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Bobby Williamson

After some mixed results, it was great to get back to winning ways against St Johnstone last weekend. We hadn't played particularly well in the defeat by Rangers and the goalless draw with Dunfermline, so we took the chance to have a "clear the air" meeting with the squad.

Everyone had their say, and it seems to have worked, as our performance at McDiarmid Park was much improved. The players went that extra yard and with Gordon Marshall in superb form in goal, I felt that we fully deserved to hold on for a win. We needed a break in front of goal, and for once we got it, Ally doing well to put Alan Main under pressure.

That win consolidated third place in the Premier League, but the players know the task in front of them over the last quarter. We have to keep our concentration, especially as most of the matches will be against sides who will desperately be battling against relegation. No such worries for our visitors tonight, however, as Celtic are enjoying a good run at the moment. It's only some five weeks since we last met, but we felt that we didn't enjoy any luck in that narrow defeat at Celtic Park. We were always in that game, even after a momentary lapse in concentration cost us a goal just after the break. We've shown that we can match Celtic, and we hope to make home advantage count. Meetings between the two clubs at Rugby Park are invariably hectic affairs, but if we want to keep pressure on Celtic in second place we'll have to take



something from tonight's game. We've had to make changes due to injuries and suspension in recent weeks, especially at the back, but apart from the last quarter of an hour in the Rangers matches we've stayed solid in defence.

Last Saturday saw Gordon Marshall's 16th league shut-out of this season, and all credit to him for the professionalism that he's shown in the Killie goal.

Bobby Williamson
Manager
Kilmarnock FC

STOP PRESS . . .

We have a real "local hero" as our special guest this evening. Former Killie striker Tom Brown, now with St Mirren, will make the Half-time Draw. As one of our Cup winning 14, "Broono" will be assured of a warm welcome on his return to Rugby Park.



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Scottish League Division 1 Champions: 1964/65

Runners-up: 1959/60, 1960/61, 1962/63, 1963/64

New Division 1 Runners-up: 1975/76, 1978/79,

1981/82, 1992/93

Division 2 Champions: 1897/98, 1898/99

New Division 2 Runners-up: 1989/90

Scottish Cup Winners: 1920, 1929, 1997

Scottish Cup Runners-up:

1898, 1932, 1938, 1957, 1960

League Cup Runners-up:

1952/53, 1960/61, 1962/63

Scottish Qualifying Cup Winners: 1896/97

Ayrshire FA Challenge Cup Winners: 42 times

European Cup Entrants: 1965/66

Cup Winners Cup Entrants: 1997/98

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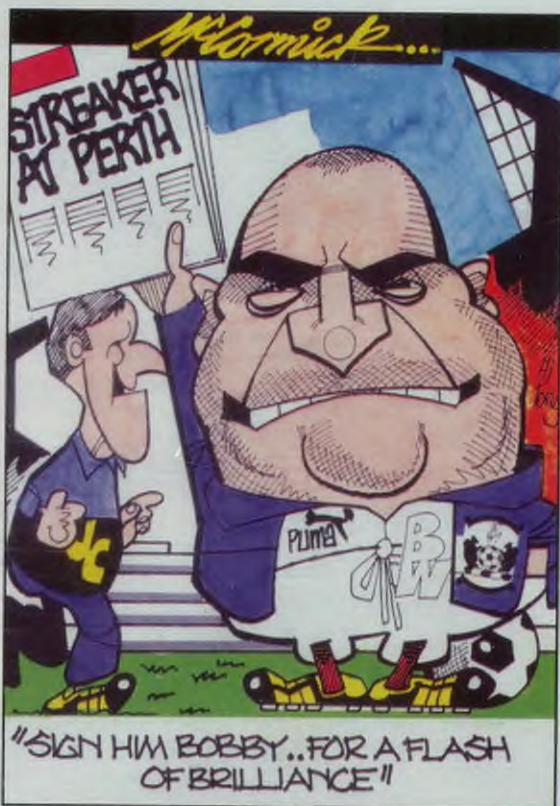
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Welcome to another live Sky TV match at Rugby Park - this time the visitors are current League Champions Celtic. Our record of three wins in three live TV matches this season came to an abrupt end three weeks ago with defeat by Rangers.

