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## THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

OUR defeat at the hands of Dundee United two weeks ago has made it even more important that we win this afternoon and follow that up with a win against Rangers.

But first things first, and today's opponents Hearts have to be negotiated before looking towards any other matches.

Hearts have made a poor start to the season domestically but there have been signs recently that their excellent form in Europe has rubbed off and the points have once more started to accrue for the Edinburgh side.

Their match three weeks ago against Rangers at Tynecastle could turn out to be a watershed in their season. There they won 2-0 and followed that up with a competent 2-0 win over Hamilton Accies. Of course just prior to this Hearts had gone to Mostar and recorded a fine result to go through to the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup. So there is nothing to suggest Hearts will arrive here today as anything other than formidable opponents.

But despite our defeat by United we too have shown we have the resolve that will be important for the title race. I honestly felt we were the better team against United and were firmly in control until that rather fortuitous penalty award. We have also been boosted by the return to fitness of Peter Grant and Joe Miller with Andy Walker not far behind them. I thought Peter had a tremendous first half against United and it was only his lack of recent first team action that contributed to him tiring a little in the second. Joe will also be an asset in the coming

weeks as we seek to apply pressure on the leaders.

Finally I'd like to wish everyone at Celtic Park this afternoon a very happy and prosperous New Year and take the opportunity of thanking the Celtic fans for making such an important contribution to our centenary season. Its been a magnificent 12 months and its almost sad to have to turn our back on such a tremendous year for everyone connected with the club. There is little doubt its been a year that will live on in the memories of each who was privileged to witness it and play a part in it. But its time now to look ahead. This is Celtic and there will be more league and cup doubles, more dramatic victories and more exciting football in the weeks and the months and the years to come. The spirit which has fired our play last season and which has been ever present since the foundation of the club still exists and I'm sure will help us to more glory.

Enjoy yourselves and have a safe Hogmanay and New Year.

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Ian Ferguson  
Gary Mackay  
John Colquhoun  
Kenny Black  
John Robertson  
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Hamilton v Rangers  
Hibernian v Motherwell  
St Mirren v Dundee Utd  
Airdrie v St Johnstone  
Clyde v Raith Rovers  
Dunfermline v Falkirk  
Forfar v Ayr Utd  
Kilmarnock v Clydebank  
Meadowbank v QOS  
Morton v Partick Thistle

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#### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk.....	20	12	4	4	37	19	28
Dunfermline.....	20	11	5	4	34	22	27
Airdrie.....	20	9	8	3	35	18	26
Clydebank.....	20	9	8	3	35	18	26
St Johnstone.....	20	9	6	5	31	20	24
Morton.....	20	10	3	7	28	28	23
Forfar.....	20	7	8	5	28	24	22
Clyde.....	20	5	8	7	24	29	18
Meadowbank.....	20	5	6	9	17	23	16
Raith Rovers.....	20	6	4	10	22	31	16
Ayr United.....	20	5	6	9	28	39	16
Kilmarnock.....	20	5	6	9	22	34	16
Partick Th.....	20	6	3	11	28	37	15
Queen of Sth.....	20	1	5	14	19	44	7

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#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	20	13	3	4	30	14	29
Dundee Utd.....	20	10	7	3	27	11	27
Aberdeen.....	20	8	11	1	26	17	27
Celtic.....	20	11	2	7	41	25	24
Hibernian.....	20	7	7	6	20	17	21
St Mirren.....	20	8	5	7	24	28	21
Hearts.....	20	4	8	8	20	23	16
Dundee.....	20	4	8	8	17	23	16
Motherwell.....	20	2	7	11	18	29	11
Hamilton.....	20	3	2	15	13	47	8

#### 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
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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
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Stenhousemuir.....	16	4	4	8	18	27	12
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# NEWS BEAT



Dragan Stojkovic captures the imagination of the Celtic fans with his display in Monday's friendly.

