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# from John Grieve **Chairman of the Norrie McCathie Testimonial Committee**

On behalf of the Testimonial Committee I extend my warmest thanks to everybody for coming along tonight. Whatever our own individual views are about the events at East End Park this summer, we will all agree about the qualities of the man we have come to pay tribute to tonight.

Norrie McCathie came to East End Park in August 1981 and during the past nine years he has made an outstanding contribution, both on and off the field, to this club we love. Norrie may have arrived as a raw part-time recruit, but such has been his dedication and professionalism that he has matured into a player who is highly respected among the very best players in Scotland.

Over the years, Norrie has always had time for the fans, but tonight we get the first chance to show our appreciation to him. Throughout the season there will be a series of events including a Dinner/Dance, a Boxing Dinner, and the Testimonial Dinner itself. We'd also like Supporters' Clubs to organise their own events so that we can make this season a memorable one for Norrie.

Thanks to Newcastle United, Norrie's year should get off to a brilliant start with this top quality game. Please enjoy it!

John Grieve.



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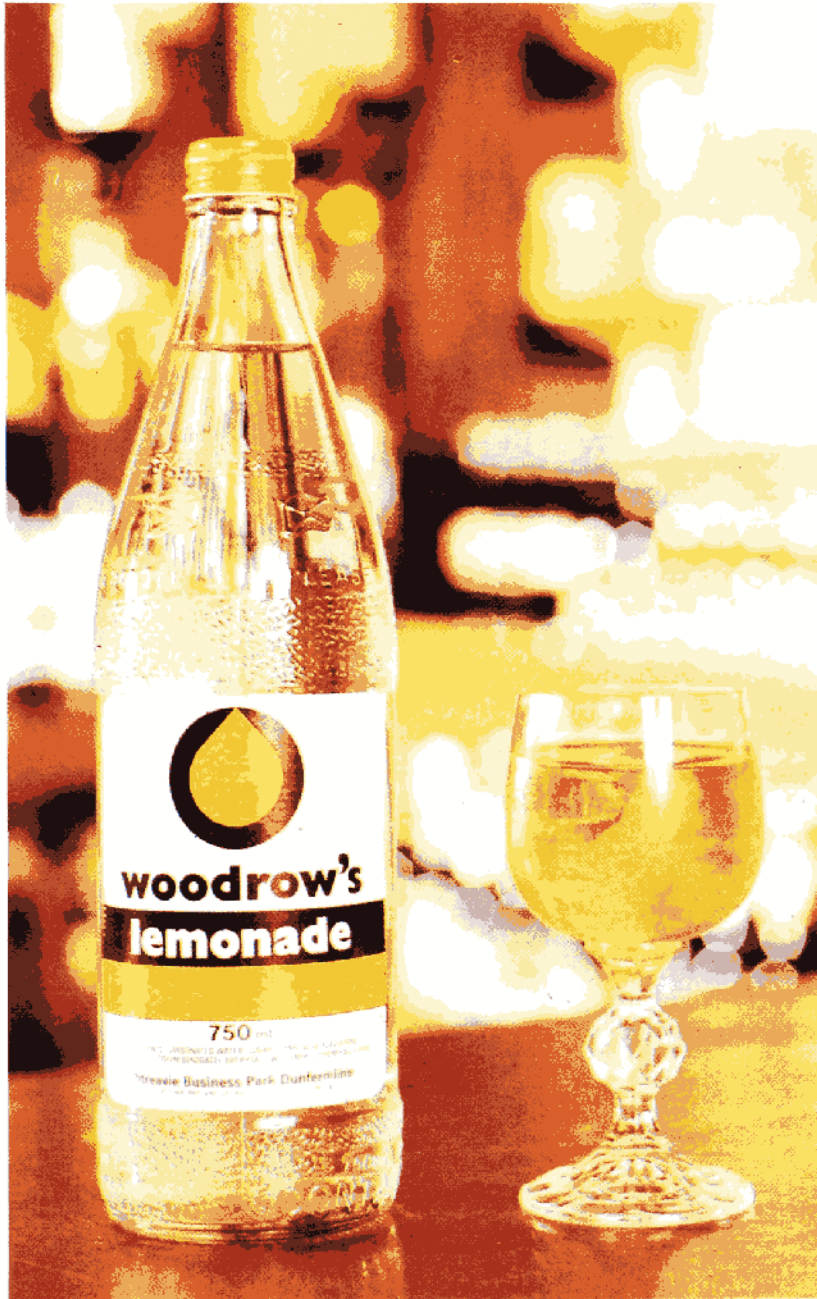
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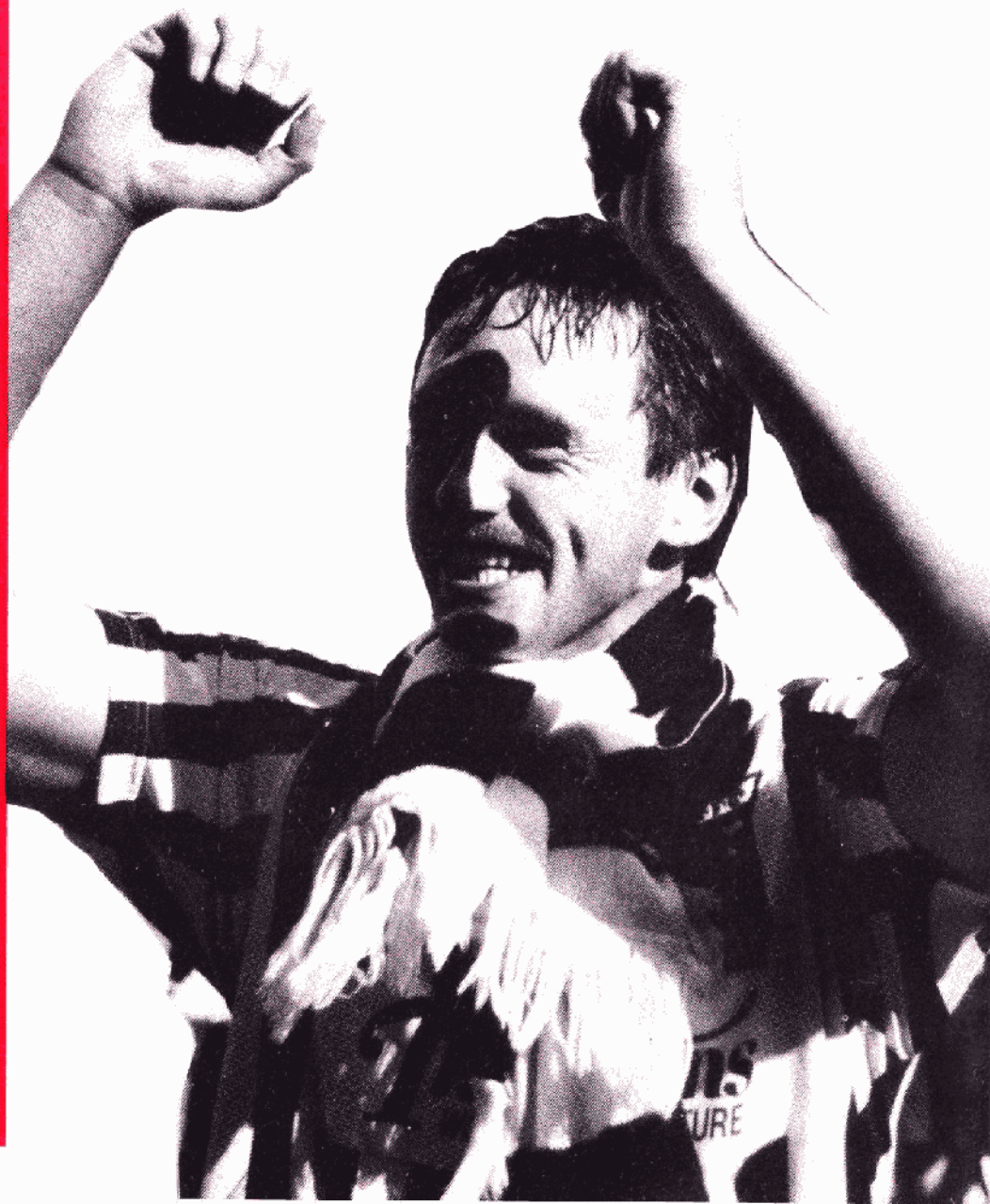
# Thank you

I would like to thank all the fans of Dunfermline Athletic for their support over the years. You've given me stick when I've deserved it, but you've given me a lot of praise too! Over the past ten years I've made a lot of friends in the town, and I intend to make a few more yet.

