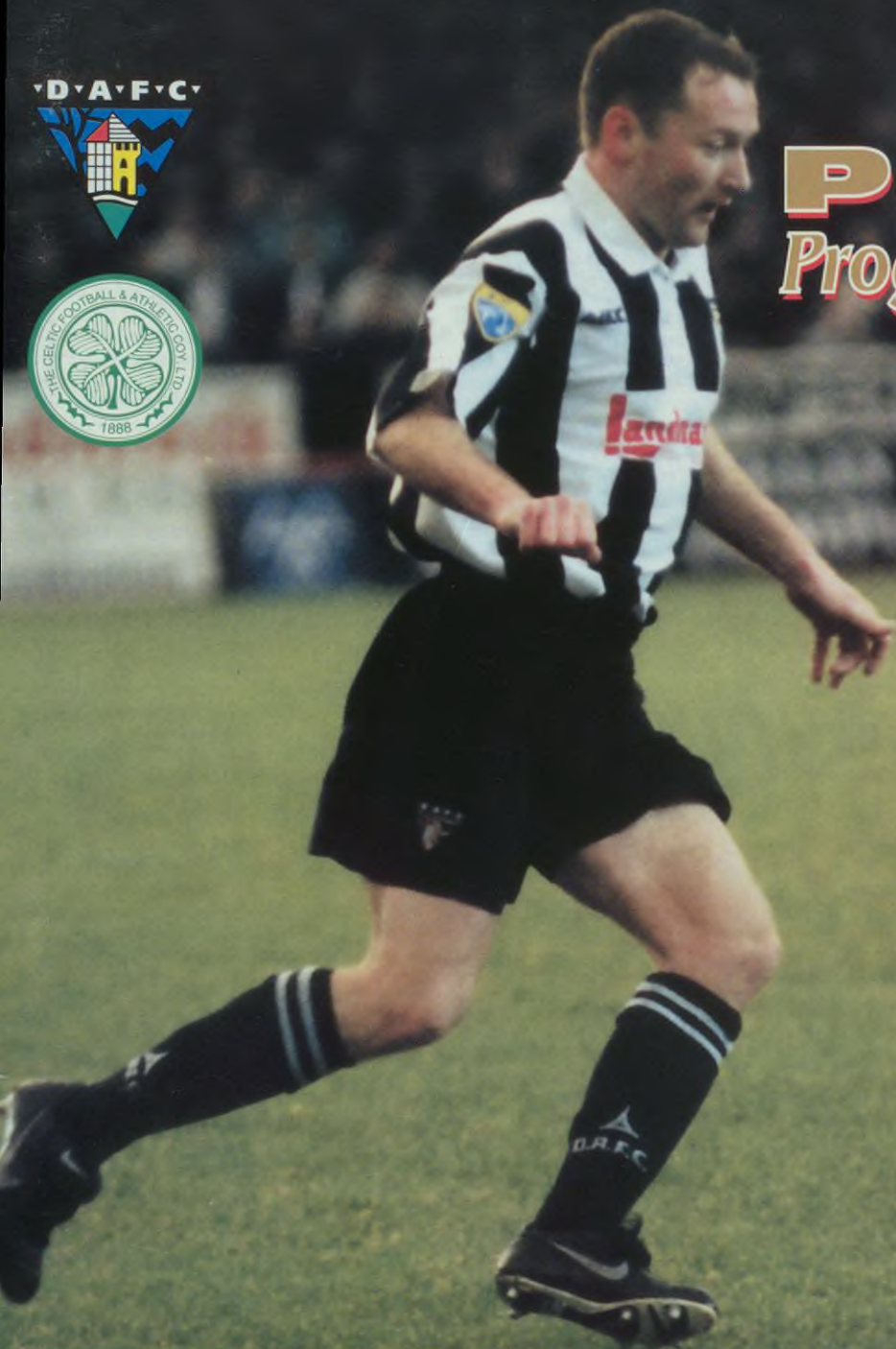




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# THE BERT PATON COLUMN

**AT LAST WE WERE ABLE TO GET BACK** to winning matches when we defeated Kilmarnock here two weeks ago. It turned out to be much, much harder work than I had hoped, but the main thing is that we got there and were able to carry it forward into our match against Rangers.

