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THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

FIRST of all I'd like to thank all those fans who stayed to the bitter end last Saturday at Ibrox. Once more you showed just how good Celtic fans are by remaining faithful even in the depths of despair.

The result at Ibrox was a severe disappointment to everyone connected with the club. To be beaten 5-1 by anyone is terrible but to be beaten by our oldest rivals by that margin is unacceptable.

MOTIVATION

Perhaps the hardest thing to accept for me was the apparent lack of fight shown in the second half. Surely at 3-1 down against Rangers no-one in a Celtic jersey should need motivation. Yet it was precisely because of our lack of spirits that we lost the third and fourth goals.

A lot of hard work and hard thinking has been done this week between the players and myself. They know they have let a lot of people down. But I can also assure you that this side will bounce

back. We still have 33 games to prove ourselves and must face Rangers another three times in the league. Against the Ibrox side the defence made some very basic errors and it was these rather than a great deal of ability from our opponents that brought about the result. Although it has to be said that on the day they deserved their victory as they were sharper than us and seemed to want to win more than us.

It is important that we pick up two more points against Hamilton today and thus begin the process of exorcising the ghost of last Saturday.

Remember the same squad we have now won the double last season — they don't just become bad overnight.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline.....	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Clyde.....	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Airdrie.....	3	1	2	0	4	1	4
Forfar.....	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Ayr Utd.....	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Kilmarnock.....	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
St Johnstone.....	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Morton.....	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Falkirk.....	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Meadowbank.....	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Partick Th.....	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Raith R.....	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Clydebank.....	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Queen of Sth.....	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE



PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Dundee Utd.....	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Hibernian.....	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Aberdeen.....	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Hearts.....	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Dundee.....	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
St Mirren.....	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Hamilton.....	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Celtic.....	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
Motherwell.....	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin.....	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Queens Park.....	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Montrose.....	3	2	0	1	9	6	4
Stirling A.....	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Stranraer.....	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Albion R.....	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Alloa.....	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Arbroath.....	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Stenhousemuir.....	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
E. Stirling.....	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
East Fife.....	3	1	0	2	6	6	2
Dumbarton.....	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Berwick.....	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Cowdenbth.....	3	0	0	3	4	12	0

Frank's 100th league goal



The goal that should have been memorable. Frank McAvennie drives the ball into the Rangers net last weekend for this 100th in British league football, sadly it was to be the only ray of light on a dark day.

NEWS BEAT

TOMMY BURNS has asked the Celtic programme to convey his thanks to all the Celtic supporters who made his testimonial year such a memorable experience for him. Says Tommy: "I was honoured and humbled at the great kindness and thoughtfulness shown to my family and myself not just last season but ever since I joined Celtic. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters clubs for their gifts, each of which means a great deal to me. You've no idea how moved I was by all these tokens of affection. Thanks again."



A NEW Celtic single has hit the Celtic Shops. Its a cover version of the old Celtic favourite Over and Over and is performed by the Wullie Malloy experience and the McClusky Brothers and friends of Arthur Haggerty.

The single is taken from the band's hugely successful Celtic Centenary E.P., one of the best Celtic discs ever to have been produced. Incidentally 50p from every sale of the Centenary E.P. goes to the Celtic's Charity Centenary fund.



LAST season was a memorable one for Celtic Football club; fans, players, management and directors.

But it was that bit extra special for Celtic's mid-field

genius Paul McStay. As well as collecting his first ever 'double' winners medals he also got married to girl-friend Ann Marie McGarrity. And if the new Mrs McStay was looking for ornaments to put on the new sideboards her search would not have been a long one thanks to her husband. For as well as being voted Scotland's player of the year by the sportswriters and his fellow professionals he also lifted awards from most Celtic Supporters Clubs branches.

This afternoon his displays last season will be rewarded with another prize. For the magazine Scottish Football Today has also chosen Paul to be their player of the year.



THIS year's Scottish football programme fair will take place on Sunday September 4th in the McClellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow from 11am-4pm. Admission will be 40p which will include an admission programme.

