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editorial

Welcome to the last and final edition of Walking Down the Halbeath Road, quite a dramatic start you may think, but it is not a misprint, this is the last issue. It may seem a strange time to pack in during the season but a combination of changing personal circumstances and a lack of enthusiasm are the main reasons. It is not any part of a gesture or boycott in favour of deposed boss Jim Leishman, that chapter is sadly finished. I'm mowing away from the Central belt to the north of Scotland and will not be attending very many Pars matches. I feel that to be able to comment on Dunfermline you have to attend games and there are all sorts of problems with printing and distribution, so rather than struggle, I've decided to cease publication.

The fanzine has been running now for almost three years and although I think that the 'zine still has a purpose in the game, recent editions of WDHR have been harder and harder to put together, and I can no longer afford the three weeks of solid work to get each issue out. Sadly the level of contributions has all but dried up, aside from myself and a couple of regular contributors the response from Dunfermline fans has been pretty poor. The only letter on the Leishman fiasco came from a Maidstone supporter. This to me came as a great surprise, Pars fans are very vocal at the best of times and humorous but no-one has come up with the goods for an issue. The whole point of having a fanzine is so that supporters of Dunfermline can say in print what they cannot say elsewhere, generally that has not happened. However this is not only applicable to Dunfermline, other fanzines are in the same position and I suspect that they may well fold in the not too distant future.

Enough of the excuses; thanks to all of you who have faithfully bought each issue and to the contributors over the past fourteen issues. Those of you who have subscriptions will receive a refund of course after this issue, please do not send any further letters, contributions, or photographs or fanzines to the above address, as the post box will be closed in December. Dunfermline will now be the only Premier club without a fanzine, I hope that some other fans will start a new fanzine, if you do please choose another name, WDHR is copyright. Thanks again to all of you and let's hope the Pars can rise from their current predicament and qualify for Europe.

WE ARE THE PARS



EDITORIAL ... Continued

At the time of writing Dunfermline Athletic lie third bottom of the Premier League with nine points from eleven games. Not too bad a record and only a couple of points less than this time last season. After all the upheavals of Leishman's departure it was only to be expected that there would be an initial struggle to recover. The threatened official boycott was called off when Leish himself said he was not in support of any such action. However you only have to look around the home terracing at East End Park to realise that there are about 3,000 missing from the terraces. This could be put down to the team's poor start to the campaign, but the decided lack of atmosphere leads me to suspect that the Leishman Affair is lasting a longer time than expected. There are fans who would normally be at every game who are now only attending away games, the away support has dwindled also, the support at Fir Park was a skeleton crew and the true picture will emerge in the next few games at Easter Road and Pittodrie. We can only hope that as the performances on the pitch improve so will the attendances. Certainly most of the criticism seems to be levelled at Ian Munro, who wisely is keeping a low profile, but the incident involving the Pitbauchlie Travel Club (elsewhere in this edition) has not done anything to repair the damage done over the summer.

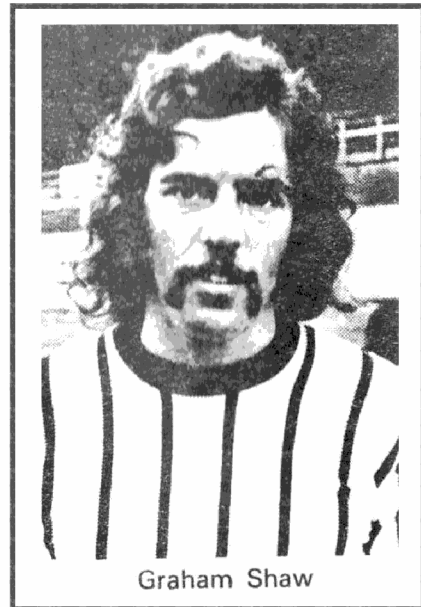
Sadly, all of this is happening when Dunfermline have perhaps the best pool of players for at least 20 years, give or take a few bodies. Andy Rhodes is a very good keeper and has proved to be a bit of a joker as well. Raymond Sharp looks a great prospect and a future full Scotland International, if Munro doesn't sell him. I find it incomprehensible that our manager should invite another manager to watch a player who is one of our finest ever left-backs in order to sell him. The talk is of Sweeney of Newcastle to replace him, why bother?, why not ditch Nicholl and Wilson and buy Sweeney. We need a full back and another striker but the Magdeburg players better not be another set of Milos Drizics, who has yet to play a single first team game. McCathie is as ever solid in defence, Moyes, while he tries is never our permanent centre-half. The sooner that Haro or Williamson come back the better. Davie Irons is having a new lease of life and has answered the critics with some excellent performances of late. Paul Smith and Billy Davies should make a good midfield partnership, whilst the prospect of what the magic threesome of O'Boyle, Kozma and McCall can conjure up once they play together a little more is a very happy one. Up front Ross Jack needs someone else to work with, but he has proved that he can still score goals and good ones at that.

Perhaps under Ian Munro we might see a few of our talented young players making a solid bid for a first team place, which never happened under Leishman. However the tactics of five at the back are not pleasant to watch. It may get results but it is not the way Dunfermline play, nor the way we expect them to play. Saying that some of the football played in the 3-3 draw with Motherwell was superb and that must go down to Munro's tactics and training. It would seem that either we are skint (hence the proposed share issue) or that Munro simply wants to clear out the old "Leishman players", there can be no other reason for the sale of Raymond Sharp.

As the season progresses I think we will see the Premier League sort itself out. St. Johnstone for all their good start simply do not have the depth of pool and they will be in the fight to avoid the drop at the end of the season, joined by St. Mirren, Hibs and probably ourselves. We will I think survive, the prospect of playing the Sons of Satan again is one we all relish.

If we can overcome this trying period then I'm sure Dunfermline will be back among the top very soon.

THE GRAHAM SHAW INTERVIEW



FU-MANCHU TRAVELS TO LONDON TO INTERVIEW A PARS LEGENDGRAHAM SHAW.....

WDHR: Do you still follow the Pars?

SHAW: Yes, I still follow the Pars, always looking for their result. Even when I moved to the Hearts I always checked the Pars result. But it is common knowledge that when I first became interested in football it was Hearts that I supported, one of the eventual reasons I joined Hearts. Dunfermline obviously gave me an opportunity to play professional football but I didn't really know enough about them when I first joined, except that they had stuffed us (Hearts) in 1968. However, I knew that they had been a successful club in the sixties so I had no qualms about joining them as my ambition had always been to be a professional footballer.

WDHR: Have you many fond memories of Dunfermline?

SHAW: Yes, and it was lucky that when I first got into the reserve team there were a lot of youngsters who came in at the same time. We all managed to hit it off, with some socialising which helped develop a camaraderie. We all broke through at the same time to the first team when things started to go seriously wrong with the senior players, virtually all at the same time. Jim Leishman, Jim Wallace, Jim Scott, Ken Mackie and Ken Thomson who was a lightning player but probably lacked the physique to be a top-class player, all broke through at the same time.

I had my best times at Dunfermline and I'm not just saying that for your sake, I really mean it. In particular the promotion winning season and stuffing such teams as Albion Rovers and Brechin, with our 7-2 win over Hamilton and 6-0 up at Forfar standing out in my mind. I turned full-time for the next season, an easy decision to make and the highlight of that season was the 5-1 win at Dens Park when I scored two and Kenny Mackie scored a hat-trick. George Stewart was Dundee's centre-half that day, and he admitted to me post-match that Dundee had seriously underestimated the Pars. We only just avoided relegation that season by beating Dundee Utd 1-0 at Tannidice and I was lucky enough to score the only goal. The team as a whole lacked the killer touch that year, losing games after we had roasted the opposition, e.g. losing 2-3 to Celtic and 2-3 to Rangers, when we were 2-1 up. Many games were drawn too when we should have won, like the time Hearts drew back to 2-2 after we had led 2-0 and losing a late equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Hibs. There was a great team spirit with much socialising.