To be fair, I had been very impressed with Kilmarnock - they were the form team after that long unbeaten run, and they won again last week to show what a good victory ours was. It all started from Stewart Petrie's shot, then when Dave Barnett scored, that last 5-10 minutes of the first half were absolutely electric. The influence that the crowd had was there for all to see. They lifted the whole game to a different level and it was great to see them behind us again. The crowd have their part to play, but so do the players - if they can show passion, hard work and commitment the fans will respond.

The other good thing about the Kilmarnock game was the sight of our players scoring three goals - particularly when they didn't all come from Andy Smith! Seriously, it has been good to see others on the score sheets - Colin Miller, George Shaw, Craig Robertson, Dave Barnett, and of course Harry Curran last week have all scored their first goals of the season in the last three weeks. Long may it continue.

It is no coincidence that the return of form has come at a time when players have returned from injury. As things currently stand, we only have two players, Gerry Britton and Marc Millar, who are still out injured. Although they are out longer term, they are both looking and feeling good. We have also brought in two players - Richard Huxford from Burnley who has signed for three months, and Sean Beech from Coventry who has trained with us over the last week. Scotland have a number of Under 21 and 'B' international matches coming up and I would love to see some of our players getting recognition. Maybe we are not fashionable enough, but I can't see why we should not be included -

Dunfermline have been up there with any of the clubs outside the top three for the past two seasons. Unfortunately, the under 21s will struggle to find players anywhere in the Premier League.

The present set-up is not conducive to playing youngsters - nor is it conducive to clubs keeping their managers if what's been happening recently is anything to go by!

Tonight we welcome Celtic to East End Park and I hope that younger fans will forgive me when I say that there is nothing quite like an old-fashioned Cup tie to get the blood boiling. Some of my happiest memories as player were in Cup ties, and none more so than against Celtic. Unusually, this match is at home and not in Glasgow so that gives us a chance.

Dunfermline's two Scottish Cup wins occurred when we beat Celtic, so I am hoping that it might be some kind of omen. When you look at Kilmarnock and Falkirk last season, you have to say, why not? What we have done is spent some time at Dunblane Hydro before this Cup tie. That was something that the late, great Jock Stein did in his days here and it worked pretty well for him.



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**European Competitions**  
Cup Winners Cup : 1961/62  
(quarter final), 1968/69  
(semi final)

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

**Scottish League -  
Highest Position**  
3rd : 1964/65, 1968/69

**Scottish League  
First Division**  
Champions : 1988/89, 1995/96  
Runners-Up : 1986/87, 1993/94,  
1994/95

**Scottish League  
Division Two**  
(pre-reconstruction)  
Champions : 1925/26  
Runners-Up: 1912/13, 1933/34,  
1954/55, 1957/58, 1972/73

**Scottish League  
Second Division**  
Champions: 1985/86  
Runners-up: 1978/79

**Scottish Cup**  
Winners: 1961, 1968  
Runners-Up: 1965  
Semi-Finalists: 1964, 1966

**Scottish League Cup**  
Runners-Up: 1949/50, 1991/92  
Semi-Finalists : 1989/90

**Scottish Qualifying Cup**  
Winners: 1911/12

**Central League**  
Champions: 1910/11, 1911/12

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# TONIGHT'S Celtic VISITORS



## DUNFERMLINE AND CELTIC HAVE ALREADY

enjoyed three quite interesting encounters this season so there is no reason to suppose that tonight will be any different. Each club has won one game in the Premier League - away from home, while the Coca Cola Cup semi-final turned out to be a less than inspiring but closely fought affair with Craig Burley's late goal making the difference.

