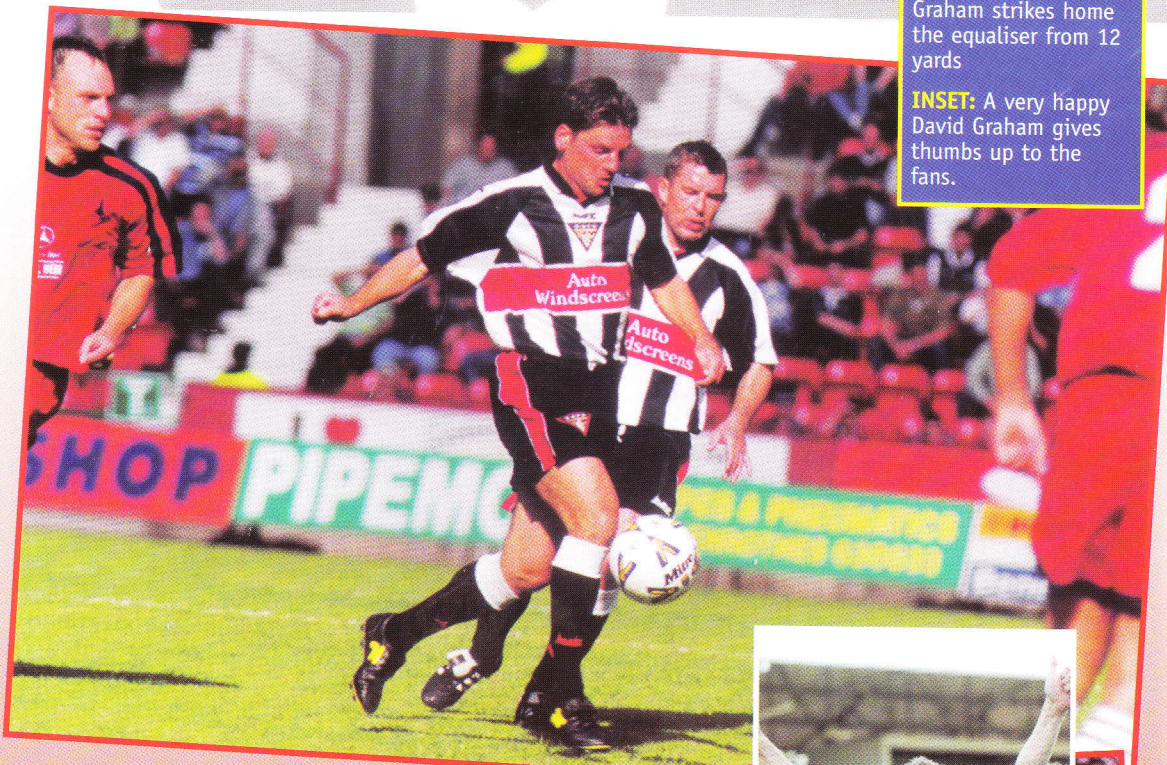
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# First derby with Falkirk is Drawn

**TOP:** Eddie May on the ball against his old club

**BOTTOM:** David Graham strikes home the equaliser from 12 yards

**INSET:** A very happy David Graham gives thumbs up to the fans.







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## 1999/2000 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	League		League Cup		Challenge Cup		TOTALS	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Owen Coyle	5(0)	3	1(0)	2	1(0)	2	7(0)	7
Jason Dair	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	4(0)	0
Jamie Dolan	5(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	7(0)	0
Hamish French	3(1)	0	1(0)	0	0(1)	0	4(2)	0
David Graham	0(3)	1	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)	1
Richard Huxford	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0
Craig Ireland	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(3)	0
Eddie May	4(1)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	6(1)	0
Chris McGroarty	2(2)	0	0(1)	0	1(0)	0	3(3)	0
Colin Nish	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(2)	0
Stewart Petrie	5(0)	1	1(0)	1	0(0)	0	6(0)	2
Brian Reid	5(0)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	7(0)	1
Greg Shields	3(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	5(0)	0
Justin Skinner	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0
Andy Smith	5(0)	3	1(0)	1	1(0)	0	7(0)	4
Scott Thomson	3(0)	1	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	4(0)	1
Andy Tod	5(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	7(0)	0
Ian Westwater	5(0)	2*	1(0)	1*	1(0)	0	7(0)	3*

Correct at 5 September, 1999. \*Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper.

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	Pld	HOME					AWAY					G	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
St. Mirren	5	2	1	0	9	3	2	0	0	9	2	13	13
<b>DUNFERMLINE ATH.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
Falkirk	5	2	0	1	7	7	1	1	0	4	3	1	10
Livingston	5	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	4	3	3	8
Raith Rovers	5	1	0	1	5	7	1	2	0	6	3	1	8
Greenock Morton	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	6	5	1	6
Ayr United	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	3	8	-5	4
Airdrieonians	5	0	1	1	3	6	1	0	2	2	8	-9	4
Clydebank	5	0	1	2	3	6	0	1	1	2	3	-4	2
Inverness C.T.	5	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	3	2	8	-7	1

	DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	RES.	ATTND.
Aug	Sat 07	Inverness Cal. Thistle	H	4-0	4,685
	Tue 10	Morton	Bells Cup 1	H	2-2
	Sat 14	Airdrieonians	A	2-2	2,872
	Wed 18	Queens Park	CIS Cup 2	H	4-0
	Sat 21	Morton	H	2-1	4,036
	Sat 28	Falkirk	H	1-1	5,520
Sep	Sat 04	Livingston	A	1-0	5,798
	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			
	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			
	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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Despite being surrounded by opposition players, Andy Smith manages to fire his header towards goal

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Craig DARGO	Raith Rovers	3	1	1	0	5
Didier AGATHE	Raith Rovers	4	0	0	0	4
Barry LAVETY	St. Mirren	4	0	0	0	4
Steve MCCORMACK	Airdrie	2	2	0	0	4
Colin MACDONALD	Falkirk	3	0	1	0	4
Andy SMITH	Dunfermline	3	1	0	0	4
David BINGHAM	Livingston	1	0	2	0	3
Alex BONE	Ayr United	2	1	0	0	3
Gerry BRITTON	Livingston	1	2	0	0	3
Scott CRABBE	Falkirk	2	1	0	0	3
Chris EWING	Clydebank	0	0	3	0	3
Scott MCLEAN	Inverness CT	0	2	1	0	3
Allan MOORE	Airdrie	1	0	0	0	3
David MOSS	Falkirk	3	0	0	0	3

