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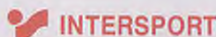
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	& 1964-65
Scottish Cup Runners-up:.....	1911, 1935
Reserve League Cup Winners:..	1983-84
Second XI Cup Winners:.....	1934
Lanarkshire Cup Winners:.....	10 times

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 —



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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RESERVE ROUND-UP . . .

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SOMEWHAT short-handed for the visit of Hearts on 14th March due to Derek Walker being required as 'cover' for the top-team at Ibrox, Gerry McEwan's SFA suspension and a number of our amateur signings turning out for their minor clubs in important Cup-ties, we nevertheless were able to field a combine which captured the points . . . even although coach Davy Wilson, at 48, was forced to list himself as a substitute (under the disguise of Newman!).

If the tussle wasn't a classic, the goal in our narrow 1-0 win most certainly was. It was a quite sensational strike by Gerry Phillips in the 18th minute at the Clydesdale Street end, and it proved to be the difference between the sides at the close of the day.

The fact that neither custodian, Rikki Ferguson and Andy Bruce, was called on to make more than a handful of decent stops, says much for the strength of the respective defences which were in a defiant mood.

As for our main men, well, Jim Weir and John Gibson certainly caught the eye, as did George Cowie and Allan Moore for the tourists. Davy Wilson appeared for the final three minutes, Willie Dunlop retiring early with a head knock. Crowd — 150.

Team: R. Ferguson, McGuigan, Laing, M. Clark, Trialist, Weir, Pelosi, Gibson, Phillips, Brown, Dunlop (Newman).

Up at wintry Dens Park on 19th March, in a match brought forward from last Saturday at fairly short notice, we fell 1-0 to lowly Dundee. On chances created we ought to have won by the length of Tannadice Street, but a combination of sloppy finishing, brave nerving by young Paul Mathers and dreadful luck, kept our scoresheet blank.

Just as the snow-storm intensified, Dundee broke uphill and from a deft Ian Angus touch, Brian Grant volleyed past Rikki Ferguson from fifteen yards in 62 minutes.

Gerry Phillips and Ozzie Brown were both clean through yet failed to locate the net as the proceedings drew to a close. To complete a miserable night for us, John Pelosi was yellow-carded for repeated misconduct.

Team: R. Ferguson, Weir, Laing, M. Clark, McEwan,

Trialist, Pelosi, Walker, Phillips, Brown, Gibson.

On Monday evening our youngsters tackle Motherwell at Fir Park (kick-off 7.30 p.m.) Do try to make it. They really will appreciate your support.

GOALSCORERS

- 13 — Gerry Phillips
6 — Kevin McKee
4 — Joe Reid
3 — Stevie Clarke (2 pens.), Trialists
2 — John Brogan, Albert Craig, Willie Jamieson, Jim Liddle, John Mailer, Paul McDonald (1 pen.), John Pelosi (1 pen.), Derek Walker (2 pens.)
1 — Ally Brazil, Ozzie Brown, David Laing, Kenny Latham, John McVeigh, Tommy O'Neill, Robert Reilly, Adrain Sprott, Colin Hendry (Dundee) o.g.

APPEARANCES

- 24 — Paul McDonald (1), Rikki Ferguson, Gerry McEwan
20 — Gerry McGuigan (6)
19 — Gerry Phillips (1), Derek Walker (1)
15 — Jim Weir (2), John Pelosi
14 — Martin Clark
13 — Kevin McKee
11 — Ally Brazil
9 — Joe Reid (4), John Gibson (2), Chico Speirs
8 — Adrian Sprott (1), Stevie Clarke
7 — Albert Craig
6 — Robert Reilly (2), John Mailer
5 — Ozzie Brown (1), Jimmy Sinclair
4 — Willie Dunlop (4), Kenny Latham (1), John Brogan, Willie Jamieson, Tommy O'Neill
3 — David Laing (3), Jim Liddle, Gerry McCabe, Dave McKellar, Alex Taylor
2 — Alan Ferguson, Alex Hamill, Willie Watson
1 — Les Brownlie (1), David Elliot (1), Scott Baird, Bobby Barr, Peter Farrell, John Millar, John McVeigh, Willie Walters
22 — Trialists (7)

(Figures in brackets refer to substitute appearances)

