## DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC F.C

#### FORMER PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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I write this after a crucial win against Ayr United. Our form was very disappointing but, in a much improved second half, we scored two good goals and were denied what looked like a penalty.

Two more games, both winnable if we bring our 'A' game. On Saturday, against Thistle, we didn't and lost again. It is not in our own hands but if Ayr drop a point and we win we can still escape the Play Off. At least we are spared Automatic Relegation. It looks like Queens Park in the play-off semifinal.

Some great articles in this month's magazine, including news of Mikey's exciting new venture with the podcast. The next one will be Andrius Skerla.

After Bert Paton's 80th birthday at the end of April, we have Cammy Fraser who is 81 on 24th May and Harry Melrose, who will be 87 on the 31st. Best wishes you both.

Secretary



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**COVER: STEVEN BELL** 

A fantastic interview with former midfielder and current Partick Thistle player Steven Bell features in this issue. More on page 6

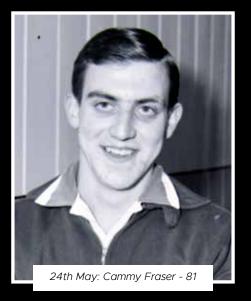
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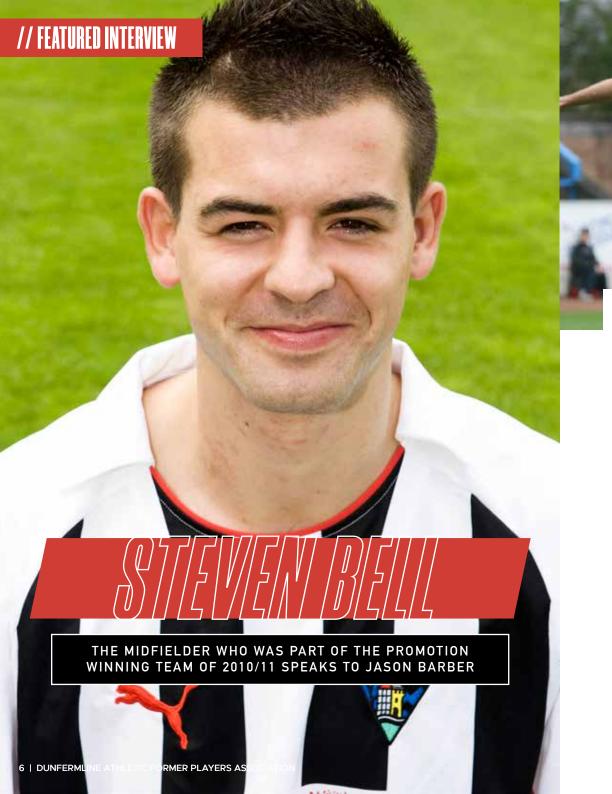
Pictured: lan Ferguson













UDENTIAL

It wasn't quite a lifetime ago, but it is a remarkable 14 years since Steven signed for Dunfermline Athletic. Just ahead of his move to the club, he played in a couple of interesting games against The Pars however!

Steven recalls "I was playing for Stirling Albion and scored in the 3-0 win at Forthbank in the October that season. It was one of Stephen Kenny's last matches as manager and I remember looking up at the stand during that game and clocking some of the experience that was missing for Dunfermline. Younger

lads like Phinn and Woods were in the starting XI alongside guys like Bamba, but there were still some players in that team but it was one of the results that saw the manager leave soon after.

Jim McIntyre took over as caretaker manager initially, which was good for me as I'd been at Dundee United at the start of my professional career and Macca was there as a player the same time. I'm still good friends with him now and he got in touch not long after he got the Dunfermline manager's job. I had a bit of a choice at the time. St Johnstone were in for me as well and my manager at Stirling (Allan Moore) knew both clubs well. But he influenced me to go to Dunfermline and said it would be the right club for

I had my first meeting with Macca at Stirling Services and signed a pre contract arrangement with Dunfermline in the January. He also brought in Graeme Holmes and Austin McCann around the same time, but I think I was the first signing he made. I stayed with Stirling Albion until the end of that season though (2007-08) and ended up scoring against Dunfermline towards the end of that campaign!