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Falkirk	3	8,421	2,807	2,987 v Morton (07.08.99)
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Livingston	3	13,106	4,369	5,798 v Dunfermline (04.09.99)
Morton	2	2,690	1,345	1,433 v Clydebank (14.08.99)
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called "Sammy's  
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coming along  
to my  
Birthday  
Party last  
Sunday in  
the Jock Stein  
Lounge. It was

great to see all  
those lovely little  
faces - even though  
some of the very little  
ones were scared of me!  
(are we surprised? - Ed.) We

had a great time playing some  
party games and I think all my  
new gang members were happy with  
their "Sammy's Gang" membership gift  
packs comprising T-shirts, Posters and  
official Gang Member Certificates (which were  
all autographed personally by me!).

Thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts you all brought  
for too. I must also say a big thanks to Stephen's the Bakers  
for providing such a lovely big birthday cake. I decided that I  
would get too fat though if I ate it all myself (as I usually do)  
so, this year I have donated it to a very worthwhile cause.

If you need any more information on "Sammy's Gang" just  
contact anyone on the Young Pars Committee - and remember it's  
still not too late to join - even late starters get the full members  
gift pack! I'd love to see as big a membership as possible, so  
get your application form in to the Young Pars now!

I had a ball at the recent filming of It's A Knockout down  
the Glen - you may have noticed I was enjoying myself  
immensely! Well done to the entire Dunfermline team and  
well done to all the Dunfermline supporters who went  
along and cheered the town's team on to victory. I must  
say it was great to hear the crowd singing my name and  
even nicer to know that Keith Chegwin and Frank Bruno  
were finally upstaged. I have many great stories to tell  
from the event, but I think I'll save them for  
later...Anyway, I wish the Dunfermline team the very  
best of luck for the next round which will be filmed in  
Bury St. Edmonds on 19th September.

For those of you who did not spot it in the local paper  
this week, you should check out my back at the  
match today. "Dunfermline Press" is now  
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the Dunfermline Press, but you will notice that I  
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paper on match days. I always like to see  
myself in the Dunfermline Press, and it's  
absolutely Sammy-tastic to have a sponsor  
- it makes me feel important!

See you all at the match today  
gang, and let's cheer on the  
team with today's "Selected

Sammy Song" which should be sung as loud as you can...

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Love and Cuddles

Sammy

## YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hello everyone,

Rernember, all you Young Pars, coming up are two Events:

Thursday 16 September - Club/Enrolment Night 7pm - 8.30pm  
(for members aged 7-10)

Thursday 23 September - Club/Enrolment Night 7pm-8.30pm  
(for members aged 11 years and over)

Both events are at East End Park and new members are  
welcome to come along to enrol on the night.

Our first event of this season took place last Sunday and we all  
enjoyed Sammy's Birthday Party! Isn't Sammy great at playing  
games? Our most difficult job is keeping him away from food  
and he could hardly keep his paws off his cake!

We really must thank Stephens the Bakers for donating the  
Birthday Cake to us and it was with great pleasure, that we  
passed it on to the Children's Hospice at Kinross on behalf of  
the Young Pars.

Sammy had a great time visiting the children in the Hospice  
and managed to cause his usual chaos! We're sure everyone  
breathed a huge sigh of relief when he eventually left! (Just  
kidding, Sammy!)

## YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Many Happy Returns to the, following Young Pars:

Shelby Lynch, Scott Adam, Peter Shaw, Martin Darling, Craig  
Reid, Ross Cormack, Andrew Barratt

## AND FINALLY...

We're still waiting for more letters, postcards, messages, pieces  
of gossip etc from you all (What a lazy lot you are this season!)  
Come on and jprove you can do it!

We'd like to join everyone else in wishing Greg Shields the very  
best of luck for his future at Charlton Athletic. Greg was our  
Young Pars Player of t'he Year and we always enjoyed his  
company at the many Events he attended over the seasons. He  
sometimes wasn't too keen to join in some of our more  
outlandish games, but was always first in the queue when there  
were any sweets or chocolate around! We'll miss him (and his  
sweet tooth!) and we wish him all the best down south.

Best wishes also from the Young Pars go to Graeme Robertson  
who recently left the club. Graeme's contribution to our  
success has been huge, especially when the Young Pars first  
started and we really cannot thank him enough for all he did  
for us. We're sure all our members will join us in wishing him  
the best of luck for the future.

Hope to see you all soon on our club nights.

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# PARS IN PERSON

## Chris McGroarty



*THE WAY FORWARD FOR HEALTHY growth in football these days is for clubs to rear their own talent, and the Pars have much to be pleased about with regards to their "Young Guns". Although still only 18, Chris McGroarty excelled in the small handful of games he played last season, and is definitely assured of a bright future in the game. Bob Storie asked Chris how he was adapting to his potential role as a regular player...*

**You only had a few games with the team last year – were you happy with your performance?**

"Overall, I've got to be quite happy with how things worked out for me. I got my first full game against Dundee United after the winter break, and I didn't disgrace myself – I was taken off before the end, but I got a great ovation from our own fans, and I was really chuffed with that! After that, I played against both sets of the Old Firm, home and away, so you can't get harder games than that! I was a bit more nervous to start with on those games, but big Andy (Smith) was a great help, and he talked me through the early moments. The experience of those games was fantastic, and I wouldn't have swapped them for anything. Hopefully, I'll get another crack at these type of games in a year's time!"

**What will be your own personal aims for the coming season?**

"Well, I'm still quite young yet, so I'll need to be patient and knuckle down to hard work, but I'd like the chance of a regular place this season. I'm lucky in that I can play in several positions, and I'm happy to play wherever I'm placed. I probably favour a left-sided position, but it's not a big issue – any place will keep me happy – just don't expect to see me score a lot of goals!"

