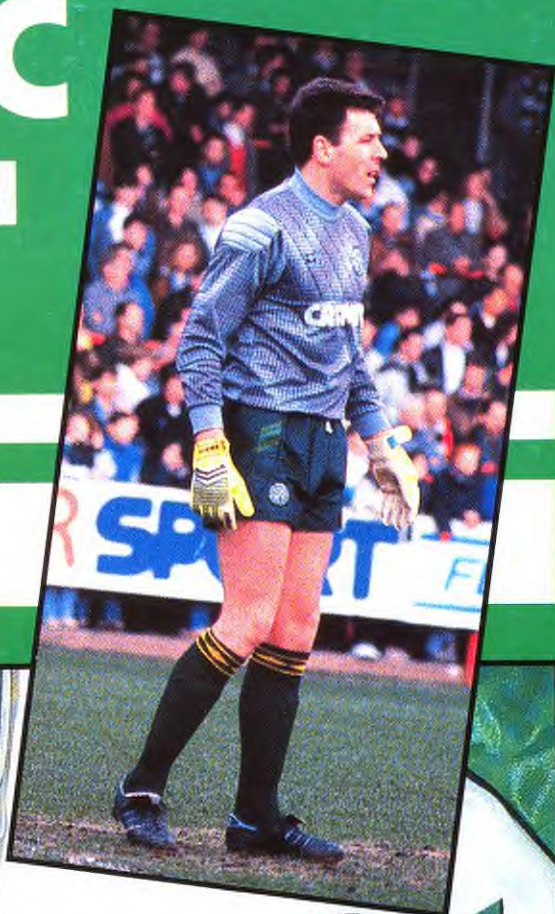




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IT IS UP TO US TO WORK AS A UNIT

OBVIOUSLY, our two league matches so far have produced far from the results that we wanted and today's game against Hibs gives us the chance to get over our deeply disappointing start.

I have to be honest and say that, however undeserved we felt that the defeat at Motherwell was, Aberdeen were a much better side than us on Saturday.

We could have no complaints about losing that game and it meant that we had given ground away to everyone in the league, which gives us great cause for concern.

Our form has been a long way short of that which I hoped we would be showing at this point in our programme and there is therefore a lot of hard work and significant contributions to be made by all concerned.

It is for all of us to get together, work as a unit and a team and solve our problems.

I do not intend to conduct a witch-hunt. The effort must be communal with everyone prepared to stand up and be counted.

It is vital that we show a big improvement today against Hibs and give ourselves something to build upon in the weeks ahead.

There is an awful long way to go in the league

campaign — we have to view it as a 34-game programme now — but we simply cannot afford to give away any more ground this early on.

Games against Hibs have a history of competitive and entertaining play and I see no reason why this one should be any different.

The Easter Road club experienced a traumatic summer with suggestions that it might no longer be in existence come the start of the new campaign.

I am sure that almost everyone in Scottish football is glad that they survived and wishes them well for the programme ahead in troubled times.

They have several very good players despite losing John Collins to us over the summer and we will

have to find some real form to collect the two points we so badly need to get a challenge underway.

By the time you read this, I hope that we will be in the semi-finals of the Skol Cup and that too is important to us.

It is a competition we have failed to make much of an impression in since my return to Celtic Park and that is something which we all want to rectify.



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Scottish Cup Winners (29 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, 1985, 1988, 1989.

League Cup Winners (9 times)

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

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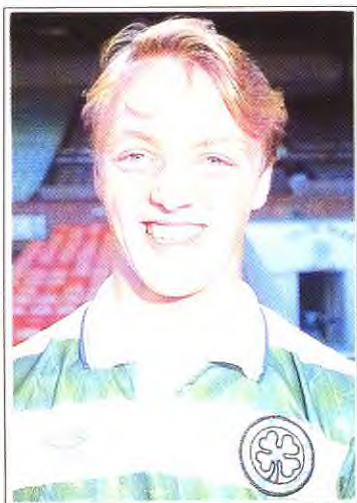
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CELTIC

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 PETER GRANT
 MARTIN HAYES
 PAUL McSTAY
 JOHN COLLINS
 CHARLIE NICHOLAS
 ANDY WALKER
 DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI
 JOE MILLER
 STEVE FULTON



No.



Steve Fulton — still to make a competitive appearance this season.

Today's other Premier Division games:

Dundee United v St Mirren
 Dunfermline v Aberdeen
 Hearts v Rangers
 Motherwell v St Johnstone

HIBERNIAN

ANDY GORAM
 WILLIE MILLER
 GRAHAM MITCHELL
 NEIL COOPER
 GORDON HUNTER
 JOE TORTOLANO
 DAVID FELLENGER
 PAUL KANE
 DAVID FARRELL
 PAT McGINLAY
 KEITH HOUCHEM
 PAUL WRIGHT
 WILLIE FINDLAY
 GARETH EVANS



No.

Hibernian's Andy Goram ... Scotland's first choice goalkeeper?



TODAY'S OFFICIALS ...

REFEREE: K. J. HOPE (Clarkston)

Linesmen: A. M. HARDIE (Clydebank) & J. F. DELURY (Prestwick)



COLIN LINDSAY BENEFIT

CELTIC head south this weekend to play Peebles Rovers in a benefit match for Peebles' player Colin Lindsay.

Colin was involved in a horrific car accident last October returning from a Rovers match in Annan, breaking his pelvis in eight places and spending the next three months in a coma.

Thankfully the player is now on the road to recovery and though still confined to a wheelchair physiotherapy sessions are helping him improve still further.

The match will take place tomorrow at Whitestone Park, Peebles at 3.00pm and admission prices are £2.00 and £1.00 OAPs and juveniles.

'TIC TALK...

THE fabulous water colour painting of Paul Elliott by Jim Scullion, which we included in last week's programme, brought an idea for a competition.

We would like readers to send in drawings or paintings of their favourite players and each issue the best will be reproduced here.

As an example of what can be done we today include 16 year old Karen O'Boyle from Bonnyrigg in Midlothian's, marvellous painting of her favourite player Pat Bonner.



YOUNG HOOPS

The increasingly popular Young Hoops fan club is now about to enter its second year and with membership still only £5, the kit is certainly a winner.

Members receive a membership card, badges, a pen, a key ring, as well as free entry to reserve games and the chance to become the Celtic mascot.

With the new issue of the Hoops magazine out in the next few weeks and containing articles on players, pop music and cinema, now seems like the perfect time to join.

FRIENDLY DATE

The popularity of Celtic and their support was once again confirmed with the news that Celtic are to form the opposition in Bryan Robson's Testimonial match to be played on Tuesday 20th November at Old Trafford.