THE GRAHAM SHAW INTERVIEW

WDHR: Any regrets when you left for Tynecastle?

SHAW: In all honesty, No. Because as I said earlier Hearts are first and foremost my team, and it was always my ambition to play for Hearts, but I was sad to leave the Pars in the state that they were in.

I recall George Miller trying to talk me out of signing for Hearts, saying "Dinnae go, I've been there and it's crap. If you hang on there are clubs in England interested in you". But it was my ambition to play for Hearts and a new challenge beckoned. When I left Dunfermline there were only a handful of full-timers left which made training a bit of a farce.

It all started to go wrong when despite being in the top ten of the last season of the old first Division early in the season, the club fell away for no apparent reason, thus missing a place in the new Premier League. George Miller left the club with several players, then they announced the decision to go part-time due to financial reasons, and although we fought against it most of the players eventually agreed to go part-time.

WDHR: Did you enjoy your time with Hearts?

SHAW: When I joined Hearts it was probably not the best time to go, there were a few problems and I still have fonder memories from Dunfermline than from Hearts. At the time, Hearts played with three men up front, two wingers, Prentice and Aird and one in the middle, the central position being shared between myself, Donald Ford, Willie Gibson, Drew Busby and a young Cammy Fraser. This was the main reason I was pushed back to midfield, where I was comfortable going forward but defending was totally alien to my nature and style of play. By the time Bobby Moncur took over as manager I was getting fed up and received an offer of a job back in banking. Moncur wouldn't let me go part-time but fortunately Arbroath stepped in.

WDHR: How about your days at Arbroath?

SHAW: Good days and a good footballing club, unusual in the Second Division, they were unlucky in finishing third two seasons running. However in doing so seemed to lose heart, the performances declined and I wasn't sorry to leave the club at the end, although they did give me limited managerial experience as a short term caretaker manager. I would have liked to have been the permanent manager but the pressures of work and living in Edinburgh meant that I could never have taken the position.

WDHR: Who was your favourite striking partner at Dunfermline?

SHAW: It wasn't Barry Mitchell! No it was Ken Mackie. I rated Kenny very highly. He had a good shot and was good in the air, despite not being particularly tall as forwards go. We had a telepathic understanding on the pitch but were never what you could call close off the field, rarely socialising at the time mainly because Kenny was winching at the time. An example of that understanding came in a game against Rangers, when Kenny beat Colin Jackson on the wing, I just knew that he would cross the ball to the near post, he did and I scored a goal. Difficult to explain, it just seemed natural. During that promotion season we could go on to the pitch knowing that one of us, or both of us were bound to score and generally our predictions would come true. He had the funniest feet I have ever seen, being splay footed. When we were doing sprint training, one sprint involved initially putting your ankles together, and Kenny had to part his feet again before he could set off.

THE GRAHAM SHAW INTERVIEW

WDHR: Do you think Ken Mackie would have been successful at Ibrox?

SHAW: Very probably but we will never know, because once our partnership was broken up, we were both never as consistent in our respective careers. He should have gone when he had the chance but I think he let other people influence his decision. I think he thought he would eventually end up in English League football.

WDHR: Do you still keep in touch with your ex-team mates?

SHAW: Only Big Leish and Ian Campbell. I was sorry to hear about Jim's fate but this fickleness is omnipresent in football and was one of the reasons I packed the game in. I lost touch, unfortunately with Kenny Mackie, and I would love to know what he is doing these days.
(Any ideas send to the usual address).

WDHR: Who was the best manager you worked under?

SHAW: I know it sounds corny, but I learnt something from each manager.

George Miller gave me my initial chance, he used me positively, giving me a free role up front with Scotty and Alex Kinninmonth, an unsung player in my opinion, winning the ball in midfield thus giving me the freedom to play the way I wanted.

Willie Ormond was another manager who treated players positively, allowing them to play to their strengths and he had a nice simple, straight forward approach to the game, a good man-manager.

Harry Melrose was a nice guy with a laid back approach to the game. I recall one game, we had been just humped 5-1 by East Fife and we, the players were more than just a little upset by the result. Harry said "Bad result lads", that was it, a mild statement by any standards, but that was Harry.

John Hagart was a good tactician. Ian Stewart who signed me for Arbroath was an excellent manager but he would get a wee bit too involved at times. George Fleming was a great guy but I would reserve judgment on his managerial abilities.

Overall I would rate Willie Ormond as the best manager with George Miller a close second.

WDHR: Any memories of your call up to the Under-23 squad?

SHAW: I was really proud to receive the call to join the squad but never got a game, Tom McCadam pipped me to the post again. When he signed for Dundee Utd, apparently Jim McLean had been watching both McCadam and myself, but eventually opted for McCadam instead. To be totally honest I don't think I would have enjoyed working under Jim McLean.

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FU MANCHU

Thanks to Graham for giving up some of his valuable time to give the interview and of course our best wishes to him and his family for the future.

Battering Rams and Steam Engines

Reading Nearside Linesman's comments on the recent Scottish Cup tie v Cowdenbeath (WDHR No12, Cup Capers) I was moved to reflect that things have changed very little in the last 100 or so years. It is well known that Dunfermline Athletic were formed in 1885 by a breakaway faction from the Dunfermline FC. This occurred principally because the Dunfermline Cricket Club, of which Dunfermline FC was a sub-section, had insisted that all Football Club members should also be members of the Cricket Club. Another reason for the split was the discontent felt in Dunfermline over the loss of the Fife Cup to Cowdenbeath after Dunfermline had won the trophy in its first 2 years in existence.

Athletic were keen for an attractive fixture to open their first ever season and persuaded Fife champions, Cowdenbeath, to visit East End Park to play a game for the benefit of the Volunteer Bazaar Fund. On September 5th 1885 the first ever Dunfermline Athletic v Cowdenbeath derby took place. On a miserable day Cowdenbeath ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

The match, however, sparked off considerable controversy between the rival fans which found an outlet in the letters column of the Dunfermline Journal'. The correspondent of the 'Journal' set the ball rolling by writing, 'It would be well for the Dunfermline spectators if they would show a little more courtesy to strangers when they visit our city. The groaning, hissing and shouting on Saturday was most disgraceful and it will likely be a long time before the Cowdenbeath club forget the treatment they received from them on Saturday'.

Correspondence then followed as below:

12th September

Since the close of last season the Dunfermline football community have been by no means satisfied about the Fifeshire Cup passing into the hands of Cowdenbeath. This feeling caused Saturday's match to be of more than usual interest In the process of tackling there is not the slightest occasion for Cowdenbeath players to convert themselves into battering rams or when the opposition threaten to score to hurl themselves with irresistible force, like a pack of steam engines broken loose, against the enemy whether the ball is in the immediate proximity or not'.
A SPECTATOR, Dunfermline.

19th September

'The referee's decisions were the most unjust ever pronounced on a football field. The play of the Cowdenbeath requires no praise indeed it should be condemned. Let them play football in a way it should be played and they will find that the spectators here will welcome them and give them every encouragement. If on the other hand their play is the same as witnessed on the 5th then they must be content with the treatment they receive and thank their referee for it. I would suggest that next time Athletic don't play unless there is a referee who will give justice to both clubs and also examine the boots of the opposing team and make sure they are free from those deadly weapons that 1 or 2 of the Athletic fell victim to on the 5th'.
IMPARTIAL SPECTATOR, Dunfermline.

