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In the last fortnight despite a catalogue of injuries to key players we have played out two 1-1 draws — against Dunfermline and Hearts — and collected another two Premier League points, maintaining our 6th position in the table.

At Easter Road against Dunfermline it was really a point lost, as we definitely had the chances to win the game. We played some good football, with Pat McGinlay revelling in his new defensive role. It was also pleasing to see us creating chances by getting the ball into the opposition box. That was a positive sign.

We got one goal, but then Dunfermline were allowed to equalise. Unfortunately we were unable to get the second goal which would have killed them off. We were a bit unlucky because Andy Rhodes had three excellent saves during the match. One in particular from a Murdo MacLeod header I felt was his best save of the afternoon. But hopefully one day we will start to put all these chances away, and I think then we will get a massive boost of confidence.

It was a home point lost, which could have been prevented. It is particularly important that in our matches at Easter Road against clubs like Dunfermline that we collect both points. It would have been good to take the two points after we had earned a point away at Perth the week before. I feel that it is important that you try to get at least one point away from home, but that you have to win your home games.

Against Hearts, it was not a great advert for football, but our players were determined not to suffer the same fate as in the first derby match when we lost 3-0 and simply did not play.

It was a bit disappointing that there were so few goalmouth incidents until we scored. After that it turned into a great



ALEX MILLER

game. Hearts had to start chasing the game, and got their goal, but I felt we had the better chances and could have got the winner late on.

After we scored I felt we were going to secure our first away win of the season, so it was disappointing that we conceded a goal not long after scoring. However, our back four was superb as a unit, with Murdo MacLeod outstanding at centre half, teaming up with Pat McGinlay.

The injuries have been mounting up, but the players who have filled in have done a very good job, and we have still been picking up league points. I just hope we don't get any more injuries though, because we are stretched to the limit at present.

Today we welcome to Easter Road Celtic, who will be looking to get back on the rails after the Old Firm defeat last Sunday. I thought they played very well against Rangers and were perhaps a little unfortunate to lose the match.

It is an important occasion for us, and matches with Celtic are always big occasions for both players and fans alike. Celtic know that Easter Road is never an easy place to come looking for points, and hopefully that will continue today.



Pat McGinlay

Alex Miller

SEASON TICKET SUPPORT AND SAVE



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We have long been known as innovators. The 'Support & Save Scheme' is another football first for the 'Hibees'.

THE HIBBES' SUPPORT & SAVE SCHEME

During this season we will be giving away hundreds of thousands of pounds in discounts. It's our way of showing our appreciation to you, our most important asset. The scheme is split into two parts, firstly, details of how you can save 40% on the price of entrance to Easter Road.

On the 1st December, Celtic will be visiting us. When you buy your 'Matchday' magazine, you will find a coupon marked 40% off and 'one of three to collect'. You should cut this out and save it.

On 15th December, when we play Dundee United, a second coupon will be given to you at the turnstile, a third can be found in your 'Matchday' magazine. Having collected all three you can then join us on 29th December when we play St. Johnstone and redeem those three coupons for a discount of 40% off the price of your ticket.

We will repeat this process again starting 19th January when we play Rangers, the further two coupons can be collected on 2nd February when we play Motherwell, and another 40% discount obtained off your ticket for the match on 2nd March against St. Mirren. The process will be repeated again on 9th March when we play Celtic, a further two coupons can be collected when we play Aberdeen and again a chance to obtain 40% discount upon production of your three coupons when we play Dundee United on 20th April.

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In addition, every Hibees supporter who purchases a 'Season Ticker' next year, with or without a discount, will receive an 'Hibernian Travel Cheque'. You can then obtain a discount of 10%, up to a maximum of £100 off your next family package holiday when you book through our Promotions Department.

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SAVE AND SUPPORT SCHEME



Today we launch the novel Hibernian Save and Support Scheme allowing regular Hibs supporters the opportunity to save money on admission prices — and their next holiday — by collecting coupons appearing in the *Matchday Magazine*.

For full details of the scheme see the advert on page 4, plus read all about it on *Football Focus* on page 6.

The first coupons for you to cut out and collect appear on pages 3 and 27.

NEW CLUB IN BROXBURN

Matchday Magazine has received a letter from Jane Tully, the secretary of the newly formed *Upball and Broxburn District Hibernian Supporters Club* covering the *Bathgate, Pumpberston, Upball and Broxburn* area.

Jane writes: "I would like to hear from anyone interested. Membership costs £2 for adults, and £1 for juveniles and OAPs."

If you are interested, give Jane a call on Broxburn (0506) 854470.

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The winners of the latest Club 86 monthly draw for November were —

£250 — George Czemartin, Edinburgh; £100 — Peter Jannetta, Edinburgh; £50 — Stuart Gray, Glasgow; Colin Barr jr, Edinburgh; and Paul Thomson, Edinburgh.



ANDY GORAM

Recently at Easter Road, John Donald Publishers launched Andy Goram's new book which will fill many Hibeers Christmas stockings this year.

"Scotland's for Me" is the title of the book which is the autobiography of Andy whose extrovert and spectacular goalkeeping has established him as one of Scotland's brightest stars for the 90's.

Andy returned to his roots when he signed for his father's old club, Hibernian, in 1987. Selected for the England Under-21 squad while he was playing for Oldham, he broke away to play for Scotland when Joe Royle tipped off then national manager Alex Ferguson about Andy's Scottish parentage.

Regularly rated as world class — Tommy Docherty selected him as goalkeeper for his all-time Scottish team — Andy's story recounts life in the

rough and tumble of the English Second Division, the step up to Hibernian and the Scottish Premier Division — "probably the physically hardest league in the world" — and World Cup duty with Scotland. It is an interesting read, fully illustrated, and available from all good bookshops at £5.95.

QUESTION TIME COMES TO LEITH

Question Time comes to Leith Assembly Rooms this Tuesday, December 4th! The panel in question will consist of team boss Alex Miller, chief executive Jim Gray, coach Andy Watson, Edinburgh Evening News journalist Stewart Brown, and referee George Smith. The evening will be chaired by Tom O'Malley.

The evening is being organised by Club 86 for all Hibernian Supporters and friends. Tickets are available from the Hibs Ticket Office at 178 Easter Road at a cost of £3, which includes a light supper.

DIARY DATE

Remember the dates for the Tennents Sixes tournament at the SECC in Glasgow — Sunday 20th January and Monday 21st January.

Hibs have been drawn in the same group as Celtic, Dundee United, Motherwell and St. Johnstone. In the other group, Aberdeen, St. Mirren, Dunfermline, Hearts and Airdrie will battle it out.

