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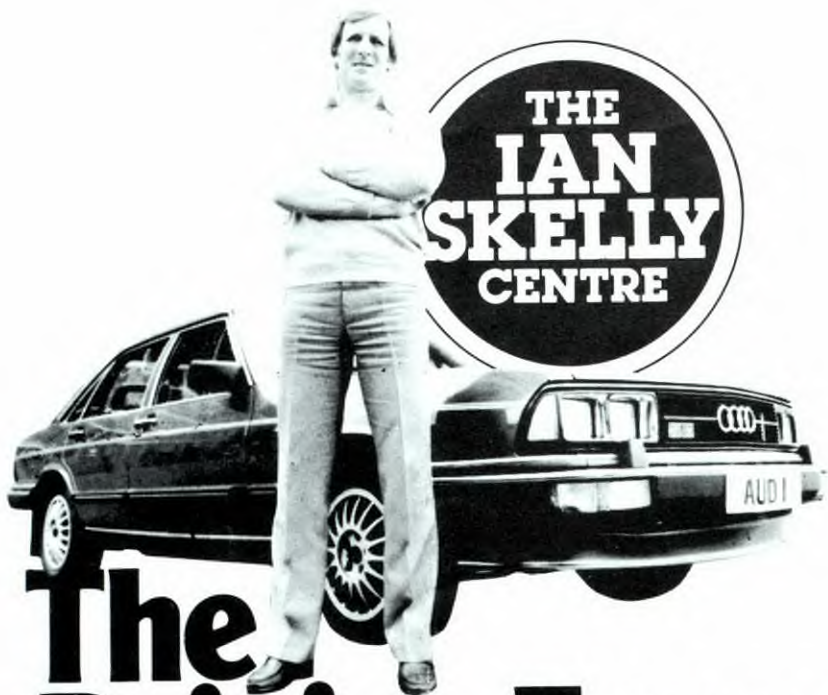


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1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977,
1979, 1981, 1982

Cup Winners (26 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,
1977, 1980.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938.

Coronation Cup 1953.

European Cup 1967.

TONIGHT we go into the second half of our League Cup section with a 100 per cent record from the first half. Indeed, we haven't had a goal scored against us so far this season.

The section games have not been ideal for us though. With no disrespect meant to our opposition, we are preparing for a European Cup tie at the moment and it is difficult for our players to raise their game against teams from a lower level of football than they are used to. We organised a good pre-season schedule and our players all worked hard to raise their game to a European standard, but now they seem to have it too easy and there is always the chance that they could lose the good of all their early hard work.

We have had some early injury problems, but these now seem to be clearing up. Tom McAdam is now completely over his, but we've had a set-back in Dom Sullivan's recovery. The midfielder had done everything asked of him and came through his reserve test with no problems. Then in training he went over on his other ankle and now has to have treatment on that.

Graeme Sinclair came into to start full time training on Monday and we will now set about bringing him up to a Celtic standard of fitness.

Tommy Burns and George McCluskey will both be looked at carefully before I make my final decision on tonight's team, but I can tell you that Charlie Nicholas will play from the start.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW SEASON

BY DAVIE PROVAN

DURING the summer I spent my time training with the Scottish World Cup Squad, but I'm glad to be back at Celtic Park and I'm looking forward to the new season.

The training facilities at the World Cup were excellent — we had three pitches to practice on, all the size of Wembley. One thing we all found hard to adjust to was the security. Everywhere we went, even during training we saw police armed with machine guns. This made it very difficult to relax, as you can imagine.

We only met the fans after we had gone out of the competition. Immediately after the Russia match we had the chance to stop off in Marbella for a while. We met a few fans and ended up having a sing song with them. They were all disappointed that we had been knocked out but none of them blamed the team or any of their performances. On the whole, the Scottish support was very well behaved, we were all proud of them.

I'm now into the way of things back on the domestic front, but quite honestly I've not been enjoying the League Cup so far. Obviously, it's great to win and to score goals but at this present moment I'd rather we were all being stretched a bit more. I wish we were playing better teams.

Celtic always play better against better teams and I felt we were doing well in our European preparations against teams like Feyenoord and Austria Vienna, but now I'm scared that we might take a backward step due to our easy draw in the League Cup.

There are lots of young players coming into the picture at Celtic Park just now and players like myself, Tommy Burns and Roy Aitken, who are not particularly old anyway, must assume some responsibility for helping them settle in. Some of them play so well that we often forget how young they are.