But afterwards he insisted: "The pleasure was all mine," speaking with an interpreter the Slav superstar said: "It's a great honour for me to play at Celtic Park which I regard as the home of attacking football. Years ago my relatives told me about this attacking team called Celtic who had overcome the defences of the Italians. They also told us about a player called Jimmy Johnstone.

"Indeed my general manager Mr Dragan Dzajic played in that match and told me Johnstone was one of the best he ever saw."

Now the 23-year-old Bosnian bombshell is preparing for Yugoslavia's forthcoming international matches. And as far as he's concerned the world has yet to see the best of the Yugoslavs.

Be warned Scotland.



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### League Cup Winners (9 times):

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

**Empire Exhibition Cup:** 1938.

**St Mungo Cup:** 1951.

**Coronation 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 McGran (1935-36).

**Highest aggregate score:** James McGran 397 (1922-1939).

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

# EURO SPOTLIGHT

By Roddy  
Stewart

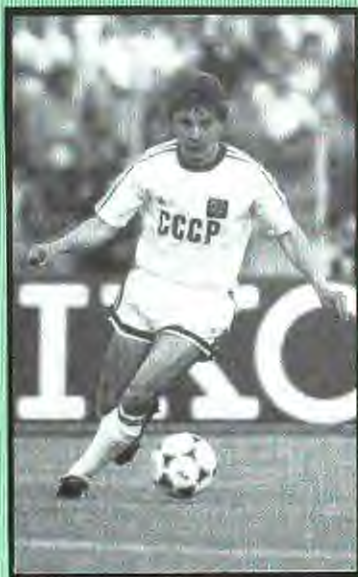
## Alexander Zavarov

POSSIBLY no transfer in recent years has caught the imagination as much as the £3.5 million deal that took Alexander Zavarov from Dynamo Kiev to Juventus. At one time it was ironically said that dissidents found it easier to leave the Soviet Union than footballers but recently the effects of 'glasnost' have also seemed to permeate through to sport within that country.

In August Zavarov became the first Russian playing at the height of his powers to be given permission to move to a club in the west and naturally the interest created by the transfer was enormous. Juventus had monitored his superb displays throughout the European Championships and signed him ostensibly to follow in the footsteps of Michel Platini, a player whose creativity and vision had not been replaced since his departure twelve months earlier.

Alexander Zavarov's life as a footballer in Turin contrasts strongly with his humble beginnings in the Ukraine district of the U.S.S.R. As a boy his talent stood out and in typical Russian fashion he was sent to a special sports school to enhance this ability. His path to football glory was not a smooth one as the first two clubs he played for, on either side of his national service, were relegated!

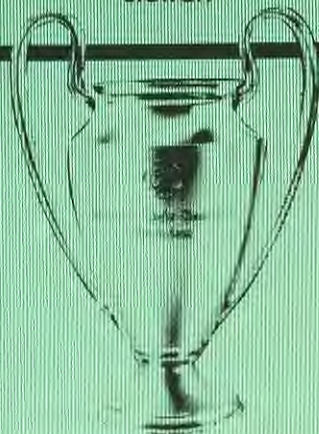
After turning down a move to Dynamo Kiev it appeared that his career had suddenly ground to a premature end as he and another Russian under-21 teammate were sus-



pending for life for persistent drunkenness.

After a years absence from the game he was granted an amnesty by the Soviet football authorities and did not hesitate when given a second opportunity to join Kiev. Along with other new players such as Igor Belanov and Pavel Yakorenko Zavarov became an influential part of a side that lifted the National Cup and then the championship itself.

In between those successes Dynamo defeated Athletic Madrid in the Cup Winners Cup final and Zavarov used this match to herald his arrival as a player of international stature. Playing an attacking game from midfield he not only orchestrated one of the finest team displays in a European final for many years, but also opened the scoring in only four minutes with a fine



opportunistic header.

