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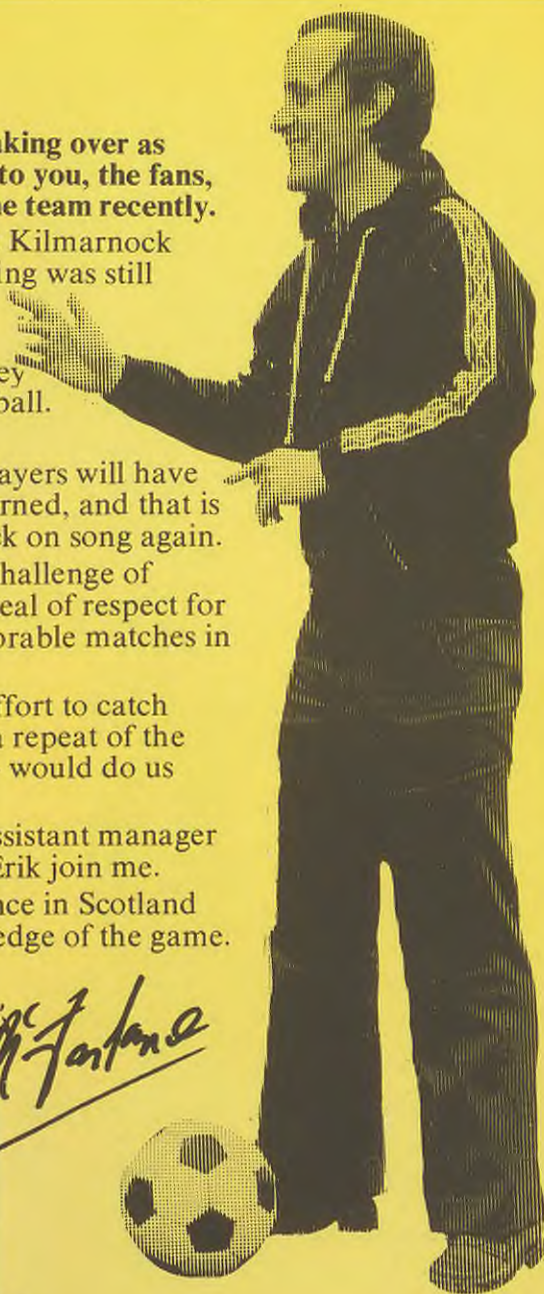
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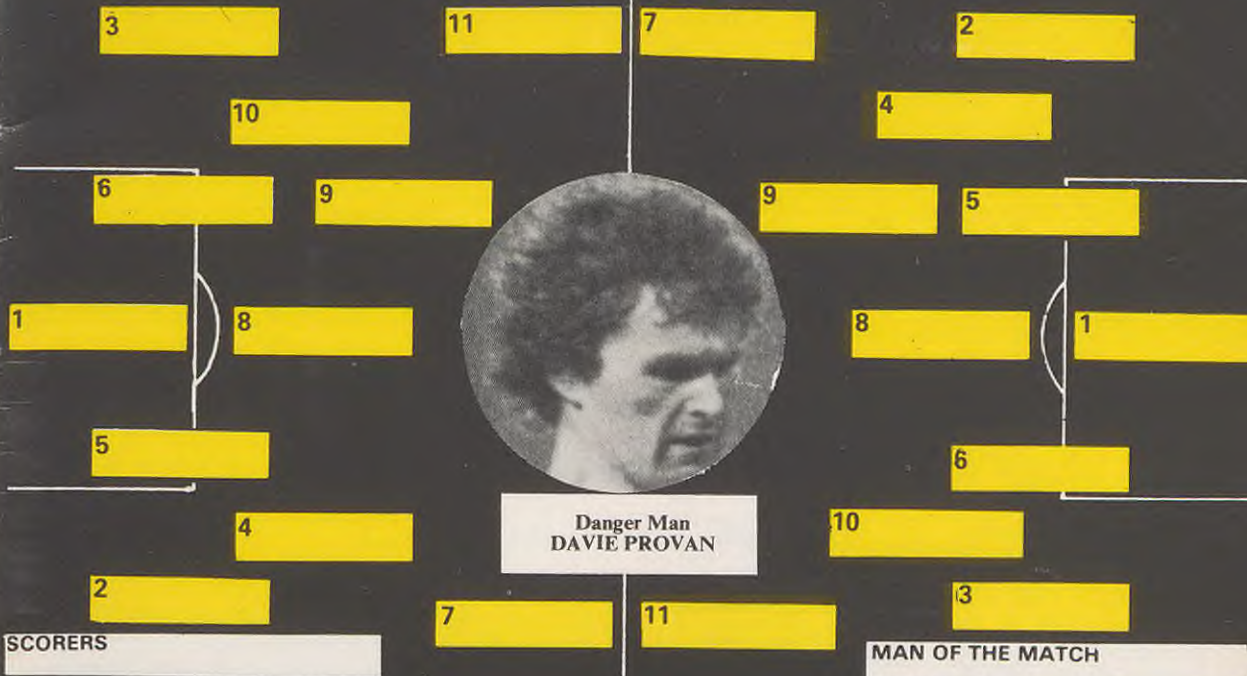




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Love Street welcomes

CELTIC

CELTIC were founded in 1888 in the then impoverished East End of Glasgow, originally as a means of providing meals and clothing for needy children.

To this day the club has never forgotten that first function and large sums of money are regularly donated to very worthwhile charities.

By the start of the First World War the club had established itself as the most powerful force in the country, on one occasion winning six consecutive league championships.

Between the wars their outstanding reputation, particularly in cup tournaments, was enhanced, but in the 20 years following the end of the Second World War their success rate — by their standards — dropped alarmingly.

Until 1965 that was, with the appointment as manager of former club captain Jock Stein.

Unparalleled success was to follow, the highlights being the European Cup triumph of 1967 and the magnificent run of nine league championships in a row.

Celtic are today managed by Billy McNeill, skipper of the European Cup winning team, the finest club team Scottish football has produced

The Parkhead side will be after victory today to maintain their challenge to Aberdeen, who so narrowly pipped them

for the Premier League last season.

In goal for them will be Pat Bonner — an Irishman who made his debut for the team on St. Patrick's Day! Pat has recently been a member of the Republic of Ireland international squad.

Little introduction is needed to right back and captain Danny McGrain, one of the best full backs ever to represent Scotland. Since he broke through to the first team 10 years ago Danny has survived a skull fracture and a serious ankle injury which ruled him out of the last World Cup.

Young Mark Reid, aged 19, came into the side just a few weeks ago but has already fitted in well. Mark is a product of Celtic Boys' Club.

Centre back Tom McAdam (26) was until two seasons ago a centre forward, having had successful spells with Dumbarton and Dundee United. Tall, slim Tom switched roles during the triumphant run in to the 1978-79 season and has remained there since.

Partnering him recently has been Roy Aitken. Roy, now 22, is a versatile player having played in midfield not only for his club but for Scotland as well. Strong tackling Roy broke through at 17 from Celtic Boys' Club.

In midfield, Dom Sullivan is now back in Glasgow, where he made his name with Clyde,

after a spell with Aberdeen — again under the managership of Billy McNeill.

Another youngster Celtic have recently introduced to the team is 20-year-old John Weir. John is a skilful player who looks as if he could make a big impact. He was signed from Petershill in 1977.

Completing the midfield line up is Tommy Burns, one of the most popular players with the Celtic support. Burns' left foot is capable of opening up any defence with precision passes and packs quite a wallop too. He was signed from Maryhill in 1975.

Davie Provan fills the outside right position and is a player defenders fear when he is on his game. He likes nothing better than to take his man on. Provan (24) was signed from Kilmarnock in 1978 for £120,000 and is in Scotland manager Jock Stein's World Cup plans.

At centre forward is the well-known face of Frank McGarvey, who was a star at Love Street before being transferred to Liverpool. He didn't break through to the first team at Anfield and joined Celtic last season for a fee of £240,000. He has been in the goals recently.

His striking partner Charlie Nicholas has been the "find" of the season. Brought into the team from the reserves earlier in the season, he quickly became a goal-a-game specialist. Still only 19, very big things are expected of him in the future.

Others who could find a place in the line-up are striker George McCluskey, centre half Roddie McDonald and winger Johnny Doyle.

