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# WELCOME

## It couldn't last could it?

An improved performance against Morton and a belter against Partick Thistle, followed by another defeat. The team has shown that it is perfectly capable of staying up, unfortunately it has also shown its other face.

The Brunch with Bert and Dick was a great success and it was fabulous catching up with everyone. Congratulations to Mikey and all those involved.

There are some great articles, as usual, in this month's magazine, which has now been joined by a Facebook Page and a new monthly podcast. The first of these featured Westy and the second, just out, features the inspiring story of Craig Faulconbridge.

Let's all get behind Yogi and the boys for our five cup-finals.

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## PATON'S PREMIER PARS - 25 YEARS

*What a fantastic event we held on 20th March celebrating the historic season of 1995/96. Bert and Dick were on fine form amongst many of the staff and players from that season. Read more on page 24.*



## A STRIP BACK IN TIME

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Pictured: Hamish French

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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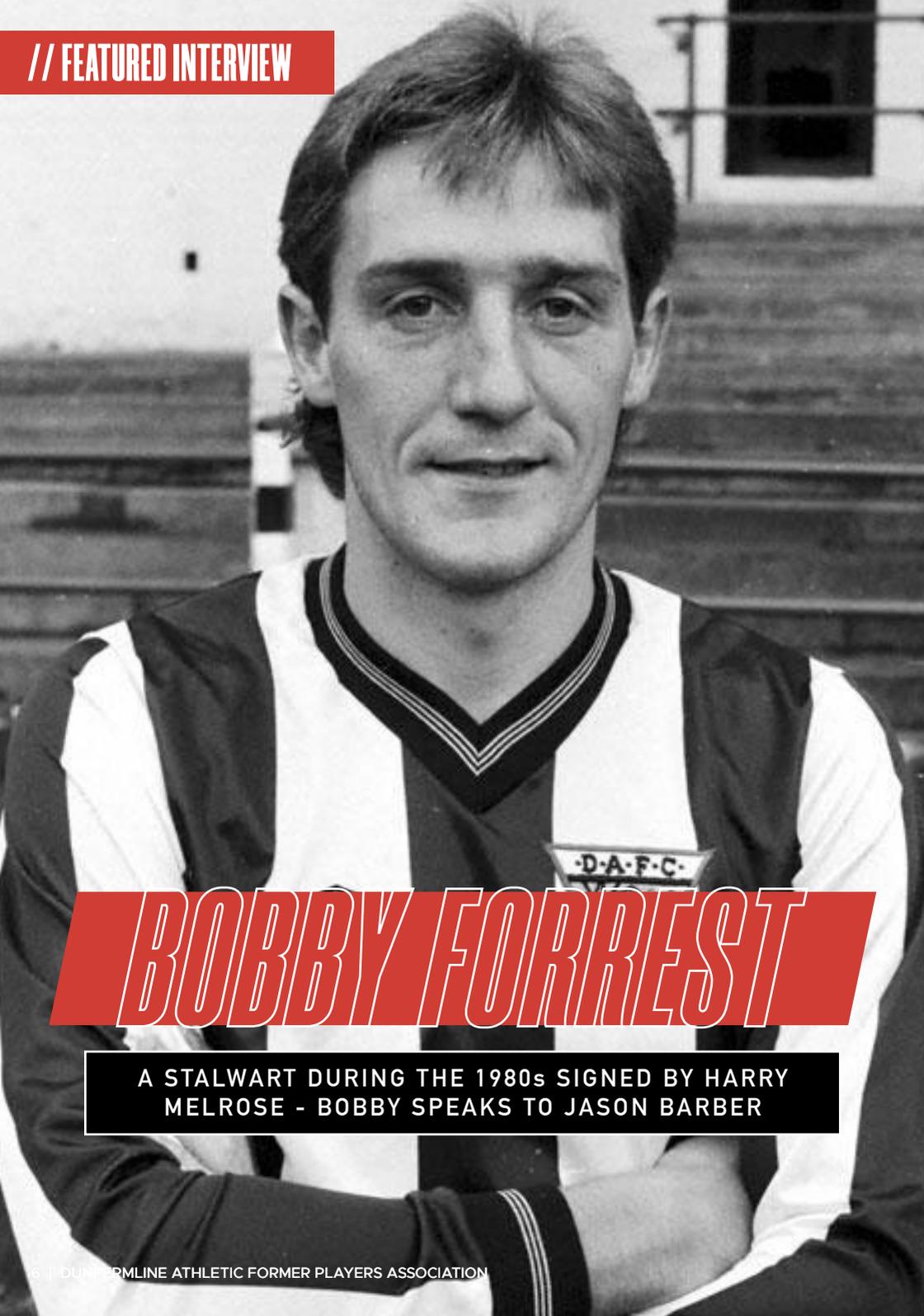
19th April: Colin O'Brien - 66



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# BOBBY FORREST

A STALWART DURING THE 1980s SIGNED BY HARRY MELROSE - BOBBY SPEAKS TO JASON BARBER



**Next up in our series of former player interviews, we have a stalwart who was one of the select band of players that was at the club before Jim Leishman took over as manager in 1983, but remained through to the club playing in the Premier Division for the first time just a few years later; Bobby Forrest. Jason Barber spoke to him recently for the magazine;**

The club arranged a deal for me to stay with Penicuik for the rest of that season, we were going for the league and still in a number of cup competitions too. However, it was all strange timing as Harry left just before Christmas 1980 and by the time I joined the club for pre season training, there was obviously a new manager in charge; Pat Stanton.

around in the squad around that time, a lot of the old guard if you like were moved on and players like myself, Stevie Morrison, Grant Jenkins came in and blended in well with Hugh Whyte in goals and Bobby Robertson who was established at right back. Norrie McCathie also came in a couple of months later, but wasn't moved to defence until Leish took over further down the line.

