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## **editorial**

Welcome to Issue 13 of WDHR, the first issue of the 1990/91 season. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and that you like me are glad to have something to do on Saturdays after the close season. Although if events of recent weeks continue it looks as though many Pars supporters will be standing outside East End Park instead of on the terracing. As I write this editorial, the knowledge that Jim Leishman is no longer Manager, or even a part of the East End setup is hard to comprehend and to accept.

After a summer of other clubs in trouble, i.e. Watching the Mercer takeover unfold then fall apart, thinking "Well thank God that will never happen to us". While a similar scenario has not taken place the events of the last few months at East End Park are going to last in the memories of the fans for a very long time.

The first bombshell was dropped on Monday 23rd of July, when the Daily Record burst with the story that there was more than a hint of Jim leaving East End Park, before the team had played a game. The fact that Leishman was making no comment signified that our worst fears were about to be realised. There then followed two days of official silence but intense media and pub speculation on what had happened, what was going to happen and what had caused the break up.

On Thursday 26th July Leishman said goodbye to the players and the ground staff and left East End Park in tears. The group of supporters outside the ground knew then that his 22 year spell at Dunfermline, with seven as manager had come to an abrupt and distasteful end. The news stunned the football public of Scotland, supporters of other clubs were totally amazed when I spoke to them and when asked why it had happened. I could not give them an answer, I knew only as much as they did. By far the most positive aspect of the affair was the attitude and organisation of the supporters, and in a very short period a reinstatement was up and running.

The Dunfermline Athletic Supporters Federation, set up to provide a link between the club and the supporters at the club's insistence, was denied a meeting with the board. Then and to date no such meeting has even been considered by the board. Nonetheless, Federation Secretary Phil McFadden and DAFC Supporters Chairman Kenny Cowan managed against the odds to organise a protest march in Dunfermline on Saturday the 28th of July.

Well over 3,000 fans and not just Dunfermline fans marched through the town from the Glen Gates to the bus park at East End, stopping the traffic for a half hour. At the rally various speakers including the aforementioned organisers and Stuart Adamson of Big Country slammed the board's decision, the manner in which it was done and their refusal to meet the supporters at any point.

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It is likely that by the time this fanzine is on the streets, the whole affair will be over. But what was agreed at the rally demonstrates the feeling of the fans and the well organised campaign by the committee. The call came for fans who held Centenary Club memberships to cancel their standing orders, those who wished to hand back their season tickets to do so, and for those local firms who sponsored matches to withdraw their sponsorship. There was also a call to boycott home matches; Moscow Torpedo, Albion Rovers in the Skol Cup, Rangers at Ibrox because we'd only get 1,500 tickets for it anyway, and Hearts at East End on the 1st of Sept. After that it really depends on the strength of feeling of the supporters and if the club do relent and bring Leishman back to the manager's chair.

Whatever the outcome it is not a very good way to start a season, where confidence had never been higher, after finishing in our best ever League position since reconstruction and only five points off a UEFA cup place, it was not surprising that the fans were looking forward to the kick-off.

So, what actually happened?. The saga really dates back to two years ago when the Pare were struggling in the First Division and the Board of Directors had a vote of confidence in Leishman, this they did and Leish survived. Then earlier this year Falkirk approached Munro to take over the position vacated by Jim Duffy, in order to retain Munro the board decided to appoint him as co-manager to Leishman. This move came as a great surprise to many in the town as co-managers hadn't been too successful over the Forth at Tynecastle. Then this pre-season the signings went really well and as the end of July approached we all looked forward to the pre-season friendlies. In the space of four days all this was shot down as the board announced that Munro was to be the new manager, Leishman was to be "Executive Director" for promotions, Jimmy McConville - Club Secretary for 30 years was sacked, and three board members were also on their way out. Mel Rennie, the Chairman conveniently hid away at a wedding in Stornaway, phoning Leishman to try and persuade him to accept the position, which Leish had not surprisingly refused.

The main protagonists appear to be Messrs Blair Morgan and Andrew Woodrow, who seem to have taken control over events, issuing smart-arse press statements saying that the job offered was what Leishman had been doing for the last two years, thanking him for what he had done and urging the fans to get behind the team, not one man. It is alleged that Morgan and Woodrow have been buying up shares in the club and that there is a mysterious business man of Australian origin waiting in the wings to come in with some "big" money.

It is clear that a major shake-up is coming at East End Park, which may involve several changes in the board, the backroom staff and a change of chairman would not surprise me either. It is further alleged that the reasoning behind the shuffle was to appoint three executive directors who would have no say in the running of the club or financial affairs but would be there to provide a specific service i.e. in Leishman's case being Executive Raffle Ticket sales person.

Morgan stated that the co-manager idea was not working, so why then should the first man in be the one to go in any other business environment it is always last in first out, not so at East End Park.

In a purely business arena Leishman did more for the club than anyone else, there were twice as many people at the rally than were at his first game in charge as manager and he single-handedly brought the fans rolling back to East End Park and gave the team the sort of press and media coverage that we could have only dreamed about with other managers, but he was best at man management and his skills in motivation are legend.

EDITORIAL ... Continued

Munro may well have been coaching and training the team, but it was Leishman who was team manager. The days of managers doing everything are long gone and it was a partnership, although fraught with problems that worked.

Events took another dramatic turnaround on the 10th of August when a certain Scottish tabloid announced that Jim Leishman was back as manager. After a meeting with the board, Leish and the supporters federation, had come to a decision to reinstate Leishman. This was further fuelled by Iain Munro returning from the team's tour of Ireland. However only a couple of days later it was announced that the board had not changed their offer and the job of Director for Promotions was still the one on offer. It was at this point that Leishman left East End for the last time. There was a rally in the Public Park in Dunfermline on Sunday 12th August to decide any future action to be taken which was attended by Leishman, and would feature the full divulging of what happened in the Board Room. However the decision to go on with the boycott will affect the supporters as much as the club. It is clear that the board have no intention of offering Leishman back the job as manager and the fact that he has turned down the offer of the Promotions Director for the third time signifies the end of Leishman's career at East End. A boycott of matches is unlikely to change their minds and it is the supporters standing outside when are going to suffer. As the season progresses it will be harder to keep the boycott going, the decision whether or not to attend has to be a personal one. What we want is to avoid a split within the supporters clubs, which defeats the purpose of the re-instatement campaign. The whole affair has united the supporters clubs and shown that fan power not "mob rule" IS the way to demonstrate to the board that we will not take these decisions lying down.

The whole question of: Is one man bigger than the club? has arisen. The answer to that is No, it's the club we support, not any one individual, great servant that Leishman has been. It was his decision to leave, although he had only one option, that of Director of Promotions and Publicity. The protest has been made, our voice has been heard, it's now time to accept that Jim will not be back at East End Park and let's get behind the team for the coming season.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS: There will be four Issues this season, the time factor between receiving material and getting the new issue out is getting longer and longer, and rather than make hopeful publication dates we'll just say that Issue 14 will be out in early December, contributions accepted just now. Subs for the coming season will be £2.80. Also keep your eyes peeled for a new Pars Fanzine this season.

Back issues available, but only a handful of each: 2,3,4,5,6,10,11 and 12, available for 50p each. Still a few T-shirts around: Large size only, for the rock bottom summer price of £3.00 (includes postage and packaging).

# PARS DIARY

- MARCH 3rd: ABERDEEN - AWAY. With Dundee making a mini-revival but still well adrift of Dunfermline and St. Mirren it was hoped that Dunfermline would take a point at least from this match. With the memory of that display by Gillhaus and the nightmare of that first half display at Pittodrie, things couldn't get any worse. They were, two nil down in the second half, things looked bleak. However amazingly we pulled one back through Tierney, then even more amazingly we equalised through Eddie Gallagher. Then even more amazingly we lost 2-4 thanks to two late goals from yes, Gillhaus.
- MARCH 10th: DUNDEE - AWAY. A relatively easy match this one, we'd already taken six points out of six off Dundee in the league and beaten them in the Skol Cup. However in a match which the wind played the biggest part a solitary goal from Billy Dodds was enough to give Dundee hope and have us gnashing our teeth all the way back to Fife. Our already huge injury and suspension list was only compounded by Steady Eddie's sending off in the second half.
- MARCH 17th,  
21st and 24th: CELTIC - HOME, AWAY, HOME. A bizarre series of fixtures saw us play Celtic three times in one week, firstly in the Scottish Cup 5th round, a dreary game we should have won by a few goals but we didn't, and then Celtic did win the replay by a few goals (3) in a match only remembered for Jack McGinn's lies about the attendance 35,000 when there wasn't enough room to swing a pig (Parkhead holding 56,000). The league match at East End eventually finished 0-0 with the high spot being the dog mentioned in the Readers Poll Results (Page 15 - Funniest Event of the Season). Thus our dream of playing at Hampden twice in one season, and not Queens Park twice either had gone; the league point was far more useful.
- MARCH 31st: DUNDEE UTD - HOME. A home match against Dundee Utd whom we had failed to beat in seven previous Premier games and despite a shocking miss by Ross Jack it never looked like being the day to break the pattern. In fact it got worse, with Darren Jackson scoring for United in virtually the last minute of the game. It was at this match that the Hungarian flag appeared on the terraces for the first time - courtesy of the Lothian '68 Club and not at Ibrox as the club pointed out in the programme.
- APRIL 7th: MOTHERWELL - AWAY. The prayer mats were out now, an away match at Fir Park, we had to hope that St. Mirren would lose at Parkhead and Dundee likewise at Dens Park. We had no need to worry, in the best display since Tynecastle we took the lead through a brilliant piece of Kozma genius. Motherwell equalised through a Norrie blunder. The second half belonged to the Pars and Kozma in particular. He decided that Motherwell were there for the beating and two penalties later (both duly despatched by Jacko) they were. We could have easily won this one by five or six goals. With the unthinkable happening at Celtic, Dundee were just about down.
- APRIL 14th: HEARTS - HOME. Oh well! We beat them twice away, and they beat us twice at home. A poor game at home to Hearts, won by Hearts, with Norrie carried off on a stretcher. Would we have enough players left to finish the season? was the question on the fans' lips.

APRIL 21st: ST. MIRREN - AWAY. This was it, a win against St. Mirren at Love Street and our Premier League place was safe. Little did we know that history was about to be made. A match where the Pars were very much on top for long spells but couldn't turn their superiority into goals. That was until George O'Boyle, making his comeback after injury, hit (well it crossed the line) a penalty past Money, only to be carried off again with another injury. The second half saw a little more flurry from St. Mirren, but after a quite superb strike by Ross Jack, who had been on the bench there was no way back for the Buddies. A late goal for the home team failed to dampen the spirits of the Pars Legions. In fact the only spirits dampened that night were the ones containing Whisky or Vodka. We had survived.

APRIL 29th: RANGERS - AWAY. Any game by now was academic but we still had to go to Babylon to watch the Huns get their trophy for winning the League. The two-nil defeat didn't matter, but being refused exit from the ground until we'd shouted "Souness, Souness" did. Still full marks to the Pars players who after clapping the Babylonians onto the pitch at the end, proceeded to try and do a lap of honour themselves, much to the disdain of the assembled menagerie around Ibrox.

