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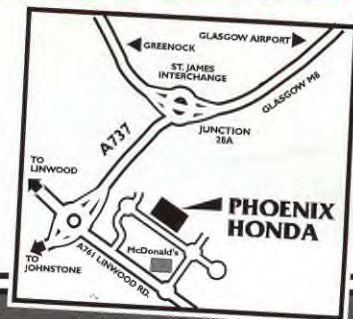
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AS we open up our Tennents Scottish Cup campaign this afternoon above all our attitude must be right.

Though St Mirren are regarded as the underdogs today, they have a lot of good young players and will look forward to coming to Hampden to play us.

WE MUST ENSURE WE PLAY TO OUR CAPABILITIES.

If that is the case then we should have no fears about the tie.

It is pleasing to be going into such an important match with last Saturday's fine performance at Firhill under our belts.

I believe the display against Thistle was our best this season outwith the two Old Firm games at Ibrox and in dreadful conditions we produced an awful lot of quality football.

It is these bread and butter games against sides such as Partick, who battle for everything, that have caused us problems this season so it was good to see us really dominate and go about our business in a confident, stylish manner.

Okay, so we didn't score at Firhill. But if we keep carving out opportunities the way we did last week the goals will start to flow.

It would be nice to knock in a few this afternoon but first and foremost we want to book our place in the fourth round.

We are desperate to go all the way and know exactly what is required having qualified for the final of the Coca Cola Cup earlier this season.

Of course this ultimately turned out to be a deflating experience but simply making the final took the club into territory that's been uncharted in the last four years. Now it is all about going one stage further.

The mood around the club is very positive at the moment thanks to the incredible success of the share issue.

Though, to be fair, in terms of the dressing room the spirit has been good throughout the season.

But undoubtedly the manner in which supporters have rallied round the cause has given everyone working for the club a boost and made them feel that the fans out there genuinely support what they are trying to do.

The flotation was a test for fans who, for many years, we have described as the best in the world. By the way they responded to the issue they have proved that.

However the success of issue has **NOT** made me more determined to turn things around on the pitch.

Knowing that I'm working for Celtic supporters means I couldn't be any **MORE** determined to produce a winning team for them than I already was.

The fact that our fans have dipped into their own pockets will mean I will pull out all the stops to ensure they get full value.

We need to bring in two or three new faces to help us achieve our aims but we won't be rushed.

We want the very best for a support that has proved it deserves nothing less.

‘ We are desperate to go all the way in the cup ... our fans deserve it ,



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DICK**



**JOHN
BOYD**



**NORRIE
McWHIRTER**



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+ TODAY'S VISITORS +



ST MIRREN are currently struggling at the wrong end of the first division but with Jimmy Bone in charge they are sure to bounce back. The cup will prove a welcome diversion from their league problems and they will go all out to try and progress in the competition. Read on to find out about the players who will try to shock Celts.

JIMMY'S BOY ... Alex Bone, nephew of gaffer Jimmy Bone, is now an established member of the St Mirren first team.



ALAN COMBE is one of the brightest goal keeping prospects in the country and has established himself as first choice at Love Street.

That is no bad feat when you consider that his rival between the posts is Campbell Money - a keeper with international experience.

Combe has found himself very busy recently as the Saints struggle at the wrong end of the first division but his performances were rewarded recently when he was called up to the Scottish u-21 side.

JOHN BOYD is one of the new arrivals in Paisley after climbing up a division following his move from Dumbarton. Manager Jimmy Bone bought him no doubt to tighten up a leaky defence and he has performed well. Works hard in any role asked of him and adds valuable experience to the young St Mirren side.

NORRIE McWHIRTER seems to have been at Love Street for years but he is still relatively young. Broke into the side as a teenager and was part of their cup winning team. A hard worker and natural leader he is the captain of the side. Had a nightmare spell with injury towards the end of last season.

McWhirter has great vision and his passing ability enables him to release players from the centre of the park.

STEVEN WATSON is another new boy, joining the club earlier this year from Rangers. A tough defender who can also add his weight to an attack and has been known to get on the score sheet. A bright prospect and a good buy on Jimmy Bone's part.

STUART TAYLOR is another of St Mirren's crop of youngsters. Pacy and good on the ball he is also a tough challenger in the air.

GRANT INGLIS broke into the first team earlier in the season and is now an established member of the St Mirren team. Made himself a favourite with the fans when he netted against promotion chasers Dunfermline recently.

ALEX BONE is boss Jimmy's nephew and is a powerful midfielder with electric pace. Again he is one of the wonder babes who broke into the side two seasons ago. Does his best work outside the box but is always around looking to pick up stray balls and head for goal.

BARRY LAVETY has been tipped for the top by many in the game. An u-21 international, 'Basher' is Saints main goal threat and defences



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Saints need cup run to boost season

have often been punished for not keeping tabs on him. That is exactly what the Celtic rearguard will have to do today if they are to keep St Mirren at bay. Lavety is a natural striker with a keen eye for goal.

JAMIE FULLARTON is another who has appeared for the national u-21 side. Usually plays in the centre of defence where he marials those around him. A committed challenger he is powerful in the air and definitely makes opposing forwards know he is around.

