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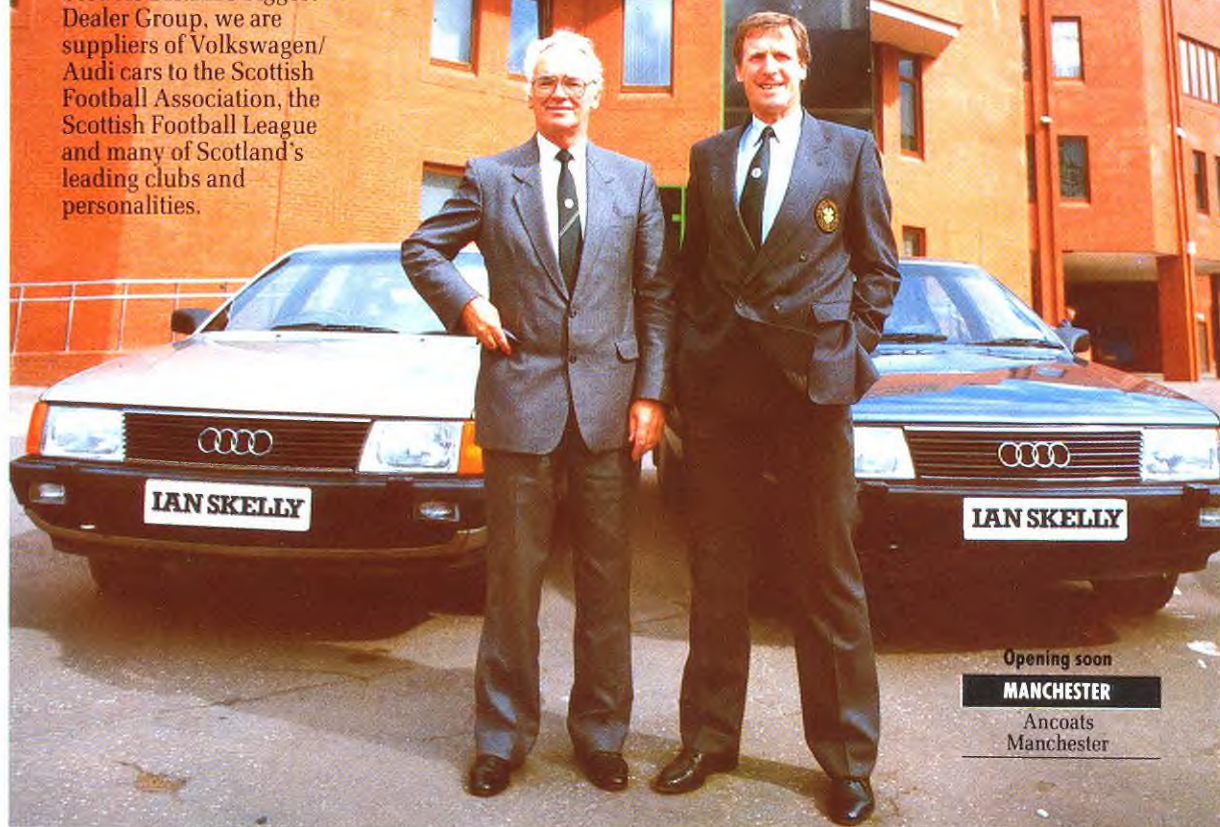
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## THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

WE face Aberdeen this afternoon in a very good frame of mind. Nonetheless, being unbeaten in our last seven matches will mean very little if we slip up against the Dons today. This game starts a tough schedule for us so a win against Aberdeen will be the ideal base upon which to build a solid challenge for the Premier League title.

My players hardly need reminded that Aberdeen defeated us here in September. In my opinion the 3-1 scoreline in favour of the visitors on that day did not accurately reflect the run of play. What it did though, was prove that Aberdeen cannot be given any opportunity to capitalise on defensive errors.

Unfortunately, some of the gloss has been removed from our last four wins by lapses at the back. In each of those games we contrived to create as much difficulty for ourselves as the opposition had done.

It's a puzzling phenomenon. For in the centre of defence Mick McCarthy and Derek Whyte have generally teamed up well together while Chris and Anton have lost none of the flair that was evident last season. And Pat Bonner is

fast approaching the form which made him the number one goalkeeper in the European Championships. Lapses in concentration though, could prove costly against teams like Aberdeen. But we have worked hard in training and the players know what is at stake this afternoon.

Frank McAvennie's goal last week was his 16th of the season. I doubt very much right now if there is a better striker in Britain. It's not just his quick reflexes which make Frank the player he is, but the amount of running and harrying he does.