The Manchester United captain has been a constant inspiration for both club and country and joins a long line of distinguished footballers who have entertained Celtic at their Testimonials.

With Graeme Sharp also looking to Celtic for his benefit game later this season the club is certainly very much in demand and this can only be seen as a compliment to both Celtic and its supporters.

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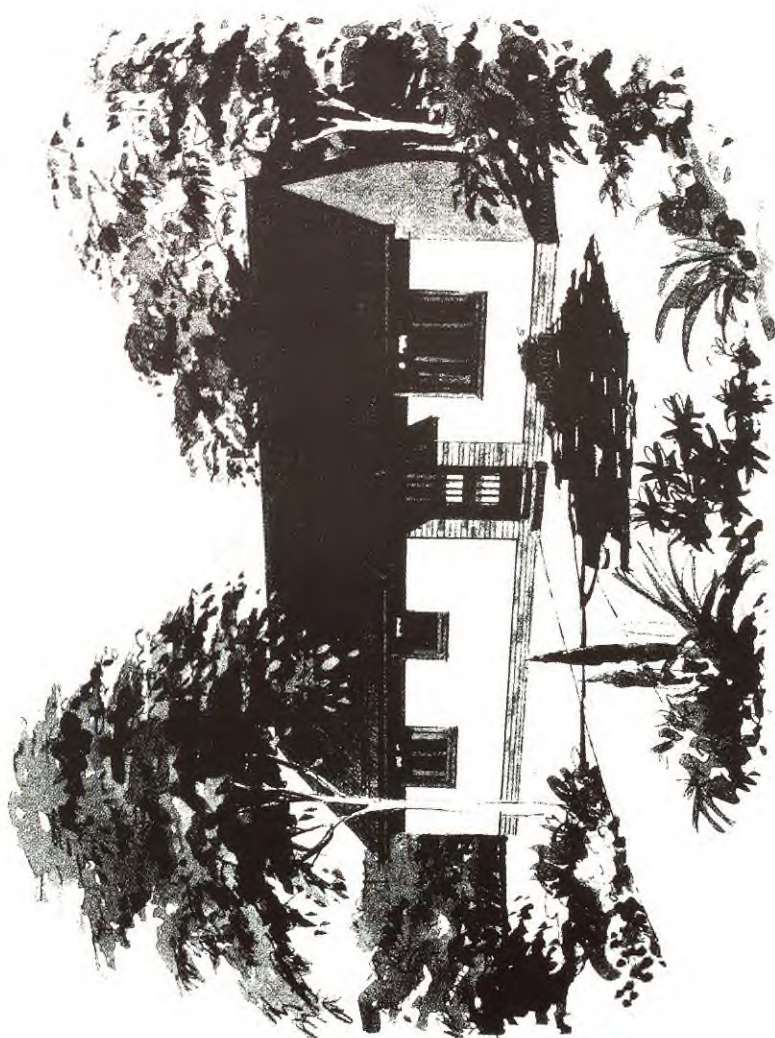
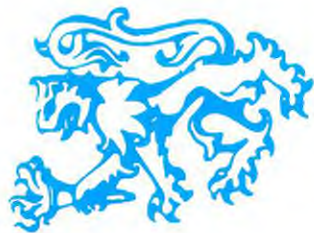
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TODAY'S VISITORS ...

ANDY GORAM

(Goalkeeper)

Born 13.4.64 in Bury.

Started his career with West Bromwich Albion, moving to Oldham Athletic on a free transfer in August 1981. Made his Football League debut against Charlton Athletic in May 1982 and became a regular the following season. Joined Hibernian for a club record fee of £325,000 in 1987. Was included in a couple of England Under 21 squads in 1982 but it was with Scotland he gained Under 21 and full caps and it is expected that he will be number one choice this season.

WILLIE MILLER

(Defender)

Born 1.11.69 in Edinburgh.

Signed for Hibernian in 1987 from Edina Hibs Boys' Club. He made his breakthrough to the first team and made his league debut here at Celtic Park in February 1990 and has only missed one match since that day. Was included in the Under 21 squad announced last Monday for the forthcoming match against Romania at Easter Road.

GRAHAM MITCHELL

(Defender)

Born 2.11.62 in Glasgow.

Began his career with Hamilton Accies, joining them in 1979 from Auchingill Star Boys' Club. Spent seven years with Accies before signing for Hibernian for £30,000 in December 1986. Made his league debut for Hibs against Falkirk in January 1987 and has been a regular in their back four since.

NEIL COOPER

(Defender)

Born 12.8.58 in Aberdeen.

An experienced central defender who was a £30,000 signing from St. Mirren in 1989. Made his Hibs' debut against one of his former clubs, Aberdeen in August 1989. Began his career at Pittodrie before a spell down south with Grimsby Town. Returned north in 1987 to join St. Mirren for a nominal fee.

In the past few months Hibernian hasn't so much been a football team as a news item. Takeovers, Wallace Mercer, and boardroom battles have cast a shadow over the affairs of the club.

The fact that Hibs have a future, after looking in grave danger of being swallowed up, has been the most welcome outcome of the saga.

Unfortunately, at a time when the club needs stability and security, they seem unable to shake off the distressing events of the summer and only last week news of a further possible buy-out by businessman Michael Knighton was making the headlines.

It is difficult to assess the impact of happenings off the park on the team's performances on it but last week's creditable 0-0 draw with champions Rangers contained indications that the team is capable of shaking off the shackles of the close season nightmare.

In addition to their background problems, a nightmarish injury list, which at one point appeared to contain the entire first team minus Andy Goram, inhibited hopes of a positive start and the third round Skol Cup elimination at the hands of Raith Rovers was not totally unexpected.

However, the Edinburgh greens have always provided testing opposition at Celtic Park and are sure to do so again today. For once, they have the chance to do so from a league position above that of the home side.

GORDON HUNTER

(Defender)

Born 3.5.67 in Wallyford.

Joined the Hibeas in 1983 from Musselburgh Windsor. Made his league debut during season 1983-84 but it was not until season 1985-86 that he became a regular in the Hibs back four. Has been capped at Under 21 level by Scotland. Made his first appearance of the season last Saturday following a pre-season injury.

JOE TORTOLANO

(Defender)

Born 6.4.66 in Stirling.

A fast winger turned full-back when he joined Hibs in 1985 on a free transfer from West Bromwich Albion. Made his league debut as a substitute against Clydebank in October 1985. Has the potential to be a key man in the Hibeas line-up this season but will have to find more consistency.

DAVID FELLENGER

(Midfield)

Born 6.6.69 in Edinburgh.