**Are you looking forward to First Division Football this year?**

"It's disappointing not to be playing the top sides again, but I'm looking forward immensely to the upcoming games. Most of the games will be hard affairs, and Falkirk and Morton have proved especially tough, and we can expect the same with the Derby games against the Rovers! I've got pals at Airdrie and Falkirk, Davie McClure and Gary McStay, so that'll give these games an extra edge if they're at all involved. We owe it to our own fans to do our utmost and get back up in one season."

**Which players, home or abroad, do you rate the highest and why?**

"I know everybody else would probably pick him, but for me, Ronaldo is the most exciting player to watch. He has unbelievable pace, and some of this footwork

and turns in the tackle are out of this world. Also Zidane is one of the finest

playmakers in Europe – the way he can open up a game from midfield with one pass is brilliant. Back home, Henrik Larsson was clearly the standout player last season, really deadly finishing. Also I remember going on as a sub at Parkhead, and the boss telling me to keep close to Moravcik – I had to laugh at the time, how was I supposed to do that? The guy's a class act!"

**Who amongst our own players do you work the closest with?**

"The great thing about this club is that everyone mucks in together – they all give out help, and stick as well! Seriously, through Andy (Smith), Owen Coyle and Brian Reid take me back and forward to training, and they've all been tremendous to me. They've got a lot of experience among them, and you can't fail to pick up useful tips and valuable knowledge from them – they're great guys in the dressing room as well, always lots of laughs about the place."

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

"A few clubs were showing a bit of interest in me, but Dunfermline impressed me as being a big club where I would get a good chance to break through. I also didn't fancy going into digs at clubs which were a fair distance from home. Andy (Smith) sold me on the club, as he only lives five minutes away from me, so that meant I could be home every night. I've not regretted the move, and I'm looking forward to making my mark at the club, fingers crossed!"

**You've had a very positive start to the season – are you enjoying your new role?**

"I played one or two games at left back for the reserves last year, so it's not strange to me. The run-out against Cardiff was very enjoyable, but I certainly wasn't expecting a starting place in the opening game – it was a bit of a shock at first, but I relished the opportunity. I had no idea at all about the Man of the Match trophy at the end – it never entered my mind that I could come close to that! Getting it again at the Morton match was just unbelievable, although it was more disappointing for all the lads that night, as we went out on penalties. I've been on the bench for the other games, as Jason (Dair) was getting his comeback after surgery, but I'm very happy in the knowledge that the boss isn't scared to use me if he has to! The lads have all been very helpful to me during the games, especially Brian (Reid) and big Toddy, and Stewart (Petrie). It's good to feel really involved!"



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# PARS





# IN PERSON



CHRIS McGRORTY

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## Golden Oldies

Doesn't Roger Mitchell talk a lot of mince ... sorry, Scoddis mince, at times! His latest utterance, as everyone will know, was to the effect that if you haven't made your mark in the Scottish Premier League by the time your old enough to get the key of the door, forget it ... it's time to look for a shoogly peg elsewhere. Rightly, a number of late developers currently holding down places in the SPL sides after leaving the amateur/junior ranks much later than 21, believe that the SPL mouthpiece ought to have done his homework. Admittedly, entry to the full-scale international arena is something which doesn't come to all that many players before they have 21 notches in the belt but some have been more than 30 (heaven forbid!) when they've made their international debut. My (sometimes unreliable) reference work gives Scotland's "top ten" international debutantes as:

Name	Club	Year	Years	Days
1. Ronnie Simpson	Celtic	1967	36	186
2. Tommy Pearson	Newcastle	1947	34	27
3. Jimmy Logie	Arsenal	1952	32	347
4. Bill Summers	St Mirren	1926	32	277
5. Peter Kerr	Hibs	1924	32	255
6. Donald Colman	Aberdeen	1911	32	204
7. Andrew Herd	Hearns	1934	32	114
8. James Blair	Sheffield Wed	1920	31	307
9. Archie Macauley	Brentford	1947	31	256
10. Tom Tait	Sunderland	1911	31	174

Colin Calderwood was a mere 30-year-old when he made his debut Elsewhere, Arsenal's Leslie Compton was all of 38 years and 2 months old when he had his chest decorated with England's three lions for the first time (1950) and established internationalist Billy Meredith was 45 years and 229 days old when he made his final appearance for Wales against England in 1920.

Away from the international scene a whole host of players have played well into their 40's - or more. Neil McBain was 53 years, 4 months when he turned out for New Brighton - in an emergency - in 1947. Sir Stanley Matthews made his final league appearance for Stoke City - in the top division - 5 days into his 51st year, while sprightly Billy Meredith lined up for Manchester City against Newcastle in an FA Cup tie at the age of 49 years and 8 months. Scots Bobby Collins and Tommy Hutchison were still strutting their stuff in the Football League beyond their 40th birthdays, the same story with Sam Bartram (Charlton), Jimmy Dickson (Portsmouth), Terry Cooper (Bristol City), Billy Bonds (West Ham), Peter Shilton (Plymouth Argyle) ... and let's not forget Jack Brownsford, who clocked up 595 league appearances for our favourites Scunthorpe United.

Scotland's lower leagues are littered with veterans playing into their fifth decade with recent/current examples being Graeme Armstrong (Stenhousemuir), Steve Archibald (East Fife), Henry Smith (Ayr), Ray Allan (Brechin) ... and of course there's Jim Leighton somewhere in the north-east. Hope someone gets the message. Roger - over and out.

## Costly For Some

If you think you're being ripped off by some First Division clubs for the "privilege" of entering a run-down stadium, thank your lucky stars that you don't follow the Chelsea Blues. An article in last month's "Four Four Two" revealed that the Stamford Bridge clubs cheapest adult season ticket will set you back £525 - and not very far behind are London neighbours West Ham Utd (£435), Tottenham (£430) and Watford (£420). Arsenal fans, on the other hand, can watch their favourites at Highbury every other week for a "Paltry" £220, while it's possible to get an Old Trafford season ticket for £304 ... and the Wimbledon Wombles can enjoy a season of aerial footie for only £200.

Thought you'd like to know that.

## Hunting the Net

It may not be obvious to those of you who read this page on a semi-regular basis, but sometimes we resort to surfing the 'net for material, helped by an

article in "The Scotsman" by Anna Somerville. Thanks to Anna, we know that the Scottish Football Association's official website can be found on [www.scottishfa.co.uk](http://www.scottishfa.co.uk) although Anna believes that "... like the national team it promises much but fails to deliver."