Tickets are available by postal applications only to: — Tennents Sixes Tickets, PO Box 336, Glasgow G1 2BR. For further information on the "Sixes Hotline" on 041-221 2899.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The Hibs backroom staff recently helped to raise cash for the BBC's Children In Need appeal when they took part in a 5-a-side charity football tournament at the Balbardie Sports Centre in Bathgate on Friday 23rd September.

Manager Alex Miller led the side which included physio Stuart Collie, coach Andy Watson and youth team coach Jimmy McLaughlin.



KEEP UP TO DATE

The official Hibernian 1991 Calendar is now available from leading stores and newsagents throughout Edinburgh, priced at £4.99.

Each month has a full colour photo of one of the Hibs stars, and the calendar is the ideal Christmas gift to help Hibeers supporters keep up to date throughout the year. Packaged in a robust envelope, it can be sent to Hibs fans anywhere. Look out for details of signing sessions where the Hibs players will be making appearances in local shops and personally signing calendars.

The calendars will be available from: — The Hibernian Shop on Easter Road, many local newsagents, including John Menzies, Virgin Records, Sherratt and Hughes, Bargain Books, Stockbridge Bookshop, Leith Athletics, Colin Campbell Sports, Elliotts Sports, Thompsons Sports, Novasport in Bellshill, Capital Sports in Musselburgh and Sportwise in Galashiels.



The Hibeers Support and Save Scheme



BY COLIN CALDER

Hibs today launch a cut-price ticket deal in a bid to boost attendances at Easter Road.

Basically the Hibeers Support and Save Scheme is split into two parts. Firstly, Hibernian are to slash 40% off ticket prices for three Premier Division matches between now and the end of the season. Secondly, the scheme gives you an opportunity to save up to 15% off the price of your next season ticket, while at the same time saving up to £100 off your next family holiday.

Commercial Manager Raymond Sparkes told Matchday Magazine: "We have long been known as innovators. The Support and Save Scheme is another football first for the Hibeers. "During the season we will be giving away hundreds of thousands of pounds in discounts. It's our way of showing our appreciation to you — our most important asset."

Chief Executive Jim Gray added: "All we ask of our supporters is that they attend the club regularly. If they do that, we are prepared to give them something in return." He continued: "We're appealing to our fans' loyalty. We're trying to entice fans with quality performances on the pitch. But if we want to have international players at Easter Road — like Andy Goram and Murdo MacLeod — then they have to be paid for."

Let's look at each part of the scheme in detail — firstly how to save 40% on the price of admission to watch Hibs. Today in your Matchday Magazine, you will find a coupon on page 27, which is marked 'one of three to collect.' You should cut this out and save it. At our next home game, against Dundee United on 15th December, a second coupon will be given to you at the turnstile as you pay your admission money, and a third coupon will be found in that edition of your Matchday Magazine.

Having collected all three coupons, you can come along to Easter Road on Saturday December 29th when we play St. Johnstone, and redeem those three coupons for a discount of 40% off your ticket.

We will be repeating this process again starting on 19th January when we play Rangers. The further two coupons can be collected on February 2nd when we play Motherwell, and you can use your 40% discount for the match on March 2nd against St. Mirren. The process will be repeated for a third time beginning on March 9th when we again play Celtic, with a further two coupons to be collected when we play Aberdeen on March 30th. This 40% discount can be used when we play Dundee United on April 20th. So by turning up regularly at Easter Road, you can save money — 40% on admission to three top games.

The second part of the Support and Save Scheme gives you an opportunity to save up to 15% off the price of your next Season Ticket and up to £100 off your next ABTA backed family holiday.

We have allocated a point value to each of the home matches during the rest of the season. This will appear regularly

on page 3 of your Matchday Magazine. This part of the scheme is very simple — collect all the coupons from each match you attend. The more points you collect, the bigger the discount you obtain on your Season Ticket.

For holding up to 20+ points	—	15% discount
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Andy Goram and Murdo MacLeod. The Support and Save Scheme will help secure other big signings at Easter Road

10%, up to a maximum of £100, off your next ABTA backed holiday when you book through our promotions department.

Raymond Sparkes said: "It is a novel package of genuine offers aimed at the loyal supporter, and getting people back to Easter Road on a regular basis."

Sparkes agreed that the scheme was aimed at encouraging attendances at the "less glamorous" home fixtures in the Premier League. "Because the financial climate is so tough at present, our fans do pick and choose their matches. People don't have the money that they would perhaps like to, so we are making it as easy as we possibly can for our fans, and make it as easy as possible on their pockets."

"The Board has played its part by securing the long term future of two internationalists, Andy Goram and Murdo MacLeod. The fans now have to play their part and get behind us. If we are all doing our bit, our combined ambition of getting Hibs back up the table where they rightfully belong will be achieved."

Sparkes laid down a challenge to the Hibeers fans: "We can only do our bit — now you do your bit."

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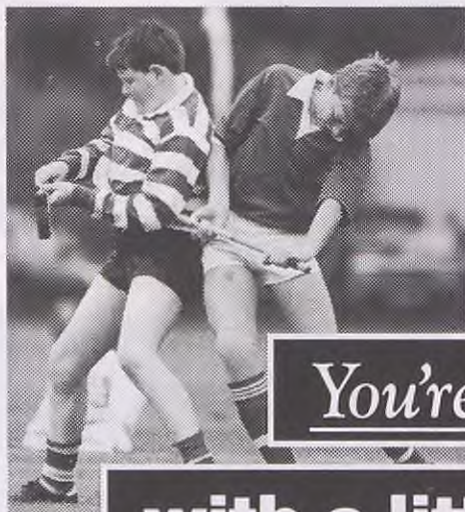
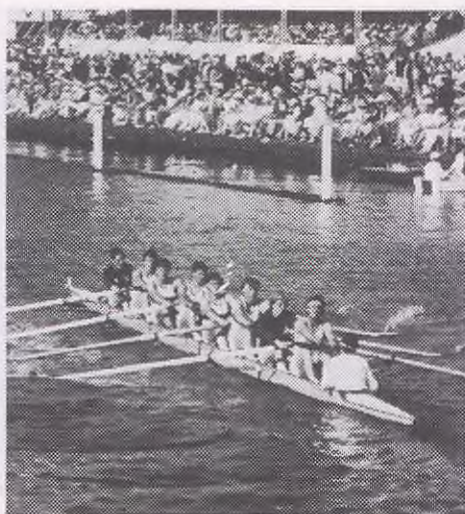