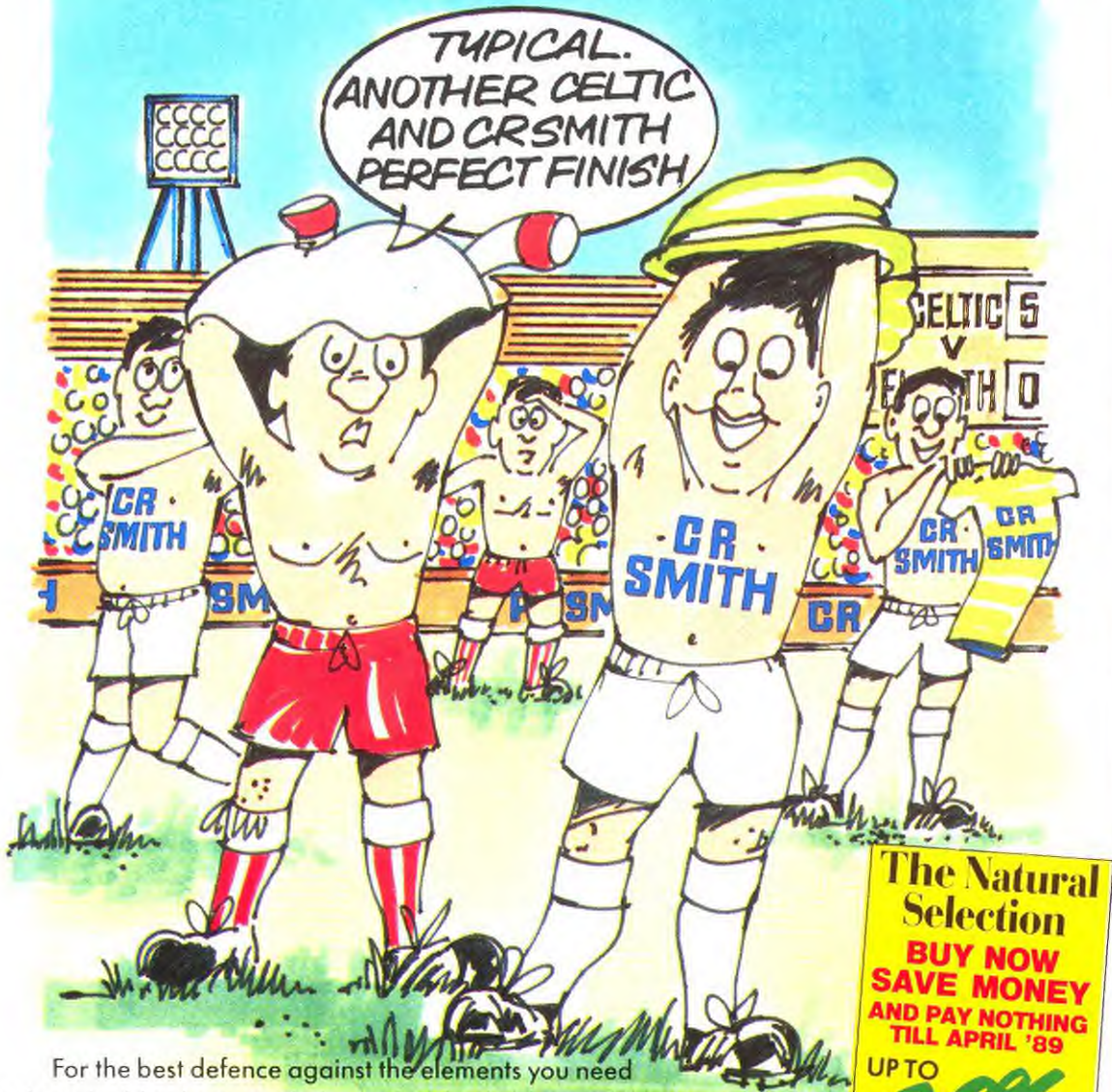
Second spot in the league table awaits the winners of this clash, and with it, the ideal position from which to launch a festive blitz on the pole position. I'm confident we can do it.

Front Cover: Joe Miller and Jim Bett.

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Derek Whyte  
Billy Stark  
Paul McStay  
Frank McAvennie  
Mark McGhee  
Tommy Burns  
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Stewart McKimmie  
Davie Robertson  
Neil Simpson  
Alex McLeish  
Willie Miller  
Charlie Nicholas  
Brian Grant  
Davie Dodds  
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Dunfermline v Morton  
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Meadowbank v Partick Th.  
Raith Rovers v Falkirk

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk.....	17	11	3	3	34	17	25
Airdrie.....	17	9	6	2	34	14	24
Morton.....	17	10	2	5	25	22	22
Clydebank.....	17	7	7	3	35	24	21
Dunfermline.....	17	8	5	4	26	20	21
St Johnstone.....	17	8	4	5	27	19	20
Forfar.....	17	6	6	5	24	23	18
Meadowbank.....	17	5	6	6	17	19	16
Raith Rovers.....	17	6	3	8	20	25	15
Ayr United.....	17	4	6	7	22	29	14
Clyde.....	17	4	6	7	20	27	14
Kilmarnock.....	17	4	5	8	21	31	13
Partick Th.....	17	3	3	11	23	36	9
Queen of Sth.....	17	1	4	12	15	37	6

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##### PREMIER DIVISION



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	18	12	3	3	29	12	27
Aberdeen.....	18	7	10	1	23	16	24
Celtic.....	18	11	1	6	41	23	23
Dundee Utd.....	18	8	7	3	21	10	23
Hibernian.....	18	7	7	4	19	12	21
St Mirren.....	18	7	5	6	21	24	19
Dundee.....	18	4	8	6	17	21	16
Hearts.....	18	2	8	8	16	23	12
Motherwell.....	18	1	7	10	16	27	9
Hamilton.....	18	2	2	14	12	45	6

#### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion R.....	16	10	3	3	31	23	23
Stirling A.....	16	9	3	4	33	24	21
Cowdenbeath.....	16	8	5	3	22	19	21
Arbroath.....	16	7	6	3	27	17	20
Queens Park.....	16	6	6	4	21	15	18
Stranraer.....	16	6	6	4	25	21	18
Brechin.....	16	6	6	5	23	20	17
E. Stirling.....	16	5	6	5	30	28	16
Alloa.....	16	5	6	5	23	23	16
Montrose.....	16	6	3	7	22	22	15
East Fife.....	16	5	5	6	21	22	15
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# THE B&Q LEAGUE

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# NEWS BEAT

A CELTIC youth team has been invited to take part in a prestigious tournament in Japan.

The Japanese football authorities have recently invested huge sums of money in ensuring that the game continues its recent popularity boom over there.

The invitation to Celtic came after a Celtic youth team had impressed international football observers in a European youth tournament held at Bellinzona in Switzerland.

There Celtic were narrowly defeated by Inter Milan in the final, but impressed a watching Japanese football delegation who were enthralled by their skills and excellent discipline.

## CHAMPIONS

Celtic depart from Glasgow on January 11th and face the Japanese youth champions on January 14th in Tokyo. Their second game is against a Japanese Youth Select two days later and on the 19th the young Celts face the Japanese Youth Club champions. On the 22nd comes their sternest test when they face the Japanese youth international squad.

