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## EDITORIAL

Today, we welcome Celtic Football Club for the second time in five days. They are, as always, welcome guests. The last time St Johnstone were in the Premier Division we enjoyed some really great matches against Celtic, sometimes winning, sometimes losing, but invariably after seeing a very exciting ninety minutes of action. Who will forget, in December 1990, the 'agony' of seeing Saints being two goals up after only a few minutes and wondering how we could hold out for the rest of the match. In the event, we saw a fantastic game of all-out attacking football from both sides, ending in a famous 3 - 2 victory for Saints. At the end of that season, Celtic turned the tables, with a similar score after another excellent match. The famous team from the east-end of Glasgow has a reputation for entertaining, attacking football and, whatever the result, we can all hope that today's match is as good as most of those from the early 1990's.

In the last issue, we stated that the programme was being produced prior to our game against Motherwell and consequently we wouldn't know whether we would be facing Celtic in the Coca-Cola tie in a good frame of mind or not. Well, as we all know, Celtic had an off day last weekend, while Saints went to the top of the Premier Division, albeit only for a short time. Today's programme suffers in a similar way. We go to press before the result of the Coca-Cola game is known, and hence we again do not know whether the Saints' team will be buoyed up by another good result. However, to complicate things, a win in the Coca-Cola Cup may, perversely, make things more difficult for Tuesday's victors. Whoever has lost will be more determined to make amends today. Celtic are a proud club and have every reason to be so. They have not had the best start to their League campaign. With the quality of players at Wim Jansen's disposal, they must surely turn the corner sooner rather than later, but hopefully, from the Perth point of view, that particular manoeuvre will not begin today. AB/HLG



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# CELTIC

One of the problems of having to produce two Saints v Celtic programmes in one week is that you cannot really stick all the names in again in the 'away teams' page. Instead, we asked a tame Celtic supporter to give us his thoughts on the Bhoys' prospects. So, without further ado, here is...

## What a difference a year makes!

As Celtic gear up for another assault on the Premier Division, there are more new faces than a seventies talent show, 'Nine in a row' is now history and the prospect of a record-breaking tenth win by our arch rivals is gripping the east end of Glasgow.

The close season didn't go as well as many Celtic fans hoped for, with the departure of 'life-long fan' Tommy Burns. After a relatively short time in control of the team, Burns was deemed not to be what was required. It must be said that some tactical naivety and some unfortunate public utterances did not help his cause.

Meanwhile, Celtic's foreign legion were heard singing, "should I stay or should I go?" by every erstwhile journalist willing to pay the asking price (usually a trip to Italy or Portugal). Paulo di Canio seemed in danger of being a fleeting legend and top scorer Jorge Cadete fell victim to depression - just like most Celtic supporters over the summer. It is an unenviable fact that Celtic have produced the league's top scorer for two

consecutive seasons and then lost them within a year. Equally importantly, in my eyes, they have also lost the talents of Paul McStay, who has often been the team's inspiration over many years.

Off the field, as we all know, there have been lots of changes. It is still too early to comment on how these will all affect the

Feyenoord but so far he looks a quality buy and has shown some inventive play as he tries to settle down with his new team-mates.

In many people's opinion, the defence was the weakest part of last season's team and Stephane Maye has arrived after a career with Auxerre and PSG to help bolster things at the back. He

was a member of the PSG team which was so impressive against Celtic in Europe a few seasons ago.

The end of di Canio meant the beginning of Blinker. Regi Blinker had not spent long at Sheffield Wednesday, but he showed enough to suggest that his particular brand of wing magic could enthral Celtic fans brought up on a tradition of excellent wingers.

In between the uprigths, Jonathon Gould is currently first choice keeper. Originally brought from Bradford City to provide cover, Jonathon did well enough against Austria's FC Tirol to justify being kept in the side.

The rest of the side is much as last year, but without our absent foreign friends. There seems to be a good chance that West Ham's Mark Reiper and Sporting Lisbon's Paulo Alves may be making tracks for Parkhead. Whoever comes, all we, the fans ask is four victories over Rangers and all the silverware on offer - not much I know!

*Thanks to Stephen Davis for the words and to Andrew Smith for the photograph.*



Tommy Johnson

club.

Scottish internationalists Darren Jackson and Craig Burley have joined forces at Celtic Park, linking up with several other, new international players. Jackson's introduction hasn't resulted in many goals yet, but Burley looks an effective buy. His time with what is clearly a very good Chelsea team will stand him in good stead.

Henrik Larsson had to resolve contract difficulties with

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Saints Soccer Centres

Now that the summer school holidays are over and all our budding young stars are back to "English and Maths and all that", there is the chance to enjoy football fun and games at our series of Soccer Centres throughout Perth and Kinross.

Our very popular centre at McDiarmid (not you Roddy!) was due to re-start this morning with sessions at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am. Any boy or girl of school age up to First Year secondary level can attend and the idea is that everyone has fun and enjoys their game, no matter what standard, and without the added pressures of 'win at all costs' situations. Over 240 came along to our sessions in the Spring and we are hoping for a similar turnout between now and November.

Kids from outwith Perth are more than welcome at McDiarmid Park each Saturday, however they may wish to attend their local centres, which are as follows:

*Tuesdays:* Almondbank 5.30pm, Crieff 6.00pm

*Wednesdays:* Auchterarder 4.30pm, Pitlochry 4.45pm

*Thursdays:* Blairgowrie 5.00pm, Kinross 6.15pm and 7.30pm

## Scotland v Belarus Complimentaries

We have had a good response to our offer of complimentary tickets for the Scotland v Belarus U-21 international at McDiarmid Park on Friday, 5th September, KO, 7.30pm. We are hoping that some of the St Johnstone

young stars might be in the Scotland line-up, so it should be a good night to look forward to.

