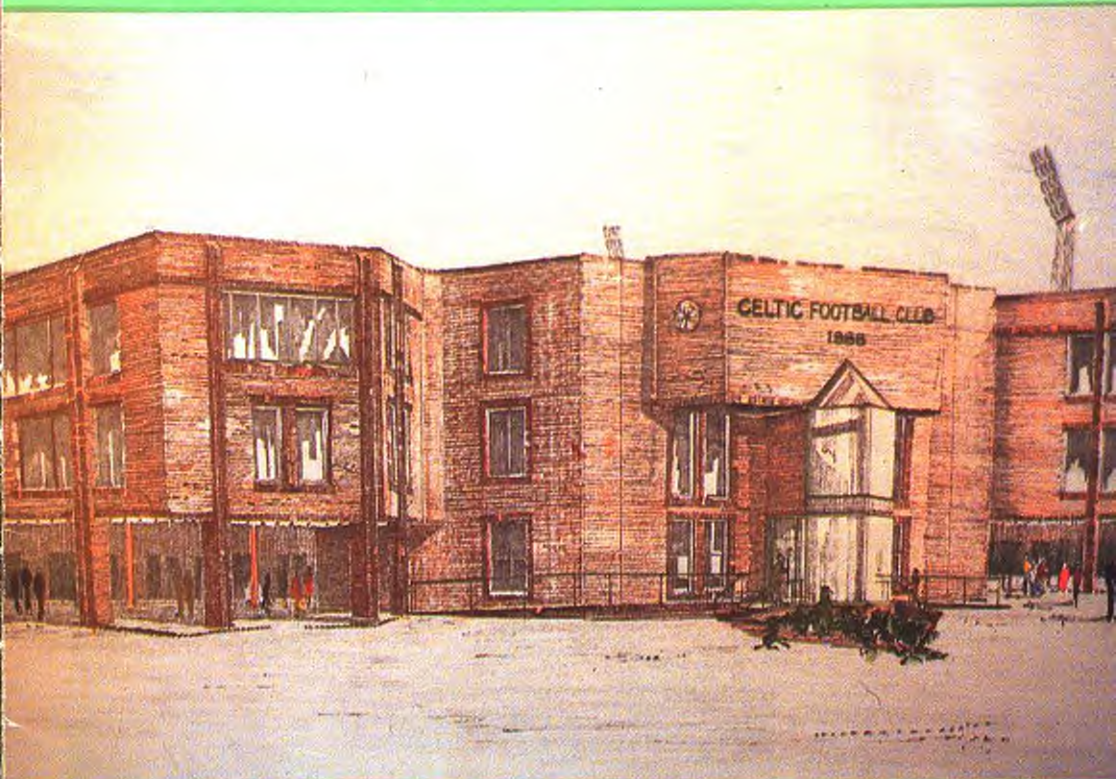


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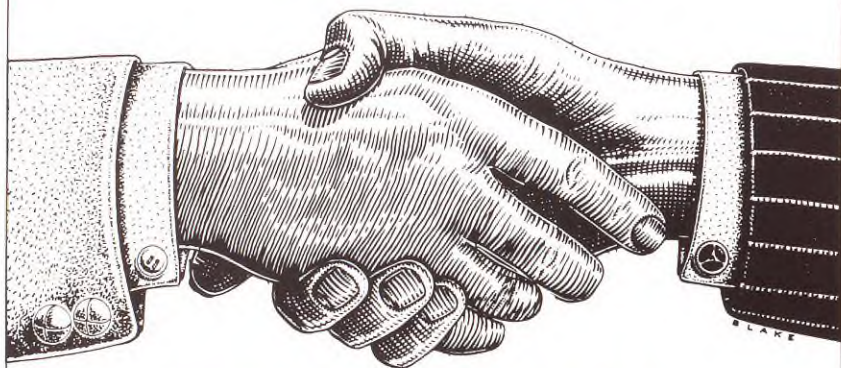
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Around the League

news . . . views . . . facts . . . dates . . .

THE race for the title was temporarily suspended last week to make way for the 4th round ties in the Scottish Cup.

And pride of place in this week's column must go to Dunfermline Athletic who humbled mighty Rangers 2-0.

