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Its now become obvious that we are giving away goals too easily. This was certainly the case against Aberdeen last Saturday. We made the ideal start in that game — pushing the opposition back inside their own half with fast one touch football. I would normally have expected to turn that superiority into goals but instead it was Aberdeen who scored. Their first two goals came from long throw-ins. Suffice to say any side with top class ambitions should never lose goals that way.

INDIFFERENT

Consequently we left ourselves with too much to do and no matter how well the forwards or midfielders played we were always going to be chasing the game.

Having admitted the team's culpability in our indifferent start to the season its only fair to point out the part adverse circumstances have played.

We were faced with a mini goalkeeping

crisis when at one time all four keepers on our books were laid up for one reason or another.

Happily Pat Bonner has begun the road to recovery well ahead of schedule. He has now started training and we can look forward to seeing him in action of some sort in the next few weeks.

Peter Grant's viral infection which it appears, he had been carrying for some time, hence his jaded form lately, has not helped matters either.

However while our present position may not have been all of our making there is no-one but ourselves who can dig ourselves out of the hole. With an important European Cup match looming with Honved we cannot afford any more slip ups.

There are two more games to be played between now and then. No member of the squad has a guaranteed right to a place in the first team every week and I'll be looking for the players to prove to me that they are worth a place in the line-up against Honved.

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Morton.....	7	4	2	1	9	5	10
Ayr Utd.....	7	4	1	2	14	13	9
Falkirk.....	7	3	2	2	11	10	8
Forfar.....	7	3	2	2	9	8	8
Meadowbank.....	7	3	2	2	6	5	8
Clyde.....	7	3	2	2	7	9	8
Clydebank.....	7	2	3	2	13	9	7
St Johnstone.....	7	2	3	2	8	7	7
Kilmarnock.....	7	1	2	4	8	15	4
Raith R.....	7	1	1	5	6	11	3
Queen of Sth.....	7	1	1	5	7	14	3
Partick.....	7	1	1	5	8	17	3

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PREMIER DIVISION



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	6	5	1	0	13	3	11
Dundee Utd.....	6	4	2	0	10	4	10
Aberdeen.....	6	2	4	0	8	5	8
Hibernian.....	6	2	4	0	3	1	8
St Mirren.....	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Dundee.....	6	1	3	2	3	6	5
Hamilton.....	6	2	0	4	5	8	4
Celtic.....	6	2	0	4	5	11	4
Hearts.....	6	1	1	4	5	8	3
Motherwell.....	6	0	1	5	2	8	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arbroath.....	7	4	2	1	13	5	10
Queens Park.....	7	4	1	2	12	6	9
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NEWS BEAT

ONE of the most popular players at Celtic Park is midfielder Peter Grant. So it came as a great disappointment to many fans when it was recently revealed that he could be out of football for a while after suffering the effects of a mystery virus.

His popularity has been confirmed judging by the many letters we have received from fans wishing Peter a speedy recovery.

Get well soon Peter.

ALSO injured but receiving much less publicity is young midfielder Stevie Murray. Stevie, one of Celtic's brightest prospects suffered a bad injury in a recent reserve league match against Motherwell. He required an immediate operation but it could be a wee while before the extent of the damage can be properly assessed.

This can be a devastating blow for a player at this stage in a career. But judging by Stevie's fighting qualities displayed over the last 12 months in a Celtic jersey we're sure he will not take this setback lying down.

To him also go all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

FIFTEEN-year-old schoolboy footballer Gary Bendoras is the toast of his school right now. For the Bearsden Academy pupil has recently been signed on an S-form by Celtic.

He plays at centre forward and turns out each week for

Clydebank Boys Club whom he will continue to play for in the meantime.

ANOTHER signing for Celtic is 17-year-old Francis Gardner from Falkirk. Francis is a right back and starred for central region's top outfit Gairdoch Boys Club.

On Saturday he made his debut in a Celtic jersey during the reserves defeat at home by Dundee.