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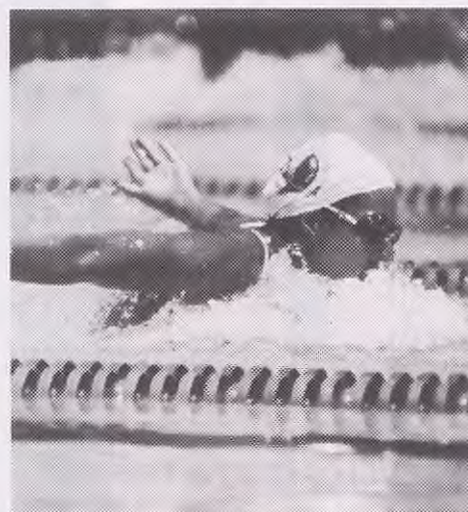
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INTRODUCING CELTIC

For Celtic the season so far must have been a bit like a roller coaster ride, with any high points appearing to be immediately followed by a low point. With the well publicised boardroom battles, and discussions on a new ground taking up a lot of media attention, it's hardly surprising that the team's performances on the pitch have been unpredictable.

Last Sunday Celtic lost out to Rangers in the Old Firm derby, giving the Parkhead side a total of 14 points from the 14 matches played so far. Playing at "Paradise" obviously suits the Celts, having recorded four wins and two draws in their eight home matches. One of those victories was a 2-0 win over Hibs back in early September.

However, away from home, Celtic have been vulnerable. In their six away matches, Billy McNeil's men have recorded only one victory, two draws and three defeats. One of the biggest problems has been injuries to key players, meaning that the manager has been unable to select the same faces to fill the same positions week after week.

One man who has been a permanent fixture is goalkeeper **Pat Bonner**. The genial Irishman was a star performer in the Republic of Ireland's memorable World Cup campaign. He played in every competitive first team game for Celtic last season, confirming his reputation as one of the best goalkeepers in Europe producing an extremely high level of consistency in what was a poor term for the club.

Peter Grant is a local East End boy, a product of Celtic's youth policy. The under-rated midfielder had a miserable time last season, eventually asking for a transfer, but then won his place back in the side.

Dariusz Wdowczyk is one part of Celtic's Polish double act. The left back settled quickly into the Parkhead pattern after his move from Gwardia Warsaw. He is a sound defender who is competent in the air, and packs a ferocious left-foot shot.

Steve Fulton is a player who can thank Hibs for his rise to fame. He shot to prominence with an outstanding display against the Hibeers in the Scottish Cup



Action from Hibs v. Celtic last season

semi-final in 1989. He has been given the chance this season to establish himself as a first choice player.

Paul Elliot is a charismatic character at the heart of the Celtic defence. He signed from Italian club Pisa in July 1989, and had a few problems settling in to the Scottish style last season, picking up a number of bookings while at the same time suffering stupid racial abuse from the opposition terracings. Scored against Rangers last Sunday. He is an imposing player, and his whole-hearted approach has made him a big favourite with the Celtic fans.

Anton Rogan looked as if he was leaving his beloved Parkhead at the beginning of the season, but has regained his place in the team, although has still refused to sign a new contract and is operating on a month to month basis. Though much maligned, he always gives his all for the cause.

Another product of the Celtic youth policy is midfielder **Paul McStay**. He is simply the best midfield player operating in Scotland and arguably the only Scottish player capable of justifying a "world class" tag. He took over the Celtic captaincy following the departure of Roy Aitken.

The other half of the Parkhead Polish duo is **Dariusz Dziekanowski** who moved to Scotland from Legia Warsaw. He is a great personality around Parkhead who appears to be coming to terms this season with the pace of the Scottish game. Last season he scored freely at the beginning, but his form suffered on the heavier pitches during the winter.

Charlie Nicholas, the darling of the Parkhead fans before his move south to Arsenal, finally re-signed for Celtic from Aberdeen in July, after months of unsuccessful moves by manager Billy McNeil. Unfortunately he has suffered from injury since the beginning of the season, and is only now approaching full fitness.

Gerry Creaney could be described as the new darling of the faithful Celtic following with his burst into the Scottish game this season. His performances, and goalscoring ability, have already seen him receive Scottish international honours at Under-21 level.

Hibs fans need no introduction to **John Collins** who moved from Easter Road to Parkhead in a £1m transfer during the summer. Collins was with the World Cup squad in Italy and has now formed a formidable partnership with Paul McStay.

One of a group on the fringe of regular first team selection this season has been **Tommy Coyne**, who has found the goal scoring touch he enjoyed with Dundee hard to re-discover at Parkhead, although many would say he has not been given the opportunity to prove himself. **Mike Galloway** moved from Hearts in June, 1989, but is another who has not settled in as fully expected after his successful run at Tynecastle.

Lex Baillie is often called upon to bolster the defence following injuries to any of the regulars. Baillie spent the summer playing with Toronto Blizzard in a bid to hone his match fitness after missing most of last season with an ankle injury. **Chris Morris** has not featured in the Celtic line-up since asking for a transfer which has alarmed some of the Parkhead fans who enjoyed his quick and enterprising play at full back. **Martin Hayes** has been unable to establish himself in the midfield after his move north from Arsenal with the old argument of the pace of the Scottish game being used in his favour. Queens Park Rangers are reported to be interested in signing the pacy, attacking player with an eye for goal.

BY COLIN CALDER



John Collins— ex Hibs favourite



'Ho! bold on mate! Billy Findlay gives Ian McColl the slip

**some of the action from
the recent 1-1 home draw
with Dunfermline**

GOAL! Murdo MacLeod lets fly to fire in his first goal for Hibs.



"I'll take care of this! Andy Rhodes collects this effort from Paul Wright.