Since those earlier games, Celtic have continued to look like real title contenders, but have never been consistent enough to get away from the surprise challenge of Hearts and the stuttering form of Rangers. While Dunfermline (for the second time this season!) were doing Celtic a real favour at Ibrox last weekend, a late Quitongo goal seriously spoiled the Parkhead fans party at Tynecastle. While we can genuinely say that the destination of the League title remains uncertain for the first time in many a year, Celtic can turn their attentions elsewhere tonight. In some circumstances and for some teams that might have felt like a bit of relief, but not for Celtic. For too long starved of expected glories, Celtic fans want to win everything in sight - a notion confirmed by General Manager Jock Brown recently.

Wim Jansen has done a great job of developing players to a much fuller potential than they were previously showing. His defence now looks superb, and no more so than in goals, where he is sure to play former Bradford and Coventry custodian **JONATHAN GOULD**. The 29 year old keeper has been in great form this season, and not simply because he has been behind a good defence. Pars fans will remember his great save from Hamish French which secured Celtic's place in the Coca Cola Cup final.

**ENRICO ANNONI** has been the surprise packet of this season. The 31 year old was signed from AS Roma a year ago but hardly featured last season and looked to be on his way out. Having made his way into the team, it's hard to see how Celtic can keep him out now after a string of great performances. Playing on the right side of a back three, he was in great form last week where Neil McCann didn't get a look in. Danish internationalist **MARK REIPER** will occupy the central defensive pivot role. The former Brøndby centre half arrived at Parkhead in September from West Ham United and has helped Celtic create their strongest defence in years. The trio is complete with ex-Bolton defender **ALAN STUBBS**. The 26 year old is another who seems to have responded to Wim Jansen's promptings. His ability to provide long searching passes and thunderbolt free kicks make him one to watch at both ends of the park.

If there is one 'man of the moment' in Scottish football right now, it has to be former Pars hero **JACKIE McNAMARA**. The 24 year old has quite rightly been getting rave reviews for his performances this season and must be a strong candidate for Scotland's Player of the Year. Now looking like a World Cup certainty, Dunfermline fans only gripe is that he was stolen for a mere £600,000! Partnering him down the other flank will be Frenchman **STEPHANE MAHE**. The 29 year old was signed from Stade Rennais in the summer and has been in impressive form. The strength of Celtic's defence



Stewart Petrie and Tom Boyd in action during Dunfermline's earlier win at Celtic Park

