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Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Celtic	6	4	2	4	5
Rangers	8	4	2	3	0
Hearts	4	5	2	0	0
Dunfermline	5	4	0	0	0
Dundee Utd	4	3	0	0	0
Hibernian	5	2	0	0	0
Dundee	4	1	1	0	0
Kilmarnock	4	2	0	0	0
Livingston	2	2	2	0	0
Motherwell	2	3	1	0	0
Aberdeen	1	3	1	0	0
Partick	1	0	1	0	0

Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Rangers	0	0	4	4
Kilmarnock	0	0	3	3
Dundee	0	0	2	2
Dunfermline	0	0	2	2
Celtic	0	0	2	2
Dundee Utd	0	0	1	1
Hearts	0	0	1	1
Hibernian	0	0	1	1
Motherwell	0	0	1	1

Shots Attempted per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Rangers	8.00	5.77
Celtic	8.27	5.18
Dunfermline	5.82	4.95
Livingston	5.67	5.00
Hibernian	5.00	5.05
Hearts	5.67	4.05
Dundee	5.27	4.18
Aberdeen	4.67	4.48
Motherwell	4.48	4.38
Kilmarnock	4.64	3.95
Partick	4.36	3.82
Dundee Utd	3.95	3.68

Margins of Defeat

Games LOST by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Partick	9	6	2	0	0
Kilmarnock	3	6	1	2	1
Aberdeen	5	3	3	1	0
Dundee Utd	3	4	1	1	1
Hibernian	4	4	1	0	1
Dundee	5	4	0	0	0
Motherwell	5	2	2	0	0
Hearts	5	0	0	1	1
Livingston	3	3	0	1	0
Dunfermline	3	0	1	1	1
Rangers	1	1	1	0	0
Celtic	0	0	0	0	0

Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Partick	0	0	5	5
Aberdeen	0	0	3	3
Dundee Utd	0	0	3	3
Hibernian	0	0	2	2
Dunfermline	0	0	1	1
Hearts	0	0	1	1
Kilmarnock	0	0	1	1
Livingston	0	0	1	1

Shots Faced per Game

No. of Opp. Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Kilmarnock	7.55	5.00
Partick	7.09	5.14
Livingston	6.38	4.67
Dundee Utd	6.55	4.36
Hibernian	5.68	4.77
Aberdeen	5.62	4.76
Dunfermline	5.32	5.05
Dundee	5.64	4.32
Motherwell	4.43	5.43
Hearts	4.81	3.86
Rangers	3.77	4.32
Celtic	3.00	2.86

Scorer's Points Gained & Scoring Run

	Gls	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	1st Gl
Nacho Novo	13	0.59	14	6	6
Shota Arveladze	11	0.65	10	4	5
Stevie Crawford	11	0.50	8	2	3
Chris Boyd	6	0.29	8	2	1
Andy Kirk	8	0.62	6	3	4
Derek Lilley	8	0.40	6	4	5
Scott Booth	7	0.41	6	2	2
Derek Rioridan	6	0.29	6	2	1
David Clarkson	6	0.29	6	1	2
Henrik Larsson	18	0.82	4	3	4
Billy Dodds	7	0.33	4	2	3
James Grady	9	0.43	0	2	3

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals per game figure and number of games player scored 1st goal

Headed Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Anderson	Aberdeen	5
Larsson	Celtic	4
Hartson	Celtic	4
Varga	Celtic	3
Dodds	Dundee Utd	2
Crawford	Dunfermline	2
Balde	Celtic	2
Lovenkrands	Rangers	2
Arveladze	Rangers	2
De Vries	Hearts	2
Kirk	Hearts	2
Nish	Kilmarnock	2
Grady	Partick	2

Last 10 minutes

Player	Club	Goals
Novo	Dundee	3
Thompson	Celtic	3
Arveladze	Rangers	3
Lovenkrands	Rangers	3
Grady	Partick	3

Close Range Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Novo	Dundee	5
Kirk	Hearts	4
Grady	Partick	4
Crawford	Dunfermline	3
Larsson	Celtic	3
Hartson	Celtic	3
Lovenkrands	Rangers	3

Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
Hearts	21	367	17.48
Livingston	21	356	16.95
Dunfermline	22	329	14.95
Hibernian	22	318	14.45
Kilmarnock	22	317	14.41
Dundee Utd	22	297	13.50
Partick	22	293	13.32
Celtic	22	289	13.14
Motherwell	21	275	13.10
Rangers	22	287	13.05
Dundee	22	269	12.23
Aberdeen	21	247	11.76

OFFSIDES	Games	Offsides	Average
Motherwell	21	97	4.62
Rangers	22	97	4.41
Livingston	21	79	3.76
Celtic	22	81	3.68
Partick	22	81	3.68
Aberdeen	21	63	3.00
Kilmarnock	22	66	3.00
Dundee	22	62	2.82
Hearts	21	56	2.67
Dundee Utd	22	57	2.59
Dunfermline	22	53	2.41
Hibernian	22	40	1.82

Average is number of Fouls/Offsides per game.

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Dunfermline Athletic has over many years had to cope with financial crisis so the current situation is not new. What is clear however, is that the scale of the crisis is much greater than anything that has visited the club in the past.

Curiously, the difficulties have often followed a period of success for the club. Two recent examples come to mind – when Dunfermline emerged from the Stein era in the late 1960s and it was clear that the club would not enjoy European football again for a while, the club went into serious financial and ultimately footballing decline. It took over a decade to re-emerge from that but the second half of the 1980s saw another revival and Premier league football for the first time at East End Park. Once again, however, attempts to reach that ultimate goal of European football proved costly and it took some skilful work in the early 1990s to produce a recovery.

It is easy, and understandable, at times like this to look for someone to blame, but sometimes it's not down to one individual. It's about a set of circumstances.

The Pars have always survived these problems and as Jimmy Calderwood has often said, "The future of the club is paramount." Let's hope that all of our fans will try to do their bit to ensure that there is a future.

Duncan Simpson
Editor



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JIMMY CALDERWOOD



I'M AFRAID THAT MATTERS OTHER than football have dominated the headlines from East End Park this week. In many ways, the club's situation came as a bit of a shock to us all. We knew that we were in a tight situation but we hadn't realised just how tight. But at the meeting that the Board has had with the players they have stressed that they are taking the steps they are taking to avoid having to go into administration.

It's ironic really. Jimmy Nicholl and I were talking the other day and really looking forward to tonight's match. We had been outside East End Park on Saturday before the buses left for Broadwood and there was a magnificent atmosphere. And you begin to think that the fans maybe are returning and getting behind us, and the players see all that and begin to realise how important all of this is for them. And then we think we're lying

comfortably in fourth place in the league and still in the Cup, and we thought that this could be our best season ever.

I still believe that it can be. I have said many times we have a great bunch of lads here and nobody wants to see the club go down but in the end it will come down to individual choice among the players. Obviously by the time you read this there will be further updates, but in any case I would like to say something about what I am here for and that is football.

Our last home match was against Motherwell and for 25 to 30 minutes I thought we played really well – big Terry said himself that we had given them a hammering. But Motherwell are a hard team to break down and they actually came more into it in the second half before we got the winner. I think there will be more games like that for the rest of the season because

everyone is playing for something.

I felt it was a disappointing performance at Tannadice the week after. We took another good crowd with us but it was a poor game. We are a passing team but our passing deserted us. We had to have that to get the balls into our front two but we just didn't do it. The only thing that I was pleased about was the free kick that should have got us the equaliser – we've been practising that one for ages but we've never used it before. Unfortunately it wasn't to be.

I was pleased with Saturday against Clyde, although obviously not pleased that we have to go back there to play it again, even though it was the right decision to call it off. I thought we started the game with the right attitude and scored two good goals. There were a lot of good performances and Richie did well on his debut. I thought both Andrius at right back and wee Barry were brilliant and caused them a lot of bother down the right.

Maybe with all that's going on, it is good that we are playing such a high profile game straight away – there won't be too many chances to lose concentration that's for sure! I'm very proud of the fact that we are the only club to take anything from Celtic all season, and I thought the lads were brilliant that day in August. It was roasting hot but the pace of the game was relentless and we deserved our draw. After it Martin said that in hindsight it might be good for Celtic, and so it has turned out to be. I wouldn't bet on anybody beating Celtic right now, and I include the top teams in Europe when I say that. I watched them demolish Hearts at the weekend and their movement and awareness was magnificent. Wee Jackie is playing in a foreign position for him but he's been fantastic – what an honour it must be for him to captain Celtic just now. They are formidable in every sense and I hear that Bobo Balde is on his way back!

But do you know something? Despite everything, and despite being without Brewster and Mason, I am really looking forward to being the next in line to have a go at Celtic's incredible record.



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FINANCIAL POSITION

It should be stressed that at the time of writing just prior to this match programme going to print for tonight's match with Celtic, the club has not issued a formal statement about its financial position. Nevertheless, the Pars Programme has attempted to bring together the key issues at it understands them to be.

Firstly, Dunfermline Athletic have called in accountants Deloitte Touche to assist in looking objectively at the club's current financial difficulties and to assist in developing a new business plan. The proposals for that plan were to be considered at a Board meeting on Monday 9th February.

For any plan to succeed will require everybody to buy into it. With this in mind, a meeting was held with the players on Sunday to advise them of the current position and to advise that a part of the plan would involve them taking pay cuts. It is understood that these would be in the range of 10 to 30%.

Further meetings were held on Monday, including one with the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association. It is understood that one of the outcomes of that meeting is that the players asked to view the club's accounts, a request that will be granted by the club.

The players were due to meet Deloitte Touche on Tuesday before making a decision. That decision is likely to be reached collectively on Wednesday (today), with an announcement being disclosed to the club on Thursday.

Pars General Manager Jim Leishman and Chairman John Yorkston have been at pains to point out that this step is being proposed to try to avoid administration. At a time like this we are confident that Dunfermline fans will support the club in its plight, and we hope that everyone will do their best to get the club back on track.

GREG IS BACK

There just might be a tendency with all that is happening at the club to forget that we signed a new player during the January transfer window and this is the first chance we've had of introducing him! It probably was one of the worst kept secrets, but manager Jimmy Calderwood had been chasing GREG SHIELDS for some time. The former Pars full back had signed for Kilmarnock on his return from England but the travel involved had made him seriously consider the approach made by Dunfermline. Killie boss Jim Jefferies accepted that the

player wanted to move, and the deal was done just in time for him to take his place on the bench for the Motherwell match. It didn't take long for him to get on the park following Barry Nicholson's injury and he then started the following match with Dundee United.

Greg started life as a Rangers player before moving to Dunfermline in 1997. He played in



Greg Shields

86 consecutive matches for the Pars before moving to Charlton Athletic for £600,000 in 1999. His career in England started well but after a period of injury he lost his place and returned to Scotland. With Kilmarnock, he made it into Berti Vogts Scotland Future Squad, and let's hope that Berti will still want to keep him there!

Welcome home Greg!

SCOTLAND IN LINE FOR EXTRA UEFA CUP PLACE

There are a number of ways in which Dunfermline might get into Europe next season, and another one came to light recently. Scotland could have an additional club in the UEFA Cup next season, thanks to a good performance in the UEFA Fair Play league.

UEFA's Fair Play ranking is based on all matches in UEFA competition matches, including club and national team games.

Once the ranking is finalised at the end of the season, all associations with an average of 8 points or more will go into a draw to determine which two countries will have the right, along with the outright winner, to enter an additional team in the UEFA Cup. Currently, Scotland is in 10th position in the ranking with 8.033 points, and is one of just 13 countries that meet the criteria.

In the domestic Fair Play league, Dunfermline are top and as their nearest rivals are Celtic and Rangers - both almost certain to qualify for Europe in any case - the Pars could be uncatchable. However, for Scotland to remain in the UEFA Fair Play draw, clubs and national teams for the rest of the season must continue with their good attitude. The remaining matches that will be monitored include Celtic's UEFA Cup ties, so come on guys, help us out a bit here!

Fair Play: Scottish Premier League 2003/04

Rank	Team	Yellow	Red	Pts
1	Dunfermline	23	1	25
2	Celtic	26	2	30
	Motherwell	28	1	30
4	Rangers	31	0	31
5	Aberdeen	27	3	33
6	Dundee	35	1	37
7	Hibernian	34	2	38
8	Kilmarnock	35	3	41
9	Livingston	45	1	47
	Dundee Utd	43	2	47
11	Partick Thistle	43	3	49
12	Hearts	50	0	50

* Teams penalised 2 points for a red card and 1 point for a yellow

SPL RULE CHANGES

No, we're not trying to be funny, but the SPL has recently changed a number of its rules. The main ones are as follows:

- Scottish Premier League clubs that go into administration after this season will suffer a 10-point deduction and prevented from signing new players.
- The number of substitutes allowed on the bench will be increased from five to seven.
- The Under-21 league is to be modified next season into a reserve competition with no age restrictions.
- The increase in substitutes means clubs will have to include three players who are 21 or under in the squad.

