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Murdo MacLeod



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It was nice for almost everything to click into place against Motherwell when we played as well as we have all season. It was important that we freshened things up and it certainly worked. It was a dramatic finish but certainly no less than we deserved as we dominated the majority of the match. We did get a boost in the build up to the game when Ian Cameron re-signed for the club and then went on to produce a quite outstanding performance, however it would be a little unfair to single out any one player as there were many heroes on the day.

The following week also saw Steve Pittman and Derek McWilliams re-sign for the rest of the season. I feel a lot happier having all the uncertainty taken away and now I would hope to try and add to the squad as the season wears on. That however did not prepare me for Tynecastle. However I do not feel we were all that bad. Admittedly the goals we lost were very sloppy but looking back I thought we matched them in

most facets of the game but the breaks went their way.

We travelled to Easter Road on Wednesday night looking to try and get back on the rails but as we all know now that proved impossible when the floodlights failed. I believe that they had problems all evening and then they went out just as the players were warming up and despite the fact that they came back on again, the power companies could not guarantee they wouldn't go out again and we all agreed that calling off the game was the correct thing to do. It means we will have to travel back there again in about 10 days time but we will wait and see if we can get a new face or two in time for the match. So to today's match against a Celtic side vastly improved this term although they did stutter a bit on Wednesday. However I do feel that we played very well in the first half against them at Parkhead so let's hope for a great ninety minutes this afternoon.

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St. Mirren v Dundee United

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Berwick v Clyde
Forfar v Ayr
Montrose v East Fife
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Through Jaundiced Eyes

The champagne was flowing, well the warm fizzy beer was flowing. It is amazing what one last minute goal can do for your spirits, and it was great to see Thistle fans with huge grins on their faces once again. The hangover on Sunday morning was almost worth it. Besides, there is no better cure for an aching head than a bottle of ice cold In Bru and the chance to replay the Saturday afternoon via the Sunday papers, a pleasure that Thistle fans were denied a fortnight ago. So far this season the papers have put the boot into Thistle after we have lost, and in some occasions that has been fully deserved, after we have drawn, and now, following a richly deserved success over Motherwell, after we have won. It is difficult to understand just why those watching from the press box saw the game so differently from those elsewhere inside the ground. To be fair, I can see why a Motherwell fan wouldn't have enjoyed his day out at the football, but most of the Thistle fans that I talked to after the game were happy not just because Thistle had won but for once they felt they had been entertained into the bargain. I am sure we all had a feeling of disappointment when picking up our Sunday papers after that game because they tended to

rubbish our victory despite what virtually all of us considered our best performance of the season. Well informed constructive criticism we can take, the rest we will wrap our fish and chips in tomorrow.

The big story a fortnight ago though wasn't the Thistle game. Knocking even all conquering Rangers, all conquering that is until they meet anything vaguely Italian, off the back pages were two goals scored in a game and seen by millions on television. Both of them could easily have been interpreted as being offside. Nothing too strange about that, I guarantee you that at least one of today's fixtures will be decided by a highly dubious decision, but in this match events gained banner headlines and for why? Because the referee and linesman correctly interpreted the amendments made to the offside law during the summer. Whether or not you like these amendments is totally beside the point, the reasoning behind them, as far as I can see, is a highly laudable attempt to eradicate the offside trap from the game. If shifting the advantage away from the defender to the attacker when it comes to offside means that some central defender, can no longer simply hoof the ball up the park, charge up the field

with his hand in the air shouting 'offside', then that has to be for the good of the game. At a time when once again the standard of football in Scotland is under debate, we should all wholeheartedly applaud any rule change that encourages teams to be constructive rather than destructive. You can be sure that in the weeks to come defenders will be much more wary when it comes to playing the opposition offside. Any team that plays the offside trap should be aware that those who live by the sword must also die by it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

After having achieved marvellous numbers of kids at the October 'Goalgetters' courses at Bearsden, Bishopbriggs, Shawlands and the Firhill Complex, it is now time to turn our attention to the winter programme. I have managed to secure two indoor venues, at St. Andrews College, Bearsden and the Leisure Drome, Bishopbriggs as player development centres. We are presently half way through our first session at Bearsden, which operates on Saturday mornings and the number of children attending in the 5-8 year old age group has snowballed to such an extent that we will be extending the coaching time by one hour. In Bishopbriggs, our indoor 'Player Development Centre', which started this week, are on Tuesday's and Wednesday's early evenings. Tuesday from 5-7pm and Wednesday's from 4-6pm. Further details can be obtained by contacting me on 0141 945 4811.

It is my intention in conjunction with our sponsors "TEXSTYLE WORLD" to organise a primary schools 7 a-side competition with the final hopefully being played at half time

during one of our home games in February. Not forgetting the secondary schools "TEXSTYLE WORLD" will be hosting a penalty kick competition again with the final being held at half time during one of our home games.

Down at the Firhill Complex there are currently four "soccer centres" on the go from 4.30pm-5.30pm. On Mondays we have the 5-8 age group which again is extremely popular. On Tuesday's we have our 'girl's only' sessions. On Wednesday's, a healthy attendance for the 12-16 age group and finally on Thursday's the 9-12 age group.

For the adults or anyone over the age of 16 who is interested in working with children, I am holding a "D" Development Certificate Course at the Firhill Complex on two successive Sunday's, part one on Sunday 26 November and part two on the 3rd of December from 2pm until 5pm. The course is designed dealing with children in the 9-14 age group and beyond, contains 6 hours of coaching, an SFA video and booklet and a certificate of attendance and costs only £15.

So, all in all, you can see that there is a great deal

happening in 'the community' at present and planned for the future, however if there is any aspect of the above you may wish to know further about, please do not hesitate to contact me at the club.

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SHOP DISCOUNTS

Let me apologise for the error which appeared in the previous programme. The Board decided at a recent meeting that discounts at the shop would not be in operation. The reasons are that the prices set for this year are lower than previously. If a further discount was in place then certain items in the shop would be sold at a loss. The prices are competitive and we hope you will understand this. Once again apologies for any confusion caused.

BUS TIMES

Despite the fact that the supporter's page is no longer a permanent feature in the programme, we still will be happy to publish bus times for your members and guests. If any bus convenor has bus times they wish published in the programme then please do not hesitate to send them into the club.