

The Pars Programme

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PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY MATCHES



Saturday 17th July 1999 - Kick-off 3.00pm
Dunfermline Athletic v Cardiff City



Wednesday 21st July 1999 Kick-off 7.45pm
Dunfermline Athletic v Wigan Athletic



Saturday 24th July 1999 - Kick-off 3.00pm
Dunfermline Athletic v Preston North End

CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM

A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK to East End Park after what has been the shortest close season that I can remember.

I wasn't too sure how I would feel starting the new season in the First Division, but it didn't take me very long to decide. After the Celtic game at the end of last season I felt absolutely gutted because that was the point that we knew that we were definitely relegated. It wasn't a nice feeling, but fortunately it didn't stay with me for long.

Since then, we've all had a break. The players have come back refreshed and raring to go, and there's a buzz about the place again. Everybody will have read about the stadium plans and we've not been sitting idle on the playing front either. In my opinion, Brian Reid and Eddie May will be two superb acquisitions for Dunfermline, and there is no doubt that we will have one of the strongest player pools in the division. Our new Youth Development Coach John Ritchie has been working enthusiastically towards a completely new youth structure which the club will invest £100,000 annually. All of these things show our ambition for the new season and I know where I want to be at the end of it!



We were fortunate to fix up excellent training facilities for the early part of our summer schedule with our friends at Ross County. Games there against Ross County and Nairn County are due to be followed by a series of three very attractive matches against English and Welsh opposition. I hope that you will give our visitors from Cardiff, Wigan and Preston a very warm welcome.

Unlike last season where we had no pre-season to speak of, we have tried to ensure that we are playing sufficient games against the right quality of opposition to ensure that we start the new season on 7th August with a bang. I look forward to the fans joining us for what I hope will be a memorable season.

Richard Campbell

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CARDIFF CITY'S FIRST VISIT TO EAST END PARK

A WARM WELCOME to the directors, players and supporters of Cardiff City, and many congratulations to them on their promotion last season.

Scot Frank Burrows led Cardiff to success last season after they had suffered a number of years in the doldrums. Frank was born in Larkhall, Scotland and originally joined Raith Rovers as a part-time player. He joined Scunthorpe United in June 1965 and in July 1968, he signed for Swindon Town where he notched up 298 league appearances. He has an impressive record as both Coach and Manager with Swindon, Portsmouth, Sunderland, Swansea City and West Ham United. He returned to Ninian Park for his second term as Manager in February 1998, having previously been in charge from May 1986 to August 1989.

He brings his newly promoted squad to Dunfermline and is likely to include some of the following in his line up:



HALLWORTH Jonathan (Jon) Geoffrey
Born: Stockport, 26th October 1965
Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 14.3

Jon started his career at Ipswich Town as an apprentice and went on to make over 50 first team appearances. Signed for Oldham Athletic in 1989 for £75,000, making over 200 appearances for the Boundary Park club. Now in his third season at Ninian Park, Jon has won every Player of the Year award available during that time and is undoubtedly one of the best goalkeepers in the lower divisions.

JARMAN Lee
Born: Cardiff, 16th December 1977
Height: 6'3" **Weight:** 13.3

Lee emerged from the wilderness at Cardiff City following the arrival of Frank Burrows as the new manager in February 1998. This tall and talented right back showed far more aggression and consistency over the last three months of last season and was even appointed captain. Having improved his basic defensive work under Burrows, Lee has been able to bring his ability on the ball and passing skills into focus and was urged to take responsibility for his own career and live up to the potential he has.

ECKHARDT Jeffrey (Jeff)
Born: Sheffield 7 October 1965
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 11.7

A consistent and gutsy performer, who can play in virtually any position. Jeff is an ideal candidate for a stand-in striker role. That aside he is a good tackler who gives everything in every match, adding steel in defence, midfield or attack. Joined Cardiff City in 1996.

YOUNG Scott
Born: Pontypridd, 14th January 1976
Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 12.6

Dependable and solid, good on the ground, and in the air,

Scott is strong and consistent and a player who will surely play a big part in Frank Burrows' plans. Has played at centre half, right back, in a more forward role just behind midfield and in midfield during last season, but his favoured position is at centre half. Has played for the Welsh 'B' side.