In action for Stirling Albion against

The Pars season 2007/08

After a summer holiday, I joined the club but ended up with a knee injury that meant I missed pre season training, as well the first few weeks of games. Really frustrating as when you do come back, you feel like you're playing catch up having missed the full pre season and everything that goes with it. There was a big transition within the playing squad, a lot of experienced guys were moving on and the manager was trying to bring in his own players too.

2009/10 season was my second with the club and I felt more more comfortable after being moved to centre



midfield and certainly felt like it was my best campaign with the club. An SPL club made an offer for me during the season. but the club rejected it at the time. But I was enjoying my football at that time and felt settled playing the role that I had in the side. Missed out on promotion as Inverness ran away with it that season.

season and my pre season went well. I scored in three matches in a row at the start of the league campaign. I'd felt a twinge before a match and took a cortisone injection into my ankle and didn't think much more of it. I'd been offered a new contract after Hearts had come in with a bid for me but I was settled. That twinge passed and I played for another 10/12 games without any pain in my ankle at all.

However. I woke up one Sunday after a match and could barely walk. I didn't want to let anyone down, including the manager who had been great with me, so I kept saying I was

ok to train and ultimately play. Hindsight is a great thing and I should have said I couldn't. and it was entirely my decision. but I felt "obliged" to play if that makes sense? I started the match at Morton on 6th November, despite knowing something wasn't right. initially felt something in my calf after about ten minutes or so and that was it, life changing Fast forward to the next Achilles injury there and then.

> For the next three years effectively, my career was over. Jim Jeffries came in as manager during that time and wanted to keep me. I was still under contract, and getting all sorts of treatment and operations, but I kept breaking down again. At some points, they would try to rush me back but eventually I was overloaded and I reruptured my Achilles for a second time. This time, I had to go through a full reconstruction and had to learn to walk again. Part of my hamstring was taken out and used to reconstruct my ankle, so that's what is in there to this day. I was on crutches for over nine months and we

had a baby boy at the time so not ideal timing!

I couldn't play, could barely walk, so I had to get a new job and ended up working with the show racism the red card campaign, as well as coaching kids in deprived areas of Glasgow in the evening. Being from Glasgow helped as some of the chat is not for the light hearted. I ended up having eight operations during this time, the first few paid for by Dunfermline but then the later ones by myself after I'd left the

Following a long rehab, I ended up kicking a ball around again and took part in a charity match with Stevie Aitken who was manager at Stranraer. I knew his brother Chris well and was asked if I fancied going down to help coach. Shortly after, there was a friendly match against Beith and I was given the chance to take part in that. ended up playing 60 minutes and was then given the chance to travel with the squad to a match in Forfar that weekend.

Listed as a trialist, I was given five minutes at the end and was annoyed as I lost the ball in the corner. Ran back full pelt to try and win the ball back and was absolutely knackered!

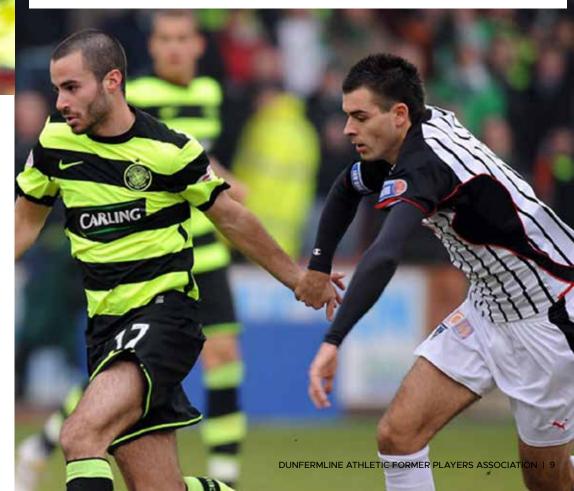
Ended up signing a contract for the club and, having been told I would not even walk again. was back plaving professional football. We ended up playing Dunfermline in the play offs at the end of that season, and I scored in the 2-1 win down at Stair Park in the first leg. I ran straight up to Jim Jeffries as he'd been instructing Stephen Husband to target my bad ankle, which understandably made me angry to say the least...

For the return match at East End, I had so much strapping on my foot by this point I genuinely couldn't move it. Got it looked at after the play offs finished and it turned out that the tendon had ripped off the bone completely, so the strapping was the only thing dulling the pain. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise however, as the tendon was dead and I've not had any bother with it at all since it was removed after that season.

