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WELCOME

At long last I have just returned from East End Park in a good mood having seen a Pars team playing with freedom and confidence, with its star players shining, with three young players excelling, the fans behind the team, three goals, none against and a home win.

The standard has been set, we need to see more of the same and, perhaps, the season can be saved after all. Welcome John Hughes !

I could say a lot about the woeful stuff we have endured this season, but I won't. That is not the place of this magazine. We are here to celebrate former players and it is with sadness that we note the passing of Jim Kerray, a real character and loved by the guys he played with. On a happier note we congratulate Mo Hutton on his 70th birthday, celebrated on 23rd November.

There is lots to enjoy, with the usual favourites and a new feature "Not a lot of people know that" which will highlight lesser known facts about The Pars.

Chris Wishart
Secretary



FRONT COVER: MO HUTTON

It's a belated Happy 70th Birthday to our kitman and all round good guy, Mo Hutton! Mo turned 70 on 23rd November.

See page 38 for some special birthday wishes to 'MOJO'.

WELCOME JOHN 'YOGI' HUGHES!



Everyone at the FPA would like to welcome and wish the new manager of Dunfermline Athletic - John Hughes all the very best for the remainder of this season. Here is in action for Falkirk during the 1993/94 season. Who can guess the Par?



Volatile times

When you live in volatile and uncertain times, should you put your long-term plans on hold?

Promotional Feature

Read or watch the news, and you will encounter a world that's volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous.

Glance at a stock market's performance over the course of a few weeks, and what stands out is probably not the general direction of travel, but the short-term seesawing of prices – especially during a volatile period.

Those characteristics can make the task of planning for you and your family's future feel all the more daunting.

As investors, it can be all too tempting to try to predict the future, or react to events as they happen. However, on the one hand, even long-term investors can all too easily respond emotionally to short-term volatility; and make bad decisions as a result. On the other, events are unpredictable at the best of times, and perhaps especially just now. On top of all this, it's not always easy to sort the facts from the fake news.

The wide range of current

challenges make the world highly unpredictable. In the context of saving and investing, the products and services we need to help us are similarly numerous and complex. Do you take the DIY approach to investing, seek guidance, or look for professional financial advice?

Do you know your ISAs from your pensions and unit trusts – and how do you choose?

Where should you invest? In public or private markets? In equities, bonds, or property? And should you seek out active managers or passive funds?

The weight, number and nuance of such questions can make us yearn for simpler times – and bury our heads in the sand.

Yet that will not help you secure a brighter future for you and your family. In times like these, it's important to take action and speak with someone you trust.

A professional financial adviser can help guide you through the wealth of options available, to keep your eyes focused on the horizon, and to help you to achieve your long-term financial goals.



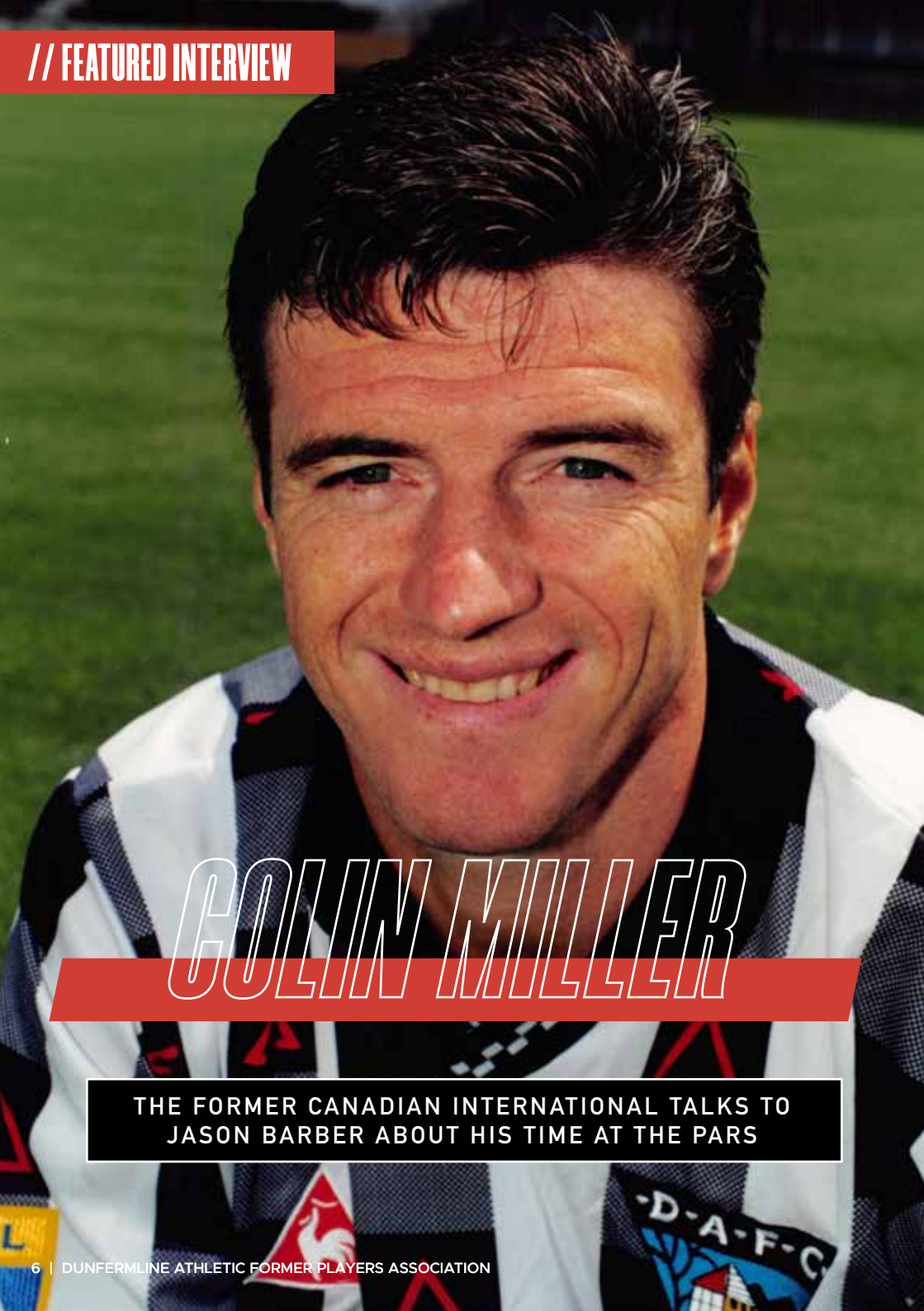
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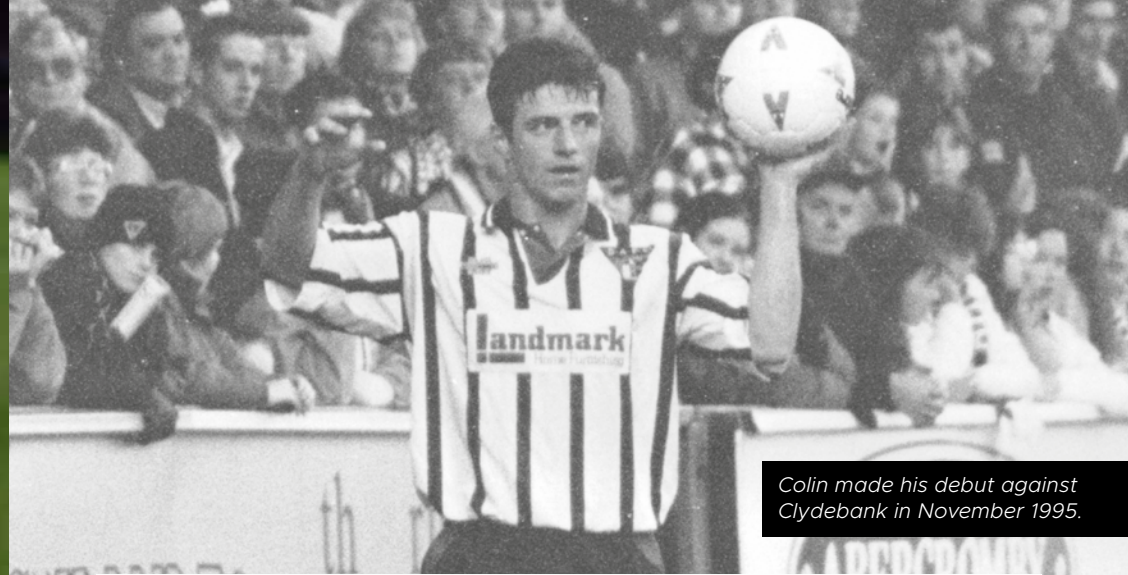
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COLIN MILLER

