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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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European Competitions	Scottish League
Cup Winners Cup : 1961/62 (quarter final), 1968/69 (semi final)	Second Division Champions: 1985/86 Runners-up: 1978/79
Fairs (now UEFA) Cup: 1962/63, 1964/65, 1965/66 (quarter final), 1966/67, 1969/70	Scottish Cup
Scottish League - Highest Position	Winners: 1961, 1968 Runners-Up: 1965 Semi-Finalists: 1964, 1966
3rd : 1964/65, 1968/69	Scottish League Cup
Scottish League First Division	Runners-Up: 1949/50, 1991/92 Semi-Finalists : 1989/90
Champions : 1988/89, 1995/96 Runners-Up : 1986/87, 1993/94, 1994/95	Scottish Qualifying Cup
Scottish League Division Two (pre-reconstruction)	Winners: 1911/12
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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	Winners: 1987/88
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	Champions : 1986/87, 1992/93

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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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