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THE BERT PATON COLUMN

WE HAVE HAD TO FACE a very tough schedule since our last match here at East End Park with games against Celtic (in the Coca Cola Cup), Rangers and Hearts all away from home. I am disappointed with all of those results, but every club will go through a spell where they are under the cosh.

Fans will remember in our last match here that we very nearly snatched a win against Dundee United. I wasn't at all pleased with our first half performance - even if it was into the face of a howling gale, but I felt if we got a breakthrough we might have got back into it. As it happened, we could have won it in the end.

In the Coca Cola Cup match against Celtic we simply didn't make enough chances and I didn't feel that we played very well. We contained the threat of Larsson and Donnelly well enough but didn't threaten the Celtic goal. In fairness, Celtic's back four are looking very good at the moment. David Bingham had a chance and Hamish brought a save out of their keeper near the end, and who knows what might have happened if one of them had gone in.

We had no such worries against Rangers! Having had time now to sit and look at the game I feel that it was just one of those games where the circumstances were such that Rangers were going to do well. The return of Gough, all the hype about Gazza and him having to prove himself to the Rangers fans, and the fact that we'd had the cup game midweek didn't help. Rangers did play very well and our defending was shocking, making it a bad week for me.

Having the Hearts game postponed was the wrong time for the players to have a break after the Rangers game. It seemed that when we did play it took the first 15 minutes to get the Rangers game out of their systems. Once Hearts scored we moved up a gear and Gerry hit the post. We played well, had quite a lot of the play without ever creating many chances. Overall I felt that the score flattered Hearts and that the breaks went their way.

On the player front we still have a number of injuries and as

everyone could see on Wednesday, Gerry Britton is still struggling to get back to full fitness. Marc Millar is suspended for five games and Colin Miller will be going off for a fortnight on international duty after today. I am still looking for players, but I would like to say don't believe all that you read in the papers. One journalist had Craig Ireland training with Carlisle which is completely untrue. A number of English clubs have been looking at Craig, but he has not been training with them.

After having the kind of fixture list we've had, you'd think that the last thing I'd want is another match against Celtic today. On the contrary, I love these games. As I keep saying, these are the games that you become a professional footballer for - anybody not looking forward to this kind of game should take a good look at themselves.

The fans can look forward to it too. Despite our results, there was a great support for us at Tynecastle on Wednesday. I would dearly love to give them something to shout about today, but we will have to be at our very best. Celtic are the form team and have settled down very well under Wim Jansen. I know that I get pressure but it is nothing like what a manager in his position gets. I wish him well - but after today!



Bert Paton

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3rd : 1964/65, 1968/69	Scottish League Cup
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Champions : 1925/26	Central League
Runners-Up: 1912/13, 1933/34, 1954/55, 1957/58, 1972/73	Champions: 1910/11, 1911/12
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TODAY'S CELTIC VISITORS



MATCHES AGAINST CELTIC are always eagerly awaited at East End Park. Since the days of Jock Stein and indeed long before that, there have been connections between the two clubs which has made the rivalry involved in this particular encounter one of the more friendly ones (if such a thing exists in the Premier League!).

Dunfermline's earlier win against Celtic in Glasgow was probably the shock of the season to date - not so much because of the way that Celtic were playing, but more because Dunfermline had just come from a home defeat against Motherwell in which they had played poorly. If the recent run of results is to be believed, then Dunfermline will have to come up with another surprise performance today. The difference this time perhaps is that Celtic will be a different proposition. Most notably, Celtic's defence, for so long the butt of jokes about the club, has become the meanest in the Premier Division. The form of the back men has given Celtic the platform to turn in a series of consistent performances which has seen them go undefeated since that earlier win by Dunfermline. More importantly, they have at last climbed to the top of the Premier Division, and there is genuine confidence and belief that they can remain there. The fans would certainly enjoy that - after losing their unique nine-in-a-row record there was a flatness about Parkhead.

The prospect of preventing Rangers win a tenth title is no doubt a big motivation, but you get the feeling that at the moment Coach Wim Jansen has bigger fish to fry. His methodical approach is a far cry from the old Celtic 'up and at 'em style', but after a difficult baptism he has undoubtedly won the fans over. Unlike other Scottish clubs, Celtic at least made a creditable exit from Europe and have also reached the Coca Cola Cup Final. Ironically, it is the strong defence and the more patient approach - more traditionally the hallmarks of Rangers sides - which have brought the dividends to date and which are going to make the first 'Old Firm' match of the season such compelling viewing.

Before they get to that point, however, Celtic must get three points from East End Park today. Wim Jansen is unlikely to change his line-up significantly from that which has been performing so well of late.

In goals, he is sure to play former Bradford City custodian **JONATHAN GOULD**. The 29 year old keeper has been in great form since arriving for what everybody thought was going to be a short stay to do a fill-in job.

TOM BOYD has been reinstated in the right back position. Tom has been at Parkhead since 1992 and rarely lets the club down. 32 later this month, he will want to put in some good performances this term to ensure his place in France '98. 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.

Central defence now looks to have a settled look with the arrival of another 29 year old **MARK REIPER**. The giant centre half arrived at Parkhead in September from West Ham United and appears to have been the main factor in Celtic's vastly improved defensive performance. His influence certainly seems to have got to **ALAN STUBBS**. The 26 year old former Bolton Wanderers defender arrived in Scotland last year but had a difficult first season north of the border with injuries and loss of form. This year, however, after a sticky start, he has come very much into his own and is showing why Celtic were prepared to pay so much money for him. By way of defensive stand-by, Celtic can call upon former Roma stalwart **ENRICO ANNONI**.

One surprise inclusion in Celtic's midfield has been former Pars hero **JACKIE McNAMARA**. The 24 year old was deposed from his old right back berth when the new manager took over and things didn't look too good for Jackie. A new role and a return to form has seen him back in an established role in the Celtic line-up. He was certainly a thorn in Dunfermline's flesh in the Cup semi-final, but most Pars fans will be wishing him well in his quest for a place in next year's World Cup side. He will be joined in midfield by **CRAIG BURLEY**, a summer signing from Chelsea. Craig is another who is showing good form at the moment, and was of course the man whose fierce shot put Dunfermline out of the Coca Cola Cup. Wim Jansen's third preferred option in midfield appears to be **MORTEN WEIGHORST**. The 26 year old was signed from Dundee shortly after Jackie McNamara in December 1995, but failed to make the same impact as his team-mate - until recently that is. Now enjoying a new lease of life, he seems at the moment able to keep such talented players as **PHIL O'DONNELL** and **DAVID HANNAH** out of the side so he must be playing well.

Up front, Wim Jansen likes to play **REGI BLINKER** in a wide role. Signed in the summer as part of the deal which saw Paulo Di Cannio move to Sheffield Wednesday, Regi likes to take defenders on in much the same way that Di Cannio did. Whether he will become quite so popular (and unpopular!) remains to be seen. Swedish striker **HENRIK LARSSON** was one of Celtic's big summer buys, and has arguably been the most successful purchase of the new regime to date. Perhaps not an out and out striker of the old mould, he has nevertheless scored nine goals to date and has created many more by his clever play around the box. Making up the remaining place in the starting line-up will be **SIMON DONNELLY**. The 22 year old is the only current first team player who is a product of the club's youth policy. Ten goals to date this season, and in the kind of form which has given him a Scotland recall.



Pictures From The Semi-Final



Henrik Larsen gets ahead of Marc Millar to fire in a header



Pars skipper for the night Dave Barnett w as in fine form in the semi-final



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THE PARS NEWSDESK

OUT, BUT NOT DISGRACED

So Dunfermline's Coca Cola Cup run has ended for

another year with the 1-0 defeat at the hands of Celtic. But there was no disgrace in Pars performance. Those who feared (or hoped for) a repeat of 1989 or 1996 did not get it, thanks mainly to a stuffy rather than a thrilling performance by the Pars. As Bert Paton mentions in his column, Dunfermline didn't create enough chances, but then again neither did Celtic. As a TV spectacular the game was pretty hopeless, which is a bit unfortunate because those in the press box who rarely, if ever, see Dunfermline except for these sort of occasions would again go away with an unrepresentative view.

