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v **MOTHERWELL**



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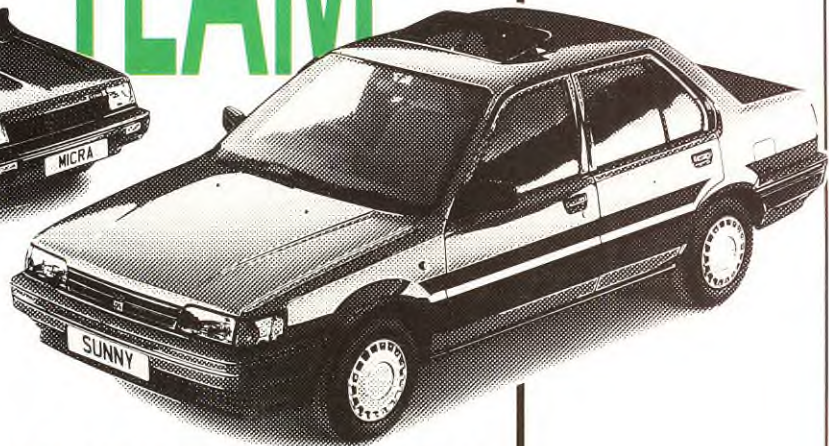
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MUCH has been written in the national Press about our recent run of poor results and it is certainly true that at the moment we are not displaying the sort of form of which we are capable.

The main reason, as far as I am concerned, is that our confidence has taken a real knock and the way out of our disappointing spell is to concentrate upon doing the things we want to do and the things we are good at.

We are at our best when we are confident enough to pursue a passing game. But, because the belief of the players in their own ability has been dented, we have been trying to do things which do not suit us. We have been more intent on knocking long passes forward which is not really a part of our game.

My staff and I have been trying to instill in the players a belief in themselves by emphasising that the way back to the form of which we are capable, is to be courageous and brave enough to accept responsibility on the field.

Those qualities will be required this afternoon when we take on Motherwell as well as in the other games we face in the near future.

Motherwell are a more positive side this season, possibly the result of the impressive start which they made to the term and upon which they have built. That has given them a more confident outlook and they have succeeded in pushing themselves well away from the relegation zone.

They have given us plenty of problems in recent meetings and, indeed, we have not beaten them in the last four matches between the sides. Also, they have scored goals with much greater regularity in this league campaign which makes them a threat to anyone.

We must look to string together a run of good results in the league in the build-up to the Scottish Cup fourth round tie against Rangers here at Celtic Park, with a view towards ensuring qualification for Europe next season through that avenue too, even though we clearly hope to do so with success in the cup.

Looking back to last Saturday's

‘The way back to the form we are capable of, is to be courageous and brave enough to accept responsibility on the field.’



THE BOSS SPEAKS OUT

cup game against Forfar Athletic, I must give our opponents a great deal of credit for the way they dug in and made life so difficult for us. At the same time I must once again express disappointment at our failure to find acceptable form.

We got off to the worst possible start when they took an early lead with a superb free-kick. Chris Morris equalised efficiently from the penalty spot, and after our recent problems in that area, that was at least one positive feature of the match. Overall, looking at the result clinically, qualification was the major concern and we achieved that.

Remember too, we had a side featuring three youngsters and the two Polish lads who have probably not experienced that sort of cup-tie situation before, so it was going to be tough even before they scored the early goal.

Forfar had as many chances as we did but the longer the game went on the more in control we were. I began to wonder if we would have to settle for a replay though, when Paul McStay had a shot which looked like going in but was deflected by someone's heel.

It was obvious that it would take something spectacular to break the deadlock and, of course, that is exactly what Jacki Dziekanowski produced. His form dipped for a spell recently but perhaps we should have expected that as our season is much more concentrated and demanding than anything he was previously used to. The goal should do him the world of good.

In the first half, too, Dariusz Wdowczyk was possibly the least impressive he has been since coming here. Perhaps this was because of the cup-tie conditions, alien to him, but ones which we take for granted. Happily he went on to have an excellent second half.

Really, though, the main thing is to qualify. I recall two years ago when we played even worse and struggled to beat Stranraer at Celtic Park after scoring an early goal ourselves. We went on to win the double that season so it shows that poor performances early on do not matter too much so long as you win.



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PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	23	14	5	4	32	12	33
Aberdeen	23	12	5	6	37	20	29
Hearts	23	11	5	7	40	25	27
Celtic	23	9	7	7	28	21	25
Dundee United	23	7	10	6	25	24	24
Motherwell	23	6	9	8	30	32	21
Hibernian	23	7	7	9	21	27	21
Dunfermline	23	7	6	10	25	35	20
St. Mirren	23	7	5	11	21	39	19
Dundee	23	2	7	14	28	52	11

OTHER FIXTURES TODAY

Dundee v Hibs	Airdrie v Clydebank
	Alloa v Partick
Dunfermline v Rangers	Clyde v Raith Rovers
	Hamilton v Forfar
Heart of Midlothian v Dundee United	Meadowbank v Albion Rovers
	Morton v Falkirk
St. Mirren v Aberdeen	St. Johnstone v Ayr United

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Johnstone	25	16	6	3	40	26	38
Airdrie	24	16	5	3	45	20	37
Partick Thistle	25	10	11	5	46	42	29
Hamilton	24	10	8	6	43	28	28
Falkirk	25	9	8	8	41	35	26
Clydebank	25	9	7	9	59	43	25
Ayr United	25	8	9	8	41	36	25
Raith Rovers	25	9	5	11	43	38	23
Morton	25	4	15	6	24	30	23
Meadowbank	25	7	8	10	34	29	22
Clyde	25	6	9	10	24	33	21
Albion Rovers	25	5	8	12	26	46	18
Alloa Athletic	25	4	8	13	20	44	16
*Forfar Athletic	25	4	9	12	27	44	15

*Forfar deducted two points for fielding an ineligible player.



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18 PLAYERS CELEBRATING THEIR
GLASGOW CUP SUCCESS:**
Courtesy The Glaswegian.

CENTRE SPREAD: STEVE FULTON
by John Cullen.

NEWS BEAT

Captaincy in safe hands

ROY AITKEN'S departure to Newcastle United for just under £500,000, although virtually an inevitable conclusion to a protracted saga, was a sad moment nonetheless. Roy's passion for and commitment to the club was never in doubt in his 15 years at Celtic Park and his personal reasons for requesting a transfer were most regrettable.

He enjoyed many glorious moments in his time with Celtic though, and this is reflected in his impressive haul of six League Championship winners medals, five Scottish Cup winners medals, a League Cup winners medal, as well as 50 Scottish caps accumulated since his debut for Scotland in 1979. Unlike other recent departures it is also important to state that he takes with him the best wishes of everyone connected with the club where he will always be held in great affection.

If only one positive aspect has come of all this, it must be the elevation of Paul McStay to position of club captain. Another honour in a career already strewn with so many, Paul McStay becomes the youngest man to hold the title since Billy McNeill (now of course his boss) was first made captain some 25 years ago.