A more impressive site, she tells us, is Scotland On Line's Scottish football page which, among other things, features all the latest news; has a star columnist; reports on the teams, the players, league tables; and has a fantasy "Scotland Dream XI" slot (the mind boggles!). Surfers, too, can sign up for a weekly electronic newsletter featuring match reports and analysis of all games in Scotland. If you're tempted to look in on the site you can find it on [www.scottishfootball.com](http://www.scottishfootball.com).

Other sites you might want to visit, if you have the time, energy ... and the cash to pay the phone bill ... include:

**Football 365**, edited by Danny Kelly: [www.football365.co.uk](http://www.football365.co.uk)  
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**Football Fan for self-styled pundits**: [www.footballfan.com](http://www.footballfan.com)  
 Happy Surfing!

## Ear We Go

Some of you may have caught the Chic Young/Dirk Lehmann festival city interview on Friday SportsScene a few weeks ago, the Hibs star resplendent in permanent ear-ring and the media man his usual Weegie self, poking fun at the citizens of the Capital. I mention it because Dirk is allowed to wear his ear-ring on the field, provided it is taped up, for safety reasons, although the match official in the Dundee/Hibs televised match did not take any action when the tape fell off the Lehmann lobe last month. Did you notice? Strictly, as fellow anoraks will know, deadly Dirk ought to have been instructed to leave the field to be re-taped - or asked to remove his jewellery.

Which brings me to the point of this piece. Why (rightly) insist that rings and/or ear-rings are removed or taped up, but still allow players to wear chains and medallions. They serve no purpose, are easily removed ... and are far from being safe. Being "choked" could take on a whole new meaning!

Maybe one of our homeless/anonymous match officials can give us the answer.

## And Finally

A laddish form of gamesmanship. Seemingly household name Momar Thione, manager of Senegalese Division One side Diaraf complained of one hotel his team stayed in. "The manager of the hotel kept my boys awake by deliberately showing pornographic films on TV in the rooms".

Sounds like a case of being switched on ... but incapable of switching off, don't you agree?





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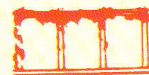
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## Reserves Get Their First Outing

Dunfermline's Reserves at last got into action with a Reserve League East match against Forfar at Station Park on Tuesday 31st August. In the end, Pars experienced side proved too much for the home team and ran out 2-0 winners.

The Pars team played in 3-4-3 formation and there was much to commend a very solid first outing of the season. Dunfermline's opening goal came in the 15th minute after good play down the right flank. A good pass from Templeman was played into the path of Richard Huxford who hit an inch perfect cross for Colin Nish to score at the back post. In the second half, the Pars made sure of victory in the 75th minute when a corner was turned in by Jamie Squires.

Coach John Ritchie, who accompanied the team in the absence of Jimmy Nicholl, was very pleased with the overall performance, feeling that the defence had looked solid while Templeman and McGroarty had shown good touches in the middle of the park. The Pars team was:

Butler, Huxford, Anderson, Squires, Ireland, Taylor, Templeman, Nish, Graham, McGroarty, Boyle. Subs not used: Walls, McCreadie, McGarty.

Afterwards, Jimmy Nicholl suggested that the Reserve matches would have special significance this season:

"It's important for us to be able to judge whether players deserve a chance at first team football but up until now, all we've had is training to base that on. The attitude and approach of players on the fringe has got to be just right. If they feel discouraged and don't put the effort into these games they won't make progress. But on the other hand, you just have to look at what happened to Richard Huxford. He's been training well, and he played well enough against Forfar to merit inclusion from the start against Livingston last Saturday."

Nicholl's words will be ringing in the players' ears this week following the Reserves second match of the season. In a poor game at East End Park on Tuesday, Raith Rovers won 2-0. To compound matters, Jamie Squires was sent off. A full report will appear in our next issue.

## Under 18s Off To A Winning Start

Two days after the Reserves had been there, the Pars Under 18 side visited Forfar and came away with all three points in a 2-0 win which mirrored the achievements of their older counterparts. The Under 18s lined up in a more conventional 4-4-2 system but had to survive one or two scary moments in the first ten minutes as the Pars new defensive combination got to grips with the game. Dunfermline took a grip on the game after scoring in fifteen minutes. The goal was a well worked effort involving a

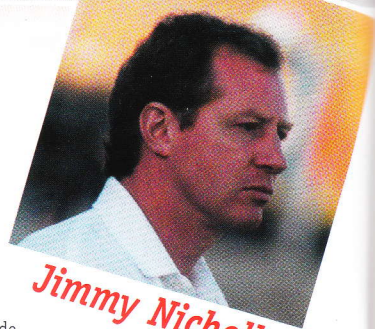
number of players.

Vaughan played a ball to McDonald whose cross was met by the finest of touches from the onrushing McGarty who had made an excellent run into the box.

Despite the fact that Forfar lost their keeper after he was sent off in the 35th minute, the score remained at 1-0 at half-time. The Pars were dominating the game, but it took until the 70th minute for the second to come. A Graham Walls cross from the left was met by Dean Walker who headed past the Forfar keeper.

Dunfermline: Hay, McDonald, Anderson, Fleming, Gayne, McCreadie, Vaughan (Findlay, 75 mins), McGarty, Walker, Nicol, Walls. Sub not used: Harrower.

This was a good start for the Under 18s who showed good workrate and application throughout with the front men of Walker, Walls and Nicol catching the eye. Let's hope that they managed to continue the good form in their second match against Falkirk which was due to be played at Rosyth on Thursday. A full report will be in our next issue.



*Jimmy Nicholl*

## RESERVE LEAGUE EAST

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
31 August	FORFAR ATHLETIC	A	2-0
7 September	RAITH ROVERS	H	0-2

**Note: Actual Dates To Be Confirmed:**

12 September	ARBROATH	A	
19 September	BRECHIN CITY	H	
26 September	EAST FIFE	A	
3 October	INVERNESS CT	A	
10 October	MONTROSE	H	
17 October	FORFAR ATHLETIC	H	
24 October	RAITH ROVERS	A	
31 October	ARBROATH	H	
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	

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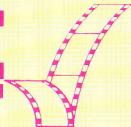
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# Past Historic...