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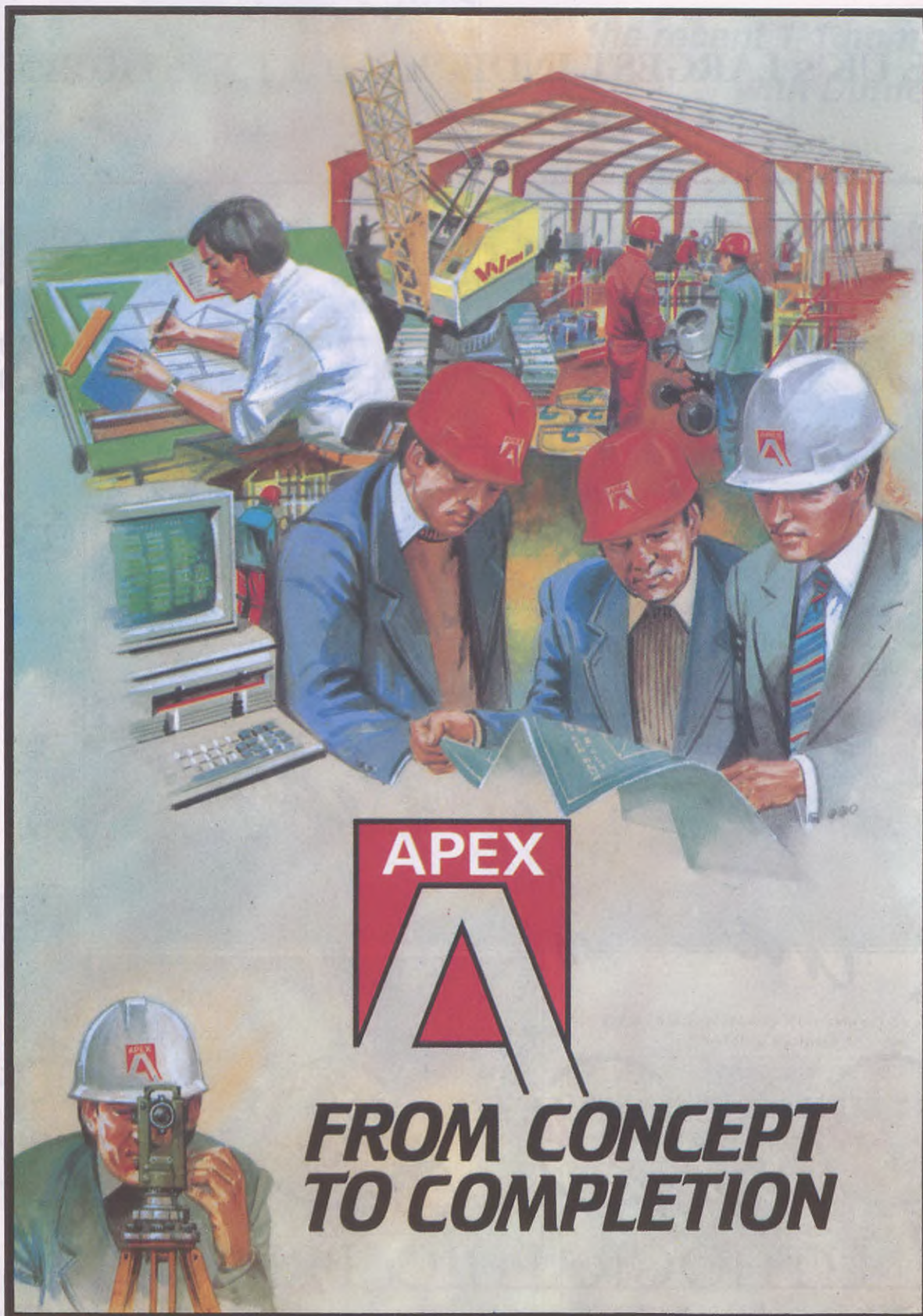


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Although no silverware landed in the Easter Road Boardroom it was a very successful season for the Hibs in every other way.

They began the season hoping to win the League title for the third year in succession and, in the end, lost it to their great rivals from Ibrox on goal average. In those days you divided the goals for by the goals against for a decimal figure. If the present system had been in operation Hibs would have been champions!

Their goalscoring as usual was phenomenal, finding the net 93 times in 30 league encounters. On four occasions they scored seven goals — Third Lanark, Queen of the South and Motherwell twice, being the victims. In fact, against the Fir Park side Lawrie Reilly scored 7 goals. We also beat our Edinburgh rivals twice with Reilly scoring a hat-trick in the Easter Road encounter. Three points were taken from both Rangers and Celtic and Reilly, in a fantastic season, scored 29 league goals in 28 games.

In the League Cup Hibs won the battle of the greens in a section that also included St. Mirren and Partick Thistle. In the 2-leg Quarter final, Hibs won the 1st leg at Cappielow 6-0 and in the Easter Road formality, Hibs again scored six, but this time Morton scored three. At Tynecastle in the Semi-final, a Reilly goal could not halt Dundee who scored twice taking them to a Hampden final against Kilmarnock which the Dens Park side won taking the trophy to Tayside.

In the Scottish Cup the draw was kind to Hibs with home ties against Stenhousemuir and Queens Park, who were beaten 8-1 and 4-2 respectively. The 3rd round draw took Hibs to Broomfield where Airdrie were thrashed 4-0, Gordon Smith getting a hat-trick. However in the 4th round, Hibs' hopes were shattered. Following a 1-1 draw at Easter Road, Hibs lost the replay at Pittodrie. George Hamilton scoring both goals for the Dons.

Hibs' goalscoring was phenomenal — 93 goals in 30 league games



Lawrie Reilly — amazing scoring record of 49 goals in 46 games

The Hibs recognised side during this season of entertainment a goals was: Younger, Govan, Paterson, Buchanan, Howie, Combe, Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull and Ormond, with Willie Clark and Mick Gallacher filling in when injuries cropped up.

In all competitive games Reilly scored 49 goals in 46 appearances — what would he be worth today? Eddie Turnbull netted 25 times, Bobby Johnstone 23 times and Gordon Smith hit the rigging on 20 occasions.

As it was the year of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation there was a trophy played for in Glasgow between Rangers, Celtic, Hibs and Aberdeen from north of the border, and Newcastle United, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur from England. In the 1st round Hibs defeated Spurs 2-1 after the sides had shared 2 goals. In the Semi-final Hibs outplayed Newcastle by 4 goals to nil which opened the door to a Hibs/Celtic final at Hampden Park before 117,060 people. In a brilliant contest played on May 20, Johnny Bonnar saved Celtic from defeat in the second half when Hibs attacked incessantly, trying to equalize a Neil Mochan goal in the 28th minute, and saves in particular from Archie Buchanan,

Johnstone and Turnbull were just uncanny. However as often happens in those contests, the team on the receiving end hit on the break and with only 2 minutes remaining, Walsh put the result beyond doubt. Yet again after a brilliant performance Hibs had nothing to show for their efforts.

In a challenge match in September Hibs played Manchester United at Easter Road in a testimonial for Gordon Smith and Hibs won a classic by seven goals to three. There was a hat-trick from Turnbull on Smith's big night and great goals aplenty.

Hibs Second XI finished runners-up to Aberdeen and the Third XI won the East of Scotland League.