MAY 5th: HIBS - HOME. Another season finished and the only championship to be decided was the top scorer in the Premier League. If Jacko could hit two against the Hibeers that would probably be enough. He scored late in the first half with a back-healer that had Andy Goram, Scotland's Number One looking remarkably like Jim Leighton. However the equaliser from the second ugliest man in Scottish Football, Paul Kane proved to be the only goal of the second half, and a draw was perhaps the fair result. Unfortunately for Roscoe, John Robertson scored HEARTS only goal as well, and it was he who remained Top Scorer in the Premier, with Ross Jack second before Messrs McCoist and MoJo.

And that was Season 1989/90 .....



# **SPIDERS FROM PARS**

There will only be one reference to David Bowie in this article and that is it, the spiders I'm referring to are the arachnids which are resident at Scotland's (Ex) National Stadium, namely Queens Park players, specifically those who went on to play for the Pars. Since the sixties they are, in chronological order: Alex Ferguson, Sandy McNaughton, Jim MacAloon, Ian McCall (twice), Mark Smith and most recently Paul O'Brien. I've probably missed a few especially pre-sixties but if you know of any others then please let us know.

ALEX FERGUSON - started his career at Queens Park but the Pars signed him from St. Johnstone in a swap deal for Dan McLindon and time would tell which team had the better deal. In his three years at Dunfermline Fergie scored 89 goals, 39 of these coming in his second season with us 1965/66, this was and still is a scoring record for the Pars, for the moment at any rate. He left for a then record transfer fee of £80,000 to Rangers. After his spell at Ibrox he entered management with East Stirlingshire, St. Mirren, Aberdeen and currently Manchester United.

SANDY McNAUGHTON - arrived at East End prior to season 1979/80 from Stenhousemuir, having started his career at Queens Park, with whom he won International honours with the Scottish Amateur side (not to be confused with the amateur Scottish side that lost to Costa Rica). I extolled Sandy's attributes in Issue 10 of WDHR in great detail but I will summarise his career in a few sentences. Like Fergie, Sandy spent 3 years at East End and scored a total of 57 goals in a considerably poorer team than that of Ferguson. It was down mainly to him that the Pars staved off relegation for the three seasons he was at East End. His goal scoring attracted bids from several other clubs and Harry Melrose wisely turned them down, but the departure of Melrose and the arrival of Pat Stanton as Manager, signified the end of McNaughton's and the Pars' fortunes. He left for Ayr United for a fee of only £16,000 and he was never the same player. But he will always be held in high regards by the fans who saw him play, and perhaps by Harry Melrose.

JIM McALOON - arrived at the same time as McNaughton (1979/80), direct from Queens Park and must rate as one of the club's least successful signings. His most notable quality was a very lovely perm, and that was it. He was only at East End for one season, taking part in nine matches, one as a sub and he scored the one goal in a 2-0 win over Motherwell. He drifted away in the close season and presumably is still playing at some level.

IAN McCALL - signed for the Pars this summer for the second time in his career from relegated Bradford City, for a fee of around £100,000, a nice little profit for Dunfermline who had sold him to Rangers for £260,000 only two years previously. The first time around he arrived at East End from Queens Park with a reputation as a goal scoring midfielder; he came just prior to the beginning of the Pars inaugural Premier season. He was a favourite with the fans and quickly earned the nickname of "Diego", scoring eight goals for Dunfermline. He was a player of undoubted ability but with a tendency to hold onto the ball for too long and lose possession. Hopefully he has lost that element of his play during his sabbatical at Ibrox and Valley Parade and we all look forward to watching the Ian McCall we all know this coming season.

## SPIDERS FROM PARS

MARK SMITH - Mark Smith perhaps wasn't at his best towards the end of his time with Dunfermline but he was in great form when he took part in his first season at East End Park. He arrived a month after Ian McCall had left in a £35,000 deal from Celtic, having joined the Celts at the same time McCall joined Dunfermline. His arrival was akin to a breath of fresh air, giving the Pars some pace and depth down the wing, and giving some Premier full-backs a very hard time. Who will ever forget his goal against Rangers in the famous Cup win of '88 and the read face of Chris Woods as he picked the ball out of the net. He also scored a cracking goal against Dundee in our 6-1 win the same season. He ran the length of the field, beating several players before falling down and then picking himself up to blast the ball high into the net. Goal scoring wasn't his forte, six only in his first season and his crosses were a little erratic at times. The next season in the First Division saw him only score one goal but he was forever being chopped down by various full backs and defenders in that Division. Not surprisingly his form suffered due to injury. Season 89/90 saw his first team appearances cut even further with the Pars adopting a five man defence and only two up front. In the few games he did play his confidence had obviously gone, he returned to East End after a loan period but found that he no longer featured in the first team plans. Towards the end of the season he was surprisingly transferred to Nottingham Forest for the sum of £100,000. Let's hope that he can regain his form under the guidance of Brian Clough.

PAUL O'BRIEN - arrived this summer from Queens Park with a good goal scoring reputation and the smallest stature in senior football. I admit that I know little about Paul but if he can emulate his successful predecessors then I doubt if Pars fans will have cause for complaint for our latest Spider from Pars.

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### NEW ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT EAST END PARK

#### ARRIVALS

MILOS DRIZIC: A 6 Ft 4" Central Defender from Red Star Belgrade, whom we haven't seen in action before his signing, but his 38 goals in one season prove he can score. If he is half as good as Kozma then it will be no mean thing to have him in the side.

ANDY RHODES: At long last another keeper to keep Westie on his toes. Andy made 30 odd appearances for Oldham Athletic last season, including a Wembley appearance and he's reported to be an excellent keeper.

IAN McCALL: 'Diego' needs no introduction from this fanzine, a popular figure with the fans and an excellent winger and ball player. If he can curb his ball-holding activities he should link up well with Kozma and O'Boyle.

PAUL O'BRIEN: An amateur signed from Queens Park, but a proven goal scorer and midfield player.

#### DEPARTURES

JIM LEISHMAN: still can't believe it.....

GRANT TIERNEY: his refusal to go full-time showed in his level of fitness and his commitment to the club. He'll do well at Partick Thistle.

GRAEME ROBERTSON: His card was marked long before he left the club, and I still think it was a mistake to let him go but once again he should do well at Firhill along side Grant.

SANDY CLARK: Why he was ever signed is a complete mystery to everyone and there were few fans not glad to see him head over the Forth to Tynecastle.

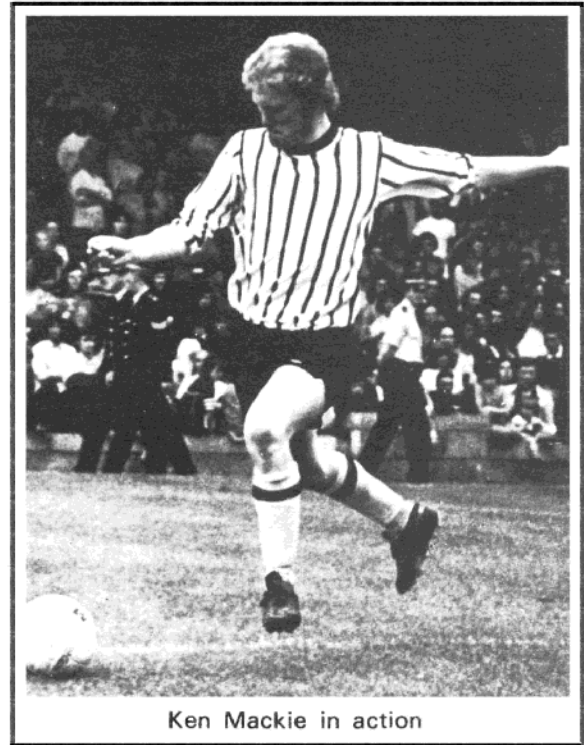
DOUG ROUGVIE: A hero to some, and a villain to others. Doug's contribution to last year's campaign is well known and he'll probably have a great career as Manager of Arbroath.



# LEGENDS KEN MACKIE and GRAHAM SHAW



Above: *Graham Shaw.* (Dunfermline Press)



Ken Mackie in action

At the beginning of season 1971/72 Dunfermline were still recovering from the financial troubles which had almost caused them to leave the Scottish League. They retained 24 full timers and 4 part timers, hard to believe that three seasons previously they were Scottish Cup holders and had played in the Inter Cities Fairs Cup, going out to RSC Anderlecht. Sadly many of the great players from that time had either left the club and those who were left were either reaching the end of their careers or were in dispute over contracts. With the club a little strapped for cash, players couldn't be bought and the Youth Policy was introduced by nurturing young talent in the unofficial third team Dunfermline Utd.

This was the season that manager Alex Wright decided to copy Don Revie of Leeds Utd and switch to an all white strip in the hope that the Pars could emulate the performances of both Leeds and the team they pinched the idea from, Real Madrid.

Before the end of 1972 the Pars were bottom of the league, Edwards, Gardner, McBride, Paton and tragically Lunn had left the club to be replaced by Mercer, Brown and Leishman. By January 1972 the situation hadn't improved, two more youngsters were called up: a 16 yr old from Kirkcaldy, Ken Mackie and a 20 yr old from Musselburgh Athletic, Graham Shaw. The contribution that these two were to make for the Pars merits their inclusion in the Legends series as a twin striking force.

## LEGENDS - KEN MACKIE AND GRAHAM SHAW

However they did not have an immediate effect and after a Scottish Cup exit to Second Division Raith Rovers by 2-0 at Starks Park it was the end of the road for Alex Wright who was replaced by George Miller.

Ken Mackie made his debut at East End Park against Hibs. Early in the second half he ran on to a loose ball just inside the Hibs half, ran forward at great pace and then just outside the box unleashed a cracking shot that flew into the back of the net. A further goal by "Pud" Paterson gave the Pars a much deserved victory by 2-1. Graham Shaw made his debut in a 0-2 defeat at Dens Park, and one week later scored the winner in a 2-1 win at Cappielow against Morton. Showing that nothing really changes, after a remarkable 4-3 win at Ibrox before a crowd of 3,000 with our leader scoring the winner, the Pars had to win the last game of the season at home to Dundee United to save their First Division status. They lost 0-1.

The following season (1972/73) was one of the best that Dunfermline have played before the Leishman years. The Mackie/Shaw combination hit the goal trail with 21 and 27 respectively. The Pars scored 95 league goals that year, again only to be bettered by the Division Two Championship team of 1986. Watching them play was an absolute joy, Shaw's ability to hold the ball and then take on defenders before slamming the ball home and Mackie's heading ability (only matched by Super Johnny Watson) had the East End faithful in raptures. This was at a time when the gap between divisions in terms of ability was as wide as Jocky Wilson's Y-fronts, the scores reflected that; Brechin City H 8-0 A 5-0, Hamilton H 7-2, Queens Park & Albion Rovers H 5-1, Queen of the South H 6-1, Forfar A 6-0 and so on, hat-tricks abounded. Mackie was chosen on several occasions for the Scottish Professional Squad, Rangers bid for him twice, the first offer was £20,000 plus Andy Penman and then latterly £50,000 both of which Mackie refused. Not surprisingly Dunfermline were promoted that season finishing as runners up to Clyde.