Celtic are indeed fortunate to have a player in the mould of Paul McStay to assume such an important role. A natural successor to Roy Aitken, Paul's admirable qualities are not restricted to the football field. Away from the game he is also a credit to the club and his family. His appointment continues the welcome tradition of the team being led by Celtic-bred players who more often than not have been 'fans in jerseys', and every success must be wished for Paul in the tasks ahead.

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CELTS IN FALKLANDS



JUST to prove that there are indeed Celtic fans in every corner of the globe here is a picture of some supporters currently residing on the Falkland Islands.

From the left are: Frank Brennan, John Lyons, Davy Hobbs, and John Behan and all four assure us that there are many more Celtic fans on the tiny island besides themselves.

The boys asked that we return the photograph but they neglected to put a return address on their letter so if anyone recognises any of the above persons pictured let us know so we can facilitate their request.

QUIZ THRILLS

THE SERIES of Celtic quiz nights taking place in the Jock Stein Lounge on a monthly basis, have had some thrilling finishes on the past few occasions they've been held.

Open to any official supporters clubs the questions relate to general knowledge and sport and in the first contest Port Glasgow Emerald emerged victors defeating Johnstone No.1 on a tie-break.

Amazingly it also took till the final question to determine the winner in last month contest. This time the previous months situation was reversed with Johnstone No.1 gaining revenge over Port Glasgow Emerald in another nail-biting tie-break.

The next round will be staged this week on Tuesday February 1 and it is still possible to enter teams as the competition builds towards a grand finale at the end of the season. Entry is £5 per four man team and further information is available from: John Cullen, The Celtic View, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW. Tel. 041 551 8103.

Jimmy joins honoured company

SO FAR 1990 hasn't been a memorable year for Celtic and their fans. But for one man connected with the club, the year, still only a month old, has already had several highlights.

For in his 46th year with the club, Jimmy Steel was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Years Honours List for his services to football and in particular in relation to his work with Celtic and Scotland. This was followed several weeks later by a surprise dinner in his honour attended by most of the top names in Scottish football all paying tribute to his contribution to the game over the years.

Indeed Jimmy joined a select band in receiving an award from the Queen. Only five other Celts have had their achievements, primarily with the club, recognised. The first of these was chairman Robert Kelly knighted in the New Years Honours List of 1969. Sir Robert's connections with the club were so strong that he became known as 'Mr Celtic' serving on the Celtic Board for 40 years, 24 of these as chairman, from 1947 till shortly before his death in 1971.

Jock Stein was the next to be honoured, receiving the CBE in 1970. Before that his legendary achievements had taken Celtic from years of mediocrity to European Champions Cup success in 1967. The timing of the award coincided with the blow of losing to Feyenoord in the final of the European Champions Cup that same year.

It was the captain of the triumphant European side Billy McNeill who was next to be recognised receiving the MBE in 1974 as he approached the end of his glorious playing days, having amassed 20 winners medals in total, then and even now a Scottish record. Bobby Lennox, a contemporary of McNeill's received the same honour, MBE, six years later and learned of the award only weeks after being told he would not play again, so ending a marvellous Celtic career that spanned almost two decades.

Danny McGrain was another whose Celtic career lasted almost 20 years and his MBE in 1983 was as much for his courage in overcoming a fractured skull, diabetes and a serious ankle injury - which kept him out for over a year - as it was for the fact that in his time with the club he became one of the greatest full-backs the British game had known.

Jimmy, as can be seen, is in very special company.



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SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (29 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989.

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (9 times)

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

EMPIRE EXHIBITION CUP: 1938.

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 McGroarty (1935-36).

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MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Danny McGrain, 62 times for Scotland.

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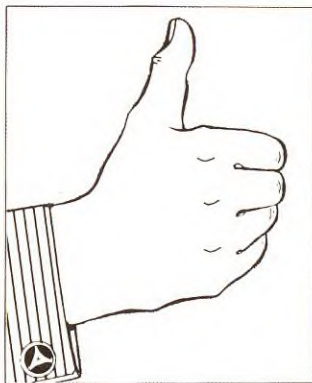
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MOTHERWELL

ONE of the revelations of this year's premier division has been the almost chameleon-like change which Motherwell have undergone.

No longer are the Fir Park side seemingly rooted at the bottom of the league, almost permanently in ninth position and with the spectre of relegation haunting them for the greater part of the season.

This term that threat was nullified very early on with some excellent form which saw them at one stage top the premier division table. Though they have dropped back somewhat they are still in a respectable sixth position and the quality of their squad — a mix of experienced, skilful campaigners and a successful youth policy which is now bearing rich fruit — suggests they are capable of building on recent improvements.

No longer valid either, is the old joke that Motherwell play a goalkeeper and ten defenders. The present team have laid to rest any notion of Motherwell as a 'stuffy' side with some highly entertaining, attacking displays. Indeed their 'goals for' column shows, that in the premier division at least, they have scored more goals than their opponents today, Celtic.

Last week's 7-0 routing of Clyde was a vindication of this new approach. There are no easy games any more — a fact Celtic will testify to following their struggle against Forfar — and the result was more impressive than Tommy McLean's men were given credit for. All the more so if you consider they achieved it without their top scorer Nick Cusack. Just how attack minded they've become is also shown by the fact that there were seven different names on the score-sheet last week.

Bouyed by this result Motherwell will approach today's match with understandable confidence. The two previous meetings between the sides have resulted in 1-1 and 0-0 draws respectively and on present form it may be just as hard to find a winner between the sides this afternoon.

Founded: 1886.

Chairman: John C. Chapman.

Director/Manager: Thomas McLean.

Coaches: Thomas Forsyth,
Cameron Murray.

Team Captain: Tom Boyd.

Ground: Fir Park.

Capacity: 22,400 (seated 3,500).

Record Attendance: 35,632 (v Rangers, Scottish Cup 12.3.1952)

Club Sponsor: The Ian Skelly Centre

Pitch size: 110yds x 75yds

Nickname: The Well.

Colours: *Shirt* — Amber with claret chest band and trimmings,
Shorts — claret; *Stockings* — Amber with claret and white trim.

Most Capped Player: George Stevenson (12 caps).

Highest League Goals in a season (player): William McFadden (52) in 1931/32.

Record Victory: 12-1 (v Dundee United, Division 2, 23.1.54).

Record Defeat: 0-8 (v Aberdeen, Premier Division 26.3.79)



THE TEAM

ALASTAIR MAXWELL (Goalkeeper)

Born 16.2.65 in Hamilton.

Arrived at Fir Park in 1981 from Fir Park Boys Club. Made his league debut during season 1983-84 and although Alastair has been with Motherwell some eight seasons now, it is only this season that he has established himself as first choice, hence the transfer of Cammy Duncan to Partick Thistle.

GEORGE BURLEY (Defender)

Born 3.6.56 in Cumnock.