FORD Michael (Mike) Paul
Born: Bristol, 9th February 1966
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 12.6

After a season wrecked by injuries, Oxford's club captain was finally released in the summer of 1998. Mike plays the part of an attacking full back, being ideally suited to the wing-back role. A very popular player, Mike has scored just a couple of goals, including one in the passionate derby game at Swindon. This is his second spell at Ninian Park, having previously signed for the Club in 1984.

MITCHELL Graham Lee
Born: Shipley, 16th February 1968
Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 13.0

Central defender Graham has loads of First Division experience, with more than 300 appearances for Huddersfield town to his credit and also with Bradford City. Has spent 18 months in Scottish football and has signed a two-year deal with the Bluebirds.

MIDDLETON Craig Dean
Born: Nuneaton, 10th September 1970
Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 11.5

The energy and athleticism of Craig persuaded Frank Burrows to offer him a new contract for 1998/99. Playing in a number of positions, shining as a central defender and in a role just behind the front two strikers, he also performed in midfield and at right back and was named Most Improved Player of 1998 by Cardiff City Supporters Club.

O'SULLIVAN Wayne St. John
Born: Akrotiri, Cyprus 25th February 1974
Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 10.10
Club Honours: Div 2 1996

Having arrived at Cardiff City from Swindon in 1997, he made an immediate impact with some tricky runs down the right. He is a determined and hard working attacking player who loves to run at defender and fool them with sheer trickery. He is a gutsy type of player who will aim to give his best and should thrive under Frank Burrows' guidance.

CARPENTER Richard
Born: Sheerness 18th September 1972
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 13.0

Signed from Fulham, this strong tackler with the Jurgen Klinsmann looks, has a dangerous free kick, especially from long range. He always has an eye for goal and has established himself as the lynch-pin of Cardiff's midfield.



**NUGENT Kevin Patrick**

Born: Edmonton, 10th April 1969
Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 13.3

Cardiff City captured the signing of Kevin Nugent from Bristol City in 1997. Was badly injured in a cup match against Southend and missed most of that season. Kevin is capable of leading the line superbly well with good ability in the air and is currently the Club's top scorer with 16 goals.

WILLIAMS John Nelson

Born: Birmingham, 11th May 1968
Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 13.12

John has inked up with Frank Burrows for the second time in his career, having played some of his best football under him at Swansea. Speed is John's main strength, he was once officially the fastest player in the Football League. Signed for Coventry in a £250,000 deal. 30 year old John has become a huge favourite at Ninian Park, having already scored 15 goals this season.

HILL Daniel (Danny) Ronald

Born: Enfield, 1st October 1974
Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 11.2

24 year old Danny has just begun his second spell at Ninian Park, having been signed on a free transfer from Oxford United. He joined Tottenham Hotspur as a YTS player in the late 1980's where he made ten Premiership appearances. He shows ability, composure and calculating play in the middle of the field.

LEGG Andrew (Andy)

Born: Neath, 28th July 1966
Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 10.7

Andy joined Swansea City from Briton Ferry F.C. in the summer of 1988. He moved onto Notts Co where he made 89 league appearances, before joining Birmingham City and later Reading. Signed for Cardiff in December 1998 and is best known for his huge throw to the near post.

THOMAS David (Dai) John

Born: Caerphilly, 26th September 1975
Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 12.7

Dai joined Swansea City as a YTS player in 1991. before moving to Watford in the summer of 1997. Signed for Cardiff in August 1998 for a reported £50,000 fee and has proved himself to be a useful squad player.

FOWLER Jason Kenneth

Born: Bristol, 20th August 1974
Height: 6'3" **Weight:** 11.12

Jason is a fine attacking midfielder player who is capable of producing top-quality displays. He won Cardiff City Supporters Club Goal of the Season award for 1997/98. Has the ability and talent to play at a much higher level, including the First Division or even the Premiership, but needs to add a little more strength, power and stamina to his game.