Over 1,000 tickets are already earmarked for local youth or school groups. Although the closing date for applications was yesterday, there are still more available provided your group is organised with 1 adult for every 5 juveniles (U-16). If you want more details, call McDiarmid Park on 01738 626961.

## BT Football for Disabled Groups

Our programme of football sessions for people with learning difficulties resumes at McDiarmid Park next Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm, and will continue until the school holidays in October.

We will be taking some of our regulars to Broadwood Stadium in Cumbernauld on Thursday 18th September, when similar groups from around the country will meet for a Football Festival which will include skill practices and games.

## Saints Soccer Sevens

Fixtures in our Saints Soccer Sevens, which are designed for boys and girls born between 1984 and 1987, start again on Monday on the all-weather pitch at the stadium.

These 7-a-side games have been very popular and we are looking forward to some more entertaining contests between now and the 27th of October.

*For more information on any Community Event, please call Atholl Henderson at McDiarmid Park - 01738 626961.*

# JUNIOR SAINTS

News of the 1997-98 programme of events will be available to members very soon and will include the usual bus trips, discos, quizzes etc.

Membership for this season has already exceeded last year's total and everyone should now have received their membership cards and Junior Rooster-Hats (but be careful your Dad doesn't nick it as our editor says they are dead ace and brill).

Throughout this season, we have decided to get the players to answer some of the questions posed by Junior Saints on their application forms. We start with Allan Preston.

Q. What team are you most looking forward to playing against in the Premier League?

A. Hearts

Q. What do you feel before the start of a game?

A. Nervous but confident

Q. What team would you like to play apart from Saints?

A. Juventus

Q. Why is your nickname Biscuits?

A. That's a secret!

Q. What's your most embar-

assing football moment?

A. Scoring an own goal v Raith Rovers

Q. What is the biggest thrill you've had in your football career?

A. Playing for the team I supported as a boy.

Q. What is your favourite hobby outwith football?

A. Golf

## Match Mascots

Today's mascots have a lot in common. Both Lisa and John think the best game they've seen was the 7 - 2 hammering of Dundee last New Year and they both think David Beckham's goal for Man Utd against Wimbledon was the best they've seen. They both rate football as their favourite hobby, followed by Ice Skating and Dancing in Lisa's case and Tennis and Swimming in John's. Sporting TV shows are also popular, with Lisa plumping for 'Question of Sport' and John going for 'SportsScene'. John would like to be a footballer when he leaves school, but Lisa wants to be a Vet, or Veterinary Nurse.



Lisa Gowrie

John Campbell



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# JIM'S BIT

Another week of national gum-gnashing is over. Scotland has a reputation for poor dental care and this has been compounded in football circles by the annual molar grinding contest which follows our teams' late summer sojourn into European territory.

As many have said in the last few days, all our teams in Europe are at 'half-time' in their ties. However, they all have to recover from a poor 'first half' performance to be in the draw for the next round. There is no doubt who were the poorest performers of all. I must confess to showing off my wallies to all and sundry as I watched Rangers disintegrate in the (proper) second half of their game against IFK Gothenberg.

I have a lot of admiration for the Swedish approach to sport. They have succeeded in tennis, golf, football and many other arenas over the years and in each case this has been done by developing the skills and attitudes of their young people. Their best football side contains few, if any, foreign national and for many years they have been a net exporter of players. Does this remind you of any country of not so many years ago...? For some years Geoff Brown has argued that clubs like St Johnstone cannot afford to be net buyers in the transfer market but rather they must seek to develop their own youthful talent and become net sellers. The same argument applies nationally in countries such as Scotland and Sweden.

The benefits are there for all to see. Lest we forget, Sweden finished third in the last World Cup. Gothenberg have as good a record in Europe as Rangers, or any other Scottish side. In the new Rangers' TV advert, David Murray says that if you buy a Rangers' strip then we will reinvest the money in players. In

other words, the punters' hard-earned cash may end up in the pocket of some overseas, possibly overpriced, player. Scottish football would be better off if every chairman copied those like Geoff Brown, and a few others, and invested in the young talent in this country. It may be unfair to criticise David Murray alone (Rangers are reportedly investing more in youth nowadays), and many others should be taking a long, hard look at themselves as well.

During the after-match phone-in on Radio Scotland, the 'disaster' which was Rangers' defeat by Gothenberg was relentlessly discussed. Chick Young castigated a caller for suggesting that the number of foreign players in Scotland should be restricted. "Which Scottish players are as good as the foreigners Rangers have brought in?" wondered Mr Young. Is it coincidence that Rangers' best recent run in Europe came with a largely British team?

Lottery funding will soon provide a British Academy of Sport. I don't see this being much use to Scotland and the government is suggesting that 'commercial' sports such as football, rugby and cricket, will be excluded. Therefore, any co-ordinated and structured approach to the development of young Scottish footballers will have to come from within. The SFA is active in promoting skills and development in the very young, but this is only scratching the surface in my opinion. The whole game and the attitudes of everyone involved (owners, administrators, players and fans) must change. If this doesn't happen the doom and gloom merchants will be able to say, "I told you so."