DAVIE ELLIOT should be well known to most of the Celtic fans after many years in the Hoops. Couldn't quite break through into the first team and left for Partick Thistle before moving on to Paisley. An old fashioned winger, he is incredibly fast and very good on the ball. Able to turn defenders inside out before fighting in telling crosses.

RICKY GILLIES may be a youngster but opposing teams should not treat him lightly. His slight frame gives him speed and he likes nothing better than to run at retreating defences. Usually finds himself on the bench but has proved effective when coming on to the park late in the game.

JOHN HEWITT is someone else who should be well known to Celtic fans after a couple of seasons at Parkhead. His finest moment came while with Aberdeen when he netted the winner in the Cup Winners Cup final. Adds much needed experience to the St Mirren ranks and still has an appetite for the game. Has repaid Jimmy Bone's faith in him with some fine performances.

KENNY GILLIES has joined brother Ricky on the first team fringes. Finds himself usually on the bench but can always turn it on when asked. If he teams up with Barry Lavety the Celtic defence could be in for a busy afternoon.

★ **OLD BOY ...**
Davie Elliot
learned his trade at Parkhead before moving to Partick Thistle and then St Mirren where he thrills the crowds with his sparkling wing play.



+ Lowdown + Lowdown+

ALAN COMBE (Aged 20)

Signed from Cowdenbeath, 1993.

JAMES DICK (Aged 22)

Signed from Airdrie, 1993

JOHN BOYD (Aged 28)

Signed from Dumbarton, 1994

NORRIE McWHIRTER (Aged 25)

Signed from Linwood Rangers, 1985

STEVEN WATSON (Aged 21)

Signed from Rangers 1994

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RICKY GILLIES (Aged 18)

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KENNY GILLIES (Aged 20)

Signed from St Mirren BC, 1992





Wing wizard wants cup glory

The big INTERVIEW

Brian McLaughlin

“ We are first team players and we have to stand up and be counted ”

THIS afternoon will see a number of players making their cup debuts as Celtic's Tennents Scottish Cup campaign gets underway with the visit of St Mirren to Hampden Park.

And among the front runners for inclusion is wing wizard Brian McLaughlin who's league form has seen him reach his own personal nine-in-a-row.

Nine games that is as the 20-year-old is hoping to break into double figures today by turning out for his 10th consecutive match.

Brian is only one of a growing band of hopefuls who are gradually making inroads to the first eleven and holding their places on merit.

And the winger is in no doubt that breaking through in a batch has helped each and every one of the next Celtic generation.

He said: "The manager has said all along that he would be using the younger element of the playing pool and we are all delighted that he has been true to his word by doing just that.

"It has given everyone in the reserve dressing room a lift knowing that they could only be a couple of good performances away from first-team football.

"Sometimes young players have to be brought in during emergencies.

But I would like to think that the players used have not let the manager down.

Helped

"Aside from myself there has been Stuart Gray, Jim Slavin, Simon Donnelly, Chris Hay and Barry Smith in the side or at least on the fringes of it.

"And I think we have all helped each other in that we have been playing together for years and we were there for each other when the call up came.

"I think it would have been a lot tougher for me if I was the only reserve making the step up.

"But the biggest thing is that we have come through at the ONE time."

And the touchline terror has a feeling that the growing up process should end sooner rather than later.

He explained: "Maybe too much

Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

has been made of the tender years of the side.

"We are first-team players and we have to stand up and be counted!

"A fair amount of the Lisbon Lions were aged about 23 when Celtic lifted the European Cup so we have to look on ourselves as all the men we will ever be.

"The manager has said that before and I agree entirely.

"Celtic are a big club and you have to grow up quicker here than you do anywhere else.

"I hope the 'kids' tag will gradually disappear with the help of another chapter in the learning process today."

Of course in Brian's case the term 'growing up' would have to be used in a metaphoric sense as his diminutive 5ft 4in stature has made almost as many headlines as his undoubted playing skills.

And anyone so 'vertically challenged' who dons the Hoops and skips down the wing turning defenders inside out is certain to be compared to Jimmy Johnstone.

That however, has made him only more determined to become a permanent fixture in the first team and a player in his own right.

He said: "Obviously many people think I am too small and will question my height and strength but I think so far I

have proved them wrong.

"Of course it's still early days so I reckon I have still got time to prove myself.

"I fully realise that at my age I'm not going to get any bigger but I'm determined to build up my strength.

"I will get stronger and that will help make me a better player.

"I know there is a lot of work still to be done but I'm getting stronger day by day."

That work begins today and the Calderbank Bhoys hopes to be involved.

He said: "Obviously I'd love to play today and make my cup debut.

"Last year we won the Reserve League Cup as well as the title and they have been the highlights of my career so far.

"I'd love to do that with the first team and help lift the Scottish Cup at the end of the season.

"That would truly round off a great first season for me.

"But even if I'm not part of the team it's vital as a club that we have a good run in the cup.

Difficult

"St Mirren are a division below us and we are expected to beat them, especially at home.

"But whereas last season we would have been looking for a home tie, this term has not been so great for us at Hampden.

"We would like to get our home form going today but it will be difficult as St Mirren are a good young team.

"We have to get off to a good start though. I remember watching the last time we won the cup with that Joe Miller goal.

"We were the underdogs that day with Rangers going for the treble and I think we can go all the way this year again.

"This definitely could be our year in the cup and we want to do it for the fans!"

