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'Memo from Miller'

We welcome Celtic to Easter Road this afternoon and hope the game will live up to the usual high standards served up by the teams in the past. Celtic are a proud club and we know they will be especially keen to do well. We might have appointed a new manager between going to press and the match.

If so this will be an extra incentive for their players to impress.

Meanwhil we are delighted to be top of the league, but are only too well aware that we are nowhere near the halfway stage in this marathon season of ours.

Against Motherwell last week we did not play particularly well and our passing was below standard. However we looked to different attributes and solid defending and determination got us through.

Brian Hamilton excelled as he had done earlier in the week against Raith. Brian had been left out the team earlier in the season, but has fought his way back into contention. This is exactly what we want to see at Easter Road.

Michael O'Neill stayed up well to cut the ball back for our first goal and he again delivered the perfect cross for Keith Wright

to score.

The Raith game was a thrilling match. It was real ding-dong stuff and Raith contributed to the roaring pace of the game. Many of you will have read my comments in the press about two outstanding goals by O'Neill and Kevin McAllister. Michael's would have graced any World Cup and Kevin almost scored an amazing goal after his first strike when he beat three men incorporating the nutmeg and the shimie on his way down the park.

"We are nowhere near the halfway stage in this marathon season of ours"

Darren Jackson has scored clinical striker's goals in the last two games while against United he got a tremendous goal. Until then he had been doing nothing bar getting involved in some silly



stuff. Such a good player as he is should not let himself be pulled down to such a level by other players. He has to discipline himself and bookings against Raith and Motherwell are disappointing.

I will not have the chance to address you before the League Cup final so let me thank you for your terrific support so far in the competition. It will be very important that you get behind us in the final as it means so much to the team. We know it will be difficult, but will make sure we are well prepared.

The players will meet the press between 1-2pm on Monday and then there will no more distractions as we buckled down to serious business.

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Chairman's Chat

Another warm welcome to Celtic for this afternoon's game and here's hoping both teams provide top class entertainment.

While the club has been doing well in the Premier League campaign, I would like to take this opportunity to make a couple of comments about the League Cup final. First of all congratulations to the manager and players for reaching the final. On the day the players and directors will be wearing an exclusive outfit provided by the Hibs Supporters Association.

Our thanks to Ronnie Ferguson and the association for this gesture on a special day for the club.

We all realise that some supporters may be extremely disappointed by their inability to get a ticket for the final. We are sorry that this should happen but there has been a limited allocation. We have tried to ensure that our supporters who follow



us week in, week out and our season ticket holders, Club 86 members or shareholders have had first opportunity. Meanwhile let me wish the players the best of luck on behalf of all Hibs supporters.

Macbean Scene

Just as Hibs on-field performances have been a joy to behold recently so our main sponsor Macbean Protective Clothing has been notching up some equally impressive "wins" in the business world.

Of all their recent successes three particular contracts stand out.

The first is a contract to supply 50,000 garments to British Telecom. This order has been awarded by Compton Webb who are BT's appointed management services company and act as their main sourcing agency. The range of garments to be supplied include foul weather coats, cold weather coats, parkas, blouson/bomber jackets and appropriate trouser designs.

Macbean has won an equally substantial order - worth over half a million pounds - to supply British Rail staff throughout Britain with high quality protective clothing, including trousers and three-quarter

length coats in Aquatex, ideal for a variety of outdoor tasks.

Lastly, but by no means least, Macbean is to supply foul weather clothing for Northumbria Police. This will comprise 3000 black jackets and matching trousers for beat officers, specially designed to meet the needs of PCs and WPCs following a series of trials to ensure the best designs were produced. Macbean has supplied most of the UK's regional police forces with waterproof and high conspicuity garments, but this is the first time they have won an order from Northumbria Police.

"We are very pleased to win such notable contracts in what is a very competitive market," comments Jim Hunter, Chairman & Managing Director of Macbean. "We are equally delighted with Hibs current success, particularly winning through to the League Cup Final."

"Like all Hibs fans we are giving full support to the team and would like to wish good luck to Alex Miller, his staff and all the players for the final."

Give us a goal - how I saw it

Darren's double

After his recent bag of goals we asked Darren Jackson to talk us through two extra special strikes against Dundee United.

"In the semi-final I saw Kevin beat Gary Bolland and take off. I immediately thought, I hope he plays it through to me. As I saw it coming, I noticed Mark Perry inside me and I was worried he would dive in. I checked back a bit and was thinking of taking it with my right. But luckily I didn't, as it came straight on, and I hit it with my left.

