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The defeat by Motherwell last Saturday finished off a bad week for the club. I was very disappointed at the lack of fight against Hearts and my criticisms were well reported in the press. We must battle harder to survive in this league and too many heads went down after Tosh McKinlay scored. Our team were well-beaten by a Hearts side which many felt were there for the taking. The media coverage of the boardroom wrangle meant that there would be added pressure on the club against Motherwell. I asked for support from the fans and am grateful that once the whistle blew all the attention focused on events on the park.

We made changes in an attempt to lift the performance and Yogi failed a fitness test. He has been playing in some pain in recent weeks but he is a hard man to keep down. Our back four was changed and only David Weir kept his position from Tynecastle. Motherwell hit us with two sucker punches in the first eleven minutes and we can't afford to give goals away like this. We dominated the play for long periods of time and Motherwell were pinned back in their own half. Dykstra made some crucial saves but we didn't really threaten enough. Young Craig Taggart did well in his 1992/93 debut and one run in particular was quite exceptional. He took a bad knock and had to be replaced by Alex Taylor. Results at Airdrie, Celtic Park and Easter Road made it a bad day for us as we are now bottom equal with Airdrie with exactly the same goal difference — minus 25. Our statistics



show the main cause of our downfall — 69 goals conceded. We have scored 44 goals and only Rangers, Aberdeen and Celtic have scored more. We have received many good reviews for our open style of play and attractive approach to the game. But, at the end of the day the fact remains that we are in relegation trouble due to conceding far too many goals.

Today we face a Celtic side, who will be seeking revenge for their cup defeat here a few weeks ago. Liam's side showed their fighting qualities by their draw at Pittodrie but Partick showed that the Celtic side is not invincible. Motherwell have shown that confidence is essential and their recent run has rescued an almost impossible situation. We have to put a run together and there is no time like today to start it. There are only 13 games left, seven of them at Brockville. Each and every game is a cup-final and points are essential from all of them. This side must fight and battle as if their lives depended on it, for in a professional sense, this is the essence of our predicament. We cannot afford to be known as an attractive, high-scoring side who were relegated because of poor defensive displays. I have been too long in this game to be fooled by hard luck stories. Early on I felt we were really unlucky and deserved better. Time is beginning to run away from us and we must now make our own luck. I will be asking the players for the same battling qualities we showed in our last game against Celtic and would be delighted if you could give the team the same great backing you did then.

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## FRONT COVER

*"Ian McCall skips away from Celtic's Paul McStay"*

## FALKIRK FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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# BROCKVILLE BULLETIN

## PREMIER ATTENDANCES

(as at February 20th 1993)

Team (No. of games)	Aggregate	Average	Highest
Rangers (15)	590,479	39,365	46,039
Celtic (15)	356,303	23,753	51,958
Aberdeen (15)	182,00	12,133	15,500
Hibs (15)	151,253	10,083	21,649
Hearts (16)	163,417	10,213	20,831
Dundee Utd. (15)	130,008	8,672	13,515
Dundee (15)	111,436	7,429	13,983
Partick (16)	105,288	6,580	18,460
<b>Falkirk (15)</b>	<b>93,310</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>13,500</b>
St. Johnstone (15)	83,422	5,561	9,532
Motherwell (15)	80,930	5,395	10,428
Airdrie (15)	76,240	5,082	10,500

## CENTRAL FM 96.7 F.M.

Central Regions Independent Local Radio Station keeps you up to date with the Bairns every Friday between 6.30 and 7 p.m. with the F.F.C. Programme. 30 minutes of news, views and interviews from Brockville and don't forget you can hear half time and full time reports every Saturday from Falkirk games home and away. Keep your radio tuned to 96.7 F.M. for the latest on Central Region's top team with Central Region's top Sport and Music Station — Central F.M.