THE FORMER CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TALKS TO JASON BARBER ABOUT HIS TIME AT THE PARS



Colin made his debut against Clydebank in November 1995.

For this month's former player interview, Jason Barber checked the time zones and spoke to Colin Miller who is based in Abbotsford, approximately one hour away from Vancouver on the west coast of Canada.

Colin signed for Dunfermline in November 1995, following the club's record sale of Jackie McNamara to Celtic earlier that month. He stayed with the club until the latter stages of 1997/98 season and recalls his time at East End Park;

"I'd been at Hearts and I was not in Jim Jeffries' plans. I'd loved my time there but these things happen in football and you have to move on. When I got the chance to join Dunfermline, I jumped at it. I'd known Dick (Campbell) from our coaching down at Largs; I'd already done my 'A' licence by that point. Having played in Scottish football for most of my

career by this point, I was well aware of the club and how well it was geared up for being in the Premier League. Jackie had obviously just moved to Celtic for a big fee and I was brought in, despite being a totally type of player. He loved to get forward and overlap whereas I was a more traditional full back who didn't venture too far up the park

Within a few weeks of me joining the club, tragedy struck when Big Norrie passed away. Even though I'd only played alongside him for a short while, it was a pleasure to share a dressing room with someone who was a genuine guy, a role model and a great captain. His presence in that dressing room was a big factor, I knew that much in a short time. Unlike the rest of the players who had to try and deal with everything going on at the club when Norrie passed away, I was actually in Brazil playing for Canada

in a World Cup qualifier at the time. The Canadian Embassy in Brazil called me up and told me the news which was heartbreaking to hear.

The way the team rallied that season was something else. Bert and Dick completely ran the show and made sure we all worked hard, but we laughed hard too. Some of the characters in that team were incredible! There wasn't a shrinking violet in there and it was a great time to be at Dunfermline. Neale Cooper was another one I only had the pleasure of playing alongside for a short while, but he was just one of those boys who could make you laugh, sometimes without even saying a word. We lived in Hamilton at the time so I'd share in the car pool with the boys that travelled over from Glasgow and Lanarkshire; Andy Smith (who was so passionate about the game) Allan Moore, Harry Curran, Gerry



Britton, Gerry Farrell and Tom Callaghan. The laughs on those car journeys were non-stop!

The penultimate game up in Tannadice in 95/96 is one that obviously sticks in my memory. Stewart Petrie put us one up and was then sent off! But he was a player I loved linking up with, I'd always try and win the ball and set him off on his way, what a player he was. Then we also had Hamish French in the middle of the park, the fittest man I've ever met. He'd embarrass us all in training and would put us all to shame during pre-season sessions too, not sure he ever broke sweat when we were all doubled over and knackered! Big Westy in goals that day up at Tannadice too, lovely big guy but even now he's not somebody I'd be shouting at over a Zoom call...

The club were always good with me about international call ups too. I won 13 caps (of my 61) whilst at Dunfermline and the trips were pretty long needless to say. Sometimes, you'd be connecting at London to come back up the road for the last leg of the trip and the manager would phone

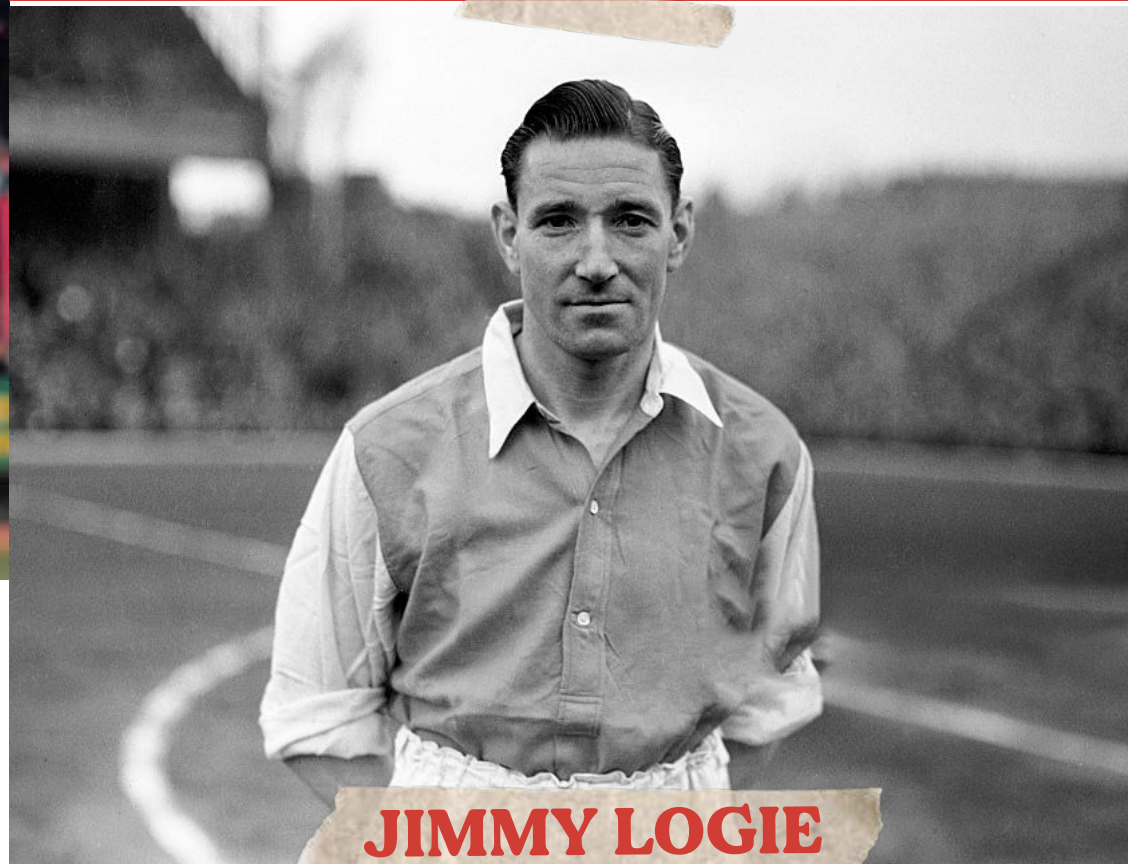
and see if I was ok to play or not. You'd take a sleeping pill for the long haul part of the journey and then just adapt as quickly as possible, nobody likes to miss games when they're a footballer. It did mean I missed some matches for my clubs over the years though, but it obviously meant a lot for me to represent my country as often as I did over the years and I'm proud of my record. I won 61 caps and 38 of those were as captain.

