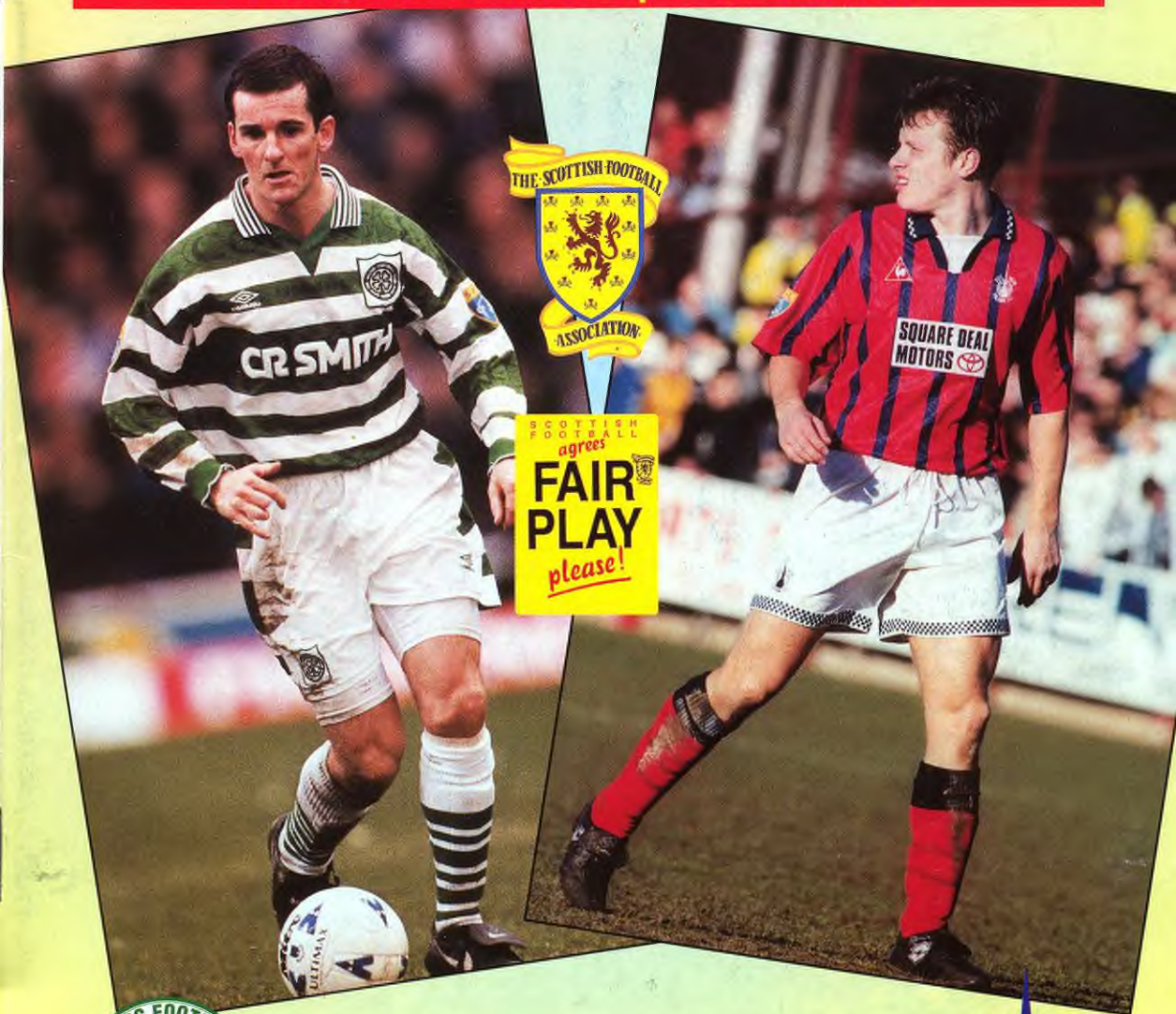


Celtic Falkirk



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So much to play for

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome, on behalf of the Scottish Football Association, to everyone present at Ibrox Stadium, for this afternoon's Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-Final tie between Celtic and Falkirk.

Semi-final ties are generally tense affairs, with both teams very aware of the prize awaiting the winner – an appearance in Scottish football's showpiece match. Already, the 1996/97 Tennents Scottish Cup has provided moments of excitement and enthralling football and therefore I am sure that, no matter the result, the real winners today will be the fans. It will be an exciting day for both clubs, as Celtic will be striving to ensure that the season ends on a high with an appearance in the Tennents Scottish Cup Final in order to maintain the ambitions and hopes of its massive support, whilst for Falkirk, it is an opportunity to revive memories for many in the town of season 1956/57, when the club not only



reached the Final, but won the Scottish Cup. Both teams, therefore, have much to play for this afternoon.

It is a particular pleasure to welcome the representatives of the tournament sponsor, Tennent Caledonian Breweries, and their guests to today's match. This is the eighth year of Tennents' sponsorship of the competition and I trust that everyone connected with the company has found its partnership with Scottish football enjoyable and beneficial. The Scottish Football Association is most appreciative of the support which our sponsor has provided for Scotland's top cup competition over these eight years and we look forward to their continued support in the years ahead.

The Association is grateful to Rangers FC for making Ibrox Stadium available for this afternoon's match and for the co-

operation and assistance which has been extended by the club's Directors and staff in staging this important fixture.

The Tennents Scottish Cup has earned a reputation for quality and all that is good in the Scottish game. Celtic and Falkirk will surely continue this tradition today.

I do hope that you enjoy today's match.

May the better team win!

BILL DICKIE
PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH F.A.



A family day out

When one of the Old Firm comes up against a side like Falkirk in the Tennents Scottish Cup it is the equivalent of an institution taking on a community.

Celtic will today draw their support from all four corners of Scotland and beyond the borders of this country, with ticket supply, as ever, having been unable to meet demand.

For the people of Falkirk, though, this is a day out, the likes of which they will rarely get in their lifetime.

It is the type of occasion when entire families mass ranks and get behind their birthplace.

Buses have been booked to take entire streets in the town on the journey back to their illustrious past and the club has kept faith with its public by not attempting to capitalise on their run in the cup.

When Falkirk started to sell their allocation of tickets for this match, they did not indulge in that traditional, though perfectly



Celtic manager, Tommy Burns

legal, enterprise of first of all taking admission money for a league match and then distributing the goodies.

They are playing fair with their support and will now place their trust in the cup having some romance left in its soul.

When Falkirk won the Scottish Cup in 1957, they beat Kilmarnock in the final. The prospect of a re-match this season is, theoretically at any rate, still possible because of the Rugby Park side's semi-final against Dundee United on Monday night.

Alex Totten, the Brockville manager, now has to hope that fate will allow lightning to strike twice at Ibrox where Celtic are concerned.

The Coca-Cola Cup final, played on November 27, 1994 will go down as one of the blackest days in Tommy Burns' time in charge of Celtic.

It was then that Raith Rovers, who were in the First Division at the time, failed to capitulate in the face of a massive Celtic support and a side who were looking for their first trophy in five years.

The intervening years have brought only one major prize, the

Scottish Cup, that was taken from Airdrieonians in 1995, and done little to satisfy the expectation level of a support who crave higher, and more regular, achievement.

It is enough for Falkirk to glow with satisfaction every four decades but the Old Firm demand a higher rate of productivity, no matter which day of the working week they are playing.

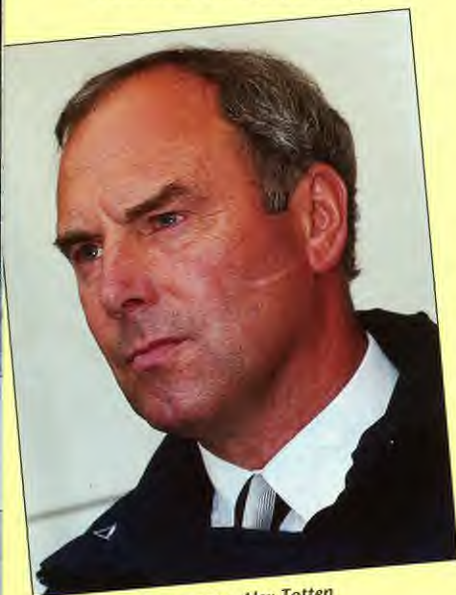
The supporters' demands began to be satisfied when Celtic started their cup run on a Sunday with a resounding 5-0 win over Clydebank at Firhill.

The day before had been more stressful for Falkirk, who were taken to a replay by a side from a lower division and were grateful to get even that much in the end.

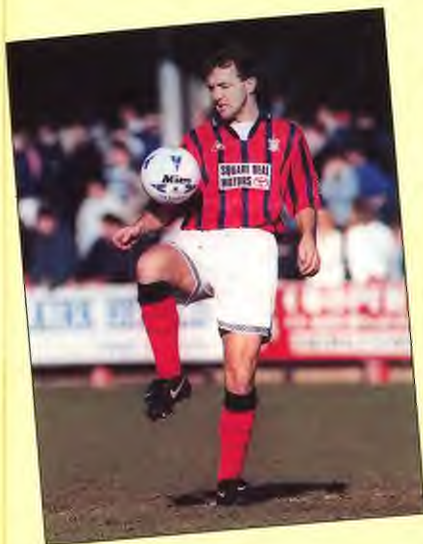
There were only 15 minutes left to play against Berwick Rangers at Brockville when Albert Craig scored with a penalty kick to earn the replay in which Craig and Mark McGraw got the goals which finally took Falkirk into the fourth round.