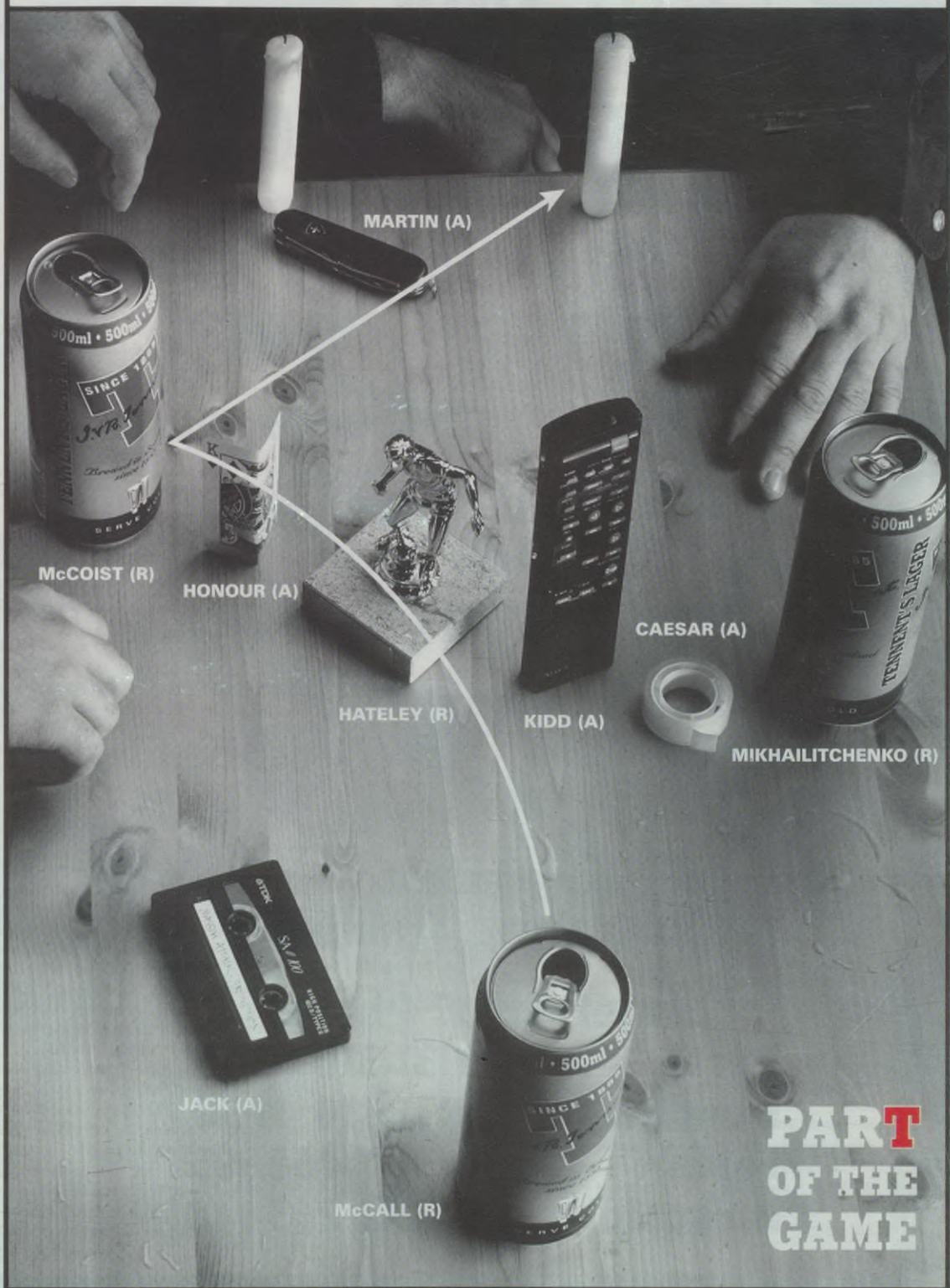
has allowed both men the opportunity to play effective attacking roles.

Celtic's midfield area was considerably fortified by the important signing of **PAUL LAMBERT** last year. The former Motherwell and St Mirren midfielder's career took off when he joined Borussia Dortmund with whom he enjoyed unprecedented success and made his way back into the national side. The midfield anchor man is not averse to having a pot at goal as he showed against Rangers at New Year. He will be joined in midfield by eleven goal **CRAIG BURLEY**, a summer signing from Chelsea. Craig is providing national coach Craig Brown with a dilemma because of his exceptional form in a central midfield role which he does not play for the national side. **MORTEN WEIGHORST**, like a number of others already mentioned, is also enjoying a run of great form under the new coach. Tall and strong, Morten poses a threat in front goal as he recently showed against Aberdeen, but it is his powerful running which seems to cause most difficulties for his opponents. Former Dundee United midfielder **DAVID HANNAH** appears to have come back into contention in recent weeks and will probably start on the bench.

Swedish striker **HENRIK LARSSON** was signed in the summer from Dutch side Feyenoord, and has arguably been the most successful purchase of the new regime to date. The 26 year old has scored 16 goals to date, and has consistently shown a good work rate. The issue as to who will join Larsson may be the most difficult decision for the coach. Latest signing **HARALD BRATTBAKK** has not provided the rush of goals that Celtic fans expected from the Norwegian internationalist, and there was an obvious air of tension about his game last week after failing to take a number of chances that fell his way. If Jansen does decide to rest him, Scotland coach Craig Brown will be happy in the knowledge that the most likely contenders are national team hopefuls **SIMON DONNELLY** and **DARREN JACKSON**. There will certainly be a lot of sympathy for 31 year old Jackson following his brain operation earlier this year. The knowledge that this is likely to be one of his last chances in a major tournament for the national side will undoubtedly be focusing his mind.

