RAITH ROVERS V DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC Bell's Scottish League Division 1 Saturday September 18th 1999

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The last match programme referred to the return of the

Unpredictables", as Rovers reverted to their accustomed role of the

past 116 years and alternated the good, the bad and the ugly in their performances. In typically perverse fashion, the team followed their sparkling win at Airdrie with an even more emphatic trouncing of Ayr United at Stark's Park.

Hopes of an unprecedented (at least in recent memory) three in a row were dashed on a dismal afternoon in Greenock, and it was back to the Jeckyll and Hyde performances of old.

Before we wallow in the misery of yet another dreich day in the West Coast Capital of Rain, a word or two about the 5-1 win over Ayr United. It was not so much the scoreline - so welcome in clawing back some goal-difference after the St Mirren debacle - more the manner of the victory which so pleased everyone connected with the club. Good football was played in the right positions - in the opposing half, on the ground - there was running on and off the ball, quick inter-passing and incisive finishing. In fact it was so good, that it was almost a throw back to the 1992/93 season, when Messrs Hetherston and Brewster pulled the strings and thrilled the crowd.

Last Saturday at Greenock brought us back down to earth with a bump, and before we console ourselves with some of the mitigating circumstances, let us admit at the outset that Morton got the result their hard work, committment and organisation deserved.

Mind you, it was always "going to be one of those days". The travelling support dribbled in to the delapidated ground after two or more hours in traffic jams; the home support was at an unprecedented low; only one side of the ground was populated by spectators, and no matter how professional you are, such a scenario cannot help motivate players; and it took only 3 seconds for Rovers to get on the wrong side of the referee. We learned in the papers on Monday morning the reason for the cold pies - the original supplies had been stolen the previous night! At least the troubled Morton club had three points to console them at quarter-to-five. For Rovers, the afternoon started badly and proceded to get worse!

One rather suspects a different atmosphere this afternoon, when we lock horns again with our great rivals after a couple of seasons in separate divisions. Rovers fans have long memories, and will be looking for the limp performances of the last four derby matches - each of which Dunfermline won - to be swept from the memory this afternoon. We may anticipate a keen contest - and hope for a return of the Good, rather than the Bad and the Ugly, in the fluctuating fortunes of the Raith team.





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THE MANAGEMENT

John McVeigh wasn't in the mood for pulling punches after the 2-0 defeat at Greenock on Saturday, although in typical fashion he tried to take something positive from the afternoon. "Yes it was a poor performance in the first half. We improved in the second half but to be quite frank I didn't think we could get any worse. At the end of the day you only get what you deserve out of games and we didn't play well so we didn't deserve anything.

"Right from the off it looked as if it wasn't going to be our day - it took three seconds to incur the wrath of the referee. and that set the scene. If you look at some of the chances we missed, for example in the first half we had about four chances in the space of ten seconds which were all blocked or cleared. You could put it down to good defending by Morton but as far as I was concerned I felt at times there was a lack of communication. Llike to get my preparation for the game done early in the week and I felt that the preparation for this one

was hampered by

Marvin being away on international duty. I think it's important that we keep working on the defensive side of things because we looked a wee bit frail at times.

"Morton had a lot of experience up front in Paddy Connolly, Keith Wright and Paul McDonald and you can expect that trio to give our defenders a hard time, but our guys have got to learn that they can't be naïve when they're playing against experienced players, particularly players who have a bit of guile. We've got an early opportunity to redress the balance on Tuesday night and get ourselves back on the rails."

The Manager was quick to defend young Craig Coyle in goals, whom many blamed for the loss of the second goal, but who recovered well to have a confident and competent second half. "Craig has done well since he came in. People make mistakes but that's not a problem. He's only a kid and sometimes you get punished for mistakes, sometimes you don't but today he was punished but that's the way it goes."

The fans, who given the travelling and spectating circumstances had just about as bad an afternoon as the players, were not slow to voice their opinion on Craig Dargo's substitution, but there was the simplest of explanations. "Craig

Dargo wasn't feeling too clever and he certainly looked out of sorts on the day," said the Manager.

Looking forward to the two fixtures this week, John had no doubt that the players would be in fine fettle for what the fans regard as "the big one" this afternoon. "The local derby takes care of itself. We know how much our supporters want to win that one and believe me, we want to win it. But we'll concentrate on Livingston first." His final word on the

Morton defeat was along the lines of not getting carried away with big wins, and not getting despondent when things go against us.

"We've got to react in a positive manner and we're positively saying that that was a bad performance. I said there would be hiccups throughout the season and that was a hiccup. You try and reduce the amount you have but there will always be some."

Interviewer : Ally Gourlay

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AROUND STARK'S PARK

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Kenny Black must be a

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former Raith favourite Keith

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on leaving the car park - the exit onto the A9 is the busiest roundabout in the Highlands, and have been some

there have been some horror stories about the length of times it takes to get away from the new stadium.

This will be Rovers first visit to the Capital of the Highlands in nearly 35 years. The last match we played there was on 23rd January 1965 in a Scottish Cup, Second Preliminary Round tie. Despite a Pat Gardner goal, we lost 2-1 at Telford Street to Caledonian.

Junior Rovers

The following members of the Junior Rovers will be celebrating birthdays during the remainder of September. Stephanie Cord is 15 today, Andrew Galloway will be 13 on September 20th, Steven Thomson will be 10 on September 22nd and on 29th Jonathan McFarlane will be 9 and Thomas Dall will be 4. Many happy returns to you all from Roary.

Congratulations ...

.. from all at Stark's Park to Morag Thomson and Jain Scott, who married recently wearing Raith Rovers tops!! The dedicated Raith fans have even named their home "Raith Cottage" and we wish them a happy future together.

