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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

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 F.A. Challenge Cup
Winners: 40 times

European Cup Entrants: 1965/66

Fairs Cities Cup Semi-Finalists:
1966/67

Fairs Cup Entrants: 1964/65,
1969/70, 1970/71

New York International Tourney
Runners-up: 1960

Entrants: 1961, 1963, 1965

from the top

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES! Two good victories over Hearts and Falkirk has given everyone connected with the Club a great lift. As I said in my last programme notes - it's all a question of confidence. The players started to believe in their own abilities again, and that was enough to make the breakthrough.



Although it was disappointing to lose the opening goals in both the Thistle and Hearts games, the players didn't let that get to them and they stormed back well. We were perhaps a bit unlucky not to take all three points at Firhill, although we did well to come back from losing that penalty, but given

the circumstances, things became quite nervy near the end. No such problems against Hearts, however, as the longer the game went on the stronger I felt we became.

I felt that some sections of the media didn't give us the credit we deserved for last Saturday's victory at Brockville. The tight park could have made things difficult, but time and again we managed to get the ball behind the Falkirk defenders. Of course the loss of Ally Mitchell early in the second half was a blow, but it was then that we showed we can defend as well. Dragoje Lekovic was superb in goal, commanding his box, and really we held on quite comfortably to our lead.

A word, too, for Tom Brown, who completed a great week by scoring the winner for Scotland "B" in Sweden. Tom has come through well in recent weeks, and deserved his chance.

Although there's no room for complacency, it's amazing the difference a couple of good results can make. Now we have to build on that. Celtic have enjoyed a good start to the season, but it remains to be seen how that hard match in Paris on Thursday night has affected them.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for the support you've given myself and the players over what was a difficult opening period of the season. I knew we were a better team than the early results suggested, and it was only a question of getting that over to the players. To their credit they responded by buckling down in training and working hard, and long may it continue!

ALEX TOTTON, Manager
Kilmarnock Football Club

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around rugby park

ALLY OUT

After playing the same starting eleven in the last four matches, we're forced to make a change today as Ally Mitchell is serving a one-match suspension after his red card at Brockville.

A PAUL WRIGHT ENCOUNTER

Yet another of those "whose goal is it anyway?" controversies cropped up last Saturday at Brockville. Opinion was divided, not only among the Killie fans at the match but later on radio and in the Press, about whether the second goal was scored by Paul Wright or Falkirk's Weir (who incidentally scored for us last season in the 3-3 draw there!) Paul Wright claims he got a touch to it (being a striker he would say that!) and although the ball may have also hit Weir, we're delighted to be able to officially credit Paul with the goal, his first in the league this season.

AND A "BRUNO" STRIKE!

Congratulations to Tom Brown on his winning goal for Scotland against Sweden in the "B" International. Called in as a late replacement on the Sunday (he was on the golf course at the time!) he won his second "B" cap two days later, coming on as a 78th minute substitute for Duncan Shearer, and netting the winner with five minutes to go!

KILMARNOCK v RANGERS

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Kick off 7.30pm

THE MATCH IS ALL-TICKET.

West Stand £12; East Stand £10

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Please note that family enclosure tickets will only be available from Killie Sports and those tickets are in limited supply.

Tickets will be on sale at Killie Sports, Bank Street Mon-Sat 0915-1700 & Killie Sports, Rugby Park 0915-1645. Tickets will also be on sale at the home game v Raith Rovers on 4th November, Killie Sports 10.30-16.45, Tea bars 1400-1630. Postal applications should be addressed to the Ticket Office, Rugby Park and include cheque & SAE.

BP YOUTH CUP

Kilmarnock have been drawn away to Annan Athletic in the popular BP Youth Cup. It is expected that the tie will be played on either Sunday 29th October or Sunday 5th November (see local press). The draw in full:- Aberdeen v Forfar Athletic; Airdrie v St. Mirren; Annan Athletic v Kilmarnock; Arbroath v Hearts; Berwick Rangers or QOS v Hamilton; Clyde v Celtic; Clydebank v Hibs; Dundee v Fraserburgh; Dunfermline v Morton; Falkirk v Ross County; Motherwell v Huntly; Partick Thistle v Buckie or Fort William; Queens Park v St. Johnston; Rangers v Elgin City; Stenhousemuir v Raith Rovers; Stirling Albion v Dundee United (ties to be played before 12th November)

UP FOR THE CUP

It may be only mid-October, but already the Scottish Cup is on the horizon. The eight non-league qualifiers for the Scottish Cup are now known. No Huntly or Burntisland Shipyard this year - the eight are Keith, Fraserburgh, Lossiemouth, Deveronvale, Annan Athletic, Spartans, Whitehill Welfare . . . and Glasgow University, who Killie fans of an "older" disposition may remember playing here at "Rugby Park" in 1969, when they lost 6-0.