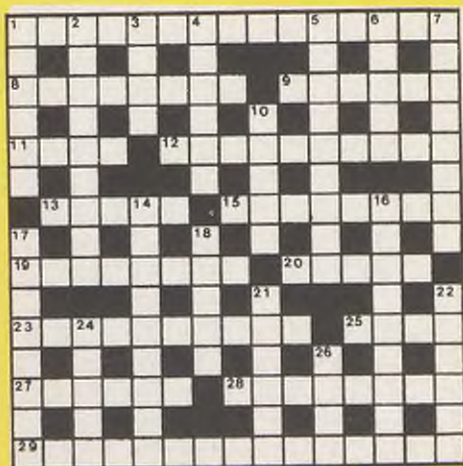
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ACROSS

- 1 Bit of a blow midway from the referee. (4-4, 7)
- 8 First it is paid for eight score-draws. (8)
- 9 Florian, Hungary's Euro Player of the Year '67. (6)
- 11 Bob, a peer chairing Burnley! (4)
- 12 It left the English league with Stanley in '62. (10)
- 13 The Charlie known at Stamford Bridge. (5)
- 15 Oriental flute-club at Bayview Park? (4, 4)
- 20 Join together like the Reds, Hammers or Magpies. (5)
- 23 And yet another Raich Carter club. (10)
- 25 Length times breadth for goalie. (4)
- 27 Brighton with Hove is one, so is Stirling. (6)
- 28 The attackers who withdraw labour? (8)
- 29 Blades of Yorkshire. (9, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Glenn of Burkinshaw's eleven. (6)
- 2 The Toffees are enjoyed there as well. (9)
- 3 The Colin watched at the Baseball Ground. (4)
- 4 Site of Bayern and soccer disaster. (6)
- 5 Inner London borough of the Gunners . . . (9)
- 6 . . . and river of the Potters and the Forest. (5)
- 7 Stretched out like a team made to try. (8)
- 10 Nominally appropriate for Kidd, Talbot or Little. (5)
- 14 Started the ball rolling after whistle. (6, 3)
- 16 Cut out pass. (9)
- 17 Birds — usually mute — on Vetch Field. (3, 5)
- 18 The step of sweeper Nobby! (5)
- 21 As one, like Leeds, Oxford, Hereford and others (6)
- 22 Certainly didn't fail, and moved ball to another. (6)
- 24 Lordly Peter Acknowledged at Turf Moor. (5)
- 26 One roaring at the Den! (4)



1. Who was recently appointed manager of Dunfermline?
2. Who scored the penalty kick in the match against Wales which took Scotland to the 1978 World Cup finals?
3. Which former Celtic player now manages the Scottish Junior International team?
4. With which club did Aberdeen goalkeeper Bobby Clark begin his senior career?

ANSWERS: 1. Pat Stanton, former Hibernian and Celtic player. 2. Don Masson. Scotland won the match 2-0. 3. John Hughes. 4. Queen's Park.

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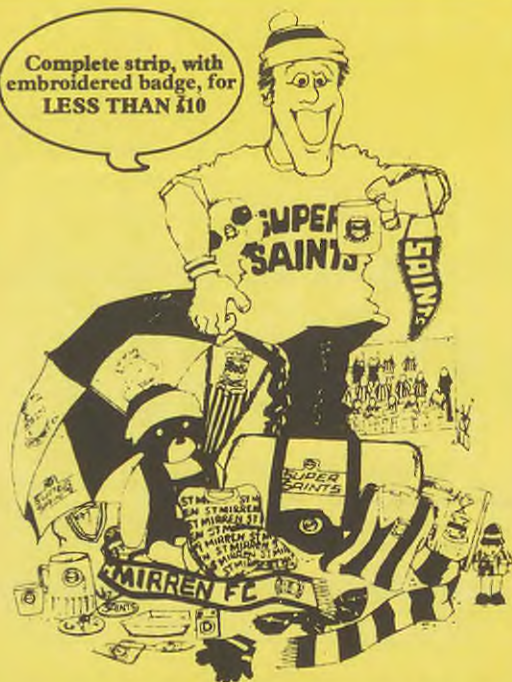
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STEVE

Steve Archibald, Tottenham's expensive signing from Aberdeen, has already won his spurs with White Hart Lane fans.

Cries of "Come on Steve" now echo twice as loud around North London as they once did. And it's no throw-back to the days when Steve Donoghue was booting home Derby winners.

The two Steves of Tottenham are Archibald and Spurs' evergreen skipper, Steve Perryman, everyone's model professional.

But while Perryman's only real regret in a marvellous Spurs career must be that an England cap is still missing from his collection of honours, Archibald is still defiantly proud of being Scots!

The Scotland World Cup striker's switch from Northerly Aberdeen to the bustling South of England has been accomplished smoothly.

But "his kin folk" up there in "Bonnie Scotia" should not feel Archibald has been permanently lost

to them.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

Within weeks of arriving in England, he was defending Scottish football and footballers in a manner that would have done Wallace and Bruce proud.

"People in England seem to think the Scottish League is a Mickey Mouse affair. It's not!

"There are a lot of good players up there," he says stoutly.

"I think English fans would be surprised by the general standard in Scotland."

One of the players Archibald is obviously referring to is his former Aberdeen team-mate Gordon Strachan, the red-headed midfield dynamo who is constantly compared to Alan Ball.

Alan, one of England's true post-war Soccer greats, is ironically a staunch admirer of Strachan.

Ball, now doing such a marvellous managerial job at Blackpool—the club who launched him as a world-

renowned football name—played against Strachan a few years ago, when Ball was with Arsenal and Strachan at Dundee.

STAR

Strachan was then a mere 17-year old. Yet he was one of the stars in a surprise Dundee victory over the mighty Gunners before a wildly-enthusiastic Dens Park crowd.

It is reported that after that match Ball was enthusing over young Strachan well into the Saturday night.

Ball, of course, bounced on to Southampton and then to Blackpool. Strachan moved from Dundee to Aberdeen, and has become a permanent fixture in the Scottish side.

But it seems only a matter of time until he, like Steve Archibald, will take the road South.

Other recent arrivals, like Ray Stewart of West Ham and Gordon Smith of Brighton, emphasise Archibald's view. There are still plenty of good players in Scotland.

BRIAN GLANVILLE



WRITES

Rudi Krol, the famous Dutch international sweeper, their distinguished captain in last June's European Nations Cup, is back in Naples, where he played twice for Holland during that tournament. This time, however, he is turning out in the Italian League for Naples themselves, a deal having been worked out with Vancouver.

When the news became known, the leading French sports paper, L'EQUIPE, reported it very sourly. On principle, it said, it was strongly against such short term loans; a view in which the late, lamented Alan Hardaker, former Secretary of the Football League, would have fer-

vently supported them. It was at his instigation that the practice of importing players briefly from the North American Soccer League was ended, the chief bone of the contention being the complicated position of George Best, playing in England for Fulham and in America, if I remember correctly (he has had so many clubs there) for Fort Lauderdale. Now, after a successful American season with San Jose, the rules of the Scottish League have allowed him to come back to help Hibernian.

Johan Cruyff, perhaps the greatest player of his generation, also wanted to return to European

ARE SHORT TERM TRANSFERS A MENACE?



Francis Van der Elst - Belgium



football; to play for his original Dutch club, Ajax, as an amateur, just for one month. Ajax liked the idea but the Dutch Federation, not surprisingly, didn't and it was abandoned.

COMPLICATIONS

When it was known that Krol would sign for Naples, there were similar complications, in which Ajax themselves, having sold him to Vancouver on the understanding that he'd stay there, were involved. Not surprisingly, they wanted their pound of flesh if he came back to play for a major European club. But there was also the problem of how long he could stay in Italy. Vancouver said they wanted him back in April in time for the beginning of the new North American football season; understandable enough. But in Italy, itself, it was pointed out that a rule laid down all clubs should always field their strongest teams. Were Krol to leave in April, then Naples would face a string of important matches, potentially affecting both the championship and relegation, without their best man.

This would not only favour those clubs, such as Juventus, which then had to play them, but would be retrospectively unfair to the ones which had played them while Krol was wearing Naples' colours. Naples

replied that they hoped to have Krol for the whole of the season.

The development, a largely unfortunate one so far, on the North American Soccer League has been chiefly responsible for such situations. The Americans, alas, terrified of the opposition of the native gridiron game, still insist on playing the tournament in the heat of summer, which means that star players such as Franz Beckenbauer must miss any eventual World Cup competition; but does also mean that players are notionally free for most of the European season.