Everyone is aware that the community of Dunfermline is not satisfied with Cowdenbeath having the Fife Cup. They will just have to be content, comments such as battering rams and steam engines are uncalled for'.
ANOTHER SPECTATOR, Cowdenbeath.

Battering Rams and Steam Engines

21st September

As regards Cowdenbeath's play at the recent Cupar 5-a-sides it was disgraceful and so uncalled for that they had to be censured and cautioned on the field by the secretary of the Sports which speaks for itself and shows how little regard they have for the human race'.

IMPARTIAL SPECTATOR, Dunfermline.

'I am certain that had the Athletic won this correspondence would never have been. They cannot bear their defeat and must send letters to newspapers with excuses. Cowdenbeath were no worse than their opponents and the treatment they have received over this match has been most shameful'.

JUSTICE, Cowdenbeath.

3rd October

'Your correspondent no doubt thinks he is a paragon of virtue but partiality can be seen in every line of his letters'.

ANOTHER SPECTATOR, Cowdenbeath.

Cease this correspondence (Editor, Dunfermline Journal')

It appears the West Fife derby can still arouse the same passions to this day. In conclusion, it must be asked – are Nearside Linesman and Impartial Spectator, Dunfermline one and the same person?



GREAT MOUSTACHES OF THE 70'S

NO.2

GIER KARLSON



DAVIE MOYES

MOYES Mk 2

When Milos Drizic was injured against Newcastle United in the McCathie Testimonial a replacement was bought rather than blood the young Mark Haro, who had a competent game. Thus Davey Moyes was signed from Shrewsbury Town for the princely sum of £50,000. For a brief moment thoughts flashed back to the other Davie Moyes, he of the flowing locks and "Solid Tackles". To be frank no one expected much from the English Third Division player other than a stop gap until Milos was fit. However in the first few games of the season his attitude and his heading ability have shown that he has been a wise investment, in particular his goal at St. Johnstone was a cracker and we look forward to much more of this from "The Beast" as one fan called him.

The following article first appeared in the Bristol City Fanzine "The Bounty Hunter" and gives a fair idea of what we can expect from Davie.

The start of the 1985/86 season saw City's then centre half, Mark Hughes return from his summer hols the size of an overweight Michelin Man. Drastic measures were needed, lock Hughes in a sauna for six weeks or sign a replacement? Terry Cooper reached for the chequebook. He paid for a replacement from Cambridge Utd who was more noted for his excellent attitude than silky Beckenbauer skills. They both had curly hair but there the similarity stopped.

Unfortunately for Dave, fate pitted him against Notts County on his debut and in particular their giant Number 9 Mick Wait. Our men struggled gamely for 90 minutes to cope with the serial bombardment, but all to no avail. Wait scored a couple, won everything in the sir and generally strolled around without breaking sweat. The final score told the sad story, they murdered us and there was no place for Moysie to hide.

However Moyes overcame this and sundry drawbacks (two left feet, flowing ginger locks) to establish himself as one of the most popular players for City in recent years. He was certainly the most wholehearted, and he became the latest in a long line of Scots to take on hero statue at the Gate. If every player this year matches his spirit and commitment, that, combined with our undoubted class will make it all a piece of cake.

He set the tone on that first day up at County. Running out at kick-off his reaction was to immediately acknowledge the fans with much enthusiastic waving and hand clapping. It was obvious he was keen to do well. This manic gesticulating to the terraces was to become his trademark, and you could always tell how much it meant to him to be wearing our colours out there.

Davey's popularity with the fans was never in question and a tremendous rapport was to develop. However, there was a point when the manager began to wonder whether he had bought yet another turkey. Terry Cooper even brought in John McPhail as his replacement, but Moyes just worked harder and improved his game, forcing the manager to keep him in the team. Instead he went on to form an outstanding partnership with McPhail, which took City to the brink of the play-offs. Davey even went through an amazing spell when goals flew in from all angles. He was even top scorer briefly during 1986/87. Each time the ball hit the back of the net his exuberant celebrations, charging away, usually in the direction of the Dolmen stand, arms spread-eagled and a huge grin on his face left you in no doubt what it meant to him. He loved it, we loved him, one ...

big love affair.

Sadly for our hero he missed a penalty during that infamous penalty shoot-out at Wembley, and not long after the following season had got underway he was mysteriously transferred to Shrewsbury Town. But a huge banner at Wembley the previous May said it all, " And On the Eighth Day God Made Moysie ...".

The Bounty Hunter, P.O. Box 575, Bristol, BS99 1QJ.

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FIFE TO FULHAM

Recently an ex-Pars striker and a current(not any more thankfully)Pars defender both played for the greatest club in London – Fulham. I thought that you Pars fans might like to know how they fared down in SW6.

John Watson was signed for £40,000 just before the opening day of the season after he had made a few guest appearances in pre-season friendlies. A profile on the big man showed that he had been a prolific goal scorer at East End Park, and of course us Fulham fans had high hopes that he could repeat the same sort of form at Craven Cottage, but alas it was not to be. John had suffered a pre-season groin strain and due to a very typical Fulham injury crisis, had to play even though it had not cleared properly. He managed to open his Fulham account at Sunderland in a league-cup tie but generally looked sluggish and unlikely to score. I, along with many fans wondered how he had managed to score 72 goals with Dunfermline. Perhaps his best moment for Fulham came when he just about saved our blushes at home to non-league Bath City in a cup replay, heading home the winner. The nearest I recall him coming to scoring a League goal was when he had an excellent header cleared off the line at home to Bolton. John recently moved to Airdrie for £25,000 thus ending a brief Fulham career in which he hit two goals in 21 appearances. His knee injury, the signing of Steve Milton from Whyteleafe and the return to fitness of Gordon Davies did not help John's cause. I'm sure the Pars saw the best of Watson but I'm also sure he will do a good job for Airdrie. All the best John.

Hugh Burns however was an extremely popular player while on a month's loan to Fulham. He made his home debut against Bristol City and after a shaky start settled down and was one of the better players in a crap performance. I only saw Hugh play for Fulham on another two occasions at home to Shrewsbury and at home to Bolton. Hugh played well on both occasions and the fans were upset when the club failed to sign him permanently. I now doubt whether he will ever sign for Fulham after the recent signing of experienced Mark Newson. The best of luck to you Hugh.

Anyway when it comes to Scottish football the Pars are my second favourite side after Celtic, unoriginal I know, so I would like to wish Dunfermline Athletic and all their fans the best of luck for the coming season. We'd also like to know how Big Doug is getting on at East End Park, he was the main reason why Fulham made the play-offs last season, a true leader.

PAUL RUST

John Watson is alive and well and playing centre half for Airdrie, Hugh "Psycho" Burns is now breaking legs with Hamilton and 'The Big Doug' is now player manager of Montrose after his bust up with Ian Munro last season.

Hope that answers your enquiries Paul.

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Dunfermlines anfører James MacLean er en rutineret og en hård spiller, men yderst fair. Det er iverigt kendetegnende for alle skotterne.

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DANMARK'S BEDSTE SPORTSSIDER

A very rare Dunfermline away programme in Europe, this from the 1965 Fairs Cup second leg with BOLDKLUB 1903 of Copenhagen. The first leg had resulted in a 5-0 win for the Pars, the goals coming from Fleming, Robertson(2), Paton and T. Callaghan before a crowd of 14,000.

The teams are shown overleaf in a copy of the programme, sorry if you can't read Danish. In subzero temperatures before a crowd of 1,500, Dunfermline rose to the occasion and recorded their first away win in Europe.