Spare a thought for Celtic captain Roy Aitken this Friday. On that morning he'll train as usual with his team-mates and then follows a quick dash to the other end of the city to Glasgow University. There he'll team up with team-mates Mark McGhee and Alan Rough to launch a fun run for health in the university quadrangles. The event kicks off at 12.30.

After this the Celtic captain heads down the coast to his Alma Mater, St Andrew's secondary in Saltcoats where he'll be posing for photographs with many of the school's pupils.

The pupils will have the chance of buying the photographs with all the cash going to charity.



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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 Kelman.

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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 McGarry (1935-36).

Highest aggregate scorer: James McGarry 397 (1922-1939).

Most capped player: Darryl McGrain 62 times for Scotland.

EURO SPOTLIGHT



OLEG PROTASOV

The Soviet goal-scoring sensation

IN his short career the goalscoring record of Oleg Protasov ranks alongside any of the present crop of illustrious centre forwards. The Russian with his pace, close control and accurate shooting ability shows all the hallmarks of the typical European striker and like many of his goalscoring peers also has the ability of being in the right place at the right time.

Although Protasov now plays for senior giants Dynamo Kiev his early days as a professional found him in the industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk playing for Dnepr. He made his debut soon after in a team which caused a great upset by clinching the Russian Championship for the first time in their history. Shortly after this unexpected early success Protasov enhanced

his reputation when he starred for his country in the World Youth Cup in Mexico. In 1983 sixteen months after his first league match he made his international debut against West Germany and scored his first goal at Wembley in only his third appearance in a 2-0 victory over England 1985/86 saw the talent of Oleg Protasov really blossom when he scored 35 league goals to finish runner up to European Championship rival Marco Van Basten in the 'Golden Boot' award. At the age of 21 he overhauled a thirty five year Soviet scoring record and was the most feared goalscorer in Russia since Oleg Blokin. His eight international goals of that season were largely responsible for his country qualifying for the World Cup

Final but unfortunately there was to be no happy return to Mexico for Protasov. A poor display in the Soviet opening match with Canada saw him lose his place to Igor Belanov and he did not feature again.

The European Championships would smile more favourably on the striker as the display of the Russian team confirmed its revival at International level where Protasov himself would also give examples of his resurgence of form. If his goal against the Republic of Ireland was a shade fortunate, then equally his goal against Italy in the semi final was a fine example of quality striking. At the age of 24 it can be said with certainty that the goals of Oleg Protasov will be making headlines for years to come.

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ON THE SPOT



**TOMMY
CRAIG**

IN LESS than two years with Celtic Tommy Craig has undergone just about every emotion known to human-kind.

He arrived as Celtic's first team coach towards the end of David Hay's tenure of power and watched helplessly as Celtic went further down the road to self destruction at the latter end of that season.

And when Hay was sacked Craig waited and wondered. He waited to see who the board would choose as successor to Hay and wondered whether he would still be in a job when the new man came along: "It was quite a traumatic time for me. There was the obvious disappointment at losing the league and a natural feeling of insecurity as I realised my job could be on the line.

"But when Billy came we decided to try things out for a while and then assess the situation and I'm glad to say we've never looked back. We work very well together. Billy's a superb manager."

There was the continuing euphoria of last season when it began to appear as though Celtic just could not do any wrong. This season, though, Craig, one of the most respected coaches in the modern game, has spent several sleepless nights trying to analyse just what has been going wrong with Celtic's title



challenge.

Craig was one of Scotland's gifted midfielders while he was with Aberdeen. This was tangibly recognised when he became Scotland's first six figure player when Sheffield Wednesday paid over £100,000 for his signature in 1969.

International recognition followed while with Sheffield Wednesday. After this Tommy seemed to go on magical mystery tour of England stopping off at several clubs on the way including Aston Villa and

Carlisle Utd. He'd always wanted to be a coach though and perhaps this was his way of gleaning as much experience as possible of the different approaches to the game employed by the various managers he played under.