A word about the fans. Well done to the 3,000 who did turn out to support the Pars. Much was made about Dunfermline fans not buying tickets, but Celtic fans - less than 25,000 of them - didn't exactly flock to the match either.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO SERGIO!

It all seems like old news, but the Pars Programme would like to officially welcome Brazilian midfielder Sergio Duarte to East End Park. Sergio was surprisingly included in Pars line-up as a trialist for the Dundee United game, but it appeared a wise move as he made an important contribution to the match. He has since signed on to the end of this season at least, much to the delight of Pars manager Bert Paton.

A 30 year old midfielder from Manaus in Brazil, Sergio began his career with Nacional FC and Flamengo in Rio De Janeiro before moving to Portugal. He played Portuguese League football for nine years in total, the first seven of which were with Sporting Club Farense before playing two seasons with Boavista.

Although Sergio knew very little about Scottish football before moving here, he is delighted to have signed the contract. One of the reasons he gave for doing so was the very warm reception given him on his debut against Dundee United. Although Sergio speaks little English, he is quite sure that he'll have no difficulty in communicating. In fact he says that most of the sides that he's played with have a large number of players speaking different languages.

Sergio will be bringing his family over to Scotland very

shortly. He is married to Sandra, and has two children Caroline, aged three, and Sergio, aged two.

His performances as a defensive midfielder would suggest that he could become a very great favourite with the fans. Welcome!

COLIN BREAKS INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES RECORD

Pars full back and sometime skipper Colin Miller has put a new record in the Pars history books by becoming the most capped internationalist while serving with Dunfermline. Colin returned from international duty a couple of weeks ago to make an appearance in the Coca Cola Cup semi-final and will be off again after today's game for two more weeks of international competition - little wonder then that since signing for Dunfermline almost exactly two years ago to the day (on 4th November 1995 to be precise) he has made 14 international appearances for Canada. This passes the previous record of 13 caps by Istvan Kozma for Hungary while he was a player here.

We also believe that Colin's full total of 59 internationals could be a Canadian national record. All of this is at present unofficial, and Colin is seeking confirmation of all these facts from the Canadian FA.

BITS AND PIECES

We wish Craig Robertson a speedy recovery from injury. Craig managed to make (only just!) his 300th appearance in a Pars shirt when he started the game against Dundee United, thus putting himself in a very small band of players who have achieved that feat.....

Whisper it quietly, but our 7-0 defeat against Rangers was our biggest Premier League defeat, and also the biggest league defeat since 7th April 1951 when Ayr United (yes, honestly!) cuffed us 8-0. When the pain has died down we could do a little piece on the greatest defeats we've suffered.....

Sergio Duarte's arrival begs one of those quiz questions about when was the last time a Brazilian played for Dunfermline. Some of the papers have taken great delight in poking fun at the Pars about this but in fact there has been one. Joachim Filho was signed on a short term contract in 1965 from the Brazilian club Juventus of Sao Paolo. He was only at the club a short time and at the end of his stay he gifted his continental-style boots (a rarity at the time) to none other than Bert Paton. A true story!

AUTUMN GLASGOW FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1997 - This annual event, which will be of interest to Pars and Celtic programme collectors based in the west, takes place in the Buchanan Suite in the INGRAM HOTEL, Ingram Street, Glasgow. All Scotland's leading dealers will be in attendance and this is your chance to fill those gaps in your collection or sell or exchange those spare programmes. The events lasts from 11am to 3pm.



Pars semi-final Mascot Ewan Cockburn in the Ibrox tunnel with Pars skipper Dave Barnett



TALKING GREG SHIELDS POINTS



HAVING NOW COMPLETED OUR FIRST ROUND OF GAMES against Premier opposition, it is not unusual to have a recap on progress, probably all the more enlightening as the temptation is to use the new games as a comparison to overall performances last season. The best means of barometer reading would be to ask a new edition to the squad, and after a hectic settling in period, who better to ask than summer signing Greg Shields, who joined us from champions Rangers during the summer.

Manager Bert Paton certainly wasted no time in bringing Greg to East End Park, rating him highly enough to pay the highest fee this manager has paid for his services. Aged 21, Greg actually went to school in the town, but cut his footballing teeth in Edinburgh, playing for Salveson Boys Club. At 15, he was offered terms as a professional with Rangers, and signed on at Ibrox in the summer of 1993. With a veritable army of celebrity starts from all over Europe, it was always going to be hard for a local lad to make good on first team duty, but Greg stuck to the task, making his debut at the end of the 95/96 season against Kilmarnock. A further few appearances last season, one in the European Champions League, confirmed his emergence from the shadows, and his performances were of more than a passing interest to Dunfermline's management team, who were keen to secure him. Signed to a three year deal, Greg spoke to Bob Storie in a recent interview....

A crushing defeat from Rangers, our worst ever in the Premier League - was it all really that bad?

"It was just one of these days for Rangers, I think. They were absolutely on the top of their form, and everything they did came off for them. We were never allowed to get into the game, they had us so bottled up and tightly marked. It was a massive disappointment, because we really did



go into the game with high hopes. We went well fired up for it, but that's the way we should be for all games of that calibre. It would be easy for people to say that we were all tired after the Coca Cola Cup semi against Celtic, but that wasn't the case. The boss said before the game that we weren't going into this match as sacrificial lambs, and that's how we approached it. At half-time, Bert and Dick just told us to get back out, sit tighter through the middle, and try to play out closer to their defensive line. However, it all backfired on us, as they just picked up the pace, got between us, and punished us. Negri and Gascoigne were outstanding, but Richard Gough made a big difference to their back line. There was more organisation to their defence, it was much more solid, and his presence has made a big difference. As for Gazza, he's capable of playing like that every week if he wanted to - I just hope that it's not against us again - definitely not what I wanted to remind me of my Ibrox days!"

We were perhaps closer to a result in the Coca Cola Cup semi-final - what was the overall feeling about this game?

"The conditions on the night were not the best for either side to really play to their best capacities. The result was a big disappointment,



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"As for Gazza, he's capable of playing like that every week if he wanted to - I just hope that it's not against us again!" - Greg Shields

but if it was any kind of consolation, at least it wasn't as bad a result as last season's tie in the semis against Rangers. The game was there for the winning, we could see that, and we kept Celtic tied down to long range shots, as we seemed to be holding them comfortably out of our penalty area. For all that they had more of the ball, I felt that the chances that fell for us were better ones. Even when they did score, they couldn't hit us with a sucker second goal straight away, which they have done against other sides this season. On the night, it wasn't to be, but cup runs are starting to happen for this club - maybe we'll have better luck in the Scottish Cup.

Duncan Ferguson has stated that he does not wish to play for Scotland again - what are your views on this?

"Every player should want to play for their country, no matter what! I don't really want to, or need to, say any more than that on this subject."

Media hysteria is placing enormous interest in certain quarters of this game, namely with Roy Aitken and Walter Smith - should this be allowed?

"When all is said and done about the press, it's their job to point accusing fingers, isn't it? There's all kinds of pressures on football managers, in all areas of the game, big clubs and small clubs. It's just that the big clubs get more exposure - Aberdeen in the domestic game, and Rangers because of Europe. I feel a bit sorry for big Roy Aitken. He's got a tough job on his hands trying to rebuild a successful team up at Aberdeen, and bury the ghosts of former glories. Walter Smith has had to live with every with everyone's expectations of instant big-name glory with expensive new players, without the realisation that it takes time to get a settled look to a new sole. Liverpool's defeat against Strasbourg put a lot into perspective - it's not all doom and gloom."

