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# WELCOME

After the disaster at Cappielow, the results have been a bit better and there are one or two signs of encouragement.

Not least of these has been the positive effect of Stephen Lawless and the return of Lewis Martin. After such a long time out it is understandable that there would be the odd mistake but the defence looks so much more secure with Lewis in it and he is getting better game by game. I could hear Yogi telling the players not to be bullied and how right he is, we badly need an authoritative midfielder/captain to get the guys going on the park.

*Here's hoping!*

Some notable birthdays during February. Willie Renton will be 80 on the 4th, Willie Callaghan 79 on 12th, Bent Martin also 79 on 19th. Others include Ziggy Bowie 65 on 2nd (more on page 17).

This month's magazine has all the usual features and more besides.

**Chris Wishart**  
Secretary



## MARK SMITH

Our featured interview this week is with former midfielder, Mark Smith who started his career at Queens Park. Mark signed for the club in 1987. Read more on page 6.

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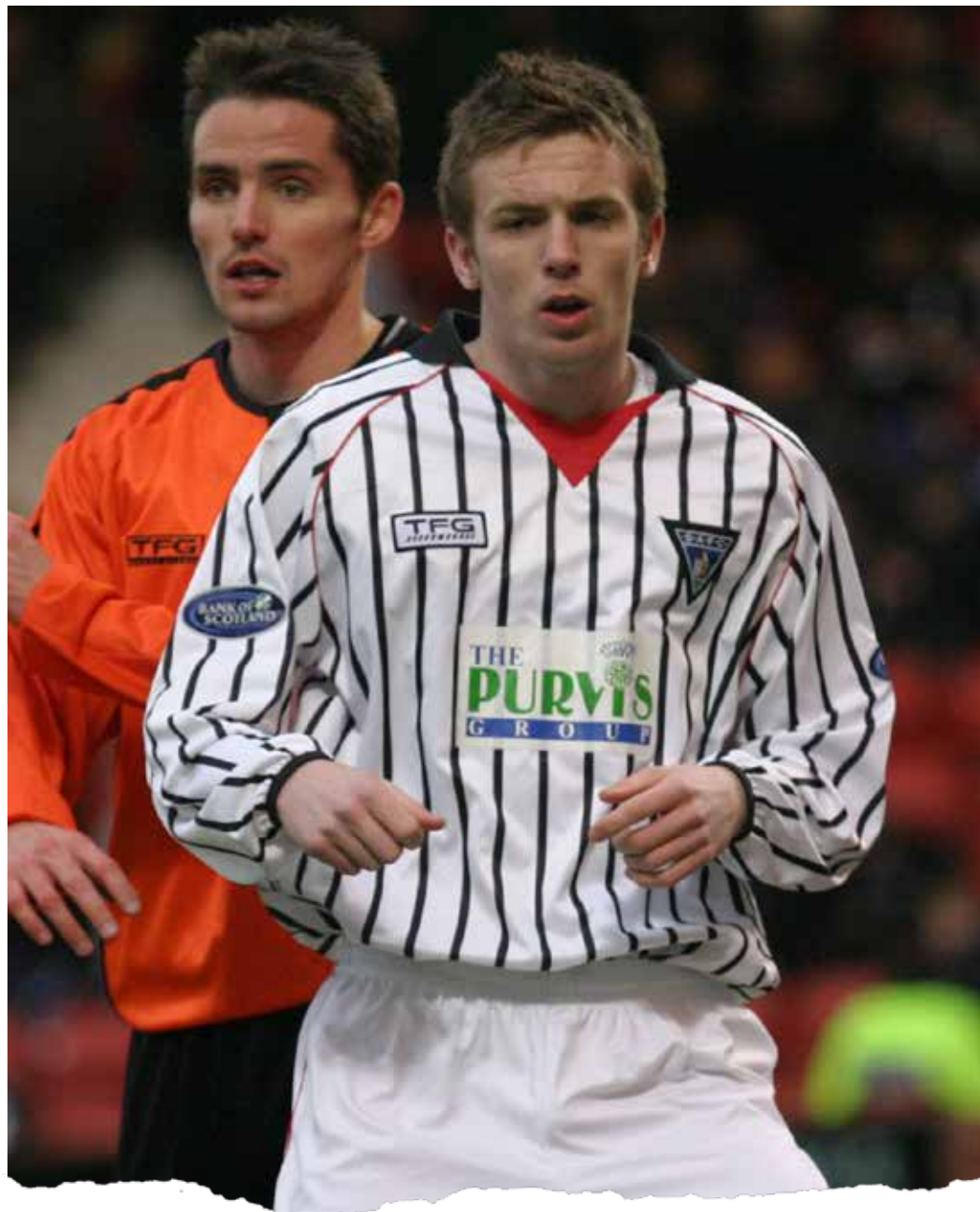
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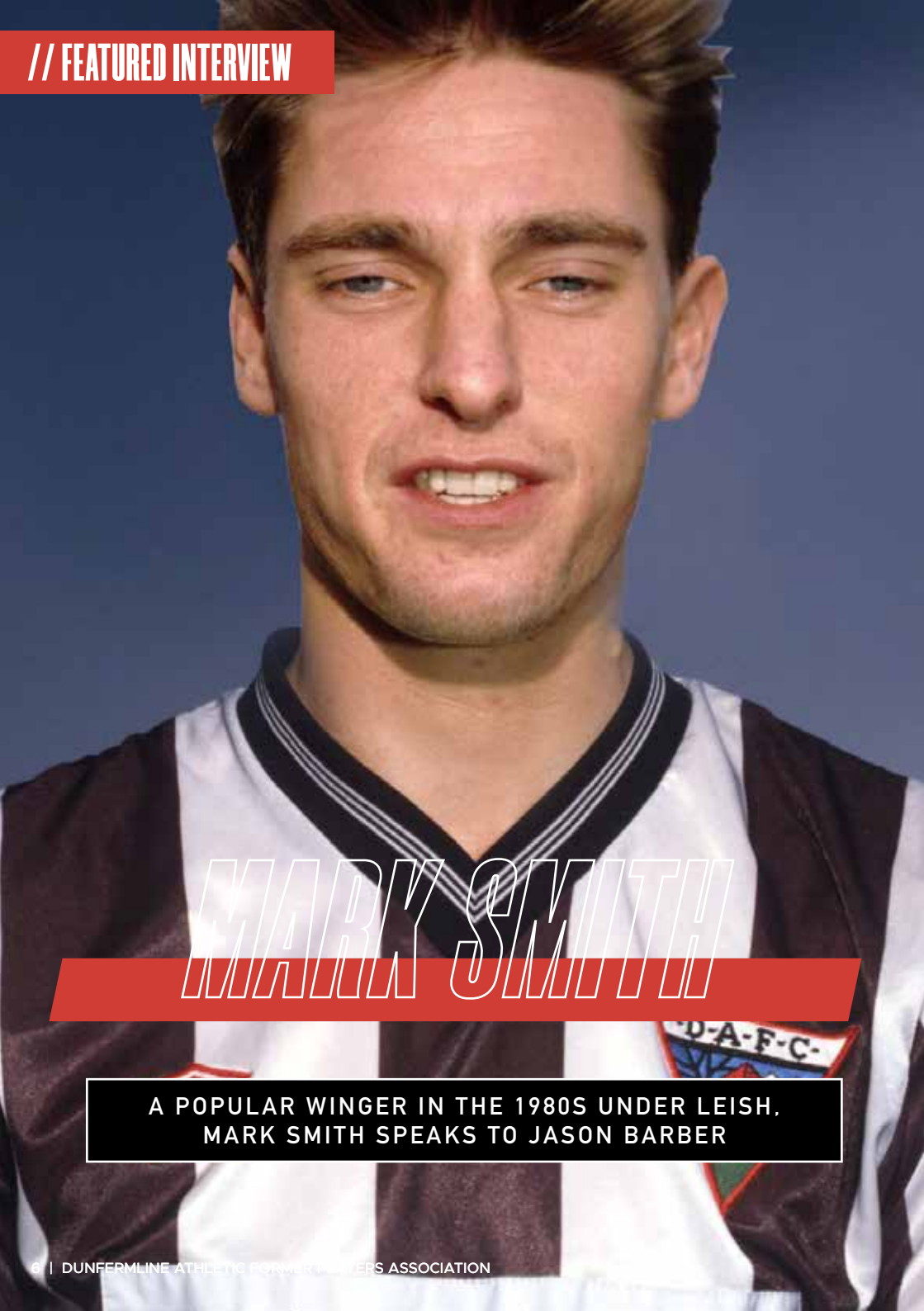