It was at that stage Celtic started to suffer from stuttering progress.

An early lead, given to them by Phil O'Donnell at Easter Road, was



Falkirk manager, Alex Totten



Albert Craig

not enough to settle them against Hibernian and the arrival of a belated equaliser from a Darren Jackson penalty kick, led to an anxious close to the game.

The replay was a mixture of fine goals, scored by O'Donnell and Paolo di Canio, and continuing signs of hesitancy on Celtic's part.

A sense of relief had renewed Falkirk's ambition, meanwhile.

Dunfermline had arrived at Brockville with a confidence that had been derived from having taken enough league points to guarantee their safety in the Premier Division and were most people's idea of the favourites to make the quarter-finals.

Kevin McAllister had signed from Hibernian in time to be eligible for the game, though, and the player whose affection for Falkirk is legendary helped make the difference between anticipation and reality.

McAllister and David Hagen scored the goals which enabled Falkirk to handle the trauma of going a goal down to begin with.

When the draw was made for the quarter-finals, it made for compulsive viewing on television, when Celtic and Rangers were the first two names to be paired with each other.

It was a game which provided a

severe test of Celtic's resolve.

Two years had passed since Burns' side had known the elation which accompanies an Old Firm win.

Rangers had, by the time of the cup match, already beaten Celtic three times in succession in league championship fixtures.

The season before, Walter Smith's players had removed Celtic from both domestic cup competitions.

The pressure on Burns and his players was, therefore, enough to make the strongest of men buckle at the knees.

It was a strain which did not manifest itself at any point in a tie which Celtic effectively ended with two early goals from Malky Mackay and Di Canio.

Such was the mental and physical toll taken of the players during the defeat of Rangers, however, that Celtic promptly failed to win their next two league games and severely damaged their prospects of winning the title.

There would, at least, be no Raith Rovers waiting in the wings for them to act as a lightning conductor, however.

Falkirk had been drawn at home against the Kirkcaldy club and seized on the opportunity to take advantage of opponents distracted by their fight against relegation from the Top Ten.

Goals from Kevin James and Hagen set up what is the classic confrontation between wealth and husbandry; lofty ambition and carefree abandon.

Falkirk have nothing to lose and Celtic have little to gain beyond a place in the final which the club's supporters will regard as their entitlement.

Beforehand, a player will talk, as has happened in this instance, about trying to get the jersey belonging to Celtic's Cadete or Di Canio to take home as a present for an impressionable child.

What the same player is professionally obliged to do now is take the shirt off Celtic's back and leave them to sit in the ruins of another barren season.

There ought to be an improbable quality to the prospects of that happening here today.

Celtic have talent drawn from across Europe and for whom they have paid millions of pounds.

Falkirk have had a season in which the security of their cup run has punctuated the turmoil which led to a change of manager and prompted Alex Totten's arrival at the club with whom he has had a lifelong affinity.

It is the classic cup confrontation which concentrates on the uncertainty, real or imagined, of the favourites.

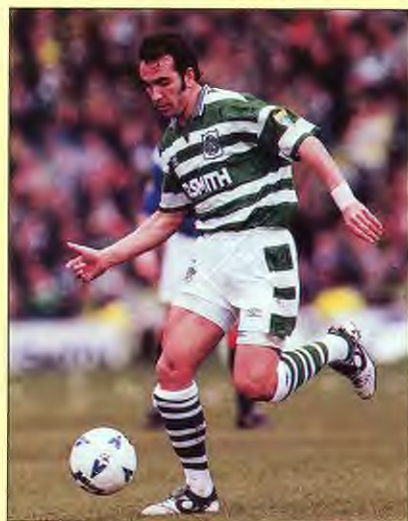
A defeat by Falkirk at Brockville in the Tennents Scottish Cup, three years ago, was the catalyst for historic change at Celtic Park, bringing Fergus McCann and Tommy Burns into positions of responsibility after the supporters took to the streets in protest over the direction which the club appeared to be heading.

The bulk of the pressure today continues to rest with the side which has no margin for error.

It will be the first time in this season's competition that Celtic will have played on a Saturday afternoon.

They will hope it is not the last occasion on which they are required to do so, having left Saturday, 24th May free in their diary.

Paolo di Canio





The story so far. . . .

FIRST ROUND

7th December, 1996

Elgin City 0 Whitehill Welfare 3
 Albion Rovers 0(0) Forfar Athletic (0)4
 Alloa 3 Hawick Royal Albert 1
 Huntly 2(1) Clyde (1)3*
 *AET (2-2 at 90 mins)

SECOND ROUND

4th January, 1997

Stranraer 0(1) Inv. Caledonian Thistle (1)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
Inv. Caledonian Thistle won 4-3 on kicks from the penalty mark
 Ross County 3 Montrose 0
 Spartans 0(0) Arbroath (0)3
 Berwick Rangers 2 Peterhead 1
 Queen's Park 2 Gala Fairydean 1
 Whitehill Welfare 2 Queen of the South 3
 Brechin City 2 Livingston 1
 East Stirlingshire 4 Brora Rangers 3
 Stenhousemuir 1 Hamilton Academical 2
 Ayr United 0 Clyde 2
 Cowdenbeath 1 Dumbarton 0
 Forfar Athletic 0 Alloa 1

THIRD ROUND

25th January, 1997

Heart of Midlothian 5 Cowdenbeath 0
 Hibernian 0(2) Aberdeen (2)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
Hibernian won 5-3 on kicks from the penalty mark
 Queen's Park 1 East Fife 3
 Rangers 2 St. Johnstone 0
 Arbroath 0(2) Greenock Morton (2)4
 Dundee 3 Queen of the South 1
 Inv. Caledonian Thistle 1 Hamilton Academical 3
 Kilmarnock 2 East Stirlingshire 0
 Dunfermline Athletic 4 Ross County 0
 Brechin City 3 Alloa 0
 Clyde 3 St. Mirren 1
 Clydebank 0 Celtic 5
 Falkirk 2(1) Berwick Rangers (1)1
 Stirling Albion 0 Dundee United 2
 Partick Thistle 0 Motherwell 2
 Airdrieonians 1 Raith Rovers 4

FOURTH ROUND

15th February, 1997

Brechin City 1 Raith Rovers 2
 Heart of Midlothian 0(1) Dundee United (1)1
 Falkirk 2 Dunfermline Athletic 1
 Greenock Morton 1(2) Dundee (2)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
 Motherwell 2(1) Hamilton Academical (1)0
 Hibernian 0(1) Celtic (1)2
 Clyde 0 Kilmarnock 1
 Rangers 3 East Fife 0

FIFTH ROUND

8th March, 1997

Celtic 2 Rangers 0
 Falkirk 2 Raith Rovers 0
 Dundee United 4 Motherwell 1
 Greenock Morton 2 Kilmarnock 5

Falkirk and Celtic players celebrate reaching the semi-final stage of the Tennents Scottish Cup



A story book ending for Phil O'Donnell?

Roy of the Rovers would have been proud of Phil O'Donnell's fairytale Cup final debut in 1991.

With only 11 first-team games under his belt the 19-year-old was pitched into the Motherwell starting eleven for the incredible 4-3 victory against Dundee United.

And not content with ending his first six months in senior football with a Hampden appearance, O'Donnell chose the famous stadium to notch his first goal in professional football.

Roy Race, eat your heart out!

Of course, international midfielder, O'Donnell, is now the proud owner of two winner's medals after steering Celtic to Final victory against Airdrie in 1995.

And he's going for the hat-trick this season with First Division Falkirk the only barrier between the Hoops and another crack at silverware glory.

But any future final appearances will struggle to compete with the drama and excitement of Phil's debut season.

Even now, six years after the event, O'Donnell can only smile and shake his head in disbelief when he casts his mind back to a sun-soaked Hampden on May 18, 1991.

"The whole day was just fantastic and it was the sort of occasion you dream about as a boy," admitted O'Donnell.

"To play at Hampden in a major final was superb – to score was unbelievable and the fact I was

only 19 at the time, made it all the more special.

"When I think back, I had only been around the first-team for six months and already I had played and scored in a Cup-winning side.



Phil O'Donnell

"Some people take 16 years to each their first Cup final, let alone score in one.

"Tommy McLean only revealed his team two-and-a-half hours before kick-off and when my name was read out, I promised myself I'd just go out and enjoy myself.

"I might never have had another chance to play in a Cup Final and I was determined to make the most of it."

But O'Donnell, cursed with so much bad luck when it comes to injuries, struck the Cup jackpot

again four years later – this time with Celtic, the club he joined in a £1.75 million move in September 1994.

And the nerves which were absent as he lined up against United in 1991, struck with a vengeance as under-pressure Celtic strode onto the Hampden turf to face First Division, Airdrie.

O'Donnell, by this time an experienced 23-year-old with one Scotland cap to his name, remembers the Hampden jitters only too well the second time around.

He added: "At Celtic we were under a lot more pressure to win something and it was also Tommy Burns's first year as boss.

"We'd lost in the Coca-Cola Cup Final to Raith Rovers and the pressure on us against another First Division team was immense.

