CELTIC versus STIRLING ALBION

Third Round (2nd Leg)

Celtic Park

Wednesday, October 10, 1979

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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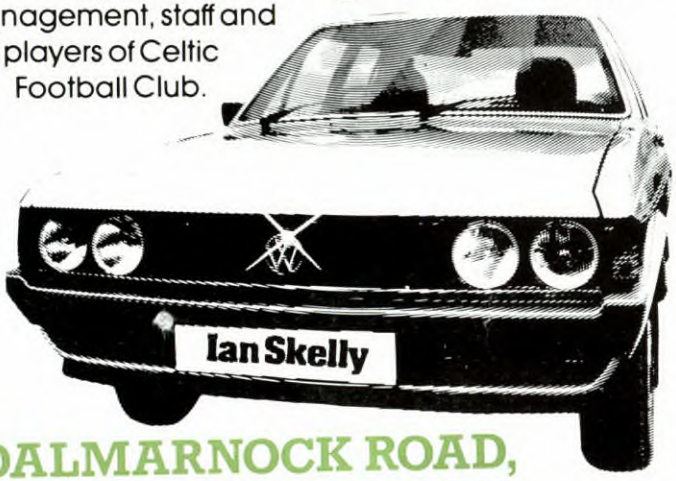

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AT the week-end it was Premier championship business with Partick Thistle at Firhill. Tonight at Celtic Park it is a League Cup tilt with Stirling Albion.

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 appetitite, 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 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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We hope you enjoy tonight's game and we wish your club well in this and succeeding rounds of the Bell's League Cup.

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(from)

GORDON ARTHUR
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JOHN KENNEDY
ALAN MOFFAT
MATTY McPHEE
ANDY KENNEDY
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C	KILMARNOCK (2) HIBERNIAN (1)	1 1
D	MORTON (1) PARTICK (0)	1 1
E	RANGERS (1) ABERDEEN (3)	0 2
F	ST JOHNSTONE (1) RAITH ROVERS (1)	
G	ST MIRREN (3) HAMILTON (1)	0 1
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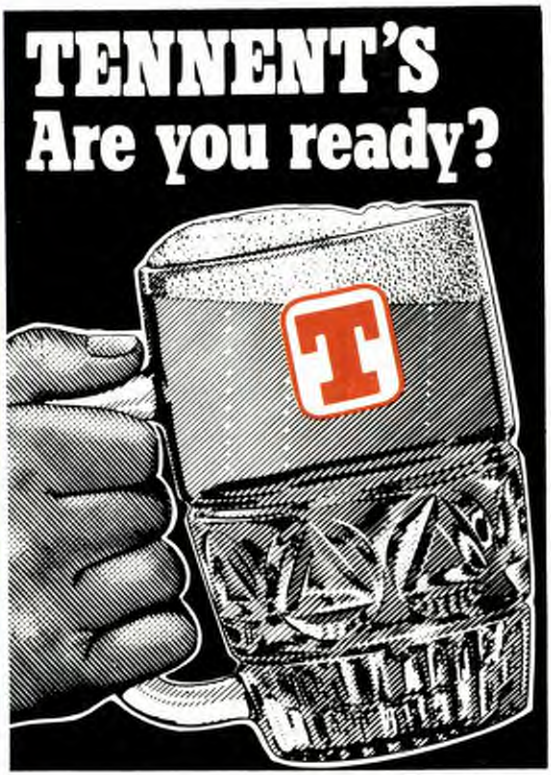


STIRLING ALBION had a tear problem to solve before lining u against Celtic in the League Cu at Parkhead this evening . . . replacement for injured Bobb Gray, a key figure in he Annfiel set up.

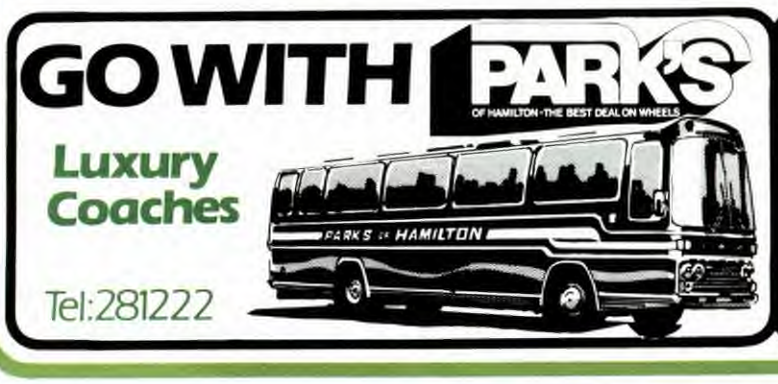
The midfield player suffered fracture of a cheek bone in the Firs Division game with Ayr United Somerset at the week-end and had t go into hospital this week.

