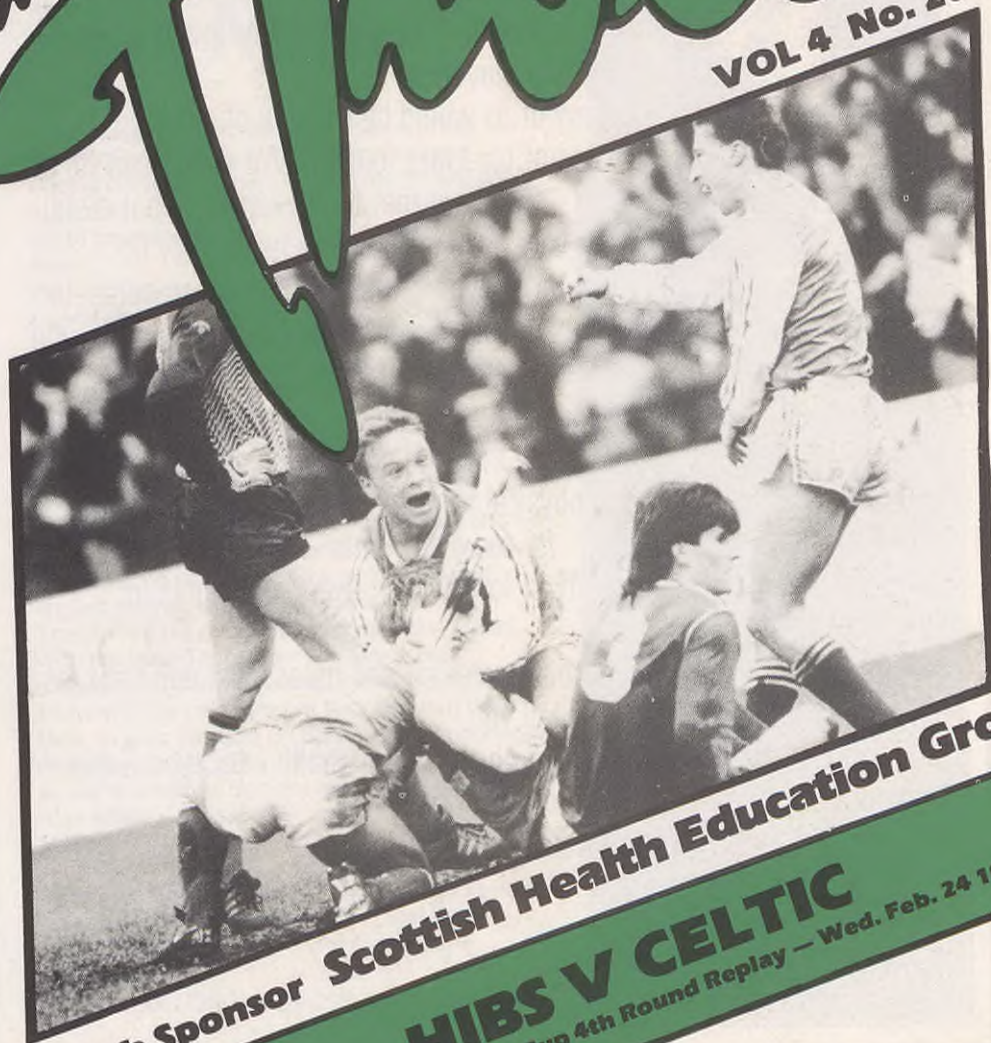


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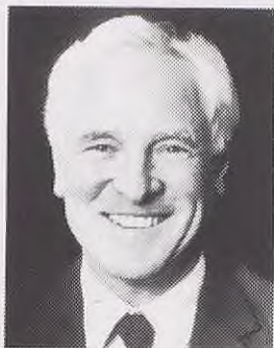
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BACKCHAT

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Alex Miller

I was delighted with the performance of the team at Parkhead on Sunday but we're not kidding ourselves. There is still a lot of hard work to be done and we'll need to be at our best if we are to have any chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

We stuck to our task well on Sunday and it was a good all-round team performance. Our defence is not giving much away just now but credit for that is also due to the fact that our strikers and midfielders have chased back and defended well and covered any forward runs by the opposition. I'm pleased with the way recent signing Gareth Evans has slotted into the side and the team has played well as a unit. It was pleasing to see him getting on the scoresheet against Dundee and he could prove a very good signing for us. (We have a very young squad just now and they've all applied themselves well in recent weeks.)

