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### *The Manager's Comments*

Last Saturday I felt we should have collected both points from Forfar. We created, by my reckoning, 7 clear chances before we finally scored and we should have taken at least 2 of these. While I am not happy about us missing chances, on the plus side, we are creating the chances and eventually things will come right in front of goal. The players showed great character last Saturday when they kept plugging away even after losing a goal. When Jeff Strachan was sent off they simply worked harder to make up for that loss.

On the subject of Jeff Strachan's sending off, I have a strict set of rules for players and as we are now robbed of his services tonight for a game where we need a full strength squad, I have fined him.

Tonight's game will be a very hard game for us physically. Mentally it will not be so hard for the players as they all have the experience of the Rangers match behind them so they know what to expect.

We have prepared well for the game. All the players stayed in a local hotel last night and were off work today. If they perform as well as they did against Raith Rovers in the last round and show the same commitment as they did last Saturday we are definitely in with a chance of causing an upset.

I know a lot of Celtic players well, having played along side the likes of Paul McStay and Pat Bonnar. They are a formidable team which in my opinion play a better grade of football than any other Scottish team. We are in for a hard, hard match but I am confident we can do well. The support of our fans right from the kick off will go a long way towards that.

# Today's Visitors—Celtic FC

Ground: Parkhead Stadium Capacity: 51,709 Founded: 1888 Manager: Liam Brady Club Nickname: The Bhoys

Club Colours: White and Green hooped shirt, White shorts and socks

Club Honours: League Champions: (35 times) Division I 1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74; Premier Division 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88.  
 Scottish Cup Winners (27 times) 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989.  
 League Cup Winners: (9 times) 1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83.  
 European Cup Winners: 1966-67

Today's visitors need very little introduction, being one of our most famous club sides in the world. As can be seen from the above list of honours Celtic have a tremendous tradition of success in domestic and European football. They have, in recent years, been somewhat overshadowed by their arch rivals, Rangers, but their determination to put an end to this is not in doubt. With the close season appointments of Joe Jordan as assistant manager and Frank Connor as coach they now have a very talented back room staff who are bound to bring success to the club.

Liam Brady has assembled a very strong pool of players and has shown his willingness to maintain it by, last season, ensuring Paul McStay stayed at the club and this season, keeping John Collins at the club. Not only that, he further strengthened his midfield players by adding Pat McGinlay from Hibernian. A look through the Celtic player pool (see page 16) illustrates just how strong the Celtic squad is. It features many international class players, past and present.

Off the Park, Celtic have shown themselves to be ambitious. They have unveiled details of an impressive new stadium they hope to build in Cambuslang. Should these plans come to fruition they will have a stadium second to none and worthy of a club of Celtic's stature. It would, however, be a great wrench for the club to leave its present Parkhead home which has seen so many great triumphs over the 105 years since the club was founded.

The odds against an Arbroath victory must be high but it is not unknown for Arbroath to create an upset against Celtic. Our last meeting on league business, back in 1975 in the old first division ended in a 2-2 draw (see below) and previous meetings in the league cup have also provided surprises including a 3-3 draw when Derek Rylance notched a hat trick for Arbroath (see flashbacks).

Meeting a club of Celtic's stature happens all too rarely for Arbroath at present and regardless of the result it will be a great experience for Arbroath players and fans alike. The chances of a second division club meeting both Old Firm teams in Cup Competition in the space of six months must be slim but the fact that Arbroath has done it owes as much to ex Celt Danny McGrain as it does to pure chance. Who knows, Danny McGrain's 'bearded army' may be the surprise team of the League Cup, as they were in last season's Scottish Cup.