Travelling with a 16-man Celtic squad will be reserve coach Bobby Lennox, chief scout John Kelman and youth development officer Benny Rooney. Said John Kelman: "This is a great honour for the club. The Japanese are anxious to attract what they consider to be the best youth sides in the world to their country."

AMONG Celtic's guests today are four Chinese visitors from a town called Dalian in North China. The four are visiting Scotland as guests of Glasgow District Council. They are here to set up trading links between the two towns who were twinned recently. And as the four are all football fans, naturally they expressed a wish to see "the greatest team in Britain," in action. The Council contacted Celtic who were glad to oblige. Enjoy the game Gents. . .

CELTIC'S reserve team in the Reserve League West face Ayr United reserves at Celtic Park on Monday night. The match is Celtic's last fixture in this league before the winter break, and kicks off at 7.00pm.

The young Celts are top of the league and a win against Ayr United would consolidate their position.

MATCH sponsors today are UMBRO. The sporting manufacturers have had a long and close relationship with Celtic and also sponsor the Celtic jerseys. We wish them every success in today's venture.

WE would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Hearts on their great achievement in reaching the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup. There will be a great deal of interest to see who Hearts opponents will be in the quarter final draw next Friday. So once again well done Hearts.



## DIRECTORY

**Directors** — John C. McGinn (Chairman), Kevin Kelly (Vice-Chairman), James M. Farrell MA LLB, Christopher White CA, Thomas Grant; **Manager**: Billy McNeill MBE; **First Team Coach**: Tommy Craig; **Reserve Team Coach**: Bobby Lennox MBE; **Physiotherapist**: Brian Scott; **Secretaries**: Desmond White & Co; **Commercial Manager**: John C. McGinn; **Chief Scout**: John Kelman.

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### Scottish Cup Winners (28 times):

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988.

### League Cup Winners (9 times):

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

**Empire Exhibition Cup:** 1938.

**St Mungo Cup:** 1951.

**Connovation Cup:** 1953.

**European Cup:** 1967.

**Record victory:** 11-0 v Dundee (Division 1) October 1895.

**Record defeat:** 0-8 v Motherwell (Division 1) April 1937.

**Most individual league goals in a season:** 50 James McGrory (1935-36).

**Highest aggregate scorer:** James McGrory 397 (1922-1930).

**Most capped player:** Danny McGrain 62 times for Scotland.

# EURO SPOTLIGHT

By Roddy  
Stewart

## Frank Rijkaard

AS the European Championships in West Germany proved, the present Dutch national side is the most exciting in Europe. Although in Ruud Gullit they are recognised as having one of the games most gifted attackers equally for many footballer observers, in the shape of Frank Rijkaard they also possess one of the worlds most talented defenders.

It is said that in terms of 'natural ability' only Gullit can better the defensive team mate with which he has so much in common.

Like Gullit, Rijkaard was born in Holland of Dutch West Indian parents. Only 29 days separated the birthdate of the two boys who would play together in school kickabout matches and eventually make their international debuts in the same game; Gullit replacing Rijkaard in a friendly with Switzerland in Zurich in 1981.

Only a year earlier Rijkaard at the age of 18 had played his first match for Ajax and immediately his intelligence and creativity on the field were obvious.

Unfortunately his first three years with the Amsterdam club coincided with an exodus of the teams most experienced players and despite his own youthfulness more and more was being expected of him.

At a time when he was expected to give a lead he suffered a loss of confidence; it seemed the more important the game the less he took the initiative.



*Frank Rijkaard — from failure to mega-star in 12 months.*

His languid demeanour was often mistaken for laziness and not unnaturally the player suffered a constant barrage of criticism. So bereft of confidence was he that during an international match in 1984 he requested to be substituted. Ajax exasperated by his lack of contribution offered him to F.C. Gronigan as part exchange for Erwin Koeman. Embarrassingly for Rijkaard they refused to take him.

### DESERTED

Within twelve months of being at his lowest ebb the ability that had deserted him was recaptured just as swiftly. Rijkaard regained his place in both the Ajax and Dutch sides. Under the guidance of Johann Cruyff his form flourished to the



extent that rivals PSV Eindhoven attempted to sign him to replace the departing Gullit.

After a certain amount of controversy Rijkaard remained with Ajax and was appointed captain of the club only to walk out months into the new season after a well publicised dispute with Cruyff. The defender signed for Sporting Lisbon and went on loan to Zaragoza before being signed by A.C. Milan for £3.5 million. The Italian club who had continually monitored the situation regarded the Dutch triumvirate of Rijkaard, Gullit and Van Basten as essential in their desire to regain possession of the European Cup.

The wisdom of their judgement was seen in the European Championships as Rijkaard confirmed to all his detractors that he was one of the finest defenders in the game his skill and composure continually caught the eye within the effective partnership he formed with the powerful Ronald Koeman.

For Frank Rijkaard it was the most dramatic stage to prove that the events which had threatened his career in the early eighties were well behind him.





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# ON THE SPOT



## FRANK McAVENNIE



THREE years ago Frank McAvennie appeared on the 'Saint and Greavie' show in slightly unusual circumstances. The blond striker had dramatically reached the top of the English goal-scoring charts a few months after his transfer from St Mirren and yet the absence of televised cover, due to a contract dispute, meant that he remained a fairly anonymous figure. On the ITV lunchtime programme Frank was taken into London and various members of the public were asked if they knew who he was! Despite his dozen or so goals and accompany headlines it was amusing to note that very few actually recognised him.

Certainly changed days for the Celtic forward. Today he is the most talked about footballer in Scotland and leads the goalscoring charts at the halfway stage of the Premier League. To date Frank has scored 17 goals for the club and has netted six goals in his last five league matches. Such is his prolific strike rate and general play that naturally there has been a clamour to have him reintroduced into the Scotland squad.