No comment!

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Only one goal but three more points that open up an eight point gap between the Pars in fourth and Livingston in fifth.

Terry Butcher conceded DA were worthy winners despite the fact that their stand in keeper John Paul Corr had few saves to make.

Jimmy Calderwood brought back Gary Dempsey and Derek Young choosing them ahead of last week's first choices Aaron Labonte and Andy Tod. These two found themselves on the bench beside new signing Greg Shields as the Pars kicked off towards the town end.

There was an early scare in the fourth minute when Alex Burns took advantage of Scott Wilson's indecision and nipped in to shoot from the left side of the box. Derek Stillie leapt up to deflect the shot but Clarkson followed up and Andrius Skerla skied the clearance from inside his own six yard box. The ball broke out to the right and Dempsey eventually eased the pressure taking the ball away up the left.

Dunfermline's first showing came two minutes later when Crawford stole the ball off Martyn Corrigan and set up Craig Brewster for a right footed effort that cleared the crossbar. Gary Mason was next to try a strike but his shot from outside the box was blocked by the visitor's defence. Derek Young's strike from a Thomson cross met the defence the same way before in the 20th minute Dempsey and Mason sent Crawford speeding up the left wing. Stevie got away from the close attentions of Stephen Craigan but his final ball searching for his partner Brew was cut out. There were appeals for a penalty from the McCathie Stand when Nicholson's ball to Brewster might have connected with Keith Lasley's hand but referee Dougie McDonald let play continue. At the other end Burns again kept Stillie involved with the Pars keeper forced to tip over his bar from immediately underneath it.

A back injury forced Barry Nicholson to leave the field in the 35th minute to be replaced by Greg Shields. Greg got a rousing reception from the home fans who were clearly delighted to see him back at Dunfermline in a black and white shirt. Brewster had another good pop at the target when Dempsey's ball back to Crawford was fed to him. The substitute found himself covering for Andrius Skerla in the 39th minute as the central defender went marauding up the park. Having played a one two off Brewster Andrius burst into the 'Well box and chipped a good shot along the goalline. The McCathie Stand roared in expectation of it finding the net but having beaten the



Ex Jag Alex Burns and Pars defender Scott Wilson

keeper the ball just ran out at the far post.

Motherwell finished the half with a rude reminder that they were well capable of upsetting the Pars day and O'Donnell got to the left byeline to send over a ball that cross that Burns managed to send over the crossbar from just 8 yards out. Certainly a let off but it would have been an injustice given all the possession and pressure the Fifers enjoyed during the first 45.

Dunfermline threatened the scoresheet

immediately on the resumption Crawford and Brewster working well in the centre of the park to let Dempsey through on the left of the box. Unfortunately his shot sneaked by the outside of the far post. There was more than a suggestion that Motherwell were determined to get something out of the match when Burns raced on to a long ball up the left, his cross forcing another great save out of Stillie at the feet of David Clarkson.

There was an hour on the clock when Derek Young sent in the corner finding Scott Wilson's head. The header unfortunately was kicked off the line denying Scott a goal to celebrate his new three and a half year contract deal. The breakthrough that the Pars were patiently working towards duly arrived in the 73rd minute. Gary Mason's cross was sent behind for a corner from the left. Gary Dempsey sent the ball over and the 'Well defence failed to clear as the ball came in best for them. A header sent the ball to Wilson and his square ball was met with an overhead kick from Crawford and then a similar finish from DEREK YOUNG in the six yard box. Corr had no chance and East End Park was on its feet.

Jimmy Calderwood then substituted Craig Brewster who seemed to have been limping for ages. The Pars dropped deep and in the 83rd minute all 11 were behind the ball in their own half. Those who had witnessed the Steelmen's comeback in the first fixture this season between the teams feared the worst but really nothing threatened Stillie's eighth SPL shut out of the season.

Dunfermline: Stillie; Nicholson (Shields 35), Skerla, Wilson, Thomson; Derek Young, Darren Young, Mason, Dempsey (Tod 84); Crawford, Brewster (Labonte 75)

Subs Not Used: Ruitenbeek, Hunt
Dunfermline: ■ Darren Young (70)

Motherwell: Corr; Quinn, Craigan, Corrigan, Hammell; Lasley (MacDonald 79), Adams, O'Donnell, Dair, Clarkson, Burns. Subs Not Used: Bolland, Fagan, Kinniburgh
Motherwell: ■ Craigan (77)





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AULD ENEMY ALL-STARS



Some of you may have heard the hype surrounding an 'Auld Enemy All-stars' clash between Scotland and England (who else?). Well, believe the hype – the match will be played here at East End Park on the evening of 15th April. Kick-off is 8pm. It will be a full 90 minute match, with a result to be reached on the night.

We can reveal at this stage that Mark Hateley has been chosen as player-manager for England with our very own Jim Leishman taking the responsibility for the Scots. Both managers are said to be taking the event very seriously indeed and, given the history surrounding this fixture and some of the names featured in the squad lists, you can understand why. Names already confirmed for the match are John Collins, Ian Durrant, Ally McCoist and Andy Goram for the Scots and Chris Waddle, Tony Cottee and Peter Beardsley for England.

Tickets go on sale here at the East End Park ticket office from 14th February 2004 and prices are £15 for adults and £10 for concessions. We have arranged for 3,000 tickets in the Norrie McCathie Stand to be held back for Pars fans – further details of this to follow nearer the time.

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[Hint: if the box at the bottom of the page is signed by a Pars star, you're probably in with a good shout!]

SALES TEAM AT EAST END PARK



We are proud to announce that our glamorous new East End Park Sales Team – the lovelies Wilma and Lynn (posing here) – are in place to take your requests and bookings for everything from corporate hospitality, parties, and functions to our new restaurant, Steins. Whatever your want, they'll do their best to help and will be delighted to talk to you on freephone 0800 328 3282, so give them a call!

Remember that Steins Restaurant opens its doors tomorrow evening. It will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening in the Jock Stein Suite and will feature live 'ambient' entertainment on Saturdays. Of course, this Saturday is Valentines but unless you've already booked your table, you're out of luck – it sold out weeks ago!

LADIES DAY



At the Motherwell game last month, the Kingdom Suite played host to over 100 Dunfermline ladies – the Jock Stein just couldn't cope with them all! On arrival, the ladies enjoyed a glass of champagne

before being piped into their seats where they were welcomed by the Chairman and their host for the day, Jim Leishman.

Their beautiful carvery lunch was punctuated by a few stories and laughs courtesy of their host and some fine Scottish songs – including 'Ae fond kiss' and 'My love is like red, red rose' – from [brave] Pars fan Bobby Mitchell, who was joined for an impromptu duet by Sammy the Tammy. The ladies also received goody bags, including Zest Health & Beauty vouchers, magazines and make-up samples which have no doubt been put to good use since.

By all accounts, the afternoon was a great success and thanks must go to Marvyn for her unfaltering efforts and enthusiasm. Not surprisingly, then, the next Dunfermline Ladies' event, a Sports Ladies Dinner in April, has already sold out!

LONE PIPER

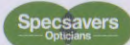
Our thanks go to Pars fan Ryan Rodger for adding a little bit of Burns to the atmosphere at East End Park prior to the Motherwell game last month. Ryan braved the elements to pipe the ladies into the Kingdom Suite and then the fans into the Norrie McCathie Stand before the game (pictured). Thanks also to Mo Hutton for lending young Ryan a DAFC jacket and keeping him from keeling over with hypothermia ...



SPORTSMAN'S DINNER 2004

Talking of Sportsperson's Dinners (very pc), don't forget that this year's Sportsman's Dinner – in aid of DAFC Youth Development – will be held in marquee on the pitch on Friday 21st May. To book your table, or for further information, give Angela or Mary a ring on [01383] 748278.

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The Pars were without Craig Brewster out with an ankle injury sustained in the win over Motherwell. Aaron Labonte came in to replace him and there was a starting debut second time around for Greg Shields.

It was Derek Young then who took the kick off alongside Stevie Crawford and United put pressure on themselves with a needlessly conceded corner by Mark Kerr. Barry Nicholson swung the ball in from the south east corner flag and Scott Wilson was there to challenge and force another corner that Barry again took. This time it was Andrius Skerla whose head powered in a useful effort on target only to be turned away by what looked like a hand in the United defence.

Derek Stillie got in on the action after six minutes, first coming for a long McCracken through ball and then diving out to cut out a Barry Robson ball from the left byline. A miskick from Kerr gave Darren Young possession and he fed Crawford on the left. Paul Gallacher easily held a well struck 20 yard shot from the Pars top goalscorer.

In the 18th minute Dunfermline had their best chance of the game when Stevie Crawford beat Innes to a Nicholson pass and turned inside the D at the top of the box to fire a good shot on target that Gallacher did well to turn around his post.

United were coming more into it and the Pars defence lived dangerously when United won several corners. A Darren Young mistake after 26 minutes gave McIntyre possession and his ball through Kerr to Miller was driven over the crossbar from the edge of the box. Dunfermline threatened again when Nicholson and Mason combined to push Shields up the right. The new man swung in a ball that Derek Young could only head down at the far post but again United got the ball away.

The first half ended with the Pars chasing the opener. A Nicholson corner three minutes from half time almost reached Scott Wilson but when the ball was cleared out of defence it was fed back to the left wing where Crawford collected and drove to the

byline to float over a fine ball that Scott Thomson rose to head but unfortunately wide to the left of the goals.

Derek Stillie was barely tested in the first 45 and for the re-start Andy Tod was introduced for Aaron Labonte. Dunfermline switched from 4-4-2 to three at the back and Scott Thomson moved on to the left flank. The changes just about produced the desired return. Crawford twice in the opening four minutes of the second half provided chances for his striking partner. In the 47th minute Young drove just wide from 30 yards and two minutes later Young was struck into the box but this time obviously

side. Darren Young struck a shot from 20 yards that swerved over the crossbar before he was forced to concede another corner as Miller battled down the left and Robson looked likely to convert. Stillie fisted the corner and Chris Innes surprised at the ball falling to him could only turn the ball out for a goal kick.

With ten minutes left the two Jimmies threw everything they had at United. Andy Tod moved into the forward line alongside Hunt, Crawford and Derek Young leaving only Skerla and Wilson at the back. Every Pars outfield player was inside the home half in the 83rd minute but Shields' shot was



thought about composing himself for a finish and David McCracken swiftly slipped in to rob him.

United fought back. Miller had a good effort from 25 yards that was narrowly wide left. Wilson struck over a ball that Miller edged on to Robson who also shot wide. It was the 57th minute when Jim McINTYRE scored the only goal of the match. Charlie Miller feigned a pass one way and then the other on the left corner of the penalty box. Scott Wilson tracked him but could not cut out the pass that was then fed through for the former Kilmarnock and Reading player to net from 10 yards. Andy Tod was left standing as the goalscorer darted between the retreating Darren Young and the stranded Skerla.

On the hour a free kick 35 yards out on the left side was flighted into the far side of United's penalty box. Crawford has peeled away from his marker to make a huge space and he drove in a shot with his right foot that hit the net but it was the outside of the

blocked and United tried to hit on the counter attack. Dempsey came on for Nicholson who limped off and although the Irishman forced a corner Hunt headed that over the bar.

It was not a day that was conducive to good football with a great deal of energy being spent in aerial duels in the middle of the park. The Pars had a bad day but Stillie had little to save.