"The next goal against United was also a bit special. I thought David Farrell had hit it too long and I stopped, but I saw Keith go up for it. Luckily Alan Main's punch came to me. I kned the ball up and headed it past Mark Perry who was right on me. Although the ball was a bit behind I managed to turn and hit it with my left.

"These two goals were ones that go in every so often. The other one against United and the ones against Raith and Motherwell are typical forwards goals I am paid to score. I don't mind how I score them even if it goes in off my nose."

Or your chin for that matter, Darren!

Before we go what about the yellow cards?

"Silly stuff, although I think I was a bit unlucky against Raith as the ball was loose. As for the other one, I'll have to cut it out. Too often when I score I seem to get booked, something I'll have to watch."

Kevin's revvin'

Kevin McAllister is our top scorer this season. 'Crunchie' liked the one against Saint Johnstone and credits "Gareth as he did really well to set me up.

"The one against Raith," he modestly admits "was I suppose the most individual goal. I took a throw in from Mitch tight on the byeline and knew I had two men behind me. I turned to face one who dived in and I sidestepped him and then I nutmegged the other. I was through so I ran on and shot. The keeper did well to block but I was lucky the rebound came straight to me so I thought I better make sure this time and slipped it in."

If only it was so simple for all of us! Meanwhile he looks forward to the final having won twice with



Darren Jackson

Chelsea at Wembley.

"We beat Manchester City 5-4 in the Full Members Cup in front of 65,000. We were playing the day before in the league and some people thought of it as a Mickey Mouse tournament. But on the second occasion in the Zenith trophy, we beat Middlesbrough 1-0 in front of 80,000. It was growing in importance and the week before there was quite a build up.

"Most of all, it was a bit special to play at Wembley. Many great players never get the chance so I like to look back on that. I did not think coming to Hibs that I would be in another final so quickly, but everything is going so well. It has been a great competition where every game has had to be decided on the day. I hope we can do it for the Hibs support."

Bannon's Banter

The "wee" team head off to Parkhead today facing what coach Eamonn Bannon reckons is a four-pointer.

"Celtic are the best reserve side we have met this season and they should have got a draw when we beat them 2-1 in the first game of the season. Rudi Vata was playing up front against our mature centre back (yours truly), and proved to be very tricky. Others in their side who played well that day were Paul Byrne and Raymond McStay."

"So we are looking forward to a tough contest."

"I was pleased with another two points picked up at Tannadice. We deserved our 1-0 win and dominated for long spells. Ironically it was when we had slipped a bit that we got our goal."



Kenny Balmain

"Kenny Balmain was wide on the right when he picked the ball up, came inside and saw the goalkeeper was off his line. He curled round a very good left footed shot from the edge of the box.

Kenny did not actually play one of his best games that day and like many others tends to blow a bit hot and cold."

I know it may be repetitive but I cannot emphasise enough how much consistency is crucial to become a first team player."

"Chris Jackson earned himself a first team pool position at Motherwell on the strength of his performance at Tannadice.

"As I've said Chris is a good passer, has good touch and is tenacious.

"Graeme Donald and Mark McGraw

have notched a few goals between them so far. Duffy has scored four and is a strong lad, but like many others he still has a lot to learn. Maybe he is a bit of a victim of the current goal scoring success among the forwards in the first team which prevents him getting a chance.

"Mark McGraw has been injured and his form has been a bit up and down.

Warm Down

We asked Eamonn for the low down on the warm down as he was one of the first players in Scotland to experience it at Tannadice.

We had heard some old lags slag it off as hokum, but one, who shall remain nameless, told us how he used to have two bottles of beer waiting for him by his peg in the changing room as soon as the whistle went.

Eamon is not too surprised, but believes it has its purpose.

"We started it at United in 1985 when Graham Hogg, the athletics coach now at Aberdeen introduced it. Basically the theory is a 10 minute warm down breaks up the lactic acid in your body and in turn, it stops stiffness and cramp developing. I think its relevance is particularly useful when you have a Tuesday game. It stops you from being as stiff as you might be on the Sunday or Monday."

Mind you the warm up before the game has changed a lot in the last decade. Now you are out half an hour before the game stretching, loosening up etc. Before it was a ten minute kick about leading up to the whistle which was preceded by running on the spot in the dressing room.

HIBS Gala Dinner

Hibernian FC are holding the 1993 Gala Sportsman's Dinner at Prestonfield House on Sunday 7th November, with all proceeds going to Hibernian's Youth Fund.

A line-up of top quality speakers and a host of sporting celebrities will attend what promises to be the most prestigious event of its kind held in Edinburgh this year. They include Craig and Joek Brown, Gavin Hastings, Bernard Gallagher, Tom McKean and speakers Bob Bevan, Wilson Hunter.