Signed for Hibernian in 1985 from Hutcheson Vale Boys' Club. Made his breakthrough to the first team squad last season and made his debut as a substitute against Rangers in August

1989. A promising youngsters who is looking for a regular first team place this season.

PAUL KANE

(Midfield)

Born 20.6.65 in Edinburgh.

Signed for Hibeas in 1982 from Salvesen Boys' Club and has been a regular in the side for six years now. Versatile player who can play in midfield or right back where he operated on a number of occasions last season.

DAVID FARRELL

(Midfield)

Born 29.10.69 in Glasgow.

Went south straight from school to join Oxford United as an apprentice. Returned north in 1988 and signed for Hibs. Made his league debut on the opening day of this season against Aberdeen and gave a good account of himself despite the scoreline. Another youngster looking to establish himself in the first team this season.

PAT MCGINLAY

(Midfield)

Born 30.5.67 in Glasgow.

Joined Hibernian in 1987 after being given a free transfer from

... HIBERNIAN



Hibernian's line-up for the coming season. Back row, left to right: Orr, Sneddon, Hunter, Cooper, McGinlay, Fellenger, Tortolano. Middle Row: Stevenson (Asst. Physio), McLaughlin (Youth Coach), Mitchell, Kane, McIntyre, Goram, Reid, Houchen, Hamilton, Findlay, Collie (Physio). Front Row: Ferguson (Coaching staff), Milne, Wright, Evans, A. Miller (Manager), Miller, Weir, McGraw, Watson (Coaching Staff).

Blackpool after he made 12 appearances for the Lancashire side. Made his debut in Scottish football as a substitute against local rivals, Hearts. Came on as a substitute in last Saturday's goalless draw with Rangers.

KEITH HOUCHEN

(Forward)

Born 25.7.60 in Middlesbrough.

Previously with Chesterfield, Hartlepool United, Leyton Orient, York City and Scunthorpe United, made his name with Coventry City when he scored in their 1987 F.A. Cup Final success over Spurs. The powerful striker joined Hibs in 1989 for £300,000. The scorer of the clubs' only competitive goal so far this season (v Meadowbank Thistle).

PAUL WRIGHT

(Forward)

Born 17.8.67 in East Kilbride.

Began his career at Pittodrie in 1983 and made his debut as a substitute during season 1983-84.

Spent six years at Aberdeen before a £300,000 transfer to Queens Park Rangers last summer. His stay in London was short when he joined Hibernian in March this year in a £280,000 deal but made only a handful of appearances before sustaining a bad injury against Hearts. Now fully fit, will prove a good signing by Hibs.

WILLIE FINDLAY

(Forward)

Born 29.8.60 in Kilmarnock.

Another of the promising youngsters breaking through at East Road. Arrived at Hibernian in 1987 from Kilmarnock Boys' Club. Made his league debut as a substitute against St. Mirren in February 1989. Used mainly as a substitute last season, has played in all Hibs' games so far this season and was the second Hibe to be included in the Under 21 squad announced last Monday.

GARETH EVANS

(Forward)

Born 14.1.67 in Coventry.

Busy little striker who joined Hibernian in 1988 from Rotherham United in a £60,000 deal. Made a scoring debut in Scottish football against Dundee in February 1988. Started his career with Coventry City as an apprentice and made 7 appearances before moving to Rotherham United. Was placed on the transfer list at the end of last season but is still playing his part in the Hibs forward line.

MARK MCGRAW

(Forward)

Born 5.5.71 in Rutherglen.

Hibs boss Alex Miller paid £175,000 earlier this year to take mark to Easter Road from Morton. Spent under two years at Cappielow, signing from Port Glasgow Juniors in 1989. Made his senior debut against Raith Rovers in May 1989. Suffered a nasty leg injury after only a few appearances for his new side but is now fully fit and raring to go.

● *Compiled by Tom McGouran.*



In difficult times like these for the club it is easy to wish that you were not a Celtic supporter, in the belief that, for the moment at least, the agony outweighs the ecstasy involved in so being.

Therefore being supporter AND player would seem only to increase the magnitude of such dismay.

Yet for Peter Grant, self confessed Celtic fanatic, the supporting bug is one he never wants to, or thinks he will, lose.

"Admittedly, because playing for Celtic is such a personal thing for me, the bad times are murder and poor results hurt very deep down," the whole-hearted midfielder confessed.

"But when things go well it makes the good times seem all the sweeter and that makes all the heartache worth it. I will always love this club and be a Celtic supporter."

He continued, "When I almost left last season, I realised that even if I did play for another club my feelings towards Celtic would not change and indeed never will."

Hearing Peter talk in such passionate and committed fashion makes it easy to understand why he is so popular with the massed ranks of the Celtic support.

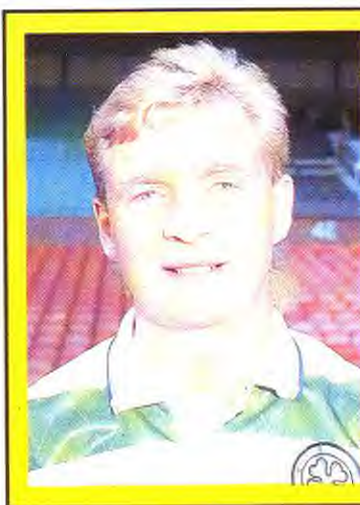
But he is as mystified as anyone as to the reasons for Celtic's poor start to the league campaign.

"We are working so hard in training and looking very good in some of the very hard sessions we are putting in, yet once we step over that white touch line on a Saturday things just don't seem to be clicking.

"It is obviously very disappointing but all you can do is continue to work away, and we are working as hard as we ever have, and hope that it comes right," he offered.

Yet, after submitting a transfer request last season amidst several months of personal unhappiness, the player finds himself back in favour and more

ON THE SPOT



PETER GRANT

Position: Midfield

Date of Birth: 30.8.65

Birthplace: Bellshill

Age: 25

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 10.3.

Signed: July 1982.

Previous Club:
Celtic Boys' Club.

Other League Clubs: None.

contented with the current state of affairs.

However it is only a few weeks since the former Celtic Boys' Club player was quoted as saying that if he hadn't established himself in the first team by December he would have to reconsider his position at Celtic Park.

So the player seems very wary of looking too far ahead.

He explains his reasons behind such a statement: "I really couldn't have gone all that time without a first team game but it hasn't happened anyway.

"I actually feel better physically now than I have done in years and pre-season I realised that the effects of the viral infection I suffered two years ago were now completely out of my system."

