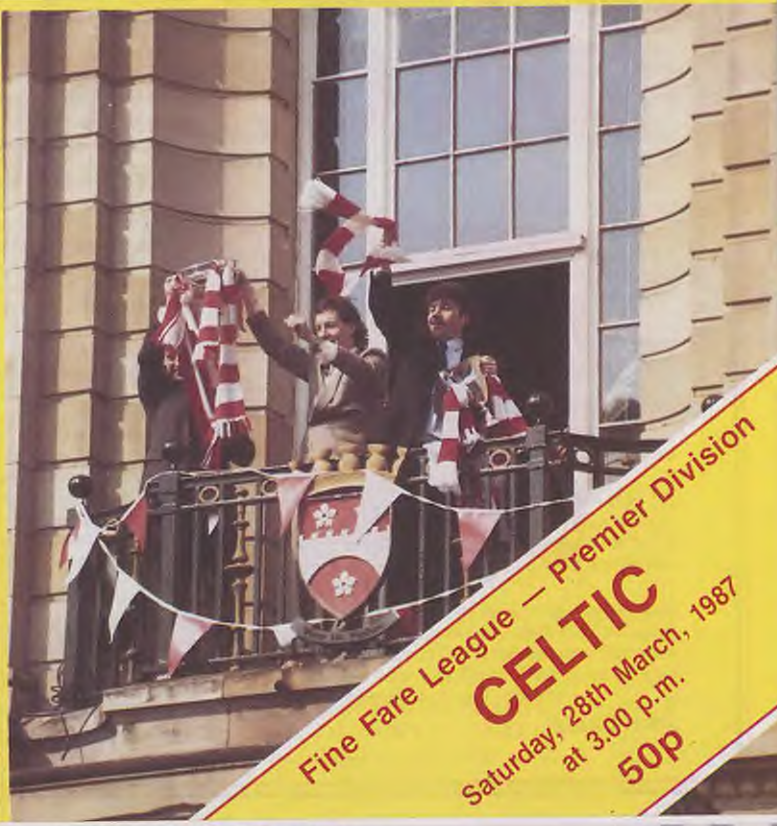


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Reserve League Cup Winners:..	1983-84
Second XI Cup Winners:.....	1934
Lanarkshire Cup Winners:.....	10 times

SECRETARY'S
SLANT

by Alan C. Dick

ALTHOUGH at time of writing it's doubtful if our 10,000 capacity will be stretched this afternoon, any visit from Celtic Football Club is always a highlight of the season. Nearing their Centenary Year, Celtic (conceived in 1887, born 1888) triumphed 2-1 here back on 8th November — the day we opened the 700-seater Presidents' Stand. A somewhat fortuitous victory perhaps with two late, late scores, but there was certainly nothing 'jammy' about their runaway 8-3 success in Glasgow on 3rd January. They were simply inspired.

Yet since that shocker which created a Premier Division goals record of 11, we've tightened up considerably at the back. In no game has more than two counters been conceded, good going in anybody's language. Will it remain so at twenty-to-five? Hopefully, yes. A close confrontation then for the paying public ... and for the masses watching on STV tomorrow.

When completed, our new 100ft. floodlight pylons will each boast 16 high density (white) lights ... more than double the 'power' being generated at present.

The official switch-on, of course, comes on Wednesday, 22nd April when Icelanders IB Keflavik jet into town. However, should Dundee United's UEFA Cup, semi-final (2nd leg) tie against Borussia Mönchengladback be going out 'live' on the goggle box, then Keflavik's visit will, in all probability, be put back 24 hours, the kick-off remaining at 7.45 p.m.

Billy Hillan's front page story on Ian Russell (or Ferguson) in last week's Hamilton Advertiser wasn't wholly accurate. Fergie **hasn't** been banned for life ... he's been banned until he proves that he can conduct himself in an acceptable manner at Douglas Park.



The ban, of course, doesn't apply to other stadia and if the Directors are satisfied that Fergie (photo, left) has at long last cut out the constant stream of obscene language directed towards players and match officials alike between now and the end of term, then it's highly possible that the ban will be lifted in time for the commencement of 1987/88.

Honestly, we don't feel we're asking a lot. Just a reasonable standard in human behaviour from the man. That's all. It's up to Fergie now.

On Tuesday morning Hugh Burns joined us on loan from Rangers until the end of the season. We had actually offered to buy the player earlier in the month but the deal fell through at the last moment.