"That game was much more nerve-wracking to be involved in – as favourites we were expected to win in a walkover.

"The players knew they couldn't let the fans down again and thankfully we won the game 1-0.

"I came on as a sub for Simon Donnelly with 15 minutes to go and it was a huge feeling of joy and relief when the final whistle blew.

"The atmosphere after winning a final is incredible. The thing that struck me about 1991 was the size of the Motherwell support at Hampden – I think the whole town came to see us.

"And then we travelled back to Fir Park to find thousands of fans on

the park waiting to cheer us home.

"The bus trip from Hampden to Parkhead in 1995 was also special – fans at points along the route were dancing in the street and Celtic Park's entrance was jam-packed with fans.

"Once we managed to get inside the ground, it was impossible to try and work your way back out!"

However, O'Donnell would gladly accept another lock-in this year as long as the prized Scottish Cup trophy is once again in the proud possession of the Parkhead club.

Celtic have lifted the famous trophy on 30 occasions – now the "experts" would have you believe Falkirk stand little chance of halting Celtic's run to the final and a crack at making it 31 successes.

Falkirk fans disagree, of course, and they are banking on history repeating itself 40 years on.

The last time the Bairns won the Cup they defeated Berwick Rangers and Raith in route to their triumph.

Both those teams have already been dismissed by the Bairns – and now they're gunning for Celtic.

However, Celtic can turn a few omens of their own.

Celtic's last two Cup triumphs – in 1989 and 1995 – came after victories over Hibernian on the way to Hampden glory.

And this year, Hibs were fourth-round victims of Tommy Burns's boys with O'Donnell scoring in both the first game and the replay.

Further bad news for Bairns fans is O'Donnell's success rate against the Brockville side in the Cup – played one, won one.

Motherwell's glory run to the final in 1991 included a quarter-final victory over Falkirk at Fir Park.

O'Donnell played a starring role in the 4-2 triumph and is hoping for a repeat of that win today at Ibrox.

"That was only my third game for the club and Falkirk were flying high in the First Division at the time," recalled the midfielder.

"The winning margin looks comfortable, but it was 2-2 with 15 minutes to go and it took a couple of late goals to put us into the semi-finals.



Paul McGrillen

"Falkirk, this time around, will be just as tough a nut to crack.

"Already they've shown the door to two Premier Division sides in Dunfermline and Raith Rovers and they'll want to do the same to us."

On paper, however, the superstars of Parkhead should be too strong for Alex Totten's First Division side.

O'Donnell acknowledges the fact his team are red-hot favourites to dump Falkirk out at the semi-final stage.

But he'll also take nothing for granted against a Falkirk side which has saved its best football for the Tennents Scottish Cup.

O'Donnell knows only too well that underdogs can have their day.

And he insists one Falkirk player in particular would love to make it to the Cup final at Celtic's expense.

Bairns striker, Paul McGrillen, started out on the road to soccer stardom alongside O'Donnell at Motherwell.

They came up through the youth ranks together and even though McGrillen is Celtic daft – that won't bother him come three o'clock today.

O'Donnell smiled: "I came through the YTS system at Motherwell with Paul and we were best pals early in our careers.

"We made our debuts in consecutive weeks – I played against St. Mirren and the following week

Paul made his first appearance against St. Johnstone.

"We both come from Hamilton and used to travel into the ground in the morning by bus and we were very pally.

"He's a tough little striker, very wiry and a good finisher.

"I got the breaks at Motherwell, while Paul was in and out of the team a lot, but he's still a player with a lot of talent.

"And even though he's a Celtic fan, he'd love to put one over on us."

O'Donnell, though, will be at the heart of the Celtic side trying to prevent one of the biggest Cup shocks in decades.

After a nightmare start to the season, when once again injury stopped him in his tracks, he's bounced back into the first team and shown the type of form which convinced boss, Burns, to make him his first Parkhead signing and the club's record buy three years ago.

A Scotland recall looks to be possible with national coach, Craig Brown, one of his biggest fans and today's semi-final gives him another platform to display his undoubted talents.

And if the Hoops star can turn in another Cup performance worthy of Melchester Rovers' most famous son, then Celtic could be celebrating come 4.45 today.

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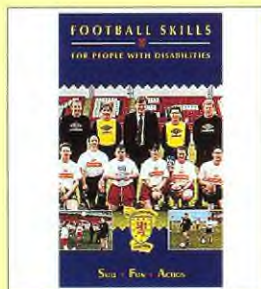
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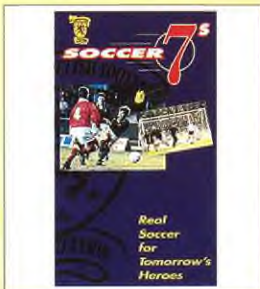
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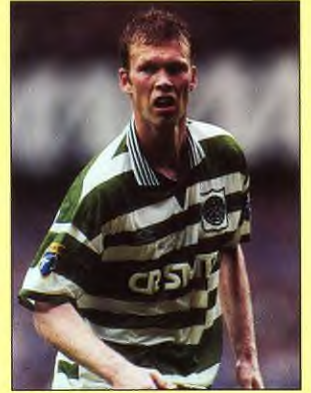
Simon Donnelly



Tosh McKinlay



The Celtic 'huddle'



Morten Wieghorst



Alan Stubbs



Brian McLaughlin



Paul McStay

Flashback to Fifth Round Action - Celtic v Rangers

Celtic players celebrate



Di Canio sends Goram the wrong way for Celtic's second goal



Mackay and Laudrup duel for the ball



On a high - Malky Mackay after scoring Celtic's first goal



Equally determined - Phil O'Donnell and Craig Moore



Flashback to Fifth Round Action - Falkirk v Raith Rovers



Scott Crabbe of Falkirk and Raith's Davie Kirkwood challenge for the ball



No holds barred!

Fair Play. Raith's Sorren Anderson sportingly helps up Falkirk's Kevin James



Falkirk—down, but certainly not out



Falkirk's Graham Mitchell challenges in this aerial duel



CELTIC

STEWART KERR

Born Bellshill 13.11.74.
Height 6ft 2ins. Weight 13st 0lbs.
Young Stewart grabbed his big chance as firmly as he gathers the ball after being promoted by Tommy Burns last October. And he hasn't missed a game since. Stewart rates Manchester United's, Peter Schmeichel, as Europe's No. 1 keeper and tries to copy the great Dane's every move. It shows, too. So far, he has lost only one cup goal and a quarter-final shut-out against Rangers helped the Celts into the last four. Now strongly tipped as a future full internationalist.

JACKIE McNAMARA

Born Glasgow 24.10.73.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 9st 7lbs.
Jackie will go down as one of Burns' best-ever buys following his bargain £400,000 snatch from Dunfermline. He hasn't taken too much time to break into Craig Brown's Scotland squad, either, and it might not be too long before he becomes an automatic choice – although he was excused from the recent matches for personal reasons. Fast-maturing, Jackie has his sights set on winning his first major medal, too.

ENRICO ANNONI

Born Gloussand 10.07.66.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 12st 4lbs.
Shaven-head, Rico, paints such a ferocious sight he wouldn't have looked out of place as an extra in the *Godfather*. But don't let that awesome exterior conceal the fact that Annoni is a very gifted defender – Italian style, of course. Off the park, ritzy Rico is reputed to be a pussy cat – honest. His recent transfer from Roma developed into a will he won't he saga and Celtic looked like losing their target before finally landing another Serie A star.

ALAN STUBBS

Born Kirkby 06.10.71.
Height 6ft 1ins.
Weight 13st 7lbs.
The Scouser has had an unfortunate time of it with a flurry of cautions and a series of niggling injuries. Celtic fans have only seen glimpses of the real Stubbs in action. But there's no doubting he can be commanding in the air and on the deck. Now, at last, Celtic's record £3.5 million record buy is really ready to kick-start his career with the Bhoys.

TOMMY BOYD

Born Glasgow 24.11.65.
Height 5ft 11ins.
Weight 11st 4lbs.
A Celtic regular and a Scotland fixture – what more could Tommy be gunning for? Another Scottish Cup winners' medal, that's what. Tommy recently broke his scoring duck for Scotland with that mighty-welcome headed opener against Estonia at Kilmarnock. But the versatile defender – happy on either flank or in the middle – has his mind more set on keeping them out rather than popping them in. Still, another one today would have the Celtic chorus in full song.

TOSH MCKINLAY

Born Glasgow 03.12.64
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
A wing back who can cross the ball with such precision from left-wing raids. But picking out team-mates with seeming ease with that cultured left peg isn't the only weapon in the



Stewart Kerr

McKinlay armoury. Tosh knows more than a wee bit about defending, too. Another Celt who continues to star for Scotland – and who did well in the Austria match at Celtic Park last week.

PAUL McSTAY

Born Hamilton 22.10.64.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 8lbs.
A fixture in Celtic's first team for fifteen years. Had a serious ankle injury over the close season which took Paul a long time to recover from. However, once re-established in Celtic's midfield, his character, skill and reading of the game has been a major factor in the club's reaching today's semi-final stage. Awarded the MBE for services to football in the New Year Honours' List.



Andreas Thom

Christmas gift from Dundee United. But his acquisition is all part of Celtic's green-print for the future, and he has already impressed with some outstanding performances. Dave already has a Scottish Cup winners' medal, having been part of the United side which stopped Rangers from claiming the treble three years ago. Make it a double, says Dave.

