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WELCOME

The Kilmarnock game was a much improved performance, but it was almost a travesty of a result. I was out of my seat when Aaron Comrie got the late equaliser. Saturday's draw at Firhill has set us up to go one step further and beat The Rovers, here's hoping!

I do not pay any attention to the garbage spouted by the vast majority of keyboard warriors, but when it goes further than that into the sort of verbal and physical abuse which Ross has had to endure, it is too much. Of course these morons wallow in anonymity so it is difficult to bring them to task with libel and assault charges. Yet another example of the abuse of advances in technology.

On to better things, two Pars legends celebrate significant birthdays in November:- Andy Tod is 50 on the 4th and Kenny Thomson is 70 on the 9th. Best Wishes to both.

This month's magazine has all your favourite items including our joint highest finish in the SPL, with Bert Paton's exciting team.

COYP

Chris Wishart
Secretary



FRONT COVER: ANDY TOD - BIRTHDAY BOY!

Happy 50th Birthday to Andy Tod! Pictured against Rangers on the opening match of our featured season, 1996/97. Andy turns 50 on 4th November.



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NOSTALGIA CORNER

A LOOK THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

'THE MEN FROM EAST END PARK'

English newspaper feature ahead of the tie against West Brom in 1969



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.



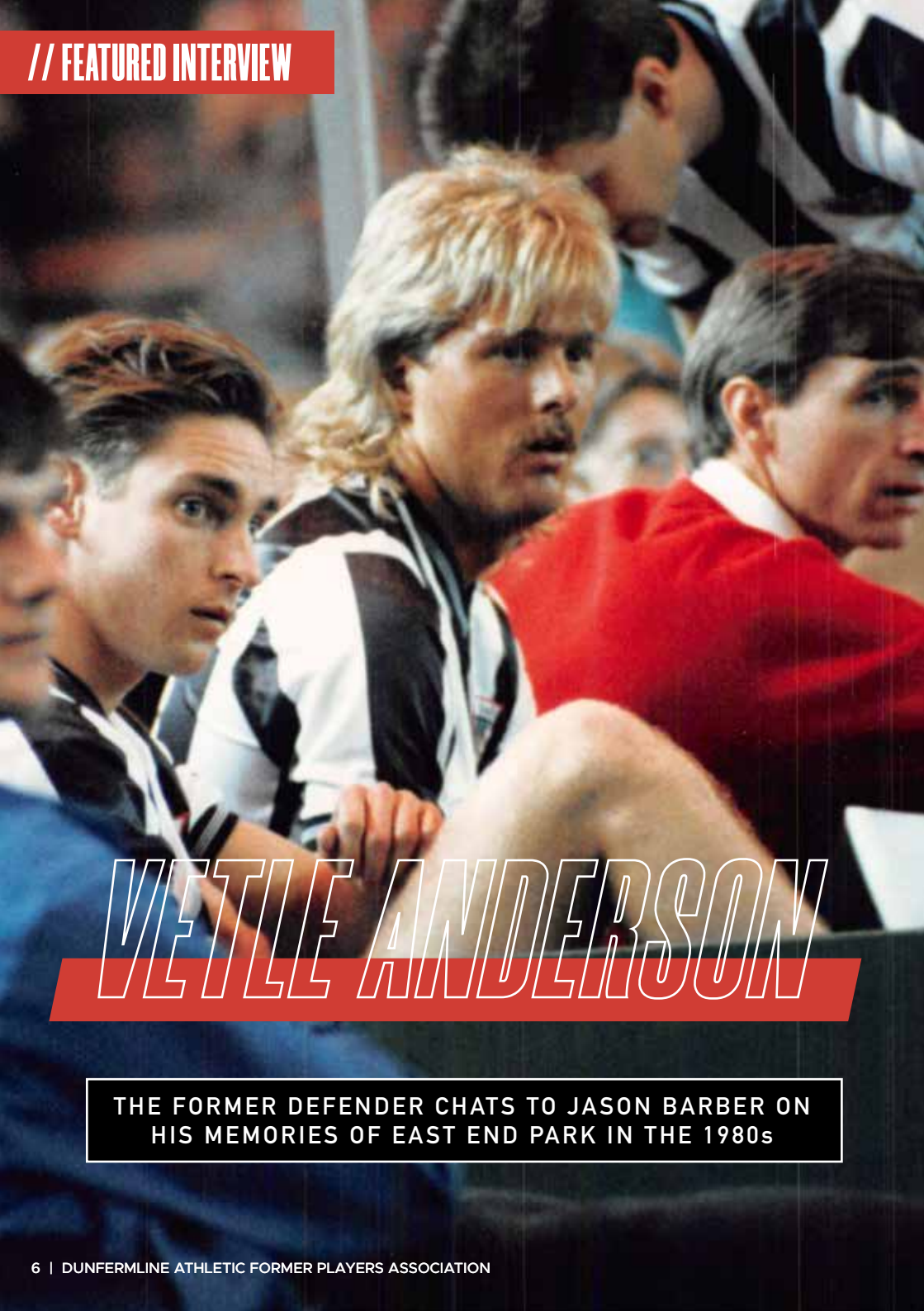
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VETLE ANDERSON

THE FORMER DEFENDER CHATS TO JASON BARBER ON HIS MEMORIES OF EAST END PARK IN THE 1980s



Vetle made his debut against Celtic on 21st November 1987.

For the latest interview with a former player, Jason Barber went further afield than Fife and caught up with Vetle Andersen, the Norwegian defender who made a big impression during his time at the club during its first ever Premier League campaign in 1987-88;

Signed from Blau-Weiss Berlin, who spent their one and only season in the German top flight during Vetle's time at the club, a Norwegian agent then got in touch with Dunfermline to pass on details about the young centre half who was looking for a new challenge. Scotland was not that strange a choice however, given that Vetle is indeed half Scottish himself! Vetle's mother is now residing in a nursing home back in Norway, however she still has her distinct Greenock accent to this day. Mr Andersen senior was working in shipping and met his future wife whilst working here

in Scotland. Vetle even resided in Inverness as a young boy, attending primary school there for a while before moving back to Norway the family settled there.

Once the agent made contact with Dunfermline, a contract was offered one month later, there was the rather daunting prospect of a debut away to Celtic in front of the old Jungle on 21st November 1987. There was no shortage of competition for a place in Dunfermline's defence at the time, with John Holt, Norrie McCathie and Gary Riddell all vying for a place at centre half.