"I had signed for the club when Harry Melrose was still the manager, back in 1980. I'd been playing for Penicuik Athletic and doing really well with them, scoring goals for fun. Harry gave me the opportunity to play as a trialist in a game against Cowdenbeath and I scored twice that night, I was thinking that playing as a professional must be easier than it looked!

I was ready to go and give it my best shot, didn't know if the new manager fancied playing me or not, but I wasn't going to let the opportunity slip. I made my debut in a pre season match against Alex Ferguson's high flying Aberdeen side that summer. I ended up scoring in that match after only 12 minutes against Jim Leighton and their defence included guys like Willie Miller, Doug Rougvie and Alex McLeish! Again, I was starting to think that this professional football game was proving to be pretty straightforward!

Tam Forsyth came and went, he was some boy, and we were relegated at the end of 1982/83 season. Because we had some good players in the squad, we all thought that we'd be looking to bounce straight back up again and we'd not be in the bottom tier for too long, but it didn't prove to be the case obviously. Leish took over as caretaker first of all and we all knew him well, he was the reserve coach but with the size of the staff at that time, he'd been helping out with the first team from time to time too. Because of how early he'd retired, he

I signed my contract that very night, all I wanted to do was get the chance to play professional football so I was delighted to do that.

There was a big change



was one of us as he was young enough to still be playing, but for his bad injury of course.

Up until this point, I'd been laying as an attacking player, or a left winger, which is where I'd always played throughout my career. Leish moved me to left back and Norrie to centre half, rather than having us both further up the pitch where we'd played all our days. I remember the first game I played at left back, it was against Hibs reserves and I actually found it to be quite easy! I was quick, so wingers found it really hard to get past me in a sprint. Plus, you could always pass it back to the goalkeeper at that point, so it was an easy get out if you found yourself with limited options in front of you.

In my whole playing career, either before or after being at Dunfermline, that was the only time a manager ever chose to play me at left back and I'd like to think it worked out pretty well. I remember the end of the 1984/85 season and the rumours going around the

ground that Alloa had been beaten, so we were going to get promotion at the last minute! All the fans came onto the park and it was obviously shown to be a false result, as they did what they had to do and we just missed out. I definitely think that was a turning point though, it gave us a taste of success and with how close we came to getting promotion, we didn't want to miss out again. By this point we also added Westie in goals, Davie Young had come into defence and the manager made us believe that we were going places.

Westwater, Robertson, McCathie, Young and Forrest. Anytime I've been back at hospitality or former player events, Leish always says that the goalkeeper and the back four picked itself every week if we were all available. I was quite fortunate too in that there wasn't really any cover at left back. If Bobby (Robertson) missed out at right back, I could switch over there and someone from midfield would be drafted in to cover in my spot. It was

definitely the best part of my footballing life, I was genuinely proud to be part of what was going on at the club during those few years.

Winning the second division in 1986, I remember the game through at Stenhousemuir the night we won the title. The game was terrible, a real anti climax! It didn't matter though as the results went the way we needed and we more than made up for the season before. Again the manager improved the side, Gary Thompson had come in towards the end of that campaign and Ian McCall joined during that summer, who helped take us up to that next level and more than hold our own. John Watson proved to be one of the best buys of all time as well, how that deal ever got made for so little I'll never know.

The next season in the first division, it was that same defensive line up again most weeks. Most of that team had been playing in the bottom tier a year before, but we were more

than a match for strong sides at the time such as Kilmarnock, Airdrie and a good East Fife side. Morton beat us to the title by a single point, but to get up to the Premier League in such a short space of time was incredible!

I'd been playing part time and was given a year leave of absence from my day job at Midlothian Council. I was 25 years old at the time and had the opportunity to play in the Scottish Premier League! I had nothing to lose, but being honest with myself I didn't think I'd be good enough at that level, it is a huge step up. We were also playing against some well established international players week in and week out. I was very proud to start that season at left back though and playing in the 2-1 win over Celtic at East End Park will live with me forever. Some people might not know it, but I took a really serious injury during that game and probably should have come off at half time, however I played on for the full 90 minutes. I ended up damaging my cruciate and was on crutches for a few weeks

after that game, by which point the gaffer had brought in the hugely experienced Bobby Smith as well as John Holt who were on a different level in terms of what they'd achieved in the game. I knew myself I wouldn't get back in the side, and the manager was honest with me about that too which I appreciated.

I was given the opportunity of moving onto either Stirling Albion, but they had that horrific plastic pitch at the time which was like concrete, or up to Arbroath which is where I went. Also started my day job back with the council, who had been brilliant allowing me to take a shot at full time football. I ended up playing up front for Arbroath as ended up scoring 11 goals in 9 consecutive games, which I was proud of! Then I moved onto Meadowbank Thistle, playing in that 1-1 match in 1989 when Dunfermline finally won the First Division Championship for the first time. I crossed the ball for Gordon Scott to put Meadowbank one up, I just shrugged my shoulders as I was in front of the cage at the time

and I knew how much it meant to everyone. John Watson, who else, turned it around though and I was delighted when some of the Pars fans were asking me to come up into the Paragon after the game for a drink

One last thing, I ended up playing 221 matches for the club which made me 33rd on the club's overall appearance list. I'm really proud of that fact, when you think of all the hundreds and hundreds of players who have pulled on the black and white jersey, I'm 33rd in terms of the number of times I managed to do that. Really means a lot to me.

Hopefully I'll be back over sometime soon, don't like to see the club struggling near the foot of the table as it is just now. After being groundsman at Tynecastle for a few years, I'm now working for an artificial grass company covering installations all over Scotland; Lazy Lawn who are based in Penicuik where I'm still based. All the to everyone at East End Park and I'll see you sometime soon!"