Video evidence has been used in England to clear an ordering off offence for a player - is this a good direction to take?

"Yes, undoubtedly! Referees often get caught up in events on the pitch. TV can now take the steps towards exonerating players, and helping in delivery of a fairer kind of justice - I'm all for it."

Scotland have made it to France '98 - how well can we do?

"Hopefully, get past the first hurdle this time by winning our opening game! That would be a big boost. We have no reason to fear the big sides, Scotland have performed well against Holland and Sweden in recent games, and our squad is the strongest it's been for years - we've only lost one game in qualifying! Next year could see the break-through on a regular basis for Simon Donnelly, Jackie McNamara, Even Robbie Winters could show well, and Christian Dailly - we've a lot to be confident about!"

We now have a Brazilian at East End Park - what's everyone's impression of Sergio Duarte?

"Well, his English is pretty poor right now - he's got a wee dictionary with him all the time to ask what words to use! Seriously, though, we're all looking forward to seeing what difference he can make to the side. Sergio's had to play in three hard games for us, which is not perfect to judge him on - after all, it's a big change for him to come here. At the moment, he's playing just in front of the back four, so it will take him time to adjust to the pace of our game. He's got the skill, though - he hit a screamer of a goal from forty yards out in training this week - quite spectacular!"

GREG SHIELDS - CAREER PROFILE

Born: 21st August 1976
in Falkirk

Previous Club: Rangers

Date Signed: 30th June 1997

APPEARANCES:

	League	Lge Cup	Scot Cup	Other	Total
For Pars	9(0)	4(0)	0(0)	0(0)	13(0)
For Others	7(0)	1(1)	0(0)	2(0)	10(1)

GOALS:

	League	Lge Cup	Scot Cup	Other	Total
For Pars	0	0	0	0	0
For Others	0	0	0	0	0





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SAMMY'S WORLD....

Hi Kids,
Well, I have been working hard since my last column in the programme almost a month ago! Straight after the Dundee United THRILLER I went off to my winter training camp at Lochanully, by Carrbridge. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fraser from Cairneyhill who told me that his daughter is a big Pars fan, and also a big Sammy fan (Blush!). Hopefully I will be able to meet her this afternoon for a photograph! During the break I have also had the THRILL of presenting a lottery grant cheque at Abbeyview clinic, I had a THRILLING time at a car launch (I thought it was boats that were launched - ed!) in the Citroen garage at Abercromby Motors last Thursday (I do hope that Colin has now managed to repair all the damage to the showroom!), and, as if all that was not enough, I was THRILLED to take part in the Exxon Chemicals open day last Saturday, where organiser Tom Reid could not stop laughing at my performance of the scarf trick (you know the one Tom!).

Back to today's serious business now though, and my pre-match routine should now be rather obvious with the Hallowe'en connection! I hope you enjoy it, because I've spent a lot of time practising. Do you realise how hard it is to moonwalk in my huge boots?

Finally..... lets cheer on the team today against Celtic, and hope we avenge the cup semi-final defeat. You can help the team by singing today's Selected Sammy Song which should be sung as loud as you can.....

Ole Ole Ole Ole... We are The Pars, We are the Pars!
Ole Ole Ole Ole... We are The Pars, We are the Pars!
Love and Cuddles, Sammy

YOUNG PARS NEWS

Hello everyone. First of all, our apologies to all of you for the cancellation of the coaching sessions during the October holidays. We know that you were all disappointed and we hope to arrange some alternative sessions later in the season.



Looking ahead, Christmas is looming up, so watch out for details of special Young Pars Festive Fun! You'll be receiving a News Bulletin soon, so get those brains working and enter a special competition to win a fantastic prize! All will be revealed later!

COMPETITION TIME

Win a pair of Stand tickets for the game against Aberdeen on Saturday 22nd November. Just answer this question - Who are Aberdeen F.C.'s shirt sponsors this season?

Answers to Jean Nelson, 54 Moncur Street, Townhill, Dunfermline, KY12 0HJ.

A GRAND DAY OUT!

Young Par, Peter Shaw, was the winner of a recent newsletter competition and his prize was the chance to interview a Pars player of his choice. Peter's favourite player is Ian Westwater, and during the October School holidays, Peter was invited to East End Park to interview Ian. Peter asked some very interesting questions and the whole interview will be published in a future Young Pars Newsletter. Well done Peter, and many thanks to Ian Westwater for taking the time out to do this for us during a very busy week.

YOUNG PARS BIRTHDAY BOARD

Happy Birthday greetings go to the following Young Pars - Gavin Bridges, Craig Nicol, Andrew Dunsmore, Keiran Lynch and Craig Rodgie.

YOUNG PARS PATTEN

Congratulations to Euan Cockburn from Crossford, who was the Dunfermline Mascot at the Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final at Ibrox. Hope you enjoyed yourself Euan!

Well done, also, to Andrew and Jonathon Dunsmore, who were involved in the pre-match build up at the Semi-Final.

Another mystery sighting of a Young Pars supporter! Do you know the boy who was on a guided tour of Newcastle's St. James' Park on Wednesday October 8th. He was spotted wearing a Dunfermline Strip! Write in and let us know!

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Jim McDonald's WORLD OF FOOTBALL

FORKED TONGUE

We read it in "Scotland on Sunday" three weeks ago, but couldn't believe it. There was Jonathan Northcroft in his "Coca Cola" preview welcoming... "the resurgence of Dunfermline, the kind of team people just fall in love with", going on to say, "I first fell in love with Dunfermline when I was eight. Down on holiday my cousin took me to East End Park. Dunfermline were in the old Second Division, playing Berwick Rangers, who had no travelling support, so the home fans sang songs to each other and threw beer cans in the air when there was a goal. Dunfermline have not always lived up to the local spirit but they do now." "From the side who were felt to lack the bottle to get promoted, but did, supposed to lack the craft to stay up but have, and who are dishing out more nose bleeds to the mighty than ever..." Could this be the same Jonathan Northcroft who tipped the Pars for relegation before a ball had been kicked in earnest this season? Could this be the same Jonathan Northcroft who was so short of things to criticise us for last season that he had a go at the club badge?

Naturally we welcome the "new" Jonathan, but hope that, as First Nations' person Chief Sitting Bull might have said, "White man speaks with forked tongue..." does not apply in this case. Judge for yourself as the season progresses. Now we'll get to work on Gerry...

SORRY FOLKS

Seemingly some of our ranting in "World of Football" upset a few guys last time out. My mate Chris was deeply offended that I should suggest that in "wall to wall Euro week" he took in more than 20 matches on the box. I stand corrected. Chris took time off to play "Fantasy Football" on his PC!

Others slightly miffed were some of our readers from Scunthorpe – because we failed to mention that the "Iron" v Everton was also on telly that week. Just can't win – but to show we're into "customer care" here are a few things you won't read in the "Daily Ranger":

- In the 1970's through to the 90's the Club finished in the bottom 14 "roll of honour" based on final league placing – but at the time of writing is riding high in fifth place in Division Three.
- The Glanford Park side is one of the only nine current League sides never to supply a full international – although Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence both started out with Scunthorpe, and Club Vice-President and former player Ian Botham, did gain a few caps on the cricket field.
- The Club is presently led by its 20th post-war manager and has the distinction of having had the manager with the shortest-ever reign... Bill Lampton stuck it out for all of three days in 1959!
- Jack Brownsword made 595 League appearances for United between 1950 and 1965 and is one of only 19 over 40's to have turned out in a Football League Fixture.
- In February this year Scunthorpe took top billing in a six-week Royal Mail advertising campaign, chosen ahead of Man United and the like, "... because the campaign needed a team everyone could relate to".