## PARS WELL AHEAD

This afternoon sees the 37th league fixture between Dunfermline and St Mirren at East End Park. The Pars lead the series with nineteen victories to St Mirren's nine, with eight being drawn, including the last three played.

The Buddies actually won six out of their first eleven league matches played here, up to 1963/64, and then embarked on a 29 year run without one (although, admittedly, the clubs met only once in a 15 year period between 1972 and 1987). St Mirren ended the drought with a 4-1 win in September 1991 - their best ever result at East End Park - and have since won twice more, in 1992/93 and again the following season.

## GOALSCORERS

Amongst present day players, St Mirren's Barry Lavery leads the scoring charts with seven goals in 17 appearances against the Pars for the Paisley side. His first goal at senior level came against Dunfermline at the tail end of season 1991/92. In the same period, Hamish French netted six times for the Pars in 15 games against St Mirren, but Stewart Petrie is gaining ground on four.

Hamish was the last Dunfermline player to score a hat-trick against St Mirren, in a 4-2 win at East End Park in December 1993. Four other players have achieved this - Istvan Kozma in 1989/90, George McLean in 1969/70 (the only one at Love Street), Bert Paton in 1965/66 and, most famously, Charlie Dickson, who netted six in the Pars 7-0 win in December 1961. Charlie also scored a hat-trick in the Scottish Cup against the Buddies in 1957/58.

## NORRIE McCATHIE

The goalless draw between Dunfermline and St Mirren at East End Park on February 22nd, 1992 does not come high in the list of memorable matches between the two clubs, both relegated at the end of that particularly miserable season. The only notable aspect of that day was that Norrie McCathie made his 361st league appearance for the Pars, breaking the club record previously held by Bobby Robertson.

Almost four years later, again versus St Mirren, this time at Love Street, Norrie made the last of his 563 appearances for Dunfermline. His league record of 497 matches will, in all probability, never be broken.

Norrie made 29 league appearances against St Mirren, missing only two over eight seasons, in which he scored twice and was on the losing side on only eight occasions.

## THE LAST TIME

Season 1995/96 saw the Pars get off to a flyer, with five straight league wins culminating in a 2-0 victory at Love Street. By the time St Mirren visited East End Park on November 4th, Dunfermline had lost three times in little over a month, squandering an eight point lead at the top of the table.

Desperate to get back on track after a 3-1 defeat at Tannadice, Bert Paton introduced Colin Miller and Brian Rice for their home debuts, while the Buddies had Barry Lavery available for the first time since his drug taking confession.

A crowd of 4,582 saw St Mirren take a 17th minute lead courtesy of a crazy own goal. Jim Dick thumped the ball up the park and Norrie McCathie, under no real pressure, headed it past keeper Guido Van de Kamp, who had come to the edge of the box. For the rest of the half, the Pars looked as if they were in a daze but St Mirren couldn't capitalise on it.

After the break, Dunfermline dominated but their forwards struggled to find top gear and it took a second own goal to bring the Pars level. After Combe saved a Bingham shot from point blank range, the keeper was then left helpless when Rice's cross was headed into his own net by Stephen Watson. Derek Fleming created two chances for the Pars to score the points but Shaw was denied by the post and McCathie by Combe's fingertips.

**Dunfermline:** Van de Kamp, Miller, Fleming, McCathie, Tod, Rice, Moore, (Rissanen), Millar, Shaw, Petrie, Bingham, (McCulloch).

**St Mirren:** Combe, McIntyre, Archdeacon, (Smith), Fenwick, Watson, McLaughlin, Law, Dick, Yardley, (Prentice), Gillies, Hetherston, (Lavery).

When the Buddies returned to Fife on March 23rd, they knew that they had been the last team to defeat the Pars back on January 6th. Dunfermline began as if they were going all-out for revenge with Tod and Smith forcing goal-line clearances before Craig Robertson shot home in the 12th minute. The lead was doubled in the 36th minute when Fullarton brought down Moore in the box, although it took a huge slice of luck for Marc Millar's penalty to find the net, going in via the post and keeper Combe's back.

To their credit, the Buddies fought on and pulled one back in the 73rd minute, a cracking 20 yard shot from Lavery. With ten minutes left, a mix-up between Ireland and Westwater allowed Lavery to nip in and flick the ball away from the keeper and into the net. The final score was 2-2, the Pars' unbeaten run was stretched to eleven games, they were a point clear at the top - and they were booed off the park. Sound familiar?

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Miller, Millar, Clark, Tod, Ireland, Moore, Robertson, Smith, French, Petrie, (Shaw).

**St Mirren:** Combe, McLaughlin, Boyd, (Taylor), McWhirter, Fenwick, Fullarton, Archdeacon, Gillies, Yardley, Lavery, Hetherston, (McIntyre).

## CONNECTIONS

Going back to the war there have been quite a few players, coaches and managers who had had links with both the Pars and St Mirren. During the post-war years the Pars was the prolific goalscorer George Henderson, signed from Stirling Albion in November 1948 for a record fee of £2,000. In the remainder of that season he scored 19 goals in 20 matches, averaging one per game in the league.

His good form continued into the next season when his ten goals, including two hat-tricks, helped the Pars reach their first major final, the 3-0 defeat by East Fife in the League Cup. All this attracted the attention of St Mirren who paid £5,500 for the striker during 1949/50. To the delight of the supporters Henderson returned to the club in the summer of 1953 and was the club's top scorer that season with 21 goals, despite being allowed to join Albion Rovers in February 1954. Although he was barely at Dunfermline for 12 seasons, his scoring record was remarkable - 58 goals in 66 appearances, which included several hat-tricks.

Progressing into the 1960s, there were such players as Jim Thomson, George McLean, Don Kerrigan, Ian Lister, Willie Renton and Jim Herriot, followed by Walter Borthwick during the 1970s. More recently, there has been Billy Abercrombie, Eddie Gallagher, Paul Chalmers, Lex Baillie, Tom Wilson, Billy Davies and Paul Fenwick.