Commented manager John Lambie on Wednesday, "I'm delighted to have fixed up Hugh for our remaining eight matches. He's a tremendous worker and is not afraid to go forward and attack people. He also has a fair scoring record."

"I'd like to thank Graeme Souness for allowing him to come loan to us at this vital time."

Finally, Stand patrons should kindly note that the metal stairways into the front standing area are not meant as a means of exiting at full-time or as a temporary 'escape' to light up and smoke a cigarette during the match.

These stairways are strictly for emergency use only and the Stewards on duty at both sides are now under instructions to adhere to this latest directive issued to the Club by our local Fire Chief. Thank you for your continued co-operation in such matters.

ALAN C. DICK

"TEAMS at the top find difficulty in piercing the Aberdeen defence which is as effective as anything in the game at the present time. We have failed to score against them this season, but at least on Saturday we 'got in behind their back four' and created a number of chances with deep crosses from the bye-line.

This aspect of our play pleased me, but again we fell down when it came to putting the ball in the net. Also, the discipline of one or two players fell short of the level I require. Of course, players are encouraged to express themselves freely in many situations, yet the overall pattern of our play has to be formulated beforehand and individuals cannot alter tactics just to suit themselves when they step on to the pitch.

For example, at Ibrox in the Cup and at Aberdeen in the League (the 0-0 game) everyone carried out my instructions to the letter and look what happened. We came away with excellent results. Now I'm not going to say that I don't make tactical mistakes. I do... and I'm the first to admit it when I do.



LAMBIE AT LARGE

John Lambie writes . . .

Good discipline is absolutely essential. Since I came here it's been first-class and that's the way it's going to continue.

While we failed to find the net in 360 minutes against Aberdeen, we've scored five times in our previous meetings with today's visitors Celtic. We may have lost all three games, but if the players show the same attitude and will-to-win as they displayed when we knocked favourites Celtic out of the Tennents Sixes in January, we must have a chance of registering our first win of the campaign against the sides in contention for the Premier Division title. We respect and admire Celtic

and would dearly love their League scalp to go along with Rangers' Scottish Cup one from 1986-87.

The fight for survival points goes on and not until it is mathematically impossible for us to remain in the Premier Division will I look towards, and plan for, next season."

CURRENT PLACINGS AND GOALSCORERS

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.	Leading League Scorers
	Pl.	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A		
Rangers.....	37	14	2	2	12	4	3	73	19	58	Ally McCoist 26, Robert Fleck 17, Dave McPherson 8, Davie Cooper 7
Celtic.....	37	15	4	0	8	4	6	75	32	54	Brian McClair 28, Maurice Johnston 21, Alan McNally 13, Murdo MacLeod 4
Aberdeen.....	37	12	4	2	7	8	4	54	23	50	Billy Stark 12, John Hewitt 8
Dundee Utd.....	35	13	4	2	8	4	4	56	27	50	Iain Ferguson 14, Kevin Gallacher 9, Eamonn Bannon 8
Hearts.....	36	11	5	1	7	6	6	56	33	47	John Robertson 14, John Colquhoun 12, Gary Mackay 7, Sandy Clark 6
Dundee.....	35	7	5	5	6	4	8	50	47	35	Graham Harvey 11, John Brown 7, Ray Stephen (now Nancy) 5
St. Mirren.....	36	8	4	7	2	6	9	30	42	30	Frank McGarvey 9, Ian Ferguson 4
Motherwell.....	36	4	5	8	4	6	9	36	55	27	Paul Smith 9, Andy Walker 8, Steve Kirk 7
Hibernian.....	36	5	7	7	3	4	10	34	57	27	Joe McBride 7, George McCluskey 6, Eddie May 4
Falkirk.....	35	4	6	8	2	1	14	26	58	19	Ken Eadie 5, Alan Irvine (now Liverpool) 4
Clydebank.....	36	2	5	10	3	3	13	29	81	18	Stuart Gordon 7, Michael Conroy 6, Lex Grant 6
ACCIES.....	36	1	3	14	4	4	10	31	76	17	John Brogan 6, Albert Craig (now Newcastle United) 5

(Midweek results not included)

PREMIER STATISTICS

1986-87 . . . 1986-87



NEXT FINE FARE CARDS

Saturday, 4th April, 1987

Rangers at Celtic
Aberdeen at Dundee
Clydebank at Falkirk
Hibernian at Heart of Midlothian
ACCIES at Motherwell
Dundee United at St. Mirren

Saturday, 11th April, 1987

Clydebank at Aberdeen
Celtic at Hibernian

(Scottish Cup Semi-Finals Day)

PICK OF THE PICS . . . PICK OF THE PICS . . . PICK



● John Brogan, our leading Premier Division marksman and last season's SPFA First Division 'Player of the Year', displays perfect balance, poise and control as Aberdeen and Scotland centre-back Alex McLeish attempts a block at Douglas Park last Saturday.