Tonight is a big match for everyone connected with the club. There won't be any drastic difference to the way we approach the tie and I know we'll get magnificent backing from the fans, as was the case on Sunday. It is important that the fans are patient and get behind the team as we're under no illusions about the task ahead. Alex Miller,
Manager.

Cover pic: Gareth Evans is swamped by his new team-mates after scoring on his Hibs' debut against Dundee.



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CUP ROUND-UP

The winner of tonight's tie will face first division opposition on March 12 with the victors in the Clydebank v. Partick Thistle replay due to host either Hibs or Celtic.

Sunday's quarter-final draw produced some intriguing ties with Aberdeen happy to have a home draw against Clyde, following two tricky away ties at St. Johnstone and Hamilton. Charlie Nicholas and Davie Dodds scored the goals that booked the Dons' quarter-final place at Hamilton on Saturday.

Dunfermline, who produced the shock of the Fourth Round with a memorable 2-0 win over Rangers at East End Park, face the difficult trip to Tynecastle to meet Hearts. Hearts have not lost at home since last May and must be favourites to go through despite the fact that Dunfermline came close to pulling off a shock result at Tynecastle in the league earlier this season.

Dundee United are fancied to go all the way in this season's competition after their disappointments of last term. Losing in two cup finals was a lot to stomach for the Tannadice team but they have shaken off their troubles in recent weeks to hit form at the right time. United may be out of the championship race but are bound to have a say in the destination of the title. United have been drawn to face local rivals Dundee at Dens Park in the cup quarter-finals at Tynecastle last season.

Dundee have struggled in recent weeks but disposed of Motherwell without too much difficulty in the fourth round with goals from Ian Angus and Stuart Rafferty.

"The Hibee"'s tips for the semi-finals are Aberdeen, Hearts and Dundee United. We'll reserve judgement on the other semi-finalist!

Footnote: Due to tonight's replay, the Under-16 international between Scotland and the Netherlands — due to be held at Easter Road — has been switched to Kirkcaldy.

Collins Call-Up

Midfielder John Collins marked his full international debut with a fine free-kick goal against Saudi Arabia in Riyadh. Collins was one of the Scottish successes in the undistinguished 2-2 draw and will have done his chances of World Cup selection no harm at all.

The Galashiels player said after his selection for the match was confirmed, "It has always been my ambition to play for Scotland. I was told that I had a chance of playing when I was at the squad weekend at Gleneagles but I did not know for sure until after I came back from training on the Monday after that."

The 20-year-old, who Andy Roxburgh reckons is as good as any left-sided midfielder in the country, only made his Under-21 debut last October and relished the prospect of playing for the full international eleven.

"I feel I've been playing a bit more consistently this season and was delighted to be selected to play for my country," continues John.

Goalkeeper Andy Goram was also part of the Scottish squad for Riyadh although he was not called into action and Gordon Hunter was selected for the Scottish Under-21 squad to face England in the European Championship match at Pittodrie last week.

FOOTNOTE: John was voted Fine Fare Young Player of the Month for January.

The Last Time.....

Eddie May has cause to remember the last time Hibs and Celtic met in a Scottish Cup tie at Easter Road. He netted a late winner two years ago as Hibs won 4-3 to reach the semi-finals. The other Hibs' goals that day came from Steve Cowan (2) and Gordon Chisholm.

REFS IN THE LIMELIGHT

It might have escaped some people's notice, but the three officials for tonight's match — Bob Valentine, Kenny Hope and Andrew Waddell — are all qualified Grade One referees. The three handled Sunday's match and a spokesman for the SFA stated, "We're giving them a few matches together as they've been selected to officiate at the European Championships in West Germany in June." The trio are off to Italy next week to take charge of the Verona v. Werder Bremen UEFA Cup quarter-final.

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Testimonial for Gordon

Hibs' longest-serving player Gordon Rae is to be rewarded with a testimonial next season. The 29-year-old stopper, who has been in outstanding form this season, signed for the club from Whitehill Welfare in 1977 and has played in several positions for Hibs including up front. Details of the testimonial will be released in the months ahead.

GREAT EVANS!

Alex Miller moved swiftly to sign Gareth Evans for £50,000 from Rotherham on the eve of the recent league match against Dundee.

The Hibs manager admitted that the 21 year-old striker had caught the eye while he was on a scouting mission looking at another player, but Evans immediately started to pay off the investment with a superb debut goal.