Young Paul McStay, in particular. He plays so much like an experienced player I often find it hard to believe what age he is. One time in particular I can remember shouting at him on the park, then as I walked away I remembered he was only 17. That is the way it is though, if they deserve a balling out that's what they get. There's no kid glove treatment at Celtic Park.



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B	ABERDEEN MORTON	0-0	G	RAITH ROVERS ST JOHNSTONE	3-3
C	DUMBARTON DUNDEE	3-0	H	FORFAR ATHLETIC HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	2-0
D	AIRDRIE RANGERS	1-2	I	MOTHERWELL CLYDE	3-1
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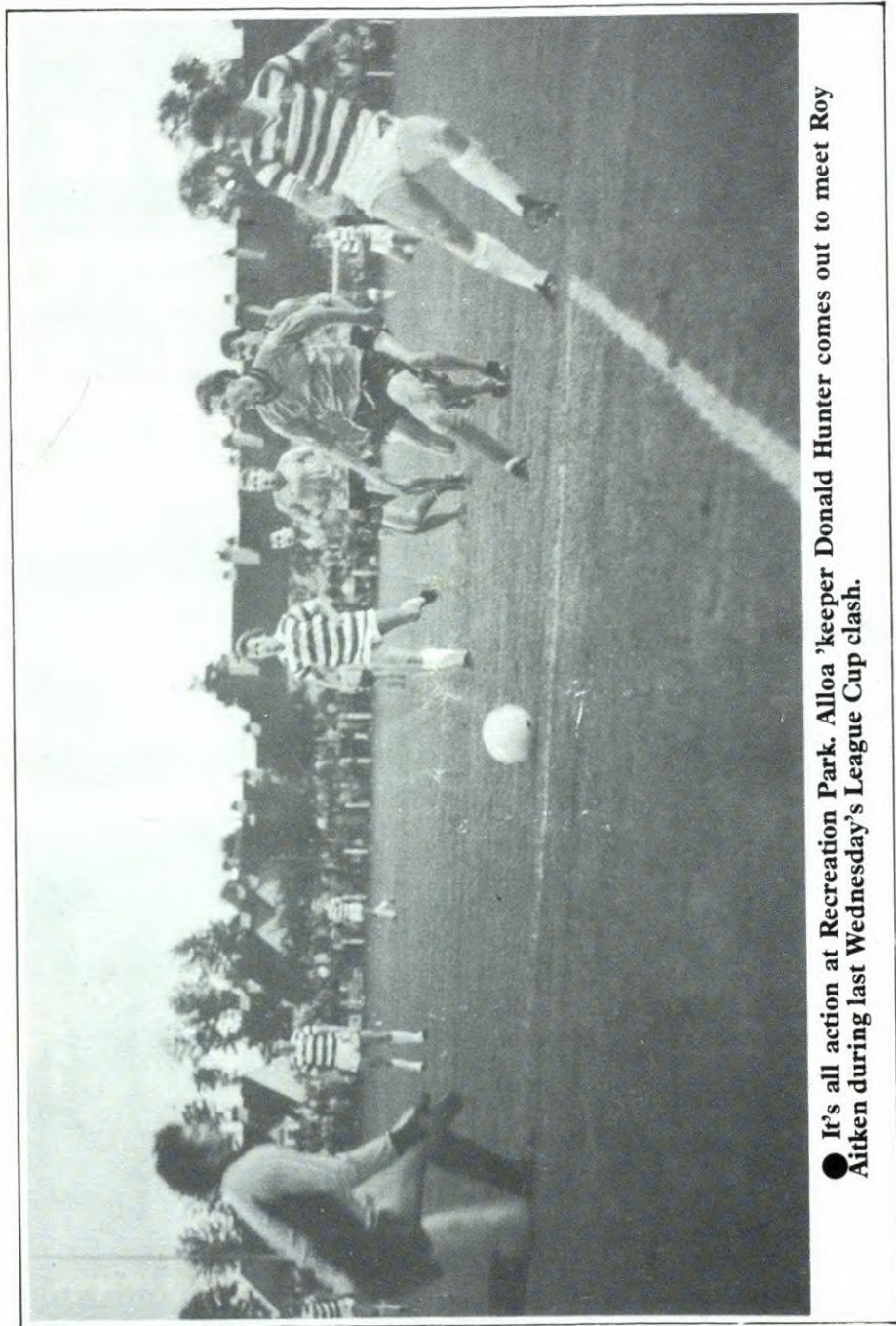
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● It's all action at Recreation Park. Alloa 'keeper Donald Hunter comes out to meet Roy Aitken during last Wednesday's League Cup clash.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

ALLOA ATHLETIC

ALLOA ATHLETIC have been in existence for over a century, having been formed in 1878.

