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## TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: Mark Docherty  
 Address: 4 Garten St, B. Ferry  
 Age: 7.  
 J.D.B. No: 2704.  
 School: Forthill Primary.  
 Fav. Player: Keith Wright.  
 Score Guess: 2-2.  
 Fav. TV Programme: McGyver.  
 Fav. Food: Pizza.  
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 Fav. Sports: Football & Running.  
 Fav. Pop Group: Michael Jackson.  
 Fav. Pop Song: Smooth Criminal.  
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## MESSAGE & COMMENTS

On returning from Love Street ten days ago, the disappointment felt by everyone at losing after such a tremendous start is best forgotten.

Some of you will no doubt have read reports in the press about a proposal from one of the member clubs to re-organise the structure of the Premier Division. The opinion of this club is that the time has come to take stock of things for the good of our national game. The shocking disciplinary record amongst the clubs is indicative of the pressure we put upon our employees. Allied to that the increasing injury toll and frantic pace at which the game is played, mean the time has come to re-think how the game should be shaped for the future. Clubs must be afforded the opportunity to foster and blood young players in a more sensible footballing environment.

For these reasons, I personally will be talking to other club chairmen about the proposed changes. Returning to our current position I'm still confident that with one or two improvements to the side, we can meet the challenge and climb away from the foot of the table.

Finally it is my pleasure to welcome Celtic to Dens Park Stadium this afternoon and we could look for no sterner test than a match against the league leaders.

Angus Cook  
Chairman

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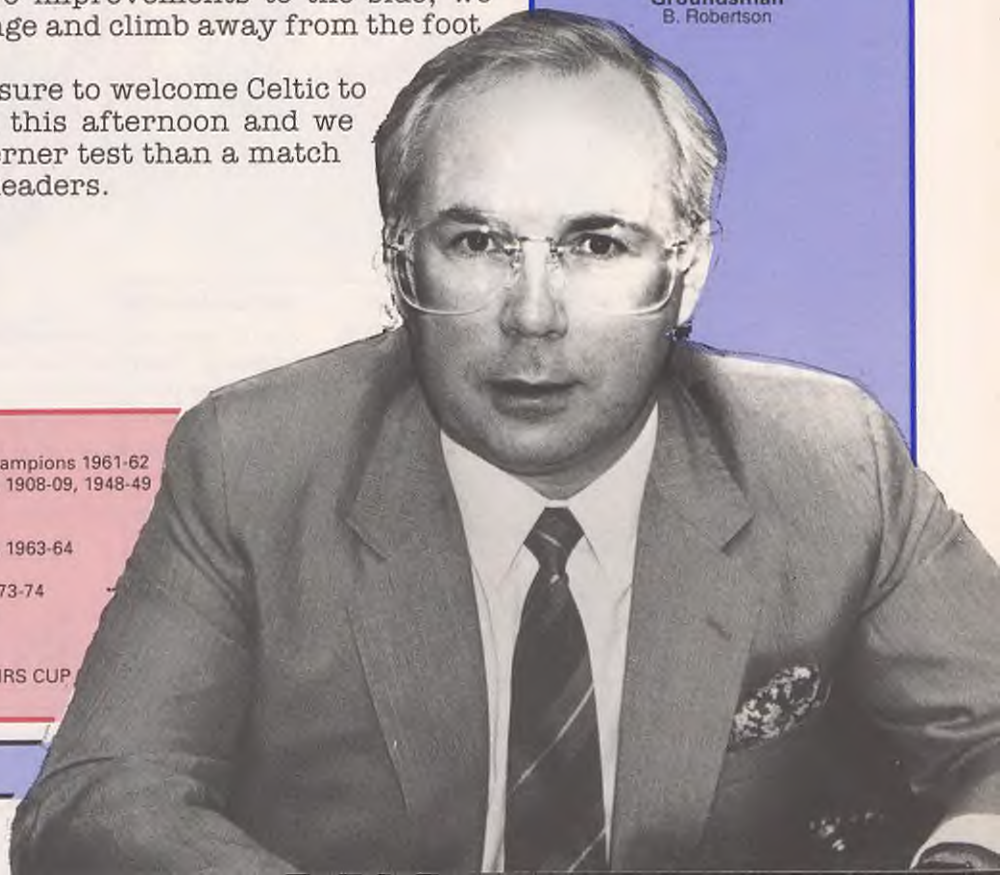
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# MANAGER

GORDON WALLACE'S VIEW.....



