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**LEAGUE CUP
QUARTER FINAL,
TUES AUG 31, 1993.
KICK-OFF 7.30PM**

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**BRIAN
O'NEIL**



**TOM
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European Cup: 1967

League Champions (35 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909,
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1954,
1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988.

Scottish Cup Winners (29 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, 1985, 1988, 1989.

League Cup Winners (9 times)

1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982.

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938

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LIAM BRADY



WELCOME to tonight's League Cup quarter-final clash when we'll seek to take full advantage of our home draw. Managers and players alike always want to be drawn at home in cup-ties first and foremost so we were quite happy with the way it has worked out after our 9-1 win away to Arbroath last week.

We are determined to book a place in the last four of the competition which would leave us just two games from possible silverware and a guaranteed place in European competition next season.

We are all too aware of the dangers posed by cup-ties even when playing at home to lower division opposition. We must therefore be thoroughly professional and play to full potential if we are to get the sort of result which will earn us the semi-final place everyone expects of us.

Airdrie beat us at the same stage of the competition a couple of years ago at Broomfield which indicates that we can't take anything for granted. I have no doubt that we'll have plenty of the play tonight and it's important that we get our delivery of the final ball into the danger area right.

Confidence

We did just that last week against Arbroath and demonstrated that we have players who can finish. Charlie Nicholas, Frank McAvennie and Andy Payton got seven goals among them which will give them great confidence.

Airdrie are little changed from the side we met on league duty last season, though strikers Owen Coyle and Justin Fashanu have moved on while Peter Davenport has come in. While there is always plenty of room for improvement, I have been pleased with the

progress we have made in certain areas this term.

Mark McNally and Mike Galloway have done very well and, importantly, dove-tailed well with our full-backs to form the sort of compact unit teams strive for. I have also been pleased with Pat McGinlay's efforts so far. He's worked very hard and already notched a couple of goals.

Airdrie beat us a couple of seasons ago in this cup, so we can't take anything for granted



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UPFRONT



CRSMITH IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK.



THE TEAMS



PAT BONNER



TOM BOYD



DARIUSZ WADOWCZYK



PETER GRANT



MARK McNALLY



MIKE GALLOWAY



PAT MCGINLAY



PAUL McSTAY



FRANK McAVENNIE



CHARLIE NICHOLAS



JOHN COLLINS



ANDY PAYTON



BRIAN O'NEIL



Referee:
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(Erskine)



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J. McGilvray
(Edinburgh)



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P. Trotter
(Ayr)

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Celtic -
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(GK), Gary
Gillespie,
Stuart
Slater, Rudi
Vata, Barry
Smith.
Airdrie -
Willie
McCulloch
(GK), Jimmy
Boyle, Mark
Abercromby,
Sammy
Conn.



JOHN MARTIN



SANDY STEWART



DON McVICAR



JIMMY SANDISON



GUS CAESAR



CHRIS HONOR



DAVIE KIRKWOOD



EVAN BALFOUR



PETER DAVENPORT



KENNY BLACK



ALAN LAWRENCE



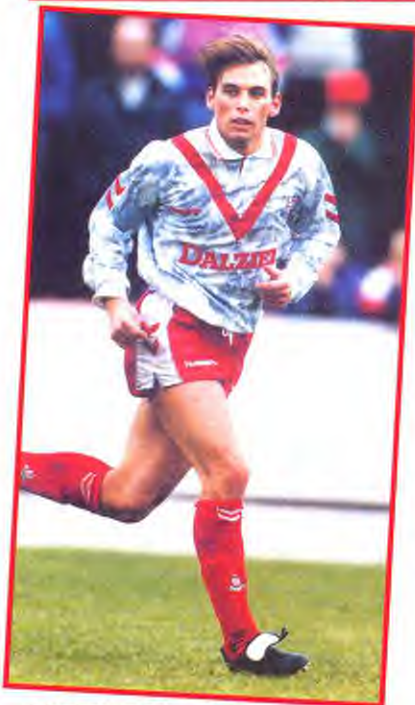
WES REID



ANDY SMITH



++MEET MY MATES++



PRETTY BOY ... Chris Honor



PUBLICITY SHY ... That's John Martin

EVER wanted to be a fly on the wall in the away dressing room?

Well, now's your chance – as our spy in the camp steps out of the shadows.