After the club signed the likes of Greg Shields and Scott McCulloch, my opportunities were becoming limited and I moved onto Ayr United to help out Gordon Dalziel and Iain Munro for a spell. We had a "winner takes all" final league of the season against Partick at Firhill, which we won 2-0 to stay up in the First Division. Bill Barr (Ayr chairman) had brought in experienced players such as Andy Walker and John Davies, along with myself, and it was a good feeling to keep them up.

I've been managing and coaching at various levels now since my first role at Hamilton Accies back in 1999.

After 40 years in football, I've now been back in Canada for the last 21 of those. I've had around 10 spells as caretaker manager of my country, but it's always in circumstances when we are playing USA, Mexico or one of the big South American countries which is never going to give me an opportunity to have a longer spell in charge! I was also manager at FC Edmonton for five years, the most travelled professional club in any sport in the world! We'd often have multiple flights to get to matches as we travelled all over the continent, but you get used to it.

These days, my full time job is Technical Lead of Abbotsford Soccer Association in my local area. My part time job is as a co-commentator for Vancouver Whitecaps on both radio and TV coverage over here. Like most ex-pros, I always keep an eye out for results of my former clubs and I'm really looking forward to getting back for the FPA's brunch in March and catching up with the boys again, I've put the holiday request in and I've been given the green light to travel back!"



JIMMY LOGIE

Jimmy Logie was born in Edinburgh in November 1919. He played his football for Lochore Welfare and was signed by Arsenal in June 1939.

Unfortunately war broke out before he could play for The Gunners and he was in the Royal Navy for his National Service.

It was 1946 before he could make his first-team debut, which he did against Wolves on 31st August. He was a talented player and likened by many Arsenal fans to their pre-war hero Alex James. Jimmy played in all of The Gunners early post-war successes, the First Division title in 1947/48 and 1952/53 as well as the 1950 Cup Final, setting both goals in the 2-0

win. He was capped for Scotland in 1952 and for the latter part of his Highbury career was vice-captain behind Joe Mercer.

He played 328 games for The Gunners, scoring 76 goals. He left Arsenal in 1955 and moved to Gravesend and Northfleet in the Southern League where he finished his career. He died in April 1984 aged only 64, having fallen upon hard times due to a gambling problem.

So what has this illustrious footballer got of interest to Pars fans? The answer lies during the war years, when, like many footballers in the forces, he guested for clubs wherever he could. In 1945/46 Jimmy played five games for Dunfermline Athletic.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

CAN YOU GUESS THE SANTA?



ANSWERS :- 1. Harry Curran 2. Colin Nish 3. Andy Rhodes 4. Dave McNicol



TEAM OF 2003/04: Back Row (l-r): Jason Dair, Gary Mason, Andre Karnabaek, Marko Ruitenbeek, Andrius Skerla, Derek Stillie, Stephen Hampshire, Scott Walker.
 Middle Row (l-r): Noel Hunt, Barry Nicholson, Darren Young, Lee Bullen, Scott Wilson, Craig Brewster, Davie Nicholls.
 Front Row (l-r): Derek Young, Gary Dempsey, Stevie Crawford, Jimmy Calderwood, Scott Thomson, Jimmy Nicholl, Richie Byrne, Chris McGroarty.

A SEASON IN TIME

2003 - 2004

BY CHRIS WISHART

In last month's magazine we featured Bert Paton's team and their finish in 5th place in the SPL. We did mention that Jimmy Calderwood equalled that in 2002/03 but, in fact, he went one better in 2003/04 and led The Pars to their best ever SPL season, with a 4th place finish, a Cup Final and qualification for a return to Europe.

The two Jimmies had

a stated aim of season on season improvement and had certainly delivered so far. Of course the more they achieved, the more difficult it became to keep improving.

The Board financed a substantial spend on quality players, the sort of thoroughbreds like Andrius Skerla, Barry Nicholson, Stevie Crawford and Craig Brewster, that Bert was never given the money for. They

expected the fans to turn up in numbers to see a top quality team, playing exciting football and competing at the highest level.

As was now normal, a lot of preparatory work had been done at the end of last season. Gus MacPherson had left to become player manager at St Mirren. Billy Mehmet had arrived from West Ham. In time for pre-season training, Darren and

Derek Young came in from Aberdeen, Aaron Labonte from Newcastle and Anthony Storey from Middlesbrough also arrived. One other signing was the return to the fold of Andy Tod from Bradford City, after loan spells with Hearts and Dundee United.

August began with a friendly against Portsmouth, which The Pars won 1-0. A week later the season kicked off at home to Celtic. Jim Leishman, newly restored to the club as Executive Director/General Manager, was introduced to the fans before the match and was well received by both sets of supporters. Dunfermline played well and thoroughly deserved the 0-0 draw which resulted.

The Young brothers both made their debut and Sandy Clark was added to the coaching team. Once the game was over, the pitch was dug up and a FIFA sanctioned artificial surface installed. This would take a while and the grand opening was scheduled for 20th September. Until then all games would be away from home. The travels started well with a 2-0 win at Dens Park. Aberdeen were next and goals from Craig Brewster and Barry Nicholson earned a 2-1 win. The last game of the month was a narrow 1-0 defeat at Tynecastle.

There had been a lot of activity before the transfer window closed. Arriving were Richie Byrne from Shamrock

Rovers and reserve defender Craig McKeown whilst there were seven departures. Jason Dair moved to Motherwell, Scott Walker and George Fotheringham were released, Andre Karnebeek went back to Holland and joined De Graafschap, Stephen Hampshire and Kevin McLeish moved to Brechin City and David Nicholls' loan to Falkirk was turned into a permanent transfer.

Still away from home, Dunfermline typically lost 4-0 at Ibrox. The big day arrived on the 20th September and Hibernian were the first to try the new plastic pitch. To help promote the launch, Ian Rush, Karl Heinz Riedle and Jean Pierre Papin were in attendance



May 2004 - A rare win at Parkhead as Dunfermline beat Celtic 2-1. Goals from Barry Nicholson and Gary Dempsey.

and mingled with the fans. The game itself was a bit of an anticlimax and finished 0-0, with a crowd of 9715. One item of note in the programme was a picture of 8 year old Scott Mercer who was the scorer of the last goal on the old surface, having taken part in a half time competition during the 0-0 draw with Celtic.

Little was anyone to know that in just over ten years time, Scott would be knocking on the door of the Pars first team, as a promising U-20 player. Two home games completed the month, a 2-0 win against Cowdenbeath in the CIS Cup and 2-1 in the league against Partick Thistle, both goals coming from Stevie Crawford. October was, as usual, spoiled by International Weekend - so no football to go to. The first game for The Pars was at home to Kilmarnock and ended in a 3-2 defeat. Greg Shields had his usual excellent game but he was now playing for Killie. The same score saw Dunfermline eliminated from the CIS Cup away to St Johnstone.

The 1st November brought Dundee United to the Kingdom

and a splendid 2-0 win for The Pars. Young Aussie Andy McDermott made his debut. At one time he had been a £400,000 signing for West Brom from QPR, but had lost his way somewhat. United had Paul Gallacher, Jim Paterson, Craig Easton and Jim McIntyre, with Mark Kerr on the bench - all future Pars players. Andrew Gillies resigned from the board and the Club Announcer, Bert Thomson sadly died.