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# MARK SMITH

A POPULAR WINGER IN THE 1980S UNDER LEISH, MARK SMITH SPEAKS TO JASON BARBER



'Mr Superfit' after the Scottish Cup campaign in 1987/88.

**Next up in our series of interviews we have a winger who won the 1st Division Championship in 1989 but will forever be remembered for a certain goal during a certain cup tie in season 1987/88; Mark Smith. Jason Barber spoke to him for the magazine;**

"I was one of the new full time guys that joined the club for the club's first Premier League campaign in 1987, it was a tricky time with so many of the guys that had come up through the leagues so quickly, with new boys like me coming in and getting matches ahead of them. I'd played against Dunfermline in my Queen's Park days in the Second Division just a few years before that, and the crowds they were getting even then were something else.

I was playing against guys like Norrie, Bobby Robertson, Bobby Forrest (who I'd be opposite as a

right winger!) Westie and John Watson when it was lowest division. Queen's Park had a professional mindset within the amateur set up they had back then, but what a difference now with some money behind them, definitely going places. I was digging ditches working for British Steel as a labourer during the week and Sunday, then played for Queen's Park on a Saturday. I'd run from station to station all the time as rarely had a minute to spare, kept me fit if nothing else.

I moved from Queen's Park to Celtic in 1986, when Rangers were making their big moves for England stars. I played a few games that season, when Davie Hay was the manager. As soon as Billy McNeill took over, he signed Joe Miller from Aberdeen for a big fee and I knew my chances were going to be very limited. I was only 23 at the time and wanted to play football.

I'd spoken to Iain Munro who knew Tam Craig at Celtic, and I'd known Leish from when I'd been playing for Queen's Park in the second division days. Leish called me and I drove through straight away and signed that same day. You just know when the feeling is right and I was delighted to get the chance to play again. He sold the club to me and I was desperate to return the favour and put in some performances for him.

I played a few games and scored a couple of goals here and there. We played a match against Dundee United in the February and I got knocked spark out in a 50/50 head clash with Eamonn Bannon and got myself carried off. I was given the all clear for the next game, which turned out to be the big cup game against Rangers in front of 20,000 at East End. We'd trained up at the Old Course that week and we were practising





*That goal against Rangers in February 1988.*

corners and crosses on what was a kid's play park. Winker was probably on the swings at the time, so it wasn't exactly drills being repeated over and over again. At least he was less of a danger at the play park, another time he nailed my new shoes to the floor and I fell for it, literally. I threw that ball into the box as I knew that Norrie or John would usually be chucking themselves up there to get it, so it was an early tester. Thankfully, it went straight in and I'm still reminded about it by folk now.