On his arrival at Celtic Park in October 87 Frank's main concern was simply to justify Celtic's decision to bring him back from West Ham although as he indicated at the time good club form could be a stepping stone to international duty: "My first priority is to do well with Celtic and if I'm playing well with them my international career will take care of itself."

For many football observers that moment has now arrived. At the moment Frank McAvennie is playing at the peak of his abilities and his consistent high standards should see him included in the list of names submitted to the press by Andy Roxburgh on Monday. For the last few weeks Billy McNeill has had little hesitation in advocating a return to the dark blue of Scotland for his centre forward. As he said: "Frank is playing the best football of his career at the moment.

He is very sharp and is snapping up every chance. Frank is the best centre forward in the country bar none. Picking the international squad isn't my job but I think Frank should be in on merit."

But today all Frank's energies will be focussed on the task of beating Aberdeen. And its certain today's opponents will bring back a few happy memories for the Celtic striker. At a crucial stage of last season's league campaign it was his late winner which secured Celtic two priceless points — a win which prompted Billy McNeill at the end of that wonderful season to say: "That was the result that turned the tide for us."

To date that goal is the only one Frank has netted against Aberdeen and what better time to add to that total than this afternoon.

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## GROUND CAPACITY

22,568 (all seated)



## TEAM CAPTAIN

Willie Miller

## YEAR OF FORMATION

1903

## MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Willie Miller

## MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON

59 Premier Division  
Season 1984/85

## HIGHEST NO OF LEAGUE GOALS SCORED BY A PLAYER IN ANY ONE SEASON

Benny Yorston  
Season 1929/30

## NO OF GOALS SCORED

46

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ABERDEEN know they need to win this afternoon's match if they are to instil in their supporters some faith that their title challenge can be restored.

Until two weeks ago Aberdeen looked capable, along with Celtic, of providing the only sustained challenge to Rangers in the league. But subsequent events have made their supporters question whether or not their side has what it takes.

They met Rangers at Ibrox in what was the acid test for their challenge. And it wasn't so much the defeat by Rangers which encouraged the doubters but the manner in which Aberdeen played. Over the last few seasons the Dons alone of all the other Scottish clubs have been able to travel to Glasgow seemingly impervious to the pressure and the intimidation. But at Ibrox they went meekly to their demise.

Incredibly worse was to follow when the Dons provided Hamilton Accies with their first away point of the season in a timid 1-1 draw at Pittodrie last week. The only saving grace as far as the Northerners were concerned was the form of Charlie Nicholas whose late goal saved his colleagues from outright embarrassment.

A look at the Premier League table shows a salient characteristic of Aberdeen which has emerged over the last few years; that they are one of the most difficult sides in Scotland to beat outright. That reversal against Rangers remains their only league defeat.

In previous seasons though, the Dons have been able to add attacking flair and creative midfield play to maximise their defensive parsimony. This they have found increasingly more difficult in the past three seasons.

Miller and McLeish are at the heart of things of course, and its sobering to think what might have happened to Dons if these two eternal sentinels were not available.

In David Robertson and Stewart McKimmie they have two of the most

complete full-backs in the modern sense of the term. But Robertson, in particular, has struggled to maintain consistency in his play this season.

The midfield department is where Aberdeen have perhaps experienced most difficulty. Things haven't been helped of course by Neil Simpson's injury problems which have prevented this powerful player from putting together a meaningful first team run. And Simpson himself has not been helped either by the outrageous vilification he's received in the press since certain unfortunate events at Pittodrie near the beginning of October. Its important that he ignores many of the ill-judged comments which have appeared in public about him since then and gets on with doing a job for his club.

## PANACHE

One bright feature of Aberdeen's season has been the brilliant form of Charlie Nicholas. In recent months he has shown that there is not another player in the land who can match his natural ability. Many felt his best days had disappeared in the wake of his disastrous move to Arsenal. But now he's back and showing much of the style and panache that he showed with Celtic six years ago (was it really that long ago?)

Davie Dodds showed in his last visit to Celtic Park why he has consistently been one of the Premier League's best strikers. He scored in Aberdeen's 3-1 win here on September 17th.

There is as much at stake here for Aberdeen as there is for Celtic which leads one to believe it will be a classic match. Its been a welcome feature of these fixtures over the last four years that they have been free from the niggling that characterised their previous meetings. This they have often turned into showcases for all the good things in the game free from nastiness and recriminations. Lets hope that tradition is maintained this afternoon.

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# FACE TODAY

Theo Snelders, Aberdeen's Dutch-born keeper, saves from Joe Miller and Andy Walker, with Willie Miller and Alex McLeish for defensive cover.



## **A PREVIOUS CLASH ... A PREVIOUS CLASH ...**

**Aberdeen 1 Celtic 2**

*Att: 25,000 — 11th December 1982*

CELTIC travelled up to Pittodrie with the impressive record of having only dropped 3 points in the first 13 league games of the season.

This match was a typical hard fought affair with the big battle being in midfield. Celtic made the better start and their good play was rewarded in the 16th minute. Murdo MacLeod burst through from midfield and his shot from 25 yards was deflected past Jim Leighton by Stuart McKimmie. Aberdeen's answer was immediate. Strachan found Mark McGhee with a quickly taken free kick and the striker shot past Pat Bonner from 10 yards. The rest of the half was played mainly in the middle of the park with chances few and far between. The half time whistle blew with the score still at 1-1.

The second half was much the same as the first but it was Celtic who always seemed to have the upper hand. In the 59th minute the goal came that was to prove the winner. Davie Provan cut in from the right wing and his left foot shot struck Willie Miller before beating Leighton. It was a rather fortunate goal but one that was fully deserved as Celtic went on to control the match right to the 90th minute.

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Frank McAvennie who will be hoping to add to his sixteen goal tally this afternoon.

