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V RAITH ROVERS

**PREMIER DIVISION
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ROLL OF HONOUR

European Cup: 1967

League Champions (35 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909,
1910,
1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938,
1954,
1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988.

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.

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938 **St Mungo Cup:** 1951

Coronation Cup: 1953

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LOU MACARI



SATURDAY was terrible deflating for everyone connected with the club but this evening's game against Raith Rovers provides us with a great opportunity to bounce back immediately.

We've got to, for the very worst we must take out of this season is finishing high enough up the table to claim a European place.

The only consolation from the weekend was that we didn't lose any ground on Hibs as far as the European spot goes and we must win tonight to stay in touch.

Undoubtedly there is a gap opening up between the top three and the rest in the league, but we just have to keep plugging away and doing our best to close it in the games we have left.

To do that though we **HAVE** to start scoring goals though and that's simply not happening lately.

And looking back through the records of the last two or three years it's a problem that hasn't just developed recently but been apparent for some time.

Traditions

At some stage or another in everyone of the last three or four league campaigns there's been a period when the goals have dried up, and that's at odds with the traditions of this club.

But it's happened because in recent seasons there hasn't been the kind of player at the club that before the season starts you know will guarantee you 25 to 30 goals a season.

There are no shortcuts around this problem.

If games were won on effort alone then we would have claimed both points on Saturday because the players really gave it everything for the whole 90 minutes.

In fact it was astonishing how players such as Paul McStay and John Collins kept up such a punishing pace for the whole game and I really felt for those two in particular in the dressing room afterwards when we had come away with nothing.

They didn't deserve to finish up on the losing side and if the breaks really do even themselves out over a season then they should be entitled to better luck this evening.

I certainly hope so.

But more than that I hope our punters see the opposition net bulging tonight - more than once.

‘If games were won on effort alone, we would have had the points last Saturday.’

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THE TEAMS



CARL MUGGLETON



Referee:
R.T. Tait,
East Kilbride

SCOTT THOMSON



LEE MARTIN



Linesman:
J Devenny,
Barrhead

JASON ROWBOTHAM



TOM BOYD



Linesman:
I.G. Frickleton,
Stirling

RONNIE COYLE



MARK McNALLY

SHAUN DENNIS



TONY MOWBRAY

DAVID SINCLAIR



PAT MCGINLAY

JIMMY NICHOLL



PAUL BYRNE

STEVE CRAWFORD



PAUL McSTAY

PETER HETHERSTON



CHARLIE NICHOLAS

ALLY GRAHAM



WILLIE FALCONER

JASON DAIR



JOHN COLLINS

COLIN CAMERON



SIMON DONNELLY

GORDON DALZIEL



BRIAN O'NEIL

Mascot:
Donna Marie
Brogan from
Barrhead, aged 8



STAND-BYS:
Celtic - Pat Bonner (GK), Rudi Vata, Mike Galloway, Barry Smith.
Raith Rovers - Derek Potter (GK), Julian Broddle, George McGeachie.



++MEET MY MATES++



MOP TOP ... Dair



SCHOOLBOY STAR ... Coyle

EVER wanted to be a fly on the wall in the away dressing room?

Tonight, diehard Celts fan PETER HETHERSTON takes us through his Raith Rovers team-mates who have delighted everyone with their attacking style in their first season in the Premier Division.



OUR keeper SCOTT THOMSON is known as Dracula because he refuses to go near any crosses.

The gaffer paid 55,000 yen to bring him from Forfar – I think that's about eight quid in our money.

But he's carrying a bit of weight at the moment – he needs to get in the gym and lose a few pounds to get back down to his fightingweight of six stones.

JOCK McSTAY is Mr Organiser – you name it he sorts it out at Raith.

Cousin of Willie is a big hit with the ladies as well – if we're in a club and there a squad of women there, the rest of us have to wait for him to take the pick from his harem before we get the dregs!

JASON ROWBOTHAM has had a sparkling career before he came to Kirkcaldy – with Plymouth and Exeter reserves.

We know him better as Young Harv because he's our assistant boss Martin Harvey's golden child.

RONNIE COYLE should appear on the team sheet as Ronnie Rideout.

Ronnie marked Paul Rideout in the famous 5-4 schoolboy international against England at Wembley.



Paul scored a hat trick and went on to make a fortune moving to Aston Villa, Bari, Rangers, Everton etc – Ronnie played 300 games for Celtic reserves.

Need I say more?

Big **SHAUN DENNIS** is known as Veggie to his pals because of the state we found him in in the pub one night.

If you want any exclusive news coming out of Starks Park, then Shaun is just the man to make it up for you.

A pathological liar.



DAVID SINCLAIR has been called Scudos since last summer.

We were on holiday in Majorca and he couldn't figure out why he was insulting all the locals every time he tried to pay for something.

It turned out he had turned every penny into escudos instead of pesetas.

As bright as two in the morning but a great guy.

JIMMY "THE FERRET" NICHOLL looks for any excuse to whisk us away to his beloved Ireland.

Every time we have a free Saturday out come the Loganair tickets and we're away to play some "top quality" teams in friendlies.



++MEET MY MATES++



DALZIEL ...
Reserve boy



NICHOLL ...
Irish eyes

I've seen better pub sides, but none of us have the heart to tell him!



ALLY GRAHAM has been taking non-stop stick after his picture appeared in *The Sun* with his baby and match sticks propping open his eyes.