Season 1973/74 saw the Pars return to the First Division bolstered with the new signings of Gier Karlsen and Alan Evans. On the last Saturday of October the Mackie/Shaw team-up had what many thought to be its finest hour. Dunfermline travelled to Dens Park and proceeded to give Dundee a thrashing by 5-1, the goals all came from Mackie (3) and Shaw (2), the fact that Dundee came to East End and won by a similar scoreline later in the season doesn't really take away anything from this remarkable display. Mackie was selected to play for the Scotland Under-23 team against Wales and the club turned down another £50,000 bid for him, this time from Millwall. Despite reaching the Scottish Cup Quarter-Finals, going out 4-0 to Dundee Utd, after they had led 1-0 in the first match, Traynor equalising for Utd in the last minute at East End the form in the league stuttered and it was no surprise that everything hinged on the last game of the season. We were away to Dundee Utd and East Fife were at home to Clyde, East Fife were two points in front although the Pars had a better goals-for total. A miracle happened, East Fife lost 0-1 and Shaw scored the only goal of the game at Tannadice, Dunfermline were saved. Mackie finished as top scorer with 17 and Shaw scored 8.

The next season was the one which would decide who would play in the new Premier league and who would play in the other two new leagues. Despite a very encouraging start with the Pars seventh at one stage, a bad winter led to games being postponed and after the break the Pars previous ability also took a break and they finished the season in fifteenth place. Shaw finished top scorer with 12 goals and Mackie with 11.

The next season proved even worse, eleven players were free transferred, George Miller left to manage Falkirk and Hearts bid £12,000 for Graham Shaw, which the club turned down. When they upped the offer to £16,000 in January the club reluctantly agreed and Shaw left East End.

LEGENDS - KEN MACKIE AND GRAHAM SHAW

Whether or not retaining Shaw would have kept the Pars from the inevitable relegation is arbitrary, certainly apart from the odd surprise win, two 3-0 defeats at the end of the season ensured we went down. The Spring Cup was played to compensate for the shortage of fixtures and Dunfermline qualified to the latter stages before going out to Airdrie on a 5-4 aggregate. Before the next season had started, Falkirk bid £6,000 for Ken Mackie which the club accepted, just over 10% of the previous bid from Millwall a year previously. Thus ended the Mackie/Shaw era with Mackie finishing as top scorer that season with only 11 goals. They weren't brilliant players but like Watson, they had one important skill, that of putting the ball in the net. Maybe if they had played in a better team more goals would have come, they each contributed around 50 odd goals each in their brief spells with the Pars. In today's transfer market the fees for them would have been at least £100,000. Graham Shaw had a good spell with Hearts, scoring their only goal in a 3-1 Scottish Cup Final defeat against Rangers, a typical Shaw goal, a very long range shot. He later was transferred to Arbroath before leaving the senior game. Ken Mackie did not stay very long at Falkirk before being transferred to East Fife and from there not surprisingly into obscurity.

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We went to the Premier with confidence  
and took on the best  
We weren't going to take any nonsense  
we knew we would have a tough test

Big Leish made a few signings  
The best Kozma and O'Boyle  
He made a great attempt to make us kings  
This time we weren't going to toil

Kozzie loves to beat defenders  
He has great skill  
Most of the time the opponent surrenders  
All round Kozzie's brill

There was also Doug Rougvie  
Who has been around  
he's one of the strangest you'll see  
And altogether he's vary sound

Georgie is a non-stop trier  
Defenders he loves to beat  
When he goes through he's a flyer  
With his play he has the crowd on it's feet

Ross Jack is our goal-scorer supreme  
But he also sets up a few  
He's a great asset to the team  
When on form there's nothing the opposition  
can do

We have unsung heroes like Raff and Norrie  
When defeated they get the blame  
People like Robbo and Westie  
Who give their all during the game

Celtic travelled to East End  
And the ground was full  
At the end of the day they were round the  
ben  
Cos Jacko and Rogan had made it two nil

The next time we met was at Parkhead  
A day we'll never forget  
The script we didn't bother to read  
When Rafferty and Jack put the ball in the  
net

We travelled down to Tynecastle Park  
When Jack scored Henry Smith gave his  
defenders the blame  
This time we were going to make our mark  
And George scored to seal the game

We've done well in our first season back at  
the top  
We've had bad games but everyone has  
And 1990/91 season, we could challenge for  
Europe

So come on you Pars.

EASTENDER



# poll

While some of you have been sunning yourself on the beaches of Europe or even Aberdour, I've been collating the results of this poll. Thanks to all who took the time to enter, the prizes are on the way to the best entries, and who knows, perhaps the club will let us present the Trophy to the Player of the Year in person.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR SEASON 1989/90

ISTVAN KOZMA	43%	ROSS JACK	5%
GEORGE O'BOYLE	22%	IAN WESTWATER	4%
NORRIE McCATHIE	22%	DOUG ROUGVIE	4%

There were of course other votes cast for such peeps as Anton Rogan, Trevor Smith and Phill Bonnyman.

## YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR SEASON \*1989/90

RAYMOND SHARP	56%	STRANG	3%
GEORGE O'BOYLE	27%	FEENIE	3%
DOUG ROUGVIE	8%	SINCLAIR	3%

As Sharpie was the only young player to play in more than one game it's not surprising that he won. Although I'm sure that George, and especially Doug will be pleased to be included in the Young Player nominees.

## MOST IMPROVED PLAYER SEASON 1989/90

McCATHIE	54%	WESTWATER	13%	SHARP	6%
JACK	16%	P.SMITH	6%	RAFFERTY	5%

## BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

ISTVAN KOZMA	v	ST. MIRREN	(5-1)	83%
ISTVAN KOZMA	v	MOTHERWELL	(3-1)	10%
ISTVAN KOZMA	v	DUNDEE UTD	(1-1)	2%
ISTVAN KOZMA	v	HEARTS	(2-0)	2%
ISTVAN KOZMA	v	CELTIC	(2-0)	2%
G. ROBERTSON	v	HIBERNIAN	(2-2)	1%

Well not much more we can add to this except to congratulate Kozzie and hope that he will be with us to scoop the awards next season as well. Obviously other players had good matches as well and it is no disrespect to them that ISTVAN played so well in the above games.

## BEST TEAM PERFORMANCE

HEARTS	(A)	0-2	45%
CELTIC	(A)	0-2	37%
HIBS SKOL CUP	(A)	1-3	8%
ST. MIRREN	(H)	5-1	6%
RANGERS	(H)	1-1	6%

The Pars away form last season certainly impressed the faithful and is duly seen in the first three placings. It's going to be difficult to emulate that form this season, but who knows what damage Milos Drizic will do to defences this year.

POLL RESULTS

WORST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

SANDY CLARK	v	DUNDEE UTD	{A}	{5-1}	79 <sup>a</sup>
DAVIE IRONS	v	CELTIC	{A}	{3-1}	10 <sup>s</sup>
G. TIERNEY	v	MOTHERWELL	{A}	{1-1}	9 <sup>a</sup>
PAUL SMITH	v	RANGERS	{H}	{2-0}	3 <sup>s</sup>

WORST TEAM PERFORMANCE

MOTHERWELL	{H}	0-5	67 <sup>a</sup>
RANGERS SKOL CUP	{N}	0-5	19 <sup>s</sup>
ST. MIRREN	{A}	0-2	6 <sup>a</sup>
DUNDEE UTD	{H}	0-2	4 <sup>s</sup>
BURNTISLAND SHIPYARD	{H}	0-1	4 <sup>s</sup>

Not a whole deal to say about these results, the team and the fans know how bad they were, but you have to accept that they will happen now and again, not too often we hope.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND

PITTRODDIE (MOSTLY FOR THE DAY OUT)	67 <sup>s</sup>	SHEILFIELD PARK (FOR THE SOCIAL CLUB)	5%
TYNECASTLE (SOLELY FOR THE RESULTS)	19 <sup>a</sup>	FIR PARK (SEE IBROX)	2%
TANNADICE (MOSTLY FOR THE PUBS)	6 <sup>a</sup>	RUGBY PARK (MAGNIFICENT GROUND)	2%
PARKHEAD (RELATIONS WITH FANS)	4 <sup>s</sup>	GLEBE PARK (TRUMPTON PARK)	2%
IBROX (GOD KNOWS WHY)	4 <sup>a</sup>	REX PARK (ARE YOU SERIOUS)	2%

Obviously the voters have other things on their minds when travelling to an away game, votes were perhaps not based entirely on the facilities in the grounds themselves, rather on the opportunities for refreshments .....

LEAST FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND

EASTER ROAD	67 <sup>s</sup>
TYNECASTLE	30 <sup>s</sup>
BROCKVILLE	14 <sup>a</sup>
IBROX	4 <sup>s</sup>
DENS PARK	4 <sup>a</sup>
LOVE STREET	6 <sup>s</sup>

The Edinburgh teams do not seem much loved by pars fans and why not, the facilities for away fans at both grounds, especially at Tynecastle are primitive. Still a few who remember Falkirk and their quagmire of a ground.



LEAST FAVOURITE OPPOSITION PLAYER

STEVIE KIRK (MOTHERWELL)	32%
DAVIE COOPER (MOTHERWELL)	19%
TERRY BUTCHER (RANGERS)	15%
MO JOHNSTONE (RANGERS)	15%
KEITH HOUCHEM (HIBS)	12%
KENNY McDOWELL (ST. MIRREN)	7%

LEAST FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM

RANGERS	54 <sup>a</sup>
MOTHERWELL	24 <sup>s</sup>
HEARTS	14 <sup>a</sup>
ABERDEEN	8 <sup>a</sup>

There were of course other nominations for both the categories here, McLaren of Hearts came close for his tackles on Kozma and McCathie and Mr. Kirk won for his gesture to the Pars fans at the Home end in the 0-5 disaster.

POLL RESULTS

WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SIGN FOR DUNFERMLINE?

CRAIG ROBERTSON 64s  
IAN McCALL 27s  
LOUIE P. FARGEON 5s  
TREVOR SMITH? 3s

One of these requests has already been answered with the return of McCall to East End. Will Robbo be next? I doubt it. Fargeon is out of our reach now, and who is this Trevor Smith guy? .....

WOULD THE PROSPECT OF GROUND SHARING WITH ANOTHER OF THE FIFE CLUBS APPEAL?

YES 8% (IF IT WAS EAST END)  
NO 92%

Many of you pointed out the fact the four teams concerned are a little more apart geographically, are in different leagues both physically and spiritually, and we wouldn't want any or their players than the Dundee or Edinburgh clubs. Enough said. ...

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE BOARD AND THEIR POLICIES?