The following season Kiev reached the quarter final of the European Cup defeating Celtic in the second round. Unfortunately, Zavarov chose Celtic Park to highlight the more unpleasant aspect of his game as his recklessly late tackle was responsible for sidelining Tommy Burns for almost six months.

By the time the 1986 World Cup had arrived, Alexander Zavarov was a permanent fixture in the Soviet national side. He gave a good account of himself in Mexico and enhanced his reputation with his thoughtful play in the European Championships.

### BLEMISH

Those performances were responsible for his transfer to Juventus and since his arrival in Turin Alexander Zavarov has had little problem in adjusting to the Italian game. Like his French predecessor he has found the net on a regular basis and only a recent last minute ordering off has blemished his excellent beginning.

It is said that due to his sturdy build and dark curly hair that his international teammates nicknamed him Maradona.





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# ON THE SPOT

MARK  
McGHEE



A SIGNIFICANT moment occurred at the start of Celtic's match with Red Star on Monday.

As the teams lined up to kick off a large section of the jungle began to chant Mark McGhee's name.

Such a spontaneous burst of approval has not been the norm throughout the Celtic striker's Parkhead career. But those chants are now indicative of the fact that, at last, the Celtic support have come to recognise the fine array of talents the international striker possesses.

Despite playing a major part in Celtic's centenary year triumphs last season its only this season that many have seen the great ability which was a hallmark of his Aberdeen days.

Since Andy Walker's injury he has dove-tailed superbly with Frank Mc-Avennie. The perfect illustration of this was the performance of the pair against Rangers on November 12th.

McGhee had confided in his striking partner before the match that he felt, between them, they could create mayhem for Big Tel and Richard Gough. And how accurate his prediction was to be.

The big Rangers defenders could not cope with the close control of either of them when the ball was played to the feet. The quick lay-offs and tireless running off the ball served to further discomfort the Rangers defence. Its a certainty that the Ibrox defence will not relish coming up against this duo when the sides meet on Tuesday.

One of the major reasons for his sluggish start to his Celtic career was a complicated leg injury he had been bothered with almost immediately after signing for Davie Hay three yars ago. Consequently he was unable to challenge Mo Johnston and Brian McClair for a place in the first team as much as he would have wished.



Last summer was the first in which he had enjoyed a good bout of pre-season training and its no coincidence that his best 18 months for Celtic have come after that time.

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WITH the early demise of the European hopes of Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United attention has focussed on Hearts' European progress.

And its fair to say they have not let anyone down and indeed have done Scotland proud.

Their displays against Austria Vienna and Velez Mostar were nothing short of magnificent and the Edinburgh side thoroughly deserve their crack at West German Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich.

Many Scottish fans will tell you of the great Hearts teams of yesteryear including Wardhaugh, Conn and Bauld et al, but the present Hearts side have achieved something that previous great sides haven't. They've reached the last eight of a major European tournament.

But this achievement renders it all the more puzzling just why Hearts are lying in third bottom place in the Premier League. There seems to be no real reason for it at all. Even while they missed John Robertson the team, on paper, still looked formidable enough to mount a realistic assault on the prizes.

But it soon became evident that such as Gary Mackay and Neil Berry, such influential midfielders in the past, were not firing on all cylinders. Even though the genius of John Colquhoun was still evident, there were not enough shots at finding the target. But throughout these troubled times they managed to chart a safe course through hazardous European water.

And for this praise is due to Alex McDonald and to a lesser extent, Sandy Jardine, both of whom had made Hearts one of the most tactically aware sides in the land. Subsequently they were

better equipped to deal with the subtleties of Europe than perhaps had previously been the case.

The sacking of Sandy Jardine and the unwelcome overtures of ex-director Douglas Park contrived to make it a crisis situation the Tynecastle club were facing. So its to the eternal credit of the players for bouncing back amidst such straitened circumstances.

Of course the shrewd acquisitions of Tosh McKinlay and Prodigal Son John Robertson have also helped. Again Hearts come out with a great deal of credit from the Robertson transfer.