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Beat The Goalie

The Fife Free Press Beat The Goalie competition gets under way at half-time today. During the course of the season 6 teams of 4 players will compete in a mini league with the Champions being decided at the last home game of the season.

This afternoon
Team 'A', "McVeigh's Rovers"
who are Craig Graham, Lee
Anderson, Jonathan Gourlay
and Chris Pratt, will take on
Team 'B', "Hetherston United"
who are Daniel Stevenson,
Graham Lawrie, Darren
McGregor and Michael
Auchterlonie. The other
teams in the League are

"Team Van De Kamp",
"Kirkwood Warriors", "Andrews
Boys" and "Dargo's Scorers".

Today's Mascot ..

... is 11 year old Ian Duff of Weavers Crescent, who attends Dunnikier Primary School. Ian's favourite Rovers player is Guido Van de Kamp.

Pictured on the right with Paul Browne and Ayr captain Glyn Hurst is the mascot from the Ayr United match, 12 year old Derek Hassan from Buckhaven, who attends St Andrews High School. Derek's favourite Rovers are Craig Dargo and Guido.

Birthday Wishes

Nelson, Stuart and Roy would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Helen Paterson who was 50 on Thursday September 16th.



The game was played in extreme heat conditions which both teams found very difficult to contend with. Aberdeen started the stronger and put together many good passing moves but the Raith defence, marshalled by C. Halliday, held firm and limited the Dons to shots from outside the box which 'keeper A. Keir dealt with easily.

An L. Wheatley shot against the post inspired Raith

lost her marker and pushed the ball towards the right of the central defender where Wheatly hit a well placed drive in-off the 'keepers left hand post.

Raith made one change at half time with Shields being replaced by Wright.

Ten minutes into the second half S. Todd found N. Redpath in the centre of the midfield, who lifted the ball over the defence and Wheatley pounced to drive the ball across goal. The goalkeeper could only parry the ball and Wheatley reacted first to score. Ross pulled a goal back for Aberdeen in 75 minutes but Shepherd beat four players to score the last goal of the game, which finished Raith Rovers 3 Aberdeen 1.

Team: A. Keir, S. Todd, L. Patrick, D. Reid, C. Halliday, N. Shepherd, N. Redpath, L. Shields, L. Halliday, N. Robertson, L. Wheatley. Subs L. Wright, L. Galloway, L. Imrie, S. Cummings. The next game is on Sunday 19th September at home to



Raith Rovers Ladies FC

Sunday 5th September saw Raith Rovers play their first game in the Scottish Womens Football League at the Riverside Park, Glenrothes. who began to take control of the midfield and it was not long before they took the lead. Keir threw the ball to N. Shepherd who

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INPROFILE

Stevie Tosh has re-established himself in the Rovers first team after falling out of favour towards the end of last term, and his assessment of his own form matches that of the team at this early stage of the season: "So far so good - a lot better than last season".

The enthusiastic midfielder is optimistic for the remainder of the season. "Things are shaping up very well. I think we will be a hard team to beat, and that's the main thing. Even if we get beat, as long as we make it hard for the other team, I think the Gaffer will be quite happy at that." Stevie has joined the Alex Burns fan-club. "Wee Toastie's a good player, and



Full Name:

Steven Willian Tosh Date of Birth: 27/4/73 Birthplace: Kirkcaldy Previous teams: Torbain Primary School, didn't play much at Kirkcaldy High because of teachers strikes ; Leven Royals ; Savoy Thistle where wee Colin Cameron was playing; Abbey Star, which at the time were the best team in Fife, in fact we won the Scottish Cup, with the likes of Kevin Bain who captained Scotland in the Under 16 World Cup.

there are a few others that have impressed so far. My big mate Paul Browne's a good defender."

Looking at the potential challengers at the top of the First Division, Stevie likes the look of Morton, "but being a Kirkcaldy boy. I know how important it is to beat the West of Fife representatives four times a season. I'm not just saying that for the benefit of the supporters; being a local boy I really mean that. I'm looking forward to playing in the Fife derby - and it will be my first experience of that. Despite what the so-called experts are saying, this will be a very even First Division. I



packed it in for a few years and then joined Glenrothes Strollers Under 21s and moved up to the Juniors. Arbroath and St Johnstone Schools,

Living in: Kirkcaldy Wife's Name: Stephanie Pets?: Just the wife! Last cinema visit to see:

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Wars? Naw, can't be doing
with that nonsense!

was with St Johnstone when they won the League by a distance three years ago; Dundee won it looking round after that and Hibs won it by a distance last season. I can't see that happening this season, and it's the same at the other end - just about any one of the ten can be in trouble at the bottom. The bookies have given us a 20 point start that's just not realistic. The League will be much tighter than that."

"I have been extremely happy with my career so far. It's a hard thing to get into, full time football, because there a lot of good players, and I've had a good five or six years, and if I have another five or six then I'll be very happy. John Blackley at St Johnstone was a big influence on my career as a guide to me, while Paul Sturrock was a good tactician.

"My first year at St Johnstone was hard - I didn't

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Car:

Last holiday :

with Paul Browne and his missus to Puerto Rico on Grand Canaria Last book read: Hooligan Other sports: Golf (very badly) Most memorable goal scored: In the Premier League for St Johnstone against Hearts, the only goal I scored at that level.

League for St Johnstone
against Hearts, the only
goal I scored at that level.
Nickname: Tosher
Superstitions: Just
wee things, like I've taken
my chain off for the last
couple of games and we've
done well so I'll keep that
going

going
Best friend: Scott and
Stewart Taylor
Championship predictions:
Rangers, Raith Rovers,
Stranraer, Berwick, Man.
United, Blackburn, Wigan
and Rochdale.

play too many first team games because there were a lot of good players at the club. Second year I played more games and we won the League, and I was in the Premier League with them the season I joined Raith.