MORTEN WIEGHORST

Born Glostrup 25.02.71.
Height 6ft 3ins. Weight 12st 12lbs.
The Danish star has taken on a revolving door role for Celtic lately – now you see him, now you don't. Morten moved from Dundee in an attempt to establish himself both for the Celts and for Denmark, but those plans have drifted a bit wide of the target. But Morten can still switch on the class when required. Could be a surprise choice today.

JORGE CADETE

Born Mozambique 27.08.68.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
Celtic's top scorer this season. Joined the club last March and has made an enormous impact at the club. The Portuguese international is a big favourite of the fans and has already hit the 30 mark for goals this season. Could be the main threat to Falkirk's hopes today.

SIMON DONNELLY

Born Glasgow 01.12.74.
Height 5ft 5ins. Weight 10st 12lbs.
Simon says, it's time for Celtic to take the Scottish Cup back to Paradise. First of all, though they will have to take care of Falkirk today. And little Simon, small in physical stature but huge in heart and ability, will have to wait and wonder if he is to get a semi-final nod. Simon is being given the chance to mature at his own speed, instead of being burned out at a hectic weekly pace.

PAOLO DI CANIO

Born Rome 09.07.68.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
If a staple diet of spaghetti, pizza and a dash of chianti produces players of this high calibre, then maybe aspiring players here should immediately give up on porridge,

fish suppers and the traditional bottle of fizzy pop. Paolo's a star – no argument – and Burns is to be praised from the roof of the new Parkhead stand for bringing such a huge talent to this country. Di Canio, of course, accepted the responsibility by taken that cup-tie-clinching penalty against Rangers.

TOMMY JOHNSON

Born Newcastle 17.01.71
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 12st 4lbs.
Burns splashed out a reputed £2.4 million just two week ago to sign the Geordie from Aston Villa. And if Tommy's as successful on the field as another Geordie currently is, picking up his playing wages in a different part of Glasgow, then Celtic have another winner on their books. Tommy insisted he had made the move to help Celtic win the cup – now's his chance to prove it.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

Born Bellshill 14.05.74.
Height 5ft 4ins. Weight 9st 3lbs.
A very tricky character on the field who has been likened to the legendary Jimmy Johnstone. Used sparingly this season, but has the ability to unlock tight defences and could be a key man if selected today.

PHIL O'DONNELL

Born Bellshill 25.03.72.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
Phil is at his most dangerous when opponents appear to overlook the fact he's playing. Ignore him for a split second and, flash, the ball is in the back of your net. Assistant boss, Billy Stark, had the happy knack of ghosting into scoring positions and Phil is just a copycat midfielder. Unfortunately, his early season was plagued by injury, but everyone at Celtic Park is delighted to see Phil back and playing to his potential.

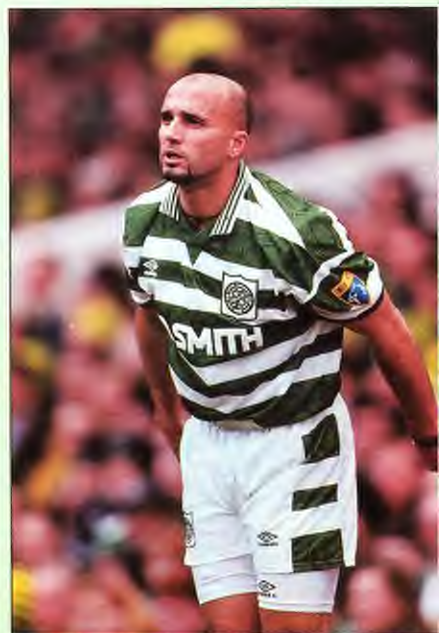
ANDREAS THOM

Born Rudersdorf 07.09.65.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
German ace, Andreas, has been used sparingly this season, sparking speculation he is on the verge of returning to his homeland. But while he remains at Parkhead, he will remain firmly in Celtic plans, especially for the Cup. Thom has the football intellect to unlock the tightest of defences and Hoops fans haven't forgotten that he still packs a cannonball of a shot.

DAVID HANNAH

Born Airdrie 04.08.73.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 8lbs.
Tommy Burns surprised a few when he presented David as a late

Enrico Annoni





- Spectators are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground, particularly in staircase areas. Their doing so will reduce to a minimum the risk of accident. We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.
- First aid duties at today's match are kindly carried out by the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.
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Tom Boyd

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Brian McLaughlin

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Jamie McGowan

Scott McKenzie

Kevin James

Scott Crabbe

Albert Craig

Andy Gray

Andrew Seaton

Kenny Ward

Paul McGrillen

Mark McGraw

David Hagen

Gerhard Fellner

Andrew Lawrie

Martyn Corrigan



- In the event of today's tie ending in a draw after 90 minutes, the match will be replayed at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1997, kick-off 7.45 p.m.
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FALKIRK

CRAIG NELSON

Born Coatbridge 28.05.71.
Height 6ft 1in. Weight 12st 3lbs.
Arrived in the summer as part of the deal that took David Weir to Heart of Midlothian. Made his name and reputation with Partick Thistle, although the move to Tynecastle didn't work out the way he would have liked. Good shot stopper who can convert defence to attack with feisty kick-outs.

NEIL OLIVER

Born Berwick-Upon-Tweed 11.04.67.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
The powerful defender has been with Falkirk since travelling north from Blackburn in 1991. Equally at home in central defence or full-back, he adds presence to the back division with an unfussy style designed to clear the lines. Starting to re-establish himself after having his career disrupted by injury. Only played five times last season.

JAMIE MCGOWAN

Born Morecambe 05.12.70.
Height 6ft 0ins. Weight 11st 1lb.
Signed from Dundee in 1994, an



Craig Nelson

intelligent defender who likes to come forward. Good vision and distribution, he is capable of playing anywhere at the back and has been awarded the captaincy because of the example he shows on the field. Today's occasion isn't likely to overawe the captain who turned out 29 times in the Premier Division last season.

ANDY GRAY

Born London 22.02.64.

Height 5ft 11ins.
Weight 13st 9lbs.

With one senior cap for England, he was hailed as a star of the future with Crystal Palace, but stumbled on the way up and has spent his career at several clubs including Spurs, Aston Villa and Queens Park Rangers. He was in the Palace side that lost the 1990 FA Cup final against Manchester United. Arrived at Falkirk via Athletic Marbella and is known for his long throws, often aimed for the head of Kevin James, which constitute one of Falkirk's most potent attacking options. He is also a capable defender and a great influence on those around him.

KEVIN JAMES

Born Edinburgh 03.12.75.
Height 6ft 7ins. Weight 12st 0lbs.
Not surprisingly for his height, he is dominant in the air and steady at the back. On the ground, appearances can be deceptive. At times he appears as awkward as a stork on stilts, but that belies a sure touch on the ball and the ability to pass with accuracy. He has established himself in the side and is a regular target for the long throws of Andy Gray, a tactic that produced the first goal in the quarter-final win over Raith Rovers. Recently signed a new two-year contract.

GRAHAM MITCHELL

Born Glasgow 02.11.62.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 12lbs.
Getting into the veteran stage, the former Hibernian defender could provide much needed experience for Alex Totten. Saw service with Hamilton early in his career as a midfielder, but has drifted back into defence through the years. Not only has he retained his enthusiasm for the game he also has a great desire to be a winner and can be relied on never to give up.

ANDY SEATON

Born Edinburgh 16.09.77.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
The 19-year-old has broken into the first team this season with effective performances at left back. Good confidence and able to distribute the ball well, he's been tipped as having a bright future in the game. Signed from Stoneyburn Juniors in 1996, his performances in the reserves have been rewarded with early promotion to the first team. If he plays today, it would be the biggest test of his career to date.

SCOTT MCKENZIE

Born Glasgow 07.07.70.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 10st 5lbs.
Quietly effective in the midfield, he



Andy Gray



Scott Crabbe

has been with Falkirk since 1990 and has retained his place throughout several managerial changes. A player's player whose contribution is appreciated more on the field than off it, he is likely to provide a link between defence and attack. Good vision, with an eye for a defence splitting pass, and he can also weigh in with robust tackles in the middle of the field.

KEVIN McALLISTER

Born Falkirk 08.11.62.
Height 5ft 5ins. Weight 11st 0lbs.
Now in his third spell at the club, 'Crunchie' has returned from Hibernian to a hero's welcome. A direct striker, he can lay on chances for others as well as take them himself. Has experience of the big occasion, having twice played at Wembley for Chelsea in the Full Members and Zenith Data Systems cups. He was a winner on both occasions and carries the threat to help Falkirk be winners today.

ALBERT CRAIG

Born Glasgow 03.01.62.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
As he takes the field today the midfielder's thoughts will inevitably drift back to THAT Scottish Cup result in 1987 when he helped Hamilton Academical to a Cup upset against Rangers. That experience will help to convince Falkirk that victory can be achieved. First played in the Premier Division with Dumbarton and, after a spell at Newcastle, he can count Peter Beardsley as a close

personal friend. A hard working player with an eye for goal, he has scored twice in the current cup run.