After four years, and over 150 games for Stranraer, I got the chance to join Ian McCall at Avr United in the January of 2018 and I've effectively followed him ever since. He allows me to continue with my full time job,

which is within Glasgow City Council's social department. It's only five minutes from the house so works out perfectly, and they allow me Saturdays off so I'm still able to meet up and join the Partick squad on matchdays. Will see what the future brings so watch this space!

Can I just finish by saying how much I loved my time playing at Dunfermline though, it's a huge club and one that should be in the Premier League. That was the reason I joined back in the day, to try and help them get back up there. Will be wishing them all the best for the rest of this season and hopefully it's onwards and upwards after





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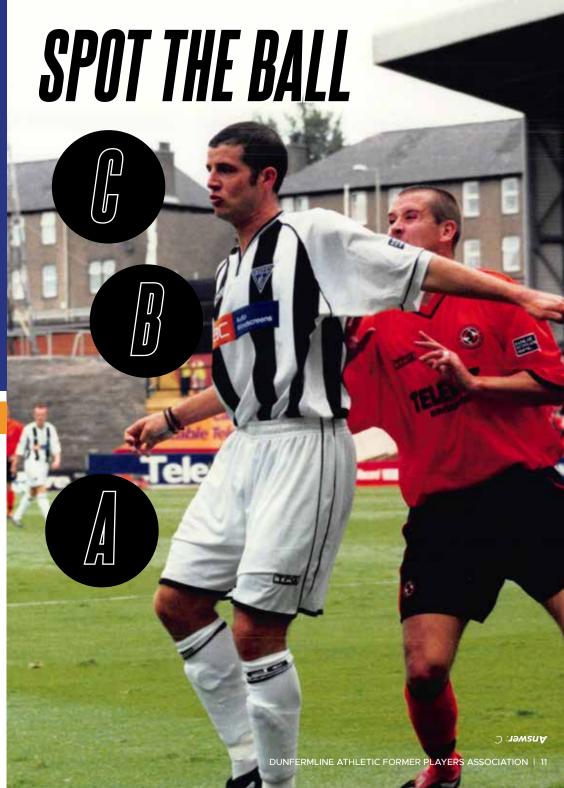
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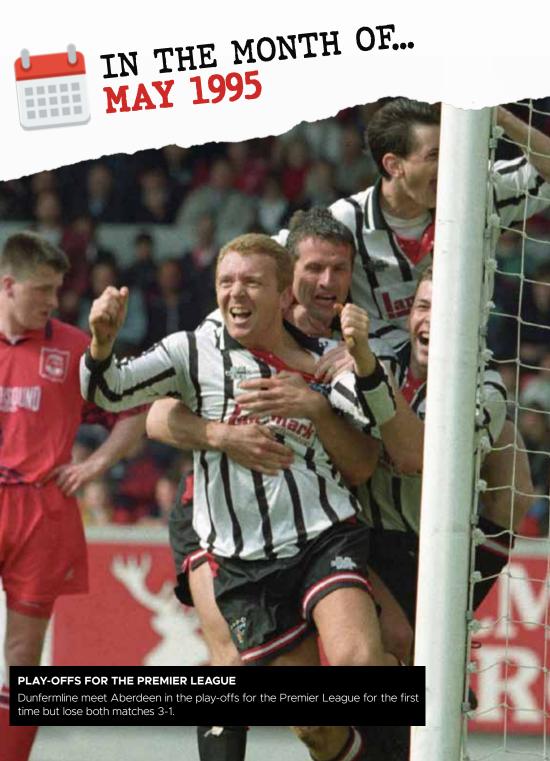
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After the abject failure of the previous season, it was obvious that it had been too much too soon for John Potter. The board learnt by their mistake and appointed an experienced manager. who had already had success in the division. That man was Allan Johnston who had done well with Queen of the South, before a short spell at Kilmarnock. He brought with him, as assistant Sandy Clark, who had both played for and coached The Pars in the past.

Everyone was delighted that John Potter remained at the Club and re-commenced his fine work with the younger players. As would be expected, there was a big turnaround of playing staff, especially amongst those out of contract.