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE 1986-87 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug. 9	at Clydebank	3-3
14	Aberdeen	1-2
22	at Rangers	2-2
30	at Motherwell	1-1
Sep. 11	Falkirk	5-0
20	at Dundee United	1-2
24	Celtic	3-2
27	St. Mirren	1-1
Oct. 2	at Hibernian	2-1
9	Clydebank	1-0
16	at Heart of Midlothian	1-1
27	Rangers	1-1
Nov. 1	Motherwell	1-4
8	at Celtic	2-2
13	at Falkirk	5-0
24	at St. Mirren	4-0
27	Hibernian	3-0
Dec. 6	at Aberdeen	2-3
13	Heart of Midlothian	2-0
16	Dundee	3-2
20	at Dundee	1-4
Jan. 17	at Dundee United	0-3
29	St. Mirren	1-0
Feb. 3	Dundee United	2-3
11	at Hibernian	0-0
14	at Rangers	2-1
23	Aberdeen	1-3
Mar. 9	Falkirk (League Cup)	0-1
11	Clydebank	2-2
14	Heart of Midlothian	1-0
19	at Dundee	0-1
30	at Motherwell	
Apr. 4	Celtic	
11	Falkirk	

KEY: Douglas Park fixtures in bold type. All scheduled dates are Saturday afternoons (kick-offs at 3.00 p.m.), but it may be that the occasional match will be switched to a midweek night, in which case the kick-off will be 7.30 p.m.

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Note: Season Ticket holders can gain entry to Premier Reserve League matches by displaying their ticket books at the North Stand turnstile door. Only the Stand is open and general admission prices are adults £1.00, youths/OAP £0.60.

NOTICE BOARD



As female toilets in the ground have still to be built, all ladies faced with pressing necessity this afternoon are asked to come to the players' tunnel where they will be escorted by a Steward (male, of course!) to the powder room in the Social Club which is situated underneath the Main Stand. Many thanks for bearing with us on this one, ladies! Hope you're not inconvenienced too much.

On top of the Under-18 Scotland/England Schools International — to be sponsored once again by the Esso Petroleum company — due at Douglas Park on Saturday, 9th May, we can now reveal that the Lanarkshire Amateur Cup Final will be staged here the following Monday evening, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

The things they said . . . Celtic manager David Hay earlier in the week, "What we must do is win at Hamilton on Saturday to set ourselves up for the game with Rangers. That is the one that is going to decide our fate. If we beat Hamilton and Rangers, we must then win all our remaining matches and I honestly believe that we are still capable of doing it."

The Aberdeen issue of 'Accies World', somewhat surprisingly, was completely sold out well in advance of the three o'clock kick-off last weekend. However, for regular readers who didn't manage to obtain a magazine, there's good news. We've acquired some buckshee copies from our printers and these are available from Alan Dick today.

Our Premier Division match against Dundee United at Tannadice a fortnight today has been postponed due to the Tangerines' involvement in the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup that afternoon. This means that come 11th April, we'll have two outstanding league fixtures . . . both with UEFA Cup semi-finalists Dundee United. With regard to re-arranged dates we're still in the dark, but Tuesday, 14th April is a possibility for the game at Douglas Park. As for the one on Tayside, we'll leave that for the SFL to sort out. It could be as late as 11th May, depending on United's UEFA progress.

Postbag . . . Andrew Clarke, 76 Fowlmere Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B42 2EA writes, "I go to school in Aston, Birmingham and at the start of the season I decided to form a football team. Due to a number of the players being impressed by your success in winning the Scottish First Division in 1985-86, I decided to adopt your name, i.e. Aston Academical. Unfortunately, we haven't been terribly successful. In fact we've lost all eighteen matches played to date. Sorry to put a 'Kiss of Death' on your season, I just hope that the real Accies remain in the Premier Division. By the way, if you think some of your results have been poor in

1986-87, what about our 18 League defeats — 0-13, 2-11, 1-13, 2-7, 1-16, 1-6, 3-6, 1-20, 2-4, 1-11, 1-4, 1-9, 0-13, 0-11, 0-26, 0-5, 0-6 and 0-11. The last goal we scored was on 30th November!"

(Ed. reply — Don't worry Andrew, we haven't netted this month either!)