He dived full-length to head a John Collins cross past Bobby Geddes in the 35th minute and it was a foul on the Coventry-born player that led to Joe Tortolano netting Hibs' second goal shortly before the break.

Evans had a chance to make it 3-1 late on but he was clearly tired after an exhausting 24 hours which had seen him move from a Third Division player in England one day to lead the Hibs attack in the Premier League the next.

Evans won the sponsor's man-of-the-match award after the 2-1 win over Dundee which must have choked the match sponsors as they were none other than Novafone — who are the official sponsors of Dundee!

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Founded: 1888
Ground: Celtic Park, 95 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW.
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Team Captain: Roy Aitken
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Team Colours: Green and White Hoops
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Most League Points in a Season: 68, Division 1, 1919-20
Most League Goals in a Season: 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36
Record Victory: 11-0 v Dundee, Division 1, 26.10.1895
Record Defeat: 0-8 v Motherwell, Division 1, 1936-37
Record Crowd: 92,000 v Rangers, Division 1, 1.1.1938
Honours — European Cup Winners: 1967, Runners-up 1970.
Scottish League Champions: 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986.
Scottish Cup Winners: 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985.
Runners-up: 1889, 1893, 1894, 1901, 1902, 1909, 1926, 1928, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1974.
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PAT BONNER (Goalkeeper) — was signed in 1978 from Keadue Rovers and is the Republic of Ireland International keeper. Has been capped at Youth, Under 21 and full level. In his teenage days in Donegal, Pat played the Irish game of Gaelic football.

CHRIS MORRIS (Right Back) — A £125,000 close season signing from Sheffield Wednesday who is a former Schoolboy Internationalist. Has also represented England at Rugby and Cricket.

ANTON ROGAN (Left Back) — Was signed from Distillery in Belfast and made his debut last season. A Northern Ireland Youth and Under 21 Internationalist who was in the party for the recent game against Greece.

ROY AITKEN (Defender/Midfield) — Captain of the side and Scotland skipper who is a mainstay of the side. Joined the club in 1975 from Celtic Boys' Club and has received a Testimonial Game against Manchester United.

MICK McCARTHY (Centre-half) — Cost £½ million from Manchester City where he played under Billy McNeill. Had many injuries in his early days but is now back to full fitness.

PAUL McGUGAN (Centre-half) — A 1980 signing from Eastercraigs Boys' Club and made the first team Against ourselves in April 1984.

LEX BAILLIE (Centre-half) — Son of the former Rangers player Doug Baillie who has made a name for himself this season as stand in for the injured McCarthy. One for the future though with the present competition for the central defensive votes it won't be easy.

PAUL McSTAY (Midfield) — Has represented his country at Under 16, 17, 18, 21 and full international level. Joined the club in 1981 from Celtic Boys' Club.
PETER GRANT (Midfield) — A strong tackling player who has gained Under 18 and 21 honours. Another product of Celtic Boys' Club.
TOMMY BURNS (Midfield) — Was on the bench last Sunday and has been troubled by injury this season. Had a testimonial game this season against Liverpool.

ANDY WALKER (Striker) — Was injured for the first game and the Celtic fans will be hoping he is back tonight. Was signed in the close season for £350,000 from Motherwell.

FRANK McAVENNIE (Striker) — Cost £¾ million from West Ham and the former St Mirren striker played against the Saudis along with our own John Collins.

JOE MILLER (Winger) — Cost £650,000 from Aberdeen and is one of the best prospects in Scotland.

MARK McGHEE (Striker) — A £150,000 signing from Hamburg who has yet to produce the form which won him international recognition while with Aberdeen.

BILLY STARK (Midfield) — Came on as a second half substitute for Joe Miller in the first game. The former St Mirren and Aberdeen player was a bargain £75,000 buy in the close season.

ALLAN McNIGHT (Goalkeeper) — A 1986 signing from Distillery who was with the Northern Ireland party in Greece.