"When I contracted the infection

CELTIC CAREER DETAILS

	L		LC		SC		Europe		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
83-84	2(1)								2(1)	
84-85	19(1)	4	3	1	2		5		29(1)	5
85-86	26(4)	1	3		2	1	2		33(4)	2
86-87	32(5)	1	2(1)		4		3		41(6)	1
87-88	36(1)	2	2		3		2		43(1)	2
88-89	20(1)		3		5		1		29(1)	
89-90	24		3	1	5		2		34	1
TOTAL	159(13)	8	16(1)	2	21	1	15		211(14)	11

I received a lot of letters from people telling me it would be two years before I would be completely free of the complaint.

"I didn't believe them and felt I had it out of my system.

"Now, though, my level of fitness as compared with any time in the last two years is markedly better, which shows that the hangover from the infection is completely gone.

"I feel great and everything is smashing from a health point of view. I am really up and running for this season in a way denied to me over the last couple of years," he enthused.

Indeed Peter feels his health problems have not merely affected his physical ability to compete on the park but also had an adverse affect on his mental approach.

"It happens in all walks of life that, when one thing goes wrong, as my health did, that this has a knock on effect.

Worries spill over into other areas and you are knocked down a peg or two.

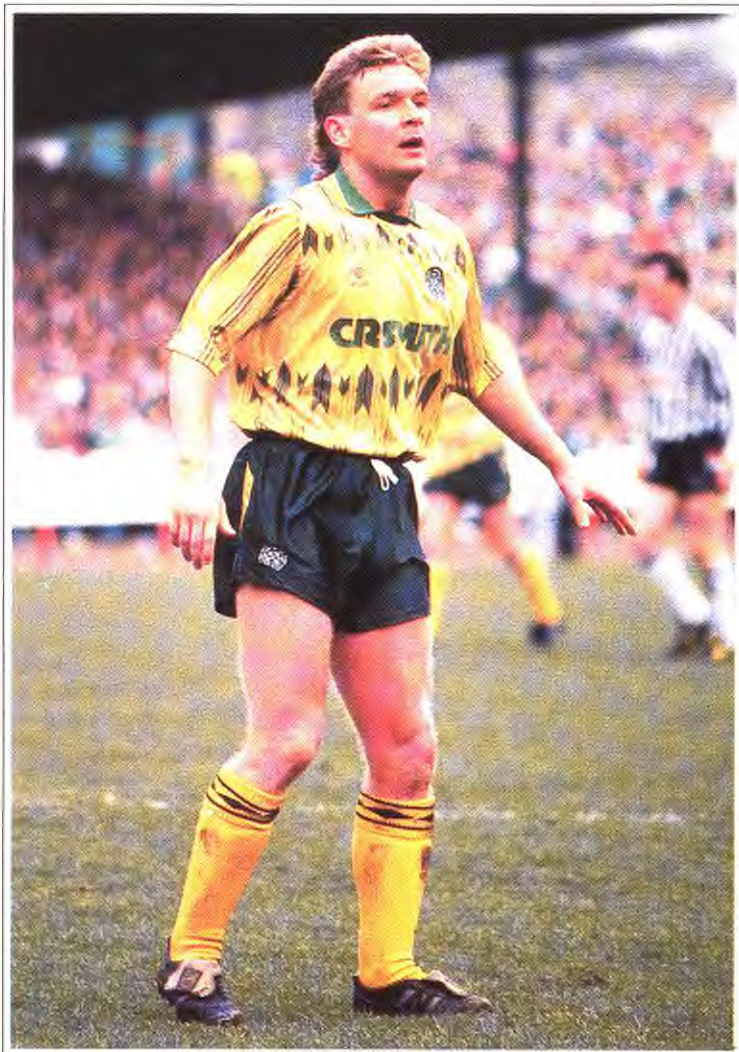
"In the same way, if you feel well, it can lead to playing well because it gives you a more relaxed attitude," he explained.

This season has already seen Peter's role of foil to Paul McStay modified to incorporate new signing John Collins.

Peter explains: "I have been playing a much more central midfield position with John to the left and Paul to the right and me playing the sitting-in role.

"I have enjoyed playing in there and found no problems with it so far. Strangely it has also allowed me to get forward and either John or Paul have been happy to hang back in a defensive position should I move to support the attack.

"Scoring goals has always been a part of my game which I have wanted to improve and this season I have already spent more time in opposition penalty areas than I did in the whole of last season.



"Against Everton I almost got a goal but Neville Southall made a good save.

"The encouraging thing is that I am being more positive, though I must stress that primarily I see myself as a defensive midfielder.

Last week the emphasis was certainly on the defensive part of Peter's game as the player found himself in the unusual position of sweeper in Celtic's 3-0 defeat at the hands of Aberdeen.

He explained how this unexpected switch came about.

"The manager came to me on

the day of the game and asked if I would mind playing there.

"Though I have played at both right-back and in a central defensive position in a flat back four, I had never previously played in a five-man defence behind the two centre-backs but I was happy to do so and will play anywhere I am asked.

"I enjoyed the experience but it is a role in which I hope I would be used sparingly.

"Midfield is where I prefer to play and I hope I will always be a midfielder.

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE SEASON ...



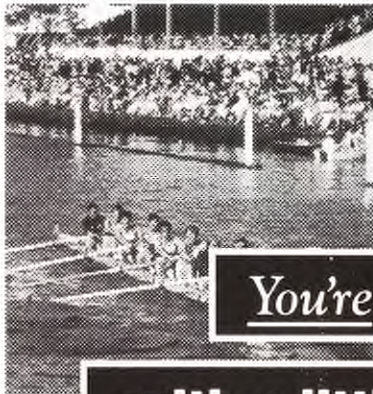
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Aug 22	Ayr United	LC	4-0	21,000	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	Elliot [†]	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dziek [†] ski	Walker	Collins	Miller(7)	Hewitt(4)
Aug 25	Motherwell	PD	0-2	17,562	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	Elliot	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dziek [†] ski	Walker	Collins	McLaughlin(7)	Miller(10)
Aug 29	Hamilton Accies	LC	1-0	9,188	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliot	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dziek [†] ski	Walker	Collins	Fulton	Miller
Sept 1	Aberdeen	PD	0-3	45,222	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliot	Whyte	Hayes	McStay	Dziek [†] ski	Nicholas	Collins	Miller(6)	Walker (10)

PLAYER STATISTICS

	PD		LC		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Pat Bonner.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
John Collins.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Dariusz Dziekanowski.....	2	-	2	3	4	3
Faul Elliott.....	2	-	2	2	4	2
Peter Grant.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Martin Hayes.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Paul McStay.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Chris Morris.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Derek Whyte.....	2	-	2	-	4	-
Andy Walker.....	1(1)	-	2	-	3(1)	-
Paul McLaughlin.....	1(1)	-	1	-	2(1)	-
Dariusz Wdowczyk.....	1	-	1	-	2	-
Charlie Nicholas.....	1	-	-	-	1	-
Joe Miller.....	(2)	-	(1)	-	(3)	-
John Hewitt.....	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	-