George went south straight from school and joined Ipswich Town in July 1971. Made his debut in the Football League at Old Trafford against Manchester United in December 1973 and made a total of 394 appearances for Ipswich before moving to Sunderland in September 1985. Was on the move again in 1988, this time to Gillingham from whom Motherwell signed George during the close season. He has been capped at all levels by Scotland.

TOM BOYD (Defender)

Born 24.11.65 in Glasgow.

Tom joined Motherwell as an S form before signing professional forms in 1983. Made 13 appearances in his first season at the club and he has been a regular in the side since. Club captain, Tom is very versatile and can fill any of the back four positions or in

midfield. Has been capped at under 18 and 21 levels by Scotland.

CRAIG PATERSON (Defender)

Born 2.10.59 in South Queensferry.

Craig joined Motherwell in December 1986 for £20,000 from Rangers. Began his career with Hibernian before moving to Ibrox in 1982 for £200,000. A former captain of Rangers, Craig made his league debut for Motherwell in the local derby with Hamilton Accies on New Years Day, 1987. Scored on his last visit to Celtic Park earlier in the season.

JOHN PHILLIBEN (Defender)

Born 14.3.64 in Stirling.

Arrived at Fir Park in September 1986 from Doncaster Rovers. Previously with Stirling Albion before joining Doncaster for £75,000. John made his league debut Motherwell against Rangers only days after signing. Can operate in the defence or midfield, John has been capped at youth level by Scotland.

CHRIS McCART (Defender)

Born 17.4.67 in Motherwell.

Signed for Motherwell in 1984 straight from school. Chris made his first league appearance in a 'Well jersey here at Celtic Park in August 1985 as a substitute. Is now a first team regular at Fir Park since



Nick Cusack—Well's top scorer with 11 goals this term.



Celtic's Paul Elliott challenges Motherwell's Tom Boyd (left) and Chris McCart in the air in the 1-1 draw at Celtic Park earlier this season.

CELTIC FACE TODAY

claiming a place in the side midway through last season and has replaced former Celt, Tom McAdam in the centre of defence.

ROBERT RUSSELL (Midfield)

Born 11.2.57 in Glasgow.

Had a spell with Sunderland as a youngster before returning north to join Shettleston Juniors. Robert (don't call me Bobby) then signed for Rangers in 1976 with whom he won all the domestic honours. He moved to Fir Park in 1987 after the new Ibrox regime failed to give Robert a fair chance. Some say that despite all the money spent by his former club, Robert's skill and ability have never really been replaced in their midfield, which has been their loss and Tommy McLean's gain. Has been capped by Scotland at under 21 level.

STEVE KIRK (Midfield)

Born 3.1.63 in Kirkcaldy.

Joined Motherwell during the close season of 1986 in an exchange deal involving £35,000 and Ray Blair going to East Fife. Made his 'Well debut in the Skol Cup against Arbroath in August 1986. Steve began his career with East Fife before going south to Stoke City. Returned north to Partick Thistle and then back to Methil for a second spell in 1982. Was the club's top scorer last season but has only scored 6 league goals so far this season.

COLIN O'NEILL (Midfield)

Born 14.6.63 in Belfast.

Previously with Larne, Ballymena United and Portadown in the Irish League, Colin signed for Motherwell in November 1988 for £15,000. Made his debut in Scottish football in a Larnarkshire derby against Hamilton Accies. Has settled in very well at Fir Park and his performances at club level were rewarded with his international debut for Northern Ireland against Chile in May 1989.

NICK CUSACK (Forward)

Born 29.12.65 in Rotherham.

Previously with non-league side Alvechurch before joining Leicester City in 1987. Made his debut in the Football League against Shrewsbury Town. A former team-mate of Ian Andrews at Filbert St. Moved to Peterborough United in 1988 before his surprise £100,000 move north to Fir Park during the close season. Top scorer so far this season with 11 League goals and has proved an excellent buy by Tommy McLean.

DAVID COOPER (Forward)

Born 25.2.56 in Hamilton

Began his career with Clydebank, joining them from Hamilton Avondale in 1974. After 90 appearances and

20 goals for the Bankies, Davie signed for Rangers in June 1977 for £100,000. After twelve years at Ibrox, Davie joined Motherwell for £50,000 at the start of the season. He has been capped by Scotland at under 21 and full levels, his most recent cap being in Scotland's last international against Norway at Hampden which secured Scotland's World-Cup place.

JOHN GAHAGAN (Forward)

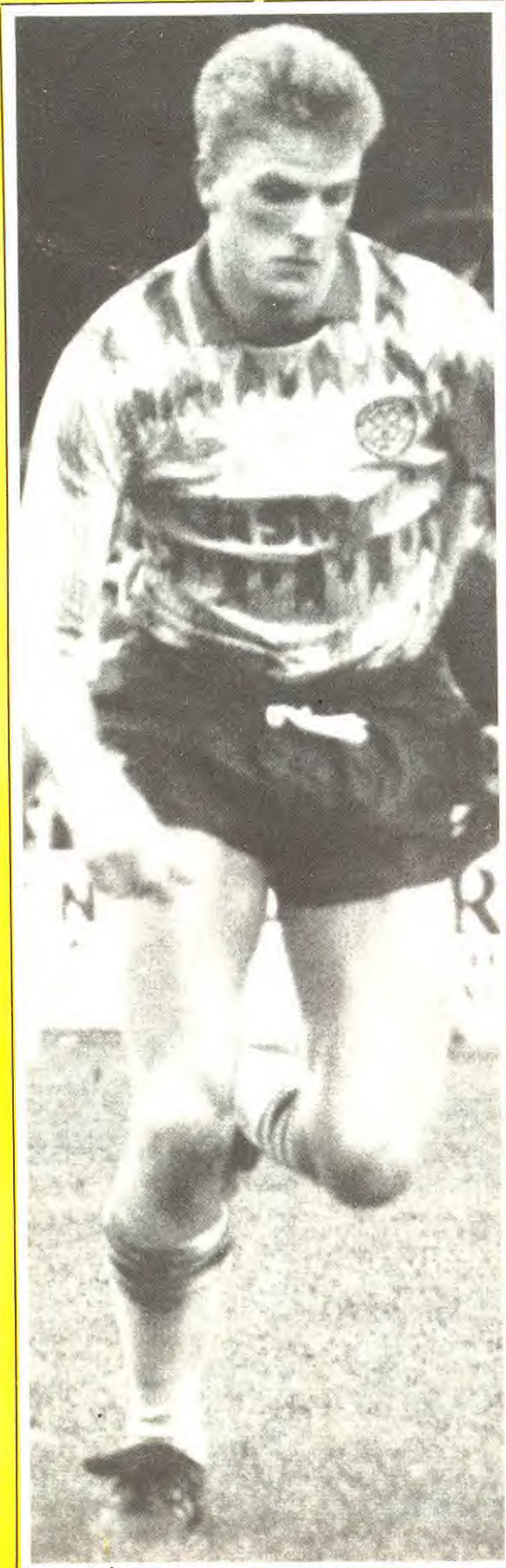
Born 24.8.58 in Glasgow.