Fast forward a couple of months and Vetle was in the starting line up for the Scottish Cup tie at home to Rangers in February 1988. Vetle recalls "it was the best game in my entire career, without any doubt. To be playing up against the superstars that they had that day. Players such

as Trevor Francis, Ray Wilkins, Richard Gough and Chris Woods. Souness was obviously the manager too, all household names. I was up against Mark Walters who was one of the best players in the country, but we all did our jobs and got an amazing result. Going up the town that night was incredible, it was a late night but definitely worth it! I still show the footage of the game to friends and family over here, that Mark Smith cross/goal never gets old.

"The whole atmosphere around the club and the town at the time was incredible. Everybody was so kind to me, it was long before the days of video calls or any social media to keep in touch with friends and family back home. Jim Leishman was a brilliant boss for me, motivating people in the dressing room. He'd always make sure I was ok but all the players and even the directors did too.



Willie Irvine deserves a special mention, he took care of me when I was new to the club, still keep in touch to this day. Norrie and John obviously had the pubs in town then and were great for a night out! Craig Robertson, Stuart Beedie, so many of them I could mention.

I only lived a five minute walk from the football ground, I shared a house with Gary Riddell along at Lambert Drive which was a great place to be. Quite often we would

end up there on a Saturday night and have parties that lasted well into the Sunday!

One other game that stands out for me was the friendly match against Bordeaux, just before that Rangers cup win. They were an outstanding team full of international players. I don't know how it happened, but at one point I found myself on a run all the way up the park with only the goalkeeper to beat! Think I must have panicked as I wasn't used

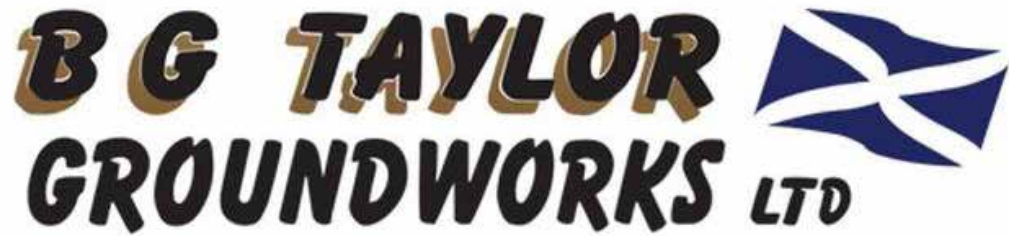
to being in that position, but the history books show that I didn't score. I wasn't used to being in that position!

I still love the club and I've enjoyed coming back for visits, hopefully I'll get back across sometime soon again. I follow the results and watch games whenever I can online, it's obviously sad seeing them struggling just now but hopefully that changes soon. I'll genuinely never forget my time at Dunfermline Athletic, such a brilliant time in my life"



In action against Motherwell and former Pars striker Paul Kinnaird.





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Quiz Time

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WERE SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF CLUBS, NOT INCLUDING LOAN SIGNINGS. FOLLOW THE TRAIL AND IDENTIFY THEM.

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1. Celtic - Cambridge United - Bristol City - Shrewsbury Town - Dunfermline - Hamilton Accies - Preston
 2. Queen of the South - Ayr United - Clydebank - Dunfermline - Partick Thistle - St Johnstone - Clydebank - Annan Athletic - Gretna
 3. Cowdenbeath - Partick Thistle - Dunfermline - Airdrie - Ayr United - East Fife - Alloa - Livingston - Raith Rovers - Alloa - Cowdenbeath.
 4. Queens Park - East Stirling - Partick Thistle - Kilmarnock - Airdrie - St Johnstone - Dunfermline - Morton - Airdrie
 5. St Mirren - Partick Thistle - Dundee - Dunfermline - Ross County - Partick Thistle - Clydebank - Stranraer - Forfar - Arbroath
 6. Crewe Alexandra - Stockport County - Rochdale - Tranmere Rovers - Inverness CT - Hamilton Accies - Dunfermline
 7. Oldham Athletic - Rochdale - Falkirk - Huddersfield - Partick Thistle - Kilmarnock - Dunfermline - Kelty Hearts
 8. Raith Rovers - Dunfermline - Huddersfield - Newcastle - Dunfermline - St Johnstone - Stirling Albion - Falkirk
 9. Everton - Norwich City - Lincoln City - Dundee - Dunfermline - Kilmarnock - Montrose - Ayr United
 10. Shamrock Rovers - Dunfermline - Dundee United - Reading - Leeds United - Ipswich Town - Southend United - Portsmouth - Wigan Athletic - Waterford

ANSWERS :- 1. David Moyes, 2. Davie Irons, 3. Liam Buchanan, 4. Martin Hardie, 5. George Shaw, 6. Owain Iwan Williams, 7. Kallum Higgins, 8. Jim Kerray, 9. Ross Jack, 10. Noel Hunt.



TEAM OF 1996/97: Back Row (l-r) Ryan Heggarty, Mark McCulloch, Greg Shaw, Craig Ireland, Ivo Den Bieman, Andy Tod, John Clark, Brian Rice, John Dickson and John Fraser. Middle row: Greame Robertson, Pip Yeates, Robert Ryan, Gerry Farrell, Steven Ferguson, Ian Westwater, Andy Smith, Guido Van De Kamp, Hamish French, Craig Reynolds, Scott Young, Dave McParland and Joe Nelson. Front Row: Harry Curran, Marc Millar, Allan Moore, Colin Miller, Dick Campbell, Craig Robertson, Bert Paton, Stewart Petrie, Kenny Ward, Derek Fleming and David Bingham.

A SEASON IN TIME

THE STORY OF 1996-1997 - PATON'S PREMIER PARS

BY CHRIS WISHART

The feel-good factor over the summer holiday had been tremendous. Against exceptional adversity, The Pars had remained on course and in an amazing climax to the season had thoroughly deserved their promotion.

They had achieved this by playing attacking football and with a team which Bert had assembled at a low cost. There was only one new signing of note and that

was another striker in Gerry Britton, formerly of Celtic, Partick Thistle and Dundee.

Pre-season home matches were against Grimsby Town, Southampton and Stoke City, all finishing in draws. On the opening day of the season, Dunfermline should have been at home to Hearts, but this was postponed to allow the Tynecastle side to deal with their Cup Winners Cup tie. It would have been nice if

The Pars had received similar consideration in our European games.