Taking you on a tour of the Airdrie boot room is skipper **JIMMY SANDISON**



JOHN MARTIN is always insisting the game doesn't have any characters any more, so he spends most of his life trying to be one.

If he doesn't get at least one daft photo in the Daily Record every week he feels he's failing in his duty.

But you won't find a braver goalkeeper anywhere – he puts his head in places most of us wouldn't even put our feet. He's like something from an Irn Bru advert.

If you want any information on any subject in any country in the world, **SANDY STEWART'S** your man. You can hear his voice a mile away and once he gets started everyone else heads for the doors.

He's the club's equivalent of Ted Striker from Airplane.

CHRIS HONOR is English – do I have to go on?

Actually Chris thinks he's a bit of a smoothie with the tan and the gelled hair – but he won't be leaving the house for a couple of weeks after the boot in the face he got against St Johnstone in the last round.

He doesn't look so pretty now.

Gorgeous **GUS CAESAR** is a bit of a dude, isn't he?

He tends to upset the rest of the lads when he skives off training to jet up and down to



London half the time. He's a very quiet man in the dressing room and keeps himself to himself before games.

KENNY BLACK, or Flipper as he's affectionately known, is forever getting stick about the size of his feet.

He's not the tallest guy in the world and he looks like PC Plod when he waddles out on to the pitch with these great big boots.

But Kenny is one guy who really gets himself revved up before a game – he's hyper in the dressing room.



DAVIE KIRKWOOD is the man for the card schools in the team – he's forever trying to make a killing off Blacky and Jimmy Boyle.

He never sits on his backside before a game – he's the guy who's constantly playing keepy-up in the dressing room and kicking the ball off all the walls.

But it shows in his touch on the pitch. He's got tremendous ability and he's a bit of a smooth character.

I don't know where **EVAN BALFOUR** gets enough energy from to play football.

He still puts in a night shift as a fireman before he does all the work with us. He's Mr Superfit, but he's not the prettiest boy in



++MEET MY MATES++



CAESER ...
Jet-setter



BLACK ... PC
Plod feet

the world. The two of us went shopping together a couple of weeks back and the rest of the lads wondered what it would be like to see TWO quasimodos in the one place.



I think **PETER DAVENPORT** is still sussing us all out a bit. He's a bit quiet - except in front of goal - and he doesn't really join in with the cards and stuff yet.

He's probably just waiting to see what mug he can take the most money from.

He's a clean living boy who doesn't drink or smoke but that doesn't mean he'll NEVER fit in!

ANDY SMITH is a fairly straight-laced guy who bears the brunt of a lot of dressing

room stick. But he does a power of work on his fitness even though he looks like a pencil when he takes his shirt off.

Smudgey comes from up north somewhere so we bought him an inflatable sheep wearing stockings for his Christmas last year, but it seems to have disappeared. Very mysterious, Andy.



ALAN LAWRENCE is one of the older lads in the squad so he gets what we call an Over-30s pass for training during the week.

It means he can duck out of the hard stuff and watch us fit guys doing a last lap of the track.

He's still trying to look young, mind you, and I'm sure having streaks in your hair will come back into fashion one day.

WES REID is a great athlete - when he can see where he's going!

As long as Mr Magoo puts his lenses in before a game, he's a real asset to the side.

He's another guy who likes to keep himself to himself while we all prepare for a game.

Here's a little known fact but

JIMMY BOYLE was a member of the Anthill Mob before he joined Airdrie.

Jimmy takes as much stick for his height from the rest of the lads as Kenny Black takes about his feet.

And they're usually so busy slugging each other before a game that they don't notice the rest of us doing it.

The pair of them are hilarious and they really keep the rest of the lads in good spirits all the time.

WILLIE MCCULLOCH will be our keeper on the bench.

He's a local lad who seems pretty laid back about everything.

And in training, he's proved to be not a bad outfield player as well.



And then there's **ME**. Well, in my opinion, the boy Sandison is a total clown.

All the players seem to think I'm in cahoots with the management because I'm skipper, but then they come running to me as soon as they want some problem sorted out.

I don't remember seeing Agony Aunt in my contract ...

