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FROM THE MANAGER



SINCE our last home game we have all been saddened by the tragic death of John Doyle. John's enthusiasm and appetite for play at Celtic Park will be very much missed, but I can safely say that his love for the club and his very positive attitude will always be remembered.

On the football side we've played four of our last five matches away from home. I think this is very unfair to the fans. In the current economic climate it is asking too much of many fans to travel to Dundee, Paisley, Edinburgh and Airdrie all within five weeks. I think a home, away, home, away system would be much more desirable.

Our last home game was three weeks ago against Dundee United. It is disappointing that there has been so much controversy in the press concerning this game since we had on display two of the more entertaining teams in the Premier League albeit without some key players.

We were under pressure all the way, having lost an early goal, but the team worked hard to get our equaliser in the second half from a move involving Dom Sullivan, Tommy Burns and George McCluskey. The game in many ways lived up to all expectations and we were unfortunate to lose our 100 per cent league record and had to settle for one point.

The following week we lost our unbeaten record by going down 1-0 to a Hibs penalty. The Celtic side never really demonstrated their true ability and indeed it took a long time last week before they looked anything like themselves against Airdrie.

We beat Airdrie 3-1 after trailing to an early penalty. Our goals from Dom Sullivan and Tommy Burns were examples of good flowing football and top quality finishing. George McCluskey scored from the penalty spot to add to his already impressive goals total so far this season.

It is interesting to note that in our last three away matches the only goals to be scored against Celtic were penalties.

Today we face Aberdeen, who haven't been beaten in the Premier League since we beat them 3-1 in a very exciting match at Pittodrie earlier this season. If today's match reaches the heights of previous meetings of the two clubs it should be very entertaining for everyone. It will take a top performance to win two points today.

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TEAM NUMBERS

We know that many of you like to keep records so to help you we are introducing two new aspects to our team lists in today's programme. Beside each name we have put a little box, this is so that you can enter the exact number each player wears in the game. We have also put a special dotted line at the bottom of each list where you can enter any late additions to the pools.

POOLS WINNER

Mark Reid presented a cheque for £3,821.86 to Mrs Ward of Saltcoats at the Ardrossan Garryowen C.S.C. last Saturday evening. That was the prize she won on her second Code number in the Celtic Pools.

Agent Mr Coulter, who has been an agent for 14 years and collects from 254 members among his neighbours, his friends at work and the members of the Garryowen Club, was given a cheque for £382 as

the selling agent. Mr Coulter heard the news of the big win on Radio Clyde while travelling to Kilmarnock on Sunday and now plans to use the money towards the fares for him and his wife to visit their daughter in Canada early next year.

The presentation was made during the Ladies' Section Hallow'een dance. Mark and Mr Allan Austin of Celtic Pools would like to thank the committee and members for their very warm hearted hospitality.

Celtic Pools is now one of less than ten in Britain who are allowed to operate on a more members — bigger prizes system. Most having to set a limit on prize money. There is always an agents prize of 10 per cent of the prize won by the member.

If you would like to become an agent, write to: Celtic Development Pools Ltd, 20 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow, for more information. You must be over 18 and not all agents collect from as many people as Mr Coulter.

ALLAN HUNTER TESTIMONIAL

Many thousands of fans travelled from all parts of the country to see Celtic beat Ipswich Town 3-2 in a testimonial match for Allan Hunter at Portman Road on Wednesday.

Celtic had to fight from behind when Gates scored for Ipswich in only three minutes. It took a George McCluskey goal thirty five minutes later to put things back on an even basis. Then it again took only three minutes for Ipswich to go ahead, this time the goalscorer was John Wark.

At half-time things got very dull when the floodlights fused.

It took fully 45 minutes to fix them.

In the second half Celtic looked the much better team and although they were still trailing by that one goal lead definitely looked like worthy winners.

Two goals in the last two minutes gave them their deserved victory. The first was scored by Charlie Nicholas and the second was scored when Frank McGarvey (who'd come on as a substitute for Dom Sullivan) got a beautiful pass from Roy Aitken and without even thinking put the ball in the net with what was more or less the last kick of the match.

As usual the Celtic support were very well behaved and at the end of play they gave Allan Hunter a bigger send off than his own fans. They managed to coax Hunter back on to the park to accept his salute, he was accompanied by Scottish internationalist Alan Brazil. Both men wore Celtic scarves and Brazil looked very proud of the friendly Scottish fans behind the goal.