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Football is a young man's game, or so the saying goes. Rumour has it that Allan

# MORE JIM'S BIT

Preston, 28 years' old last Saturday, missed the training session the following day. He was searching out his pension policies and trying to contact his personal financial adviser (Caley Thistle don't play on a Sunday and Cher likes a lie-in). And all because some hack at 'Scotland on Sunday' called Biscuits an "ageing journeyman"!

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I wasn't able to make it to Fir Park last Saturday. Instead, I managed to take in the Third Division match between Alloa and Cowdenbeath. Recreation Park can be a depressing place at the best of times, especially if your looking for a bit of atmosphere, but this turned out to be great value for my six quid. In the first half, both sides played some good football, rarely resorting to the kick and rush football associated with the lower Divisions. Alloa deservedly took the lead

just before half-time with a fine move involving good passing and dribbling, which set up a chance for Willie Irvine to rifle home. The second half didn't quite live up to the first, but in warm, sunny conditions many players visibly wilted after an hour. Well, this excuse was suggested by some for highly paid athletes not performing in sun-kissed Gothenberg, so I don't see why it shouldn't be available to a group of part-time, 'ageing journeymen' in tropical Alloa. All-in-all, good entertainment for a modest outlay, with the added bonus of good crack from the small, but loyal, fans of both sides. "Keep walking Bowmaker, you're 'rubbish' (only he didn't say rubbish)" was the praise one Blue Brazilian got from one of his own fans, after he misplaced a pass and appeared to be leaving the field.

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**Player of the week:** *Ian Ferguson* has, as we all know, had a terrible time with injuries during his time at Perth. The former Raith and Hearts forward was drafted in by Paul Sturrock as one of his earlier signings to give us height and strength in our last struggle to stay in the

Premier League. Fergie made an important contribution to that, ultimately fruitless, effort and looked set for better things until he caught his studs on the turf in a pre-season friendly. He is now on the mend and featuring in first team squads again. His enthusiasm and skill could yet play a role in maintaining our Premier place.

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Gordon Brown (Perth Labour Party)	0	0	(1)	0
Nick Dasovic (Roselynn & Graeme Reid)	0	0	15	0
Callum Davidson (The Dewar Family)	3	0	31(5)	3
Gary Farquhar (Gail Schofield)	0	0	28(21)	5
Ian Ferguson (Harry Taylor & Co, Ch. Surveyors)	1(1)	0	35(14)	8
Roddy Grant (H G Stewart, Ch. Surveyors)	2(1)	1	184(32)	68
Danny Griffin (PhD Recruitment)	2	1	64(13)	2
John Hollis	0	0	0	0
Leigh Jenkinson (The Dewar Family)	3	0	48(3)	8
Paul Kane (Jeanfield Saints Supporters)	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
Charlie King	0	0	2(3)	0
Kieran McAnespie (David Anderson, Luxury Private Hire)	0	0	1(9)	2
Stuart McCluskey (Stuart Cosgrove)	1	0	12(5)	1
Marc McCulloch	0	0	0	0
Michael McDowall	0	0	0	0
John McQuillan (The Ashvale Fish Restaurant)	3	0	74	2
Alan Main (The Blair Family)	3	0	103	0
Stuart Malcolm	0	0	0	0
George O'Boyle (Harry Taylor & Co, Ch. Surveyors)	3	2	112(3)	67
Keith O'Halloran (C.Garvie & R. Mackie)	1(2)	0	5(3)	0
John O'Neil (Duncan Dow)	0	0	105(6)	15
Stewart Orr	0	0	0	0
Allan Preston (Liam Fehilly)	0(2)	0	90(24)	6
Gavin Price (Muirton Park Travel Club)	0	0	0	0
Stephen Robertson (Joyce Brown)	0	0	5	0
Philip Scott (The Blair Family)	3	0	101(16)	32
Attila Sekerlioglu (A & L King, Auchterarder)	2	0	50(2)	9
Daryn Smith	0	0	0	0
Steven Tosh (Donald Houston)	2	0	37(10)	5
Jim Weir (The Schofield Family)	3	0	93	3
Andy Whiteford (Jim Masson)	0	0	12(5)	1

# COMMERCIAL NEWS

## Don't forget to hold on to your stubbs!

This is not an appeal to Roddy for today's game, but rather a reminder to all Saints fans to hang on to their ticket stubbs from this match for use in future all ticket games.