There was a certain amount of acrimony when Robertson left the club during the close season and it reflects well on Hearts that they had no hesitation in buying him back so soon after the original move.

With these two latest signings in the squad its surely just a matter of time before Hearts start to climb the table again.

Also in the squad are Eamonn Bannon and Ian Ferguson who were signed from Dundee United last season. Both have made a contribution this season although there was speculation over Ferguson's future when Robertson was signed. But Robertson himself certainly didn't see any clash of interests and its doubtful if Alex McDonald sees any either.

Two of the best players for Hearts this season throughout the lean spell have been Mike Galloway and Kenny Black. Both have shouldered a great deal of responsibility and are now established as vital cogs in the Hearts machine.

And a word too about Brian Whittaker. The big man has had his critics but he's performed admirably in defence this season.

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*McGhee sets the show on the road.*

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

**Hearts 3 Celtic 4**

*Att. 20,500 — 10th November 1976*

THIS match took place with Celtic just one point behind the leaders Dundee United whilst Hearts were struggling at the wrong end of the table.

However, the Tynecastle men took no notice of the current league positions and stunned the travelling Celtic support when they opened the scoring in just eight minutes through Willie Gibson. Two minutes later the same fans were in a state of shock when the same player made it 2-0. In the 31st minute though Roddie McDonald popped up to bring the Bhoys back into the match but again just two minutes later that man Gibson completed a sensational hat-trick to make the score 3-2.

After the restart, Celtic went all out for the equaliser and were eventually rewarded in the 60th minute when Kenny Dalglish scored. By now Celtic were in top gear and they pressed hard for a winner.

Just when it looked as though the Hearts defence would hold out, Ronnie Glavin volleyed the ball home after a goalmouth scramble to give Celtic a 4-3 win in a quite unbelievable match.

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# Parkhead picture parade



*(Top) Andy Walker watches as his volley beats the Red Star keeper for Celtic's first goal on Monday.*

*(Below) Mark McGhee strains to reach a cross as the Yugoslavs defence watches anxiously.*



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# Reserve Scene



## THE STARS OF TOMORROW

By Bobby Lennox



### Premier Reserve League

August 13th	Harts 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

DISAPPOINTMENT is the only word to sum up our results in the Premier Reserve League in recent weeks. Three weeks ago we travelled to Aberdeen but were defeated 2-0 in a game we didn't deserve to lose. Unfortunately our good outfield play was rendered irrelevant owing to bad defensive errors. Indeed this is something that has hampered us all season and it wasn't long before it was to occur once more this time at Tannadice.

### APPALLING

On Monday of this week we travelled there in a reserve game held over from previously in the season. Tannadice has yielded us very little in the way of points in recent seasons at this level, but on Monday our play should have earned us at least a share of the spoils. United's two goals were once more the result of appalling defensive errors.

Consequently Dugald McCarrisons superb goal was not enough for us. All in all a good hard but skilful game.

In the west reserve league we remain a point behind surprise package Morton after we drew 2-2 with them last

Wednesday at Cappielow. This was another exciting game and, to be honest, we expected to win it owing to the pressure of a host of first team players. But all credit to Morton who battled to the final whistle and thoroughly deserved their share of the points. John Traynor and Andy Walker were on target for us.

A feature of recent reserve matches has been the presence of top team players in our teams as they continue their fight to attain top-team fitness again.

According to some people this is not good because, they allege, it keeps developing youngsters out of the side. But this isn't how I view the situation.

Our younger players can only benefit from playing alongside such as Peter Grant, Andy Walker, Joe Miller, Mick McCarthy and Billy Stark. And if you asked any of our reserve players personally they would agree with me.

In any case, the ultimate aim of everyone here is to keep Celtic as the best in Britain and if playing in the reserves helps our best players reach top-team match fitness again then that's great.

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# FACTS AND FIGURES

Small figures denote goalscorers.