The Scottish football programme fair is one of the largest of its kind in Britain regularly attracting the attendances in excess of 1,000. For the last 12 years the fair has been organised by John Litster and Alan Dick however business pressures have forced them to hand over the reigns to Different Class Sports Promotions who's partners Alan Cunningham and Peter Rundo have wide experience in organising similar events in different parts of the country.



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Scottish Cup Winners (28 times):

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1988

League Cup Winners (9 times):

1967, 1968, 1968, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938

St Mirren Cup: 1951

Coronation Cup: 1953

European Cup: 1967

Record victory 11-0 v Dundee (Division 1) October 1955

Record defeat 0-6 v Motherwell (Division 1) April 1937

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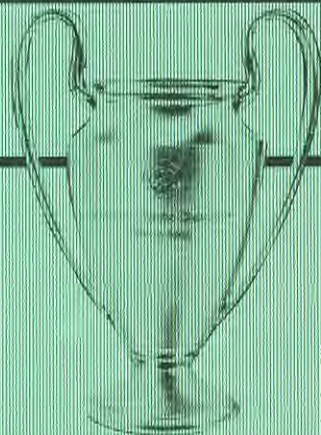
50 James McGarry (1935-36)

Highest aggregate scorers James McGarry 397 (1922-1936)

Most capped player: Darryl McGran 62 (1911-1936)

EURO SPOTLIGHT

Rudi Voller



PRIOR to the European Championships Franz Beckenbauer declared during an interview 'Rudi Voller is the best centre forward in Europe — when he is fit! Unfortunately for the Roma striker those additional four words by the national manager sum up the problems he has had to endure in the last 18 months.

Various injuries have sidelined him for long periods and since his transfer the Roma supporters have not really benefitted from the lethal form that made him the most feared striker in Germany.

Although the European Championships saw him win his 50th cap and increase his international goal tally to 27 with two goals against Spain it remained a disappointing tournament for the player.

The fact that he failed to score in seven successive

internationals before the Finals brought pressure on Beckenbauer to drop him and some lethargic displays in the competition itself meant the pressure on both player and manager has increased.

Although he formed a workmanlike partnership with Jurgen Klinoman the strikers confidence in front of goal was visibly affected and he was not the dangerous goalscorer of old.

Rudi Voller is following in the tradition of excellent German centre forwards like Uwe Seeler and Gerd Muller although his style is different to his two prolific predecessors. Born in 1960 outside Frankfurt he played as a youth for local club Tsr Hanva where his father was coach.

He then played for Kickers Offenbach, and Munich 1860 before signing for Werder Bremen. In only

his first season he was the Bundesliga top scorer and was voted German Player of the Year.

During that inaugural season he played at Tannadice for his club in a UEFA Cup match and despite scoring in the home leg his club were eliminated by Dundee United. To complete an unbelievable twelve months he also gained his first international cap as substitute against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

The international centre forward remained with Werder Bremen for five years during which time they finished runners up in the Bundesliga on three occasions.

His 106 league goals made him a target for the top Italian clubs and in 1987 Werder Bremen realising his contract was nearly up accepted a bid of 2.2 million from F.C. Roma.

Unfortunately injuries have prevented him making any major impact in Italian football and he has often been a target for the critical Italian sports papers. Clearly only a fully fit Rudi Voller will be able to regain old form and in the forthcoming season a great deal will be expected of him.

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ON THE SPOT



FRANK
McAVENNIE



FRANK McAVENNIE could be forgiven for thinking that he's been the victim of something of an injustice this season.

Despite making a great start to the season his on-field prowess has been completely overshadowed by stories and claims about events off the park. But if you think that lurid stories in our more contemptible newspapers and the daily round of transfer rumours have made him a worried man then think again.

Already he's out in front in the Scottish goal-scoring stakes and on Saturday he scored his 100th goal in league football on both sides of the border. He's looking sharper than at any other

time in his career at Celtic Park and he's enjoying it: "Obviously I was bitterly disappointed at the result of last week's match against Rangers but personally I have been delighted at my form at this stage in the season. I feel I have been striking the ball very sweetly and for a centre forward that's very important and does your confidence no end of good.

