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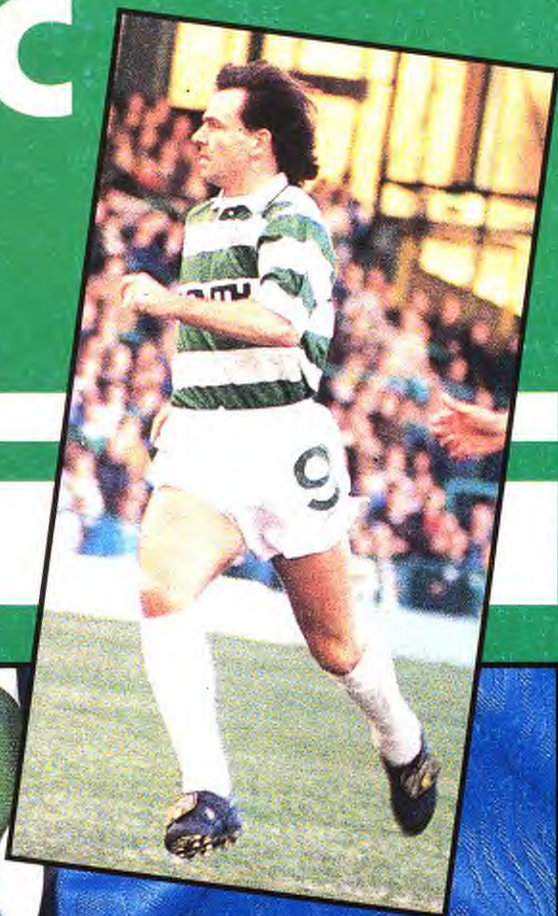
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A LOT OF GOOD FOOTBALL TO COME

TODAY marks our third meeting with our Old Firm rivals and as always the very nature of the clash means desire and appetite from both sets of players is guaranteed.

We would like nothing better than to record a victory for reasons which are twofold. To ease our disappointment at losing the Skol Cup final and more importantly to catapult us into a challenging position in the league.

I believe there is a lot of interesting football still to come and I anticipate an exciting finish to the title race.

A win over Rangers in this particular match could prove very important from a long term confidence point of view.

The Skol Cup final was an excellent football match and it is our desire and hope to be able to produce a football display equal to that but, of course, make sure that this time it yields a winning conclusion.

Certainly we are getting players fit again with the result that the competition for places will be keen and I would like to think that this will put an edge back into our game.

In turn this will give us the opportunity to launch a good positive run and pick up points to put pressure on the teams above us.

Saturday's fine win set us up nicely for today and it was a delight to see a freshness and eagerness

about our play that we have previously only snatched at.

The fact that we only scored four goals is a testament to the fabulous goalkeeping display by St Mirren's Campbell Money. Nevertheless we did find the net four times and took our goals in an impressive and clinical fashion.

It was heartening to see Charlie Nicholas back and though he obviously has a bit to go in terms of sharpness, the quality of his

touches and positional play augers well for the future.

So too does young Mark McNally who has come in and played a couple of games and with proper handling could emerge as a strong contender for first team inclusion throughout the season.

A word too for Lex Baillie who has shown us once again his ability to come in and perform superbly. It was his excellent header which broke the deadlock and turned the game.

As a final word I would stress to all supporters here today to be mindful that the eyes of the media world are focussed on the game and accordingly would urge all genuine supporters to enjoy the game, back their team in a proper fashion and do nothing which could bring the game into disrepute.



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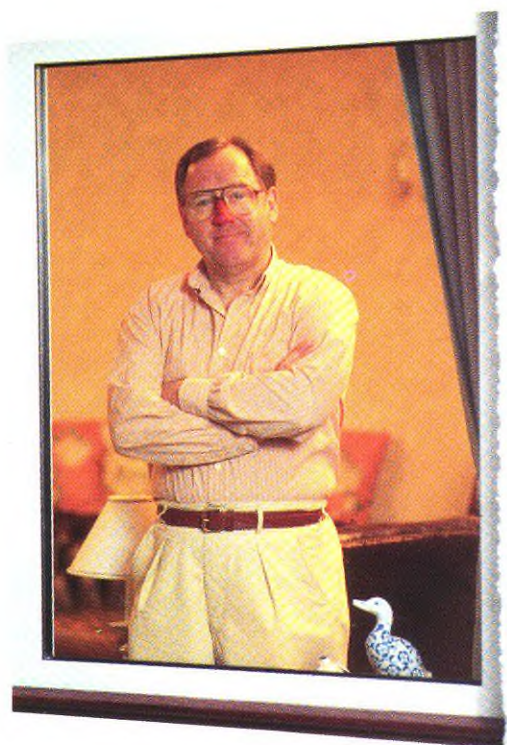
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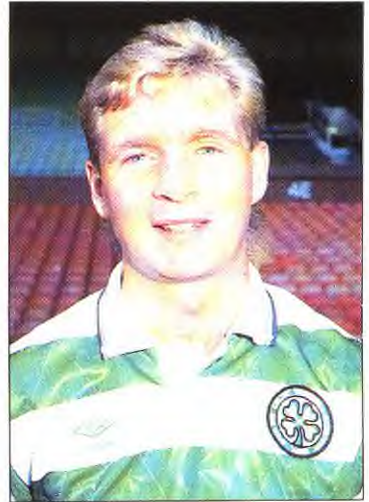
TODAY'S GAME

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 GERRY CREANEY
 MIKE GALLOWAY



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Celtic's Peter Grant (above) who has missed only one game.

**Supporters are
 requested to
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 ground at least
 20 minutes
 prior to
 kick-off**

Rangers tricky Dutch winger Peter Huistra (below).

RANGERS

CHRIS WOODS
 GARY STEVENS
 STUART MUNRO
 JOHN BROWN
 SCOTT NISBET
 CHRIS VINNICOMBE
 TERRY HURLOCK
 NIGEL SPACKMAN
 ALLY McCOIST
 MAURICE JOHNSTON
 MARK WALTERS
 MARK HATELEY
 PETER HUISTRA
 SANDY ROBERTSON



No.



TODAY'S OFFICIALS ...

REFEREE: B.R. McGINLAY (Balfron)

Linesmen: D. S. Prentice (Edinburgh) & I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)



THE response to our request for poetry has been very encouraging and our today's winner Stewart Freeman of Garelochhead, in Dumbartonshire was inspired to compose his thoughts into verse by Celtic's 'brilliant supporters'.

'Through Thick and Thin' is Stewart's tribute to those legions.

Through Thick and Thin
by Stewart Freeman

Celtic we'll support you through thick and thin

We don't care if you draw lose our win

*We have followed you everywhere
With heroes such as 'Roy the Bear'
On the terraces we shall stand*

*To sing for a team that is so grand
In the rain, hail, sun or snow
Celtic Park is where we'll go*

*Thousands travel mile by mile
Just to see the Celtic style,*

*We went to Lisbon in 1967
Some on planes others were driven*

*For years to come we'll follow you
And we'll stay faithful through and through*

*We are not fans to moan and groan
Celtic - 'You'll never walk alone.'*

Anyone wishing their purple prose to be included in the programme should write to the usual address.

'TIC TALK...

FELT TIPS feature for the first time in our gallery slot today with Michael Gillen, aged 15, from Oatlands in Glasgow doing an excellent job with what is generally regarded as the hardest materials with which to work.

Michael's impression of Peter Grant (his favourite player) was only one of a large selection of pictures the youngster had drawn an all were of a very high standard.

Thanks once again to Michael for sending us his efforts and if you want to see your work in the Celtic programme remember the dress to write to is: The Celtic Programme, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow, G40 3RW.



Video contest

IT seems appropriate that an Old Firm programme should contain a competition to win the new Celtic video 'Hail Hail: Old Firm Classics' and the second week of this contest gives readers another chance to win a copy of the already sought after Christmas gift.

If you then want to be one of 25 lucky winners of the competition which is being carried out in association with Pickwick Videos, simply answer the two questions below.

