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**Dunfermline  
Athletic** **v**  
**Celtic**



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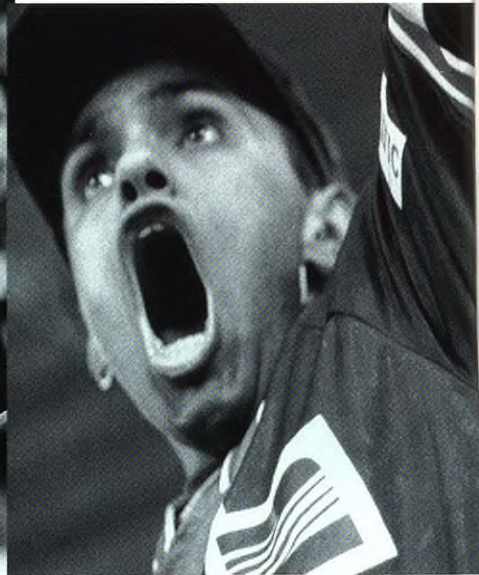
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# The Coca-Cola Cup . . . A Tournament full of Excitement and Drama



## A very warm welcome to all fans attending tonight's first Semi-Final tie between Dunfermline Athletic and Celtic.

Although the 1997/98 domestic season is still less than three months old, both clubs tonight are only 90 minutes (or 120 minutes should extra-time be required) away from reaching the first major Cup Final of this season and which will also be played here at this magnificent stadium on the final Sunday of next month.

Hopefully, tonight's match will be just as exciting and dramatic as many of the ties played so far during the competition. Once again, fans have enjoyed value-for-money Coca-Cola Cup tie action with an excellent total of 119 goals having been scored from the 36 ties played during the first four rounds, averaging an impressive 3.3 goals per game. So far, seven ties have needed an extra thirty minutes of overtime and indeed, two of these matches required penalty shoot-outs to determine the outcome. Thanks are due to players, coaches and officials for the positive manner in which they have approached this tournament

and as a result, the real winners have been the paying public who have witnessed many enthralling and exciting football matches.

I would at this juncture, like to thank our sponsors, Coca-Cola Great Britain, for their own part in making this such an enjoyable competition. Since their association with The Scottish Football League in sponsoring this tournament began in season 1994/95, they have been extremely enthusiastic sponsors. A close working relationship has developed between the League, its member clubs and Coca-Cola during the past few years which has, in my opinion, been beneficial for all concerned and on behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to take this opportunity in welcoming our sponsors and their invited guests to Ibrox Stadium for tonight's tie. I trust that they will all enjoy an exciting Semi-Final tie and that they will witness plenty of good football played by both teams in a sporting manner.

Tonight's match between Dunfermline Athletic and Celtic will be the first time that both clubs have been paired together at this stage of the competition. The clubs have met on seven previous occasions and from Dunfermline Athletic's point of view, they will be hoping to improve on their record of only one victory against the Parkhead club to date. I have no doubts that Bert Paton and his players will be hoping to improve upon that statistic tonight and in so doing, make up for last season's disappointing result against Rangers at the same stage of the competition.

However, their opponents tonight, Celtic, have also much to prove, not least their players, who will be wanting to prove much to their new Head Coach, Wim Jansen,

as well as rewarding their large support for the loyalty which they have shown in recent years. Following the signing of a number of new players at the beginning of the season, the Parkhead club have now begun to show a high level of consistency which has seen them enjoy a very good run of form in recent weeks. With the Pars having won the first League match of the season between the clubs at Celtic Park, it makes for an intriguing and exciting match.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Chairman, Directors and Staff at Ibrox Stadium for all of their efforts in staging tonight's tie. Their co-operation and assistance is very much appreciated.

ENJOY THE GAME.

**Douglas B. Smith,**

President,  
The Scottish Football League

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# Club Captains – Craig Robertson and Tom Boyd

**CRAIG ROBERTSON** has watched his team-mates reach the Semi-Final of The Coca-Cola Cup without him as he battled back from an achilles tendon injury.

Although he had a recurrence of the injury during the Dundee United match ten days ago, he still hopes to be fit enough to enter the fray just 90 minutes away from the chance to put right one of the biggest disappointments of his long career. The Dunfermline skipper was part of the Pars team that went to Hampden in 1991 for The Skol Cup Final against Hibernian and fell flat on their faces.