YES 54%  
NO 46%

The majority of you seemed satisfied with the workings of our board members. Certainly they seem to be releasing money for players and have done a lot of much needed work to East End Park. Let's hope this continues. ....

IS THERE A CLUB POLICY OVER KEEPING SIGNINGS SECRET AND SOME CONTROL OVER WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE PRINTED IN THE DUNFERMLINE PRESS?

YES 61%  
NO 39%

All of you pointed out that secrecy over signings wasn't a bad thing and we agree, but these leaks get out and affect the negotiations, so why be secret in the first place. When was the last time you saw a critical letter in the Dunfermline Press?

SHOULD THE CLUB REMAIN AT EAST END AND DEVELOP OR MOVE TO ANOTHER PURPOSE BUILT GROUND?

STAY AND DEVELOP 49s  
MOVE TO A NEW GROUND 50s  
UNSURE 1s

A hotly contested question, with the move to a new ground just managing to sneak in front. It would be interesting to have the programme ask the same question to see if the result is the same, I would imagine it would be. ....

IN LIGHT OF HILLSBOROUGH AND THE TAYLOR REPORT ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ALL-SEATED STADIUMS?

YES 25s (BUT THERE MUST BE SOME STANDING ROOM)  
NO 75s

A bit of a rhetorical question that one as all clubs have to install completely seated grounds in the next decade. The main concern seemed to be the capacity of East End or another ground when the change was made, the price too was another area for concern, time will as always tell. ....

ARE CO-MANAGERS NECESSARILY A GOOD IDEA?

YES 19%  
NO 89%

A thorny issue this one, many of you pointed out that the co-manager system had been working way before the Falkirk bid for Munro caused the club to make it official. Others said they thought that Leish was the one who wore the pants so to speak in the team. Although Ian Munro's nickname is "Minnie". ....

IS THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE VIABLE?

YES 42%  
NO 58%

Although the majority voted against, few were reluctant not to see Rangers join, questions were raised about even the ability of Rangers to survive in much a competitive environment. Those who voted for the League were fairly confident that The Pars would manage to survive. ....

POLL RESULTS

DO FOOTBALL FANZINES STILL HAVE A FUTURE IN THE GAME?

YES 94%  
NO 6%

PHEW.. GLAD TO HEAR IT .....

HAVE YOU OR ANYONE KNOWN TO YOU EVER WON THE 50/50 HALF TIME DRAW, OR ARE YOU JUST LIKE THE REST OF US AND STAY THOUSANDS OUT?

YES 11<sup>2</sup> (2 winners) (a few friends)  
NO 89%

Yep, so why do we keep on buying them, one day perhaps. ....

ARE THERE ANY CHANGES YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN WDHR?

NO CHANGE	53%	BETTER PRINTING	11%
MORE LETTERS	12%	PARTICIPATION	7%
BETTER SPELLING	11%	MORE PHOTOS	6%

Most of you seem satisfied, which pleases us no end, more letters, photos and participation are entirely up to you, we can't print what we don't receive. The spelling, well it's a Fanzine isn't it? A dictionary has been bought. The printing, well, hope this issue meets your approval.

FUNNIEST EVENT/GAME OR INCIDENT OF THE SEASON?

HIBERNIAN FANS THROWING THEIR SCARVES ON THE PITCH AFTER WE'D WON */? IN THE CUP	32%
SIGNING SANDY CLARK AND EVERY GAME THAT SANDY CLARK PLAYED FOR US	16%
THE LOOK ON ANTON ROGAN'S FACE AFTER SCORING THAT OWN GOAL AT EAST END PARK	16%
THE DOG THAT TRIED TO BITE THEN MOUNT PAT BONNAR AT EAST END IN THE CUP QUARTER -FINAL	10%
DUNDEE'S RELEGATION TO THE FIRST DIVISION	8%
THE JAMBOS LEAVING TYNECASTLE EARLY TWICE LAST SEASON AS THE PARS HIT TWO WINS	8%
GETTING £100,000 for Mark Smith FROM NOTTINGHAM FORREST	4%
DAVIE IRONS GETTING MAN OF THE MATCH	4%

Thanks to all who contributed a poll entry, certainly there would have been a few other questions which we would have liked to have asked in hindsight of recent events at East End Park, but we weren't to know were we. We will of course send a copy of the poll results to East End Park to let them see how the readers of the Fanzine are thinking about the club and it's affairs. The end of season video we think is a great idea, just think about the fantastic results we've had where there were no television cameras to record the event, I speak of the St. Mirren 5-1 game, the 2-0 wins at Parkhead and Tynecastle and the great 3-1 win at Fir Park which guaranteed our stay in the Premier League.

SHOULD ISSUES OF WDHR BE QUARTERLY OR THE USUAL 5-ish ISSUES A SEASON?

QUARTERLY 23%  
AS USUAL 73%

One reply suggested that it should be quarterly i.e. every 25 years. There will be four issues this season with the possibility of a special publication to look back over the Leishman years. ....

SHOULD THE CLUB PRODUCE A REGULAR MAGAZINE OTHER THAN THE PROGRAMME, AND SHOULD THEY RELEASE A VIDEO OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON'S BEST GAMES?

MAGAZINE YES	48%	VIDEO YES	97%
NO	52%	NO	3%

The magazine failed to attract because many of you questioned the control by the club and the probable lack of safe material. The video though is a red hot favourite, why they haven't done it before is a mystery, Hartlepool do one a year.

MOST USED CLICHÉ ABOUT DUNFERMLINE?

BELOW PAR	21%	Good to see them up	8%
ABOVE PAR	20 <sup>2</sup>	In the Sixties, etc	8%
PERFECT	15%	Bible quoting Jim ..	8%
Character Manager	10 <sup>2</sup>	Large away support	4 <sup>2</sup>

YUP, that's the one. ....

# Dunfermline.....The Rebirth

" THE PREMIER LEAGUE? Shurly Shome Mistake???"

The story so far .....

Under the divine leadership and guidance of our beloved leader Jim Leishman the Pars had triumphed over the mere mortals of the Second Division and almost triumphed in the First. However, due to a sudden attack of "pre-promotion nerves" the Pars been forced to settle for runner-up.

Now the ultimate battle could begin, the battle which had been foretold in the book of the Apocalypse as the final battle between Good and Evil, between Dunfermline and Falkirk. At the time Falkirk were led by the evil high priest Dave Clarke. Under Clarke's influence Falkirk had triumphed in their bid to win the Sunday Post Crime Count by defeating Hearts on the last day of the season on red card difference. The newly promoted Pars, innocent and naive in their style of play, anxiously awaited the dawning of the new era, confident that they could remain in the Premier League.

It was early on Saturday morning on August 8th, Jim Leishman gradually awoke from the post promotion celebrations of last season. It was the first day of Dunfermline's inaugural match in the Premier League, as Jim raised himself from the bar stool in the Paragon, he became of a woman's voice calling him. He looked around and gradually saw the form of Karen Grega standing before him.

"Are you alright Mr. Leishman?", she asked.

"Aye fine", he replied, "Have you seen Stuart Beedie?"

"He's fine, he was poured into his car last night, unlike someone else"

With Dunfermline's first ever Premier League game fast approaching Leishman made his way down to the office. The excitement already building around the town was christened when a group of Hibs casuals were arrested before the game.

Gradually the kick off against Hibernian grew closer. Just before the game started Leishman climbed the steps to the pulpit, which had been specially constructed into the dug-out and preached the first of many epic sermons. He sang the praises of chairman Mel and the board. Then, with almost casual disregard for his own sanity, he proclaimed that the Pars would return to the European scene and display talents that the Europeans had never experienced before. Apparently, the first team was booked on a Club 18-30 holiday. After an eternity of blessings and proclamations, Leishman was forcibly removed from the pulpit and exiled to the dug out. Suddenly the tannoy erupted with the immortal "Eastenders" theme(Gospel Remix) and the team emerged from the dressing room all set to do battle.

The players were determined to do well and make their mark there and then on the Premier League. The crowd were equally enthusiastic and exploded into greater voice when Davie Young headed home Dunfermline's first ever Premier goal. The game eventually finished a 3-3 draw. St. Mirren were the next to experience the Pars machine and were lucky to survive with a draw at Love Street. Our next encounter was with the dark angels themselves, Falkirk at Castle Doom, however it finished a remarkably dull 0-0 draw. Skol Cup duty came next and another trip to Falkirk, to East Stirlingshire this time saw the Pars win 3-1. The next round saw Rangers at East End and there ended our Skol Cup run for that year.



## DUNFERMLINE . . . . THE REBIRTH

Back on league business, Celtic, the league leaders came to East End having taken maximum points so far. Not surprisingly the TV cameras came too and Jock Brown condescended to comment on the game. Celtic were confident of a victory against the upstarts of the league and took a casual approach to the game. But the audacity of us, Jock Brown was speechless and Leish was delirious, the promise of European football grew louder. However the bubble that was our first month in the Premier League was set to burst as reality sat in at Dens Park in the shape of a 5-0 defeat. The shocks continued, further defeats by Motherwell and Rangers who had the cheek to sign McCall and then play him against us and allow him to score. Luckily our blushes were spared when Morton were resoundly defeated 4-1, perhaps the Premier League wasn't so bad after all.

Indeed it was. Between 26th September and 31st October we scored the huge sum of three goals and took three points. A predictable win over Morton and a draw against Dundee Utd compared with defeats by Hearts, Aberdeen, Hibs, Motherwell and surprise, surprise, Rangers.

November was another good month, P:6 W:1 D:1 L:4 F:4 A:11, these included a win against St. Mirren and a draw against the sons of Satan. However, Celtic put four past us at Perkhead, Aberdeen scored three and Hearts defeated us 3-2 at Tynecastle thanks to defensive suicide. Incredibly we were leading until five minutes to go when Hearts equalised and then hit the winner. After the game the Hearts players ran towards an empty home terracing to find that the faithful home support had left after eighty minutes.

Compared with the season so far, December was outrageously successful with the number of points increased to five and goals conceded reduced to double, sorry single figures. With only one defeat, three draws and one win the Pars looked as though they had turned the corner and would stay in the Premier League. The first sign of this was the second visit to Ibrox. The Pars came from behind twice to level the score at 2-2 and were unlucky not to win the game.

With the first half of the season over Pars fans could look back on a fairly depressing four months. Despite the Messiah's prophecies the Pars had not yet set the Premier League alight with their daring exploits, but at least they had conceded fewer goals than Morton. However, there were several great events within this period. Most importantly of all, the first step in Dunfermline's return to the European arena was made, Leishman signed a Norwegian Vjelte Andersen. The Scottish media were ecstatic at the arrival of Vjelte and the Sun being the sun responded with a photo of the behemoth in full Viking gear surrounded by a bevy of scantily clad females. John Watson was not impressed with the arrival of the youthful Vjelte who was to challenge the strikers position as the club's top scorer. Quickly as the position changed and hordes of teenage girls burnt their Watson posters and replaced them with their larger than life posters of the Naughty Norwegian. Sadly Hagar's play on the field was not as legendary as his play off the field and after twelve appearances he was sent into exile in the English Second Division.