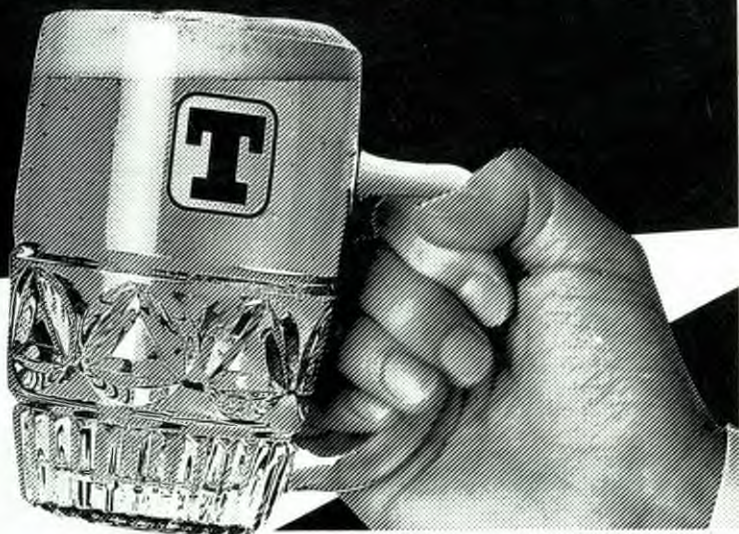
Davie Provan looked fully recovered and played the entire 90 minutes.

RECORD REQUESTS

We welcome a new recruit to Celtic Park today. He is DJ John Johnstone who is situated in the new public address box at the back of the main stand. Before every home game John will be playing records from 1.30 p.m. till 3 p.m. including the current top ten. In future he will also play requests and dedications, so if you want to wish someone Happy Birthday, or just hear your name at Celtic Park, write to, John Johnstone, Record Request, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow.

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SCOTTISH SPORTSCENE

By
DAVID BELL

BEING propelled into the dizzy heights of a major London soccer theatre with a record transfer fee tag round his neck and sports endorsements lining up to be signed provided too big an enticement for teenage Peter Marinello to control.

Now a decade and several thousand of miles later Marinello is back in his native Edinburgh and playing for Hearts, the team he supported as a schoolboy . . . determined to prove to all concerned that he can still be a soccer entertainer.

His ability to dribble at speed, tantalise and tease opponents, and provide touchline entertainment for the paying customers prompted Arsenal to splash out a record £100,000 fee to whisk the 19-year-old Marinello south to Highbury.

SURPRISE DEAL

The move came after only 42 first team games for Hibernian. It surprised many people, including some of his Easter Road team mates. But the transition substantially boosted the Marinello coffers.

Then came the moment of realisation. In the wake of the World Cup success by Ramsey's Robots, the tactical strategy filtering through the English First Division was for a more cautious approach with individualism trimmed.

The opportunities for ball-hugging wingers were now limited. Suddenly, the talents for which Marinello was signed were not required so often — mainly at home matches with tactics designed to dampen opponents' fire at away matches.

Marinello, the cocky youngster whose baby-faced smile appeared on milk-sipping advertisement hoardings across London and on capital television resented this Arsenal outlook. His pride was hurt. His impatience showed.

IMMATURE

An immaturity in his make-up began to emerge, a situation he now regrets. But his continual bombardment of transfer requests broke the patience of the then Arsenal boss Bertie Mee, and Marinello was sold.

The wanderlust had begun. He transferred to Portsmouth. Then he signed for Motherwell. That was in 1975. By Christmas 1979, he was heading Londonwards again, this time to play for Fulham.

And ironically at Craven Cottage the jinking Marinello was cast for a spell, on the opposite flank as Irishman George Best with whom the Edinburgh lad had been compared around the time of his first sojourn to London.

The next stop for Marinello was States-side — with Phoenix Infernos, where for a season or so one of his team-mates was the former Celtic inside forward Vic Davidson who had been a team-mate of Marinello's at Motherwell.

BACK HOME

Then last month, Marinello jetted back to Edinburgh, where an offer was waiting for him from Hearts first-season boss Tony Ford. And this time, there was no delays or high demands from Marinello: he snappily signed along the dotted line.



● **PETER MARINELLO**

But his profile since signing up at Tynecastle has been low-key. It will take time for the Scot to adjust from fiery artificial turf to grass pitches and to build up his match fitness.

Now there is a maturity emerging around the player absent when London was presented as his stage. The skills are still there. But can they be brought to the fore with sufficient gusto and guile to enable him to stake a top team spot?