Despite this I honestly can't see the Pars remaining in the Premier League. But they have contributed a great deal to the enjoyment of many in the Dunfermline area with their old-fashioned approach to the game.

And for his quotes alone I would make Jim Leishman one of my candidates for the manager of the year award.

In August he was quoting Churchill to his players prior to their 2-1 defeat of Celtic at East End Park. Last week he adopted a more theological approach as he mused on the mysteries of the Old Testament for the necessary inspiration to defeat Rangers.

Next he'll be reading the works of Karl Marx as he seeks to find a Leishman manifesto for avoiding the drop.

Dunfermline have achieved some excellent results in the Premier League. Besides their home wins over Celtic and Rangers they have travelled to Tynecastle and Ibrox and returned on each occasion with a 2-2 draw.



Ian Ferguson Rangers' signing from St. Mirren

In the light of these results their present position near the foot of the Premier League is inexplicable. Perhaps if Mark Smith had joined a month or so sooner they wouldn't be in their present predicament.

Elsewhere in the cup results were quite predictable with Hearts, Aberdeen and Dundee United all progressing safely enough.

On the international front Scotland stumbled to yet another draw against a football third world outfit.

And the 2-2 draw against Saudi Arabia brought howls of derision from the Scottish sporting press — "Desert Prats" screamed one well-known Scottish daily.

So I wasn't surprised when Andy Roxburgh blasted back at such abuse: "I'm really unhappy at the abuse that has been heaped on the players. The names they were called were disgraceful," he was quoted as saying.

Fans with type-writers the Scottish football writers have often been called.

If some of the present batch are fans I wouldn't like to meet Scotland's enemies.

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RANGERS	33	20	6	6	64	22	48
HEARTS	33	17	13	3	62	26	47
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Billy McNeill

the manager has his say



OBVIOUSLY I am very pleased to have reached the Quarter Finals of the Scottish Cup and I must pay tribute to my players for the skills and determination that they showed in our 1-0 victory over Hibernian.

Now we are all looking forward to meeting Partick Thistle at Firhill on Saturday March 12th in the next round of the Cup.

WELCOME

Meanwhile our thoughts today return to the race for the Premier League championship. Our match is against Morton and I would like to extend the hand of welcome to our opponents from Greenock and their manager Allan McGraw.

TOUGH

Allan has been in the newspapers recently after having some bad trouble with his legs, a sad legacy from his football career with Morton for whom he was one of their most prolific scorers. I recall playing against him several times.

He was a tough opponent and I know he won't let his current health problems get on top of him.

His Morton side have had a rather rough time of it in the Premier League this season. They are currently in bottom position with only 14 points from 33 matches. Much of this has been down to the fact that they have been hit by very serious injuries to key players early in the season. These have been blows from which they have not recovered.

PROMISING

In saying this though, Morton have several promising young players and I have been around long enough to know that you cannot expect an easy game in the Premier League.

If Morton go down they will do so with guns blazing and its a tribute to them that despite their parlous league position they have refused to be negative, as so many in their position do, but have continued to put the accent on positive play.

Before we play Rangers at Ibrox on March 20, we face the bottom three clubs in the Premier League. Its a chance to put several points between us and our oldest rivals at a crucial point in the season where our challengers could find themselves in the position of running out of games to catch us.



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WELL DONE PETER

THE undisputed highlight of last Sunday's bleak draw with Hibs was the midfield performance of Peter Grant.

The sports pages of the newspapers this season have often eulogised about the more silky talents of McStay, Burns and Stark. But all the while 'minder' Grant has beavered away in one of the side's less glamorous roles.

For many, the 22-year-old midfielder's performances this season have been a major factor in Celtic's surge towards the double.

And last weekend he finally 'officially' emerged from the shadow of others when he picked up the Scottish Health Group's Man of the Match Award.

"I was obviously very pleased at bagging that award," said Peter this week, "but some of the gloss was taken from it by the fact that we only managed a 0-0 draw with Hibs."

Peter agrees that this is his best season for Celtic and the reason, he says, is not hard to find: "All through this season I have been played consistently in the same position. This was not the case last year when I was often shunted between the midfield and back four."