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 <sup>1</sup>	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†			12†	1	5†		
Sept 24	PL	A	Dundee	0-1	2	3	4		6	7†	8	9	10		11	14†			7	1	5	6		
Sept 28	PL	H	Motherwell	3-1	2	3	4		14	12	8	9 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>1</sup>						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	8-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	12†	8	9 <sup>3†</sup>			11	7 <sup>1†</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	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	0-0	1	2	3	4		6	14	8	9		12	11	7	10				5		
Dec 17	PL	A	Dundee Utd	0-2	1	2	3	4		6	12	8	9	14	7	11		10				5		
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

CELTICS 2-2 draw with Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia on Boxing Day provided the Scottish sporting press with their only serious action during the Christmas holiday period.

The fact that several of the Red Star squad play for Yugoslavia, Scotland's rivals in the World Cup qualifying round prompted *Rodger Baillie* of the *Daily Record* to enthuse about skipper Dragan Stojkovic "beware the deadly Dragan."

"He ran the show so well there was no chance of a repeat of Red Star's last visit to Parkhead, Stojkovic had the posse of watching managers wishing they could mortgage their grounds to sign him."

Rodger also took the opportunity to praise striker Andy Walker, returning after a lengthy injury: "Andy Walker is ready to pose Billy McNeill the kind of problem every manager wants. He showed that the Celtic manager will soon be faced with the headache of fitting McAvennie, McGhee and Walker into two striking berths."

Elsewhere *James Traynor* of the *Glasgow Herald* was also waxing lyrical on the talents of Stojkovic. "A 23-year-old whose play was full of the wisdom and wit of a much older man arrived with a group of friends at Parkhead and those who made the effort to go and watch were reminded how wonderful the game can be."

James also commented on the return of Andy Walker: "He wasted no time at all in celebrating his return and had the ball in the net while some of the customers were still rolling up."

# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

## 5 YEARS AGO

Premier League  
December 31st 1983  
HIBS 0 CELTIC 1

THIS was an instantly forgettable match with both sides struggling to overcome hostile conditions. Its as if they couldn't be bothered with the game and instead had their eye on the Ne'erday festivities ahead. In any event a Blackley O.G. in 77 minutes was enough to secure the points for Celtic and kept them in touch at the top.

Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McStay, MacLeod, Colquhoun, McStay, McGarvey, Sinclair, McClair. Att: 11,234.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Scottish Cup  
January 31st 1978  
MONTROSE 2 CELTIC 4

ITS maybe not exactly ten years ago but at this time a decade ago Celtic were in the middle of a 10 week league lay-off due to the weather. So the nearest game to our date was this one.

Montrose put up a great fight and opened the scoring in 13 minutes. But George McCluskey scored in the 46th, 55th and 84th minute before Murray netted again for the gallant homesters. Finally Lynch scored with an 88th minute penalty.

Celtic: Latchford, McGrain, Lynch, Fillippi, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, MacLeod, McCluskey, Lennox, Doyle. Att: 3,060.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Scottish League 1st Division  
January 1st 1974  
CLYDE 0 CELTIC 2

TWO goals by Lennox and Dalglish kept Celtic six points clear of Rangers. Clyde's spoiling tactics marred the spectacle as an occasion for the fans. But finally Celts prevailed in a dull match.

Celtic: Hunter, McGrain, Brogan, McCluskey, McNeill, Hay, Hood, Murray, Deans, Dalglish, Lennox. Att: 10,630.



## 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 Hearts Premier League record:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	19	13	5	1	43	15	31
Away	19	10	4	5	33	16	24
Total	38	23	9	6	76	31	55

*Our win at Tynecastle earlier in the season was our first win there in six matches stretching back to the 6th of April 1985, when goals from McStay and McClair gave us a 2-0 win.*



When Hearts beat us 2-1 last season to prevent us from clinching the league championship, it was the first time in just under 10 years that they had scored more than a single goal against us in a league match at Tynecastle.