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# THE PARS NEWSDESK

## THE NEW PREMIERSHIP DAWNS

Members of the Scottish League took an historic decision which will change the make-up of Scottish football for good. At their meeting on Thursday 12th February, the clubs voted by 58 votes to 20 to accept the proposals of the so-called Breakaway group, and to create a new structure for the top clubs from the start of next season.

It is a move which will allow the top clubs to negotiate their own TV contracts and for the other clubs outside the 'Old Firm' to get more money to create a more competitive league at the top. This is a point that people like Pars manager Bert Paton has consistently shouted about for some time. But while there will be pleasure in that much having been achieved, there is still a long way to go. There is still doubt about the stresses that having a league of only ten teams will place on clubs. There have already been panic stations at a number of clubs in their efforts to ensure Premier League survival, and there is little evidence that the ten team set up does anything to nurture the youth game in Scotland. Much work therefore remains to be done, but given the stagnation that the game seemed to be facing, this move has got to be seen to be a positive step in the right direction.

## SCOTLAND CONTENDERS ?

With the recent announcement of a couple of 'B' internationals coming up soon, there will be no shortage of contenders for places in these matches. Some might see it as a chance to launch or to revive their international careers in the hope that they might be considered for the World Cup pool for France.

In reality, the national coach will already have made his mind up about most of those that he wants for that trip, but there may be a couple of areas where he is keen to try out some new faces. One such area is the goalkeeping position which requires him to think about a third keeper. A number of pundits have suggested Ian Westwater is worth look, and it's obvious why. The Pars keeper has been performing consistently all season with a succession of superb saves, and no more so than in games against the 'Old Firm'.

Another area which will be of concern to the manager is the goalscoring department. Notwithstanding the very obvious claims of Kevin Gallagher, Gordon Durie and Duncan Ferguson (if he makes up his mind to be included), there is a real shortage of in-form strikers at the moment. Many of those that are (Negri, Larsson, Olafsson, Newell, O'Boyle, Coyle, Adam) are not eligible, while many of those that might have been considered (Donnelly, Dodds, Jackson, McSwegan, Hamilton, McCoist) are not getting first team games for their clubs. Solution? Enter 19 goal Andy Smith! Although Craig Brown has joked about Andy's possible inclusion, the time to give the idea serious consideration might be here.

We're confident that if you looked at chances to strike ratio, Andy would come out well. Typical of what we're talking about was last week's performance at Ibrox. Andy worked hard without ever getting the kind of service which might have created goals. When a half chance did come, Andy pounced and shot making the keeper beat the ball out into the path of Harry Curran who scored. Come on Craig, give the lads a chance!

## DISCIPLINARY LEAGUE TABLE

It's official - Dunfermline were lying in a close third position at the halfway stage in the Premier League! Well, yes, it is absolutely true, but unfortunately not in points gained for winning matches, but for being good boys on the park. Having said that, it is an important area for the club to be doing well in, particularly when suspensions can hit clubs badly at this time of year.

The table, which is based upon points incurred for disciplinary offences for the season up until the end of December, looks like this:

| Club            | Total Points | Matches Played | Average |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------|
| Dundee Utd      | 116          | 24             | 4.83    |
| Celtic          | 126          | 24             | 5.25    |
| Dunfermline Ath | 123          | 23             | 5.35    |
| Hibernian       | 119          | 21             | 5.66    |
| Kilmarnock      | 120          | 21             | 5.71    |
| Hearts          | 132          | 22             | 6.00    |
| Aberdeen        | 141          | 23             | 6.13    |
| Rangers         | 154          | 22             | 7.00    |
| St Johnstone    | 149          | 21             | 7.10    |
| Motherwell      | 200          | 22             | 9.10    |

## GUTTERED PRESS

Dunfermline must have been playing one of the big boys last week. We know that because all the 'top' hacks were there to cover what they presumably thought would be another despatching of lambs to the slaughter. Their ability to know so little about Dunfermline yet continue to write about the same themes is staggering. One of those themes is about the age of the Dunfermline squad - like it is ancient by comparison with all these other clubs with exciting young talent. Graham Spiers of 'Scotland On Sunday' was at it. He declared last week, "These days, Dunfermline seem to be inundated with old codgers."

