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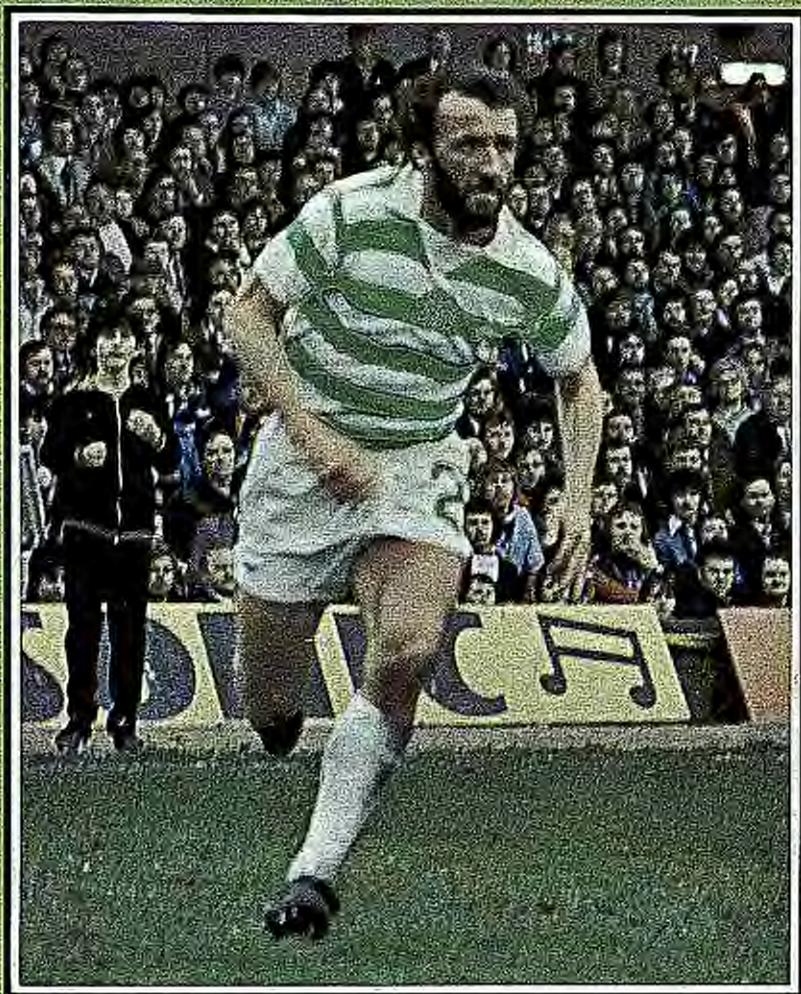
STIRLING ALBION

Third
Round
(2nd Leg)

Celtic
Park

Wednesday,
October 10,
1979

Kick-off
7.30 p.m.



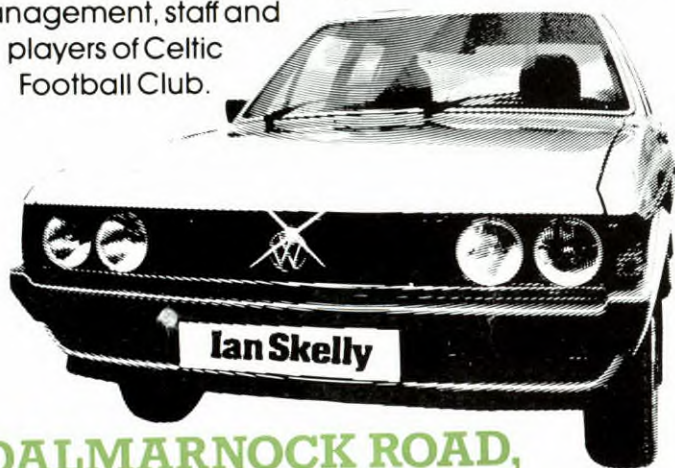
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AT the week-end it was Premier championship business with Partick Thistle at Firhill. Tonight at Celtic Park it is a League Cup tilt with Stirling Albion.

The competition may be different but the Celtic team outlook remains the same, even though its composition has changed a little with the return of our central defence "system" — Roddie McDonald and Tom McAdam.

Championship, League Cup, Europe (and the Scottish Cup to come) . . . Celts are involved in everything (including the Glasgow Cup) that's an offer at the moment. That's how I want it. That's how the players want it.

The commentators have taken to describing Celtic as a "hungry" side. Long may that appetite, which is represented by their enthusiasm, stamina, strength and loyalty plus a lot of skill, continue. It is what is contained in the phrase "positive approach".