## PLANNED EVACUATION OF MAIN STAND AND ENCLOSURES

IN ORDER TO TEST OUR EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND STAFF TRAINING IN RELATION TO THE EVACUATION OF THE MAIN STAND AND SEATED ENCLOSURES AT EASTER ROAD STADIUM, IT IS PROPOSED THAT ON SATURDAY 27TH MARCH, 1993, WE SHOULD HOLD AN EXERCISE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HIBERNIAN V FALKIRK FIXTURE. A CODED MESSAGE WOULD BE GIVEN ON THE FULL TIME WHISTLE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES WOULD THEN BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

## Premier Reserve League

(as at 20th February 1993)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	27	15	6	6	50	30	36
Dundee U.	25	15	4	6	54	32	34
Rangers	24	12	7	5	56	26	31
Motherwell	24	13	4	7	54	38	30
Hibs	28	11	7	10	53	46	29
Celtic	26	12	3	11	54	41	27
Airdrie	28	12	2	14	48	60	26
Aberdeen	27	7	9	11	34	39	23
Partick	26	7	7	12	44	53	21
Dundee	26	7	7	12	37	50	21
<b>Falkirk</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>
St.Jhnstne	26	4	6	16	40	91	14

## Falkirk Supporters Association

These are the latest placings in the Falkirk Supporters Association "Player of the Year" for Season 1992/93. Leading is Kevin McAllister with 115 points, in joint second place are David Weir and Neil Duffy with 55 points and in joint 3rd Kevin Drinkell and Richard Cadette with 50 pts. There is still a fair way to go, but Kevin looks as if he will be hard to catch.

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## QUERY CORNER

This week's query comes from Duncan Robertson in Belfast. He is seeking information on the first floodlit match in Northern Ireland and thinks Falkirk were involved.

The match in question was Distillery against Falkirk and took place in Belfast on Tuesday, November 10th, 1953.

Falkirk ran out 5-4 winners. The Bairs led 5-2 at one stage but late defensive lapses made the final score more flattering than it actually was. McIntosh gave the Irishmen the lead but Jimmy Delaney, the ex-Celtic,

Manchester United and Scotland internationalist equalised for Falkirk. Falkirk exerted a great deal of pressure and raced into a convincing 4-1 lead. Angus Plumb made it 2-1.

Hunter added a third and Delaney scored his second and Falkirk's fourth goal. Dodds pulled one back for Distillery before Plumb made it 5-2.

Falkirk's cause was not helped by an injury to McDonald, who played out the remainder of the match at outside left. The visitors relaxed too much and Distillery came back with late goals from Johnson and Cubitt.

**Distillery:** Heffon, McEvoy, Brennan, A. Wilson, Watters, J. Wilson, Dodds, Johnson, McAdam, Cubitt, McIntosh.

**Falkirk:** McFeat, Gallacher, McDonald, Black, Ralston, Hunter, Sinclair, Delaney, Plumb, Dunlop, Kelly.

## RESERVES UPDATE

### Hibs 'A' 1 Falkirk 'A' 1

Reserve League Cup

January 20th 1993

Falkirk got off to a great start with recent signing Greg Shaw scoring after only two minutes play. Falkirk held on until late in the second half when Hibs equalised. The scores were level at the end of 90 minutes and there were no further goals scored in extra time. Hibs won the resultant penalty shoot-out 4-2. Coach Brian Whittaker was well pleased with the effort shown and Ian Westwater was picked as Man of the Match.

Team: Westwater, Simpson, McQueen, Johnston, Whittaker, Rice McKenzie, Taylor, Shaw, Sloan, Taggart. Subs. McDonald for Taggart in the 70th minute and Young for Shaw 98th minute.