LOWDOWN++LOWDOWN

JOHN MARTIN

Age 35, signed from Tranent Juniors, 6ft 11in, 12st

SANDY STEWART

Age 27, signed from Kilmarnock, 5ft 8in, 11st

DON McVICAR

Age 31, signed from Partick Thistle, 5ft 9in, 11st 12lb

JIMMY SANDISON

Age 28, signed from Hearts, 5ft 10.5in, 10st 10lb

GUS CAESER

Age 27, signed from Bristol City, 6ft, 12st 6lb

CHRIS HONOR

Age 25, signed from Bristol City, 5ft 10.5in, 12st 2lb

DAVIE KIRKWOOD

Age 26, signed from Hearts, 5ft 10in, 11st 7lb

EVAN BALFOUR

Age 27, signed from Whitburn Juniors, 5ft 11in, 12st 6lb

PETER DAVENPORT

Age 32, signed from Sunderland, 5ft 10in, 11st 6 lb

KENNY BLACK

Age 29, signed from Portsmouth, 5ft 9in, 11st 10lb

ALAN LAWRENCE

Age 31, signed from Dundee, 5ft 7in, 10st

WES REID

Age 24, signed from Bradford City, 5ft 9in, 11st 4in

ANDY SMITH

Age 24, signed from Peterhead, 6ft 11in, 12st 7lb

JIMMY BOYLE

Age 26, signed from Queen's Park, 5ft 6in, 11st 2lb

WILLIE McCULLOCH

Age 20, signed from Linlithgow Rose, 6ft 3in, 12st 6lb



THIS IS YOUR LIFESTYLE

BRIAN O'NEIL insists married life hasn't changed him.

But the midfielder, who tied the knot with his long-time girlfriend Lisa Mason in a sumptuous ceremony in Jamaica in June of this year, admits that it just might have saved him a little money.

For gone are the courting-couple nights-out at the pictures, replaced by married couple evenings in front of the telly!

Brian said: "We used to go to the pictures quite a bit, but now we much prefer to sit in with a video. I like all kinds of films but my favourites are true-life action adventures.

"A bit of killing and gratuitous violence doesn't go amiss either - especially when committed by Italian-Americans!

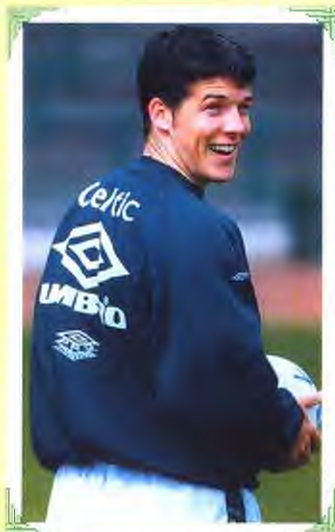
"I love Mafia films and I've seen all three Godfather films countless times. The last good film we got out was *A Few Good Men*, which was exactly the kind of picture I go for - strong storyline, based on a real life incident and good acting.

"I'm also desperate to see the Clint Eastwood western *The Unforgiven* and that's definitely next on our video rental list."

Food and family are the two things which tempt Brian and Lisa out of their house, Brian being a sucker for Chinese and Italian food in particular.

He said: "There's a great little Cantonese place in Paisley called *The Banquet*

BRIAN O'NEIL



House which is our particular favourite, and the after-match routine for us normally includes a visit there."

However, one place you won't find Brian is down the local rave - unlike many people his age he prefers peace and quiet with a few friends to noisy nights in a packed club.

He added: "All that mad techno stuff is simply not my scene. I much prefer to have some of my family round or go round to one of their houses.

"You get a much better laugh than you would at any disco."

The O'Neil family comprises dad Robert, mum Isobel, sisters Caroline, 31, and Annette, 28, and brothers Robert, 27, and John, 24.

All are married with children, and the Celtic star admits to enjoying the company of his young nieces and nephews as much as that of his brothers and sisters.

He said: "I'm an uncle seven times over at present, but I'm sure that number will rise!

"All the kids in the family are great fun and we have them staying over at our house now and again.

"They don't make us want to rush into having a family of our own, though. We've plenty of time for that!

"I don't know if I've the energy to bring up kids anyway!

"We took a couple of them to Edinburgh Zoo the other week and I was absolutely knackered chasing them up the big hill in the zoo."

Brian, at a mere 20 years old, is, the baby of the O'Neil family.

But he claims that didn't mean he had the easiest ride through his childhood.

He said: "I think being the youngest helped create a real competitive streak in me which has served me well.

"When I was growing up, I was never competing with children of my own age but with my brothers who were older than me.

"At my present age, that's still the case in my football career but my home life has more than prepared me for it."

Growing up with older brothers and sisters seems

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