On the international scene, Reilly played against Wales, Ireland, England, Sweden, Irish League, Welsh League, League of Ireland and The Football League. Turnbull played against the Irish League; Willie Ormond against the Irish League, Welsh League and the League of Ireland. John Paterson appeared against the Welsh League and John Govan against the League of Ireland. Once again, a high-profile season for the "Hibeers".

BY JOHN MELROSE

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BP SQUAD IN ACTION



Hibs BP Youth Squad

Hibs BP Youth squad were scheduled to be in action on Wednesday night at Glebe Park against Brechin City in their third round tie. Hibernian had tried to have the match played this Sunday, but the clubs could not agree. Unfortunately today's Matchday magazine had to go to press before the result was known, but we have been keeping our fingers crossed. There will be full report in the next edition.

● The reserves have played two matches since our last report. On November 17th they beat Dunfermline 1-0 at East End Park. The scorer was Danny Lennon, now fighting his way back to fitness after that dreadful leg break he suffered in a reserve derby match at Tynecastle last season. Reserve coach Jimmy McLaughlin said: "It's taken Danny a long time to recover, but he is playing very well and could be pushing for a breakthrough into the first team soon." Last weekend, Hibs lost out 1-0 in the reserve Edinburgh derby at Easter Road. Scott Crabbe scored the only goal of the game in the 40th minute. McLaughlin commented "The game could have gone either way. It was a disappointing result, but it was the old problem of just not being able to put the ball into the net."

● The 3rd XI continue on their unbeaten way in the Reserve League East. Back on November 12th Hibs beat Raith Rovers 2-0 at Starks Park in Kirkcaldy, with Nick Ingram scoring both goals. "It was an outstanding performance — our best of the season so far in this league." On November 19th, Hibs were held to a 1-1 draw against Montrose at Easter Road. Striker Keith Houchen, who was playing to get some match practice, scored the goal for the Hibees. However, McLaughlin said: "We didn't play half as well as the previous week." The 3rd XI have now been beaten only once in 12 outings.

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Date	Against	F	A
Aug 25	H Aberdeen	0	4
Sep 8	H Celtic	1	4
Sep 15	A Hearts	2	1
Sep 22	A St. Johnstone	1	2
Sep 29	H Dunfermline	1	0
Oct 6	A St. Mirren	0	1
Oct 13	H Dundee Utd	1	3
Oct 20	A Motherwell	2	1
Oct 27	A Aberdeen	3	1
Oct 31	A Rangers	0	4
Nov 3	H Rangers	1	2
Nov 10	H St. Johnstone	0	1
Nov 17	A Dunfermline	1	0
Nov 24	H Hearts	0	1
Dec 1	A Celtic		
Dec 8	H Motherwell		
Dec 15	A Dundee Utd		
Dec 22	H St. Mirren		
Dec 29	A St. Johnstone		
Jan 2	A Hearts		
Jan 5	H Celtic		
Jan 12	H Aberdeen		
Jan 19	A Rangers		
Jan 26	Scot. Cup 3rd Rnd.		
Feb 2	A Motherwell		
Feb 9	H Dundee Utd		
Feb 16	H Dunfermline		
Feb 23	Scot. Cup 4th Rnd.		
Mar 2	St. Mirren		

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Brian's rocky road to Easter Road success

by JILLIAN BINNIE, Scotland's only female Programme Contributor

For one young player at Easter Road, this last year can be described as a bit of a roller-coaster ride. Up one minute — down the next. At best it was an interesting year, at worst disastrous. Nobody at the club has had quite such varied fortunes as Brian Hamilton.

Signed in 1989 close season from St. Mirren along with experienced defender Neil Cooper. Brian had a sizeable price-tag placed on him. This hefty figure was to weigh round his neck like a millstone at times in the subsequent matches.

"a marvellous solo strike, it was no less than this young man deserved"

In the eyes of a proportion of the support he was expected to be something of a new John Collins-cum-Paul McStay. After all, they claimed, he'd cost a lot of money. Brian had the misfortune of not getting a regular position in the side during his first dozen matches. Injuries plagued the Easter Road side for weeks which many will recall resulted in Paul Kane revelling in the full-back position.

In a period in which Brian should have been happily settling down, he couldn't really as he was shunted to whichever place required him. This was only compounded by the fact that Tony Fitzpatrick had only used Brian in the reserves at Love



Brian Hamilton — 'back in top form for Hibs

Street prior to transfer and so the young lad's confidence wasn't at its greatest heights anyway!

Things didn't go particularly well during this spell for him and the lack of self-belief and the settling-in worries culminated in a sad outing against Liege which led to an early substitution. However, although Hamilton himself didn't believe in his own capabilities, manager Alex Miller obviously did. Admirably, Miller persevered in picking Brian in the first eleven, showing great faith in the young lad from Paisley.

After a tough three or four months, the fruit of Miller's

labour began to come forth. Hamilton began to find the kind of form we hoped he would, forceful runs, weighted passes, nice touches on the ball — all began to appear. Finally confidence also found its way into Brian's game and the price-tag began to be paid off.

In early spring of this year, with our man in full flourish, fate dealt the kind of spiteful blow that no player (certainly no Hibs player!) deserves. In a plucky, memorable win at Ibrox, Brian was to suffer the misfortune of breaking a leg in a clash with Stuart Munro. His season, in many ways had only just begun. Now it was most definitely over. Hibernian were to lose his flourishing services for the rest of the season.



Brian . . . in control

Brian was not to suffer alone, in a period which saw talented newcomer Mark McGraw and explosive striker Paul Wright join him on Stuart Collie's injured list. All three were to stay there for months to come. McGraw's injury was to heal slightly ahead of the other two, however Brian and Paul were kept busy during their healing process by the physio — it wasn't unknown for them to be sent packing off round Arthur's Seat on bicycles during their recuperation.

Eventually, first team football was not that far away and the game between Hibs and Hearts at Easter Road provided Brian with his comeback. Again his career had taken an upwards turn.

A series of useful performances led to our Brian scoring the goal that won Hibs their first victory this season against new boys St. Johnstone. A marvellous solo strike, it was no less than this young man deserved. It was the type of goal that could grace any "goal of the season" awards.

Since then, Brian's form has been more consistent and settled than last year, and although like most, he has had the odd off-day, there are real signs that finally Lady Luck has decided to give him a break (ouch! — a bit inappropriate, really) as he settles in for good.

Many quite easily forget this young lad is just exactly that — a young lad. He is part of a young side who will only develop fully if given proper, positive, constructive support. Brian and the rest are getting that daily from the staff at Easter Road, but we must also give it too.