Photo by Margaret Macdonald

SINCE Celtic's previous visit here, when they narrowly won 2-1 on 8th November, they have dropped to second place in the League, regained pole position, and are now back in second spot. The Scottish Cup defeat by Hearts was followed by a shock 4-1 setback at Dundee. Celtic then beat Motherwell 3-1 in their next match, but lost to Aberdeen at Pittodrie a fortnight ago. Next Saturday's 'Old Firm' fixture could be the 'decider'. The Celtic players have fought well to defend the Championship trophy they won last season, but there have been several results which haven't pleased the Parkhead faithful, and manager David Hay has found himself and the Club being linked with a variety of players... and facing media criticism of his defence, which has proved rather leaky. It may be remembered that we put three past Pat Bonner in January, and there aren't too many bottom-of-the-table teams who go to Parkhead and score three times! Prior to their last visit to Douglas Park, Celtic 'warmed up' with a trip to Russia to play Dinamo Kiev in the European Cup; this time they entertained Manchester United as a build-up!

PAT BONNER (Goalkeeper) — Has been criticised a few times this season, but has recently been in splendid form. The number one 'keeper for the Republic of Ireland. Pat thwarted Scotland's forwards at Landsdowne Road and Hampden in the recent European Championship ties. A 1979 acquisition from Keadeu Rovers, he was born in Donegal.

DANNY McGRAIN (Defender) — Veteran full-back still playing in the top team at the age of 36, when it seemed likely that he would join Airdrieonians as player/manager last close-season. Signed in 1967 from Maryhill Juniors, he has twice come back from injurious set-backs to his career. Captained Scotland in the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

ANTON ROGAN (Defender) — Highly promising left-back who made his debut against us in January, and netted on his second home appearance against Hibernian. Celebrated his 21st birthday on Wednesday, he was born in Belfast and was bought from Distillery for around £5,000 last summer. Shares a flat with fellow Ulsterman Alan McKnight — The big goalkeeper on loan from Celtic to Albion Rovers — in Clarkston.

ROY AITKEN (Defender) — Irvine-born team skipper, who moved up from Celtic Boys' Club in 1975. Still only 28 years old, but is already in his Testimonial season, the climax of which was Wednesday's match with Manchester United. A committed performer famed for his charges upfield. Nicknamed 'The Bear', Roy can also play in midfield. Devoted family man.

PAUL McGUGAN (Defender) — Has been rather in and out of the side this term. Paul is a 6'2" centre-back who is 22 years old and was snapped up from Eastercraigs in 1980. Made 19+2 substitute appearances last season in the Premier Division, scoring twice. Native Glaswegian.

IN OPPOSITION

Visitors to the
Ducal Town



DEREK WHYTE (Defender) — This tall youngster is undoubtedly an excellent prospect for the future. Made his debut early last year, but has matured well beyond his 18 years this term. Capped by Scotland at Under-21 level, he could be in the running for this season's SPFA 'Young Player' Award. Glasgow-born.

PAUL McSTAY (Midfield) — Very skilful, classy player who has been with Celtic since leaving school in 1981. Lost a little form for a spell, but is now back playing at his best again. Scored nine League goals last season, seven of them away from home. Hamilton-born, and aged 22. Elder brother, Willis, is now with Huddersfield Town.

TONY SHEPHERD (Midfield) — A hard, grafting type who performs well on the right side of midfield. Capped by Scotland at Schools and Youth level, he made his Celtic debut against Queen's Park in the Scottish Cup last season, but only made one substitute League appearance. Age 20, Glasgow-born.

TOMMY BURNS (Midfield) — Extremely gifted performer who recently made his comeback after being out injured for over four months following an awkward tackle in the Euro home leg against Dinamo Kiev. Played the whole of the first segment of last season at left-back, but switched to his customary midfield berth for the run-in and netted five times. Now 29, he has been twelve years at Celtic Park.