Celtic travelled to Recreation Park in Alloa last week and despite coming away with a 5-0 victory under our belt, we did have a fight on our hands.

Alloa Athletic were promoted to the first division at the end of last season and, if they can show the same flair and determination to win as last week throughout the season their future looks good.

Manager Alex Totten has a very young squad and his team for tonight will come from the following :

Donald Hunter — Goalkeeper. Donald was signed last season and has since proved himself to be a top-class 'keeper. His consistent performances won him the Supporters' Club "Player of the Year" award. The big 'keeper has had experience with Rangers, St Mirren and Dumbarton.

Alex McKenzie — Full back. Alex, a local boy, was signed last season. Originally a full back he is also a capable midfielder, likes to attack and have a shot at goal.

Larry Haggart — Full back. Larry was signed in 1980 from Dunipace Thistle. He is a sound defender who, despite his height, tackles well. He can always be relied upon to play a solid and controlled game.

Colin Ballantine — Full back. Colin was signed last season from local side Clackmannan. Some aggressive performances in his first season made him a Rec's favourite. Despite his lack of inches, he is a difficult player to beat.

Bryan Purdie — Midfield. Bryan was signed in 1980 from Cowdenbeath and immediately made an impact at the Rec's. A solid tackler and sound passer of the ball, add to this a natural coolness and composure and you have a good player to watch.

Alan Holt — Midfield. Alan is Alloa's longest signed player. Snapped up from Falkirk in 1978 he is a reliable defender and a menace to

other defences. Scorer of many vital goals last season.

Ian Smith — Midfield. Affectionately known as "Wee Smithy" at the Rec's, Ian never gives anything less than 100%. True grit would be an apt way of describing his never say die approach to the game.

Lennie McComb — Midfield/Forward. Lennie was signed from Raith Rovers in 1980. An extremely versatile player who rarely makes mistakes in front of goal.

Arthur Grant — Winger. Arthur was snapped up from Clyde in 1980. He is a tricky player, hard to dispossess. Arthur has been the scorer of many fine goals, especially from set-pieces.

Scott Murray — Forward. Signed in 1981 from Clyde, Scott took a while to be recognised by the home crowd. His speciality is what has



● Frank McGarvey gets in a cross in last week's game with Alloa.

become known as the "Scott Murray Shuffle" which enables him to by-pass most defenders, an exciting player to watch.

Drew Paterson — Winger. Probably Alloa's most exciting player. Rarely has an off day and never fails to rip defences to shreds with his speed. Definitely the best winger the Rec's has seen in many years he is one of the fastest in the Scottish game at the moment.

John Wilson — Midfield/Forward. John was signed in the latter stages of last season from Under-21 side Milton Battlefield. A tricky player who never stops trying.

Kenny Thomson — Midfield. Has a good turn of speed for a defensive player, strong in

the tackle and in the air. Signed for Alloa during the close season.

Stuart Munro — Midfield. Stuart was signed this season from St Mirren. Already he has shown himself to be a capable player. Had a penalty attempt saved by Pat Bonner last Wednesday.

David Houston — Midfield. Signed from Clydebank. David has appeared on only a couple of occasions but has shown considerable promise.

Robert Gray — Midfield. Robert, a big centre-half is currently on a short term signing from Stirling Albion. A very sound and capable defender.



● George McCluskey shoots for goal.

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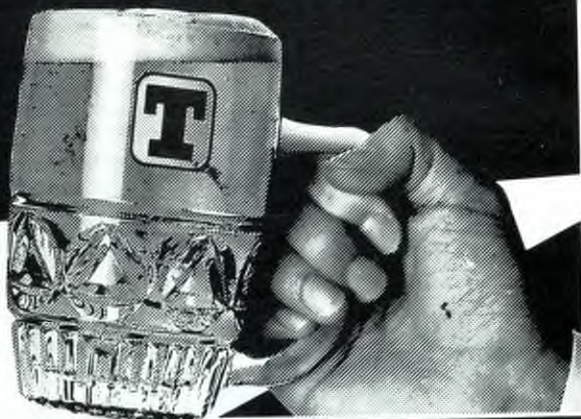
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