Longest serving player at Fir Park, having joined them in 1979 from Shettleston Juniors and he has been with rewarded a testimonial for his service to the club. An old fashioned type of winger who on his game can give any defence problems.

DOUGIE ARNOTT (Forward)

Born 5.8.64 in Lanark.

Dougie joined Motherwell in 1986 from Pollok Juniors. Made his league debut as a substitute against Hearts in April 1987 but it is only this season Dougie has become a first team squad regular. He is a small sharp, nippy striker who works well alongside Nick Cusack or on his own depending on the tactics laid down by Tommy McLean.



ALEX Mathie's progress from the reserves to being given an opportunity in the Celtic first team has seemed like a meteoric rise to prominence for many supporters, with relatively little being known about the early footballing days of the young winger.

The reality, of course, is very different with 21-year-old Mathie now entering the eighth year in which he has held a connection with the Celtic name.

The local Boys Brigade provided Alex with his first experiences of team football and from there he moved to Gairdoch Boys' Club in Falkirk, under the guidance of Tom Harvey. "Tom was good for me, keeping me right and always offering words of encouragement," Alex said.

Then, when he reached under-13 level in 1982, he joined Celtic Boys' Club. He played for the club at various levels and, indeed, only Alex and Derek Whyte are left from the Celtic Boys' under-16 team of five years ago.

When the time came for Alex to go professional, though, it was not an automatic decision to sign for Celtic. "I felt it was important that I kept my options open so I went for trials at the various clubs up and down the country which had expressed an interest in signing me.

"For me, that period of my life was quite unsettling. I was living out of a suitcase travelling to see such clubs as

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Aston Villa, Aberdeen and Dundee. Trying to prove your worth in one match alone only added to the strain I felt at that time.

"Several of these clubs asked me back but at the same time Celtic made me a good, firm offer so there was no question of going anywhere else."

Alex signed in 1987 and it wasn't long before rave notices earned him a breakthrough into the first team. Alex made his debut against Motherwell at home on February 11 last year, coming on as a substitute. Unfortunately for both Alex and Celtic the team crashed to an ignominious defeat, losing 2-1 to put the final nail in the coffin of any remaining championship hopes.

For Alex, though, the experience was still one to savour. "The differences between reserve team football and first team action are amazing.

"Playing in front of a big crowd is a great feeling which provides an atmosphere you just don't get in the reserves and the pace of the game is electric. I was obviously disappointed to finish up on the losing side that day but happy to be involved at that level."

With the emphasis appearing to have moved away from rearing talent to simply buying in players, does Alex feel that there are fewer chances for boys like himself to come through the ranks and establish themselves with the top clubs?

"I can only speak from personal experience and say that I feel youngsters are still given the chance to prove themselves at Celtic Park. It's always been the case in the past that Celtic have had a strong and successful youth policy and I think it's still important to the club," said Mathie.

"I think the fans value this approach as well. Certainly one thing I've noticed is how well informed the Celtic supporters are.

"They seem more interested in their reserve side than fans at other clubs and they know who is coming through the ranks.

"Whether that's to do with the club newspaper or not I don't know. It's certainly heartening to be recognised at dances and the like as it shows just how deep their concern for the fortunes of the club is.

Alex Mathie is a young man savouring his experiences in the first team.

THE SPOT

After missing a month of the season due to a viral infection, the last few weeks have seen Alex return to first team duty occupying the right wing, a role he has played for several years.

"That's my position and I appreciate being given the chance to play it in the first team, since it's where I feel most comfortable."

There can be little doubt that the recent run of bad results contributed to Alex's call up to first team duty. Does this make Alex feel extra pressure to do well?

"No. It's true there is pressure but I think it's fair to say the onus is on the senior players in the team to steer the side clear of a sticky spell. No one expects myself or, say, Stevie (Fulton) to come in and turn the team fortunes about ourselves. Hopefully we can contribute something positive, but I think the burden of responsibility falls on the established team members."

In the days of the Lisbon Lions, Celtic, through their success were afforded the opportunity of bleeding young players very often in more relaxed circumstances. Leagues were won before the end of the season, and the old style League Cup, with its sectional groups, meant that qualification to the next stage was often secured with competitive matches still remaining.

Now, with the tightness of the set up, no such luxury exists. Young players must prove themselves in games with a great deal at stake. Does Alex think this makes things harder for young players?

"To be honest I think I'd rather come into the team when there's something at stake. That way, if you justify your selection and become part of a side which is doing well, it's harder for the manager to drop you."

"At the moment that's my only ambition. To establish myself in the side would fulfil a dream I've had for a long time."



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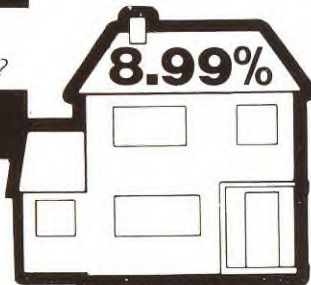
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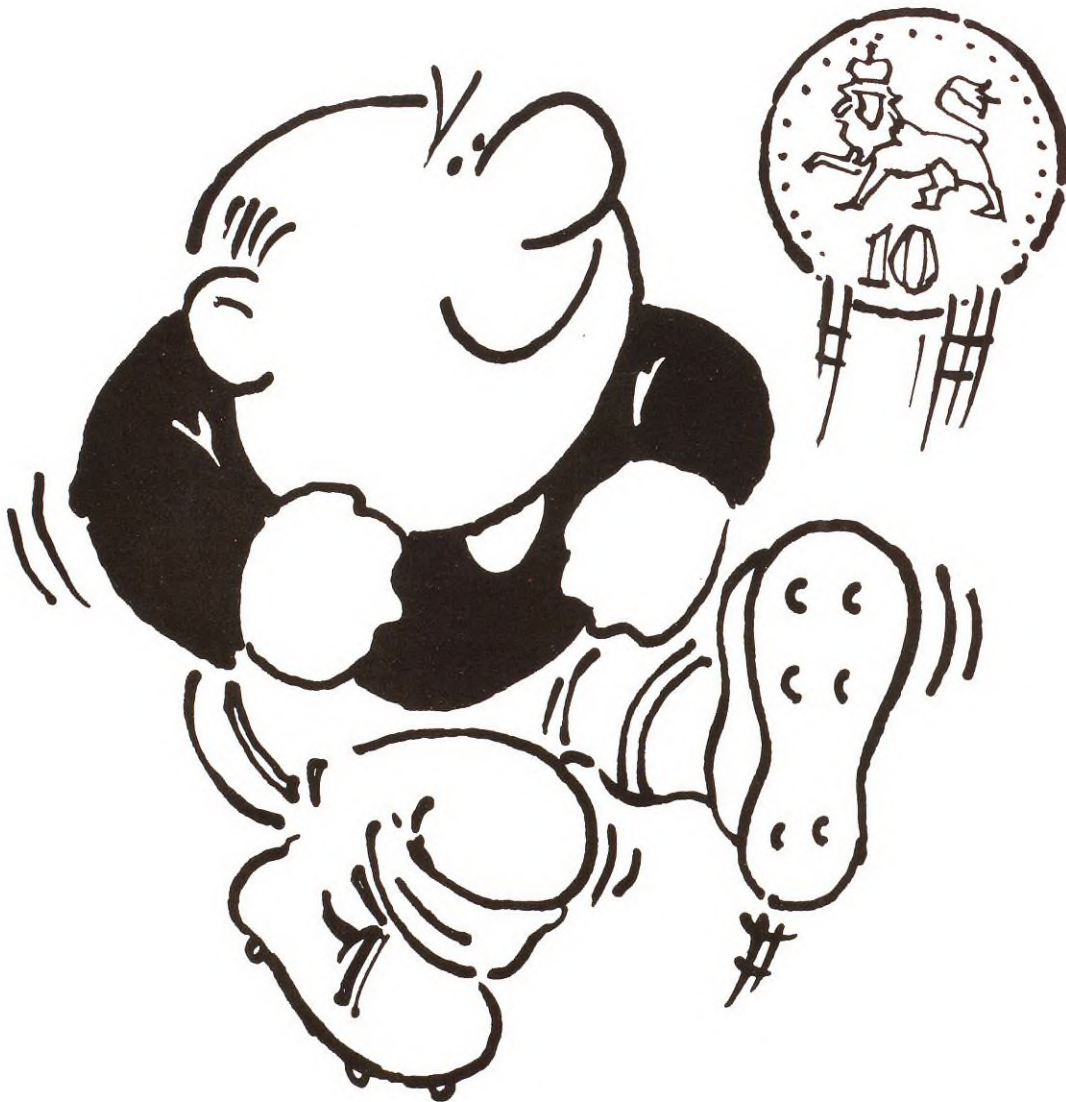