Dundee United: Gallacher; Innes, McCracken, Archibald; Wilson, Kerr, Dodds, Miller, Robson; McLaren (McInnes 63), McIntyre (Easton 90). Subs Not Used: Bullock (GK), Duff, Scotland
Dundee United: ■ Innes (67)

Dunfermline: Stillie; Shields, Skerla, Wilson, Thomson; Nicholson (Dempsey 84), Darren Young, Mason (Hunt 68), Labonte (Tod 45); Crawford, Derek Young. Subs Not Used: Ruitenbeek, Byrne
Dunfermline: ■ Derek Young (87)



DON'T BE A CLOWN
SLOW DOWN

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS AT A GLANCE 2003-04

	Premier League		League Cup		Tennent's Scot. Cup		TOTALS	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
CRAIG BREWSTER	18(1)	5	2(0)	1	1(0)	1	21(1)	7
LEE BULLEN	12(4)	1	2(0)	0	0(1)	0	14(5)	1
RICHIE BYRNE	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(2)	0
STEPHEN CRAWFORD	22(0)	11	2(0)	2	1(0)	2	25(0)	15
JASON DAIR	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0
GARY DEMPSEY	5(12)	0	1(1)	0	1(0)	0	7(13)	0
DAVID GRONDIN	8(2)	0	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	9(2)	0
NOEL HUNT	0(7)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(8)	0
SEAN KILGANNON	3(3)	0	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	5(3)	0
AARON LABONTE	3(6)	0	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	3(7)	0
ANDY McDERMOTT	5(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	5(1)	0
MARK MCGARTY	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0
CHRIS MCGROARTY	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0
GARY MASON	22(0)	0	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	25(0)	0
SCOTT McNICOL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
BILLY MEHMET	1(6)	1	0(2)	0	0(0)	0	1(8)	1
BARRY NICHOLSON	21(0)	2	2(0)	0	1(0)	0	24(0)	2
MARCO RUITENBEEK	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
GREIG SHIELDS	1(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(1)	0
ANDRIUS SKERLA	20(0)	0	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	22(0)	0
DEREK STILLIE	22(0)	8*	2(0)	1*	1(0)	0	25(0)	9*
SCOTT M THOMSON	11(1)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	13(1)	1
ANDY TOD	14(3)	0	1(0)	0	0(1)	0	15(4)	0
SCOTT WILSON	20(0)	1	1(0)	0	1(0)	0	22(0)	1
DARREN YOUNG	21(0)	0	2(0)	1	1(0)	0	24(0)	1
DEREK YOUNG	11(2)	3	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	12(2)	3
OWN GOAL		1		0		0		1

CORRECT AT 8 FEBRUARY 2004

Parstats 2003 - 04

PROG	DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	SCORE	CROWD	POSITION
2	Sat 9 Aug	CELTIC	H	0-0	10,082	8
	Sun 17 Aug	DUNDEE	A	2-0	7,750	4
	Sat 23 Aug	ABERDEEN	A	2-1	10,870	3
	Sun 31 Aug	HEARTS	A	0-1	11,934	3
	Sat 13 Sep	RANGERS	A	0-4	49,072	6
3	Sat 20 Sep	HIBERNIAN	H	0-0	9,715	5
4	Wed 24 Sep	COWDENBEATH (OS Cup 2)	H	2-0	3,582	-
5	Sat 27 Sep	PARTICK THISTLE	H	2-1	4,684	4
	Sat 4 Oct	LIVINGSTON	A	0-0	4,616	4
6	Sat 18 Oct	KILMARNOCK	H	2-3	4,495	6
	Tue 28 Oct	ST JOHNSTONE OS 3 (7:45pm)	A	2-3	2,769	-
7	Sat 1 Nov	DUNDEE UNITED	H	2-0	5,078	6
	Sat 8 Nov	CELTIC	A	0-5	58,328	9
8	Sat 22 Nov	DUNDEE	H	2-0	5,490	5
	Tue 25 Nov	MOTHERWELL (7:45pm)	A	2-2	4,220	5
9	Sat 29 Nov	ABERDEEN	H	2-2	5,294	5
10	Sat 6 Dec	HEARTS	H	2-1	6,199	4
11	Sun 14 Dec	RANGERS	H	2-0	8,599	4
	Sun 21 Dec	HIBERNIAN	A	2-1	9,085	4
	Sat 27 Dec	PARTICK THISTLE	A	1-4	4,377	4
12	Sat 3 Jan	LIVINGSTON	H	2-2	5,155	4
13	Sat 10 Jan	DUNDEE UTD - TSC RD 3	H	3-1	6,164	-
	Sat 17 Jan	KILMARNOCK	A	1-1	5,715	4
14	Sat 24 Jan	MOTHERWELL	H	1-0	5,270	4
	Sat 31 Jan	DUNDEE UNITED	A	0-1	5,564	4
	Sat 7 Feb	CLYDE - TSC RD 4	A	(abndn)	-	-
15	Wed 11 Feb	CELTIC (7:45pm kick off)	H			
	Sat 14 Feb	DUNDEE	A			
	Sat 21 Feb	ABERDEEN	A			
	Tue 24 Feb	CLYDE - TSC RD 4	A			
	Sat 28 Feb	HEARTS	H			
	Sat 6 Mar	PARTICK THISTLE v CLYDE / DUNFERMLINE TSC				
	Sat 13 Mar	HIBERNIAN	H			
	Sat 20 Mar	PARTICK THISTLE	H			
	Sat 27 Mar	LIVINGSTON	A			
	Sat 3 Apr	KILMARNOCK	H			
	Sat 10 Apr	MOTHERWELL	A			
	Sat 17 Apr	DUNDEE UNITED	H			

POST-SPLIT MATCHES AND DATES TO BE DETERMINED

All matches kick off at 3.00pm unless otherwise stated

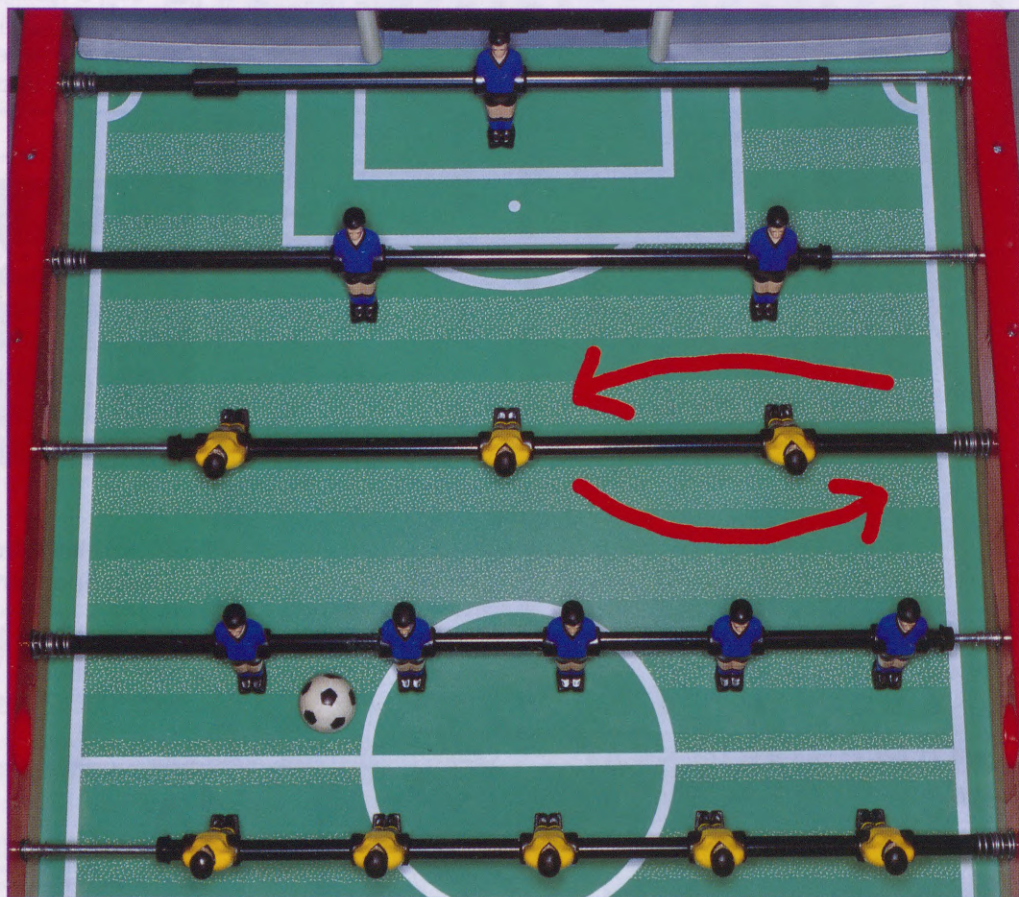
Scottish Premier League Table 2003-04

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F/A	W	D	L	F/A			
Celtic	22	11	0	0	47/5	10	1	0	24	4	62	64
Rangers	22	10	0	1	28/7	7	2	2	18	11	28	53
Hearts	21	7	2	2	17/9	4	1	5	13	15	6	36
DUNFERMLINE	22	6	4	1	17/9	3	3	5	10	20	-2	34
Livingston	21	3	5	2	7/6	3	3	5	15	17	-1	26
Hibernian	22	3	3	5	13/16	4	2	5	10	19	-12	26
Dundee United	22	4	3	4	13/17	3	2	6	10	19	-13	26
Dundee	22	4	1	6	10/13	2	6	3	16	17	-4	25
Motherwell	21	2	5	3	12/15	4	1	6	8	9	-4	24
Kilmarnock	22	2	2	7	9/23	4	1	6	17	26	-23	21
Aberdeen	21	3	1	7	14/21	2	3	5	12	19	-14	19
Partick Thistle	22	2	1	8	11/21	0	2	9	9	22	-23	9

Scottish Premier League Attendances 2003-04

	Games	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Highest Attendance	Lowest Attendance
ABERDEEN	11	125,315	11,392	16,452	7,863
CELTIC	11	643,931	58,539	59,609	57,165
DUNDEE	11	87,038	7,913	10,948	5,815
DUNDEE UTD	11	85,812	7,801	12,292	5,421
DUNFERMLINE	11	70,054	6,369	10,082	4,495
HEARTS	11	135,478	12,316	16,632	9,881
HIBERNIAN	11	108,556	9,869	14,803	7,191
KILMARNOCK	11	79,066	7,188	12,460	5,035
LIVINGSTON	10	63,163	6,316	9,627	4,616
MOTHERWELL	10	65,976	6,598	10,824	4,220
PARTICK THISTLE	11	57,957	5,269	10,597	4,124
RANGERS	11	543,170	49,379	49,962	48,638

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JIMMY NICHOLL

A great deal of media attention has been focused on East End Park recently, the greater focus being made on one man and his future. Jimmy Nicholl was, quite astonishingly, not chosen for the Northern Ireland position that the vast majority predicted he would receive. The news was tinged, perhaps, with great relief for Pars diehards, as fans knew the crucial role he has played in the clubs success. Bob Storie spoke to Jimmy about his feelings about the matter, and about his future...

You've not been chosen for your National Organisation – has the matter deeply affected you?

"Now that it's all done and dusted, not at all, actually. This was my second go at the job, and circumstances dictated that the position was exactly the same now as it was then – I was in a job, with Raith Rovers, compensation was an issue, and the job went to a man who didn't have that problem. This time around, I half expected the situation to go the same way. Matters kind of got dragged out a wee bit, maybe it could have been handled better, but I've no axe to grind. I got mad about it the first time around, but I can hold my head high this time around – it came down to a financial situation, certainly not of a personal or professional problem. With my hand on my heart, I can't truthfully say I'm not bothered about it – I'd have loved to do the job, but I've got a smashing job right here. If I'd been in a dead end job elsewhere, I might have made a few sacrifices to land the position, but my family are more important to me, as is what's been done here at Dunfermline. Now I can help JC to finish off what's been started here."

If you had got the job, how much would you have missed East End Park?

"It would have been a massive wrench to have left here, as I would have missed the day to day involvement with the players – by that, I mean all the players, first team, reserves, youths, and being on top of all the progress we

wanted to see made. Obviously, I spoke to JC about the situation, and he warned me I might find it frustrating! If I'd gone, I would have felt I was leaving unfinished business – there are ambitions still to fulfil here, and I'd have missed out on that, for sure. In a national post, your head's always on the line, you're always on the move to different locations to watch players or check out opposition, but I knew about all that – it goes with the territory. However, it's all theory now, as I'm still in a great position here. Hopefully, if I'm still working in 6 or 8 years time, I'll be able to look back with real satisfaction on what's been achieved here."

What are the priorities with the Club in the future?

"To continue building on what's taking place here. We have to be continuing to set higher benchmarks for us to achieve. We have to make sure we're not regarded as relegation threatened side. We have to be staying at the cutting edge of the top six, challenging for third or fourth as a minimum, and of course, we're long overdue to get a good long cup run. One hand washes the other – cup runs bring in money, good league finishes bring a chance of European football, and hopefully, that'll mean bigger crowds, meaning a bit more cash, and we can look to bringing other players in – we're no different to anyone else that way."

What's the secret of your relationship with JC?

