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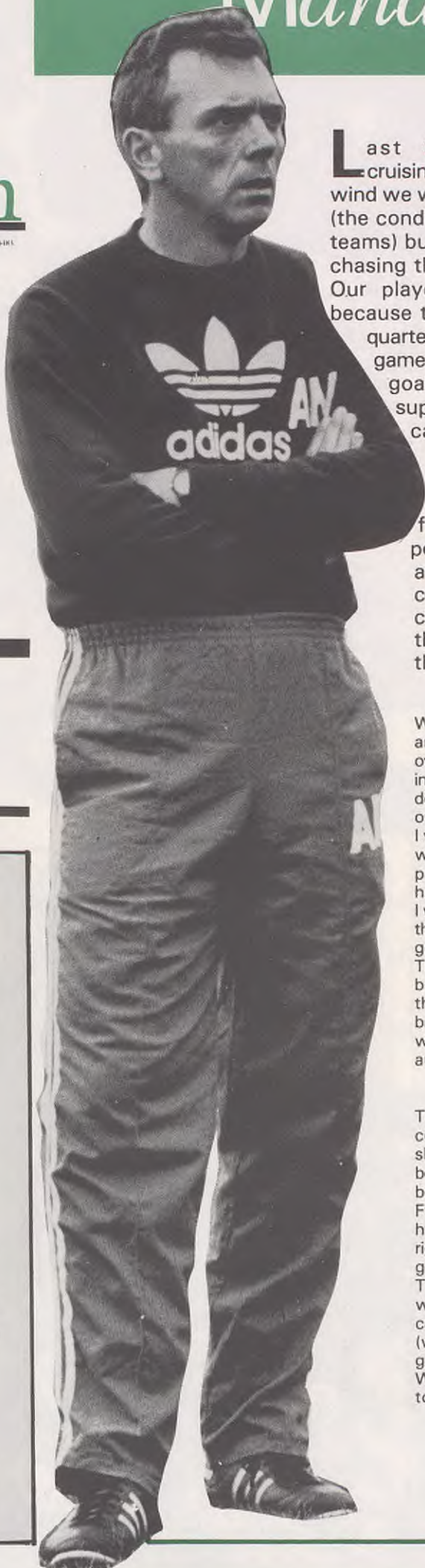
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## MORE MORE MORE

Due to an increase in demand, we've decided to provide even more outlets for your favourite Matchday Magazine. No more will we hear the cry "I went to the game but couldn't get a programme."

From this week onwards we'll be experimenting with a variety of new outlets including Waverley Station to catch fans arriving by train and at Mr Ali's shop in Easter Road and other outlets around the Leith area. We'll also be selling the magazine — still only 80p! — in various areas INSIDE Easter Road to make it easier for you to make sure you get your copy. We'll be putting more sellars outside the ground too, in addition to our regular sales points around the ground. So make sure you've got your copy of Scotland's biggest and brightest Matchday Magazine.

# Manager



Last Saturday I felt we were cruising until we lost the goal. Against the wind we were still playing controlled football (the conditions were very difficult for both teams) but when we lost the goal we were chasing the game a bit.

Our players deserve full credit though, because they battled away and in the last quarter hour they came right back into the game. I thought Archibald scored a great goal. It was a good move, with good support from Kane and Evans and we came away from Dundee delighted with the result.

It will stand us in good stead in our campaign which is, of course, to finish as high up the league as possible. There's twelve games to go and in the Premier League anything could happen in that time. The league changes every week. But we are up there and hopefully we'll remain up there.

#### TRANSFER TALK

We know that the squad needs strengthened and we are constantly watching players all over the country. Much has been said recently in the press about our interest in players but I do not like to do my business in the papers or on television for that matter.

I would rather that nobody knew who I was watching or trying to sign until you pick up the paper and read that Hibernian Football Club has signed somebody.

I won't be pressured into bringing players to this club who aren't any better than what I've got. All that would be is a change of face. The players we have brought here have bettered the team and bettered the club — that's the kind of quality we are striving to bring to Easter Road. So signings will happen when the time is right and the players involved are right for the future of this club.

#### TODAY'S GAME

Today's will be a difficult game. Celtic have come a bit out of the championship race slightly. Never underestimate Celtic though because they are a very proud club and they'll be here looking for a win. They're without Frank McAvennie and Roy Aitken which will hurt them a little but we'll have to get our form right, put them under pressure and hopefully get a few goals.

The last time Celtic came here we did very well, we worked hard, put pressure on, capitalised on mistakes, got that bit of luck (which everyone needs now and again) and got a good victory.

We'll be hoping to strengthen our cause at the top of the league with a win today.

*Alex Miller*

# Action



- Pic 1 A star of the future
- Pic 2 "Git away." Kano shrugs off a challenge
- Pic 3 The faithful celebrate in victory over Hearts
- Pic 4 Crunch! Gareth sets up Eddie May's matchwinner and Hearts can only spectate.