It was 14th August before Athletic got their season up and running with a League Cup tie at Stair Park. A close fought 2-1 win was the outcome. The first home League game finished in a heavy defeat, 5-2 for Rangers and the month finished with a 0-0 draw at Easter Road. It was the League Cup which

began September's quota of matches and a 3-1 home win against St Mirren was a good start. Future Scotland International Chris Iwelumo was on the bench for The Buddies.

A trip to Kilmarnock finished well with a 2-2 draw. Andy Tod and Andy Smith both scored as Dunfermline beat Hearts 2-1 at East End Park but Motherwell provided a sterner task taking back a point in a 1-1 draw. Next to visit were Partick Thistle in the League Cup Quarter Final but Dave Bingham and Gerry Britton scored to see The Pars safely into the Semi-Final. Yet another home match saw the month finish satisfactorily with a 3-1 win over Raith Rovers.

It was 12th October before Dunfermline opened their October account with a 3-0 defeat at Pittodrie. They followed this with a 1-1 draw at home to Dundee United courtesy of Andy Tod. Harry Curran, signed last season but unable to play due to injury, was on the bench for his first game but was not called into action. Gerry Farrell left to join Neale Cooper at Ross County. The League Cup Semi Final was at Celtic Park but it was Rangers who provided the opposition, winning easily 6-1. Fortunately the team did not allow this to upset them too much as they won 2-1 at home to Kilmarnock.

The month of November opened for Dunfermline with a

2-0 defeat at Tynecastle. Sad news came through that Gary Thompson had been killed in an accident. Steve Welsh, signed from Peterborough, made his debut at Starks Park as The Pars recorded a 2-1 win. On the last day of the month, Dunfermline returned from Tannadice with a 1-1 draw, courtesy of Andy Tod. Raymond Sharp, signed from Preston, made his second Pars debut in this game and goalkeeper Zoran Lemajic was injured and Ian Westwater came on as substitute, then went on to hold on to the position for the rest of the season.

December was to be a busy month, with six games for The Pars. They started with a home defeat to Aberdeen 2-3. Craig



Club Secretary Paul D'Mello and chairman Roy Woodrow proudly unveil the 1st Division League flag prior to kick-off against Rangers on the opening game of the season. 17th August 1996.

Ireland made his first start of the season. This was quickly made up for by beating Hibs 2-1 at East End. Harry Curran made his long awaited first start. After losing 3-1 at Ibrox, Dunfermline made a midweek visit to Motherwell, where two Andy Smith goals and one from Marc Millar produced a 3-2 win. The month ended on a low note with two defeats 2-3 at home to Hearts and 2-4 at Celtic Park.

January 1st is a day I always approach with trepidation, as so many of them have been ruined by a hangover and even more painful football matches against Fife rivals. This year it was to be Raith Rovers at East End Park but, either I was still drunk and hallucinating or the Pars played well and won 2-0. The record books confirm the win and show that Gerry Britton got both of the goals, so

it must have been true. Happy New Year! The following week Stewart Petrie scored twice to beat Aberdeen 2-0 at Pittodrie. Dundee United proceeded to spoil it all by winning 3-1 at East End Park and Kilmarnock then inflicted a 2-1 defeat at Rugby Park. The Cup was next and The Pars drawn against Ross County, the first time the two had met in competition. A fine display and goals from Harry Curran, Hamish French and two from Andy Smith produced a 4-0 home win and progress to the next round. The month ended with a 2-0 home defeat from Celtic.

February's matches began at home to Motherwell and a comfortable 3-1 win. Kenny Ward left the club to sign for Falkirk. Rangers had their normal easy 3-0 win at East End Park and the misery continued

as Falkirk ended The Pars progress in the Cup, the score at Brockville 1-2. Dunfermline recovered from their Cup exit in style by beating Aberdeen 3-0 at home.

A 2-1 defeat at Tannadice opened the March fixtures and followed this by losing 1-0 at Easter Road. Another Fife Derby was next, at Starks Park, where Andy Smith scored the only goal. This set things up nicely for the home game with Celtic. There were glorious memories of the great years as Dunfermline swept into a 2-0 half time lead, through Harry Curran and Gerry Britton. Sadly Celtic fought back in the second half and secured a 2-2 draw.

As April opened The Pars were not far from safety. They sat in sixth place in the ten team SPL on 39 points. There could

be no room for complacency, however, as Rangers put in four goals without reply at Ibrox. One of the teams below Dunfermline was Hibs and they were kept there following a 1-1 draw at East End. Scott Young made a scoring debut as an injury ravaged team held Hearts to a 1-1 draw at Tynecastle. Zoran Lemajic made his only other appearance for the season. The month ended with