My head was bursting after the Rangers game but I was actually ok back in the dressing room, however if there was a race to get in front of the cameras after the match, Leish was the one who was going to win! He told the cameras that I'd fainted in the dressing room, which I hadn't, but that stuck and I was getting pelters from away crowds for a while after that! I did get my Mr Superfit reward eventually though. I've got the man of the match award from Ayr United as well. Ally McLeod had been saying before the game that they were going to beat us in that tie, one of our lads told him

afterwards that he'd told us we'd win the World Cup back in 1978 and look how that turned out...

Of all the players I've played with, I have to mention Norrie of course. Off the park as well, he'd help you with things house related and give great advice about life. All wee things at the time, but you now realise just how helpful guys like him were. Also Ross Jack, he would just talk to you all the time and encourage you along the way. When I got later in my career, I'd like to think I took on that role as well with the youngsters. If some players look back now and think of me in that Ross Jack type of role when they were younger, I'll be a happy man.

We struggled to stay up that season with three teams going down, but I scored in the 6-1 win over Dundee which was a great result at the time when we'd been on a bad run of results. I got some really frustrating injuries the next season though and just couldn't get going. Missed half the games and never really got a settled run before injury would stop me again.

I don't remember too much about the Meadowbank game at the end of the following season when we won the league, though I do remember driving through and feeling the suspense and anticipation around the place. The night out is even more of a blur, as I'm not a big drinker! I may have been in and out the side that season, but was still proud to have played my part and get a medal for being part of that great squad of boys.

Probably good for my health that I missed out on the summer trip to Tenerife though! I had my stag do and wedding that same summer, so couldn't make the club trip. Maria and I got married and are still happily together now. Her father had a taxi firm that we eventually took over and sold that part of the business off. We now do school contracts, so we both run children to and from school each day, but the rest of the time we have to ourselves which works out very nicely for the two of us. Plus I see the games at the weekend doing the stats mostly for Ayr United (sometimes Dumbarton) each week and phone in all the live info that you get on your

screens and phones each week, so I'm still getting my football fix each week, which I really enjoy.

When it came to moving on from Dunfermline, there were a few sides that expressed some interest. Then one day, the club told me they had accepted an offer from Nottingham Forest! It was a no brainer for me, even if I had little chance of getting into their side, they were one of the top sides in the country at that point. The English 1990 World Cup squad, which got to the semis, had a few Forest players in the starting line up. I maybe give myself a hard time, but it was a massive challenge to get into that side looking back. As well as the established pros, there were guys like Steve Stone who went onto play for England, a young Roy Keane working his way through the ranks having just signed from Ireland and others such as

Sean Dyche and Ian Woan (the current management duo at Burnley) I went to Shrewsbury after that and had a good six year spell down there, probably should have stayed longer, but my daughter was the age to start school so we came back up the road. Meghan was born down there so we might go down for a trip down memory, she's pregnant and due in May so I will be a granddad for the first time soon! Paul my son was born when came up the road and was born in Paisley.

In terms of Forest, I was only there for a short time but could mention loads of Brian Clough stories needless to say. One match, we were playing away at Coventry City's Highfield Stadium midweek in the Central League. It was so cold, it was actually sore when you were breathing! We came in for a cup of tea at half time,

Clough came in bouncing a ball and we were wondering what was going to happen next. We were all absolutely frozen and holding onto these cups of tea like they were life itself. Suddenly, Clough would throw the ball at one of the lads, who then dropped his cup of tea all over his leg and it blistered up straight away; didn't look nice at all! A bit of a rollicking and a team talk from the manager later, he had to join the rest of us running back out for the second half. Probably still has a scar to show for it to this day!

I was sorry to miss out on an invitation from Chris to come through to the recent Pars game against Hamilton, due to hospitality being off with the restrictions, but I'm looking forward to getting back through soon and I'll try and get a word in with Leish when he's telling some of his versions of events!"

*Promotion to the Premier League 13th May 1989.*



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Official Souvenir Programme

## Dunfermline Athletic v. Leicester City



*Picture by courtesy of Morris Allan*  
A thrilling incident in our vital game versus Airdrieonians at East End Park in April this year.

## Floodlit Football Challenge Match

At EAST END PARK

Monday, 26th September, 1960 — Kick-off, 7.30 p.m.

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In September 1960, The Pars played a friendly against Leicester City in front of an East End Park crowd of 21,472.

The Filberts with Gordon Banks in goal were leading 1-0 at half time, through their full back Ian King with a penalty. King had played trials for Dunfermline before signing for Leicester. He scored another penalty in the second half but two Charlie Dickson goals, one from Harry Melrose and a John Sweeney penalty saw The Pars win the contest.





**TEAM OF 1986/87:** Back Row (l-r): Jim Bowie, Davie Young, John Waddell, Grant Reid, Ian Westwater, Hugh Whyte, Steve Morrison, Ian Campbell, Les Thomson, Rowan Hamilton. Middle Row (l-r): Joe Nelson, Gary Thompson, Ian McCall, Ian Heddle, Norrie McCathie, Grant Jenkins, Dave Moyes, Raymond Sharp, Stuart Grant, Graeme Davidson, Pip Yeates. Front Row (l-r): John Jobson, Trevor Smith, John Watson, Eric Ferguson, Jim Leishman, Bobby Robertson, Bobby Forrest, Gordon Connelly, Gregor Abel.

# A SEASON IN TIME

1986 - 1987

## LEISHMAN'S PROGRESS

**Buoyed by the manner of their promotion as champions, Pars fans were confident that Jim Leishman's team would do well enough to consolidate their position in the middle league, without a nail-biting fight against relegation.**

In preparation for the new season, Ian Gordon was sold to Raith Rovers and exciting newcomers Eric Ferguson from Rangers and Ian McCall

from Queens Park were joined by centre half Grant Reid from Stenhousemuir and ex Dundee defender John Waddell. Jim Watters retired as chairman and was replaced by Mel Rennie with Bill Braisby stepping up to vice-chairman. The only pre-season friendly was at home to Aberdeen and finished 2-2.

