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Firhill Chatter



The month of November had twenty nine cheerless days for all Partick Thistle fans. During that spell we lost all six points, in depressing fashion, to Ayr United, Motherwell and finally Dundee United. It was a month that we looked forward to finishing.

But our fortunes took a turn on the last day when we played Hearts in what was virtually a 'four pointer.' And what courage the lads showed in battling to the final whistle. Alan Hansen gave us a short-lived lead which Hearts soon equalized. But brother John came charging through a packed Hearts defence to meet a cross and score when the clock showed that we were in injury time and there was no time for Hearts to recover. It was a nice family double for the Hansen brothers. The win lifted us from third bottom position in the table to a much healthier fifth bottom.

We now have the Ayrshire pair and two teams from the Capital beneath us.

We did suffer 'defeat' last Saturday! Thank heavens the Pools Panel don't sit every Saturday.

This afternoon we meet Celtic for the first time on Premier League business. At the start of the season the Parkhead side slumped in form. But now we meet them just as they are

coming good. They have progressed steadily up the table and are now in a challenging position. Recent signing Pat Stanton, from Hibs has tightened their back four and all those around the big sweeper are gaining in confidence with every game. We would hope to unsettle them today and knock them out of their composure. Goals have started to flow since Joe Craig departed the Firhill staff and joined their ranks. He has taken weight off Kenny Dalglish and his attacking mates. We would like to think that Alan Hansen and Co. could counter Joe's moves and also stifle the creative ability of his former mate here, Ronnie Glavin. Celtic also made an interesting signing during the week when they took Johnny Gibson to Parkhead from Love Street. It would certainly add an intriguing element to the game if all three took the field today. The two sides are finely balanced with Celtic, on paper at least, looking the more experienced. At management level both teams have 'inside information' on the opposition to add even more intrigue to the game.



Fixture Arrangements

Inclement weather, heavy grounds and, of course, the forthcoming holiday period have affected our fixture list. The Hearts match which should have been played on November 13th eventually took place last Tuesday. It had a most satisfactory ending.

This still leaves the Celtic match which should have gone on at Parkhead on October 9th and last week's Aberdeen game to be re-scheduled. As the clubs are not forced to play mid-week during the months of December and January it looks as if these games will not be played for some considerable time. We also have a Glasgow Cup tie to be decided at Ibrox—this match falls into the same category.

Both our teams have their Christmas Day matches re-scheduled for the following Monday so that they—and their opponents—may enjoy the festivities with their families and friends. This now means that the first eleven will travel to Rugby Park, to play Kilmarnock and the reserves are away at

Hampden Park to play Queen's Park reserves. Both matches have kick offs at 7.30 p.m. Obviously the game against Rangers at Ibrox on New Year's Day will go on as scheduled but there is doubt about the reserves match with Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy. Negotiations are still under way and firm details should be known before next week's home game against Hibs. Watch the programme for final details.

We will of course keep you well informed on the Celtic and Aberdeen re-arranged fixtures. Now we can only hope that further cancellations are not forced on us or we could face a real glut of games when the lighter—and warmer—evenings are with us.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	13	8	3	2	24	12	19
Dundee Utd.	13	9	1	3	28	19	19
Celtic	12	7	3	2	26	13	17
Rangers	13	5	5	3	20	13	15
Motherwell	13	5	3	5	23	23	13
Partick Thistle	12	4	3	5	13	19	11
Hibernian	13	1	8	4	12	16	10
Hearts	13	1	7	5	19	24	9
Ayr Utd.	13	3	3	7	18	32	9
Kilmarnock	13	1	4	8	17	29	6