BOWIEN Jason Peter

Born: Merthyr Tydfil, 24th August 1972
Height: 5'6" **Weight:** 11.0

Jason was signed from Reading in January 1999. A former trainee with Swansea City, he signed for Birmingham City in July 1995, before going to Southampton on loan. His pace and strong running is more than a match for all but the very best.

CARDIFF CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Ninian Park, Cardiff, CF1 8SX

TWELVE THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT CARDIFF CITY

- Cardiff City was formed in 1899 and moved to Ninian Park in 1910.
- Originally known as 'Riverside', Cardiff play in blue shirts and white shorts and, surprise, surprise, are nicknamed the 'Bluebirds'!
- They were relatively late arrivals to the Football League, playing their first match on 28th August 1920 at Stockport County, a game which they won 5-2.
- Although there was talk a few years ago about Cardiff giving up their Football League status to join the new League of Wales, and thus have a hugely increased chance of playing in the European Cup, they never took up the place.
- Cardiff are one of four Welsh clubs to have played in the Football League rather than their own National League, the others being Swansea City, Wrexham and the now defunct Newport County.
- The stadium currently has a capacity of 14,980, but on 22nd April 1953, it hosted a massive record crowd of 57,893 for a Division 1 match against Arsenal.
- Cardiff City won the Welsh Cup for the first time in 1911, and went on to make history with a unique treble in 1927 by winning the Welsh Cup, the Charity Shield, and the FA Cup. They are still the only club outside England to win the FA Cup.
- Ninian Park was previously used for Welsh international matches, but because it was not all-seater could no longer be used. In the 1970s the Safety of Sports Grounds Act cut the capacity from 46,000 to 10,000.
- One season before Dunfermline Athletic did the same thing, Cardiff City reached the semi-final of the European Cup Winners Cup. In 1967/68, they defeated Shamrock Rovers, Breda (Holland) and Moscow Torpedo before losing over two legs to Hamburg.
- In season 1923/24, they finished as league runners-up - their highest ever position. More recently unfortunately, Cardiff have found themselves in the lower reaches of the Football League.
- Things are looking up however. Having been placed 3rd bottom of the Nationwide League in 1996/97, and 4th bottom in 1997/98, they clinched the third automatic promotion place last season to win a place in the Second Division.
- Try as we might, we could not find any connections between Dunfermline Athletic and Cardiff City. Well actually, that's not quite right because our erstwhile favourite striker of the 1987-1991 period, ROSS JACK, spent some time during season 1979-80 on loan to Cardiff from Everton prior to his move to Norwich City. How's that for uncovering the facts!

AUTO WINDSCREEN SHIELD WINNERS VISIT DUNFERMLINE FOR THE FIRST TIME

WIGAN MAY BE BETTER KNOWN for its pier and its rugby league team, but that may be all about to change. The club have shown a lot of ambition, particularly recently. Having won promotion from the Third Division in 1997, they almost went one better last season but failed in the play-offs at the end of last season to make it to the First Division. A new stadium beckons, and a new manager. John Benson was appointed manager in June after previously being General Manager. He was Assistant Manager under John Deehan when Wigan won the Third Division title in 1997. An experienced Coach, he has previously been manager of Manchester City, Bournemouth and Burnley.

He is likely to select his side for the pre-season friendly against Dunfermline from among the following players:



ROY CARROLL (Goalkeeper)

A then club record of £350,000 was paid to Hull City to secure the services of this outstanding young goalkeeper. Roy is a regular Northern Ireland Under 21 keeper and has made one appearance at senior level for his country against Thailand.

ERIC NIXON (Goalkeeper)

Former Manchester City, Tranmere and Stockport keeper signed for Wigan in March 1999 after an earlier loan spell. With his vast experience he also doubles as a goalkeeping coach for the younger keepers. Eric is a tall goalkeeper with a physical presence in the box.

STUART BALMER (Defender)

A £200,000 capture from Charlton Athletic in September 1998, Falkirk born Stuart made over 200 appearances at the Valley and helped the London club gain promotion to the Premier League. He is a consistently solid performer at the heart of defence and managed one goal last season.