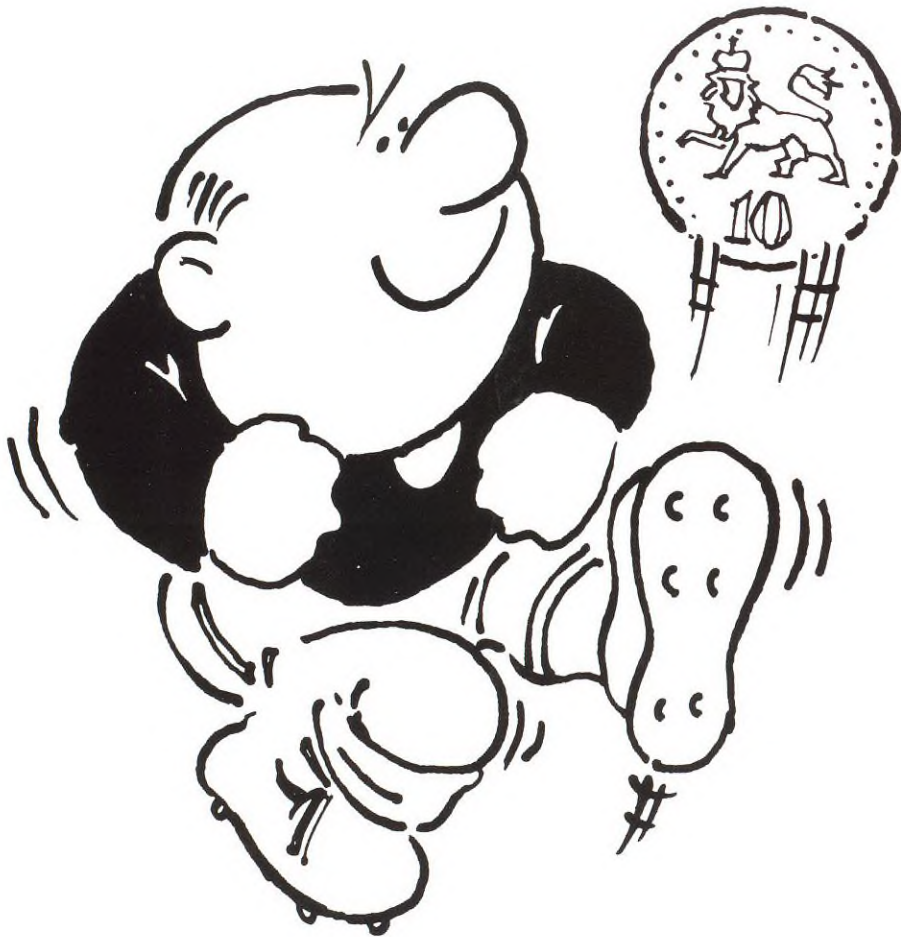
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# Reserve Scene



## THE STARS OF TOMORROW

By Bobby Lennox



AFTER a magnificent start to the Premier Reserve League campaign we lost our way somewhat by suffering a few ignominious defeats throughout October and November. But recent signs suggest that we have straightened things out.

There have been a few plus points also during this campaign which have encouraged all at Celtic Park. First has been the gradual return to top-team fitness of Peter Grant who played several reserve games with us to get back some degree of match fitness. There's little doubt that his presence, experience and all-round influence was of great benefit to the younger lads around him. It wasn't so long ago that Peter was a young stalwart in the second team and today's young hopefuls will have taken note of this.

And in our recent two matches against St Mirren and Motherwell we have welcomed back Ian Andrews and it didn't take long for him to show that he is back to top form once more. He had a string of marvellous saves to keep us in the game in the early stages at Paisley and we were able to build on that by recording a fine 5-2 win. Ian carried on the good work by performing well against Motherwell. We drew 2-2 against a strong 'Well outfit and in the end I thought we were unlucky not to grab both points.

Striker Dugald McCarrison has been in good form lately and his

goal in the St Mirren win was worthy of any goal of the season award. Dugald received welcome recognition of his form by gaining a spot on the substitutes bench in the first team's win over Motherwell. Big Gerry Britton too has been knocking them in lately and I'm looking to these two to provide the necessary fire-power that will enable us to defeat Aberdeen reserves at Pittodrie this afternoon.

### Nov 30th — Premier Reserve League

St Mirren .....2

Celtic .....5

(Elliot, Britton, Baillie, McCarrison, Fulton)

Celtic: Andrews, Balmer, Traynor, Baillie, Elliot, Shepherd, Grant, Fulton, Archdeacon, Britton, McCarrison.

### Dec 3rd — Premier Reserve League

Celtic .....2

(Mathie 2)

Motherwell .....2

Celtic: Andrews, Balmer, Traynor, Baillie, Elliot, Shepherd, Grant, Fulton, Mathie, Creaney, Britton.

### Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	16	9	4	3	44	32	22
Morton	14	9	2	3	32	20	20
Falkirk	17	8	4	5	38	29	20
Clyde	14	7	5	2	30	19	19
Parlick Th.	16	6	6	4	19	19	18
Ayr Utd	17	7	3	7	32	31	17
Albion Rvrs	16	6	5	5	32	32	17
Clydebank	16	6	4	6	33	24	16
Queens Park	17	7	2	8	28	32	16
Airdrie	15	5	4	6	30	28	14
Kilmarnock	17	4	4	9	27	37	12
QOS	15	5	1	9	18	35	11
Dumbarton	15	4	3	8	26	37	11
Stranraer	15	1	5	9	33	44	7