A spectacular own goal by John Lunn in 10 minutes, set the Danish hearts racing but Edwards zipped past a defender to equalise from 16 yards, more was to follow when Paton scored from a Ferguson pass. At this point the Danes were down to ten men. However within five minutes of the interval they equalised through Anderson. Alex Ferguson, who had made the first two goal did it again five minutes later when he passed to Fleming to score from 20 yards. The scoring wasn't finished yet, six minutes later a Robertson corner was flicked on to Alex Ferguson's napper and he duly obliged with Dunfermline's fourth goal. There ended the scoring, the next round saw Dunfermline dispose of Spartak Brno of Czechoslovakia on a 2-0 aggregate. They then lost narrowly in the quarter-final to Real Zaragoza of Spain on a 3-4 aggregate.

The team in Copenhagen was: Martin, W. Callaghan, Lunn, Smith, McLean, Thomson, Edwards, Paton, Fleming, Ferguson and Robertson.

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Bent Hansen 6 Erik Larsen 6

John Jensen 7 Per Petersen 9 Jan Andersen 10 Einar Holst 11

Robertson 11 Fleming 9 Wilson 7

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Callaghan 6 Mc Lean 5 Smith 4

Lunn 3 Thomson 2

Dommer:
Peter Schaut, Belgien

Dunfermline

Dunfermline hører til Skotlands bedste

For første gang spiller det skotske 1. divisionshold Dunfermline i Københavns Idrætspark, og det tegner til at blive et interessant bekendtskab, for holdet hører til Skotlands bedste. Skotske eksperter regner kun Rangers og Celtic for bedre, og på en god dag kan Dunfermline i kraft af sit hurtige og smarte angrebsspil også besejre de to store.

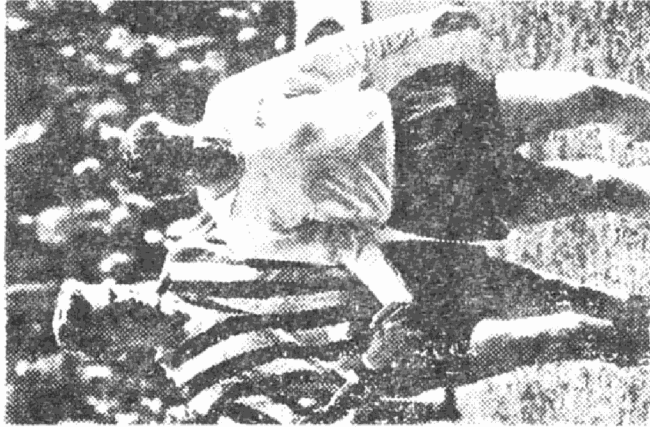
Det skotske hold har først og fremmest sin styrke i angrebet, hvor samtlige fem mand er uhyre farlige. Det beviste de så sent som i lørdags, hvor de alle kom på scoringslisten i en turneringskamp på hjemmebane. Skotterne regner selv innerwingen Ferguson for deres bedste mand. Han er i fantastisk kondition og er i konstant bevægelse. Det er

ham, der skaffer de øvrige angribere de fleste chancer, og alligevel formår han at være med fremme og afslutte.

B 1903 har lovet at spille angrebss fodbold i aften — som holdet har gjort det i hele denne turnering — men det bliver vist mere end svært for Per Petersen og co. at slippe forbi Dunfermlines stærke halfback-kæde, hvor anføreren McLean er en hård forsvarsklippe. Ved sin side har han Callaghan og Smith, der ikke giver ved dørene i forsvaret og desuden konstant er med i angrebene.

Det er iøvrigt kendetegnende for alle skotske hold, at der bliver spillet meget offensivt, og skal der forsvares, er omtrent samtlige mand med hjemme. Der venter B 1903 en

meget vanskelig opgave, og københavnerne skal ikke regne med at få recanache for 0-5-nederlaget i den



B 1903's Ole Forsing på vej ud af banen sammen med Kaj Mikkelsen, AGF. Ole Forsing var ikke med i den første kamp mod Dunfermline, og det vil ganske afgjort styrke københavnerne, at han er med i aften.

første kamp i Dunfermline. Det vil i så fald være en kæmpensation, selv om skotterne ikke tidligere har vundet på udebane i Messeby-tureringen.

B 1903 forstærket

B 1903 kom jo ud for en meget ubehagelig overraskelse i den første kamp i Dunfermline, idet skotterne vandt med ikke mindre end 5-0. Der er dog grund til at tro, at det vil gå københavnerne bedre i aften.

I Skotland måtte B 1903 stille op med et par reserver, men i aften er københavnerne i stærkeste opstilling. Ole Forsing er med denne gang, og det vil ganske afgjort øge forsvarets styrke ganske betydeligt. Ikke mindst i luften, hvor skotterne ellers dominerer.

B 1903 spiller atter efter 4-2-4-systemet, og det bliver første gang, man skal se københavnerne i den rigtige formation. Bod B 1901 i lørdags måtte man ændre på et par pladser, fordi Henrik Westergaard ikke var med, men i aften er alle mand på de rigtige pladser. Det skal blive spændende at se, hvordan det fungerer mod de stærke skotter.

Welcome Dunfermline Athletic

I am delighted, on behalf of »STÆVNET«, to welcome our visitors from Dunfermline in the second »leg« of Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, second round, to Idrætsparken this evening.

It is, of course, disappointing for us that we begin this second leg already five goals in arrear as a result of their winning the first leg in Dunfermline on 3rd November 5-0. It seems, as near anything can be to a certainty in football, that they shall move on to the next round, but I am sure, if the B.1903's players can forget that this match is part of two of a two match schedule, they will give our followers a good deal of entertainment.

Verner Christensen

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OF BERMUDA, UNITED STATES, CANADA

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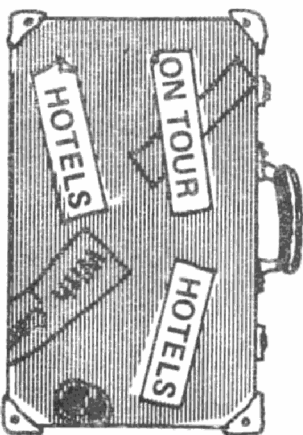
As a reward for winning the Scottish Cup in 1968 the players and officials of Dunfermline Athletic embarked on what was then a very ambitious and glamorous trip. The full tour is shown on the next page, as is rather unexpectedly, the hotels the team were staying at. Owing to unforeseen difficulties the first two matches in Bermuda were cancelled leaving the games in North America and Canada. The Dunfermline pool for the tour was as noted below:

Martin, Duff, W. Callaghan, Lunn, McGarty, Barry, T. Callaghan, Lister, Paton, Gardner, Robertson, Edwards, Thomson, Fraser, Totten and Mitchell.

Also touring at the same time were new English League Champions, Manchester City and the Pars were scheduled to meet them four times in the four week tour.

At that time the state of American Soccer was even worse than it's present state, the tour wasn't well publicised and some rather inaccurate and sensationalistic reporting in the press did not help the cause. Most of this occurred in the first game against Fall River Astros, which was abandoned at half-time due to a mass brawl. When you look at the Pars team it's not too difficult to imagine who would be in the thick of the fight. The following quote from Andy Stevenson sums it up, "When we arrived the joiners were still making the seats, the grass was at least two foot high at one end of the park. It was like playing at Pitreavie with the fans lined up along the side. A spectator hit John Lunn and there was no way the manager was going to let the team out for the second half. We ended up with a police escort out of town". All the matches against Manchester City finished up as draws, two 1-1 draws in Toronto and Connecticut and two 0-0 draws in Vancouver and Los Angeles. The match in Los Angeles was on the same day as Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated in the Ambassador Hotel.