I'd also like to thank my Testimonial Committee. They've put a lot of hard work into arranging tonight's game and the other events which will follow.

I am indebted to the football club for the use of East End Park for tonight's game, and I also wish to thank Newcastle United for providing the opposition. Umbro have very generously provided the strips for the match, and I understand that the Newcastle players will be returning theirs to the Testimonial Committee to be used for auctions and prizes at some of the functions. It's a tremendous gesture from both of them for which I am very grateful. I am now going into my tenth year with the club, and I have enjoyed just about all of it up to now. I hope there's going to be a few more to come yet!

Best wishes - Norrie McCathie.





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# IAIN MUNRO



I have heard it said that I won't rate Norrie this year because he was Jim's player brought to the club a long time ago.

Let me make two things absolutely clear – there are no Jim's players, and there are no Iain's players, they are all Dunfermline players. I personally think that Norrie has been the most consistent player for the last three years, especially last year.

It was late in his career before Norrie turned full-

time and every year since the demands on him have been greater than before. There are always questions as to whether he will be able to step up a level once again and every time Norrie has provided the answer – yes.

This year the demands will be even greater still but already Norrie has shown his attitude by coming in early for pre-season training. It shows that he really wants to do it and that means a lot to me.

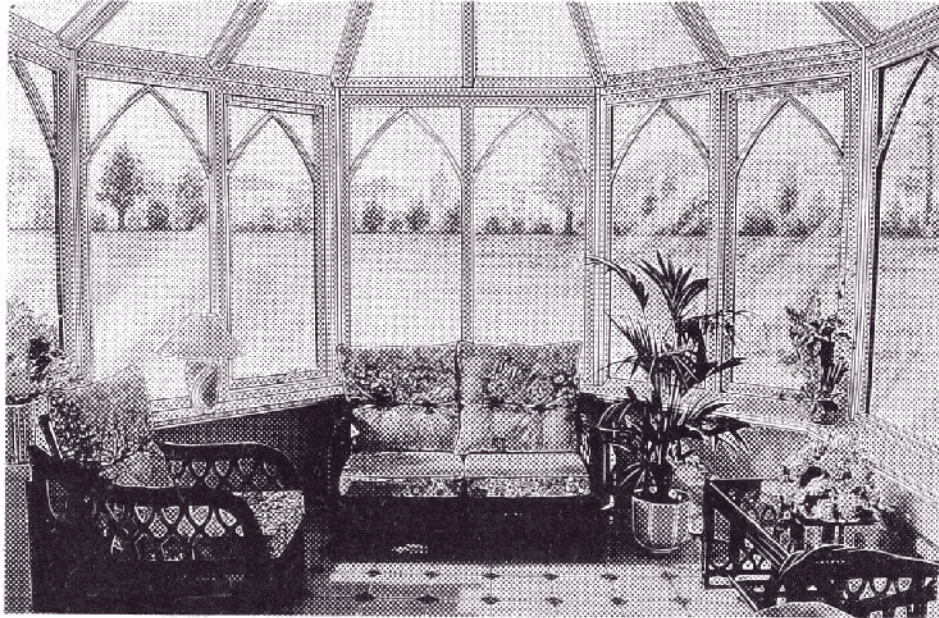
We have not always seen eye to eye but I have nothing but praise and respect for him because he has worked so hard at this game. I bet Norrie wishes he was 22 again and full-time so that he could work on and improve his game some more! The other side of Norrie is, of course, as a great ambassador for the club. The team captaincy went to Jimmy Nicholl to allow Norrie to concentrate fully on his own game but there has never been any doubt about his position as club captain.

He has never let anyone down, he is always around the ground or in the community and quite simply he is a first class pro.

It is good to have such attractive opposition for tonight's game and there is a lot of Scottish interest in Newcastle because of players like Neil Simpson, Mark McGhee and, of course, Big Roy. I played for Sunderland so I know the passion that exists for football on Tyneside. Newcastle will be going all out to ensure promotion this year, and so give us the best possible opposition for such an important game



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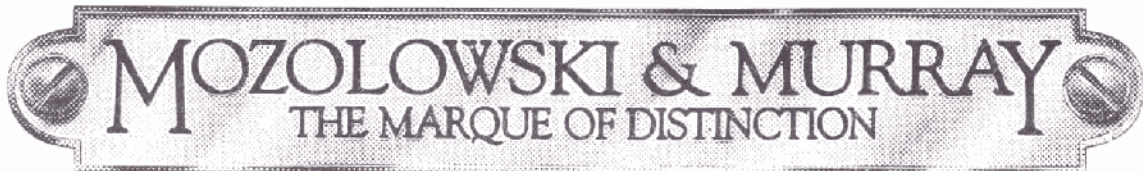
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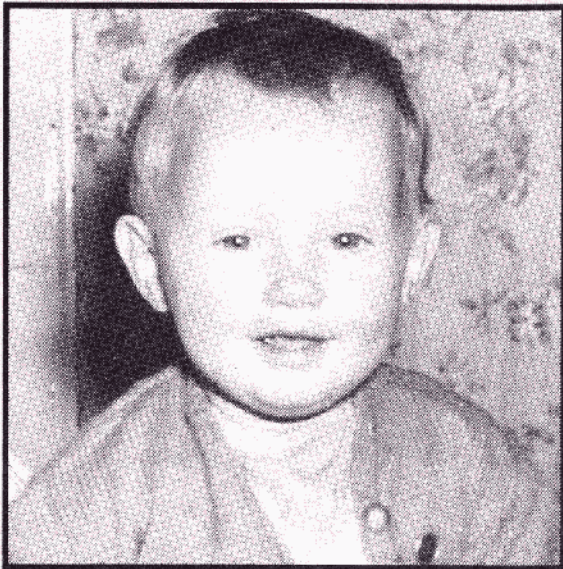
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# IN THE BEGINNING

Norrie McCathie was born in Edinburgh on 23rd March 1961. As you can see from our little picture gallery, Norrie was quite happy in his younger days to sit about and contemplate his future (top left). It didn't take him too long, however, to get a liking to kicking a football around as you can see from this family snap (top right). Who could believe that the cute little boy on the right could end up as our tough, heroic defender (bottom left). The serious stuff had to come eventually and in this picture a young-looking Pat Stanton is seen giving Norrie – yes that's him, but what about that suit! – one of his first-ever presentations (bottom right). There were many more to follow!