### Aberdeen 'A' 0 Falkirk 'A' 0

January 30th 1993

Falkirk started out well and Lennox tested Watt with a low left-foot shot. Alex Taylor looked certain to score but Watt and Watson combined well to clear the danger. The Bairs dominated the early stages and Simpson ran through to hit a good volley. Aberdeen were denied a penalty when Gibson was bundled over. Falkirk did well to earn a point against a strong Dons side which included Winnie and Ten Caat. Team: Westwater Simpson, Johnston, Whittaker, Hughes, Taggart, Lennox, Taylor, Shaw McDonald, young, Subs. McLaughlin, McGlynn.

## DAY by DAY

### Friday 19th February

Players prepare for tomorrow's clash with Motherwell at Brockville.

### Saturday 20th February

Falkirk lose two early goals and have to chase the game throughout. Ian McCall pulled one back for Falkirk before Motherwell scored a last minute goal to finish winners by three goals to one.

### Monday 22nd February

Players train on the Brockville Astroturf determined to wipe out the memory of last Saturday's defeat.

### Tuesday 23rd February

A full scale practice match at Brockville.

### Wednesday 24th February

Players have a day off.

### Thursday 25th February

Manager Jim Jefferies takes his players to local hospital grounds to prepare for Saturday's game with Celtic.

### Friday 25th February

A light training session is held on the Brockville Astroturf prior to tomorrow's clash with Celtic.

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## RANGERS 5 FALKIRK 0

**Competition:** Premier League  
**Date:** Tuesday 9th February, 1993  
**Weather:** Mild

**Pitch:** Firm but damaged in goalmouth areas

**Verdict:** Falkirk were applauded on to the park but there the Ibrox charity ended. The hopes of an epic Old firm double were shattered after only four minutes when Peter Huistra hit home a left-foot volley. Rangers led 2-0 at half-time and Falkirk had a chance when McAllister left Gough stranded. Brown cleared the danger. Rangers totally dominated the second-half and scored further goals, almost at leisure. Falkirk looked a shadow of the side which had beaten Celtic and the toll taken in that game clearly showed.

### MATCH DETAILS

	Rangers	Falkirk
<b>Fouls:</b>	11	7
<b>Shots:</b>	11	4
<b>Headers:</b>	5	3
<b>Corners:</b>	9	6
<b>Offside:</b>	5	3
<b>Bookings:</b>	0	0
<b>Ordering Off:</b>	0	0
<b>Scorers:</b>	Huistra (4) Hateley (35), (77) Steven (68) Robertson (85)	—
<b>Match Rating:</b>	Disappointing	
<b>Crowd:</b>	34,780	

### TEAMS

Rangers	Falkirk
Goram	Parks
Stevens	Wishart
Robertson	Johnston
Gough	Duffy
Kutznetsov	Weir
Brown	Hughes
Steven	McAllister
S. McCall	Drinkell
McCoist	Cadette
Hateley	McCall
Huistra	May
McSwegan	Taylor
Mikhailichenko	Sloan

**Referee** J. Kelly (East Kilbride)

**Star Man**  
 Kevin McAllister



Gave a great captain's display in a well-beaten side.



## HEARTS 3 FALKIRK 1

**Competition:** Premier League  
**Date:** Saturday 13th February, 1993  
**Weather:** Overcast, cold

**Pitch:** Firm

**Verdict:** Hearts looked a side which could be beaten but Falkirk rarely threatened. Eddie May missed a great chance after being set-up by McAllister but shot tamely at Walker. It was a game lacking in atmosphere and there were few goalmouth chances. Cadette's goal was too late to matter and by then many of the Bairns fans had headed for the exits. Falkirk were over-run in midfield and few passes were strung together, McAllister tried hard but lacked support. Once again, Tynecastle proved a hoodoo ground and it was galling to see such a lack of spark from the side which had beaten Celtic.