I have only one thing to ask of this talented youngster — and it's an easy one. Remember that marvellous goal you scored for St. Mirren against Hearts at Tynecastle a few years back. It was a real cracker. Do you think, as a Christmas gift to both myself and the rest of us Hibeers, you could do the same thing, only this time for Hibs at Easter Road on January 2nd 1991 perhaps!

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John Collins. His preparation and performance makes him the complete professional.

What kind of car do you drive?

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What is your favourite strip?

The Hibs strip from 3 seasons ago.

Do you have a jinx ground in Scotland and for what reason?

Yes, Firhill Park, home of Partick Thistle. It always seems to rain there, which makes the game miserable.

What is your favourite food?

Italian, of course!

What was the last fashion garment you bought and from where?

A Designer jacket from Ston's, Queen Street, Glasgow.

Why not send in six or so questions, select the player you want to question, tell us your name and address and we'll print the most interesting batch of questions.

FAMILY CHOICE FAMILY ENCLOSURE

The last home fixture against Dunfermline saw a 1-1 draw with both teams picking up one point for their efforts. Today's opponents are Dundee United who are, at this moment in time, on "top form", never the less a victory is still in sight.

Remember today is the start of the "Support and Save Scheme" so retain your coupon on page 27, which is one of three which give you a reduction on your entry fee to the St. Johnstone fixture. Likewise if you are a Season Ticket holder, the coupons are still beneficial as they entitle you to a reduced rate on next season's Season Ticket.

If you have any queries as to how the scheme works, phone either of the following numbers for further information: 031-652 0630 or 031-661 2159.

Enjoy today's game, and as usual, if you have any requests or ideas which could be implemented then please drop us a line.

HIBS KIDS NEWS

Both "Hibs Kids" Christmas Parties are fast approaching, by now we should have received all applications for both the Under-5s Party on the 9th December and the 6-10 Year Olds Party on December 16th. If you're missing out on all the fun then why not become a "Hibs Kid" by obtaining an application form from our ticket office at 178 Easter Road, a season subscription fee is £2.50.

Remember next home fixture against Dundee United on December 15th is a "Hibs Kids" Day. All Hibs Kids can obtain free entry by producing their membership card at the Seasted Enclosure turnstile. I hope you all enjoy today's match and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Parties.

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In our last home match a fortnight ago against Dunfermline, Hibs took a point in a 1-1 draw, with Murdo MacLeod hitting his first goal for the club since his move from West Germany, in front of a 10,000 crowd.

The Scotsman best described the goal, "Young Mark McGraw spread the play to Weir, whose pass was met by the force of MacLeod's boot. It was a well-taken goal, the end product of a quick, simple and effective move."

The Glasgow Herald headlined its report: "MacLeod is the silver lining for Hibs. His experience and sheer physical presence made Hibs more reliable looking than Dunfermline."

The Sunday Post summed up the game: "This wasn't a classic. There was plenty of hustle and bustle, but little imagination on show throughout."

The Sunday Express took a more positive note. "Hibs have no shortage of power, particularly with Murdo MacLeod guiding the younger element in the team."

The News of the World commented: "While Hibs found Andy Rhodes in the Dunfermline goal unbeatable, the Pars' attack floundered as Pat McGinlay steadied the Easter Road defence."

The Daily Record also praised McGinlay. "Alec Miller must have been delighted with yet another five-star display from Pat McGinlay. The 23-year-old gets

TWO SCORING DRAWS

better every week in his new defensive role."

The Sun praised both goalkeepers. "The Oldham Old Boys goalkeeping club of Andy Goram and Andy Rhodes made sure of the fourth stalemate in six Premier League tussles between the clubs."

Last week's Edinburgh derby also finished in a 1-1 scoreline with Keith Houchen scoring for Hibs with Neil Berry getting the Hearts' equaliser.

The News of the World added: "Hibs made a shrewd substitution with Mickey Weir for Mark McGraw before Houchen finally relieved the boredom in the 70th minute."

The Sunday Times said: "A draw was a fair enough result, but this was hardly the

most memorable of Edinburgh derbies."

Scotland on Sunday criticised the referee. "The seven names entered in Kenny Hope's book testified, more than anything else, to a match official whose mind was obsessed with the notion that events on the pitch must not, in any way, inflame actions off it." The Glasgow Herald agreed by adding: "Kenny Hope was in a bad mood. It happens to us all."

The Scotsman looked forward to the next meeting of the clubs. "When the sides reconvene in the New Year, there should be an opportunity to calm down and revert to a more edifying type of game."

* Look out for a review of the media comment on today's game in the next edition of Matchday Magazine.

PREMIER DIVISION as at 26th November

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
RANGERS	14	8	4	2	26	10	20
ABERDEEN	14	7	6	1	23	11	20
DUNDEE UTD.	14	8	3	3	20	11	19
ST. JOHNSTONE	14	5	5	4	19	17	15
CELTIC	14	5	4	5	17	17	14
HIBERNIAN	14	3	6	5	8	17	12
HEARTS	14	3	5	6	14	21	11
MOTHERWELL	14	3	4	7	15	17	10
DUNFERMLINE	14	2	6	6	15	22	10
ST. MIRREN	14	3	3	8	12	26	9