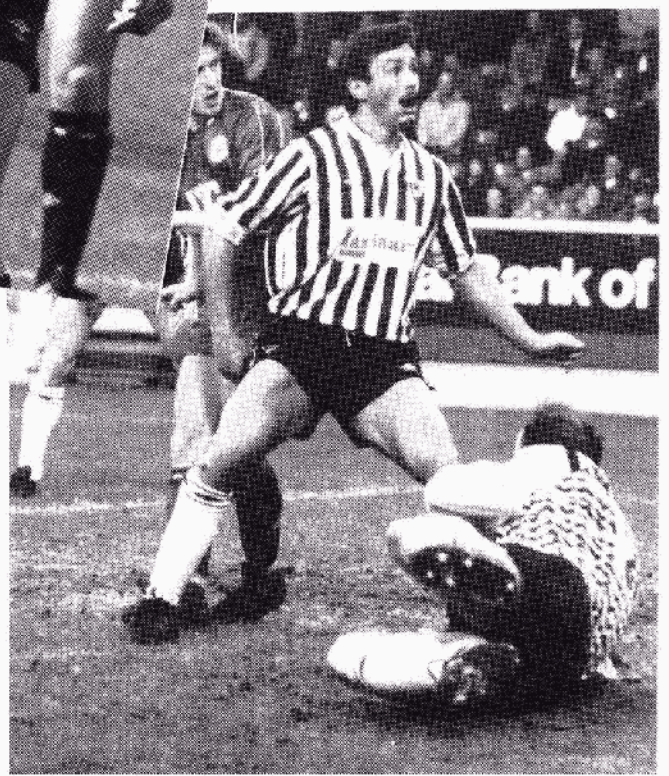
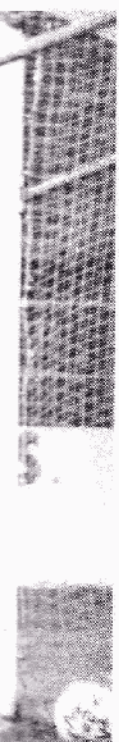
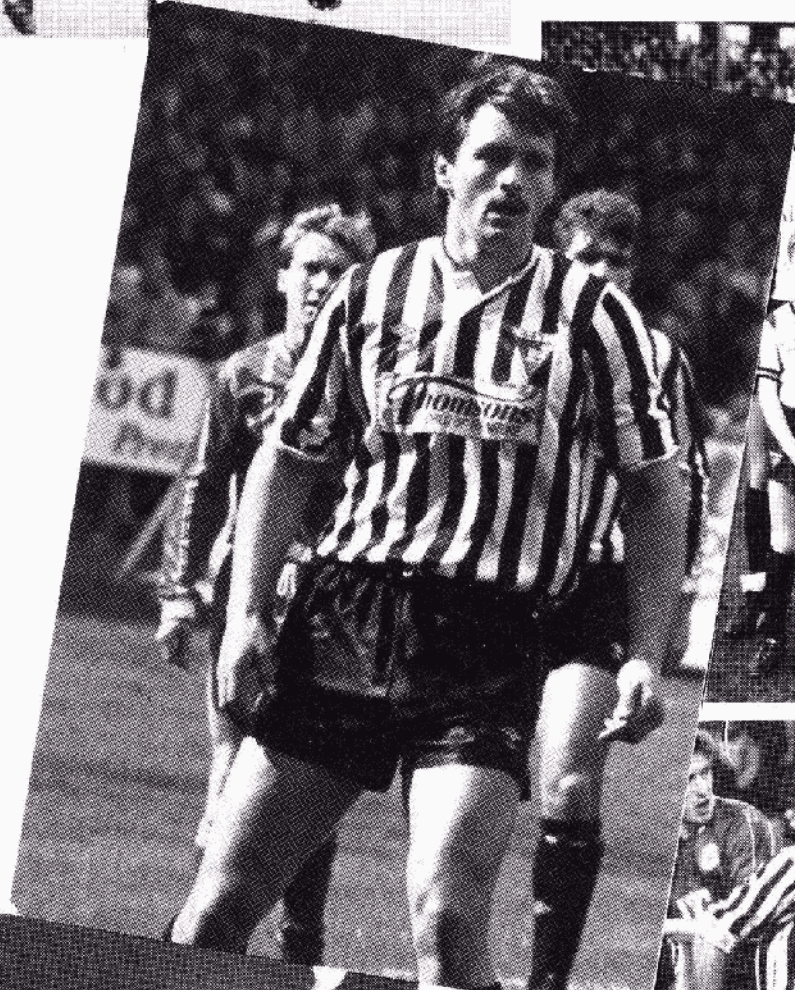




# NORRIE McCATHIE

defender, attacker,  
joker, PR man and  
above all....

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for his Testimonial match against Newcastle United.

**Well played Norrie  
and good luck for  
season 1990/1991.**

# A Career at Central Park

Norrie has Cowdenbeath Football Club to thank for the beginnings of his professional career, and it was the Central Park side's then manager Pat Stanton who made the initial move for him.

During season 1979/80, Norrie had made something of a name for himself as centre-forward with Edinburgh amateur side Edina Hibs, scoring 36 goals. According to Pat, it was a workmate of Norrie's – who also happened to be friendly with him – who put him on to Norrie's trail. "A friend by the name of Martin Murphy said to me, 'there's a guy working beside me who might be worth watching'. You get told that a lot in football, so I wasn't all that bothered, but I thought I may as well go along. I remember it was a Tuesday night and they were playing at the Jack Kane Centre in Edinburgh. I thought to myself – he looks good, worth a chance. Even then he looked quite fit and strong, considering the level he was playing at."

Norrie duly signed on for a fee of £350 – £50 of which according to Norrie remains unpaid! He made his league debut on 27th September 1980 when he went on as a substitute for Brian Ferrier at Central Park in a league match against Meadowbank. Cowdenbeath won 1-0, so the following week Norrie found himself straight in the side wearing the number 8 jersey. Cowdenbeath gained a good 2-1 win at Station Park, Forfar, but was substituted – by none other than one Grant Tierney. Little did the two of them realise that nearly ten years later they would be working together as the mainstays of Dunfermline's defence in the Premier League.

Pat Stanton's stay as manager at Cowdenbeath was brief because by Christmas, and after only 4 months in

the job, he moved to East End Park. By that time, Norrie had made half a dozen appearances for Cowdenbeath. Under new manager Andy Rolland, it took Norrie until April to get back into the team. He made five further appearances, three of which were as substitute, before the season finished. It was a state of affairs that Norrie was not happy with, but to be fair Cowdenbeath had a strong side at the time. Indeed, had they won their last home game of the season against Queen's Park, Cowdenbeath would have won promotion to Division One and who knows where Norrie's future would have lain. As it was, Pat Stanton got a phone call suggesting that Cowdenbeath might be interested in swapping Norrie McCathie for the Dunfermline striker Craig MacFarlane.

"I honestly couldn't believe what I was hearing. To be fair, Craig was more suited to the kind of player Andy needed at Central Park at the time, but I was naturally delighted."

A phone call from George Stewart secured Norrie's agreement to the deal, and on 10th August 1981 he became a Dunfermline Athletic player. Although he had been signed as a striker, Norrie was never played in that position. According to Pat, "We tried him up front, but we could see that he would be able to do a job in a few positions." Prophetic words, indeed from a man who is now out of football completely. Pat Stanton now lives in Musselburgh and goes along to watch his beloved Hibernian most Saturdays. He didn't always have success as a manager, but he will most certainly be remembered by Dunfermline fans as the man who brought Norrie McCathie to East End Park.

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### Best wishes to Norrie



# Welcome to Newcastle Utd.

The Magpies come to East End Park at the start of a determined bid to make amends for the disastrous finish to last season which saw them just pipped for a place in the First Division. After a long season, Newcastle were just pipped for an automatic place in the final league game, then went out to neighbours Sunderland in the play-offs. After a slow start, they had probably been the best side during the second half of the season and must have been bitterly disappointed in the final outcome.

Among the players manager Jim Smith has to choose from tonight are the following:

**JOHN ANDERSON – DEFENDER.** An Eire international defender. A Dubliner, he began his football League career with West Bromwich Albion in November 1977 but left after two seasons to join Preston North End. Played a total of 51 League games for the Lancashire side before being given a free transfer in 1982 when he was snapped up by Newcastle United. He quickly confirmed their high opinion of him and became a valuable member of the side.

Born: 7.11.59. Height: 5'11". Weight: 11st 8lbs.

**GARY BRAZIL – MIDFIELD/FORWARD.** Signed by United from Preston North End in February, 1989 in an exchange deal involving Ian Bogie and cash to the value of £210,000. Born in Tunbridge Wells, he was on the books of Crystal Palace as a youngster, he has also been with Sheffield Utd and Port Vale.

Born: 19.9.62. Height: 5'11". Weight: 9st 12lbs.

**KEVIN BROCK – MIDFIELD.** Jim Smith's first signing on taking over at United, moving back to his old club Q.P.R. to switch him to Newcastle for a fee of £30,000. The United Manager had also taken him from Oxford to Q.P.R. when he moved clubs. Made his league debut with Oxford against Barnsley in 1979. Moved to rejoin Smith at Q.P.R. in 1978. England under 21 international.

Born: 9.9.62. Height: 5'9". Weight: 10st 10lbs.