Gregor Buchanan, Drummond, Ryan Goodfellow, Finn Graham, Kyle McAusland, Gavin McMillan, Scott Mercer. Ross Millen, Declan O'Kane, Jonathan Page, Allan Smith, Andy Stirling, Rvan Thomson, Alex Whittle, Stuart Urguhart, Jim Paterson and Andrew Barrowman all left and Ryan Scully was recalled to Partick Thistle. Paul George returned to Celtic and Lewis Allan to Hibs. On the way in were Calum Fordyce and Jason Talbot from Livingston, goalkeeper David Hutton from Avr United. Michael Paton from Queen of the South and giant centre half Ben Richards-Everton from Partick Thistle

Before the competitive games began, two players returned to the Club who

were to be major stars as the season progressed. The highly popular Joe Cardle returned from Ross County and keeper Sean Murdoch returned from Rochester Rhinos in the US.

It was still July as the serious business got started with a comfortable 4-1 win at Gayfield in the Challenge Cup. Two goals from Faissal el Bakhtaoui and one each from Michael Moffat and Ryan Wallace earned the victory.

Saturday 1st August found Dunfermline at home to Cowdenbeath, in the League Cup and a 5-1 victory saw The Pars through. The League campaign got off to a flier with a 6-1 win at Brechin. Pars fans were in dreamland, the following week when Cowdenbeath were

thrashed 7-1 in the League at East End Park. Star of the show had been Faiss who had scored two goals in each of the opening four matches. He scored again when Forfar were beaten 3-0 at Station Park in the Challenge Cup. A trip to Peterhead spoilt the perfect start as The Blue Toon won 2-1 but the following week brought Championship side Dundee to East End in the League Cup and they were outplayed as two more goals from Faiss and one from Joe Cardle saw The Pars home 3-1. The same score finished the month nicely at home to Stranraer and Athletic were top of the table.

September started well with a 4-0 win at Forfar and the following day Celtic and Dunfermline marked the 30th anniversary of Jock Stein's death,

by holding a charity match and dinner in Dunfermline. There were many stars in attendance, both on and off the pitch. The Pars had, amongst others Marco Ruitenbeek. Andrius Skerla and Istvan Kozma. Also plaving were Scott Thomson, Barry Nicholson, Stevie Crawford and the management team of Allan Johnston and John Potter. Stewart Petrie, Gary Mason, Jason Dair and evergreen Hamish French joined with big favourites John Watson and Ross Jack. The scorers for Dunfermline were David Bingham and, inevitably, Winker. Celtic featured Scottish film stars James McAvoy and Martin Crompston along with Tom Boyd, Jackie McNamara, Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, Neil Lennon and Mark Burchill. There was a huge cheer from both sets of fans for Stylian Petrov,

recovering from serious illness. The excellent souvenir programme contained some anecdotes from Pars who had played under Jock at East End Park. The best of them was from Alex Edwards, who told of how he had treated himself to a car with his signing on fee. He had a minor bump with it and when he got it back from the garage, he could only get it to do 50mph. He took it back to complain only to find that Jock had instructed the mechanic to put a governor on it so that it would not go any faster.

Two new signings were made before the closure of the transfer window with Shaun Rooney and Mickael Antoine Curier joining the ranks. A surprise was in store for Dunfermline when they lost 2-0 at home to Ayr United but they were back to form the following



week with a 5-0 demolition of Stenhousemuir at Ochilview. The Pars were unlucky to go out of the League Cup at Tannadice 1-3. The last game of the month brought a visit from Airdrie but, despite starts for new signings Rhys McCabe and Marc McAusland. The Diamonds went home with a share of the points after a 1-1 draw.

Albion Rovers were the first visitors in October. The Coatbridge club, very well managed by Darren Young were competing at a higher level for the first time for ages and had Scott McBride. Paul Willis and Andrew Barrowman in their side. Goals from Faiss, Joe Cardle and Rhys McCabe produced a 3-0 win. A poor performance in the next match saw The Pars exit the Challenge Cup, thrashed 4-0 by St Mirren in Paisley. A comfortable 3-0 win at Stranraer was followed by a 4-0 win at home to Forfar.

The month ended with a 0-0 stalemate away to Cowdenbeath. Another 0-0 draw got November under way, this time at home to Peterhead. There then followed three away games. Lanarkshire was the destination for the first two, a 2-0 win at Airdrie and a 1-1 draw at Cliftonhill. The third match was in the Cup and Andy Geggan scored to ensure progress at Somerset Park.