Now the skills he picked up from several of Britain's top managers will be put to a stern test. As he tries to help boss Billy McNeill get the team back on the rails: "Its clear we're just not playing with the elan and style of last season." is Tommy's immediate assessment. "We're putting plenty into games though, — I would estimate that we enjoyed somewhere in the region of 75% of possession against both Aberdeen and Dundee. But what has to be remembered is that they were quite happy about that situation and so concentrated in hitting us on the break.

Last season we played fast football but the accent was on craft rather than graft, control rather than desperation; we always dictated the game."

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Tom Boyd

YEAR OF FORMATION:

1886

MOST CAPPED PLAYER:

George Stevenson (12)

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66 (Div. 1, 1931-32)

HIGHEST NO. OF**LEAGUE GOALS SCORED****BY A PLAYER IN ANY****ONE SEASON:**

William McFadyen

1931-32

NO. OF GOALS**SCORED: 52**

ITS been a troubling time for Motherwell this far into the new season but I suppose that makes two of us.

At least to-night Celtic are playing a side underneath them in the Premier League table.

For Motherwell the battle looks set to take place in the killing fields of the relegations zone. Although this season the casualties will not be as heavy as in previous campaigns. That's down to the simple fact that only one side will go down to the nether regions of the Scottish first division next season. Before the season began everyone's favourite for the drop was Motherwell's Lanarshire rivals Hamilton Accies. But they have slammed three knockers with some grizzly displays that's taken them to a position above Celtic in the tables. Meanwhile Motherwell languish at the foot of the table with only one point from a home match against Dundee to show for their efforts.

Rumours of internal strife between several players and the management have not helped matters and now 'Well have become the new favourites for the fall.

But anyone who witnessed their narrow 2-1 home defeat at the weekend by Dundee Utd would be forgiven for thinking that this has been a case of mistaken identity. Motherwell were mighty unlucky to lose to Utd and indeed could have secured both points as they outplayed their exalted neighbours for long spells. New signing Dave McCabe was outstanding and is he can reproduce that form for the rest of the season Motherwell should not have too many difficulties in staying up.

A look at the Motherwell playing staff compounds the surprise at seeing them in their present parlous

state. An initial glance reveals that there is a fine balance between youth and experience throughout the side.

A defence of Craig Paterson and Tom McAdam, the ex-Old Firm adversaries at the centre of things, backed up by ex-Scotland youth wizz kid John Philliben. On the other defensive flank is Fraser Wishart, a very talented defender and one of the few in Scotland who look as comfortable on the ball as in the tackle. Wishart has been one of the most sought after youth defenders in Scotland with a host of bigger clubs seemingly always on his trail. But for some reason or another he remains at Fir Park.

The young midfield duo of Steve Kirk and Tommy Boyd appear to have been around longer than their birth dates suggest. Both have loads of ability and are backed up by the more experienced Robert Russell and Ray Farningham. Steve Cowan though remains an enigma up front. Once the Premier League's most feared penalty box raider he is still capable of showing lethal sharpness inside the box. But he was sadly out of touch against Dundee Utd recently. To-night's stage though, could be just the one he needs to cajole him back to form.

With another 30 games remaining Motherwell will not be panicking just yet and I fully expect them to beat the drop. Like Celtic they will come good again although they may yet not reach the heights envisaged by their commercial manager. Writing in the Scottish League review he said: "The fact that we can now aim for new horizons with Europe being our eventual goal, gives the whole club a tremendous boost. The fact is though, that looking down their playing resources European football could be a realistic aim for this side who have a traditional cup fighting tradition.

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FACE TONIGHT

Bobby Lennox in action against Motherwell towards the end of his glittering career. Years earlier his goal against the Lanarkshire side put Celtic on the road to nine in a row glory.



A PREVIOUS CLASH ... A PREVIOUS CLASH ...

*Motherwell 3 Celtic 4
Att. 8,744
4th April 1979*

ALTHOUGH this match took place at the beginning of April, due to a number of postponements Celtic still had another 13 matches to play in the league after their visit to Fir Park. Celtic went into the match having just signed Vic Davidson from Blachpool for £30,000 the previous Wednesday and he went straight into the line-up against his former team mates.