Then send your answers on a postcard or stuck down envelope to the usual address.

Please note that all questions relate to events prior to today's game.

1. Which two current Celtic players have made their Old Firm debuts this season?
2. Who scored the only goal of the game when Celtic last defeated Rangers in a major domestic final?

THE need for good behaviour from spectators is never more acutely apparent than at an Old Firm.

For every aspect of these matches comes under microscopic analysis from the media at large and it is therefore the responsibility of both sets of supporters to ensure that their conduct is above reproach.

It would be nice to believe that some of the more distasteful elements of an Old Firm encounter have been consigned to history and in this respect we appeal to all fans to cut out offensive chants of an nature.

Those who discriminate on grounds of race, religion or for that matter on any other grounds have never been, and will never be, welcome at Celtic Park regardless of what team they support.

So once again we appeal to all fans to support their teams in a manner befitting the game of football.

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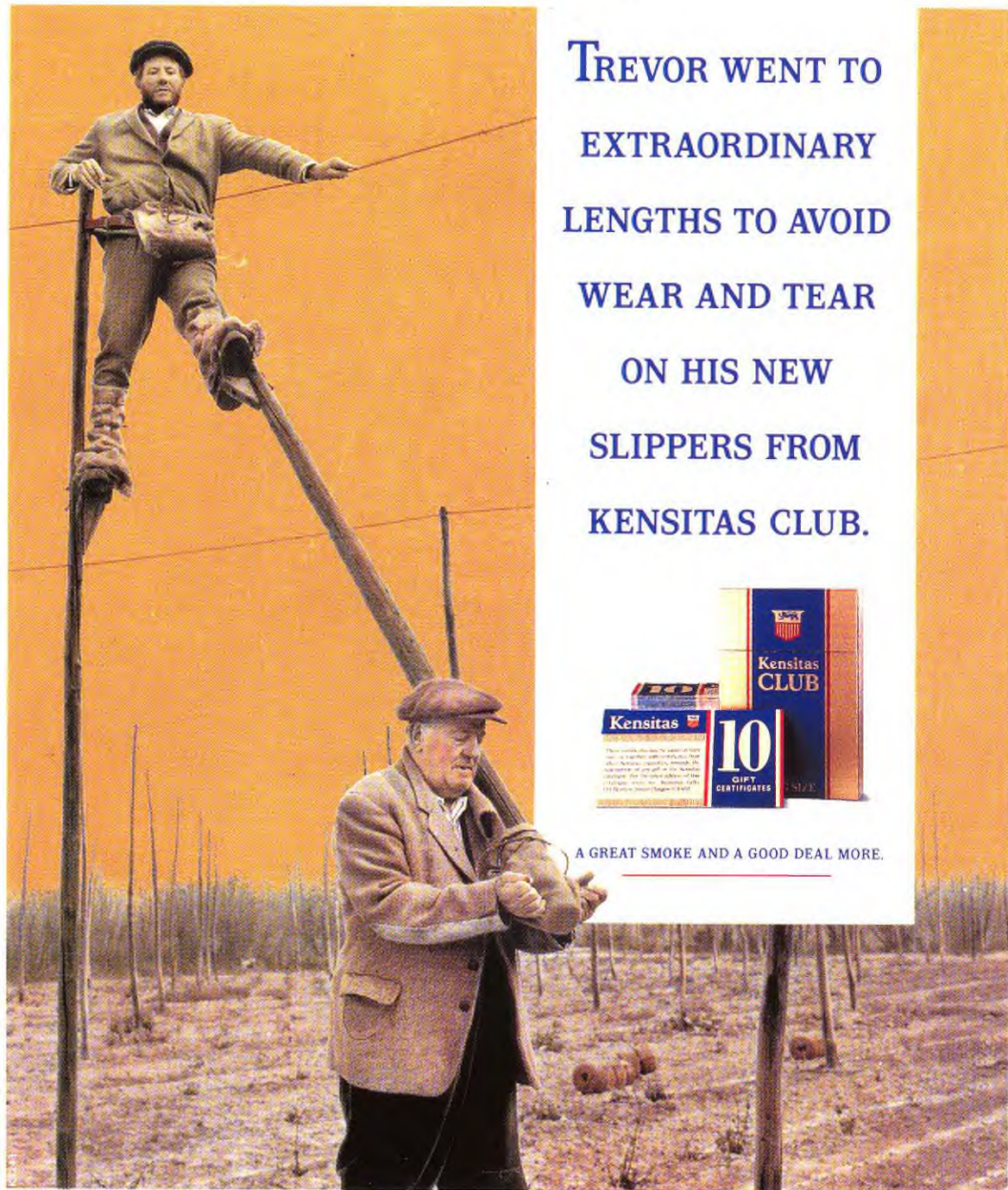


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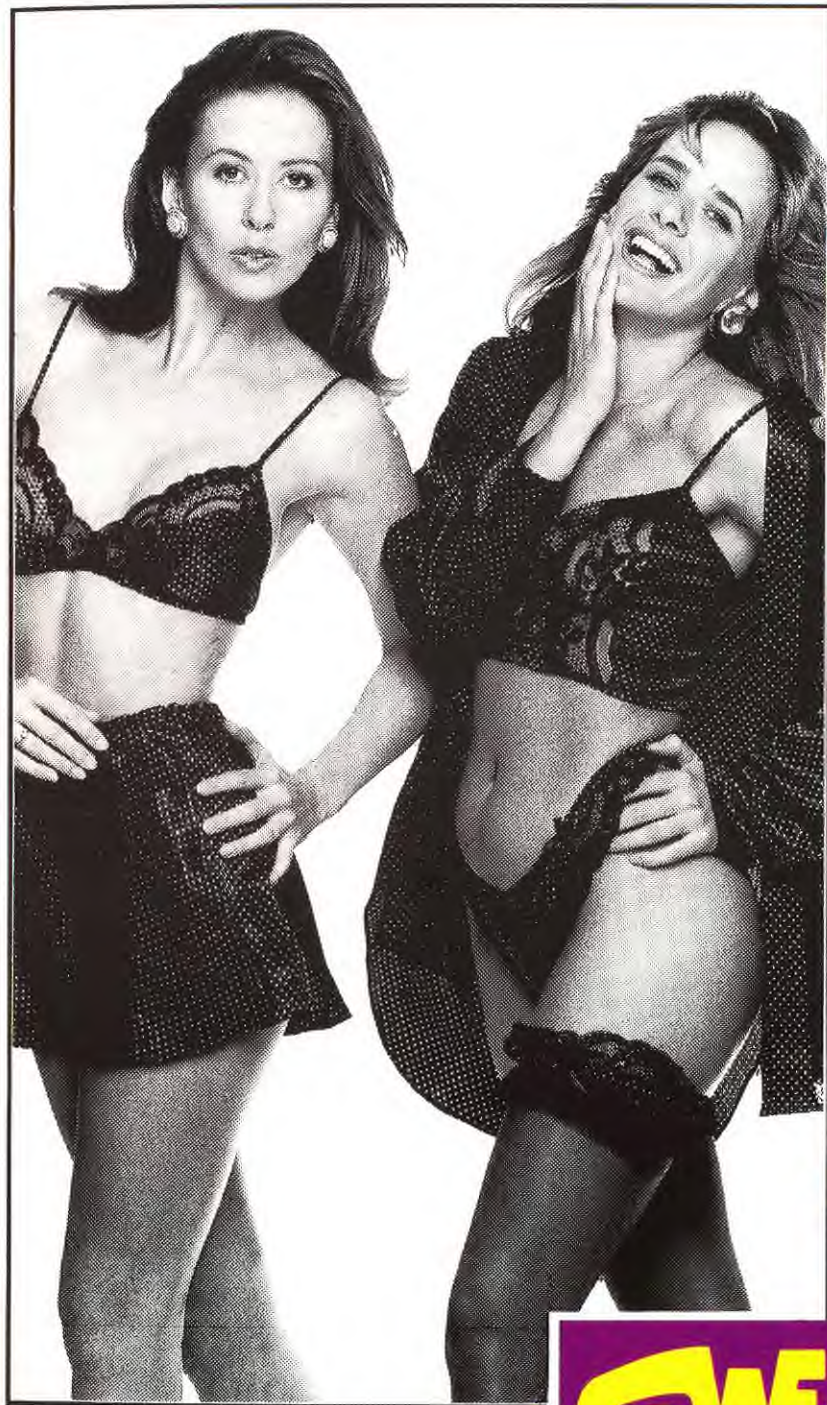


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TODAY'S VISITORS ...