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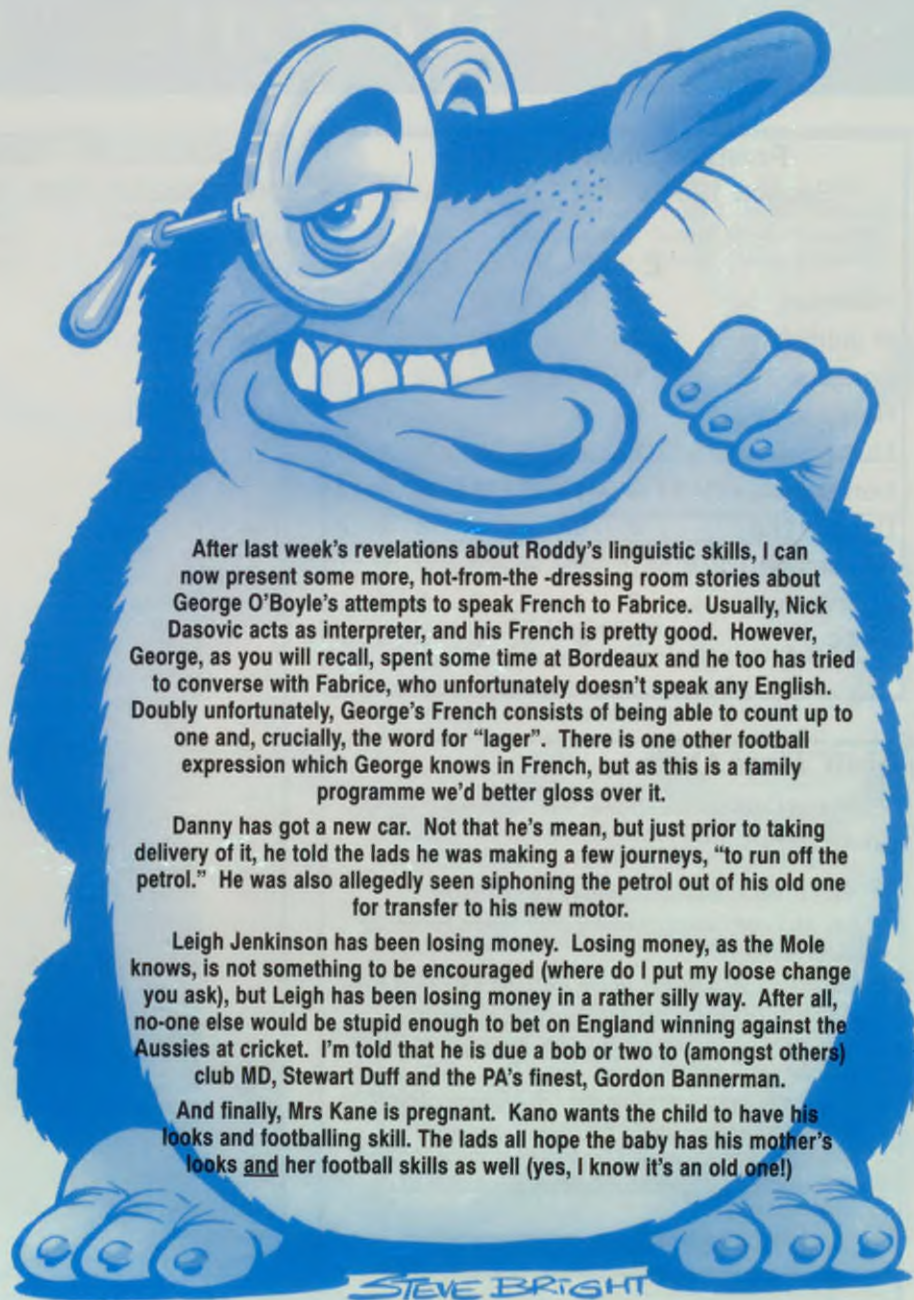


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After last week's revelations about Roddy's linguistic skills, I can now present some more, hot-from-the-dressing room stories about George O'Boyle's attempts to speak French to Fabrice. Usually, Nick Dasovic acts as interpreter, and his French is pretty good. However, George, as you will recall, spent some time at Bordeaux and he too has tried to converse with Fabrice, who unfortunately doesn't speak any English. Doubly unfortunately, George's French consists of being able to count up to one and, crucially, the word for "lager". There is one other football expression which George knows in French, but as this is a family programme we'd better gloss over it.

Danny has got a new car. Not that he's mean, but just prior to taking delivery of it, he told the lads he was making a few journeys, "to run off the petrol." He was also allegedly seen siphoning the petrol out of his old one for transfer to his new motor.

Leigh Jenkinson has been losing money. Losing money, as the Mole knows, is not something to be encouraged (where do I put my loose change you ask), but Leigh has been losing money in a rather silly way. After all, no-one else would be stupid enough to bet on England winning against the Aussies at cricket. I'm told that he is due a bob or two to (amongst others) club MD, Stewart Duff and the PA's finest, Gordon Bannerman.

And finally, Mrs Kane is pregnant. Kano wants the child to have his looks and footballing skill. The lads all hope the baby has his mother's looks and her football skills as well (yes, I know it's an old one!)

STEVE BRIGHT

# - ALL THE STATISTICS - ALL THE STATISTICS - ALL TH

## Premier Division Table

Season 1997-98 (at 17th August)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
St Johnstone	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Rangers	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hearts	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Motherwell	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Dunfermline Ath	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Dundee Utd	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Kilmarnock	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aberdeen	2	1	1	0	1	4	1
Celtic	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

## Half Time Quiz

- for real anoraks of all ages - some easy, some impossible!?

1. This is the colour of Germany's home shorts?
2. Ally McLeod managed which club before becoming Scotland manager?
3. Leicester City's keeper in the 1961 FA Cup final was?
4. Who was Britain's first £100-a-week footballer?
5. This trophy was won when Celtic scored their 200th goal of the 1967 season - what was it?
6. This goalkeeper scored in the 1967 Charity Shield?
7. Who plays at Somerset Park?
8. Which team is supported by Cardinal Basil Hulme?!
9. Which Celtic player was Scottish footballer of the year in 1983?
10. In the 1990 World Cup final a number of Argentinians were sent off. Can you remember how many?