"Love of the game, plain and simple! It's just something that's gelled and worked between us since he arrived. It was Dick [Campbell] that brought me here before JC arrived, so when he was put in charge, we sat down, had a wee chat, and he said that we'd give our partnership 3 months, and see how it went from there. Not long after, we travelled together up to a game in Inverness, and we probably got more things sorted out in three hours than we would have done in three months! I value his philosophy on the game, and how it should be played – we share a lot



that way."

Has Sandy Clark made a big difference to the coaching side?

"It was important to bring in someone with a proven track record, and Sandy has got a wealth of experience as a manager and a coach. JC and I needed someone to take on the Under 21 side to let us focus on squad matters for the first team, and he's come on board at a good time, as the under 21 set-up has improved quite a bit. We can see that by the performance of individual players, who've done a good shift in the first team as well – it broadens the strength of the whole player pool."

Are you looking forward to staying here?

"I really am, yes, actually I'm quite excited by the prospect. There's a lot of hard work ahead, keeping the present squad on a high level of performance, bringing in new players as and when required, bringing better performances out of the team, and reaching new benchmarks with each season – I'm happy to be a part of it, and I hope it continues that way for a while yet!"



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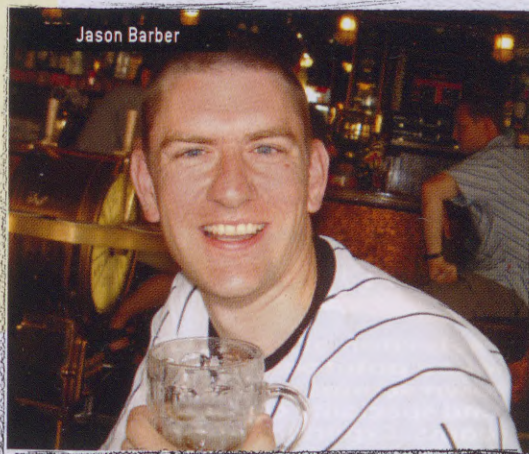
Transport: The Pars next away game is on Saturday February 14th against Dundee. Fans wishing to travel please call into The Supporters Club Office at the West End of the main stand after today's game or telephone Caron on 01383 610538 or e-mail dascbuses@hotmail.com The coach will leave East End Park at 1. 30 pm. Non-members are welcome to travel but we do reduced fares for anyone who is a member of DASC. So if you're going to travel with us even for a limited number of away games it is worth joining to get cheaper travel.

Bookings are also being taken for the

game against Aberdeen on Saturday 21st February. The coach will leave East End Park at 10 am. stopping in Stonehaven for lunch. PLEASE NOTE NO BOTTLES WILL BE ALLOWED ONTO THE COACH

Player of the Year Dance: We now have details for this years Player of the Year Dance, which is to be held in The Kingdom Suite at East End Park on Saturday April 3rd. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from The Supporters Club Office. For further information contact Joan on 01383 611793 or Marvyn on 01383 881696. Get the date in your diary now.

COLLECTORS CORNER



Tonight's featured collector of Dunfermline memorabilia is JASON BARBER. A well-known face at East End, Jason is an active member of the Centenary Club and prior to matches is host to stadium tours. Jason is a contributor to the dafc.net web site and occasionally to the match programme.

Jason has been supporting the Pars – and buying programmes since 1982, but he only took up collecting around five years ago when he decided he'd like to fill in some of the missing

gaps! Rodney's favourite items are all the DAFC European programmes - he just hopes some modern ones can be added soon! In addition any programmes or memorabilia that was signed in person by players during his childhood/Leishman era are his favourite items.

Regarding the Heritage Collection, Jason thinks it is a tremendous venture by the club which will hopefully encourage more fans to collect DAFC memorabilia, rather than have it disappear for future generations. The item he would most like to add to his collection is the 1949 Scottish League Cup Final programme, but he does have lots of doubles to exchange. Jason can be contacted on 07900 586504.

PARS SUPPORTERS TRUST

The trust is now official registered and the campaign to attract founder members was successful Application forms for ordinary membership are now available and can be obtained at the turnstiles on match days or by phoning Rodney Shearer on 01620822196.

Six members of the Trust's Working Group shall be attending the Supporters Direct in Scotland's Annual conference which is being held at Hampden Park on the 22nd February. This will give an opportunity to meet with other trusts and to take part in various workshops. A date of the 4th April has been set for the Official launch of the Trust and within the next two weeks details will be announced.



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AARON LABONTE

As a further trickle of players leave East End Park, chances are growing stronger for squad players to stake claims for starting places. Making only his third starting appearance of the season recently was Aaron Labonte, who acquitted himself extremely well in an unfamiliar position – something manager Calderwood himself mentioned! Bob Storie caught up with Aaron recently, and asked him how he was enjoying his break-through...

Tell us something about yourself

"I was born in Middlesbrough, and I've got two brothers, although I'm the only one that's actively playing the game at this moment. Being a Middlesbrough lad, I supported my home town team from an

early age, and my earliest memories are of the last few games being played at Ayresome Park, before I became a season ticket holder at the Riverside Stadium. I was signed by Newcastle United, and I was there for about three years, and working under a big manager like Bobby Robson was a great privilege. I didn't get any first team football, in fact, only a few reserve games, but I enjoyed the learning curve while I was there."

How did you come to sign for us?

"I was taking part in the Lillieshall Trials early last summer, and Bobby Jenks was down at the time, watching some of the games. He had a word with me, and asked me up for a week's trial. I very much liked what I saw here, and the potential was good for me to get a chance of regular games at Under 21 level. Which was what I needed. There's a great bunch of players here, always willing to lend a hand, and when I was offered a chance to sign on, I was up for it straight away. I'm really enjoying the under 21 set-up, and I've got three first team games as a bonus as well!"

You got your debut against Celtic – what was it like for you?

"A fantastic experience in a massive stadium! The boss told me the Thursday before the game that I'd be playing, and said to defend against Didier Agathe – a real toughie! However, I just decided to focus on my job, and try to blank out the big crowd as best I could. I was a little but nervous beforehand, hopefully that was a good sign. The score was a bit of a sore one, but I think we gave as good as we got for most of the game – it was a great experience for me!"

Another full game at Kilmarnock – did that go better for you?

"I felt a bit more settled, anyway. Overall, I hoped I'd done all right – I lasted the whole ninety minutes, anyhow, so I couldn't have done too much wrong, despite my slip that led to their goal. The boss was ok about that, saying it would be something to watch for in future

games. I was played over on the left side, which is not my favourite area as I prefer being at right back – I'm not choosy, though, I was delighted to get another chance to play. There's now the hope of further games for me, so I've got to be happy with that!"

The Under 21 side has had a rocky patch recently – what's happened?

"A few things have played a part in all of it. We lost one or two players with injuries – Marco (Ruitenbeek) hurt his foot, Billy (Mehmit) aggravated an old back injury, and I was out as well. We're all hoping this was just our turn to go through a bad patch, as the Livingston game, which we lost 6-2, was a real sickener, and the boss was right to be livid with us. We got back on track against Kilmarnock, a good 3-0 win, so maybe that's us turned the corner again!"

Chris McGroarty has left for St Mirren – could this be a good move for him?

"I didn't get much of a chance to get to know Chris, as he went out on loan not long after I arrived, and he only returned for a week or two before he left. However, what I did see of him was good, and he did well at Clyde on loan. His chances here were limited, so it's an opportunity for him to shine in regular first team football, and who knows, he might get a chance at SPL level again – he's got the ability to do it."

Are the players really keen to have a good Cup run?

"The Cup is always a good challenge to rise to, whoever you are. Clyde had the potential to be a really tricky game, not only because they're leaders of their league, but because it's an away game for us. However, I feel the team are starting another good run of form, and this is an ideal time for us to hit a good spell. We owe it to our fans to give them as good a run as we can, and if we can get beyond Clyde, who knows, we've just as good a chance as anyone to go all the way!"

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PRE-MATCH WARM UP

Brian Donovan has a look at two goalkeepers who had the distinction of playing for both Dunfermline and Celtic...

When you think of players that have worn the colours of both Celtic and Dunfermline, Jackie McNamara's name is invariably uppermost in the mind, possibly followed by Tommy Callaghan in the sixties. Other names might spring to mind, such as Mark Smith (scorer of that incredible cross cum shot against Rangers in the 1988 Scottish Cup), as well as Gerry Britton, Davie Young, John Potter, Mike Leonard and Ian Hall to name but a few.

However, Bent Martin and Graham Barclay both have the distinction of belonging to a very elite group of goalkeepers to have served both clubs, although their Athletic careers couldn't have been more different.

Bent Martin arrived at Dunfermline in December 1966 for £3,500, replacing his namesake Eric Martin, who had been sidelined as a result of an injury sustained against Dundee. Martin had joined Celtic from Danish club Aarhus, after playing against the Parkhead side in a European Cup Winners Cup game in November 1965.

Martin made his debut against Falkirk at Brockville on the last day of 1966, and ironically playing in goals for the opposition that day was Eddie Connachan, the Pars hero of the 1961 cup win against Celtic. According to reports, Bent had a good debut making a number of saves, although the keeper was beaten fifteen minutes from the end by Vincent to give the Bairns a one goal victory.

Bent Martin went on to play 105 times for the Pars, including the Scottish Cup final. However, never one to shy away from controversy, Martin submitted a transfer request one week prior to his team's big day at Hampden. Despite his keenness to depart, manager Farm kept faith with the Dane for the Final against Hearts, dropping Willie Duff who had played in the three league games immediately prior to the final.

Dunfermline of course won the final

3-1, and as well as picking up silverware qualified for the European Cup Winners Cup. Martin played four times in the Cup Winners competition and twice in the Fairs City Cup the following season. However, the writing was on the wall for the keeper, and following a 4-0 friendly defeat against Wolves in December 1969, he was one of four players dropped for the following weekend's league game away to Motherwell, being replaced by Willie Duff.

Eleven days after being dropped, Bent Martin was substituted midway through the second half of a reserve game against St Mirren at Love Street. With the Athletic trailing 3-1, Martin was removed from the field by Assistant Trainer Bob Methven and Coach Ian Brines, with defender Ian Gordon taking the Dane's place in goals.

As a result of his removal, Martin was ordered to appear before the Board of Directors, when he was substantially fined and placed on the Open to Transfer list. A statement issued by the club stated that Martin had "failed to give his best endeavours in terms of his contract".

As if to prove there was no way back for Martin, two days later Farm signed John Arrol from Dundee for £3,000 as a replacement, and the new keeper travelled to Brussels with the squad for the Fairs City Cup tie against Anderlecht.

Martin left the club on a free transfer at the end of season 69/70, but before he departed there was one more surprise from the Dane. Due to an injury crisis at East End Park, the keeper made an unexpected appearance as a midfielder in a home reserve match against Dundee. Although the Pars lost 2-0, Martin acquitted himself well and was praised for his effort. Despite, being linked with a number of clubs, no offers were forthcoming and Bent left Dunfermline to play in Austria.

Perhaps less well known, and certainly less controversial, another keeper who played for both sides was Graham Barclay. When Geir Karlsen decided to remain in his native Norway and not



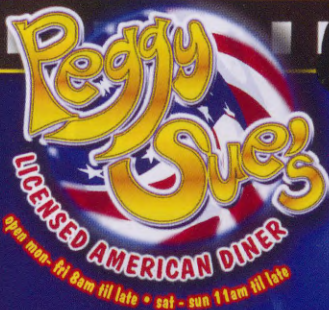
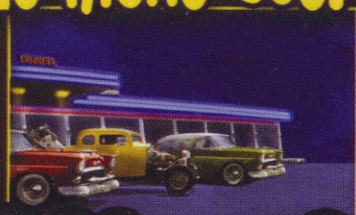
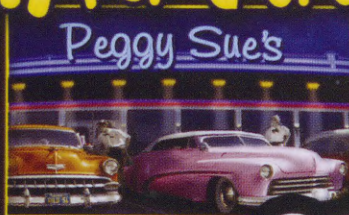
return to Scotland, the Pars were left without a goalkeeper at the start of season 1975/1976. With limited funds available at East End Park, Dunfermline secured the services of Celtic youngster Graham Barclay on loan. Barclay, a former Scotland Professional Youth goalkeeper had some first team experience at Parkhead, but with four keepers on their books, Celtic were happy to allow the youngster to go on loan to gain valuable experience.

Barclay made his debut at home in a home Friendly match against Sunderland, which ended in a 3-0 defeat. That unfortunately set the tone for the season as Barclay and his teammates won just five of the 33 competitive games he played in. Not surprisingly the Pars finished second bottom place of the First Division, and as a result were relegated to the Second Division.