CHRIS WOODS

(Goalkeeper)

Born 14.11.59 in Boston.

Joined Rangers in July 1986 for £600,000 from Norwich City. Started his career with Nottingham Forest in 1977. Was transferred to Queens Park Rangers in June 1979 for £250,000. Two years later he joined Norwich City for £225,000. Made his Premier League debut against Hibernian in August 1986. Has now established himself as England's No. 1 goalkeeper following the retirement of Peter Shilton.

GARY STEVENS

(Defender)

Born 27.3.63 in Barrow-in-Furness.

A £1,000,000 signing from Everton in July 1988. Joined Everton straight from school and in October 1981 he made his First Division debut against West Ham United and went on to make over 200 appearances for the Goodison Park side. Capped by England at under 21 and full levels, making his debut against Italy in 1985. Scored twice in Rangers 4-2 win at Motherwell last week.

STUART MUNRO

(Defender)

Born 15.9.62 in Falkirk.

Began his career with St. Mirren before joining Alloa on a free transfer in 1982. Moved to Rangers in February 1984 for £15,000 and made his debut towards the end of the season. Was signed originally as a midfielder but has converted to full back successfully. Has resisted the challenge of many big money buys but found himself relegated to the bench last Saturday.

CHRIS VINICOMBE

(Defender)

Born 20.10.70 in Exeter.

The sixteenth Englishman to have been signed by Rangers since 1986. Began his career with Exeter

It is perhaps a measure of Rangers current stature that, despite winning the Skol Cup only a matter of weeks ago, they would probably class the last month as an unhappy one.

For while most clubs would rate a season as a success if silverware were claimed, the Ibrox club, through their large investments and high business profile, have to set their sights much higher than the League Cup.

In that respect, they received a severe dent to their ambitions when they were eliminated from the Champions' Cup, the prize which is surely their ultimate goal, by Red Star Belgrade.

This defeat seemed to show that they are still light years from achieving any success in that arena but they can console themselves with the knowledge that while perhaps not good enough to compete with the best in Europe they still seem to be very much top dogs in Scotland.

Having lost only twice in the league (to Dundee United both times incidentally), their form is creditable whilst not exceptional but deserves plaudits for being achieved with an horrific injury list.

Oleg Kuznetsov, Richard Gough and Trevor Steven — nearly £5,000,000 worth of talent — are likely to be unavailable today and this is a problem the Ibrox club have had to contend with all season.

It has stretched their resources to the absolute limit and the much-publicised departure of Terry Butcher to become player-manager of Coventry City has certainly not helped either.

However, should Rangers be able to finish off November in the same manner as October, that is by beating Old Firm rivals Celtic, then it will surely be a pointer that the worst of their problems are over.

City in 1988. Joined Rangers in November 1989 for an initial payment of £100,000 with further payments due after so many appearances. An under 21 internationalist, has come into first team reckoning in recent weeks and made his first start of the season last Saturday.

JOHN BROWN

(Defender)

Born 26.1.62 in Stirling.

A £350,000 signing from Dundee in January 1988. Made his debut for Rangers against Hearts in the same month. Began his career with Hamilton Accies, signing from Blantyre Welfare in 1977. He moved to Dundee in 1984 and made his debut for the Den's Park side against Hibernian in 1984. Has occasionally operated in the left back position and at central defence where he has replaced the transferred Terry Butcher.

SCOTT NISBET

(Defender)

Born 30.1.68 in Edinburgh.

Joined Rangers in 1985 from Salvesen Boys' Club. Made his

league debut against Dundee as a substitute in September 1986.

Signed as a striker he made his breakthrough during season 1987-88 as a full back with the occasional game playing up alongside Ally McCoist. Regained his first team place a fortnight ago against Dundee United and filled the right back position last Saturday.

NIGEL SPACKMAN

(Midfield)

Born 2.12.60 in Romsey.

Began his career with AFC Bournemouth before joining Chelsea for £50,000 in June 1983. Was a surprise signing by Kenny Dalglish for Liverpool in February 1987 for £400,000. He was on the move again in January 1989, this time to Queens Park Rangers for £350,000. Moved north in November 1989 to join Rangers for £500,000 and he made his league debut at Tynecastle in a 2-1 win. Has been a diligent worker in Rangers midfield this season.

TERRY HURLOCK

(Midfield)

Born 22.9.58 in London.

... RANGERS



Rangers first team squad for season 1990-91

Photo courtesy Rangers News

A surprise £300,000 signing by Rangers in August from Millwall. Began his career as an apprentice with West Ham but was released. Was playing non-league football with Leytonstone & Ilford before joining Brentford in 1980. Moved to Reading in 1986 for £90,000 before Millwall signed him a year later for £95,000.

ALLY McCOIST
(Forward)

Born 24.9.62 in Bellshill.

Began his career with St. Johnstone, scoring 22 goals in 57 appearances for the Saints before moving south to join Sunderland in 1981 for £320,000. Made his debut for the Roker Park side as a substitute against Ipswich Town in August 1981. Found goals hard to come by in his time at Sunderland, netting only 8 goals in 46 (plus 19 as a substitute) appearances before he joined Rangers in 1983 for £180,000. Capped by Scotland at youth, under 21 and full levels, making his debut against Holland in 1986. Scored the vital goal for Scotland eleven days ago in Bulgaria. Has netted 11 goals for his club this term.

MAURICE JOHNSTON
(Forward)

Born 13.4.63 in Glasgow.

Started his senior career with Partick Thistle, joining them in 1980 from Milton Battlefield. In his time at Firhill, he netted 40 goals in 85 appearances before joining Watford in November 1983 for £200,000. He returned north in October 1984 and joined Celtic for £400,000. In 1987 he was on the move again, this time he went abroad to join FC Nantes for £325,000. The ex-Scotland striker joined Rangers in July 1989 from FC Nantes in a £1,500,000 deal which saw him become the first publicised Catholic to play for the Ibrox club. Scotland's top scorer this season with 12 goals in all competitions.

MARK HATELEY
(Forward)

Born 7.11.61 in Wallasey.

Began his career with Coventry City in 1978, making his debut against Wolves in May 1979. He joined Portsmouth in May 1983 for £190,000. Mark hit the headlines in June 1984 when AC Milan paid £915,000 for him. He was on the

move in 1987 this time to France to join AS Monaco. Capped at under 21 and full levels by England, making his debut against USSR in 1984. Moved to Ibrox during the close season for an initial fee of £500,000.

MARK WALTERS
(Forward)

Born 2.6.64 in Birmingham.

Came through the ranks at Aston Villa, playing in their FA Youth Cup winning team in 1980. Made his league debut as a substitute against Leeds United in April 1982. Became a regular in the side during the 1982-83 season. He made 224 appearances, scoring 48 goals for Aston Villa before joining Rangers in December 1987.

PETER HUISTRA
(Forward)

Born 18.1.67 in Goenga.

Began his career in Holland with FC Groningen. He moved to Veendam but after a year he joined Twente Enschede. A former Dutch Under 21 internationalist, Pieter has been capped five times at full level by Holland. Joined Rangers in August in a £300,000 deal



IT should come as no surprise to those who have been following closely the fortunes of Celtic Football Club this season that at the centre of last week's tremendous 4-1 win over St Mirren was man-of-the-match Joe Miller.

For when the diminutive winger has sparked this term Celtic have profited to such a degree that the teams ups and downs have reflected the player's personal fortunes.