TEAMCHECK

ACCIES

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Team Manager: JOHN LAMBIE

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2. KEVIN McKEE
3. ADRIAN SPROTT
4. ALLY BRAZIL
5. MARK FULTON
6. GERRY COLLINS
7. JOHN PELOSI
8. STEVIE CLARKE
9. WILLIE JAMIESON
10. ALEX TAYLOR
11. JOHN BROGAN

Sub: DEREK WALKER (12)

Sub: JOHN MAILER (14)



CELTIC

(Yellow with Green and White Trims and 'C. R. SMITH' logo)

Team Manager: DAVID HAY

1. PAT BONNER
 2. DANNY McGRAIN
 3. ANTON ROGAN
 4. ROY AITKEN
 5. DEREK WHITE
 6. PETER GRANT
 7. BRIAN McCLAIR
 8. PAUL McSTAY
 9. MAURICE JOHNSTON
 10. MURDO MacLEOD
 11. ALAN McINALLY
- Sub: TOMMY BURNS (12)
- Sub: OWEN ARCHDEACON (13)

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C Dundee United/Dundee

D Hibernian/Falkirk

E Rangers/Motherwell

F Airdrieonians/Montrose

G Clyde/Partick Thistle

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J East Fife/Dunfermline Ath.

K Forfar Athletic/Brechin City

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T St. Johnstone/Stranraer

U Stenhousemuir/Stirling Albion



COMING UP:

Premier Reserve League
CELTIC
Saturday, 4th April, 1987
at 3.00 p.m.

Premier Reserve League
FALKIRK
Saturday, 11th April, 1987
at 3.00 p.m.

Profile

GERRY McCABE

Full Name: Gerald McCabe

Birthdate: 26th September, 1956

Where Born: Hamilton

Height: 5ft. 9ins. **Weight:** 10st. 7lbs.

Marital Status: Married to Sheena.
Two children, Denise (10) and Kevin (7)

Best Friend: All family members

Favourite T.V. 'soap': The Colbys

If you weren't a footballer, what sport would you like to play professionally: Boxing

Newspapers/Magazines read: Daily Record, Sunday Mail, Sunday Post, Hamilton Advertiser

Magic moment in football: Winning the SPFA First Division 'Player of the Year' Award three years in succession, 1983 to 1985

Holiday spot last summer: Wasn't away anywhere

Favourite Snack: Roll and sausage

Hobbies: Snooker and pool

Previous Club(s): Polkemmet Juniors, Hibernian, Windsor Star, Toronto Italia, Clyde, Clydebank

Musical Tastes: Rolling Stones, U2, Diana Ross

Which country impressed you most in the World Cup Finals in Mexico: Russia's pace and skill on the ball was a delight

What would you like to change in football: Coaches are making the game more and more complicated with tactics which can baffle. Let's keep football simple

Accies player for the future: Gerry McEwan

Who would you most enjoy meeting outside football: Either Linda Lusardi or John Brogan's Bank manager!

Town of residence: Hamilton

What is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning: Roll back over until Sheena gives me a prod

Taste in ladies: Attractive and with a sense of humour. Ones who buy the rounds!

Given the choice, in which country would you like to play professional soccer: France

Year joined up at Douglas Park: 1986

Top-team appearances/goals: 17(5)/2



Gerry McCabe



TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE



HAMILTON football folklore is heavy on the thirties — the days of stirring Accies sides and vast crowds populating Douglas Park. Accordingly, this season we back-track to 1937-38 when we finished in 13th place (out of 20) in the First Division, yet missed relegation by a mere two points! It's an incredible story... in every issue of 'Accies World' this term.

March, 1938 — Accies moved deeper into relegation trouble when they were defeated 1-0 by Aberdeen at Pittodrie on 26th March. It was a disappointing match with only three incidents of note, one of these being the goal which gave the Dons victory writes Stewart Turner.

With thirteen minutes gone Smith beat Jimmy McGurk out near the corner flag and swung over a high, swerving ball. Jimmy Morgan appeared to be all set to clutch it, but agonisingly he let it drop behind him and into the net.

The other incidents in this uninspiring affair happened early on in each half, David Wilson shooting against the crossbar and Aberdeen's Armstrong, with a prodigious effect after the jungle juice, also being baulked by the horizontal.

Accies: Morgan; Wallace, McGurk; Findlay, Lowe, Thomson; McNeil, Cassidy, Wilson, Keddie, McNea.

Four days later the Lanarkshire side made the much shorter trip to Hampden Park where they were beaten two goals to one by Queen's Park. This reversal left Accies second bottom equal in the First Division, the only saving grace being their fairly respectable goal average.

Queen's opened their account early in the first period. Cross passed to Browning who 'rode' a tackle by Bobby Wallace before fully controlling the ball and cleverly dispatching it behind Jimmy Morgan. The visitors equaliser arrived in the 33rd minute. From a Jimmy King corner on the right, Chris McNea set up George Gilmour to score from close range.