Since our last home match against Hibs when we kept a clean sheet for the first time this season, we then proceeded to lose three goals in each of our next two games.

These came about through mistakes and lapses in concentration by individual players and as long as this persists we will continue to concede goals.

On the bright side we have continued to create numerous chances in each of our last three games. Perhaps the percentage of goals scored from these chances should be higher, but it is encouraging that we continue to make openings.

Whilst it has been nice to see us play some good football in the middle of the park, that is not the all important area.

Modern football is all about what happens at either end of the park in terms of scoring and losing goals.

Let us hope that this afternoon against Celtic we continue to create chances and cease to give away those goals at the other end.

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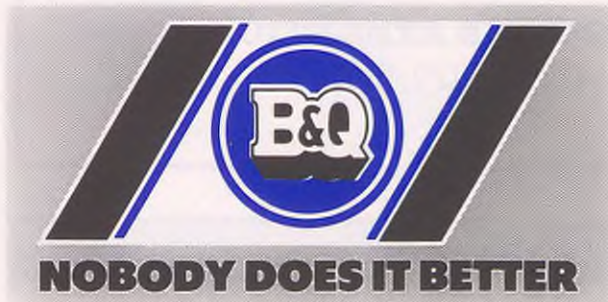
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# Around the Leagues

Today's clash with Celtic at Dens Park can, unfortunately from our point of view, be termed a top v bottom confrontation.

In a normal season, with almost a quarter of the season gone, this would be a cause of great concern, but in this season of unusual events, only five points separate the teams at the top and bottom.

Celtic for example, didn't win a league match during September and have been joined on the ten point mark by the surprise packets of this season, Motherwell.

Celtic and Motherwell joined Aberdeen on the ten point mark after the Dens defeat at Tannadice at the beginning of the month.

A quick glance at the Premier table easily pinpoints why Aberdeen have failed to endorse their early leadership—lack of goals. Snelders, McLeish, and Miller may have the best defensive record in the top ten, but only one side has scored less than the Dens total of seven goals. That team is Rangers who have managed only six goals so far. See what I mean about an unusual season.

Whilst we do battle with one half of the old firm, our neighbours are Ibrox bound. United have a much improved record in the Govan area since Graeme Souness took Rangers by storm and a draw is a distinct possibility.

Hibs and Motherwell, two of the high fliers this season, meet at Easter Road. Motherwell, like Celtic, have lost only once. Hibs, meanwhile dropped only their first home point of the season to Dunfermline ten days ago and a draw at Easter Road

## Today's B&Q Card

### PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Heart of Midlothian  
Dundee v Celtic  
Dunfermline Ath v St Mirren  
Hibernian v Motherwell  
Rangers v Dundee United

### FIRST DIVISION

Airdrieonians v Meadowbank Th  
Clyde v St. Johnstone  
Falkirk v Clydebank  
Forfar Ath v Alloa  
Hamilton Ac. v Albion Rovers  
Morton v Partick Thistle  
Raith Rovers v Ayr United

### SECOND DIVISION

Berwick Rangers v Stenhousemuir  
Brechin City v E. Stirlingshire  
Dumbarton v Queen's Park  
Kilmarnock v East Fife  
Q.O.S. v Cowdenbeath  
Stirling Alb. v Montrose  
Stranraer v Arbroath

looks on the cards.

Aberdeen also saw their 100% home record go last time out. Celtic did the damage and Hearts, who go to Pittodrie, will be anxious to get back to winning ways after plunging from top to sixth place after consecutive defeats by Rangers and Dunfermline, but again a draw looks the most likely result.