Unable to command a place in Celtic's first eleven at the beginning of the season, the ex-Aberdeen man had to content himself with a place on the substitutes' bench.

However after coming off the bench to score a face saving winner against Queen of the South in early September, a run of terrific displays from the player saw Celtic's play rejuvenated and a number of fine results follow.

Then as Miller's form began to shade so too did the team's performances in a period which saw the Skol Cup final lost to today's opponents Rangers and reverses against Aberdeen and Hearts.

Both player and club will be praying that last Saturday's convincing win means events have turned full circle and the team can look forward to a new phase of prosperity.

For Joe though, the problems the team have encountered of late have emanated from the fact that goals have not been scored at the frequency needed.

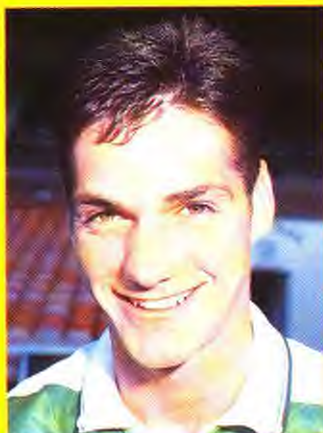
Speaking prior to last Saturday he said "It is hard to pinpoint exactly why we have not been scoring enough goals.

"We are creating more than enough chances but are just not putting the ball in the back of the net," Miller says forcefully.

Perhaps last Saturday marked the eradication of what has been a debilitating malaise and signalled better times.

Equally important, the Celtic

ON THE SPOT



JOE MILLER

Position: Forward.
Date of Birth: 8.12.67
Birthplace: Glasgow.
Age: 22.
Height: 5ft 8in.
Weight: 9st 12lb.
Signed: November 1987.
Previous Clubs: Aberdeen.
Debut: November 14, 1987 v Dundee (scored in 5-0 win).

supporters will be hoping that the game indicated that Joe Miller was back to his devastating best.

For undoubtedly the player has been something of an enigma in his three years with the club.

Blessed with an abundance of skill and ability, most would agree that whilst more than capable of making a matchwinning contribution he has yet to achieve a satisfactory level of consistency in his play.

The player believes the charge is an unfair one when taken within the context of a team performance.

"Confidence on the day has a lot to do with how well you play and sometimes it is obviously not there.

"I mean it is impossible to play well every week and often people overlook a contribution if it is not what they have come to expect.

"For instance everyone likes to see Joe Miller speeding down the wing and taking players on but in some games I am asked to play a position or perform a function which doesn't allow me to do this.

"Some weeks it will be a case of doing lots of hard work and running OFF the ball in order to

CELTIC CAREER DETAILS

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	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
87-88	24(3)	3	-	-	5(1)	-	-	-	29(4)	3
88-89	16(6)	8	3	-	3	1	2	-	24(6)	9
89-90	16(8)	5	(1)	-	6	1	1	-	23(9)	6
Total	56(17)	16	3(1)	-	14(1)	2	3	-	76(19)	18

help the team and teamwork is priority number one.

"It may not make me look as good if I am back defending or helping the full backs cover an opposition attack but I have no hesitation in filling that role.

"Because each player must be aware of what is required of him in a game. The team's overall performance will always be far more important to me than personal glory gained, perhaps, at the expense of a result," he states forthrightly.

With a healthy total of five goals in 12 matches, a rate of just under one every second game, Joe's own contribution in the scoring states has been a vital one.

It could also suggest that after much unhappiness at being posted in a sometimes isolated position on either of the touchlines the winger has become more of a free roving wide man.

"I don't know about having a free role. It is simply making the best of whatever position I am chosen to play and giving 100 per cent," he offered as an explanation.

When the retrospective of Celtic's 1990-91 season is being compiled it could well be that two events will be highlighted as crucial points.

For with the team going along confidently the board upheavals closely followed by the lose of the Skol Cup final seemed to knock the players out of their stride.

"The players have ignored the behind the scenes scenario at the club. We would rather not know.

"We are payed to play the game and do not want to get involved with the club's internal politics," Miller states in no-nonsense fashion.

Though denying then any negative effect of the boardroom changes Joe does concede that the club suffered a Skol Cup hangover.

"I think the way in which we



lost the cup to a sucker punch, after having had it virtually won, was a deep blow which perhaps carried over."

Today's Old Firm clash will be the team's first meeting since that Skol Cup final roughly a month ago and Joe, a self confessed supporter as well as player, believes Celtic have some making up to do.

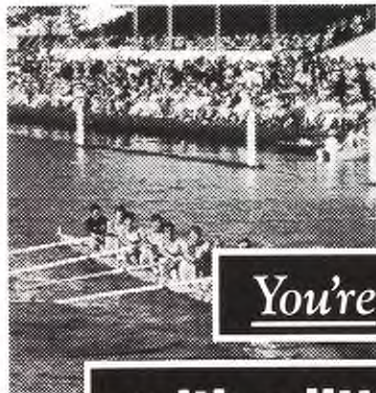
"We have a real point to prove. Because frankly we are fed up with the results we have achieved against them in recent times when we feel we have very often been the better side but not managed a result to reflect that.

"There is a real determination amongst the players to set things to right and I am certain we will not lose this one," Miller concluded with assurance.

FIRST TEAM FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE SEASON ...



DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	SCORE	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aug 22	Ayr United	LC	4-0	21,000	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	Elliott ²	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dzrek'ski ²	Walker	Collins	Miller(7)	Hewitt(4)
Aug 25	Motherwell	PD	0-2	17,562	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	McLaughlin(7)	Miller(10)
Aug 29	Hamilton Accies	LC	1-0	9,168	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Fulton	Miller
Sept 1	Aberdeen	PD	0-3	45,222	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Nicholas	Collins	Miller (6)	Walker (10)
Sept 5	Queen of the South	LC	2-1	18,669	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Nicholas	Collins	Miller(7)	Walker (10)
Sept 8	Hibernian	PD	2-0	29,464	Bonner	Grant	McLaughlin	Baillie	Elliott	Fulton	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Creaney (7)	McCarson (9)
Sept 15	Rangers	PD	1-1	38,543	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Grant	Baillie	Whyte	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Creaney (9)	Fulton
Sept 22	Hearts	PD	3-0	38,409	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller ²	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Galloway(4)	Creaney(10)
Sept 25	Dundee Utd	LC	2-0	49,975	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Galloway(4)	Walker(9)
Sept 29	St. Mirren	PD	3-2	20,097	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Wdowczyk	Hewitt (9)
Oct 6	St. Johnstone	PD	0-0	27,014	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	Grant	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(6)	McCarrison
Oct 13	Dunfermline	PD	1-1	16,053	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(7)	Baillie
Oct 20	Dundee United	PD	0-0	34,363	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Miller	McStay	Hewitt	Walker	Collins	Morris(4)	Hayes(7)
Oct 28	Rangers	LC Final	1-2 aet	62,281	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Miller	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(4)	Morris(7)
Nov 3	Aberdeen	PD	0-3	21,000	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Galloway	McStay	Dzrek'ski	Walker	Collins	Hayes(4)	Miller(9)
Nov 6	Motherwell	PD	2-1	20,317	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Baillie	Rogan	Miller	McStay	Coyne ²	Walker	Collins	Dzrek'ski	Galloway
Nov 10	Hearts	PD	0-1	19,188	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Baillie	Rogan	Miller	McStay	Coyne	Walker	Collins	Dzrek'ski(10)	Galloway(4)
Nov 17	St. Mirren	PD	4-1	25,686	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Baillie	Rogan	Miller	Grant	Nicholas	Walker	Collins	Coyne(7)	Galloway
Nov 24	Rangers	PD															
Dec 1	Hibernian	PD															
Dec 8	Dundee United	PD															
Dec 15	Dunfermline	PD															
Dec 22	St. Johnstone	PD															
Dec 29	Hearts	PD															
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Jan 5	Hibernian	PD															
Jan 12	Motherwell	PD															
Jan 19	Aberdeen	PD															
Jan 26	Scot Cup rd 3	—															
Feb 2	Dundee United	PD															
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Feb 16	St. Mirren	PD															
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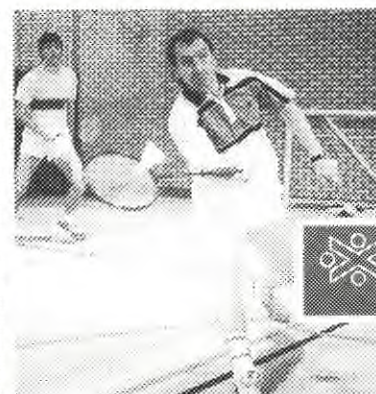
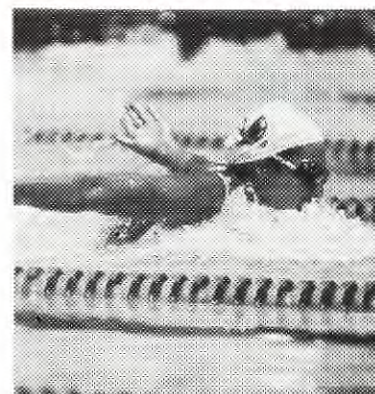
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About Today's Game