*Champions! Promotion in 1987 to Premier League.*



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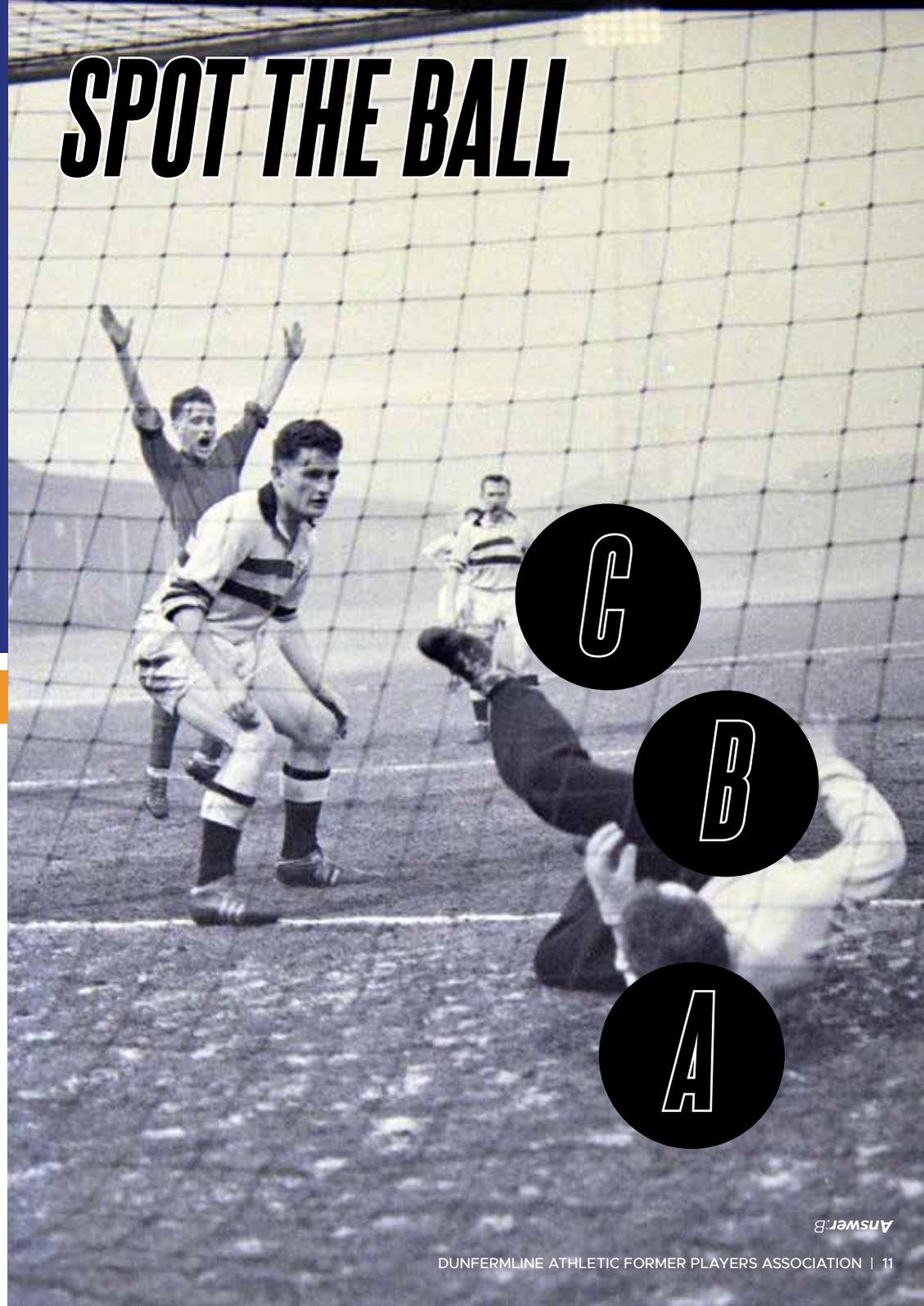
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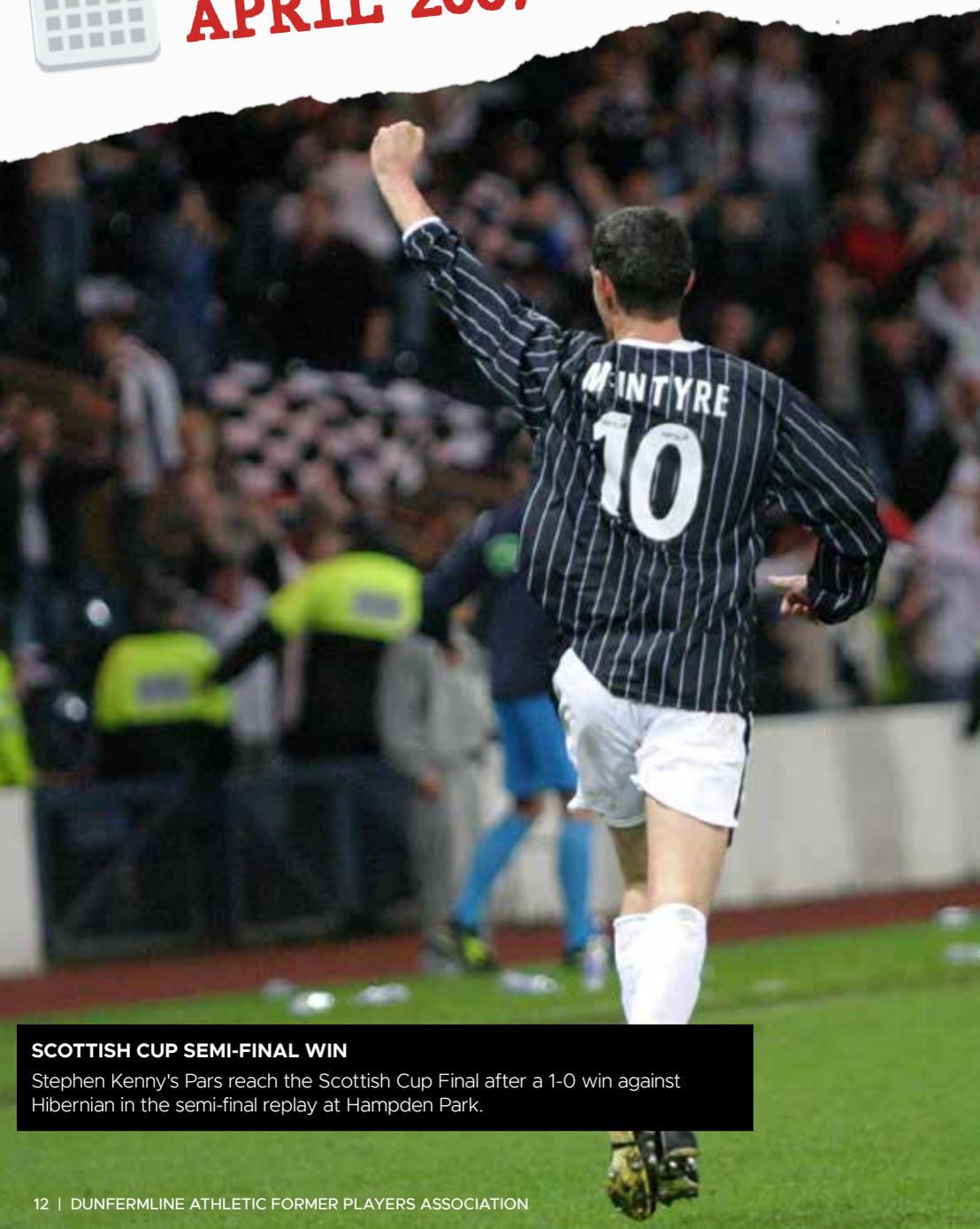
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## A SEASON IN TIME // 1974-95