SCOTT CRABBE

Born Edinburgh 12.03.68.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
Few would grudge the striker his moment of glory after coming through a series of devastating injuries that threatened his career. Previously with Hearts and Dundee United, he has pace and is capable of leading the line as well as linking with others. While at Hearts, he was on the losing side in semi-finals against St. Mirren and Airdrie. There's no doubt he'll want to walk off the field a winner this time.

MARK McGRAW

Born 05.01.71.
Height 5ft 11 1/2ins. Weight 11st 2lbs.
Allowed to leave Morton by his manager and father Allan, the tall striker had an unsuccessful spell at Hibernian before his move to Brockville. Still on the fringes of the first team but his height and weight can be put to good use if required. Scored the winner in the third-round replay against Berwick, and if he feels he still has to prove himself to sections of the support, that could make him a dangerous opponent today.

DAVID HAGEN

Born Edinburgh 05.05.73.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 13st 0lbs.
Spells at Rangers, then Hearts, might suggest the striker's career has been on the wane, but he has taken stock at Falkirk and is beginning once again to show the kind of form that took him to the top of the game. A regular goalscorer with great pace, he often drops back into the midfield where he is equally effective in creating for others. He has scored twice in the cup run, against Dunfermline and Raith Rovers and will have to be watched carefully by the Celtic defence.

PAUL McGRILLEN

Born Glasgow 19.08.71.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 10st 5lbs.
The small hit-man arrived from Motherwell in early 1995 and was an immediate success. A non-stop bustling player who gives 100 per cent at all times, and who can play

through the middle or on the wing. More likely to be used inside with the arrival of Kevin McAllister and Kenny Ward, both of whom are more natural wingers. He was the club's top league scorer last season with six Premier Division goals.

KENNY WARD

Born Blairhall 16.06.63.
Height 5ft 7ins. Weight 11st 4lbs.
Like several of his team-mates, has come back from an injury so serious it was reported his career could be over. But Alex Totten has shown faith in the skilful ball player he had at St. Johnstone, and the manager has been rewarded for his loyalty with outstanding performances. He can operate on either wing and has had a major say in the cup run, having played against his former club, Dunfermline and Raith Rovers.

GERHARD FELLNER

Born Saalfelden, Austria 24.04.70.
Height 6ft 2ins. Weight 12st 2lbs.
The Austrian striker was signed a few weeks ago and immediately endeared himself to the locals by scoring against East Fife on his debut. The 26-year-old is powerful in the air and should prove a danger at set pieces, but he also has pace and a fine finishing touch. He has signed until the end of the season and the Falkirk fans can anticipate a few more goals from him until then. They would settle for one today.



Kenny Ward

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Waiting in the wings

Two hours before the respective managers get down their dressing room tactics briefing prior to a big game, another vital team-talk takes place.

That's when those involved in the crucial work of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association get their pre-match briefing.

The thousands who flock to a major match have no idea of the amount of preparation that goes on in the background.

On big game days, like the Cup semi-finals, there will be more than 50 of the St. Andrew's workers stationed at strategic positions around the stadium.

The vast majority of them are volunteers, people who have taken the trouble to learn how to help others and who are quite prepared to give up hours of their time to put this knowledge to good use.

But gone are the days of the traditional St. Andrew's worker, decked out in the dark blue uniform, with all their equipment carried in a khaki-coloured haversack over the shoulder.

Now they are kitted out in the high-profile luminous green jacket which makes them immediately recognisable to the public. And the equipment is high-tech as well, with everyone in contact by personal radio. Then there are collapsible mobile stretchers and the very latest in defibrillators which have vital significance when someone collapses with a cardiac arrest.

The most conspicuous role played by the St. Andrew's squad is when they are summoned to the field to help stretcher off an injured player. But there is a lot less prominent, but equally important, work being carried out all round the stadium.

"We are there to cover absolutely every situation which might require first-aid assistance" says Linda Blair,

who is staff officer at the association's headquarters in Glasgow.

"We are in attendance at virtually every football match in Scotland, as well as other major public events, so we have thousands of volunteers who are out and about at weekends. There is a first aid room at every football club in Scotland, and indeed Celtic now have five, three of them manned on match days, after the ground rebuilding.

"At big matches like the semi-finals, we hold our pre-match briefing at least two hours before the kick-off."

The workers are then sent out in pairs to be stationed all round the outside of the ground prior to kick-off to assist any fans who may need help. Then, approaching kick-off, they move to positions inside the stadium.

"We have a squad in the first aid room and another section devoted to the aid of players who are injured on the pitch and may need to be carried off" says Linda.

"In the case of FIFA matches we have two squads dedicated to the players, one on either side of the pitch to give rapid response to any situation."

The St. Andrew's Association have, at all major football matches now, the very latest model of the life-saving defibrillator to assist heart attack victims.

"We are certainly the first organisation in Britain to have the updated version of this important piece of equipment" says Linda.

Radio communication is vital to bring swift help to any crisis situation, and again the association have the very best available to help to summon either the doctors who are in attendance or the ambulances which are on stand-by.

The St. Andrew's volunteers first of all go through a standard first aid

course. Then if they decide to carry on their work with the association, they receive extra training in casualty handling and carrying, and how to use all the equipment available.

Many of them, of course, are football fans anyway, and enjoy being at the big matches, even though they do not get too much time just to spectate.

And occasionally they have the chance to carry off one of their favourite stars – which might not be enjoyable for the injured player but can make the day for the ambulance worker involved.

Indeed there is one volunteer lady who had the dubious pleasure of carrying off Ally McCoist at a game at Ibrox and, naturally, was given the usual line of McCoist patter from the man on the stretcher.

Balancing this, there was also the case of the first-aider who wheeled off an injured player and headed with him for the treatment table . . . only to finish up a victim himself when he slipped on the dressing room floor.

He was then promptly carted out to the first aid room aboard the stretcher he had just delivered!



It's all part of the service

A spring in his step

Kevin McAllister has appeared in two Wembley Cup finals in front of a combined attendance of over 140,000 fans – but insists both occasions would pale into insignificance with a Falkirk victory at Ibrox today.

The veteran winger, now in his third spell as a Brockville player, thought his days in the big time were over when he left Hibernian in January to rejoin the club where he is a local hero.

A First Division promotion race was the only thing on McAllister's horizon, but now he finds himself just 90 minutes away from a fairytale appearance in the Tennents Scottish Cup final.

"It has all been such a bonus for me," says the man called 'Crunchie' by the Falkirk fans, "and now we are in the last four, who knows what could happen."

During six years in English football with Chelsea, McAllister's cup adventures took him to the twin towers of Wembley twice.

Granted, both occasions hardly go down in football's hall of fame – and they certainly don't trip lightly off the tongue – but McAllister takes justifiable pride from the winners' medals he collected from the 1986 Full Members Cup final and the Zenith Data Systems Cup final, four years later.

The tournaments were introduced to try and compensate leading English clubs for their ban from European competitions.

Regardless of their stature, a Wembley final captured the imagination of the fans. When Chelsea beat Manchester City 5-4 in

the 1986 final, they were watched by 68,000 and a bumper attendance of 76,369 saw their 1-0 win over Middlesbrough in 1990.

"The early rounds of both competitions were very low key," recalls McAllister, "but when we got to the finals, you suddenly felt it really mattered a great deal.

"The fans certainly saw it that way and both finals were great days out for them. The players enjoyed it too and I look back on both matches with a lot of affection.

"The 1986 game against Manchester City was incredible and I don't imagine there have been many finals with a 5-4 scoreline. David Speedie scored a hat-trick for us that

afternoon.

"The final with Middlesbrough, four years later, didn't quite match it in terms of excitement and I remember Tony Dorigo scoring the only goal.

"They were the two real highlights from my time with Chelsea, but if Falkirk were able to beat Celtic at Ibrox, it would top anything else I have experienced in my career so far."

McAllister has already played in one major cup final in Scotland, when he appeared in the Hibernian side which lost 2-1 to Rangers, after extra time, in the 1993 League Cup final at Celtic Park.

"I also played in the semi-final of



Kevin McAllister

the Tennents Scottish Cup the following season, for Hibernian, when Celtic beat us at Ibrox after a replay," he says, "and although I enjoyed both occasions, I have to say on a personal note that something is taken away from them by not being at Hampden.

"Having said that, everyone at Falkirk is delighted our semi-final is here at Ibrox on a Saturday, because that gives it a real sense of occasion, you really feel it is a huge day for the club."

McAllister had no qualms about returning to Brockville for the third time in his career three months ago.

"A new manager had come in at Easter Road where my contract was going to be up for renewal in the summer anyway," he explains, "and it seemed the right thing for both parties that I should move when the chance came.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying playing for Alex Totten, as he is a manager who encourages attacking football and that suits me down to the ground."

McAllister has played a significant role in Falkirk's run to the semi-finals, including a goal in their shock fourth round win over Premier Division side, Dunfermline Athletic, and believes fortune is favouring the Bairns.

"We have been a bit fortunate at times during the run," he admitted, "especially in the third round when we were 1-0 down to Berwick Rangers and only got a replay because of a debatable penalty.

"Since then, we have had home advantage against two Premier Division teams in Dunfermline Athletic and Raith Rovers and there is no doubt Brockville played a big part in our victories. No-one likes playing at our place.

"Celtic are big favourites in the semi-final, you won't find any of us disputing that, but anything can happen in a one-off cup tie, as Raith Rovers proved against them in the Coca-Cola Cup final in 1994.