HIBEES' HIT-MEN: Top scorer Paul Kane comes within inches of putting Hibs 3-1 in front against Dundee with this full-blooded effort above, while, below, Joe Tortolano celebrates his free-kick goal in the first half. (Pics by Iain White)



MATCH UPDATE



Neil Orr takes on the Dundee defence

FINE FARE PREMIER LEAGUE — HIBERNIAN (2) 2 DUNDEE (1) 1

Newcomer Gareth Evans made a dream debut by netting Hibs' opening goal in a fine 2-1 win. Evans had come on as a substitute early in the game for the injured Eddie May and immediately impressed with his pace. In the 35th minute, he beat Geddes with a diving header after some neat work from John Collins. Hibs went 2-0 ahead four minutes from half-time when Joe Tortolano shot home a 20-yard free-kick and it was no more than Hibs deserved for their adventurous start. Keith Wright did pull one goal back for Dundee with a header before the first half was completed and Andy Goram continued his brilliant form by stopping a point blank effort from Harvey early on. The luckless Harvey hit the post for Dundee in the second-half but Hibs held on for a valuable two points.

FINE-FARE PREMIER LEAGUE — MOTHERWELL (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (1) 2

Hibs followed up their win over Dundee with a comfortable win at Fir Park. Mickey Weir netted his first goal for the club since his return from Luton with a long-range effort to give Hibs a half-time lead. The pace of Evans was again a feature of the match but the former Rotherham striker did not get on the scoresheet this time.

Hibs took the game beyond Motherwell with one of the best goals of the season so far. Weir flighted the ball into the Motherwell box for John Collins to beat Duncan with a stunning volley.

SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND — CELTIC (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (0) 0

In front of the live television audience, Celtic and Hibs failed to serve up any goals but produced a tie that could have gone either way right up until the final whistle.

Eddie May came close to giving Hibs an early lead when he got on the end of a superb knock down from Paul Kane but, under pressure from Bonner, his right-foot effort cleared the crossbar.

Goram made saves in quick succession from McGhee and McCarthy before Peter Grant swept an 18-shot against the 'keeper's right-hand post shortly before the interval.

But few chances were created by either side with defences well on top. Neil Orr did trouble Bonner with a looping 25-yard shot, but the ball hit the top of the net.

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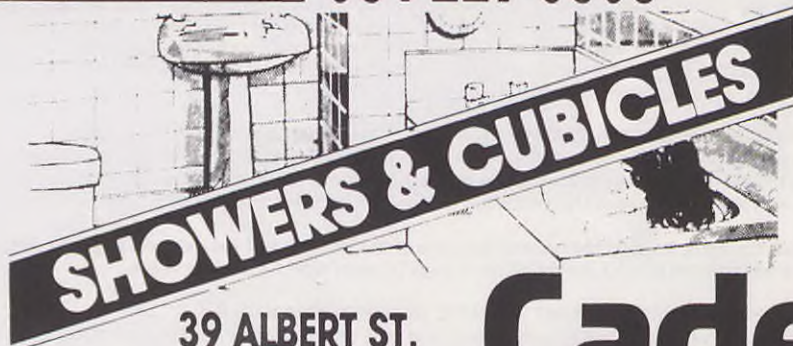
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Steven McGowan

237 Redcraigs
Kirkcaldy
Fife

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a photograph of my son who is three months old. I would much appreciate it if you could manage to enter it into the Hibs Programme. I have been a Hibs Supporter for 39 years and I have two sons, one is 5½ years old, his name is Darren and my son in the photograph is called Lee Summers. He was born on 10th November 1987 at South Park Hospital Kirkcaldy. I am a ticket inspector with British Rail and I come to Easter Road as much as possible. As I am on shifts I come to every game when I can.

Yours,

James Summers



Paul Kane

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Where Are They Now?

SIMON WALDIE

Des Bremner was a recent feature — if that's the word — in this column, and this evening we are pleased to be able to feature another highlander, albeit of a different generation — in Simon Waldie, whom older readers will recall as a strong and reliable centre-half of the immediate post-war years.

Simon was born and brought up in Inverness, and played firstly for his primary school, Markinch, (which I thought was in Fife), and with whom he won a country championship medal. His secondary education was at Inverness High School, which caters for football amongst many other sports, but Simon preferred instead to go juvenile, with Third Caley, who I understand are the third string of Inverness Caley and operate in the juvenile grade. From there, he was picked up by Hibs, because Peter McWilliams, boss of Newcastle United and another native of the capital of the Highlands, told Hibs' manager Willie McCartney, who came north to check him out. At that point, Simon had a choice of Hibs or Chelsea, and is happy that he never regretted his decision to join up at Easter Road.

This was in 1945, at an older age than players are normally signed because of the war — Simon had been in the Royal Air Force until the cessation of hostilities, and had returned to the Highland League with Caley when Hibs made their approach. Despite stiff competition from the likes of Peter Aird and Hugh Howie, Simon had considerable first team experience at Easter Road, his biggest thrill being not surprisingly his first selection for the "big" team, a league cup tie against Clyde. Like many former players he emphasised what a happy place Easter Road was at that time, and what good friends he made here, like Jock Govan, Davie Shaw, Willie Clark etc.