Celtic Manager Liam Brady (photo courtesy Celtic View)

08-02-75 (Lg Div 1) Arbroath (Bone Rylance)	2	Celtic (Hood, Dalglish)	2
28-08-76 (Lg Cup) Celtic (Doyle, Wilson)	2	Arbroath (Murray)	1
21-08-82 (Lg Cup) Arbroath	0	Celtic (McCluskey, Nicholas, Crainey)	3
01-09-82 (Lg Cup) Celtic (McLeod, McCluskey) (Nicholas, Dobbin)	4	Arbroath (Yule)	1
29-07-93 (Friendly) Arbroath	0	Celtic (King o.g., Creaney)	2

## Celtic Fixtures

7 Aug v Motherwell (A) 2-2	6 Nov v Partick Thistle (H)	12 Feb v Heart of Midlothian (A)
10 Aug v Stirling Alb (lc)(A) 2-0	9 Nov v Aberdeen (A)	26 Feb v Kilmarnock (H)
14 Aug v Hibernian(H) 1-1	13 Nov v Kilmarnock (A)	5 Mar v St. Johnstone (A)
21 Aug v Rangers(H) 0-1	20 Nov v Heart of Midlothian (H)	12 Mar v Dundee (H)
28 Aug v Partick Thistle (A)	27 Nov v Raith Rovers (H)	19 Mar v Hibernian (A)
4 Sep v Aberdeen (H)	30 Nov v Dundee United (A)	26 Mar v Motherwell (H)
11 Sep v Raith Rovers (A)	4 Dec v St. Johnstone (H)	30 Mar v Raith Rovers (H)
18 Sep v Dundee United (H)	11 Dec v Dundee (A)	2 Apr v Dundee United (A)
25 Sep v Heart of Midlothian (A)	18 Dec v Hibernian (H)	9 Apr v Heart of Midlothian (H)
2 Oct v Kilmarnock (H)	27 Dec v Motherwell (A)	16 Apr v Kilmarnock (A)
6 Oct v St. Johnstone (A)	1 Jan v Rangers (H)	23 Apr v Dundee (A)
9 Oct v Dundee (H)	8 Jan v Partick Thistle (A)	27 Apr v St. Johnstone (H)
16 Oct v Hibernian (A)	15 Jan v Aberdeen (H)	30 Apr v Rangers (A)
23 Oct v Motherwell (H)	22 Jan v Dundee United (H)	7 May v Partick Thistle (H)
30 Oct v Rangers (A)	5 Feb v Raith Rovers (A)	14 May v Aberdeen (A)



*Celtic Pool 1993/94 (photo courtesy of Celtic View)*

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# Danny McGrain.....



## Legend at Parkhead and Gayfield

*Danny with the League Cup 1982-83*

When the draw was made for the third round of the League Cup, the tie that caused the biggest stir was this one as it pitched Danny McGrain against his old club for the first time since he left Celtic Park. Since becoming manager at Gayfield, Danny has done a tremendous job at Gayfield, giving the town of Arbroath a new pride in its team. Attendances have almost doubled, sales of season tickets have shot up this season and there now exists an expectation of great things to come for the team. He is regarded as a hero in the town and is held in the same high regard by Arbroath fans as the Celtic fans held him during his days as a player at Parkhead.

Danny was signed up by Celtic while still a youngster and farmed out to Maryhill juniors. He was called up by Celtic in 1967 at the age of 17 and he made his first team debut on July 29, 1970 in the opening fixture of season 1970/71 against Morton at Parkhead. Celtic won 2-0 through goals by Bobby Lennox. In the years that followed Danny established himself as one of Scotland's all time greats, he made 433 full league appearances for Celtic, plus 8 as a substitute, a figure only bettered by Billy McNeill (486), Roy Aitken (483). Pat Bonnar may well exceed Danny's total as his appearance last Saturday was his 435th league appearance.

Danny picked up 9 league championship medals for seasons 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1985-86. He collected 5 Scottish Cup winners medals for seasons 1973-74, 1974-75, 1976-77, 1979-80 and 1984-85 and one League Cup winners medal for season 1982-83, the last time Celtic won that competition, and when he was captain of the side.

His success was not limited to domestic football, he was regarded as a world class player and in the 70s was selected for a World XI by international sports writers and he was selected as a Scottish player of the year in 1977. He made 62 appearances for Scotland, his first on May 12 1973 against Wales at Wrexham which Scotland won 2-0 and his last on June 22, 1982 when he came on as a substitute against the USSR in the 1982 World Cup at Malaga—the game ended 2-2.