There's also a strong coaching connection with Bobby Ancell, who began his career with St Mirren in 1930, having a three year spell as Pars manager during the Fifties. Alex Wright guided the Buddies to promotion in 1968 but subsequently failed to steady a struggling team at East End Park. Two former St Mirren players, Cammy Murray and Iain Munro, went on to coach at Dunfermline. Murray under Tom Forsyth in the early 80s and Munro later that same decade under Jim Leishman, and who later spent just over a season as manager of the club.

Perhaps the most famous connections are Alex Ferguson, a former Pars player, who later managed St Mirren, and Willie Cunningham, the man who brought Ferguson to East End Park. Capped 33 times by Northern Ireland, Willie spent six years as a player in Paisley before going south to Leicester City. Jock Stein brought him back to Scotland where he became a key figure in the Pars Cup success of 1961. He went on to manage both clubs and was once offered the Scotland manager's job, the first non Scot to be asked.

# Around East End Park...



## New Director For Pars

The Pars Board have announced the appointment of a new Director. Graham Thomson, the former owner of Thomson's World of Furniture, was asked to join the Board following an extra-ordinary General Meeting of shareholders on Monday 30th August. At the meeting, shareholders agreed to increase the authorised share capital of the company and to allot unissued shares.

Pars new 37 year old Director has made a substantial investment in the new shares and said that he hoped that his investment would help Dunfermline to make a quick return to the Premier League. It is not the first time that he has been involved in an investment at East End Park - Thomson's World of Furniture were previous shirt sponsors. For his part, Club Chairman John Yorkston welcomed this boost and said that funds would go towards strengthening a number of aspects of the club.

## The Dunfermline Press Signs Sammy!



In one of our biggest (and boy is he B-I-G) stories of the season so far, the Dunfermline Press have splashed out megabucks to secure the services of Sammy The Tammy. Scotland's Number One mascot has now found himself sponsored, thanks to the generosity of the local newspaper, and the Press's Tom Davidson sees great benefits in this move.

Sammy is justifiably one of the most popular characters in West Fife and the Press are delighted to forge this new relationship with him. We'll be supporting Sammy throughout the season, and he'll be supporting us, particularly with a new fund-raising initiative that we'll be launching soon.

Apparently, Sammy was absolutely delighted with an arrangement which could see even more of his mugshot in the paper than before. (frightening thought - Ed.)

## Dunfermline Athletic Supporters Club

Transport: Fans wishing to travel to Kirkcaldy for the game against Raith Rovers on Saturday 18th September can book seats either by calling at the Supporters Club Office after today's game or by telephoning Caron on 01383 515601. Coaches will leave East End Park at 2.00pm and non-members are welcome.

AGM: Apologies for the delay in the Annual General Meeting which will now take place in the Jock Stein Suite on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm. Membership renewals and joining fees will be taken from 7.00pm. All welcome.

## Birthdays

The Pars Programme extends a warm welcome today to William Davids who will be 50 years young tomorrow. William, who lives in Alloa, has been a Pars fan since the age of three (well at least that's what he's told his daughter Alix!), and is such a fanatic that he once named his dog 'Leashi' after Jim Leishman. By the time he reads this he'll probably be tucking into the champagne in the Jock Stein Suite. All of the family hope you have a great day out - and let's hope that you have something to celebrate after the game besides your birthday!

Another birthday guest is Sally de Boer who will be 16 years old on Tuesday. Sally, who is today being accompanied by



**SALLY DE BOER**

her pals Millie, Linsey, Arlaine and Lee-Ann, is an avid Pars fan thanks to the persuasive powers of her Dad and two older brothers! When she's not Pars watching, Sally enjoys many outdoor pursuits and represents her school at hockey and tennis. Apparently, she is a great fan of Andy Tod and David Graham.

Another person who has made a very serious effort to get to today's game is Jeanette Brown. Jeanette originally comes from Dunfermline but is now manager of the Duke of Gloucester Pub in Toronto, Canada! She is visiting Dunfermline for three weeks and will be at today's game celebrating her 40-somethingth birthday. She keeps in touch with the Pars through the Internet and she's even created a Pars 'shrine' in her pub. Apparently she's dead keen to have any Pars fans who are in Toronto pop into the pub to say hello!

*Happy birthday to all three of these fans on their special day and we hope you bring us lots of luck.*



**WILLIAM DAVIDS**

## William Bishop

It is with deep sadness that the club heard of the death of William Bishop, a lifelong Pars supporter and the organiser of the very successful Crown Travel Club in High Valleyfield for many years. William, who lived with his sister Doris, died on Sunday 5th September in hospital after a long illness.

Everybody at East End Park extends their sincere and deepest sympathy to William's family.

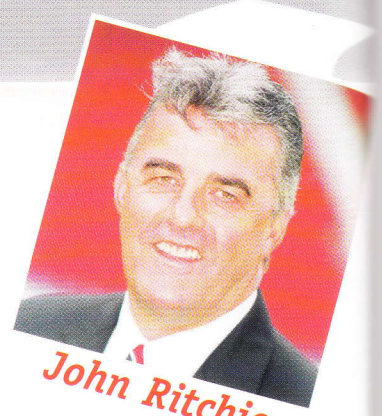
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*John Ritchie*

## ON SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST

three of Dunfermline's teams in the Youth Development Initiative took part in matches with varying levels of success. The only side not in action was the Under 15 team, whose game against Celtic was postponed due to the Glasgow club having players taking part in schoolboy trials.

The Pars Under 13s travelled to Motherwell where they struggled slightly against a physically stronger team. The home side's better passing ability ensured they won the match although the Pars showed a distinct improvement during the latter stages.

The Under 16s, playing their first match of the development programme, turned in a really good performance in winning at Livingston. Coach Mo Hutton was pleased with the overall display, the defending in particular, of a team that had looked somewhat disjointed in earlier matches.

Senior coach John Ritchie watched the Under 14s take on Brechin at Rosyth in what was their opening game of the youth initiative. The Pars got off to a good start during which they netted first but the visitors fought back to take the lead. In an entertaining game which flowed from end to end, Dunfermline left it late to equalise through Paul Duncan to force a deserved draw. Playing wide on the right, the youngster turned in a good performance, as did centre back Ian Campbell, who made several important tackles and used the ball well. Also receiving praise were the two goalkeepers used, Jason Curran and Cameron Grassick, who both made excellent saves which kept the Pars in the game.

