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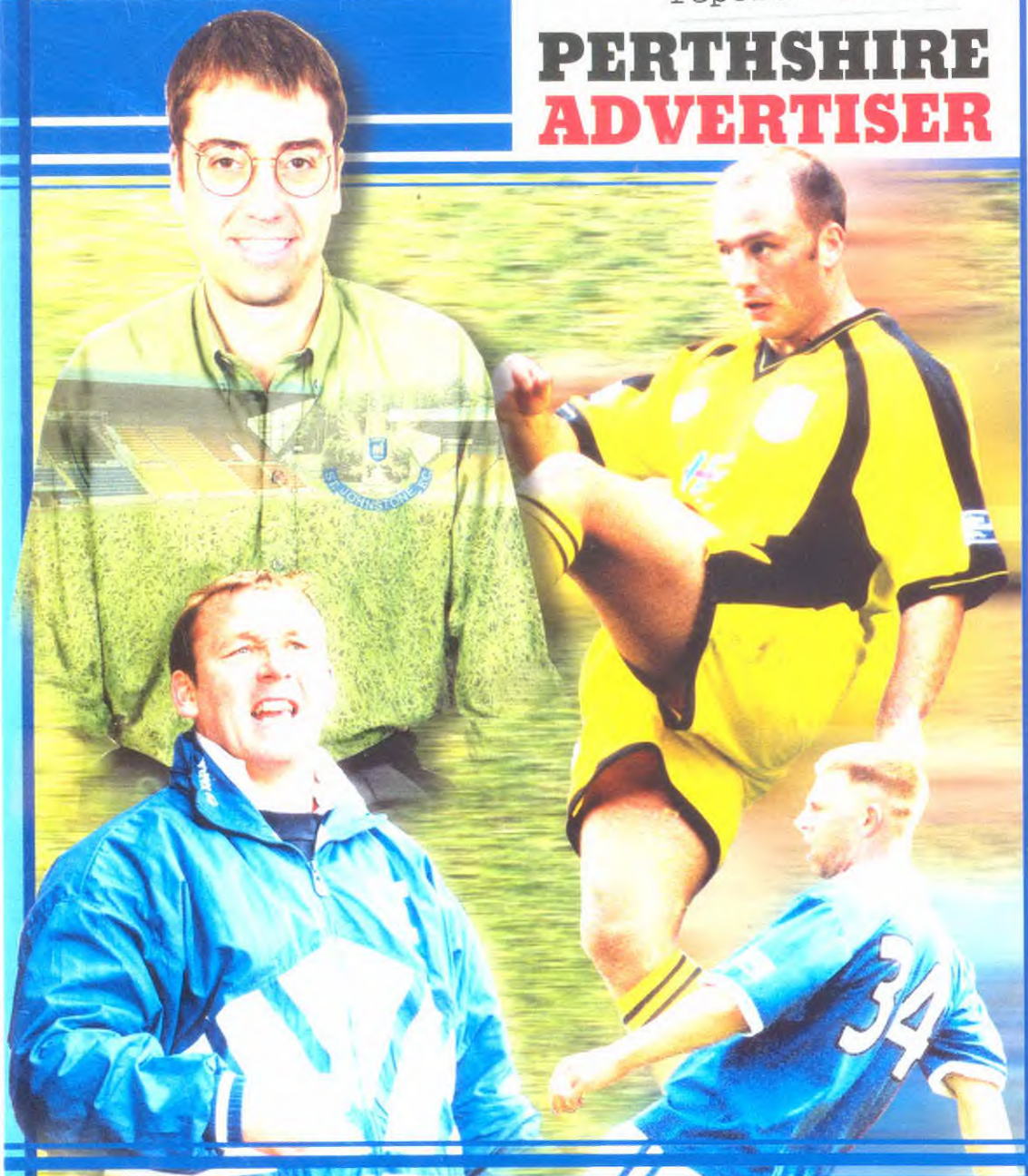
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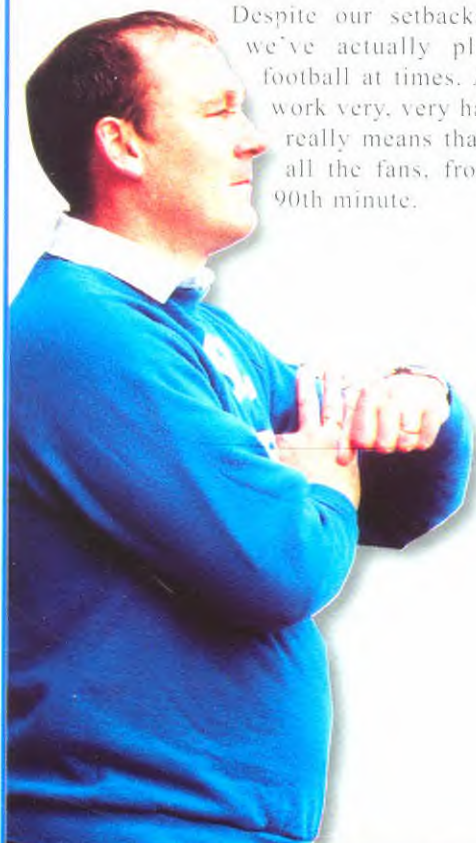
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There's no point in our feeling sorry for ourselves after the last few games. The entire team, and everyone connected with it, is collectively responsible - from those who make mistakes to let in goals to those who don't score when they have good opportunities to do so. One thing which is great is that the spirit is still here: the lads who have made mistakes which cost us games have not ducked their responsibility. The sequence of events which led to our last eight goals conceded have been probably as bad as I can remember. It will take a real push and a major break or two for us to get to the top six now, but if the worst does come to the worst then we shall give some of our younger lads an opportunity. There may even be one or two youngsters in the side tonight. However, it's vital that we get it right for these lads. I'll put them in when it's right for them, and I firmly believe that the young talent we have at Perth is as good if not better than at most other SPL clubs. These are the boys who, if they progress as they should, can be regulars in the side in the next few years. For our trip down to Middlesbrough last week, six of the 18 man squad were under 18: they're there on merit and several of them will have played.

Despite our setbacks, the daft thing is that we've actually played some really good football at times. Against Celtic we need to work very, very hard and get a wee break. It really means that we need the support of all the fans, from the first minute to the 90th minute.



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McDiarmid News

Away day

Saints went down to The Riverside Stadium for a friendly with Middlesbrough last Thursday as both teams had a free weekend due to an unfortunate lack of Cup commitments. As our deadline was before the match we can't comment on the result.

Out for a few counts

Unfortunately due to suspensions a number of regulars will be missing from the next few games; Gary Bolland will miss up to four matches including tonight's, Momo will miss the St Mirren and Hibernian games and Paul Kane will miss the St Mirren game.

Saints Supporters Clubs

We welcome any information from supporters clubs about travel arrangements to away matches and also any social events; please contact the programme editors via the club.

St. Johnstone Supporters' Club, Dunkeld Road, Perth - ring 01738 442022 for travel information.

The Jeanfield Saints Supporters' Club - ring John

Kaylor on 01738 561020. The coach for the St Mirren game on 17th March will leave at 12.30 pm. For home games there is a bus that leaves the club 30 minutes before kick off, all welcome.

PTA: Buses will leave the Jeanfield Club for the Belgium game at 12.15pm on 24th March and for the San Marino game at 5.30pm on 28th March.

Auchterarder Saints - buses leave Crown car park Auchterarder at 2pm for home matches and 1pm for away matches, the exceptions being Kilmarnock (12 noon) and Aberdeen (10am). Contact C. Thomson on 01764 662854 if you are interested.

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