■ RANGERS' 1-0 win on their last league visit to Celtic Park was their first clean sheet at Celtic Park since March 1983.

It was also their first win at Parkhead without losing a goal since 1 January 1964 when they won by the same 1-0 scoreline.

■ SCORING substitutes in Old Firm matches are a rare breed. The first was Derek Johnstone in the 1971 Scottish Cup final while Celtic's first was Davie Provan in a 3-0 league win at Celtic Park in April 1984.

■ THE first time Celtic missed a penalty in an Old Firm match was in a Glasgow Cup semi-final in 1898 and they managed to miss the same spot kick twice.

King and Divers were the sinners and two years later, when John Divers missed again, he became the first, and so far only, player to have missed two penalties in Old Firm matches.

■ OF the current Celtic playing staff, only three players have scored more than one goal in Old Firm league matches. They are Charlie Nicholas (6), Paul McStay (5) and Andy Walker (3).



Paul McStay.

■ EVERYONE appreciates that the Old Firm match is a game apart and it is also proven statistically.

As has been indicated in previous programmes, the first goal scored tends to be crucial, with there being just the odd occasion when the opposition fights back to win.

However, Celtic have won seven times after losing the first goal in Old Firm games while Rangers have won five times after falling behind, a much higher record of comebacks than in fixtures against other sides.

■ THE famous 4-2 league clincher at Celtic Park in 1979 was the first time Celtic had won a league game against Rangers after losing the first goal for over 13 years.

The previous occasion had been on January 31 1966 when Celtic won 5-1 after being a goal down at half-time.

Celtic's other famous 4-2 win over Rangers, this time at Ibrox in 1983, was the first time Celtic had won a league game there after losing the first goal since the war.

This has only happened once since, on New Year's Day 1985, when Maurice Johnston headed Celtic's equaliser and Brian McClair followed up with a winner in a 2-1 triumph.

■ RANGERS have only emerged winners after losing the first goal at Celtic Park in a premier division clash on one occasion, in August 1980.

This victory was their only win in the first 27 Old Firm premier division matches at Celtic Park.

■ IN premier division matches when Celtic scored first, they have won 16, lost five and drawn 10.

In the matches when Rangers scored first, they have won 13, lost seven and drawn seven.

■ LAST season was by far Celtic's worst against Rangers in the history of the premier division with only one goal scored and one point taken.

The previous worst was two goals scored and two points won in 1975-76.

Despite scoring six goals against their city rivals in 1988-89, Celtic again emerged with only two points.

■ CELTIC'S best seasons were 1982-83, with nine goals and seven points, and 1987-88 when seven goals yielded the same number of points.



LEADING FROM THE FRONT ...

SO much has been written about Jock Stein's contribution to Celtic as a manager that there is a tendency to forget about his contribution to the club as player and captain.

For it was as a captain in the 1950s that his leadership potential became obvious, and led directly to his becoming the greatest legend in the rich tapestry of Scottish football history.

His signing for Celtic on December 4 1951 was so low key as to be almost invisible. His career for Albion Rovers had been competent but unspectacular and at Llanelli in Wales, he was fast heading for obscurity.

He was delighted to return to Scotland for his family's sake, even though Celtic was not the team of his family background, but he could hardly have imagined to what dizzy heights he was to soar.

He had been signed to cover for injuries, and it was a combination of these injuries to various defenders which led to his debut at Celtic Park against St Mirren the Saturday immediately after he signed.

The team won 2-1, and he seemed to have acquitted himself well enough. By the end of season 1951-52 he had played 19 times for the first team, and had clearly ousted Mallan, Boden and McGrory as the regular centre half.

The following season saw Jock established as captain. The circumstances were unusual for there must have been several players who must have been surprised at the elevation of this comparative newcomer.

Sean Fallon, in fact, was chosen as captain, but the tradition of the club at that time was that the captain could appoint his own vice-captain.



David W. Potter calls for a reappraisal of the playings day of **Jock Stein** whose contribution as a victorious Celtic captain has, he argues, been under-rated.

Fallon chose Stein whose reliability, leadership qualities and knowledge of the game was beginning to impress him. The good relationship between the two men was going to be a crucial part of the glory days in later years.

Early in the season, as the team struggled, Fallon came to rely more and more on Jock, and when the captain broke his arm immediately before Christmas, Stein took over and never relinquished the office.

It was a stern test of character. The league form was dismal (Celtic finished eighth that season) and there was a sad Scottish Cup exit at Ibrox.

The fans, although still loyal, were restive and there a few players in the team who must have been a little difficult to keep happy.

But that year, being Coronation

Year, saw an extra competition called the Coronation Cup being contested by the best eight teams in Britain.

Celtic were nothing like one of the eight best teams, but were included because of their crowd potential. And who would have imagined that on May 20 1953, Hampden would be covered with green, white and gold as Jock Stein received the coveted trophy.

It was a tremendous triumph for the grit, determination and guts of the captain to have led such an apparently mediocre side to that triumph!

Stein himself, as he was always willing to admit, was not a great player. He might, indeed, have been labelled ambiguously as "passable", but he was an outstanding captain, showing a tremendous ability to get the best out of others.

This came to the fore the

... JOCK STEIN



Jock Stein (centre) proudly clutching the Coronation Cup flanked by John Bonnar (left) and Jimmy Walsh.

following season when Celtic, although at one point miles away, bounced back to land their first League Championship and Scottish Cup double for 40 years.

He also earned his solitary international honour that year - a cap for the Scottish League against the English League.

The 1954-55 season which followed was a "nearly" term for Celtic. They finished up second in the league, and were only minutes away from another Scottish Cup win when an elementary goalkeeping error gave Clyde a replay which the Shawfield team won.

Stein could not really be held responsible for these tragedies,

and in fact seemed to grow in stature the longer he played for the club.

He was never a fast player, and certainly was not in the first flush of youth (he was approaching his 35th birthday) but that was more than compensated for by the zest, enthusiasm and love for the game that he brought to his play.

Early in the following season he sustained a serious ankle injury in a League Cup game against Rangers at Celtic Park.

This effectively brought his playing career to an end (although he did bravely try to make a comeback) and indeed left him with a slight limp which he

carried with him until his death in 1985.

But he was clearly too good a man to be retired from football for ever, and a job was found for him at Celtic Park coaching the youngsters. In this he was to prove an outstanding success.

In March 1960, he left Celtic Park to become manager of Dunfermline Athletic. This temporary stay in Fife was to bring Celtic a great deal of distress, notably in that Scottish Cup final of 1961, but Jock's departure from Celtic Park was more "au revoir" than "goodbye."

The glory days had yet to dawn.