"John McVeigh has been very helpful and I think he has got the best out of me so far. And before all that, George Mackie at Arbroath was good for me. As for the future, my ambitions are really quite simple: to get Raith into

Premier League. and hopefully stay there Nowadays staving in the **Premier Division** would tremendous feat for a club such as ours, not winning cups or anything like that.

haven't given any thoughts to what I will do when I stop playing, but I don't think I'll be staying in the game. I took

the Under 18s for a couple of games up at St Andrews because Kenny Black couldn't make it and I enjoyed it, but it's not something I relish. I don't like telling someone they have done something wrong when it's maybe only my opinion. Some people can do it well, but I don't think it will be me."

Signed by Arbroath on transfer deadline day in 1994, Stevie made his debut as a substitute 2 days later at Cowdenbeath. He played in the last six League fixtures of the season, scoring in the 2-1 win at Bayview.

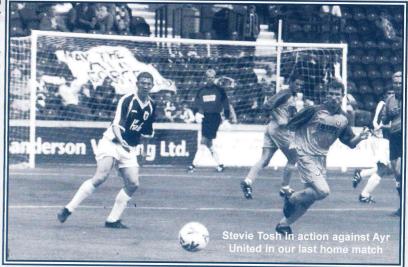
The following season he was a first team regular, playing 29 League matches (plus 1 sub.) and scoring no less than 11 goals, including two hat-tricks. They were against Ross County, in a 4-1 win at Dingwall, and in a 5-2 home win over East Stirling.

His reward was a move to St Johnstone, then in the First Division, in the summer of 1995. Stevie made his Saints debut in the second League match of the season, in a 0-0 draw at

League appearances (plus four as sub) before Rovers bought him, once again on transfer deadline date.

He had time to play in the last six matches of Rovers First Division campaign in 1997/98, and last season he played in 23 League matches, plus four as sub.

The all-action midfield player likes nothing better than making runs into the penalty area, and last season he was rewarded with four League goals, starting



Paisley, but it was not until the last few games of the season that he got a run in the first team, finishing 1995/96 with 8 League appearances (plus 1 sub), and a goal in a 2-1 win at Clydebank.

As St Johnstone powered their way to a runaway First Division Championship, Stevie played in 22 (plus 5 sub) of the 36 League games, scoring three goals. He started the 1997/98 season in Saints Premier League first team, but

made only four

with a notable double at Firhill against Hamilton Accies. Unfortunately we lost 3 goals in the second half to wipe out his good work. Singles came in a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Airdrie, but he scored the winner in a 2-1 against Clydebank in January.



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DAVIE'S DERBIES

Only two of the current Raith squad have played in Rovers-Dunfermline Derbies. Greig McCulloch was on the bench in our Premier League encounter in September 1996 and Davie Kirkwood's record is one win, one defeat and one draw. Davie has also experienced the unique atmosphere of the Old Firm derby, as well as the Edinburgh, Lanarkshire and Fife equivalents.

"I was involved in 4 or 5 Old Firm clashes. These were real "do or die matches" The pressure on both sides to get a result is enormous They were 4 league matches you just had to win. The pressure would build up all week on the run up to game, then the atmosphere at the game was tremendous - it could be quite frightening. The last one I was involved in was the 1988/89 Cup Final when Rangers were going for the treble, so the atmosphere was more highly charged than ever. Celtic won the game with a Joe Miller goal".

Kirkwood then moved to Hearts. "The Capital derby had the same importance as the Old Firm game. I think the Hearts-Hibs match was always more frantic than Rangers - Celtic games; the action was always fast and furious, end to end stuff. Great fare for the fans to watch, but not a lot of pretty football to be seen. In Glasgow there would be passages of good football.

"I joined Hearts when they were in the ascendancy over Hibs and I was never
in a losing
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nem. John

Robertson was the scourge of Hibs, with his great goalscoring record against the team he supported as a boy".

After Davie moved to Airdrie, to join former Hearts boss Alex McDonald, his derby matches lost a bit of their intensity. "There were quite a few Lanarkshire matches that can be classed as derby games. The "real"derby match for Airdrie is against Albion



but Rovers. never experienced that. I don't think that game will happen for a wee while yet. Games against Hamilton could be interesting, but the games that got the fans excited were against Motherwell. There was certainly no love lost between the fans. The happiest experience in one of these games was a 3-0 win for Airdrie, Kenny Black and Owen Coyle played in that

Moving back 'home' to Fife allowed St Andrews born David to enjoy the atmosphere of the Raith Rovers/Dunfermline clash,and

he was able to compare it to the other games.

"It rates just below the Edinburgh showdowns. The games have always been very passionate affairs and they have always had strong bearings on the respective teams seasons. The first game I played in was a 1-0 win for us at East End Park, Ally Graham scored and Scott Thomson saved a penalty in a win that put us on target to win promotion. The second set us up for winning the title, by drawing 0-0 at home, and then we won the title the following week at Firhill against Hamilton. My third experience was a 1-0 defeat, the least said about that the better.

"Today's game has so much added spice to it, but we have to remember, as important as it is to win today, there are only 3 points on offer. From a personal point of view, I was a team mate of a few Dunfermline players and there's no way I want them to put one over on me. I don't want to meet them later and they're able to slaughter me about the result, I want to be able to slaughter them! We need to get back to the level of performance we showed in the two games before last Saturday. The Manager has stressed to every player the level of play he demands, it's up to the players to show that week in -week out".

David has recently signed a new one year deal with the club and he is happy with his new role. "My new position is to assist Kenny Black with the reserves and young players at the club, but I'm still enjoying playing and I'm delighted to be in the first team at the moment. It feels so good to have put the last 18 months of injury behind me".