Happy, guys? Come away the "Iron"!



BRING ON THE WIGTOWN AND BLADNOCH

Some of us got lucky a fortnight ago – we gave a body swerve to the return of "Richard the Lionheart" – one trip to Ibrox was enough for one week. Through tear filled eyes we watched the highlights on "Scotsport" and had to agree with "SoS" columnist Phil Gordon that we were "dreadful" – but disagree with his assertion that we were spineless. Never! Scant consolation that Hibs suffered a similar fate two seasons ago – nor that we managed to avoid the record 8 – 0 defeat inflicted on Motherwell by Aberdeen 18 years ago. But how did it rate in terms of "great gubbings we have known"?

The records show that Hibs beat us 11-1 in 1889/90; Celtic went "one over the eight" without reply in 1927/28; and Dundee walloped the "Pars" 10 – 0 fifty years ago. For the "Old Firm", the League Cup has been a happy hunting ground. Rangers hit us for six last season (6-1) and also banged in six in 1970/71 (6-0). Celtic had a 6-0 win in 1956/57 and really rubbed it in 15 years ago, beating us 7-1 at East End and 6-0 at Celtic Park. Our heaviest defeat in the League Cup, incidentally, was a 7-nil job by the "Magnificent Men of Methil" in 1946/47.

The sorest gubbing of all, though, surely must have been the 6-0 "doing" in the Ne'erday game at Kirkcaldy in 1982/83 – and the 7-nil Scottish Cup "upset against Airdrie in 1954/55. Agreed ??

Don't despair – the good news is that we've managed to dish it out, too. Our all-time record is a 15-1 thumping of Dunfermline FC (!) In 1886/87; Stenhousemuir were hammered 11-2 in 1930/31; Harry Melrose helped himself to six goals in a 10-1 victory over Partick Thistle in 1959; Wigtown and Bladnoch copped it 9-0 in 1962; and Bert Paton was in the side when the "Pars" humped Apoel 10-1 in a Cup Winners' Cup tie in 1968.

Others to have suffered at our hand post-war include: Fraserburgh and Ayr United, both beaten 7-0 in the Cup in 1964; Clyde 7-2, including an Alex Ferguson hat-trick in 1964/65; The "Wee Team" 6-0 in 1962/63; and Dundee 6-1 in 1988; not to mention resounding victories over Balintore, Ukrainians Philadelphia, Rochester Lancers (NY) and Hanga (Norway)!

One setback I almost forgot to mention was a 6-kill job in a pre-season visit to Bordeaux in 1988. But that was one of the five-day occasions when the result was incidental.

Now I'm a great believer in the Law of Averages, so someone, somewhere, sometime must be in for a real drubbing by "the Pars" – I hope. Bring on the Wigtown and Bladnoch!

AND FINALLY

Maybe Spartak Moscow had the right idea when it comes to keeping the score down. The club was ordered to replay its UEFA Cup match against FC Sion because the crossbars in the Locomotive Stadium were almost five inches lower than regulation size. Shades of Graeme Souness reducing the dimensions of the Ibrox pitch a few years ago!



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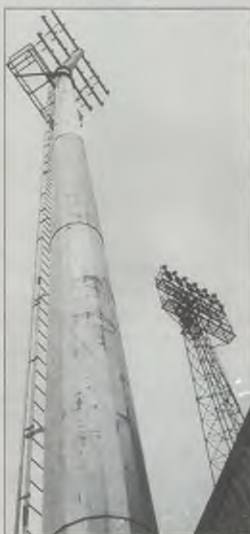
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AROUND EAST END PARK

MONTY PYLONS ARRIVE AT LAST

Dunfermline's new floodlighting system will be switched on today for the first time if all things go according to plan. Thank God for that and about time we can hear the photographers saying, but joking apart, the new state of the art system will replace Dunfermline's original floodlights which were first installed in 1958. They are the latest step in the ground improvement programme which is now well under way at East End Park. In addition, the new smart entrance porch and paving are also complete giving the old stadium frontage a much-needed improvement.



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Transport:

Coaches will depart East End park at 1.30pm for next week's game against St Johnstone. Supporters wishing to travel please book seats by either contacting the Supporters Club Office after today's game or phone Caron on 01383 515601. New members welcome.

METRO CENTRE:

Bookings are being taken for our Christmas Shopping Trip to the Metro Centre on Sunday 7th December, leaving East End Park at 8.00am, and arriving at Gateshead at about 10.45am for opening time. You will depart at 5.00pm, arriving back at 8.00pm. Prices, to be confirmed at £7-00.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR DINNER DANCE:

This will take place at the Halfway House, Kingseat on Saturday 18th April 1998. More details later.

TWO MASCOTS:

A special mention for two mascots. Firstly, Ewan Cockburn of Crossford who was our mascot at the Coca Cola Cup semi-final, and secondly today's 'senior' mascot David Bates of Inverkeithing who celebrated his 50th birthday on Tuesday. Hope you both have great memories of these special occasions.

PARKGATE TRAVEL CLUB

The club are running a bus to the St Johnstone game next week, departing Dunfermline Fire Station 1.15pm, and Parkgate, Rosyth at 1.30pm. Please contact Sandra Wilson on 01383 415885 for further details.

JUBILEE TRAVEL CLUB

The bus for the St Johnstone game will leave the Jubilee Club next Saturday at 12.00 noon. Please telephone Phil McFadden on 01383 724745 to reserve your seat.

Also, a very happy birthday to Alice Callaghan from Pat and everyone at the Jubilee Club - 21 again!!!

LOTHIAN '68 CLUB

The Lothian '68 Club bus for the St Johnstone match on 8th November will leave Ryries, Haymarket at 12 noon and will pick up at the following places:

South Queensferry - Forth Bridge	12.20 pm
Admiralty Roundabout, Rosyth	12.25 pm
East End Park	12.35 pm

Anyone wanting to book a seat can contact Davie Sutherland on 0131 332 7723

THE TOTAL FOOTBALL KING PIE AWARDS

Last year Kilmarnock ran off with the Total Football King Pie Trophy, the final of which was held on Radio Five Live. The judges said that the Killie pie was, "a first class pie: the pastry forms a delectable casing for an exceptionally meaty filling and thick gravy taste." Since then the Killie pies have been selling like hot cakes!

This year the judges are looking for the following qualities:

- quality of pastry; • taste; • temperature; • shape of pie; • value for money

If you think you've tasted the best, why not enter by filling in the form in issue 27 of Total Football or write to King Pie, Total Football, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BV.

FESTIVE FUN AT EAST END PARK

Remember, if you're looking for a great venue for your Christmas 'do' or office party, East End Park's the place. The Jock Stein Suite, already renowned for its unrivalled match day hospitality, can provide great food, fine wines, magic music, fun and games, and lots more besides.

The full festive menu is now available and arrangements can be made to cater for your own very individual requirements. A few dates are left so contact the Commercial Department now for booking forms.