The Spiders were a more prominent attacking force after the break and it came as no great surprise when they grabbed the lead, albeit with an own goal: it was a lobbed Kinghorn free-kick that was miskicked past Jimmy Morgan by centre-half John Lowe.

Accies: Morgan; Wallace, McGurk; Thomson, Lowe, Jarvie; King, Keddie, Wilson, Gilmour, McNea.

On the corresponding Saturday 49 years ago, today's visitors,

Celtic, entertained relegation-threatened Ayr United, the match ending as a 1-1 draw. Thow, Yardley and McGibbon all missed chances for Ayr before Dimmer put them ahead in 27 minutes. McDonald equalised for a poor Celtic twelve minutes later.

Outside of football, Raleigh were advertising bicycles at £5.10s (£5.50). Bikes with a three-speed gear cost an extra £1.

RESULTS — SEASON-BY-SEASON

Having listed all our Scottish League results (with dates) back to the Club gaining admission to the Second Division of the SFL in October, 1897, we now turn our attention to the Southern League Cup/Scottish League Cup with results, dates, goalscorers and final Section tables being featured on a season-by-season basis.

PART 9 — SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP 1948-49

Section C (Division 'B')

11.9.48	Stenhousemuir 1, ACCIES 1 (Devlin);
18.9.48	ACCIES 2 (Devine, Mooney), St. Johnstone 2;
25.9.48	Dundee United 1, ACCIES 2 (Mooney, McMullen);
2.10.48	ACCIES 3 (McMullen, Wilson, McCabe), Stenhousemuir 0;
9.10.48	St. Johnstone 0, ACCIES 0;
16.10.48	ACCIES 6 (Jack 2, McMullen 2, McCabe, Gillan), Dundee United 3.

Final Table

	Pl.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
ACCIES.....	6	3	3	0	14	7	9
St. Johnstone.....	6	2	3	1	11	11	7
Dundee United.....	6	2	1	3	14	15	5
Stenhousemuir.....	6	1	1	4	9	15	3

Quarter Final

30.10.48 — ACCIES 1 (Jack), Airdrieonians 1, a.e.t. (Norwood; McGurk, Johnstone; Gillan, Rothera, McCabe; Mooney, McMullen, Jack, Martin, Devine); 3.11.48 (Replay) — Airdrieonians 1, ACCIES 1 (McMullen), a.e.t. (Anderson for Devine the only change); 8.11.48 (Second replay at Celtic Park) — ACCIES 1 (Devlin), Airdrieonians 0 (Devlin for Jack the only change from first match).

Semi-Finals

20.11.48 (at Celtic Park) — Raith Rovers 2, ACCIES 0 (Norwood; McGurk, Johnstone; Gillan, Rothera, McCabe; Mooney, McMullen, Devlin, Martin, Devine).

Winner of tournament — Rangers.

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The greatest marksman in our history is the legendary David Wilson who, between 1928 and 1939, netted a Club record 246 goals in official matches. Remaining at Douglas Park until his retirement in 1944, David, had been born north of the border instead of Hepburn-on-Tyne, would surely have become a seasoned Scottish internationalist.



THIS season, by way of a change to the normal practice, the Club has obtained lucrative kit sponsorship, not specifically for John Brogan, Willie Jamieson, Alex Taylor etc., but for those players who don jerseys 1-11 on match days. We are indebted to the chartered firms and individuals who have generously financed the cost of providing kit (boots, jerseys, shorts, stockings and dress tracksuits) for our starting line-up.

However, all this doesn't mean to say that we aren't looking for YOUR backing, albeit on a smaller scale,

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- For which club is former Scotland star Joe Jordan currently performing?
- When Alex Ferguson moved to Rangers from Dunfermline Athletic in 1967 he created an internal Scottish transfer record. What was the fee involved?
- Former Forfar Athletic and Dundee United goalkeeper Donald Mackay has managed three clubs. Name them?
- Which former Manchester United player is a member of the Old Trafford Board of Directors?
- Clydebank's record attendance is 14,900 for a Scottish Cup-tie against whom in 1965?