His tag of "Awww no, the nearly man" after his goalscoring exploits this season - not! - has now been changed to Swan Vestas man.

COLIN CAMERON is Young Flashman. If any of the lads are trying to punt tickets for anything, Colin gives them to his wife to sell for him - he makes a packet, just like big Stan.

Also known as Mickey for some strange reason.



STEVEN CRAWFORD has been called **Young Kenny** for the last week since Blackburn Rovers were reported to have expressed an interest in him.

I can only presume the great man is struggling to find top quality ball boys at Ewood Park - there can't be any other reason he would want Stevie.

I prefer to call him Eddie Munster, but that's another story for another time.

He's also one half of the Kray twins - the other being **JASON DAIR**.

There's a lot of talk of Young Baxter going down to Liverpool, but it must be for some sort of Beatles reunion because it won't be to play football!

NORRIE KELLY? I think we'd be better off with Gene Kelly in the side.

Norrie has been away in Brunai for a few months and the only thing he brought back was a gold pen from the Sultan himself.

I have to say in his defence, though, that, despite his short-

comings on the park, I have never seen a man so popular with the opposite sex.

Normally **GORDON DALZIEL** would be a lot further up the page than this, but lets face it, No.14 is his stretch at the moment.

You'd like to think he'd be getting used to reserve football by now after playing so much of it with Rangers, Manchester City, Partick Thistle and East Stirling in his glorious career, but he still struggles to cope with being dropped.

But he's a lovely guy - always the first to put his hand in his pocket in the pub.



BRIAN POTTER will be our keeper on the bench today.

Potts is only 17 but he has a big future in the game if he learns one valuable lesson - how to stop throwing the ball into the net.

PETER HETHERSTON? I've been so impressed with the Celts for Change movement and everything they achieved at Parkhead that I'm going to start my very own Raith forChange - all together now - Dazza out! Dazza out!

LOWDOWN++LOWDOWN

SCOTT THOMSON

Age 27, signed from Forfar Athletic, 6ft, 11st 9lb

JOHN McSTAY

Age 27, signed from Motherwell, 5ft 9.5in, 10st 12lb

JASON ROWBOTHAM

Age 24, signed from Plymouth, 5ft 10in, 11st 7lb

SHAUN DENNIS

Age 23, signed from Lochgelly Albert, 6ft 1in, 13st 7lb

GEORGE McGEACHIE

Age 34, signed from Dundee, 5ft 11.5in, 11st 12lb

RONNIE COYLE

Age 29, signed from Rochdale, 5ft 11in, 12st 9lb

JIMMY NICHOLL

Age 36, signed from Dunfermline, 5ft 10in, 11st 10lb

PETER HETHERSTON

Age 29, signed from Falkirk, 5ft 9in, 10st 7lb

GORDON DALZIEL

Age 31, signed from East Stirling, 5ft 10.5in, 10st 13lb

ALLY GRAHAM

Age 27, signed from Motherwell, 6ft 3in, 12st 7lb

JASON DAIR

Age 19, signed from Castlebridge, 5ft 11in, 10st 8lb

STEVEN CRAWFORD

Age 19, signed from Rosyth Recreation, 5ft 10in, 10st 7lb

DAVID SINCLAIR

Age 24, signed from Portadown, 5ft 11in, 12st 10lb

JULIAN BRODDLE

Age 29, signed from Partick Thistle, 5ft 9in, 12st 8lb



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WILLIE Falconer may have travelled the length of Britain in his footballing career.

But that's nothing compared to his globetrotting off the park!

And it's all thanks to his air stewardess wife Alison.

Before the arrival of their 22 month old daughter Emily, Willie and Alison made full use of the perks of her job and jetted off on holiday whenever they could.

Willie explained: "I really love going on holiday and with Alison being an air stewardess it was really handy.

"We've been to loads of places including Europe, South America, Thailand and Bermuda to name a few.

"Bermuda has to be the best place we've been though – the beaches were unbelievable, so beautiful and the whole island is like that.

"Everything was just so clean and we had a great time."

Willie's round the world travels came to a bit of a halt after Emily's arrival, but he admits his daughter is well on her way to being hit with the travel bug as well.

He said: "Obviously Emily's arrival put the blockers on our travel with Alison not working so much and Emily being so young.

"But we did take her to Spain and Cyprus last year and I think she enjoyed herself.

"This year I'm not sure what we'll do. It could be our last for a while as Alison is expecting another baby in September.

"But having kids around makes up for not going on holiday all the time.

"I really love spending time with Alison and Emily and I can't wait for our next baby to be born."

Willie started his senior career in Scotland with home town team Aberdeen, and since leaving the Granite City

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WILLIE FALCONER

in 1988, he's had spells at Watford, Middlesbrough and Sheffield United.

But he admits he's more than happy to be back in Scotland again.

He said: "I enjoyed my time down in England especially at Watford where I had three good seasons.

"But I was delighted to join Celtic, for the football and the family.

"We're staying in a rented house in Bothwell now and hoe-

fully when I've sold the house that I still have down in St Albans we'll be able to buy somewhere.

"I am happy to stay in Scotland for as long as I can, and Alison likes being nearer her family as well.

"Now we've got the house we're a bit more settled and I'm glad for Emily's sake more than anything.

"We thought she'd be a nightmare with all the different

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