The midfield ace also believes that this year's Celtic model is a better one than last year's and that this has helped him tremendously: "No disrespect to Mo, Brian and the others who left at the end of last season, but it was perhaps best that they did or else we may not have signed the quality players we did."

Peter has gone on record to say that his favourite footballer of all time is none other than close friend and teammate Paul McStay. Recently the Celtic No. 8 told a newspaper that he felt his own play had benefitted from the close



proximity of Grant. It was a comment that encouraged Peter greatly: "Yes I appreciated Paul saying that about me. His response though is indicative of the team spirit that exists in the dressing room right now."

And for a man who spent every available Saturday afternoon cheering Celts from the terracing there's no better feeling than when the fans chant his name: "Only the week before I made my first team debut against Rangers at Ibrox I was at Celtic Park cheering on the lads. It meant a lot to me then, when Celtic played well and I wasn't slow to voice my appreciation if a player had played particularly well. That's why it really gives me a lift when the fans chant my name."

Judging by his displays this season, the Celtic fans will be chanting the midfielder man's name for several more years to come.

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What the papers say...

THE televised cup-tie on Sunday between Celtic and Hibs proved to be something less than spectacular viewing.

The game proved to be tense and tightly packed in the middle of the park. Most of the newspaper reports on the game proclaimed the disappointment of the result and the lack of excitement.

The press found it difficult to find anything worthy in the game. However, all those in the Press Box agreed on a Mr Superfit.

Alan Davidson of the EVENING TIMES says: "Peter Grant collected his Man of the Match award at Parkhead and underlined the value of football's equivalent of the working jacket. Grant is the worker in a Celtic team whose drive towards the double of Premier League Championship and Cup is based upon a free-flowing game. His responsibility is to win the ball and allow more glamorous talents to exploit the rewards of his hardness and all-consuming commitment."

Alan is maybe doing Peter an injustice — what we saw on Sunday was a player with Celtic running through his veins and also a player who is having his finest season yet.

He is of course a strong player but can also be called upon to play the telling pass when needed. **Alex Cameron** of the **DAILY RECORD** summed it up in very few words: "The outstanding player was Peter Grant".

Now Peter's award and the glowing reports make the article by **Jim Black** of the **SUN** seem a little out of place: "Man of the match Neil Orr marshalled the midfield for Hibs, who underlined that they are rapidly becoming a force to be reckoned with." Perhaps Jim just felt the need to be a rebel.

Comments from the above three, about the game, were few and far between. Mr Davidson commented "In a match that produced a miserly amount of chances, Celtic certainly had the better opportunities" and Mr Cameron said: "There was much huffing and puffing, with Hibs passing well without creating enough danger and Celtic doing more near goal to disturb, but not beat Andy Goram".

All in all not a memorable match or result, but a very memorable performance by Peter Grant and most watching would agree — what was that Mr Black?

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Looking Back . . .

5 YEARS AGO · FEBRUARY 26th · SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE · ATTENDANCE 10,691

CELTIC 4 KILMARNOCK 0

CELTIC kept themselves tucked in one point behind Aberdeen with this 4-0 victory over Kilmarnock. Disappointing for Celtic was the incredibly low attendance at the game but the lack of atmosphere didn't filter through to the players and after 24 minutes Charlie Nicholas scored his 35th goal in 35 matches with a penalty. But it wasn't until the second half that Celtic made their superiority tell with two goals by McGarvey in 52 and 81 minutes and a goal by MacLeod in 70 minutes.

CELTIC: Bonner, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, Sinclair, Sullivan, McStay, MacLeod, Provan, Nicholas, McGarvey.

10 YEARS AGO · FEBRUARY 25th · SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE · ATTENDANCE 22,000

CELTIC 1 ST. MIRREN 2

CELTIC slumped to their fifth successive league defeat this time at the hands of St. Mirren. Ex-Celt Bone opened the scoring for Saints in 30 minutes and soon to become a Celt McGarvey added another five minutes after half time. By the time Celtic shook themselves from their malaise it was too late. McCluskey scored after 72 minutes

CELTIC: Latchford, Sneddon, Munro, McDonald, Fillipi, Edvaldsson, Aitken, Burns, McCluskey, McAdam, Wilson.