Brechin City were December's first visitors and a 3-1 win kept Athletic top of the table. They maintained this by returning to Ayr, this time in the League, and winning 2-1. Next, Stenhousemuir provided stubborn opposition, but a Shaun Rooney goal separated the sides. The year ended with a 4-2 win, at Forfar, on Boxing Day.

Early January has become a time for sombre reflection for Pars fans as they recall the tragic death of Norrie McCathie. This year it would be the twentieth anniversary and it was marked by a series of events under the title "Spirit" There was a display of memorabilia at East End Park, a celebratory evening at the Carnegie Hall, where around thirty of Norrie's team mates got together in front of an audience to recall some of his adventures and the match against Cowdenbeath had a special programme and the teams lined up in commemorative strips. The Pars wore replicas of the blue and red quartered strip in which Norrie had played his final game, away to St. Mirren. Two

Michael Moffat goals were enough to beat Cowden 2-1. The following week was a home Scottish Cup tie against Ross County. The Pars were held to a 2-2 draw and narrowly lost the replay 1-0. With the home match against Albion Rovers postponed, the next action was a dour 0-0 draw in Peterhead. The last game of the month was switched to a Friday evening to accommodate television and a quite dreadful game, bereft of atmosphere resulted in Airdrie winning 1-0 at East End Park, Brad McKay had arrived on loan from St. Johnstone.

Things improved as February began with a 3-0 away win against Stenhousemuir. Faissal el Bakhtaoui scoring his 19th goal of the season to go with two from Andy Geggan. This kept The Pars eight points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand. There was sad news when Davie Thomson (scorer of the first goal in the 1961 Cup Final replay) passed away. Ayr United were next to visit and a 3-2 win kept the points in Dunfermline. Brechin City were despatched 2-1 at Glebe Park and the last game of the month brought a visit from Stranraer, who were handed out a 6-1 thrashing,

featuring a Joe Cardle hat trick, two more from el Bakhtaoui and a Brad McKav counter.

The fixtures for March began at home to Stenhousemuir and a 5-0 win got things off to a flier. Albion Rovers put on a stuffy display in the postponed home match and went back to Coatbridge with a point from a 1-1 draw. Somerset Park brought a return to winning ways and a 2-0 win on the road. Rhvs McCabe scored the goal that mattered away to Cowdenbeath and the month finished with a home match against Brechin City. The Pars were so far in front at the top of the table, ten points over Peterhead with a game in hand, there was an outside chance that they could be Champions by the end of the day. For this to happen

Dunfermline needed to win and Peterhead to lose. Pars fans are used to sweating it out but the team did their bit by beating Brechin City 3-1 at East End Park with a hat trick from Faissal el Bakhtaoui and there was a great cheer when news came through that our good friends the Blue Brazil had defeated Peterhead. There were great scenes as we all celebrated our return to the Championship with five games to

The April run in began with a narrow 1-0 win away to Albion Rovers. Faiss scored his 30th goal in this game, only his 40th appearance - a phenomenal achievement. Forfar Athletic were the penultimate visitors to East End Park and drew 2-2. The team had been celebrating

too much and two dreadful away performances ended in defeat 1-4 at Stranraer and 0-3 at Airdrie. A crowd of over 6.000 was there to celebrate the final match, at home to Peterhead and thanks to Joe Cardle they were rewarded with a 1-0 victory. A great season with Sean Murdoch and Ben Richards-Everton ever present, closely followed by Faissal el Bakhtaoui, Jason Talbot, Michael Paton, Andy Geggan, Michael Moffat and Joe Cardle and along with Josh Falkingham these guys showed the benefit of a regular team selection.

The top scorer was Faiss with 30. Joe Cardle weighed in with 16 and Michael Moffat with 15. Sean Murdoch achieved 17 shut-outs.





**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.

#### **Benefits to Members**

Free entry to matches at East End Park with free half-time refreshments. A reserved area in the main stand. The Guest of Honour Scheme allows a member and his guest to enjoy full hospitality in the Club's premium hospitality suite at a game of his choice on a first come first served basis. The FPA also organises social events such as quizzes, cabaret evenings, whisky tastings, theatre trips and our own reunion events. A much admired magazine is issued each month.