The Old Firm handed out their usual thumping, this time it was Celtic who won 5-0 at Celtic Park. Things picked up again as Dundee were beaten 2-0 at East End Park, in a game in which Billy Mehmet and Aaron Labonte made their first starts. Stevie Crawford and Craig Brewster scored to bring a point back from Motherwell after a 2-2 draw and the month finished with a similar score at home to Aberdeen.

December got off to a flier with a home win against Hearts, 2-1. Three new directors were announced:- Ed Smyth, Rodney Shearer and David McIntyre. Rangers were next

to visit the hallowed plastic and it was sheer ecstasy as they were comprehensively beaten 2-0. Before the year ended there were two away trips. An excellent 2-1 win at Easter Road as both goals were scored by Craig Brewster. It was back down to earth with a thump as Partick Thistle handed out a 4-1 drubbing.

As 2004 emerged, Dunfermline drew 2-2 with Livingston at East End Park. The third round of the Cup was next and it was Dundee United at home. A comfortable 3-1 victory saw the team safely through. Back to the league and a 1-1 draw at Rugby Park was followed by a 1-0 defeat of Motherwell, at East End Park. Greg Shields had been signed from Kilmarnock and it was good to see him back. He was on the bench for this game. Before the transfer window closed, Chris McGroarty, who had been on loan with Clyde, moved on a permanent contract, to St Mirren.

The first game in February was at Broadwood and The Pars were ahead 2-1 with goals from

Noel Hunt and Barry Nicholson, when the game was abandoned amidst a blizzard. Richie Byrne made his debut in this game and Andy Smith led the Bully Wee attack. In the midweek, Celtic had their usual easy win, 4-1 at East End Park. Behind the scenes, though, the club was in crisis and on the verge of financial collapse. The expected increase in attendances had not materialised, despite the success on the pitch. They were nowhere near the levels generated by Jim Leishman and the expenditure on quality players had not been recovered.

Now everyone was going to have to make cuts if the club was to survive. Despite all the troubles Noel Hunt scored to

gain a 1-0 win away to Dundee, keeping The Pars in 4th place in the league. Aberdeen inflicted a 2-0 defeat at Pittodrie before a second attempt to complete the Cup tie at Broadwood. This time Dunfermline were merciless and won convincingly 3-0. To end an eventful month, a 0-0 draw was fought out at home to Hearts.

March began with the Cup Quarter Final, away to Partick Thistle, a venue where just over two months ago, The Pars had been cuffed 4-1. A superb display and goals from Richie Byrne, Barry Nicholson and Craig Brewster produced a 3-0 victory. After a gap of just over a week, Thistle came to East End Park in the league.

Dunfermline found it tougher this time, winning 1-0. Three of the younger players had moved on. Scott McNicoll going to Forfar and Mark McGarty and Anthony Storey both released.

Two away games completed the month, a 3-1 defeat at Ibrox followed by a 0-0 draw at Livingston. There were three games left before the split and The Pars retained 4th place.

The first game in April was at home to Kilmarnock which finished in a 2-1 win. Coach John Ritchie left the club. On the 10th April it was off to Hampden for the Cup Semi Final, against Inverness Caley Thistle. The Pars did not play well and were eternally grateful to Craig

The famous semi-final goal from Barry Nicholson that confirms the club's return to Hampden for the Scottish Cup Final.





Brewster for keeping them in it with a 1-1 draw. The following midweek Hibs came visiting and shared the points with a 1-1 draw. It was announced that Marko Ruitenbeek would be returning to Holland at the end of the season. A narrow 1-0 defeat away to Motherwell and Dunfermline held on to 4th position after a 1-1 draw at home to Dundee United. The Semi Final replay was next on the agenda, staged at Pittodrie.

A crowd of 5728 watched a memorable match. The Fifers were down and out until a fine second half performance, especially by Craig Brewster and a magnificent goal by Barry Nicholson (similar to the famous Archie Gemmill goal against Holland) produced a 3-2 win and booked a Cup Final

place. Darren Young and Craig Brewster got the other two goals. The first post-split match was at home to Motherwell and resulted in a fine 3-0 win.

The first three games in May were all away. In the first of these, a pleasant surprise as Dunfermline beat Celtic 2-1 at Parkhead, Barry Nicholson and Gary Dempsey the scorers. Two narrow defeats followed 1-2 at Tynecastle 2-3 at Tannadice.

The League season finished with a 3-2 home defeat against Rangers. In preparation for next season, Jamie Langfield was signed from Partick Thistle, to replace Marko Ruitenbeek and youngsters Pat Clark, Gary Greenhill, Craig McKeown and Iain Campbell were re-engaged. So to the Cup Final and despite

leading at half time through an Andrius Skerla goal and being denied a stonewall penalty, Henrik Larsson took over and Celtic won 3-1.

Once fans got over the disappointment of losing the Final, they were able to celebrate a return to Europe next season. Jimmy Calderwood had delivered despite the most trying of circumstances with the financial situation and its ramifications. The team had finished 4th with 53 points, they had scored 63 goals in all competitions with the top scorer being Stevie Crawford with 17 goals. Derek Stillie had achieved 16 shut-outs.

It couldn't last could it? As we were to find out next season.

'SLIGO MICK RETURNS'



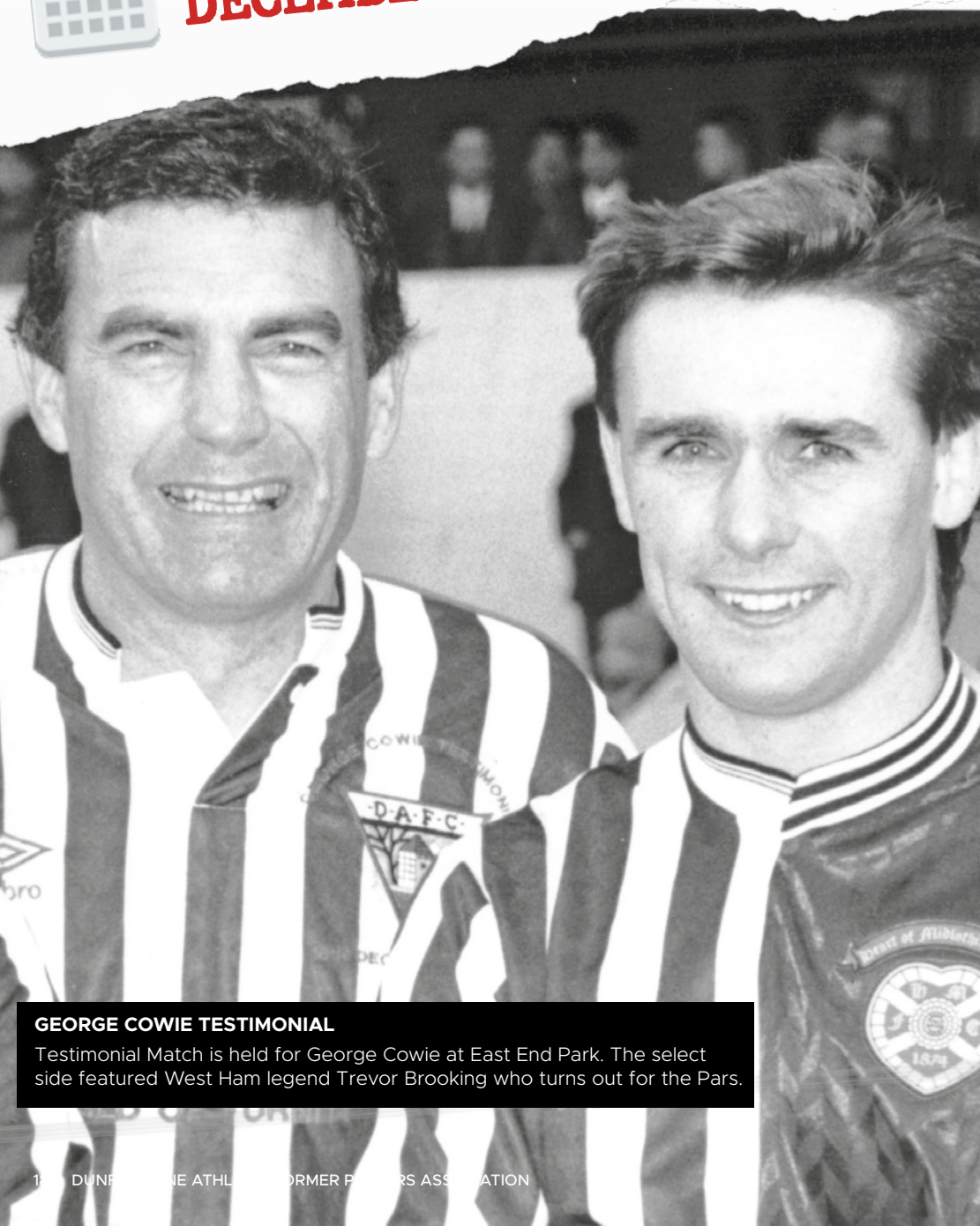
Mikey Leonard was our special guest for the home match against Greenock Morton in November. Great to see Mikey back at East End Park!