The season proper began on 9th August, at East End Park, with Forfar Athletic as

visitors. Reid, Ferguson and McCall all made their debuts as John Watson scored to separate the sides. The first away game was at Boghead and a Mark Clougherty own goal produced another 1-0 win for The Pars. Alex Totten was the Sons manager and Bert Paton his assistant.

Across the river, at Cappielow another 1-0 scoreline, courtesy of Norrie McCathie kept Dunfermline

top of the League. The League Cup was next and brought SPL side St Mirren to East End Park, where two Frank McGarvey goals saw the Buddies into the next round. The League campaign resumed with a visit from Clyde. John Watson and Ian McCall got the goals in a 2-0 win but, just when things looked rosy, East Fife served up a wake-up call by winning 4-2 at East End Park.

September arrived with a tricky trip to Kilmarnock, but The Pars had taken their warning and won 2-1 thanks to Grant Jenkins and Bobby Forrest. This was achieved despite John Waddell picking up his second booking and the inevitable red card as early as the 26th minute.

Brechin City were despatched 4-1 at Glebe Park before the visit of Partick Thistle. Grant Jenkins and an own goal by The Jags John Donnelly gave Dunfermline a 2-0 win. Queen of the South, who had been promoted alongside The Pars, had also been playing well in the higher division. The 1-1 draw at Palmerston was, therefore, a satisfactory result. Manager Leishman "rewarded" John Donnelly for his goal by signing him for Athletic and he made his debut at home to Airdrie, the only team above The Pars in the table. A crowd in the region of 6,000 saw a tough 0-0 draw.

The last game of the month was also at home, this time to Montrose and with Hugh Whyte

making his first appearance since March 1985, John Watson scored the only goal.

October began with a trip to Forfar and a share of the points after a tough 3-3 draw. Westy was back for the next game, at home to Dumbarton, but after a poor display, The Sons came out on top 1-0. That graveyard of Pars hopes that is Shawfield had disappeared from the football map and Firhill was now the venue for Clyde's home games. Another 1-0 defeat for Dunfermline, kept the jinx in place. The poor form continued as Athletic were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Morton.

The final Saturday of the month saw a return to



Scottish Cup tie against Hibernian in January 1987. Pars fans attended in big numbers with over 5000 in the away end.



form as Brechin City were comprehensively beaten 4-0 at East End. Gordon Connelly made his debut in this match. There was time for a midweek match before the month ended and this time Firhill was more hospitable as a John Watson goal beat Partick Thistle.

November got under way with a 1-0 home win against Kilmarnock, with John Donnelly the scorer. East Fife at Bayview was next but The Pars lost 2-1 against their fellow Fifers. Queen of the South were next to come visiting and escaped with a point after a 2-2 draw. The month finished with a trip to Links Park, where Montrose were beaten 2-0, with the goals coming from John Watson and Rowan Hamilton.

As December kicked off, John Watson and Stevie Morrison got the goals which beat Forfar at East End Park, whilst it was Ian McCall and Norrie McCathie who secured a 2-1 win away to Dumbarton. Bad weather meant that the next game was after Christmas

at Cappielow. Norrie McCathie and Ian McCall were The Pars scorers in a 2-2 draw.

Despite all the promises made on previous miserable, football and drink ruined, pain wracked Ne'er Days, I turned up at East End Park to see my heroes take on East Fife. It was tailor made for disaster, so I was relatively pleased with a 1-1 draw. A few changes had taken place over the holiday. Ian Campbell had been appointed Player-Coach to assist Gregor Abel. Ian Heddle had transferred to St Johnstone and John Waddell freed. The first Saturday of the year took The Pars down to Ayrshire to meet Kilmarnock and they returned with a creditable 2-2 draw. The next two games fell victim to the heavy snow which covered the country. It was the 24th before the next fixture which was at Palmerston, where The Pars picked up their first win of the year, 2-1. The last day of January saw this season's Cup campaign begin and end at Easter Road where Hibs triumphed 2-0.

A series of home matches opened February. First Airdrie took a point in a 1-1 draw, with Billy Mackay, on loan from Hearts, making his debut from the bench. This was followed by a visit from Clyde. Eric Ferguson and John Donnelly got the goals in to win 2-0. Despite a John Donnelly own goal, Eric Ferguson and Ian McCall secured a 2-1 win. Donnelly, had scored an own goal for The Pars earlier in the season whilst in a Thistle shirt. The first away game of the month was a trip to Brechin and a 2-0 victory but on the last day of the month another trip to Angus was less productive after a 3-1 defeat at Forfar.

A winning start for March as Dunfermline saw off Montrose 2-0 at East End Park and this was followed by a visit from Dumbarton. A Steve Morrison strike was enough for a 1-0 win. The Pars away record against Clyde was woeful but this time Norrie netted a last minute winner. Typical Pars, they followed this with an unexpected home defeat from

Morton. To freshen things up for the run in, Jim Leishman signed striker Willie Irvine from Hibernian. He had been a real thorn in the flesh, particularly during his time with Stirling Albion. Leaving the club was a real fans favourite - Jim Bowie who moved to St Johnstone. Ziggy, as a part-timer, had not featured for a while but everyone was sad to see him go. Irvine scored on his debut as a 1-1 draw was fought out at Bayview. With six games to go, Athletic held a two point lead over Morton and seven over third place Dumbarton. Things were looking good.