After five years with Hibs, Simon moved on to Queen of the South, and played in the league cup semi-final against Hibs at Tynecastle, the one decided by a hat-trick by Eddie Turnbull. He had been a full-timer with Hibs, and likewise initially at Palmerston, but for financial reasons, Queens later went part-time, and, being unable to obtain suitable employment, Simon regrettably had to leave the game and return north. He has always retained his interest in the game, however, and still looks after one of the sides, Raigmore, in the local welfare leagues.

On returning north, Simon had a further five or six years with Ross County, before shiftwork made it difficult to continue as a player, when he hung up his boots. Simon has been employed ever since with British Rail, until his retirement a year or two ago. With the sudden inactivity, he tells me that his weight shot up — he was always a well built man — but following a prescribed diet, he is now fit and well again, and enjoying his interest in local football and jazz records, a hobby he apparently shares with Gordon Smith.

Simon is married, wife Margaret, and they have one son with interests in boxing and football, as well as three daughters, all as yet unmarried, so if there are any lonely hearts amongst our readers, I can sell you a phone number! All requests on a £10 note please.



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ONE-TWO: Hibs put pressure on the respective right-backs of Dundee and Dumbarton in recent matches as, top, Gareth Evans finds a way past McFarlane and, bottom, Montgomerie clears for Dumbarton with McBride closing him down in the last round of the cup. *(pics by Iain White)*



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Aug 13	Dundee Utd (P)	h 2-0	L	McPherson, Hart
20	Albion Rovers	a 0-2	L	—
23	Montrose (P)	h 4-1	L	Hart 3, McPherson
27	East Fife (P)	h 2-1	L	Hart 2
Sep 3	Dunfermline Ath	a 2-2	L	Langdon, Flucker
10	Leith Athletic	a 3-0	L	Halligan, McPherson, Hart
17	Brechin City	a 4-2	L	Wallace 3, Flucker
24	Kings Park (P)	h 0-1	L	—
Oct 1	Arbroath	a 3-0	L	Flucker, Walls 2
15	Edinburgh City	a 4-0	L	Flucker 3, Pollard
22	Alloa Athletic	a 3-0	L	Halligan, Flucker, Pollard
29	Raith Rovers (P)	h 2-1	L	Wallace 2
Nov 5	Montrose	a 3-1	L	Flucker 2, Walls
19	St. Bernards	a 1-0	L	Hutchison
26	Stenhousemuir (P)	h 4-1	L	Wallace 2, Walls, Hutchison
Dec 3	Dumbarton	a 2-3	L	Hutchison, Wallace
10	Queen of South	a 0-0	L	—
17	Forfar Ath (P)	h 2-0	L	Wallace, Hart
24	Dundee United	a 2-0	L	Flucker, Wallace (pen)
31	Albion R. (P)	h 2-1	L	Flucker, Wallace
Jan 2	Leith Athletic	a 1-0	L	Flucker
3	Brechin City	h 3-1	L	Carruthers, Walls, Wallace
7	East Fife	a 5-0	L	Wallace 2, Walls 2, Flucker
14	Dunfermline A (P)	h 3-1	L	Flucker, Wallace 2 (1 pen)
21	Forfar Ath. (P)	h 2-2	SC	Flucker 2
26	Forfar Ath.	a 7-3	SC	Halligan, McPherson, Walls, Wallace 2, Flucker 2
28	Kings Park	a 0-0	L	—
Feb 4	Aberdeen	a 1-1	SC	Walls
8	Aberdeen	h 1-0	SC	Halligan
11	Arbroath (P)	h 2-0	L	Wallace, Walls
18	Edinburgh C. (P)	h 7-1	L	Connolly, Wallace, Walls 3, Hart, Sharkey
Mar 4	Hearts (P)	h 0-0	SC	—
8	Hearts	a 0-2	SC	—
11	Alloa Ath (P)	h 1-0	L	Wallace
18	Raith Rovers	a 2-1	L	Watson, Connolly
25	St. Bernards (P)	h 4-1	L	Hart 3, Connolly
Apr 8	Stenhousemuir	a 2-3	L	Connolly, Wallace
15	Dumbarton (P)	h 1-0	L	Hart
22	Q.O.S. (P)	h 1-2	L	Connolly
29	Fofar Ath.	a 3-3	L	Connolly 3

Notes:—

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L = Scottish League Division 2;

SC = Scottish Cup.