Danny's last game for Celtic was on May 9 1987 against Hearts at Tynecastle which Hearts won 1-0 through a John Robertson goal. He joined Hamilton Accies during the close season and made 21 league appearances plus one as a substitute for them before hanging up his boots at the end of season 1987-88. He stayed on as a coach with Hamilton then had a spell as a manager in Africa where he was in opposition to Jimmy Bone. When he returned he took up a coaching post with Clydebank before taking over at Gayfield.

Had things worked out Danny may have left Celtic and entered management in Scotland earlier. At the end of season 1985-86 he was linked with the manager's job at Airdrie but this fell through and he was offered a further one year contract at Parkhead. Airdrie's loss has become Arbroath's gain!

One thing Danny McGrain was not noted for was his scoring. He only scored 7 goals for Celtic but one which will be recalled more than the others now was scored on August 21st, 1976. Celtic were playing Arbroath at Gayfield in the League Cup, first round league section; Dundee United and Dumbarton being the other teams in the section. It was our first meeting and Celtic won 5-0, Danny scoring the third in 57 minutes. The other scorers were Dalgligh, Glavin, Wilson and Edvalsson. In goal for Arbroath that night was Gordon Marshall, father of the present day Celtic player. Gordon senior was also a team mate of Danny's in the early 70s. He was replaced by Peter Latchford who is now goalkeeping coach here at Gayfield. Other Celtic connections here at Gayfield are Dom Sullivan and Joe Craig, ex team mates of Danny's whom he has appointed as scouts for the club.

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## Second Division Scene

Last Saturday's games saw the leadership of division 2 change hands. Queen of the South lost their local derby at home to Stranraer through a goal from Darren Henderson in 22 minutes. Their place at the top was taken by East Fife, the only team still with a 100% record. They won their local derby against Cowdenbeath at Central Park through 2 goals by Scott and Reilly. Cowdenbeath's sole counter came from Henderson between the East Fife goals.

Albion Rovers got their first points of the season over Queens Park at Cliftonhill with 2 goals by Kerrigan, leaving Queens Park still without a point. Alloa and East Stirling fought out a 0-0 draw at Recreation Park while Meadowbank and Berwick Rangers drew 1-1, Loughlin scoring for Berwick in 37 minutes and Price equalising for Thistle 6 minutes later.

Montrose's 'local derby' against Stenhousemuir saw them win 2-0 at Links Park, Grant and McKenna scoring.

### LEADING SCORERS

4 Henderson (Stranraer)

4 Grant (Montrose)

4 Henderson (Cowdenbeath)



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### **Club Mascot**

Today's mascot is 10 year old Michael Smith of Grange Road, Arbroath. Michael attends Ladyloan Primary School and his favourite Arbroath player is Stuart Sorbie. Michael used to be a Rangers supporter but after the Arbroath v Rangers Cup match in March he changed his allegiance to Arbroath.

### **Transfer News**

After the disappointment of last week when Danny's attempts to sign two players fell through, he turned his attention to other players and at the time of printing is, hopefully, close to signing at least one player from other second division clubs. Development will be reported in the press.

### **Jeff Strachan Suspended**

Having been sent off last Saturday against Forfar Athletic, Jeff Strachan incurs an automatic one match ban so he is unavailable to play tonight. He will be available to play on Saturday however when we travel to Berwick for our league match then.

### **Ball Sponsor**

The ball for tonight's game has been sponsored by Mr Alan Suttie of the Victoria Bar, Catherine Street, Arbroath. This is a very generous gesture by Mr Suttie who also sponsored last Saturday's league game against Forfar Athletic.

### **Cover Photo**

The Arbroath players salute their fans after the Scottish Cup tie against Rangers last March. Despite losing 3-0 the Arbroath fans refused to leave the ground until the players came back out. (photo courtesy of Craig Farnan).

"Ivor and Clare Brown  
wish both teams the best of luck  
for todays match  
See you after the game!"