April started badly with a 1-0 defeat at home to Kilmarnock,

despite a debut for Stuart Beedie, signed from Hibs. The following Saturday, it was off to Firhill and a comfortable 2-0 win against Partick Thistle. The Pars never do anything easy and somehow contrived to lose the next match 2-0 at home to Brechin City. With two going up, Dunfermline had it in their own hands going into their home match with Queen of the South. They played well and went ahead through Willie Irvine, before holding on for a 1-0 win. The SPL beckoned for the first time.

With the fans and club expectations joyously exceeded, The Pars proceeded to throw away the

Championship by losing their last two games, both away from home, 2-1 at Airdrie and 1-0 at Montrose. Nevertheless, Jim Leishman's achievement had been remarkable. He had saved the club, given it back to the fans. He and Gregor Abel had the team playing exciting football and the fans had responded by turning up in numbers. The rise back to the top division had been achieved in the three years of Jim's reign.

On the playing side, Norrie McCathie had played in all 46 games and not far behind him were Ian Westwater, John Watson and Bobby Forrest. Roll on next season!



Norrie McCathie played in all 46 games that season.

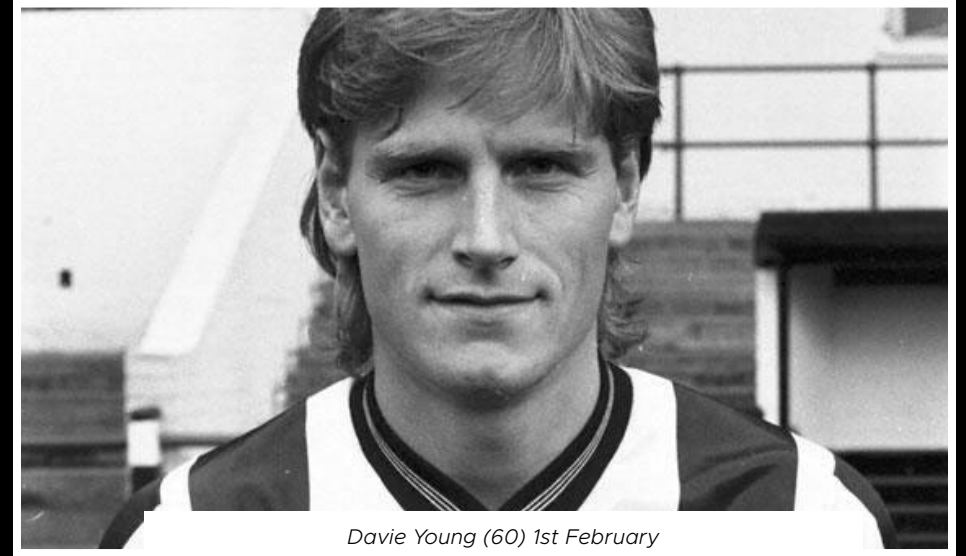


# GUESS THE PAR?



Answer: Lee Butler

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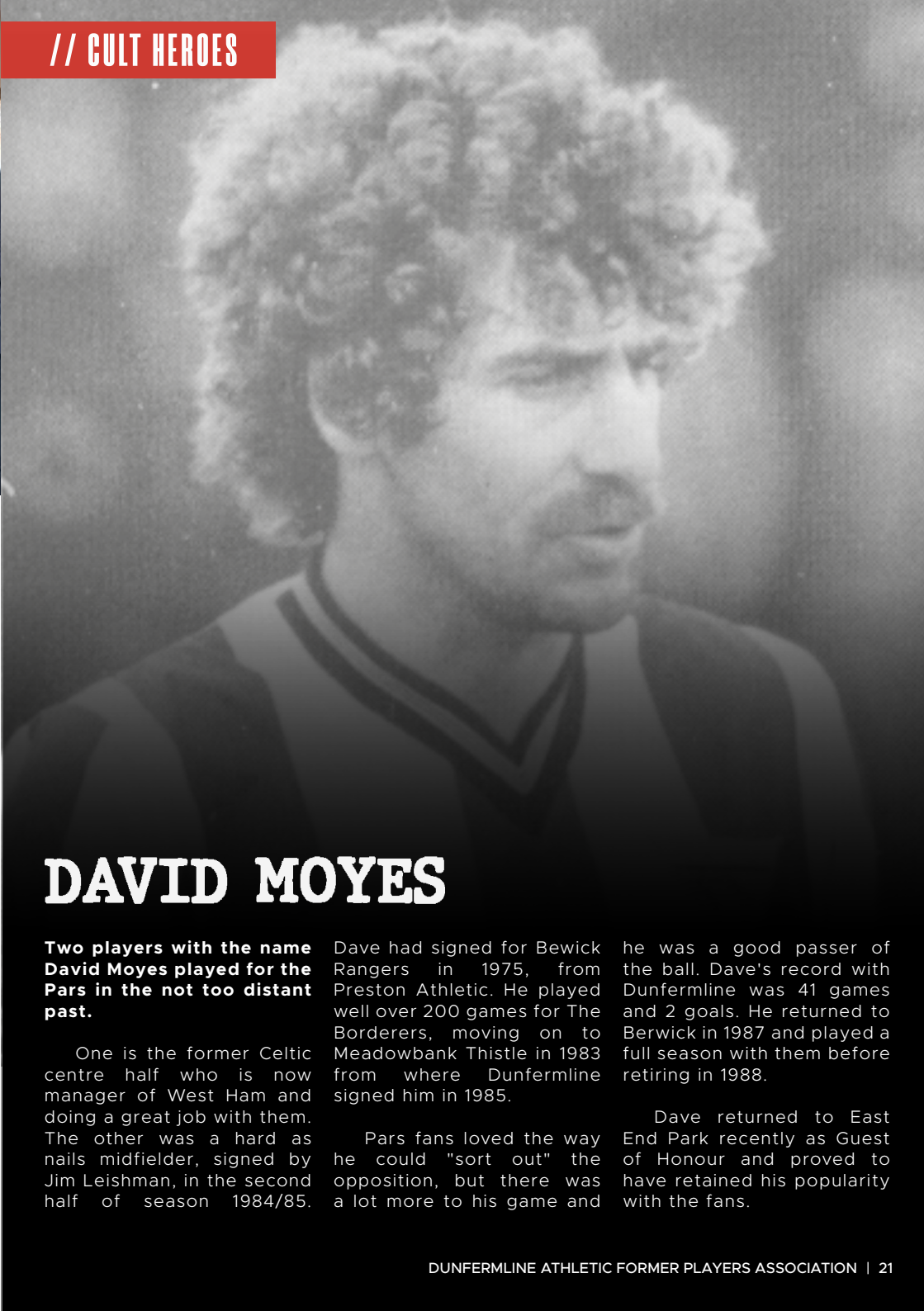
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**// CULT HEROES**