**This was to be a momentous season for Scottish Football. A new structure had been agreed with an elite Premier Division of ten teams and the remaining teams to be divided between two lower divisions. To achieve this the top ten teams at the end of the season, would form the Premier League. The remaining eight would join the top six from the second division to form the new League Division One. The remaining fourteen would form the new League Division Two. At least the formula was fair. As with any innovation, there was an excited anticipation amongst fans. Could the Pars make it to the SPL?**

There were several changes

in preparation for the season, both behind and in front of the scenes. George Miller's management team had been reshuffled. Ralph Brand came in as Assistant Manager. Jim Thomson was coach and Jock Thomson (Kenny's Dad), sprint coach. Also helping was Ned McGeechan. Andy Stevenson had moved to Hearts and was replaced, as physio, by Jimmy Stevenson who had been with the Club in Jock Stein's reign. On the playing staff there were only 14 full timers, joined by Kenny Davidson from Hibs and young prospect Alan Reid. To the part-time ranks were added Ian Campbell's twin brother, Dick from Cowdenbeath, ex Aberdeen and East Fife midfielder Jim Hamilton and ex juniors Iain Macleod and Eddie Stephen. Leaving were

high scoring winger Dennis Nelson to Crewe, old favourite Jim Gillespie to Alloa, Jim Baillie to Berwick and both Billy Mitchell and Jimmy Brown to Raith Rovers. Before the season proper began, there was a series of friendlies. The first of these was at home to Middlesbrough, led by English Manager of the Year, Jack Charlton and featuring Bobby Murdoch and Graeme Souness. Two goals from new winger Kenny Davidson gained a 2-1 win for The Pars. The other results were a 3-1 home win over York City and a 1-1 draw against Doncaster at Belle Vue, followed by a 2-0 loss to York City at Bootham Crescent.

Serious matters began, as usual, with the League Cup. Our section included Hearts,

Aberdeen and Morton. A Jim Wallace goal gained us a point at home to Morton and Dick Campbell made his debut. Hearts were next, at Tynecastle, and a superb hat-trick from Jackie Sinclair gained a 3-2 victory.

Home form was not so good and Dunfermline laboured to a 1-1 draw with Aberdeen with Jackie scoring again. The double was gained over Hearts with a 2-1 win at East End Park, Jackie Sinclair, yet again and Ian Campbell the scorers. The game was marred, however, by a bad leg break suffered by Jim Leishman. The jolt affected the team and they lost the next game 3-0 at Pittodrie. Jim Scott scored to get a 1-1 draw at Cappielow but the final total was one short of qualification. The last day of the month brought the opening

League match, but it ended badly with a 3-0 defeat away to Partick Thistle. The Jags programme included a feature on young defender Alan Hansen, who was on the verge of breaking into the first team.

As September began, The Pars got off to a good start, at home, with a 3-1 win against Arbroath. They followed this with a 1-1 draw at Boghead. The Sons were managed by Alex Wright and included former Par, John Cushley. next at East End were Hearts and the homesters maintained their unbeaten run against the Jambos with a 2-2 draw. The month ended with a narrow 1-0 defeat at Tannadice.

A trip to Shawfield is never easy for Dunfermline, but they began October with a better, than

usual 2-2 draw. Unfortunately, a 6-1 home defeat from Rangers was next and a 3-1 defeat at Muirton did not help matters. Jim Markey made his debut as Dundee were beaten 3-1 at East End Park. By now I was resident in Hamilton and with no car, it was not going to be so easy to see The Pars.