ADRIANUS DE ZEEUW (Defender)

Experienced Dutch central defender who joined the club in July 1999. Previously with Barnsley, he helped them to promotion to the Premier League where he remained a regular in their starting line up.

NEIL FITZHENRY (Defender)

A local lad, Neil is a strong centre back who has come

through the youth ranks and is now in his third season as a professional. He has been unlucky with injuries, being stretchered off after just thirty minutes of his only start last season.

SCOTT GREEN (Defender)

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee. Scored on his league debut for Latics but hasn't managed a goal since. A versatile performer, he has played at right back, wing back, central defence, centre forward and midfield!

GARETH GRIFFITHS (Defender)

Like Andy Porter, Gareth left Vale Park in the summer of 1998 on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. Tall central defender who has been unfortunate with injuries over the past few years. Scored his first and so far only goal for Wigan in the Worthington Cup tie with Norwich City.

PAT MCGIBBON (Defender)

Strong centre half who is good in the air and quick on the ground. Pat is a Northern Ireland international signed from Manchester City in July 1997 in a deal which finally cost Wigan £380,000. Famously scored the goal against Colchester in 1997 that secured Wigan's promotion to Division Two, and got the last ever league goal at Springfield Park, one of six goals in total last season.

CARL BRADSHAW (Defender)

Club captain and very much a leader on the pitch, he lifted the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley last April. Carl is a very versatile player who signed for the club in October 1997. His favoured position is right back though he can play in midfield, and famously played in goal when Roy Carroll was stretchered off against Wycombe - a game which Wigan went on to win.

KEVIN SHARP (Defender)

Signed from Leeds United in November 1995 for a then record of £100,000. Canadian born Kevin has proved to be one of the best left backs in the division. He is set to sign a new deal with the club which will keep him at Wigan until 2002.

IAN KILFORD (Midfielder)

Bristol born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is the club's longest serving player. A pacey midfielder with an eye for goal, he can play in a variety of positions.

DAVID LEE (Winger)

Another player who made the short trip from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 1997. £250,000 was paid for the former Bury and Southampton winger who is proving as tricky as ever down the right flank.

ROBERTO MARTINEZ (Midfielder)

Signed from Spanish Second Division club CF Balaguer in 1995, Roberto was Latics top scorer in his first season in England with thirteen goals. Twice named in the PFA Division Three team, he is the only one of Wigan's three amigos still at Springfield Park.



BRIAN McLAUGHLIN (Winger)

Scottish left winger who signed on a free transfer from Dundee United in the summer of 1999. Spent most of his career with Celtic.

KEVIN NICHOLLS (Midfielder)

Promising young midfielder signed in June 1999 from Charlton Athletic in a deal which could eventually cost up to £600,000. Kevin captained the England Under 18 side and came through the ranks at the Valley.

MICHAEL O'NEILL (Midfielder)

Michael arrived on a free transfer from Coventry City in September 1998. He is a very skilful player who has won 31 Northern Ireland caps and previously played for Newcastle, Dundee United and Hibernian.

ANDY PORTER (Midfielder)

Signed in the summer of 1998 after he was out of contract at Port Vale. Had spent his entire career at Vale Park after coming through the youth ranks, Andy is a no nonsense tough tackling midfielder who will be looking to establish himself as a first choice in midfield this season.

DARREN SHERIDAN (Midfielder)

Combative central midfielder whom John Benson originally signed from Winsford United when he was at Barnsley. Spent his whole professional career at the Tykes making over 20 appearances in the Premier League before joining Wigan in July 1999.

STUART BARLOW (Forward)

Signed on transfer deadline day in March 1998 for £45,000 from Oldham Athletic. A quick striker with an eye for goal, he notched 26 goals last term, the most ever in a season by a Wigan player in Division Two.

SIMON HAWORTH (Forward)

At £600,000, Simon is the club's record signing arriving from Coventry in October 1998. Capped five times for Wales and a regular in the Under 21 squad, he started his career with Cardiff City and scored 14 goals in an injury hit 26 games last season.

