

For the first time in the BNL the Flyers were topped in the attendance chart despite a small increase for the **2000/01 Season** Guildford were now marginally bigger drawers. Unsurprisingly Fife returned all but one of their imports from the Slam season, Moody deciding to 'hang em up' but more importantly perhaps was the loss of the Haig and Smith double act to Guildford. The Flyers topped their Benson and Hedges Cup group, then got whacked by ISL Newcastle Jesters. The league however was effectively lost early on as Flyers struggled to pick up points on the road and eventually they finished 3rd four points behind the Flames despite Dutiaume and Monteith top scoring in the league. Craig Nelson and Bill Morrisons had arrived mid-season from Paisley. In the Christmas Cup they qualified out of the group and 'smoked' the Peterborough Pirates in a second leg come back to reach the Final. The Flames won both legs. In the playoffs there was disappointment as they finished third in their group to be eliminated. There was the by now annual presentation of the Scottish Cup after a win against the Edinburgh Capitals. **Season 2001/02** saw the BNL also increased with Dundee Stars (eventual winners) and Cardiff Devils joining. Morris, Dutiaume, Morrison, Monteith for his final season all returned. There was a new man behind the mask in import Shawn Silver and the arrival of the hugely popular Karry Biette from the Flames. There was an end to the ludicrous Benson and Hedges start of season tournament and this was replaced by the Findus Challenge Cup. Flyers were perfect in their six group games and progressed to the Nottingham Arena for a finals weekend in November. Peterborough Pirates were hammered 10-2 in the semi and a Karry Biette hat trick helped the Flyers lift the trophy in a 6-3 win against the Coventry Blaze. It was another 3rd placed finish in the league as Dundee Stars ran away with the title. Qualification from the playoff group stage was achieved by Fife ran up against the red hot Stars who sent them out at the semi final stage as well as annexing the Scottish Cup from them. **Season 2002/03** saw both John Haig and Davie Smith reunite the famous partnership at Fife. Steve Briere entertained in net and high fived his way around the rink at the end of every game. Mike Bishop, Jeff Trembecky and Scott Campbell just about stayed long enough to taste the stovies and many thought Steve Roberts overstayed his nine games before being cut. The BNL lost teams in Slough, Paisley, and Peterborough but gained Newcastle and Milton Keynes becoming Solihull MK. It was however somewhat of another disappointing season. Fife finished 7th in the 10 team league to make the playoffs but picked up only one post season win from six. The Scottish Cup or Caledonia Cup did return after a 9-7 aggregate win over Dundee Stars in the Final that season. The **2003/04 Season** saw Flyers collect both the British National League and Caledonia Cup. Ian Fletcher and another fan favourite Greg Kuznik were recruited on the blueline and to bolster the returning trio of Biette, Morrison and Dutiaume was the mercurial Dan Goneau and no nonsense Paul Spadafora. It was a mixture of sublime skill and grit that worked and the BNL title was won after a very close race with Fife beating Guildford to top spot by only 1 point. However the league was starting its demises with only 7 teams competing. It meant that Hull were dropped as last placed team from the playoffs and 6 played a mini league to see who qualified for the semi. Fife finished 2nd and matched up against Bracknell who won both legs. The Caledonia Cup was retained again after victory against the Edinburgh Capitals. The **2004/05 Season** as it turned out was the final season of the BNL. The EIHL which was going into its second season following the collapse of the ISL played some crossover games with the BNL teams. The BNL iced 8 imports and the EIHL teams iced 12. Fife recorded 3 wins and an OTL in the 14 games played. The game had struggled with these inequalities since the inception of the ISL and the ridiculous Benson and Hedges competition. Briere was back then replaced by Scott Hay. Adrian Saul added from Murrayfield whilst newcomers Judd Medak and Kent Davyduke failed to live up to expectations. In truth though it was a season where Fife played the majority of their games without a full import quota due to injuries on their way to a 6th place finish. They got some of their mojo back to qualify from the playoff group and in the best of three semi against the Guildford Flames they took game one but lost the next two. There was no Scottish Cup played for. **Season 2005/06** and the demise of the BNL with Edinburgh and Newcastle deciding their future lay in the EIHL saw Dundee and Fife enter into a completely different world where the only North American accent in the room was that of coach Dutiaume. They competed and won the Northern League without a regulation loss and

then won the Scottish National League dropping just three points from 32. They won the Scottish Autumn cup with a perfect record of 11 wins in the group stages before beating Dundee in the final over two legs. The Scottish cup was won against Edinburgh's SNL side and Dundee Stars were beaten to win the Northern League playoff. A clean sweep but it wasn't import hockey and the general interest in hockey in the town dwindled which is no disrespect to all the local lads who donned the jersey during this team. **Season 2006/07** was another parade for the team, the core of which would step up into the EIHL in the coming years. A 100% record in the Northern League but a shock in the semi as Dundee dumped them out. A 100% record in the SNL and the retention of the Scottish Autumn Cup with an 11-7 aggregate win over the Stars who were also hosed 8-1 in the Scottish Cup Final. **Season 2007/08** saw Dundee put up a bit more resistance in the Northern League but again Fife only dropped three points from 48 and they went on to win the playoff by beating the Stars 5-2 in the Final. The SNL was not played for by the Flyers and the Stars broke the stranglehold in competitions by winning the Autumn Cup 7-5 on aggregate against the Flyers whom they also dumped out of the Scottish Cup at the quarter final stage. **Season 2008/09** saw the emergence of Solway Sharks who had a couple of Eastern European imports and they topped the Northern League on regulation wins. The Flyers however would be Champions as the two met in the playoff Final which was decided 1-0 in favour of Fife. The Scottish Autumn Cup saw both sides tied on points from the group stage but again Flyers prevailed in the Final winning 11-2 on aggregate after a 9-0 first leg trouncing. It was the Dundee Tigers who competed for the Scottish Cup final but Fife won it 6-4 over two legs. **Season 2009/10** and Solway were again a force to be reckoned with and they topped the Northern League again beating Fife by a point and this time knocked the Flyers out of the playoff semi on their way to be crowned Champions. In the Scottish Autumn Cup Flyers progressed in the semi against Solway but Dundee comprehensively beat them over two legs to win it. The only silverware of the season was the Scottish Cup when Solway were beaten 11-5 over the two legs. **Season 2010/11** was their last out of hockey's top flight before they joined the EIHL and it was the final season of the Northern League. The Flyers topped the table on goal difference from Whitley Warriors whom they went on to beat 6-0 in the playoff final.