"All of the pressure is on Celtic and it is up to us to have a go and try and take advantage of it."

McAllister sees real parallels between today's tie and Falkirk's famous Tennents Scottish Cup fourth-round win over Celtic four years ago.

"Celtic were having a bit of trouble behind the scenes at that time," recalls McAllister, with Liam Brady under a bit of pressure as manager. All the publicity surrounding Celtic in recent weeks is a bit reminiscent of it and if they are distracted in any way, it could work in our favour."

Falkirk were a Premier Division side that afternoon in 1992 when goals from Neil Duffy and Eddie May handed Celtic a 2-0 defeat at Brockville.

McAllister is the only survivor of the Falkirk line-up from the tie with Tom Boyd, Peter Grant and Paul McStay still in the Celtic ranks.

"It's surprising that there should have been more turnover in the Falkirk squad since then than at Celtic," he says, "when you think of the changes which have occurred at Celtic Park.

"It wasn't a great shock to us to beat them four years ago, because we had been playing well and Celtic were going through a bad patch. They are certainly a far more consistent side now.

"I remember all the headlines and reports saying the result in 1992 was more down to Celtic playing badly than Falkirk playing well. It annoyed us at the time, but we would be happy to read the same kind of thing on Sunday morning this time around!"

If McAllister was not wearing a Falkirk shirt this afternoon, he would be among the supporters in the Ibrox stands.

"I was a Falkirk fan before I was a Falkirk player," he says, "and I've been lucky enough to be the kind of player the supporters enjoy

watching. I may have been away from the club for several years of my career but my heart has always been with Falkirk.

"My big ambition is to help get the club back into the Premier Division because I don't feel my days of playing at the top level are over yet.

"People ask me if I will now finish my career with Falkirk, and that might be the case. I have next season to go before my contract is up but I know I can play beyond that.

"If Falkirk want me to stay, that would be great, but if not I would look to keep playing somewhere else.

"I am enjoying my football as much as I ever have and although I'm considered a veteran now at 34, I feel fitter than ever. I go to training every day with a spring in my step and I'm contributing as much as ever on the pitch."

If McAllister can make a telling contribution this afternoon, he may yet be walking with a spring in his step to collect a Scottish Cup winners' medal on May 24.



Neil Duffy

Dropping in the names



Jamie McGowan

Like a soccer socialite, Jamie McGowan can slot names into a conversation in the same easy manner with which he has captured his role in the centre of the Falkirk defence.

Just as importantly – and I was making the same point last week to Craig Brown and Gary McAllister – he does so in a disarming, matter-of-fact manner which befits his quiet man status.

A 15-minute conversation with the 26-year-old yields an abundant crop of information he has hitherto kept to himself preferring, in that time honoured fashion, to keep his conversations to a patch of grass 110 yards long by 71 wide.

For example, he's as English as

they come and still has the accent to prove it, despite several years in Scottish football, first of all with Dundee, before he moved to Brockville three years ago.

"A lot of people assume because of my name that I'm Scottish, but I was born and bred in Morecombe. I'm actually of Irish descent, although my dad was raised north of the border," he explained.

Secondly, he's possibly the only player in Britain who preferred reserve to first team football because he could learn more in the stiffs.

Thirdly, he once went on trials with Rangers and the only thing he was offered was a new nickname. "Neale Cooper called me Blakey, the character from *On the Buses* – because I had long hair then and it had a tendency to flap around a lot in the wind when I played."

Lastly, he almost signed for Liverpool, and when the deal fell through, he contemplated using his college qualifications for a career in the army or as a PE teacher.

McGowan has taken a winding route to this afternoon's Scottish Cup semi-final, but those who believe he was his own worst enemy for rejecting the chance of more regular first team football, as a teenager with his local club, couldn't be further from the truth.

He recalled: "I started out playing non-league with Morecombe and although the standard of football wasn't bad, it was actually better in the second team.

"They played in the same division as reserve outfits from clubs such as Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Bolton and Manchester City and it was a great learning experience.

"I played against seasoned pros such as Tony Cottee and Clive Allen and young guys who were breaking through at the time, including Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler.

"Once, I also came up against Alan Stubbs when he was an up-and-coming star at Bolton, but he won't remember it – I can hardly recall the match or even the score."

McGowan, however, was soon attracting interest from a host of top clubs, including last season's Tennents Scottish Cup final winners.

He moved to Ibrox for a month, ironically sharing a dressing room at the time with current Bairns teammate, David Hagen, but it was too much, too soon.

McGowan added: "I went to Rangers when I was 17 and, to be honest, I was a little bit overawed.

"Graeme Souness was still manager at the time and the team was full of internationalists such as Terry Butcher. Although I wasn't offered a contract it stood me in good stead for what came later."

What came later, 12 months to be exact, was a chance to go to Liverpool and an opportunity he still bitterly regrets was denied to him.

McGowan said: "I was on trial there for six weeks and, basically, Morecombe called a halt to it.

"I was playing in the centre of the defence for the reserves, alongside Alan Hansen, and he was absolutely

tremendous.

"It was a joy to play with him, Barry Venison, Steve Staunton, Jan Molby and a few of their youngsters, and although I was quite raw at the time, I was showing a bit of the potential I had.

"However, a month-and-a-half into the trial spell, Morecambe said they needed me back and the Liverpool coach, Phil Thompson, said it was up to me.

"I went, but to be honest, I was counting the days when I could get back to Liverpool, but it never happened and I was fuming at the time.

"I was really upset that things didn't work out for me."

He was so upset, in fact, that he thought about quitting altogether. Soon afterwards, McGowan graduated with a BTec in leisure and recreation from Lancashire and Morecombe College and set about planning for the future.

Brochures on the army were studied, a university prospectus was pored over and a career in teaching considered.

But his period of self-doubt collided with one of those quirks of fate which can throw even the best prepared life plans way off course.

McGowan said: "I'd basically written off going pro when I took a trip to Ireland for a few days golfing with some mates.

"However, when I was over there I received a phone call from my dad, Mick, saying Simon Stainrod wanted me at Dundee. I travelled to Dens and within a couple of days I'd signed a deal for 18 months.

"Initially, things went great and we beat Rangers 4-3 in a league game, but after that it went downhill. I seemed to pick up ankle injury after ankle injury and went through a torrid time.

"By this stage, Jim Duffy had taken over and as I was in and out of the side, he thought my game could do with some consistency.

"I agreed and needed a

confidence booster, so when Falkirk came in, a swap deal was arranged, taking me to Brockville and Ian Westwater and Neil Duffy the other way."

That was only three seasons ago but to the average Falkirk fan, the latter stages of this season apart, it must seem like an eternity.

The Jim Jefferies and Billy Brown managerial partnership was blossoming, John Hughes was the huge heart in a team which won an army of admirers for placing the emphasis firmly on attack, and a UEFA Cup slot even became a possibility.

Within six weeks of his arrival, McGowan picked up a First Division winners' medal, yet he's the first to admit the very recent history of the club has not been so glorious.

He added: "We had quite a good side under Jim Jefferies and even won at Ibrox in the Coca-Cola Cup, which will hopefully stand me in good stead for this game against Celtic.

"But his departure hit the club badly and it's only now, under Alex Totten, that things are starting to get better.

"Alex was the fans choice to come in and the players are also enjoying his time at the club.

"Our Tennents Scottish Cup run has proved the club are moving in the right direction again and we've shown already against Raith and Dunfermline we're a match for Premier Division outfits on one-off occasions.

"We certainly won't be overawed by this occasion, as Dundee were, when they came up against Premier Division, Aberdeen, in last season's Coca-Cola Cup final.

"We've too many seasoned pros at the club anyway and a good couple of youngsters who have already shown they won't take stage fright."

Celtic know only too well the dangers posed in cup competition by a side from the lower leagues,



Simon Stainrod

but McGowan has offered them a word of advice anyway.

He added: "We do actually believe we can win this tie, you know, even though this is the furthest I've ever been in the Scottish Cup, or any cup for that matter.

"We'll prepare well, keep our formation tight and, most importantly, I don't believe we'll panic.

"The night we beat Rangers in the cup, at Ibrox, everyone thrived in the atmosphere.

"Personally, I put so much energy into that game that when I walked into the dressing room afterwards, my legs were shaking and I couldn't actually speak."

So take heed, Paolo, Jorge, Tom and Tosh.

In years to come, you may become part of the conversation whenever McGowan starts talking about the big names he has tackled successfully. Naturally, he'll do it quietly and deftly – he just wouldn't have it any other way.