Hamilton is right next door to Motherwell, so no problem seeing The Pars next game at Fir Park. Kenny Watson and Gordon Forrest got the goals to procure a 2-1 victory. The Well were managed by Willie McLean and included Peter Millar and Pat Gardner. Alex Kinninmonth scored to gain a 1-1 draw at home to Hibs and I persuaded my brother (who had a car) to drive us down to Kilmarnock. We were rewarded with a great display as



two goals each for Kenny Watson And Kenny Davidson secured a 4-2 win. A testimonial match for John Lunn featured The Pars versus an Old Firm Select. Alex Edwards (Hibs) and Donald Ford (Hearts) guested for Dunfermline and Dennis Law for the Old Firm The result was a hugely enjoyable 3-3 draw. Two home draws finished the month against Morton and Airdrie.

A narrow 2-1 defeat at Celtic Park heralded December. On my way to see my now local team Hamilton Accies, playing Clydebank, I passed a graveyard with a notice which intrigued me. "Visitors are requested to keep to the paths and not to interfere with monumental erections" I wondered what sexual deviance had been going on. Clydebank had a steady goalkeeper in Jim Gallagher, a solid defender in Gregor Abel and a prodigiously talented young winger in Davie Cooper. The Bankies won 1-0. Back with The Pars, Gordon Forrest earned a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie, but the Post Christmas Blues arrived when Dunfermline lost 2-1 at home to Partick Thistle. As the year ended, The Pars were on course, just, for a top ten finish.

Ne-er Day brought a 3-1 win at Arbroath and this was followed up by a comfortable 3-0 home win against Dumbarton. The Pars lost a tight game at Tynecastle 1-0 but, because of bad weather, did not play again until the end of the month when they lost away to Second Division Clydebank in the Cup.

February began with a 1-1 draw at home to Clyde, courtesy of Jim Scott but the following week whilst The Pars were losing 2-0 at Ibrox, I took the opportunity to visit Fir Park, where Hibernian provided the opposition. Hibs had a young Hugh Whyte in goal and Roy Barry, just signed from Crystal Palace, at centre half. Well had Peter Millar and Pat Gardner in their side together with the brilliant partnership of Bobby Graham and Willie Pettigrew, up front. Motherwell won 4-1. The month ended badly for Dunfermline with home defeats, 2-1 to Dundee United and 3-2 to St. Johnstone.

March did not begin well either with a 2-0 reverse at Dundee. A home match with Ayr United was also lost and The Pars had dropped out of the top ten. There were to be four more games in

March as teams caught up on the postponed matches. Athletic had lost their form completely and a 1-0 defeat at home to Motherwell was followed by a 5-1 trashing from Hibs. A Jim Markey goal earned a 1-1 draw at home to Kilmarnock and the month finished better with a 2-0 win at Cappielow.

No game for The Pars at the start of April. It was to be the 12th before Dunfermline returned to action, losing narrowly 2-1 at home to Celtic. This more or less finished any chance of a top ten finish and the remaining three games were miserable defeats 5-2 away to Airdrie, 3-2 away to Ayr United and 3-1 at home to Aberdeen.

So no SPL for Dunfermline, that honour went to Rangers, Hibs, Celtic, Dundee United, Aberdeen, Dundee, Ayr United, Hearts, St Johnstone and Motherwell. The Pars would contest the new First Division with Kilmarnock, Partick Thistle, Airdrie, Falkirk, Hamilton Accies, St Mirren, East Fife, Dumbarton and Morton.

A long period of mediocrity loomed for Dunfermline.



# JOIN US

**Dunfermline Athletic Former Players Association was founded in 2009. It exists to provide a meeting point for anyone associated with the playing staff of Dunfermline Athletic. It is independent and run by a committee of former players. It also provides sponsorship to Dunfermline Athletic and its players.**

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provides the interviewee for Jim Leishman MBE which is such a popular part of Hospitality.

### Work with other groups

Provision of the capital items is usually in conjunction with other DAFC groups such as The Supporters Trust, Lifeline and The Heritage Trust. The most popular part of the Heritage Trust's work has been the video interviews of former players. These interviews have almost all been with Guests of Honour.

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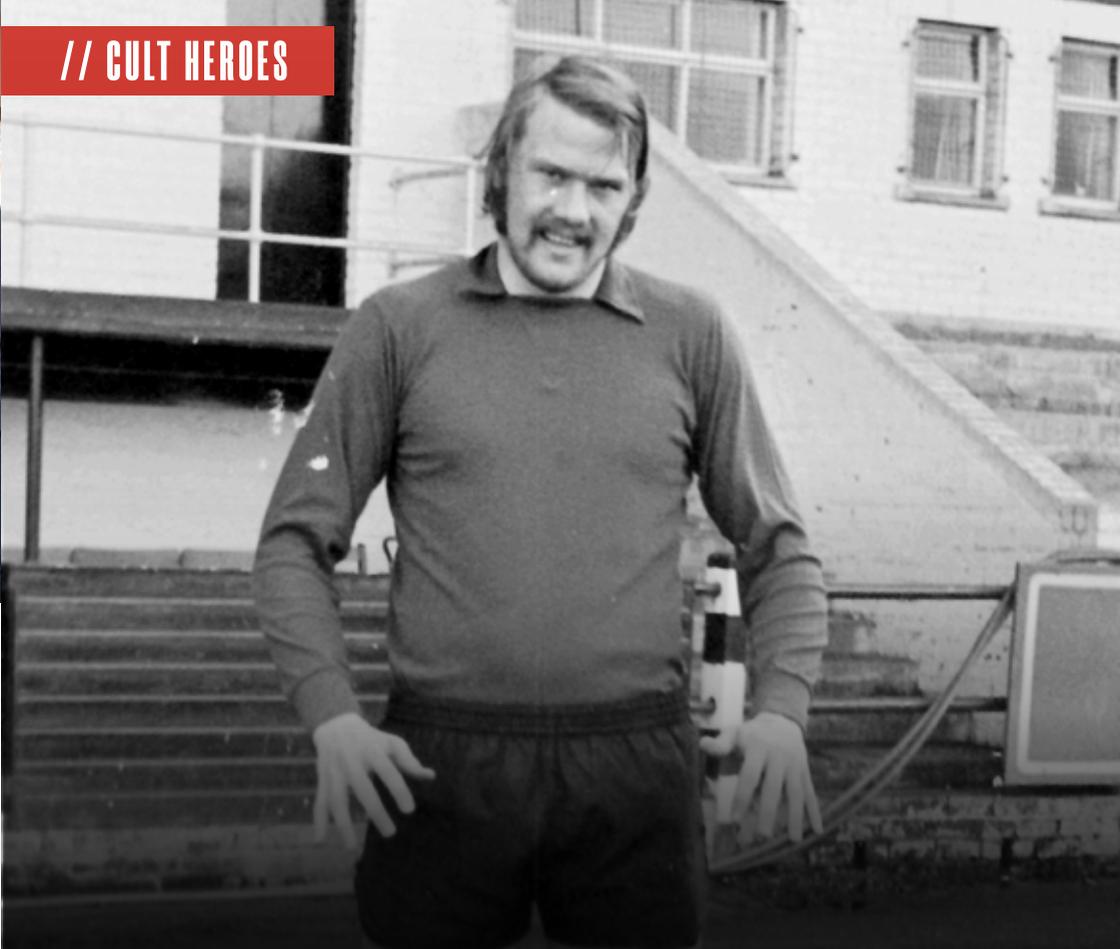
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## // CULT HEROES