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Cup cheers

THOUGH the shut-down continues for both the Premier Reserve Division and West Reserve Division, the players from both these leagues have been far from inactive.

By far the most pleasing event to have occurred since our last report was the winning of the restyled Glasgow Cup by the Celtic Under 18s. A goal in each half, Gerry Britton netting the first and substitute Garry Bendoris making sure of the issue with a second half strike, brought the cup to Celtic Park, but the 2-0 scoreline didn't begin to do justice to Celtic's superiority especially in a completely one-sided second half.

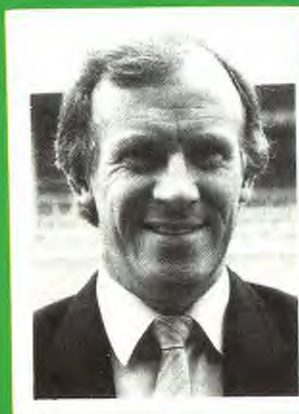
The early part of January continued to look good for the reserves when their first competitive action for some time in the West Division saw them emphatically defeat Queen's Park 3-1 at Lesser Hampden. After going one behind they equalised through Dugald McCarrison, went in front courtesy of a brilliant 25 yard drive by Raymond McStay and completed the scoring when Gerry Creaney added a third late on. It was a most pleasing, all round performance from a senior reserve side and one which slightly improves Celtic's position in the West Reserve Division.

A friendly against a first team Arbroath side did not end so well as Celtic went down 3-2 at Gayfield Park. Leading 1-0 at half time, a dreadful second half — in complete contrast to the first 45 in which Celtic played superbly and threatened to over-run the home side — saw them lose two goals in the first three minutes. Though they drew level through a Stuart Balmer penalty, Arbroath always looked the more likely side and so it proved when they scored a late winner.

More disappointment was to follow with a Premier Reserve Division defeat, Celtic losing 2-1 to Dundee at Dens Park. Going a goal down in the first minute, Celtic equalised through a brilliantly executed goal from Dave Elliott but disastrously with ten minutes remaining, Dundee, against the run of play, scored what proved to be the winner.

Attempts to stage both competitive and friendly fixtures since have been thwarted by the weather, which wiped out a friendly against Morton and a re-arranged Premier Reserve Division match against Motherwell.

RESERVE SCENE



BY BOBBY LENNOX

PREMIER RESERVE DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd.	18	12	4	2	42	12	28
Hearts	18	9	5	4	31	24	23
Celtic	18	8	5	5	32	25	21
Dundee	18	7	7	4	27	22	21
Motherwell	18	7	4	7	36	32	18
Rangers	17	7	3	7	25	24	17
Hibernian	18	6	3	9	19	23	15
Aberdeen	17	6	1	10	27	34	13
St. Mirren	16	3	6	7	20	30	12
Dunfermline	16	1	4	11	10	43	6

RESERVE WEST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	17	11	3	3	34	16	25
Clydebank	17	11	1	5	34	22	23
Celtic	18	10	2	6	40	28	22
Partick	17	9	4	4	48	38	22
Albion Rov.	16	8	4	4	32	24	20
Dumbarton	17	9	1	7	23	21	19
Morton	16	7	4	5	33	29	18
Ayr United	16	8	2	6	22	20	18
Clyde	17	6	5	6	21	24	17
Falkirk	17	7	2	8	31	34	16
Kilmarnock	16	6	3	7	37	30	15
Hamilton	17	5	4	8	30	39	14
Queen's Park	18	3	4	11	28	37	10
Stranraer	17	3	2	12	22	50	8
Q.O.S.	16	1	3	12	21	44	5



**WILLIE
BUCHAN**



Celtic F.C. 1936-37 Scottish Cup Winners for the 1366 Time: Back Row: C. Graham, R. Hogg, J. Kennaway, J. Morrison, W. Buchan, G. Paterson, Mr. Wm. Muir, J. Morrison, J. Delaney, J. McGraw, W. Linn, J. Conn, P. Morrison, J. McMenemy (Front)

THE HALL

DESPITE the reduction in the attendance figure to 54,000 for the Old Firm match played to a capacity crowd here earlier this month, Celtic Park still housed Britain's biggest gate of the season that day.

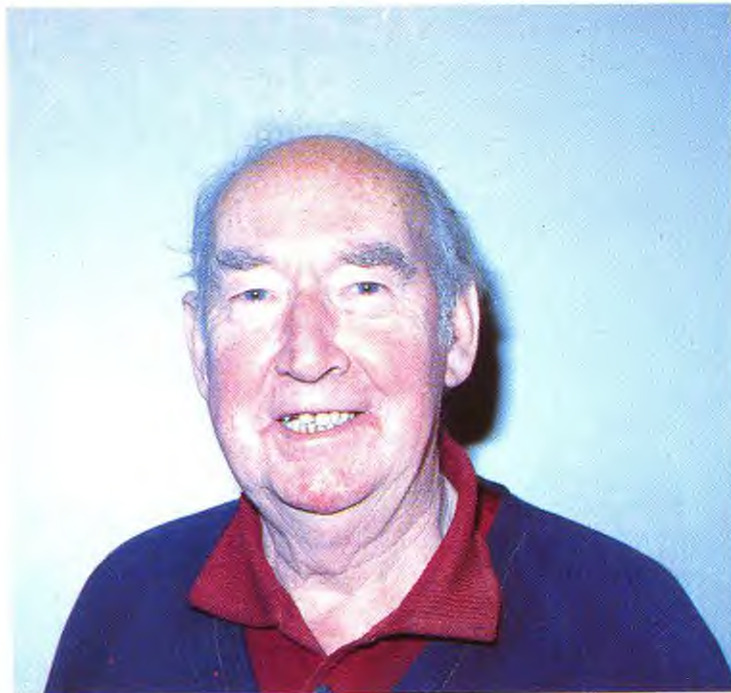
A certain Willie Buchan might smile at such a statistic. Over fifty years ago he played in a match which was witnessed by a crowd numbering nearly three times that figure. Remarkably the match in question did not feature the Old Firm. In 1937 Celtic played Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Final in front of an official attendance of 146,433. More than twenty thousand were unable to gain entry to enjoy a thrilling match in which the winning goal would be scored by the aforementioned Mr Buchan.