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STATSHECK

1986-87

Date	Opponents	Attend.	Result	Pts.Tot.	Pos.	Goalscorers (Minute)
Aug. 9	Clydebank	2,175	0-1	0	12th	—
13	at Heart of Midlothian	10,103	0-1	0	12th	—
16	at Aberdeen	10,316	0-2	0	12th	—
19	at Brechin City (Skol Cup 2)	500	1-0	—	—	McVeigh (107) a.e.t.
23	Rangers	10,000	1-2	0	12th	Brogan (69)
27	Hibernian (Skol Cup 3)	4,697	0-1	—	—	—
30	Motherwell	4,333	0-3	0	12th	—
Sep. 6	at Celtic	17,036	1-4	0	12th	McKee (82)
13	at Falkirk	3,178	0-0	1	12th	—
20	Dundee United	2,876	1-5	1	12th	Liddle (90)
27	at St. Mirren	2,640	1-2	1	12th	Liddle (38)
Oct. 4	Hibernian	3,478	1-4	1	12th	Liddle (44)
8	Dundee	1,941	0-3	1	12th	—
11	at Clydebank	1,235	1-2	1	12th	Clarke (16)
18	Heart of Midlothian	5,405	1-3	1	12th	McCabe (58 pen.)
25	Aberdeen (from Oct. 29)	3,001	0-1	1	12th	—
Nov. 1	at Motherwell	3,349	1-1	2	12th	Phillips (83)
8	Celtic	10,000	1-2	2	12th	Mailer (75)
15	Falkirk	2,723	1-2	2	12th	Phillips (6)
19	at Dundee United	4,280	0-3	2	12th	—
22	St. Mirren	2,293	1-1	3	12th	McCabe (80 pen.)
29	at Hibernian	4,659	3-1	5	12th	Brogan (31, 55), Mitchell (70)
Dec. 3	at Dundee	2,525	3-3	6	12th	Speirs (51), Mailer (67), Reilly (78)
6	Clydebank	2,041	0-0	7	12th	—
13	at Heart of Midlothian	9,234	0-7	7	12th	—
20	Rangers	10,000	0-2	7	12th	—
27	at Aberdeen	9,941	0-0	8	12th	—
Jan. 1	Motherwell	3,478	4-2	10	12th	Craig (45, 60, 64, 81)
3	at Celtic	16,380	3-8	10	12th	Craig (18), Mailer (79), McKee (84)
17	Dundee United		Post			
17	at Rangers (from Oct. 25)	43,052	0-2	10	12th	—
24	at St. Mirren	2,588	1-0	12	12th	Brogan (49)
31	at Rangers (Scot. Cup 3)	35,462	1-0	—	—	Sprott (70)
Feb. 7	Hibernian	3,903	0-1	12	12th	—
14	Dundee	2,019	1-1	13	12th	Brogan (44)
21	Motherwell (Scot. Cup 4)	7,047	1-2	—	—	Phillips (81)
25	at Falkirk	1,969	2-0	15	12th	Brogan (61), Clarke (85)
28	at Clydebank	1,411	3-2	17	11th	Taylor (15), Sprott (52), McKee (81)
Mar. 7	Heart of Midlothian	4,778	0-1	17	12th	—
14	at Rangers	33,486	0-2	17	12th	—
21	Aberdeen	3,594	0-2	17	12th	—
28	Celtic					
Apr. 4	at Motherwell					
11	at Dundee United					
18	Falkirk					
25	at Hibernian					
May 2	St. Mirren					
9	at Dundee					



Dave McKellar at the Tennents Sixes

KEY: Douglas Park fixtures in bold type. Accies score given first. Saturday kick-offs at 3.00 p.m., midweek at 7.30 p.m.