# GEIR KARLSEN

**Back in the fifties and sixties, we were taught, at school, about Dunfermline's Twin Town, Trondheim, in Norway.**

The giant Christmas Tree which stood at the Glen Gates, was a gift from our Norwegian friends. Several friendlies were played between the towns' football clubs, The Pars and Rosenborg.

In 1973 one such friendly featured a star performance in the visitors' goal, of a

giant goalkeeper. This was Geir Karlsen and in the next season, he signed for Dunfermline.

Geir was 6'4" tall and built very powerfully. He was a very imposing presence and quickly became a Cult Hero for Pars fans. In those days Pars Fans were not very experienced in foreign lingo and Geir became known as Thon Carlsberg.

He really commanded his penalty box and was an excellent keeper, which was

just as well, as the team was not enjoying one of its better spells. Geir left in 1975, following the team's failure to make the SPL cut.

Karlsen made a total of 65 appearances for The Pars and managed 5 shut-outs. He returned to Norway with Valerengen and retired in 1983.

He had a prolific International career making 13 under 21 and 32 full appearances for his country.

WE REMEMBER FORMER PLAYER

# JACKIE WILLIAMSON



**Described in later years by Jock Stein as 'one of the great club men', Jackie epitomised the spirit of a team with no superstars but who, under Stein's guidance, became one of the best teams in Scotland.**

In March 1959, as Dunfermline once again flirted dangerously with relegation, manager Andy Dickson strengthened his squad with the signing of Jackie Williamson from Raith Rovers for a fee of £1,500. Originally from Stoneyburn, Jackie made the move to Stark's Park in 1952, becoming a useful inside-forward but equally at home in a number of other positions. It may be that this versatility counted against him in the long run although season 1956/57 provided some success for the Rovers as they finished fourth in the First Division and reached the Scottish Cup Semi-finals.

Jackie, however, was

becoming more of a fringe player and took the chance to move to East End Park, making his first team debut on 7th March 1959 in a 3-1 defeat to Celtic at Parkhead. A month later, Jackie scored to help the Pars secure a 1-1 draw at Stirling Albion, but it was to be the only goal of his Dunfermline career.

The start of the next season saw Jackie sent off for the first time in his life in a match against Third Lanark. He had never been in any trouble before and that helped the Referee Committee decide not to punish him which allowed him to line up in the first league match against the team that everyone was raving about, Motherwell. In an astonishing game Dunfermline could do nothing wrong and won 6-0. Despite that, the Pars results were thereafter mixed at best, and as they descended the table Jackie was in and out of the team until Jock Stein took over in March

1960. Stein's arrival coincided with a remarkable change of fortunes and, coincidentally or not, Jackie was able to establish himself as a first team regular at left-back.

A 2-1 defeat at Easter Road on December 3rd, 1960 was made worse by a broken leg suffered by centre-half Jim Stevenson. After the club had searched without success for a replacement, Stein approached Jackie to do the job, warning him that if the experiment failed it could also cost him his place at left back. Jackie accepted the challenge without a second thought, despite seeming rather small, at 5ft 8in, for a conventional Scottish centre-half.

Wearing the number 5 shirt for the first time on 2nd January 1961 against his old club Raith Rovers at Stark's Park, Jackie gave a foretaste of his courage when, after receiving a leg injury he determined to stay on the park and moved to the wing to

ensure Dunfermline, in those days before any subs were allowed, remained with eleven men on the park. That game finished 1-1 and Stein's philosophy was undoubtedly getting through as results continued to improve. Helped by colleagues such as Willie Cunningham, who took over at left-back, and Ronnie Mailer and George Miller at half-back, Jackie adapted well to his new role.

Although the team were mid-table, results in the league were mediocre, so it was the Scottish Cup that grabbed the town's attention. Jackie started all six earlier ties as the Pars made it through to Hampden Park and a meeting with the mighty Celtic. He was enjoying a tremendous game until just before half-time when he blocked a powerful Crerand shot and his left knee, injured in an earlier tackle on John Hughes, gave way. Jackie was helped off the park but re-appeared for the second half where he again played a major part in the Dunfermline's defensive heroics. However, with twelve minutes left, he collapsed in agony on the turf and had to be carried off on a stretcher.

The Pars reorganised and deservedly held out for a draw under intense Celtic pressure, boosted in the last few minutes by Jackie who hobbled up and down the wing unable to do anything other than encourage his teammates. The dream came true the following Wednesday as the Cup was lifted by Ronnie Mailer but sadly for Jackie his injured knee kept him out of the replay.