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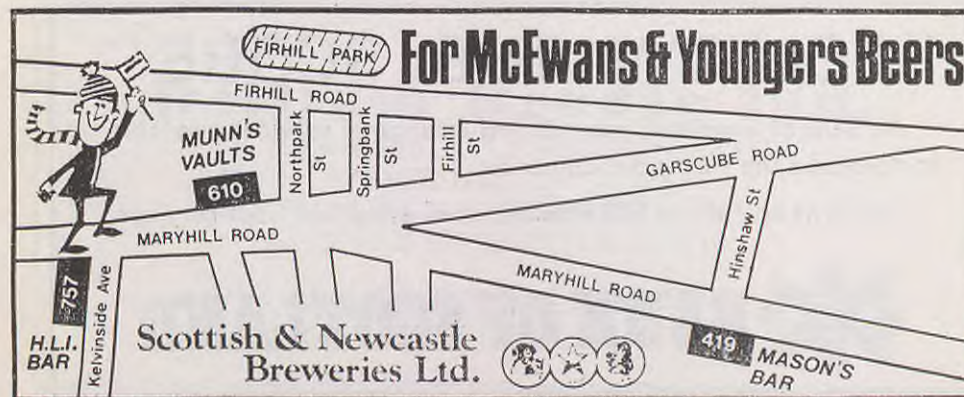
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	Anglo/Scot. Cup	League Cup	League	Scottish Cup	Goals
ROUGH	6	6	12	—	—
HANSEN, J.	4	3 (1)	9 (1)	—	2
KELLACHAN	2	5	— (1)	—	—
CAMPBELL	4	6	10 (1)	—	—
HANSEN, A.	6	6	12	—	5
ANDERSON	5	2	8 (1)	—	1
HOUSTON	6	5	6 (1)	—	1
CRAIG, JOE	3	5 (1)	3	—	4
SOMNER	5 (1)	3 (3)	12	—	6
CRAIG, JOHN	5 (1)	6	9 (1)	—	—
McQUADE	5 (1)	6	4 (4)	—	1
MELROSE	1 (2)	4 (1)	5 (2)	—	3
MACKIE	3 (1)	3 (2)	5 (5)	—	—
MARR	3	4	10	—	—
LOVE	1	1	2 (4)	—	—
WHITTAKER	4 (1)	1 (2)	12	—	1
GIBSON	— (1)	—	1 (1)	—	—
KELLY	1	— (1)	—	—	—
McDONALD	—	— (1)	— (2)	—	—
THOMSON	— (4)	—	—	—	—
JOHNSTON	2	—	9	—	1
FRAME	—	—	3	—	1
PHILLIP (Dundee)	—	—	—	—	1

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Reserve Team News

Like the first eleven game the reserves match against Queen of the South which had been scheduled for Firhill last Saturday was also a casualty of the extremely severe weather.

This was particularly unfortunate as we already had a 'free' week scheduled today. The lads have been showing promising form but the enforced spell of inactivity must affect the rhythm of their play. They had already been knocked out of their stride the previous Monday when they were eliminated from the Reserves Cup by Celtic reserves. This had

proved an exciting game. Our visitors exerted most of the pressure although we played cleverly on the break and had ample chances to snatch the tie. But only John Brogan managed to score and we were turfed out of the tournament on a 3-1 defeat.

If you have a free evening on Tuesday first, 14th December, then Kilbowie Park is the place to be. The postponed match against Clydebank has been re-arranged and the kick off is at 7.30 p.m. We have also cancelled the Christmas Day match against Queen's Park so that the players may enjoy the festivities with their families. The game will now be played on the evening of Monday 27th at Hampden Park. The kick off is at 7.30 p.m.



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1976		ANGLO/SCOTTISH CUP		F	A
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"	11	Raith Rovers	3	1	H
Sept.	14	Bolton W.	0	0	A
"	29	Bolton W.	1	0	H
Nov.	8	Orient	0	1	H
"	24	Orient	2	3	A
LEAGUE CUP					
Aug.	14	Motherwell	1	1	A
"	18	Hearts	0	2	H
"	21	Dundee	2	0	A
"	25	Hearts	3	3	A
"	28	Dundee	0	1	H
Sept.	1	Motherwell	2	0	H
PREMIER LEAGUE					
"	4	Ayr United	0	2	H
"	11	Hearts	0	0	A
"	18	Motherwell	2	0	H
"	25	Dundee Utd.	1	2	A
Oct.	2	Aberdeen	2	2	H
"		Celtic			A
"	16	Hibernian	0	0	A
"	23	Kilmarnock	2	1	H
"	30	Rangers	2	1	H
Nov.	6	Ayr United	1	2	A
"	20	Motherwell	0	3	A
"	27	Dundee Utd.	1	5	H
"	30	Hearts	2	1	H
Dec.	4	Aberdeen	—	—	A
"	11	Celtic	—	—	H
"	18	Hibernian	—	—	H
"	25	Kilmarnock	—	—	A
Jan.	1	Rangers	—	—	A
"	3	Ayr United	—	—	H
"	8	Hearts	—	—	A
"	15	Motherwell	—	—	H
"	22	Dundee Utd.	—	—	A
"	29†	Scottish Cup—3rd Round	—	—	H
Feb.	5	Aberdeen	—	—	H
"	12	Celtic	—	—	A
"	19	Hibernian	—	—	A
"	26†	Scottish Cup—4th Round	—	—	H
Mar.	5	Kilmarnock	—	—	H
"	12	Rangers	—	—	H
"	19	Ayr United	—	—	A
"	26	Hearts	—	—	H
Apr.	2	Motherwell	—	—	A
"	9	Dundee Utd.	—	—	H
"	13	Rangers	—	—	A
"	16	Aberdeen	—	—	A
"	20	Kilmarnock	—	—	A
"	23	Celtic	—	—	H
"	30	Hibernian	—	—	H

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