Ian Clinging opened the scoring for the home side in the 20th minute but only 3 minutes later Danny McGrain treated everyone to one of his rare goals to equalize. Danny, a truly great Celt, scored a total of 4 goals for Celtic in over 400 league games. Before half-time Celtic seemed to have the points safe due to goals from Johnny Doyle in 32 minutes and Vic Davidson in the 43rd minutes.

Motherwell though kept battling away in a thoroughly entertaining match and pulled one back in the 79th minute through Stevens. However Celtic went straight up the park and restored their 2 goal lead thanks to a Bobby Lennox penalty. Just to keep the fans on their toes right to the end Mike Larnach scored for the 'Well but Celtic held on to win 4-3.

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**ANSWERS ON
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THE HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Who won the silver medal in the women's javelin this week?
2. How many Olympic games has veteran Italian sprinter Pietro Mennea taken part in? Three, four or five.
3. How many matches have Celtic played since they last had a draw?
4. If the runners-up in the 1978 European Cup played the runners-up of the 1969 European Cup which two sides would be facing each other?
5. What is the highest ever score in a major Scottish football final?
6. Who scored Celtic's winner in the 1954 Scottish Cup Final against Aberdeen?
7. Which major European Club's board of directors quit this week after threats had been made on their lives?
8. Who will receive a testimonial next week when Manchester United take on Hibs at Easter Road?
9. Who is Celtic's highest post-war scorer in Scottish Cup Finals?
10. Who won Bronze for Britain in the final of the Olympic men's 100m?

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Reserve Scene

THE STARS OF TOMORROW



*By Bobby
Lennox*



It was a case of mixed fortunes on the reserve front last week. The steadily improving Reserve League West side recorded a fine 5-2 home victory over Clyde last Monday evening at Celtic Park.

Now this side which comprises most of Celtic's teenage signings is sitting at the top of that league along with Queens Park who thus far are the only side to have defeated us in the league. Youth Development Officer Benny Rooney who now oversees the coaching needs of the third team, must take credit for the way he's worked with the lads since he arrived here recently.

Star of the show incidentally in the rout of Clyde is young Gerry Creaney who was in last season's B.P. youth team. He managed a goal and set up a few of the others. It seems he can't stop scoring these days and although I am reticent about handing out praise to individuals in public, Gerry deserves it this time for his terrific form recently.

Not so fortunate however was the Premier Reserve League side who lost 2-0 to Dundee at Celtic Park on Saturday. Previous to this we were the only un-beaten side in the country. We only have ourselves to blame for this setback. The game should have been comfortably tied up before half time as

we enjoyed the bulk of possession but we really failed to put the visitors' defence under any great pressure despite the territorial advantage.

We were soon made to rue our profligacy in front of goal when Dundee scored straight from the kick off at the start of the second half. Therefore we seemed to lose concentration and many attacks just seemed to peter out despite the fact that Dundee were rarely seen as an attacking force in that second half. As the seconds ticked away play grew more frantic and Dundee amazingly netted a second right on full time as Celtic pushed for an equaliser.

The lads though, are eager to bounce back with a win against Hibs at Celtic Park on Saturday and so keep intact our lead at the top of the Premier Reserve League.

Centre spread caption:

The Young Team

Back row l to r: Mark McNally, Gerry Briton, Barney McGee, Andy Murdoch, Stuart Balmer, John Traynor, Stevie Doman.

Middle row: Brian Scott (physio) Brian O'Neill, Dugald McCarrison, Sean McBride, Stevie Fulton, Alec Mathie, Raymond McStay, Declan Roche, Bobby Lennox (Coach).

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Small figures denote goalscorers.