ANDY LIDDELL (Forward)

Hard-working striker signed from Barnsley for a bargain £375,000 in October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish Under 21 caps.

GRAEME JONES (Forward)

Arrived from Doncaster Rovers in the summer of 1996 for £150,000. Proved to be a bargain buy as his 33 goals including four hat tricks helped Wigan to the Third Division Championship. He has been hampered by injuries over the past two seasons but his goals per game record is still to be admired.

WIGAN ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Springfield Park, Wigan, WN6 7BA

TWELVE THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT WIGAN ATHLETIC

- Wigan Athletic was formed in 1932 and have spent their entire history at Springfield Park - until now!
- Springfield Park has been on the go for over 100 years, but this season Wigan Athletic move into the brand new 25,000 seater JJB Stadium at Robin Park.
- The club's predecessor Wigan Borough enjoyed Football League status in the Third Division North from 1921 until the club collapsed in October 1932.
- A new club was formed immediately, but it took Wigan Athletic many years of trying - 46 to be exact before the town could enjoy league football again. Wigan Athletic, who had been one of the strongest clubs in the Northern Premier League, were elected to the Football League in 1978 to replace Southport.
- The club's record league victory came on 11th March 1997 when they defeated Scarborough 7-1. A certain Lee Butler was in goals for Wigan that day!
- Wigan's major honour was winning the Third Division Championship in season 1996/97, although they also won the Freight Rover Trophy in 1985. Last season, they won a place in the play-offs for a place in the First Division but were unable to progress.
- This is Wigan's first visit to East End Park, and there aren't too many connections between the clubs on the playing front - until recently that is when both Lee Butler and Gavin Johnson played for both clubs.
- In 1934/35, Wigan won an FA Cup tie 6-1 at Carlisle - the first non-league club to achieve such a feat against league opponents.
- The club's nickname is the 'Latics' which presumably is something which Dunfermline might have ended up being nicknamed since it appears to have something to do with Athletic. Thus Oldham Athletic are also called the 'Latics'.
- Wigan Athletic have always had to compete with rugby league for fans, but now with the new arrangements for the oval game, football can flourish as the winter game - a point not lost on Chairman David Wheelan who owns both clubs!
- Although Springfield Park only held just over 7,000 spectators latterly, on 12th December 1953, a crowd of 27,526 watched them play a match against Hereford United.
- And finally, Wigan Athletic won last season's Auto Windscreens Shield competition, giving us a very nice connection to the Pars new shirt sponsors!

FORMER PARS CAPTAIN BRINGS HIS PRESTON SQUAD TO EAST END PARK

FEW DUNFERMLINE FANS will need an introduction to the Preston North End manager, **DAVID MOYES**. Davie spent time with the Pars in the early 1990s, including a spell as club captain. In 1998/99, he enjoyed a successful first full season in charge, almost steering the club to Division One before losing to Gillingham in the semi-final of the play-offs. As well as playing for Dunfermline and before that for Celtic in Scotland, Davie played for Cambridge and Bristol City, and of course for Preston, the club he now manages. A big welcome back to East End Park to Davie and his squad, and to the Preston fans who have come up for the game.



DAVID MOYES

The Preston manager is likely to pick his side from among the following:

LUCAS David

Date of Birth: 23.11.77 Signed: 12.12.94

Very promising young international goalkeeper, who has won U/18, U/19 and U/20 honours with England over recent seasons. Established himself in Preston North End's first team last season after injury to Finnish international, Tepi Moilanen in October 1998 had ruled him out of contention. Impressed a lot of people with his handling and shot stopping ability and was linked with Premiership club Wimbledon at one stage during last season.

MOILANEN Tuevo (Tepi)

Date of Birth: 12.12.73 Signed: 5.12.99

Finnish international keeper who has represented his country in World Cup qualifiers, most notably a last gasp defeat to Hungary before the 1999 competition which helped deny Finland a place in France. Tepi, as he's known around the club, has extensive first team experience and was in good form prior to the chest injury which curtailed his on-field activities for much of last season.