ALL THE PARS STATS

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS AT A GLANCE

	Bells League Apps Gls	Coca Cola Cup Apps Gls	Tennents Scot. Cup Apps Gls	TOTALS Apps Gls
D. BARNETT	7(0) 0	3(0) 0	0(0) 0	10(0) 0
D. BINGHAM	6(1) 3	4(0) 0	0(0) 0	10(1) 3
G. BRITTON	2(2) 1	0(1) 0	0(0) 0	2(3) 1
H. CURRAN	5(1) 0	4(0) 0	0(0) 0	9(1) 0
I. DEN BIEMAN	0(8) 0	1(2) 0	0(0) 0	1(10) 0
S. DUARTE	3(0) 0	1(0) 0	0(0) 0	4(0) 0
D. FLEMING	1(1) 0	1(1) 0	0(0) 0	2(2) 0
J. FRASER	1(2) 0	0(1) 0	0(0) 0	1(3) 0
H. FRENCH	10(0) 2	4(0) 2	0(0) 0	14(0) 4
C. IRELAND	1(0) 0	0(0) 0	0(0) 0	1(0) 0
M. MILLAR	4(0) 1	1(1) 0	0(0) 0	5(1) 1
C. MILLER	9(0) 0	2(1) 0	0(0) 0	11(2) 0
A. MOORE	7(2) 0	4(0) 1	0(0) 0	11(2) 1
S. PETRIE	6(2) 1	3(0) 0	0(0) 0	9(2) 1
C. ROBERTSON	2(0) 0	0(0) 0	0(0) 0	2(0) 0
R. SHARP	1(0) 0	0(1) 0	0(0) 0	1(1) 0
G. SHAW	1(3) 0	0(0) 0	0(0) 0	1(3) 0
G. SHIELDS	10(0) 0	4(0) 0	0(0) 0	14(0) 0
A. SMITH	10(0) 4	4(0) 5	0(0) 0	14(0) 9
A. TOD	10(0) 3	4(0) 0	0(0) 0	14(0) 3
S. WELSH	4(0) 0	0(0) 0	0(0) 0	4(0) 0
I. WESTWATER	10(0) 0	4(0) 2*	0(0) 0	10(0) 2*

Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute
*Denotes shut-out by goalkeeper CORRECT AT 30TH OCTOBER 1997

KEY TO STATS

Goalscorers (and the number of goals scored) are noted in capitals. The first named substitute is No. 12, the second named No. 14 and the third named is No. 15. If a substitute is brought on, the number of the player he has replaced appears in brackets after his name. If no such number appears after a player's name, the player has remained on the bench, and this does not constitute a substitute appearance.



Month	Date	Opposition	Score	Goals	Assists	Attendance	Opposition	Score	Goals	Assists	Attendance										
Aug.	Sat. 2	MOTHERWELL	H 0-2	5,746			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	SHARP	TOD	BARNETT	IRELAND	CURRAN	MILLER	SMITH	FRENCH	FRASER	MOORE(11)	PETRIE(3)	LEMAJIC	
	Sat. 9	AYR UNITED CCC RND 2	H 5-1	3,283			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE	BINGHAM	SMITH 4	FRENCH 1	PETRIE	SHARP(3)	FLEMING(10)	FRASER(6)	
	Sat. 16	CELTIC	A 2-1	46,206			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE	BINGHAM 1	SMITH	FRENCH 1	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(8)	FLEMING(11)	FRASER(9)	
	Wed. 20	ST MIRREN CCC RND 3	H 2-0	4,576			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	DEN BIEMAN	CURRAN	MOORE	BINGHAM	SMITH 1	FRENCH 1	PETRIE	FRASER	YOUNG	LEMAJIC	
	Sat. 23	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H 2-1	8,823			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD 1	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE	BINGHAM	SMITH 1	FRENCH	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(7)	FRASER(8)	LEMAJIC	
	Sat. 30	ST JOHNSTONE	H 2-2	6,523			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD 2	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE	BINGHAM	SMITH	FRENCH	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(8)	FLEMING	LEMAJIC	
Sept.	Tues. 9	HEARTS (CCC Q/F)	H 1-0	11,060			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	FLEMING	TOD	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE 1	BINGHAM	SMITH	FRENCH	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(8)	MILLER(6)	MILLAR(11)	
	Sat. 13	HIBERNIAN	A 2-5	10,070			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	BARNETT	CURRAN	MOORE	MILLAR 1	SMITH	FRENCH	FLEMING	DEN BIEMAN(5)	PETRIE 1(7)	BINGHAM(11)	
	Sat. 20	KILMARNOCK	H 1-1	5,374			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	WELSH	FRENCH	MOORE	MILLAR	SMITH 1	PETRIE	BINGHAM	DEN BIEMAN(9)	GE. SHAW(3)	LEMAJIC	
	Sat. 27	ABERDEEN	A 2-1	9,000			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	WELSH	MILLAR	BINGHAM 1	ROBERTSON	SMITH	FRENCH	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(3)	GE. SHAW(7)	BRITTON 1(9)	
Oct.	Sat. 4	DUNDEE UNITED	H 3-3	5,829			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	WELSH	TOD	ROBERTSON	DUARTE	MOORE	BINGHAM 1	SMITH 1	FRENCH 1	PETRIE	DEN BIEMAN(5)	BRITTON(11)	YOUNG	
	Tues. 14	CELTIC CCC S/F	N 0-1	27,796			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLAR	TOD	BARNETT	DUARTE	MOORE	CURRAN	SMITH	FRENCH	BINGHAM	DEN BIEMAN(6)	BRITTON(11)	MILLER(3)	
	Sat. 18	RANGERS	A 0-7	49,696			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	BARNETT	DUARTE	MOORE	FRENCH	SMITH	BRITTON	MILLAR	DEN BIEMAN(10)	CURRAN(3)	GE SHAW(7)	
	Wed. 29	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A 1-3	14,493			WESTWATER	SHIELDS	MILLER	TOD	BARNETT	WELSH	GE SHAW	DUARTE	SMITH	FRENCH 1	BRITTON	MOORE(11)	CURRAN	MILLAR	
Nov.	Sat. 1	CELTIC	H																		
	Sat. 8	ST JOHNSTONE	A																		
	Sat. 15	HIBERNIAN	H																		
	Sat. 22	ABERDEEN	H																		
	Sat. 29	KILMARNOCK	A																		
Dec.	Sat. 6	DUNDEE UNITED	A																		
	Sat. 15	RANGERS	H																		
	Sat. 20	MOTHERWELL	A																		
	Sat. 27	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H																		
Jan.	Sat. 3	ST JOHNSTONE	H																		
	Sat. 10	HIBERNIAN	A																		
	Sat. 17	ABERDEEN	A																		
	Sat. 24	SCOTTISH CUP ROUND 3																			
	Sat. 31	KILMARNOCK	H																		
Feb.	Sat. 7	RANGERS	A																		
	Sat. 14	SCOTTISH CUP ROUND 4																			
	Sat. 21	DUNDEE UNITED	H																		
	Wed. 25	CELTIC	A																		
	Sat. 28	MOTHERWELL	H																		
Mar.	Sat. 7	SCOTTISH CUP ROUND 5																			
	Sat. 14	ABERDEEN	H																		
	Sat. 21	KILMARNOCK	A																		
	Sat. 28	RANGERS	H																		
Apr.	Sat. 4	DUNDEE UNITED	A																		
	Sat. 11	ST JOHNSTONE	A																		
	Sat. 18	HIBERNIAN	H																		
	Sat. 25	MOTHERWELL	A																		
May.	Sat. 2	CELTIC	H																		
	Sat. 9	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A																		



Jim Miller looks a happy man after being presented with the Nifty 50/50 winnings at the Dundee United game from Colin Miller

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...and just to keep you in the Christmas spirit, the Pars are running a competition in conjunction with the 'Dunfermline Press'. If you can name these three mystery Santas you might win a day out at East End Park for the Aberdeen game - see The Press for details.