Wright outruns McCathie

DATE	AGAINST	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
AUG 1990	22 (A) MEADOWBANK (SC)	1	0	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Cooper	Sneddon	Evans	McGinlay	Findlay	HOUCHEN	Tortolano	McGraw	Milne
	25 (A) ABERDEEN	0	2	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Cooper	Farrell	Evans	McGinlay	Findlay	Houchen	Tortolano	McGraw	Fellingner
	29 (A) RAITH ROVERS (SC)	0	1	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Cooper	Sneddon	McGinlay	Wright	Findlay	Houchen	Tortolano	McGraw	Evans
SEPT	1 (H) RANGERS	0	0	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Cooper	Hunter	Fellinger	Wright	Findlay	Houchen	Tortolano	Evans	McGinlay
	8 (A) CELTIC	0	2	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Cooper	Hunter	Fellinger	McGinlay	Findlay	Houchen	Tortolano	Wright	Evans
	15 (H) HEARTS	0	3	Goram	Miller	Sneddon	Mitchell	Cooper	Hunter	Hamilton	Wright	Findlay	Houchen	McGinlay	Milne	Weir
	22 (H) ST. JOHNSTONE	1	0	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	HAMILTON	Hunter	Milne	Wright	Weir	Houchen	Tortolano	McGraw	McGinlay
	29 (A) DUNFERMLINE	1	1	Goram	Miller	Sneddon	Kane	Hamilton	Mitchell	McGinlay	Wright	Weir	Milne	Tortolano	McGraw	FINDLAY
OCT.	6 (H) ST. MIRREN	1	0	Goram	Miller	Mitchell	Kane	Hamilton	Hunter	McGinlay	Wright	WEIR	Milne	Findlay	Houchen	Tortolano
	13 (A) DUNDEE UTD.	0	1	Goram	Miller	Milne	Kane	Hamilton	Hunter	Weir	Wright	MacLeod	Houchen	McGinlay	Findlay	Sneddon
	20 (H) MOTHERWELL	1	0	og	Goram	Miller	Milne	Kane	Hamilton	Hunter	Weir	Wright	MacLeod	Houchen	McGinlay	Mitchell
	27 (H) ABERDEEN	1	1	Goram	Miller	Milne	Kane	Hamilton	Hunter	Findlay	WRIGHT	MacLeod	Houchen	McGinlay	Mitchell	McGraw
NOV.	3 (A) RANGERS	0	4	Goram	Milne	Mitchell	Kane	Hamilton	Hunter	Weir	Wright	MacLeod	Houchen	McGinlay	McGraw	Findlay
	10 (A) ST. JOHNSTONE	1	1	Goram	Milne	Mitchell	Kane	Hamilton	Findlay	Weir	WRIGHT	MacLeod	McGraw	McGinlay	Tortolano	Sneddon
	17 (H) DUNFERMLINE	1	1	Goram	Milne	Mitchell	Kane	Hamilton	Findlay	Weir	Wright	MacLEOD	McGraw	McGinlay	Sneddon	Houchen
	24 (A) HEARTS	1	1	Goram	Milne	Sneddon	Kane	Hamilton	MacLeod	Findlay	Wright	HOUCHEN	McGraw	McGinlay	Weir	Tortolano
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	5 (A) CELTIC															
	12 (A) ABERDEEN															
	19 (H) RANGERS															
	26 SCOTTISH CUP 3rd Round															
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SCORES

Andy Goram	216
Paul Wright	200
Willie Miller	198
Graham Mitchell	192
Pat McGinlay	182
Gordon Hunter	182
Billy Findlay	176
Brian Hamilton	164
Paul Kane	158
Mickey Weir	156
Keith Houchen	140
Alan Sneddon	140
Calum Milne	132
Neil Orr	120
Joe Tortolano	100
Mark McGraw	100
Murdo MacLeod	96
Gareth Evans	60
Neil Cooper	52



Wright: jumped into second spot

WRIGHT ATTACKS GORAM

ANDY GORAM has stormed to a 16-point lead at the top of the Player of the Year Award table which is now sponsored by Royal Life's Financial Planning Division in Edinburgh run by Bert Brown. The involvement of Royal Life follows their sponsorship of the deal which secured Andy Goram's signature on a long-term contract at Easter Road.

Hibernian Football Club take this opportunity of thanking Legal & General — in particular Len Wilcox — for their support of the Player of the Year Award in the past.

Scores from two recent matches have been added — the 1-1 home draw with Dunfermline and the 1-1 draw in last Saturday's Edinburgh derby.

Striker Paul Wright has now jumped into clear second slot, and is mounting a serious challenge to Goram, who is still 16 points clear. Wright has hit the 200 point barrier, while Goram is on 216.

Young Willie Miller has dropped to third position while out with injury, and only collecting his 8 insurance points from the two matches. He now has 198 points, 18 behind Goram.

Against the Pars, the key players for Hibs according to the four judges were scorer Murdo MacLeod and Pat McGinlay who has moved back to help out in defence. Both players earned a total of 16 points from the match.

Despite earning a draw the judges decided that four players failed to perform above 50%. They were Brian Hamilton, Mickey Weir, Keith Houchen and substitute Alan Sneddon.

Last Saturday against Hearts, it was once again Murdo MacLeod and Pat McGinlay who caught the eye. MacLeod moved into the centre half position and formed a formidable defensive partnership with McGinlay who looks to be the find of the season in his new role. Both players earned 100% from the judges, adding 20 points to their individual totals.

Paul Kane leapfrogged Mickey Weir in the table, after collecting 16 points from the judges. Goalscorer Keith Houchen was awarded 16 points.

Remember that injured players collect a basic two points from each judge, a total of eight for a game, to keep them in with a shout in the table, as an injury is no fault of the player. However, players who are dropped or miss a match by suspension obviously do not pick up any points.

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GRAY'S GOSSIP

We seem to be attracting once again a stigma which criticises our supporters for causing trouble, especially against our neighbours across the city. At Tynecastle, several of our supporters were arrested and it angers me that those arrests overshadowed the fact that almost 8,500 of our supporters did go to Tynecastle and behave well, and to all those supporters I thank you for getting the Derby fixture back to normal.

Several supporters have criticised the police handling as being "heavy handed and provocative". I will not comment on those statements but will have a private meeting with officials to clarify the matter; but I was disappointed that speculation surrounding "getting the game stopped" was used as factual headlining rather than contained speculation.

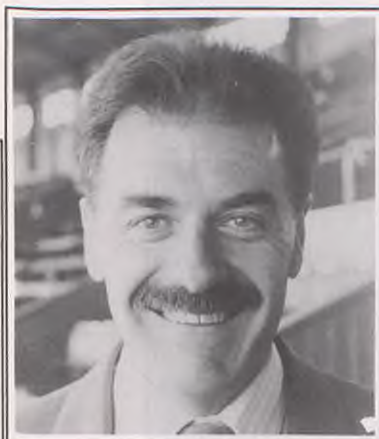
The police have a difficult job to do and I am sure that by continuing to work closely with them we will rid ourselves of the bad element within our support, but I think it equally important to praise when appropriate and therefore it is on that point that I thank you for getting behind the team in such great voice at Tynecastle.

One arrest however is one too many, so let us keep working towards removing the unnecessary headlines.

The "Support and Save Scheme" has been warmly received by our supporters, as a no-nonsense effort to bring a more stable attendance income to the club. The scheme, coordinated by Mr. Peter Dukes, our promotions advisor, will be used as a guide by us to ascertain if such schemes are welcomed by our supporters. "Dukesy" will work on follow-on schemes in an effort to help attract supporters to attend regularly, albeit I am aware that 'money is tight'.

I do not lose sight of the fact that no matter how good a promotion might be it all hinges on the team producing a good product on the park.

Enjoy today's game and thank you for your continued support.