LUDDEN Dominic

Date of Birth: 30.3.74

Classy left back with bags of pace, which he utilises to help initiate attacks down his flank. Good crosser of the ball as well as being a steady and reliable defender who possesses good tackling and distribution abilities. Dominic arrived from Watford during the summer of '98 and will

be looking to help North End and win promotion this season, which would emulate his achievements with previous club Watford, having helped the Hertfordshire club to promotion to the First Division in 97/98.

KIDD Ryan

Date of Birth: 6.10.71 Signed: 6.7.92

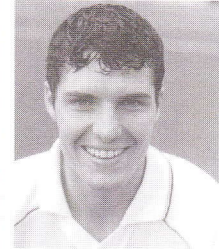
Dependable full-back who is able to cover a variety of

defensive positions. Ryan arrived at Preston from Port Vale and has since become known as 'Mr Reliable' as he always seems to fit into the side, wherever he's asked to play. Unfortunately, Ryan suffered more than most with injuries last season, in particular, an on-going ankle problem which curtailed his appearances to a large extent.

JACKSON Michael

Date of Birth: 4.12.73 Signed: 26.3.97

Michael was rewarded for a marvellously consistent season by scooping the board in the end of season awards. He won the honour of 'Player's Player of the Year', 'Fans Player of the Year', and the official 'Player of the Year,' in last term's voting poll. The awards were fitting reward for a host of sterling performances in the white shirt during the past season. A solid defender with firm tackling and heading abilities, the Runcorn based player also managed to get his name on the score sheet on a number of occasions last season.



MURDOCK Colin

Date of Birth: 2.7.76 Signed: 15.5.97

Northern Ireland B international who has really come into his own this past season with a series of confident displays in the Preston North End back four. A cultured player with good distribution skills, the former Manchester United reserve forged a good partnership with fellow defender, Michael Jackson last season. Also likes to get forward in support of attack especially at set-pieces, where his undoubted heading ability will always be an asset.

GREGAN Sean

Date of Birth: 29.3.74 Signed: 29.11.96

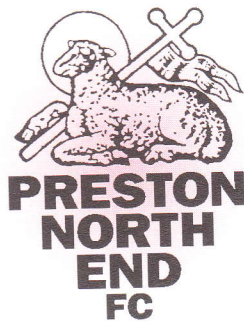
Strong midfield dynamo, who possesses tremendous passing skills and an undoubted ability to inspire his team-mates with 100% work-rate. Sean arrived at Deepdale from Third Division side Darlington for a fee of £300,000 and has already paid back that fee with interest over the past couple of seasons as he's established himself in North End's midfield. The Middlesbrough born midfielder also possesses good defensive capabilities and has switched to defence a few times during the past couple of seasons when injuries have depleted the back four.

DARBY Julian

Date of Birth: 3.10.67 Signed: 20.6.96

Very experienced campaigner, who has seen service with Bolton Wanderers, Coventry City and West Bromwich Albion. Has made over 300 appearances for his previous clubs in the Premiership and First and Second Divisions. A hard working midfielder who can be utilised in defence, particularly in the full-back slots.

Managed to get his name on the scoresheet a couple of times last season and filled in admirably in a number of different positions last season when injury crisis struck after Christmas.



RANKINE Mark

Date of Birth: 30.9.69 Signed: 15.9.96

Combative midfielder with energy to burn, as shown by his remorseless form in the middle last season Mark arrived at Deepdale from Wolverhampton Wanderers for £80,000 and quickly established himself in the side.

Played a key part in Preston North End's push for promotion last season and his enthusiasm and willingness to hustle and work hard marks him out as a player who commands the utmost respect.

McKENNA Paul

Date of Birth: 20.10.77 Signed: 25.1.96

Local youngster who arrived at Preston North End via the club's youth training scheme. A wily and highly skilled midfielder, Paul has established himself in the first team with a number of prominent displays over the past couple of seasons. Possesses a terrific shot with either foot, Paul is a good tackler and is always ready to help both defence and attack.