MURDO MacLEOD (Midfield) — Has played at left-back this season, as well as in midfield, but found himself on the bench for the trip to Aberdeen two weeks ago. Famed for his powerful shooting from the edge of the penalty box, he was signed from Dumbarton nine years ago. Made 87 League appearances for the Sons and has now enjoyed nearly 300 Premier outings for Celtic.

PETER GRANT (Midfield) — Was one of several players 'dropped' after the 4-1 defeat by Dundee. Peter is a tenacious, battling forger, sometimes over-hasty, but always gives everything for Celtic. Has frequently appeared at right-back this season, and has played for the Scotland Under-21 side. Pays regular visits to his hairdresser!

BRIAN McCLAIR (Forward) — Leading marksman in Scotland this time round, Brian has already won a case of champagne for being the first striker to reach 30 goals. Capped by Scotland this term, he scored four times against us in January, as well as a penalty here in November. Signed from Motherwell in 1983.

he was earlier attached to Aston Villa.

MAURICE JOHNSTON (Forward) — May make a re-appearance in the side today, following his one week suspension by the Club. Currently on the transfer list — at a valuation of £800,000 — after rejecting Celtic's offer. Recently gave a good account of himself on BBC TV's 'A Question of Sport'. Scotland cap, ex-Watford and Partick Thistle. Engaged to Karen Bell.

OWEN ARCHDEACON (Forward) — Celebrated his 21st birthday at the start of the month. Owen is an extremely pacy winger. Made 19+4 substitute appearances in the Premier Division last season and scored three goals — all against Hibernian! Born in Greenock, he joined Celtic from Gourcock United in 1982.

MARK McGHEE (Forward) — Signed from Bundesliga side SV Hamburg in 1985 for a six-figure fee. Made 13+5 substitute appearances for the Bhoys in 1985-86, netting four times. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City before moving to Morton (64 League outings, 37 goals); Newcastle United (28 appearances, 5 goals); Aberdeen (164 Premier appearances, 63 goals); and scored seven times in 30 West German matches.

ALAN McINALLY (Forward) — 'Rambo' notched a hat-trick against us in September, and bagged two more in January, making him Celtic's joint top '86-87 scorer against ourselves along with Brian McClair! Now 24, he started with Ayr United (93 First Division outings, 32 goals), before being bought by Celtic for £95,000 in 1984. Ayrshire resident.



Roy Aitken enjoyed a bumper Testimonial on Wednesday night, Celtic defeating Manchester United 1-0 in front of 36,000.



Celtic's record victory came in an SFL match against Dundee on 26th October, 1895. The Parkhead team won by 11 goals to nil, at that time a record League score in both Scotland and England, writes Scott Struthers. The Glasgow Herald of the following Monday, under the heading of 'Notes on Sports and Pastimes', wrote:—

"The league match between the Celtic and Dundee at Celtic Park was expected to be one of the closest of the season on Saturday. But it turned out a miserable fiasco. Dundee were unfortunate with their men, three of them (Ferrier, Longair and McDonald) being injured, and they played the whole of the second half with only nine men. However, the Celtic had five goals when Dundee's full team were on field, and even up to that time the losers were certainly outplayed. In the second half they went, metaphorically speaking, to pieces, and the Celtic scoring goal after goal won by eleven to nil. The crushing defeat is all the more remarkable coming after, as it did, Dundee's recent brilliant victories."

The Daily Record reported the match as follows:— "Nothing approaching the Celtic/Dundee match on Saturday has ever transpired in connection with the game in Scotland. We have had occasional crushing defeats inflicted in league competitions, but never did a disaster of such significant magnitude befall a

club whose preceding form showed such merit and evidence of power and skill as that which, unfortunately, is associated with the latest appearance of the Dundee club. Historians have been furnished with fresh figures, for eleven goals now forms a record score in the Scottish league, and writing from memory, we think it forms likewise a record in England.

The snow which fell overnight had a tendency to make matters more congenial to the spectators, and the attendance was the largest ever witnessed in Glasgow in a match where Dundee were engaged, about 11,000 being present.

The Celts after emerging from the pavilion to commence the play, had to return again in order to change their colours owing to the similarity of Dundee's stripes. There was absolutely no wind to speak of, and the game started with the visitors playing from the pavilion goal. For about ten minutes the visitors looked as if they would realise expectations, but they utterly failed to contend against the brilliance of their opponents, who were in great form. The Celts virtually had their opponents mastered after twenty minutes play; people wondered if Dundee had really performed such a prodigious feat as a five to love victory over the Hearts. Maley, Kelly, and Battles held their forwards with the greatest ease.