PAST ENCOUNTERS

Toon on 22nd January

When the first

elevens of Rovers and Athletic

locked horns for the first time.

first round Scottish Cup tie at

it was in deadly earnest - a

September 1889, which the

visitors won 2-1 with both

goals scored by a famous

Cook scored for Rovers.

Dunfermline name - Bruce.

revenge for Rovers on their

first visit to East End Park -

there 7-3 on 21st December

three matches between the

clubs in 1890/91; 5-3 in a

venue on 23rd May in the

Friendly at East End Park on

Final of the Fife Charity Cup,

5th April, and 3-2 at the same

they lost a friendly match

1889.

There was no

Rovers won all

Robbie's Park on 7th

1888

practically impossible to quantify the meetings between today's old rivals, such has been the diversity of local competitions, involving variations of first and second teams, over the years.

The total runs to no less than 235, but that does not include the first ever meeting, which was between Rovers 1st XI and Dunfermline Athletic's Seconds, played at Robbie's Park on Guy Faulkes Day 1887. Rovers won 4-2 - and there have been fireworks in this fixture ever since.

Before the respective first elevens met for the first time. Rovers had played Dunfermline Albion, winning 4-3 in a Friendly

Dunfermline were successful match in a protest, and Rovers won in the re-arranged final 5-2 on the 6th June, played at Kirkcaldy Wanderers ground at Newton

> King Cup 2nd round tie. Rovers won 5-2, but the late turnout of the home side. Rovers won the rematch 5-1 on Boxing Day.

Dunfermline had to wait until their sixth visit before they won at Stark's Park, 2-1 in a King Cup 1st round tie on 31st October 1896

frequently in local cup the Qualifying Cup and memorably in the Scottish goals from James, Gilmour 3-0 win at East End Park.

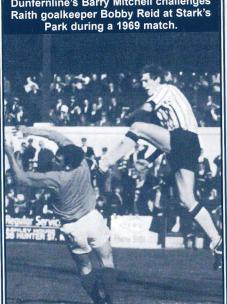
The clubs' first meeting at Stark's Park was on 28th November 1891 in a Dunfermline protested about

The clubs met

competitions, occasionally in Cup in February 1923, when and Archibald gave Rovers a

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status, and Rovers accustomed First Division position, the clubs did not meet on Scottish League business until 11th November 1927, when Beath, Turner, Wilson (og) and Cameron (og) scored in Rovers 4-0 win at Fast End Park

The return fixture. on 24th March 1928, was no happier for Dunfermline, who lost 5-1 with goals from Pigg (3) Dorrans and Smith.

Dunfermline's first League success came at Stark's Park in August 1931 when McGarry and Young scored in a 2-0 Second Division victory. Garland scored the only goal of the Second Division match at East End Park on 28th January 1933 for Dunfermline's first home League win over Rovers.

Today sees the 82nd League meeting between the clubs. Rovers have won 28. lost 33 and 20 have been drawn. Goals scored - Raith 123, Athletic

One statistic which Rovers fans will not wish to consider is Dunfermline's 100% record over Rovers in the Premier League - they won all 4 matches when the clubs last shared a Division, in

have to go back to 20th March 1994 for a home League win over Dunfermline, when two Jimmy Nicholl goals went a long way towards securing the First Division Championship in front of 6.985. More recent was Rovers last League win at East End Park - Ally Graham scoring a crucial goal on a freezing cold Wednesday night in January 1995.

Rovers fans of a certain age will wince at the recollection of a 6-0 defeat at Fast End Park on New Year's Day 1968. Hat-tricks by Bert Paton and Hugh Robertson were watched by 7,000 and the television cameras.

That scoreline repeated the result at East End Park in September 1962 when George Peebles (3), Charlie Dickson (2) and Alex Edwards did the damage. Remarkably, there had been worse - Dunfermline won 8-1 at East End Park on 8th December 1945. Walsh (2), Gilmour (3) and Forbes (3) were their scorers; Dawson for Rovers.

Revenge was sweet for Rovers

Watched by only 2,500 spectators, Bobby Russell opened the scoring before a minute was played, and he, Jim Kerr, Davie Thomson, Colin Harris, and Ian Ballantyne completed a 6-0 rout.

Rovers won a League Cup section tie 6-1 at Stark's Park in August 1947, with goals from Jackie Stewart (2), Francis Joyner (2), Andy Young and Tommy Brady, and it's stretching a point a little, but forgive us the indulgence of the recollection of a Penman Cup tie in May 1959 which Rovers won 8-2 at Stark's Park (Jimmy McEwan 4 Alfie Conn 3, Johnny Urguhart; Reid scored twice for Dunfermline).

Gordon Wallace, in his first home match as a Raith Rovers player, scored 4 in Rovers 5-4 Fife Cup Final, second leg win on 19th October 1966, the trophy being shared given Dunfermline's 2-1 first leg lead

ROVERS

my penalty, apart from the TOWN TODAY ball sneaking under the goalkeeper. We were all told to stay in the centre circle after the penalties were finished, but after Scott Thomson saved McStay's penalty we went beserk and ran to our own On familiar territory this

support.

"Playing in Europe



17 for the Rovers in the 7 - 0 win against St Mirren at Stark's Park when Gordon Dalziel scored a hat trick. I scored my first goal in senior football chipping Campbell Money from 25 yards, it was great coming into a team with senior players such as Daz. Peter Hetherston and Craig Brewster. These guys were a great influence on me. It was also a great time to break through as other youngsters like Stevie Crawford and Mickey Cameron were also introduced to the team. To win the league that season and then play in the Premier League the following season exceeded all expectations.

afternoon is Jason Dair, who

has enjoyed two spells at

Dark Blue.