At least there was the consolation of European football and Jackie played in five of the

Pars' European Cup Winners Cup matches in 1961/62, including both legs against Hungarian champions and at that time one of Europe's best, Ujpest Dozsa. Sadly, he suffered recurring problems with the knee injured in the Cup Final and despite a brave attempt to start the new 1962/63 season afresh, he had to concede defeat in his third appearance of the season, a league match on 22nd September against Falkirk, won 2-1 by Dunfermline. Jackie never played again and, at the end of season 1962/63, Jackie was forced into retirement. Including friendlies and local cup ties, he had played 154 matches for Dunfermline. In official games Jackie played 111 times for the Pars in Scottish League, Scottish League Cup, Scottish Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup matches.

Retired he may have been, but forgotten he certainly was not. The testimonial match for Jackie and another of Dunfermline's Cup winning heroes Willie Cunningham, brought Newcastle United to East End Park for the first time on 9th December 1963. A crowd of over 10,000 turned up to pay their respects to the Pars heroes and to watch a highly-valued Newcastle side defeated 2-0 by Dunfermline, for whom Jim Kerray and Tom Callaghan scored.

Ian also talked about the kind of person his dad was:-

"Growing up, Dad would often tell us stories of his time at the club, playing at Hampden Park, travelling behind the iron curtain for those European ties and his love for the club was always evident. I can remember visits to

East End Park as a child in the seventies when we would retire to the bar after the match and Dad would spend hours laughing, joking and re-telling old tales with the many people he still knew at the club; mum sat with the other wives watching the clock and rolling her eyes!"

Perhaps Jackie's life after football is best summed up by son Barry who said, "Dad didn't have any real hobbies. He was a family man through and through and he was always there for us."

Sadly Jackie had suffered from dementia for several years and had also had a stroke, a heart attack and a tumour on his lung and had been on 'end of life' care twice in the past only to confound the doctors by returning to relatively good health. Two weeks ago the family were called to the care home where Jackie had been since losing wife Maureen several years ago and the family were told to expect the worst and that he was unlikely to last the night. Needless to say, he again left the doctors amazed by fighting on for several days more - he remained, as he was that day at Hampden Park over sixty years ago, a warrior right up to the final whistle.

On behalf of everyone at the Former Players Association we'd like to offer our sincerest condolences to Jackie's family - to his children David, Sandra, Ian and Barry, to his ten grandchildren and to his three great-grandchildren. Jackie's funeral took place on Monday 28th March at All Saints Church, Foulden, Norfolk.





# PATON'S PREMIER PARS

## BRUNCH WITH BERT AND DICK SUCCESS!

**On Sunday 20th March, the Dunfermline Athletic Former Player's Association (FPA) held a hugely successful one off event along the road at Carnegie Conference Centre.**

Tickets had sold out weeks in advance and any spares had a bit of a "golden ticket" feel about them as they were snapped up immediately!

With the event on hold since lockdown, it was marking what had been the 25th anniversary of the club's memorable 1995/96 First Division Championship win, after what had become one of the most historic seasons in the club's history for a multitude of reasons.

With the vast majority of the playing squad from that season in attendance, the stories backstage soon started flowing and the 260 supporters packed into the venue were soon treated to some of these during the course of the afternoon. With the former players in place, Bert Paton and Dick Campbell were piped in to a standing ovation as they took their seats with host Steven Mill on the stage.

What followed was a non stop trip down memory lane,

with Bert and Dick on especially fine form as they reminisced about the players who gelled together in the most remarkable of circumstances to win the league against the much fancied Dundee United side, as well as so many other strong contenders in one of the most competitive First Divisions ever seen.

Joining them on stage throughout the afternoon were a number of players who played their part during 1995/96 including; Stewart Petrie, Ivo Den Bieman, Marc Millar, Ian Westwater, Allan Moore, Andy Tod as well as Jackie McNamara who left the club in the October that season to make his club record move to Celtic.

Other players all took to the stage for the event's finale as they were all given a tremendous send off before one or two beers were partaken after the event. Hamish French, Craig Ireland, David Bingham, Paul Kinnaird, Gerry Farrell, Ryan Heggarty, Brian Rice, and Derek Fleming all got onto the stage for the final farewell from the afternoon's proceedings.

Andy Smith and Colin Miller were both abroad at the time of the event, so sent in special video messages on the day.

Anyone else who made even one appearance during that campaign had been contacted and invited along too, with a few unable to make it.

Needless to say, there was a video tribute to Norrie McCathie during the event and the untimely passing of Norrie during that season was touched upon a number of times during Steven's interviews with his former management and team mates.

Pars TV were in attendance and ensured that the whole event was captured on film for those who were unable to source a ticket. Organiser Mikey Mlotkiewicz was keen to make sure that nobody missed out on what was a tremendous day full of stories and laughter from a special time in the club's history.

The rest of the FPA committee helped on the day and received some fantastic feedback from those in attendance about how much they had enjoyed the event.

A huge thanks to Bert and Dick for coming along, as well as all the former players who attended too. It was a trip down memory lane that will live long in the memory!



# 4 EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN...APRIL

## valuable points Ibrox ghost ma

By JIM PARKINSON

Rangers 3, Dunfermline Athletic 4  
The burial of Dunfermline Athletic in the second division was surprisingly cancelled last night at Ibrox, as Jim Leishman, a 17-year-old striker, gave them a late 4-3 win by scoring

minutes and then immediately followed up with a second less than 60 seconds later. The first was engineered with great precision by Henderson and the other came from a headed pass by Stein. Dunfermline did not flinch at the double blow and Thomson put the double blow and Thomson put

1972

A famous 4-3 win at Ibrox with a certain Jim Leishman scoring the winning goal in the 80th minute. He is the last Par to score winning goal at Ibrox!