— there were two statistical oddities in Hibs' league season. The first was that they won the league title twice in three weeks. When Hibs beat St. Bernards in March, that appeared to give them the second division title, but at that point the records of Bo'ness and Armadale, who had been expelled from the league in late 1932 for failing to making guaranteed payments, were expunged. As Hibs had played three of the four fixtures against the two doomed clubs, and won them all, they lost six points, which was more than their rivals lost, and so they could again be caught. So it was not until they beat Dumbarton in April that they were therefore champions. The results against the expelled clubs were:— September 15, v Armadale (a) 4-2; October 8, v Bo'ness (h) 7-0; and November 12, v Armadale (h) 8-2. The second oddity was that in between these games with St. Bernards and Dumbarton, Hibs lost to Stenhousemuir. As Hibs and Stenhousemuir have only met in league engagements in the two seasons 1931-33, and this was the Ochilview clubs third win, that gives them a 75% league record against Hibs — better than any other league side, past or present.

— Hibs were promoted along with Queen of the South, who came with a late run including that dramatic win at Easter Road when Hibs finished with nine players. The first division was won by Rangers from Motherwell and Hearts.

— The Scottish Cup had one of its unsurprising years, although Aberdeen were only able to beat Penicuk Athletic by a single goal. Morton lost to Stenhousemuir by the same score. The final was between Celtic and Motherwell, the Parkhead side winning — by a single goal. It certainly seemed that the free scoring of a year or two before had been abandoned in favour of more cautious play.

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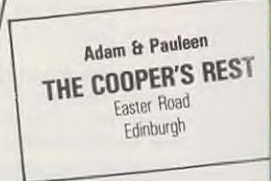
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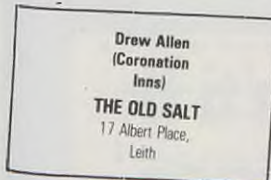
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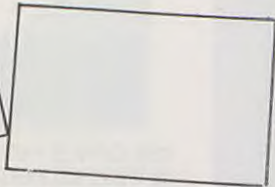
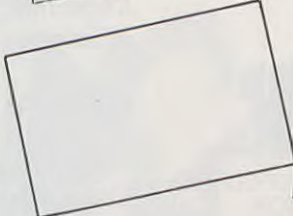
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SCENE AROUND BRITAIN

Football pals Terry Venables and George Graham are on course for a bust-up over Sheffield Wednesday winger **Brian Marwood**.

Arsenal boss Graham has wanted Marwood for 15 months. Now Venables has joined the hunt as Graham admits he may have to pay "over the odds" to get the players he wants.

Venables isn't panicking after Spurs' humiliating FA Cup defeat at Port Vale. But we understand he rates Marwood highly and would move in at the right price.

Venables and Graham are old mates, but the gloves would be off if it came to a straight race for 26-year-old Marwood.

Graham admits: "If we could get the players we want it could be an exciting time for us, but prices keep going up. There's a lack of available quality players. Maybe the answer is to pay over the odds."

Venables was best man at Graham's wedding. Graham is godfather to Tel's daughter Nancy. But all that will be forgotten if Wednesday can be persuaded to part.

Bradford City are closing in on Manchester City's transfer-listed striker **Imre Varadi**.

Valley Parade chief Terry Dolan checked on Varadi in City's FA Cup replay against Blackpool.

Dolan is looking for a striker after deciding to make **Ron Futcher** available. Huddersfield, West Brom and Port Vale have all asked about Futcher.

Sunderland hope to tempt Fulham striker **Leroy Rosenior** to Wearside. Roker boss Denis Smith has had impressive scouting reports on the former QPR forward who would boost Sunderland's promotion push.

Republic of Ireland striker **Frank Stapleton** has turned down the chance of joining Scottish Premier League club Dunfermline on loan.

But the former Manchester United striker would consider such a move to an English club and Ajax aren't likely to stand in his way.

Tommy Smith, the former Liverpool "Iron man" has had an operation on his damaged knee — thanks to the PFA.

"They never forget the old players and I'm grateful to Gordon Taylor," says Smith, one of football's greatest motivators, who is anxious to get back into football management.

Former Newcastle defender **Jeff Clarke** is available after receiving his clearance from Turkey, and stiker

Dave Swindlehurst is also free to return from Larnaca in Cyprus.