RESERVES — FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE SEASON

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	SCORE	COMP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aug 25	Motherwell	H	7-1	P	McLean	Dolan	McCahill	Beattie	Rogan	Creaney ²	Galloway	Fulton	Hewitt	Britton	Coyne ²	Mathie (7)	McCar'sn (10)
Aug 28	Rangers	A	0-2	W	McLean	Dolan	Campbell	McNally	Galloway	Rogan	Mathie	O'Neil	Britton	McCarrison	McCarrison	Beattie(5)	Donaghy(10)
Sept 1	Aberdeen	A	4-2	P	McLean	McNally	Baillie	McCahill	Beattie	O'Neil	Galloway	Fulton	Hewitt	Coyne ²	Britton	McCarrison(11)	Roche
Sept 3	Queen of the South	A	'8-1	W	Trialist	Dolan	Campbell	McNally	Baillie	Donaghy	Creaney ²	O'Neil ²	McCarrison	Trialist	Trialist	Trialist(8)	Beattie
Sept 6	Queens Park	A	6-0	W	McLean	McNally	Fulton	McCahill	Baillie	McCahill	Donaghy	Creaney	Britton	Trialist	Hewitt	O'Neil(7)	McCarrison(4)
Sept 8	Hibernian	A	4-1	P	McLean	Morris	McNally	McCahill	Beattie	Hayes	Donaghy	O'Neil	Rogan	Nicholas	coyne	Britton(5)	Roche
Sept 15	Rangers	H	2-3	P	McLean	Dolan	Beattie	Galloway	McCahill	McNally	O'Neil	McCarrison	McCarrison	Hewitt	Hayes	Coyne(9)	Britton
Sept 17	Airdrie	H	6-3	W	Murdoch	McNally	McLaughlin	Galloway	McCahill	Beattie	Creaney ²	R. McStay	McCarrison	Donaghy	Fulton	Britton(9)	Trialist(4)
Sept 22	Hearts	A	4-1	P	McLean	McNally	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Baillie	Widowczyk	Hayes	O'Neil	McCarrison	Nicholas	Hewitt	Coyne ² (10)	Britton
Sept 24	Ayr United	A	1-0	W	Murdoch	Dolan	Widowczyk	O'Neil	McCahill	Beattie	B. McLaughlin	Donaghy	Coyne	Britton	Campbell	Hastie(2)	Trialist(11)
Sept 29	St. Mirren	H	3-1	P	McLean	McNally	Baillie	Galloway	P. McLaughlin	Hayes ²	O'Neil	Galloway	Coyne	McCarrison	Britton	Dolan(10)	Donaghy(11)
Oct 6	St. Johnstone	A	1-1	P	McLean	McNally	Widowczyk	Galloway	Baillie	Hayes	Hayes	Donaghy	Walker	McCarrison	McCarrison	Hastie(10)	McCahill(11)
Oct 11	Cydebank	A	2-1	W	Murdoch	Dolan	Campbell	Donaghy	McCahill	Beattie	Hayes	Roche	McCarrison	Coyne	Mathie	Britton(9)	McCahill(11)
Oct 13	Dunfermline	A	1-5	P	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	Baillie	Beattie	Hayes	O'Neil	McCarrison	Nicholas	McCarrison	Hastie(8)	Smith
Oct 17	Stranraer	H	7-1	W	Murdoch	Dolan	Campbell	Donaghy	Baillie	Beattie	McCarrison	Roche	McCarrison	Nicholas	Mathie	Donaghy(6)	Britton(11)
Oct 20	Dundee Utd	A	3-2	P	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	McCahill	McCahill	McCarrison	O'Neil	Britton	Nicholas	Hewitt	Hastie(10)	McCarrison(11)
Oct 22	Falkirk	H	2-1	W	Murdoch	Dolan	Campbell	Donaghy	Baillie	McCahill	Donaghy	O'Neil	McCarrison	Coyne	Mathie	McCarrison(4)	Beattie
Oct 25	Motherwell	A	2-0	P	McLean	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	Beattie	McCahill	McCarrison	Hastie	McCarrison	Roche	Hayes	Donaghy(4)	Mathie(10)
Oct 29	Hamilton A.	A	2-2	W	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Roche	Baillie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	McCarrison	McCarrison	Coyne	Britton(10)	Dolan
Nov 3	Aberdeen	A	'2-1	P	Murdoch	Morris	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Baillie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	McCarrison	Britton	Coyne	McCarrison(7)	Roche
Nov 5	Morton	A	3-0	W	McLean	McNally	Campbell	Roche	Beattie	McCahill	McCarrison	R. McStay	Coyne	Nicholas	Hastie	McCarrison(7)	Roche
Nov 10	Hearts	H	3-2	P	McLean	Morris	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Beattie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	Britton ²	McCarrison	Hastie	Dolan(7)	O'Neil(8)
Nov 13	Albion Rov.	A	5-0	W	Murdoch	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	McCahill	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	Nicholas	Walker	Hayes	O'Neil(8)	McCarrison(10)
Nov 17	St. Mirren	A	3-1	P	Murdoch	Morris	P. McLaughlin	Roche	McCahill	Beattie	Mathie	R. McStay	McCarrison	Walker	Hayes	O'Neil(10)	Donaghy
													McCarrison	Walker	Hayes	Britton(7)	O'Neil

RESERVE SCENE

BY his own admission, Raymond McStay's season so far has read more like a medical report than an account of a young footballer's progress.

For TWO injuries stretching back to before the beginning of the competitive season, and following almost on the back of one another, have succeeded in virtually writing off the first three months of the season.

Raymond himself takes up the story. "I broke my wrist on the very day before we were due to play our first warm-up match in preparation for the new season.

"That kept me out for roughly a month but the only saving grace was that I could still exercise with my cast on.

"However in only my second game back in late September against Hearts I had my jaw broken which required to be operated on and left me literally bed-ridden.

"Therefore I fell way behind in terms of fitness and since returning four weeks ago it has just been a case of squeezing in as many game as possible in an effort to get fully fit.

"Right now that initial sharpness is not quite there but that will obviously take time.

"Though with both the Premier and West leagues providing opportunities for games I hope to be back to my best quickly," he said.

Time is of the essence for any young football desperate



RAYMOND McSTAY

Position: Midfield.
Date of birth: 16.5.70.
Birthplace: Hamilton.
Age: 20.
Height: 5ft 11in.
Weight: 11st.
Signed: May 1987.
Previous Club: Celtic Boys' Club.

to establish himself and that is why Raymond's two injuries have been all the more galling.

Because after signing a new two year contract at the end of a very good last season for Celtic's reserves the midfielder is looking upon this term as crucial.

"I will just be turning 21 at the end of the season and at that age you are looking to make inroads into the first team.

"I am viewing this season as the one to attempt a breakthrough at least to the point where I am being considered for the first team pool.

"It goes without saying that the injuries couldn't have come at a worse time but now I am back I am excited about the prospect of starting games and taking it from there," he says with relish.

It is reasonable to assume that with a full season under his belt Raymond would be under serious consideration

for the first team.

Because, along with the performances of Gerry Creaney, Steve Fulton, Mark McNally and Paul McLaughlin, the vision and sweet passing of Raymond McStay was one of the most impressive features of the reserve team last season.

The difference now of course between Raymond and his four team-mates is that he remains the only one not to have broken through to the first team ranks.

His feelings for his friends who have now done so though are only of delight and reflected hope for himself and the other youngsters in the reserves.

"I am really happy for all the lads who have debuted this year and think they all deserve it.

"Of course it also shows that you have got to keep on working because when you are ready you will get the chance to prove yourself.