**KEVIN DILLON – MIDFIELD.** Signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth on July 1st 1989. Comes from Sunderland, he began his professional career with Birmingham City making his League debut for them in 1977 at Ayresome Park. Moved to Portsmouth in 82/83 and is delighted to be back in the North East playing for his home town's "old enemy". A former England Under 21 International.

Born: 18.12.59. Height: 5'11". Weight: 11st 0lbs.

**WAYNE FEREDAY – FORWARD/MIDFIELD.** Another former England Under 21 International and a player who was with Manager Jim Smith at Queens Park Rangers from where United signed him at a fee of £315,000, in June 1989. Made his debut for the London club in 1980 having served his apprenticeship with them. Born in Warley, London this quick moving player can also play at full back.

Born: 16.6.63. Height: 5'9". Weight: 11st 0lbs.

**JOHN GALLACHER – WINGER.** In his second season as a full time professional having been a part timer with Falkirk until Newcastle moved in for him on June 1st 1989, paying a transfer fee of £100,000. A traditional

Scottish winger he is effective on the right hand side of midfield as well. Scored 8 goals last season.

Born: 26.1.69. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st 0lbs.

**BJORN KRISTENSEN – DEFENDER.** Stylish Danish defender with a total of 40 caps for his country, 9 at Under 18 level; 14 for the Under 21's and 17 full International appearances. Signed for United on March 16th 1989, hoping to improve both his football and his English. Was a part time professional with Aarhus from where he joined Newcastle. Served two years as part time pro with the Danish club and four as a full time professional.

Born: 10.10.63. Height: 187 cms. Weight: 87 kilos.

**MARK MCGHEE – FORWARD.** A widely experienced Scottish International signed by United from Celtic on July 12th 1989 for a fee of £250,000. Joint leading scorer in the Scottish Premier Division two seasons ago, he has continued his scoring exploits in his second spell with United. Glasgow born, Mark has also played for Morton, Bristol City, Aberdeen and Sv Hamburg.

**LIAM O'BRIEN – MIDFIELD.** Born in Dublin and capped by Eire, Liam was signed from Manchester United for a fee of £300,000. He made his league debut for the Old Trafford club against Leicester City in December 1986. He joined the Lancashire club from Shamrock Rovers.

Born: 5.9.64. Height: 6'1". Weight: 13st. 3lbs.

**MICHAEL PARKINSON – RIGHT WINGER OR FULL BACK.** In his second season as a full time professional, Michael comes from Newbottle in Co. Durham and played for the County at under 16 and under 19 level. Attracted interest of Nottingham Forest, Ipswich, Leicester City and Sunderland but opted for United and joined them as a schoolboy.

Born: 8.6.71. Height: 5'8". Weight: 11st 7lbs.

**MICHAEL QUINN – FORWARD.** Liverpool born, Michael started his footballing career as an apprentice with Derby County but made his League debut with Wigan against Halifax in April 1980. Left the Lancashire club after 69 appearances (19 goals) in 1982 to join Stockport County. He scored 39 goals in 63 games for them before switching to Oldham Athletic in 83/84 and then to Portsmouth in 85/86. He arrived on Tyneside in July 1989, and was a sensation last season finishing as top goalscorer in England with 35 goals.

Born: 2.5.62. Height: 5'10". Weight: 12st. 0lbs.

**RAY RANSON – RIGHT BACK.** Lancashire born Ray was an apprentice with Manchester City and made his league debut with them in December 1978 against Nottingham Forest. Left Maine Road for Birmingham City in 1984 and moved to the North East in December 1988 for a fee of £150,000. An England under 21 International.

Born: 12.6.60. Height: 5'9". Weight: 11st 13lbs.

**DAVID ROBINSON – CENTRE FORWARD.** In his third season as a professional. Joined United on schoolboy forms in 1986. From the Wallsend Boys Club "Soccer Academy" that has produced several League players. David played for Newcastle City team and Northumberland Boys. Had trials with Leicester City,

Manchester City, Nottingham Forest and Sunderland. Restricted to a few sub appearances last season.

Born: 27.11.69. Height: 6'1". Weight: 13st 0lbs.

**KEVIN SCOTT – DEFENDER.** A former apprentice with Middlesbrough, Kevin who comes from Easington in Co. Durham was a member of the United F.A. Youth Cup winning side in 1985. He made his full League Debut against Sheffield Wednesday in September 1986 and scored although United lost 2-3.

Born: 17.12.66. Height: 6'2". Weight: 11st 7lbs.

**MARK STIMSON – DEFENDER.** A highly rated young player who cost United a fee of £150,000 when they signed him from Spurs on July 1st 1980. He joined the London club on a YTS scheme and, after making his debut for them at Everton in May 1987, his opportunities for first team football were limited. Had loan spells with Orient and Gillingham.

Born: 27.12.67. Height: 5'11". Weight: 11st 0lbs.

**PAUL SWEENEY – LEFT SIDED MIDFIELDER, WINGER OR FULL BACK.** Well known to Dunfermline fans, Paul has been capped by Scotland at Under 18 level. Joined Raith Rovers as a part time professional, turning full time pro when he moved to Newcastle on March 18th 1989 for a fee of £150,000. – a move that surprised and delighted him. Played 25 times last season.

Born: 10.1.65. Height: 5'9". Weight: 11st 12lbs.

**TOMMY WRIGHT – GOALKEEPER.** Belfast born Tommy was signed from the Irish League club Linfield in March 1988 at a cost of £20,000 and made his debut in a friendly match against A.S. Monaco. He's a former youth international cross country runner.

Born: 29.8.63. Height: 6'1". Weight: 13st 5lbs.

**JOHN BURRIDGE – GOALKEEPER.** One of the most widely travelled players in the League but also ranked among the most dedicated. "Budgie" started his football career in his home town of Workington, making his league debut at 15 1/2 and completing a total of 26 matches for them before moving to Blackpool to notch up 134 appearances there. Since then he has served eight other clubs before signing for United in October, 1989.

Born: 3.12.51. Height: 6ft. Weight: 14st.

**DARREN BRADSHAW – DEFENDER.** Joined Sheffield Wednesday straight from school winning an England Youth international cap against Mexico during his apprenticeship. Moved on to Chesterfield where he played 18 matches before being transferred to York City, then under the management of Bobby Saxton now United's first team coach.

Born Sheffield: 19.3.67. Height: 5'11". Weight: 12st 3lbs.

**LEE CLARK – MIDFIELDER/STRIKER.** One of the most sought after schoolboy players in recent years, who signed professional forms for Newcastle on his 17th birthday in October, 1989.

Captained England Schoolboys under 15 side on 10 occasions, winning 6 of the games, losing three and drawing one. Capped at Youth level in the European championships.

Born: Wallsend 27.10.72. Height: 5'7 1/2". Weight 11st.

**ROY AITKEN – DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER.** Stylish, but aggressive, midfielder or defender signed from Celtic on 10th January, 1990 for a fee of £500,000.

Roy is the current captain of Scotland having already earned more than fifty caps.

Made his debut for Celtic as a sixteen year old in September, 1975 in a League Cup match against Stenhousemuir. His full league debut did not follow until the February of the next year, though he became a permanent fixture in the Celtic side from then on.

In an outstanding career, he has won six League Championship, five Scottish Cup and one Scottish League Cup Winners Medal, as well as numerous runners-up mementoes.

Thirty one years of age.

**BILLY ASKEW – MIDFIELDER.** Flame-haired midfield player signed from Hull City on transfer-deadline day for £150,000. Born in Chester Le Street, Co. Durham, Billy was previously with Middlesbrough F.C.

**NEIL SIMPSON – MIDFIELDER.** Scottish International midfield player signed from Aberdeen in July 1990 for a fee of £150,000. 28 years old.

**SCOTT SLOAN – FORWARD.** Exceptionally fast forward player signed from Berwick Rangers for a fee of £40,000. Previously with amateur side Ponteland United.



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Back Row, Left to Right: Mark McGhee, Liam O'Brien, David Roche, Kevin Scott, Steve Howey, Bjorn Kristensen, John Anderson, David Robinson, Kevin Dillon, Mick Quinn, Darren Bradshaw.