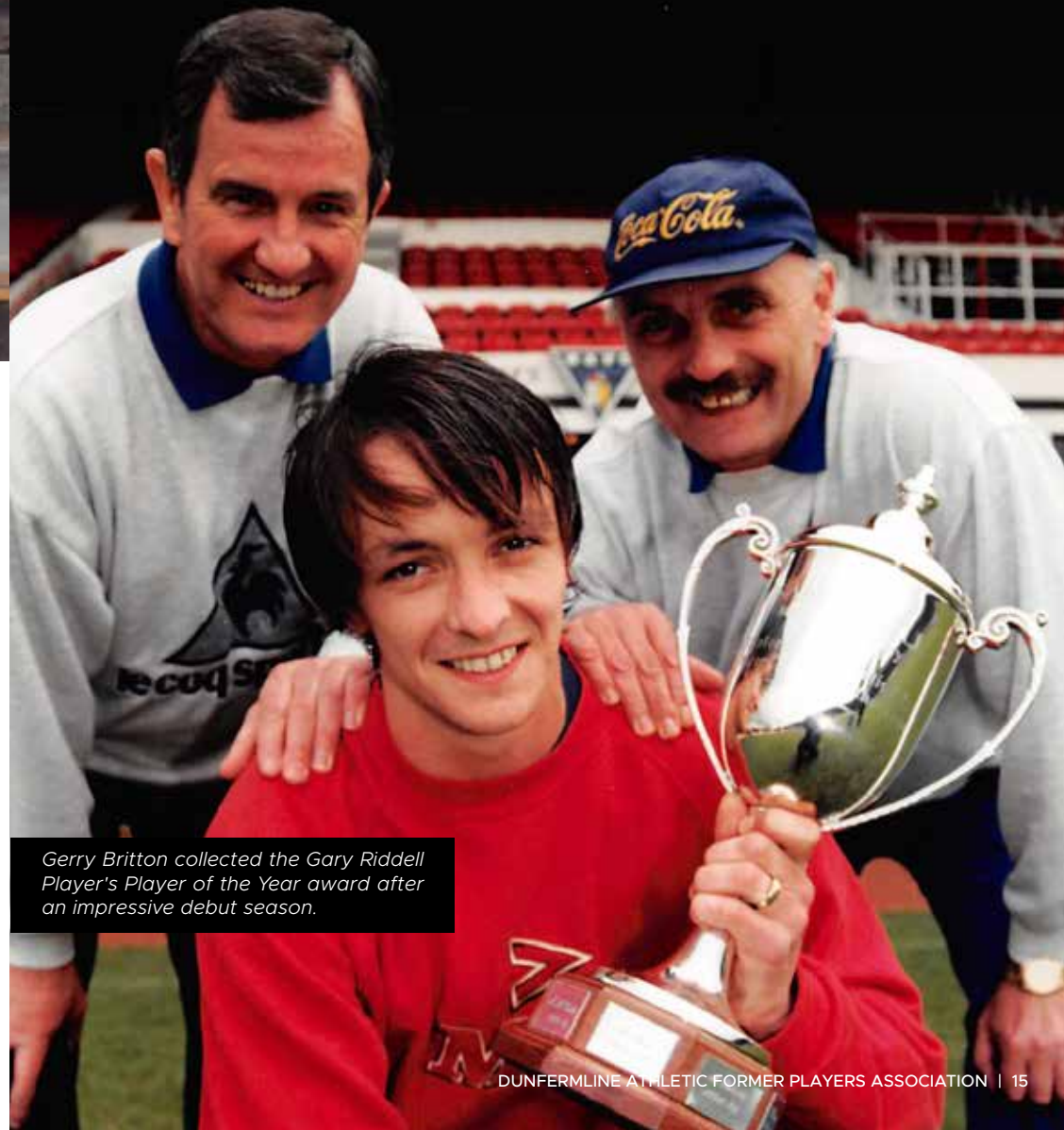
The Pars in 5th position.

May was going to decide everything. The penultimate game of the season was at home to Kilmarnock and with John Fraser making his debut, Dunfermline coasted to a 3-1 victory. The season finished for The Pars at Fir Park with a draw 2-2. The result was enough to keep Motherwell safe but it did not stop Dunfermline finishing

5th in the Bells Premier League.

A feat not beaten since, though Jimmy Calderwood did equal it. A remarkable performance by Bert Paton and his relatively inexpensively assembled team.

They were indeed Paton's Premier Pars.



Gerry Britton collected the Gary Riddell Player's Player of the Year award after an impressive debut season.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

It's November 1998 and The Pars make the double signing of Rangers striker David Graham and Brazilian 'star' Edinho signs on loan from English Premiership side Bradford City.

The Brazilian striker had been languishing in Bradford City's reserves when Bert Paton swooped.



He made his debut against Dundee United on 15th November after signing a three-month loan deal with a view to a permanent, £150,000 transfer. However despite scoring against Hearts (pictured above) on the 21st November, he would only play 9 times (5 starts and 4 sub appearances) for the club before returning down south.

Edinho was signed by Bradford City in February 1997 for £250,000 from Portuguese club Vitoria Guimaraes and became an overnight hit at the Valley Parade. His goals helped keep City in the first division that season and he was the club's joint top scorer with Rob Steiner, hitting 11 goals.

A STATE OF MIND

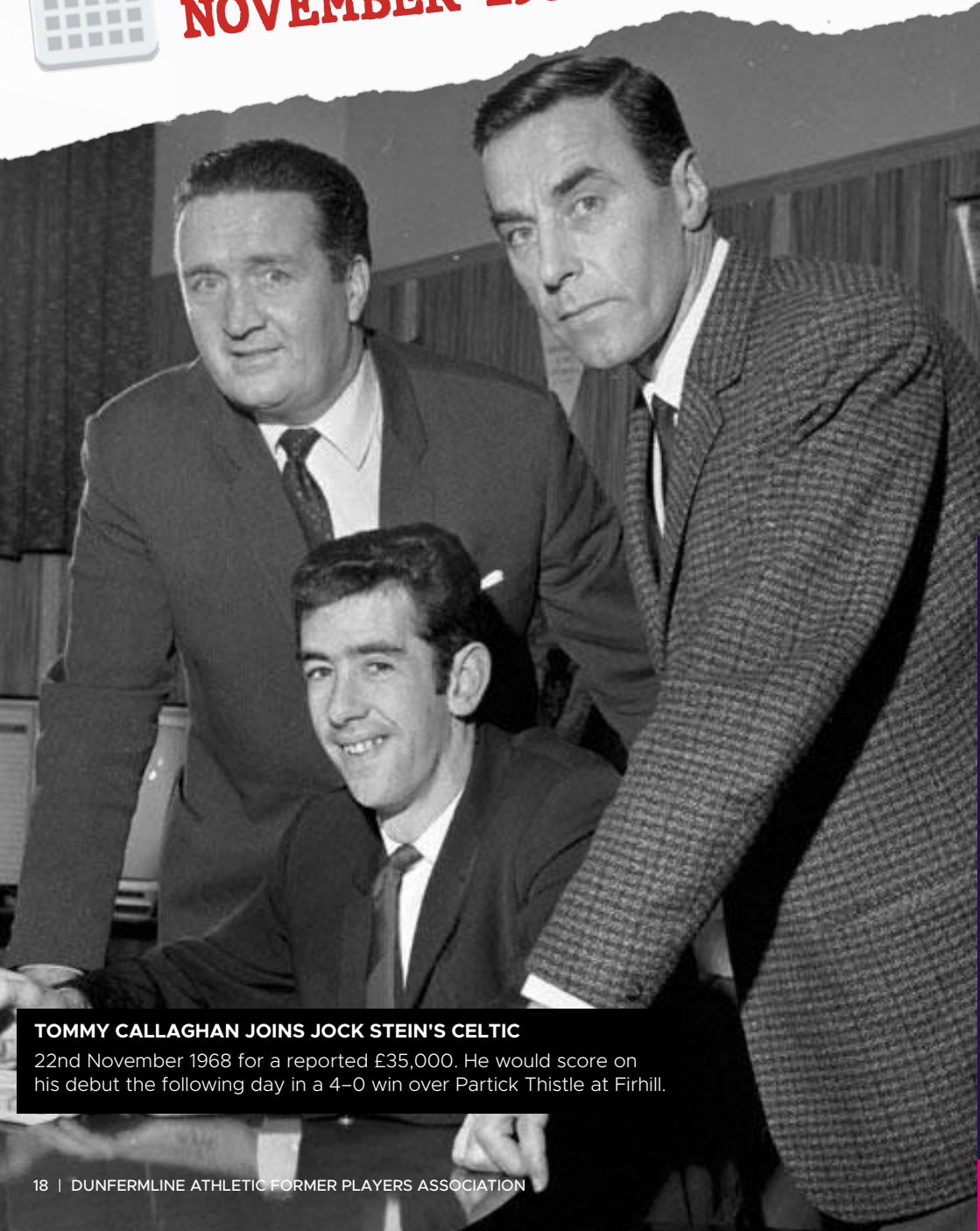
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22nd November 1968 for a reported £35,000. He would score on his debut the following day in a 4-0 win over Partick Thistle at Firhill.