In the last league game of the season at home to Dumbarton, Barclay injured his back and as a result Harry Melrose had to quickly find a keeper to play in the first of the Spring Cup games against Queens Park. To fill the gap, former Par Jim Herriot returned to his old club to play out the remaining Spring Cup fixtures. Surplus to requirements, Graham Barclay was released early so he could play during the summer months in Canada, before returning to Celtic for the start of season 76/77.



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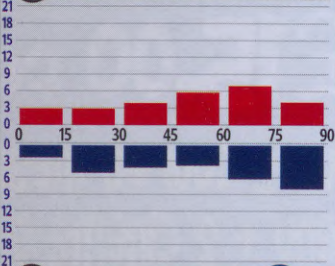
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Players Used: **24**
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The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Crawford	2
Long range shots	Brewster	1
Inside 6 yards	Crawford	3
Shots from 6-18 yards	Crawford	6
Volleyed shots	Young De	1
Penalties	Nicholson	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Crawford	3
Most goals in last 10	Crawford, Mehmet	1
Points gained from goals	Crawford	11

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	117
Goals conceded	29
On target/goals scored	4.03
SPL rating	6

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	128
Goals scored	27
On target / goals	4.74
SPL Rating	9

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	3
Points won	0
Goals Against, last 10	7
Points lost	3

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	14.95
SPL Rating (1=least, 12=most)	10
Average Offsides per game	2.41
SPL Rating	2

Swings

WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	3
LOST when ahead	1
DRAWN when ahead	1
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	1
DRAWN 2+ down	1
DRAWN 1 down	2
DRAWN 2+ up	1
DRAWN 1 up	0

Attendances

Aggregate	70,054
Highest	10,082
Lowest	4,495
Average	6,369

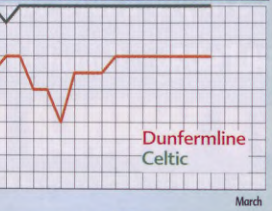
Where Goals

5 Close Range	16
21 Inside Area	45
1 Outside Area	10

How Goals

17 Shots	Shots	37
6 Headers	Headers	16
1 Volleys	Volleys	3
1 Penalties	Penalties	8
0 Free Kicks	Free Kicks	5
2 Own Goals	Own Goals	2

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	3
Conceded from C	0
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	3
Conceded from FK	3

Cards	
23	1

Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	4
Conceded from C	2
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	10
Conceded from FK	1

Cards	
27	2

Margins

WON BY:		LOST BY:	
1 Goal	5	1 Goal	3
2 Goals	4	2 Goals	0
3 Goals	0	3 Goals	1
4 Goals	0	4 Goals	1
5+ Goals	0	5+ Goals	1

Margins

WON BY:		LOST BY:	
1 Goal	6	1 Goal	0
2 Goals	4	2 Goals	0
3 Goals	2	3 Goals	0
4 Goals	4	4 Goals	0
5+ Goals	5	5+ Goals	0

Celtic's 10-Year Record

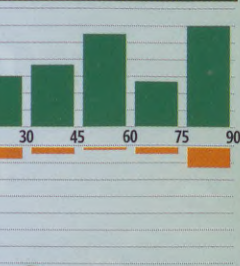
Season	S.F.A. Cup	League Cup
93/94	2	1
94/95	1	1
95/96	1	1
96/97	1	1
97/98	1	1
Larsson	1	1
98/99	1	1
Larsson	1	1
99/00	1	1
Viduka	1	1
00/01	1	1
Larsson	1	1
01/02	1	1
Larsson	1	1
02/03	1	1
Larsson	1	1
LS	22,637	24,601
CLS	8	26
ATT	24,601	34,232
	47,526	48,532
	51,334	53,894
	59,359	58,590
	57,473	

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The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Larsson, Hartson	4
Long range shots	Thompson	4
Inside 6 yards	Larsson, Hartson	3
Shots from 6-18 yards	Larsson	10
Volleyed shots	Thompson, Larsson, Pearson	1
Penalties	Sutton	5
Scored 1st Goal in match	Larsson, Sutton	4
Most goals in last 10	Thompson	3
Points gained from goals	Larsson	13.65

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	66
Goals conceded	9
On target/goals scored	7.33
SPL rating	1

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	182
Goals scored	71
On target / goals	2.56
SPL Rating	1

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	12
Points won	0
Goals Against, last 10	3
Points lost	0

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.14
SPL Rating (1=least, 12=most)	5
Average Offsides per game	3.68
SPL Rating	8

Swings

WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	0
LOST when ahead	0
DRAWN when ahead	0
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	0
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	0
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	0

Attendances

Aggregate	643,931
Highest	59,609
Lowest	57,165
Average	58,539



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THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A REAL PARS SUPPORTER.



BILL KINNEAR gives his own fan's eye view of one of Celtic's greatest ever players.

This week's article may sound and appear a little sycophantic, particularly in light of the furore raised by my column following the game against Celtic last August, but it is not intended to be. My hope is that this edition of *Beyond the Great Divide* will reflect the feelings of true football fans, especially here at Dunfermline, for it is a brief celebration of the career of one of the best players ever to play in the elite league in Scotland. I thought also that it would be appropriate to write a few words about the maestro on this occasion because today is more than likely to be the last time you'll see HENRIK LARSSON grace the hallowed XLTurf at East End Park (unless we manage to get him to end his career with the Pars!).

THE BHOY WHO WOULD BE KING...

Is the title of a book about Henrik Larsson and he is certainly well revered and given the status of royalty amongst Celtic fans, if royalty and Celtic are two things that can go together when crowned heads of states are normally associated with the blue half of the Great Divide!

Anyhow, a supreme player he has been for Celtic and he has certainly lit up Scottish football on more than one occasion. When Celtic signed him many people asked 'Henrik Who?', but that question was soon answered as he went on to become one of the most exciting and genuine talents to ever grace Scottish football.

After seven seasons with Celtic, at the conclusion of the current campaign, he is likely to leave Parkhead and end his career other than at the club where he has quite literally become a legend in his own lifetime. Some people have said that Larsson is a big fish in a small pond and that his record would not be so great had he played in, for example the English Premiership, where he might have been an ordinary player. I would personally dispute such a suggestion because Larsson has played at the very highest level for his club, and his country, and the statistics speak for themselves.

Henrik Larsson signed for Celtic in the summer of 1997 from Dutch giants Feyenoord costing the Glasgow club £650,000. My goodness such spending



Henrik Larsson

would have created a rather large vacuum in the allegedly infamous Parkhead biscuit tin. But what a bargain that £650,000 turned out to be. I suppose the record books speak for themselves and given Larsson's contribution to Celtic's success during his time with the club, the return from that initial investment will be incalculable.

Larsson has broken all sorts of records in his Celtic career, and he has so far scored an astounding 222 goals in 288 appearances. He has scored almost a goal a game in the two cup competitions (29 from 35) and 161 goals in 204 league games. In other games, including European competitions he has found the net 32 times in 49 appearances and in 72 international games for Sweden he has scored bagged 24 goals. And, there is still almost half a season to go before he departs for pastures new.

Wearing the Number 7 jersey, the staff at Parkhead didn't take long to use the theme from *The Magnificent Seven* to celebrate

every time he scores a goal at home. That particular record must also be broken given the number of times it's been played!

Larsson's career statistics at Celtic are made all the more remarkable given that he suffered a potentially career-threatening injury playing for them in Europe against Lyon on 21 October 1999. I remember that incident vividly while watching the game on television and remember thinking that would be the last time we'd see Henrik Larsson in a Celtic strip. It is testimony then to the man that he made his return from injury exactly seven months later on 21 May 2000 to play against Dundee United in a league game the following May.

Amazingly he then went on to represent Sweden at Euro 2000 in Holland/Belgium the following month, scoring in his country's final game, a 2-1 loss to Italy, who would eventually go on to reach the final only to lose 2-1 to France.

Against the Pars, Larsson has an impressive record scoring 25 times, including two hat-tricks, and there have been few games involving the two teams where he has failed to find the net. Let's hope that trend is bucked again today, as it was last August, and he and his teammates leave East End Park with no goals and no points.


There have undoubtedly been numerous highlights in Larsson's seven-season Celtic career, two of which will surely have been playing in the UEFA Cup Final last season and winning the Golden Boot Award in 2001 scoring 53 goals in his first full season following the aforementioned leg break.

As evidenced above and despite his propensity to score against the Pars, not including of course that final game played on grass here at East End last August, Larsson has been a joy to watch. Scottish football and indeed Celtic will be the poorer following his departure in a few months time.

I wonder if, as they do in other sports when sporting heroes call it a day, Celtic will retire the Number 7 jersey. It would be a fitting tribute to one of the greatest footballers of his generation.

The Magnificent Seven indeed.

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RECENT FORM

Didier Agathe inspired Celtic as the Scottish Premier League leaders swept aside Kilmarnock with five goals in a clinical bout of second-half finishing. Didier Agathe opened the scoring before setting up goals for John Hartson and Henrik Larsson. Stephen Pearson added the fourth as Celtic extended their lead over Rangers briefly to 14 points. Eric Skora, on loan from Preston, managed a late consolation for Killie before John Hartson completed the scoring. Victory extended Celtic's run of home victories in the league this season to 21.

Celtic: Douglas, McNamara, Kennedy, Varga (Valgaeren 78), Agathe, Lennon, Petrov (Lambert 78), Sutton, Pearson, Larsson (Maloney 78), Hartson. Subs Not Used: Marshall, Wallace. Goals: Agathe 55, Hartson 65, Larsson 76, Pearson 77, Hartson 89.

CLUB NEWS

Southampton have signed Scotland defender Stephen Crainey from Celtic for a fee of around £500,000. He arrives at St Mary's Stadium on a three-and-a-half year contract. Bolton, Sunderland and West Ham had also been interested in the 22-year-old Scotland international. A fee had also been agreed this week with First Division West Ham, but Crainey preferred a move to the Premiership.

Celtic goalkeeper Magnus Hedman has joined Italian side Ancona on loan until the end of the season. The Swedish international has played 19 games for Celtic this season, including all six Champions League matches. Magnus Hedman hasn't featured since the 3-2 loss to Lyon on 10 December. "Magnus wanted to go on loan because he felt that his chances of first team football may have been limited at the moment," Celtic manager Martin O'Neill told the club's website.

Celtic completed the signing of former Leeds goalkeeper Danny Milosevic until the end of the season. The 23-year-old Australian impressed during a trial period and Celtic boss Martin O'Neill said, "He's cheerful, wants to play and wants to have a go at it," said O'Neill. Milosevic will be back-up to Scotland

international Rab Douglas.

Reserve striker Brian Prunty has signed for Aberdeen, Michael Gray went back to Sunderland after his loan period, and of course, Liam Miller signed a pre-contract agreement with Manchester United!

PLAYER PROFILES

Rab Douglas: Big goalkeeper who signed from Dundee in October 2000.



Bobo Balde

Despite now being the regular Scotland number one, Rab has struggled to convince Martin O'Neill that he should be Celtic's first choice and indeed for a while this season it looked as if his days at Parkhead were numbered. Now however with Magnus Hedman off on loan the picture looks much rosier.

Momo Sylla: Signed from St Johnstone. So far Momo has shown inconsistent form in a Celtic jersey but few would doubt that the versatile player has real ability. Can play, and has played, everywhere but in goal since arriving

in Scotland but has been used as back up to Didi Agathe by Martin O'Neill Still young and has plenty of time to improve.

Jackie McNamara: Signed from Dunfermline in what transpired to be a bargain deal back in 1995, McNamara has gone on to become an integral part of the Celtic team. For a while found himself falling down the pecking order in the Celtic side. A serious injury curtailed Jackie's promising ability as a wingback, but his form improved to the extent that he was made Captain and now has re-emerged as a major influence in the team.

Joos Valgaeren: The big Belgian International caught Martin O'Neill's eye after he snuffed out the danger of fellow Celt Henrik Larsson during Euro 2000. £3.5m saw the quiet Belgian sign for Celtic and since then he has rarely put a foot wrong with a string of top notch performances which have saw him become a firm favourite with the Celtic fans as well as one of the first names on the team sheet. Has struggled to get into the first team this season.

Dianbobo Balde: Martin O'Neill was on the trail of the big uncompromising centre half for a long time before he eventually got his man and it is clear to see what O'Neill saw in Bobo. Standing at 6ft 4" tall and weighing in at just under 14 stone of pure muscle Balde is an intimidating character and has scared the living daylights out of many of his opponents. Despite his obvious plus points he has his off days. Is currently at the African Nations Cup with Guinea.