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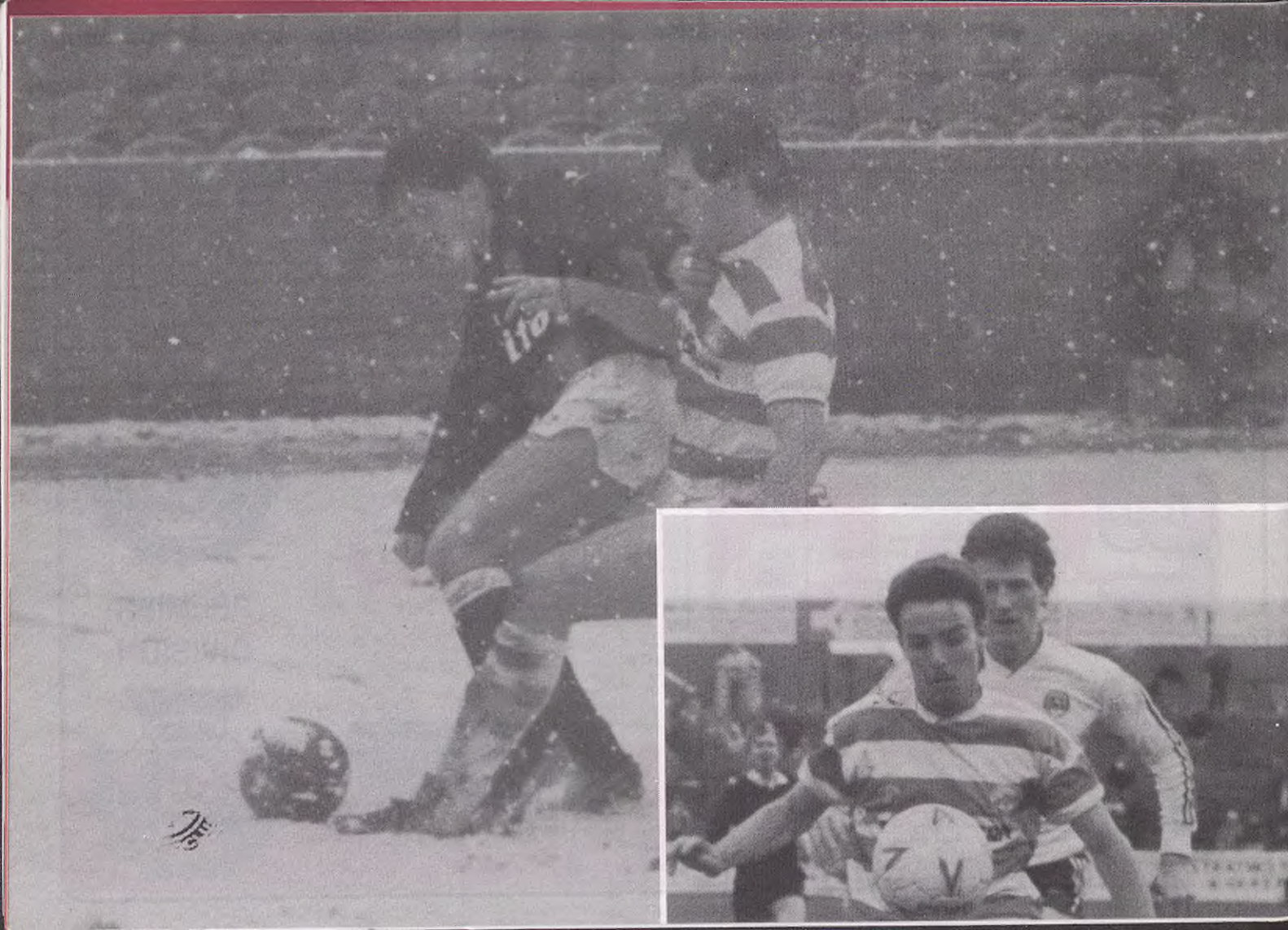


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It's no fun for Chico Speirs and John Robertson as the pair get to grips with each other and the raging blizzard which turned the Hearts confrontation earlier in the month into a Christmas card setting. Meanwhile, Kevin McKee has Jim Bell of Aberdeen breathing down his neck as he ponders his next move a week ago... our page 22 snaps. Here, side-by-side, as they have been at late marker Kevin McKee and Rangers' Davie Cooper race for the ball in our 2-0 defeat at Ibrox on 14th March.

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NEWSDESK

EXPENSIVE October capture from Clydebank, Hamiltonian Gerry McCabe, commences a two-match SFA suspension this afternoon... Trialist centre-back in our last two Premier Reserve League fixtures, against Hearts and Dundee, was Bellshill Y.M.C.A.'s John Dempsey — son of our Assistant Manager Jim... After defeating East Stirlingshire 2-0 (John Brogan 2) in the First Round of the Stirlingshire F.A. Sixes at Coasters Arena in Falkirk last Sunday, we crashed out of the tournament at the second hurdle, losing 3-1 to Dumbarton. Kevin McKee netted. Our full squad was: — R. Ferguson, M. Clark, McKee, Pelosi, Mailer, Brogan, Phillips, McDonald and McCabe... Today's mascot is 12 year old John Reid who resides at 150 Hillside Crescent, Hamilton. Enjoy your afternoon out, John... Amateur signing Jim Weir has been included in the Scotland Under-18 squad for the traditional end-of-term representative games... Ex-Accie John McGachie took his Meadowbank Thistle goal tally for 1986-87 to an impressive 19 with an early brace against Queen's Park at Hampden seven days ago... Skipper Gerry Collins hopes to take part in Tommy Burns' Testimonial Match, scheduled for early next term at Celtic Park... Dave McKellar is one player hoping that our season isn't extended beyond the planned closing date of 9th May. You see, Dave leaves for a family holiday in Spain on Monday, 11th May... Englishman Peter Farrell, who had a brief stay at Douglas Park four months ago, is set to return on 22nd April in the colours of IB Kellavik for our floodlight opening (second time around)... Full-timer Willie Dunlop has recovered from a bout of 'flu.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

On last Saturday's 2-0 defeat by Aberdeen at Douglas Park:—

Sunday Mail — "Aberdeen went about the task of winning with a jaded air. Accies tried a bit harder and had a lot of play at times. But when they got into the vital scoring area, their confidence evaporated."