Marinello's answer is an emphatic "yes". Predictably, Tony Ford obviously shared his optimism otherwise why would he offer him a two-years-plus contract. For the sake of football entertainment, let's hope both are right.

ROSS RETURNS AS SCOTLAND'S NEW ASSISTANT COACH

BY DAY, Ross Mathie sells advertising space for a weekly newspaper. Later this month, the scene will change as he switched to a post which will enable him to realise his ambition. For Ross will be "selling" football ideas, and tips.

His appointment, announced late last month, as Scotland's assistant director of coaching will give Clyde's part-time coach the opportunity to make football his full-time assignment.

It's 13 years since Ross first became involved in senior football — as an 18-year-old enthusiast with a proven goal-scoring record with Cambuslang Rangers signing on for Kilmarnock.

And as far as he is concerned, 1981-82 is far from being 13-unlucky season for him. His starting date as No. 2 to Andy Roxburgh at 6 Park Gardens cannot come quickly enough.

VARIED ROLE

His role will be varied, and Ross feels, rewarding. "It's vital that youngsters get the right sort of coaching early on and I'm delighted to get this chance to help Andy Roxburgh extend

the excellent job he has been doing on his own.

"There's so much enjoyment and satisfaction to be derived from steering Scotland's potential stars of the future in the right direction. It's getting the youngsters off on the right foot that really appeals to me."

Even as a regular marksman in the First Division while admitting that he was still learning his apprenticeship Ross will be eager to answer the call from youth clubs, uniformed organisations to come along and talk to the teenagers.

STRIKING ROLE

While spending most of his playing career in the blue and white of Kilmarnock, Ross enjoyed spells of varying degrees with Motherwell, Dumbarton, Falkirk and Berwick Rangers before joining Shotts Bon Accord as player-coach.

It was while playing under one of the country's most respected coaches in Willie McLean at Motherwell that Ross involved himself in coaching at senior level and left Fir Park with favourable impressions implanted on the management.

The assistant manager with Motherwell at that period was SFA Coaching School staff tutor Craig Brown, which explains the reasoning behind the appointment of Mathie at Shawfield when the assistant's job became vacant.

"I will leave Clyde with some regret," admitted Ross, "I learned a lot from manager Craig Brown and the directors have been good to me, but this job when offered was so attractive I simply couldn't refuse."

WORTHWHILE

"In addition to dealing with promising youngsters, I'll be helping out with the organisation of the SFA coaching courses which have enjoyed tremendous successes in the past.

"Anyone who has attended them will tell you that they have learned a lot — no matter their status in the game.

"Football," says Ross, "has always been my life. In the past I have felt that I have never been able to devote enough time to it, but that situation will be so different now."

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WE MUST USE OUR CUP EXPERI

SCOTLAND'S national football squad head for Lisbon in just over a week's time for a World Cup tie where the scoreline is now, thankfully, incidental after securing the point in Belfast to clinch our qualifying place.

It's a comforting and reassuring thought that we can chase victory on foreign soil in a relatively calm, relaxed but no less determined mood, with the pressure of *having* to win removed from all concerned in the Benfica stadium.

It's a luxury which the three other Home Countries did not enjoy at this crucial stage in the competition: for England, Northern Ireland and Wales only success on the night can direct them towards sunny Spain on soccer business next summer.

Rubbing shoulders with the elite of world soccer in World Cup finals is, of course, no new experience to the Scots, having qualified for the 1974 finals in Germany and the 1978 finals in Argentina, with England absentees on both occasions.

But as optimism and confidence rises it would also be fair to comment that it would be a new experience in modern times to travel on Jules Rimet Cup-hunt without some degree of controversy over off-field perks and on-field bonuses.

In the 1974 finals in Munich, Scotland returned with credit

from their playing performances but with little in the kitty for perks. In the Argentinian exercise of 1978, the roles were reversed in many respects.

Now is the time when all concerned must learn from the experience of both campaigns, cream off the best of both and discard the errors of judgement. Early promises from S.F.A. bosses would indicate that this could be the case this time.

The players have shown distinct signs of proving themselves as worthy soccer ambassadors on the world stage. And commercially, the opportunity is there for all to see . . . and for the special few to exploit.

The S.F.A. has already taken the first step into the world of business by adopting their mascot in World Cup Sandy — a cheeky chappie with navy blue jersey, two flags (St Andrew's Cross and Spain) in one hand and a ball in the other.