#### **Benefits to DAFC**

The Association provides financial assistance to The Pars by donating kit items, help with young players expenses and capital items such as contributions for a players' room fridge, kit van, training items, etc. The FPA sponsors an inductee into the Hall of Fame each year. The Guest of Honour Scheme

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.

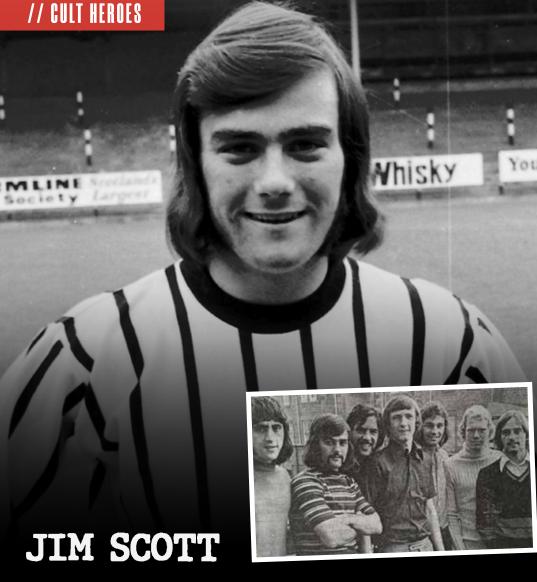
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Jim arrived on the scene in 1970, signed all and Scotty very much fitted the bill. from Leven Royals.

a 16 year old and managed a handful of next two seasons saw fewer appearances, appearances in that first season.

He quickly built up into a compact and very combative midfielder/defender. Pars fans love combative players who give their

From 1971 until the end of Season He made his debut in Season 70/71 as 1977/78 he was virtually ever present. The just 27 in total, and he finally left to join East Fife, where he enjoyed a final season.

> His impressive total for The Pars was 292 games and 16 goals. A Cult Hero, indeed!

### WALKING DOWN THE HALBEATH ROAD Fast on the trail of the hugely Andrius Skerla. There are great Our next big events are in successful Brunch, which Mikey plans for the future. the planning stage - watch out organised, our Committee Ideas for future announcements. The

Man, has come up with another winner.

The Podcast "Walking Down The Halbeath Road" was launched. with much praise, featuring an interview with Ian Westwater. The latest edition was a fascinating chat with Craig Faulconbridge. Next edition is former defender,

With Mikey on the Committee we have been able to reach out to Former Pars and to Pars fans in general, in so many ways. As well as the new podcast, which has reached an audience of 600 plus so far, our much admired magazine has a circulation in excess of 350. we also have our own Facebook page with a daily quiz.

Brunch brought in a lot of revenue, which will almost all go towards a project to be agreed with DAFC and also some local charities.

The podcast can be found on all popular platforms such as Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts and Apple.

https://walkingdownthehalbeathroad.podbean.com



The first thing to say is that this was a spectacular success and, for this, congratulations to Mikev Mlotkiewicz, whose project it was.

The players and especially Bert and Dick, all enioved themselves, as did the audience.

The venue was the ideal size, despite the fact that we could have sold double the number of tickets. However, any bigger and the show would have had to take a different format and would have lost its intimacy.

The photographic display from the Heritage Trust was very well appreciated and we thank them for the loan of the photos.

The early reception for the players went very well and it was great seeing old friends meeting up, in some cases, for the first time in ages.

Three blips to report:

The food was a bit of a let-down as was the care of the top table (It was sad to see poor Dick gagging for something to lubricate his tonsils with) Somehow the interview on stage with Hamish, was missed, sorry to everyone, especially Hamish.

Steven Mill did a great job as anchor man, a big thank you to him.

After the show, the raffle raised over £1700. Thanks to those who donated prizes. (See list at end of report). The auction, superbly conducted by Dick Campbell, produced over £2200.

The net profit for the evening was in the region of £7000 and we shall be meeting with the Football Club to identify a suitable project to put the majority of this to use with.