**DAVID MOYES**

**Two players with the name David Moyes played for the Pars in the not too distant past.**

One is the former Celtic centre half who is now manager of West Ham and doing a great job with them. The other was a hard as nails midfielder, signed by Jim Leishman, in the second half of season 1984/85.

Dave had signed for Bewick Rangers in 1975, from Preston Athletic. He played well over 200 games for The Borderers, moving on to Meadowbank Thistle in 1983 from where Dunfermline signed him in 1985.

Pars fans loved the way he could "sort out" the opposition, but there was a lot more to his game and

he was a good passer of the ball. Dave's record with Dunfermline was 41 games and 2 goals. He returned to Berwick in 1987 and played a full season with them before retiring in 1988.

Dave returned to East End Park recently as Guest of Honour and proved to have retained his popularity with the fans.



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**Les Dawson.**

I met the wife at the travel agency. I was the last resort.

**Milton Jones**

If I had a crystal ball, I would sit down very carefully.

**Billy Connolly**

Never trust a man who when left in a room with a tea cosy, doesn't try it on.

**Chic Murray**

I was walking through a field of cows last night when the wind blew my cap off. I tried on three before I found my own.

**Stewart Francis**

went to an acupuncturist. When I got home my voodoo doll was dead.

**Jordan Brookes**

Is it possible to mistake schizophrenia for telepathy, I hear you ask.

**Dean Martin**

If you drink don't drive. Don't even putt.

**Rita Rudner**

I love being married. It is so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

**Milton Jones**

The Pollen Count. That's a difficult job. Especially if you have hay fever.

**Chic Murray**

Where's Uganda? Buried next to my Grandma.



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

# 200 CLUB

*Local boy Alex Edwards made his debut for the club at just 16 years old. We look over his career in Scottish football.*

BY MICHAEL WOOD

**Alex Edwards was born in Dunfermline on the 14th of February 1946, and just five days after turning 16, made his debut for his hometown club in a league fixture against Hibernian. From that moment on, he had Pars fans smitten.**

Playing professional football at any level would be joyous at that age, and Alex's 16th became all that sweeter when he featured in the Pars' six-two victory over Spanish outfit Valencia in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. Edwards assisted the opener and the subsequent goal with crosses from the right wing. It would be the first of many European appearances for himself and the club in the 60s.

Still a teenager, Alex went on to play in the 1965 Scottish Cup Final in a three-two defeat to a Celtic side managed by

the man that launched his career: Jock Stein.

It would be another three long years before he lifted silverware as DAFC defeated Heart of Midlothian three-two in the showcase event at Hampden Park. Alex would cement his status as an East End Park legend as part of the Pars side that ended up third in the table, the club's highest-ever finish.

In 1971, Edwards would find himself crossing the Forth Road Bridge into the Scottish capital with the club that he made his league debut against as Eddie Turnbull convinced the Easter Road board to part with £13,000 for the 25-year-old winger that played 240 league games for Dunfermline.

Within a year, he turned out in his third Scottish Cup Final, unfortunately,

another losing effort to Celtic, yet did gain a second winners' medal in the Scottish League Cup the following season.

Edwards spent the last two years at Arbroath and retired in 1980. He now resides in the West Fife village of Cairneyhill, just four miles from where he tantalised the East End Park crowd.



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# 4 EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN.... FEBRUARY



**1969**

Dunfermline Athletic defeat West Brom 1-0 at The Hawthorns to reach the Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final. Pat Gardner with the only goal in the 2nd minute.



**1984**

Former Clydebank player Gregor Abel joins the club as coach as assistant manager to Jim Leishman.



**1972**

Alex Wright and Willie McLean are sacked after poor form. Former player and 1961 Scottish Cup winner George Miller takes over as the new manager.



**2014**

Long serving staff member Joe Nelson sadly passes away on 16th February. Joe had been involved with the Club as trainer and kit man since the 1960s.



# ***FROM THE PARCHIVES***

*Rewind back to 1999 and Bert Paton announces his decision to resign as manager. Assistant manager, Dick Campbell is appointed.*







CHRIS WISHART LOOKS AT THE LINK BETWEEN THE PARS AND SKY BLUES

# COVENTRY PARS



**There was never any connection of note between The Pars and Coventry City until Athletic Legend Roy Barry left East End Park and became a Legend with the Sky Blues.**

Roy was a huge success in the Midlands and joined the Former Players Association at Coventry after finishing his playing and managerial career. Roy was to return to Fife and set up home in Dunfermline where he was

a founder member of The Pars FPA, serving on the Committee since day one. The Vice-Chairman with the Coventry FPA is a gentleman called Billy Bell, who has remained a great friend of Roy's. It was Billy who played the Eamonn Andrews/Michael Aspel role in the Roy Barry This is Your Life feature at Roy's 70th Birthday celebration.