"And I'm looking forward to our match against Honved in Hungary next Wednesday. Although I wasn't a Celtic player when Borussia Dortmund put us out last season, I was still a fan and felt that if the lads had met them at any other time during

that season the Germans wouldn't have had a chance. That was the high point of their season and it happened to coincide with the low point of ours.

"Both myself and Andy are feeling very sharp and we're confident we can get at least one goal over in Hungary between us."

Of those 100 league goals he's scored Frank has netted 23 for Celtic in 46 appearances thus hitting the one goal every two games that strikers pride themselves on. But scoring goals isn't the only part of his game. Last season he made almost as many as he scored with his strong running, control and accurate crossing. He's one of those players who never hides during a match even when things are not going so well for him.

And despite Celtic's mediocre start to the season he's convinced they'll still emerge at the end of the season as Scotland's best: "There are too many good players at Celtic Park to think otherwise. Maybe we've been caught on a bit of a backlash from last season's high but we will not be giving up our title and Scottish Cup to anyone. Nothing has been decided yet and there's still lots to play for. Write us off at your peril. ..."

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Hamilton Accies are nobody's pushovers

HAMILTON manager John Lambie is the man with a big responsibility on his shoulders. For the effervescent ex St Johnstone player is the man charged with trying to keep Accies in the top flight of Scottish league football for the first time since the war.

Remarkably since 1946 Hamilton have finished bottom of the pile on each of the handful of occasions they have graced the big boys with their presence. And indeed the last time they were here, two years ago they went 14 matches without recording a victory to once again come bottom.

This season though circumstances have favoured them in this season's Premier League only one side goes down at the end of the season thus giving the Lanarkshire side a great chance to break their duck and thus far into the season they have served notice that they intend to fight every inch of the way.

Last week they defeated Motherwell, an important psychological win because Tommy McLean's men are reckoned by most pundits to be fellow strugglers along with Accies.

The previous week Hamilton had gone to Edinburgh with the formidable task of trying to contain Hearts.

But they stuck to their task admirably and were unlucky to go down 3-2 in a battling performance.

In the first game of the season they faced up to £8m Rangers at

Douglas Park and went down 2-0. After the game Graeme Souness said that many sides would travel to Hamilton and find it difficult to come away with both points.

The Hamilton side are sprinkled with seasoned seniors who can be relied upon to fight to the last. Among them are Jamie Fairlie, Gerry McCabe and Gerry Collins. And therein lies a tale. Messrs McCabe and Collins have one or two Celtic connections. Collins was Tommy Burns' best man at the Celtic midfield star's wedding while McCabe's young daughter was one of the mascots at Celtic Park last season. Fairlie of course scored both goals in Hamilton's 7-2 defeat by Celtic in the Skol Cup a week ago on Wednesday.

Manager John Lambie is under no illusions as to the task facing his side this afternoon: "Sometimes it can be difficult starting most games as underdogs but in a game against Celtic it can work to our advantage.

"I feel this season we are better equipped to give a good account of ourselves than two seasons ago. For starters we grabbed our first victory on Saturday of this season's campaign and that means the players do not have to ensure the confidence-sapping exercise of waking up on a Saturday morning only to be told by another newspaper just how many games they've gone without a win. Today the pressure's on Celtic and even more so owing to their disastrous defeat at Ibrox last week. We aim to take advantage this afternoon."

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FACE TONIGHT



Hamilton Accies will be out to stop a repeat of this happening this afternoon. Frank McAvennie clips the ball into the net for Celtic's fourth goal in the Skol Cup rout last Wednesday.

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

Scottish League Division 1 September 5th, 1953

HAMILTON ACCIES 2 CELTIC 0

HISTORY will show this as being one of the most remarkable games ever played between the clubs. Hamilton had been newly promoted to the first division after an absence of six years. And yet to the surprise and delight of their followers they outplayed Celtic to win the match and thus get off to the best possible start in their league campaign.

What made the victory even more astounding is that Celtic went on to win the League and Cup double while Hamilton were again relegated at the end of the season with a mere 11 points. They achieved only four victories that season and this was the best.

Older Accies fans will recall that this remains the only game Hamilton have ever won against Celtic since the war. A crowd of 20,000 watched the action and in a game where excitement reached fever pitch Young of Hamilton opened the scoring in 40 minutes and Scott in 62 minutes applied the killer blow.