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts	Top Scorer	Av Gate
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
CELTIC	9	3	0	1	9	2	4	0	1	10	6	21	DONNELLY 10	47,845	
HEARTS	10	3	0	1	10	5	4	0	2	12	7	21	HAMILTON 5, McCANN 5	14,222	
RANGERS	9	3	2	0	20	7	3	0	1	10	5	20	NEGRI 23	49,051	
HIBERNIAN	10	3	1	2	15	9	0	2	2	3	6	12	CHARNLEY 4	11,881	
ST JOHNSTONE	10	1	1	3	3	7	2	2	1	5	5	12	GRANT 2, O'BOYLE 2	7,816	
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	10	1	3	1	8	9	2	0	3	7	17	12	SMITH 9	6,426	
KILMARNOCK	10	2	0	3	4	9	1	2	2	3	10	11	WRIGHT 7	9,795	
DUNDEE UNITED	10	2	1	2	9	6	0	3	2	7	12	10	WINTERS 14	9,108	
ABERDEEN	10	1	2	2	5	6	1	3	6	6	11	9	NEWELL 6, DODDS 6	11,654	
MOTHERWELL	10	0	1	4	5	11	1	2	8	8	9	8	COYNE 6	7,791	

CORRECT AT 30TH OCTOBER 1997. GOALSCORERS TOTALS INCLUDE ALL MATCHES. ATTENDANCES ARE FOR LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY.

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Hibernian v Dundee United		
Rangers v Kilmarnock		
St Johnstone v Motherwell		
FIRST DIVISION		
Airdrieonians v Raith Rovers		
Dundee v Partick Thistle		
Hamilton Academical v Greenock Morton		
Stirling Albion v St Mirren		
SECOND DIVISION		
Forfar Athletic v Clyde		
Inverness C.T. v Brechin City		
Stenhousemuir v East Fife		
Stranraer v Livingston		
THIRD DIVISION		
Berwick Rangers v Albion Rovers		
Cowdenbeath v Alloa Athletic		
East Stirlingshire v Arbroath		
Montrose v Dumfries		
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THE PROGRAMME PAST

THE VISITS OF CELTIC have always brought a special atmosphere to East End Park and today will be no exception, despite the current ground capacity being reduced to 12,968. As the new stadium begins to take shape. "The Programme Past" goes back nearly thirty years to one of the most incredible nights in the long history of East End Park, when a match which had nothing at stake attracted a remarkable record breaking crowd.

• On Tuesday, April 30th, 1968 Dunfermline, that season's Scottish Cup Winners, took on Celtic, the League Champions. The previous Saturday saw the Pars defeat Hearts in the Cup Final, while Celtic won the title without kicking a ball.

• Long before the Final was played, it was realised that the game would clash with a possible championship decider at Ibrox, where Rangers were due to play Aberdeen. Rangers refused pleas from all four cup semi finalists to rearrange the date or time of their match, believing it to be a matter between the S.F.A. and the League.

• Whilst the Pars celebrated Cup success, Rangers were left wishing they had postponed their game as Aberdeen had run out 3-2 winners. Level on points with Celtic, Rangers needed the Pars to defeat their greatest rivals 16-0 for them to win the title – an impossibility, so Celtic were the Champions.

• This set the scene for Tuesday night in Dunfermline, the first time in Scottish Football history that the League Champions and Cup winners faced each other during the same season. All roads to the ground were packed solid and spectators squeezed their way into the game. When the gates were locked there were still thousands outside and many of them charged and broke down the west gate. Others scrambled over walls, desperate to get in. The surge forward caused problems inside, where fans desperately leapt onto the track, climbed the floodlight

pylons and, unbelievably, perched on the roof of the enclosure in their hundreds.

• The game was halted after only eight minutes at the request of the police. The crowd was swaying dangerously and the public address appealed for everyone to get down from the roof, as the game would not restart until they did so. When play resumed there was an alarming swaying of the crowd at the Crossgates corner and, horrifyingly, several crush barriers gave way. People tumbled down the

terracing and piled up at the bottom. The game stopped again as the injured were taken into the stand. A total of 49 spectators were injured.

• Tragically, a 67 year old Glasgow man died from injuries sustained in a fall from a garage roof while trying to find a way in to East End Park. Given the situation that night, the only surprise was that this was the only casualty.

• As for the match itself, Celtic attacked furiously but were surprised when Pat Gardner shot the Pars ahead in the 27th minute. Bobby Lennox levelled the scores two minutes into the second half. The Pars defended heroically in a game which was reported as having a "wild atmosphere" but had to concede defeat when Lennox scored again in the 71st minute.

• Celtic's 63 points was a record for a 34 match season, one better than Hearts' total in 1958. By winning at East End Park, Celtic also created a record of 16 away wins in a season.

• Another record was the attendance, officially given as 27,816 although this doesn't take into account the estimated 2-3,000 who broke in. It is believed that around 310 buses, five trains and other forms of transport carried about 19,000 Celtic fans to the game.

• A Celtic supporter from Glasgow, simply walked in through a hole in a wall, later sent Dunfermline a Postal Order for five shillings to cover his admittance!



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DUNFERMLINE'S EARLY YEARS...

Down And Depressed!

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC'S FIRST TASTE OF TOP FLIGHT FOOTBALL drew to its almost inevitable conclusion in 1928 but hopes of a quick return to the First Division were lost amidst the gloom of the Great Depression. High unemployment and poverty devastated much of the country, with the problems in West Fife exacerbated by the Government's decision to put Rosyth Dockyard into mothballs.

Although Bobby Skinner's transfer to Airdrie helped to pay off the loan required to purchase East End Park, the club was struggling to make ends meet and any chance of promotion disappeared with enforced transfers of several top quality players. Left winger Jimmy Stein went to Everton where his crosses

provided the legendary "Dixie" Dean with a good number of his goals. Stein went on to win a Championship medal in 1932 and the following year played, and scored, in Everton's 3-0 F.A. Cup final triumph over Manchester City.

Other players to leave the club during 1928/29 included Strachan, who went to Edinburgh City, left back Hall (Sunderland) and goalkeeper Harris (Manchester City). Dunfermline finished the season in a lowly 11th position but they at least survived to fight on, unlike Arthurlie and Bathgate who both resigned from the league.

The one positive aspect of the poor season was the discovery of another excellent striker, and a local one at that - Blairhall's Robert Syme. A strong player with a powerful shot, Syme grabbed the headlines with hat-tricks in three successive matches in the space of five days over the New Year period - against Albion Rovers on December 29th, Arthurlie on January 1st and Stenhousemuir the following day.

He scored 23 goals in around half a season but had other strings to his bow. Unusually for those days, Syme was something of a utility man, as skilful in midfield as he was deadly in attack - not only that, he frequently played in goal as well!

There was to be no improvement in season 1929/30. The Club rose by only one place in the Second Division and the average attendance dropped to an alarming 1,300. Armadale decided to continue as an amateur club and several local observers believed that the Pars might have followed their example. Another serious possibility was the re-introduction of the successful Central League.

The summer of 1930 saw the club brought to its knees

by financial problems. There were wholesale resignations from the board of directors and Chairman John Fraser failed in his bid for re-election. Former Secretary William Whyte took over and revealed that the club had lost £710 during the previous season and that the overdraft at the bank had reached its limit of £3,000. To make matters worse, the Inland Revenue demanded payment of tax arrears and had instructed a sheriff's officer to sell of some of the club's assets by public auction. At the last minute, the Pars sold two of its best players, Syme, scorer of 42 goals in 1929/30, to Manchester City for £750 and Dickson to Leicester for £200.

The upheaval didn't end there. Sandy Paterson, manager for five years, resigned to be replaced by Willie Knight, who had held the position prior to Paterson's appointment. A few new players were signed and the team adopted, briefly, a strange new strip consisting of maroon and yellow jerseys.

Although the survival of the club was ensured, the long term prospects remained bleak. In an attempt to improve the situation, a special meeting of shareholders agreed to issue additional share capital. With the depression biting hard fewer people could afford the shilling it cost to watch football at East End Park and the club's takings at the gate slumped. It wasn't as if the players were overpaid - at Dunfermline they were receiving £32 per week, with ten shillings bonus for a win and five shillings for a draw. After a match the players received a free meal at Dick's Co-operative Institute.