Date	Comp	H/A	Opponents	Result	Andrews	Morris	Rogan	Aitken	McCarthy	Whyte	Miller	McStay	McAvennie	Walker	Grant	Burns	Stark	McGhee	Archdeacon	Rough	Baillie
Aug 13	PL	H	Hearts	1-0	1	2	3		5	4	7	8	9 ¹	10	6	11	12	14			
Aug 17	Skol Cup	H	Ayr Utd	4-0		2	3		5	4	7†	8	9 ¹	10 ²	6	11 ¹	12	14†	1		
Aug 20	PL	A	Dundee Utd	0-1	1	2	3	4	5†	6	14†	8	9	10	11	12†		7†			
Aug 24	Skol Cup	H	Hamilton Accies	7-2	1	2	3	4	5		7	8	9 ²	10 ²	6	11 ¹	12 ¹		14 ¹		
Aug 27	PL	A	Rangers	1-5	1	2	3	4	5	12†	14†	8	9 ¹	10	6	11†	7†				
Aug 31	Skol Cup	A	Dundee Utd	0-2	1	2	3	4	5	14	7	8	9	10	6	11	12				
Sept 3	PL	H	Hamilton Accies	2-1	1	2	3	4	5		7 ¹	8	9 ¹	10	6	11	12		14†		
Sept 7	Euro Cup	A	Honved	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	7					
Sept 17	PL	H	Aberdeen	1-3	1	2	3	4	5	6†	7 ¹	8	9	10†	11	12†		14†			
Sept 24	PL	A	Dundee	0-1		2	3	4		6	7†	8	9	10		11	14†	12†	1	5†	
Sept 28	PL	H	Motherwell																		
Oct 1	PL	A	Hibernian																		
Oct 5	Euro Cup	H	Honved																		
Oct 8	PL	H	St Mirren																		
Oct 12	PL	H	Dundee Utd																		
Oct 22	PL	A	Hearts																		
Oct 29	PL	H	Dundee																		
Nov 2	PL	A	Aberdeen																		
Nov 5	PL	A	Hamilton Accies																		
Nov 12	PL	H	Rangers																		
Nov 19	PL	H	Hibernian																		
Nov 26	PL	A	St Mirren																		
Dec 3	PL	A	Motherwell																		
Dec 10	PL	H	Aberdeen																		
Dec 17	PL	A	Dundee Utd																		
Dec 31	PL	H	Hearts																		
Jan 3	PL	A	Rangers																		
Jan 7	PL	H	Hamilton																		
Jan 14	PL	H	St Mirren																		
Jan 21	PL	H	Hibernian																		
Jan 28	Scot Cup																				
Feb 11	PL	H	Motherwell																		
Feb 18	Scot Cup																				
Feb 25	PL	A	Dundee																		
March 11	PL	A	Hearts																		
March 25	PL	H	Dundee Utd																		
April 1	PL	H	Rangers																		
April 8	PL	A	Hamilton Accies																		
April 15	PL	A	Motherwell																		
April 22	PL	H	Dundee																		
April 29	PL	A	Aberdeen																		
May 6	PL	H	Hibernian																		
May 13	PL	A	St Mirren																		
May 20	Scot Cup																				



What the Papers say

CELTIC'S defeat against Dundee was different than the other defeats this season. This time Celtic deserved to take something from the game. Unfortunately they were beaten again and now haven't won a match on opposition territory since the start of the season.

These sentiments were reflected in Jim Reynolds' summing up of the match in Monday's *Glasgow Herald*: "Things are not so bleak as the statistics show, and the thousands who made their way to Tayside at the weekend must have left Dens Park wondering what Celtic have to do before fortune smiles upon them."

Don Morrison of the *Sunday Mail* was also surprised at the Celtic defeat but pinpointed Anton Rogan's display as being of the man of the match proportions: "Billy McNeill pushed in Lex Baillie along with Rough, switching Anton Rogan to what was essentially a midfield role. It worked to the extent that Rogan was easily Celtic's best player. And he came so close to hitting the equaliser with a brilliant run but was slightly off target with his shot."