Chesterfield are keeping a close watch on a contract dispute between former Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Norwich player **Dave Hodgson** and his club and Spain.

Huddersfield are willing to listen to offers for utility defender **Willie McStay**, the former Celtic player.

While English clubs are raiding in Scotland, Rangers are reversing the trend in their continued search for a striker.

They put a watch on the two FA Cup replays in midweek with manager Graeme Souness and assistant Walter Smith at Middlesbrough v Everton and physio Phil Boersma at Manchester City's replay against Blackpool.

Everton's **Adrian Heath** was the magnet at Ayresome Park and City's **Paul Stewart** was under review at Maine Road.

Rangers wanted Heath earlier in the season and Stewart, City's £225,000 "steal" from Blackpool last season, is currently England's most wanted striker.



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QUIZ

1. Hibs have won only once in the Scottish Cup against Celtic at Parkhead. What occasion was that?
2. Which player scored twice in a Scottish Cup Final for Celtic against Hibs and later played for Hibs in a Scottish Cup Final against Celtic?
3. Which player played in two Scottish Cup Finals for Hibs, and played for Celtic in between?
4. Celtic once failed to win a Scottish Cup Final because they lost a goal direct from a corner in the last minute. Who against?
5. Who was the Celtic goalkeeper on that occasion?
6. Against whom did Hibs run up their highest ever Scottish Cup score, and in what year?
7. What was the coincidence about the man of the match awards in last year's Scottish Cup semi-finals?
8. Who won the 1952 Scottish Cup final by 4-0?
9. In 1953/4, Aberdeen had a sensational cup semi-final result. What was it?
10. Which club played in their first-ever Scottish Cup final in the 1970s?

ANSWERS
1. Hibs won the 1902 final against Celtic at Celtic Park; 2. Jimmy McCoff; 3. Willie Groves (1887 & 1896); 4. Clyde (1955); 5. Jack Bonnar, Pat's father; 6. Peebles Rovers in 1961 (15-1); 7. They were both won by Ian Ferguson, of St Mirren and Dundee Utd; 8. Motherwell against Dundee; 9. Aberdeen 6 Rangers 0 in front of 110,939 people; 10. Dundee United;

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GAMES TO REMEMBER

Hibs and Celtic have been cup rivals many times over the years, and of course it was Hibs' first Cup Final triumph against Dumbarton in 1887 which was largely responsible for the formation of the Parkhead club. Today we remind you of all the former jousts between tonight's antagonists.

The first clash took place at Easter Road in late 1894, when Hibs and Celtic did not play league games, because Hibs, although second division champions the previous year, were consigned to another season in the lower league by a lobby of opinion against them. We won't go into why that came about here, and in fact the cup ballot forced Celtic to do what they had been unwilling to do for some years. Celtic's first ever visit to Edinburgh to play Hibs had been cut short by a hostile crowd demonstrating about poaching Hibs players, and so they had refused to come back. The anticipation of the cup tie was therefore intense, and the accommodation increased with temporary wooden terracing for the occasion.

With Hibs averaging six goals a game in the league, their majority support in the 15,000 crowd looked forward to the occasion with the greater relish, and their heroes did not let them down, although no-one could find the composure or space to make the vital breakthrough in a frantic first half. The second period had scarcely started when M. Murray trooped up the wing on his own, and sent the ball into the net to give Hibs the lead "amid a scene of almost indescribable emotion". Celtic stormed back, and were awarded a penalty for a trip, but goalkeeper McGinn tipped Madden's attempt over the bar, to his comrades' great relief. This proved the turning point, and Murphy made it 2-0 in the last minute.

Hibs' euphoria and Celtic's popularity diminished at about the same rate when it became known that the Glasgow club had appealed on the grounds that Hibs Bobby Neil had played in an unauthorised game the previous June, but rules are rules, and a replay was ordered. The 3,000 crowd who came to see it greeted Celtic with hoots and boos, but Celtic, as is their wont, did not scorn a second chance. An early second half goal fell this time to Celtic, and when a second goal was awarded to Doyle sometime later, Hibs felt so let down by the refereeing that it took the club president, Mr Perry, to persuade them to carry on. Celtic won 2-0.

