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TODAY'S VISITORS

Dunfermline surprised everyone last season as they finished a creditable fifth in the Premier Division following their promotion and no-one would bet against them doing the same this year.

They didn't have the best of starts, losing 2-0 to Motherwell at home on the opening day of the season, but they made up for that somewhat in their Coca-Cola Cup tie with Ayr United which they won 5-1 with Andy Smith bagging himself four of the goals.

Between the sticks for the Fife men should be veteran keeper **IAN WESTWATER**. A regular in the Pars team which moved from the second to the Premier Division in the 1980's, Westie moved temporarily to Falkirk then Dundee before returning to East End Park in 1994.

In front of him should be Dutchman **IVO DEN BIEMAN** who has played in just about every position for the Pars since signing from Dundee in August 1993. He is probably at his most effective operating wide on the right flank. **COLIN MILLER**, pictured below, is their experienced full back who is the captain of the current Canadian international team and has been capped over 50 times. He moved to East End Park in November 1995 and played an important part in Dunfermline's promotion.

DEREK FLEMING was signed in October 1994 from Meadowbank Thistle. He was an immediate hit with Pars fans and won Player of the Year in his first season at East End Park. Started as a left back but is probably as comfortable in the midfield role.

RAYMOND SHARP signed last season for the second time after spending two years with Preston North End. A tough tackling, no nonsense defender, Sharp originally signed for Dunfermline in 1986.

In the midfield you'll find **MARC MILLAR**, who was signed in October 1994 from Brechin City as an attacking midfielder. Scored the all-important winner against Airdrie to win promotion to the Premier Division.

ANDY TOD is another of

Paton's place is buzzing

Dunfermline's adaptable players, who has played in midfield and up front for the Pars, as well as the position he currently occupies in the heart of defence. He is dangerous at set pieces and has a keen eye for goal.

CRAIG IRELAND was signed in 1996 from Aberdeen. Bert Paton took him to East End Park to solve a problem in the left central defence.

GREG SHIELDS is Dunfermline's latest and most expensive signing this season. He arrived from Ibrox at the end of June. Bert Paton hopes he can provide strength to what he considers to be a weak defence.

DAVE BARNETT is the other close season signing, a 30-year-old defender who was signed after being released by Birmingham City.

CRAIG ROBERTSON is Dunfermline's longest serving player and took on the role of club captain following the tragic death of Norrie McCathie in January 1996. Originally joined Dunfermline in 1987 but returned to the Pars in 1991 after a spell at Pittodrie. Great reader of the game and a strong tackler, he has the ability to make late runs into the opposition penalty area.

HARRY CURRAN signed in March 1996 from Partick Thistle,

but injury prevented him from making his debut with Dunfermline until October last year. Always prepared to work hard and take responsibility.

ANDY SMITH is considered by many to be one of Bert Paton's best buys. He was snapped up from Airdrie in July 1995 and played a crucial role in promotion, scoring 10 goals in 19 starts.

HAMISH FRENCH is Dunfermline's second longest serving player, signing from Dundee United for a fee of £150,000 in October 1991. Always honest and hard working, French is the Pars' current top goal scorer with 54 goals in over 200 appearances with Dunfermline. Nowadays most of his football is played in midfield.

DAVID BINGHAM is a threat up front. Born in Dunfermline, he originally stepped up from Fife junior side Oakley United to St. Johnstone before moving to Forfar in 1992. Tremendously skilful left sided player who also has a good eye for goal. A combination of injuries and loss of form has meant that he has not yet shown his consistent best at Dunfermline.

STEWART PETRIE can play either through the middle, or play in a wide left berth from where he can fire in telling crosses. Was the Pars top goalscorer for two seasons, but despite some great

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC



WELL BEATEN... Andy Smith (left) and Hamish French could do little to stop Motherwell kicking their league campaign off with a 2-0 win at East End Park.

performances he lost the title last season. Another who suffered injury at the end of the season.