Stanislav Varga: Another giant of a centre half, Varga was signed at the start of the season from Sunderland. The Slovakian international didn't look too clever when he first arrived but like Balde has improved rapidly and has been one of Celtic's best performers in recent weeks.

John Kennedy: Young central defender who has made his way through the Celtic ranks. Some recent assured performances have given the 20 year old the chance to breakthrough into the first team.

Alan Thompson: Geordie midfielder has had an up and down time since his move from Villa to Celtic. One of the most promising players in England when he was performing heroics in a Bolton team with Jason McAteer and Alan Stubbs, Thompson moved to Villa for £4.5m and despite a great start at the club it all went down hill. Regarded as the finest striker of a ball at the club Thompson has chipped in with a few vital goals and is at last being considered by the England management again.

Neil Lennon: Tough tackling midfielder was signed from Leicester by his mentor Martin O'Neill in a deal which was met with very little fan fare amongst Celtic fans who thought the £6m fee was a little too high. Ever since he pulled on the famous Hoops though Lennon has proved everyone wrong with a string of assured performances at home and in Europe, which makes the £6m fee look like a bargain.

Henrik Larsson: Celtic's very own 'Magnificent 7', 'King of Kings', the list goes on and on. A dream signing by Wim Jansen back in 1997 then the dreadlocked striker fired Celtic to the title in his first season. The next year he banged in 38 goals as he nearly single handedly took the Bhoys to another title success. Sadly the following year he broke his leg to bring a premature end to his season but since then he's been back and as good as ever.

Chris Sutton: Powerful target man and arguably Martin O'Neill's best signing for the club thus far. Signed for a club record £6m Sutton was the joke figure of Scottish football but as they say "He who laughs last laughs longest" and Chris has had the last laugh. With John Hartson's arrival, Chris moved to a midfield position in which he has again acquitted himself with distinction. He is not the favourite of Dunfermline fans following his ill-judged comments at the end of last season, but few would deny that he has been in tremendous form this season. On the verge of an England recall and personally I think he should walk into that side!



Neil Lennon



Didier Agathe

John Hartson: Welsh targetman took a while to settle after his £4m transfer from Coventry but last season saw the best of the natural goalscoring talents of the big striker. Less prominent so far this season following injury, but nevertheless a fantastic talent with ability in the air and on the ground.

Paul Lambert: Signed by Wim Jansen midway through the Championship winning season Lambert has been one of Celtic's top performers ever since and his experience has been vital in the Martin O'Neill Celtic revival. Technically gifted holding player in the midfield is highly respected by his fellow players and his manager. Has not been one of the first choices this season.

Didier Agathe: Perhaps the quickest player ever to play for Celtic! Didier Agathe has been a revelation since his £50,000 transfer from Hibernian. Signed with a reputation as a pacey striker O'Neill has turned the rough diamond that was Didier Agathe into a top class wingback. Often, and possibly correctly, criticised for his final ball Agathe has the ability to cause problems for any defence with pure pace.



Alan Thompson



UNDER 21'S

Last week, Dunfermline's Under 21s gave Jimmy Calderwood a reminder of the quality that he has at his disposal among the club's younger players...

SPL Under 21 Match: Mon 2 February
2004, East End Park
**DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 7
DUNDEE UNITED 1**

Torrential rain failed to dampen this lively Under 21 SPL / Youth League match with the Pars coming back from a goal down to score seven magnificent goals.

Sean Kilgannon had the first worthwhile shot in the 9th minute when he played a one two off Gary Dempsey to break through the right channel to fire left footed just to the outside of the left goalpost. The early stages of this game were fairly even but in the 28th minute a Holmes corner from down at the tunnel was headed home by the in-rushing SAMUEL from just inside the six yard box, the ball piercing between three defenders and the keeper, to give the visitors the lead.

Noel Hunt got warmed up with a tussle with Craig Easton that Holmes pitched into as well. The referee showed great restraint to keep his cards dry but HUNT was fired up enough to get in on a deflected cross from the left that he struck home off the helpless Stuart Duff. Within another 90 seconds the Pars were ahead. A strong Kilgannon run in from the left to the angle of the penalty box set up DEMPSEY who rose between two defenders to head past the United keeper.

Two more chances fell Dunfermline's way, Hunt heading over the crossbar after a good move from Mehmet through Kilgannon to Grondin on the left and then Kilgannon was provided with shooting practice after Storey and Dempsey set him up.

Five minutes into the second half, a Billy Mehmet through ball sent Dempsey into the box but the defence cleared out right from where Hunt squared for MEHMET who crashed in goal number three from 15 yards out. Just like the first pair of goals the third and fourth came together too. Mehmet caused mayhem in the box

before sending the ball along the six yard line for Noel HUNT to control and smack home at the left post with his left foot.

Patrick Clarke came on for Storey and the young sub was unlucky to see his header from David Grondin's cross rebound back off the crossbar. The sub blasted at a pass from Hunt that Paul Jarvie in goals did well to stop. The chances were all for the Pars and another brace of goals arrived in the 70th and 72nd minutes. A Ruitenbeek kick was touched on by Hunt to Mehmet and he found CLARKE on the edge of the box to drive in the 5th. Almost immediately a good Grondin pass found Hunt and he quickly fed the ball on for DEMPSEY to shoot in from 15 yards. The scoring was not finished however and in the 78th minute Billy MEHMET received a throw on the left, turned his man and hit a corker into the top right corner of the net.

All eight goals were good goals but this strike had the small but very appreciative crowd on their feet. Scotland hit the post in the 80th minute but with the Pars showboating in the last five a Kilgannon back heeler down the right was swept over by captain, Scott MacNicol and Mehmet shot wide. It really didn't matter. The home fans went home very happy and the miles to Dundee would feel longer than ever for the well-trounced United team.

DUNFERMLINE:

*Ruitenbeek; Bullen
[McKeown 76], Storey
[Clarke 56], Byrne,
Grondin; MacNicol,
McGarty, Dempsey,
Kilgannon; Mehmet,
Hunt
Subs Not Used:
Murdoch, Wilson,
McGuire*

DUNDEE UNITED:

*Jarvie; Abbot,
Anderson, Gardiner,
Duff; Conway [Jarvis
HT], Bell [Robertson
56], Easton, Holmes;
Scotland, Samuel.
Subs Not Used:
McCann, Callaghan,
Smith*

Gary Dempsey



PREMIERLEAGUE UNDER 21 LEAGUE TABLE 2003 - 2004

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	20	18	2	0	56	13	56
Hearts	18	10	4	4	31	15	34
Rangers	17	9	3	5	33	19	30
Dunfermline	20	8	6	6	29	27	30
Livingston	19	8	4	7	31	24	28
Partick Thistle	21	6	6	9	24	33	24
Kilmarnock	20	6	5	9	28	38	23
Aberdeen	17	6	4	7	21	30	22
Dundee Utd	18	6	4	8	27	37	22
Hibernian	21	5	6	10	28	31	21
Motherwell	19	2	6	11	14	35	12
Dundee	16	3	2	11	20	40	11

Bank of Scotland SPL Under 21 Fixtures 2003-2004

Date	Opposition	Venue	Score	Pars Goalscorers
11 Aug	CELTIC	A	0-3	
18 Aug	DUNDEE	H	0-2	
25 Aug	ABERDEEN	H	0-0	
1 Sep	HEARTS	A	2-1	Storey (pen), Campbell
15 Sep	RANGERS	H	1-1	Clark
30 Sep	PARTICK THISTLE	A	2-2	Trialist, Dempsey
6 Oct	LIVINGSTON	H	1-1	Mehmet
13 Oct	HIBERNIAN	A	2-0	Bullen 2
20 Oct	KILMARNOCK	A	2-1	Bullen, McNicol
29 Oct	MOTHERWELL	H	0-0	
3 Nov	DUNDEE UNITED	A	2-0	Kilgannon, Mehmet
10 Nov	CELTIC	H	0-2	
3 Dec	ABERDEEN	A	1-1	Dempsey
8 Dec	HEARTS	H	1-0	Mehmet
22 Dec	HIBERNIAN	H	2-1	Hunt, Dempsey
29 Dec	PARTICK THISTLE	H	1-3	Hunt
6 Jan	LIVINGSTON	A	2-6	Labonte, Hunt
12 Jan	CELTIC	A	0-2	
19 Jan	KILMARNOCK	H	3-0	Hunt 2, Dempsey
2 Feb	DUNDEE UNITED	H	7-1	Hunt 2, Mehmet 2, Dempsey 2, Clarke





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PAX

Writing this about ten days ahead of last week-end's Tennent's Scottish Cup action – before escaping to sunnier climes for a week – we don't know if the 'romance of the Cup' extended to another victory for non-league Spartans. Whatever, we enjoyed Scotsman hack Alan Pattullo's report on an East of Scotland League match at City Park three or four weeks ago, particularly the following extract:

"Spartans against Civil Service Strollers, probably a fixture which can be described as the most romantic-sounding in world football and applied with further charge by the appearance on one touchline of female linesman Mathilde Peace. She has patrolled this particular stretch of line before, once, after a series of debatable decisions had irked the home crowd, provoking the famous plea by secretary Jim Murray, "Give Peace a chance!"

They just don't write them like that anymore, do they?

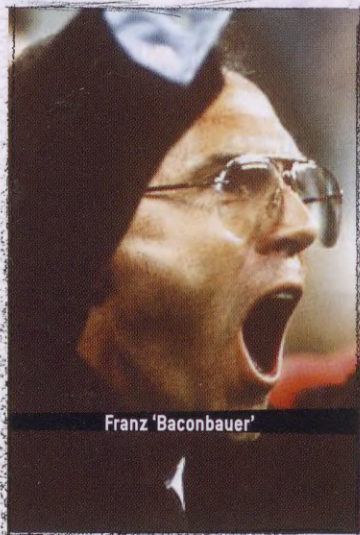
PIGS MIGHT FLY

It's at times like this that some of us wish that a mid-season break was still a feature of the SPL gig. Instead, it is a bit like the 'silly season', with the national side out of Euro 2004 and in limbo until the World Cup qualifiers get under way in September. The top and bottom spots in the Premier League are virtually decided, and it's another couple of weeks before hostilities recommence in Europe in the guise of the Champions League and the UEFA Cup. As we write, the Nations Cup action from Tunisia has provided little consolation, with the early matches not being all that thrilling, with most of the fancied sides stuttering a bit. Even the fashion gurus among us are unlikely to have been impressed by some of the gear on display, particularly the one-piece catsuits of the Camerons and the psychedelic ensemble of the Guinea guys!

Time, then, to dip into my well-thumbed, dog-eared copy of Andrew Ward's book, *Football's Strangest Matches* (Robson Books, London – 1999) to look for something of interest. Brace yourself. What we are about to divulge takes a bit of believing. The author's opening sentence gives you some idea of what I mean, setting the scene for what we are assured is not a cock and bull story. "While the world's football press concentrated on seemingly strange events, like Cameroon's defeat of

World Cup holders Argentina (in 1990), something was stirring at the grass roots of football. More and more pigs were taking up the game." Read on at your peril.

Allegedly, early in 1990 a Yorkshire pig-farmer on a jolly to the Paris Agricultural Show chanced upon a Danish product, the so-called 'Domino Stress Ball', which enabled pigs to play football. Being a shrewd operator, the pig man, Bernard Hoggarth, bought several balls, carried out successful trials and began marketing the stress balls in Britain. I kid you not, but seemingly, the manufacturers claim that football-playing pigs are less aggressive and less stressed and therefore happier and more likely to put on weight. Some of



us, the author claims, might have heard the same argument applied to human footballers! Anyway, the product hit the streets around the time of the 1990 World Cup Finals. There were some tongue-in-cheek suggestions, allegedly, that an international team of pigs should be formed, managed by 'Franz Baconbauer', and that an 'English Premier-Cut League' might include 'Trotterham Hotspur', 'Queen's Pork Rangers' and 'Roast Ham United'. [Come off it Mr Ward – you're coming the ham now!].

To continue, we're told that while pigs are intelligent creatures, when bored (no pun intended) they can become aggressive – hence the need to amuse them. Traditionally, it appears, some pig-keepers

have suspended chains or left cans in pens for the pigs to chew on. The stress ball, however, is a much more sophisticated toy, which enables the pigs to 'Eroll it around the sty, shoot it into corners and leap over it on their way to their fodder.'