We have enjoyed great support from Billy



*Roy Barry pictured with Billy Bell and Tommy Hutchison on a recent visit to East End Park in December 2021.*

and the Coventry FPA. They were represented at the official launch of our FPA when Billy and former City stars Kevin Drinkell and Ian Wallace came along. Sadly not long after that our Chairman Hugh Whyte died and there was a lovely wreath from The Coventry City FPA at Hugh's funeral. Since that day Billy has visited on a number of occasions, most recently for this season's game against Ayr United, which saw John Hughes first home win for The Pars.

On the playing side of things, there has been little in the way of players who have appeared for both clubs. Only three and their connections are tenuous. Young Sky Blues forward Craig Faulconbridge came to The Pars on loan to get a chance of first team football. His appearances were all from the substitute's bench. In one of these he scored his only goal but what an important goal it was. On May 3rd he equalised at home to Celtic and this meant that The Hoops

did not win the Championship at East End Park, though they did win it a week later. Craig's goal was a cracker. The following season, his loan was extended, but he only managed one first team appearance. His Pars total was 1 + 13 sub



*Billy Bell and Hugh Whyte in 2009*

appearances and that one goal. He returned to Coventry but never made a breakthrough and drifted into non-league football.

The story was very different

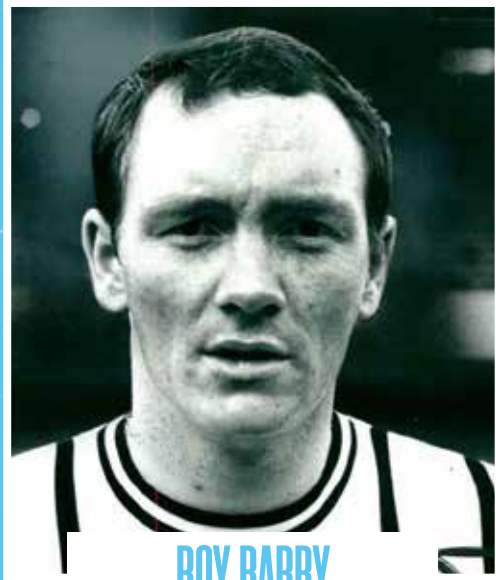
with Noel Whelan he had a very successful spell at Coventry after signing from Leeds United. He played around 150 games for The Sky Blues, scoring over 30 goals, before transferring to Middlesbrough. He played for a number of other clubs, including Aberdeen before ending up at Livingston in 2006.

He was brought to Dunfermline at the start of 2006/07 season but his Pars playing career lasted all of three minutes as he was injured on his debut at home to Hearts and never played for the Club again, drifting out of the game in non-league football in the North of England.

The third was Stuart Urquhart who signed for Coventry on a three year contract from Rangers in 2013. He did not make the breakthrough with the Sky Blues and came to East End Park during season 2014/15. He made a total of 12 starts and 2 appearances from the bench. Sadly Stuart had to retire on health grounds in 2015.



# COVENTRY PARS CONNECTIONS



ROY BARRY



CRAIG FAULCONBRIDGE



NOEL WHELAN



STUART URQUHART

Pre-season friendly at East End Park 28/07/97. Game ended 1-0 to the visitors. Andy Smith pictured with Coventry's Richard Shaw.



Pre-season friendly on 29/07/09 again finished 1-0 to Coventry.



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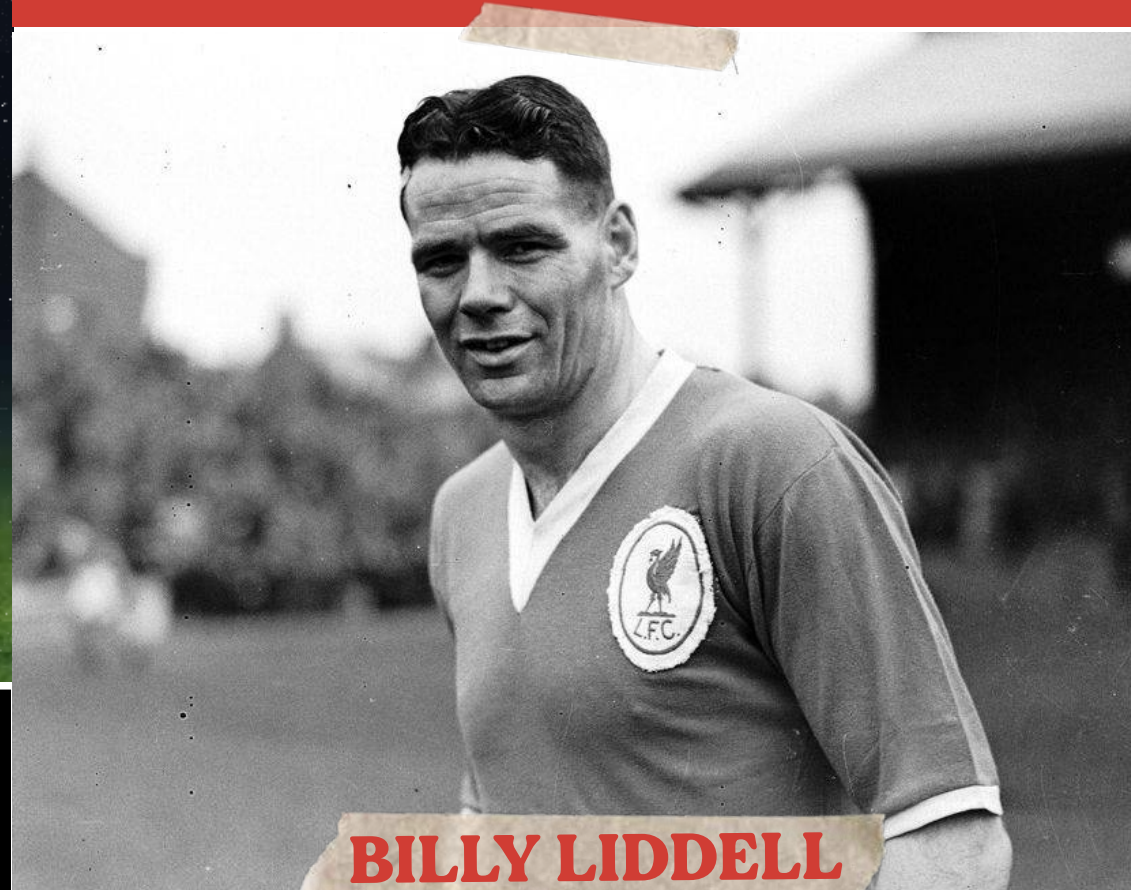
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One of Liverpool's most celebrated players was Billy Liddell. He played well over 500 games and scored well in excess of 200 goals.