### MATCH DETAILS

	Hearts	Falkirk
<b>Fouls:</b>	10	9
<b>Shots:</b>	6	3
<b>Headers:</b>	1	1
<b>Corners:</b>	11	2
<b>Offside:</b>	1	12
<b>Bookings:</b>	0	0
<b>Ordering Off:</b>	0	0
<b>Scorers:</b>	McKinlay (52) Thomas (76) Taylor o.g. (85)	Cadette (88)
<b>Match Rating:</b>	Very poor	
<b>Crowd:</b>	7,770	

### TEAMS

Hearts	Falkirk
Walker	Parks
McLaren	Wishart
McKinlay	Johnston
Berry	Duffy
Mackay	Weir
Van De Ven	Hughes
D. Ferguson	McAllister
I. Ferguson s. 80 (12)	Drinkell
Robertson	Cadette
Mauchlen	McCall s. 66 (14)
Preston s. 72 (14)	May
Bannon	Rice
Thomas	Taylor

**Referee** A. Roy (Aberdeen)

**Star Man**  
 David Weir



Another sound display in a busy defence. Dominated in the air and held Hearts attack in check.







# VISITING BROCKVILLE

## First Premier Encounter

**DATE:** Saturday, September 27th, 1986  
**VENUE:** Brockville  
**RESULT:** Falkirk 0 Celtic 1  
**SCORERS:** Falkirk —  
Celtic — Johnston (82)  
**REFEREE:** R. Vallentine (Dundee)  
**ATTENDANCE:** 18,000  
**FALKIRK TEAM:** — Watson, Martin, Dempsey, Purdie, Manley, Kemp, Hetherston, Stewart, Irvine, McCormack, Hughes. Subs. Ashwood, Nicol.  
**CELTIC TEAM:** — Bonner, W. McStay, Burns, Aitken, Whyte, Macleod, McClair, P. McStay, Johnston, Shepherd, McInally, Subs. Grant, Smith.

**SUMMARY:** Celtic attacked straight away and McClair almost scored from a Shepherd corner. Falkirk came back and Kemp hit a great 25yd effort which Bonner saved with his legs. Watson denied Celtic on countless occasions but was helpless at Celtic's goal. A left wing corner struck Johnston on the knee and went in. Falkirk had done enough to earn a draw with a gritty defensive performance.

**STAR MEN:** Falkirk — John McCormack  
Celtic — Roy Aitken

## Last time we met at Brockville

**DATE:** Saturday, February 6th, 1993  
**RESULT:** Falkirk 2 Celtic 0  
**SCORERS:** Falkirk — Duffy (45) May (82)  
**REFEREE:** L. Mottram (Forth)  
**ATTENDANCE:** 13,012  
**FALKIRK TEAM:** — Parks, Wishart, Johnston, Duffy, Weir, Hughes, McAllister, Drinkell, Cadette, McCall, May, Subs. Taylor, Sloan.  
**CELTIC TEAM:** — Bonner, McNally, Boyd, Vata, Wdowczyk, Galloway, Slater, McStay, McAvennie, Coyne, Collins. Subs. Payton, Grant.

**SUMMARY:** The fighting spirit of a determined Falkirk side ensured the first-ever Scottish Cup win over Celtic. Neil Duffy's scrambled goal just on half-time set up a great second-half. Celtic lacked the fight many had expected and as the game wore on, were visibly draining in confidence. Falkirk's defence held firm and Weir and Hughes totally subdued Coyne and McAvennie.

**STAR MEN:** Falkirk — David Weir  
Celtic — Paul McStay



*John Collins*

## ONE TO WATCH

Born in Galashiels on January 1968, he started out with Hutchison Vale Boys Club and made his senior start with Hibs in season 1984/85. His first league appearance came in the following season and he went on to become a regular for five seasons at Easter Road. He has been capped at Youth, Under-21 and full International level by Scotland and is a classy midfield player. John moved to Parkhead in 1990 for a fee close on £1 million. The link between John and Paul McStay has been effective both at club and international level. He won the first of his caps in 1988 against Saudi Arabia. In 1987/88 he was voted Young Player of the Year by the Scottish PFA.