15 YEARS AGO · FEBRUARY 28th · SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE · ATTENDANCE 19,000

CELTIC 4 ST. JOHNSTONE 0

CELTIC came back to form with this powerful performance against a bewildered St. Johnstone side. Jock Stein had asked for an improvement from his side from recent weeks when Celtic had dropped valuable league points to Partick Thistle, Airdrie and East Fife. The Big Man got the response he wanted from his players two goals by Lennox and one each by Dalglish and Hay secured the points against gallant Saints.

CELTIC: Hunter, McGrain, Quinn, Murdoch, McNeill, Connelly, Johnstone, Dalglish, Deans, Hay, Lennox.

This time last year . . .

DUNDEE 4 CELTIC 1

ATTENDANCE 12,455

CELTIC travelled up to Dens in search of two vital Premier League points but returned home totally shocked and bewildered.

After a close first half the only thing separating the two sides was a 21st minute Brian McClair free kick. This was McClair's 100th goal in the Premier League.

The second period was a total transformation. Within a minute of the restart the home side were level when Mennie slotted the ball home. Two goals in two minutes then sealed the points for the home side. The first was from Shannon and the second from Brown. To complete a miserable day for Celtic, Jack made it 4-1 in the 84th minute.

It's a fact

The only time Morton haven't lost at Celtic Park in the Premier League was on the 21st of October 1978 when they held us to a goal-less draw. Therefore the only Cappielow keeper ever to have kept a Premier League clean sheet here, is ex-Celt Denis Connaghan.

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Around the Club



CELTIC'S 2-1 victory over Queen of the South on Tuesday night sees them through to the 5th round of the Reserve League Cup. Their opponents for this time will be Airdrie who last week surprisingly defeated a very strong Aberdeen side 3-1. The tie will take place at Broomfield and will be played within the next couple of weeks.



CELTIC'S Centenary Gala Dinner & Cabaret took place on Monday night at Glasgow's Albany Hotel. It was a magnificent occasion attended by over 600 from all over Scotland.

The night was voted one of the best organised events of its kind held in the city for years.

The cabaret provided by The Nolans and Andy Cameron, was of the highest quality. And the Peggy O'Keefe Trio who provided the background music throughout the evening were warmly applauded for their efforts.

Among the short speeches were ones by Celtic chairman Jack McGinn and manager Billy McNeill, looking resplendent in his kilt.



OUR best wishes go to Celtic's Irish youth internationalist Declan Roche who recently had a cartilage removed. We wish you a speedy recovery Declan.



ALSO in the wars is ex-Celt Davie Moyes. Davie recently signed for Shrewsbury but unfortunately broke his leg in one of his first games for the club.

But he took advantage of his enforced lay-off to visit Celtic Park where he has been a welcome guest at a couple of games. He's also been receiving some treatment by Celtic physio Brian Scott.

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THIS was Celtic's day in several other ways apart from this convincing win over a stuffy Morton side. For news came through that fellow title challengers Aberdeen had lost on the same day to slip four points behind Celtic in the race for the title.

Celtic were rarely in danger of losing this fixture which had presented Celtic with problems in previous years. They subdued the threat of Andy Ritchie with the result that Morton only had three direct shots at goal.

Celtic midfielder Michael Conroy was outstanding as Celts raced to a two-goal lead by the interval.

McGarvey scored two goals in 32 and 44 minutes; goals which effectively killed the game.

In the second half Celtic turned on the exhibition stuff and added a good third from Davie Provan with 15 minutes remaining.

The only scare suffered by Celtic was this header (below) by Andy Ritchie which finished in the net but was correctly disallowed when Tolmie had strayed into an offside position.

ORGANISED

Morton played well and competed for over a third of the game before McGarvey struck. The well-organised Greenock side not surprisingly managed to stay in the Premier League with several points to spare.

CELTIC: Bonner, McGrain, McAdam, Aitken, Reid, Sullivan, Conroy, Burns, Provan, McGarvey, Nicholas.

MORTON: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Orr, Holmes, Rooney, Marr, Busby, Houston, Tolmie, Ritchie.