ILLOGICAL

That a footballer should be involved in two different national leagues does, on the face of it, seem wrong and illogical, the more so when in one at least of these competitions he cannot be always available. On the other hand, the Football League, allowing transfers to take place in all but its final few weeks, is well used to the phenomenon of players who notionally do not spend a whole season in the colours of one club but may even leave it to appear, in the same tournament, in the colours of another. That, to me, is just as illogical if not more so than a case such as Krol's, and is not allowed in most of the major championships of Europe.

Curiously enough, it was a future Naples player who, in 1951, played a few short, dazzling months in the Football League Division One, transformed the fortunes of his English club, then took off into the distance.

He was Hans (Hasse) Jeppson, centre-forward of the Swedish World Cup team which played in Brazil, the previous year. Aspiring, then, to deal in office furniture, he came to London and signed as an amateur for Charlton Athletic; it was not then permissible for a foreign player to turn pro here before a stay of two years.

SUCCESSFUL

Jeppson was at once enormously successful, not least in a local derby game at Highbury when Arsenal were thrashed 5-2 and the blond Swede scored three goals against a debutant goalkeeper, Jack Kelsey, who would pull himself together to become a star himself; many times capped for Wales. By the time Jeppson went home to Sweden, Charlton were snug and safe in the First Division table. Jeppson did not pursue his interests in office furniture; he went to Italy to play for the Atalanta club of Bergamo, then joined Naples, where they loved him. Recently he sent his best wishes to the old Charlton goalkeeper, Sam Bartram; now a well known journalist.

If the North American League is to continue in its parasitic way - which seems inevitable for many years to come - perhaps it's no bad thing if some of the better players it filches from Europe are allowed to make winter returns to serious football. I am thinking especially of a player such as Belgium's Francois Van Der Elst, who went into well paid, premature semi-retirement with the New York Cosmos, but was allowed by them to take part in the Nations Cup, where he figured in the Final. It is sad indeed to lose so good a footballer so young, and the prospect of Bernd Schuster of Cologne, another who played in the Final, leaving Cologne for Cosmos was more displeasing still. Schuster's old mentor, Hennes Weisweiler, had himself left Cologne for New York, and when Schuster fell out with his Bundesliga club, the siren song was heard.

My own, perhaps, illogical, view is that it is always good to have a player like Krol back in Europe, whatever the circumstances. We have so few great footballers in the game today that Europe can ill afford to lose them; even if, like Franz Beckenbauer this season, they eventually make their way home.

Britain's balance of payment figures may be depressing. The dole queues grow disastrously longer. But at least we are "keeping" our heads high in sport.

And 'keeping is the operative word.

For some unknown reason, England continues to be the land of the action men, that sporting phenomena called 'keepers.

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Liverpool fans reckon Ray Clemence is the best in the world. Nottingham Forest fans give that accolade to Peter Shilton.

West Ham have the world's most expensive—and they think THE BEST—in Phil Parkes.

Arsenal fans will argue—and probably get arch rivals from Spurs agreeing with them—that for the last decade and more, the evergreen Irishman Pat Jennings has been the best around.



David Bairstow - England



BETWEEN THE STICKS

Joe Corrigan at Manchester City is often described as the perfect pro, as consistent as they come. And to think he might have been an outfield nobody if Malcolm Allison hadn't seen him as a youngster in a public park kickabout, and insisted that, with a physique like mighty young Joe's, there was only one place for him—between the sticks.

Great goalkeepers have been a post-war tradition in English Soccer.

Frank Swift. Bert Williams. Sam Bartram. Ron Springett. Gordon Banks. Eddie Hopkinson. Alan Hodgkinson.

They've come along in all shapes and sizes, and incredibly, all of them have got better with age.

Sam Bartram has repeatedly told me: "A goalkeeper doesn't reach his peak until he's in his 30s.

"By then, he's worked out all the angles".

There are a whole string of young 'keepers mushrooming through the Football League.

So if strikers are getting rarer, and stoppers grow more scarce, at least we should have no goalkeeping problems throughout the 1980s.

BEHIND THE STICKS

And as the M.C.C. prepare to fly to the Caribbean for this winter's Test Series against the mighty West Indies, the wicket-keeping position is in the safe hands of Yorkshire terrier David Bairstow, and the rapidly-emerging Paul Downtown of Middlesex, rated by many as the most exciting prospect seen behind the sticks since Godfrey Evans was in his prime.

Look at the men who have kept for England since the war. Godfrey Evans. Jim Parkes. John Murray. Bob Taylor. Alan Knott. Breath-taking, every one!

Alec Bedser was recently bemoaning our lack of fast bowlers. Maybe England's middle order batting is nothing to brag about.

But in cricket, as in our Soccer, we are certainly still "keeping" right up with the Joneses—and the rest of the world.

KEEPERS

by KEN MONTGOMERY
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Each of these men has a fanatical following and each, arguably earns more money in a year than most of our top footballers. If, as yet, you still have no idea who they are then perhaps, it should be explained that they are top speedway riders.

Speedway is claimed to be the second biggest spectator sport in England and, each week throughout the summer months, racing takes place at 18 British League tracks and a similar number in the National League.

These may be considered as the First and Second Divisions. Like football though, the sport is currently suffering from falling crowds and, in some cases, economic problems.

WEMBLEY

The sport has been run in England for the last fifty years, and, like football, has Wembley as its traditional home for the big events. In days gone by Wembley had their own team, the Wembley Lions, and they raced before crowds of over 50,000.

Now Wembley's only speedway event in the World Individual Final that is staged at the Empire Stadium every three years and, for the occasion, is packed with 95,000 ardent supporters. To football supporters it is almost sacrilege for their famous pitch to be dug up to allow its outer edge to be converted to a speedway track of some 400 yards in circumference, but that is exactly what happens for the World Final.

Crowds vary greatly for League meetings and each club has a recognised night for home dates and, on average, races home and away each week. Most tracks stage individual meetings as well and these are often backed by big sponsors.

BRITISH LEAGUE

Teams in the British League consist of seven riders, two of whom are nominated reserves. The five men in the team proper generally

THE GLORY BOYS

BY TONY MILLARD (THE REPORTER WHO COVERS ALL THE BIG SPEEDWAY EVENTS FOR THE BBC)



Michael Lee

have four races in each match while the reserves are scheduled to have three outings each.

A complex set of rules allow a team to put in tactical substitutes should they find themselves six or more points behind and a reserve may replace another man at any time in a meeting providing he has no more than five rides.

Speedway machines are of 500 cc. capacity and in the short straights of a British track can reach speeds of over 60 m.p.h. although, with the tracks being so small these speeds often seem much faster.

In every meeting the riders wear identifying helmet colours with those representing the home team wearing red and blue while the visitors wear white and a yellow and black cover. A rider gains three points for a first place, two for coming second and just one for third and the team scoring the highest total from 13 heats is the match winner.

As in football two league points go to the winners and none to the

losers while a draw, again like football gives the teams a point each.

MONEY

Star riders can earn a great deal of money but success guarantees that a man earns more than someone who is unsuccessful. Most tracks put their big names on contracts that carry a hefty retainer, in some cases up to £10,000 a year whereas many lesser lights ride for points and start money only.

The minimum agreed figure by the British Speedway Promoters Association for British League racing is £4.00 a point and £2.50 a start but most men are paid between £8.00 and £10.00 a point by their tracks with £4.00 a start.

A man who earns from a league maximum of 12 points from 4 starts and also has two race wins in a typical second half can take £200 plus from a meeting as well as travelling expenses so, with individual bookings and sponsorships, most of the international riders earn some £500 a week during the summer.

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WORLD CHAMPION

British speedway received a tremendous boost on September 5th when 21-year-old Michael Lee, who rides for Kings Lynn, won the World title in Gothenburg. Lee made sporting headlines in all the national papers and most calculated that he would earn himself between £100,000 and £200,000 in the next twelve months by taking the title.

A World champion can normally earn booking fees of £500 or more for a single meeting plus point money and, in addition, is a great attraction for the booking by sponsors, both involved in the sport and outside.

Product endorsements of jeans, sweaters and other non speedway items in addition to helmets, boots, gloves and leathers, all used within the sport are now coming the way of the country's youngest ever World Champion.

Lee set his heart on becoming World Champion from the age of about eleven but he has received tremendous backing from his father,

a scrambles and motorcross rider himself, but without some support it is very difficult for a rider to get started in the sport.

A four-year-old used machine can be purchased fairly cheaply and most of the other equipment can be bought second hand but then facilities have to be obtained. Most riders in England start at one or other of the training schools around the country and, each winter these are held at such places as Kings Lynn, Eastbourne and Hackney all of which are regular speedway tracks or at training tracks such as Iwade in Kent.