With both halves of the Old Firm out of the competition, the Fifers travelled to Glasgow full of hope and left dismayed at their performance. They lost 2-0 and hardly troubled Hibs' keeper John Burridge all afternoon. It's a memory that still makes the Pars' captain shudder.

He said, "Getting to the Final was great and we all enjoyed the build-up to the match but on the day, we simply didn't play at all.

"We had got off to a bad start in the League that season but we went into the Final confident of giving a good account of ourselves but in the end, we didn't even threaten Hibs.

"It seemed everybody outside of Dunfermline wanted Hibs to win that day. They had come close to being taken over by Hearts the previous summer and they definitely had the sympathy vote that afternoon."

The Pars, of course, got to the Semi-Final stage last season as well and even though they were eventually crushed 6-1 by Rangers, Robbo isn't joking when he says his side was unlucky!

He said, "I know people will



Craig Robertson, captain of Dunfermline Athletic

draw their own conclusions from the scoreline, but believe me, we should have been at least two goals up before Rangers scored.

"In the second half, they scored from a deflection and I remember one of the goals coming from a tackle by Brian Laudrup that ended up in the net as well.

"But we've battled back to the same stage this season and although it will be tough, we'll go into the match in a positive frame of mind."

On this occasion, it is likely that the Pars will have the sympathy vote of most neutrals and they'll go into the game with confidence, having gone to Celtic Park earlier this term and returning with a fabulous 2-1 victory.

Robertson watched that one from the stand and loved every minute of it. He said, "We played really well that day and proved to ourselves, as much as anyone else, that Dunfermline can match anyone on our day.

"But we are not getting carried away with that result. It came very early in the season when Celtic had

brought in a lot of new players and they were all still getting used to Wim Jansen's tactics.

"But it was a good result and seeing the team play so well certainly made it easier for me when I was out injured.

"I hurt my achilles tendon badly, just two days into the pre-season training and I didn't come back until the Aberdeen match at Pittodrie at the end of September.

"Of course, it has been frustrating but as well as playing, I am also doing a bit of coaching at East End Park, so I was still able to work with the rest of the players every day, which made things easier."

Robertson will lead the Pars out, injury permitting, tonight knowing it is 29 years since Dunfermline last won a major trophy. The current manager, Bert Paton, was part of that team which won the Scottish Cup back in 1968.

He added, "It would be great for Bert to win a trophy as manager as well as a player.

"But to be honest, we are trying to win this cup for ourselves and

the fans as well as Bert.

"You don't get to many Cup Finals and we are 90 minutes away from one. We're determined to make it this year."

**TOM BOYD** doesn't need to be told that it's 15 years since a Celtic captain last held aloft the League Cup. The name of the competition might have been changed to accommodate a couple of sponsors over the years but the trophy remains the same.

This season, Boyd, who took over the captaincy from retired skipper Paul McStay in the summer, wants to see The Coca-Cola Cup gleaming in the Parkhead trophy cabinet. The Celtic and Scotland defender knows all about going up to lift a trophy. He was Motherwell's skipper when they beat Dundee United in an epic Scottish Cup Final back in 1991.

Shortly afterwards, Boyd headed south for Chelsea but, before long, he was snapped up by Celtic in a swap deal for Tony Cascarino and he must have imagined that more cups and medals would follow. But only one has - the 1995 Scottish Cup - and Boyd knows it's high time that Celtic became winners again.

They can take a huge step towards that goal by beating Dunfermline tonight to move into The Coca-Cola Cup Final, but when



Paul McStay



Tom Boyd, captain of Celtic

you've had as many disappointments as Boyd has, you don't take anything for granted.

He said, "It's a long time since we did anything in this competition - 15 years without winning it is not good enough - and it would be good to rectify that.

"But we can't afford to think that we just have to turn-up to get to the Final and there's no way we will be doing that.

"We have only to remember that Dunfermline beat us at Parkhead earlier in the season and they deserved to win.

"Dunfermline's performance was probably overlooked because people tended to speak about how poor we were.

"But we know that they played very well, particularly to come back from losing the first goal.

"Obviously, we want to wipe out the memory of that day, but really, we could not be more motivated than we are.

"We are two games away from winning our first trophy in three seasons and we don't need any more motivation than that."