Middle Row, Left to Right: Derek Wright (Physio), Chris Guthrie (Kit Supervisor), Mick Martin (Coach), Scott Sloan, Wayne Fereday, Ray Ranson, John Gallacher, Ian Bennett, Tommy Wright, John Burridge, Neil Simpson, Mark Stimson, Paul Sweeney, Graeme Carter, Bobby Saxton (First team coach), Colin Suggett (Coach).

Front Row, Left to Right: Matthew Appleby, Billy Askew, Gary Brazil, Kevin Brock, Jim Smith (Manager), Roy Aitken, Archie Gourlay, Phil Mason, Michael Parkinson

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Ian McCall  
Istvan Kozma  
**Special Guest**  
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John Burridge  
Tommy Wright  
Kevin Scott  
Mark Stimson  
Roy Aitken  
John Anderson  
Ray Ranson  
Kevin Black  
Kevin Dillon  
Bjorn Kristensen  
Mick Quinn  
Mark McGhee  
Neil Simpson  
Liam O'Brien  
Darren Bradshaw  
Scott Sloan



## Managers

### Iain Munro

As a player, Iain made more than 500 senior appearances for St Mirren (twice), Hibernian (twice), Rangers, Dundee Utd, Stoke City and Sunderland. He was capped seven times by Jock Stein for Scotland, and could occupy either a midfield role or the left back slot. Came to Dunfermline in 1987 and has developed a reputation as one of the finest coaches in the country. Last season he was made co-manager and with the departure of Jim Leishman, will now occupy that role alone.

### Jim Smith

As a player, Jim appeared with Sheffield United, Aldershot, Halifax Town, Lincoln City and Boston United, whom he went on to manage. He has an excellent managerial record having guided Colchester United to Division 3 in 1974; Birmingham City to the First Division in 1980, and Oxford United to the First Division in successive seasons winning the Third and Second Division titles on the way there in 1984/85. He took over at St James's Park in December 1988 after three and a half years as Manager of QPR.

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# DOES LOYALTY PAY?

Testimonials would appear to be of almost academic importance for the top paid footballer in Scotland these days. A recent Rangers balance sheet highlighted that Maurice Johnston was paid £270,000 and his English team-mate Trevor Steven £210,000. Now it is true to say that both these amounts included weight signing-on fees, but such amounts would be more applicable to the earnings of most Scottish League players for their entire career rather than a single season!

Indeed before freedom of contract, it is undoubtedly the loyal one-club servant who has fared worst in Scotland's increasingly affluent society. Many average players make several moves within the span of their playing career, netting them a series of tidy signing-on fees to bolster their earnings. For players like Norrie McCathie, who has been a loyal Pars for almost a decade and could have had either club or player wished, moved on to richer pickings, a Testimonial seems the only fair method by which the player can be rewarded for years of dedicated service.

However, a scan of the playing staff of Scotland's League clubs show that players such as Norrie are a dying breed in these mercenary days.

It is nice to be able to report, however, that almost without exception, Scottish clubs have recognised the men who have stayed loyal by granting them a testimonial.

Indeed, one of Norrie's contemporaries actually had a testimonial the year that Norrie arrived at East End Park in 1981. Willie Miller of Aberdeen had already given the Dons ten years service way back in the very early eighties when

Aberdeen played Spurs as part of Willie's Testimonial. Celtic's Paddy Bonner signed in 1978 from Keadue Rovers and is shortly to be granted a testimonial and, of course, the recently departed Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns both had testimonials before they moved on for contrasting reasons.

At Dundee United there has been a series of such matches in recent years. Hamish McAlpine, Dave Narey, Paul Sturrock, and Paul Hegarty were all honoured in that way with Dunfermline born Maurice Malpas signed back in 1979, an obvious candidate for the next testimonial at a Club when loyalty has been given and recognised.

Walter Kidd (Hearts), and Walter Boyd (Meadowbank) are the two Capital men to have been accorded benefit matches after careers of 13 and 11 years respectively.

At the end of last season John Gahagan, who is also a Motherwell fan, staged his Testimonial game. Falkirk's Andy Nicol received a Testimonial after 10 year's service, while two of the West Coast stalwarts Jim Gallachan (Clydebank) and John McNeill (Morton) had to wait somewhat longer for a deserved cash injection for the turnstiles. Clydebank played Rangers a year ago to honour Gallacher's 17 years of service, whilst Morton's entertained Rangers for John McNeill's similar number of years at Cappielow last week.

Dougie Barron at St Johnston also had Rangers as his opponents as did Alan McCulloch and Stuart McLean at Killie and Charlie Kelly of East Stirling.

Alloa's Lawrie Haggart received Celtic as last season his benefactors and the Parkhead men were due to play Ayr United for Ian McAllister's 13 years of Somerset Park service. John Clark, Stewart Kennedy and Rab Morris have all had Testimonial games at Forfar where long service has always been rewarded.

As you'll see the status of the Club does not come into the equation and it is nice to report that loyalty by-and-large does pay and let us hope that Pars fans turn up in sufficient number for tonight's game with Newcastle United to ensure that he receives the return his efforts for the club deserve.



# Wor Jackie

No, not the famous Milburn variety so adored on Tyneside, but our own Jackie Sinclair. Jackie's highly successful career in both Scotland and England included a spell at St. James's Park when Newcastle won the Fairs Cup. As the father of one of Dunfermline's current crop of young talent, and a former player himself, Jackie has great memories of both clubs, so who better to tell us about football in the north-east.

Jackie was transferred in 1967 from Leicester City for a fee of £73,000 in a deal arranged by Newcastle manager at the time, Joe Harvey.

"My most lasting memory of Newcastle were the club's tremendous supporters. Of course they have always been well-known for that – so have Sunderland. It is a tradition in the north-east, and even when the clubs are without success, they still pull in the crowds.

When I was there we had our great Fairs Cup run and they were really packing them in at St. James's. Our league form wasn't anything great – I think we finished about 10th in the league that season. Even so they were averaging about 40,000 every game and I think that was why we were a very, very difficult team to beat at home. Not many teams went away from St. James's Park with a win!

It was a big ground with a nice playing surface,

and it always had a great atmosphere. But like other clubs it will be affected by all the changes being made to football grounds.

My own career at Newcastle didn't go as well as everyone – including myself – expected. But it was a good club and I played alongside some great players like Bobby Moncur, Wyn Davies, 'Pop' Robson and Ian McFaul. I don't suppose there'll be anyone there now that I know – I think even the Directors have gone. It'll be good to see Newcastle again, but I'll certainly be shouting for Dunfermline tonight".

**FOOTNOTE:** The Fairs Cup run which Jackie refers to occurred in 1969 when Newcastle won the competition after defeating Rangers in the semi-final and Ujpesti Dozsa in the final. Jackie scored Newcastle's second goal against Rangers which unfortunately sparked off a riot in the crowd. Newcastle's full results in the competition were:

1st Round:	Feyenoord (H)	4-0
	Feyenoord (A)	0-2
2nd Round:	Sporting Lisbon (A)	1-1
	Sporting Lisbon (H)	1-0
3rd Round:	Real Zaragoza (A)	2-3
	Real Zaragoza (H)	2-1
4th Round:	Vitoria Setubal (H)	5-1
	Vitoria Setubal (H)	1-3
Semi-Final:	Rangers (A)	0-0
	Rangers (H)	2-0
Final:	Ujpesti Dozsa (H)	3-0
	Ujpesti Dozsa (A)	3-2



Newcastle United – 1969 style – with Jackie Sinclair in the front row third from the right.



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# THE MIDFIELDER

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Amidst the blaze of publicity surrounding the imminent arrival of the club's then record signing Doug Considine, one piece of transfer business went almost unnoticed by the majority of Dunfermline supporters. In what was undoubtedly one of the most astute deals carried out by any Pars manager, a young Norrie McCathie arrived at East End Park on August 10th 1981 without a penny paid to his former club, Cowdenbeath. In arranging the player exchange deal for forward Craig McFarlane, manager Pat Stanton could hardly have imagined that nine years on Norrie would prove to have been the mainstay in Dunfermline's long trek back from obscurity.