## Player Rotation

This rotation of players is an important feature of the youth set up, according to John Ritchie.

"With a squad of around twenty players in each age group, we need to give everyone an equal opportunity to show what they can do. The players

have to accept that some weeks they'll be out of the team and that they will also be asked to play in unfamiliar positions. While we accept that this won't help bring about consistent team performances, it will be of great benefit in terms of the players long-term development".

"It's a learning process for everyone involved, including parents who watch the games, as they have to recognise that success is not being judged on results. While we are aware that the kids put great importance into whether they're winning or losing, for the coaches the results are not too important."

"What is vital is that the players learn from the games on a Sunday and then work things through in training. We encourage them to play passing football but we're not too critical if they lose possession - it's all part of the learning process."

With the new season now up and running, the coaching staff have the chance to concentrate on the Development Centres, aimed at children in the 10 - 12 years age group, which will be established around Fife. Watch this space for further information.

## Fixtures for Sunday 12th September

<b>Under 13's</b>	Away to Alloa
<b>Under 14's</b>	Home to Kilmarnock (Fleet Grounds, kick off 12.30 pm)
<b>Under 15's</b>	Away to Dundee United
<b>Under 16's</b>	Away to Morton

## Fixtures for Sunday 19th September

<b>Under 13's</b>	Home to Celtic
<b>Under 14's</b>	Away to Inverness
<b>Under 15's</b>	Free Week
<b>Under 16's</b>	Home to Raith Rovers





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# One Up...

## A Review of the First Division

*Plenty for BILL KINNEAR to talk about this week with refereeing controversies and TV coverage of the First Division. Oh, and he also tells us who is performing well in the First Division...*

AFTER WEEK FIVE OF THE BELLS Scottish Football League First Division, it's beginning to look like a league of two halves. St Mirren, Dunfermline Athletic, Falkirk, Livvy and the wee team separating themselves from the rest.

It seems like every game just now is a top-of-the table clash. A fortnight ago it was Falkirk at East End and last week away to Livvy. And, today Tom Hendrie's St Mirren visit two points clear of the Pars in what must be Scottish football's game of the day, and I include the SPL in there too. The Paisley Saintees have banged home eighteen goals in five games whilst only conceding five. Eleven of those goals came in two games against Airdrie and the Rovers and, like the Pars, they remain undefeated in the league this season. Today's game should be a real cracker.

Airdrie have hit a major slump in recent weeks and with only one win in five outings they sit third bottom of the pile. The Diamonds have real hopes of challenging for a place in the SPL but fingers must be gey near the panic button down Shyberry way.

ICT must have thought they had secured their first league win last week. With sixteen minutes left against Morton they were 1-0 up, against 10 men after Harry Curran got himself sent off. However, the Highlanders were hit with a sucker punch after the Greenock men equalised. ICT did however secure their first point in what has been a real culture shock after two seasons of successive promotion campaigns.

Falkirk snatched a 3-2 victory over Clydebank when David Moss scored with less than two minutes left. There is no secret that Dick C wants Moss at East End and he may well be in the line-up today. Moss is an attacking midfielder who makes telling runs from deep positions and he was one of Falkirk's successes when they were here a fortnight ago. If, as seems likely, we get the man, he will be a real asset to our midfield.

Since being gubbed 0-6 by St Mirren the wee team have had something of a renaissance and continued a return to form with a 5-1 thrashing of Ayr last week. Gordon Dalziel's team were one of my tips for a promotion play-off spot but they have had a disappointing start to the season. However, they are above Airdrie, and they play each other today.

### GREAT EXCUSE

Next week sees the first of this season's Fife derbies and the Pars make the short trip east along the A92 to Kirkcaldy. Since the fixtures were announced I've had my table booked at the Novar Bar for a wee hooley with some mates who are Rovers fans. One of these mates, one Steve Hopton, had been building up September 18th, 1999 as a pre-millennium taster. Much beer, much banter, much boyish good fun before and after the match. But, shock, horror, probe, a week past Thursday Hopton calls of saying "Sorry neebor, I'm off to Skye

to climb forty-six Munros". Get your priorities right man. If he was being honest, he's taken to the hills in advance of the gubbing and associated ribbing that will be handed out to Raith and their fans next week. Never mind Steve, there's always November 6th at Dunfermline. We'll meet in the Commercial, I'll almost certainly be there. Being the guiser that he is, Hopton will be lucky to survive Bonfire night!!!!

### A GENTLEMAN'S GAME?

One a more serious note, those of you who were at the West Lothian Courier Stadium last week will have witnessed the controversy that is the "gentlemanly conduct rule". The "rule" that says if the team in possession puts the ball out of play because an injured player needs treatment then the opposing team give it straight back at the restart. Folks call it a "rule", but as far as I know, it's not in the book. It's an agreement that has crept into the game which avoids unfair advantage at a certain point. However, some teams have taken advantage and profited. Pierre van High Jinks did it for Celtic a couple of seasons ago. The infamous Arsenal incident that led to a Cup replay, and, according to Ray Stewart, ungentlemanly conduct by Andy Smith last week led to all sorts of problems, including the sending off of Graham Coughlan for violent conduct who took the hump at what he thought was unreasonable play by big Andy. After a bounce-up all he did was put it out for a throw to Livvy - he gave them the ball back. From where I was sitting they appeared to have done the same thing twice earlier in the match.

The Pars have been "victims" of this nonsense when, at the end of a game at Morton a few seasons ago from which the Greenock side capitalised and snatched a last minute equaliser. Now, is it a rule or is it not? Someone needs to make a decision about this issue sooner rather than later.

### FOOTBALL FIRST - NOW THERE'S A JOKE

For all my slugging of Jim Traynor (and more of that later), you've got to hand it to BBC's SportSound for coming up with a deal to give live radio commentaries on the First Division. And by all accounts, they did pretty well with last week's game at Livingston, so well done boys. But what about the visual images. I was waiting with baited breath on Sunday at 6.15pm to watch the game of the day on STV's 'Football First'. I was looking forward to seeing the incident with Andy Smith, maybe seeing how they'd kicked it away in the first half; I was looking forward to seeing Hamish being brought down at the edge of the box - should John Millar have walked? I was looking forward to seeing Brian Reid's magnificent header - did it cross the line? And what did we get? Sweet, fat zero. Jim Delahunt suggested that on the basis of the highlights shown, Livingston deserved to get something from the game. Absolutely right, Jim, except that those weren't the highlights. Unless STV get their act together, this programme isn't worth putting on TV. STV's owners SMG have just bought major shares in Hearts, so the best hope for the First Division is that the Jammy ones drop a division.