The first game against American opposition saw the Pars lose 2-0 in New York to the Greek American Soccer Club. Next stop was Kansas, without Toto and the Wicked Witch of the West, the Pars managed a 1-1 draw with Kansas City Spurs. A not too good record considering the quality of the opposition, but they were on holiday and it must have been very hot in the Mid West. The last three games of the tour saw Dunfermline rattle in eighteen goals. St. Louis Stars were beaten 3-1 in Oakland, California (home of Hunter S. Thomson and the Hells Angels), in New York State, Rochester Lancers were dispatched 8-1 and the tour finished in Philadelphia with a 7-1 win over the Ukrainian Nationals. The scorers for the tour were as follows, Paton (7) Mitchell (6), Gardner (3), Lister (3) and the Callaghan brothers scoring one each. The tour was eventually a great success and the club made many friends and invites to return.



- May 9 — 12 *Princess Hotel, P.O. Box 148, Hamilton, Bermuda.* Phone: 212-PE6-5700
- May 13 *Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, New York.* Phone: 212-PE6-5700
- May 14 — 15 *Parker House, Boston, Massachusetts.* Phone: 617-227-8600
- May 16 — 17 *Royal York, Toronto, Canada.* Phone: 416-368-2511
- May 18 — 27 *Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, Broadway at 34th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.* Phone: 212-PE6-5700
- May 28 — 30 *Bellerive Hotel, 214 E. Armour Blvd. & Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.* Phone: 816-PL3-6565
- May 31 — June 2 *Georgian Towers Hotel, Vancouver B.C.* Phone: 604-681-4321
- June 3 — 6 *Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, 7000 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, California 90028.* Phone: 213-469-2442
- June 7 — 9 *Hotel Stewart, 351 Geary, San Francisco, California. 2.* Phone: 415-781-7800
- June 10 — 12 *St. John Fisher College, Rochester, N.Y.* Phone: 716-586-4140

Game Schedule

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	GOALS	
	For	Against
May 10 Bermuda	Bermuda All-Stars	X X
May 12 Bermuda	Bermuda Champions	X X
May 15 Fall River, Mass. Fall River Stadium.	Fall River Astros	0 0
May 18 Toronto, Canada Varsity Stadium.	Manchester City	1 1
May 19 New Britain, Conn. Memorial Stadium.	Manchester City	1 1
May 22 New York, N. Y. Gaelic Park.	Greek American S.C.	0 2
May 24 Kaerrey N. J. Kaerrey High School Field.	New Jersey All-Stars	X X
May 30 Kansas City Kansas City Stadium.	Kansas City Spurs	1 1
June 1 Vancouver B. C. Empire Stadium.	Manchester City	0 0
June 5 Los Angeles, Calif. Los Angeles Coliseum.	Manchester City	0 0
June 9 Oakland, Calif. Oakland Coliseum.	St. Louis Stars	3 1
June 11 Rochester, N. Y. Aquinas Memorial Stadium.	Rochester Lancers	8 1

Dunfermline's League Derbies

By virtue of the Pars Premier League status this season will once again be bereft of a league derby game. Perhaps this is just as well if we examine Dunfermline's past record in league meetings with their county neighbours.

Athletic's first league derby was also their first ever Scottish League fixture. On 17th August 1912 Dunfermline drew 2-2 with Cowdenbeath at North End Park. The Pars first derby win followed on Ne'erday 1913, 1-0 over Cowdenbeath. The next Fife club to be faced on league business was Lochgelly Utd who joined Division 2 in season 1914/15. On Ne'erday 1915 Athletic went down 3-1 at Recreation Park, Lochgelly. Lochgelly Utd spent 6 seasons in the league and were eventually disbanded in 1928. Lochgelly was never a particularly happy hunting ground for the Pars.

East Fife were first encountered in season 1921/22 and Dunfermline notched up their first ever derby double by defeating the Bayview men 2-0 both home and away. It was 1927/28 before Raith Rovers were met under league auspices. Raith winning both games by a 4 goal margin.

The table below summarises the statistics of Dunfermline's league derby results and shows an overall "success percentage" of 48.6%.

<u>Opponents</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>% Success</u>	<u>Best Win</u>	<u>Worst Defeat</u>
Raith Rovers	66	26	17	23	112	109	69	52.30%	6-0	0-6
Lochgelly Utd	8	3	2	3	16	11	8	50.00%	6-1	1-3
Cowdenbeath	62	23	14	25	93	101	60	48.40%	4-0	0-4
East Fife	48	15	12	21	85	100	42	43.80%	7-3	0-6
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TOTAL	184	67	45	72	306	321	179	48.60%		
Home	92	38	21	33	178	157	97	52.70%		
Away	92	29	24	39	128	164	82	44.60%		

Only against Raith Rovers can the Pars be said to have had the upper hand while Cowdenbeath and East Fife in particular have proven to be more than a match for the Athletic. East Fife indeed have the edge on all their Fife rivals and can justly claim the title 'Derby Kings of Fife'. The Pars highest win could be considered to be either 6-0 v Raith Rovers or 7-3 v East Fife while both these clubs have defeated the Pars by 6 clear goals. Games v Cowdenbeath appear to have been tighter with a highest score of just 4-0 (Dunfermline's worst ever derby defeat was 11-1 by Cowdenbeath in the King Cup in 1893) although season 1957/58 featured a remarkable 5-5 draw at East End Park.

It is now 17 seasons since Dunfermline won a league match at Methil but the club's worst sequence was undoubtedly 1 win in 56 years at Central Park although in recent seasons Dunfermline's record there has been excellent.

GREAT FOLLIES

NUMBER 1 : McDIARMID PARK, PERTH

St. Johnstone surprised the Scottish Football world when they announced plans to relocate the club in a purpose built ground outside Perth. The new ground has a capacity of around 10,500, is all seated, and unlike most other clubs in Scotland is not in a residential area.

Much has been said and shown of the ground in the press and television since it opened and you would think that after a season playing home matches there, some sold out, that the board at Perth would by now have a fool-proof and error-proof system for "big" home matches, Wrong!. Dunfermline paid their first visit to McDairmid Park on 15th of September, a local derby for all intents and purposes, we are after all back there on the New Year's Day game, the match was not made all ticket, this surprised many people as the Pars could have taken around 4,000 up to the match. Most away fans travelled by coach and as it is only a short journey from Fife to Perth and no pubs near the ground, most coaches and cars arrived there early.

We for example left Edinburgh at 1.15 pm. At around 2.00 pm the coach passed the ground on the other side of the motorway, fine we thought time to get a seat, a Scooby Snack and read the programme; then we saw the queue of traffic right back to the roundabout. The pace of the queue was so slow that fans were getting off the buses and walking over the hill to the ground. Eventually we arrived at the bus park at 2.50 pm, and I may add had to pay £5 to park the coach.

It was then the real fun started. The end allocated to Dunfermline supporters was full, we were then told by P.C. Murdoch that we were to use the Main Stand where there were seats. Seats there were, in the home stand at a whopping £8 per skull. It was now approaching kick off and the queue was huge, tempers became even more frayed when the turnstiles ran out of change, and those with the right money were allowed to skip the queue. The police kept a low profile and one I spoke to said he reckoned the game should have been made all ticket. Eventually we got in and took our seats just prior to Kozma scoring in seven minutes.