2005

Pars 5 Dundee 0 then followed by a stunning 1-0 win at Tannadice against Dundee Utd. The club survive relegation from the SPL.



1986

Second Division champions! Promotion back to the First Division. Finishing two points clear of Queen of the South.



2011

Promotion back to the SPL under Jim McIntyre after a 2-0 win at Cappielow against Greenock Morton.

# *FROM THE PARCHIVES*

*April 1968 and the Scottish Cup comes back home to Dunfermline! The second time in the decade.*





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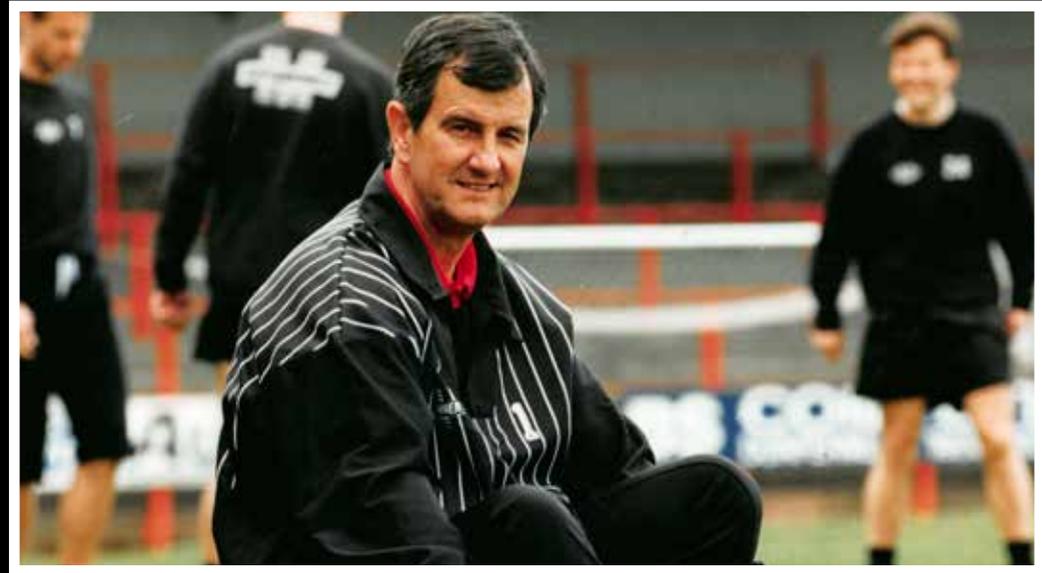
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## BERT PATON



**As was clearly evident in last month's Sportsman's Brunch, Bert Paton is all Pars Fans' favourite personality.**

A superb player at home and in Europe for Dunfermline in the glorious sixties and a successful manager in the nineties, when his teams embodied character, spirit and a thrilling attacking style. To this day, Bert maintains his support of The Pars, serving on the Committee of the Former Players Association.

On 29th April, Bert will reach the age of 80 and, as we saw last month, he still has the sharpness and good humour to go with the honesty and down to earth friendliness which has always endeared him to the fans.

Bert has faced a few health issues in the last year but has always come out smiling.

Have a very Happy Birthday, Bert and Enjoy your Day! From everyone in the Former Players Association.



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# COMEDY CORNER

THE UNFORTUNATE THINGS PEOPLE SAY..

**Ted Lowe:** Fred Davis the doyen of snooker, now 67 years of age and too old to get his leg over, prefers to use his left hand.

**Gary Newbon:** There will be more football in a minute, but first we have highlights of the Scottish League Cup Final.

**Pat Glenn (weightlifting commentator):** And this is Gregorivova from Bulgaria. I saw her snatch this morning and it was amazing.

**USA PGA Commentator:** One of the reasons Arnold Palmer is playing so well is that before each tee shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them. Oh God what have I just said!

**Steve Ryder:** Ballasteros felt much better today after a 69 yesterday.

**Ken Brown on Nick Faldo and his caddie Fanny Sunneson lining up shots:** Sometimes Nick likes to use Fanny, other times he prefers to do it by himself.

**Carenza Lewis (Time Team) on looking for food in the middle ages:** You would eat beaver if you could get it.

**Mike Hallett (Snooker):** Stephen Hendry jumps on Steve Davis's misses every chance he gets.

**Clare Frisby:** (Look North) about a jumbo hot dog. There is nothing like a big hot sausage inside you on a cold night like this.

**Ron Pickering:** Juantorena comes round the final bend, opens wide his legs and shows his true class.

*The boys from 1995/1996 take to oin the stage during the event on 20th March.*



ORDEM E PROGRESSO

# NOT ALOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT...

**In early season 1965/66 an agent of dubious pedigree tried to introduce Brazilian (or alleged Brazilian) footballers to Scottish Football.**

The first of these to actually play a competitive game was Azevedo who played one game for St Mirren. At the same time Dunfermline acquired the services of Alexandre Gabrielli and Chico Filho. Chico played one game for The Pars in a 1-1 draw away to Morton. One of his team-mates at East End Park was Alex Ferguson and many years later Chico served as a youth coach under Fergie at Manchester United.

There was a gap of thirty years before another Brazilian tried his luck. This was

in 1995 when Sergio Gomes turned up at Dundee United. He had more luck, playing around 15 games for United and scoring three goals. A couple of years later and it was Dunfermline who gave one Sergio Duarte ten starts and seven more appearances from the bench. He failed to either score or particularly impress. The following season Edinho came to East End Park on loan from Bradford City. He made five starts and five appearances from the bench, scoring one goal.

Since then quite a number of Brazilian footballers have tried their luck in Scotland, but until 2000, three of the five Brazilians to play Scottish Football all played for Dunfermline Athletic. Not a lot of people know that.



Sergio Duarte



Edinho



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