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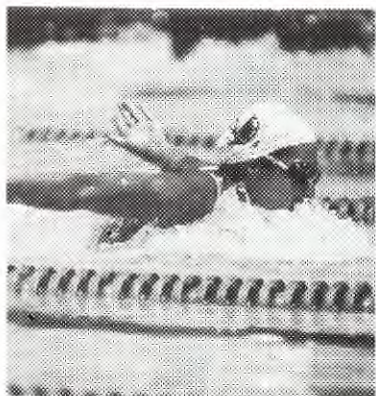
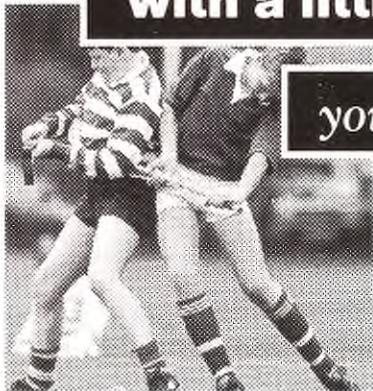
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■ 1984: Premier Division: Dumbarton 1 Celtic 1. Celtic took the lead in the first half with a goal from Frank McGarvey but a Coyle penalty 13 minutes from time gave Dumbarton the equaliser. Attendance 8,416.

■ 1982: League Cup Quarter Final first leg: Celtic 4 Partick Thistle 0. A Davie Provan goal in nine minutes set the scene for this emphatic win over Partick. In the second half Charlie Nicholas, Murdo MacLeod and Frank McGarvey scored the others. Attendance 9,248.

■ 1979: Premier Division: Celtic 2 Dundee Utd 2. George McCluskey got both Celtic goals while for United Willie Pettigrew put away a 45th minute penalty and Ralph Milne scored the equaliser. Attendance 27,000.

■ 1976: Danny McGrain and Kenny Dalglish were in the Scotland team which beat Finland 6-0 in a friendly at Hampden Park. Kenny Dalglish scored one of the goals.

September 8th

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■ 1973: First Division: Celtic 5 Clyde 0. Goals came from Bobby Lennox 3, Kenny Dalglish and Danny McGrain. Every Celtic player had a no 8 on his shorts to commemorate the clubs eight successive championships. Brian McLaughlin was carried off with a serious injury following a clash with McVie. Attendance 25,000.

■ 1971: League Cup Quarter Final First Leg. Clydebank 0 Celtic 5. Lou Macari scored two of Celtic's goals with Harry Hood, Tommy Callaghan and Willie Wallace scoring one-apiece. Attendance 10,000.

■ 1971: Desmond White pays £19 for Charlie Tully's 1954-55 Scottish Cup runners up medal at an auction in Glasgow for inclusion in the new Trophy Room at Celtic Park.

■ 1962: First Division: Celtic 0 Rangers 1. Six minutes remained when a weak shot by Willie Henderson was deflected past

Frank Haffey. Jim Kennedy attempted to stop it but could only steer it into the net. Attendance 72,000.

■ 1956: First Division: Celtic 2 Queens Park 0. An early strike by Neil Mochan gave Celtic the half time lead. Bobby Collins made it two with a minute to go. Attendance 28,000.

■ 1951: Division A: Motherwell 2 Celtic 2. Celtic were 2-0 down by the interval with Kelly netting both for 'Well. Bertie Peacock brought Celtic back into the match with a strike in the 70th minute. Four minutes from the end Charlie Tully scored the equaliser. Attendance 28,000.

■ 1934: Division 1: Celtic 1 Rangers 1. This game will be remembered for the "wonder goal" by Hughes for Celtic in the 44th minute. McPhail scored the equaliser but Rangers were lucky to come away with a point.

■ 1923: Chairman Tom White is reported as saying that he thought a maximum player's wage of £6 per week should be fixed and that every player ought to be given an opportunity to work if he wished to do so and do his training in the evenings.

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LEADING FROM THE FRONT ...

THE comedian Billy Connolly has told us about the stentorian foghorn type of voice that used to be heard emanating from the Parkhead stand in the fifties. It went 'BAAWBEE EHHVANS', and it was heard as consistently as Evans played.

He was the last word in reliability and "Evans, as usual, was superb" seemed to be printed every week in the Evening Citizen. It was even rumoured that in the summer in the report of a cricket game, "Evans, as usual, was superb" found itself somehow into the printed text.

Evans joined Celtic from St Anthony's in the dark days of 1944, and even after the war ended, it was a while before the sun really smiled on Celtic Park.

Evans, originally an inside left, was tried all over the place, but it was not until 1948 in the famous "relegation" battle at Dens Park that he found his true niche at right half. Celtic saved themselves from relegation that day, and Bobby Evans had won his spurs.

A cup medal came his way in 1951, and after the Coronation Cup victory of 1953, there was a truly great season in 1954, with Evans the powerhouse in that fine side. Being a right half obliges a player to attack and defend when the occasion demands it, and this tenacious redhead was able to do both.

He was a very complete player by now, and it was a matter of some surprise that, although he had been given his first Scottish Cap as early as 1949, he was not yet a regular member of the international scene.

Early in season 1955-6 Jock Stein sustained an ankle injury in a game against Rangers. This had two effects on Evans. One was that he was offered the captaincy and the other was that he was moved to centre half.



In a new Celtic Programme series, David W Potter looks at men who have captained Celtic and what made them special.

Bobby Evans as he was in 1951.

This seemed at the time to be a strange move (although he had already played there for Scotland!) for the two positions are radically different. But such was the adaptability of Evans that he fitted in like a hand into a glove.

At the end of that season, Celtic reached the final of the Scottish Cup. This game was an excellent example of how much Evans meant to Celtic, for Evans chose to have one of his very rare bad games, and Celtic were cuffed 3-1.

Granted, there were other factors as well, such as a bizarre team selection, but Evans was badly at fault at his refusal to tackle Bauld in the build up to Hearts' crucial second goal, and there was a general lack of real inspiration that day. It was a cruel indication of how much Celtic needed the talent of Evans.

The following October however saw Evans, for the one and only time in his career, hold up a major trophy in triumph. This was the League Cup, won in a 3-0 replay against Partick Thistle. Evans had been temporarily moved back to right half for this occasion to accommodate John Jack at centre half, but by now his position did not really matter, for he could play anywhere.

Next October the League Cup final produced one of the most famous games in Celtic's history. It was the 7-1 thrashing of Rangers. There is a story of a dressing room incident a day or two before this game involving Evans and Tully, that brilliant although precocious Irishman, but you would never have guessed this from the performance on the field.