#### THANK YOU

- 1. Mikey Mlotkiewicz: For devising and organising the event.
- 2. Our Sponsors
- 3. Heritage Trust: For photographic display.
- 4. Steven Mill: For hosting the interviews.
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- **6. The Players:** For supporting the event and attending.
- 7. The Raffle Prize Donors: Garvock House Hotel, The Elizabethan David Laming, Ian Westwater and all who donated bottles
- 8. Pars TV: For filming the event and providing video links.
- 9. Dean Saunders: Providing the piping
- 10. The Audience: For supporting the event, taking part and making it a success.

#### DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

Former Lithuanian internationalist Andrius Skerla joined the club from PSV Eindhoven in 2000 and spent 5 years in Fife.

#### BY MICHAEL WOOD

Andrius Skerla was born on the 29th of April 1977 behind the Iron Curtain in Soviet-occupied Vilnius. The defender - like the political boundary - was an impenetrable barrier for his local outfit Žalgiris Vilnius.

Skerla's consistent domestic an international call-up as a teenager, which caught the eye of PSV Eindhoven under the management of Dick Advocaat, west of Europe.

The culmination of three quality of competition at centre back limited Andrius' playing Netherlands.

Having seen Skerla first hand Kielce. when managing NEC Nijmegen from then Rangers manager Advocaat, Jimmy Calderwood opted to bring him to Scotland fresh from an Eredivisie title win and Dunfermline Athletic earning promotion to the SPL.

The signing of the Lithuanian up with another clean sheet in internationalist was a coup as this the Super Cup. was an individual with Champions League experience kitting up at East End Park. All in, he would Žalgiris, Skerla retired from the spend five years in Fife, his longest tenure at any of his seven the 2012 European Championship professional clubs.

favourite with the Halbeath Road outfit and will always be winger Saulius Mikoliūnas remembered as the only foreign surpassed it in 2020. Pars player to score in a final bringing the Lithuanian to the when his header gave DAFC the Cup showpiece event of 2004.

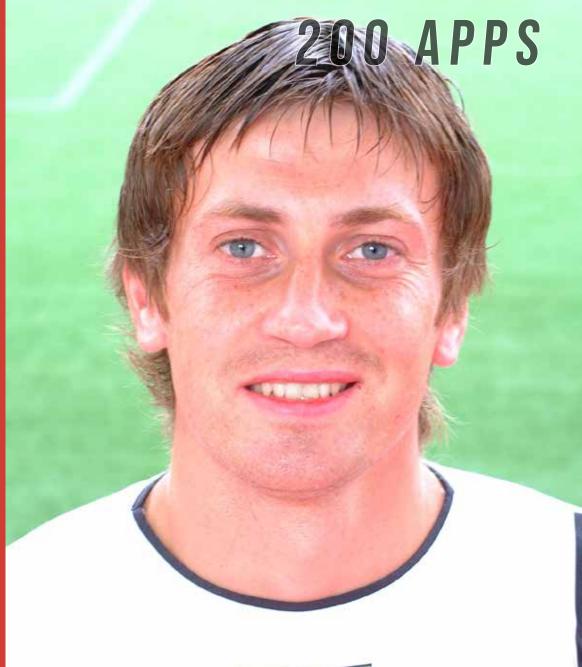
Tomsk obtained a fee similar to that Dunfermline paid for him in 2000 and would spend footballer in 2013 before time, much to his frustration, and 18 months in Russia before becoming the assistant manager. spelt the end of his stint in the moving back to his hometown for a season with Vétra, then a campaign in Poland with Korona the first time in Lithuania with

> Andrius found a place to settle for three and a half years. He career may take him, but he would make history with Jaga by scoring the winner in the 2010 at Dunfermline in whatever Polish Cup final to give the club capacity. its first silverware and follow that

Before returning home to international team at the end of qualifying campaign. His 84 caps would remain the most for the Andrius remains a fan Baltic nation until ex-teammate and former Heart of Midlothian

It was the dream ending for lead against Celtic in the Scottish the defender as after 13-years of domination by Ekranas Panevėžys and FBK Kaunas, Žalgiris were Skerla's departure to Tom once again champions, with Andrius achieving the treble in his last season as a professional

Skerla is now a manager for Hegelmann, a club that finished fifth last season in its debut At Jagiellonia Białystok, campaign in the top flight. Who knows where his post-playing will always be welcome back







In 2003/04 season, The Pars installed their plastic pitch. The first home game of the season was against Celtic and this was the last game played on the grass surface. It would not be until 20th September before the inaugural game was played on the plastic surface against Hibernian. Both games finished 0-0.