For the record, the stress balls are bright red, about eight or nine inches in diameter, made of sturdy plastic and are well-nigh indestructible. Each one has a ball-bearing in the middle which rattles as the pigs knock the ball around the pen. The story goes on to tell us that on his Yorkshire pig-farm, bold Bernard experimented with one ball in a pen of 15 pigs. Back to the author's own words, Andrew Ward rounds off the story thus. "It sounds like something out of *Animal Farm* doesn't it? Those familiar with George Orwell's satirical fairy tale may recall that the pigs learned to read, lead and stand on hind legs, and *Animal Farm* became a replica of the human society it had replaced. A manager of a soccer team of pigs would be especially vulnerable to the chop!"

As his parting shot on the subject, the author reveals that the stress ball has been tried with racehorses too – with little success but "...at the time of going to press, chickens had yet to be approached & the manufacturers were worried about too many fowls."

Get it? Chickens – ... too many fowls. Some story, eh? If you don't believe it – and think I'm telling porkies, read it for yourself in *Football's Strangest Matches* [pp 207-208]. It's all there, in black and white.

AND FINALLY...

As a bit of light relief from the stuff that's gone before – and to demonstrate further that the 'Age of Plagiarism' is not dead, I thought we'd sign off with a wee gem from the 'Keltly Bard', Jim Leishman. Taken from *Hi Sur!* a self-styled collection of 'daft poems' by Jim Leishman, Jim Douglas and Les Wood, it goes like this:

"Nicked
In our back gairden
There wis a dookit
It's no there noo
Some B****r took it"

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JOHN RITCHIE reports on the latest developments with the Under Age squads. Unlike some other clubs, Dunfermline have managed to keep playing, thanks to the new surface...

UNDER 19 SQUAD

We don't resume our Under 19 league commitments until Friday 13th February – when we are due to play Hearts – so we have been arranging friendly fixtures to keep the lads match-fit and sharp. Most recently we entertained Dundee United at East End Park having welcomed Motherwell the week prior.

Motherwell – 23rd January
This was a particularly wet Friday evening and we were glad to have the luxury of the East End Park surface – or we may not have made it to half time. It was a very tight affair with nothing to choose between the two teams and a goal-less draw was probably a fair result over the piece. I made a number of changes to the team, introducing three of our Under 17 squad to the starting line-up – Greig Ross, Clark Campbell and John Dunn – and also two trialists.

Defensively I was delighted with the way the lads performed. We went with a flat back four with three in the middle and three up-front, with the two wide men dropping back to flood the midfield when they had possession. This worked well defensively but meant that we were probably too slow getting forward. We switched to a 4-4-2 formation in order to try and get better service to young Steven Harris up-front and despite creating one or two chances,



couldn't break the deadlock.

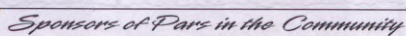
Dundee United – 30th January
Despite United having the use of Gussie Park, their artificial training pitch, this fixture had to be switched to East End in order to go ahead. The heavy snow fall no match for our new surface!

Again this was a closely fought contest and I felt we were very unlucky to take nothing from the game. They had taken an early lead before Ian Campbell had levelled from the penalty spot later in the first half. Unfortunately, young Hunter conceded a late penalty and they snatched victory at the death. Despite this, I thought we played good football and I was very pleased with the performances of Danny Smith in the middle of the park and Pat Clarke and Stevie Harris up-front. We also had a young trialist in goal who produced some magnificent saves, keeping us in the game at times.

UNDER 17 SQUAD

Just as has been the case with their seniors, the Under 17 squad have been involved in a number of winter-warming friendly fixtures – against East Fife, Alloa Athletic and Hearts respectively. The standard of football in all three was excellent and I am pleased to report that we came out on top in each. The squad is enjoying the experience of playing on East End and the benefits it is bringing to their game.

In the fixture against Hearts, we played 3 x



30 minute periods and our lads came out on top of all three. They got off to the best possible start with a goal inside a minute, before adding to that inside the first period. Goals in each of the other two periods, with only one in reply, produced a comfortable victory. This despite experimenting with the shape and formation throughout, shifting from a 4-4-2 to 3-4-3 to 3-4-1-2 – good experience of adapting to different game-plans.

OFF THE PITCH

I attended the latest SPL Youth meeting at Hampden last week, where we discussed taking forward a couple of significant initiatives. The first was the introduction of 'summer football' for our Youth Development squads, which would see the season split in two: August to October and March to July. This would allow the kids to spend more time training in lighter and more favourable conditions. Given that we have the use of the Fleet Grounds down in Rosyth, this would definitely be to our benefit.

Secondly, we discussed 'dual-banding' which would involve our Under 16 and Under 17 squads coming together as one. The Under 13 development squad would then become part of the Youth Initiative programme. The idea behind these proposals is to keep the best of the kids together at Under 16 and 17 level before deciding on whether or not to offer them a full-time contract with the Club.

PARS IN THE COMMUNITY *with Hamish French*

East End Praise!
Our fun football coaching sessions held here at East End Park are proving to be more and more popular and I'm pleased to say that we've been on the receiving end of some welcome praise for our efforts! The Secretary of Crossford Sports Club wrote to extend his sincere thanks for the afternoon spent training at East End on 24th December, adding – 'everyone who attended the day agreed that it was a valuable training session and an experience to remember. I hope we can arrange something similar before the end of the season'.

Meanwhile, the Dunblane 11s Blues wrote to thank us for our time and effort – 'the squad were very impressed with the session. We will highly recommend that the coaches of the other squads seriously consider taking a trip through to East End Park as part of their players' development.'

Pictured here with Pars in the Community are Marian Colts FC – another young team to enjoy the benefits of training on the new surface.

In-service Days

A reminder of our plans for the upcoming school mid-term break and in-service days. Dates and times are listed as follows ...

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Thursday 12th Feb and Monday 15th Feb
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Primary 5, 6, 7 11.30am – 1.00pm
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8 – 12 yrs 11.30am – 1.00pm
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SAMMY AND THE YOUNG PARS

SAD, MAD OR UNBELIEVABLE ?

(The strange world of Sammy The Tammy)

Hi Gang!

Well, it's ages since we had a midweek game isn't it!! The decision to not take a Winter break this year has meant that we don't really have many "evening" games, so it feels really strange to be playing at night again after such a long time not doing it! Anyway, I always think that the dark night sky helps to build the atmosphere inside East End and tonight's game is sure to be a cracker.

As things stand tonight, we are still the only team to take any points off Celtic all season... how bizarre does that sound, now that we are fully halfway through the season! Anyway, you have to admire the fact that Celtic have put together a phenomenal run of results already this season - no wonder they are top of the league. That said, it won't stop us from doing our best to go even better than the draw we held them to on the opening day of this season here at EEP. We are gunning for all three points this time Bhoys.

We will have another little piece of history at this game tonight, as it will be the first time Celtic will be playing on our new surface, but they will be the last SPL team to play on it... that's weird !!! Anyway, let's hope that the surface doesn't become the usual focus of discontent from the media and visitors, as that would just be a distraction. I wonder how much the Celtic people will convince themselves they don't like it (and might get beat because of it) before they actually even play us on it? We must brace ourselves for another scathing attack on the synthetic surface if we do beat them (and here's hoping we do)!!!

As I had to write this copy before the cup match against Clyde, I don't have the benefit of knowing whether we won or not! I hope by the time you are reading this

however, that we have made it through to the next round, and that our old friend big Andy Smith hasn't put one over on us! Here's hoping that you all had a great day out on the free buses supplied by the club - wasn't that a brilliant surprise for everyone! A big thanks should go to the club from everyone that took advantage of the freebie!

Have any of you been watching that TV programme "I'm a Celebrity, get me out of here"? What a bundle of laughs that is...! I really hoped that Johnny would win and was crowned King of the Jungle. He was my favourite by a mile. We have seen a very different Johnny Rotten over these last few instalments of the show. PS : Can someone please write to the producers and try and get me on next year's show? I would love to spend two weeks in the Australian jungle and get to do some of those delightful bush tucker trials! Alternatively, I could just help TV funnyman Ant and Dec present the show! I will make myself available just in case they call!

And so, going back to today's game, we need to get right behind the team and sing today's selected Sammy song really loud to encourage the team on to what would be one of the most significant victories in a long time at East End, so let's hear you belting this "double barrel effort" out at the top of your voice throughout the game, and



not just when we get a corner - like you usually do :-
Ole, ole ole ole, We are the Pars, We are the Pars,
Ole, ole ole ole, We are the Pars, We are the Pars,
Come on ye Pa-ars, Come on ye Pa-ars,
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YOUNG PARS NEWS

Well, what a double act Sammy the Tammy and Mr Barking make! Anyone who was at Sammy's Christmas/New Year party will know exactly what we are talking about - the two of them together are hilarious! The party started with Mr Barking getting everyone, including the mums and dads, to join in with some great singing and dancing routines! One Sammy's Gang member got dressed up as a clown while others helped with some of the magic tricks. It was a lot of fun and any Sammy's Gang members out there who missed out on Sammy's party

this time should make sure they make it to the next one. We are hoping to get Mr Barking to come along again. Maybe we could write a Sammy Story with Mr Barking in it as well? Now that definitely would be an occasion not to be missed!

Mr Barking also entertained the children at our Party Night for 7-10 year olds. This was another all singing, all dancing affair with some magic in between. Everybody was 'encouraged' to take part and this included the players, with Barry Nicholson and Scott McNicol taking part in a dance routine and Marco Ruitenbeek conducting some of the

singing! Many thanks to the players for coming along and joining in the fun! They really were great sports!

AWAY GAMES

We took a bus full of Young Pars to Rugby Park to watch the Pars play Kilmarnock in January. Our next away trip is the game at Dundee this Saturday and you should all have received details about this through the post. Remember to phone Christine if you wish to travel with us. As usual there will be a charge for the bus but entry into the game will be free.



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REMEMBER WHEN

FEBRUARY 1ST – FIRST DIVISION: **DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 1 CELTIC 0**

A brilliant defensive display kept the Celtic forwards at bay in front of 16,000 spectators at East End Park. The fact that captain George Miller played the entire second half with an injury that severely limited his mobility made the outcome all the more creditable.

The only goal came in the eleventh minute as the Celtic defence, playing into a strong wind, was caught out by a through ball, with Dickson at his side, McNeill raced back and headed towards 'keeper Fallon but didn't get enough on the ball. Distracted by the charging Pars' centre, Fallon failed to hold it and the ball came off both McNeill and Dickson before rolling over the line.

The Athletic had most of the play for the rest of the half although Celtic were always a threat on the break. Kerray had a powerful shot deflected wide and then brought out a great save by Fallon with a close-range header.

The second half saw Celtic dominate as



Dunfermline were reduced to all-out defence. Full-backs Willie Callaghan and John Lunn performed superbly against danger-man Hughes and John Stone while centre-half Jim McLean was his usual, uncompromising and

inspirational. In goal, Herriot made some great saves, particularly a magnificent double save at close range to deny Steve Chalmers.

Having said that, he very nearly gave away a goal when he threw the ball out to Celtic's John Clark, who somehow managed to miss the target.

Dunfermline: Herriot, W Callaghan, Lunn, Smith, McLean, Miller, Edwards, Peebles, Dickson, Kerray, T Callaghan.

Celtic: Fallon, Young, Gemmell, Clark, McNeill, Kennedy, Johnstone, Murdoch, Chalmers, Gallagher, Hughes.



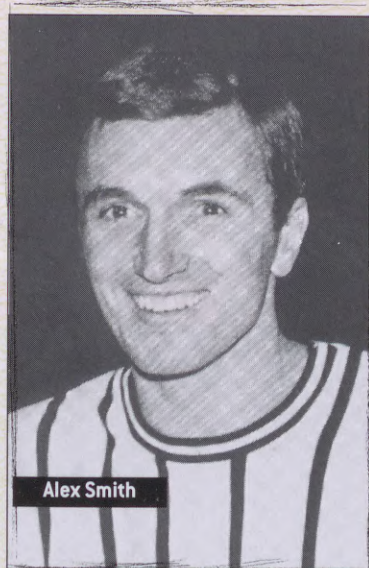
FEBRUARY 8TH – FIRST DIVISION:

HIBERNIAN 0 DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 0

Dunfermline should have returned with both points but failed to convert any of a number of chances.

Near the bottom of the table, Hibs were hard working but unimaginative and only occasionally troubled the Athletic defence. At the other end, it was just one of those days as the Pars did everything right until it came to putting the ball into the net.