"Obviously greatest day in my career was the Cup Final, it was a surprise when myself, Stevie Crawford and Mickey Cameron were played in midfield against Celtic's established International midfielders During the game, I damaged my knee ligaments in a tackle with John Collins, but the adrenalin kept me going for the 90 minutes, extra time and penalties. I don't remember much about going up to take

was something I'd never even thought about, being a Rovers player, so to score the club's first ever goal in Europe is quite an honour. I think there is still a picture of it hanging in Stark's Park, it was scored from all of 2 yards while sitting on my bum. It was like a dream playing in the Olympic Stadium, Munich, it was tremendous when Danny Lennon scored

"It was a great experience initially at Millwall, everything was going all right at the start of the season, then results went against us, the natives started to get restless, then the club's financial plight became public knowledge and situation became

increasingly worse.

"I was delighted to return to Scotland. There were a few teams interested in signing me, but I was delighted when the Rovers showed interest and I returned to Stark's Park. Initially I was over weight and struggled with my fitness. I had a good preseason the following year and I probably had my best season ever playing in an unacustommed left-back position. It was disappointing leaving Stark's Park in the manner I did, what with financial problems plaguing the Rovers. I made 8 appearances last season in the Premier League for Dunfermline and while I was disappointed to be relegated, I'm sure we can go straight back up.

"This season I think will be one for the Rovers to get more stability, although a few recent results have been very impressive."

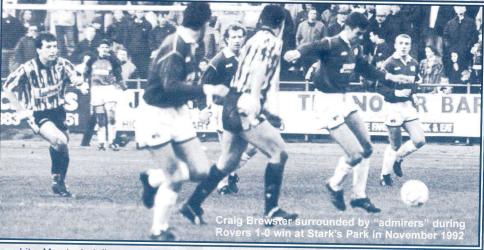
We asked Jason to "dish the dirt" on his teammates at East End Park. With his tongue firmly in his cheek. here as his own views on his mates:

IAN WESTWATER - He's played a long time at Dunfermline. I have a policy not to say anything bad about goalkeepers, also he's a big big man and he'll hit me.

RICHARD HUXFORD - A player brought to the Pars from England, he's a nice big lad who's also a Christian-so he blesses you as he puts you up in the air in a tackle

SCOTT THOMSON - He should be fit and playing in the Rovers game. I've been calling him Mr Bodyform, nothing to do with his body, just he's in for one week and he's out for three.

ANDY TODD - I could call him



the white Marvin but I'm not sure he measures up, a local lad who'll be up for the game. BRIAN REID - Along with Guido Van de Kamp he was voted in the Daily Records 11 sexiest footballers in Scotland, so he'll be posing at the back. JUSTIN SKINNER AND DAVID MOSS - Both are new arrivals at the club, so its too early to give you my opinions on them, both look like they'll be good signings.

JAMIE DOLAN - Jamie will be desperate to get the game

played so he can get back to his bed

STEWART PETRIE - If suspension allows him Stewart will be keen to play and win as he's just crashed his van and will need a win bonus to pay for the repairs.

HAMISH FRENCH - Hamish is a good player but he's now 57 years old, I think, so he'll do well to last 60 minutes.

OWEN COYLE - Will have to come to Kirkcaldy hoping its not to too windy, or Owen, who is only 6 stone in weight, will

be blown away.

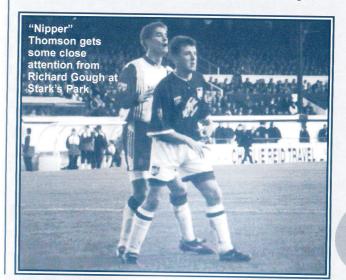
ANDY SMITH - Andy being at Dunfermline made it easier for me to join them, not only is he a great goalscorer, but he's got bigger ears than me.

DAVID GRAHAM - Joined the Pars from Rangers and has been in and out of the team, can be a goal threat, lightning fast with his feet, not lightning fast with his brain.

CRAIG IRELAND AND LEE BUTLER - Two big blokes so I'd better not slag them.

COLIN NISH AND CHRIS McGROATY - If they are not selected, you'll find them in Ladbrokes.

MYSELF (JASON DAIR) - If somebody had told me 2 years ago, I'd be playing against the Rovers at left back for Dunfermline, I would have told you to put away your drink. I'll be okay describing my teammates this way - the rest of the squad think I'm the gaffer's boy anyway.





20 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

EAST END PARK holds 12,509 in its four stands, two of which were opened at the start of last season.

RECORD ATTENDANCE was 27,816 when Cup winners Dunfermline entertained League champions-elect Celtic on the evening of 39th April 1968.

The club was FORMED in

Their MOST CAPPED PLAYER is Colin Miller who won 15 of his 59 Canadian caps whilst at East End Park.

Istvan Kozma, the club's **RECORD SIGNING.** won 13 of his 29 Hungarian caps at Dunfermline. He cost £540,000 from Bordeaux in September 1989.

Athletic won the (old) SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP no less than six times. Post-1975 reorganisation, Dunfermline won the First Division twice in 1988/89 and 1995/96, and were runners up three times. the last two occasions (1993/94 and 1994/95) not bringing promotion. They also won the Second Division Championship in 1985/86 and were runners up in 1978/79

Dunfermline have enjoyed most success in the SCOTTISH CUP, which they won in 1961 (v Celtic) and 1968 (v Hearts), and were runners up in 1965 (v Celtic). They were beaten finalists in

1949/50 (to East Fife) and 1991/92 (to Hibs) League Cup Finals.

BOBBY SKINNER scored a club record of 53 League goals in helping Dunfermline to the Second Division Championship in 1925/26

ALEX FERGUSON scored 31 goals for Dunfermline in 1965-66 and was joint top scorer in the First Division.