HAMILTON: Ritchie, Bathgate, Johnstone, Wilson, Scott, Martin, Young, Todd, Scott, Brown, Cunning.

CELTIC: Bell, Haughney, Meechan, Evans, Stein, Baillie, Collins, Walsh, McPhail, Peacock, Fernie.

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ANSWERS
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THE HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Which two Celtic players represented Scotland in the 1954 World Cup Finals in Switzerland?
2. Who was the last Celtic player ordered off in European competition?
3. Which two clubs competed in the only all British European Final?
4. Who were the only two clubs to defeat Liverpool in league matches last season?
5. Who is the only player on Celtic's current playing staff have scored against England in a full international?
6. On which course did Great Britain defeat the USA in the Ryder Cup in 1985?
7. How many golf 'Majors' has Sevvv Ballesteros won?
8. In which year was the break introduced at Wimbledon?
9. At which Olympics did Muhammad Ali win Gold as a light heavyweight?
10. Which Grand Prix driver has won most races since the inception of the World Championship?

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Reserve Scene

THE STARS OF TOMORROW



By Bobby
Lennox



DELIGHTED with the results against Rangers reserves, delighted with the performance in the same game. That's how I would sum up my feelings after a week of hectic action.

Before I go any further let me give a special mention to John Traynor who scored our winner against Rangers. The *Celtic View* reporter unfortunately confused John with Stevie Fulton and credited the goal to Stevie.

Both of them do have blonde hair though Stevie did make the pass to John which led to the goal.

It was a goal fit to win any match. It came five minutes from the end of the game and was struck with power from around 25 yards. I felt this was no more than we deserved for we had looked the likelier side in the preceding 85 minutes. After Gary McSwegan had given Rangers the lead Celtic powered back and were level inside a minute thanks to Stevie Murray in 14 minutes. He ran almost the whole length of the park beating players and playing one twos before his cross was turned away for a corner. He was not to be out-done however and scored with a header from the resulting corner.

For me though, the game was marred by an appalling injury suffered by goalkeeper Alan Rough. He had bravely

dived at the feet of Scott Nisbet as the Rangers defender powered in on goal. But for his troubles he suffered a broken cheek-bone and Nisbet was ordered off for his part in the incident.

Big Lex Baillie took over from Alan in goal in the second half and I'm sure Alan would be the first to admit he did very well and brought a new meaning to the word 'unorthodox.'

Earlier in the week several of Saturday's side took their places in our team to play Queen of the South in a Reserve League West match at Palmerston Park on Monday. This was also a difficult match owing to the fair sprinkling of older and more experienced seniors fielded by Queens but it proved a worthy test for some of our younger players, some of whom haven't yet reached their 17th birthday.

The home side took the lead early in the first half but thanks to the great efforts of young Gerry Creaney we took the points. He scored two magnificent goals in the last 15 minutes to win the game.

I have been very pleased with the way we have performed in both the West League and Premier League. Lessons have been learnt from some of the defensive mistakes of last season and we are playing with flair and skill.

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were killed stone dead. From then on it became a procession as the Parkhead rear-guard crumbled."

Alan Fraser of the *Scotland on Sunday* wrote: "The emergency was all Celtic's and it was little wonder that manager Billy McNeill locked the dressing room door in the immediate wake of proceedings and read the riot act." A jail-house talk perhaps.

Alan Davidson in the *Evening Times* put it all into perspective: "It is a measure of Rangers dominance that even McNeill, who made his Old Firm debut some 30 years ago, cannot re-call Celtic ever being on the wrong end of such an all-consuming hiding. His greatest disappointment centred on the failure of his players to show the spirit that characterised their performance last season."

Alex Cameron writing in Monday's *Daily Record* pointed out: Celtic collapsed as they have rarely done before. Their heaviest defeat at Ibrox since 1893."