JIM GRAY

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HIBERNIAN/CELTIC MASCOTS

Stephen MacDonald
(HIBERNIAN)

School: George Heriots
Fav. player: Murdo MacLeod
Fav. food: Pizza
Hobbies: Football, Athletics,
Rugby, Swimming, and Reading



and

Christopher MacDonald
(CELTIC)

School: St. Nicholas
Fav. player: Charlie Nicholas
Fav. food: Suasages
Hobbies: Football, Music and
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NEXT HOME GAME

United next at Easter Road

Next Saturday, Hibs travel to Lanarkshire to play Tommy McLean's Motherwell, having already notched up one victory against the Fir Park club this season.

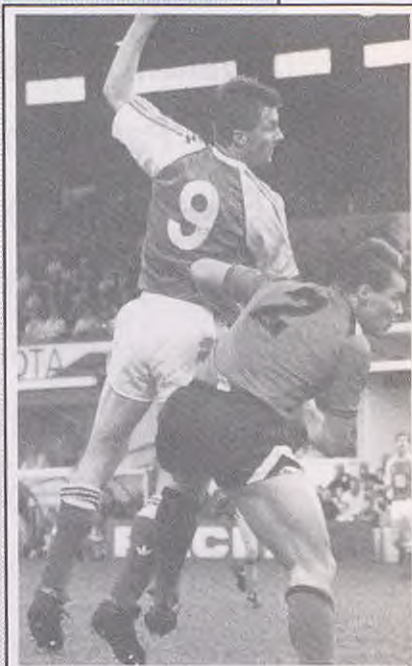
That was on October 27th, when in Murdo MacLeod's debut match, Hibs took both points courtesy of a George Burley own goal just four minutes from time. No doubt Motherwell will be keen to make amends for that scoreline.

Last season, the points were split over the season, with both sides winning two matches. Hibs won the first two encounters by a 3-2 margin at Easter Road last October, and by a 2-0 scoreline at Fir Park in January.

However, 'Well went on to win the remaining two encounters by 2-1 at Easter Road in February and 1-0 at Fir Park near the end of the season.

Our next home match sees Tommy's brother Jim bring his Tangerine Terrors to Easter Road on December 15th. It will be Hibs which will be out to make amends this time, as United won the only match between the sides so far this season in October by a 1-0 scoreline, with young Willie Miller netting the goal, putting the ball past his own keeper Andy Goram.

Last season's matches with United were not particularly fruitful for the Hibeers, collecting only three points from the available eight. The season started well with Hibs victorious by 2-0 at Easter Road in September, but lost 1-0 at Tannadice in November. In January the sides played out a dull 0-0 match, then Hibs lost 1-0 at Tannadice in April.



Keith Houchen out-jumps United's John Clark to get in his header

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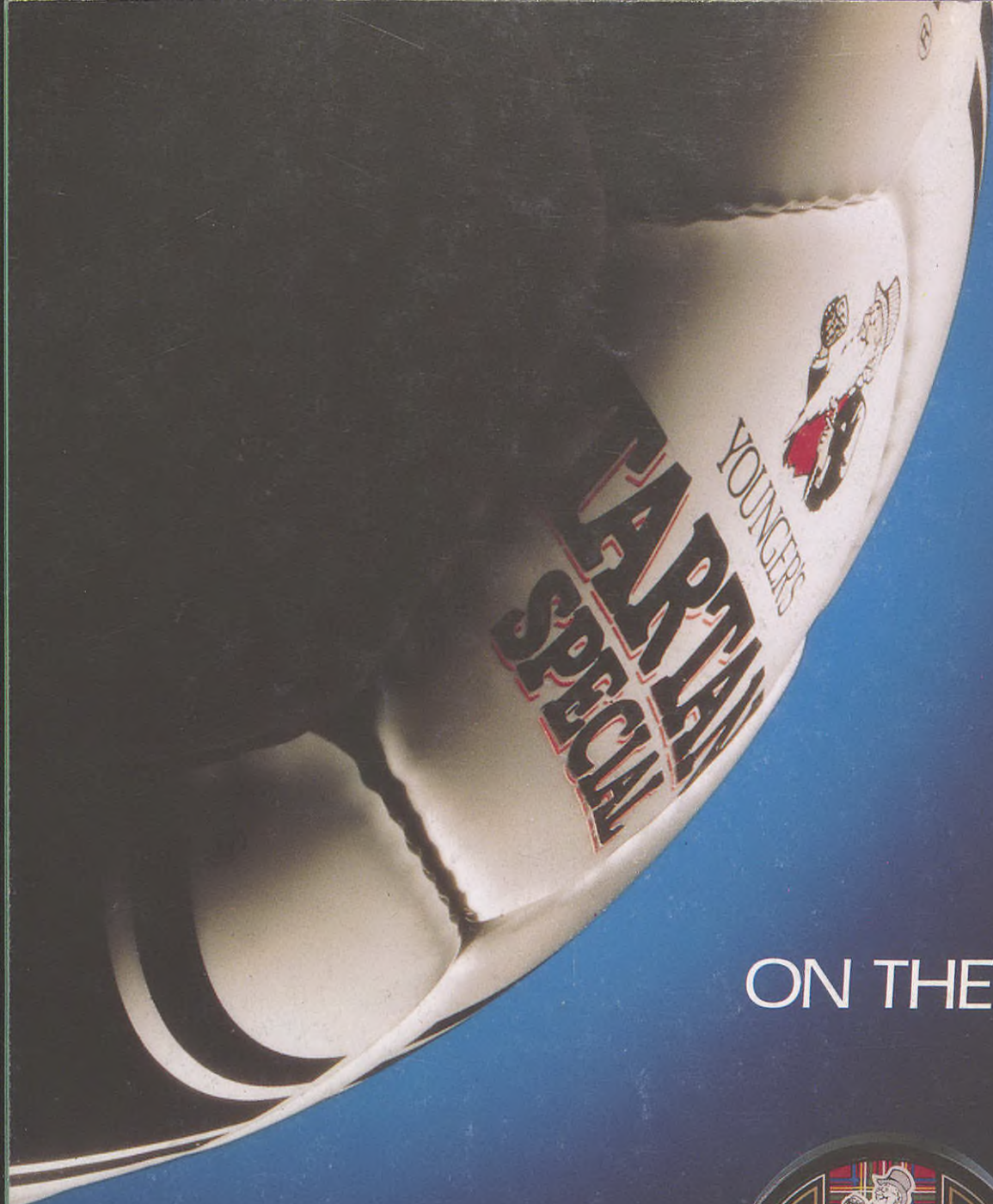
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