RADIO KFC

"Radio KFC" will be broadcasting this season over the local area on Saturday match days from 10.30am - 6.00pm, on

1602 MW, providing music, requests, information and partial commentary.

BITS AND PIECES

Ex-Killie favourite Ian Bryson continues to give Preston North End sterling service, he scored twice last Saturday in Preston's 4-0 win at Torquay. . . . A warm "welcome back" to Sharon in the main office at Rugby Park. She'd been off ill for a while, but is now back at work. . . . The Killie Club S.C. intend to run a bus to the BP Youth Cup tie at Annan. Names to Jim Wilson on 528280. . . . The Under 16 side beat Dunfermline 6-2 at Saltcoats on Sunday 1st October. . . . last Sunday's Scottish Youth League match against Livingston was our first meeting with the "new" club at any level. . . . Physio Hugh Allan was back in first team action last week after missing a few matches. He'd been sent on a cruise by KFC as thanks for his long service to the Club. Andrew (not Alistair, as we wrongly stated in the last programme!) McLeod stood in for Hugh. . . . Rugby Park will host an international opera next July as part of the Burns International Festival (Rabbie that is not Tommy!) . . . The injury situation remains good, with only Ray Montgomerie out. Promising youngster Rod Lennox was carried off against Dundee United, but his ankle injury isn't as bad as was first feared. . . . the Reserves have a home tie in the 3rd Round of the Reserve League Cup, against Berwick Rangers or Brechin City or Stenhousemuir!

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TV - THE ONE-EYED MONSTER?

REMEMBER WHEN A LIVE FOOTBALL MATCH ON TV WAS A NOVELTY? There was a time not so long ago, when football on television consisted of grainy, black-and-white highlights ("Arthur Montford's Mad Movies"). By the Seventies "Match of the Day" was in its prime, but for Ayrshire youngsters the height of cosmopolitan living was to be able to pick up Ulster TV, allowing the delights of "The Big Match" on Sunday afternoons and the FA Cup Final live!

For years the SFA fought a valiant rearguard battle against live televising of matches, but the growth of satellite TV channels, and the need for more and more sponsorship money has meant a drastic change. Live matches are now commonplace.

Take this week for example - Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough on Sunday; Wimbledon v West Ham, Monday; Brondby v Liverpool and Raith v Bayern Munich, Tuesday; Juventus v Rangers, Wednesday; (though, not surprisingly, Paris St Germaine v Celtic on Thursday!).

But is football in danger of damaging itself in the long term? Who, but the most committed, would spend, say £30, to travel on a bleak winter's night, if the match was on live at their local or in their own home, at a fraction of the cost?

There's a saying in the retail trade that only three things matter - location, location and location. For TV companies it's ratings, ratings and ratings. By their very nature TV wants to attract people away

from events and into their homes in front of screens. They don't really need crowds at all, in fact. Synthesised crowd noises, even computer graphics to "fill in" all the empty seats are well within reach.

The fact that you're reading this programme means that you've made the decision to attend the match, but what about the "floating fans" that clubs need to boost gate receipts? Rugby League has already been bought by media tycoon Rupert Murdoch, with amalgamations and a Super League planned, and the season switched from winter to summer. There are long term plans to show all FA Premiership matches on "pay-as-you-view" television, who knows where it will all end!

Granted, appearing on live TV can mean a substantial amount of money to a club like Kilmarnock, and used sensibly TV and football can work well together. But, in my opinion, more and more live TV matches pose a considerable threat to what being a football supporter is all about. Who is the bigger football supporter - the fan who turned out to watch the Reserve match on Monday night, or the one who stayed in to watch Wimbledon v West Ham on Sky? Or the Rangers fan who travelled to Turin on Wednesday rather than watch it on TV?

There is a place for live TV matches, but not to the detriment of attendances!

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What do you think? Write in to "In Off the Post", c/o Kilmarnock FC, Rugby Park.

POLICE MESSAGE

GENERAL: In the interests of safety keep all gangways clear and follow the directions of police officers and stewards.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1980: The provisions of the Act will be strictly enforced and will deal with persons who attempt to enter the stadium while drunk, or in possession of a controlled container, article or substance.

EVACUATION OF GROUND: Should the senior police officer decide to evacuate all or part of the stadium, spectators will be advised accordingly. Upon receipt of such a message spectators should follow the instructions of the police and stewards and leave in a calm and orderly manner.

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Tom Black in action during our last home match



A welcome return by Steve Maskrey after injury