But Ian Paul of the *Glasgow Herald* still found some hope for Celtic: "The defeat has come early enough in the season for Celtic to effect repairs. Their chances of going far in Europe will depend largely on whether a solid back four can be established. Maybe the European Championship exertions of Mick McCarthy and Chris Morris are taking their toll. Neither looked comfortable."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Willie Fernie and Neil Mochan; 2. Alan McNally v Rapid Vienna 84/85; 3. Spurs v Wolves 1972 UEFA Cup; 4. Everton and Notts Forest; 5. Mark McGhee, 1984; 6. The Belfry; 7. Five, British Opens 79, 84, 88 and US Masters 80, 83; 8. 1971; 9. Rome 1960; 10. Alain Prost.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

5 YEARS AGO

September 3rd, 1983

Premier League

Celtic 2 Rangers 1

McCOIST caused a sensation in only 33 seconds when he swooped to put Rangers in the lead. But their fans' joy was short-lived. In eight minutes a Provan free kick caused all sorts of problems in the Rangers defence and there was Aitken to knock home a McGarvey lay-off.

The contest was a traditional Old Firm one of passion and commitment and a draw seemed certain until four minutes from time. McGarvey shot home after a frantic penalty box scramble when both Provan and Burns had shots blocked by McCloy.

10 YEARS AGO

September 9th, 1978

Premier League

Celtic 3 Rangers 1

CELTIC started as under-dogs in this confrontation after Rangers had won the treble the year before. But they quickly set about making nonsense of the bookies odds in a whirlwind start. After two minutes McAdam opened the scoring and in 14 minutes Rangers were reeling when McCluskey scored from the tightest of angles.

But four minutes after the break Parlane pulled one back for Rangers. Any doubts about the outcome were snuffed out in 74 minutes when McAdam scored his second after great work by Joe Craig.

15 YEARS AGO

September 8th 1973

League Division One

Celtic 5 Clyde 0

THIS game will be remembered for two things that had little to do with the result. First of all Celtic showed a novel touch with each player sporting the No. 8 on their shorts in commemoration of their having won eight titles in a row. But the game hit a sombre note later on when one of Celtic's brightest young stars suffered an appalling injury after an appalling tackle by Clyde's Willie McVie. That tackle effectively ended McLaughlin's career before it had even started. Bobby Lennox scored a hat-trick with goals in 3, 40 and 84 minutes. Daiglish and McGrain added one apiece.



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.

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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.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in Scotland have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £7.5 million invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1976.

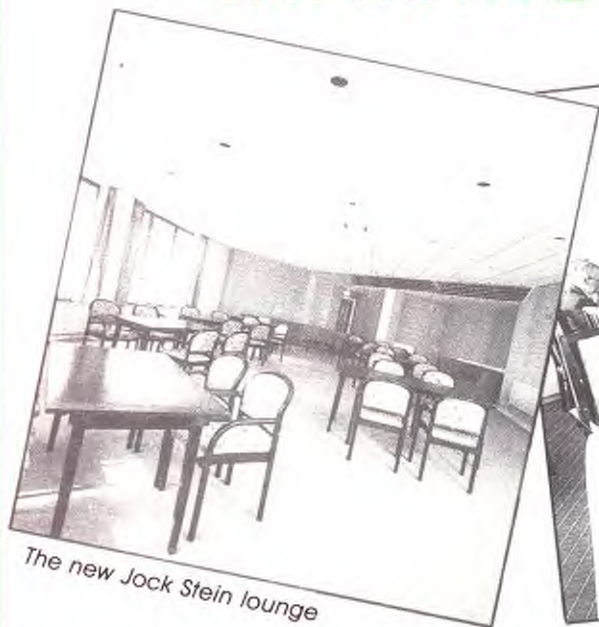
Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been invested to enable them to improve facilities.

In the past year alone FGIT grants to Scottish clubs totalled:

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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.

INTO THE 21st CENTURY WITH CELTIC'S SUPERB NEW EXECUTIVE FACILITIES



The new Jock Stein lounge



The Walfrid Restaurant

ONE of the best eating-places in town — that's how Celtic's new Walfrid restaurant has been described by countless diners who have been delighted with the fare and service to be found there.

The new restaurant opened in June of this year and since then it has become a favourite place for a business lunch or dinner with friends.

One of its greatest advantages is its situation at Parkhead which offers free and easy car parking facilities.