The organisation was shocking by a supposedly "Premier" club, the ground itself is fine if you're a fan of old Children's BBC programmes, Trumpton Park would be a better moniker for McDiarmid Park. There were young Pars fans outside who could not get in, presumably on a limited budget for the day and the extra £2 proved too much for them. Without a doubt the game should have been all-ticket, at least then even if the tickets were £8 you would know about it in advance. The club tried to say that all the Pars fans arrived too late, why then was the area reserved for Dunfermline fans full long before kick-off. There would not have been concession prices for OAP's and kids if the match had been all-ticket, fair enough but what about the parents who had to pay £8 for themselves and £5 for their kids, solely because of an almighty cock-up by the St. Johnstone administration. Aberdeen were the next big club to visit McDiarmid Park, that match too was not all ticket, presumably they will take a similar sized support down to Perth, by the time this issue comes out we will see if a similar scenario develops.

The next Saints Pars game at Perth has got to be all ticket or at least some more £6 seats allocated to away fans or else next time the Pars fans might not be so understanding.

NEARSIDE LINESMAN

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- AUGUST 21st: With the threatened boycott retracted and a reasonable performance against Newcastle the crowd of just over 3,000 was pretty poor. Then again the opposition for the SKOL Cup tie, Albion Rovers are hardly crowd pullers. Their support at East End was by far the worst I've seen for a long time. Despite Albion creating a few chances early on, the game was always going to be won by Dunfermline. A well taken goal by Ross Jack just before half-time was scant reward for a host of missed chances. Albion to their credit, played the ball along the ground and thankfully refrained from the usual kick and rush tactics produced by teams from the lower leagues. We finally made the score-line more respectable in the second half with a rare strike by Paul Smith and a penalty by Jacko one minute later, topped off by Paul O'Brien's first competitive goal for the club. Queen of the South in the next round followed by Celtic. A quick return to Hampden was already being talked about, little did we know.
- AUGUST 25th: Back in Babylon where we finished last season's away campaign. Rangers fans aside, the facilities at Ibrox are superb, a good view of the game, the "Bears Pakora" is edible and the stewards even show you to your seat. A moment of madness let Mark Hatley score his first goal for the Huns. After that the Pars played a competent game and John "Psycho" Brown can consider himself lucky to have remained on the park for a terrible tackle on Istvan Kozma. A tap in from Ian McCall gave us a draw at half time and until the last fifteen minutes a point looked to be the least we'd come away with. However Mark Walters had a great second half and provided the cross for "Le Petit Merde" to nod home, closely followed by a penalty taken by Walters himself. A reasonable performance but a few abject lessons in elementary defending were learned.
- AUGUST 28th: Oh crikey! The one result which neither the team, manager nor supporters wanted. On paper an easy enough home tie against not too clever Second Division opposition. It was a situation which we had not been in for a very long time. In past cup competitions it had always been Dunfermline who were the underdog, never the opposite. Queens played the game in exactly the right manner, at times it was difficult to decide who the Premier side was, and it was no surprise when they took the lead with a great goal midway through the first half. The second half saw the Pars suddenly wake up and just when we started creating chances the Queens keeper decided to stop everything that came his way. Finally, it was down to Davie Irons to grab the equaliser and put us into extra time. Sadly all this did was keep us out of the pub for another half hour as there was only one team in it in the extra half hour, and it wasn't Dunfermline. A definite future contender for "Nightmares from the Past".
- SEPTEMBER 1st: After losing to Queen of the South we had to get a result against the Jambos. We did, and despite the ludicrous, not to say blatant bias expressed in the media we deserved to win. For all Hearts huffing and puffing, Andy Rhodes had very little to do in goal. A great first goal from Davie Moyes and a second from Ian McCall, following a quite superb bit of Kozma genius had the Jambos heading for the exit long before full time. A clash of heads between McCathie and McLaren saw them both hit the deck. Big Norrie recovered first and McLaren's face was even redder than normal. Not the sort of accident you want to watch but McLaren's a bit of a psycho, just ask Kozma or Norrie about his tackles on them last season. A great result.

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- SEPTEMBER 8th: Another difficult match on paper but in reality Dunfermline matched Aberdeen in every department. Our makeshift defence managed to snuff out the previously lethal attack formation of Gillhaus, Mason and Bett. Davie Moyes second goal in two weeks put us in the lead, and although Aberdeen equalised before half-time it was the Pars and not the Dons who looked able to snatch the winner in the second half. Three points from three very tough games was a very good start to the season and we all looked forward to our first ever trip to McDiarmid Park with more than a little confidence.
- SEPTEMBER 15th: Oh Crikey! Despite the complete chaos in trying to get into McDiarmid Park and paying £8 for the privilege of being able to see Alex Totten flick the "Vees" to us at close range, most Pars fans arrived in time to see Kozma hit the net with a soft shot in the seventh minute. However in a habit which we will have to give up, we sat back on that one goal and let Saints back into the game, injuries to McCathie and Rafferty didn't help and it was no surprise when the equaliser came with one minute of the first half left. Disaster struck one minute after when Allan Moore was allowed acres of room to hit a good shot into the top corner. Worse was to follow when an appalling error by McCall allowed Maskrey to feed Grant who beat Rhodes with ease. Only then did we start to attack a very poor home defence and scored straight after the restart, again from the head of Moysie. Despite a couple of incredible goalmouth scrambles we failed to score again and lost a game to a very average outfit, who last season we'd have hit four past at least.
- SEPTEMBER 22nd: An away day in Motherwell scene of two happy occasions last season and once again the "Bible Thumpers" were out trying to save a few souls at the away end. We could have done with a couple to save the defence from the pounding that Cooper and Russell gave it in the first half hour. A bad error in defence saw Arnott tap home the first, followed by a bit of Cooper magic for the second four minutes later. Dunfermline never looked like scoring and did not do so, the fans (the few that turned up) were already heading out as early as half time. A dismal performance by the whole team. Losing is part of football but losing because players simply could not be bothered is another matter.
- SEPTEMBER 29th: Home to the not so glorious Hibeas who had scored only one goal so far, as the game progressed they did not look likely to increase that total. The surprise but very welcome addition of George O'Boyle paid off with a time goal from Georgie after a Kozma cross. In the second-half Hibs equalised, but it was the Pars who looked the more likely side to score. A draw however was the final result.
- OCTOBER 6th: A match at Tannadice that should never have started, given the rain, and which was stopped shortly after McCall had reduced the deficit to 2-1. The match was replayed the next Wednesday evening, very few Pars fans made the trip up, which was just as well as a very poor performance resulted in a 3-0 win for United.
- OCTOBER 13th: On the basis of our past record against Celtic a home match against them could be looked on with some confidence. The welcome exclusion of Nicholl and the welcome inclusion of Andy Williamson were only surpassed by the mysterious injury that kept O'Boyle out of the side. In one of the most exciting games of the season the Pars kept Celtic at bay thanks to some great keeping by Rhodes and Ray Sharp's best game ever, where he kept Joe Miller out of the game. Roscoe finally broke his duck with a rebound from a penalty he hit straight against Bonnar and despite some stunning misses by Celtic, that looked like being the only goal of the game.