Hibernian have selected a top class venue in the Prestonfield House and are sure the evening will be a tremendous success.

Reception drinks will be served in the marquee before moving into the Round Stables where dinner will be served - a superb four course meal plus wine and coffee at the table.

Tables for ten cost £500 plus VAT.

A deposit of £50 + VAT per table is required to secure your reservation.

Supporters interested in booking a table should contact Kenny McLean or Ian Erskine at Easter Road. Phone: 031 661 2159.

Has it happened before?

When was the last time Hibs were top of the league, top goal scorers and in a cup final?

Well, Hibs haven't been top of the League since 1975, so the respective cup finals of 1975, 79, 85 and 91 can be discounted.

1972 was close, but Hibs did not go top until New Year's Day. To outstrip Celtic Hibs had to win 6-0. Some of you may remember we went one better that day.

The previous May we had been gubbed 6-1 by Celtic in the Scottish Cup final, finishing fourth in the League.

In the 1968 League Cup final our league ranking was a lowly 12th. In 1958 when we lost 1-0 to Clyde in the Scottish Cup final Hibs finished tenth in the league.

We now have to jump back to the mid Twenties when Hibs appeared in finals two years in

a row, but were not challenging for the league on either occasion. It's back another decade to 1913/14 for another final but Hibs finished 14th in the league. 1902 might be the year - the last time we won the Scottish Cup, but no, Hibs only finished sixth in the championship.

However there are two possibilities that older fans could help us out with.

In 1946/47 Hibs reached the cup final and finished second in the league. After winning the semi-final did Hibs ever go in front in the League race?

Similarly in 1950/51 Hibs won the league, but lost the League Cup final to Motherwell. Were Hibs ahead in the title race on reaching the final and were they top scorers?

Anyone who knows, drop us a line?

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The draw for the Rover Metro will be made at the home game against Partick Thistle on December 27th which should prove a nice little stocking filler for some Hibs Supporter.

League Cup Preview

by **Kenny Barclay**

Rangers have only beaten Hibs twice in the League Cup over 11 matches in the last 22 years...and indeed haven't beaten Hibs at a neutral venue in the competition for 46 years.

The full list of these ties is:

1972/73 Semi-final

(Hampden)

Rangers 0 Hibs 1

1973/74 Section

Rangers 2 Hibs 0

Hibs 0 Rangers 0

1974/75 Section

Hibs 3 Rangers 1

Rangers 0 Hibs 1

1976/77 Section

Hibs 1 Rangers 1

Rangers 3 Hibs 0

1982/83 Section

Rangers 1 Hibs 1

Hibs 0 Rangers 0

1985/86 Semi-final (Two

legs) Hibs 2 Rangers 0

Rangers 1 Hibs 0

1991/932 Semi-final

(Hampden)

Rangers 0 Hibs 1

Rangers have appeared in ten out of the last 12 finals.

Guess who knocked them out on the two occasions they didn't make it? You got it.

Rangers and Hibs have rarely met in a final. The last time was the Scottish Cup in 1979 when Rangers won 3-2 after extra-time in the second replay.

They have met many times in semis.

Apart from the League Cup there were the Scottish Cup semis in:

1947/48 Rangers 1 Hibs 0

1957/58 Rangers 2 Hibs 2

Hibs 2 Rangers 1

1970/71 Rangers 0 Hibs 0

Rangers 2 Hibs 1

1971/72 Rangers 1 Hibs 1

Hibs 2 Rangers 0

Dryborough Cup

1972 Hibs 3 Rangers 0

1973 Hibs 2 Rangers 1

1974 Hibs 2 Rangers 3

The Cup record since the war for semi-finals is Hibs: played 14, won 7, drawn 3, Goals, F 21 A 15.

Rangers biggest defeat ever in the League Cup final was 7-1 in 1957/58 by today's guests Celtic. This is the biggest defeat of any Scottish team in a cup final and the only time seven goals were scored by a team in a cup final.

Of the League Cup final team in 1991 only Willie Miller, Graham Mitchell, Gordon Hunter and Keith Wright

started the semi-final against Dundee United this season. Brian Hamilton and Gareth Evans were substitutes. David Beaumont has regained his place and is a contender for central defence. David had just arrived from Luton in 1991 and was in the final pool without having appeared in the first team yet.

Mickey Weir has not figured in the first team this season while Tom McIntyre has had eight first team appearances this season.

John Burridge, Murdo McLeod, Pat McGinlay and Neil Orr have all moved on. This could be Gordon Hunter's third appearance in a League Cup final as he also figured in the 1985 game we lost 3-0 to Aberdeen.



Gordon Hunter
his third League Cup final teams