

# CELTIC



## V RANGERS

*Scottish Premier  
Reserve League*

**Saturday, August 30, 1986**

**Celtic Park, Glasgow**

**Kick-off 3.00pm**

**OFFICIAL  
PROGRAMME**

**20p**



## News in brief

### Birthday Celts

Three Celtic players celebrate their birthdays this weekend. Midfielder Peter Grant is 21 today, while striker Sandy Fraser will be 19 tomorrow and defender Derek Whyte will celebrate his 18th birthday at Ibrox.



### Poster in stock

The new official Celtic colour poster, which contains a detailed story of how Celtic won last season's League Championship, is now on sale at The Celtic Shop, price £1.30. Also in stock is the new Celtic F.C. Official Yearbook and that great favourite, The Celtic Football Guide.

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# Bits and Pieces...

## Renewed partnership to guide Celtic youths

Celtic's under-18 amateur side kicked off their new season last week under the guidance of a partnership that proved very profitable for Celtic in the past.

Bobby Murdoch, at right half, and Jimmy Johnstone as the right winger, made up a very important part of Celtic's very successful team of the late sixties and early seventies. They were both in the Celtic side who brought the European Cup to Britain for the first time in 1967.

Once when Jimmy Johnstone was being questioned about his outstanding skill on the wing for Celtic and Scotland, he told his interviewer: "You could be a good winger if you played in front of Bobby Murdoch." That one quote sums up their on-field partnership.

Now they have swapped their hooped jerseys for green tracksuits and are looking after Celtic's youngest side. This team is very important for Celtic, giving their young players regular match practice between leaving boys' football and being called up by Celtic reserves.

Playing as "Celtic Youths" the lads got the first taste of their new league last Saturday when they faced Bargeddie Amateurs — and won 10-0.

## PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen.....	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
Rangers .....	3	2	1	0	13	3	5
Clydebank .....	3	2	1	0	12	8	5
Hearts .....	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Falkirk.....	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Motherwell.....	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Hamilton .....	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Celtic .....	3	1	0	2	7	9	2
Hibernian.....	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Dundee United .....	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
St. Mirren .....	3	0	1	2	5	8	1
Dundee.....	3	0	1	2	4	8	1



# IN RESERVE

*with*  
**Bobby Lennox**

**THIS is our fourth Premier Reserve League match of the season and we go into it with only one victory behind us.**

That was in our first League match of the season when we travelled to Dens Park on Monday August 11. Having gone behind after 15 minutes, we had gone level then taken the lead before half time.

Within a minute of the restart we had pulled even further ahead to 3-1. The home side then pulled one back from the penalty spot, but before the final whistle we had scored two more to record a 5-2 victory.

Playing in his first Premier Reserve League match, Mark Smith scored three of our goals, Dougie McGuire and Alan McInally scored the others.

Five days later we faced Clydebank at home and took the lead through a 38th minute goal by Danny McGrain. That was the only goal of the first half.

Eight minutes into the second half, the visitors equalised. Then as we continued to let scoring chances pass us by, Clydebank took the lead and then added a third to collect full points.

## **Travelled**

Last Saturday we travelled to Pittodrie in Aberdeen and within eight minutes we were two goals down. On a day when too many of our players had bad games at the same time, our only good player was goalkeeper Peter Latchford.

By the 19th minute it was 3-0 to Aberdeen. Ronnie Coyle pulled one back for us before half time, but the only goal of the second half was in Aberdeen's favour and they claimed full points with a 4-1 victory.

This afternoon we face Rangers and Old Firm games at any level are special and we only need to take a look at the size of the crowd here this afternoon to realise what these

meetings mean to the fans of both sides.

In recent seasons, Rangers have always fielded very experienced reserve sides and the chance to play against such experienced players gives our young players an extra lift. Some of our younger players will rarely have experienced running out in front of such a big or enthusiastic crowd, that experience will give the match extra meaning for them.

## **Enjoyable**

From my days as a player, I know exactly what meetings between Celtic and Rangers mean, I also know how enjoyable they can be — especially if you are on the winning side. I hope our players find their form to make this an enjoyable afternoon for us all and particularly the fans in green and white.

The two league points are valuable to us as we try to get back on the winning track after our two consecutive defeats.



# RESERVES PICTURE PARADE



Mark McGhee, currently in the reserves recovering from an ankle operation.



Lex Baillie in action against Hibs reserves, with Paul Chalmers in the background.



Dougie McGuire scores a penalty against Dundee reserves.



Experienced goalkeeper, Peter Latchford.



Sandy Fraser.



Stevie Kean practices with the ball.



Irish internationalist Pierce O'Leary.



# RANGERS RESERVES

## — AT A GLANCE

Courtesy of Rangers News



**NICKY WALKER (Goalkeeper):** Born in Aberdeen and joined Rangers in December 1983 from Motherwell. Started his career in Highland League football before a spell down south with Leicester City.