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- OCTOBER 13th: .. That was until Paul McStay scored the equaliser in the last minute. To be fair it was no more than Celtic deserved and we were all happy with the point, although at that stage in the game a few blotters of the ball or a substitution may have been enough to waste those vital last two minutes.
- OCTOBER 20th: A visit to fellow strugglers St. Mirren gave us our first away points of the season. In a match where we did not play at all well it was nice to have a little luck on our side for a change. Another good performance from Ray Sharp and a deflected shot from Roscoe was enough to give us our first win at Paisley since ... Eh? last season. The sending off of George O'Boyle near the end along with Norrie "The Thug" McWhirter could be important as the game he will miss is the Jambos at Tynecastle. Seven points from the first quarter of the fixtures is only two less than last season but we must improve our performances against the lesser lights.
- NOVEMBER 3rd: After a free Saturday the previous week it was hoped that the Pars would play a lot better than of late if they were to take anything from Tynecastle. For the majority of the first half Hearts looked competent enough to win the game easily, as the Pars defence struggled to contain Colquhoun and Foster, to go in only one goal down at half-time was a good result for us. However the second-half was far better. Davie Irons and Ian McCall were working hard up front and the defence was mopping up everything Hearts threw at them. After a couple of near things it was a free-kick from Kozma which allowed McCathie to steam in with his first goal of the season. Thereafter it was all Dunfermline, two open goals missed by Paul Smith and an easy one by Ross Jack could have meant a 1-3 win for the Pars, which may have been undeserved but a very distinct possibility. But a draw was fair enough.
- NOVEMBER 10th: A home match against Motherwell, a fixture which has always meant a few goals and a good deal of controversy. The return of George O'Boyle and the relegating of Ross Jack to the bench caused a few surprises, but in the closing moments at Hearts Jacko had looked a bit jaded. The opening fifteen minutes saw Dunfermline take complete control with Irons, Kozma and O'Boyle all coming close. The opener came from a Kozma corner and a great header from George O'Boyle. The game then swung Motherwell's way, a fortunate back header from Arnott hit the post and crept into the net. Worse was to follow when a Cooper free kick was nodded in by Cussack. The second half saw Jack on to replace Davies and the game really came to life, it was end-to-end stuff with the honours just about shared. A great ball by Kozma found O'Boyle, who went past the defender and hit a cross direct to Jack who promptly headed the ball past Maxwell. Almost directly from the kick-off McCathie tackled Arnott in the box and Arnott collapsed. Norrie had not touched him but a penalty was given. Cooper, who had not endeared himself to the home fans by giving us the clenched fist, one finger salute, took it and scored. This may have been due to Andy Rhodes turning to the crowd and saying which way do I dive. The crowd said right, Rhodes dived to the right and Cooper duly put it to the left. Again almost from kick-off an O'Boyle pass found Irons in the box, his goal bound shot was helped in by McCart, three goals in two minutes. That ended the scoring but there were chances at both ends, Kirk and Norrie had a square up, but the ugliest incidents involved Davie Cooper. We all know Cooper is a great player but his antics were childish to say the least. He was taking a corner and getting some stick from the home crowd, so he stopped and grabbed a Bobby and pointed to the crowd, the Bobby wisely ignored the little turd and when he repeated it he was warned by the policeman. Next thing McLean is running down the touchline to remonstrate with the policeman. Incredible! If Cooper can't take a bit of stick he should pack in. Despite that a great game.

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PSYCHO ARAB Issue 6 (DUNDEE UTD) 31 McBain Place, Kinross, KY13 7QZ

This one arrived without a price on it so maybe they're giving it away, like Utd give away Cup Finals. Still going on about ex-players resemblance to Colonel Hathi, and including a very strange letter which dates from the World Cup in 1986. There is a free gift enclosed, which is a poster celebrating the demise of their city rivals - Naughty. Issue 7 should be out soon and will cost 10p, so the producers deserve praise for that at least.

THE FINAL HURDLE Issue 15 (DUNDEE UTD) 40p PO Box 91, Dundee, DD1 9DW

This groovy little number has the best cover of all the fanzines reviewed here, and the content lives up to it. Like their friends/rivals above they have a good laugh at Dundee's expense and a good greet at Utd's apparent lack of cash for players (where have I heard that before?) Italia 90 is reviewed, more on the Hearts/Hibs nonsense, a Premier preview and a wicked cartoon about Jim Leishman. A good laugh right the way through.

HALF PAST FOUR ..ete Issue 5 (DUNDEE) 70p c/o Eassie House, Glamis, Forfar, DD8 1SG

The longest name and one of the thickest fanzines, though at 70p it needs to be 44 pages long. Primarily concerned with the relegation issue, but shows a healthy attitude to it, not resorting to moaning as others have done. Two excellent interviews with Bobby Robinson (Dundee's last full international) and Ian Gellatly, the club chairman, a rather bitter look at the Jim Duffy saga, an extremely funny "Did I really do that" and a report on an excursion to watch Carlisle-why?. Good all round effort.

THE HONEST TRUTH Issue *1 (AYR UTD) 50p c/o 8 Maple Place, Kilmarnock, KA1 2EX

Another bunch who seem to think it's a good idea to watch Carlisle. THT used to be called "4-1" so it's not really a new mag and it doesn't really have any new ideas. Obligatory slaggings of Kilmarnock FC, brief look at opponents, pages of match reports and results, the usual stuff. This issue only runs to 20 pages but will be expanded next issue. Not bad at all, but not inspiring.

ONLY THE LONELY Issue 7 (AIRDRIE) 50p c/o 2/1 137 Sinclair Drive, Glasgow, G42 9SN

This has got to be the worst printed fanzine I have ever seen since the bad old days of hand written smudgy photocopies. It's a pity, as it looks like DTL actually has something to say. Much of the issue deals with the previous season's poll results and articles about possible redevelopment or relocation of Broomfield. There is a bit about reserve team football, a look at the need for affective PR at smaller clubs and as a Teuchter I was gladdened to see an article on Inverness Caley. That's the same Caley who knocked Airdrie out of the Scottish Cup last season. Talk about swallowing pride.

KILLIE KEN Issue 18 (KILMARNOCK) 40p c/o R.Cairns, 34 Boyd Orr Crescent, Kilmarnock

Tastefully printed in Rugby Park blue and white, which is a nice idea but doesn't make it any easier to read. Wide ranging in it's contents, from a piece on Junior Football to a look at the Taylor Report and how it affects clubs in the lower leagues, with ideas on success in the higher league. There's a match report with a difference - Ayrshire Cup 1890. Not much by way of laughs, but plenty of interest, even to a non-Killie fan.

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WAITING FOR THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD Issue 6 (MOTHERWELL) 50p PO.Box 2, Wishaw ML2 8DZ

What is it with long names. Included within these walls is a free fixture list, another poem on the demise of Jim Leishman and the startling revelations that Robert de Niro, Madonna and Iggy Pop are all 'Well fans. An interview with the world's best uncapped player (Joe Wark) and the problems with all-seated stadiums are the bulk of this issue, which could maybe do with a few pics to break it up but it is nonetheless an excellent publication.

THERE'S A STORE WHERE CREATURES MEET Issue 8 (St.Mirren) 8Op 14 Eildon, Drive, Barrhead, Renfrew

Very apologetic issue, this. They begin with a cartoon about drugs and a slightly sexist cartoon, then apologise for them. Why print them in the first place?. The editors do print a tribute. to Jim Leishman, without taking the piss, which is good to see, as most other fanzines sees to think that a man losing his job through principles is funny. Fairly patchy on the whole but it has its moments.

OLD McDIARMID HAD A FARM Issue 2 (St.Johnstone) 8Op c/o Paul Forsyth, 103 Hillhouse Road, Edinburgh EH4 7A0

Sterling effort from the Premier new boys. They have the only published defence of referees I have seen in a fanzine, but then it was written by a ref. There is also a defence of penalty shoot outs in cup competitions And some rather confusing statistics comparing Paul McStay with Giannini, Dunga, and Stuart McCall. Doesn't make a lot of sense to me I'm afraid. Still they must improve with age.

ALOTTA BALLS Issue 21 (GENERAL) 60p Coatbridge Business Centre, Coatbridge.

Familiar to anyone who's had to get a bus out of Buchanan Street, this is a general Scottish magazine with a definite West Coast slant. This issue is the usual mixture of good bits and pish. There is an excellent article on FC ST.PAULI, who are Hamburg's poor neighbours, a look at the European Championships and a competition with a first prize of £100. Mind you it costs £1.00 to enter if you're not a subscriber. Only 20 pages, a lot of which are taken up with some fairly ropey drawings. Not my favourite.