The contract, worth an estimated £100,000 has been placed with a Glasgow-based public relations consultant bossed by Ian Peebles, a former freelance football and golf writer who now commercially promotes both sports.

Ian was instrumental in pulling off the Bell's League Cup sponsorship deal for the Scottish League, and has played a

key role in the sponsorship and promotion of several national and international golf tournaments.

So confident was he of Scotland qualifying that he had eight artists, designers and visualisers working on a series of characters for almost a year. From the selection, Ian and SFA officials plumped for Sandy.

If the build-up to the two previous campaigns can be taken as a yardstick then Sandy's appearance on mugs, ornaments, scarves and a whole range of souvenir-type paraphernalia will ensure a handsome return to the SFA coffers.

Proceeds from this enterprise will be managed through Park Gardens and ploughed back into the sport in Scotland, to assist and encourage the various aspects of our national sport.

But lurking below that veneer of confidence and optimism there lurks the first hint of controversy on the road to Spain, for some of the city's leading advertising agencies have given Sandy the thumbs down sign this early.

The common denominator in the line of questioning has been "is he projecting the right image for Scotland?" That's debatable — a matter of personal choice. Only time will tell if

WORLD
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Sandy smiles . . . or frowns.

His creator Ian Peebles is convinced World Cup Sandy is on to a winner, and claims that in sounding out the various arms of industry and commerce has received a favourable reception to initial proposals.

While the SFA have declared their hand, the players who will have Jock Stein as a member of their perk-packing patrol will probably wait until after the Portugal game before firming up their promotional plans.

But whatever choice is made, the guarantee has gone out from Park Gardens that all financial details will be firmed up and agreed well in advance of packing the suitcases for Spain, and ne'er a word will be uttered thereafter.

From Spain last weekend came a hint of controversy from FIFA with the suggestion that England, if they qualify, would be among the No. 1 seeds, with Scotland, despite their track record over eight years contesting a No. 2 seeding.

That picture will become clearer after the November 18 matches, many of which are vitally important to several countries, and then totally resolved on January 16 when the full draw will be officially announced.



● JOHN BLACKLEY

John takes the first steps on management ladder

AFTER a fairly auspicious career with Hibernian then, for the past two seasons Preston North End, sweeper John Blackley has decided to "come home" to round off his playing career . . . and take the first step on the ladder towards management.

John, with four full caps and one League honour to his credit, was allowed to leave Deepdale, provided he joined a Scottish club. And Hamilton

Academics boss Davie McParland moved quickly to sign up the experienced Blackley as player-coach.

When he first heard that the Douglas Park deal might be on, John telephoned his schoolboy mate and youth team colleague Alex Rennie to sift out the Lanarkshire scenario and prospects . . . little realising Blackley's first game would be against St Johnstone.

SCOTTISH SPORTSCENE

WHEN a rugged Scot holding down a key role moves out, turn to another rugged Scot to fill the breach . . . that could well be the thoughts running through the unpredictable mind of Notts Forest manager Brian Clough.

For the rumour from the south is that "Cloughie" has been considering a move for Arsenal's unsettled and apparently "outlawed" No. 5 Willie Young to replace Kenny Burns, now with Leeds United.

If that falls through, it has also been suggested that a bid might be on for Manchester United's central defender Gordon McQueen who is currently out of the Old Trafford line-up through a hamstring injury.

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EX-CELT Bobby Collins, now assistant manager at Barnsley, has been looking over Hamilton Accies centre-half Alan McDougall while team-mate John Brown, the Douglas Park left back, has also been drawing admiring glances.

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FREED by Motherwell after only one season Jimmy Robertson now finds himself under the scrutiny of Newcastle United and Sunderland now that he has patched up his differences and returned to the Queen of the South front line.



● PAT STANTON

ANOTHER Ex-Celt Pat Stanton, the Dunfermline manager, has been enquiring from his former club Hibernian about the availability of the experienced John Connelly, the ex-St Johnstone and Everton left-sided midfielder.

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JOE SMITH, the ex-Aberdeen midfielder or sweeper who parted company with Motherwell is off to Australia to sign for Canberra, who are coached by his former Pittodrie team-mate George Murray.

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JIM FARMER, the Hearts 'keeper who quit football to concentrate full-time on golf, is Scotland's leading club professional for the second successive year. He leads the 1981 Order of Merit table in the PGA's

Scottish Region with 767 points and earnings of £10,221.

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JUNIOR football is apparently not immune to Scottish Cup shocks . . . as Pollok found out the other week when after cleaning the boards last season they were ousted in this year's Scottish first round at home by Lochee United.