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JOIN US

Founded over ten years ago, the Former Players Association is open to anyone who has played for Dunfermline Athletic Football Club.

The FPA is independently constituted and is owned and run by its members. It is run for the benefit of its members and to assist and provide sponsorship for Dunfermline Athletic. The current membership fee is £20 p.a. and there are members from across the eras from the late 50's through to date.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

Members have free entry to matches at East End Park with free Half-time refreshments. Seating is allocated to allow members to sit together and discuss the match and old times.

The Guest of Honour scheme allows a member and their guest to enjoy full hospitality in the Club's premium facility:- The Purvis Suite at a match of their choice. This is organised on a game by game basis.

The Association also organises social events. We have had a number of Cabaret Events, Whisky Evenings, Quizzes, Theatre Trips and even a Cycle Race.

BENEFITS TO DAFC

The Association provides financial assistance to The Pars by means of donations for players kit items, lunches for youth players and other projects.


We worked with the Supporters Trust to provide a new fridge for the players' room. A donation was made to help purchase another kit van. The Association sponsors the induction of a former player into the Club's Hall of Fame. Members also regularly attend Club Events to help attract fans. The interview by Jim Leishman MBE with the Guest of Honour is a popular attraction to the hospitality package.

WORK WITH OTHER GROUPS

As mentioned above, the FPA worked with the Supporters Trust on projects like the Youth Players lunches and the players' fridge. In its recent survey, the Heritage Trust identified its interview videos as the most popular part of its work. These videos stem from the FPA's Guest of Honour Scheme and nearly all of the interviewees have been Guests of Honour.

Members also attend and support events, such as quizzes and lunches.

// CULT HEROES



FAISSAL EL BAKHTAOU

Few young players have become crowd favourites quite like Faiss, as he was commonly known.

He had not even played major football when Jim Jefferies plucked him from Fussball in 2012. He was 20 years old and had tremendous skills. He made only two substitute appearances in Season 2012/13.

The following season, he made 20 appearances and scored 4 goals. He started season 2014/15 in the team but was unable to hold down a regular spot with 16 starts and 13 appearances from the bench. He did, however, score 9 goals. The following season 2015/16

was when he became a star and cult hero. He made 40 appearances and scored an incredible 30 goals as he slaughtered Division One defences and contributed hugely to The Pars promotion, including a hat-trick in the game, against Brechin City, which saw them promoted with room to spare.

He had, naturally, attracted attention from SPL and English clubs and it was inevitable that he would move on. It was Dundee who won his signature but despite some flashes of brilliance, he did not establish himself in a struggling team. In 2018, Allan Johnston brought him back to Dunfermline,

on loan, then inexplicably often played him up front on his own - not his forte by any means.

The result was a disappointing goal tally of only 3 goals from 34 games. Sent back to Dundee, who released him, he spent season 2019/20, back with Allan Johnston, who, by now, was with Queen of the South. He never returned to the heights and went back to lower league football abroad. He is currently in the Maltese Premier Division.

For that one season, his star shone so brightly.

A Cult Hero, indeed!



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Stewart Francis

Don't you hate it when people answer their own questions. I do.

Milton Jones

I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather, not screaming like the passengers in the car he was driving.

Gary Delaney

I bought a really nice 12 year old malt whisky. His parents were not pleased.

Stephen Wright

A termite walks into a bar and says Is the bar-tender here?

Tommy Cooper

A man walks into a bar and says OUCH !

Gary Delaney

A paedophile walks into a florists and asks for a bunch of flowers. Orchids says the assistant. No just the flowers.

Chic Murray

My sister went to sleep on her water bed. The house caught fire. She was poached to death.

Rodney Dangerfield

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I don't want to interrupt her.

Phyllis Diller

I want my children to have all the things I could not afford. Then move in with them.

Stephen Wright

On Desert Island Discs, I was asked which book would I take with me. I said "How to build a boat"

200 CLUB

A TRUE LEGEND OF THE PARS, LOCAL BOY WILLIE CALLAGHAN PLAYED OVER 400 TIMES FOR THE CLUB.

BY MICHAEL WOOD

Willie Callaghan was born in the coal-mining town of Cowdenbeath amid World War II but forged as a footballer in East End Park.

Callaghan arrived as an unpolished teenager, leaving a hardened man after being cleaved and moulded by Jock Stein, Willie Cunningham and George Farm to become a diamond of Dunfermline Athletic's most successful era.

In his 10+ years at Dunfermline, Callaghan was around the squad for the 1961 Scottish Cup victory, appearing in the loss to Stein's Celtic in 65, but more importantly, featuring in the triumph of 68.

Willie shared the pitch with his younger brother Tommy, who joined in 1962, in the aforementioned finals, and the Callaghan's are

the last pair of siblings to have started and finished the showcase event at Hampden Park on the winning side.