### Premier Reserve League

August 13th  
Hearts 1 Celtic 7

August 20th  
Celtic 2 Dundee Utd 2

August 27th  
Celtic 2 Rangers 1

September 3rd  
Hamilton 2 Celtic 4

September 7th  
Motherwell 1 Celtic 1

September 10th  
Aberdeen 2 Celtic 4

September 24th  
Celtic 0 Dundee 2

October 1st  
Celtic 3 Hibs 5

October 8th  
St Mirren 2 Celtic 3

October 15th  
Celtic 0 Dundee Utd 3

October 22nd  
Celtic 2 Hearts 3

October 29th  
Dundee 3 Celtic 3

November 5th  
Celtic 2 Hamilton 2

November 12th  
Rangers 3 Celtic 2

November 23rd  
Hibs 4 Celtic 1

November 26th  
Celtic 5 St Mirren 0

November 30th  
St Mirren 2 Celtic 5

December 3rd  
Celtic 2 Motherwell 2

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# FACTS AND FIGURES

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Date	Comp	H/A	Opponents	Result	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken	McCarthy	Whyte	Miller	McStay	McAvennie	Walker	Grant	Burns	Stark	McGhee	Archdeacon	Rough	Baillie	Traynor	Fulton	Andrews
Aug 13	PL	H	Hearts	1-0		2	3		5	4	7	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	10	6	11	12	14						1
Aug 17	Skol Cup	H	Ayr Utd	4-0		2	3		5	4	7†	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	6	11 <sup>1</sup>	12	14†	1					
Aug 20	PL	A	Dundee Utd	0-1		2	3	4	5†	6	14†	8	9	10	11	12†		7†						1
Aug 24	Skol Cup	H	Hamilton Accies	7-2		2	3	4	5		7	8	9 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	6	11 <sup>1</sup>	12 <sup>1</sup>		14 <sup>1</sup>					1
Aug 27	PL	A	Rangers	1-5		2	3	4	5	12†	14†	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	10	6	11†	7†							1
Aug 31	Skol Cup	A	Dundee Utd	0-2		2	3	4	5	14	7	8	9	10	6	11	12							1
Sept 3	PL	H	Hamilton Accies	2-1		2	3	4	5		7†	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	10	6	11	12			14†				1
Sept 7	Euro Cup	A	Honved	0-1		2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	7								1
Sept 17	PL	H	Aberdeen	1-3		2	3	4	5	6†	7 <sup>1</sup>	8	9	10†	11	12†		14†						1
Sept 24	PL	A	Dundee	0-1		2	3	4		6	7†	8	9	10		11	14†		12†	1	5†			
Sept 28	PL	H	Motherwell	3-1		2	3	4		14	12	8	9 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>1</sup>		11			7	1	5	6		
Oct 1	PL	A	Hibernian	1-3		2	3	4		14†	12†	8	9	10 <sup>1</sup>		11†			7†	1	5	6		
Oct 5	Euro Cup	H	Honved	4-0		2	3	4	5	6	7†	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>1</sup>			11 <sup>1</sup>	12 <sup>1</sup>		1				
Oct 8	PL	H	St Mirren	7-1		2	3	4	5	6	7 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	9				11 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>	14	1			12	
Oct 12	PL	H	Dundee Utd	1-0		2	3	4	5	6	11 <sup>1</sup>	8	9				7	10	12				14	
Oct 22	PL	A	Hearts	2-0		1	2	3	4	5	6		9 <sup>1</sup>	10		11	7	8 <sup>1</sup>	12		14			
Oct 26	Euro Cup	H	Werder Bremen	0-1		1	2	3	4	5		7	8	9		11	6	10						
Oct 29	PL	H	Dundee	2-3		1	2	3	4		5	7	8	9			11	6	10	14	12			
Nov 2	PL	A	Aberdeen	2-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	12	8	9			11	7 <sup>2</sup>	10	14				
Nov 5	PL	A	Hamilton Accies	0-8		1	2	3	4	5	6	12†	8	9 <sup>3†</sup>			11	7†	10 <sup>3</sup>	14†				
Nov 12	PL	H	Rangers	3-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	12	8	9			11	7 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>1</sup>			14		
Nov 19	PL	H	Hibernian	1-0		1	2	3	4	5	6	12	8	9 <sup>1</sup>			11	7	10	14				
Nov 26	PL	A	St Mirren	3-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	12	8	9 <sup>1</sup>			11 <sup>2</sup>	7	10	14				
Dec 3	PL	A	Motherwell	3-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	12	8 <sup>1</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>			11	7	10 <sup>1</sup>	14				
Dec 10	PL	H	Aberdeen																					
Dec 17	PL	A	Dundee Utd																					
Dec 31	PL	H	Hearts																					
Jan 3	PL	A	Rangers																					
Jan 7	PL	H	Hamilton																					
Jan 14	PL	H	St Mirren																					
Jan 21	PL	A	Hibernian																					
Jan 28	Scot Cup																							
Feb 11	PL	H	Motherwell																					
Feb 18	Scot Cup																							
Feb 25	PL	A	Dundee																					
March 11	PL	A	Hearts																					
March 25	PL	H	Dundee Utd																					
April 1	PL	H	Rangers																					
April 8	PL	A	Hamilton Accies																					
April 15	PL	A	Motherwell																					
April 22	PL	H	Dundee																					
April 29	PL	A	Aberdeen																					
May 6	PL	H	Hibernian																					
May 13	PL	A	St Mirren																					
May 20	Scot Cup																							



## What the Papers say

THE message from the sportswriters covering last Saturday's Motherwell v Celtic match was loud and clear: "McAvennie for Scotland."

David Leggat of the *Sunday Mail* led the chorus: "Celtic can thank their lucky stars they have that magnificent marksman Frank McAvennie."

"For, with their dodgy defence at its most demented they needed the insurance of Frank at the top of his form."

"If Scotland boss, Andy Roxburgh, knows of a better striker for the game in Italy, then he must be quite a player."

Meanwhile if Frank was looking for a P.R. man he could do worse than Kevin McCarra whose learned match reports are the best thing about *Scotland on Sunday's* sports coverage:

"Celtic's play rippled with verve and invention. The midfield was eager and able to link with the forwards. There was something gleeful about the back heel from Roy Aitken which almost succeeded in putting McAvennie through. McAvennie, indeed, maintained his recent irrepressible form and looked like tearing Motherwell open every time he took possession."