A top grade machine and all that goes with it would cost about £1,500 new and then the rider has to obtain leathers, boots, gloves etc not to mention spares and tyres which wear out at a rate of about one a meeting.

CHANGE

The sport has changed greatly over the years from racing on cinders with a leg trailing style to the modern day shale surface with the inside (or left) foot well forward.

The motors themselves are precision 4 valve engines, some even with a twin-cam arrangement while the electrics are controlled via a 'magic' box.

It is not easy to get to the top on speedway nor is it easy to stay there. Then there are the hazards of the sport itself. However all riders know that when they race they face some danger. Each, however, can also get glory, adulation and no little cash reward if he reaches the top.

The American champion, Bruce Penhall, who rides in England for Cardley is reputed to be a millionaire. Six times World Champion, Ivan Mauger, he rides for Hull, is a New Zealander and he too has made a great deal of money from the sport.

The Dane, Ole Olsen, who has won the World title three times, owns his own track at Vojens in Denmark and also finds time still to ride for Coventry in the British League.

Among the other big names who know that speedway has brought them a good living and many of the luxuries of life are the Swede, Anders Michanek, Barry Briggs, now retired, but one of the all time greats from New Zealand and the 1976 World Champion, Britain's Peter Collins who rides for Belle Vue.

Once again the Champion is now an Englishman and Michael Lee knows that he is on his way to a fortune. He says that he wants to emulate Ivan Mauger but he knows that, in his next race, he could face death at the very first bend.

There have, unfortunately, been several fatalities in recent seasons but still the sport goes on and to its many thousands of followers the attraction is the roar of the engines, the smell of the fuel and the sheer spectacle of young men sliding a powerful piece of precision machinery without brakes at 60 m.p.h. and more.

The money is there for those that make the top, for some it may be hard to make ends meet but no one rides who doesn't want to and one thing all involved know is that as football wrestles with its crowd problems speedway is still very much a family sport.

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jingles that you tune into.

It was composing jingles that really started Jeff on his path to fantastic success.

FATHER

Born in New York, his father, Jerry, was one of the most successful American singers of his era with three singles in the top ten simultaneously in 1948. He had his own coast to coast TV show, his own radio show and appeared on the front cover of the prestigious publication (the now defunct) LOOK. In short, Jerry was as popular as Sinatra. In 1953 he was offered

the part of Sky Masterson in "Guys 'N' Dolls" in London and the whole family moved to England for four years. Thus began Jeff's long relationship with this country.

MUSICAL CAREER

But he still had a few things to get out of his system. After studying journalism in California, seven years later Jeff opted for the sporting life. He turned professional at tennis. He played along the likes of Stan Smith, Ken Rosewall and Arthur Ashe, and did well, but eventually opted for a musical career. He made a living writing and arranging and cut his teeth the hard way by going on the road with innumerable groups before moving back to London for keeps in 1966 (just in time to catch the World Cup final)

He had soon established himself as the hottest jingle writer around—his first jingle won him an award in 1968—and used that as a basis to branch out into other areas. He's written the scores for stage musicals, soundtracks for films—including producing the soundtrack for "McVicar"—produced all David Essex's million selling albums and virtually singlehandedly put the "War of the Worlds" project together.

INVESTMENT

That album took about three years to make. In 1975, Jeff acquired the film rights to the H.G. Wells novel (at the suggestion, incidentally, of his father) and Jeff spent the next year writing and preparing the double LP. He roped in the services of Richard Burton to narrate and the likes of David Essex, Phil Lynott, Julie Covington and Moody Blue Justin Hayward to help out with the musical proceedings. It took two years to record and cost a cool quarter of a million pounds in the process, but the investment has proven more than worthwhile. It has stayed in the top 50 of the UK album charts ever since release in June 1978 and has repeated that performance abroad, adding up to yet another collection of gold discs on the walls of Jeff's already heavily laden offices.

Situated in North London, Jeff's company—Jeff Wayne Music—embraces production and publishing companies, an agency, a merchandising company that sells all the rights to the artwork of "The War of the Worlds" and an electronics company. It's a family affair too with father Jerry, stepmum Doreen and wife Geraldine all having executive positions within the company.

So now the latest project has been the theme that announces Brian Moore's friendly face onto our screens. It's called "Jubilation" and is probably a description of how he feels about his outrageously successful life so far. He'd probably have made a great midfield general—after all, in 36 years he's hardly put a foot wrong!

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SWEEPING INSTINCTS

Like the pigeon, man follows his instinct.

Franz Beckenbauer returns home to the Bundesliga after three lucrative years in America and, at roughly the same time, Ron Greenwood unveils the shift in English style that his long study of international football deems essential. The connection? The role of sweeper.

We are talking of the creative libero, rather than the defensive sweeper bred in Italy. We are talking of the position Kaiser Franz personifies, a position that Phil Thompson of Liverpool, Bryan Robson of West Bromwich or Butch Wilkins of Manchester United will assume for England. Thompson, who played midfield for England youth has more skill coming forward than most people imagine, Robson is already being groomed as sweeper with West Brom, and Wilkin's adaptability is proven.

Yet the measure of Beckenbauer's awesome command was brought home to me recently in a succinct



ROB HUGHES
of the
Sunday
Times

letter from a Greek reader of a column in International Herald Tribune: "I think nobody", he wrote, "can reach the nobility and the comfort of Beckenbauer's way of playing. He is something in soccer, the real emperor of international football".

RISKING

John E. Aikaterinidis's observation could brook only one possible argument - is ... or was? For even Beckenbauer himself admits that, at 35, he is risking that worldly reputation by returning to a land where he is so celebrated that most of the present generation of internationals revere the libero more than a legendary goalscorer like Gerd Muller. "Obviously, I'm not going back to

Germany for the money", says Beckenbauer. Hamburg is said to be paying him £300,000 a year, but he comments: "The move simply means I can get back to my home country to play some real football...not like U.S. soccer". Beckenbauer had enjoyed one principle freedom in New York; he could walk the Manhattan streets unmolested by a public which pried into his personal life unrelentingly in Munich. "I know", he admits, "these doubts about whether I'll have any private life in Germany. But any real footballer who comes to America will want to get back to the serious game".

PROBLEMS

After his acclaim and his 103 caps in Germany, anything might have seemed synthetic, but there were real problems in America. The Astroturf, for example, tugged constantly at his vulnerable Achilles tendon, the egoism in the Cosmos dressing room must have been as hard to adapt to as the language. Yet above all, NASL robbed Beckenbauer of his unique ability to glide



Franz Beckenbauer

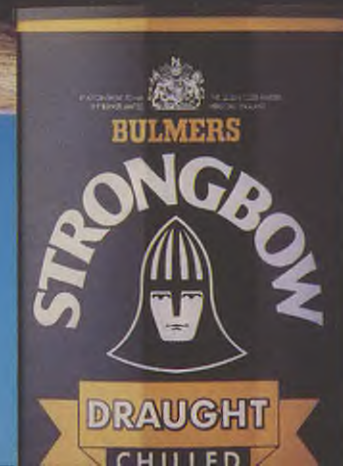
gracefully amongst the ferocious physical competition of the game at its best. Der Kaiser, the man who turned an ultra defensive role into an attacking one, was incomparable at using time whilst others pushed against it.

So, at 35, he found the call irresistible. Those who remember the hard time the Hamburg team gave initially to Kevin Keegan will sense that Franz, himself an intolerant man, faces an equal struggle behind the scenes. "I'll let you know what I think of him, after I've seen how he can play with me", said Manny Kaltz.

Ironically, Kaltz had to be taken to one side three years ago and told by the wise old Bunderstrainer Helmut Schoen: "Manny, you must not try to be Beckenbauer; a copy is never as good as the original". Eventually, the message taken, Kaltz developed into the best full-back in the game.

Those who share Schoen's belief in the original can only hope that the years away, coupled with advancing years, do not too drastically impair the exceptional talent of Franz Beckenbauer. England is currently searching for something just a little like him, but nothing would be more displeasing than an ageing Kaiser reduced to the level of an ordinary player or less.

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The funny thing is that we never stop to wonder if our friends are saying just the same thing about us! So, does it matter what other people say about your driving?

It can, particularly if they are well qualified to judge. To drive literally hundreds of cars under conditions from ice to trim-curling sunshine requires that I be trusted to bring a car back undamaged.