Sunday Post — "After the break Accies still worked harder. John Brogan might have grabbed the equaliser when he hit a good shot on the turn from just inside the box with Jim Leighton having to change direction in mid-air to make a great stop."

Sunday Express — "Once again it was the lack of penetration in the target area that cost Accies the points. For they had plenty of pressure, but had a powder-puff look about them around goal."

1986-87 GOAL COUNT

First Team

Home Goals — 13

Scoreboard end: 6 (first half 2, second half 4);

Clydesdale Street end: 7 (first half 2, second half 5);
Away Goals — 21 (first half 5, second half 16).

Reserve Team

Home Goals — 28

Scoreboard end: 16 (first half 12, second half 4);

Clydesdale Street end: 12 (first half 5, second half 7);

Away Goals — 26 (first half 12, second half 14).

Figures up to and including 21st March, 1987.

RECORD REQUESTS

Don't forget to send in your record dedications for a friend who has a birthday/wedding etc. coming up. Cards can also be left at the Ticket Office on match-days... prior to 2.45 p.m. if you don't mind!

ACCIES AWAY

Continuing our 1986-87 'road' reports:

Rangers 0, Accies 1 (Scottish Cup) — 31st January

This historic result has been written about before and is being written about again... and will be talked about for several years to come. The Ibrox club did enjoy most of the play, but we excelled in defence like never before. Big Dave McKellar was magnificent between the sticks — once again proving to be a 'steal' at £10,000 from Hibernian — Mark Fulton and Gerry Collins were immense, while Kevin McKee marked Davie Cooper out of the game for the umpteenth time in his career. Ally Brazil cleverly broke up numerous attacks, John Pelosi chased every ball and Stevie Clarke had his own personal midfield battle with Graeme Souness. Albert Craig, playing his last match before an unexpected move to Newcastle United, orchestrated things down the left. He was booed by the home support throughout. Up front, John Brogan and John Mailer toiled to find a path to Chris Woods who, in the 31st minute, set a new UK 'shut-out' record. Alex Taylor came on for John Mailer to support Messrs. Clarke and Craig in centre-field. Gerry McCabe, our other substitute, shouted himself hoarse from the dug-out along with the management 'team'. The goal went to Adrian Sprott, our quiet, well-spoken Edinburgh native. In the 70th minute, our first serious attack of the second half, Gerry Collins took a free-kick on the right. Stevie Clarke touched it in the general direction of Rangers number 5 Dave McPherson who allowed the ball to run under his foot for 'Aiders' to fire home a superb low shot and stun every 'Gers fan inside Ibrox and out. Oh what a night!

Falkirk 0, Accies 2 — 25th February

Back to Premier Division business at Brockville and a game we absolutely had to win. The Bairs were five points better off going into this Wednesday fixture, and we simply had to cut that deficit to have any chance of staying up. Falkirk had slightly the better of a frantic opening period and little Jimmy Gilmour actually had the

ball in the net after eight minutes, but was rightly ruled offside. Adrian Sprott came close twice towards the end of the phase as we briskly went about the business of searching for a goal which duly arrived in the 61st minute. Gerry McCabe sent a cheeky pass forward to John Brogan who, as neminder Nicky Walker advanced, lobbed over him and into the roof of the rigging for a marvellous score. We continued to push forward and Stevie Clarke notched a deserved second with five minutes remaining when he netted from a couple of yards following another Gerry McCabe defence-splitting pass.