At the time of that defeat, Celtic were still getting to grips with new coach Wim Jansen's tactics as well as the number of new players who seemed to be arriving daily. Boyd was also getting used to wearing

the captain's armband, an honour he admits he was surprised to be given.

He said, "Being captain of Celtic is a special feeling and to go up to be presented with a trophy and turn to show it to our fans would be wonderful.

"Being made captain was such an honour and surprise. I was delighted to accept and now want to be a Celtic captain that wins trophies.

"I captained Motherwell when they won the Scottish Cup, which was great.

"But being in the Celtic team that won the Cup in 1995 was even better for me because I saw what it meant to the fans who had gone so long without something to celebrate.

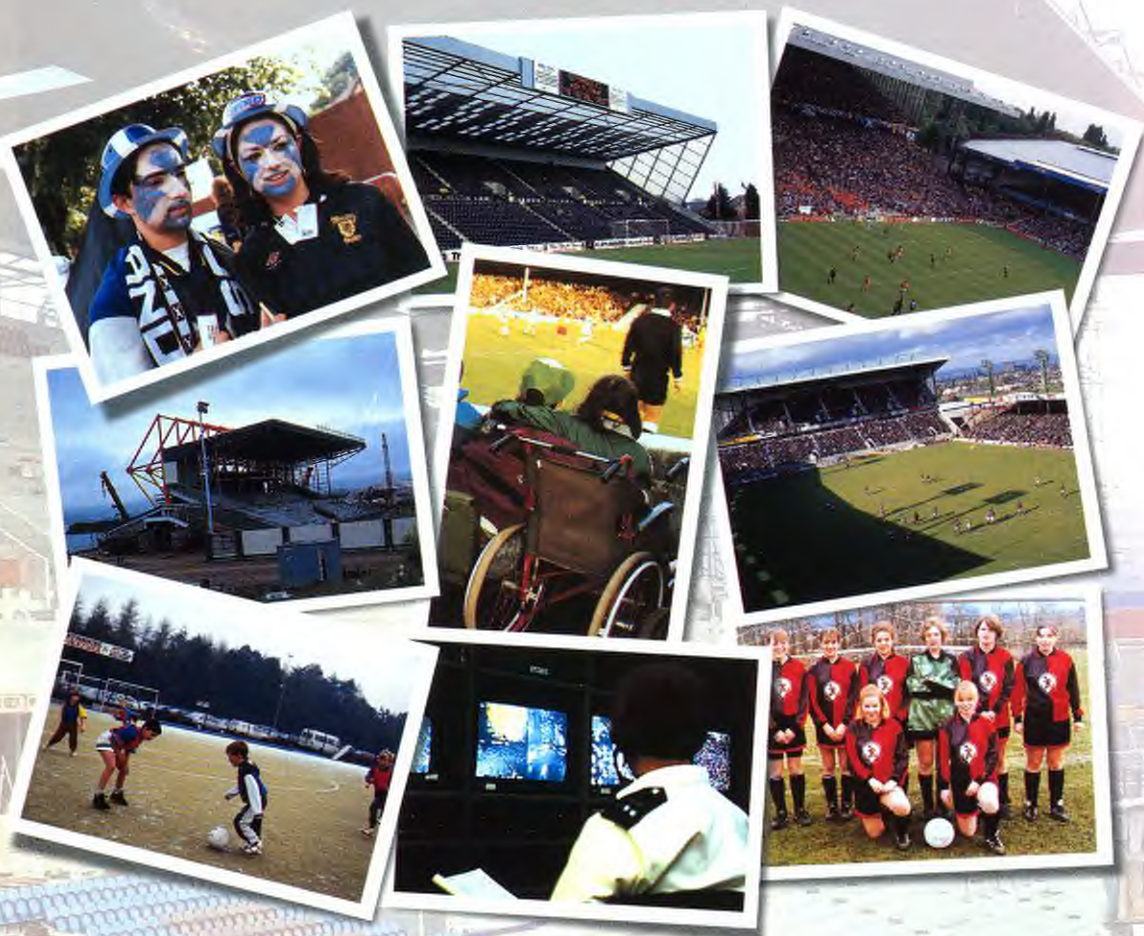
"Since then, it has been disappointing not to add to that victory and the Scottish Cup Semi-Final defeat against Falkirk hurt us badly.