Preferably without a swarm of police inquiring as to which lunatic has just passed through their patch at supersonic speed in it.

So what can I do to try and improve my driving that is equally applicable to any motorists? Perhaps the most important thing is to have an independent analysis of the faults that inevitably develop when you've been driving for a long time, especially if most of that mileage is on your own.

In my case colleagues soon put you in little doubt if they don't like the way you are driving

even silent passengers give a clue. If their heads are jerking about and they are tightly braced, no way relaxed, then it's probably your fault, not their nervousness.

There are people who make a great fuss as passengers, but generally you should be able to give anyone a fuss-free ride. A run that gradually sees them switch from "ohmigawd-watch-out-fer-that," to discussing the disgusting weather.

The fact that Wanderers Centre Half couldn't play marbles, never mind footie/and, when they are properly relaxed, "I know I shouldn't tell you this but..."

For my independent analysis I went to the High Performance driving side of the British School of Motoring, but I could just as easily have taken the Advanced Driving test (and failed!) or gone to a friend whose driving I respected and asked them to sit in for a while. I'd then choose a route that I didn't know too well, covering a bit of every motoring situation in 30 or 40 miles and attempt to drive round it smoothly and legally, whilst giving a commentary on the drive.

Sounds easy, but very, very few can do it without one emergency braking session, or going round the corners with their hands wrongly placed on the wheel (so they cannot apply or remove lock quickly), or in the wrong gear, or failing to notice a change in conditions and adapting their speed to suit. Giving a commentary is initially daunting and a self-conscious task, but it is worthwhile because then both occupants can see how you are reading a situation, so any potential faults are spotted.

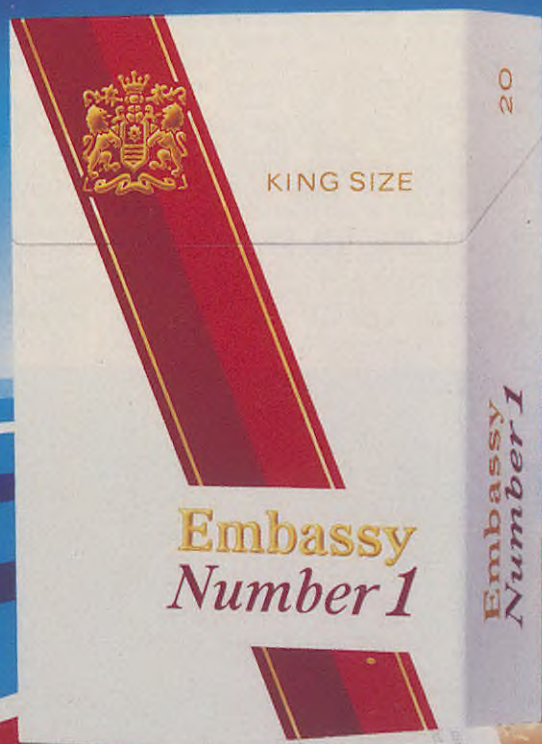
POLICE PRACTICALITY

That's all very well, and a useful tune up to your basic driving, but how do you do something about the faults when there is nobody there to sit in judgement? And how do you improve generally, instead of just for a one-off test run?

When I was a teenager I kept falling off my motorbike. It hurt: two broken legs in ten months and plenty of cuts and stitches to keep the local hospital busy. In the wards I could see kids the same age as me who were going to be crippled for the rest of their lives, or who had brain damage.

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Yet, I still wanted to ride/drive as quickly as possible, but with increased safety margins. The answer for me, and I believe it to be a greater safety aid than Sir Robert Mark grabbing the headlines, was a small paperback called *Roadcraft: The Police Drivers' Manual*. I checked at the local station recently and found it is still in print and freely available.

Basically it taught me that it is speed in the wrong place that hurts, not speed itself. What sold it to me was a simple look at police car and motorcycle accident records. If they could do those speeds in all conditions and not crash, why couldn't I? Remember this was in the days before there was an overall speed restriction outside the town limits!

I taught myself not to treat controls harshly. If I wanted to change direction, slow, accelerate, I asked for cooperation from the machine rather than tugging at the handlebars/steering wheel or stamping on the pedals. The fastest drivers there have ever been all shared that basic sympathy for the machinery: smoothness and slowness are not necessary partners.

Anticipation was the other thing I gradually taught myself with the aid of the manual. To look under parked vehicles, for example, to see if there were feet about to be turned into mangled pedestrian in a sudden rush across the road. The motorcycle taught me to appreciate surface: dropped oil, or the extreme slipperiness of a summer road just coated with drizzle.

Once you start thinking about what you are doing, common sense will take you a lot further than any fancy badges.

If the authorities want to reduce road accident figures genuinely, more could be done to improve road training facilities, including the provision of slippery surfaces to practice skid control under supervision. A lot is being done in motorcycling, a lot more could be done with car drivers.

MICRO-CHIP BRAKING

I would guess that the most common accident of all occurs when a driver locks up his tyres on the road and slides into unfortunate and unwilling residents of the immediate scenery, like people and brick walls, or other vehicles. Now there is a device, at one helluva a price, that does prevent that happening, and cuts stopping distances dramatically.

In Britain both expensive BMWs and Mercedes offer the system. I tried the BMW one. Full name is Anti-brake Locking-System (ABS) and it has been developed by Robert Bosch, German electronics giant in association with some of that country's leading manufacturers. The idea is not a new one — there was the

British Dunlop Maxaret system for cars years ago, but now that is a routine aircraft fitment.

The idea of preventing the wheels locking in emergencies is not new, as I said, but the provision of a micro chip computer to issue high speed demands and counter demands (enough to account for each wheel behaving perfectly on a different surface!) is a step forward.

On a wet surface I tried the £837 ABS system on a 130 mph BMW 7-series saloon, the only series on which BMW are offering this brake option.

It was simply breathtaking. Together with former Le Mans winner Derek Bell I tried to beat the system by using cadence braking myself on an identical car without the ABS fitting. Cadence braking is simply releasing the pressure on the brake pedal whenever the tyres start to lock up. In other words you are doing what the system does, but doing it yourself, instead of getting a

computer to do it.

I worked out that, at 65 mph, the ABS system was saving me 27 feet. The worse the surface, the more it saved. Even Bell couldn't produce a shorter stopping distance than the ABS system. Nor could I, though a BMW executive did make my day by saying, "if only people could be taught to put on the brakes the way you do on a wet surface, then this would give a considerable reduction in accidents also."

There are various detail criticisms that can be made of ABS, but the basic point remains. The worse the driver's panic, and the road conditions, the better the system works.

My honest belief is that it is these sort of items that governments should be forcing car makers to include in standard specifications. Then the price would be a lot more reasonable. After all, why should a BMW/Mercedes owner have safety as their sole right? This while lesser handling cars, which offer their occupants less protection than these two marques already offer, struggle along with a braking system that only 1% of the population can operate correctly in an emergency.



B.S.M.'s Advanced-driving instructor John Lyon

THERE'S NO FOOTBALL KING IN DREAMLAND

by ERIC NICHOLLS

Speed...skill...physique..... As you watch your team going in search of two more points out there today these three words are the most likely ones to go through your mind.

It doesn't matter how you say it. It could be on the negative front... he's not fast enough; he can't control the ball; pity he isn't bigger and stronger. It all comes back to those three magic words.

To you, which is the most important and in what order would you put them if you were the coach?

They are all important for a team chasing success. And if you are a bit of a perfectionist you might want the players in your team to be the tops in all three. The answer to that is simple: just find one player who gets ten out of ten on all three counts and the club coach will come running to see for himself the new "King of Football".

The coach aims to get the best possible results from the players under his control. But which is most important and in what order you work on speed, skill and physique depends on who the player is and what his job is.

There is also the question of what the words mean. Take speed. You've got to *think* quickly to make the action possible. That's speed isn't it. Instinct plays a part, too. Where are his team-mates, where should the ball go? When to accelerate.

The days are over when speed merchants could be described by saying 'Open the gates and he'll run out

of the ground.'

JUGGLERS

Then you come to skill.. Yes, the higher the level of the game the more skill you've got to have. But how many players have we seen who can juggle a ball as though they were Rudolph Nuryev, but who didn't know how to use those skills for the benefit of the team?

Move on to physique and you'll probably reckon that the big boy in build and strength lacks skill. Or you can lack a bit of balance if you are tall. Willie Young of Arsenal has seen a few yellow cards simply because he got his legs twisted up. No way is he a dirty player.