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REFEREES frequently (well, weekly, at least!) come in for criticism from spectators but despite the suggestion that many of them require guide dogs to get them to grounds our whistlers are in demand at top Euro occasions.

Ten days ago Scots officials were on duty, Brian McGinlay (Carl Zeiss Jena v Real Madrid); George Smith (Red Star Belgrade v Banik Ostrava); and David Syme (PSV Eindhoven v Rapid Vienna).

This month's "Old Firm" clash, incidentally, will be refereed by Glasgow-based Kenny Hope.



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Alex Ferguson is a demanding manager and always gets reaction from his players. This season they reached the semi-final of the League Cup and have not lost a Premier League match since September 5, when Celtic beat them 3-1.

Matches between Celtic and Aberdeen are always attractive and with Aberdeen close on Celtic's heels in the League title race today's match promises to be no exception.

Aberdeen's goalkeeper is **Jim Leighton**. Jim is 23 and joined the club from junior football in 1977. He was deputy to Bobby Clark before getting his first team place. Jim has won under-21 caps and is also involved in Jock Stein's World Cup plans.

Right back **Stuart Kennedy** joined Aberdeen from Falkirk in 1976. The 28-year-old is known for his ability to overlap and use his speed to recover his defensive position. Stuart has become a regular international pool member.

Doug Rougvie is now a regular first team player, but he had a long wait before he established himself having signed from junior football in 1972. Doug is 28 and can play in almost any defensive position.

Youngster **Eric Black** celebrated his eighteenth birthday last Sunday, the day after he had put Aberdeen ahead in their league match against Dundee United. Still an unknown quantity, but the Aberdeen boss has high hopes for him.

Centre-half **Alex McLeish** is the current first choice for his position in the international side. From his style of play it is hard to believe that Alex is still only 22. He has been at Pittodrie since 1976. Alex has missed club and Scotland matches recently through injury.

The club captain is **Willie Miller** who has become a regular in the Scottish squad. Willie was signed over ten years ago but was "farmed-out" to Highland League side Peterhead as a striker for a while. The 26-year-old is now firmly established as a top-class sweeper.

Neale Cooper is a very experienced 17-year-old defender. He signed for Aberdeen as a schoolboy in 1978. Neale has represented Scotland at school-boy, youth and under-21 levels.

Midfielder **Gordon Strachan** is another of Aberdeen's regular internationals and recently played an outstanding game against Northern Ireland. The 24-year-old has been troubled by injury in the past with Dundee as well as Aberdeen, but he seems to have recovered fully.

At 22, **Andy Watson** has played almost 100 games in the Aberdeen first team. Andy was the only actual Aberdonian in the league winning side of 1979-80. He is a strong aggressive midfielder.

26-year-old **John McMaster** plays as either a full-back or a

midfielder. This versatility has meant that John has missed very few games over the past five seasons. He also has a very dangerous left foot shot.

At 21 **Doug Bell** is regarded as potentially one of the greatest talents at Pittodrie. He joined Aberdeen from St Mirren in 1979. Doug is a ball-playing midfielder.

Striker **Mark McGhee** was last season's Scottish PFA Player of the Year. Before signing for Aberdeen in 1979, Mark had played for Bristol City, Morton and Newcastle United. He is remarkably strong and hard to dispossess. Mark is 24.

32-year-old **Drew Jarvie** has been around Scottish football for a long time, having signed for Aberdeen from Airdrie in 1972. He is a determined player whether in midfield or up front.

Local lad **John Hewitt** is a sharp and alert striker. He came to Aberdeen straight from schools football and at 18 has won Youth International honours.

Record signing **Peter Weir** cost Aberdeen £330,000 from St Mirren during the close season. Peter played for Scotland while he was at Paisley and at 23 has lots more to look forward to. He suffered concussion from a recent clash and has subsequently missed some matches.



● ALEX McLEISH

MIDFIELD ACTION



Determination and competitiveness are written all over the faces of Murdo MacLeod and Andy Watson of Aberdeen as they tussle for a ball during a match at Celtic Park last season. The same fighting spirit can be expected in the game this afternoon as the two table topping sides meet in the top Premier League match of the day.

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THE tragic death of Johnny Doyle has hit everyone at Celtic Park very hard. "Doyle" as his team mates called him was more than a football player in a Celtic strip — he was a Celtic fan in a football strip.