APPEARANCES

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	PREMIER DIV.			SKOL CUP			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
P. Bonner	13			5			18		
J. Collins	13			5			18		
P. Grant	12			5			17		
P. McStay	11		2	5		1	16		3
D. Dziekanowski	9	+1	1	5		4	14	-1	5
P. Elliott	9			5		3	14		3
A. Rogan	11			2			13		
J. Miller	10	-3	4	2	-2	1	12	-5	5
S. Fulton	9			2			11		
G. Creaney	8	-3	4	2		1	10	-3	5
D. Whyte	6		1	4			10		1
D. Wdowczyk	7			2			9		
C. Morris	4	+1		3	-1		7	-2	
A. Walker	4	-1		2	-2		6	-3	
M. Hayes	2	-2		3			5	+2	
L. Baillie	5		1				5		1
P. McLaughlin	2	-1		2			4	+1	
C. Nicholas	2			1			3		
T. Coyne	2	-1	3				2	+1	3
M. McNally	2						2		
J. Hewitt	1	+3			+2		1	+5	
M. Galloway	1	-3			-1		1	+4	
D. McCarron		+1						+1	

RESERVE TEAM

PLAYER	PREMIER DIV.			WEST			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
S. McCahill	11	-1	1	8			19	+1	1
M. McNally	10			6			16		
M. Donaghy	6	+2		8	+1	2	14	+3	2
D. McCarron	6	+4	2	7	+1	7	13	+5	9
G. Britton	4	-5	3	8	-1	10	12	-6	13
J. Beattie	5			7			12		
P. McLaughlin	9		2	3		1	12		3
M. McLean	9			3			12		
B. O'Neil	7	+1	2	4	-3	5	11	+4	7
A. Mathie	7	+1	1	4	+1		11	-2	1
L. Baillie	7		2	4			11		2
T. Coyne	8	+2	8	2		2	10	+2	10
M. Galloway	8		2	2		1	10		3
M. Hayes	8		6	2		1	10		7
A. Murdoch	4		6				10		
B. Dolan	2	+1		7	+1	1	9	+2	1
D. Roche	3	+1		5			8	+1	
C. Nicholas	6		2	2		1	8		3
K. Campbell				7		1	7		1
R. McStay	4			3		1	7		1
J. Hewitt	4		2	2			6		2
S. McBride		+1		5		1	5	-1	1
W. Hastie	1			3	+3		4	+3	
G. Creaney	1		2	3		4	4		6
S. Fulton	2		1	2		1	4		2
A. Rogan	2		1	1			3		1
A. Walker	3		1				3		1
D. Wdowczyk	2			1		1	3		1
B. McLaughlin				2	+1		2	+1	
trialists				5	+3	1	5	+3	1
own goals						1			1

TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	13	8	3	2	18	8	19
Aberdeen	13	6	6	1	20	9	18
Rangers	12	6	4	2	23	9	16
Celtic	13	5	4	4	16	15	14
St. Johnstone....	13	4	5	4	17	16	13
Hibernian	13	3	5	5	7	16	11
Dunfermline	12	2	6	4	14	19	10
Hearts	13	3	4	6	13	20	10
Motherwell	13	3	3	7	14	16	9
St. Mirren	13	3	2	8	11	25	8

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	13	10	1	2	39	21	21
Dundee Utd	13	9	2	2	28	11	20
Rangers	13	9	1	3	27	13	19
Motherwell	12	6	1	5	20	21	13
St. Johnstone....	13	5	2	6	16	22	12
St. Mirren	13	3	5	5	17	21	11
Hibernian	13	5	0	8	12	25	10
Aberdeen	13	4	1	8	28	29	9
Dunfermline	13	2	3	8	14	22	7
Hearts	12	2	2	8	8	24	6

RESERVE LEAGUE WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	11	9	1	1	42	11	19
Clydebank	11	8	1	2	29	14	17
Rangers	10	7	1	3	21	11	15
Partick Thistle....	10	5	3	2	22	13	13
Ayr United	11	5	3	3	20	19	13
Airdrie	9	5	2	2	20	18	12
Kilmarnock	8	5	1	2	27	8	11
Morton	10	5	0	5	22	26	10
Dumbarton	11	4	2	5	18	23	10
Stranraer	12	5	0	7	22	29	10
Clyde	9	2	4	3	14	15	8
Hamilton Acas... ..	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
Albion Rovers ...	12	3	1	8	18	32	7
Falkirk	9	2	2	5	18	14	6
Q.O.S.	11	2	1	8	15	43	5
Queen's Park	12	1	0	11	11	37	2

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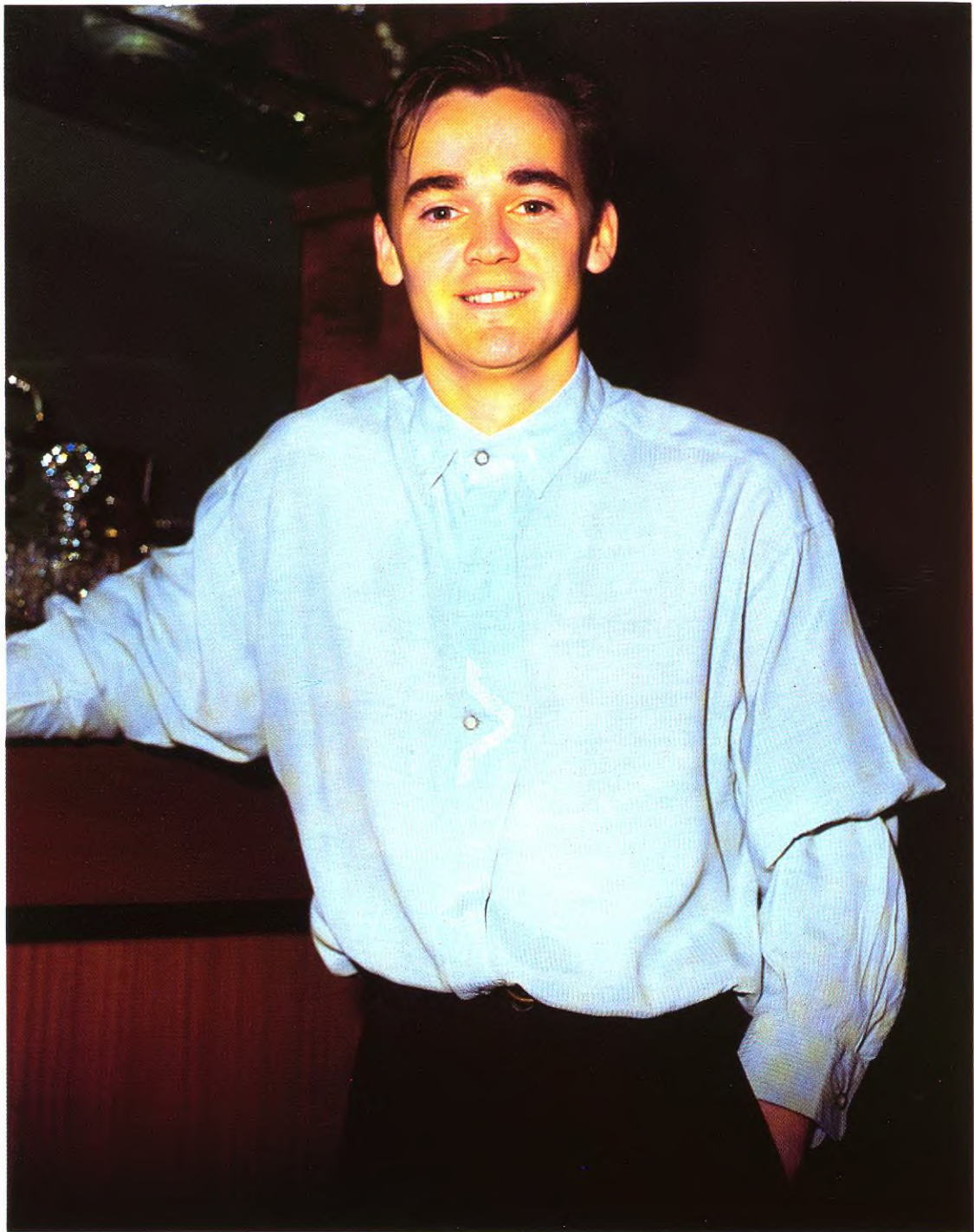


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OFF THE BALL ...

with **ANDY WALKER**

ANDY WALKER is not a player noted for temperamental outbursts on the football field. But if the 26 year old striker were to lose his composure he could always claim to have the perfect excuse.