But besides Hagar, another star was to arrive at East End Park - Ross Jack. Another £16,000 buy, we were instantly sceptical about his qualities. The fans had plenty of time to assess Jack's ability on his debut against Motherwell, firstly he was overweight, secondly he got a goal and thirdly, er.. that was it. For the rest of the season Jack was a virtual fixture in the team. After his first goal we had to wait another nine weeks for the second. Despite a catalogue of missed chances he was to go on and score five goals from twenty five games.

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Little did we know what to expect in the following two seasons—a few pounds less of Jacko for a start.

And so we waved goodbye to 1987 and said hello to 1988. The first game of the New Year sent us to Dens Park where we managed to survive with a 2–0 defeat. (Just think beaten by Dundee... it seems so long ago). However for that game against Dundee we were without Tom Carson who was a Dundee player and it was Nicky Walker who took over in goals as Westie was still out. It would appear that being a Dunfermline goalkeeper is a hazardous assignment. In our first season in the Premier we went through five keepers. Firstly Westie who experienced several injuries, then Tom Carson and Nicky Walker. But while we borrowed two keepers, there were some mistakes . . . Hans Segers – a Dutchman, don't let that fool you, he was crap. According to legend he was supposed to perform a handstand each time his team scored. Unfortunately he was too busy picking the ball out of his own net to worry about gymnastics.

As a result, Brian Clough, who loaned us Segers did not make too many friends in Fife, this was later nullified when he gave us £100,000 for Mark Smith. Then there was Dave (I've got it, I've got it . . . . I ain't got it, I ain't got it) McKellar. Incredibly though it may seem this happy go lucky goalkeeper actually managed to stop Rangers scoring against us in the Scottish Cup match. The only game that season where Rangers did not gub us by at least three goals. However Dave's remarkable exploits in that game against Rangers are preserved forever on video tape alongside Jock Brown's famous commentary: IT'S A CROSS BY MARK SMITH . . . . AND IT'S GONE IN..... Thankfully all good things must come to an end, and after a few appearances (5) Dave headed off to seek his fortune in Carlisle.

But on a brighter note, Dunfermline celebrated their much talked about return to the European Football arena with a challenge match against Girondins de Bordeaux. They were the first real European team to grace East End since RSC Anderlecht in 1970. Like all European matches the price of admission rose accordingly with the price of the programme. The match finished 1–1 and went to a penalty shoot out. The idea of taking penalties obviously unnerved the French side who only had five Internationalists in the team and they missed all theirs fairly spectacularly. Needless to say we won the coveted trophy and never noticed anything remotely unusual about the penalties.

AND SO WE ARRIVE NEATLY AT THE HIGH SPOT OF THE SEASON - THE SCOTTISH CUP.

After surviving the third round tie against Ayr United after a replay at Somerset Park, the mighty Sounessian warriors of Ibrox were drawn against the relegation favourites. "No Contest" said Alex Cameron in an open letter to anyone who can be bothered reading his column. Unfortunately he had not banked on the inspirational leadership of The Messiah. As soon as the draw was made Leish began to plot the downfall of the 'Gers.

Initially, there was the quiet team talks and confidence building exercises which gradually built up to the climatic explosion of The Saviours love for Dunfermline in the famous (and infamous) "I Have a Dream" Sermon on the Saint and Greavsie Show. This epic and moving piece of literature reminded the players of the past achievements of the club and installed in them a will to win unparalleled in the recent history of Dunfermline. The full "I Have a Dream" sermon lasts for sixteen days and begins with a lobotomy. However, edited highlights are below.

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Act 1: Scene IV: Verse 6: "I HAVE A DREAM"

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I HAVE SEEN THE PROMISED LAND, AND IT IS A LAND RICH  
IN BREAD AND HONEY AND CUP WINNERS MEDALS. FOR IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE PATH  
TO TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEN YOU MUST BELIEVE IN ME AS I HAVE BELIEVED IN YOU  
FOR I...HAVE A DREAM . . . . . AND IT IS A DREAM OF WEALTH AND HAPPINESS.  
A DREAM OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MONEY, LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY. I DREAM OF TELEVISION  
SPECIALS, ACTION REPLAYS AND TAKING PART IN A LIVE COMMENTARY FOR RADIO CLYDE  
BUT I ALSO HAVE HAD A BAD DREAM . . . . . A BAD DREAM BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I DREAM  
OF DOLE QUEUES AND POVERTY AND OBSCURITY AND OF THE FIRST DIVISION . . . . .  
SO GET OUT THERE AND KICK ASS

However, away from all of the hype surrounding the game there was a simple and quick solution for every problem. Dave McKellar was told that he would lose a major organ for every goal he lost.

Watson was wheeled out of the treatment room especially for the game and Beedie had his quarter bottle confiscated. For the entire game one of the subs ran up and down the park dangling the bottle under Beedie's nose with the aid of a fishing rod. Of course the tactic worked. Rangers meanwhile were really crapping themselves at facing Dunfermline's superior strike force.

In the six league and two cup matches prior to this one Dunfermline had scored three goals all in the cup against Ayr Utd. Souness was really losing his sleep over us. The game is now history, we won 2-0, but there still remains the mystery of what happened to the T.V. in the away dressing room. At last the untold story ...

The Facts: At five to three on 20th February 1988, Graeme Souness turned to his players and said "Er ... Three - Nil up at half time should do it boys".

At five past three Mark Smith ran down the right wing and crossed the ball into the box only for it to float characteristically wide and over the grief-struck Chris Woods. The crowd reaction took young Mark by surprise and Norrie McCathie had to explain to Mark that he had scored a goal. "A WHAT?", exclaimed Jacko.

At about three forty five, John "Psycho" Brown, in his Rangers debut was sent off for trying to remove Mark Smith's head. Brown stormed off the field and into the dressing room: Suspect Number 1.

After half-time the Pars picked up where they had left off. Since Rangers had scorned so many chances, the Pars decided to really put a spanner in the works and score a second. A Beedie corner was met perfectly by Watson, who started his run on the half-way line, leaping headlong at the ball from the 18 yard line and sent it past a somewhat horrified Rangers International defence. Alex Cameron had to be sedated at this point.

Four forty-five: Final Result: Souness Pissed Off.

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The Speculation: Immediately after the game Souness and Butcher leave the pitch without shaking hands with the victorious team. Terry bursts through the door to the changing room, smashing it against the wall in the process. Souness then storms into the room, past the door now swinging on it's hinges to see John Brown changed and watching the results come up on Grandstand's television printer. At the instant the Rangers result appears, Des Lynam comes on the screen with an exclusive report by Archie McPherson. Several milliseconds later the T.V. lies in several pieces on the floor.

WHO DID IT? YOU DECIDE...

'And Lo, from the heavens a messenger shall come and speaketh unto Ye in many tongues. Yet thou shalt understand and henceforth offer prayers and thanksgiving to the saviour, "James Leishman".

Which is how the Dunfermline Press described the cup victory. Sadly before the world came to utter the name of Dunfermline in awe we were knocked out of the cup by Hearts at Tynecastle, and more than a little help from Hans Segers.

And so the Pars evacuated the Scottish Cup and looked ready to evacuate the Premier League. Motherwell were out of danger and the Pars looked like joining the Forces of Darkness and Morton in the first division. For Dunfermline to survive would require a massive turnaround in the team's fortunes and nothing short of a mathematical miracle. However for a short time the Pars played like a Premier team. When Dundee came to East End on March 19th they were looking for an easy win. Yet, to their absolute horror they left pointless after a magical SIX-ONE romp by the Pars. The following Wednesday Morton were despatched 3-0 at Cappielow and all over Dunfermline calculators were turned on to calculate the various conditions that would guarantee survival. Unfortunately the usual suicidal tendencies prevailed. In the second-half against Motherwell (Segers in goal) a two goal half-time lead became a 3-2 loss. This result finally doomed the Pars to rel...rele..releg... the first division. But the Pars were determined to leave fighting. Much improved performances saw St. Mirren defeated in the first match that Dunfermline had come from behind to win. The match was also quite remarkable for Campbell Money played in midfield in the second half, much to the surprise of his defenders.

And so Dunfermline Athletic bowed out of the Premier League on May 7th 1988 against Celtic at Parkhead. In the carnival atmosphere which prevailed on the day Celtic were presented with the championship trophy. A now famous banner in the crowd read: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELTIC, P.S. WE'LL BE BACK". A prophesy perhaps?

JIMMY DEE

COMING SOON IN PART FIVE OF "THE REBIRTH OF DUNFERMLINE"

THE RETURN TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

OR

WHO'S THE CHAMPIONS NOW SCUM?

OR EVEN

HE'S SCORED HOW MANY GOALS, ARE WE DISCUSSING THE SAME ROSS JACK?

# gang of three



*Jim Gray*



*David Duff*



*Wallace Mercer*

The now forlorn bid by Wallace Mercer to buy out Hibernian Plc, merge the two Edinburgh clubs and move the whole package out to a new stadium at South Gyle was idealistically unwelcome, but it was also too close for comfort. Much has already been written on the proposed takeover and all its implications, some of it well meant and constructive and some of it, particularly from the Edinburgh Evening News the worst kind of sentimental tripe I've had to endure.

The main accomplishment of the bid has been to throw open to public scrutiny just how tenuous and fragile the financial backgrounds of Scotland's 36 senior teams are. No team who floats its shares on the stock exchange will be safe from a similar bid, still at least then the dealings are out in the open and not done secretly in the boardroom. Hibs went public to raise finance to improve the playing staff, the facilities and to extract the club from a financial crisis, this was accomplished to a certain extent but three years down the line its panic time again. It must be pointed out that Messrs Murray and Rennie do have a football heart as well as a pocket calculator.

Mercer came within 11 per cent of owning Hibernian Plc and if that had been reached then the SFA would have a nightmare to sort out. It may have led to Airdrie taking the place of Hibs in the Premier League and around thirty players, mostly Hibs players, on the hunt for new clubs. No doubt Dunfermline would have signed a couple ...

With the 60 odd per cent he had been promised he could have taken on the infamous pubs in England and the Easter Road stadium, leaving Hibs to share with Meadowbank. However he didn't and now those loyal Hibeers who purchased shares have seen their investment drop from the 40p that Mercer offered down to around 25p and Calling and Rowland who had the majority of the 60 percent is a little miffed at losing half the value of the shares and now intends to sue the other Hibernian directors for the loss he has sustained by them refusing to accept Mercer's bid.

Hibernian Football Club are now in the midst of a financial crisis, admittedly the tactics of Mercer are nothing short of slimey, what Hibs fans should be questioning now is how they ever got into such a position and are Messrs Duff and Gray trustworthy enough to be allowed to continue?

### GANG OF THREE ...Continued

The excellent Hibs fanzine "The Proclaimer" criticised the share deal from day one and have been instrumental in organising the HANDS OFF HIBS campaign. Full credit to them for proving that fan power can obtain the desired result, maybe we'll manage a similar result with the threat to the Health Service. Hibernians debt when Kenny Waugh sold out, and Hibernian Plc was born was in the region of £300,000, a few years later it is now £1.2 million.