Along with Mikey, Chris was delighted to welcome his friends from Motherwell to the match against Morton. Despite the result, a great time had by all!



IN THE MONTH OF... DECEMBER 1988



GEORGE COWIE TESTIMONIAL

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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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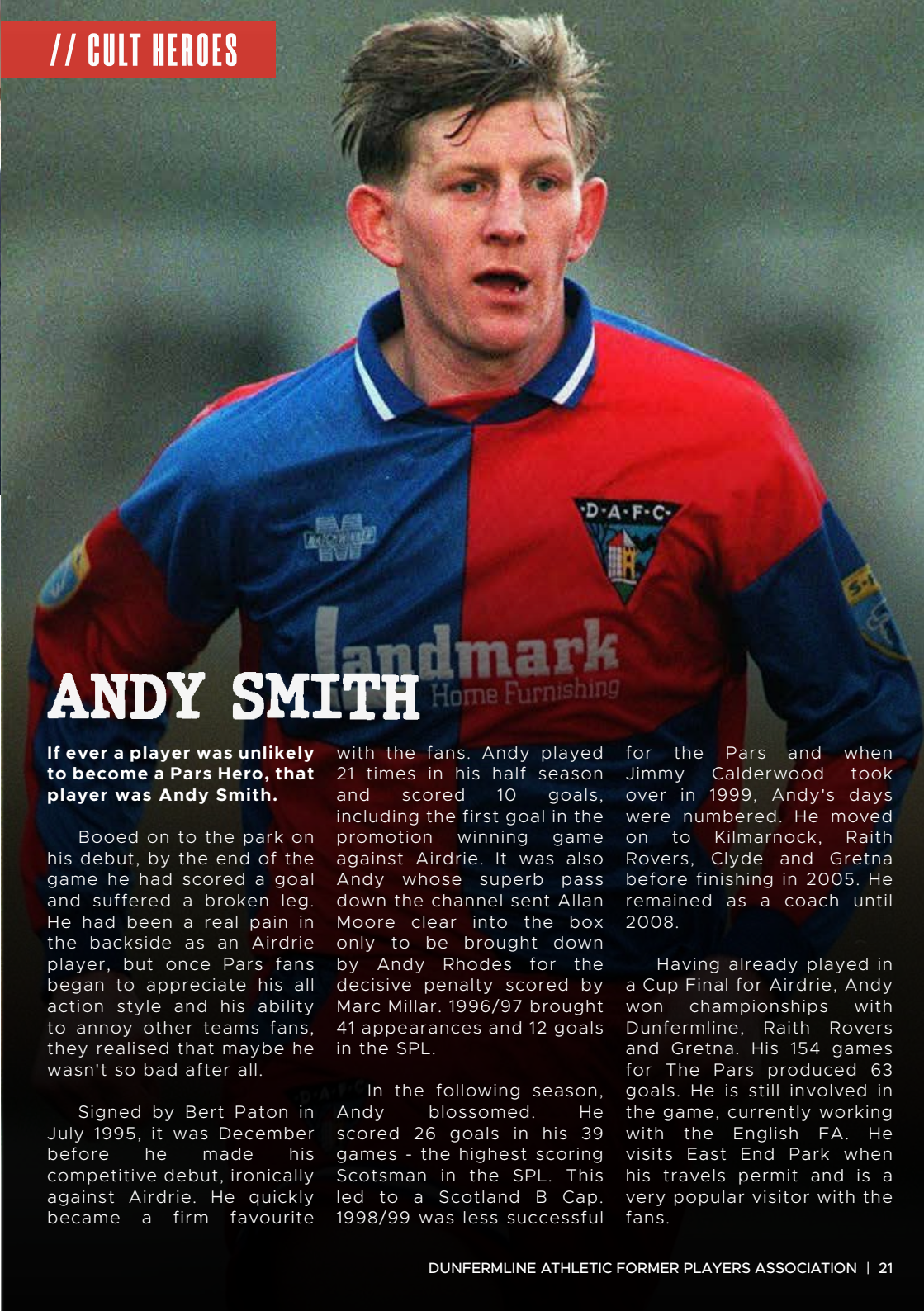
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// CULT HEROES



ANDY SMITH

If ever a player was unlikely to become a Pars Hero, that player was Andy Smith.

Booed on to the park on his debut, by the end of the game he had scored a goal and suffered a broken leg. He had been a real pain in the backside as an Airdrie player, but once Pars fans began to appreciate his all action style and his ability to annoy other teams fans, they realised that maybe he wasn't so bad after all.

Signed by Bert Paton in July 1995, it was December before he made his competitive debut, ironically against Airdrie. He quickly became a firm favourite

with the fans. Andy played 21 times in his half season and scored 10 goals, including the first goal in the promotion winning game against Airdrie. It was also Andy whose superb pass down the channel sent Allan Moore clear into the box only to be brought down by Andy Rhodes for the decisive penalty scored by Marc Millar. 1996/97 brought 41 appearances and 12 goals in the SPL.

In the following season, Andy blossomed. He scored 26 goals in his 39 games - the highest scoring Scotsman in the SPL. This led to a Scotland B Cap. 1998/99 was less successful

for the Pars and when Jimmy Calderwood took over in 1999, Andy's days were numbered. He moved on to Kilmarnock, Raith Rovers, Clyde and Gretna before finishing in 2005. He remained as a coach until 2008.

Having already played in a Cup Final for Airdrie, Andy won championships with Dunfermline, Raith Rovers and Gretna. His 154 games for The Pars produced 63 goals. He is still involved in the game, currently working with the English FA. He visits East End Park when his travels permit and is a very popular visitor with the fans.



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Milton Jones

I met my wife on the net. We were both rubbish trapeze artists.

Tom Taylor

My Dad is a foster parent. My Mum prefers Carlsberg

Gary Delaney

Winnie The Pooh. Possibly the most vindictive chapter in Nelson Mandela's autobiography.

Milton Jones

I come from a family of failed magicians. I have two half sisters.