CHARLIE DICKSON, the club's burly centre forward of the late 50's and early 60's, scored a club record 154 League goals.

The late NORRIE McCATHIE. after whom the West Stand at East End Park has been named, set the club appearance record with 497 League matches between 1981 and 1996.

Jim Leishman had probably the highest profile of Athletic's MANAGERS in the last 25 years, who include George Miller, Harry Melrose, Pat Stanton, Tom Forsyth, Iain Munro, Jocky Scott, Bert Paton and now Dick Campbell.

Dunfermline received £650,000 from Celtic for the transfer of JACKIE McNAMARA in October 1995, and sold Grea Shields to Charlton Athletic for a similar sum last month.

RECORD VICTORY was an 11-2 win over Stenhousemuir in a Second Division fixture in September 1930.

Hibs inflicted Dunfermline's **RECORD DEFEAT** in winning a Scottish Cup replay 11-1 in October 1889, while Dundee beat them 10-0 in a Second Division match in March 1947

There are a number of theories as to the origin of the club's nickname, THE PARS, including a nearby paraplegic hospital, and a banner sported by the Plymouth Argyle Regional Supporters who worked at the nearby dockyard. Rovers fans have their own theories

Scotland B cap Andy Smith was TOP SCORER for Athletic last season with 8 League goals, two of them penalties, plus 2 more in the Scottish Cup.

Dunfermline competed in **EUROPEAN COMPETITION** in seven of the 60's seasons. making their debut in the 1961/62 Cup Winners Cup against St Patrick's of Eire. Their last European tie was in the 1969/70 Fairs Cup, when they lost to Anderlecht on away goals, following a 3-2 home win and a 1-0 away

Best European effort was in the 1968/69 CUP WINNERS **CUP** when they lost to Slovan Bratislava in the semi final. In the 1962/63 Fairs Cup. after beating Everton, they lost 4-0 to Valencia in Spain. but beat them 6-2 at East End Park. In the days before away goals counted double, they lost a play-off match 1-0.

Three Dunfermline players have won SCOTLAND CAPS. Andy Wilson (with 6), Eddie Connachan and Willie Callaghan

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RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

Rovers Reserves posted two good results over the last fortnight, starting with a 2-0 win at East End Park on Tuesday 7th September. Guido Van de Kamp, making his return from injury, was rarely troubled in goal by a Dunfermline side that featured a majority of players with first team experience. Allan Stewart opened the scoring in 10 minutes, when he was in position to stroke home a cross spilled by goalkeeper Lee Butler. Rovers second goal was a splendid strike by Kevin Nicol in 56 minutes. Stevie Hamilton had a solid game at centre half, Jamie McKenzie looked enterprising in midfield and Andy Clark worked hard up front.

Team: Van de Kamp, Waldie (sub Maughan 77), Ellis, McCulloch, Hamilton, Nicol, P. Tosh (sub Mill 56), McKenzie, Clark (sub D. Shields 83), Stewart, Hetherston.

On Monday evening (September 13th), Rovers progressed in the Reserve League Cup following a 4-0 win over Stenhousemuir at Stark's Park.

Brian Hetherston signalled his intentions with a run and shot from 30 yards which hit the crossbar in 20 minutes, and he was involved with most of Rovers goals and their many near things.

Laurie Ellis
opened the scoring in 24
minutes with a header from
a corner, and Andy Clark
converted a Hetherston

cross from the right wing a minute before half-time.

Stenhousemuir opened the second half with a flurry and Jamie Hughes in the Raith goal impressed with three successive saves. Kevin Nicol scored the third goal following good work from Ellis on the left wing and Allan Stewart completed the scoring with four minutes to go, again after good work on the left by Ellis.

Rovers could even afford the luxury of a missed penalty, Andy Clark's 60th minute effort well saved by the Stenhousemuir goalkeeper.

Hughes, Ellis, Craig and Clark took the eye, with Hetherston arguably the best player afield.

Team: Hughes, Waldie, Ellis, McCulloch, Hamilton (sub Morrison 75), Nicol, Craig (sub Maughan 75), McKenzie, P. Shields, Clark (sub Stewart 63), Hetherston.

The Reserves play at Station Park, Forfar on Tuesday (21st September), kick off 7.30, and a week later at Caledonian Stadium, Inverness, kick off 3pm. Next home game is against Arbroath, Monday 4th October at Stark's Park, kick off 7.30

The Under 18s opened their league campaign with a hard fought 2-1 against East Stirling at Cupar on Wednesday 1st September (writes MIKE MELVILLE).

In a largely uneventful first half the Shire took the lead against the run of play in the 25th minute when a long ball caught out the Rovers defence and the striker made no mistake.

Although Shields and Craig had chances for Rovers it was the visitors who nearly stretched their lead just before the break but the shot across the goal hit the post and rebounded to safety.

Rovers played better in the second half but Jamie Hughes in goal saved at the on-rushing striker's feet early doors to prevent the Shire doubling their lead. In 57 minutes Rovers equalised when a deep cross was headed back across goal by sub Rushford and Shields played a wee touch to allow Stewart to blast home. It was largely Rovers in control but there weren't too many chances being created. With 7 minutes to go Shields was put through but his shot came back off the post. But the winner did come in the last minute. Webster won the corner following a run from his own half, and though Hampshire's first corner was cleared behind, his second found Shields unmarked in the six yard box and his header beat the keeper for a deserved winner.

Best for Rovers was Dean Shields who never gave the visiting defence a moment's peace and deserved his goal whilst Colin Waldie also had a good game.