Despite promises that money would be spent on players and in developing the rather sad state of Easter Road, very little appears to have been spent on those areas. Instead a disastrous investment in leisure properties in the south of England proved abject failure. Worse still, a gift of one million shares was handed out to a consultant for professional help. He promptly sold the shares to make a nice little tax free profit. With the exception of Goram and latterly McGraw, let's forget about Steve Archibald, very few quality players have been bought and at the away end of the ground very little has been done to improve the facilities for us punters. After the vilification of Wallace Mercer, perhaps it is now time for the Hibeers to ask a few pertinent questions to Duff end Gray.

With the share price dropping and debts of £6.2 million, things do not look good for Hibs. Its unlikely that attendances are going to rise by any significant amount and if a financial fairy-godmother was going to pop up, surely they would have done so by now. Tom Farmer and Kenny Waugh have come up with some money, but not nearly enough. Hibs' bankers are going to need some sort of security for the debt, and not too slowly either. Hibernian Football Club's assets are the ground and the players, Hibernian Plc have the Duff pubs (no pun intended) in the south of England.

The unloading of their most talented players has already begun with the transfer of John Collins to Celtic for a reputed £1 million, Andy Goram is certainly next despite the denials of the board, with Ibrox beckoning for around £1.5 million; who else is left; Paul Kane perhaps or the lest gasp signings from last season, which will still leave a whopping £3 million debt. Obviously the ground itself is a viable asset but if that was sold where would Hibs play? The only current venue in Edinburgh is Meadowbank Stadium, which has a 5,000 limit for football matches, fine for Thistle but not so good for the Hibeers. They could have a further share issue but then up pops another Wallace Mercer and Hey Presto!, back to square one again.

Let's face it Hibs weren't too clever last season, and without Goram, Collins and Keane they're going to struggle even more. With no real funds available to buy players teams like St. Johnstone are going to fancy their chances of remaining in the Premier League at the expense of Hibs.

Hearts and Dunfermline went through similar difficulties in the seventies. In 1971 Dunfermline were within a few days of disappearing from senior football due to financial problems started in the late sixties. We sold our best players, turned part-time and spent most of the next fifteen years in the second division. Hearts were saved by Mercer and the managerial team of Alex McDonald and Sandy Jardine, Hibs may well manage to survive for the coming season, but after that? It may be that relegation will be the way forward for Hibs, time to weed out the staff they don't want and come back a stronger team, I certainly hope so. Congratulations to the Hibs fans for a peoples' victory but we're all going to have to look over our shoulders in the near future for the Mercers, Duffs and Grays of this world.

NEARSIDE LINESMAN

# GET YOUR KIT OUT

With a few exceptions, mostly in International football, teams are instantly recognised by at least the team colours if not the strips themselves. Dunfermline have since the 20's been recognised for their black and white stripes in some form or another, mostly of the vertical variety. However there have been a few hybrids and mutations over the years which will be documented in this article. Unfortunately the quality of old photographs does not reproduce very well and the only pics used are of the most recent variety. However a look through John Hunter's excellent Centenary history of Dunfermline has some cracking photos which are well worth a look.

Certainly today's lightweight, designer garments bear little resemblance to the early versions, except that they consisted of shirt, shorts and socks. Outfits have always tended to reflect the trends and fashion of the time, hence some of the more garish, psychedelic affairs sported in the recent World Cup.

In 1885, the birth of our beloved Pars, the chosen kit consisted of knickerbockers, a shirt and a cap, with the colours being a remarkable pink and mauve. Unfortunately no surviving picture of this strip has come to light. The black and white stripes appeared as early as 1894 when Dunfermline had left the Senior league and resumed playing Junior football, it wasn't that different from that worn by the Pars last season, except that the tops had buttons and collars, as in a normal dress shirt. 1896 saw them rejoin the seniors and change their strip to thick maroon stripes with the obligatory knee-length shorts. Bunnets were optional and were not always worn by the goalkeepers.

As most of the pics are a poor quality monochrome, it's a little hard to define the actual colour of the tops, a good example of this is the team photo for season 1907/08. The single colour top, either blue or red resembled a Marks and Spencers turtle-neck sweater, the shorts were long and the shinpads looked as though they had been made from corrugated iron. Enormous bunnets and waxed handlebar moustaches were the fashion accessory of that period.

The outbreak of the First World War curtailed football to a certain extent, with so many people called up to the forces or particularly in Fife, working in essential industries such as coal mining, it must have been difficult to select teams and fulfil fixtures. The strip more or less stayed the same, in fact it was probably the same strip. The years after the war saw an upsurge in interest in football, the club bought the ground in Halbeath Road, several ex-Scottish League players joined the Pars, crowds increased but we still couldn't beat Cowdenbeath.

Season 1920/21 saw another change in the shirts, these now resembled rugby tops rather than football tops, the vertical stripes changed to horizontal hoops and the colour to maroon. The following season saw a curious combination of both stripes and hoops, the torso retained the familiar black and white stripes whilst the sleeves had black hoops. It must be stated that as teams had to finance their own kits, the selection would be whatever the local Co-op could come up with, thankfully the spectre of sponsorship was fifty years away.



THE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS OF 1926

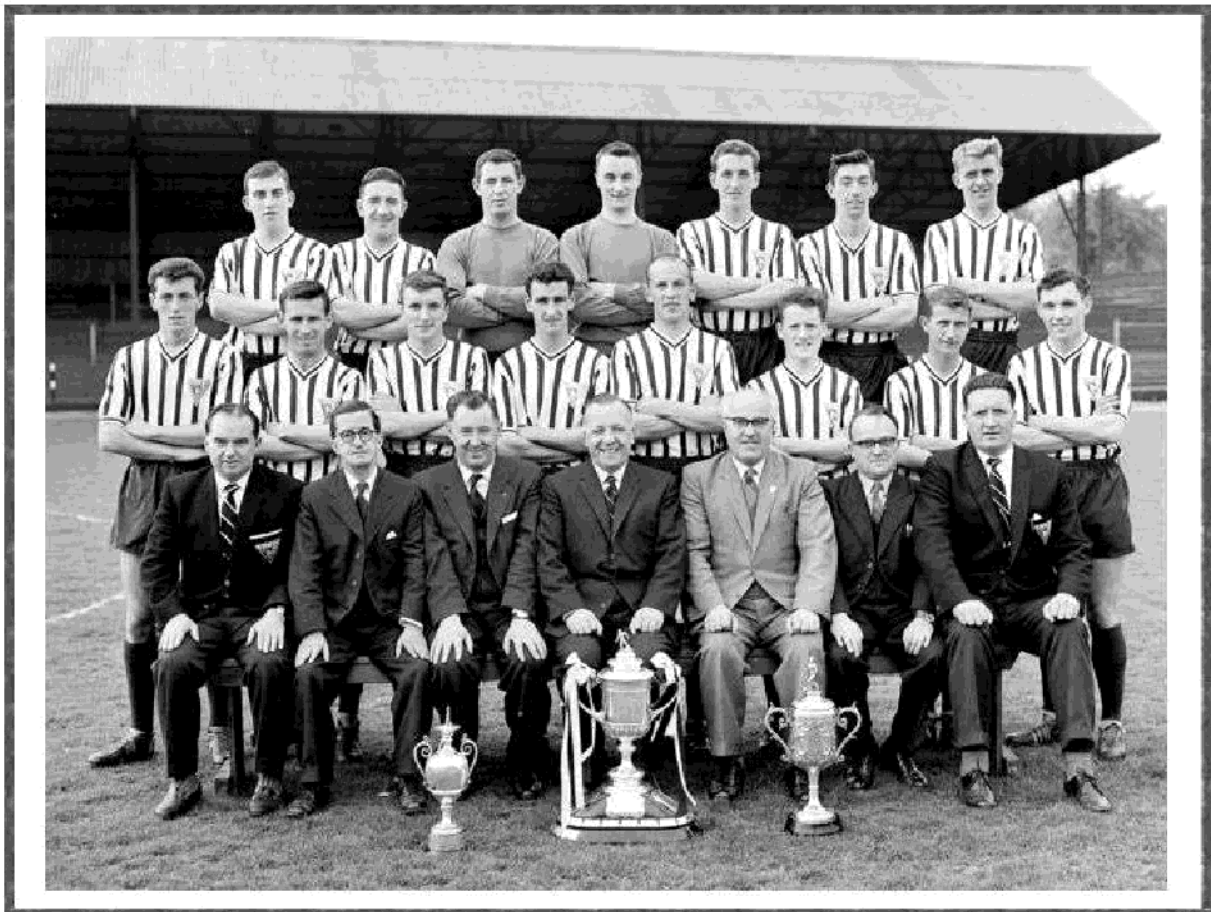
A more familiar Dunfermline strip was worn for season 1938/39, however events elsewhere in Europe caused the curtailment of League football as the Second World War broke out. The League campaign was stopped after only four games with the Pars second behind Dundee. In order to sustain morale, the SFA formed regional leagues to conserve fuel and Dunfermline entered the Eastern League. Although they didn't win the championship they did rather well in that league for the next four years. With Fife, and Rosyth especially a station for service personnel, guest players keen to keep fit turned out for the Pars, this led to some largish win as the quality of the opposition was not what the previous senior leagues had been. Rationing was in force and had a dramatic effect on the purchase of new kit, as coupons had to be saved up and the choice was rather limited, one season the Pars trotted out in a Maroon, blue and white outfit. The post war years still had rationing and in one match against Dundee at East End Park, both teams lined up in white shirts, the only colour available presumably. 1949 saw Dunfermline lose 0-3 to East Fife in the final of the League Cup, in the usual black and white stripes and for the first time numbers on the back of the strips.

The Fifties, when the seats in the Regal cinema were being slashed by greasy youths in drape coats, watching Rock Around the Clock, Dunfermline were getting on with the business of playing football. The strip altered between the black and white stripes to an all red affair, quite similar to the away strip of a few years ago, to a white top which must have been successful as the team won promotion to the First Division in 1955. Towards the end of the Fifties a much more familiar strip was used, the candy stripe and club badge had been born, initially with a round collar. The only real changes to this over the next few years were the loss or gain of the badge, the collar became v-necked or the stripes became marginally narrower or wider. Whilst the tops changed the shorts got shorter and altered between black or white, the socks also ran between black, white or red and the shin guards became lighter and less like a roll of lead piping bent around the leg.

Whilst the candy stripe was the famous top of the next 14 years, it was the away or change strips which were the most colourful and changed the most often. A favourite especially) ...