The *Scotland on Sunday* reporter commented thus: "McNeill must be wondering when his side's luck will change. Their performance by way of commitment could not be faulted but the frustration of repeated disappointment is clearly now encouraging frustration of a high order. Anxiety, especially where it matters in front of goal was the paramount feeling in their performance yesterday."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Fatima Whitbread; 2. Five; 3. 13; 4. Bruges v Ajax; 5 Celtic 6 Hibs 3 1974 League Cup Final; 6. Sean Fulton; 7. Ajax; 8. Gordon Rae; 9. Dixie Deans, 4; 10. Linford Christie.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

5 YEARS AGO

**EUFA Cup first round
September 28th 1983
Aarhus 1 Celtic 4**

THIS result was as unexpected as it was welcome. In the first leg Celtic had struggled against this Danish outfit and eventually won only 1-0 at Celtic Park. They even survived a Danish penalty miss.

But in this the return leg they swept away the opposition with goals from McLeod in 21 minutes, McGarvey six minutes later, Aitken in 47 minutes and Provan in 81. Scheepers scored in 76 minutes for the home side.

This earned Celtic a second round match against Sporting Lisbon.

CELTIC: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, McLeod, Provan, McStay, McGarvey, Burns, Melrose. Att: 15,000.

10 YEARS AGO

**Scottish Premier League
September 30th 1978
Celtic 2 St. Mirren 1**

THIS was Celtic's sixth victory in seven Premier League starts but was achieved in uninspiring fashion. Lynch opened the scoring with a penalty in 35 minutes but the fans had to wait for another 40 minutes before Alfie Conn made it 2-0. In 81 minutes though, St. Mirren were allowed to put a more respectable look on the result with a Hyslop goal.

CELTIC: Latchford, Fillipi, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldson, Glavin, Conroy, Burns, Provan, McAdam, Conn.

15 YEARS AGO

**Scottish League Division 1
September 29th 1973
St Johnstone 2 Celtic 1**

ST JOHNSTONE once more proved that Muirton Park had not been a particularly happy hunting ground for Celtic over the years. Celtic took the lead in only two minutes through Deans. But three minutes later Muir equalised for the home side. The game degenerated into a boot the ball anywhere battle. Both sides though, seemed content to get a draw but with six minutes remaining Pearson grabbed a shock winner for Saints.

CELTIC: Hunter, McGrain, Brogan, Murray, McNeill, Connelly, Johnstone, Dalglish, Deans, Hay, Hood. Att: 12,000



HELPING THE GAME

There is an organisation which receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

It pays £4.5 million to the Football Grounds Improvement Trust to help League clubs meet the demands of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act and improve their stadia.

It has set aside £2.3 million to ensure that all grounds in Scotland and England are covered by closed circuit television systems. It has allocated over £1 million to fund Football and the Community schemes at clubs throughout the UK.

The organisation is also injecting £1.25 million to assist 'non-League' clubs with essential safety work, paying over £1.3 million every year towards policing costs at League matches and investing £750,000 to improve transport facilities for football supporters.

The name of this organisation is THE FOOTBALL TRUST.

By the end of the year Spotting-the-Ball will have generated almost £70 million for The Football Trust and its sister organisation the Football Grounds Improvement Trust.

The body uniquely brings together representatives from all areas of the game and draws its membership from the Scottish Football League, the Scottish Football Association, the game in England, the PFA, local authorities, the police and pools firms.

The Football Trust's annual income of £9 million is in addition to the £6.5 million the Pool Promoters Association pay to the football authorities for the reproduction of the copyrighted fixtures on the pools coupons, thus making them the game's largest benefactor by far.

SUPPORTING SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

During the past year The Football Trust has been committed to developing Scottish football at every level. Its initiatives range from supporting an educational trust for Scotland's professional footballers to providing kit for unemployed teams; new terracing at Kirkintilloch Rob Roy to a new artificial pitch for community use at Stirling Albion; the UK's most extensive closed circuit television system at Hampden Park to portacabins at the Hill of Beath Ramblers; developing football in the Scottish Isles to a £250,000 safety programme at the national stadium; new coach park at Ibrox to covering 35% of policing costs at B&Q League matches.

The Football Trust works closely with the Scottish Football League, Scottish Football Association and the Scottish Sports Council.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in Scotland and England will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

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Safety	£ 416,385
Improvements	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.

by DAVID McDONALD

Celtic have won 20 of the last 23 league matches against Motherwell, including 11 straight wins at Celtic Park. Motherwell's last win over Celtic was on the 15th of January 1983 when Brian McClair scored twice to give them a 2-1 win.