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 Dougie ROBERTSON
 Tommy TURNER
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 Alex O'HARA
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 Archie McGEACHIE

Half-Time Scorecheck . . .

A	ABERDEEN DUNDEE		F	DUMBARTON CLYDE	
B	DUNDEE UNITED RANGERS		G	EAST FIFE AIRDRIE	
C	FALKIRK HEARTS		H	FORFAR RAITH ROVERS	
D	HIBERNIAN DUNFERMLINE		I	HAMILTON ACCIES KILMARNOCK	
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The men from Greenock

TODAY'S match brings together top and bottom of the Premier League with the visit from Morton. Last season's First Division Champions have found life far from easy in the top league. This is the Greenock men's third time in the top flight. Their first venture lasted five seasons, but their last venture gave them the unenviable record of being the first team to concede 100 goals in a Premier League season in 1984/85.

The main problem would again appear to be in defence, having conceded 75 goals in 33 games, but the purchase of former Celt Roddy McDonald from Hearts earlier in the season helped shore up the defence. It had been hoped that another former Celt, Assistant manager, Jackie McNamara, would be able to use his experience on the park to try and help Morton consolidate their stay up top. Unfortunately, Jackie was forced to retire through injury and his presence and influence has been sorely missed on the field of play.

One of Morton's star performers of this season has ironically been goalkeeper David Wylie. An extremely agile keeper, Wylie has been recognised at under-21 level by Scotland, having been included in a couple of squads although yet to play.

One of the pleasing things for boss Allan McGraw must surely be the emergence of two young players, namely full back Derek Collins and sweeper Jim Hunter. Collins, 19 in April, has already been tipped by McGraw as a future Scotland cap. High praise, indeed! 24-year-old

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Hunter, although lacking in inches is a fine reader of the game and solid in the tackle.

Up front things haven't gone too well either, a point highlighted by the fact that since the last meeting here at Celtic Park, Morton have only found the net 4 times in the last 21 league outings. Jim Boag is the side's leading scorer with 8 goals this term, but despite various combinations they have failed to find the right blend in attack.

After numerous games, McGraw has felt that it has been the midfield area that has been the biggest disappointment. A fact not helped by the loss of experienced men like John McMaster and Ian Clinging through injury.

Yet despite all this McGraw has refused to pack his defence and try to steal a point or two, arguing: "If we go down, I'd rather go down trying to entertain the fans than have them accuse us of being the most boring side in the league."

This attitude is typical of McGraw, one of the nicest and bravest men in Scottish football. A prolific scorer in his day, his record of 41 league goals in 1963/64 is still a record at Cappielow, and one which is unlikely to be beaten.

Such is the lasting damage to his knees from playing when not 100% fit that Allan requires walking sticks to get around. One of soccer's great optimists, it is a tribute to him that even with the club's future in the Premier League looking bleak, spirits inside the club remain high.



THE whole of Scottish football was united in sympathy for Morton manager Allan McGraw when he revealed this week that amputation of both his legs was "inevitable".

The Morton manager suffers constant pain in his legs as a result of his fearlessness in the penalty box with Morton in the sixties.

"Fearlessness which made him the club's top scorer for several years and which has led to his present disability.

If Morton go down this season it won't be because of lack of effort by McGraw.

And with his managerial skills, what's to prevent the Cappielow side making a quick return to the top.

But there's a lot of football to be played before their fate is sealed.

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SO YOU WANT TO BE A SPORTSWRITER?

THE life of a football writer is usually looked upon as being a good wee number. Endless bevyng, extensive travel and a vastly inflated salary is the impression that most people have of the lives of our beetroot-nosed hacks. There are worse ways to earn a living, so how do you go about joining the merry band?

Probably the best way is via a local paper. I have been putting pen to paper for a few years now in one of the blatts that cover Queen's, so I'm in a position to pass on a few tips.

First make sure you're at the game you're reporting on. This seems fairly obvious, but I've arrived at Brechin for 3 o'clock when the match actually started at 2 o'clock. (Needless to say, Q.P. were one up when I arrived but lost two goals before the end of the game). To date, I haven't gone to the wrong ground, but if you're reporting from a ground you haven't been to before, beware! Do you know where Royal Albert play?