The Celts commenced to score at the very beginning of the

game, and Blessington's example was followed by the rest with an earnestness and brilliance which was astonishingly effective. From first to last, Madden, Blessington, Martin, McMahon and Ferguson exhibited a perfection in combination which was phenomenal. This was one of the finest displays of accurate football ever seen from a Celtic team. Dundee were dispirited and crushed and could take no stand against the home lot. The most disappointing exhibition in the history of their league career ended in utter annihilation and the Celts had the respectable goal roster of 11 to love at the finish.

William Hendry, the Dundee captain, considered the first two goals settled the match. 'Forwards clean out of it. Sawers the only man in form. Regretted the various accidents: Dundee handicapped thereby. Half-backs weak. Darroch class: Barrett dead off. Expressed keen disappointment that he was unable to turn out.'

Alex McMahon, the captain of Celtic, said Celts outplayed their opponents at every point. 'Felt as fresh as a daisy at the finish. Forwards combined to perfection, and strong at goal. Pleased at the whole show, but sorry at Dundee accidents.'

The teams were not listed.

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SCENESETTER

TODAY'S meeting is the 76th between the clubs in the League, our record, hardly anything to write home about, standing at —

	Pf.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Douglas Park	37	4	9	24	40	80	17
Celtic Park	38	3	3	32	33	106	9
Total	75	7	12	56	73	186	26

In fact, our solitary post-war success came in the



opening First Division fixture of the 1953-54 season (programme cover, left), the impressive 2-0 win at Douglas Park on 5th September sending shock-waves throughout the Scottish game. The teams lined-up:—

ACCIES: Ritchie; Bathgate, Johnstone, Wilson, J. Scott, Martin Young, Todd, G. Scott, Brown, Cunning. **Celtic:** Bell; Haughney, Meechan, Evans, Stein, Baillie, Collins, Walsh, McPhail, Peacock, Fernie.

One of the greatest feats ever accomplished by an Accies side in the Scottish Cup, meanwhile, occurred at Celtic Park on 25th February, 1922 — something akin to our recent 1-0 defeat of mighty Rangers at Ibrox.

It was a day of woe for Celtic. They were beaten hip and thigh by three goals to one.

Not since the sensational overthrow of the Parkhead club by humble Arthurrie in the First Round at Barrhead on 9th January, 1897 (the visitors lost 4-2), had Celtic experienced a greater humiliation in a Cup-tie.

However, there was weak Celtic representation to account for the miracle of Arthurrie's triumph. Nothing could be urged in mitigation of their failure against a never-say-die Accies combine.

The game was fought out on a day of wind. The determination of the visiting players was immense. They sailed into the Celts in great style.

A couple of long-range drives by Benny McLaren that

Shaw found difficulty in clearing awakened the Accies forwards to the possibilities the tie held for them.

Flight-winger Tommy Hanlon, a professional runner as well as footballer, got Tommy Cottingham going in the 20th minute, and a quick flash of combination between the pair ended with the latter putting the Lanarkshire side ahead.

The cheering of the delighted Hamiltonians in a crowd of 20,000 roused the players to redoubled efforts.

Still, the surprised Celts plugged away manfully as though they could score at any given time. Their disillusionment was great.

Thirteen minutes after the opening goal Tommy Cottingham bagged another with a pot shot. The climax of Celtic worry was reached when Tommy Hanlon placed a corner-kick into the homesters' goalmouth. Up popped Lachie McMillan to head a third goal three minutes from the interval. Pandemonium!

Celtic commenced the second '45' as if they would soon alter the position. Vain hopes! The harder they pressed the more confident and resourceful Accies became.

Celtic's mistake was that they never altered their style to suit the windy elements; never broke away from the close game that proved their undoing.

All that the Hamilton defenders surrendered was a penalty kick four minutes from the end. Dodds converted.

There were nine players in this Celtic combination who had worn international jerseys. That made all the more sensational the disaster which befell them that afternoon.

Every man on the winning side was lionised. Tommy Cottingham was acclaimed the hero. The teams were:

Celtic — Shaw; McNair, Dodds; Gilchrist, Cringan, McMaster, McAtee, Gallagher, McInally, Cassidy, McLean; **Accies** — White; Kerr, Hunter, Steel, Hall, Thomson, Hanlon, Cottingham, McLaren, McMillan, Bell.