Willie Buchan signed for Celtic in 1932 from Grange Rovers and played for the club for five years establishing a reputation as an intelligent forward who was also blessed with the knack of scoring important goals. His introduction to the Alliance (reserve) side co-incided with the arrival of a former Celt Jimmy McMenemy as coach. For the young player the influence of the legendary McMenemy was very important.

"Without a doubt the arrival of Jimmy helped all of the young players in the Alliance side. Although he could be a hard character he really knew what he was doing and we all benefitted from his presence. At that time the service team weren't doing too well while the Alliance side kept winning regularly. It wasn't too long before a number of us were promoted to the first team with George Paterson, Jimmy Delaney, Johnny Crum, Bobby Hogg, Frank Murphy and myself soon playing first team football and a lot of that was due to Jimmy McMenemy.

Willie made his debut for Celtic in a scoreless draw at Dens Park in 1934 and would rarely fail to feature in the first team until his departure. The following season he was a regular in the Celtic side that lifted the league

Roddy Stewart meets Willie Buchan, the man who scored the winning goal in the 1937 record-breaking Scottish Cup final.



OF FAME

title for the first time in a decade. During that championship year the legendary Jimmy McGrory netted a club record of fifty league goals in a season to consolidate his reputation as the greatest goalscorer in Scottish football. For Willie Buchan the words written in celebration of McGrory's goalscoring prowess were well and truly lodged in reality. "Jimmy McGrory was an incredible player. I remember playing alongside him in a match against Motherwell at Celtic Park when he scored a hat-trick in just over three minutes. They would centre the ball and it would just as quickly end up in the net again. As everyone knows he was magnificent with his head, not only in scoring goals but also in creating them. When he jumped for the ball he seemed to be able to hang in the air longer than other players. At training we used to try and combat his ability by making players jump in front and behind him, but his timing was so good it was to no avail. Despite Jimmy's goals, for me the most influential player in the side was Chic Geatons. He played exceptionally well throughout that season and made a most significant contribution to our Championship success".

The following season Celtic added to their league title victory by lifting the Scottish Cup for the twenty third time. Their path to Hampden was not smooth and as Willie suggested it seemed that his club's name was written on the trophy.

"In the first round we played Stenhousemuir at Ochilview Park and were lucky to get a 1-1 draw. I can still recall how they nearly scored with only minutes to go and that would have been an early end to our interest in the competition. We rode our luck and beat them 2-0 in the replay. In the quarter final Motherwell were at one stage beating us 4-2 at Celtic Park and I managed to grab two

goals as we scrambled another draw. In the replay I was fortunate enough to score the winner at Fir Park. We then beat Clyde to reach the Final.

Over five decades later it was natural that for the player the most salient memory of the final was the astonishing attendance. As he explained "The volume of sound that greeted us when we ran on to the field was absolutely astounding although once the game began it wasn't really noticeable. We scored first through Johnny Crum but they equalised fairly quickly afterwards. Of my second half goal I remember Jimmy McGrory chesting the ball sideways allowing me to run in on goal from the right hand side of the area. The two backs closed in and I remember as the keeper came out the goal seemed to become smaller and smaller. I just managed to squeeze the ball past him and in off the post.

Within six months of scoring the winning goal in the Cup Final Willie Buchan surprisingly moved to Blackpool for £10,000. His transfer caused concern and disappointment among Celtic supporters as the club had lost one of its finest players. As he explained no one was more surprised by events than himself. "Willie Maley asked me to come and see him in the Bank Restaurant. The Blackpool manager was already there and the deal had already been concluded. The way things were put to me it seemed I had no choice in the matter. It was a great disappointment as I was enjoying playing for Celtic. In those days players who had been in the team for five years were paid a benefit of £600. Since then I am led to believe that my transfer took place to pay the benefits of all the players that had broken through to the first team in the early times".

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5 YEARS AGO

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND

Jan 30 1985

HAMILTON ACCIES 1; CELTIC 2

Att: 10,000

WITH their first competitive match in a month it took Celtic until four minutes from time to book their place in the next round.

Hamilton attempted some illegal means to stop Celtic early on resulting in two of their players being booked and it was one of these cautioned players, Alex Forsyth who put them ahead in 27 minutes.

Brian McClair took a knock (later diagnosed as a broken toe) and it was his replacement Frank McGarvey (pictured left) who made all the difference. He twisted free of the Hamilton defence to blast the ball home in 61 minutes, ten minutes after a Paul McStay 'goal' had been mysteriously disallowed.

Hamilton keeper Rikki Ferguson had several fine saves before eventually one of Celtic's countless attacks paid off when McGarvey pounced on to a blocked Danny McGrain shot to send the ball into the net.

CELTIC: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, McLeod, McAdam, O'Leary, Provan, P McStay, Johnston, Burns, McClair (McGarvey).

10 YEARS AGO

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND

January 26 1980

CELTIC 2; RAITH ROVERS 1

Att: 18,000

CELTIC won this match much more comfortably than the 2-1 scoreline suggested. At half-time they could have been six or seven up and the fact they weren't was due to cruel luck, bad finishing and magnificent goalkeeping.

They created five great chances in the first ten minutes, hitting the woodwork twice and bringing out fine saves from McDermott with the other three. Inevitably they scored in 15 minutes through Bobby Lennox and Johnny Doyle (pictured right) added a second, with an accurate 15 yard drive, ten minutes from the interval.

In the descending fog Celtic lost their way slightly and after being denied a penalty for a handling offence some slack defending allowed Ballantyne to pull one back in 57 minutes.

Celtic's dominance continued though but the crossbar (twice) and McDermott with a great stop prevented any addition to the score.

CELTIC: Latchford, Sneddon, MacDonald, McAdam, McGrain, Aitken, Edvaldsson (Conroy), Macleod, Provan, Lennox, Doyle.



15 YEARS AGO

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND

January 25 1975

HIBS 0; CELTIC 2

Att: 36,821

A GREAT Scottish Cup-tie this with first rate football, lots of goalmouth thrills and never say die effort from both sides.

After Dixie Deans had put Celtic into the lead in 12 minutes indifferent finishing resulted in Celtic scoring many goal scoring opportunities in the first 45 minutes.