Second, try to obtain the official team lines. As you will have noticed, the papers frequently mix players up. If you are reporting on one club every week, there should be no problem with that particular team. However, failing eyesight and too much pre-match bevyng can impair your faculties. Peering through the gloom at Stenhousemuir one day after we had arrived at the Warriors Social Club rather early, I was sure that Johnny Ward had played like a real dumping and stated so in my report. In the light of day after my report had been submitted, I found out that young Johnny had not even been playing!

Getting the opposition right is another matter, but often this will not be too important, especially where the opposition does not contain any 'name' players. As well as that, Q.P. fans are hardly likely to remember anything the opposition do anyway.

However, if you reach the dizzy heights of reporting on Premier League matches, you really will have to keep your wits about you. No more dozing until half time then making up the build up to the goals!

Thirdly, you must learn the jargon. This can vary greatly, depending on which paper you are writing for. If you're for one of the tabloids like the Record, the word 'agony' must appear every second paragraph. Readers also expect a phrase like 'Heart-stopper' or 'Heart-breaker' in any report on a Hearts game.

Shots are always 'hammered', draws mean 'both sides get a share of the spoils' and balls often take a 'cruel bounce' in front of goal. Managers who don't say too much are termed 'tight-lipped', referees are 'whistlers' and full-backs are 'no nonsense'. Jeers turn to cheers, outfield superiority is seldom converted into goals, and players are often saint turned sinner, particularly if they play for (you guessed it!) St. Mirren or St. Johnstone.

So you've arrived at the right park, you're 'compus mentis' with a fair idea of the players names and your pen has already written 'last gasp winner clinches it for.....(fill in the blank). What's missing? Why, a bit of controversy of course, and building up your reputation.

Invent a headline for your column, along the lines of 'The Column You Can't Afford to Miss' or 'The Writer They Cannot Gag' or even 'Writing Candidly, Keeping You Informed'. Try to keep as far away from the truth as possible.

Get troops on your side. NEVER but NEVER let it slip that you're an Old Firm fan. You have a soft spot for Thistle or Raith Rovers, but steer well clear of Rangers and Celtic. You can have a shy dig at the Old Firm, but don't go too far because they may sign a star whom you'll want to do a fifteen part exclusive (ha! ha!) life story of.

Stand up for the punters on every issue. Some will love you, some will hate you, but their response will keep you in a job.

Date	Opposition	Comp	Result	H/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitutes
Aug 8	Morton	PL	3-1	H	McKnight	Troynor	Fulton	Shepherd	Bollie	Bolmer	Mathie	McGurie	Trilist	McGee	McGurie	Fraser
Aug 12	Hearts	PL	3-1	A	McKnight	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Aug 15	Motherwell	PL	0-1	A	McKnight	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Aug 22	Dunfermline	PL	4-1	H	McKnight	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Aug 26	Bangor	PL	2-2	A	McKnight	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Aug 29	Dundee Utd	PL	0-2	H	Murdoch	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Sep 5	Falkirk	PL	2-1	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Sep 12	Aberdeen	PL	1-2	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Sep 16	St Mirren	PL	4-0	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Sep 26	St Mirren	PL	6-1	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 1	Dundee	PL	3-1	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 6	Morton	PL	2-0	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 10	Gordon	PL	2-0	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 17	Rangers	PL	2-2	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 24	Dundee Utd	PL	0-7	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Oct 31	Aberdeen	PL	5-2	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Nov 7	Hearts	PL	3-1	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Nov 12	Dundee	PL	6-3	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Nov 21	Dunfermline	PL	4-2	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
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Dec 15	Hearts	PL	1-0	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Jan 9	Motherwell	PL	0-2	H	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Jan 26	Hearts	PL	2-1	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Jan 30	Spirling A	SC	2-1	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser
Feb 4	Morton	PL	3-0	A	Bonner	Troynor	Bollie	Bolmer	O'Leary	Smith	Shepherd	McGee	Trilist	Trilist	McGurie	Fraser



DIRECTORY

Directors — John C. McGinn (Chairman), Kevin Kelly (Vice-Chairman), James M. Farrell (Chairman), 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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HONOURS

League Champions (34 times): 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986.