The next meeting was at Parkhead, despite the fact that it was the cup final, and for this game, McCartney, who had broken his leg at Ibrox in the semi-final, was replaced by the youthful McColl, while Celtic included Sandy McMahan, the last playing member of the "old" Hibs. The main feature of the game was the gale which swept down the pitch, and the only goal came in the second half by Andy McGeechan, who wheeled round and backheeled the ball past goalkeeper McArthur. Afterwards, rumour had it that he imitated the goalkeeper's distinctive brogue in telling right back Battles to let the ball go! The Hibs' line-up was:— Rennie; Gray, Glen; Breslin, Harrower, Robertson; McColl, McGeechan, Divers, Callaghan Atherton.

The third meeting was in 1906-07, when a splendid defensive performance earned Hibs a goalless draw at Celtic Park, but they were unable to capitalise in the first replay, so they had to travel to Parkhead again for the second one, which Celtic won quite easily with goals from Quinn, Somers and McMenemy.

Two more cup finals provided the next two meetings — Hibs were surprise finalists in 1914 when the club was having a difficult spell, but rose to the occasion. The record books show a goalless draw, but for Hibs' League internationalists Willie Smith, the game left him with a haunting nightmare of how he managed to miss the easiest of chances in the final minute. Once again, Celtic took their second chance in style — Celtic introduced young Jimmy McColl, who was such a servant to Hibs in different capacities in later years, and the youngster scored twice in the opening eleven minutes. Brownlee scored either side of half-time to make Hibs' position hopeless, but Smith did get a consolation goal near the end.

The 1923 final was a big disappointment, as by now Hibs had an exciting attacking side, as did Celtic, but neither front line was able to make much of the opposing defence. On the same lines, Hibs also had undoubtedly the best goalkeeper in the country, Willie Harper, and it was a mistake by him, going for a McFarlane cross and missing it, that let Cassidy head the deciding goal.

After that, it was nearly forty years before the ballot brought Hibs and Celtic together again, and again it may have seemed on paper that the odds were in Hibs favour, after Bobby Kinloch had given them a lead they had held until Steve Chalmers equalised in the dying moments. But once more it was not to be. In a replay which was notable for the gates being closed with fewer than forty thousand inside, because of poor stewarding, a tense game was finally decided in the last minute of the first period of extra time when John Clark forced the ball just over Ronnie Simpson's line. The teams were:—
Hibs:— Simpson; Fraser, McLelland; Baxter, Easton, Baird; McLeod, Kinloch, Baker, Preston, Stevenson.

Celtic:— Haffey, McKay, Kennedy; Crerand, McNeill, Clark; Gallagher, Fernie, Hughes, Chalmers, Byrene.

That successfully takes up the space which would otherwise fall to the next meeting, the 1972 final, which from memory Celtic won, and which we will not dwell on here on the grounds that we have already covered it in this series, admittedly as a match to forget! The penultimate tie was in 1974-75, here at Easter Road, in a game which Celtic always commanded, especially after an early goal by Dixie Deans. The final score was 2-0, Steve Murray scoring with ten minutes to go.

So the last clash, and Hibs first success since 1902. With fifteen minutes to go however, it neither looked like being Hibs day, or emulating the excitement of the earlier Skol tie between the two, as Celtic coasted in front with goals by McClair and McGhee to one by Steve Cowan. Then, out of the blue, Chisholm headed in a Tortolano corner, and an incredible last eight minutes were witnessed by the crowd. McGugan fouled May, and Cowan smashed home the penalty. The cheering had not subsided when Fulton was penalised for nudging Johnston, and McClair swept the penalty past Rough. Things looked black for Hibs with their record in replays, but in the dying minutes, Harris and Eddie May combined for the latter to head flick in a dramatic winner. Teams:—
Hibs:— Rough, Milne Munro, Brazil (Harris), Rae Fulton, Tortolano Chisholm Cowan Durie Collins (May).

Celtic:— Latchford, Grant Burns, Aitken McGugan McLeod, McClair McStay Johnston McGhee Archdeacon.

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HIBS KIDS REWARD

Great news that I know will please every Hibs Kid. Due to your great support given to the team so far this season the Chairman, Managing Director and Directors have allocated an extra Hibs Kids game. The game you will be invited to will be against Motherwell on Saturday the 23rd April 1988. An invitation will be sent to you nearer the time.

STADIUM VISIT

As you all know during your Easter Holidays you are invited to spend the day with the management and players here at Easter Road. This year your visit will be on Tuesday 5th April beginning at 10.00am. More details will follow and every Hibs Kid will receive a letter outlining all the events that will take place on the day. A great day is planned and all the players are looking forward to meeting you all.

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