Silverware brought about European football, and no individual turned



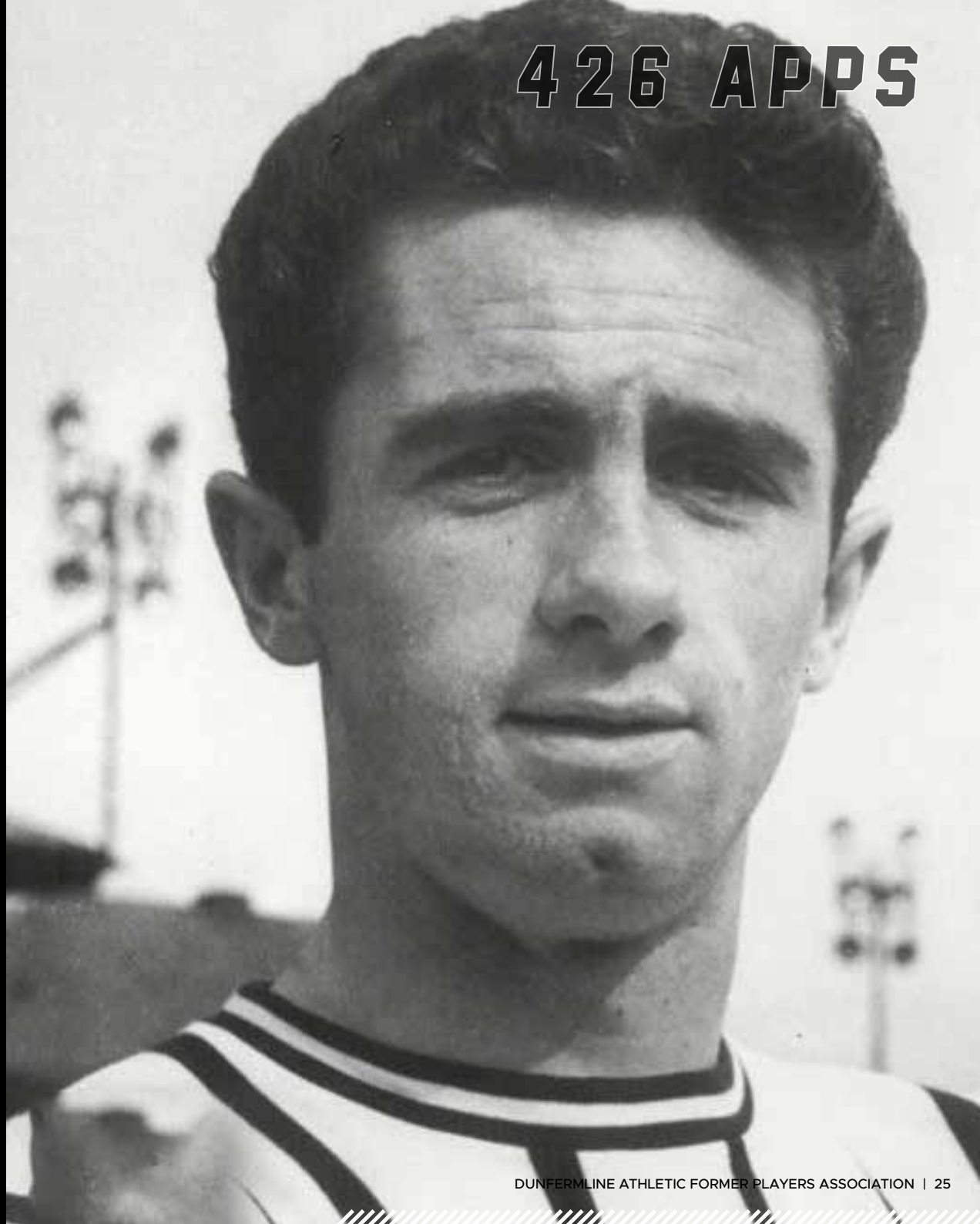
out more against continental opposition for the club than Willie. His 34 matches are unlikely to be topped in his life, never mind that of his son: Willie Junior, and grandson, Liam, who both followed in their elders' footsteps as professionals.

Callaghan's exploits across mainland Europe garnered the attention of Scotland manager Bobby Brown, thus becoming the second par capped by the nation, the first being Andy Wilson in 1921.

Willie's final display for the nation came against Wales in a 0-0 draw in the 1970 edition of the British Home Championship, with the trophy shared alongside the Welsh and England. It would be the last by a Pars player until Barry Nicholson's start against Poland 31 years later.

In 2008, the Dunfermline Athletic hall of fame inducted Callaghan, and fittingly so, as only Kenny Thomson, Willie's former teammate, and the late great Norrie McCathie played on more occasions than the right back synonymous in the 1960s.

426 APPS

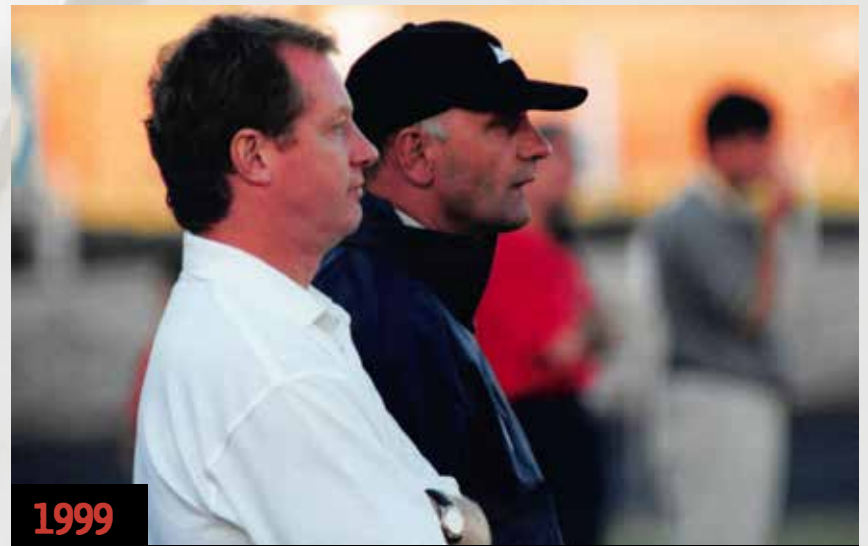


4 EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN...NOVEMBER



1989

After 1-1 draw at against Motherwell at Fir Park, Pars top the Premier League for the first time! For three days anyways they are the top team in Scotland.