The restaurant is also available on match-days for those supporters who want to book a table for the entire season. This package includes Scottish Cup ties and European ties and includes centre stand seats. So now its possible to make a whole day of it at Celtic Park on match-day by arriving early, parking the car and spending the next hour or so lunching with your guests.

Situated upstairs from the Walfrid restaurant is the Jock Stein lounge for executive club members. Three hundred of these members can be accommodated in pre-match comfort and leisure. And the lounge is open for a while after the game and provides an ideal opportunity for members to avoid the hassle of post match traffic hold-ups.

These are just two of the wide range of facilities on offer at the new look Celtic Park complex and in a forthcoming edition of the *Celtic View* there will be a special two page feature on the Celtic Park leading to the 21st century. This will examine in detail the changes which have been taking place at the park over the last year or so.

Stadium director and director of Celtic Tom Grant this week though, put the whole thing into perspective when he said: "The ultimate aim of Celtic Football Club is to put together a side worthy of conquering Europe again and to do that with the style and panache traditionally associated with Celtic. To do this we must have a financial base from which to operate in search of that goal. We envisage any profit which will be made from the new executive facilities being ploughed back into the playing side of things so that we will always have a team worthy of our great club."

For any details regarding the restaurant, Executive club or indeed Executive Boxes please contact Tom Grant, Stadium Director, Celtic Park, Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 or telephone 041-556 2611.



SUCH was the unexpected nature of Rangers win over Celtic at the weekend that the rest of the weekend's football action tended to be over-shadowed.

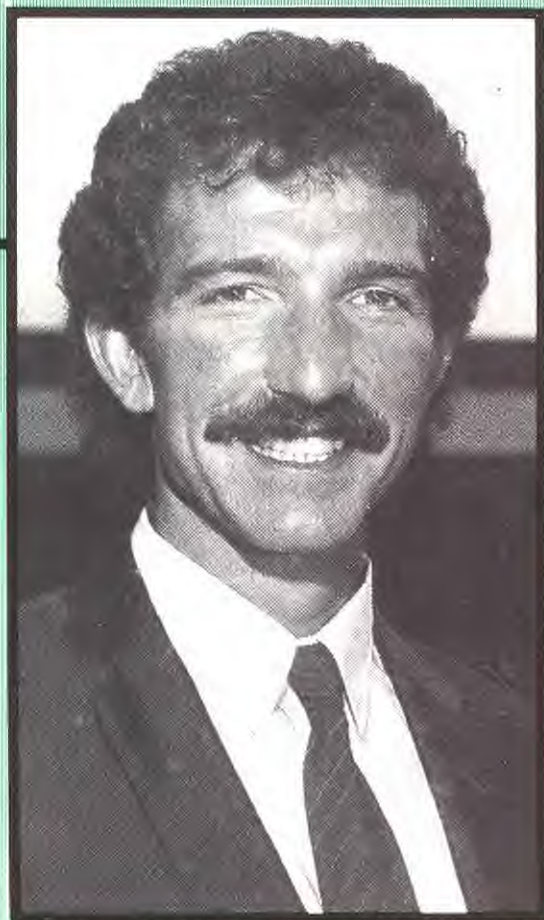
And because it was only Ranger's third 5-1 victory over Celtic in their history it looks as though that will continue to be the case from now until Christmas if our beloved newspaper have anything to do with it.

The collective sighs of relief from Hamilton Accies fans might almost have been heard above the din at Ibrox — on account of their side's 1-0 victory at Motherwell. Even the most ardent of Accies supporters must have harboured severe mis-giving about their team's ability to cope with life among the big boys this season. During their last trip into the Premier League two years ago they went a huge number of games before recording a win. But this season they have only had to wait a mere three weeks and must fancy their chances of staying put in a lot more than they did the last time.

Motherwell boss Tommy McLean had a chance to recover? On Chick Young's Radio Clyde programme by spinning a few of his favourite discs. Some of his players could have pointed out that he's already had plenty of practice with their heads after Saturday's defeat.