**HUGH BURNS (Full back):** Born in Lanark and signed in 1982 from Cambuslang Rangers. Hugh is a former schools and youth cap. Made his debut against Celtic in the 1983-84 League Cup final.

**ALLY DAWSON (Full back):** Born in Glasgow and went to Ibrox straight from school in 1975. Sustained a serious head injury in 1980 but soon fought back to fitness. Lost his place in the first team to recent signing Jimmy Nicholl.

**DAVID McFARLANE (Full back):** Born in Irvine, David arrived at Ibrox in 1984 from Ayr United Boys' Club. A talented youngster who can play anywhere in the back four or in midfield, wherever he is called upon.

**COLIN MILLER (Full back):** Born in Lanark and joined Rangers in 1985 from Inex Soccer Canada Inc. Was unlucky to be omitted from the Canadian World Cup Squad. He made his League debut against St. Mirren in January 1986.

**CRAIG PATERSON (Defender):** Born in South Queensferry, Craig arrived at Ibrox in 1982 from Hibernian for a £200,000 fee. Former captain, Craig lost his first team place to English internationalist Terry Butcher.

**ROBERT RUSSELL (Midfield):** Born in Glasgow and signed from Shettleston Juniors in 1976. Has been capped at under 21 level and had a spell at Sunderland as a youngster.

**JOHN McDONALD (Forward):** Born in Glasgow, John Rangers in 1978 from Clydebank Strollers. A schoolboy, youth and under 21 internationalist, he has been placed on the transfer list.



**SCOTT NISBETT (Forward):** Born in Edinburgh and joined Rangers in 1985 from Salvesen B.C. Made his first team debut last season against Motherwell in December.

**STUART BEATTIE (Defender):** Born in Stevenston, Stuart signed for Rangers in 1985 from Ardeer Rec. Boys' Club. He made his first team debut against Hibernian in 1985. Can either play central defence or midfield.

**RONALD YULE (Defender):** Born in Glasgow and joined Rangers in 1985 after a spell at Petershill. A regular in the reserve side last season.

Courtesy of Rangers News



Tony Shepherd

## The challenge Tony wants

**TONY SHEPHERD** has to think back three years to remember the last time he played in a Celtic side that lost to Rangers.

He explained: "It was the first time I had played in an Old Firm reserve match. I was 16 and I was playing directly against Robert Russell. It was quite an experience, but being on the losing side didn't make it a happy one.

"Since then, though, I have never played in a losing side in an Old Firm meeting. One of the most memorable victories was our 2-0 victory in the B.P. Youth Cup Final and another is certainly our 2-1 extra time win at Celtic Park on Boxing Day in the semi-final of the Reserve League Cup.

"After that game I was included in the first team pool for the New Year's Day meeting with Rangers. I didn't play but it was great experience being involved in the preparation for the game."

Tony went on to make his debut for the first team in a Scottish Cup 2-0 victory over Queen's Park, but since then he has been back with the reserves. Is that frustrating for him?

"Obviously I want the challenge of first team football, but in Tommy Burns, Murdo MacLeod and Paul McStay, Celtic have the finest midfield trio in the game, so I realise I'll have to be patient. I am happy that with Celtic I am getting good tuition in my trade and I am confident that I'll get my chance. With 44 league games this season I am hoping I might be called in to help."

With two consecutive defeats, Celtic reserves have had a bad start to the season. Has Tony been enjoying his football this term?

"I always enjoy playing, but I can never be happy in a losing side. One good thing about this season is playing in the same team as Danny McGrain. He really has taught me a lot; his advice and tips have been great for my game. His presence has added to everyone's game."

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# TODAY'S TEAMS

## CELTIC (from)

- PETER LATCHFORD
- DANNY McGRAIN
- BRIAN McGEE
- STUART BALMER
- LEX BAILLIE
- PIERCE O'LEARY
- TONY SHEPHERD
- JOHN TRAYNOR
- MARK McGHEE
- ANTON ROGAN
- DOUGIE McGUIRE
- SANDY FRASER
- STEVIE KEAN
- MARK SMITH

## RANGERS (from)

- NICKY WALKER
- HUGH BURNS
- COLIN MILLER
- CRAIG PATERSON
- ALLY DAWSON
- SCOTT McFARLANE
- ROBERT FLECK
- JOHN McDONALD
- SCOTT NISBET
- STUART BEATTIE
- PHIL KNELL
- TED McMINN
- ANGUS McPHERSON
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## MATCH OFFICIALS

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(Galston)

A. H. Wilson  
(Rosyth)

## Scorecheck . . .

<b>A</b>	ABERDEEN DUNDEE	
<b>B</b>	CLYDEBANK FALKIRK	
<b>C</b>	DUNDEE UTD ST. MIRREN	
<b>D</b>	HAMILTON MOTHERWELL	
<b>E</b>	HIBERNIAN HEARTS	