GERRY BRITTON signed in the summer of 1996 from Dundee. Britton has been an instant hit

with the Dunfermline fans and has rewarded their support with some fine performances to date.

A product of Celtic Boys' Club, he was the Pars' top goalscorer last season, although he could miss today through injury.

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- Celtic are currently enjoying their longest Premier Division unbeaten run against Dunfermline, not having lost in 10 games.
- In the last meeting between the two clubs in Glasgow back in December, ex-Celt Gerry Britton scored twice for the Pars, but Celtic still won 4-2.
- Before this the last Dunfermline player to score twice at Celtic Park on league business was Alex Ferguson on March 18, 1967 but again Celtic still won 3-2.
- Last season Celtic scored 13 goals in the four league meetings with Dunfermline, beating their previous best of 12 from 1987/88 and 1990/91.
- Dunfermline also beat their scoring record against Celtic last season – they scored five beating their previous best of four from 1989/90 and 1990/91.
- With both clubs scoring a record number of goals, the aggregate record was also broken. In

- 1987/88 and 1990/91, 12 goals were scored but 15 were netted last season.
- Celtic's 2-2 draw with Dunfermline last March ended their run of eight consecutive league wins over the Pars.
- In 33 league meetings at Celtic Park there has only ever been one draw. That was on October 5, 1963 when the clubs shared four goals. This draw was in fact the first time Dunfermline had avoided defeat at Celtic Park in the league.
- Dunfermline's record attendance was achieved when Celtic visited East End Park on April 30, 1968 when a crowd of 27,816 saw two Bobby Lennox goals give Celtic a 2-1 win.
- Jorge Cadete scored four goals against Dunfermline last season but he remains one behind Charlie Nicholas (pictured left) and Tommy Coyne as Celtic's top scorers against Dunfermline in the Premier Division.

THEY WORE THE GREEN AND WHITE – AND THE BLACK AND WHITE!

Here is a list of the players who have played for both Celtic and Dunfermline - along with the periods they spent at the clubs.

- Lex Baillie** - Celtic 1982-90, Dunfermline 1993-94.
- James Birrell** - Celtic 1937-40, Dunfermline 1941.
- Gerry Britton** - Celtic 1987-91, Dunfermline 1996-present.
- Hugh Brown** - Celtic 1916-21, Dunfermline 1921.
- John Brown** - Celtic 1911-13, Dunfermline 1919-20.
- Tommy Callaghan** - Celtic 1968-76, Dunfermline 1962-68.
- Paul Chalmers** - Celtic 1980-86, Dunfermline 1990-92.
- John Cushley** - Celtic 1960-67, Dunfermline 1969-72.

- Hugh Maxwell** - Celtic 1964-65, Dunfermline 1966-67.
- Joe McBride** - Celtic 1965-68, Dunfermline 1970-71.
- Pat McDonald** - Celtic 1942-47, Dunfermline 1947-49.
- John McFarlane** - Celtic 1919-29, Dunfermline 1934-35.
- Arthur McNally** - Celtic 1917, Dunfermline 1920-21.
- Jackie McNamara** - Celtic 1995-present, (pictured right) Dunfermline 1991-95.
- Davie Moyes** - Celtic 1978-83, Dunfermline 1990-93.



- Hugh O'Neill** - Celtic 1938-40, Dunfermline 1941-46.
- William Ribchester** - Celtic 1916-19, Dunfermline 1924-25.
- James Rowan** - Celtic 1952-56, Dunfermline 1959.
- Mark Smith** - Celtic 1986-87, Dunfermline 1987-90.
- William Strang** - Celtic 1903-04, Dunfermline 1901-03.
- Alex Thomson** - Celtic 1922-34, Dunfermline 1934-37.
- Peter Wilson** - Celtic 1923-34, Dunfermline 1938-39.

Four Celtic players have also managed Dunfermline - **David Taylor** (1936-38), **Peter Wilson** (1938-41), **Jock Stein** (1960-64), and **Pat Stanton** (1980-82).