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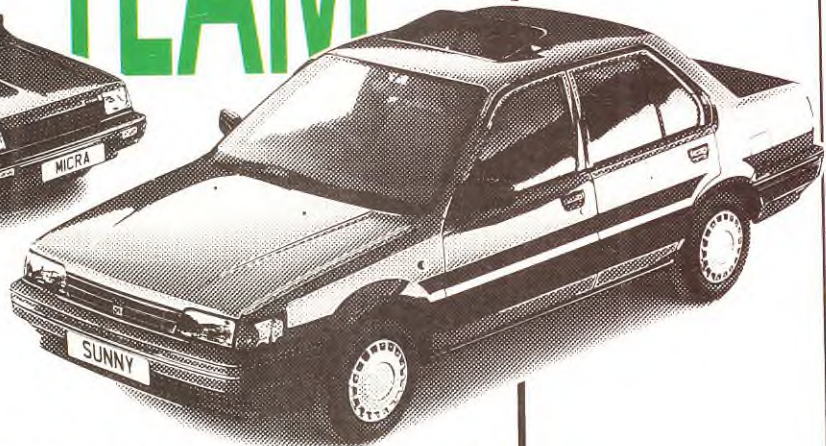
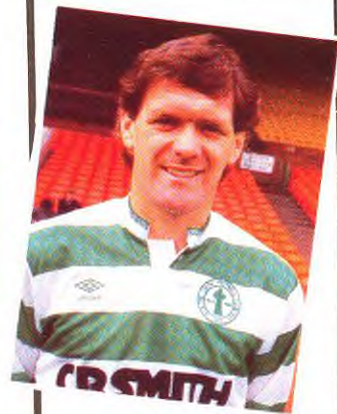
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HAMILTON NISSAN-YOUR No.1 CHOICE

ANOTHER great game is in prospect this afternoon as we prepare to take on Hearts.

After a shaky start the Tynecastle side have had a good recent run that included their superb 3-1 win over Aberdeen at Pittodrie last week.

We too, are in fine fettle for this confrontation. We have gained two comfortable Premier League wins in our last two games without ever having hit what I believe to be our top form.

Indeed I must praise the players from emerging from a very difficult period to go two points clear at the top of the league. There was always the danger that we would suffer a reaction from the disappointment of going out in Europe in such heartbreaking fashion. But I think many of the players realised that though we had gone out to Partizan we had nevertheless played some scintillating stuff.

Since then we've gone to Pittodrie to get a draw, followed by our 3-1 home win over Hibs and the comfortable 3-1 victory at Dens last week.

One of the most pleasing aspects of that game for us was the good showing of young Alex Mathie whom we had drafted in to start a first team match for the first time.

There's no doubting the hard and at times frantic pace of the Premier League and in this respect it was interesting to hear Craig Brown comment on the scarcity of under 21s at this level. That's why I was delighted to be in a position to bring in Alex.

Like David Elliot and Steve Fulton and Dugald

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THE
BOSS
SPEAKS
OUT

McCarrison before him he has given us cause for optimism.

Despite what the economic trend in football seems to be telling us I still believe there is still a very important place in the game for bleeding your own young talent; I'm still not convinced that adopting a policy of spend, spend, spend has ever stood up to close scrutiny.

The first team only started training for today's match on Wednesday because I felt they more than deserved a couple of days break owing to their gargantuan efforts of the last few months. The season is barely two months old and already most of my players have played close on 20 matches for club and country.

Last midweek we had seven players at all parts of the globe playing in very important international games.

Not that I'm complaining because we at Celtic are always delighted to support the Scotland cause in whatever way we can and to have our other players recognised by their respective countries.

Giving an extra edge to this afternoon's meeting is the fact that two of our closest rivals will not be playing today. I refer to the Skol Cup final meeting tomorrow of Aberdeen and Rangers. This gives us the chance to go four and five points clear of each respectively, which is a healthy advantage at any time of the season.

As I said before, we are steadily gaining in confidence and strength; such an advantage would not be easily surrendered.



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HEARTS



(from)

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Mr H. Dempsey (Erskine)

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	9	4	4	1	15	9	12
Hibernian	9	4	2	3	13	10	10
Motherwell	9	3	4	2	13	10	10
Hearts	9	4	2	3	14	12	10
Aberdeen	9	4	2	3	8	8	10
Dunfermline	9	3	3	3	15	12	9
Rangers	9	3	3	3	8	9	9
Dundee Utd	9	2	4	3	12	13	8
St Mirren	9	3	1	5	9	17	7
Dundee	9	1	3	5	12	19	5

TODAY'S HALF-TIMES

Dundee v Dunfermline
 Motherwell v Dundee United
 Falkirk v Morton
 Partick v Alloa
 Ayr v St Johnstone
 Albion Rovers v Meadowbank
 Clydebank v Airdrie
 Forfar v Hamilton
 Raith Rovers v Clyde

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	11	9	2	0	23	7	20
Partick	11	7	4	0	24	9	18
Airdrie	11	7	2	2	19	9	16
Raith Rovers	11	6	1	4	14	15	13
Alloa	11	4	3	4	21	16	11
Hamilton	11	3	5	3	13	16	11
Falkirk	11	3	4	4	16	14	10
Clydebank	11	3	3	5	19	20	9
Morton	11	2	5	4	13	17	9
Forfar	11	1	6	4	14	20	8
Ayr United	11	2	4	5	12	18	8
Meadowbank	11	2	4	5	12	18	8
Clyde	11	2	4	5	11	17	8
Albion Rovers	11	2	1	8	11	26	5

Burns' fresh approach

AROUND THE CLUB

THE Celtic Supporters Association are holding a special fundraising function night next Thursday.

They have organised a dinner and cabaret at their London Rd headquarters in honour of young Celtic midfielder Steve Murray who has tragically had to quit the game after a horrific leg injury sustained while playing against Motherwell reserves last September.

The Association hope the proceeds of the night will help Steve as he looks for a career outside the game.

NEWS BEAT

BOOK REVIEW - "Twists and Turns" The Tommy Burns Story

At last Tommy Burns has decided to tell the story of his career with Celtic; indeed about his whole life.

If any of you have ever read these books written by football stars you probably won't have been too impressed. But I can assure you this one leaves most of the others behind.

For starters Burns actually does tell you what he thinks of various people within the game and gives the low points as well as the peaks of his career with Celtic. He also talks sincerely about the great part his Catholic faith has played in his career.

FIGHT

Nor does he gloss over incidents such as the time he almost had a physical fight with Billy McNeill and actually did come to blows with Mick Mc Carthy after a game. According to Burns though, these incidents don't worry him unduly. Football is a serious business and worth falling out about; as long as the aggrieved parties in incidents such as these are man enough to make their peace. He also criticises the refereeing standard and Scotland's international selection policy over the years.

It's a refreshing book that doesn't contain childish stories about women and booze and puerile pranks on trips abroad. Instead it's just an honest appraisal of the life and times of a Celtic player - not a bed of roses, but he wouldn't have swapped it for anything.

PAUL'S SCHOOLS LAUNCH



PAUL McSTAY has long been a supporter of schools football after representing his country at every schoolboy level before breaking through into the Celtic first team. And last week he was delighted to help launch a schools football soccer sevens tournament funded by The SSFA and Tudor Crisps. The tournament is for under 12s and is open to each affiliated primary school in Scotland. Helping Paul to launch the venture recently were Glasgow models June and Gail (above).