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THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

‘ THE game today against Hamilton Accies is our first home game of the year and we aim to start it with a win and continue our challenge for the title.

Hamilton may be at the foot of the table but they have several skilful players and are always capable of springing a surprise. Certainly they made us fight all the way for the points on the previous occasion they faced us at Celtic Park.

Then, we won 2-1 thanks to goals by Joe Miller and Frank McAvennie but on this occasion I would expect to win more handsomely.

Once more I expect to have a full squad at my disposal which means 16 players coming into contention for 11 places. This situation is a manager's dream and you can be sure I'll be taking advantage of that.

Once again several English clubs have been linked with Frank McAvennie but I would make it quite clear that Frank will not be going anywhere. He is playing the best football of his career right now and in any case I haven't even received any inquiries. You have to question the motives of some people in trying to unsettle players at crucial times in the season. But Frank has already shown this season that it would take a great

deal to affect his game. He has come through adverse publicity of one kind or another and has still emerged as Scotland's star striker with his prolific goalscoring and general attitude on the park.

This is also an appropriate time to thank the supporters for their extraordinary backing throughout the season. I've just finished reading an article on Celtic which appeared in a recent top French football magazine. In it they refer to the Celtic fans as the best and most colourful in the world. The article also mentions their faithfulness which in my opinion is spot on.

Myself and the players look forward to hearing more of that support in the months ahead as we set about the task of retaining the league and cup double. ’

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Derek Whyte
Mick McCarthy
Joe Miller
Paul McStay
Mark McGhee
Andy Walker
Peter Grant
Billy Stark
Tommy Burns
Lex Baillie

Referee:

Mr R. W. Paterson
(Neilston)

Linesmen:

Mr J. Coyle
(Barrhead)

Mr P. Cameron
(Uddingston)

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

Aberdeen v Hibernian
Dundee v Dundee Utd
Hearts v St Mirren
Motherwell v Rangers
Ayr United v Airdrie
Falkirk v Kilmarnock
Forfar v Dunfermline
Meadowbank v Morton
Partick Thistle v Raith R.
QOS v Clyde

St Johnstone v Clydebank
TAKE CARE: We urge all spectators to exercise the utmost care while leaving the ground at the end of the match. We also wish you all a safe and pleasant journey home.

HAMILTON



Alan Rough
Kevin McKee
Craig Napier
Willie Jamieson
Paul Martin
David Roseburgh
James Fairlie
Paul McDonald
Stuart Gordon
Jim Weir
Eddie Gallagher
Colin Miller
Sandy Fraser

FIRST DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Dunfermline..... | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 40 | 23 | 31 |
| Airdrie..... | 22 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 40 | 20 | 30 |
| Falkirk..... | 22 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 40 | 22 | 30 |
| Clydebank..... | 22 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 44 | 30 | 27 |
| St Johnstone..... | 22 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 22 | 26 |
| Morton..... | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 29 | 26 |
| Forfar..... | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 30 | 28 | 22 |
| Ayr Utd..... | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 34 | 41 | 20 |
| Clyde..... | 22 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 24 | 30 | 19 |
| Raith Rovers..... | 22 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 34 | 18 |
| Kilmarnock..... | 20 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 38 | 18 |
| Partick Th..... | 22 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 28 | 38 | 16 |
| Meadowbank..... | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 28 | 16 |
| Queen of S..... | 22 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 23 | 49 | 9 |

B & Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION



| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Rangers..... | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 15 | 33 |
| Dundee Utd..... | 22 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 29 | 12 | 30 |
| Aberdeen..... | 22 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 27 | 20 | 28 |
| Celtic..... | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 46 | 31 | 26 |
| Hibernian..... | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 17 | 23 |
| St Mirren..... | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 30 | 22 |
| Dundee..... | 22 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 20 | 24 | 19 |
| Hearts..... | 21 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 27 | 16 |
| Motherwell..... | 22 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 31 | 13 |
| Hamilton..... | 22 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 50 | 8 |

SECOND DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Albion R..... | 21 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 25 | 30 |
| Cowdenbeath..... | 21 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 29 | 27 | 26 |
| Queens Park..... | 21 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 27 | 18 | 25 |
| Stranraer..... | 21 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 35 | 29 | 25 |
| Brechin..... | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 33 | 27 | 24 |
| Stirling A..... | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 30 | 24 |
| Arbroath..... | 21 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 31 | 26 | 22 |
| East Fife..... | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 29 | 27 | 21 |
| Alloa..... | 21 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 31 | 30 | 21 |
| Montrose..... | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 28 | 20 |
| East Stirling..... | 21 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 34 | 36 | 19 |
| Stenhousemuir..... | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 24 | 33 | 15 |
| Dumbarton..... | 21 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 36 | 13 |
| Berwick..... | 20 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 44 | 7 |

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NEWS BEAT

THE clamour for tickets for the recent Rangers v Celtic match at Ibrox surprised no-one. And as thousands of Celtic fans were disappointed at not getting a ticket the usual debate at this time arose about fair distribution of tickets. Suffice to say Celtic will always find it impossible to please everyone when it comes to the demand for tickets for big away games. But now George Delaney of the Celtic Supporters Association foresees a worsening of the problem as far as Rangers tickets go and offers a part solution. Says George: "The demand for tickets for the game at Ibrox is reaching such proportions that serious consideration must be given by the football authorities to the live televising of these games. If, as has been suggested, Rangers use the Ibrox enclosure for executive boxes this will reduce Celtic's future allocation by some 4,000 tickets. So I think it would be in everyone's interest if these games were televised live, obviously on a day that doesn't affect other clubs' gates."