Although he'd been in the first team squad for the two previous matches, it was still a surprising decision by Stanton to give Norrie his debut at Ayr on October 24th. The young midfielder was only told about an hour before kick-off that he was starting the match due to the absence of Kevin Hegarty, and despite the shock played well, helping the Pars to a creditable 1-1 draw against the joint League leaders.

Pat Stanton had no doubt that Norrie wouldn't let him down, even though he'd played in the forward line in most of his reserve appearances. One interesting note was Norrie's reported ease at playing in any position from defence to centre forward.

An injury to Hugh Hamill meant that Norrie kept his place for the next match, against St. Johnstone, although this will be remembered more for the terrible injury suffered by Pars skipper Jim Brown which ended his playing career.

Following this Norrie was again in the reserve team, but after Dunfermline suffered a heavy home defeat by Clydebank he gained a recall to first team action in the heart of the defence for the trip to Motherwell. This early call to defensive duty is best forgotten as a struggling Pars team was once again hit for six!

Following a defeat by Kilmarnock in which Norrie again played centre-half (and in which Considine played in midfield!), Stanton restored McCathie to midfield and before long scored his first goal for the club to help defeat Queen's Park 2-1. Three days later a trip to Dumfries saw Norrie score two more, including the 84th minute winner. The season's total of four goals in 19 appearances wasn't bad for the young player, and, indeed, Norrie was instrumental in bringing the FiFe Cup to East End Park, setting up a goal for Steve Morrison and scoring the winner himself in a 2-1 victory over Cowdenbeath.

In a critical examination of the teams performance throughout 1981/82, the Dunfermline Press stated, "McCathie must be rated one of the most improved players of the season. He has adapted well to the central midfield role."

Further improvement was expected in 1982/83, but

with Stanton resigning after a calamitous League Cup campaign, Norrie played in only the opening three League fixtures before the new broom of Tom Forsyth swept the midfielder into the reserves for two months. With an unsettled team players had to prove somewhat adaptable, and when Norrie returned to the first team it was again at centre half, but with results still not going Dunfermline's way Forsyth again dropped Norrie (although it could be said that McCathie was lucky to miss the New Year's Day humiliation at Stark's Park!). An end of season run of 18 matches, in which he scored three times, wasn't enough to save Dunfermline from relegation, but 1983/84, despite being the club's worst ever, saw Norrie emerge as an automatic first team player. Although he'd previously been somewhat exposed in defence, McCathie showed he was learning during an early fixture against Cowdenbeath, when he earned rave reviews for his defensive covering. He even scored his first goal of the season whilst playing in defence, a delicate 18 yard chip to beat Berwick. Even though he was still something of a utility player, his tenacity, power, and no lack of ability gained him praise from both supporters and the media. The Press nominated him as the outstanding player of 1983/84, having previously praised his "tireless inspiration of colleagues" and his ability to help out the strikers.

It was this attacking capability which saw him score four goals in the opening three matches of 1984/85, and form a powerful strike force alongside John Watson and Grant Jenkins. His never-say-die attitude was typified in September's match against Cowdenbeath, when, having already earned the team a penalty, Norrie dived amongst flying boots to score the winner with five minutes remaining. He was immediately substituted and got four stitches inserted into a cut on his head!

After an impressive start to the season, both the team's and Norrie's form waned. However, during the 2-2 draw with Stirling Albion in December, Allan Forsyth was sent off and once again utility man McCathie filled the gap. This time, the Press reported, quite prophetically, that "McCathie looked a far more impressive player in the back four."

With plenty cover available Norrie moved back into midfield until the recently signed Frank Liddell was suspended. With the Pars playing league leaders Alloa on February 26th and with Norrie struggling slightly in the middle of the park, Jim Leishman and Gregor Abel decided to take a risk and play Norrie alongside Dave Young in the centre of defence. In a fine team display, with a certain Norrie McCathie outstanding, the Pars recorded a surprise 3-1 victory. With the gamble having paid off, Norrie played the remaining 13 games that season in central defence.... and the rest, as they say, is history.

# THE DEFENDER

Although Norrie's transition to sweeper had taken place at the end of the 1984/85 season, his first full season in that role was to prove an eventful one indeed. Having just missed out on promotion, Dunfermline were determined not to delay their move to First Division football any longer. The defence was beginning to have a settled look about it with Ian Westwater now established in goals, Bobby Robertson and Bobby Forrest at full back, and Norrie teaming up with big Dave Young in central defence. At first it didn't appear to be exactly watertight – 16 goals conceded in the first 8 games isn't exactly Championship form! Fortunately, the forwards were putting them away at the other end to keep Dunfermline in touch. As the season progressed, however, the defence got meaner and meaner, with Norrie playing a vital role. Just how vital that was could be seen in April. Sitting in second place behind Queen of the South, Dunfermline lost the services of Norrie through suspension. Jim Leishman brought in an inexperienced specialist called Gordon Wilson to fill Norrie's position for the all-important title clash at Palmerston. Dunfermline lost 3-1, but the youngster kept his place the following Saturday at Meadowbank. Dunfermline had never been beaten by the Edinburgh side, but without McCathie they sunk to an embarrassing 4-0 defeat. Norrie would be restored the following Saturday, but the pressure was now on with Queen's Park breathing down their necks for the other promotion place. Nobody need have worried because, marshalled by Norrie, the team responded magnificently. They went the next six games without conceding a goal. Indeed, four of them were won by the identical scoreline – 4-0. Dunfermline not only gained promotion, but also won the title. Defender, he may have bene, but Norrie made enough trips up front to score eight league goals during the season.

## First Division

Everybody knew how tough it would be trying to remain in this higher standard of football – especially as the league season was now going to be 44 games long. Norrie partnered Grant Reid for the first 13 League games, but Dave Young soon won his place back. If Norrie's relationship and understanding with Dave had been developing before, it was positively flourishing now. In the highly competitive atmosphere of the First Division, the Dunfermline defence only conceded 41 goals (as compared to champions Morton who conceded 56). Once again, Norrie's work was not all at the back. He scored six goals, three of which at least earned Dunfermline vital points. In August against Premier-relegated club Morton, Norrie popped up near the end to score the all-important winner. In October, Dunfermline travelled to Inverness and took a bit of a hammering. In a tremendous fightback, Norrie put a great header past Steward Kennedy to secure a point. Then in March on a muddy Firhill, Norrie transformed a poor game into two points with a 90th minute winner. It is a measure of the kind of player he is that he was

the only Dunfermline player – and one of the few in Scotland – to play all 44 League games without injury or suspension.

## Premier Days

It was evident that the Premier League would provide an altogether different challenge. Dunfermline, now full-time again, would have to attract better players, and some of the old brigade would have to go. Sure enough, within a short space of time Bobby Forrest, who had signed a few months before Norrie in 1981 and who had shared 200 games with him, and centre-half Dave Young, were both on their way. Those who thought it was a question of time before Norrie left were disappointed. It was not, however, to be Norrie's best season. The defence changed several times in an attempt to halt the decline, and Norrie himself was in the process of adjusting to full-time football and the pace of the Premier League. Norrie missed a rare game on 19th March 1988, but on this occasion the team went on record a tremendous 6-1 win over Dundee. Norrie's place now did seem to be in jeopardy, and as the team took to the field at Parkhead for the last game of the season with Norrie on the bench, many must have wondered if this was the beginning of the end.