*Frank McAvennie's goal in our 2-0 win at Tynecastle back in October, was Celtic's 1,000th goal.*



Hearts have only won once at Celtic Park since 1969. That was on the 21st of October 1985 when a John Robertson goal was enough to give them the two points.



*Celtic and Hearts met in the semi-final of the Empire Exhibition Trophy in 1938, and a goal by Johnny Crum was enough to take Celtic through to the final where we beat Everton 1-0.*



When Hearts won the First Division in 1957/58 they scored a record 132 goals in 34 games, winning the league by 13 points. Their biggest win was 9-0 v East Fife, followed by 9-1 v Falkirk and 8-0 v Queens Park.



# FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS · FACTS



AT this time of year and with the halfway stage just passed it's perhaps appropriate to assess the displays of each of the Premier League sides and review their chances of glory or despair.

**RANGERS:** Have experienced in the last month or so what Celtic did in the opening part of the season. Most pundits' favourites for the title but I think they'll struggle in the home straight especially with the continued absence of Durrant, McCoist and Woods.

**ABERDEEN:** Have crept up quietly while no-one's been looking, Charlie's in great nick and the famed Dons defence is as solid as ever. Dangerous to write them off.

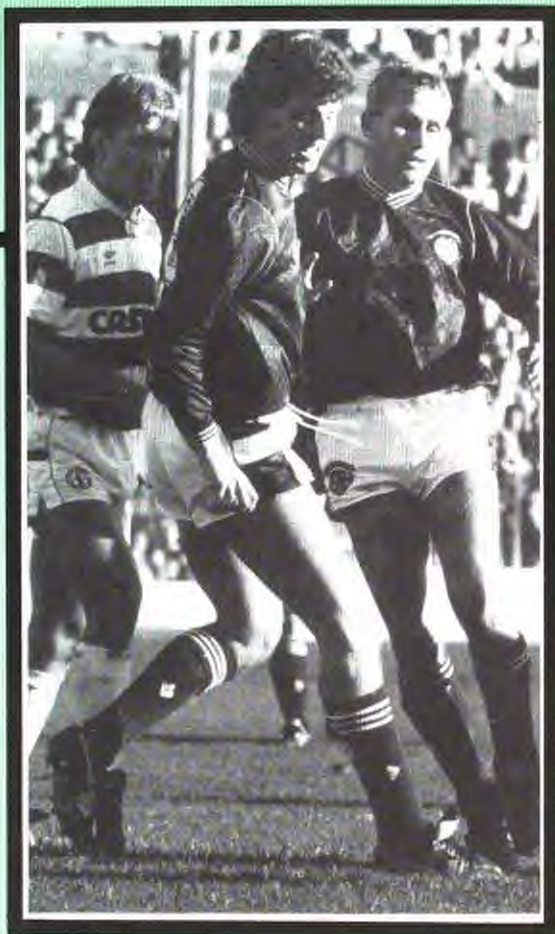
**DUNDEE UNITED:** Started brilliantly, slumped and have recently revived again. Kevin Gallacher is back to top form, Narey's never been anything but brilliant, Krivokapic is now making his presence felt. A formidable outfit, but can they last the pace?

**CELTIC:** Not that I'm biased or anything but I still see Celts winning the title. Aberdeen could be our biggest stumbling block because I expect injuries to unsettle Rangers. Now, thankfully, over the unforeseen disasters of the start of the season, and in McAvennie and McStay they have the two best players in the league.

**HIBS:** Experiencing something of a renaissance on and off the park. They should hang on for a place in Europe at the season's end but will have to look at signing a goalscorer. Good to see chicken George back to great form again.

**ST. MIRREN:** Fitzpatrick and McGarvey have done a superb job since the beginning of the season although if they achieve any more success they'll have to watch it. Were expected to struggle but should push Hibs and Hearts all the way for a place in Europe. Chalmers has been their best player, he's surely one of the most under-rated strikers in the game right now, but his father should tell him how to cope with that.