# Update

## HIBS SET DATE WITH IRISH LEAGUE

Hibernian have made a date with the Irish League and a select side from the Irish League will play at Easter Road in a challenge match on Monday 6 March.

"The game is important to us," said managing Director, Mr Jim Gray, because as a result of public demand we have decided to attempt to fill the free weekends of sport, brought about by World Cup games, with attractive matches against interesting opponents."

Younger supporters may not remember, but in the early 70s it was a regular occurrence for League selects from England, Scotland and Ireland to take part in tournaments.

"This fixture came about as a chance meeting whilst I was in Belfast recently," said Mr Gray. Mr Mervyn Brown, Secretary of the Irish League told Mr Gray of his forthcoming tour of the United States, which will include games against Spain and Poland.

"Mr Brown thought that a game in March against a top League club would be ideal preparation for the tour," said Mr Gray.

"I'm keen that the evening should provide not only good football but good family entertainment and will be announcing special admission prices which should encourage supporters from all over the East of Scotland to come along and enjoy a game with a difference," he added.

Full details of the match will be featured in Matchday Magazine and in the local and national press.



The winners, Stewart Brown, Alex Miller, Gordon Rae

## UNIQUE NIGHT-OUT FOR '86 MEMBERS

A wonderful evening of entertainment and a great insight into the running of Hibernian Football Club was held exclusively for Club 86 members over the festive period.

On the footballing side members had the chance to see archive film material supplied by Jim 'Hibs Quiz Book' Hossack, see the Hibs Colts being put through their paces by Paddy Dolan while Gordon Rae gave intrigued supporters a run down on his personal pre match preparations.

Meanwhile in the Boardroom Jim Gray discussed the Board's proposals for the business side of the club and answered questions from the members.

In the Sponsor's lounge, a wine tasting sponsored by Makro, was enjoyed by all and the evening was rounded off with a

celebrity quiz hosted by Gary Dennis with quiz master, from Radio Forth — Ray Hepburn.

The team captained by Alex Miller and including Stewart Brown and Gordon Rae, saw off a spirited challenge from Jim Gray, John Melrose and Paul Kane and everyone went home having had a unique night out at the club.

As well as the monthly Club 86 draw which was held on the night, the club presented Hibernian with a cheque for £22,500 to prove that they are back with a bang.

For further details about how you can become involved with Club 86 and take advantage of all its benefits, contact Kay Thompson on 031 652 0630.

## Part of the team

Business sponsorship is more attractive than ever these days at Easter Road. Matchday Magazine spoke to George McDougall of Sherwood Access Ltd., Scaffolding Specialists and regulars at Easter Road.

So why invest hard earned cash sponsoring Hibernian matches? "Basically because I'm daft," jokes George. "No, to be honest, I have great admiration for the new regime at Easter Road."

George is a lifelong supporter but admits that over the years he'd given up on the club. "I vowed I would never go back until someone got a grip and showed some loyalty to the supporters," he says and since Messrs Duff and Gray have come to the club George has made his return.

Mr McDougall has five seats in the stand, including his own executive seat, he's sponsoring next Saturday's match against Brechin and he's Danny Lennon's personal sponsor, something which has given him great pleasure. Even if one of the big name players had been available George says he would have opted for a young lad because he "likes to encourage the boys in the reserves." Danny received a hamper at Christmas time courtesy of his sponsor and George keeps an eye on his progress.

Football runs in the McDougall family and George's son is training with Hibs and playing under 15 with Salvesen BC, while George himself played a trial with Hibs many years ago, though he ended up with Berwick Rangers.



Danny Lennon's Christmas bonus from sponsor, George McDougall, Sherwood Access

Now when George comes to the club its "mainly for pleasure," and to entertain relatives, business associates, friends and potential customers.

"David Duff and Jim Gray really make you feel welcome," he says. "I really do feel part of the club."

## SIDE LINES

Hibs favourite wee winger Mickey Weir was 23 last Monday — a belated Happy Birthday from everybody at Matchday Magazine, Michael.

Another birthday boy, Gareth Evans celebrated his 22nd with a goal at Dens on Saturday.

Easter Road will be used by Andy Roxburgh on the 'free' Saturday on February 8. This will give Andy a chance to work out with the squad before the crucial World Cup game against Cyprus.

No more bogey grounds these days now that Stevie's around. Not content with dumping the Tynecastle hoodoo earlier this season, Archie — goal's winner on Saturday recorded Hibs first win at Dens since 1984. What next, a triumph at Hampden?

Hibs reserves continued their good run with a win against Dundee recently. On a wet blanket of an evening the youngsters triumphed 3-2, including a marvellous strike by full-back Willie Miller from a cute McCluskey lay-off.