"We'll miss him" say Albio Understandable when one conside that manager Alex Stuart couldn mount a full-scale 11-a-side practic match even if he had available h ENTIRE PLAYING STAFF.

Even Scotland's First Division is a b removed from that part of Britis football which splashes out hundre of thousands of pounds on a sing player! Albion are happy enough break even financially over a season.

They would like to add a couple players to their staff but that's easi said than done, though the chequ they would obtain from a good gate Pakrhead tonight could aid them their quest.

Their immediate job was filling t Gray gap from a staff which has be gathered principally from the juven and junior ranks.



VE 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 Thislte 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, midfield 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 skippers 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

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
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
Dundee	8	2	5	1	13	23	5
Hibernian	8	1	6	1	9	17	3

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1979 DRYBROUGH CUP
Quarter-Final

JULY		F	A
30—CLYDEBANK	(H)	5	0

Semi-Final

AUGUST			
1—DUNDEE UTD	(H)	3	2

Final

4—Rangers (at Hampden)		1	3

CHALLENGE MATCH

8—CHINA XI	(H)	6	1

LEAGUE CUP
Second round — (1st leg)

29—Falkirk	(A)	2	1

SEPTEMBER
(2nd leg)

1—FALKIRK	(H)	4	1

Third round (1st leg)

26—Stirling Al.	(A)	2	1

October

10—SITRLING AL.	(H)		

PREMIER LEAGUE

AUGUST			
11—MORTON	(H)	3	2
18—Rangers	(A)	2	2
25—KILMARNOCK	(H)	5	0

SEPTEMBER			
September			
8—DUNDEE UTD	(H)	2	2
15—Hibernian	(A)	3	1
22—Aberdeen	(A)	2	1

OCTOBER			
6—Partick Thistle	(A)	0	0
13—DUNDEE	(H)		
20—Morton	(A)		
27—RANGERS	(H)		

NOVEMBER	
3—Kilmarnock	(A)
10—Dundee Utd	(A)
17—HIBERNIAN	(H)
24—ABERDEEN	(H)

DECEMBER	
1—St. Mirren	(A)
8—Dundee	(A)
15—PARTICK THIS.	(H)
22—MORTON	(H)
29—Rangers	(A)

1980

JANUARY	
1—KILMARNOCK	(H)
5—DUNDEE UTD	(H)
12—Hibernian	(A)
19—Aberdeen	(A)
26—Scottish Cup—3rd round	

FEBRUARY	
2—ST MIRREN	(H)
9—Partick Thistle	(A)
16—Scottish Cup—4th round	
23—DUNDEE	(H)

MARCH	
1—Morton	(A)
8—RANGERS	(H)
15—Kilmarnock	(A)
22—Dundee Utd	(A)
29—HIBERNIAN	(H)

APRIL	
5—ABERDEEN	(H)
12—St. Mirren	(A)
19—Dundee	(A)
26—PARTICK	(H)

EUROPEAN CUP
First round (1st leg)

SEPTEMBER			
19—Partizani Tirana	(A)	0	1

First round (2nd leg)

OCTOBER			
3—PARTIZANI TIRANA	(H)	4	1

GLASGOW CUP
(First round)

AUGUST			
14—Queen's Park	(A)	3	1

(Semi-final)

22—CLYDE	(H)	3	0

STIRLING STAGED TIE REVIVAL

THE last time Stirling Albion played at Celtic Park, on Wednesday October 26, 1977, it was also in the third round of the League Cup and the game finished in a 1—1 draw.

Celtic had previously travelled to Annfield and won 2—1 so they qualified for the quarter finals on a 3—2 aggregate score.

The full details of the Celtic Park match were:—

CELTIC 1 (Kennedy o.g.)
STIRLING ALBION 1 (McPhee)

CELTIC: Latchford; Kay and Lynch; Aitken, McDonald and Munro; Doyle and Glavin; Craig; Burns and Wilson.

Substitutes: Conn and Mackie.

STIRLING ALBION: Young; Nicol and Steedman; Browning, Kennedy and Moffat; McPhee and Duffin; Steele; Thomson and Armstrong. Substitutes: Burns and Watson.

Referee: Mr R. B. Valentine (Dundee)

Celtic started at a fast pace and it was no surprise when they took the lead after 11 minutes. Johnny Doyle set up the goal with a fast attack on the right wing and his low cross was deflected into the net by Stirling defender John Kennedy.

It looked at that stage like a heavy defeat for the Stirling side but they came more into the game once the early Celtic pace slowed down.

The Stirling equaliser came from a free kick on the right and a back header found winger McPhee in position to score from close range.

Celtic certainly qualified for the last eight stage of the League Cup but they didn't exactly cover themselves in glory in the process.

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