Certainly we'll approach tonight's tie with Stirling Albion in positive mood . . . looking for goals that can be added to the single counter lead we hold from the first leg at Annfield.

Albion is a side that has made life difficult for Celts on occasions in the past. So the team will have to take command of the action from the kick-off and pressure them until the tie is won.

I'm convinced they can do so . . . and with style.

Between the Firhill engagement and tonight I made a quick trip to Ireland to have a look at our European opponents, Dundalk. They won with ease and while one would have liked to have seen them stretched more it wasn't a wasted journey. Still, having seen them on several occasions last season I have a fair idea of their style.

There may be opportunity to see them again before the first leg at Parkhead later in the month, but it must be stressed that Dundalk is a good side.

Europe reminds one that our fans turned out in great numbers (50,000) for the home tie with Partizani Tirana, and again when we went to Firhill at the week-end. It is a measure of support that cheers the team and I thank the fans for this display of loyalty.

BILLY McNEILL

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1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1979.

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1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925,
1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1959,
1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1975,
1977.

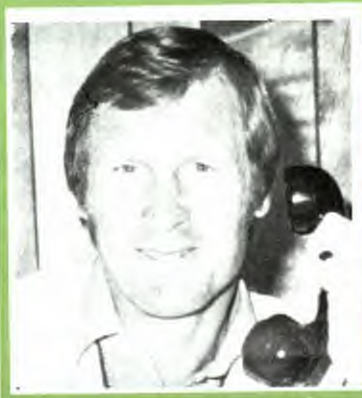
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(from)

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Referee:
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TENNENT'S Are you ready?



STIRLING ALBION had a tear problem to solve before lining up against Celtic in the League Cup at Parkhead this evening . . . replacement for Injured Bobby Gray, a key figure in the Annfield set up.

The midfielder suffered a fracture of a cheek bone in the First Division game with Ayr United at Somerset at the week-end and had to go into hospital this week.

"We'll miss him" say Albion. Understandable when one considers that manager Alex Stuart could not mount a full-scale 11-a-side practice match even if he had available his ENTIRE PLAYING STAFF.

Even Scotland's First Division is being removed from that part of British football which splashes out hundreds of thousands of pounds on a single player! Albion are happy enough to break even financially over a season.

They would like to add a couple of players to their staff but that's easier said than done, though the cheque they would obtain from a good gate at Parkhead tonight could aid them in their quest.

Their immediate job was filling the Gray gap from a staff which has been gathered principally from the juvenile and junior ranks.

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WE PROBLEMS

Alex Stuart has welded them into a side that now sits in third place in the tight First Division and at the week-end got themselves a point at Somerset against Ayr despite losing Gray.

Celtic, too, found them a bit of a handful at Annfield in the first leg of the League Cup third round tie which is completed tonight.

While there are a number of teenagers with Albion the team carries several experienced practitioners.

Like centre half John Kennedy. He's been four years at Annfield after a spell with Partick Thistle. He's rated by a number of judges as the best No. 5 in the league.

Matt McPhee is Stirling's longest serving player. The right winger signed in 1967 from Musselburgh Athletic and soon after he was joined at Annfield by another member of tonight's squad, midfielder man Rab Duffin who came from the local Boys' Club.

Goalkeeper Gordon Arthur has done a good job since taking over from George Young, now with Rangers, and another consistent player is full back Davie Steedman who skips the side. He is a former Hibernian man. His full back partner George Nicol is another local lad.

With slender resources, manager Stuart has given Albion a good start to the season.

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SCOTLAND'S SQUAD

Roy Aitken was the only Celt named in Scotland's 20-strong squad for the European championship tie with Austria at Hampden next Wednesday evening. While pleased at Roy's honour, a number of Celtic fans had anticipated the names of Danny McGrain and Davie Provan to figure in the player pool as well.

ANOTHER CAP

Jo Edvaldsson was off on his international travels this week again. He turned out for his native Iceland in Cracow this evening in a European championship game with Poland.

NUMBERED CELTIC

When did Celtic start wearing numbers on their shorts? John McCaughey, 8 Elmbank Street, Bellshill.

Answer: Against Sparta Rotterdam in a friendly May 14, 1960.

PREMIER LEAGUE

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Celtic	8	5	0	3	20	9	13
Morton	8	5	2	1	21	13	11
Kilmarnock ..	8	4	2	2	10	12	10
Aberdeen	8	4	3	1	18	10	9
Partick Th.	8	3	2	3	9	8	9
Rangers	8	3	3	2	13	11	8
Dundee Utd.	8	2	4	2	11	14	6
St. Mirren	8	2	4	2	12	19	6
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