1999

Shock as Dick Campbell sacked. Jimmy Nicholl takes over as caretaker before Jimmy Calderwood appointed at end of month



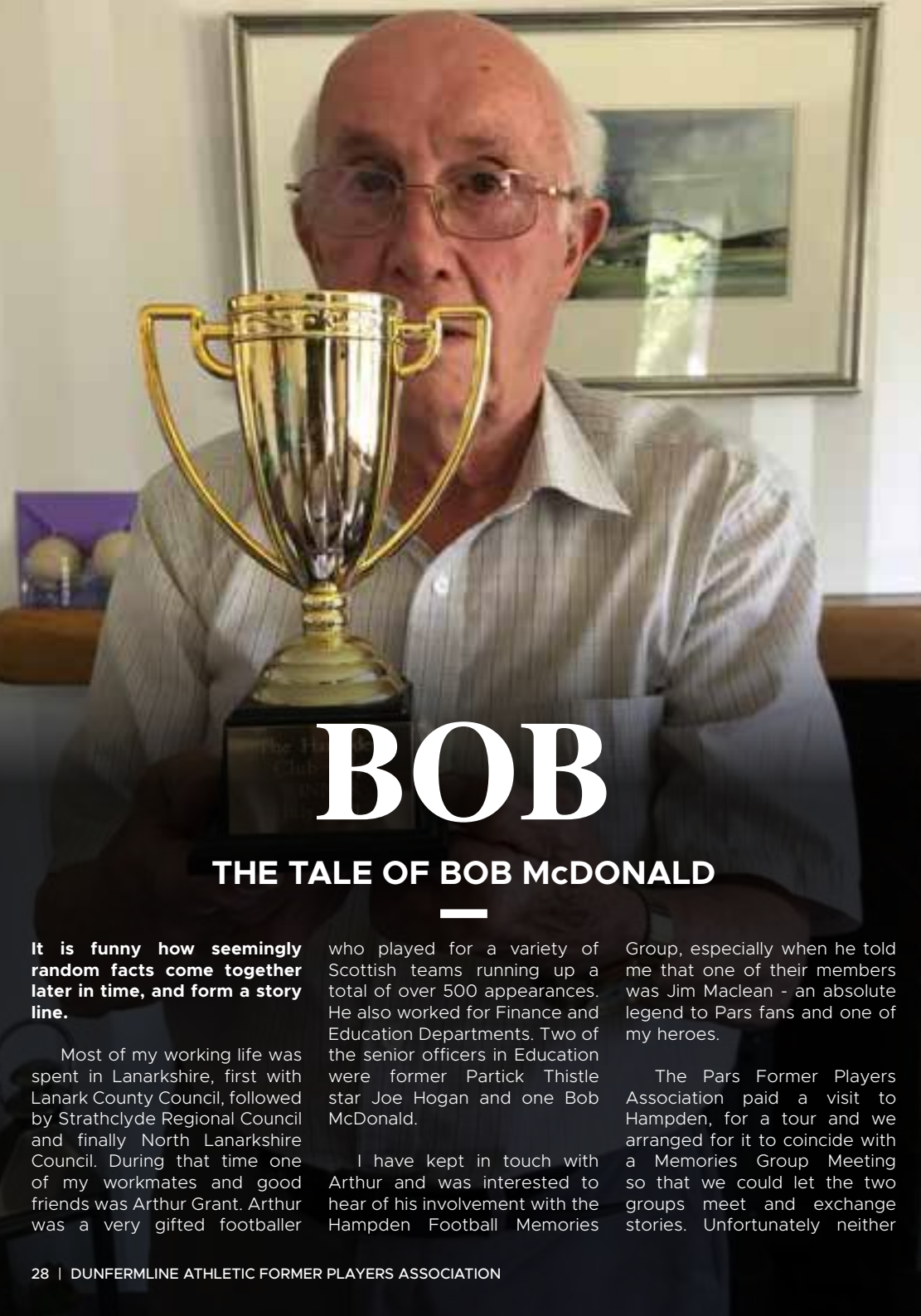
1991

Jocky Scott signs Hamish French for a fee of £150,000 from Dundee United.



2006

Irishman Stephen Kenny was confirmed as the new Dunfermline Athletic manager on 10th November 2006 to replace Jim Leishman.



BOB

THE TALE OF BOB McDONALD

It is funny how seemingly random facts come together later in time, and form a story line.

Most of my working life was spent in Lanarkshire, first with Lanark County Council, followed by Strathclyde Regional Council and finally North Lanarkshire Council. During that time one of my workmates and good friends was Arthur Grant. Arthur was a very gifted footballer

who played for a variety of Scottish teams running up a total of over 500 appearances. He also worked for Finance and Education Departments. Two of the senior officers in Education were former Partick Thistle star Joe Hogan and one Bob McDonald.

I have kept in touch with Arthur and was interested to hear of his involvement with the Hampden Football Memories

Group, especially when he told me that one of their members was Jim Maclean - an absolute legend to Pars fans and one of my heroes.

The Pars Former Players Association paid a visit to Hampden, for a tour and we arranged for it to coincide with a Memories Group Meeting so that we could let the two groups meet and exchange stories. Unfortunately neither

Jim nor Arthur were there that day but we were introduced to a gentleman who had played a game for The Pars. This turned out to be Bob McDonald and he has been a member of the FPA ever since.

Another benefit emanating from our visit was that two of our members who live not far from Glasgow have been back to give talks to the Memories Group. These two, Jim Herriot and Dan McLindon proved to be very popular.

As we got to know Bob better we were delighted to learn that he had played Junior football in Fife and Arthur sent us a newspaper report on a game in which Bob, playing at outside left had scored seven goals for Markinch Vics against Crossgates Primrose in January 1955.

Bob has been working on a project to record the 1963 Miners' Gala Match between

Fife Miners and an Hungarian team. Former Pars player Alan Marnoch played, as did Pars Legend Joe Nelson and the Scots were coached by Jock Stein. This was in May 1963. Bob has been in touch with Club Historian Duncan Simpson, with Alan's daughter and with Joe's children John and Barbara Ann to gather background information.

At the FPA AGM held in September, I was chatting with Bob and found to my amazement that he was the Bob McDonald from Education Department. I had not made the connection. Isn't life interesting? Most of the pictures and the following background information was provided by Robert Harvey, himself a fine footballer, who played alongside Arthur for Clyde under Craig Brown. We are grateful to Robert for his input. Robert is the co-ordinator of Football Memories Scotland from Glasgow, where he is again

working alongside Arthur.

Bob McDonald spent his early life in Burntisland. Like all kids he played street football (Though never on a Sunday) and in the school playground with a tennis ball. He went to Kirkcaldy High School and played in the 1952 SFA Juvenile Cup Final for Bayview Youth Club but they lost, after a replay, to Sauchie Juveniles.

Young McDonald played trials with Stirling Albion and Dunfermline and was training at East End Park when a young Jimmy Millar was introduced. Bob's father, though steered him away from attempting a career in football and down the line of education. He enjoyed the dancing at the Kinema in Dunfermline and the Burma in Kirkcaldy.