## Injury Time

Norrie might have looked sharp for the start of the new season, but a bad knock during a pre-season Fife Cup tie put paid to that. It was October before he was able to don a first-team jersey then, after another of those disastrous results against Meadowbank (this time a 3-1 home defeat), Norrie was dropped. After spending the next few weeks on the bench, he was re-instated against St. Johnstone only to get injured again. Meantime, Grant Tierney had been purchased and with the team performing well over the Christmas holiday period, he was somewhat surplus to requirements. In a move to get him match fit, Norrie went on loan to Ayr United. Ayr lost the games 4-1 and 5-1, but the experience must have done him some good because he returned to Dunfermline to play against promotion-chasers Airdrie at Broomfield on 21st January 1989. In one of Dunfermline's best performances of the season, Airdrie were beaten 2-0 with McCathie scoring the second goal. Despite having to miss the Aberdeen cup-tie through ineligibility (he wasn't re-signed quick enough), Norrie played out the rest of the season in a defence which conceded only 9 goals in 15 league matches – and 4 of those were in one game at Falkirk! Last season, the Premier League beckoned again, but this time Norrie, like others at the club vowed not to make the same mistakes again. Fitter and sharper than ever before, season 1989/90 was undoubtedly Norrie's best to date at Dunfermline. He was ever-present in Dunfermline's 45 league and cup matches, and became one of the rare group of people who have played more than 300 games for the Pars. In Jimmy Nicholl's absence he captained the team and lead them off the park that night last November when Dunfermline went to the top of the Premier League. He played possibly his finest game in the Skol Cup quarter-final at Easter Road, only to be bitterly disappointed three weeks later when Dunfermline lost the semi at Hampden Park 5-0 to Rangers. Even that, however, could not detract from Dunfermline's best season for over 20 years, and it was one in which Norrie McCathie played a crucial part.



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**During his managerial rein of 302 games in charge of Dunfermline between 1983 and 1990, Jim Leishman selected Norrie McCathie on no fewer than 266 occasions. If anyone knows the man's qualities, Jim does.**

"I never had any doubts about playing Norrie McCathie in my team. As a midfielder, he used to make a lot of good runs through the centre of the park, and he also scored a lot of goals. I don't doubt though that one of the best things I ever did in my time was to pull Norrie back into defence – from that moment on the team went from strength to strength.

Probably his main strength is that, quite simply, he is a winner. Just to give an example, I remember we were playing Clyde in the First Division. The ground was soft, and the game looked like a carton 0-0 draw. Just on the full time whistle, Norrie won possession and laid it off. He then ran fully 30 yards to take the cross and put it in the net. It wasn't a spectacular goal,

but it did show just how much he was prepared to burst a gut to get on the end of it.

His loyalty is another strength. Norrie is Dunfermline's longest-serving player, but he could have moved on two or three times. He has a great love of the club, and I always knew that at 3 o'clock on a Saturday he would give 105% for the club.

If you were to ask me about his weaknesses, I would say he was not a good user of the ball. When he keeps to the simple things there are no problems. Apart from that, his only other problem was when he arrived late at training and tried to sneak in the back door to avoid us!

Norrie is actually quite a deep person and he doesn't really say a lot. He is a good captain though, because he is well-respected by all the players. He was also straight – if anything needed to be said on behalf of the players he would say it.

On the park, Norrie is a very strong and fearless tackler. I would gladly put my pound note on Norrie McCathie every time he's involved in a 50/50 tackle. He's also a cheeky young man (Ed – perhaps not the exact words used). The morning I went to see the players to wish them all the best for the future, McCathie was sitting on the training minibus. Just as it set off he stuck his head out of the window and shouted, "Hey, Leishman – I told you I'd see you out the door!" I just couldn't quite catch the bus to kick his backside.

Over the years, Norrie and I have built up a great relationship and a great respect. I hope he has a fantastic night, and a fantastic year."



*Jim with star pupils Norrie McCathie and John Watson in 1986.*

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## Two of a Kind

John Watson and Norrie McCathie were two players who rose from Second Division mediocrity to play important roles in Dunfermline's return to the top. They were both extremely popular with the fans, and both were selected to play for Scotland in the Four Nations Semi-Professional Tournament in 1987. They also bonded their friendship when they went into business together to become mine hosts at Cagneys pub in James Street. We asked John, who will make a guest appearance tonight, for a few words of wisdom about his 'other half'.

"As far as the football side is concerned, he is a hard but fair player. He wins most 50/50 tackles, but never goes over the ball. He works very hard at his game, and if he does have a bad game it affects him all week. He's in his best position now because he's got good vision and can read a game, and he has vastly improved. I can't think of anything else except that he's big and ugly – what more do you want from someone at the back?

As a person, I could tell you loads of stories about him – but I'm keeping them for the Sunday Sport. We're best friends – but I don't want to say too much about that!

As a business partner, he's a right pain. He's tidy, and does everything that needs to be done. He's smart and efficient and pays the bills. He's a straight guy, he doesn't drink and he's got no bad habits. He's a real bore to tell you the truth."

## Quotable Quotes

I remember when I first went he had the nickname of 'Honk' because of his performances at pre-season training. Joking apart, he was the club's number one asset and his leadership was first-class. That is one of the main reasons why the club is where its at today."

**DAVE YOUNG, centre-half 1984-87, and later with Airdrie, Cowdenbeath and Fauldhouse.**

"He's been a great servant to a great club. He's improved 100% since I was last here. After sharing a flat with him I can also tell you he's got really smelly feet."

**IAN McCALL, midfielder 1986-87, then with Rangers and Bradford City, before returning in 1990.**

"I always preferred to play with him than against him! What I remember most about Norrie were the Player of the Year dances – it was always a case of who was going to be second."

**BOBBY FORREST, full-back 1981-87, later with Arbroath and Meadowbank.**

It's Mr Consistency – he's always there to tidy up and get the last tackle in. He's not had many bad games in my time at the club."

**ROSS JACK, striker 1987-1990.**

"It gives me a lot of satisfaction to see him doing so well. He is a player who has grasped his chance well, and he deserves everything he's going to get – except maybe that fifty quid signing on fee!"

**PAT STANTON, Manager 1980-82.**

"In my five and a half years I can count on the one hand the number of bad games he's played. He always gives 100% on the park, and his will to win is second to none. Quite simply, he is overall the best player I have played with."

**IAN WESTWATER, goalkeeper, 1985-1990.**



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# Norrie McCathie

## In Statistics

**Born:** 23 March 1961

**Place of Birth:** Edinburgh

**Height:** 6ft 0ins.

**Weight:** 12st 0lbs

**Previous Club:** Cowdenbeath

**Date of Signing:** 10 August

1981

**Debut:** 24.10.81 v Ayr United

**Career Record:** (A = Appearances, G = Goals)

Club/Season	League		League Cup		Scot/FA Cup		Totals	
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
<b>With Cowdenbeath:</b>								
1980/81	6(5)	0	0	0	0	0	6(5)	0
<b>With Dunfermline Athletic:</b>								
1981/82	17(2)	4	0	0	0	0	17(2)	4
1982/83	24	3	2	0	2	0	28	3
1983/84	38	5	2	0	2	0	42	5
1984/85	36(1)	8	2	2	1	0	39(1)	10
1985/86	37	8	2	0	3	0	42	8
1986/87	44	6	1	0	1	0	46	6
1987/88	38(1)	1	2	0	4	0	44(1)	1
1988/89	19(1)	1	0	0	0	0	19(1)	1
<b>With Ayr United (on loan):</b>								
1988/89	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>With Dunfermline Athletic:</b>								
1989/90	26	0	4	0	5	0	45	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>297(10)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>330(10)</b>	<b>38</b>