The changes very nearly led to promotion straight away. Despite an early defeat at the hands of eventual champions Third Lanark, the Pars won no fewer than twelve of their opening fifteen matches. This included an 11-2 thrashing of the unfortunate Stenhousemuir on September 27th, 1930, a result which remains Dunfermline's record league win.

The Pars also celebrated an away win over Bo'ness. Not really an occasion to savour, one might think, but it was the club's first victory over Bo'ness away from home in 22 years. By mid February, with only four defeats all season, a return to the First Division was very much on the cards. Then, a 1-0 defeat at St Johnstone saw the Pars embark on a miserable run of six defeats in ten matches. Despite this strange loss of form, the Pars were still in with a shot on that final day of the season. Third Lanark were already up and Dundee United led the Pars by a point as the two met at Tannadice. Sadly, Dunfermline couldn't recapture their early season form and United won 2-1 to gain promotion to the First Division for the third time in seven years.

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FAN'S CAROL GARNETT VIEW



OUR GRATEFUL THANKS this week to Carol Garnett of 71 Stoneyflatts Crescent, South Queensferry, who felt such emotion at the Dundee United game that she just felt she had to put her fans view on paper. As Carol, who describes herself as a 'wife/mother/nurse/Pars fan' says, "To experience such highs and lows in one and a half hours is unbelievable and only Dunfermline can do it!!" Anyway, with that introduction, here's how Carol saw the game against Dundee United on Saturday 4th October...

"As it is too painful to recall large chunks of the first half, let's skip it and go to the break during which my mind was in a depressive overdrive. For example:

'How do I face Hearts/ Hibs fans at work tomorrow?'

'How do I get back the £44 I had just paid out for tickets for the Celtic and Rangers games?' (Only joking! Honestly!)

and then deciding definitely not to buy

any Sunday papers and to be unavailable for comment when Colin, a Hearts fanatic friend from work rings up for our regular, 'We were brilliant/ we were mince/ we were robbed/ the ref was less than useless/ can't wait to see that penalty on the telly' Saturday evening chat!!

Then talk about a game of two halves!!!! Left East End Park elated and stunned that we had not grabbed actually grabbed the three points. I couldn't wait to see my Sunday papers and was only thankful I don't suffer from high blood pressure!

My Man of the Match was Sergio Duarte who read the game so well - welcome aboard Sergio, I just hope your nerves can stand it!"

Thanks to Carol for her contribution. Remember you can be our match reporter this season by writing with details about yourself to Fans View, The Pars Programme, Dunfermline Athletic FC, East End Park, Dunfermline, KY12 7RB.



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TODAY'S MATCH

Celtic

PREVIEW



IF A WEEK IS A LONG TIME IN POLITICS, then for Pars fans, players and management four days is a very long time!

Dunfermline turned in a very creditable performance against Celtic in the Coca Cola Cup semi final and certainly on that basis seemingly approached the match against Rangers with some confidence. As Jackie McNamara noted in a press article before the Coca Cola Cup semi final, Bert Paton and Dick Campbell are great at motivating their players. Certainly, the performances turned in by the Pars so far this season indicates that this has been the case, but after the debacle against Rangers at Ibrox on 18th October even their considerable powers in this area may have been stretched. However, as football fans the world over know, hope springs eternal and as Bert Paton's performance at the press conference after the Rangers game demonstrated, whilst a 7-0 defeat is certainly a set back, it is not the end of the world!

What ever has previously been said about matches between Dunfermline and our visitors today, one cannot claim that they are very often boring. These games usually produce goals and their fair share of excitement and that is unlikely to change this afternoon. A lot, though, has happened since Dunfermline last played Celtic at East End Park last season. On that occasion the Pars, having gained a 2-0 advantage by half-time, were brought back to a 2-2 draw by a Celtic side trying to maintain a title challenge against their Old Firm rivals. There are certainly some who would suggest that Celtic's motivation was rekindled on that occasion by the news that Rangers were apparently losing at half-time in their match that day. In any event both sets of fans and any neutrals around were treated to a very exciting and entertaining match.

The most obvious signs of change to have taken place at

Celtic Park since last season has of course been the departure of Tommy Burns as Manager and the arrival of Wim Jansen as his replacement. The significance of this development lies in the consistency and style of performance and that the Glasgow side's Dutch coach has achieved in the comparatively short time that he has been in charge at Celtic Park.

Whilst George Cadette and Paulo Di Cannio have moved on, The introduction of the likes of Reggi Blinker and Henrik Larsson have helped Celtic to maintain their commitment to entertaining and attractive attacking play. In addition, Simon Donnelly is now beginning to produce the kind of performances that won him plaudits when he first broke into first team contention. No football manager ever considers that his side is the finished article and the indications from Wim Jansen are that his team development plans will continue a pace as and when players become available, so it remains to be seen how the team will evolve. It is clear, though, that the

concerns expressed in certain quarters at the start of the season about the direction the Glasgow club was taking have now begun to be answered.

Meanwhile, Sergio Duarte's arrival at East End Park has added another dimension to the Pars mid field and with Dave Barnett having signed a two year contract the Pars the first team squad is gaining some depth. George Shaw too will also show his worth in the not too distant future when he has had time to get some games under his belt. Given that Celtic are one of Scotland's top teams, Dunfermline's record against them at East End Park isn't too bad. In any event an afternoon of thrills and spills can fairly confidently be predicted.

PICTURE: Celtic's defence is the key difference to the earlier game

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC v CELTIC PREVIOUS LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

- Today's game will be the 68th time that the two clubs have met on League business and the 34th of these matches to be played at East End Park.
- In total, Dunfermline have won 12 of the previous matches, and have drawn a further 9, with the remaining 46 all going Celtic's way. At East End Park, Dunfermline have won a bigger share with eight wins and eight draws, while Celtic have won 17 times - just over half

of the games played.

- Not unnaturally, all games against Celtic have been played in the top division, with 46 in the old First Division and 21 in the Premier Division.
- Dunfermline's have recorded five Premier wins against Celtic, but three of those have been at Celtic Park! At least the Pars can take satisfaction out of the fact that their first-ever Premier Division win against any opposition was against Celtic at East End Park on 22nd August 1987.
- The first ever league match at East End Park between the two was played on 20th November 1926.

Just to remind us that last week's result against Rangers is not unique in Pars history, Celtic ran out 6-0 winners.

- Worse was to follow at Parkhead on 14th January 1928, when Celtic won 9-0 with the legendary Jimmy McGrory scoring a record eight goals.
- Dunfermline have had some notable wins too, not least of which was Jock Stein's first game in charge at East End Park when he pulled off a miraculous 3-2 win. The Pars biggest win against Celtic came on 28th April 1965 when they inflicted a 5-1 hammering on the Bhoys.



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LOOKING AT DUNFERMLINE'S RESERVES



RECENT WEEKS HAVE SEEN DUNFERMLINE enjoy mixed fortunes in the Premier Reserve League. On September 21st, Aberdeen left East End Park with all three points following a 1-0 win. Brazilion trialist Sergio Duarte impressed in his debut but neither he nor Gerry Britton, playing his first full game since his knee operation, could prompt the Pars to victory. The first half saw 'keeper Zoran Lemajic in the thick of the action, pulling off three saves from Aberdeen's Kpedekpo. Wymess also hit the post for the visitors, who nearly fell behind when Brittan's header went over the bar with Walker beaten.

Lemajic did well to block efforts from Wymess and Windass and pulled off a superb save from Young's 20 yard shot. Duarte responded for the Pars with a cracking thirty yard free kick which was only inches off target. With four minutes remaining, Aberdeen broke the deadlock when Hart's low cross was deflected into the path of Young who made no mistake from close range.