Jim Reynolds wearing his *Observer Scotland* hat observed the action thus:

"Like the weather the action was mostly a bit on the frantic side at Fir Park yesterday — good goals, bad goals, a missed penalty and enough nasty temper about the place to prompt referee Hugh Williamson into taking four names."

At the end of the day, however, Celtic had edged themselves that little bit closer to Rangers in the race for the championship and they have those merry Macs to thank — Frank McAvennie, Mark McGhee, and Paul McStay."

# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

## 5 YEARS AGO

Scottish Premier League  
December 10th 1983

Celtic 0 Aberdeen 0

CELTIC knew a win was imperative if they were to close the gap on league leaders Aberdeen and for long spells in this match they suggested that a victory would indeed be the outcome. But Jim Melrose's early sending off hampered their efforts to make good their superiority on the day. Despite not scoring Celtic did enough to show that the shattering midweek UEFA Cup defeat by Notts Forest was behind them.

Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, McClair, McStay, McGarvey, Burns, Melrose. Att: 25,867.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Scottish Premier League  
December 9th 1978

Celtic 0 Aberdeen 0

THIS was a disappointing game played on a biting bitterly cold day which restricted the attendance to just 24,000. Both sides had chances, especially Celtic, but in the end both seemed happy to settle for the draw. This game left Celtic with only one win in their previous nine matches and with an awful lot to do to win the title. The fact that they did go on to win the league is part of Celtic folklore.

Celtic: Baines, Fillipi, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Lynch, Aitken, MacLeod, Burns, Provan, McAdam, Doyle. Att: 24,000.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Scottish League First Division  
December 8th 1973

Celtic 3 Dundee United 3

Many observers felt this match should never have been played. The covering of snow on the pitch made it almost impossible for spectators to follow the line of the ball. Mistakes were inevitable and spectacular and contributed to the high-scoring result. Hood opened the scoring in seven minutes before Andy Gray equalised in 17 minutes.

But Celts looked to have the game sewn up when goals by Callaghan in 31 minutes and Dalglish in 38 minutes gave them a 3-1 lead. Back came United in the second half though. Fleming scored in 54 minutes and Knox grabbed a sensational equaliser in the last minute.

Celtic: Hunter, McGrain, Brogan, McCluskey, McNeill, Murray, Hood, Hay, Wilson, Callaghan, Dalglish. Att: 19,000.



# HELPING THE GAME

There is an organisation which receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

It pays £4.5 million to the Football Grounds Improvement Trust to help League clubs meet the demands of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act and improve their stadia.

It has set aside £2.3 million to ensure that all grounds in Scotland and England are covered by closed circuit television systems. It has allocated over £1 million to fund Football and the Community schemes at clubs throughout the UK.

The organisation is also injecting £1.25 million to assist 'non-League' clubs with essential safety work, paying over £1.3 million every year towards policing costs at League matches and investing £750,000 to improve transport facilities for football supporters.

The name of this organisation is THE FOOTBALL TRUST.

By the end of the year Spotting-the-Ball will have generated almost £70 million for The Football Trust and its sister organisation the Football Grounds Improvement Trust.

The body uniquely brings together representatives from all areas of the game and draws its membership from the Scottish Football League, the Scottish Football Association, the game in England, the PFA, local authorities, the police and pools firms.

The Football Trust's annual income of £9 million is in addition to the £6.5 million the Pool Promoters Association pay to the football authorities for the reproduction of the copyrighted fixtures on the pools coupons, thus making them the game's largest benefactor by far.

## SUPPORTING SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

During the past year The Football Trust has been committed to developing Scottish football at every level. Its initiatives range from supporting an educational trust for Scotland's professional footballers to providing kit for unemployed teams; new terracing at Kirkintilloch Rob Roy to a new artificial pitch for community use at Stirling Albion; the UK's most extensive closed circuit television system at Hampden Park to portacabins at the Hill of Beath Ramblers; developing football in the Scottish Isles to a £250,000 safety programme at the national stadium; new coach park at Ibrox to covering 35% of policing costs at B&Q League matches.

The Football Trust works closely with the Scottish Football League, Scottish Football Association and the Scottish Sports Council.

## WARNING!

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in Scotland and England will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

## SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in Scotland have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £7.5 million invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1976.

Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been invested to enable them to improve facilities.

In the past year alone FGIT grants to Scottish clubs totalled:

Safety	£ 416,385
Improvements	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.

# FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS

Celtic v Aberdeen Premier League record:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home.....	27	8	11	8	33	36	27
Away.....	27	9	6	12	32	42	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>51</b>

Aberdeens 3-1 win here earlier in the season was their first win here in 10 matches stretching back to February 1983 when they won by the same scoreline.



Aberdeens first venture into Europe was in 1967/68 in the Cup Winners' Cup. After eliminating K.R. Reykjavick of Iceland 14-2 on aggregate in the 1st round, they lost 3-2 to the Belgium side Standard Liege.



The record attendance for a club match in Europe is 146,433 who saw Celtic beat Aberdeen 2-1 in the Scottish Cup Final on the 24th of April 1937.



Aberdeen have enjoyed a fine record in the Scottish Cup in the 1980's winning the trophy 4 times in 5 years. Before that they had only ever won it twice, in 1947 when they beat Hibs 2-1 and 1970 when they beat Celtic 3-1.



The last Celtic player to score a hat-trick against Aberdeen was Bobby Lennox on the 6th of March 1968, when Celtic won 4-1 at Celtic Park. The last Aberdeen player to score a hat-trick against Celtic was Frank McDougall who actually netted 4 times on the 2nd of November 1985 when they won 4-1 at Pittodrie.