Only Aberdeen have won more Premier League matches at Celtic Park than Motherwell. The Dons have won 8, Motherwell and Dundee United 4 each, and St Mirren 3. In fact Motherwell have won more Premier League matches against Celtic at Celtic Park than they have at Fir Park.



It is now over 10 years since a Motherwell goalkeeper kept a clean sheet in a league match against Celtic. The 'Well keeper was Stuart Rennie who kept goal at Celtic Park on the 2nd of January 1978 when a Jim O'Rourke goal gave Motherwell a 1-0 win.



Celtic's full league record against Motherwell is:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	81	59	11	11	202	82	129
Away	81	43	19	19	172	107	105
Total	162	102	30	30	374	189	234

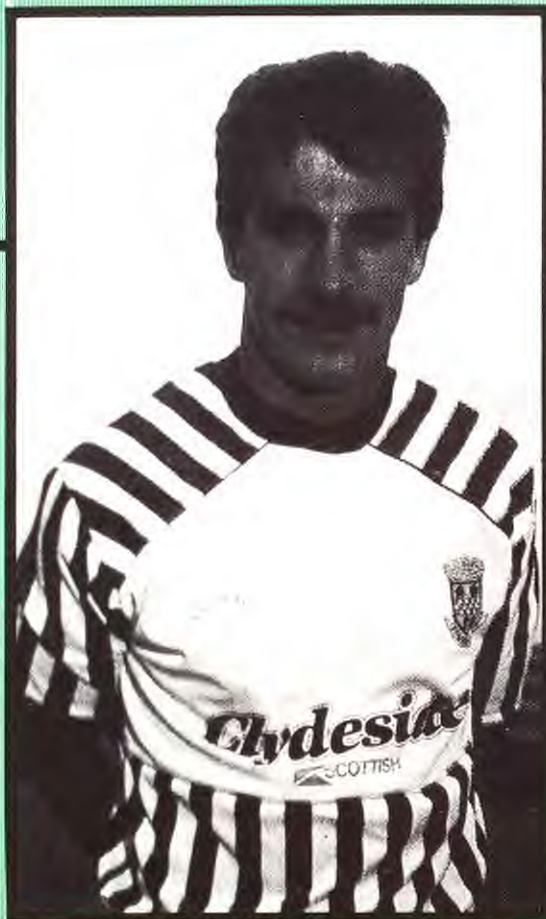


When Motherwell won the league in 1931/32 it was the first time neither Celtic or Rangers had won it for 27 years.



Last season was only the second time that Celtic had completed the Premier League grand slam over Motherwell, and it took a last minute Anton Rogan goal at Fir Park to do it. The only other time was the season 1985/86.





HIBS 1-0 victory over Hamilton Accies keeps intact their excellent defensive record. The Edinburgh side have now lost just one goal in six premier league games and that was a penalty by... Rangers at Ibrox.

Manager Alex Miller seems now to be reaping the rewards of a few years of patience. He's been lambasted by the fans for ensuring that his side play a more defensive formula. Now that is beginning to pay dividends. There are only a few sides in the Premier League who can afford to put the emphasis on all-out attack and until Hibs re-gain their status as one of Scotland's leading clubs, they are not one of them.

There were signs last season that they had the makings of an iron curtain defence now that has become a reality. This doesn't mean to say though, that they are an unattractive side. Any club with Steve Archibald in its line up cannot be accused of that. And although the blond soccer mercenary has yet to score a Premier League goal it is clear his experience and all round ability is helping to settle the side in some big battles. Just as he did at Blackburn in the second half of last season he made himself an indispensable part of the team because of the way he helped younger players get through some nerve wracking matches. He also put himself about a bit and before the end of a match a defender knew he had played against a top class centre forward.