We felt that it was just about time to rip that one apart, so here for your information (and Graham's if he wants to stop and listen to somebody other than himself for a change), are a few facts about last Saturday's matches:

- The youngest player starting for any side in the Premier League last Saturday was John Fraser of Dunfermline Athletic.
- The average age of Dunfermline's outfield players last Saturday was 26.8 years. The average age of Rangers outfield players was 28.3 years.
- Dunfermline substitute 'nobbly-kneed' Harry Curran is 31. Rangers super sub Gordon Durie is 32. (What would Graham have said if Gordon had scored?)

## AND FINALLY...

Thanks to the 'Scotsman' and others for pointing out Jim White's error on Radio Clyde last Saturday when Dunfermline were playing Rangers at Ibrox. Long known for his blue views, Jim was heard to comment, "Let's hope they can score a few more" when Porrini gave Rangers the lead. Perhaps Jim was only blurring out what many others hope will happen but are afraid to say. Now we understand a bit more clearly those who say watching 'Scotsport' is like watching the 'Rangers Hour'!



# TALKING SERGIO DUARTE POINTS

**MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF THE EVER-INCREASING** number of foreign players being imported to the Premier League. Europeans and Scandinavians now appear profligate in the major top ten sides, and here at East End Park, two of our three foreign players are from those areas. However, Dunfermline are the only club in the top ten to boast a Brazilian, which is quite a coup in itself.

Today's subject for interview, Sergio Duarte, kicked off his career in his homeland with club football first at Nacional F.C. and then the famous Flamingo in Rio De Janeiro. From there, he moved on to further his career in Portugal for the next nine years, spending the majority of that time with Sporting Club Farense, and latterly with Boavista. The Brazilian mid-fielder then decided to try his luck in British football, and arrived in Scotland to have a trial with high flying Hearts, which for one reason or another, did not work out. Bert Paton brought him to East End Park, and he made a surprise first team appearance as a trialist against Dundee United. He made such a profound impression, that he was given a contract until the end of the season. Bob Storie spoke to Sergio at East End Park recently, to test out how the Brazilian's English was improving, and to find out how he was enjoying life in Scotland.....

### **What made you decide to try your luck in Scottish Football?**

"Being a professional means that I must consider all offers open to me when they are presented. My contract with Boavista had come to an end, and amongst the options given to me was an invitation for a trial with Hearts, in Edinburgh. That situation all took place very quickly, and I took part in a reserve game with them when perhaps I was not fully prepared as I would have liked to be - I lacked a little match fitness. The game itself was difficult, but I felt good about most parts of my game. However, the option to continue was not taken up, and then Dunfermline

came to speak to me. Once again, I played as a trialist against Dundee United, and I enjoyed the game very much. The club have retained me now until the end of this season, and I am very happy about that. I am enjoying myself very much here!"

### **What are your impressions of the Club so far?**

"Mr Paton is a good man to work with, he and his assistants work so hard to get the team prepared for match days. Results have not been so good in recent games, and that can sometimes have an effect on team morale. Here, though, morale is not a problem, as the players here have such a great spirit and determination. They all put in such hard work at their training. They all want so much to succeed. Sometimes however, luck has to play its part if results are to come."

"The fans, too, are very good - unbelievable! I have not seen their like for passion since I left Brazil! They are always pulling for their players, they seem so close to the play, it is almost as if they're on top of you! They have been very good to me, and have made me welcome out on the field, and I thank them for that!"

### **Are your family happy here in Scotland?**

"I am glad to say that, yes, they have settled in very well here in Scotland. It cannot be easy to be uprooted to different parts of the world, as my profession takes me where the best offer is made. My wife and children have taken it all very well, and my youngsters are at school, luckily, and are learning their English very well. So too, is my