## St Johnstone FC - fixtures and team-lines, season 1997-98

Date	Opponents	Result	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16
2 Aug	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1*	6,592	Main	McQuillan	Davidson	Sekerlioglu	Weir	Griffin	Scott	Tosh	Ferguson	O'Boyle	Jenkinson	Preston	Grant(9)	O'Halloran(10)
9 Aug	CLYDE (CC Cup 2)	3-0	2,943	Main	McQuillan	Davidson	Kane	Weir	Griffin <sup>1</sup>	Scott	Tosh	Grant	O'Boyle <sup>2</sup>	Jenkinson	Preston(3)	O'Halloran(8)	Monachino
16 Aug	Motherwell	1-0	5,036	Main	McQuillan	Davidson	Sekerlioglu	Weir	McCluskey	Scott	O'Halloran	Grant <sup>1</sup>	O'Boyle	Jenkinson	Kane (8)	Ferguson (9)	Preston (11)
20 Aug	CELTIC (CC Cup 3)																
23 Aug	CELTIC																
30 Aug	Dunfermline																
10 Sep	(CC Cup 4)																
13 Sep	HEARTS																
20 Sep	RANGERS																
27 Sep	Hibernian																
4 Oct	ABERDEEN																
18 Oct	Kilmarnock																
25 Oct	Celtic																
1 Nov	MOTHERWELL																
8 Nov	DUNFERMLINE																
15 Nov	Hearts																
22 Nov	HIBERNIAN																
29 Nov	Rangers																
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21 Feb	ABERDEEN																
24 Feb	Motherwell																
28 Feb	DUNDEE UNITED																
7 Mar	SFA Cup 5																
14 Mar	HIBERNIAN																
21 Mar	Rangers																
28 Mar	KILMARNOCK																
4 Apr	Aberdeen																
11 Apr	DUNFERMLINE																
18 Apr	Hearts																
25 Apr	Dundee United																
2 May	MOTHERWELL																
9 May	Celtic																

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### Today's Squads:

**Saints:** Main, McQuillan, Davidson, Sekerlioglu, Weir, McCluskey, Griffin, Scott, Tosh, Ferguson, O'Boyle, O'Halloran, Preston.

**Celtic:** Gould, Boyd, Mahe, Wieghorst, Mackay, Stubbs, Larsson, Burley, Jackson, Thom, Blinker, McNamara, O'Donnell, Donnelly.

### Today's Premier Fixtures:-

Aberdeen v Motherwell  
Dunfermline Athletic v Heart of Midlothian  
Hibernian v Kilmarnock  
Rangers v Dundee United

**1 Year Ago** - Ayr United (away), Ch Cup, 4-0.  
Main, McQuillan, Davidson, Sekerlioglu<sup>1</sup>, Weir, Griffin, Scott<sup>1</sup>, O'Neil<sup>1</sup>, Grant, O'Boyle, Preston (+og) Subs: Whiteford, Farquhar, Tosh Att. 1,812

**5 Years Ago** - Kilmarnock (away), Skol Cup 3rd round, 3-1.  
Rhodes, Baltacha, McAuley, McGinnis, Inglis, McClelland, Maskrey<sup>1</sup>, Turner, Wright<sup>1</sup>, Torfason<sup>1</sup>, Curran. Subs: Cherry, Redford Att. 8,290

**10 Years Ago** - Brechin City (away), Div 2, 1-1.  
Balavage, Wilson, McVicar, Baron, McKillop, McGum, Maskrey<sup>1</sup>, Coyle, Johnston, Brown, Hedde. Subs: Smith, Mailer. Att. 1,163

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Today's referee is Alan Freeland of Aberdeen, with linesmen Andy Davis of Cumbernauld and Kenny Lowe from Wishaw.



# SAINTS SOCCER SNIPPETS

## Half Century for Attila

Attila Sekerlioglu's appearance against Motherwell in the Premier game last Saturday was his 50th for the club. Dino has also weighed in with 9 very welcome goals and in undoubtedly one of the real characters of the game, particularly with his post-match celebratory routines with the Saints' fans.

## Welcome to Roger?

As you have doubtless read in the press, St Johnstone are looking seriously at

Gabon striker Roger Nzamba, who currently plies his trade in Serie B in Italy. If we do sign him, it's be interesting to see what kind of terracing chants head his way. All together now, "One Roger Nzamba, there's only one Roger Nzamba." Seriously, the players rate Roger highly and our spies tell us that he has an excellent touch and bags of skill. He's described as a 'feet' player (what else could a footballer be), but all the players mean by this is that

he likes the ball played in to his feet rather than in front of him to chase.

## The last time

When, we hear you ask, was the last time we played the same side twice in a week. As far as we can work out, the last time this happened (excluding cup replays) was back in season 92-93, when we played Dundee on the 1st and 5th of May, in the Premier Division and then in the Forfarshire Cup. We drew the Cup game but won the League match.

Quiz Answers, from page 16: 1. Black 2. Ayr United 3. Gordon Banks 4. Johnny Haynes 5. European Cup 6. Pat Jennings 7. Ayr United 8. Newcastle United 9. Charlie Nicholas 10. Two

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# THE GREAT SAINTS

On the face of it, our rigorous selection criteria the title of "Great Saint" could easily have kept Bobby Davidson out. However, he is included because he summed up the brilliance of one of the best, if not the best, St. Johnstone sides of all time.

Bobby came from Leslie in Fife and was spotted in 1931, playing for local club Bowhill Rovers by the Saints from Edinburgh - St. Bernards. The St. Bernards' Directors who went to see him were most impressed and believed they might have found the next Alex James. Davidson was certainly an exceptionally gifted player and he soon attracted scouts to the Gymnasium from Arsenal, Preston, Middlesbrough and St. Johnstone.