Evans orchestrated attack after attack with Fernie and Peacock

... BOBBY EVANS



The Celtic team which won the 1957/58 League Cup Final. Back row: Donnelly, Evans, Fallon, Beattie, McPhail, Fernie. Front row: McGrory (manager), Tully, Collins, Peacock, Wilson, Mochan.

alongside him and Rangers were swept aside. Unfortunately, Evans was injured following a coarse tackle by Murray, and so it was the cheeky, boyish features of Bertie Peacock that collected the League Cup. But the triumph belonged to Evans as much as anyone else.

The next two and a half seasons were not happy ones at Celtic Park. For Evans there was the disillusion of seeing that brilliant 7-1 side unable to reproduce that performance, and he, like everyone else, was stunned by the

dreadful showing of Scotland in the 1958 World Cup Finals in Sweden. Evans was now in his thirties and there was a young man called Billy McNeill pressing hard for the centre half spot.

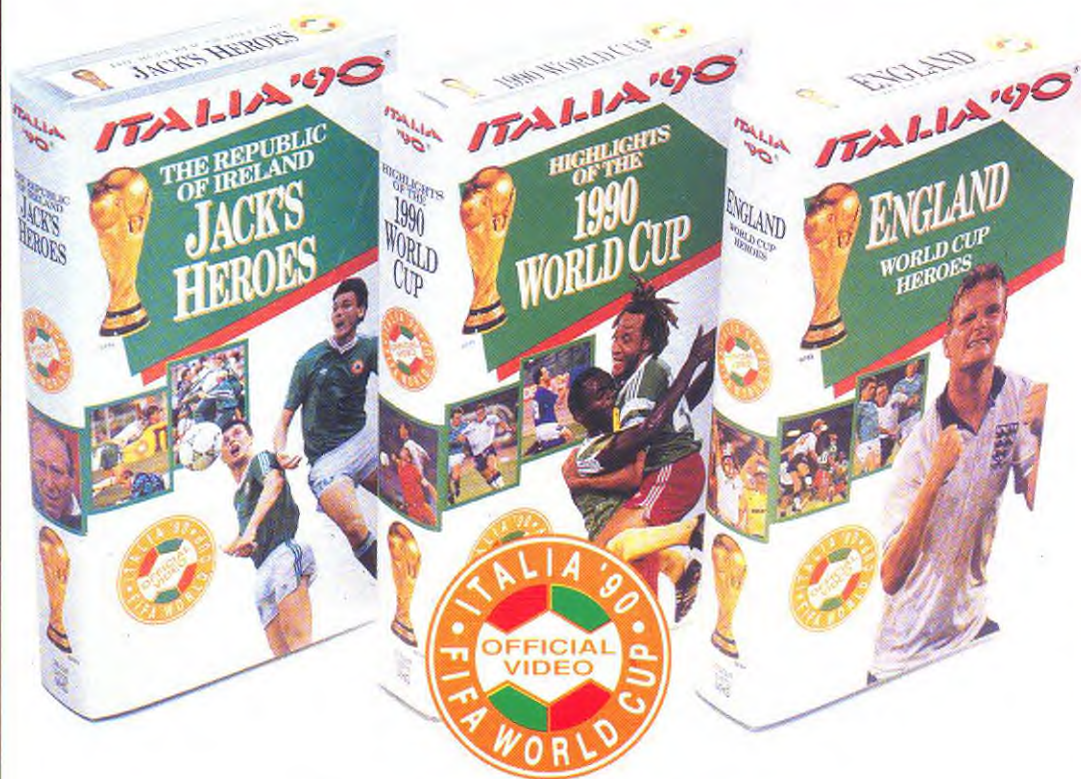
In addition there were personal problems. Sundry business ventures were causing distress, and a chat between Evans and Chairman Bob Kelly came up with the idea that a sojourn away from Glasgow might be a good idea.

Thus it was that Evans went to Chelsea in 1960, but he still won

Scottish caps. In fact his total of 48 was at the time a record.

He did not stay long in London and came back to play for Morton, Third Lanark and Raith Rovers until his retirement in 1967. Perhaps he played too long, but those who saw him in his prime will affirm that he was one of the greatest players and captains of Celtic of all time. It is a shame that circumstances prevented him from taking up a managerial or backroom job for the team for whom he gave so much.

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RESERVE SCENE

It is doubtful if there are any other 18 year olds footballers in Scotland at the moment with the great man Pele's seal of approval, but for Celtic midfielder Brian O'Neil the events of the Under 16's Youth World Cup in 1989 are now firmly consigned to distant history.

"It was great to be a part of it and I have fantastic memories of the whole competition but I look upon it something that happened to me when I was a boy," he said.

"Now I am a professional footballer trying to earn my crust in the game. Unfortunately I believe there is a tendency, perhaps because the Youth World Cup is so successful in this country, to think of myself and the other lads involved as still kids but we are not that young anymore!" said Brian who reached the ripe old age of 18 just last Thursday.

Last season he turned full time professional and in made strides forward proving himself to be a versatile performer and turning out in a sweeping role as well as his more recognised middle of the park position.

The early part of this season has seen the midfield man earn sparkling reviews with his displays for the reserves and in particular the premier reserves, the first team's direct understudies.

"At the moment I am just trying to get as many games as I can in the premier reserves, which is quite a feat in itself because there are so many good players at Celtic Park at the moment .

"For me the main aim in the coming months is to try and build a consistency into my game. I am not getting carried away with my play so far because I still find that different games are bringing differing performances whereas I

BRIAN O'NEIL

Position: Midfield

Date of Birth: 6.9.72

Birthplace: Glasgow

Age: 18

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 12st 4lbs

Signed: October 1989

Previous Club:
Celtic Boys' Club.



want to play well all the time."

Certainly this is a tall order for any player but O'Neil cannot be faulted for his positive attitude and correct approach in aiming for the peak of any professional footballers' capabilities.

The teenager unlike many of his fellow professionals of the same age is unusual in that he has pledged himself to Celtic until 1993, a fairly long commitment in this era of shorter contracts.

"I am very pleased to have that bit more time in which to establish myself because it allows me to develop at my own pace with little or no pressure, rather than having to worry about proving myself in the space of one or two years," he explained.

The classy playmaker is determined to make it however long it takes, if only to allay his biggest fear.

"However great the experience of playing in the Youth World Cup was I would hate to be remembered for my part in that and that alone. Happening as it did when I was only 16 years old I would like to believe that in footballing terms it was a stepping stone to bigger things rather than the highlight of my career.

"It is to be hope at this stage of my career I am at present my best memories lie in front of me rather than behind and I am going to do everything in my power to make sure that is the case."