Scottish Cup Winners (27 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.

League Cup Winners (9 times): 1957, 1958, 1956, 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 McGraw (1935-36).
Highest aggregate scores: James McGraw 397 (1922-1935).
Most capped player: Danny McGrain 62 times for Scotland.



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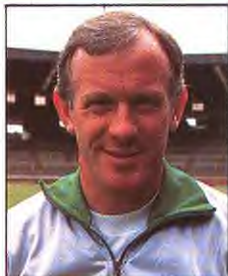
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WE had two hard-fought victories in the space of five days recently.

The first was in the West Reserve League where we defeated Partick Thistle 1-0. This was a very frustrating match for us at Firhill. Despite dominating for long periods we failed to turn our outfield superiority into goals. And it took a goal by substitute Fulton, only a few minutes from time to bag us the points.

But there were several encouraging aspects of the game from our point of view. One was the performances of the full-backs McNally

and Elliot who impressed by their skill on the overlap. And Billy Stark used the game to continue his road to full fitness for the first team. After a shaky start in the West Reserve League we are now beginning to get into our stride.

On Tuesday evening we played Queen of the South in a Reserve League Cup 4th round match. We won more comfortably than the 2-1 suggests. McNally scored our first. This was significant in that it was the youngster's first goal for the reserves. Archdeacon grabbed our winner with a late penalty. A full report of that match will appear in Wednesday's Celtic View.

STATISTICS

Thursday 18th February
West Reserve League

PARTCK THISTLE 0

CELTIC 1

CELTIC: Murdoch, McNally, Elliot, Traynor, Balmer, Shepherd, Christie, Murray, McCarrison, Stark, Archdeacon. Subs: Fulton (McCarrison), Mathie.

Tuesday 23rd February
Reserve League Cup

CELTIC 2

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 1

CELTIC: McKnight, McNally, Elliot, Balmer, Traynor, Shepherd, Mathie, Murray, McCarrison, Christie, Archdeacon. Subs: Fulton, Britton.



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CELTIC v MORTON

THE GREAT PLAYERS

JIMMY COWAN

SINCE the war Wembley Stadium has established a justified reputation for itself as being the graveyard of Scottish goalkeepers. For one Scottish goalkeeper however the old stadium has provided nothing but fond memories and it was at Wembley that he actually established his own reputation. In 1949 Jimmy Cowan of Morton produced such a magnificent performance in Scotland's 3-1 victory that the game has since always been referred to simply as 'Cowan's Wembley'.

James Cowan was born in Paisley in 1926 and as a youngster played football for Mossvale Juniors in his home town. Although he was also training at Love Street he was never destined to play for St. Mirren and signed for their Renfrewshire rivals Morton in 1944.

He became the last line of defence at Cappielow for nine years and today remains the Greenock club's most capped player, having represented his country on 25 occasions.

In his early days Jimmy Cowan was coached by Harry Rennie, a man regarded as one of the finest goalkeepers of the twenties and the lessons and advice he was given by this able tutor stood him in good stead throughout his career.

Although Cowan often played at Hampden for his country he also did so for his club when they faced Rangers in the 1948 Scottish Cup Final. Despite the fact that the Light Blues could only beat him twice over two matches those goals by Gillick and Williamson meant that the Scottish Cup was disturbed for Ibrox. Sadly it also meant that despite such an illustrious international career this was the closest the goalkeeper came to winning any of the major domestic medals although he earned a Second Division medal when Morton won promotion in 1949/50.

Jimmy Cowan won his first international cap against Belgium at Hampden in 1948 and made his final appearance for his country against Sweden in 1952. It is an excellent tribute to his consistency and form that he only missed two of the twenty seven

matches played over this period. Certainly one of his acknowledged strengths as a goalkeeper was the fact that he played few bad games. Although he could be acrobatic and brave, his greatest strength was his reliability.

The match at Wembley in 1949 made his name known throughout Britain as he played the game of a lifetime to inspire a 'no hope' Scotland team to an unexpected victory. He defied the might of an English forward line which included Matthews, Mortenson and Finnie and after the final whistle was carried off the field by jubilant Scottish fans. Two years later he would be part of another victorious Scottish team at Wembley.