When Celtic beat Aberdeen 6-2 in 1926/27 at Celtic Park, Jimmy McGrory

Celtic v Aberdeen Premier League Record

	Celtic Park		Pittodrie	
1975-76	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-0
1976-77	2-2	4-1	1-2	0-2
1977-78	3-2	2-2	1-2	1-2
1978-79	0-0	1-0	1-4	1-1
1979-80	1-2	1-3	2-1	0-0
1980-81	0-2	1-1	2-2	1-4
1981-82	2-1	0-1	3-1	3-1
1982-83	1-3	1-3	2-1	0-1
1983-84	0-0	1-0	1-3	0-1
84-85	2-1	2-0	2-4	1-1
1985-86	2-1	1-1	1-4	1-0
1986-87	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-1
1987-88	2-2	0-0	1-0	1-0
1988-89	1-3		2-2	

Celtic score first



Jimmy McGrory overtook the worlds scoring record with a hat-trick against Aberdeen



scored 5 of the goals, 4 with his head. In 1935/36 the legendary McGrory overtook the world record of 362 goals held by Hugh Ferguson by scoring a hat-trick against Aberdeen in a 5-3 win again at Celtic Park.

# FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS



DUNDEE Utd did last week at Ibrox what they've made a habit of doing over the last 10 years. And the only surprise about it was that other people were surprised.

Just when many had written them off as genuine title contenders, the Tannadice men confounded them all to win 1-0 at Ibrox, the first home defeat the Gers have suffered all season.

I can recall several times in the last six years McLean's men being dismissed after a few different displays.

It appears football people find it hard to accept that a club whose average home attendance is less than 10,000 can be a major power in the game. So at the slightest hint of a wobble they expect the bubble to burst. It still hasn't happened though and after results like last Saturday's Utd have posted notice of their intentions to stay around for a while yet.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Incidentally, congratulations to Dave Navey who made his 70th European club appearance against Dinamo Bucharest recently thereby beating Billy McNeill's long-standing record of 69. The Celtic manager though would be glad that his record fell to a professional as equally accomplished as he in his hey-day.

Hibs meanwhile hoisted themselves into and ideal place from which to bid for a place in Europe next season courtesy of their efficient 2-0 win over St. Mirren last week. European competition is a must for a team like Hibs whose new-found entrepreneurial ambitious demands the level of opposition continental aces can bring. Steve Archibald continued to show just what a good investment he was by setting Hibs along the winning road while Gordon Hunter made it two with his first-ever



*Billy McNeill sends his congratulations to United's David Navey after breaking his European appearances record.*

goal for the club. The Easter Rd men though, are fast becoming the treble-chance kings of the Premier League along with Aberdeen. The Edinburgh men have played eight drawn games while the Dons have ten to their credit. And while this shows a degree of good organisation in the side it betrays also a lack of inspiration, needed to turn one point into two.

Its been a traumatic week for all concerned at Dundee. The transfer of Tosh McKinley to Hearts was a big blow and there have been persisted rumours that others may follow. They have also been the subject of an unwelcome take-over bid by their sponsors Novafone and have seen at least one bid to secure a quality player rejected at the last minute. But on the park Dave Smith's men have gone about their business in a methodical if un-inspiring way. Their 1-1 draw with Hearts on Saturday was their third on the trot and leaves them without a win in their last six matches. Dundee will never be relegation candidates but a coveted place in Europe is a distant dream unless they can overcome their problems on field and off.



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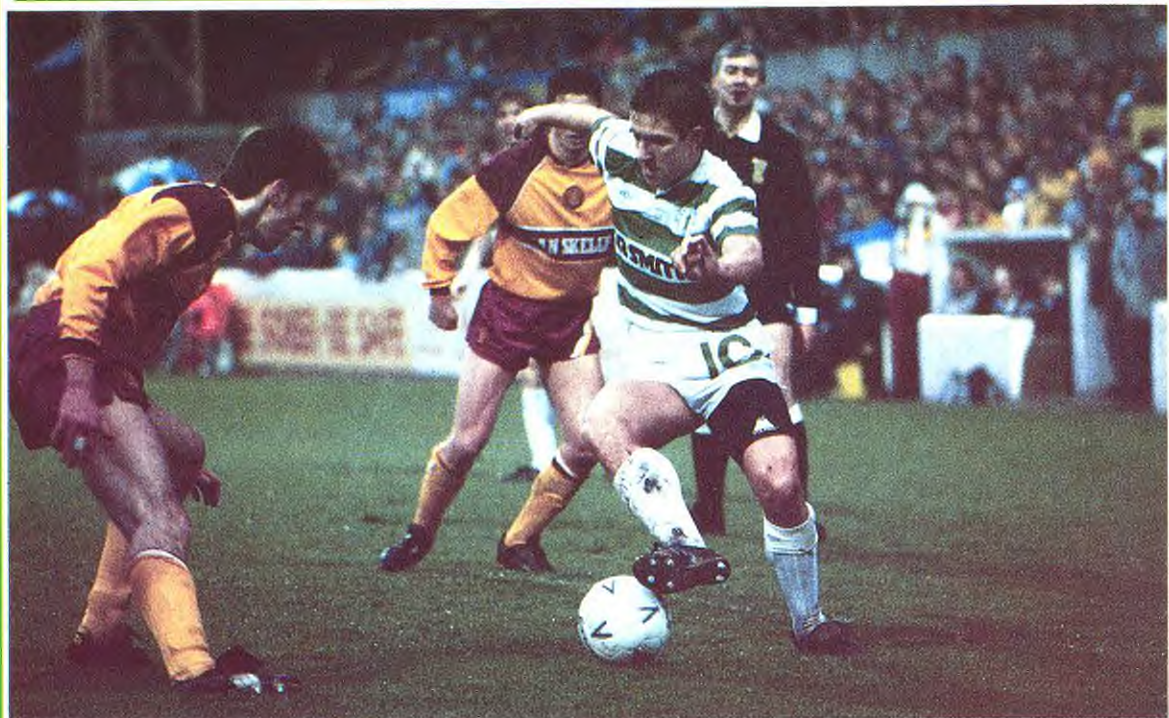
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*Top: Mark McGhee terrorises the Motherwell defence.  
Bottom: Frank McAvennie tries a lob vs. Hibs.*





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