Johnny Doyle signed for Celtic from Ayr United in season 1975-76 and at the time declared that he had achieved his ambition. During his six seasons at Celtic Park he appeared in 104 league matches add to this sixteen Scottish Cup games, twenty one appearances in the League Cup and nine in European competitions* and you get a total that any player would be proud of.

Numbers themselves, however, don't say enough, Johnny always gave one hundred per cent as Celtic skipper Danny McGrain points out, "Although Doyle's peak was probably when he got his much deserved international cap while still with Ayr United, he always did a good job for us. He was a great competitor and from a captain's viewpoint he was a great player as he always did as he was told. Right enough Doyle

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wouldn't have been Doyle without a wee moan, that was just part of his nature. He might not have liked everything he was asked to do, but he always gave full commitment to doing it."

During the last year Johnny played most of his football in the reserve side. He did more for the younger more inexperienced players than was shown on the park. Reserve team boss Bobby Lennox knows that he'll miss him, "Johnny was always the joker in the dressing room, he was very good with the young boys and helped them to relax before matches. We all missed him in the dressing room before last Saturday's match. The world has lost more than a football player in Doyle".

Johnny Doyle was a fans' player. Some fans sang "Doyle we love you" during last week's match against Airdrie. Doyle certainly loved them, within the supporters association he was known for his eagerness to attend their functions and other players admit that if they ever wanted a team mate to accompany them on a hospital visit or anything then Johnny was the man to ask, he'd never refuse. He always considered himself as

much of a fan as a player. When he first became available for transfer this season he admitted that if he could not wear a Celtic jersey he'd want to be behind the goal wearing a Celtic scarf, but unfortunately he had to work to support his family.

One of Doyle's closest friends at Celtic Park was team mate Tommy Burns. Tommy summed up his own and all the teams feelings when he said, "I still can't believe he's dead, I keep expecting somebody to come along and tell me he's woken up. There is so much I would like to have told him if I'd known this was going to happen. I've been asked if anything sticks in my mind about Doyle. There's just so much, he was always so happy it's difficult to think of one incident. He was an outrageous man but had a heart of gold and made friends everywhere".

Johnny Doyle was buried at Kilmarnock on Thursday October 22, 1981 and a lot of his friends attended. His friends from Celtic, past and present, his friends from Scottish football and his friends from the terracing.

* These figures do not include appearances as substitute.

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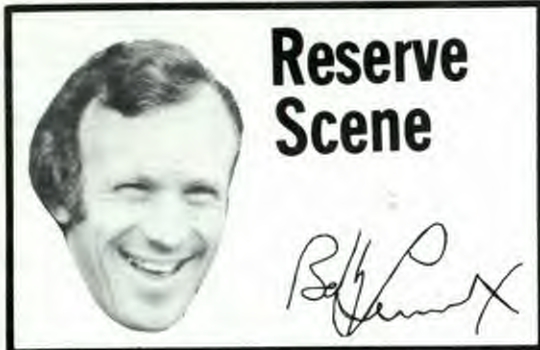
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Our first game was at home to Ayr United and although it took our very young side quite a while to settle down we managed to come through with what was a very convincing 3-0 win.

The score sheet was blank at half-time, thanks mainly to some very fine goalkeeping from Peter Latchford, but only three minutes into the second half we went ahead. Danny Crainie headed the ball home from a John Halpin cross.

Our second came only minutes later again from the Halpin-Crainie partnership. This time Danny carried the ball from the back and got it to John. John carried the ball to the goal line and cut it back for Danny to score from 12 yards.

John Halpin, who had given the Ayr defence no rest all day, was also involved in our third goal. Another of his magnificent runs and crosses set up another headed goal, this time from Davie Kenny.

Last week our opponents were Hamilton Accies and although we didn't play well we managed a 3-1 victory. Our goals came from Paul Chalmers, Davie Provan and Davie Kenny.

Paul scored his from six yards when he first-timed a ball in the 20th minute. Ten minutes later we went two ahead when Davie Provan swerved a free kick round a defensive wall into the top corner of the goal from 25 yards.

In the second half our play was very slack and there was a lot of sloppy passing. We missed a lot of chances and looked nothing like the side we can be. The only highlight of the 45 minutes was our third goal. John Buckley hit the post from 20 yards and in the scramble that followed Davie Kenny managed to get the ball over the line.

Hamilton scored with five minutes left to play. They were given the chance through general slackness throughout the Celtic side.

One good point from the match was the return of Davie Provan who came through the 90 minutes with no worries.

Today we travel away to face Queen of the South and I'm sure the players attitudes will have improved since last week.



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