ASSURANCE

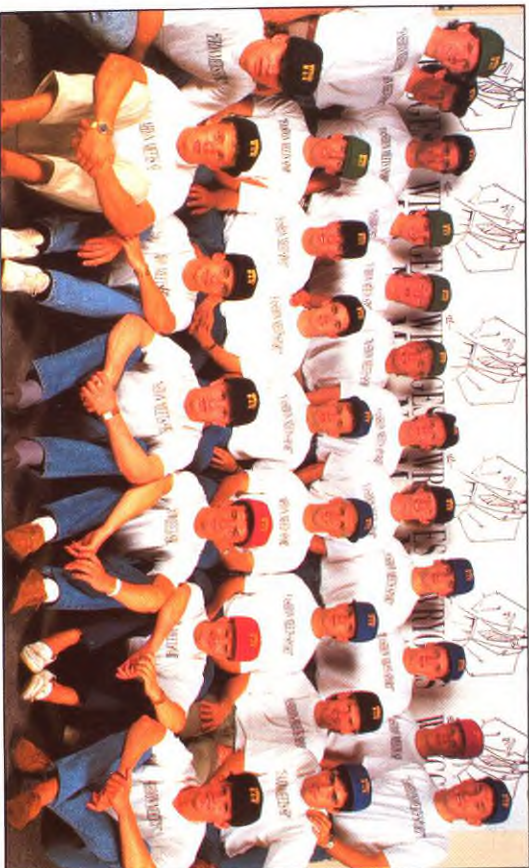
Despite such displays, Cowan remained a reluctant hero and avoided the adulation that surrounded famous footballers. His international caps and subsequent reflected glory never changed his quiet personality. As a goalkeeper there was nothing flashy about his performances. His role as the last line of defence was carried out with the minimum of fuss but yet with confidence and self assurance.

It was said that no goalkeeper did his homework more than Cowan. He used to draw a line from the goalmouth to the penalty spot in order to assist him in his judgement of angles. A letter to Morton from the SFA saw him having to discontinue this practice as seemingly too many other goalkeepers were following his example to the annoyance of a lot of club groundsmen.

In June 1953 Cowan moved to Sunderland for £8,000 and returned to play for Third Lanark in 1956. After he retired from football he settled in his adopted town of Greenock. Sadly Jimmy Cowan died in 1968 at the early age of 42. A true gentleman of sport, his name would also fit easily in any goalkeeping hall of fame.



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Action from last Sunday's Scottish Cup 4th Round tie between Celtic and Hibs. (Above) Hibs keeper gets punch the ball to safety. (Left) McAvennie evades Hibs full-back Alan Sneddon to start another Celtic attack.



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HALF TIME QUIZ

- 1 Who scored Morton's goal when Celtic won 3-1 at Celtic Park in October?
- 2 Name the two boxers who fought for the Lonsdale Belt on Thursday night at the SECC.
- 3 Who were the scorers in Celtic's 2-1 Reserve League Cup victory over Queen of the South at Celtic Park on Tuesday night?
- 4 How many metres did Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards jump on Tuesday in the Winter Olympic ski jump event?
- 5 Celtic have never beaten a Spanish club over two legs in European competition. True or false?
- 6 In what season did Morton last compete in the Premier League?
- 7 How many times have Celtic beaten Rangers at Ibrox since the start of the Premier League?
- 8 Why did the English international cricketers have to watch their language on Thursday?
- 9 How many times have Celtic won the League Cup?
- 10 Name the two captains pictured before the start of an important game (below). What was the occasion and give the result and goal-scorers.



ANSWERS

1 Alex O'Hara; 2 Alex Dickson and Steve Boyle; 3 McNally and Archdeacon; 4 70 metres; 5 True; 6 1984-85; 7 6 times; 8 The pitch in their second test match with New Zealand which started on Thursday was wired for sound in an attempt to cut out foul and abusive language; 9 9 times; 10 Kenny Dalglish and Alex Miller before the 1976-77 League Cup final on November 6th 1976. Aberdeen won 2-1 after extra time. Dalglish scored for Celtic and Jarvie and Robb scored for Aberdeen.

COOL SHARP...