WHEN SATURDAY COMES Issue 43 4th Floor, 2 Pear Tree Court, London, EC10 ODS.

The daddy of them all. Serious looks at things the papers won't touch. Wide ranging as ever, this issue contains much on the World Cup as well as the usual features on non-League football, Northern Counties East League. Getting more and more like fitba's Private Eye without the real dirt. And who were Jack Cock and Seth Plum anyway? Essential.

All reviews by ALAN THE JAMBO

Apologies to the fanzines we have not reviewed in our 14 issues, but the amount sent was so vast that there just wasn't time to even look through every one let alone review it. Thanks to the many editors who have faithfully sent their issue in exchange for WDHR, even the boys from the Falkirk Unofficial Fanzine who have started sending us the mag again after a lengthy lay-off. Editors please note, this is the final issue of WDHR, please note that I will not be needing any more copies, ths ones I like I can buy at games. Good luck with your publications.

PARS PLC ?

After the trials and tribulations of the summer months, the departure of The Big Leish, the cup exit to Queen of the South and a not too promising start to the league campaign, the news last month that Dunfermline Athletic FC. will by 1993 be Dunfermline Ath. FC. PLC, hardly made the news at all outside the Dunfermline Press. Certainly it is not a new event in Scottish Football, the Hibernian FC Share offer being one example and Dundee appear to have put their public flotation plans aside until they return to the Premier League.

Gavin Masterton, the most recent addition to the Board of Directors at East End Park, announced basic outlines of the proposed flotation in the Dunfermline Press. Unlike Messrs Duff end Gray at Easter Road, Mr. Masterton is a supporter of the club and we would therefore assume that he would have the best interests of the club and supporters at heart. There would be two choices available; a Debenture issue, which would give fans the opportunity to purchase seats for life, rather like the current offer at Ibrox; or a share issue, where the clubs shares would become available for sale to the general public and a flotation would create more shares and create a huge source of revenue.

For the Pars to compete in the Premier League and to meet the requirements of the Taylor Report a massive amount of money is required, thankfully it looks as though they intend to stay at the Halbeath Road site. To completely seat East End and attract high quality players to the club will require an estimated £18 Million, which could never be raised from gates and normal fund raising activities. Therefore the Debenture or Share issue is the only solution, even the possibility of a cash injection of a Million pounds from another director would only pay for some of the work needing done at East End.

However, although the idea is sound and the opportunity to make our beloved Pars one of the top teams in the country is the ultimate aim of all supporters, there would have to be certain guidelines followed. What we would want to avoid is the chaotic shambles that happened with the Hibs share issue. Only 5% of their issue was available to the supporters, the rest went to investment companies and exceedingly rich individuals who placed football and Hibs at the very bottom of their interests, hence the near extinction of Hibs this summer. At least 30% of any full share issue must be made available to supporters of the club, this would allow individuals and (supporters) clubs to purchase a little part of the team they've ploughed thousands into over the years.

With East End Park's capacity being undoubtedly reduced by the advent of all seating, there is a proposal for a second tier to be added to the present North Enclosure, the Debenture Seats would obviously mean less space available for season tickets holders or for the pay at the door supporter. This is an acceptable loss, what we do not want to see is the so-called boxes reserved for executive groups from local and non-local companies, these take up too much room and do nothing for the faithful fans who trudge along every week.

Provided that the share or debenture issue is handled carefully with the interests of the club and supporters at heart then we have nothing to fear from a move which almost cost the fans of Hibs their club. In fact it is a scenario which we should welcome, but it is important that we "the fans" should take an active interest in developments and be prepared to shell out the dosh to ensure that a little of the club, but a large little remains where it should, with the fans.

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It saddens me to write this but a club that I once loved now leaves me cold, and I know that I am not alone feeling such listlessness towards a once glowing Dunfermline Athletic. The passion that followed the Pars home and away has been rendered almost to the point of extinction and I, along with others no longer derive any pleasure from watching our team. Our team has become their team.

Even when Dunfermline played in the Second Division I would wear my scarf with pride, but no more. The Board created a rift between ourselves and them during the summer, the rift being the way they treated Jim Leishman. For many people this rift became a chasm on Monday 5th November.

This date was the occasion of the Pitbauchlie Travel Club's annual Player of the Year Awards, the Club knew of the event six weeks before it was to take place. On Saturday 3rd November, the Pitbauchlie Club were informed that the invited players would not be able to attend as they were going to the Dunblane Hydro for a two day break. Normally these weekends away coincide with a important league or cup match not just a run of the mill match against Motherwell.

A snub of the highest order to the longest running supporters travel club, at one time the only bus travelling to away games. Common sense does not seem to prevail at the East End Park board room ,they must have granted permission for the expensive little holiday, when surely it would have made more sense to let the players go to the function. Surely the Board eager to reinstate diplomatic ties with the fans after the Leishman affair could have seen the importance of the players attendance at this one.

I presume they expect fans to rush to buy the shares if, and when they go public, but the way the present board are conducting themselves they may be in for a surprise. A happy Monday became considerably unhappy and there was a lot of animosity towards the board and the management that weekend, and the members of the Pitbauchlie Travel Club are still smouldering over this rebuff. The wounds will take a long time to heal. Wake up Dunfermline Athletic or you will find yourself back amongst the Berwick Rangers and Alloas of this world (no disrespect to these clubs).

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Dear WDHR,

Please find a copy of our fanzine and a copy of the programme between the two respective sides for the pre-season friendly match. As the match was arranged at such short notice it was too late to produce a proper programme, so a photocopied edition was produced. If it's of any interest The Pars won by 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Sinclair in the 56th minute.

I have seen one of your 'zines and thought it contained a very interesting article with Stuart Adamson of Big Country. How have Jimmy Nicholl and in particular George "Conteh" O'Boyle asserted themselves in the first team with the Pars?

If any Pars programme collectors or any readers of the fanzine are interested in copies of the programme they are available for 50p, please add an SAE as well.

As I've always had a soft spot for the Pars I hope you finish as runners up to the Gers. Yours in Sport. Alan Laird.

CALLING ALL THE COMRADES

(Ballyclare Comrades Fanzine)

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Dear Alan,

Thanks very much for the fanzine and the programme. For your information Nicholl has been rightfully dropped and George O'Boyle is bang on form, although serving a one match ban for fighting with Norrie McWhirter of St. Mirren and being sent off. I take it that your second team is Rangers, we'd settle for a place in the

Top Ten given all that's happened at Dunfermline over the last few months.

Dear WDHR,

I read with interest in our local comic that the Pars had signed the one and only Davie Moyes. Well as co-editor of "A Large Scotch", the Shrewsbury Town Fanzine. I thought I would drop you a line to let you know what you've got in store for you this season.

I can tell you that in a couple of seasons, he was at Shrewsbury I got to know him well and he is one of the nicest people I know to talk to.

Obviously you will understand him a little better than I did but I suppose that's my fault for being English.

He always took a keen interest in the developments of ALE and even wrote an article for one issue. He became very popular with the crowd and he would always acknowledge the crowd and encourage them, especially away from home.

I would like the chance to publicly thank Davie for his commitment, loyalty and attitude, both off and on the pitch whilst in the colours of Shrewsbury Town.

His behaviour was second to none, and as captain set a good example to the rest of the team. I know that he will be missed in the Third Division but I'm sure he will rise to the challenge of the Premier League and that he will lift the hearts and voices of the Pars fans with his cheeky smile and uncompromising enthusiasm. Thanks a lot Davie.

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