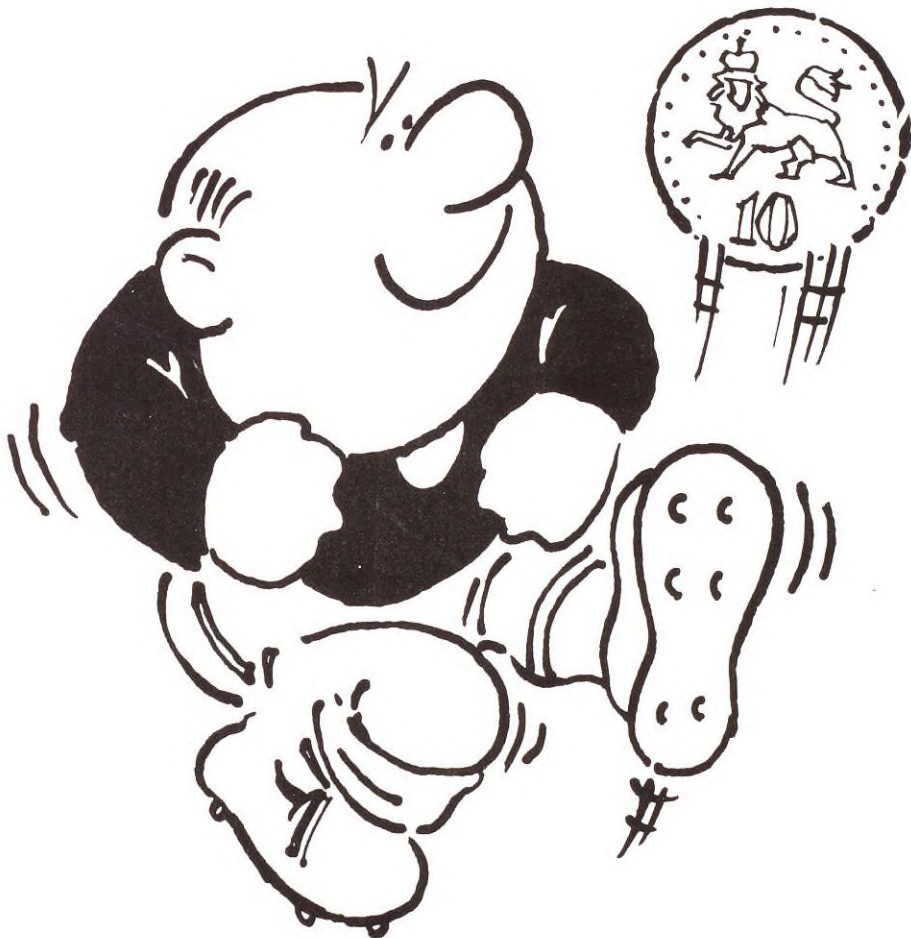
The young St. Mirren management team of Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick have got things together quite nicely down at Love Street. The internal squabble over a bonus payment to Campbell Money threatened to cast a shadow over their season just as the Iain Ferguson fiasco had done last season. But that seems to have settled down now and all the signs are that Saints are striving to make up for lost time. They

were so unlucky to lose 2-1 to Rangers at Ibrox at the weekend. They are not the first side to have out-played Rangers this season but left without their victory. Ian Cameron is shaping up to be one of the most consistent wingers in the Scottish game right now.

Dundee's first Premier League win of the season was as surprising as it was un-deserved. Certainly their defence with Wes Saunders outstanding, was stable in their 1-0 win over Celtic but anyone who witnessed the match couldn't have left with any other impression than that the Dens Park side will struggle to get out of the bottom four for the rest of the season.

Aberdeen maintained their challenge at the top of the table with a hard earned 1-0 win over Hearts at Pittodrie. Star of the show was Charlie Nicholas who now looks to be back to the form that saw him star in Scotland's colours. Certainly there is no more gifted player in the Premier League right now than the bold Charlie and if he can maintain a decent level of fitness an international re-call will not be out of the question. He broke his scoring duck at Pittodrie with Aberdeen's solitary goal against Hearts.

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Parkhead picture parade



Top: Joe Miller scores Celtic's only goal v Aberdeen

Below: Andy Walker surges forward





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