For Andy's major interest outwith football is that sport for highly strung (as it were) individuals better known as tennis, where dissent is an almost obligatory feature of the game.

Not for Andy though whose talents on the court are legendary amongst the Celtic Park staff.

"I play a lot of tennis at Burnside Lawn Tennis Club where I am a member and the all weather courts they have there allow you to play all the year round," he said.

His team-mates, literally to their cost, know all about his prowess with a tennis racquet after his performances against them whilst on Celtic's pre-season tour of Germany.

"I lashed everybody up and took in lots of money especially off the Polish lads!" he states with a wicked grin.

In view of the fact that both the Poles seemed unaware of the full extent of Andy's tennis abilities the ex-Motherwell man does not deny indulging in a bit of hustling.

Married to Carol and living in Glasgow's south side, eight months ago Andy experienced a major change in his life which he describes as "the best thing to ever happen to me."

That was the birth of his first child, a baby daughter by the

name of Stephanie who, through Andy's choosing consumes most of the Celtic striker's time.

"I like taking her swimming and already she can support herself in the pool," Andy announces proudly.

His musical preference is for all things of a soul nature though he is a fan of some up-and-coming acts, amongst them his friend's band by the name of T.McD.

"One of the band members is a mate of mine called Chris Dunn and he wrote a song especially for my daughter Stephanie called "God's Child"

"They are a jazz funk combo and I am looking forward to their debut in Newland's Tennis Club.

"I would advise people to watch out for them because they are going to be good," he says plugging them unashamedly in the best Wogan show traditions.

The player, however is not adverse to doing a bit of singing himself should an opportune moment arise.

"Yes I am a bit of a chanter. Derek Whyte and I have been known to do a little party piece together, as often as not a Frank Sinatra number, as both of us think he's the main man.

"Indeed around this time last year we sang in aid of the Radio Clyde Cash for Kids appeal and raised a few bob.

"In all I think we collected around £200 pound which we were very pleased about."

QUICK QUIZ

1. Who scored Celtic's goal in the last Old Firm game at Ibrox?
2. Who hit the equaliser for Rangers?
3. In which round did the referee stop last week's Benn/Eubank fight?
4. What was the attendance at the fight?
5. Name the joint top scorers in this season's Glasgow Cup before today's game.
6. What is the total attendance of the two previous Old Firm clashes this season?
7. Who won last week's Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race?
8. The first Irish golfer to win the Open died last week, can you name him?
9. Who left St Mirren for Aberdeen during the week?
10. Apart from this season's Skol Cup final, when was the last time the clubs were involved in extra time?

ANSWERS

1. Derek Whyte; 2. Terry Hurlock; 3. Round nine; 4. Ten thousand; 5. Britton (Celtic); Flanagan (Rangers) four each; 6. 101,360; 7. Falkirk Victoria Harriers; 8. Fred Daly; 9. Davie Winnie; 10. Scottish Cup Final, 1979/80, Celtic 1 Rangers 0.

My top three records ...

1. God's ChildT.McD
2. Dream Level.....Regina Belle
3. Summer WindFrank Sinatra

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PAUL McLAUGHLIN	55
JOHN HEWITT	43

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Celtic v St Mirren

LEX BAILLIE

Lex came in and performed superbly on Saturday. I may be biased because of the position he plays but I felt his performance was undoubtedly the best by a player from either side.

BILLY McNEILL



DEFENSIVE
PLAYER

Judges: **GERRY GALLAGHER, BILLY McNEILL, HARRY HYNDS, TOM GRANT.**

CELTIC RESERVES



STAR OF
THE FUTURE

St Mirren Reserves1

Celtic Reserves3

We returned to top form at Love Street and won more convincingly than the scoreline suggests. It was pleasing to do so after struggling in recent weeks.

BENNY ROONEY

CELTIC BOYS' CLUB



PLAYERS OF
THE YEAR

CELTIC BOYS' CLUB

Players of the Month for October

Under-16s Stewart Kerr
Under-15s Stephen Brown
Under-14s Gary Brady

Under-13s Mark Smith
Under-12s Marc O'Brien

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SCORING POINTS

IT is an unfortunate fact of life that Old Firm supporters are often seriously blinkered by green/blue-coloured spectacles in the way they view all events relating to the game of football.

In consequence hardly a day passes without some Celtic or Rangers supporter writing to a newspaper or making his opinion heard in a phone-in with a complaint of bias in the media against that person's club.

As often as not a train of thought is followed and an extreme argument, which is extraordinarily petty, forwarded.

Callers making points such as:

- Why devote a page to a Rangers signing and only half a page to a Celtic equivalent?
- Why mention Celtic before Rangers on a radio report?
- Why use a green/blue backdrop on a television sports programme? ... ad nauseum!

All this adds up to is an unfounded paranoia complex which finds its resolution in 'the whole world is against us' mentality.

Every journalist, radio and television presenter is accused of being a closet supporter of 'the other side' by BOTH sets of supporters.

Yet ask any non Old Firm football supporter about bias and



The Old Firm in action ... Joe Miller takes on Stuart Munro.

they will tell that 'yes' it is true that the media are indeed biased, but IN favour of both Celtic and Rangers!

And this is perhaps closer to the mark, for the media at large love the Old Firm, not necessarily for any reasons of sentiment but because they sell newspapers, increase listening figures and bring in television viewers.

The pull of the Old Firm in Scotland is phenomenal and

every other club is a poor second when it comes to coverage ... hence the non-Old Firm fans' justified complaints.

However, the negative aspect of the all-consuming interest in Celtic and Rangers is that certain journalists will write hair-brained stories about the clubs in order to create a stir, make a name for themselves and hence sell newspapers.

At this point it is important to stress that another scribe, James Traynor, who has recently fallen foul of both clubs, is exempt from this criticism for his constructive comments have been thoughtful responses to situations rather than sensationalist cash-ins.

Perhaps his pillorying shows that the clubs themselves can be a shade too sensitive when dealing with the media, for surely it would be a sad day indeed if there was ever any attempt made to stifle dissenting voices in society.

That takes us down a dangerous road indeed.

Reasonable comment is an endangered species in the newspaper industry today and should surely be protected. For, far too often, tabloid journalists have too many relationships to preserve to write anything of real substance.

● **ANDREW SMITH**



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On this day in history ...

■ **1986:** Celtic played East Fife for Brian Jenkins' testimonial.

■ **1980:** Celtic played Arsenal at Highbury for Sammy Nelson's testimonial game, the match ending in a 0-0 draw. Over 6,000 Celtic fans made the journey south and left an incredible impression on all connected with the Arsenal club.

■ **1978:** Premier Division; Celtic 1, Partick Thistle 0. Tom McAdam scored the only goal of the game early in the second half. Attendance 26,000.

■ **1972:** First Division; Falkirk 2, Celtic 3. Kenny Dalglish scored two first half goals after Falkirk had taken the lead through McLeod. Dixie Deans netted Celtic's third before McLeod got another for Falkirk. Attendance 15,000.



Kenny Dalglish ... a double strike on this day 17 years ago.

November 25th

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■ **1967:** First Division; Raith Rovers 0, Celtic 2. In a game in which Tommy Gemmell missed a penalty he also scored one. He netted from the spot in 56 minutes and ten minutes later Willie Wallace got the second. Attendance 18,000.

■ **1964:** Jim Kennedy was in the Scotland team which beat Northern Ireland 3-2 at Hampden Park.

■ **1961:** First Division; Aberdeen 0, Celtic 0. Attendance 15,000.

■ **1959:** Matt McVittie was transferred to St Johnstone.

■ **1959:** Duncan McKay was in the under 23 team which drew 1-1 with Wales under 23's in Wrexham.

■ **1950:** Division A; Celtic 1, Third Lanark 1. A goal by John McPhail in twenty minutes put Celtic ahead, a lead which they held until just before the hour mark when Cuthbertson equalised for Third Lanark. Attendance 15,000.



Tom McAdam challenges Aberdeen's Alex McLeish ... but 12 years ago hit the winner against Partick Thistle.

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