Team: Hughes, Webster, Hampshire, Docherty, Penman, Nicol, Fotheringham (Rushford 53), Waldie (McManus 85), D Shields, Stewart, Craig (Wardlaw 74)

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A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

There have been countless players to have worn both the Dark Blue of Rovers and the black and White of Dunfermline, but perhaps the most remarkable traffic between the two major towns in Fife has been in Managers and Coaches.

Only Peter
Hetherston of the quartet
on both benches this
afternoon has not known
life in the opposite dug-out,
while Dunfermline's Chief
Scout Bert Paton had a
brief spell as Rovers
manager in 1974.



lain Munro
managed both clubs in
recent years, while George
Farm had two spells at
Stark's Park (in the course
of the first he led Rovers to
promotion to the old First
Division) and he was a
Scottish Cup winner the
following season as
Manager of Dunfermline.

One of his successors as Rovers manager, Andy Matthew, played for both clubs - and the other
two Fife
senior
sides to
boot - while
Bob Methven
red both clubs

boot - while
Bob Methven
served both clubs
for long spells as coach
and physiotherapist.

Tommy Walker, who replaced Farm as Rovers manager in 1967, had been helping Dunfermline in an administrative capacity, and his successor, former Rangers striker Jimmy Miller, started his playing career at East End Park.

Sandy Archibald, who arrived at Stark's Park from East End Park as a player in 1916 went on to become a Scottish internationalist and outside right in the all-conquering Rangers side of the 1930's. He saw out his playing career at Stark's Park, but most notably managed the team which beat the British League goalscoring record in 1937/38.

Much to everyone's surprise, he chose to move to the Dunfermline "hot seat" in March 1939, but died, prematurely, in 1946.

The movement of players reflects the respective fortunes of the two clubs. Before the second world war, trade was almost exclusively in promising players moving from Dunfermline to Kirkcaldy in furtherance of their career; Fred Gibson, goalkeeper Jimmy Brown and Fred Robson being the most notable.

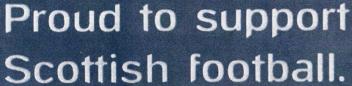
The trend continued after the war. Centre forward Jimmy Allan came to Stark's Park via East Stirling and full back Bobby Kirk, signed by Rovers from Second Division Dunfermline went on to make his name with



Hearts. Others to play with both clubs in that decade were goalkeeper George Johnstone, Willie Benvie, Harry Colville, Jimmy Ellis, Willie Keith and Tommy McDonald.

As the 50's drew to a close, the flow was reversed, the ascendent Dunfermline team signing players from cash-strapped Rovers. Ian Bain, Jim Kerray and Jackie Williamson were all missed at Stark's Park, and in the mid 1960's Pat Gardner, Ian Lister and Bobby Kinloch followed George Farm westwards.

Among the scores of players to play for both clubs in the last 30 years are Gerry Britton, Billy Blackie, right back Jim Brown (pictured above). Jason Dair, Eric Ferguson, Bobby Ford, Gordon Forrest, Allan Forsyth, Roddy Georgeson, Jim Gillespie (pictured left), lan Gordon, Davie Hunter, Mike Judge, Norman Kelly, Willie McCallum, Tosh McFarlane, Derek McGill, Billy McLaren. Billy Mitchell, Craig Robertson, Stevie Simpson, Davie Sinclair, Paul Smith, Shaun Strang, Jimmy Thomson, Scott Thomson, Guido Van de Kamp and Paddy Wilson.





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1886 Rovers drew 2-2 with the second XI Burntisland Thistle in a Friendly match at Lammerlaws

1897 A Jock Eckford goal gave Rovers a 1-0 win at Alloa Athletic in the East of Scotland Qualifying Cup.

1909 Rovers drew 1-1 at Leith Athletic in the second round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup, Jimmy Gourlay scored.

1915 Two goals from Kelly gave Hamilton Accies the points in a First Division match at Douglas Park.

1920 McDonald and Birrell scored for Rovers in a 2-0 First Division win over Kilmarnock at Stark's Park.

1926 Deuchars scored the only goal of the Second Division match at Stark's Park against Nithsdale Wanderers

1937 Jock Whitelaw scored for Rovers in the 1-1 home draw with East Stirling in a League match

1941 Prolific pre-war goalscorer Jock Whitelaw transferred to St Bernards

1943 Jackie Stewart, Willie Penman and Lamb scored for Rovers in a thrilling 3-2 victory over Hearts in a North Eastern League match at Tynecastle in front of 7,000 spectators

1945 Inside left Willie Johnston signed from Clydebank Juniors.

1946 Rovers suffered a
4-1 defeat at Bayview in
the second leg of the Final
of the B Division
Supplementary Cup. East
Fife had also won the first
leg, 3-2. Duncan (2),
Morris and Davidson were
the home scorers with
Jackie Stewart getting
Rovers only goal.

1948 The day a legend was made - it was "Six Goal Penman" as Willie helped himself to all but one in Rovers 7-1 win at Annfield in a League Cup tie. Jimmy Ellis completed the scoring.

1951 Bernie Kelly plays, and scores, for the Scottish League against the League of Ireland in a 5-1 win in Dublin.

1952 Right half Davie Archibald signed from Glencraig Colliery

1954 Another defeat at Methil, this time in a First Division match, with Fleming, Gardiner and Wilson scoring for East Fife and Davie Duncan for Rovers against his old team-mates.

1963 Goals from
Jimmy Gilpin and Felix
McGrogan were not
enough to overcome
Arbroath at Stark's Park in
a Second Division match,
which was lost 3-2.

1965 This is a good date for East Fife, who won 3-1 at Stark's Park in a Second Division match with goals from Christie (2) and Dewar. George Lyall scored for Rovers.