Honours have been shared this season against Celtic, with one win apiece and one draw. The first match at Celtic Park ended in a 1-1 draw, but goals from Mark Roberts and Ally Mitchell helped us to a 2-0 win here last October. Last month a Vidar Riseth goal gave Celtic a 1-0 victory at Celtic Park, but things might have been a lot different if Ally McCoist's shot in the first half had gone in off the post instead of coming back out!

This is the first match of the last quarter of the Premier League season (the new Bank of Scotland Scottish Premier League!), and although our results since the winter break have generally been disappointing, there are still plenty of points to be played for in the run-in, and last Saturday's victory against 4th placed St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park has lifted spirits all round Rugby Park.



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Weekend Off

There are no Premier League matches next weekend due to Scotland's Euro 2000 qualifier against Bosnia at Ibrox on Saturday. The Scottish Under 21's play their Bosnia counterparts at Love Street on the same day with a 12.00 noon kick off.

The Marshall - Sweet 16!

Our 1-0 win at McDiarmid Park last Saturday saw Gordon Marshall's 16th league shut-out of the season. Gordon now has the record for shut-outs in Premier League matches for Kilmarnock firmly in his sights. In 1993/94 Bobby Geddes kept 17 clean sheets but that was in 44 Premier League matches!

Although he'd be the first to share the plaudits with the defenders in front of him, there's no doubt that the big man has had a fine season - he seems to take each goal conceded as a personal insult!

It set us wondering just what the record for shut-outs is in a Premier League season since 1975/76 - anyone like to do the "number crunching"?

European Dream?

Some sections of the media had last weekend's match at McDiarmid Park as a UEFA Cup six-pointer. Boss Bobby Williamson has sensibly been playing down talk of UEFA Cup qualification, especially as the situation has still not been clarified.

Briefly, for next season Scotland will have one European Cup place and two places in the expanded UEFA Cup (with the Cup-Winners Cup disappearing). The SPL Champions will go into the European Cup and the league runners-up into the UEFA Cup, with the Scottish Cup winners also going into the UEFA Cup. The

complication comes if the Scottish Cup winners have also qualified, through their league position - the SFA want the UEFA Cup place to go to the Scottish Cup runners-up, but the SPL want the 3rd place team in the league to be given the spot. There's also the possibility of an additional UEFA Cup place because of the new "Fair Play" initiative.

No Quarter

We may have come through a sticky spell in recent weeks, but the third "quarter" figures aren't too bad compared with the first two "quarters" of the season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st/Q	9	4	4	1	10	5	16
2nd/Q	9	4	3	2	15	6	15
3rd/Q	9	4	2	3	7	9	14
	27	12	9	6	32	20	45

A strict line through the above would suggest that we'll take 13 points from four wins, one draw and four defeats, though of course we'll be striving for better than that!

Young Blood

Sixteen year old James Lundie has become the latest youngster to sign up at Rugby Park. A former Grange Academy pupil, James has made a number of appearances for the Killie Youth side.

Loan Arrangers

No fewer than four of the Killie squad are currently on loan periods with other sides - Colin Meldrum at Ross County, Martin O'Neill at Stranraer, Chris Innes at St Mirren, and Under 21 striker Rod Lennox, who has joined Glentoran.

Not All-Ticket?

We await final confirmation from Hearts, but it looks like our match at Tynecastle on 3rd April will NOT be all-ticket, unlike on our earlier visit there in November.

Blane Travel Half Time Draw

Don't forget to pick up your ticket for our Half-Time Draw this evening, with cash prizes (1x £500, 5x£100) on offer for the lucky winners. Tickets priced £1 can be picked up from our sellers before tonight's match.

An Audience with Killie

A major Killie night is being planned for Thursday 1st April at the Brig o' Doon House Hotel, Alloway. More details on page 22.

Blue Streak

The match at Perth last week was livened by the appearance of a streaker early in the second half. The burly gentleman was soon removed by the Tayside constabulary - a real case of indecent exposure on a cold early spring afternoon!

Home Run

We may not have been setting the "heather on fire" recently, but the goalless draws here against Dundee and Dunfermline at least kept our run going - we haven't lost a Premier League match at Rugby Park to a team outwith the Old Firm since Dundee United won 3-1 here in November 1997, over 16 months ago.

Kissin' the Squirrels

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Hearts v Kilmarnock
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Admission £16 adults,
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Saturday 10th April
Kilmarnock v Aberdeen
Premier League, KO 3.00pm
Adults £12, concessions £6 (all areas). Season ticket holders use voucher no 20.

Saturday 17th April
Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
Premier League, KO 3.00pm