During the interval of the Celtic game a shoot out contest was organised. Eight year old Scott Mercer was officially declared The Last Scorer on the grass pitch and featured in a programme article, for the first game on the artificial surface.

What became of Scott Mercer? In 2005 he joined the youth teams at East End Park and by 2013 he was knocking on the door of the first team.

His early promise came to nothing with Dunfermline and after only one appearance from the bench and a brief loan to Albion Rovers, Scott started season 2015/16 with East Fife.

A successful two year spell in Methil led to a move to Queen of the South. He was a regular for three years before moving to Falkirk in 2020. He returned to East Fife at the start of this season.

Another babe to appear in the match programme was goalkeeper, Greg Fleming. This was in 1994, celebrating his 8th birthday, and who would have guessed that he would play for The Pars. and who would have guessed that he would play for The Pars first team. This happened in season 2009/10,

when he arrived on loan from Oldham Athletic. He played in 43 of the 45 games that season but was replaced by Chris Smith for the following season. He has since been a man of many clubs, playing for Galway United, Chesterfield, Grimsby Town, Carlisle United, Stenhousemuir, Ayr United, Peterhead. Stranraer and from the start of this season, Annan Athletic.

It just goes to show that when your picture as a youngster appears in the match programme, you may go on to play for The Pars. Not a Lot of People Know That!



# 4 EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN....MAY





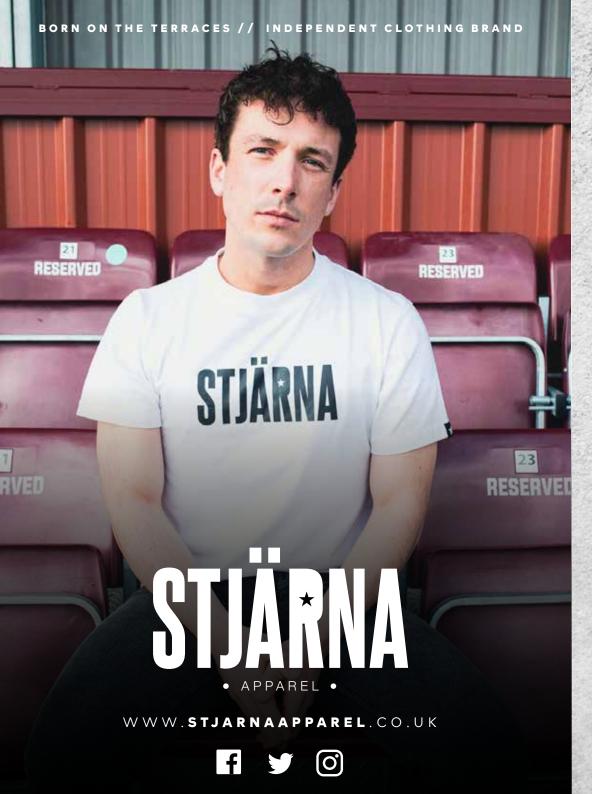
John Watson equalises at home against Meadowbank, togive The Pars the point needed to win the Championshipand send Jim Leishman off on his famous aeroplane impression.





Club legend Andy Tod is awarded a testimonial at East End Park. Stars such as Istvan Kozma, Arthur Numan and Ally McCoist play in the game.





# GUESS THE PAR?



Answer: George O'Boyle





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**Rodney Dangerfield:** I was having sex with the wife, the other night. Nothing was happening. What's the matter I said Can't you think of anyone else, either?

Groucho Marx: I've had a perfectly lovely evening. This wasn't it!

**Earl of Sandwich to John Wilkes:** Sir, you will die on the gallows or from some unspeakable disease. Wilkes replied - That depends on whether I embrace your policies or your wife.

Beethoven to a fellow composer: I like your new opera. I think I will set it to music.

**John Gielgud on Ingrid Bergman:** She speaks five languages and can't act in any of them.

Gary Delaney: If your name is Andre don't finish your text with a kiss.

Milton Jones: The most dangerous place to swim. The Hepatitis C.

**Jake Lambert:** My friend doesn't talk about his Psoriasis. He'd rather just sweep it under the carpet.



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