Scottish Cup Finals

1873-74	Queen's Park 2 Clydesdale 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1891-92	■ Celtic 5 Queen's Park 1	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1874-75	Queen's Park 3 Renton 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow		(after mutual protest game 1-0 in favour of Celtic)	
1875-76	Queen's Park 2 Third Lanark 0	Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow	1892-93	Queen's Park 2 Celtic 1	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1876-77	Vale of Leven 3 Rangers 2 (after two draws)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1893-94	Rangers 3 Celtic 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1877-78	Vale of Leven 1 Third Lanark 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1894-95	St. Bernard's 2 Renton 1	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1878-79	Vale of Leven awarded the Cup: Rangers failing to appear (after protest on drawn game 1-1 at Hampden Park, Glasgow)		1895-96	Heart of Midlothian 3 Hibernian 1	Logie Green, Edinburgh
1879-80	Queen's Park 3 Thornliebank 0	Cathkin Park, Glasgow	1896-97	Rangers 5 Dumbarton 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1880-81	Queen's Park 3 Dumbarton 1	Kinning Park Ground	1897-98	Rangers 2 Kilmarnock 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
	(after protested game 2-1 in favour of Queen's Park played on same ground)		1898-99	■ Celtic 2 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1881-82	Queen's Park 4 Dumbarton 1 (after 2-2 draw)	Cathkin Park, Glasgow	1899-1900	■ Celtic 4 Queen's Park 3	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1882-83	Dumbarton 2 Vale of Leven 1 (after 2-2 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1900-01	Heart of Midlothian 4 Celtic 3	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1883-84	Queen's Park awarded the Cup. Vale of Leven failing to appear.		1901-02	Hibernian 1 Celtic 0	Celtic Park, Glasgow
1884-85	Renton 3 Vale of Leven 1 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1902-03	Rangers 2 Heart of Mid. 0 (after 1-1 and 0-0 draws)	Celtic Park, Glasgow
1885-86	Queen's Park 2 Renton 1	Cathkin Park, Glasgow	1903-04	■ Celtic 3 Rangers 2	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1886-87	Hibernian 2 Dumbarton 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1904-05	Third Lanark 3 Rangers 1 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1887-88	Renton 6 Cambuslang 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1905-06	Heart of Midlothian 1 Third Lanark 0	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
1888-89	Third Lanark 2 Celtic 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1906-07	■ Celtic 3 Heart of Midlothian 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
	(after protested game of 3-0 in favour of Third Lanark)		1907-08	■ Celtic 5 St. Mirren 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1889-90	Queen's Park 2 Vale of Leven 1 (after 1-1 draw)	Ibrox Park, Glasgow	1908-09	Cup withheld. Celtic and Rangers played drawn games 2-2 and 1-1 at Hampden Park, Glasgow	
1890-91	Heart of Midlothian 1 Dumbarton 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1909-10	Dundee 2 Clyde 1 (after 2-2 and 0-0 draws)	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
			1910-11	■ Celtic 2 Hamilton Academical 0 (after 0-0 draw)	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
			1911-12	■ Celtic 2 Clyde 0	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
			1912-13	■ Falkirk 2 Raith Rovers 0	Celtic Park, Glasgow
			1913-14	■ Celtic 4 Hibernian 1 (after 0-0 draw)	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
			1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19	No competition	
			1919-20	Kilmarnock 3 Albion Rovers 2	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1920-21	Partick Thistle 1 Rangers 0	Celtic Park, Glasgow
			1921-22	Morton 1 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1922-23	■ Celtic 1 Hibernian 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1923-24	Airdrieonians 2 Hibernian 0	Ibrox Park, Glasgow
			1924-25	■ Celtic 2 Dundee 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1925-26	St. Mirren 2 Celtic 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1926-27	■ Celtic 3 East Fife 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1927-28	Rangers 4 Celtic 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1928-29	Kilmarnock 2 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1929-30	Rangers 2 Partick Thistle 1 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1930-31	■ Celtic 4 Motherwell 2 (after 2-2 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1931-32	Rangers 3 Kilmarnock 0 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1932-33	■ Celtic 1 Motherwell 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1933-34	Rangers 5 St. Mirren 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1934-35	Rangers 2 Hamilton Academical 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1935-36	Rangers 1 Third Lanark 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1936-37	■ Celtic 2 Aberdeen 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1937-38	East Fife 4 Kilmarnock 2 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1938-39	Clyde 4 Motherwell 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1939-40, 1940-41, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46	No competition	
			1946-47	Aberdeen 2 Hibernian 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
			1947-48	Rangers 1 Morton 0 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow





TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS 1996

Happy Rangers players after last year's cup victory over Heart of Midlothian

1948-49	Rangers 4 Clyde 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1978-79	Rangers 3 Hibernian 2 (after two 0-0 draws)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1949-50	Rangers 3 East Fife 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1979-80	Celtic 1 Rangers 0 (after extra time)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1950-51	Celtic 1 Motherwell 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1980-81	Rangers 4 Dundee United 1 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1951-52	Motherwell 4 Dundee 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1981-82	Aberdeen 4 Rangers 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1952-53	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow		(after extra time, 1-1 after 90 minutes)	
1953-54	Celtic 2 Aberdeen 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1982-83	Aberdeen 1 Rangers 0 (after extra time)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1954-55	Clyde 1 Celtic 0 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1983-84	Aberdeen 2 Celtic 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1955-56	Heart of Midlothian 3 Celtic 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow		(after extra time, 1-1 after 90 minutes)	
1956-57	Falkirk 2 Kilmarnock 1 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1984-85	Celtic 2 Dundee United 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1957-58	Clyde 1 Hibernian 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1985-86	Aberdeen 3 Heart of Midlothian 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1958-59	St. Mirren 3 Aberdeen 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1986-87	St. Mirren 1 Dundee United 0 (after extra time)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1959-60	Rangers 2 Kilmarnock 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1987-88	Celtic 2 Dundee United 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1960-61	Dunfermline Ath. 2 Celtic 0 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1988-89	Celtic 1 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1961-62	Rangers 2 St. Mirren 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1989-90	Aberdeen beat Celtic 9-8 on kicks from the penalty mark (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1962-63	Rangers 3 Celtic 0 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1990-91	Motherwell 4 Dundee United 3	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1963-64	Rangers 3 Dundee 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow		(after extra time, 3-3 after 90 minutes)	
1964-65	Celtic 3 Dunfermline Athletic 2	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1991-92	Rangers 2 Airdrieonians 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1965-66	Rangers 1 Celtic 0 (after 0-0 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1992-93	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1	Celtic Park, Glasgow
1966-67	Celtic 2 Aberdeen 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1993-94	Dundee United 1 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1967-68	Dunfermline Ath. 3 Heart of Midlothian 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1994-95	Celtic 1 Airdrieonians 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1968-69	Celtic 4 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow	1995-96	Heart of Midlothian 1 Rangers 5	Hampden Park, Glasgow
1969-70	Aberdeen 3 Celtic 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1970-71	Celtic 2 Rangers 1 (after 1-1 draw)	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1971-72	Celtic 6 Hibernian 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1972-73	Rangers 3 Celtic 2	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1973-74	Celtic 3 Dundee United 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1974-75	Celtic 3 Airdrieonians 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1975-76	Rangers 3 Heart of Midlothian 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1976-77	Celtic 1 Rangers 0	Hampden Park, Glasgow			
1977-78	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1	Hampden Park, Glasgow			

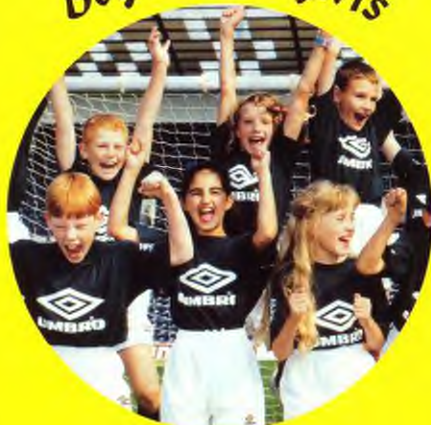
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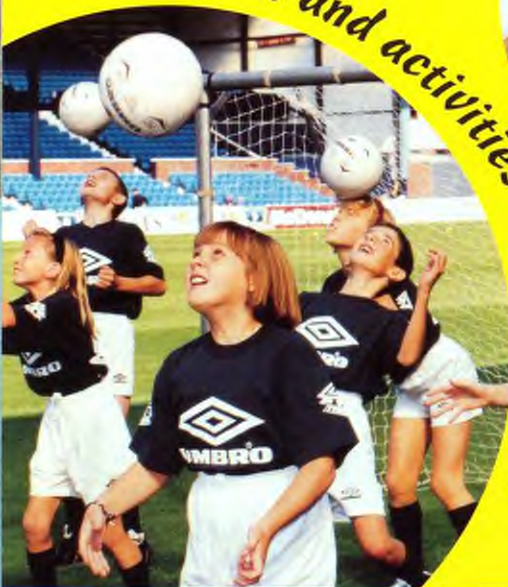
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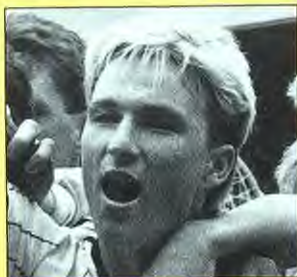
FOOTBALL IS...

...having a BALL

10, 20, 30 years ago

1987

Former Celtic and Liverpool striker, Frank McGarvey, was the man who mattered for St. Mirren in their semi-final clash with Hearts. It was McGarvey who nicked what turned out to be the winner with just six minutes to go. Ian Ferguson, later to be transferred to Rangers, fired Saints into the lead in the 31st minute, but Gary Mackay brought hope back to Hearts with an equaliser in the 74th minute. But then came the McGarvey winner to the delight of the Paisley fans in the 32,390 crowd – it was a goal that took Saints into the Cup final for the first time for 25 years. Dundee United, on the other hand, made it through to their fourth final in a 13-year period by dumping neighbours, Dundee. But it was a see-saw match at Tynecastle with the lead changing hands three times. First of all, Iain Ferguson put United ahead. Then Tommy Coyne equalised for the Dens men and just before half-time, Keith Wright put them ahead. Ferguson equalised for United in the 55th minute and ten minutes later Paul Hegarty edged his team into the final. In England Tottenham beat Watford 4-1 and Coventry defeated Leeds 1-0.