In 1955 Bob scored seven goals in a match (reported above) but finished playing in 1957 with Glenraig Colliery.





He progressed in the mining profession and became Safety Officer responsible for over 20 pits. Football has always played an important part in the life of mining communities and Bob played at every opportunity. In the early 1960's he played in N Rhodesia (Zambia) and was surprised by a pitch invader which turned out to be a deadly venomous Green Mamba.

From 1967 - 72 he lived in Broughty Ferry, but did not indulge in beach football. In 1972 he and his wife Elsa

moved to Glasgow. Bob still goes to Junior Football and attends the Football Memories Group at Hampden Park. A few years ago he took part in a Walking Football Tournament at Hampden Park. During Lockdown, he has been researching his project on the 1963 Miners' Gala match between Scotland and Hungary. Robert Harvey has made the following statement concerning Bob

" Bob is a valuable member of the Football Memories Group

in Glasgow at Hampden. He always shares a story or two about his foot-balling days in Fife and his enthusiasm, humour and life experience stories are always welcome at our groups. He leaves a positive and lasting impression on everyone he meets."

ROBERT HARVEY Football Memories Scotland Co-ordinator for Glasgow

We in the Former Players Association are delighted to have Bob as a member.

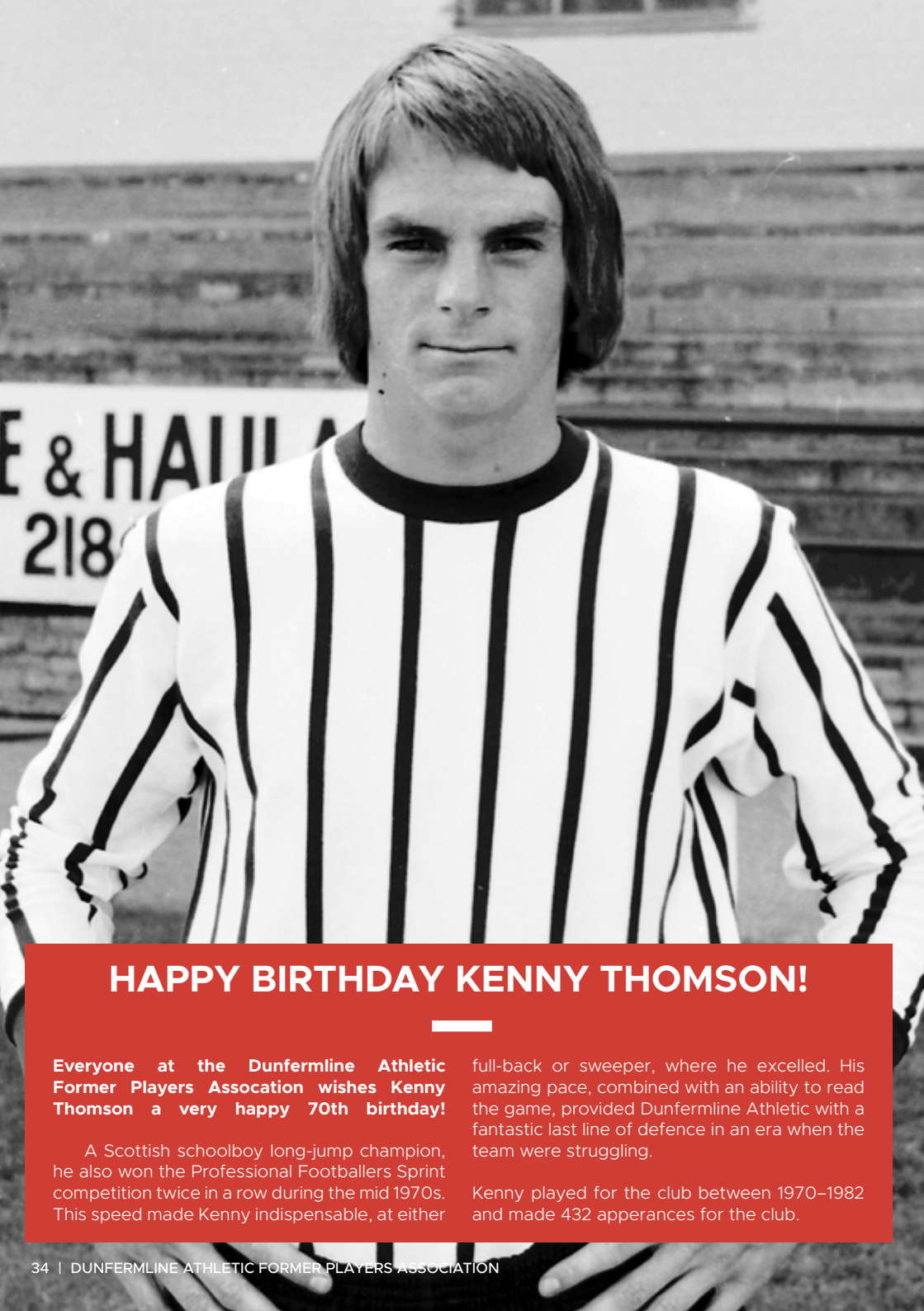


AGM 2021



The annual AGM was held at East End Park on Saturday 25th September prior to the match against Hamilton Accies.

Left to right: Jim Herriot, Colin O'Brien, Pat Wilson, Willie Callaghan, Chris Wishart, Cammy Fraser, Bob McDonald, Peter Campbell, Dan McLinden, Ryan Heggarty, Bert Paton, Alex Edwards, Bonar Mercer and Kevin Heggarty.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KENNY THOMSON!

Everyone at the Dunfermline Athletic Former Players Association wishes Kenny Thomson a very happy 70th birthday!

A Scottish schoolboy long-jump champion, he also won the Professional Footballers Sprint competition twice in a row during the mid 1970s. This speed made Kenny indispensable, at either

full-back or sweeper, where he excelled. His amazing pace, combined with an ability to read the game, provided Dunfermline Athletic with a fantastic last line of defence in an era when the team were struggling.

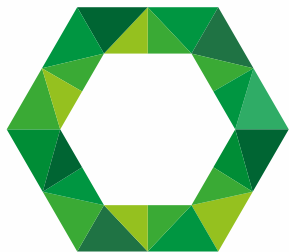
Kenny played for the club between 1970–1982 and made 432 appearances for the club.



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