**DUNDEE:** The crisis team of the moment. At one



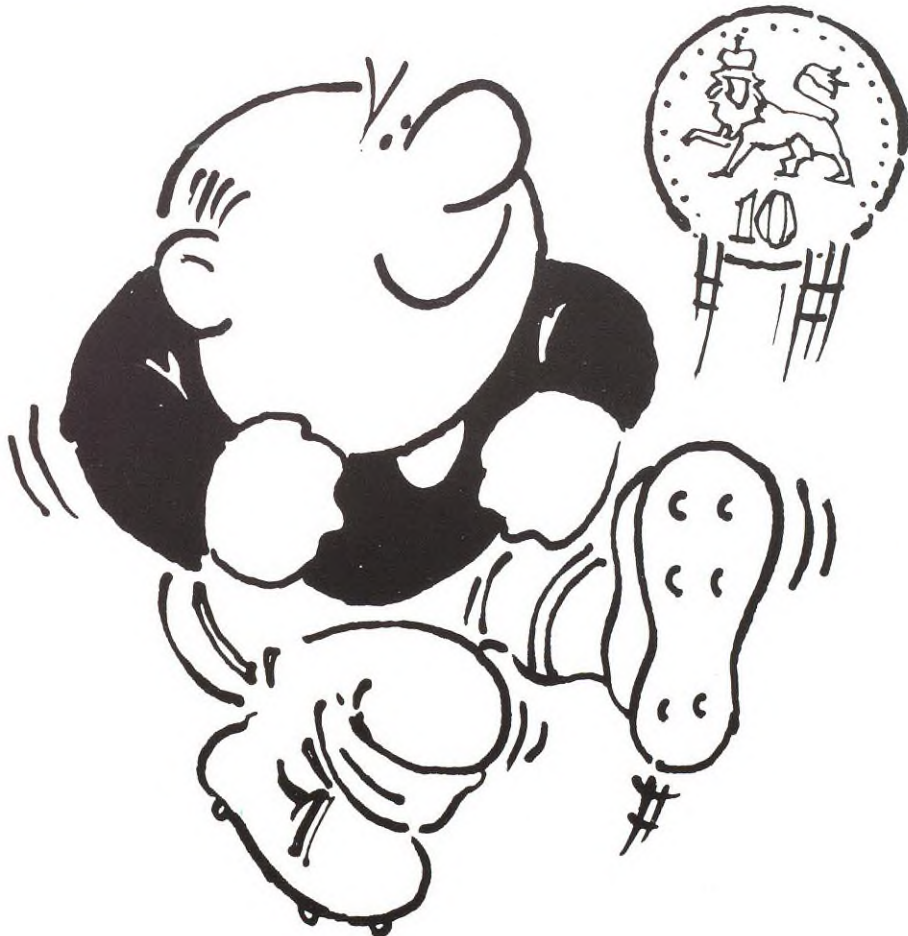
time it seemed players were leaving faster than the hair on Dave Smith's head. They deserve to do well, what with players like Coyne, Wright, Harvey, the ebullient manager Smith and an ambitious chairman in Cook it's difficult to see just what has gone wrong and why. I fear the season's over for them.

**HEARTS:** Had a worse start to the season than Celtic although at least they had the not inconsiderable sweetener of a European run as a consolation. McKinley and Robertson will help them rise up the table again. Still a very formidable side.

**MOTHERWELL:** You would have thought their almost guaranteed survival in the top flight would have made them throw off their shackles. Let's face it, Hamilton are going down and so Motherwell should open out a little. They have enough skilful players to take advantage of this.

**HAMILTON:** Once more they are favourites for the drop although they made a promising start and will certainly make more of a fight of it than the last time they were with us two years ago. Watch out for a young player called Sandy Fraser who might well break into the first team. Very talented, great things were expected of him once at Celtic Park.

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