Despite the longevity of the Clubs, very few players have moved directly from Accies to Celtic and only slightly more in the opposite direction. One who falls into the latter category is Jamie McStay, a Netherburn native who joined Celtic from Larkhall Thistle in the early 1920's. After a momentous career at Parkhead, centre-half Jamie, a Great Uncle of Paul, switched to Douglas Park to skipper our 1934-35 combine — arguably the most proficient in our history — picking up a Scottish Cup Final losers' medal. He returned to become Celtic's manager in 1940.

Players who have served us after leaving Celtic Park, although not arriving directly, include Peter Somers in 1910 (via Blackburn Rovers), goalkeeper Peter Shevlin in the early thirties (via Shelbourne) and more recently, Joe Craig

(via Blackburn) and Brian McLaughlin (via Ayr United and Motherwell).

FANS FORUM

The next Monthly Meeting of the Supporters' Club goes ahead in the upstairs suite at Douglas Park on Sunday, 5th April, commencing at 6.30 p.m. All members, old and new — and also prospective ones — are urged to attend. The penultimate round of voting for the 1986-87 'Player of the Year' will take place at this get-together, so be sure to be there.

Tickets, price £5, are in fact, now available for the 'Player of the Year' Dinner Dance to be held in the Lesser Town Hall on Friday, 22nd May (8.00 p.m. — midnight). Contact any Supporters' Club committee member for your briels.

Coach to Motherwell a week today, meanwhile, will depart from Douglas Park Lane at 2.30 p.m. Ring Travel Convener, Willie McInally, as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday evening to reserve your seat for this, the shortest excursion of the season. Willie's telephone number is Hamilton 425972.

The Welfare Organisation also intend to run a coach to Fir Park next Saturday, leaving from Almada Street at 2.30 p.m. The man to contact to book a seat is Alan Bennett on Hamilton 284124.

PAUL COONEY

After a highly successful career in broadcasting, Paul Cooney this afternoon leaves Radio Clyde as Sports Editor to assume a position with Celtic Football Club.

A self-confessed Accies nut, Bothwell resident Paul will be responsible for, amongst other things, the public awareness and image of Celtic as the Club reaches its 100th birthday.

We wish him every success in his new post.

POETRY CORNER

Whit wull Ah say, Ah'm feart tae write,
In January Ah goat an awfu' fright,
Ah saw it thru', ma heart was sair,
Bit here Ah am freens, back fur mair.

An' tae the team Ah've this tae say,
We need some points, git two the day,
Eight-three was jist a fitness test,
Come on Accies, dae yer best.

Hellu there Celtic, team of fame,
Ah hope ye a' enjoy the game,
We're startin' fresh wi' Hughie Burns.
Big Roy had better watch his runs.



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THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

with Gerry Collins

"THE PLAYERS gave it absolutely everything they had against Aberdeen last Saturday, yet at the end of the day it still wasn't enough to secure even one point. As all the papers said the following day, we had them 'on the rack' for long spells in the second half, but the equaliser just wouldn't come. As so often happens in cases like this, the defending team breaks upfield to score a clincher in the last few minutes — and that's precisely what Aberdeen did as we pushed players forward with time fast running out. Two-nil was a farce of a scoreline considering our domination, especially in the final twenty minutes.

Since we last met Celtic at Parkhead on 3rd January in a game which, quite frankly, I'd rather forget all about, we've conceded only thirteen goals in eleven Premier Division and Scottish Cup outings. Only thirteen I can hear you say! Well, all right, I admit that the title contenders wouldn't be terribly pleased with that number, but for us it's a dramatic improvement on what went before 17th January.

On a personal note, I hope Tommy Burns returns to the Celtic line-up this afternoon. Tommy and I have been close friends for

years (I was his 'Best Man' and he was mine), yet we've never played against each other in a senior match before.

I'll never forget the time when Tommy had a chance to move to Arsenal. He had to make up his mind pretty quickly and on the Sunday night the pair of us ended up in his car near my house talking things over until around three in the morning. My wife thought that something serious had happened to me and was on the verge of telephoning the police when I suddenly appeared at the front door. She wouldn't believe I hadn't had a drink all night!

Anyway, here's hoping Tommy is fit enough to resume today. And here's hoping we can break our mad-March 'duck' — not a single goal or a point so far this month. Surely our appalling luck has got to change this afternoon."

GERRY COLLINS

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