1970 Roddy Georgeson, freed by Dundee, signs for Rovers.

1971 Rovers lost 1-0 to Queen's Park in a Second Division match at Hampden

1974 Tom Brown and Jim Dempsey scored the goals which beat Stranraer 2-1 at Stark's Park. Ex Rover Davie Miller scored for the visitors.

1976 Brian Cooper scored the only goal of the First Division match against Arbroath at Stark's Park, watched by 2,027

1982 Rovers beat Queen's Park 3-1 at Stark's Park in a First Division match with goals from Bobby Russell, Colin Harris (penalty) and lan Ballantyne. Jimmy Gilmour scored for Queen's. Attendance 600

1990 Kenny McDonald and a Ray Lorimer own goal gave Rovers a 2-1 home win over Forfar in a First Division match. White scored for the visitors.

1992 Midfield player Nicky Henderson sold to Cowdenbeath for £1,000. After spells with Partick Thistle and Falkirk he is now with Hamilton Accies.

1993 Peter Hetherston scored the only goal of the game at Dens Park to give Rovers their first-ever Premier Division victory. Stephen Mooney signed on a free transfer from Airdrie.



KILNOCKIE'S

I'm sure by now everyone in the country knows that the Oscar winning American actor Robert Duvall has been busy making a film about Scottish football and that our own John McVeigh has been involved heavily as an advisor not only to Mr Duvall who plays the part of a manager, but also to the film director and producer Michael Corrente. However. what you might not know is just how much involvement other Raith Rovers players had in the making of this film.

The basic plot of 'The Cup' surrounds the exploits of Kilnockie FC, a lower division side from a coastal fishing town (in the film, some scenes of the fictitious Kilnockie were filmed in Crail) and in particular the life and times of one Jackie McQuillan, played on screen by Ally McCoist.

McQuillan is a centre-forward whose best days are behind him (you could be cruel and say McCoist is typecast in the role). He is an ex-Celtic player who has fallen on hard times.

due to his liking for the bevvv and is in fact now out of the game altogether. His father-Gordon in-law. McLeod,(played by Duvall), who happens to be the manager of Kilnockie, persuades him to turn out for his home town side, and lo and behold thanks to the contributions and influence of the re-born striker, the team get an incredible run of results

in the Scottish Cup and make

the final against Rangers. The filming of the 'final' took place a couple of weeks ago at Hampden Park, and along with about 20,000 others. I ventured along to see what it was all about. The first thing I noticed was that Hampden had been decked out to look as if the actual Scottish Cup final was being played - everywhere you looked all you could see were adverts for Tennent's. Even the two electronic scoreboards which now adorn the re-built Hampden were part of the act, welcoming spectators along to the "Tennent's Scottish Cup Final 2000 between Kilnockie FC and Rangers FC". Most of the crowd seemed to be genuine Rangers fans who

had come decked out in replica strips, scarves, hats and flags (unbelievably, there were at least three streettraders who would normally work outside Ibrox every other week doing a roaring trade). Given that Kilnockie don't have any real supporters, a few hundred professional extras had been hired and kitted out in claret and light blue (Kilnockie's strip was similar to that of a 1960's Burnley side).

Having been surprised at how authentic Hampden and much of the crowd looked, the next shock came when the teams came out to warm-up - almost half of the Rovers side who had given Ayr United a hounding just 24 hours earlier were on view. The film-makers wanted to use the warm-up as part of the film, so it took quite a while, and John McVeigh, who plays lan, the assistant manager, had to put the Kilnockie side through their paces - and out on the pitch there was Davie Kirkwood, Stephen Hamilton, Kenny Black, Craig McEwan, Alex Burns and Peter Hetherston while the injured Kevin Gaughan, wearing a Kilnockie tracksuit looked on from the sides. Even more astonishing was that the Rangers centreforward also going through a warm-up in the other half of



the field was our new French superstar, Didier Agathe !! I have to admit to wondering for a split second if Rovers had actually gone out and sold Didier that morning, but when I then saw that the Rangers side also included the likes of Brian Reid, Ally Maxwell and Jimmy Sandison, I breathed a bit more easily.

The film-makers have said they wanted to use real footballers and real stadiums to make things as authentic as possible (I'll refrain at this stage from any sarcastic making comments about footballing abilities of some of those on show) - they even went as far as using John Rowbotham as the referee !!.

The game action itself consisted of a 10 minutes each way match, played at about three-quarters pace with no tackling, but it wasn't the worst I've ever seen. The script called for Rangers to be ahead by 1-0 at half-time, and in fact they scored three goals during that 10 minute spell of filming of which only one will be used. Didier did score one of the three but whether his makes the final cut, we'll have to wait and see. In the second-half, the script calls for Kilnockie to score a very late equaliser courtesy of you know who, but this didn't prove possible during the 10 minutes of action - in fact the only goal, which you won't be able to see in the film was a cracker from Hetherston which brought back plenty of memories from a few seasons back. The upshot was that the Director had to insist on a specially recreated move down the right-wing from which a cross into the box leads to a goal from a 'McQuillan' header. This was finally achieved to everyone's satisfaction at the sixth or seventh take, but watch out in the film for a classic Ally Maxwell howler as he fails to deal with a fairly weak header

from about 10 yards out. Some of the newspapers have already reported how the game finishes after the penalty shoot-out, but I won't go into that here - you will have to go and see 'The Cup' for yourselves when it opens, probably in the early part of next year.

I don't know if the final product will be any good or not - it could turn out to be as ludicrous as 'Escape to Victory' or alternatively it could be as entertaining as 'Local Hero', but given the number of familiar faces who will be on screen it must be well worth a fiver of you hard-earned cash at the local multiplex. Just one point for the film-makers - if you want to make it authentic. you'll have to keep in the 'industrial' language that emanates from the dug-out on match-days, and if you do that, will you get anything other than an 18 certificate?

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