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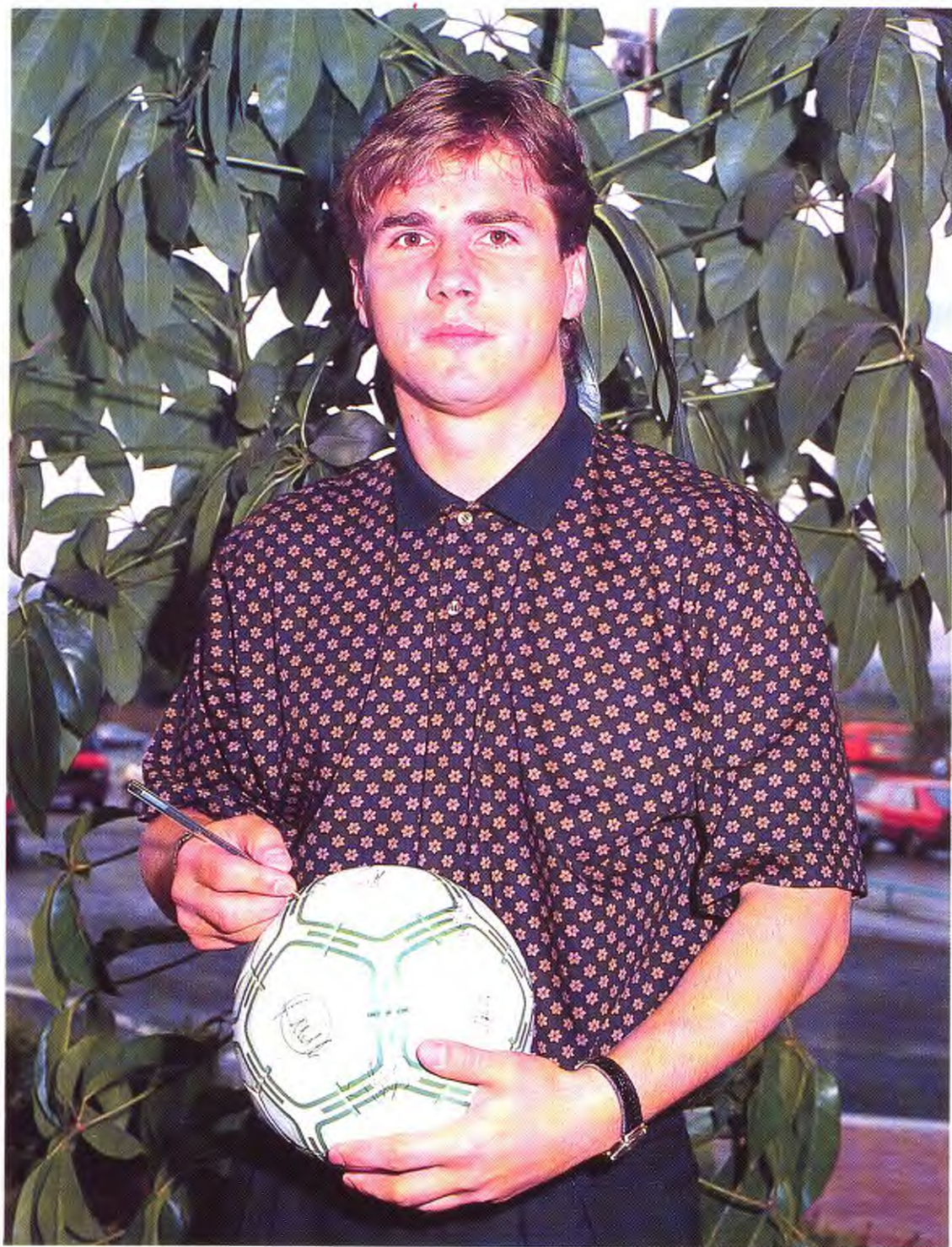


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OFF THE BALL

with **DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI**

NOT many people, let alone footballers, relax by going to school!

But then Dariusz Dziekanowski could by no means be described as the sort to conform to type.

An undoubted individualist on the field — and much loved for it — the popular Pole demonstrated his individuality away from football by stressing the importance of improving his command of the English language.

Though his English would put to shame that of others who have been in the country much longer, Dariusz says of it: "I understand most things but it is not enough. I want to learn more.

"Because it is September, I now go to school again.

"It was difficult for me last year because I was in a hotel, then a house then a second hotel.

"So I only studied for three months last year.

"Now I am in my house and it will be much easier for my teacher to come regularly and help me improve my English some more..."

Though it has been suggested that Jacki is adept at failing to understand anything which does not appeal to him, he insists that team talks and instructions from the manager are something with which he has "no problem!"

Aside from his studying, Jacki's favourites pastimes do indeed go along the usual lines.

"I like to listen to music and go to the cinema," he says.

"I like modern pop music and

IN a new programme feature players will discuss their time away from football, their hobbies, other sporting and musical interests and how they relax in their leisure time.

As a supplement to this article each player picks his three favourite records which will be played approximately 20 minutes before kick-off.

have a few records but I enjoy going to the cinema also. I liked *Pretty Woman* and *Days of Thunder* which I saw recently."

Watching television is also an interests of Jacki's and he is particularly keen on keeping up to date with the European football shown on the satellite channels.

On the more active front, Dariusz may be short of the John McEnroe bracket but he wields a useful tennis racquet and swimming is another sport pastime he enjoys.

"I played tennis with some of the other Celtic players when we were abroad in Germany before the start of the season.

"Andy Walker plays quite a lot and is good, I played against him but not counting points so I don't know if he is better than me or not!"

Jacki admits that he is a much more refreshed player now than when he began his first competitive season with Celtic.

"I had a month at home in Warsaw then 10 days in France and a week in Italy.

"So I am much more relaxed now and happy in my new home. I phone home to Poland quite often to talk to my parents and friends, but I am settled in Scotland now."

My top three records ...

1. Praying For Time

George Michael

2. Cherish

Madonna

3. I Just Want To Be Close To You

Maxi Priest

QUICK QUIZ

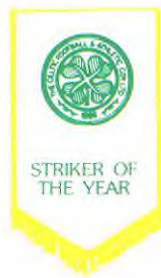
1. Name the youngest player chosen this week for the Scottish Under-21 pool.
2. Who completed his 300th league appearance for Celtic last Saturday?
3. Of today's teams, which is the oldest and by how many years?
4. How many caps did John Collins pick up while with Hibs?
5. Name the Hibs Famous Five?
6. Which ex-Celt was named as Tartan Special Manager of the Month for August?
7. Who presented the award to him?
8. Name the Celtic player picked for the Under-21 squad.
9. How many times since the war have Celtic and Hibs met in the Cup Final?
10. When was the first Easter Road ground opened?