The Edinburgh derby turned out to be another frantic free for all which achieved very little in a 0-0 draw. Hearts fans used to be fond of telling us how long it was since Hibs had recorded a victory over them but I wonder if anyone's pointed out that their team has not triumphed in any of the last four Edinburgh derbies. Hibs are currently enjoying their best start to a league campaign in ages. Remarkably they've only scored one goal but if they can find the breakthrough in the striking department they could become a formidable outfit.

Aberdeen and Dundee Utd fought out a tough 2-2 draw at Tannadice — a game awash with controversy and goalmouth incident. Utd's big English striker Raphael Meade scored



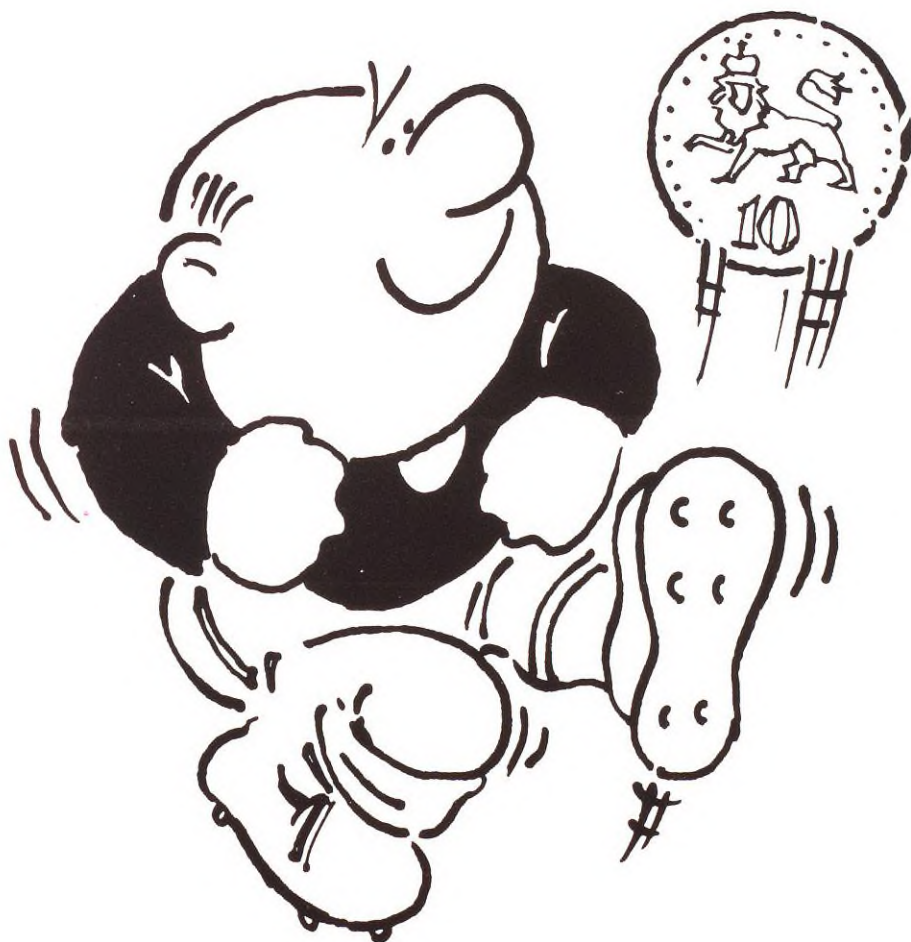
Player-manager Graeme Souness manages a smile after his first win in five Old Firm outings.

on his Premier League debut then went on to heap praise on the Utd fans. Before no-one's ever done that at Tannadice before. Utd have also made a great start to the league campaign. This may be their last under the tutelage of the mercurial Jim McLean and it's quite clear that Narey and Co are determined to give him another league title as a wee going away present.

If results elsewhere in Scotland were over shadowed by events at Ibrox then Dundee's draw with St Mirren soon became secondary to events off the park that were to unfold later at Love St.

St. Mirren must be one of the unhappiest clubs in Scottish football. But I'm convinced that one day the players, management and directors will all turn up at the park and actually talk to each other rather than the press. Frank McGarvey could turn out to be the perfect partner for Tony Fitzpatrick. Frank used to spend his time twisting and turning his way round the Premier League that it should be no problem to manoeuvre his way out of any sticky personnel problem that arises at Love St.

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