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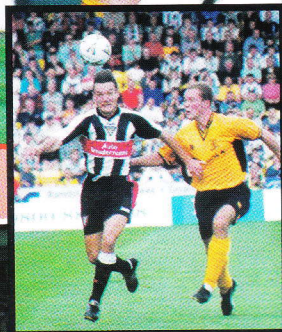
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# Today's Football

TODAY SEES THE RETURN of Premier League football to the Scottish fixture card, although given the apathy borne out of the Old Firm's utter dominance of that league, the best games might be on show elsewhere.

The one exception to that might be the game at Ibrox between Rangers and Aberdeen. There would appear to be two scenarios - the first is that the two teams will continue to play the way that they have been so far this season, and if so Rangers will record some sort of record-breaking cricket score against the hapless Dons. The other scenario is that Aberdeen will play the way they always play against Rangers in which case they'll either win, draw or come very close! Don't bet on it not being the latter.

Today's match here has got to be one of the games of the day in any division. The pick of the rest in the First will be the match at Brockville where the Moss-less Bairns will take on a Livingston side which will also be without one of their key players, centre-half Graham Coughlan, also courtesy of the Pars!

Big crowds might be expected at a number of venues today, but certainly not at Firhill where Second Division Hamilton take on Stranraer. Disgruntled Accies fans have threatened to picket the game and have asked Stranraer's massed support to boycott the game as well! Watch this space will take on a whole new meaning!

Finally, the Third Division game of the day has got to be East Fife against Forfar, if only because the scoreline might just give the sports presenters one of those lovely lines, "East Fife Four, Forfar Five"!

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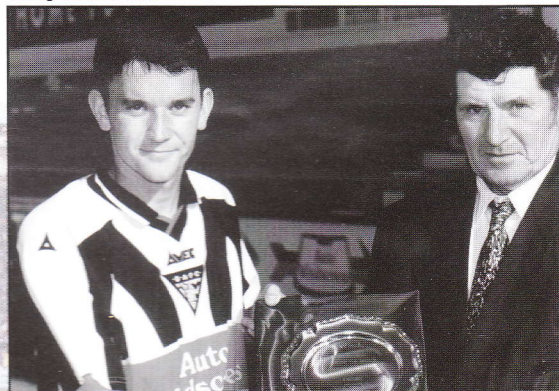
Albion Rovers v Montrose  
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Brechin City v East Stirling  
Dumbarton v Queens Park  
East Fife v Forfar Athletic



# Player of the Year

JASON DAIR MAY HAVE MISSED pre-season training through injury, but he has more than made up for it with a series of quality performances starting with his comeback debut against Queens Park in the CIS Cup. Playing in a left back role which he may not prefer but for which he clearly has the talent to make his own, Jason's intelligent distribution and supporting runs down the left wing played a big part in Dunfermline's dominance of the game against Falkirk. This was his first Man of the Match Award since arriving at East End Park from Raith Rovers in February - let's hope that there's many more to come.

Second place points went to evergreen Hamish French. After missing much of last season through injury, Hamish has made an excellent comeback to first team duty. Age matters not with Hamish because he'll run up and down the park forever! Third place went to Owen Coyle. Owen is undoubtedly the man of the moment and has posted an early warning to his teammates that he'll be up there at the end of the season when the trophies are being dished out.



*Man of the Match Jason Dair picks up his award from Meiklem Drainage and Groundwork*

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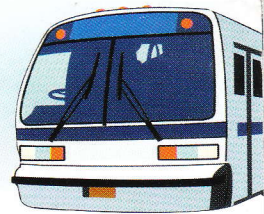
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**BELLS SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION**  
**RAITH ROVERS at Starks Park, Kirkcaldy**

WE DO KEEP ON SAYING THIS, but its true - every week this Division is providing Pars fans with a cracking game in prospect, and they don't come any better than matches against historic rivals Raith Rovers.

Today's match has special significance for a number of reasons. One in particular is the way that changes have taken place at managerial level at both clubs. While former Rovers Manager Jimmy Nicholl is now back at East End Park helping the Pars in their promotion push, John McWeigh has moved from his coaching role at Dunfermline to take over Jimmy's position at Starks Park. Add to that some of the edge that comes from having ex-players around, such as ex-Rovers Jason Deir and Scott Thomson, and ex-Par Guido Van de Kamp, and you have recipe for a fascinating encounter.

At one stage very early on in the season, it looked as if Rovers were going to be playing to survive in this league. A bad start and Cup exits were compounded by an astonishing 6-0 thrashing at the hands of Dunfermline's visitors today St Mirren. Just when the

writing looked to be on the wall, up popped new signing, French striker Didier Agathe, and all of a sudden Rovers look like world beaters with a 4-1 victory at the Shyberry Excelsior against Airdrie and a 5-1 win against Ayr at Kirkcaldy. It's far too early to say which set of results is a more accurate reflection of Rovers current form, but frankly, it doesn't matter. In a game like this, form is irrelevant. Raith (or Dunfermline for that matter) could be playing very badly in other games, but they would raise their game for this kind of encounter. One thing for sure - the match is certain to attract a big crowd. Dunfermline's other away games this season at Airdrie and Livingston have already seen a big and noisy Pars support, and with Raith going along well Starks Park could be near to capacity.

The last time the clubs met on league business was in season 1996/97, the only time that the two clubs have been together in the Premier League. Dunfermline won all four league matches taking twelve points from Rovers, a factor which ensured Pars high league position and Rovers relegation. Let's just say that both sets of fans will have their own views about the significance or otherwise of those results today!

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Jason DAIR	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brian REID	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie DOLAN	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin SKINNER	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
David MOSS	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy SMITH	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owen COYLE	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamish FRENCH	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Craig IRELAND	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## MASCOT



### KERRY ANDERSON

Age: 8yrs

Hobbies: Kerry is a member of the young Pars

Favourite Players: Andy Tod.

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