You can say with justification that players like Dave Watson and Larry Lloyd present a brick wall you have to knock down to get anywhere near goal.

But what could they achieve if they were in midfield or up front? In the same line of thinking what would players with the great talents of Johan Cruyff or Karl Rumenigge do if they had to play as stoppers?

This is where your job on the park comes in. Cruyff is not such a big fellow. But you don't need to be told what he has achieved with the ball - thanks to brains, change of speed and perfect control.

Trevor Brooking, physically a little bigger than Cruyff, has fantastic ball control and a super brain to go with it. But when the chips are down and his team needs to fight for survival, where is Trevor?

And what about Kevin Keegan? That little guy had the sense and the dedication to work hard at his game. Because he was small and because in his earlier days he wasn't exactly a ball artist. That hard work earned him the ability to jump for the highest ball, to dispatch the perfect pass and make the ball talk.

STRIKERS

Although it becomes a question of tactics as much as a word game about speed, skill and physique, we saw a combination of problems caused by those three words in Italy last June.

What kind of centre-forward should England have? And should there be one or two strikers?

However boring the 'Italian Affair' was, one fact emerged: that the days when we had a Nat Loft-house or a Bobby Smith in the old No 9 shirt are long past.

Ron Greenwood did not know what to do with David Johnson, Gary Birtles and Paul Mariner.

Strangely enough Holland had exactly the same problem with Kees Kist and Dick Nanninga.

You could ask: Did we want an old-fashioned centre-forward, or a front line of mobile forwards interchanging like yo-yos with support from midfield?

But that takes you back to those three words again. Speed, skill and physique are all important. But it all depends on what *you can do best* and where you are *best for the team*.



Willie Young - Arsenal tackling Kenny Dalglish - Liverpool.

CUP FINAL

BY KEN MONTGOMERY OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Who cares which two clubs reach this season's F.A. Cup Final!

As the teams emerge from the Wembley tunnel in May, the match will already have been made memorable.

And not just because it is the 100th Cup Final.

The F.A., who come in for some heavy - and justifiable - criticism from time to time, deserve a pat on the back on this occasion.

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Just think of the famous faces who will grace Wembley once again.

Obviously, many of the men who skippered their sides in Cup Finals, since that first one when The Wanderers beat Royal Engineers back in 1871/72, have gone to the great Soccer ground in the sky.

NOSTALGIA

But there will be dozens who haven't, and what a feast of nostalgia they will provide in May, when they march beneath Wembley's legendary Twin Towers.

Space does not permit me to list the previous 99 winners of the F.A. Cup Final.

But as a half-time exercise, how about trying to pencil in the captains of the last 20 winning sides, starting with last season.

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1978	Ipswich
1977	Manchester United
1976	Southampton
1975	West Ham
1974	Liverpool
1973	Sunderland

1972	Leeds
1971	Arsenal
1970	Chelsea
1969	Manchester City
1968	West Bromwich
1967	Tottenham
1966	Everton
1965	Liverpool
1964	West Ham
1963	Manchester United
1962	Tottenham
1961	Tottenham

Deliberately, the beaten finalists are not shown. It's no good making it all too simple.

But if you get 15 or more skippers right, you're doing well. Eighteen or more and you're a super fan.

Your memory is certainly better than some of those skippers.

For Billy Bonds - and this is your starter for one! - has admitted to me that when he first climbed Wembley's famous 49 steps, to receive the F.A. Cup in 1975, he can't remember a thing about it!



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Bobby Moore

HOLLYWOOD FOR PELE, MOORE AND ARDILES

by ROBERT WALKER

The star's pre-match warm-up consists of sprawling on the grass and puffing away at the largest available cigar. The team's best goalkeeper is relegated to the subs' bench and provided with a mask to hide his face.

You'd never guess, of course, but the star player lasts only a few minutes. He is pulled off and limps off with a 'mystery' injury.

What on earth is going on? It can't be Sir Alf Ramsey, can it. After all he did leave it until four minutes from time before sending on Kevin Hector in the 1974 World Cup qualifying game against Poland because "I didn't know what the time was".

It's enough to make the corridors of power at the Football Association headquarters shudder with anger as walking sticks are waved in protest.

Well, this is not the kind of Hollywood acting as players dive in search of penalties and free-kicks. This is the real Hollywood.

It's all part of a new film, put together in Budapest and called "Escape to Victory" with the veteran director John Huston in charge.

We ought to tell you who was responsible for that cigar smoke. None other than Michael Caine. His substitute is Kevin Beattie. And the masked keeper? Kevin's Ipswich teammate Paul Cooper.

NO PUSKAS

That's not all. Playing important roles on the field of course are Pele, Bobby Moore, Osvaldo Ardiles and Mike Summerbee.

Budapest may bring back memories for some of us of the great days of Puskas and Co.

But the flags with rather large swastikas and West German military officers, complete with Iron Crosses, tell another story.

It's based on 1943 and a group of Allied prisoners of war being "persuaded" to play against Germany in Paris.

It's the first major Hollywood film about football and that's why they have turned the pitch into a stage for several real professionals.

What were the crowds like in those days? Well, there were no hooligans. Just the French Resistance invading the field to upset the Germans.

There is not one real German on the field - wonder why? The nearest is Werner Roth, from Yugoslavia, captain of New York Cosmos.

And the result? The Allies are 4-1 down at half-time, but fight back for a draw.

What else happens, and what what more do the French Resistance achieve?

Well, perhaps it's better for you to wait and see the film for yourselves.

One thing is for sure. If Ron Greenwood visits his local cinema for this film, his comments can be accurately forecast: "There are a few coaching points to be dealt with."

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HE'S JUST COST ME HALF A
MILLION IN TRANSFER FEES!



Dear Sir,

On visiting a northern teams' ground in the early 70's, as a Luton supporter, I took up my seat in the stands with a couple of friends. The pitch was thick with mud, due to dreadful weather all the week before - and the players were having great difficulty, showing any footballing skills in these conditions. One of the opposing team landed "bottom" 1st into the slime, and stood up with his shorts round his ankles: the heavy mud had pulled them down, revealing "all"! Immediately, an opposing supporter, sitting directly behind me, put his hands over my eyes and said, "This piece of the action is censored, "X" certificate", and kept his hands there, until new shorts had been found for the embarrassed player.

A little boy called Johnny told his teacher that the newly born kittens at the School were Albion supporters.

"That's good", said the teacher" when the West Bromwich Albion Manager comes to the school tomorrow don't forget to tell him"

Next day, Ron Atkinson came to the school and the teacher introduced him to Johnny. "When the kittens

grow up, tell Mr. Atkinson which team they'll support", said the teacher. "Wolves, replied Johnny. The teacher looked at him in amazement.

"But yesterday", she said "you told me they would be Albion supporters".

"Yes", replied Johnny "but that was yesterday. Today they've opened their eyes".

JOHN WOOD
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and then theres our captain King Billy
with Ray Stewart at back
young Paul Allen attacks
and he makes our opponents look silly,
As promotion we chase,
We are after first place,
and backed by the Upton Park roar,
come early next May,
We will have the last say,
For this season we'll make it for sure!

DENNIS MARTIN
OXON

P.S. I like your Programme Plus - it is very interesting reading I just wish my club had it with their programme!

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IS A BIT
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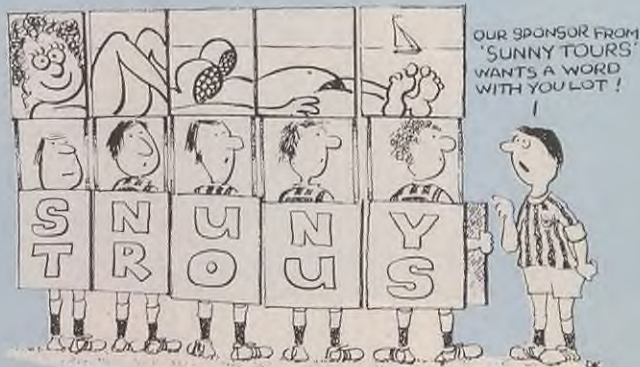
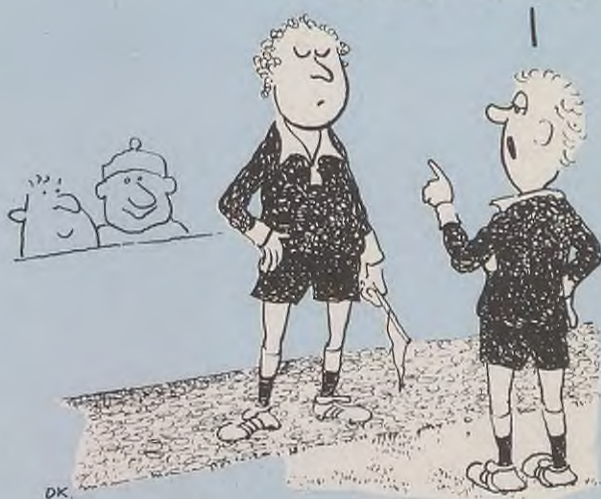
They came out of the Ark in twos
Why must the "Visitors" appear to boos?