(Another variation in 1931 was Maroon and Yellow)





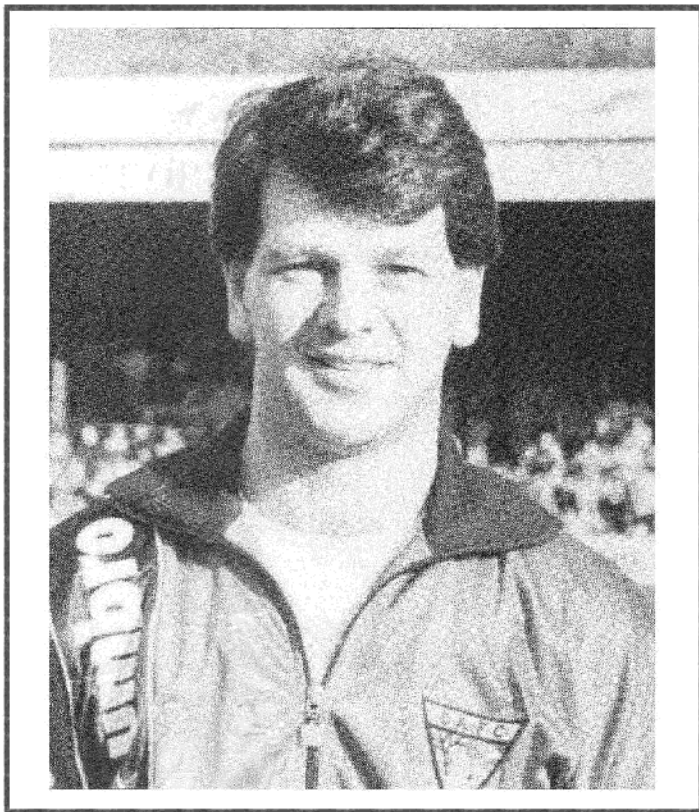
THE CUP WINNERS OF 1961 IN THE FAMOUS CANDY STRIPE SHIRTS

... in the late Sixties was an all blue effort, which for some reason seemed to always be used when we were playing Celtic at East End Park. Yet another was the thick black and red striped shirt of the early Seventies, quite similar to the current AC Milan outfit. Then in 1971/72 season for reasons given elsewhere in this issue, the magnificent but unpractical all white strip was used, unpractical because the kids version I had used to get stained rather badly from the blaze pitch we had at school.

A swift reversion to the candy stripes lasted until season 1977/78 when a rather poor version with thick black stripes appeared. Various permutations of this arose over the next six seasons, adding stripes to the arm, changing the collar etc, until 1983/84 season when the v-neck, pin stripe version was introduced. After a successful promotion campaign to the First Division the thick black stripes were reintroduced and some black and white epaulettes were added to the away strip, which was all red. This lasted for two seasons, and after our premature return to the First Division after a brief sojourn in the Premier, another change saw thinner black stripes introduced in one of the best tops since the Sixties.

For the coming season as we all know, a 1990 version of the Sixties candy stripe shirt has been introduced, it's a great strip but the one thing that totally ruins it is the huge advertising logo emblazoned across the front. The away strip is to stay the same but I would dearly love to a return to the adventurous days of the Sixties with perhaps the black and red striped shirt making a comeback or maybe even an all black top. Anyway lets hope that we can retain the current strip for a few seasons, it will save a lot of parents and fans a lot of cash every year. In case you're wondering the reason why the all white strip only lasted for one season was because the fans refused point blank to change their black and white scarves – such a pity we can't have the same effect over the Leishman sacking scandal.

NEAR SIDE LINESMAN



# WACKO JACKO

I realise that the Legends series is used to celebrate past players but Ross Jack deserves to have some recognition for his goal-scoring exploits over the past few seasons, especially last season when he scored 21, only beaten by Scotland's top Premier scorer John Robertson. He managed to score at least one goal past every Premier team, his last being that cheeky back heeler against Hibs in the final game of the season. An outstanding record for any striker and due rewards for a long career in football.

Jacko went to Everton as an apprentice in the late seventies but only made one appearance for the first team, albeit a successful debut scoring a goal. With such players as Andy King, Bob Latchford, Brian Kidd, Imre Varadi and the up and coming Graeme Sharp the competition for first team places was acute. Therefore Everton let him go and a £20,000 bid by Norwich took Jack to Carrow Road.

His debut for Norwich was at Home to Birmingham City on the 27th Sept 1980, he played in midfield in the number 8 shirt and did not feature in the goals in the 2-2 draw. No goals came for Jack at all in his first season at Carrow Road and the end of the season saw Norwich relegated to Division Two. However things were to go far better for both Jack and for Norwich in the coming season.

Norwich went straight back to Division One, finishing in third place and Jack scored 14 goals (10 league and 4 cup) which made him top scorer and a firm favourite with the fans, Justin Fashanu being transferred in the summer. Things were looking up and Jack spent the close season celebrating with such team mates as Chris Woods, Martin O'Neill, Dave Watson and Keith Bertschin, with the festivities recorded in a photograph in my Shoot Annual of 1983.

The following season was an anti-climax for Jack with his appearances mainly limited to the bench. He did score four goals but they all came in the Football League Trophy. Norwich lost in the quarter-finals of this competition to Lincoln City but Jack must have impressed the Lincoln manager Colin Murphy as he signed for them at the end of the season.

A drop of two divisions for Jacko but it meant regular first team football and some goals to add to his tally, 11 in total as he finished second top scorer for Lincoln. One of his fellow forwards was John Fashanu who had been signed from Norwich a year earlier.

The following season Ross scored 6 goals and a free transfer, Lincoln had a bad season. Ross was joint top scorer but his last game for the Red Imps was on the 11th May 1985, and the resultant tragedy was almost enough to make him pack in the game altogether. It was the last game of the season and Lincoln were visiting Bradford City, and this was the day of the horrific fire at Bradford.

## ROSS JACK (Continued)

I recall that I wept as I viewed the disaster that evening on television, so Jacko must have been devastated as he watched the horror unfold in the stand. A sad day.

Ross returned home to Scotland and signed for Dundee for the season to come, 1985/86. He only made six appearances and did not get his match awards for goals as he didn't get on target once. Season 86/87 was to be much more fruitful however, he scored 7 goals in total in a season where Dundee scored 108 goals, 74 coming in the league. However the arrival of Keith Wright and Tommy Coyne in the latter part of the season signalled the end of the line for Ross at Dens Park. The start of season 87/88 saw Ross make four appearances as a sub and it was no surprise that in October Dundee accepted a bid for the striker from Dunfermline of £15,000.

The legend had arrived and Jacko scored a speculative overhead kick on his debut at Fir Park on the 24th October 1987, but by the end of that season he had earned his nickname of "Dross Jack". Although he scored 6 goals in all he was not popular with the fans despite a reasonable work rate throughout most of his games. Quite frankly he struggled in several games and WDHR suggested that he should be one of the free transfers at the end of the season, which almost happened. Fortunately for all concerned the deal fell through. It was to have been a swap deal for Mark Caughy, but Caughy decided not to come to Fife and went back to Ireland instead.

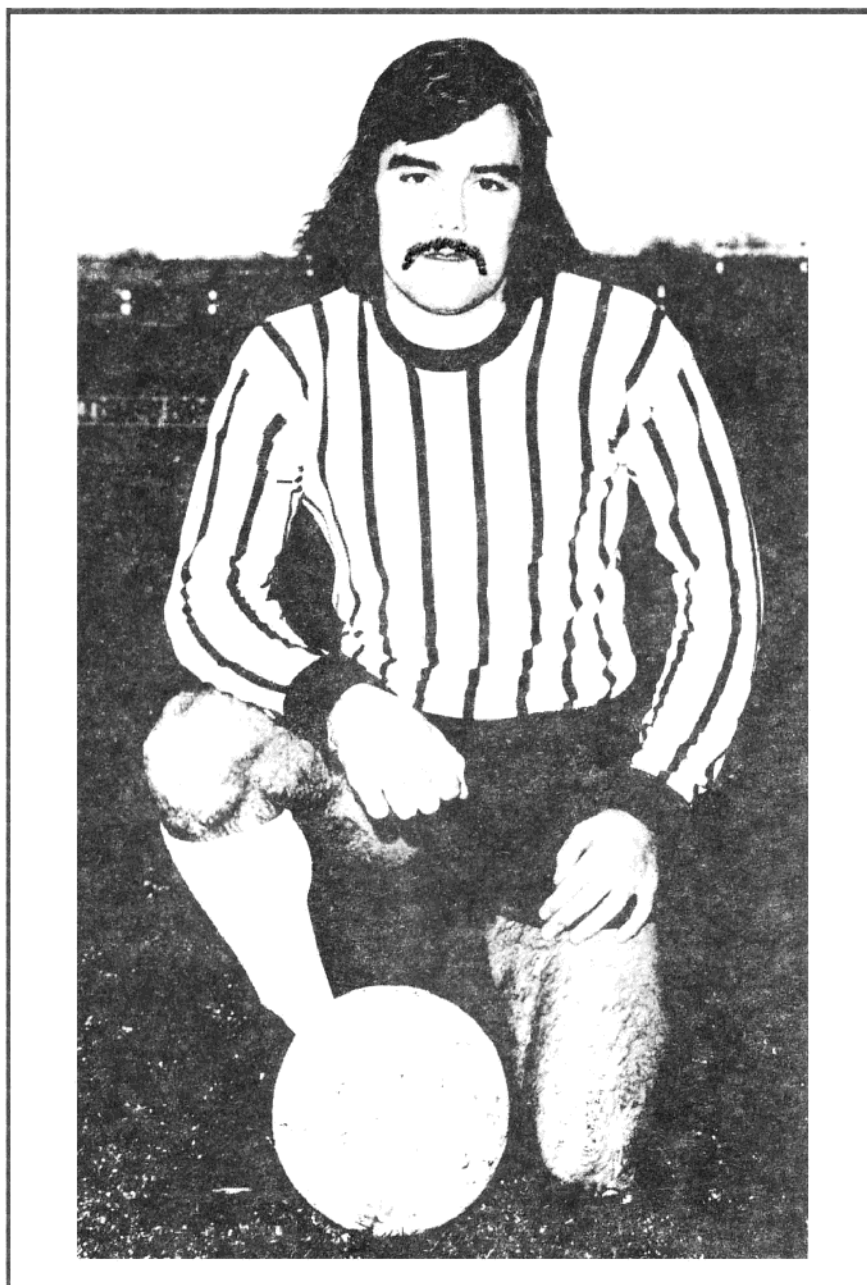
The following season was a success for both King Jacko and Dunfermline, with the Pars winning the First Division title and Jacko finishing top scorer with 18 goals and the recipient of several Player of the Year awards from supporters clubs. He cracked home a superb header in the first game of the season at Firhill, followed by another headed goal against Queens four weeks later. His double at home to Forfar on 5th November signalled a spell of 15 goals in 15 games; stunning, devastating and superb were some of the adjectives used to describe his form during this period and the previous season's villain had become everyone's hero. Dross Jack had gone and Wacko Jacko had arrived with a bang (patent: Arthur Montford). Memorable goals include his first half double at Kilmarnock, another double in the 3-0 gubbing of the Forces of Darkness on New Year's Eve, a sweetly struck shot at Stark's Park and a glorious header against Airdrie. An excellent season, but the doubters were asking whether Jacko would find goals harder to come by in the Premier League.