ANSWERS

1. Chris Dailly (Dundee United);
2. Paul McStay; 3. Hibernian by thirteen years; 4. Three; 5. Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull and Ormond; 6. Frank McGarvey; 7. Billy McNeill; 8. Steve Fulton; 9. Once, 1971/72, score 6-1 to Celtic; 10. 1180.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Celtic v Aberdeen
PETER GRANT

It gives me little satisfaction to say that we lost to a very good side. We must really buckle down and improve one hell of a lot if we want to provide ourselves with some enjoyment this season.

BILLY McNEILL

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

CELTIC RESERVES



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In a great team performance, young Mark McLean deserves special credit for playing on when suffering from an ankle injury.
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SCORING POINTS

WHETHER it was that claimed that football was a 'funny old game' obviously hasn't visited a match recently. For humour is one component seriously lacking in the modern day game of football.

Last week's Celtic v Aberdeen game at Celtic Park was a case in point. Obviously no-one who is a Celtic supporter would be expected to enjoy getting, frankly, gubbed 3-0 by an excellent Aberdeen side.

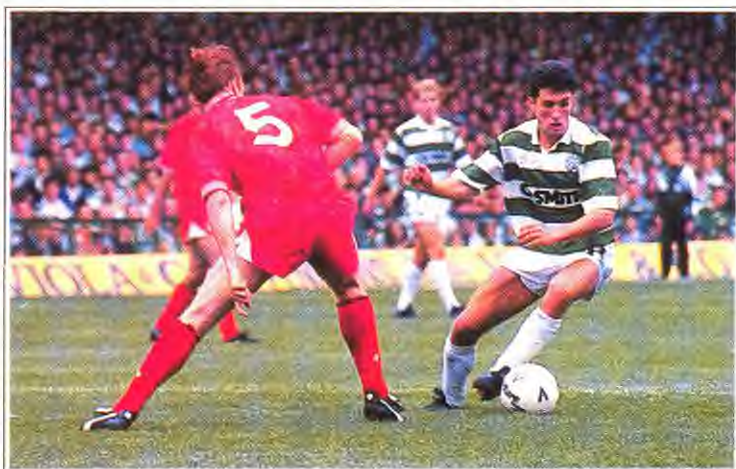
But by the same token, the extraordinary bitter and vehement criticism being meted out by supporters at last week's game was symptomatic of a movement away from enjoyment and towards the 'win at all costs' attitude which seems to pervade the Scottish game at this time.

The enormous pressure on clubs by the media and their own supporters can be witnessed through events very close to home. This week an incredible amount of time and column inches has been devoted to what's wrong with Celtic and yet only TWO games have been lost by the club.

It may be hackneyed to talk of early days but it is also very true though no-one would attempt to disguise the fact that the club has had a deeply disappointing start to its league campaign.

Though it may not be popular to say so, part of the reason behind the desperate desire of Celtic supporters to see their side be successful is because Scottish football has currently the most powerful Rangers side in many years.

It is the nature of the game in Scotland that when one half of the Old Firm is strong the pressure is increased on the other half to compete with, emulate and ultimately defeat their bitterest rivals.



John Collins about to pass Alex McLeish in last week's 'fun' encounter.

Undoubtedly this is the case at present. With three titles in the past four years Rangers are the side to be beaten and in the eyes of most supporters there is no light hearted way of looking at that challenge. It is deadly serious.

Perhaps then it is no surprise that the fun has left football. Because an importance is attached to the game in this country which no single sport or leisure activity merits.

It should be stressed though that this is not the fault of Celtic or Rangers. The sensationalist headlines and the general mood of pessimism which met Scotland's failure to make an impact in the 1990 World Cup demonstrated that the life or death importance attached to the game in this country exists at national level as well.

However the Old Firm rivalry has an added dimension to it. Whilst Scotland's failure sees the nation united in misery over it, the failure of Celtic or Rangers brings cheers as well as tears which cannot be escaped from.

We are often all too painfully aware of the great divide in this country and especially in this city and the Old Firm battle is virtually fought in every factory, office or workplace to a greater or lesser degree which makes the importance of the two sides to Scotland's way of life all the more easier to understand.

No Celtic or Rangers supporter is ever completely free of how well or badly his team did the previous weekend no matter how innocently he goes about his business.

Indeed a researcher for this very programme found himself checking some facts at the Mitchell Library. He was discreetly carrying a copy of a statistical Celtic journal, which was almost out of sight tucked under his arm, when a stranger approached him as he waited for the lift.

Unprompted, the strange man accosted our intrepid researcher and commented rather snidely, 'Is this you attempting to revive the fortunes of your team?'

It wasn't funny and he didn't laugh.



About today's game ...

The last clash

AFTER Wednesday's Skol Cup quarter-final tie, we look back today at a clash between Celtic and Hibernian at the same stage of the competition five years ago, that turned out to be something of a classic.

The match got off to a flyer when Mo Johnston put the visitors ahead in the third minute but Steve Cowan equalised for the



Pierce O'Leary

home side on the half hour. In the 39th minute Gordon Durie put Hibernian in the lead only for Davie Provan to make it 2-2 a minute later.

Colin Harris put Hibernian back in front in the 58th minute but yet again Celtic were level a minute later, this time through Johnston. This was how the scoreline stood at the end of 90 minutes but 10 minutes into extra time, Roy Aitken appeared to give Celtic what looked like the vital lead. However, for the third time that night, an equaliser was only a minute away and this time it was an own goal from Danny McGrain.

This took the tie to a penalty shoot-out and it was Pierce O'Leary who was the unfortunate player to miss the vital kick, and Hibernian went through to the semi-finals.

■ CELTIC have never lost to Hibernian in the Premier Division whenever they have scored the first goal.

■ TODAY is Hibs' 100th visit to Celtic Park on league duty. In the previous 99 Celtic have won 66, drawn 19 and lost 14, scoring 418 goals and conceding 93.

■ SINCE making his first appearance against Celtic for Hibernian in the Skol Cup tie in September 1985, which Hibernian won on penalties, John Collins had to wait until his last appearance at Celtic Park as a Hibs player almost five years later, before scoring a goal against his new club.

■ LAST week's defeat by Aberdeen means that Celtic have lost the first two league games of the season for the first time since the war.

■ AS a Celtic player Dixie Deans was the scourge of Hibernian. He scored three hat-tricks against them, two in Cup Finals. In thirteen games he scored eighteen goals. He only failed to find the net against Hibernian three times and strangely enough Celtic never won any of the matches in which he didn't score.



Dixie Deans ... a tormentor of Hibernian.

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