In March 1933, Tommy Muirhead came in with an offer which St. Bernards could not refuse and Davidson became a Perth Saint, with £200 going in the opposite direction. St. Bernards also insisted on a clause which would give them 25 per cent of any subsequent transfer fee and this was to prove a most astute move. The P.A. was guarded in its comments about the pint-sized forward, but tried to sound the optimistic note. "About this Davidson...", they wrote, "not so much is known in these parts.... I do wish this Robert Davidson had boasted three or four inches more than his 5ft 5 inches. But they say he has qualities which balance, and more than balance, his Lilliputian stature. Someone has even compared him to Alex James..".

Whilst not in the James class, Robert Davidson, like many

others of his size, possessed outstanding skills. In addition, he had a kick like a mule and long-range shooting was a speciality which made him particularly popular with the Muirton fans (some of whom still remember Bobby to this day) and not very popular with opposing goalkeepers. Saints had a superb forward line for much of the 1930's and Bobby Davidson's contribution at



*Bobby Davidson*

inside right during his time at Perth was second to none. The P.A. was soon convinced of his merits, making particular reference to his strength on the ball and thrusting forays into attack which struck fear into the hearts of opposition defenders.

Talent such as his was certain to attract further attention and, just like St. Bernards before them, St. Johnstone were unable to turn down a big offer when it came in. Bobby had

impressed the Arsenal when he played against them in the friendly at Muirton in September 1934. Even more meritorious was his selection for the Scottish League team against the Irish League at Firhill a few weeks later. The London club, then the dominant force in English football (and in effect the strongest club side in the world at that time) came in with a bid of £4,000 and on the 1st of February, 1935, Bobby moved south. He was to remain with the Arsenal almost up to the Second World War, and although for the most part not an automatic first choice, he had several spells of consistent goalscoring and played at the very top of his trade for quite a few years.

Although undoubtedly a great player, Bobby Davidson had another side to his character which was to cause the Saints' management the odd moment of grief. In photographs he invariably has a mischievous grin, but his bubbly personality, ready wit and loose tongue weren't always popular with referees. Indeed, he was fined and censured by the SFA whilst with St. Johnstone and it is evident that he was in some respects pleased to leave Scottish football for Highbury because he believed he was a marked man as far as the authorities were concerned. As far as his fans at Perth were concerned, he was a star - the kind of player to enliven a dull game and give you the memories of excitement, skill and most of all the sheer exuberance of a talented athlete playing at the peak of his form.

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

Continuing my tour of Fife, I recently returned to Methil to see East Fife play St Mirren in the Saints supporters' favourite competition, otherwise known as the Challenge Cup. Nobody will be surprised to hear that Bayview Park has not changed one little bit from last season. The game was quite enjoyable though, even if it was a little bit on the, er, robust side. The highlights, or lowlights depending on your point of view, were Kenny Gillies of East Fife being sent off at the same time as he was being stretchered off - something which I can't remember seeing happen in a Scottish game before) - and some cerebrally challenged St Mirren supporter telling his team to get stuck in, using an expression more normally associated with more northerly football clubs rather than agricultural Methil. I also saw the full extent of the cash crisis in Paisley. Why else would the St Mirren directors be walking down the main street tucking into fish suppers? You'd never get our Saints doing this sort of thing!

However, to return to the ground... Bayview has obviously seen better times. In years gone by, the stand would have looked quite impressive, but in today's era of modern cantilever stands it looks rather rundown. The terracing is pretty much of the traditional type and it is possible to get very close to the pitch - useful if you want to encourage your team, or 'discourage' the opposition. With visiting supporters being housed behind the goal this usually leads to the East Fife goalkeeper getting continuous slagging for half of the game. The terracing also has part of the alphabet dotted round in very large letters. Does anyone know why this is?

The away fans are also allowed to stand partially along the terracing facing the grandstand. This is the only area where there is any cover, with a roof covering the middle section of this side of the ground. This annoys me as it means that visiting supporters cannot get shelter. I am fully aware of the cash constraints which East Fife operate under, so I can understand that providing shelter is not a priority. However, the matter could relatively easily be rectified by moving the segregation fence a bit nearer

the halfway line. Given the size of the home support this would not inconvenience them in any way. It would also ensure that considerably more supporters don't run the risk of colds, flu, hypothermia etc and, as an additional bonus, it would help generate a bit more atmosphere in the ground.

Catering facilities are a bit thin on the ground. It can take some time to get to the Gents, so it's probably worth sticking to nips rather than pints in the Bayview Bar, which is 'conveniently' straight across the road from the home supporters' entrance. The Bayview Bar might also provide some food. Last year, when I went for some refreshment at the snack bar, I was informed that there were only crisps and team left and if I didn't like Cheese and Onion or sugar and milk in my tea then there was nothing left!

Until last season, trips to Bayview have been few and far between. One game I can recall is a New Year's Day fixture in 1984-85. This was the time when Saints were about to take the ultimate fall from grace by sliding from the Premier to the Second Division in consecutive seasons (yet another unwanted piece of history). East Fife were doing relatively well in the First Division that season and a Saints 'reject' by the name of Tom McCafferty stole the show by scoring twice and setting up another as we welcomed the New Year with a 3-0 gubbing. To show how bad and unprofessional things had become at that time, one of the Saints substitutes that day, Tom Ward, emerged from the tunnel at the start of the second half, stuffing his face with two pies. Mind you, if anyone remembers Tom Ward trying to run, this will come as no surprise.