The same could be said of the East End Park encounter between Dunfermline and St. Mirren.

The Pars are undefeated at home

and Saints have shown better form of late, as we found to our cost, so yet another draw looks in prospect. Sitting on the fence has become something of a necessity when assessing the premier card this season, but once again today's card looks another good bet for the treble chance punters.

Attention last week focused on the lower divisions with the premier clubs idle because of Scotland's World Cup date with France in Paris on Wednesday.

McDiarmid Park was the centre of attraction and Morton became the first side to leave the new stadium with a point. For Saints there was the consolation of their biggest crowd yet with 8,082 sitting in Scotland's most modern stadium. No attendance records were set at Firhill but a turnout of 8,679 was Thistle's best crowd for seven years. The Jags got both points as well thanks to an Alan Dinnie goal and saw them close the gap on St. Johnstone, who still head the division. Alan Lawrence was on target for Airdrie at Somerset and the Broomfielders 3-1 win over Ayr, tucked them into third place.

Raith, who have George McGeachie on loan, went down 2-0 away to Alloa. Bobby Glennie, whom George McGeachie has temporarily replaced after the central defenders elevation to player/manager at Station Park, got the first goal in Forfar's 2-0 win at Coatbridge, their first of the season.

Former Dundee striker Colin McGlashan equalised for Clyde, but Meadowbank still won 2-1 at Meadowbank.

In Division Two, Arbroath's 2-1 home win over Dumbarton saw them go joint top with Killie on points, but the Rugby Parker's who won 1-0 at Montrose and haven't lost a goal in their last six outings, head the table on goal difference. Brechin, meanwhile, were held at Cowdenbeath and are now two points off the lead in a division which is almost as tight as the premier division.

## Premier Division

## First Division

## Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	8	2	2	0	6	3	1	2	1	6	5	10
Motherwell	8	3	1	1	8	4	0	3	0	3	3	10
Aberdeen	8	3	1	0	5	2	1	1	2	2	3	10
Hibs	8	3	1	0	9	3	0	1	3	1	5	8
Dundee Utd	8	2	3	0	7	4	0	1	2	4	7	8
Hearts	8	1	1	2	4	6	2	1	1	7	5	8
Dunfermline	8	1	2	0	4	3	1	1	3	6	8	7
Rangers	8	2	1	1	4	3	0	2	2	2	5	7
St Mirren	8	2	0	2	5	6	1	1	2	3	6	7
Dundee	8	1	2	0	5	5	0	1	4	5	11	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St Johnstone	10	5	1	0	13	4	3	1	0	8	3	18
Partick Th	10	4	1	0	12	4	3	2	0	10	3	17
Airdrie	10	3	2	0	7	4	3	0	2	9	4	14
Raith Rovers	10	3	0	2	5	7	2	1	2	7	8	11
Alloa	10	2	2	1	8	4	2	0	3	10	9	10
Hamilton	10	2	1	1	6	6	1	3	2	7	10	10
Clydebank	10	2	2	1	9	7	1	1	3	9	11	9
Falkirk	10	1	2	2	10	7	1	2	2	4	6	8
Ayr United	10	1	2	3	7	10	1	2	1	5	6	8
Clyde	10	1	3	1	6	7	1	3	5	5	8	8
Meadowbank	10	2	1	3	9	11	0	3	1	2	4	8
Morton	10	1	2	2	4	5	1	2	2	7	10	8
Forfar	10	0	2	2	5	9	1	3	2	6	8	7
Albion Rov	10	2	0	2	8	7	0	0	6	3	19	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kilmarnock	9	2	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	6	2	12
Arbroath	9	2	3	0	9	7	1	3	0	8	7	12
East Fife	9	1	3	1	10	9	2	2	0	5	2	11
Queen's Park	9	1	1	7	5	1	2	1	7	8	11	11
Brechin	9	2	1	1	10	5	2	1	2	5	6	10
Stranraer	9	1	2	1	5	5	2	2	1	10	9	10
Dumbarton	9	2	1	1	10	10	2	1	2	10	10	10
Sten'smuir	9	2	0	3	4	9	3	0	1	9	5	10
Stirling Alb.	9	2	0	2	9	4	1	2	2	6	9	8
Berwick	9	2	2	0	6	2	1	0	4	9	13	8
Montrose	9	1	2	2	6	5	1	1	2	3	5	7
Queen of S.	9	1	3	1	0	10	0	2	3	4	12	7
Cowdenbeath	9	1	3	6	8	0	2	2	1	5	5	5
E. Stirling	9	1	1	3	5	9	0	2	2	5	8	5