Gary Delaney

I bought some lamb chops. It said reared in Wales. I thought that was just a racist statement.

Milton Jones

Militant feminists. I take my hat off to them. That annoys them!

200 CLUB

In this December issue we look at Dr Bobby Robertson, supporter, former player, captain, and club doctor!

BY MICHAEL WOOD

Versatile succinctly describes the great Bobby Robertson. During his tenure with Dunfermline Athletic.

Robertson never became a full-time professional due to his ambition to become a general practitioner. And when he did turn out for the Pars, he was entrusted to operate in most positions.

Robertson started as a midfielder when breaking into the first team as a teenager under Harry Melrose, yet it was at right back where he found his niche. However, one of his finest performances, in one of the pivotal games during his time in black and white, was in a new position for him at the time: centre back.

At 20, he had to fill across for the injured John Salton in a match against Falkirk that

would decide who would depart the bottom tier of Scottish football in 1979, with champions Berwick Rangers. Fortunately, the one-all draw was sufficient for promotion, with Robertson garnering plaudits for his output across the 90 minutes.

Going up was a familiar sensation for Bobby as he was a crucial member of the Second Division title-winning side in 1986 and was prominent as ever in the team that made it to the top flight the year after.

It was bittersweet for Roberston as featuring in the Premier Division meant a return to full-time football for DAFC, and Bobby felt he could not do himself justice juggling that with the day job. The last of his 410 appearances came at Parkhead in May 1988 after spending much of the season on loan at Alloa Athletic, the club he would

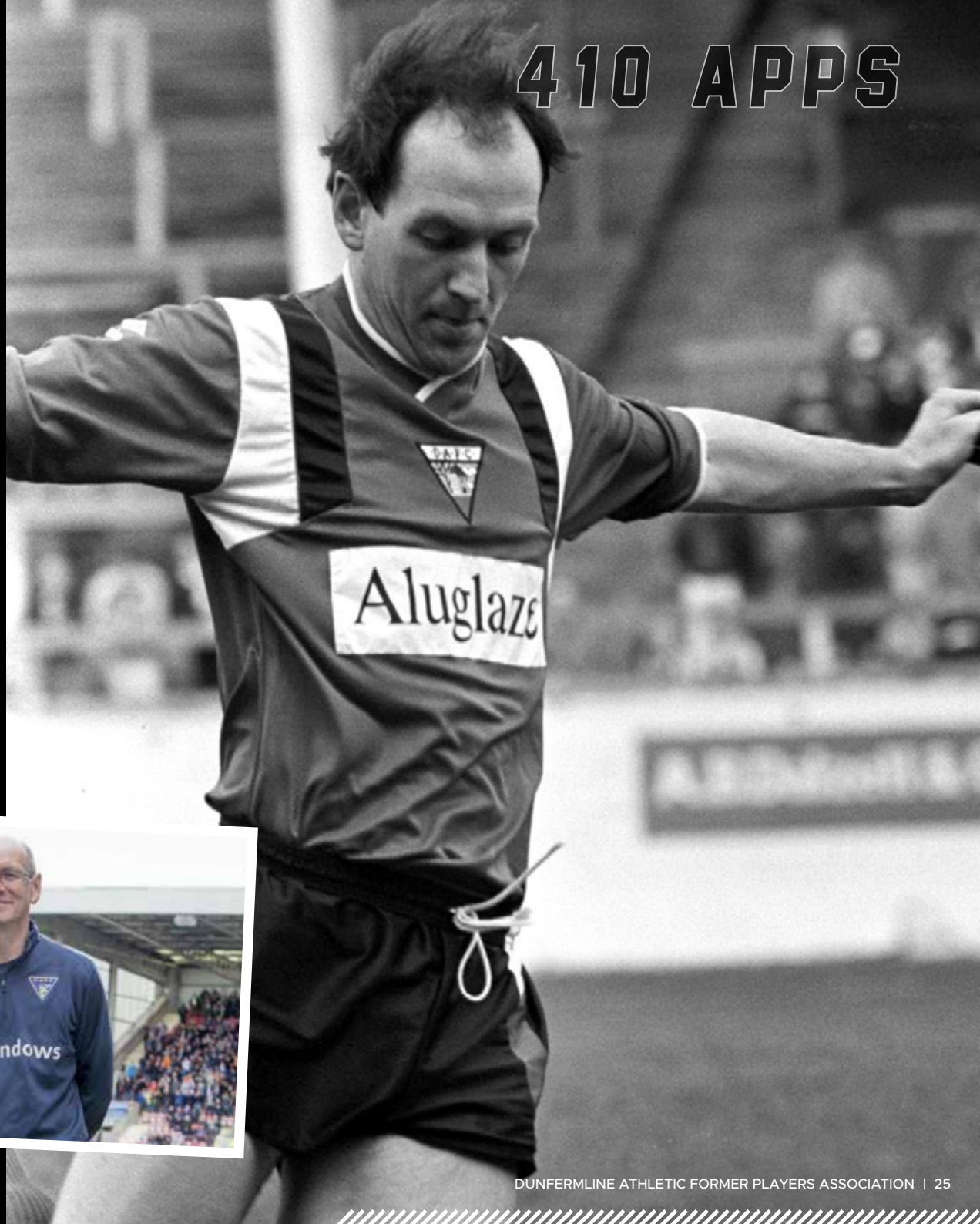
end his career with at 31.

Robertson would return to East End Park in 2007, becoming the club doctor for a decade. Incidentally, he was not the only former player to take up the role on Halbeath Road.

His friend, teammate, fellow hall of famer, and colleague in the medical fraternity Hugh Whyte hung up the gloves and took up the post in 1986.



410 APPS



4 EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN....DECEMBER



1973

On Monday 10th December John Lunn passed away, a day after his 31st birthday. Prior to his sad passing he was awarded the 'Player of the Year' trophy by the Players Union.



1998

The newly constructed home stand is officially opened before the match against Motherwell and named The Norrie McCathie stand.



1989

Goals from Stuart Rafferty and Ross Jack as Pars beat Celtic 2-0 at Celtic Park.

Joy boy Jack

CELTIC 0 DUNFERMLINE 2

Scores: Rafferty (18 mins), Jack (90). HT: 1-0. Attendance: 30,542



DAVID LEGGAT at Parkhead

CELTIC said goodbye to the 1980s by being booed off the park after another flop.

Their fans were left too angry to dwell on the decade - but they had plenty to say about the decayer.

Celtic, ever managed to miss their second penalty of the week. Andy Walker was the villain once again - but the ball high over the bar.

It was a golden chance for them to heavy back with a swift counter - just 60 seconds after Stuart Rafferty had given Dunfermline an 18th minute lead.

Later, as Celtic scrambled up one last desperate surge to save some face, Ross Jack hit them on the break with his 18th strike of the season.

The verdict: just more for their return. See "The dead end" on page 10.



GOAL KINGS

PREMIER

11 - Jack (Dunfermline)

10 - Crahan (Rangers)

9 - McCann (Dunfermline)

8 - Johnston (Rangers)

7 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

6 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

5 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

4 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

3 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

2 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

1 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

0 - Morrison (Dunfermline)

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2007

Irishman Stephen Kenny is sacked after a poor start to the season. Striker Jim McIntyre takes over as the club's new manager.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The winners of the Meadowbank fives tournament in 1974. Can you name the winning team?



THAT FAMOUS NIGHT IN DECEMBER '62

THE MIRACLE OF EAST END PARK

BY MICHAEL WOOD

The 1960s was by far the most successful time in Dunfermline Athletic's history. Not only did they win their only major honours to date with two Scottish Cups in 1961 and 1968, but the club also entered European competitions seven times in the decade that encapsulated the fanaticism of "Beatlemania."