The best chances fell either side of the break. Kerray failed to hit the target when teed up by Sinclair and then Dickson was played through only to be robbed by the 'keeper when a square pass to the unmarked



Peebles would surely have brought a goal.

FEBRUARY 15TH – SCOTTISH CUP:

EAST STIRLINGSHIRE 1 DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 6

This was a harder tie for the Pars than the final score suggests. Despite Peebles' opener in the 14th minute and a classy Sinclair goal four minutes later, the 'Shire showed real spirit to pull one back in the 25th minute through Andy Roxburgh (yes, THAT Andy Roxburgh!)

Although they fought valiantly for the equaliser, the 'Shire were unable to break down the strong Athletic defence. The Pars didn't have it all their own way as their opponents fought hard and denied them space and time around the box.

The turning point came in the 68th minute when Kerray drove home a shot from the edge of the penalty area. Dunfermline took control and four minutes later Peebles lashed home a shot via the underside of the bar.

In the 79th minute Sinclair finished off a great three-man move and in the last minute the same player completed his hat-trick with another cracking drive.

FEBRUARY 19TH – FIRST DIVISION:

PARTICK THISTLE 0 DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 1

Another tough game for Dunfermline saw a Jim Kerray goal twenty minutes into the

second half good enough to earn the win.

With Dan McLindon in for the rested Alex Edwards, the attack spend much of their time covering back as Thistle enjoyed most of the possession. Defences may have been on top but there was enough goalmouth incident to keep the fans happy. With only the 'keeper to beat, Dickson shot straight at him while, for Thistle, Fleming shot wide when a goal looked on. Jim Herriot was in good form throughout, pulling off impressive saves from Cunningham and McParland.

Towards the end there was real pressure on the Athletic goal and in the dying seconds Willie Callaghan was perfectly placed to head away a ball that was sneaking in at the post.

FEBRUARY 22ND – FIRST DIVISION: **DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC 1 DUNDEE 2**

Dunfermline's finishing let them down again as Dundee survived a terrific onslaught to escape with their fourth win of the season against the Pars.

The visitors struck in the seventh minute, Cousin heading home from a Penman corner, and although the Pars enjoyed a spell of pressure they were lucky not to fall further behind when Waddell, from close-range, saw his shot brilliantly saved by Herriot.

The equaliser came in the 33rd minute when Edwards drove the ball across goal for Smith to turn it home. The rest of the first half belonged to Dunfermline but they were caught out again just four minutes after the restart when Penman scored.

Dunfermline dominated the rest of the game as Dundee survived wave after wave of attacks. They had an amazing escape when Smith, Kerray and Peebles all hammered in shots from point-blank range. Slater was finally beaten by a Kerray effort but Dundee's luck held as Cox cleared of the line.

FEBRUARY 29TH – FIRST DIVISION: **ST JOHNSTONE 3 DUMFERMLINE ATHLETIC 2**

A distinctly lacklustre performance saw the Athletic throw away a half time lead to go down to a surprise defeat in Perth. Without the Callaghan brothers, Dunfermline welcomed back skipper Miller, out since the Celtic match. The Saints were rarely in the game until they snatched the lead after 28th

minutes, McCarry netting after Herriot had blocked a Hawshaw effort. Stepping up a gear, Dunfermline levelled in the 36th minute, Peebles skipping past a defender to score from inside the box. With four minutes to go before the interval Sincalir put the Pars ahead but they were fortunate to go in leading as Richmond blasted a penalty high over the bar.

After Hawkshaw equalised in the 50th minute, the Saints showed greater hunger and defended resolutely. At the same time, they created a couple of good chances and netted what turned out to be the winner in the 73rd minute. Kemp's header looked to have been cleared but the linesman raised his flag and the referee awarded the goal.

EAST END DIARY

- Alex Edwards and Jim Fraser were selected for the Scotland squad due to take part in the European Youth Tournament in Holland at the end of March. Edwards, however, had to withdraw as the Pars' Cup semi-final tie with Rangers clashed with the trip.
- The winger was also chosen to play for the Scottish League against Scotland at Ibrox on February 24th. Not bad going for a 17 year old.
- Dunfermline's only previous win at Firhill came on April 3rd, 1937. Since the war they had played seven matches there and hadn't won any.
- At the time of their cup tie with the Pars, East Stirlingshire was a First Division club. Promoted to the top flight in 1962-63 for only the second time in their history, they again survived only one season, although the 6-1 cup drubbing was their heaviest defeat of the season.
- On February 26th came the news that every Athletic fan feared – manager Jock Stein was leaving at the end of the season.

WORLD NEWS

- FEBRUARY 5TH:** In Rwanda, thousands of Tutus were massacred by a rival tribe.
- FEBRUARY 6TH:** Britain and France agreed to build a Channel Tunnel costing £160 million.
- FEBRUARY 8TH:** The Beatles received their most ecstatic welcome yet when thousands of teenagers packed into New York's Kennedy Airport.
- FEBRUARY 19TH:** 1,500 British troops were flown out to Cyprus as hostility between the Turkish and Greek communities worsened.
- FEBRUARY 21ST:** In the UK, £10 banknotes were issued for the first time since the Second World War.
- FEBRUARY 25TH:** Cassius Clay pulled off one of boxing's greatest upsets by beating Sonny Liston to become heavyweight champion of the world.

LOCAL NEWS

- FEBRUARY 1ST:** The Falcons, one of Dunfermline's most popular "beat" groups, were told that they had earned a spot on the new STV series "One Night Stand"
- FEBRUARY 13TH:** Inverkeithing Town Council stated that the Lamma Fair would restart in August after a gap of three years due to the closure of Castlandhill Road as the Forth Road Bridge approaches were built.
- FEBRUARY 14TH:** A dinner was held in the Brucefield Hotel to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Dunfermline Rugby Club.
- FEBRUARY 15TH:** The demolition of the Masonic Hall in Chalmers Street would help create a new car park (behind the City Hotel) at a cost of £30,000.
- FEBRUARY 27TH:** There were doubts over the future of the Gala Day after the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust's decision to review whether it was still an "outstanding attraction" to local children.

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PLAYERS TOTAL GOALS AND APPEARANCES FOR CLUB

No	PLAYER	TOTAL PARS APPEARANCES	TOTAL GOALS
1	MARCO RUITENBEEK	92 + 0 SUB	28 SHUT OUTS
2	LEE BULLEN	108 + 27 SUB	22 GOALS
3	SCOTT WILSON	58 + 1 SUB	2 GOALS
4	DARREN YOUNG	24 + 0 SUB	1 GOAL
5	ANDRIUS SKERLA	142 + 0 SUB	2 GOALS
6	SCOTT THOMSON	166 + 3 SUB	18 GOALS
7	BARRY NICHOLSON	154 + 1 SUB	20 GOALS
8	GARY MASON	102 + 9 SUB	6 GOALS
9	STEPHEN CRAWFORD	178 + 0 SUB	72 GOALS
10	CRAIG BREWSTER	66 + 1 SUB	21 GOALS
11	DEREK YOUNG	12 + 2 SUB	3 GOALS
12	GARY DEMPSEY	29 + 28 SUB	2 GOALS
14	NOEL HUNT	2 + 22 SUB	1 GOAL
15	GREG SHIELDS	87 + 1 SUB	0 GOALS
17	SEAN KILGANNON	25 + 28 SUB	0 GOALS
18	RICHIE BYRNE	0 + 2 SUB	0 GOALS
20	DEREK STILLIE	53 + 0 SUB	15 SHUT OUTS
22	DAVID GRONDIN	24 + 4 SUB	1 GOAL
26	MARK MCGARTY	6 + 12 SUB	0 GOALS
27	SCOTT MCNICOL	0 + 2 SUB	1 GOAL
28	AARON LABONTE	3 + 7 SUB	0 GOALS
30	SCOTT Y THOMSON	14 + 0 SUB	3 SHUT OUTS
31	BILLY MEHMET	1 + 8 SUB	1 GOAL
32	ANDY TOD	260 + 23 SUB	38 GOALS

CORRECT AT 9 FEBRUARY 2004



Craig Brewster



Dunfermline travelled to Broadwood Stadium in Cumbernauld on Saturday for a fourth round Tennents Scottish Cup tie against Clyde...

THE MATCH

Clyde 1 Dunfermline Athletic 2
(*match abandoned after 57 minutes due to snow*)

Dunfermline travelled to Cumbernauld to top of the table, First Division side Clyde in the Tennents Scottish Cup. Noel Hunt came in to partner Stevie Crawford with Craig Brewster still out with an ankle injury and young Irishman, Richie Byrne came in for his first start.

After only 4 minutes the Pars took the lead. Byrne won a corner on the left and when Darren Young crossed ball into a crowded Clyde penalty box, the clearance only went as far as Scott Wilson at the edge of the box. His well-struck low shot was saved by keeper Morrison but he failed to hold the ball and Noel HUNT turned the ball in at the left post.

The play was all one way towards the Clyde goal. In the 12th minute a Stillie kick out went deep into the opposition half and keeper Morrison won the race against Crawford to block the ball. Hunt grasped the opportunity to latch on to the second ball and shot from 30 yards at the open goal, but unfortunately the ball went left of target. Darren Young sent Crawford up the right wing and he, noting a slip by his defender, continued towards the corner flag and swung a great ball through the six yard box. Clyde right back Mensing turned the ball out for a corner.

There were a series of Darren Young corners that gave the Clyde defence problems as the ball dropped into the crowded six yard box. In the 22nd minute a clearance from Young's corner was met by Barry NICHOLSON, who drove a superb low shot past the Clyde keeper to put Dunfermline into a deserved two nil lead.

Just when things were looking good, Clyde got a goal back on the half hour from a Colin Marshall free kick. The Clyde No.8 hit a high ball into the Pars penalty box for the unmarked Mark McLAUGHLIN to head in from six yards. Unmoved by this, the SPL team merely continued attacking.

Dunfermline were playing with composure and it looked only a matter of time before they would put their name in the quarterfinal draw. When the second half started it had only gone three minutes when referee Charlie Richmond called for a



yellow ball since the snow was making viewing like watching through a snow-filled ornament. The pitch markings were becoming indistinguishable and the play had deteriorated as both teams found it difficult to create anything and probably also to find their own players in the snowstorm. It came as no surprise when on 57 minutes the referee stopped the game and after a poor attempt to brush the pitch markings, he took one final trip to the centre circle and returned to announce the blatantly obvious conclusion. Match abandoned 57th minute, so it will all have to be gone through all over again. Hunt and Nicholson will get no credit for their goals and Richie Byrne will have to make his starting debut in another game.

Dunfermline: Stillie, Skerla, Wilson, Tod, Byrne, Nicholson, Darren Young, Thomson, Derek Young; Hunt, Crawford. Subs Not Used: Ruitenbeek, Dempsey, Grondin, Labonte, Mehmet

Clyde: Morrison; Mensing, McCluskey, McLaughlin, Fotheringham; Marshall, Ross, Gibson, Hagen; Smith, Hart. Subs Not Used: Halliwell, Gilhaney, McConalogue, Keogh, Kernahan

THE FANS

Thanks to free transport, a huge number of Pars fans made the trip to Broadwood. They filled the West Stand opposite the Main Stand and had another hundred or so in the

Stand behind the goal for good measure. A truly superb support – well done!

ABANDONED GAMES

By a strange coincidence, Dunfermline's last abandoned match was also against Clyde! It took place at Douglas Park, Hamilton on 15th January 1994, and was due to be Clyde's last match at the Accies' home before transferring to the state of the art ground at Cumbernauld. However, the fog descended and when the ref couldn't see a thing the match was abandoned with Dunfermline in the lead. The match was replayed on 19th February 1994 at the new Broadwood Stadium and Dunfermline ran out 1-0 winners courtesy of a goal by none other than Andy Tod!

Prior to this the previous abandoned match was one played at Tannadice on 6th October 1990. This time United were leading 2-1 when the incessant rain caused the referee to halt play.

The last abandoned match at East End Park took place on 2nd January 1984 when a goalless encounter with Cowdenbeath was brought to an end after 43 minutes of trying to play in the East End mud.

THE DRAW

Should Dunfermline overcome Clyde when the abandoned Scottish Cup game is replayed on 24th February, then a hazardous Quarter-Final trip to play Partick Thistle at Firhill awaits. Pars supporters won't need reminding that the last two league visits there ended in heavy 4-0 and 4-1 defeats. The full draw is:
Aberdeen v Livingston
Celtic v Rangers
Partick Thistle v Clyde/Dunfermline
Motherwell v Inverness CT

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NAME:
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Euan

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Tony

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