# NEWS+VIEWS

## BACK IN FOOTBALL

Our former manager Dave Smith who resigned last January is back in football management. He recently took over the helm of Torquay United after the departure of Cyril Knowles. After he left the club earlier in the year, Dave returned to Plymouth where his family still lived so his new job isn't too far from home. The Devonshire side is the fifth club which Dave has managed. Prior to coming to Dens, he had been in charge at Mansfield, Southend and Plymouth. In addition, of course, he was a coach with Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle United before going to Highbury as Reserve team manager. As a player he served Burnley, Brighton and Bristol City, so in all he has been connected with no less than eleven different clubs covering the length and breadth of the British Isles in a career so far spanning almost 40 years.

## ON LOAN

Versatile and long serving defender George McGeachie has moved on loan to Raith Rovers.



George McGeachie in action on the opening day of the season at East End Park. Photograph courtesy of Ian Malcolm

The move has been made on the basis that it may become permanent. George who was signed in 1977 from Bo'ness United made only 7 appearances in total last season due to an achilles tendon injury, but has completely recovered and was in the side for the first two league fixtures this season. Ironically one of the reasons for George's move to Starks Park was the waygoing of former colleague Bobby Glenning to Forfar as player/manager.

## KEITH STAYS

Recent reports that Aston Villa were chasing the services of striker Keith Wright were quickly scotched by manager Gordon Wallace.

The Dundee Boss was angry about rumours such as these circulating about key players, particularly as he said, "Nobody from Aston Villa has been in touch with us."

"One of the first things I did after becoming manager was to persuade Keith Wright to sign a long term contract, and it makes me angry that this should happen after we have shown our intent to hang on to him."

Hopefully, we'll hear no more of what can only be regarded as rumour-mongering.

## LOOKING SOUTH

Transfer activity is likely to be brisk over the coming months around Dens Park Stadium. With Ian Angus having re-signed, there are now 22 players who would be considered first team material. Manager Gordon Wallace has already gone on record as saying that this is far too many. Consequently, departures are clearly in the offing. However, that does not mean it will be all outgoings.

In recent weeks Gordon Wallace, his assistant John Blackley and coach Billy Kirkwood have headed south of the border to take in games as the search for new blood continues. Last weekend all three traveled south and covered three different matches as the tempo of the search intensifies.

## IAN'S BACK

There has been one addition to our playing staff since we last communicated with you through this column, though in this case it is merely the return of a familiar figure.

Ian Angus, who has been out-of-contract since the end of last season after failing to agree terms during the summer, has re-signed until the end of the season.

The former Aberdeen midfielder immediately went back into action against Motherwell reserves at Dens and acquitted himself very well despite such a lengthy absence without match practice. Whilst out of contract Ian did have trials with Plymouth, but returned North before his month's spell at Home Park was up. It is good to see Ian back in the fold.

## THANKS

The club recently received the following letter from Ladbrokes who recently organised a charity quiz night. "I am writing to express my appreciation of your club's contribution towards our quiz night held in Ferrari's on Thursday 21 September.

As you are aware, all monies raised shall go towards the Forfar Blind Dog Appeal, which is likely to benefit by approximately £200 from the event. I would also ask you to pass on my thanks to Wes Saunders, who represented your club magnificently. A very enjoyable and profitable evening was had, which boosted our contribution to the appeal to £500. Once again, thank you.

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