boyhood heroes against East Fife, Aberdeen and Dundee United.

*Not a lot of people know that !*

He grew up as a Pars fan, having been born in Townhill on 10th January 1922. His youth career was with Kingseat Juveniles and Lochgelly Violet. He signed for Liverpool in 1938 and continued with them until 1961. During the war Billy was with the RAF and this interrupted his career with The Reds. He died on 3rd July 2001 aged 79 and this year would have been his century.

In 1944, whilst stationed in Perth, Billy Liddell - Liverpool superstar - played three games for Dunfermline Athletic. He starred for his



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# MEMORABLE MATCH



## SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND EAST END PARK SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 1988

After convincing wins over Dunfermline in the League Cup and the Premier Division this was Rangers third match at East End Park in the 1987-89 season. Dunfermline's 2-0 win in the Scottish Cup second round replay against Second Division Ayr United on 3rd February, was their only win in their last eleven games.

Nevertheless the Pars would defeat Rangers in the

Scottish Cup for the first time and the achievement of Jim Leishman's team was all the more remarkable since it came at a time when the Ibrox team was full of high profile international players. This included Richard Gough signed from Tottenham Hotspur for a club record fee of £1.5m.

31 year old keeper Dave McKellar, was playing just his second game for Dunfermline since signing from Hamilton

Accies in January. The previous season he had been in goals at Ibrox when his former club's 1-0 win had knocked Rangers out of the Scottish Cup. That trophy would elude Graeme Souness throughout his time in charge of Rangers.

It was the team second bottom of the SPL against second top as Dunfermline kicked off attacking the goal at the town end but it wasn't long before the Gers created



danger. Davie Cooper made a good early run up the left punctuated by a fine pass towards Ian Durrant in the left side of the Fifers box but thankfully John Holt made a great interception.

The latecomer Rangers fans were still being escorted along the trackside when a slick pass from Craig Robertson sent Mark SMITH up the right wing and the despite efforts of Danish internationalist Jan Bartram to stop the cross, the crossed ball sailed into top left corner with just a horror filled wave from Chris Woods as he failed to keep it out. Only the fifth minute and the 23 year old who had been signed from Celtic in 1987, had given the Pars the lead. 1-0

Rangers responded from a

Cooper free kick from 25 yards out. The effort rebounded back off the defensive wall and Graham Roberts powered in a good low shot that



McKellar did well to take. The Pars were tested when a Mark Walters cross was headed back across goal by Gough only for Durrant to head over the

crossbar at the left post. Norrie McCathie then kept out Durrant, conceding a corner that Cooper sent over from the left. Gough's header was deflected away from Walters by Holt only for Durrant to get a chance at the left post that the Pars kept out.

A short pass back by Gough then put Woods in trouble as Mark Smith's pace 25 yards threatened to get him around the keeper but in tumbling the Pars winger the English internationalist's challenge was deemed to have been deliberate. A yellow card was shown to the keeper and centre back Roberts for dissent. From the resultant free kick Bobby Smith could only win a corner.

Rangers pushed for an equaliser before half time but there was to be yet more drama,



and again it involved Mark Smith. Robertson was able to win possession just inside his own half. His pass to Bobby Smith was moved on for Stuart Beedie to drill the ball into the Rangers half. Mark Smith was chasing on to take advantage when out off the ball he was taken out by John Brown.

The home fans were chanting 'off' as the referee consulted his linesman and the conclusion was to show Brown red. The enraged 26 year old had to be restrained by Ray Wilkins but Rangers were down to ten men.

The first half had been all about Mark Smith, apart from his goal he was at the heart of everything that caused Rangers problems.

Before the restart Scott Nisbet came on for Davie Cooper but again it was the

home side that took the early initiative. Ross Jack evaded the offside trap and Woods had to parry away a well struck shot.

In the third minute of the second half Dunfermline increased their lead from a Beedie corner. As the ball came in from the left, inevitably it was Mark Smith who flicked the ball on for John WATSON to meet with a perfectly timed diving header. 2-0

There was plenty of time left for the ten man Rangers to react but Dunfermline pulled out all their defensive qualities to keep them out. McCathie made an important block after McKellar could not hold at Durrant feet. Gough was pushed upfront with Watson tracking back to mark him. When Bartram delivered a dangerous ball into the box seeking Gough, Watson

defended well intervening in front of McKellar.

There was fear in the home ranks when Trevor Francis was introduced to the cup tie with 20 minutes remaining but he would not be the trump card they required and the closest Rangers came was a Nisbet header that slipped over the crossbar.

The match ended with the Fifers on the offensive and it was Dunfermline's first victory over Rangers since 27th April 1972, a victory that saw them through to meet Hearts at Tynecastle in the last eight.

Mark Smith had been involved in everything that was significant to the game and it was no surprise that he was awarded the Superfit Man of the Match Award.







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