These misses almost cost Celtic dearly with an early second half push by Hibs almost bringing them an equalizer but Celtic weathered Hibs' pressure finishing strongly.

Inspired by Danny McGrain, who was a real torment to the Easter Road defence, Celtic added a second goal ten minutes from time when Steve Murray (pictured right) broke free of his marker to score an all important goal which killed Hibs' hope of a comeback.

CELTIC: Hunter, McGrain, McNeill, Connelly, Brogan, Murray, Dalglish, Hood, Deans, Wilson (Glavin).



FACTS AND

DATE	COMP.	OPPONENTS	ATTENDANCE	H/A	RESULT				
12 August	PL	HEARTS	26,968	A	3-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
15 August	LC	DUMBARTON	9,000	A	3-0	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
19 August	PL	DUNFERMLINE	34,000	H	1-0	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
22 August	LC	QUEEN of the SOUTH	21,062	H	2-0	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
26 August	PL	RANGERS	54,000	H	1-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
30 August	LC (Q.F.)	HEARTS	26,847	A	2-2	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
9 September	PL	ST. MIRREN	19,291	A	0-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
12 September	CWC	PARTIZAN BELGRADE	15,000	A	1-2	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
16 September	PL	DUNDEE UTD	16,454	A	2-2	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
20 September	L.C. (S. F.)	ABERDEEN	45,492	N	0-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
23 September	PL	MOTHERWELL	29,000	H	1-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Whyte
27 September	CWC	PARTIZAN BELGRADE	49,500	H	5-4	Bonner	Aitken	Rogan	Whyte
30 September	PL	ABERDEEN	22,500	A	1-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Whyte
4 October	PL	HIBERNIAN	36,000	H	3-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
14 October	PL	DUNDEE	16,456	A	3-1	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
21 October	PL	HEARTS	40,500	H	2-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
28 October	PL	DUNFERMLINE	19,580	A	0-2	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Aitken
4 November	PL	RANGERS	41,598	A	0-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Aitken
18 November	PL	DUNDEE UTD	32,350	H	0-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Rogan
22 November	PL	ST MIRREN	23,100	H	1-1	Bonner	Morris	Burns	Wdowczyk
25 November	PL	MOTHERWELL	16,069	A	0-0	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Wdowczyk
2 December	PL	ABERDEEN	38,300	H	1-0	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
9 December	PL	HIBERNIAN	17,500	A	3-0	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
16 December	PL	DUNDEE	17,860	H	4-1	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
26 December	PL	HEARTS	23,259	A	0-0	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
30 December 1990	PL	DUNFERMLINE	30,548	H	0-2	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
2 January	PL	RANGERS	54,000	H	0-1	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Aitken
6 January	PL	ST. MIRREN	13,813	A	2-0	Bonner	Galloway	Wdowczyk	Aitken
13 January	PL	DUNDEE UTD	16,635	A	0-2	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Galloway
20 January	SC	FORFAR	8,388	A	2-1	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Galloway
27 January	PL	MOTHERWELL		H					
3 February	PL	DUNDEE		A					
10 February	PL	HIBERNIAN		H					
17 February	PL	ABERDEEN		A					
24 February	SC 4th Rd.	SCOT CUP 4th Rd.							
3 March	PL	DUNDEE UTD		H					
10 March	PL	HEARTS		H					
17 March	SC 5th Rd.	SCOT CUP 5th Rd.							
24 March	PL	DUNFERMLINE		A					
31 March	PL	RANGERS		A					
7 April	PL	ST. MIRREN		H					
14 April	PL	HIBERNIAN		A					
21 April	PL	DUNDEE		H					
28 April	PL	MOTHERWELL		A					
5 May	PL	ABERDEEN		H					
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ABBREVIATIONS

PL — Premier League
 SC — Scottish Cup
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AROUND THE LEAGUE



GOALS, thrills, shocks. All necessary ingredients of any vibrant cup competition and whilst the first two were in abundance in last week's Scottish Cup third round ties the shocks were distinctly thin on the ground.

Indeed the real shock of the competition so far, was not the result of anything that happened on the park but came in the draw for the fourth round, which paired the Old Firm together for the first time outside of a final for almost 20 years.

It wasn't hard to decide who recorded the best result of last week. That honour goes undisputably to Motherwell. A 7-0, Davie Cooper inspired demolition of a Clyde side who are themselves no mugs must give the Fir Park side great hope for the future.

Aberdeen were also amongst the goals in their 6-2 defeat of Partick Thistle. Williëm van der Ark's hat-trick in that match seems further confirmation that the big Dutchman is at last settling at Pittodrie after last season's uncomfortable time when he looked bemused by it all.

Although it took Dundee United two matches, they still made the expected progress and completed a thoroughly miserable season for first division-elect side Dundee. Rangers, Hearts, Hibs and Clydebank all made it through also, despite one or two minor hicups and in place of fully

FOURTH ROUND DRAW

Ayr United or St Mirren v Clydebank
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Dundee United v QOS or Alloa
Aberdeen v Morton or Raith Rovers

CELTIC v RANGERS

East Stirling or Stirling Albion v
Airdrie or Inverness Cal.
Hearts v Motherwell
Hibs v East Fife

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blown shocks we had to settle for some interesting draws.

Of them, Inverness Caley came closest to creating an upset with Airdrie equalising in the 91st minute to deny them. Due to printing deadlines this is being written before the outcome of the cup replays are known but in truth it is hard to see more than two dark horses (and that is at most) gaining a place in the next round. Indeed at the moment the only team to pull off any sort of shock are East Fife, the second division side dumping their first division opponents Meadowbank.

All this begs the question, is the Scottish Cup in some ways predictably? The answer, up to last Sunday, would have had to been yes, but the pairing of Celtic with Rangers at Celtic

Park has moved the goalposts slightly, if you pardon the phrase.

Apart from the fact that it means one of the big two will be leaving the competition very early, it also means that we may see some unfamiliar names in the later stages of the competition.

This may hopefully bring a refreshing change to a competition where normally at least three of the semi-finalists can be guessed before the competition has even commenced.

As regards the actual Old Firm tie itself the game is a mouth watering prospect. And no doubt when the dust has settled and one of the two has progressed to the next round the winners will consider the draw a good one while the losers will curse their luck.

QUICK SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was named as Scottish Breweries Player of the Month for December?
2. What is the name of the cartoon character who will be Scotland's mascot for the World Cup?
3. What was the score in the Tayside Scottish Scottish Cup replay?
4. ... and who scored the winner?
5. What was the name of the Welsh rugby player sent off against France?
6. Who is the current captain of the English cricket side.
7. Who is the current British bantamweight boxing champion?
8. In which year were Motherwell formed?
9. What club was previously named 'Wee Alpha'?
10. From which club did Motherwell sign Paul Kinnaird?
11. From which club did Celtic sign Willie Garner in July 1981?
12. ... and what was the fee?
13. Who scored Celtic's three goals when they defeated Rangers 3-1 in the 1971 Scottish Cup third round?
14. How many English League clubs have the letter 'x' in their name?
15. Who were Celtic's first league opponents this season?