Iain Ferguson

1977



Colin Jackson

Celtic and Rangers triumphed in their respective semi-finals to set-up yet another Old Firm Scottish Cup final. Celtic, having survived a third-round scare when they drew 1-1 away to Airdrie, were convincing 5-0 winners in the replay. They tied with Ayr United, too, in the next round at Parkhead and had to go down to Somerset to win 3-1 to keep on going. Dundee were their opponents at Hampden in the semi, and two goals in the last 11 minutes from striker, Joe Craig, got them through. Craig had also scored four times in the replay win over Airdrie. Rangers were lined-up against Hearts in the other semi, and they too won by 2-0, with both goals coming from defenders – Colin Jackson in the 67th minute and a Sandy Jardine penalty in the 84th. Rangers star player was Tommy McLean, now manager of Dundee United. The English Cup semi-finals saw a Merseyside derby battle which took two games to settle. The first Everton-Liverpool game ended in a 2-2 draw, but the replay went to Liverpool with a convincing 3-0 win. That set up a final against Manchester United who beat Leeds 2-1.

1967

Celtic were expected to be easy winners over Clyde in the semi-final at Hampden, but were defied on numerous occasions by the battling Shawfield side. Celtic skipper, Billy McNeill, had two net-bound headers cleared off the line by Harry Glasgow and John McHugh and another brilliantly saved by goalkeeper, Willie McCulloch. Celtic also claimed they should have had a penalty with just four minutes to go when they alleged Clyde full-back, Soutar, stopped a Jimmy Johnstone shot with his arm. However, in the replay there was no mistake this time from Jock Stein's men. The replay was done and dusted by the 22nd minute after Bobby Lennox netted in the second minute and Bertie Auld scored a superb second. In the other semi-final, the unfortunate Tommy Millar of Dundee United put the ball into his own net after just four minutes – a goal that turned out to be enough to send Aberdeen into the final. The 1967 competition produced one of the shock results in the history of the Cup – Rangers were beaten 1-0 by Berwick Rangers in the third round. In Europe, Celtic, of course, won the European Cup whilst Rangers reached the final of the Cup Winners' Cup. Meanwhile, in the English Cup semi-finals, an all-London final was assured when Chelsea beat Leeds 1-0 and Tottenham defeated Nottingham 2-1.

Today's Match Officials

A question to begin with – **How many managers have thought of asking referees about the training and coaching methods employed by clubs on the Continent? The answer – probably not many. But those referees on the FIFA list who regularly journey to all parts of the European scene might just prove to be an interesting source of information.**

And, if asked, they might just be able to bring back an interesting dossier from those travels for they do get the opportunity to have an unimpeded and close-up look at what is going on.

One such person who could be quizzed is the man in charge today, referee, Willie Young.

This highly-educated and thoughtful Glasgow referee believes in broadening his experience as he travels around.

Says Willie: "I take every opportunity that is open to me to see something new – that could be the conditions that the people of the area have to live in, or it could be to do with football itself and how the clubs abroad prepare to face the various challenges thrust upon them.

"Recently, I got the chance to spend a full day with Lazio at their training camp and to see in detail their methods. It proved fascinating and thought provoking.

"For a start, it was a full day of work for the players, as they carried through the programme for that day.

"In the morning they were put through their fitness paces working together as a unit.

"Then, at lunchtime, they all had a meal together and a strict watch was kept on what they were eating. The correct diet was employed with strict supervision, making sure that what they ate was acceptable.

"After that, it was back to work for the afternoon. But this time the accent was on individual skills as distinct from group training.

"That was certainly an eye-opener and, perhaps, just one example will drive home that aspect.

"Ball skills were top of the agenda with each and every player being scrutinised closely.

"For example, the player who takes the penalty kicks was told to practice that particular art. And it was not simply a case of one or two spot-kicks. A keeper went into goal and it was a complete work-out with scores of penalties being taken as the kicker practiced putting each one into a different area of the goal. That way no-one could be certain where his spot-kick would be placed and he, himself, gained confidence."

Away from football itself Young enjoys watching the social change take place particularly in those countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain.

Continued Willie: "I was recently in Kiev and, as I always do, took up the invitation of a sight seeing tour.

"Refereeing has given me the chance to visit countries I would not normally have seen and it was fascinating as we went around to note the signs of change as the country begins to develop.

"Formerly in the communist countries everyone had a job, but now it is obvious that everyone has got to find his or her own level and that means that some are progressing but others are out of a job and finding life difficult."

This afternoon Willie will be in charge of his third semi-final tie having been in the middle for last season's meeting of Hearts and Aberdeen as well as the League Cup semi-final between Hearts and Dundee.

And do not bet against this tie

being settled on the day. Points out Young: "Unusually, I have had both of today's sides earlier this season in the Scottish Cup.

"I took the Falkirk-Berwick Rangers tie and that resulted in a draw and a replay before Falkirk got through. And I also had charge of the Celtic-Hibernian clash which went to a replay before it was settled."

However, refereeing is not solely about one man, and a top class team will be in operation this afternoon to ensure, as much as is possible, the smooth running of the tie.

Bob Gunn, from Invergowrie, who has been on the FIFA list as an assistant referee since 1990, will be on one line while the other will be patrolled by Class Two referee, Brian Cassidy from Carmunnock.

Standing by as the fourth official is Grade One referee, Michael McCurry, from Glasgow.

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AWARDS' SCHEME



8. DRIBBLING



- A Keep the ball close.
- B Bend knees slightly.
- C Head up occasionally.

1. KEEPY-UP



- A Keep your eye on the ball.
- B Contact ball with a big surface area i.e top of the foot, thigh, head.
- C Keep the ball close.

2. SHOOTING



- A Standing foot near the ball.
- B Kicking leg, swings and follows through.
- C Firm contact.

7. HEADING



- A Eye on the ball.
- B Use the forehead.
- C Follow through.



3. FIRST TOUCH CONTROL



- A Keep your eye on the ball.
- B Be ready - adjust body to receive the ball.
- C Relax the controlling surface to cushion the ball.

6. THE VOLLEY



- A Eye on the ball.
- B Use laces of the boot.
- C Use arms to assist balance.

5. PASS AND MOVE



- A Standing foot near the ball.
- B Firm contact, then follow through.
- C Aim for target - accurate pass.

4. DRIBBLE AND TURN



- A Keep the ball close.
- B Touch the ball lightly.
- C Control speed.

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Should you require any additional information, please contact the Technical Department on 0141-353 3522. The Awards' Scheme pack is available at a cost of £12.00. To order, please complete the attached pro forma and return to the Technical Department, Scottish Football Association, 6 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YF.

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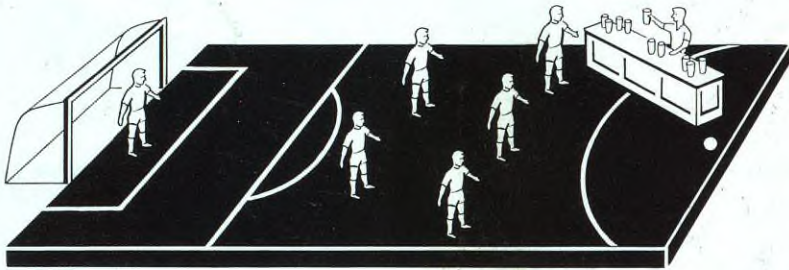


Fig 1. Set up bar on pitch and point it out to the other team.

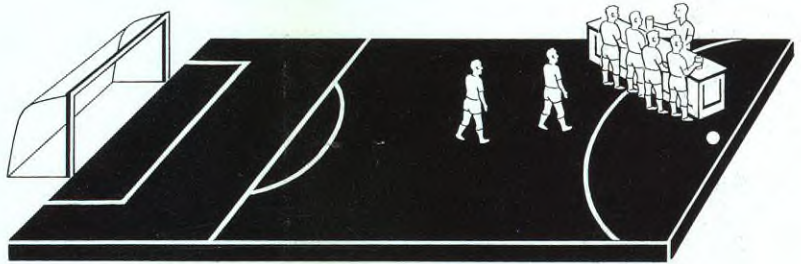


Fig 2. Their players head straight for the bar.

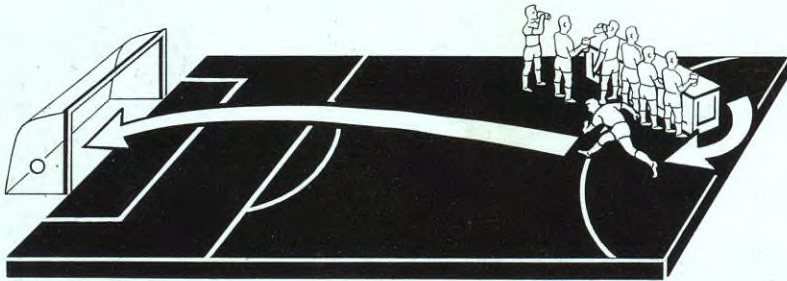


Fig 3. While they have a drink put ball in the net.

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