"Throughout it all, our fans have been magnificent and have stayed behind us when many teams' support would have deserted them.

"The time has come for us to repay them for their loyalty and winning The Coca-Cola Cup this season would be a start."

**DAVID MCCARTHY**  
(Daily Record)

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# Greg Shields

**Greg Shields will afford himself a wry smile when he steps off the Dunfermline Athletic team bus and walks in the front door of Ibrox for tonight's match.**

For it was the same door the 20 year old walked out of during the summer after realising he had to quit Rangers to have any chance of playing in a showpiece match like a Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final.

In four seasons at Ibrox, the fair-haired defender managed just 11 first team appearances, often finding himself fourth choice for the right-back berth. He felt his career was going nowhere and didn't take much persuading to turn his back on Rangers when Dunfermline boss Bert Paton came in for him during the close season.

A few months on, Shields is set for the biggest game of his career and admits it's ironic that he should find himself running out to face Celtic in front of a big crowd at Ibrox.

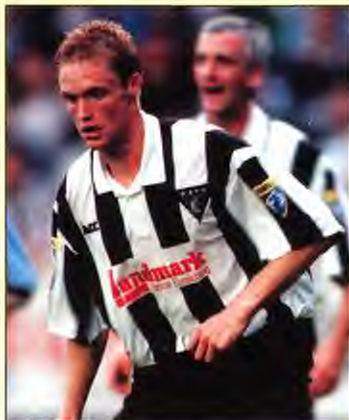
"When I was a young boy, I always wanted to play for the best clubs," he reflected. "That's why I was over the moon when Rangers came in for me.

"After going to Ibrox, I genuinely thought I had a chance of making a name for myself, but, as more and more foreigners started to arrive, I began to wonder if I would be better off pursuing my career elsewhere.

"Apart from three games, I thought I did okay when I got my chance in the first team at Rangers, but a manager is always going to have to play the players he has forked out big money for, especially if they are experienced.

"The youngsters are only really going to get the chance when they are needed and I, for one, couldn't see that being very often and that was before the latest batch of signings over the summer.

"Once you have tasted playing in front of big crowds, you want to do it again and again and that was certainly one of the factors when I



decided to leave Ibrox.

"Some people will say that I should have stayed at Ibrox and tried to learn from all these big name players.

"But you reach an age and a time in your career when playing for the reserves is not enough and that's what happened to me."

Paton had been keen to sign Shields for some time and already, the player has gone a long way to repaying the £100,000 transfer fee which Rangers received for him.

Recently, Paton's assistant, Dick Campbell, said he believed there wasn't a better right-back than Shields in the country and his performances so far this season for the Fifiers certainly merit such lavish praise.

"I am really enjoying myself at East End Park," he admitted. "I'm getting the regular first team football I was looking for and, on top of that, the side has made a good start to the season."

The Pars participating in tonight's match is proof of that and now Shields is determined to help Paton's men make amends for the 6-1 hammering at the hands of Rangers at the same stage last season.

"This is the type of big game I was hoping to be involved in when I made the decision to leave Rangers," he said. "It has probably come quicker than I could ever have expected, but I am determined to

enjoy the occasion.

"It is a superb achievement for Dunfermline to reach the Semi-Final of The Coca-Cola Cup for the second year running and it goes without saying that we'll be looking to improve on the result of 12 months ago.

"There are a few new faces in the side, but the boys who played against Rangers know what it was like to experience such a heavy defeat at this stage of the competition and they'll be determined it won't happen again."

On the evidence of an earlier meeting between the sides this season, it certainly won't, Dunfermline having won 2-1 in the League at Parkhead back in August. But along with everyone else in Scottish football, Shields has watched Wim Jansen's men come on leaps and bounds since then, so much so that he reckons they'll be a lot tougher to beat on this occasion.

"This game will be a lot different to the League encounter," he said. "For starters, Celtic haven't won a trophy for a couple of seasons, so they'll be well and truly fired up for this one.

"Also, they now look a lot better than they did in that game at Parkhead. For instance, Henrik Larsson and Regi Blinker have been starting to produce the goods, while Simon Donnelly has also been in cracking form.

"In the League game, we managed to weather a storm early on and then took over after going in front with a penalty.

"We had a lot of chances in the second half and it will be important again that we don't sit back too much as you can't afford to do that against a side like Celtic.