ANSWERS

1. Craig Levein. 2. Scoticus. 3. Dundee United. 4. Dundee 0. 5. John Clark. 6. Kevin Moseley. 7. Billy Hardy. 8. 1886. 9. Motherwell. 10. Dundee United. 11. Aberdeen. 12. £45,000. 13. Lennox, Hay, Johnstone. 14. 5. Oxford United, Wrexham, Exeter City, Halifax Town, Crewe Alexandra. 15. Hearts.

FACTS ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING

★ *Celtic v Motherwell full league record:*

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTIC PARK	84	60	12	12	207	86	132
FIR PARK	84	44	21	19	177	110	109
TOTAL	168	104	33	31	384	196	241

- ★ Motherwell's 2-1 win here last February stopped our run of 12 straight League wins over them at Celtic Park. It was their first win here in over 10 years. The previous win was on 4th November, 1978 when they won by the same scoreline.
- ★ When Celtic and Motherwell drew 0-0 back in November, Alastair Maxwell became the first Motherwell goalkeeper to keep a clean sheet against Celtic in the League since 2nd January, 1978. The last keeper before him to achieve this was Stuart Rennie who kept goal at Celtic Park in Well's 1-0 win.
- ★ Kenny Dalglish's last competitive game and goal for Celtic was against Motherwell at Fir Park 3 days after the 1977 Scottish Cup Final. Kenny scored Celtic's equaliser in a 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of 12,500.
- ★ Motherwell have won the 3 major trophies in Scotland once each. They won the League in 1931/32, the Scottish Cup in 1951/52 when they beat Dundee 4-0 and the League Cup in 1950/51 when they beat Hibernian 3-0.

Programme Review

THE ST MIRREN programme weighs in this week, a rather thin tome, comprising 24 pages, but this is slightly off-set by the fact that only seven of these are given over to adverts. By today's standards a ratio of over 3:1 in favour of editorial over adverts is very creditable.

Unusual also, is the size of the publication, in depth resembling the old traditional pocket size programme whilst the width is more in line with the newer style larger programme being adopted by many clubs. The end result of this mixture of forms is a programme slightly unsure of what it wants to be but it doesn't suffer too greatly as a result.

There are no colour photographs, but the black and white action shots are clear and most ably merit inclusion. There is spot colour scattered throughout the programme, and it does help avoid the drabness often encountered in two tone publications.

Good articles come in the form of a history of St Mirren and



welcome pieces on the Scottish first and second divisions. Statistically also, the work is very worthwhile with plenty of tables, facts, figures and records to digest, although the Visitors piece lacks any real depth as regards player profiles and isn't much more than a comment on the visiting club in general.

Black marks for the fact that Gordon McQueen's Reserve Report was merely a fixture list and also for the absence of any interviews with players.

It certainly won't win any awards but it has a curiously quaint appeal and is certainly wholeheartedly written.

The full team picture without the right half.



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CCTV is only one of The Football Trust's many initiatives. Each year it receives over £9.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors and spends it on projects that benefit all levels of the game throughout the United Kingdom.



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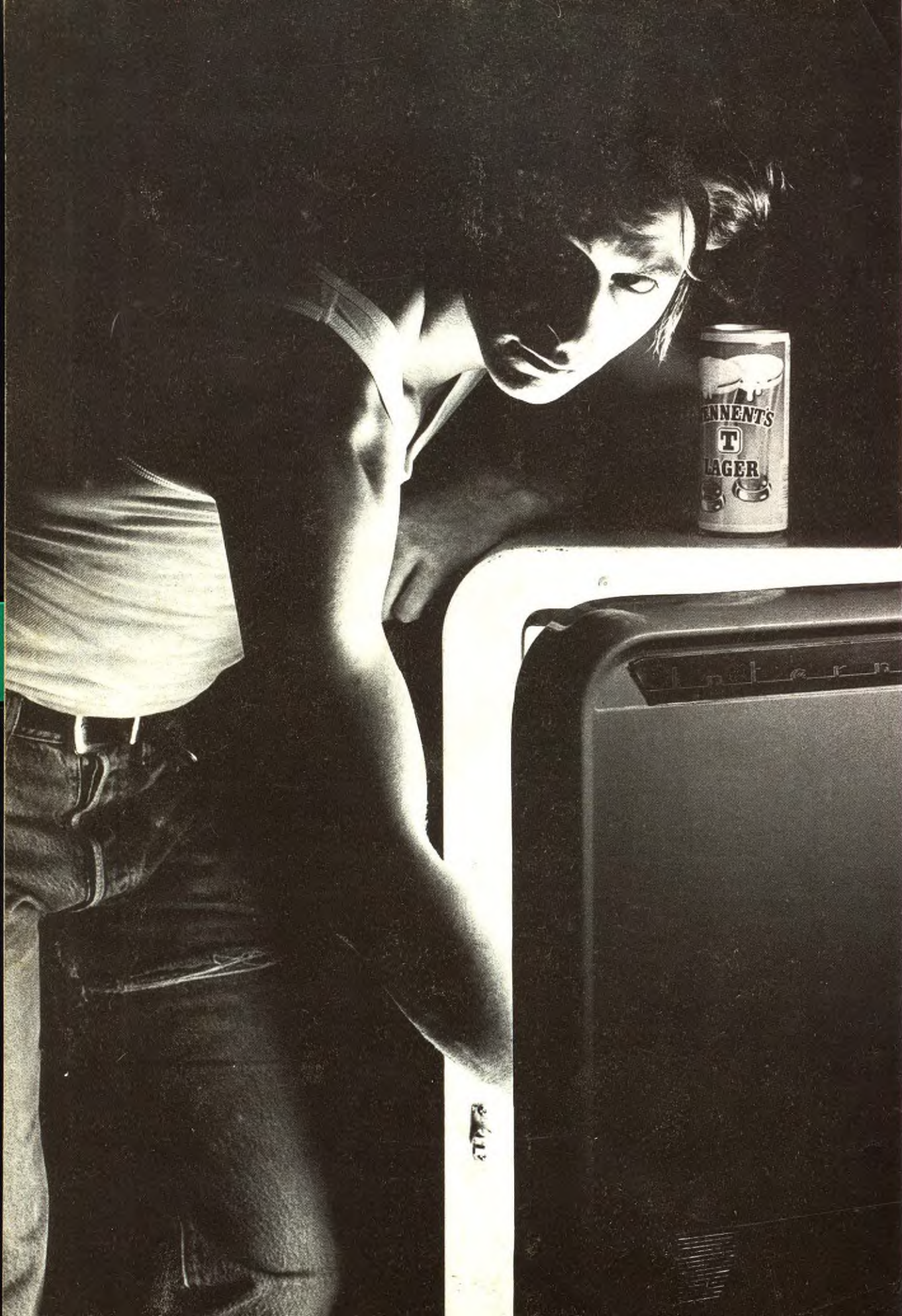
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