(Further reports in our next issue)



Gerry Collins and Clydebank's Jim Rodger in a head-to-head at Kilbowie on 28th February

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	Pl.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Aberdeen.....	27	18	6	3	60	25	42
Rangers.....	29	12	12	5	53	33	36
Celtic.....	28	15	6	7	59	42	36
Motherwell.....	30	12	11	7	52	32	35
ACCIES.....	30	12	9	9	54	44	33
Dundee Utd.....	28	12	7	9	43	42	31
Hearts.....	29	11	8	10	41	40	30
Falkirk.....	30	8	8	16	41	73	22
Clydebank.....	26	8	5	13	40	49	21
Hibernian.....	29	7	7	15	34	56	21
Dundee.....	27	6	7	14	42	54	19
St. Mirren.....	29	4	8	17	33	62	16

FIRST DAY COVERS

First day covers, to commemorate the opening of the Presidents' Stand, are now available at a cost of £1.00. Franked by the Post Office on 8th November, the envelope features an artist's impression of the Stand, plus detailed information on the three Stands which have graced Douglas Park since 1888. The team sand match official from 8th November are also listed. Don't miss this unique souvenir — write to the Secretary, Hamilton Academical F.C., Douglas Park, Hamilton ML3 0DF immediately, stating your full name and address. Please allow 10 days for delivery.



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FACTS 'N' FIGURES . . . FACTS 'N' FIGURES . . . FACTS

Player (Year Signed)	Pos.	H.A. CAREER		1986-87 FIGURES						TP
		Appear.	Goals	Appear.	Mins.	Shots	Assists	Goals		
John Brogan (84)	For.	94(8)	41	30(8)	2688	72	4	6	16	
Alex Taylor (86)	For.	23(2)	1	23(2)	2102	40	2	1	4	
Joe Reid (85 - now Kilmarnock)	For.	29(1)	9	6	486	13	1	0	1	
Bobby Barr (86)	Mid.	19(5)	—	19(5)	1689	21	3	0	3	
Gerry Phillips (82)	For.	106(29)	24	13(6)	1277	27	1	3	7	
Jim Liddle (86 - now Meadowbank Th.)	For.	6(4)	3	6(4)	598	22	1	3	7	
Albert Craig (86 - now Newcastle Utd.)	Mid.	14(4)	5	14(4)	1362	20	0	5	10	
Willie Watters (85 - now Clyde)	For.	6(5)	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Stevie Clarke (84)	Mid.	82(10)	9	19(5)	1743	53	2	2	6	
Tommy O'Neill (85 - now Airdrieonians)	Mid.	60(3)	5	9(2)	835	6	0	0	0	
John Petozi (84)	Mid.	78(9)	9	14(1)	1207	9	2	0	2	
Graham Mitchell (79 - now Hibernian)	Def.	180(23)	10	25	2216	31	1	1	3	
Adrian Sprott (85)	Mid.	41(1)	5	22	1931	31	1	2	5	
Gerry McGuigan (85)	Mid.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Willie Jamieson (85)	Def.	53(1)	3	9(1)	827	12	0	0	0	
Alex Hamill (82 - now Forfar Athletic)	Def.	156(7)	4	10(1)	959	6	0	0	0	
Chico Speirs (82)	Def.	104(3)	3	13(1)	1110	9	0	1	2	
Ally Brazil (86)	Def.	27(1)	—	27(1)	2406	9	0	0	0	
Gerry Collins (85)	Def.	44(3)	1	34	3080	27	1	0	1	
Kevin McKee (86)	Def.	21(2)	3	21(2)	1841	30	2	3	8	
John McVaigh (86 - now Kilmarnock)	Mid.	20(2)	1	20(2)	1864	18	0	1	2	
Jimmy Sinclair (85)	Def.	45	—	2	180	3	0	0	0	
Stuart Turnbull (84)	Mid.	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Rikki Ferguson (74)	Goal	509	—	3	270	0	0	0	0	
Dave McKellar (86)	Goal	37	—	37	3360	0	0	0	0	
Derek Walker (86)	Mid.	6(1)	—	6(1)	525	8	1	0	1	
Tom McAdam (86 - now Motherwell)	Def.	3	—	3	270	2	0	0	0	
Robert Reilly (86 - now Airdrieonians)	Def.	3(4)	1	3(4)	277	2	0	1	2	
Paul McDonald (86)	For.	1(1)	—	1(1)	87	2	1	0	1	
Gerry McCabe (86)	Mid.	17(5)	2	17(5)	1685	20	5	2	9	
John Millar (86 - loan from Chelsea)	Def.	10	—	10	886	4	0	0	0	
John Mailer (86)	For.	12(7)	3	12(7)	1090	34	3	3	9	
Peter Farrell (86 - now IB Keflavik)	Mid.	3	—	3	235	2	0	0	0	
Mark Fulton (87)	Def.	9	—	9	810	6	0	0	0	

KEY: TP signifies Total Points (i.e. 2 Points for a goal, 1 for an assist). Figures in brackets refer to substitute appearances.
Statistics up to and including 21.3.87

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