Not only did he dispel the fears of the doubters amongst the fans and the media, he went further and surpassed his goals total of the previous season, scoring 21 in all. With the assistance of O'Boyle, Kozma, McCathie, Rougvie and Tierney the Pars retained their place in the Premier. Out of all his goals the one that gave the most pleasure to me was the extra time clincher at Easter Road in the SKOL Cup Quarter Final, which he blasted behind Andy Goram with ease and almost joined the Pars fans behind the goal in the celebrations. Number two was the goal at Fir Park that put us top of the league and had the Pars fans in full voice all the way home. His third best was one which gave so much relief to the fans, a one two with O'Boyle, splitting the Parkhead defence open and then curling the ball over Pat Bonnar to give the Pars a well deserved 2-0 win at Celtic Park.

I cannot finish this story without mentioning his two goals at Motherwell which was the day I knew that the Pars would be staying in the Premier League. Admittedly they were both penalties thanks to Istvan Kozma. But Rosco slotted them away so easily, I could barely watch when he took the second one, but score he did. Jacko is now a Legend in many Pars fans eyes, and I hope that this season proves just as successful as the previous has for both Wacko Jacko and the Athletic.

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# ***GREAT MOUSTACHES OF THE 70'S NO.1 JIM SCOTT***





# OH NO NOT AGAIN

Italia '90 is well and truly over, West Germany just about deserved to win but overall the media overkill tried to portray what was the poorest World Cup since 1970, as a reasonable tournament. Being realistic enough not to spend money on another Scottish failure, I watched the first to last game on the telly and with the exception of perhaps four or five games the rest was instantly forgettable. After a few days of dashing back from work to catch the afternoon game, I realised that I could safely arrive with 15 minutes to go and still catch all the goals and sending offs.

Far too many games were spoilt by teams playing for a draw, generally a goalless draw in the knock out stages, brutal fouling, bad acting, bad sportsmanship from even the best players and better teams. Only the Germans, the Italians and the Cameroonians tried to play football and they produced some of the warmest moments in the whole tournament.

For the armchair viewers the inane and mindless nonsense which dribbled forth at every opportunity coupled with the Italian television producer who seemed to like zooming in on the female fans and the bloody endless Mexican waves when action was taking place on the pitch, whose camera men must have learned all they knew with Scotsport did not make for very impulsive viewing.

Scotland were frankly awful, teamed with an effervescent but entirely beatable Costa Rica, (ask Czechoslovakia), a surprisingly poor Sweden and a hugely disappointing Brazil. We lost to Costa Rica in a match I still can't believe we lost, beat Sweden rather easily and then tried to defend against Brazil to get the point we required to go into the drawing of lots. Its worse than Argentina although for Roxburgh's own sake he kept his mouth firmly closed, unlike Ally McLeod. The matches themselves have been written about, discussed on TV, sworn about in the pubs and wept about on the terraces. By far the best analysis comes in July's edition of the Punter, so check it out.

With the European Championships due in Sweden in two years time and the qualifiers due to start in September it does not look likely that Scotland are going to qualify. The opposition post World Cup look all the more formidable, and who knows what nightmares are about to unfold in San Marino. However we can hope that the team undergoes rather drastic surgery long before then with Messrs Leighton, McLeish, Aitken, McStay, Bett, McCoist and Malpas making room for Goram, McCallister, McCall, McPherson, Leveine, Collins and McLeod. Our problem has always been not scoring enough goals.

... why then did Roxburgh rely solely on the two strikers who had shown they could score now and again for Scotland but who had not shown real form prior to Italia '90 when Scotland's two top scorers in the Premier League Messrs Robertson and Jack were only given one B match between them prior to selection. Admittedly only Robertson had previous International experience but surely he could have given Jacko at least a try out for one of the B games.

Much of the blame lies with the home based players, the Anglos and the European based players proved that they have a far better attitude and were better in terms of technique and skill. The major fault lies in the current set up of the Premier League, too many games played at a furious breakneck speed with no time for the ball players to show the skills that they have. The welcome influx of foreign nationals in the Premier league is starting to edge out home based players and this is obvious in Scotland's International performances.

Getting back to Italia '90, of the so called minnows the United States proved that they are severely lacking in skill, organisation and most of all interest in the game. Prospects for the next World Cup look decidedly dodgy unless the USA suddenly takes an interest or it is switched to Europe or Africa. The U.A.E and South Korea at least played football and scored a couple of good goals but looked very naive in defence.

The two African qualifiers proved that football in the continent has come on a long way since the 9-1 defeat of Zaire back in 1974, and that the current quota of two teams is an insult to the AFA. Europe has 12 qualifiers out of less than thirty countries, whereas Africa has two from a possible fifty two countries. Obviously due to political and social unrest there are some countries which cannot enter; South Africa, Angola, Ethiopia, Chad and Niger, but the teams who do enter the qualifying rounds have to win their section and then play in a play-off (over two legs) with the other group winners. Therefore two teams who win their sections do not qualify. FIFA are talking about increasing the African contingent to three, what they should be doing is increasing it to six with perhaps two more from the Asian groups at the expense of course of the European teams, after all it is supposed to be the WORLD CUP.

Cameroon played some delightful football and showed that far from having a fair side with a few good players they had an excellent side with some world class players; Mila, Massing and Makanaky to name but three. Their game plan was as fluid and rhythmic as the music that abounds in the country. They did tend to be a little panic stricken in defence which cost them a well merited place in the semi-finals. Despite a horrendous list of suspensions they brought in four players for the England game who proved that they were every bit as good as those they were replacing and some of their possession football in the second half had Jimmy Hill's chin smacking the floor more than once.

When the time comes in 1994 to look back on the highlights of Italia '90 they can show the games involving Cameroon, Italy and West Germany, the rest? - forget it. The Germans in the preliminary round anyway looked to be set to steamroller everyone in their path, the Italians played some great football and scored some unbelievable goals. My advice to Roxburgh is in USA '94, don't send a team, send 10,000 Scottish supporters instead, at least they know what is expected of them

NEARSIDE LINESMAN

## Walking Down the Halbeath Road: Bob Leiser - " Toko Who? "

### Toko Who ?

by Bob Leiser

"What", people were asking, "the is Tokoroa DAFC Supporters Club?". The centre pages of the programme named them as sponsors of the match-ball for the Dundee United game at East End on 31st March 1990, but told us no more.

Tokoroa, bang in the middle of New Zealand's North Island, is home to what must be the farthest flung DAFC supporters club, on this planet anyway. It must be the smallest too. At the last count, the membership was estimated to be in the region of three. No bad for somewhere so far away though.

The club was founded by John Mowat, originally from Dunfermline who went out there to work in 1987. As a result of a vigorous recruitment campaign, club membership was doubled with the joining of Dave Ward. Formerly of Markinch, he'd been in New Zealand for 20 years, searching in vain for a fellow Pars supporter. A snowball effect followed, with so many members talking in such glowing terms about the Pars, and 1988 saw a further 50% increase in membership when Shane Veldhuizen, a Dutchman who had never heard of let alone walked along the Halbeath Road was converted. Although he's never seen them play, the accurate and entirely objective reports he heard from John and Dave soon persuaded him that the Pars were the team for Dutchmen in Tokoroa to support.

Following the Pars in New Zealand is not easy. The guys get the results from TV and newspapers, and little or no details of what went on - much the same as the Scottish media's coverage of non-Old Firm clubs in Scotland. John has a stack of friends and relatives sending out WDHR, programmes and news in general to keep them reasonably up to date with what's going on, but they don't always get the news in the order it happens.

The worst news for the guys in Tokoroa was the shite use the Pars made of the ball they sponsored, standing waiting for a whistle which never came until United clocked the only goal of the game. Especially bugging for them was the cock-up at East End which prevented their ball being used for the 2-0 drubbing of Celts in October as was originally planned.

The Tokoroa boys have got the smartest DAFC t-shirts you've ever seen. John got 15 hand-painted by an artist in Bangkok where he stopped while returning to New Zealand from his last visit home. It shows the DAFC badge done in an oriental style if you can imagine that. Rumour has it that the artist has stolen the design with a view to starting a Thailand DAFC supporters club.

John is currently in Scotland for a few weeks and hopes to see a few games before heading back to New Zealand. Here's hoping he finds the answer to his question "So who's this guy Kozma I've been reading about?". Among the DAFC souvenirs he'll take back for the club he hopes to include a video of Pars game highlights so the boys can see their heroes in action for the first time.

Next season, the Tokoroans will sponsor another match ball. When you see their name in the programme spare a thought for those who are denied the pleasure of " Walking down the Halbeath Road to see the Leishman Aces ". And if the result pisses you off, count yourself lucky you didn't pay for the ball.





# PARALLEL LINES with the rev.

WALKING DOWN THE HALBEATH ROAD'S LETTERS PAGE  
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FOR THE BEST CONTRIBUTIONS.

First of all congratulations on WDHR. It's great stuff, apart from my comments in the Readers Poll I have a couple of other suggestions:

1. Lots of people voice concern about cheating and poor refereeing, but it seems to me that to do anything about it, it is necessary to do some finger pointing. The fanzines are the only place that this can happen. Why not run a poll or survey of some sort on this and see what kind of argument there is on the games worst cheats and refs. It might even be possible to do a Scottish Poll if the other Fanzines did similarly.

2. Some people were mystified about the match ball sponsors on 31st March (vs. Dundee Utd), the Tokoroa New Zealand, DAFC supporters club. It was set up by a friend of mine and I can get you a few paragraphs on them and maybe a pic of a Pars clad fan in the outback.

BOB LEISER  
Glasgow.

Dear WDHR,

Hello there, I've just read your latest issue, No.12 and in particular the piece on the Arsenal programme. You made a mistake though, you said it was the only time that the two clubs have met ...wrong.

They met on August 5th 1966 at East End Park and the score was 0-0.

MIKE SLAUGHTER  
(LONDON)

Dear WDHR,

I for one was very impressed with Issue 12, especially Cup Capers.

You remarked on the Cowden/Raith fans hurling abuse at George O'Boyle and our own fans likewise do the same to Paul Elliot and Mark Walters. I have been to every Old Firm game with the Pars last season and couldn't agree more.

I feel its ridiculous that someone on the terracing turns round and says to his mate that he hates the Blacks and Pakis etc, but he's not racist. I'm all for Black players in Scotland, the more the merrier  
..... Michael Dorran

Dunfermline.

Dear WDHR,

I went to the league match with Celtic (24/3/90) which was not a great game but I was happy with the point. However I was very disappointed at the level of racist abuse aimed at Paul Elliot. As you agree, whatever you may think of a player, there's no excuse for racism, and it is a bad day for the club when National Front chants are heard at East End Park.

Paul Elliot is always welcome - at least his team provides good points for the club. The racists, whether they are N.F. provocateurs or not, make no contribution at all, so I hope we will hear no more from them next season.

Yours staying up  
Mark, Ipswich