THE ever popular Celtic supporters Association Rally once again looms. We are asked by the Association to inform clubs that applications for Rally tickets should be made by the next Annual delegates Meeting which takes place on January 29th.

HAMILTON Accies are one of the few teams in Scotland who have in their ranks an internationalist whose country actually won their last match.

Colin Miller who came on as a substitute in Hamilton's 2-0 defeat by Motherwell on Tuesday, is a Canadian who helped his country to an important 3-2 World Cup win over Guatemala in Vancouver recently. The 22-year-old looks to be a promising player who signed for Accies in October.

We hope his career in Scotland turns out to be a success and who knows, a few more of his countrymen may decide to follow him over here.

ANOTHER player who could line up against Celtic this afternoon is Sandy Fraser who has the distinction of being the only former Celt at Douglas Park on the playing staff.

Sandy joined Accies just over a year ago from Celtic where he had a prolific goalscoring record with the B.P. Youth team and the reserves. Recently he has been on the verge of breaking into the Accies first team. The 21-year-old was recently married.

We wish him too, all the best at Accies and in his married life.

A thank you note arrived on our desk recently from the (wait for it) Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa. They held a very successful collection in the environs of Celtic park at a recent game and raised a total of £2,677 for the sisters' valuable missionary work which goes on in 17 different countries.



DIRECTORY

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

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Scottish Cup Winners (28 times):

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

League Cup Winners (9 times):

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

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1936

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)

Highest aggregate scores: James McGroarty

397 (1922-1939)

Most capped player: Danny McGrain 62

times for Scotland

EURO SPOTLIGHT

By Roddy
Stewart

Ronald Koeman

ALTHOUGH the first week of the new year sees Ronald Koeman wearing the jersey of PSV Eindhoven it is extremely unlikely, despite the find of a four year contract, that the end of 1989 will find him in the employment of the giant Dutch club. Since the European Championships in West Germany the talented blonde defender has been coveted by most of the major clubs in Europe. Recent events indicate either Italy or Spain are his most probably destination. Juventus and Napoli are both reported to be prepared to spend six million to secure his services while Johann Cruyff the Barcelona manager has also expressed a strong interest in signing his fellow countryman.

Start of a Career

Ronald Koeman was born on March 21st 1963, the son of a professional footballer, like his father and elder brother Erwin, he began his league career at F.C. Groningen, making his debut at the age of seventeen. Despite his youthfulness Koeman dominated the team with his intelligent passing, hard tackling and powerful shot. Within two years of his debut the younger brother had been joined by the elder who had been playing for PSV before returning to Groningen. In their only one year together playing in midfield they showed how well they complemented each other. Though at that time only nineteen and twenty one respectively, they were the players that inspired the lesser Dutch club to a best ever fourth place in the national league. Between them the



Ronald Koeman

brothers scored almost thirty goals and set up many more; on the one occasion they were both absent Groningen lost 6-0! It is not surprising that the fans nicknamed the club FC Koeman!

Sweeper

Neither was it entirely surprising that in 1983 Ajax signed the younger brother for £300,000. His first two years in Amsterdam were unhappy resulting in a loss of form. Like so many Ajax players his career was revitalised with the appointment of Johann Cruyff as manager of his former club in 1985. Although the defenders performances improved under the tutorage of Cruyff, the lure of a much improved contract took him to his present club PSV Eindhoven. He settled at sweeper in a side



that won the Dutch Championship three times in succession and lifted the European Cup last May defeating Benfica in Stuttgart. Koeman was in trouble with UEFA after the quarter finals of that competition when in an interview with a Dutch magazine he referred to a bad professional foul by one of his team mates Gillhaus on Tigana as being "worth its weight in gold". His ill advised comment led to a three match suspension from UEFA and only the clemency of an appeal committee that allowed him to face Benfica in the final and collect a winners medal.

Marvellous

It was also in Germany, this time while playing for Holland in the European Championships that Ronald Koeman asserted himself as one of the finest defenders in Europe. His partnership with Frank Rijkaard was the best of the tournament and last week he was awarded fifth position in the European Player on the strength of those performances. It seems that Ronald Koeman has now fulfilled all he can with PSV Eindhoven and seeks new challenges. Without doubt whoever eventually signs him will be getting a marvellous player.