BASHAM Steve

Signed: 14.6.99

Initially arrived at Deepdale as an on-loan signing from Southampton earlier this year. He soon won over the home crowd by scoring ten goals in just eleven outings in the white shirt of Preston before his loan period ended. Wasn't able to take part in the subsequent play-offs but will be hoping he can help North End to promotion this season with another excellent tally of goals. Good in the air and adept with both feet.

MACKEN Jonathan

Date of Birth: 7.9.77 Signed: 26.7.97

Another former Manchester United reserve player, who has since made the grade at Preston North End. A strong forward, who can shake off defender's tackles with robustness and efficiency, Jonathan is hoping to get amongst the goals this season, having taken the role of provider as his partners up front, Steve Basham and Kurt Nogan plundered the opposition's goal for much of last season.

NOGAN Kurt

Date of birth: 9.9.70 Signed: 13.3.97

Finished up last season as leading scorer with twenty goals before injury more or less curtailed his season prematurely. The Welsh striker arrived at Deepdale from Turf Moor for a bargain fee of £150,000 and has since repaid that amount in full with goals which helped elevate Preston into the upper echelons of the Nationwide Second Division last season. Good in the air but prolific with his feet, Kurt has a natural striker's instinct.

PRESTON NORTH END CONNECTIONS

DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES of trying to keep a football club alive during the Second World War, one bright spot for Dunfermline supporters was the ability of manager Sandy Archibald to spot talented young players. Three of the best were Willie Forbes, signed from Glasgow side Ashfield for £40; Bill Cunningham, a £20 signing from local side Hearts of Beath; and his cousin, Jimmy Baxter, from the same source for the princely sum of £5.

At a time when the club was in dire financial straits, discovering and then selling these youngsters was a necessity. Baxter was the first to move before the war had even ended, a £2,000 signing by Barnsley. In September 1946, Forbes also headed south, to one of English football's glamour clubs, Wolverhampton Wanderers, for £1,500. The same year saw Cunningham also depart, to Airdrie for £3,000. For an initial outlay of £65, the Pars recouped an incredible £6,500 for three players who had yet to achieve anything in the game.

In the summer of 1949, Bill Cunningham moved on to Preston North End for around £6,000. Later that year, Willie Forbes also signed for Preston after three years at Wolves. Both joined after the club had suffered the shock of relegation but they helped Preston capture the Second Division title in 1951 and regain their top flight status.

In a remarkable coincidence, the third of the former Pars players, Jimmy Baxter, also joined Preston in the summer of 1952, after making 224 league appearances for Barnsley.

With the three Scots influential members of the team, Preston finished season 1952/53 as runners-up to Arsenal in the First Division Championship, although they ended on the same points total. Preston again finished second in 1957/58, this time behind Wolves, but Forbes had moved onto Carlisle by then.

Perhaps their greatest day was when all three lined up in the 1954 FA Cup, when Preston lined up against West Bromwich Albion. The board of directors at Dunfermline sent their former players a good luck telegram but sadly for Preston, they went down 3-2. Still, while lining up at Wembley, it must have sunk into each of them just how far they had come since the dark days of wartime football in Fife.

In 1956 Forbes was the first to leave Deepdale, after 192 appearances in the league. Inside forward Jimmy Baxter, a dainty, elusive ball player, returned to Barnsley in 1959 after making 245 league appearances for Preston, netting 65 goals.

In fourteen years as a Preston player, Bill Cunningham made 440 league appearances. A tough tackling right back who was well known for the use of his left foot, Cunningham played for Scotland on eight occasions. He had the honour of captaining his country in five matches, including the 1954 World Cup Finals. In December 1954, he led Scotland at Hampden against the mighty Hungry, Puskas, Boszik, Kocsis and all. His last cap was the 7-2 thrashing by England at Wembley in 1955.

Between March 1964 and April 1965 he was player/manager of Southport before returning to Preston as assistant manager. He later became the owner of a sports outfitters shop in the Lancashire town.