Unless we draw East Fife in a cup competition in the next couple of years, it may well be that last season will be the last time we visit Bayview (incidentally, can anyone see the bay?). Plans have been lodged for a new, 3,000 all-seater stadium, to be built near the docks and, if the usual planning obstacles can be overcome, then yet another part of Scottish football history will bite the dust. Although I accept that this is inevitable, it is however rather sad, because overall I quite like Bayview and its homely, rather decayed charm. VFES

# RESERVE REVIEW

by Paul Smith

The Saints' reserve side have had mixed fortunes as they embark upon their Premier Reserve League campaign, winning one and losing the other of their two of fixtures.

We were soundly beaten by Dundee United at Tannadice a couple of weeks ago when, other than a promising start and a strong finish, our lads could offer little in the way of a challenge to a United side which, with the exception of defensive colleagues Davie Sinclair and Ally Maxwell, was a fairly young outfit.

In the opening ten minutes we actually looked the more likely team, with Charlie King and Ian Ferguson causing the home rearguard some problems, but after we lost a goal in 13 minutes we slipped badly out of it and allowed the home side to take control. However, it was ten minutes into the second half before United increased their lead, first through Marino Keith and then through their Namibian trialist, who subsequently signed for Motherwell. We had a chance to get on the scoresheet in the closing minutes but Ian Ferguson saw a header saved by Maxwell and Gavin Price should have done better when he ran onto a clearance from the keeper only to steer the ball wide of the post. The side, which incurred the wrath of manager Paul Sturrock after the game was: *Trialist, Whiteford, Preston, Kane, McCluskey, Malcolm, O'Halloran, Farquhar, Ferguson, McAnespie, King.* Subs: *Brown (Malcolm), Price (King), McCulloch.*

Motherwell's second string were the visitors to McDiarmid a week ago, with manager Alex McLeish fielding himself at centre half in anticipation of a possible requirement for him to turn out in the first team against Saints (although in the event he didn't). For the home side, Danny Griffin got another game under his belt before heading off on international duty, new YTS Daryn Smith from Northern Ireland filled the right back role and one-month contract

trialist Fabrice Monachino also started the game.

The first half was a tame and instantly forgettable affair, with little for the very healthy crowd (the largest at a reserve match in years) to enthuse over. However, soon after the break, Gary Farquhar and Paul Kane put together a nice passing sequence which ended with the former lobbing the keeper but seeing his shot clip the bar. Saints made the breakthrough in 61 minutes when a through ball from Farquhar was chased by Steve Tosh and his cross was gathered by Fabrice Monachino, who turned and drilled the ball low past the keeper. Five minutes from time the three points were secured with a second goal. Again Gary Farquhar was the provider, with his free-kick from the right being headed on by Ferguson and turned in by substitute Kieran McAnespie. John O'Neil got 20 minutes of action as he edges back to fitness on a satisfactory night for Saints. Our side was: *Trialist, Smith, Bowman, Kane, Griffin, Whiteford, Tosh, Farquhar, Ferguson, Monachino, Preston.* Subs: *O'Neil (Smith), McAnespie (Monachino), McCulloch.*

Finally, it's good to report that there has been more success for Alistair Stevenson's Under-14 youth side, which made it four trophies this summer by winning the Nike International tournament at Grangemouth at fortnight ago. In the group stages they beat Queen of the South 6-0, Hibs 4-0, and drew 1-1 with Celtic. In the semi-final, Motherwell were trounced 4-0 and Celtic were beaten 2-0 in the final to secure another piece of silverware. Congratulations to all involved, including local youngsters Martin Fotheringham from Blairgowrie, Martin Mather of Auchterarder and Ryan Donaldson from Dunning. These boys and their team-mates now meet the winner of a similar tournament in the Highlands, with the winner going on to the European Championships in Bilbao, Spain, next summer.

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# NOT THE LAST WORD ?

## Whose game is it anyway - Part II

If you were with me last Tuesday, you'll recollect that I was waxing indignantly about the threat posed by television to our beloved game, with the likelihood of time-outs and other terrible American-inspired things. I spent last weekend playing golf with a gentleman from New York and our conversation was both reassuring and worrying at the same time. He assured me that, despite the US World Cup and all the associated hype, football in the States has still never really taken off. One of the principal reasons for this is that the Americans cannot be bothered with a game which produces low scores, nor can they understand that a 0-0 draw can be very exciting. This suggests two possible scenarios. One, in which FIFA, keen to involve the biggest world economy in the biggest game in the world, acquiesce and change the rules or scoring so that goals are worth 3 points or something similar; or, two, where the US just never takes to soccer and consequently the rest of the world gets on with the game as we know and love it. It must still be said that the former is, regrettably, more likely. In response to a question about what sports US children play in school, my new American friend told me, that they primarily play baseball and soccer.

American football is not played much as school level, because it is very expensive to kit the children out in all the protective gear, and also because there is a danger of children being hurt, or sustaining broken limbs, which the schools are not too keen on. This suggests that, in the longer term, the United States may well take to football (the proper version!), but with the prevailing American desire for big scores, and a winner and loser, not to mention US businesses' desire for marketing/advertising opportunities, this may also mean all my fears about kick-ins, time-outs etc being realised.