And the beginning of the Pars' second European tour – their first, the 1961/62 edition of the Cup Winners' Cup – started in the Beatles' hometown of Liverpool as they faced

Everton in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup in October, the same month the pop-rock band released their first single, "Love Me Do."

The game at Goodison Park proved to be a hard day's night for the manager Jock Stein and his men, suffering defeat by a single goal.

A week later, Halloween, Dunfermline required help in the second leg and while they did not have a John, Paul or Ringo, they had a George, but not Harrison; Miller. His goal

and the late winner from Harry Melrose sent the club through to face the holders, Valencia, who had already seen off Celtic six-four in the opening round.

So it was from the coast on the Irish Sea to one that backs onto the Mediterranean in the space of seven weeks as the Fifers travelled to Spain's largest population base outside of Barcelona and Madrid and had a torrid time of it in the Mestalla.

It took two minutes for the hosts to score through Uruguayan centre forward, Héctor Núñez, with further goals by Fitcha and Brazilian Waldo, who added another six minutes following half time – evidently the defense asking

each other where he was as he evaded them with ease on both occasions – leaving Dunfermline looking sunk on the port city, or so many supporters thought.

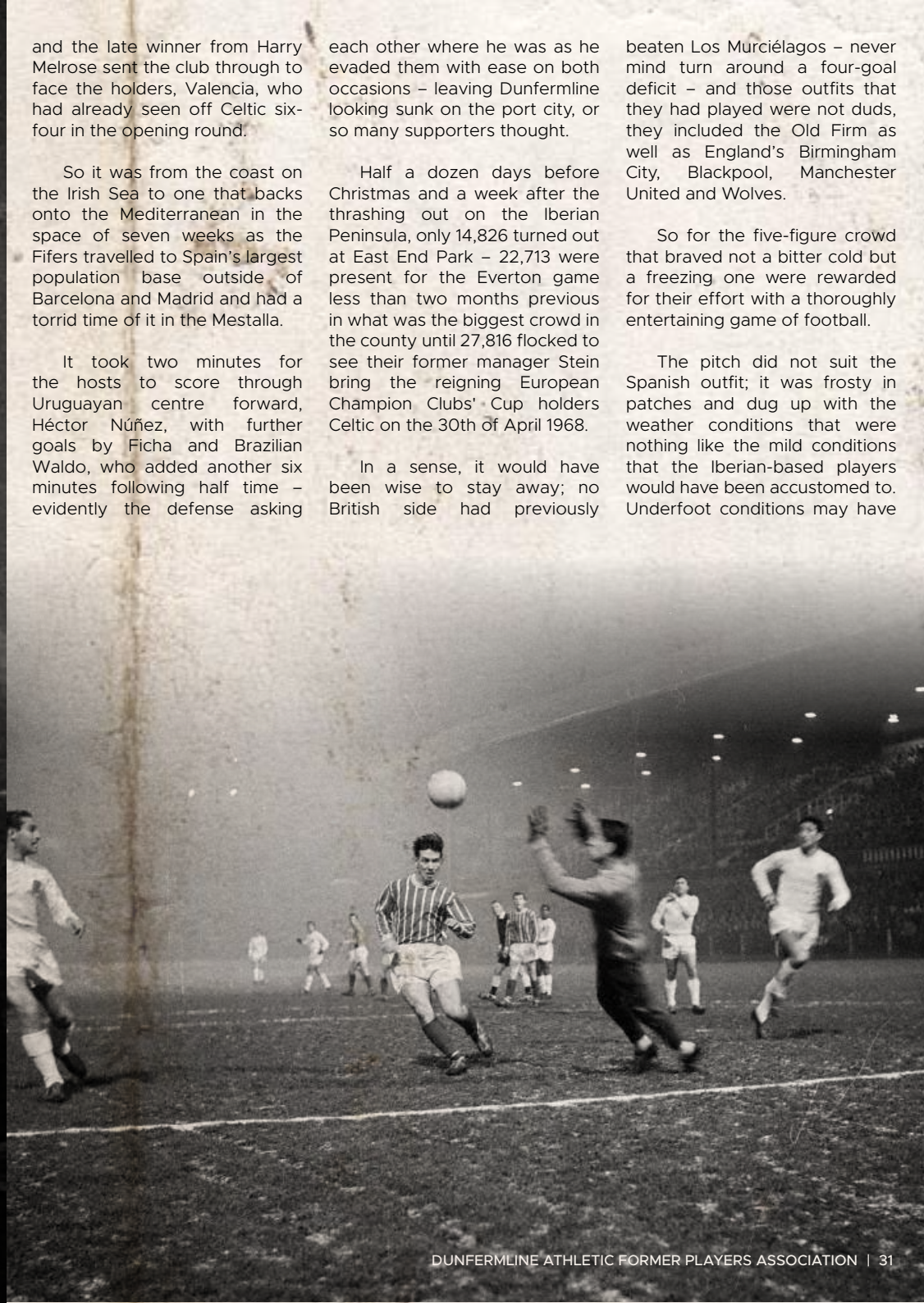
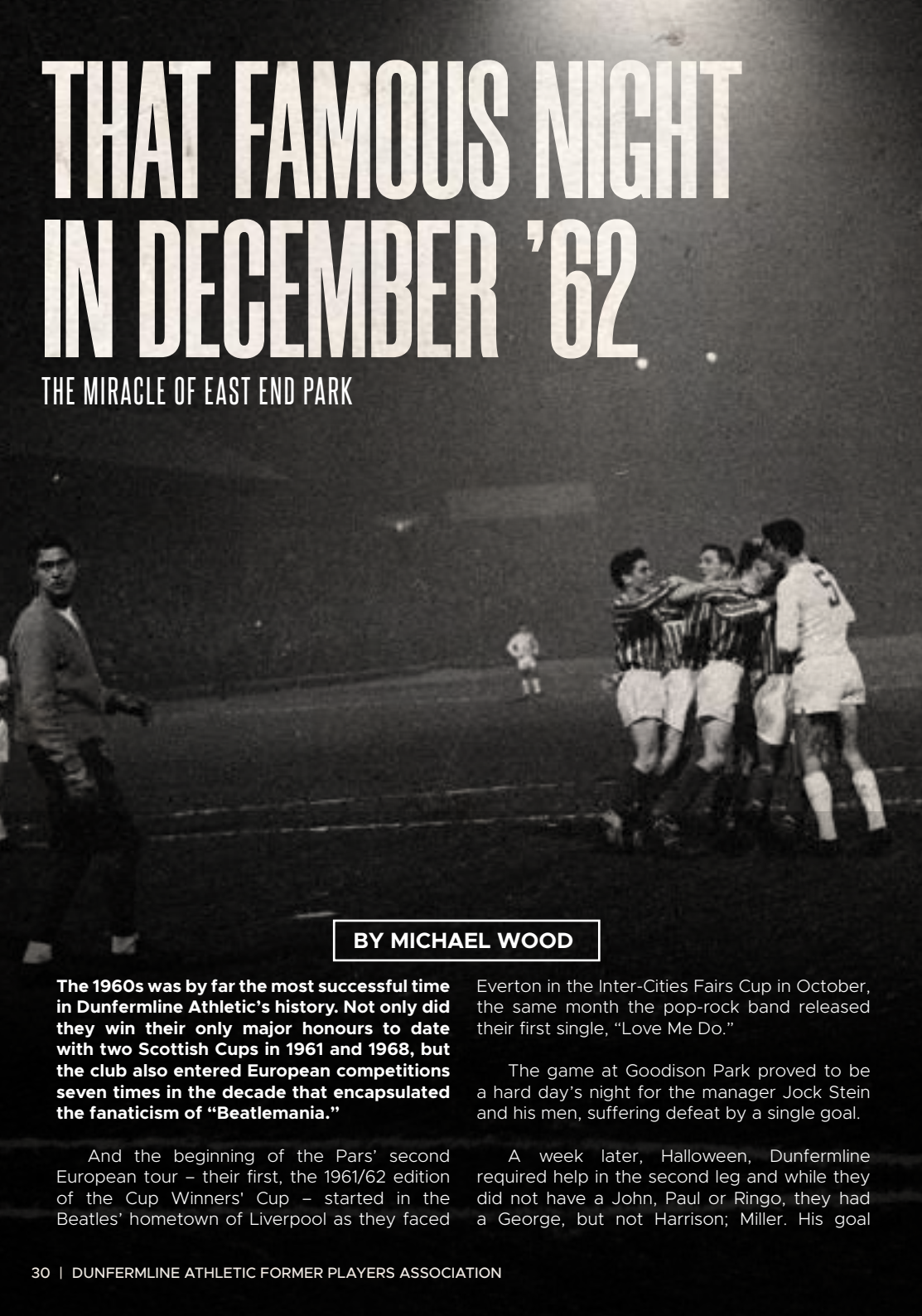
Half a dozen days before Christmas and a week after the thrashing out on the Iberian Peninsula, only 14,826 turned out at East End Park – 22,713 were present for the Everton game less than two months previous in what was the biggest crowd in the county until 27,816 flocked to see their former manager Stein bring the reigning European Champion Clubs' Cup holders Celtic on the 30th of April 1968.