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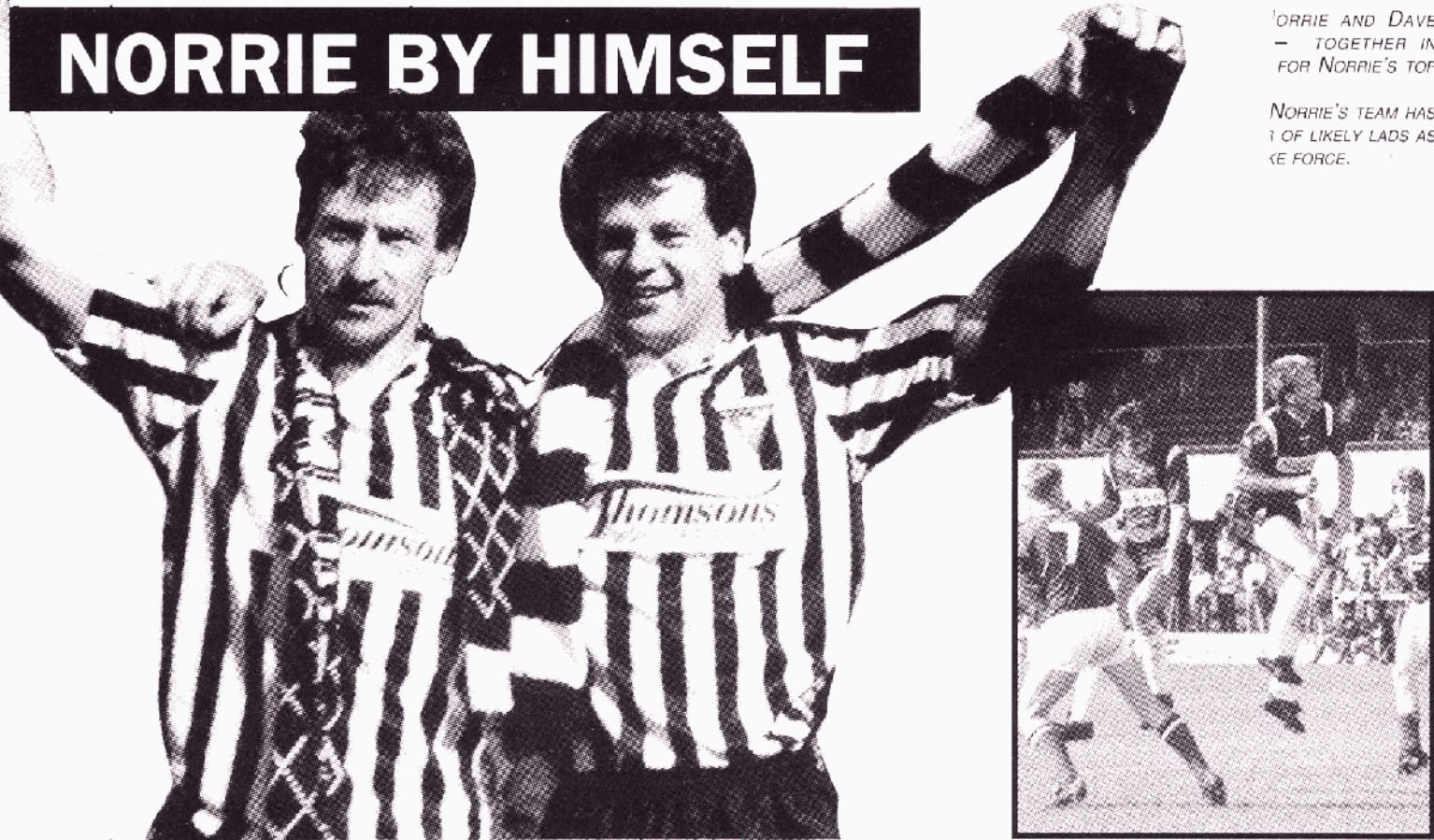


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**Favourite Game:** Skol Cup quarter-finals v Hibs at Easter Road, 1989

**Favourite Ground:** Tynecastle.

**Favourite Food:** Lasagne

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Tenerife

**Favourite TV Programme:** Cheers

**Favourite Film:** Any John Wayne film.

**Favourite Music:** Soul/funk music like Luther Vandross, Jonathan Butler, Freddy Jackson and Jeffrey Osborne.

**Likes:** Winning.

**Dislikes:** Losing.

**Person I'd Most Like To See Playing at East End Park:** Marco Van Basten.

**Person I'd Most Like To Throw a Custard Pie at:** after John Watson, it has to be Ian McAll.

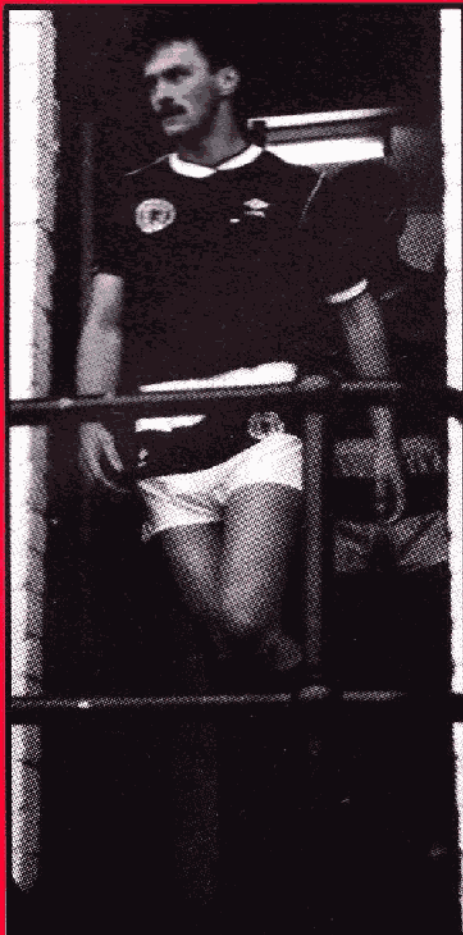
**Ambition After Football:** To be a successful businessman.

## My Best Pars XI

1. Ian Westwater— very good reflexes and a non-stop talker.
2. Bobby Robertson— the most underrated player I've played with.
3. Bobby Smith— the oldest swinger in town and very experienced.
4. Norrie McCathie— who else?
5. Dave Young— good in the air, and he always liked a pint after the game.
6. Stevie Morrison— he was so laid back you never knew whether he was coming or going sometimes.
7. Jim Bowie— the greatest crosser of a ball I've ever seen and after John Watson, the ugliest.
8. Ian McCall— a great player as long as there were two balls — one for him and another of the rest of us.
9. John Watson— the best player in the air I've seen, and my best mate so he's got to get a place.
10. Ross Jack— the 'Mad Monk' is a bit of a perfectionist, but a great goalscorer.
11. Stuart Rafferty— otherwise known as 'the Bison', I think he's got great vision.

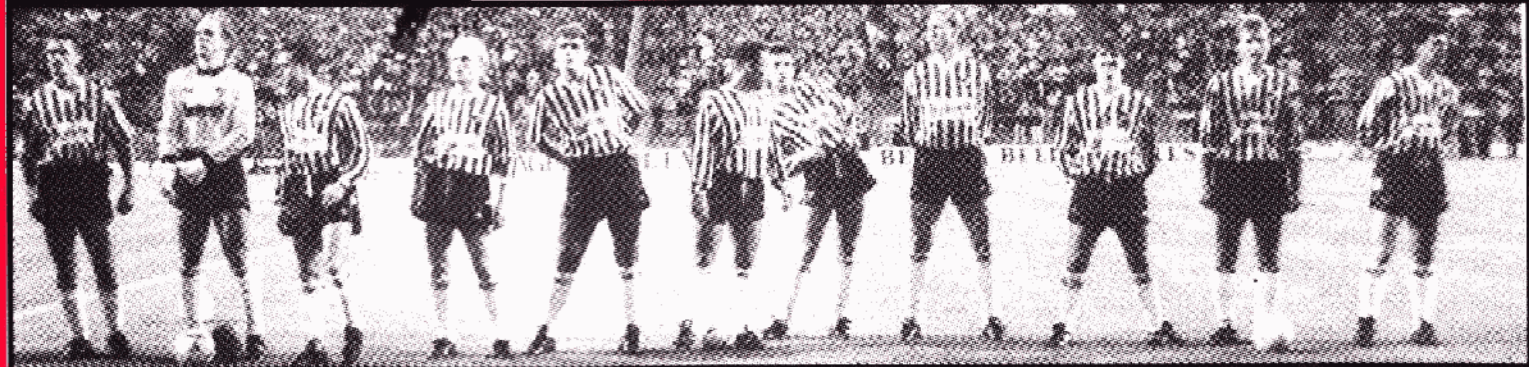
## My Best Opposition XI

1. Theo Snelders (Aberdeen)
2. Danny McGrain (Celtic)
3. Maurice Malpas (Dundee Utd)
4. Ray Wilkins (Rangers)
5. Terry Butcher (Rangers)
6. Willie Miller (Aberdeen)
7. Charlie Nicholas (Celtic)
8. Ian Durrant (Rangers)
9. Hans Gilhaus (Aberdeen)
10. Paul McStay (Celtic)
11. Davie Cooper (Motherwell)



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