## Chic Charnley for Scotland!

Who picks the national side - Craig Brown or the Scottish media? The current campaign to get Mr Charnley into a Scotland jersey is lamentable. This is not the national manager's fault. Interviewed on the radio on Sunday, Mr Brown seemed, in my opinion, to make it clear that Charnley was somewhat down in the pecking order for international selection. This was reported immediately as, "it looks as if Craig hasn't ruled Chic out." Mr Brown also said he had seen some very good performances in the Saints team at Fir Park, but no questions were asked about this. I wonder why...? AB



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# FACE-TO-FACE WITH

Philip Scott is going to be 23 years' old this year. That's a frightening thought: it seemed like it was only last week that his family were planning a surprise 21st party at McDiarmid for young Phizzy. On the other hand, he's been around for a bit too, and currently has the dubious honour of being the longest serving player at the club - another frightening thought when you consider his age. Most importantly, he's a brilliant midfielder who is currently averaging a goal every three or so games - an outstanding statistic for someone in his position. Given his longevity at the club, I thought it was as well to get one essential question out of the way first...

*Q - How different are things nowadays from when you started at Saints?*

PS - "It's totally changed. We've a far better team today, with better players in more positions. That first team of Alex Totten's was OK, but we really do have a lot of really talented individuals."

*Q - You're a Perth lad, born and bred. Which schools did you go to?*

PS - "I went to Robert Douglas Memorial Primary School - it's just down the road from where we stay - and then to the Academy."

*Q - Perth Academy is a rugby playing school. How did you get on at rugby?*

PS - "I played rugby reluctantly. I used to play in the backs, as a centre or on the wing, but didn't enjoy it much, particularly being stood on. However, we did manage to persuade one of our teachers to let us have a football team and we were the best around Perth. I remember we won a cup, beating Blairgowrie 7 - 0 in the final."

*Q - How did you get spotted by Saints?*

PS - "I was playing for Hill of Beath Swifts and my manager recommended me to

the club. Tommy Campbell came down to watch me and I was signed as an S form after that."

*Q - What do you remember of your debut match for St Johnstone?*

PS - "It was away to Hearts (20th Jan 93). A week or two before that I'd been on the bench against Rangers at Ibrox (19th Dec 92) but not come on. The game against Hearts was the one when it was a terrible night, pouring with rain and they let the Saints' fans go into the main stand enclosure to shelter - although I remember there were one or two nutters standing out behind the goal for the entire match. This was the game Stevie Maskrey got sent off after he wasn't given a blatant penalty. We lost 2 - 0. The week after the game at Tynecastle I played from the start, at right back, against Hibs at McDiarmid. That game was the one where there was snow all over the pitch and we had to use an orange ball. Paul Deas scored and this time we won 2 - 0."

*Q - I know you would like to go south at some stage in your career - any particular club?*

PS - "Obviously I'd like to play in England with one of the bigger clubs, but you've got to be realistic and know it's unlikely you'll get into one of the really big ones. All you can do is keep playing away and get noticed. I would be quite happy playing at a club like Blackburn, or someone similar."

*Q - You must know that there are a lot of scouts watching you. Does this put you off your game?*

PS - "It doesn't bother me at all. Most games now have at least some scouts at them because we've got such a lot of good young players. You've just got to get on with it."

*Q - Who's the most naturally talented*

# PHILIP SCOTT

footballer at the club just now?

PS - "Gary Farquhar is really talented - good at dribbling, passing and everything. There are lots of other really skillful players too, in different ways."

*Q - Does it make much difference what the pitch is like?*

PS - "McDiarmid is perfect, but some are not so good. Fir Park last week was poor, you would try to pass the ball ten yards and it would move in what seemed like grooves in the turf. And the grass was too long, which made it difficult to dribble with the ball. However, despite the fact that it's Motherwell's home ground, I think we adapted to it better than they did!"

*Q - Do the players know who this season's McDiarmid Mole is?*

"No, but we'd like to get him."

*Q - What does Aggie cook best?*

PS - "She normally does a great meal of cold meat at pre-season, but for some reason we didn't get it this year. However she does a brilliant Christmas lunch for the players and I like most of her soups, but not all of them - but that's just me - I don't like sweetcorn and chicken, nor mushroom."

*Q - What's the most enjoyable game you've played in?*

PS - "There have been quite a few last season. The game against Dundee was different class. Although we were drawing at half time I'd actually scored. The header

which hit the bar and went down was over the line, no matter what the linesman thought. I got the tape and took it home and the ball had definitely gone over.

I also enjoyed the game against East Fife when we won the Championship. I think my first goal in that game was the best I scored last season (that was the one where Phizzy lifted it over the defender and then crashed the ball home on the volley). Once we scored twice against East Fife we went to sleep and had to get back into the game. When I scored the winner it was more of a relief than anything."

*Q - Did you end up in The Ice Factory that night?*

PS - "Yes, I know I was there 'cause there are photos of me. It was a brilliant, brilliant night."

*Q - Why is there such a good team spirit just now?*

PS - "It's just that we work hard for each other and we all get on fantastically well. Everyone gets on with everyone else and we all take the mickey out of each other."

*Q - Who makes you laugh at the club?*

PS - "Stephen Robertson. He's got a really dry, Glasgow sense of humour. Roddy's a good laugh too, and Steven Tosh. Alan Main and Robbo (Stephen Robertson) are both daft - but then they're goalkeepers."

*Q - How will we do this season?*

PS - "I think we'll finish in the top half of the league. We'll need to put in a lot of hard shifts though, and we'll go through a rough period. But we'll be alright."

Thanks to Phizzy for his time - interview with AB.



*Philip Scott*



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