Minutes later our boys, "up the Reds"
Heros one and all, so it was said,

Why can't they march out together?
They are going to kick the same leather.

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street scene

Strange Encounters of the Third Round

Club director Yuille Craig, not known to be a gambling man, came top of the tipsters recently when he forecast quite adamantly that Saints would face Dumbarton at Love Street in the third round of the Cup.

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Director John Corson has just become a proud grandfather, for the second time. His daughter Lorraine and son-in-law Stuart are the happy parents of a 6lb 11 oz. son Mark, born on Monday 5th January. Stuart is the Promoter of one of the club's successful lotteries and also looks after our Lucky Programme VIP guests on match days.

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We are delighted to announce this week the appointment of

John Tierney as club physiotherapist in succession to new manager Ricky McFarlane. John, a highly qualified young man in his early thirties, joins the club immediately from a successful spell as physio to local rivals Greenock Morton. Welcome aboard John.

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Ian Archer, one of Scotland's leading sports writers, was clearly highly impressed by Saints performance in our 3-1 victory against Morton on New Year's Day.

He wrote in his newspaper, the Scottish Daily Express, that St. Mirren "left an 8,000 crowd gasping in admiration as they swept aside Morton in the season's most enthralling 45 minutes".

And at half time in the same game he told Saints P.R.O. David Murdoch: "That is easily the best first half I've seen this season — both at home and in Europe". Quite a tribute indeed.

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The quarter finalists in our primary schools Shoot Out

competition for 1980-81 are:

Ferguslie, Gallowhill, Abercorn, St. Catherine's, Moorpark, St. Paul's, Foxbar and South. Congratulations lads.

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At our match with Aberdeen a fortnight ago, the children of the players, directors and staff enjoyed a fun filled Christmas party in the Players' Lounge.

Despite the beard, Santa bore a striking resemblance to club scout Billy Duncan . . .

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In keeping with the policy of encouraging youngsters, Saints had a number of 13-14 year-old boys in for coaching sessions on December 29 and 30.

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this time last year

ST. Mirren recorded their second win in succession on 12 January 1980 when they met Dundee United at Love Street in a league match. The previous Saturday they had beaten Rangers at Ibrox with the winning goal coming from Doug Somner two minutes from time.

Somner was the hero again against the Tannadice side. He put Saints into the lead in eight minutes and, although United's Dave Narey equalised before half time, a penalty from Somner in 53 minutes guaranteed Saints another two valuable points.

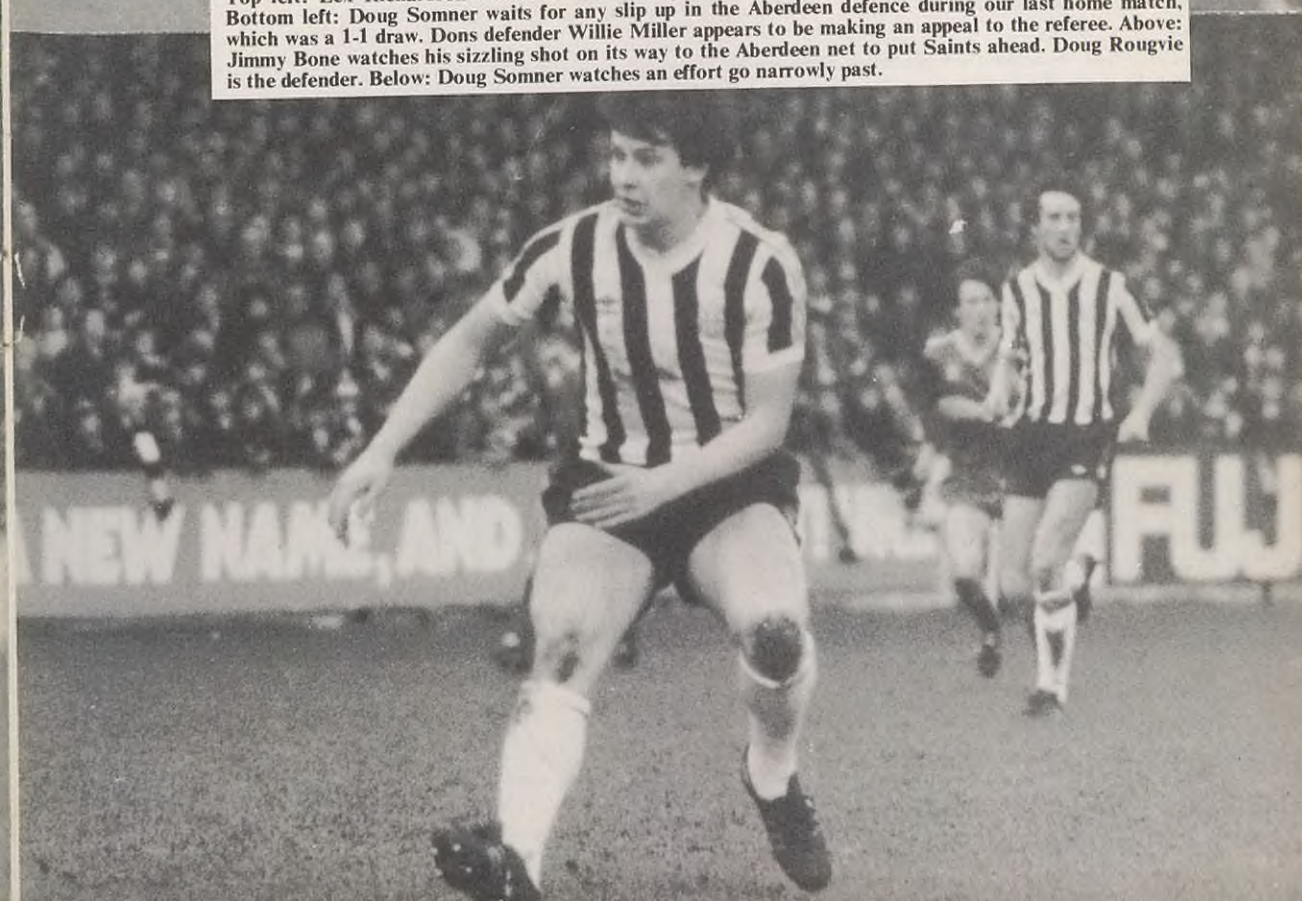


saints alive!





Top left: Lex Richardson shoots at the Dons goal, with Billy Stark (right) waiting for any rebound. Bottom left: Doug Somner waits for any slip up in the Aberdeen defence during our last home match, which was a 1-1 draw. Dons defender Willie Miller appears to be making an appeal to the referee. Above: Jimmy Bone watches his sizzling shot on its way to the Aberdeen net to put Saints ahead. Doug Rougvie is the defender. Below: Doug Somner watches an effort go narrowly past.



south of the border

ASTON VILLA proved their potential to be English First Division champions last Saturday in the best possible way, gaining victory against mighty Liverpool.

Their goals came from Peter Withe and Dennis Mortimer, but two of the best players on the field were Scots — Villa's centre back pairing of Ken McNaught and Allan Evans.

They picked the best possible day too to show off their skills, with Scotland manager Jock Stein present at the match.

That win puts Villa back at the top again — but what about Liverpool? As far as their manager Bob Paisley is concerned this defeat was only a temporary setback.

"Liverpool are still actively chasing four trophies — Euro-

pean Cup, F.A. Cup, League Cup and the title again", he warned ominously. "So don't write us off".

If Jock Stein was given food for thought by the performances of Villa's McNaught and Evans, he missed an even more impressive performance at Old Trafford from former St. Mirren centre-half Gordon McQueen.

Big Gordon has played only three matches this season for Manchester United after picking up a pre-season injury, but he was in top form in United's 2-1 win against Brighton.

In fact it was McQueen who put his side into the lead with a typical stunning header. Another member of the Old Trafford Tartan Brigade, former Celtic player Lou Macari,

scored the winning goal as United recorded their first home win since October.