In a sense, it would have been wise to stay away; no British side had previously

beaten Los Murciélagos – never mind turn around a four-goal deficit – and those outfits that they had played were not duds, they included the Old Firm as well as England's Birmingham City, Blackpool, Manchester United and Wolves.

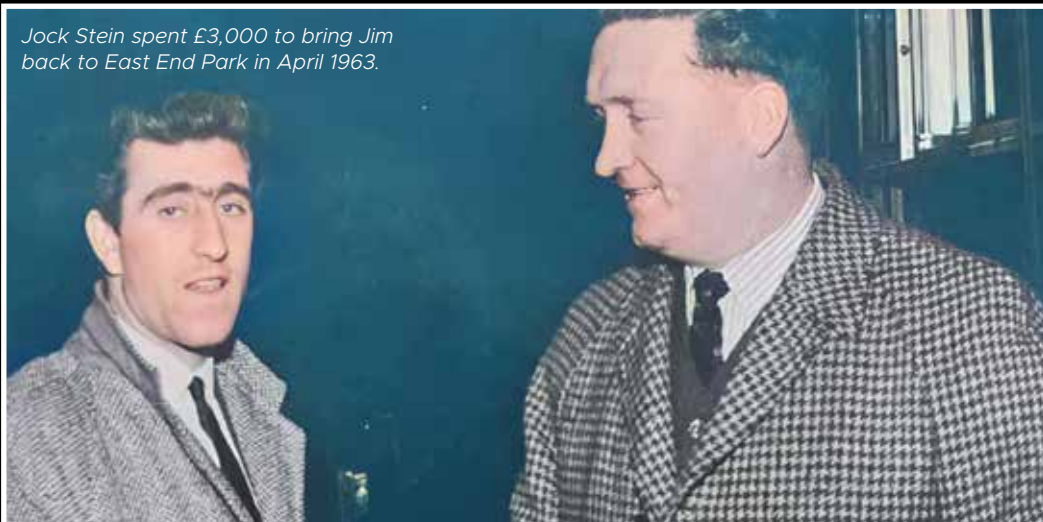
So for the five-figure crowd that braved not a bitter cold but a freezing one were rewarded for their effort with a thoroughly entertaining game of football.

The pitch did not suit the Spanish outfit; it was frosty in patches and dug up with the weather conditions that were nothing like the mild conditions that the Iberian-based players would have been accustomed to. Underfoot conditions may have



IN MEMORY OF
JIM KERRAY

Jock Stein spent £3,000 to bring Jim back to East End Park in April 1963.



It is with great sadness that the FPA have learned of the passing of former player Jim Kerray aged 85, on Saturday 6th November 2021. He died peacefully at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Falkirk.

A versatile and pacey forward, Jim Kerray enjoyed two separate spells with Dunfermline after initially signing from Raith Rovers in February 1960 for a fee of £3,600.

Within a few weeks Jock Stein had replaced Andy Dickson as manager and Kerray May well have impressed his new manager in his first outing as Dunfermline defeated Celtic. The first goal came as a shock to everyone as Kerray took the ball downfield from the kick off and sent a ball across to Charlie Dickson who scored in 9 seconds, which is still regarded as Dunfermline's fastest ever goal. Despite that start and after ensuring First Division survival

for the Pars, Stein decided to cash in on the 24 year-old striker, who had scored four goals in eleven appearances, when Huddersfield Town offered £6,000 for his services just before the start of the 1960/61 season.

After eighteen months, Kerray moved on to Newcastle United for season 1961-62, before Stein spent £3,000 to bring him back to East End Park in April 1963. He marked his second Pars debut by netting in the 1-1 draw against Kilmarnock and went on to become the club's top scorer in 1963/64 with 23 goals, though neither he nor any of his team-mates could find the net in Dunfermline's Scottish Cup semi-final defeat by Rangers.

Almost immediately after this Stein departed for Hibs and his successor, Willie Cunningham, began the task of rebuilding the Athletic's forward line by selling Kerray to St. Johnstone

for £6,250 in May 1964. In his two spells at East End.

Kerray scored 30 goals in 68 matches but surprised supporters were quickly reassured by the arrival of three new forwards, one of whom was a certain Alex Ferguson. Kerray continued his career with St Johnstone before moving to Stirling Albion in 1966. He ended his playing career in 1969 after spending his last season with Falkirk.

Jim Kerray was a loving husband of Sandra, proud dad to David, Maureen and Mark, the late James and the late Brendan. A treasured grandad, great grandad, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him.

Jim was laid to rest at Stirling Crematorium on Wednesday 24th November.

Thoughts are with the Kerray family at this time.



A STRIP BACK IN TIME

Home Kit | Season: 2004/05 | Manufacturer: TFG | Shirt Sponsor: RAC

Player Pictured: Simon Donnelly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FERGIE!

DOB: 31 DECEMBER 1941 (80)



MOJO TURNS 70!

Some former players showed MO the love on Facebook

Greg Ross

Happy birthday Mo, legend at the club

Pat Wilson

Happy 70th Birthday Mr Happy!

Scott Thomson

Happy 70th to a proper club LEGEND. Happy birthday!

Shaun Byrne

Happy birthday mojo! Legend

Ian Ferguson

Happy birthday Mo! Hope you have a wonderful day. LEGEND

Josh Falkingham

Happy Birthday to the legend that is Mojo!!!

Guido Van De Kamp

Happy Birthday MO!

Marc Millar

Major congrats Mo, top man! Have a brilliant day.

Scott Walker

Great guy. Happy birthday buddy

Andrius Skerla

Happy Birthday Mo!

Gerald McCabe

Happy Birthday Mo Boy Have A Great Day Catch Up Soon Ole Pal

Tam McManus

What a legend!!





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