"We know it won't be easy, but if we can work for each other the way we have in the three previous rounds, then we should be in with a chance.

"For me, I couldn't have asked for more than to be facing Celtic in such a big match at Ibrox and it would be even better if I could return there with my Dunfermline team-mates for the Final."

**MARTIN DEMPSTER**

(Edinburgh Evening News)

# Dick Campbell – the coaches' coach



Dick Campbell, assistant manager of Dunfermline Athletic

**B**ert Paton and Dick Campbell may not come with a string of big name clubs attached to their CV's like their Celtic counterparts, Wim Jansen and Murdo MacLeod, and they certainly haven't enjoyed spending millions in the transfer market.

However, there is not the slightest suggestion that Paton and Campbell will go into tonight's

Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final tie with any hint of an inferiority complex as their faith in their own ability as coaches being all they need for the 90 minutes ahead.

Whatever the outcome, and they hope just as much as Jansen and MacLeod that it will be a win for their side, the East End Park management team will take satisfaction, as always, from the fact that they will have done their best. It is that down to earth, pragmatic

approach - both come from large working-class families - which has underpinned the pair throughout their five year long reign with the Pars, a partnership which is the second longest in the Premier Division after Walter Smith and Archie Knox.

Dick Campbell, Paton's assistant, readily admits that neither he nor the Pars boss ever quite hit the heights in terms of the teams they played for as either Jansen or MacLeod did. But he'll point to the fact that while his life in football may not have been the most exotic, he has a knowledge of the game which, he believes, is second to none.

For eleven years, Campbell has "coached the coaches", using the experience he has gained in a lifetime in football, from the days when he was part of the same highly successful Townhill under age team as Jim Leishman in Dunfermline.

A year with Dundee United followed although his father insisted that he "do his time" as an apprentice shipwright. Released by United, Campbell, then a striker, signed the very next day for Cowdenbeath, making his first team debut two months before his 17th birthday.

Five seasons there were followed by a move to Dunfermline where he teamed up with his twin brother, Ian, and Leishman once more. However, the Pars failure to make the Top Ten, allied to cut-backs, saw Campbell spend two years in the Highland League before moving to Brechin City for five successful years.

Billy Little gave him his first taste of coaching, appointing him



Player/ Coach at East Stirlingshire at the age of 31. Then it was off to work under Gordon Wallace at Raith Rovers where he remained for three years before John Ritchie made him assistant at Brechin.

Campbell struck out on his own as boss at Cowdenbeath at the third time of asking but after just 15 weeks, he was back at Brechin again and he also became involved in coaching with The SFA, juggling between owning a pub, bringing up a family of three and working at Glebe Park.

However, four months working for a double-glazing firm in Fife made him realise how lucky he had been in football and when Bert Paton, who had then parted company with St. Johnstone, persuaded him to help coach Junior outfit Rosyth Recreation, today's partnership was born.

A "no nonsense" defender, Campbell admits he never had the technical ability to play at the highest level, but it is in coaching others that he has excelled.

He said, "I love to compete and I was captain of every team I played for so I must be a good motivator and I treat every player the same,



Bert Paton, manager, Dunfermline Athletic



Jim Leishman

whether he cost £500,000 or £5,000.

"I have worked with the top coaches in Scotland and will pitch myself in alongside anyone but, in my opinion, there is no-one better than Bert."

People may say tonight's match is an unequal contest because of the players Celtic have bought while, out of all the Premier sides, Dunfermline have spent the least. But Campbell shrugs off such talk, pointing out that the Pars beat Celtic a few weeks ago at Celtic Park. He said, "We take great pride in being 100 per cent fit, extremely well organised and well coached.

"We are under no illusions and we will make sure we are physically

and mentally prepared, as well as having done our homework.

"You look at all the money that has been spent elsewhere, but that doesn't give Bert or me an inferiority complex as we use it to motivate.

"There have been horrendous restraints put on Bert but the Chairman and his Directors have been magnificent in giving him any spare money.

"Our criterion has been that any player we bring in has to be better than we have. Why shop at Harrods if you cannot afford it?

"But it doesn't stop us having the same desire to win tonight as that of Celtic and reach The Coca-Cola Cup Final."

**DAVID HARDIE**

(Edinburgh Evening News)