The only sad part of the story of these three players is that the man who signed them for Dunfermline and who set them on their way in football didn't live to witness their achievements. In November 1946 Sandy Archibald, whose skill and enthusiasm meant so much to the Pars, died suddenly, a few days after his 50 birthday.

PAST MATCHES

WITH NO PREVIOUS MATCHES at all against two of our opponents in this series of pre-season friendlies, it only leaves us with our two previous friendly matches with Preston to look back on...

This will be the third time that Preston North End have played at East End Park. Their first visit came on August 6, 1973, with the main attraction for Dunfermline supporters being Preston's newly-appointed manager, Manchester United legend Bobby Charlton.

After winning the Third Division title in 1971, the Lancashire club had struggled during the next two seasons to establish themselves in the higher flight and it was hoped that their new boss would lead them back to the First Division, where they had last played in 1961. As with other Lancashire sides, Preston maintained strong links with Scotland and employed a scout based in Dundee. Thanks to this, the club had a number of Scots on their books, including Alex Bruce, Mel Holden, Alan Lamb and Alex Spark, who all joined as apprentices, and Jimmy McNab, a former Sunderland player.

The first half was evenly contested with both goalkeepers called upon to make several good saves. In the 8 minute Ken Mackie hit the Preston post with a low drive and at the other end 'keeper John Arrol pushed a powerfully struck shot by Young round for a corner. His opposite number, Eire international Alan Kelly pulled off a couple of fine saves from Scott and Sinclair. Just before the break the visitors' Bruce beat three defenders before facing Arrol into making an excellent save. In the second half Preston wilted, enabling the Pars to run out comfortable winners. In the 56 minute Mackie crossed for Kinnimonth to head in the opener and seven minutes later Thomson cracked in a 20 yarder into the top corner to make it 2-0.

Dunfermline had chances to increase the lead, most notably when Shaw hit the bar, and the third eventually came when Wallace chased a seemingly lost ball to the bye-line and back-headed to Mackie. The striker's cross was headed on by Ian Campbell and Kinnimonth was on hand to force the ball home for his second of the match. It was a bad start to the season for Preston and unfortunately for them things never really got any better and after recording only nine league wins, were relegated back to the Third Division.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC: Arrol, Leishman, Wallace, McNicoll, Kinnimonth, Neilson, (Gillespie), Scott, (Campbell), Mackie, Shaw, Sinclair.

PRESTON NORTH END: Kelly, McMahan, McNab, (Snooker), Bird, Hawkins, Spark, Wilson, (Marky), Lamb, Holden, Bruce, Young.

By the time Preston returned to East End Park on July 26, 1980, they were again a Second Division side who had enjoyed two consecutive top ten finishes. It was a match that Dunfermline really should have had tied up.

Both teams performed well early on but were let down by poor finishing. The Pars went ahead in the 33 minute when Sandy McNaughton beat the offside trap, cut inside Baxter and unleashed a vicious shot which beat 'keeper, Tunks and went in off John Blackley, the former Hibs player. In the 69 minute the Pars were denied what looked a perfectly good goal. O'Brien's cross was headed back into the middle by Leonard and McNaughton scored from close range only to be given offside.

After substitutions meant defensive reorganisation Dunfermline suffered a nightmare six minute spell in which they conceded three goals. Preston equalised in the 74 minute after the Pars failed to clear a long throw-in, allowing Potts to score with a low drive. In the 78 minute Thomson put the visitors ahead and a minute later Elliot added a third despite a suspicion of offside.

Dunfermline had a late chance to narrow the deficit but O'Brien missed badly right in front of goal. Once again, Preston's visit to Dunfermline proved to be the prelude to a disastrous season as they went on to suffer relegation.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC: Whyte, Dunlop, (Mercer), Thomson, R Robertson, Muir, (Borthwick), A Robertson, McNaughton, Bowie, (Donnelly), McFarlane, (Leonard), Hegarty, O'Brien.

Preston North End: Tunks, Taybr, McAleen, Burns (Haslegrove), Baxter, Blackley, (O'Riordon), Bell, Potts, Elliot, McGhee, (Thomson), Bruce.

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