At Ipswich, where the home side strengthened their championship challenge with a 2-0 victory over Nottingham Forest, it was another Scot, Alan Brazil, who was Man-of-the-Match.

And his manager, Bobby Robson, is in no doubt that Brazil should come into the international reckoning. "He is now ready to play for Scotland", declared the Portman Road boss.

Brazil himself added: "I'm playing the best football of my life. The boss has given me more confidence and made me more aggressive".

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worldwide

DESPITE the success in English football of such notable imports as Osvaldo Ardiles, Ricardo Villa and Alex Sabella, not all of Argentina's travelled stars are doing quite so well.

Fellow countryman Mario Kempes, leading goalscorer in the

World Cup triumph of 1978, didn't cover himself in glory either in a recent top-of-the-table clash in Spain.

His side Valencia fought back after being a goal behind to leaders Atletico Madrid and had the chance to take the lead when

they were awarded a penalty kick just before half-time.

However Kempes hit the bar from the spot and in the second half two goals from Atletico's Brazilian star Dirceu gave them a 3-1 victory and a massive boost towards winning the title.

COWAN'S MANSHOPS

SUPER SAINT INTERVIEW

BILLY ABERCROMBY

Name Billy Abercromby.
Height 5ft. 9in.
Weight 10st. 6lbs.
Birthdate 14th-9-58.
Birthplace Paisley.
Married Yes.
Wife's Name Anne-Marie.
Honours Under-21's (Scotland)
Signed from School in season 1976.
Favourite British player Terry McDermott.
Favourite Overseas player Willy Van Der Kerkhof.
Favourite away ground Ibrox.
Main football ambition A major honour and to play for Scotland.
Most difficult opponent Dom Sullivan.



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Hobbies-Interests Golf, tennis, swimming.
Other sports Snooker and table tennis.
Who would you most like to meet The wife.
If you weren't a footballer what would you like to be Golfer.
Advice to young footballers Work hard.
Favourite meal Steak.
Miscellaneous likes Curries and trying to stop people from smoking.
Miscellaneous dislikes Smoking.
Favourite TV programmes Sport and films.
Favourite film One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest.
Favourite singer-group Neil Young.

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Mark Fulton	The Hay Weighs, King Street, Paisley
Bobby Reid	The Club Bar, 19 Moss Street, Paisley
Jackie Copland	The Rosebud Bar, Broomlands Street, Paisley
Andy Dunlop	Harvie's Bar, 86 Glasgow Road, Paisley
Lex Richardson	Kelburn Bar, Main Street, Barrhead
Billy Abercromby	The Court Bar, St James Street, Paisley
John McCormack	St Mirren Supporters Association, Knox Street, Paisley
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scoreline

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Aberdeen v Kilmarnock		
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Rangers v Hearts		
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fixtures

St Mirren scores first

1980	
July	
26 Falkirk (DC)	H 2-1
30 Ayr Utd (DC)	H 2-1
August	
2 Aberdeen (DC)	
Final (Hamden)	1-2
9 Aberdeen	H 0-1
16 Morton	A 4-1
23 Hearts	H 1-3
27 Albion Rovers (LC)	A 2-1
30 Albion Rovers (LC)	H 5-0
September	
3 Partick Thistle (LC)	A 0-2
6 Airdrie	H 2-2
13 Partick Thistle	A 0-1
17 Elfsborg (UEFA)	A 2-1
20 Dundee United	H 2-0
24 Partick Thistle (LC)	H 0-0
27 Rangers	A 0-2
October	
1 Elfsborg (UEFA)	H 0-0
4 Kilmarnock	A 6-1
11 Celtic	H 0-2
18 Aberdeen	A 2-3
22 St Etienne (UEFA)	H 0-0
25 Morton	H 1-1
November	
1 Hearts	A 1-1
5 St Etienne (UEFA)	A 0-2
8 Rangers	H 0-0
15 Dundee United	A 0-2
22 Celtic	A 2-1
29 Kilmarnock	H -
December	
6 Airdrie	A 2-1
13 Partick Thistle	H 1-0
20 Dundee United	H 3-3
27 Rangers	A Post

1981	
January	
1 Morton	A 3-1
3 Aberdeen	H 1-1
10 Kilmarnock	A 0-2
17 Celtic	H -
24 S.C.—3rd Round	
31 Partick Thistle	A -
February	
7 Airdrie	H -
14 S.C.—4th Round	
21 Hearts	H -
28 Aberdeen	A -
March	
7 Kilmarnock	H -
14 Celtic	A -
21 Dundee United	A -
28 Rangers	H -
April	
4 Airdrie	A -
11 Partick Thistle	H -
18 Hearts	A -
25 Morton	H -

LC—League Cup
SC—Scottish Cup
DC—Drybrough Cup
UEFA—UEFA Cup

Saints Reserves

Next match
Love Street
v Airdrie
Sat. 31 January

FAIR PLAY TABLE

Billy Thomson	1555
Doug Somner	1457
Alex Beckett	1423
John Young	1384
Billy Stark	1381
Jackie Copland	1379



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Appearances	Total	PL	SC	LC	EC	O	Sub	Goals
Thomson	34	22	0	4	4	4	0	0
Money	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Young	29	20	0	4	4	1	0	0
Beckett	28	19	0	4	4	1	0	1
Richardson	32	20	0	4	3	3	2	3
Fulton	17	11	0	3	0	3	0	0
Copland	30	21	0	1	4	4	0	1
Dunlop	7	2	0	2	1	2	0	0
Reid	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Aberromby	26	14	0	3	4	4	1	2
McCormack	30	18	0	3	4	4	1	2
Curran	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bone	20	16	0	1	0	1	2	4
Stark	33	20	0	4	4	4	1	8
Somner	34	22	0	4	4	4	0	21
Weir	31	21	0	2	4	4	0	3
Logan	12	5	0	1	0	3	1	2
McDougall	20	7	0	3	4	1	4	0
Rose	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McAveety	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
McEachran	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Spiers	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

PL—Premier League
EC—EUFA Cup
SC—Scottish Cup
O—Others
LC—League Cup
Sub—Substitute

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UP until last Saturday the last game we had played was against Rangers on 20 December.

Our game against Ayr United was postponed because of the weather and the following week we were unfixed.

This brought home one of the problems of the current reserve set-up. On Saturday January 3 only four games were fixtured — leaving six teams, including ourselves, without a game.

There wasn't even a chance of arranging friendlies, since in all of these cases the club's first team was playing at home.

But though there weren't matches, I must say that the players worked hard in training

— and in practice games — over the Christmas and New Year period and in fact some of them came in for extra training sessions.

It must have been a relief for the lads to get back into action last Saturday — but the long lie off clearly affected them in the first 20 minutes of the game, when Hamilton took a 1-0 lead.

Having lost that goal, they came back into the game and started playing a bit and possibly could have equalised before half time.

In the second half they gained control of the game and did score a very good equaliser from a 30 yard shot by Gardner Speirs. In fact, with a bit of luck, we might have taken both points — but it wasn't to be.

The most important thing was the return of Phil McAveety, who hasn't been playing since the end of October after being injured against Morton at Cappielow.

He played very well and I'm sure he was as pleased to be back as the rest of us were to see him playing again. Others who played well in this game were Alan Logan, Campbell Money and Frank McAvennie.

Eddie McDonald.

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Celtic	23	16	2	5	48	27	34
Rangers	21	9	10	2	38	16	28
Dundee Utd.	22	8	8	6	36	28	24
St. Mirren	22	8	6	8	33	29	22
Partick Thistle	23	8	6	9	19	26	22
Morton	23	6	7	10	25	38	19
Airdrie	22	5	8	9	22	31	18
Hearts	22	3	5	14	18	37	11
Kilmarnock	22	2	5	15	15	52	9

reserve league

Celtic	19	15	4	0	43	13	34
Kilmarnock	20	11	4	5	44	23	26
Rangers	18	10	3	4	52	20	25
St. Mirren	18	10	4	4	31	22	24
Ayr United	18	7	6	5	34	26	20
Partick Thistle	19	8	3	8	29	30	19
Hamilton Acas.	19	6	6	7	23	20	18
Motherwell	19	7	3	9	36	39	17
Clydebank	19	6	4	9	22	36	16
Dumbarton	17	5	5	7	23	29	15
Queen's Park	19	3	7	9	26	39	13
Airdrieonians	17	4	4	9	16	28	12
Morton	19	5	1	13	22	38	11
Clyde	17	4	0	13	18	48	8

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