Dunfermline: Lemajic, Martin, Hoxley, Barnett, (Hay, 46), Ireland, Curran, (Templeman, 59), Fraser, (Kaldjob, 9), Young, Brittan, George Shaw, Douarte. The Pars achieved a better result on October 7th with a good 3-2 victory over Dundee United at Tannadice. Once again they had Zoran Lemajic to thank for keeping the scores

level in the early stages after the 'keeper brilliantly tipped over a McSwegan volley.

Dunfermline took the lead in the 32nd minute. David Bingham's chip was touched behind by United 'keeper Gallacher and form the corner kick Craig Ireland headed home.

Dave Barnett scored a second for the Pars in the 55th minute when he headed in a Bingham cross but United pulled one back five minutes later, Easton the scorer.

The Pars restored their two goal lead in the 75th minute thanks to an excellent through ball from Scott Young to Gerry Britton, who neatly lobbed the 'keeper.

United again wasted no time in replying,

Easton netting his second with a diving header, but

Dunfermline held on for a more comfortable win than the 3-2 scoreline suggests.

Dunfermline: Lemajic, Martin, Den Bieman, Ireland, Barnett, Curran, Young, Anthony, Brittan, Bingham, Petrie.

The substitutes were Loudon, Nish and Donnelly but none of the three made an appearance.

On October 22nd, the Pars went down 4-1 to a strong Rangers side, while earlier this week Hearts Reserves visited East End Park and went away with a 3-1 victory. Full reports on both of these matches will appear in the next programme.

PICTURE: Gerry Britton - getting back on the goal trail with the Reserves



SCOTTISH PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE FIXTURES - SEASON 1997/98

1997

4 Aug	MOTHERWELL	A	1-4
18 Aug	CELTIC	H	0-1
26 Aug	HEARTS	A	0-0
2 Sep	ST JOHNSTONE	A	2-5
10 Sep	KILMARNOCK	A	3-0
15 Sep	HIBERNIAN	H	3-2
27 Sep	ABERDEEN	H	0-1
7 Oct	DUNDEE UNITED	A	3-2
18 Oct	RANGERS	H	1-4
27 Oct	HEARTS	H	1-3
1 Nov	CELTIC	A	
8 Nov	ST JOHNSTONE	H	
15 Nov	HIBERNIAN	A	
22 Nov	ABERDEEN	A	
29 Nov	KILMARNOCK	H	
6 Dec	DUNDEE UNITED	H	
13 Dec	RANGERS	A	
20 Dec	MOTHERWELL	H	

1998

3 Jan	ST JOHNSTONE	A	
10 Jan	HIBERNIAN	H	
17 Jan	ABERDEEN	H	
31 Jan	KILMARNOCK	A	
7 Feb	RANGERS	H	
14 Feb	CELTIC	H	
21 Feb	DUNDEE UNITED	A	
28 Feb	MOTHERWELL	A	

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PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Rangers	7	4	2	1	13	7	6	14
Motherwell	7	4	1	2	14	10	4	13
Kilmarnock	7	4	1	2	10	8	2	13
Dundee United	8	3	3	2	14	10	4	12
Hearts	7	3	3	1	9	5	4	12
St Johnstone	8	4	0	4	16	16	0	2
Celtic	8	3	2	3	8	10	-2	11
Dunfermline	9	3	1	5	13	19	-6	10
Aberdeen	7	2	0	5	7	11	-4	6
Hibernian	8	1	1	6	7	15	-8	4



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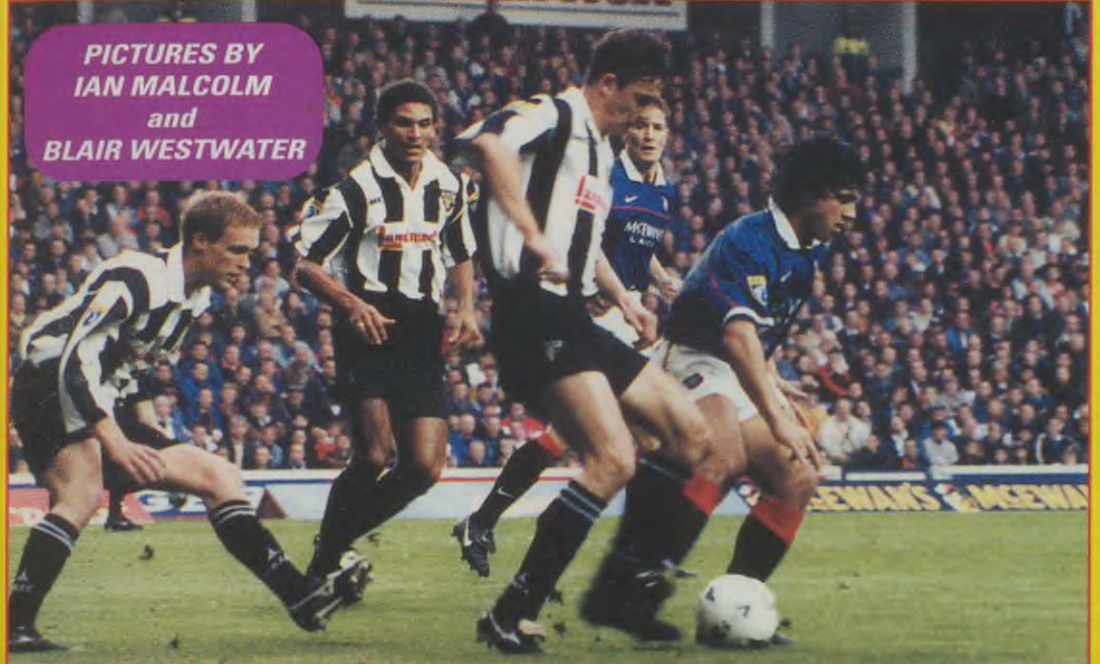
...The good



...the bad



David Bingham seals a remarkable recovery with Pars third goal against Dundee United



PICTURES BY IAN MALCOLM and BLAIR WESTWATER

Andy Tod tries to keep the defence intact in the face of an Ibrox hammering



Ivo Den Bieman helped lead the recovery with some telling crosses



Hamish French takes on the United midfield

...and the ugly!



...well maybe not, but this bunch of colourful fans added a touch of humour to the semi-final





TODAY'S TEAM SELECTIONS



Dunfermline Ath.

1	Ian WESTWATER
2	Greg SHIELDS
3	Colin MILLER
4	Andy TOD
5	Dave BARNETT
6	Steve WELSH
7	George SHAW
8	Sergio DUARTE
9	Andy SMITH
10	Hamish FRENCH
11	Gerry BRITTON
12	Harry CURRAN
14	Allan MOORE
15	Ivo Den BIEMAN



Celtic

1	Jonathan GOULD
2	Tom BOYD
3	Stephane MAHE
4	Jackie McNAMARA
5	Mark REIPER
6	Alan STUBBS
7	Henrik LARSSON
8	BURLEY
9	Simon DONNELLY
10	Morten WEIGHORST
11	Regi BLINKER
12	Phil O'DONNELL
14	David HANNAH
15	Enrico ANNONI



TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Hugh Dallas (Motherwell)

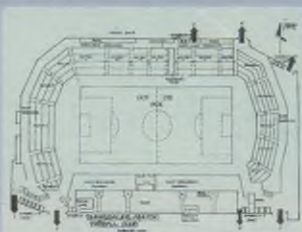
Assistant Referees:

Ian Taylor (Edinburgh), Raymond King (South Queensferry)

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TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT DAVID BATES

From Inverkeithing, David celebrated his 50th birthday on October 28. David works at Rosyth Dockyard and his favourite players are Andy Tod and Andy Smith.



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This role was very much in evidence during Pars last home match against Dundee United when he scored the first of Dunfermline's goals in that remarkable comeback, then did better still by laying off the ball for David Bingham to score the equaliser.

The same David turned in a creditable performance himself, winning second place points in the Man of the Match stakes, while third place went to Pars newcomer Sergio Duarte.



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