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EDITORIAL

We have had two rounds of the Skol Cup and one league programme, and already there have been thirteen red cards shown (before last night's matches). Little wonder, then, that the papers are needlessly sensationalising recent events. This club is not innocent as two of the red cards have come our way. Two players were dismissed at Brockville last Wednesday and we will all have seen the TV highlights showing Dariusz Wdowczyk being dismissed at the weekend. But players are not becoming dirtier, nor are referees being 'over-strict'. "Fair Play, please" is the motto of FIFA and many national associations, including those in this country, and they have also adopted this theme. A change in the interpretation of some laws means that what may have been punished by a yellow card last season now warrants a red card. The SFA and SFL are continuing their successful and ongoing campaign to clean up the game at all levels and it will get through to players that there must be a reduction in foul play. Too many players being sent off does the game no favours at all and spoils the action for fans. Players heading up the tunnel early are making the job for their teammates that bit harder, and are also hit in the pocket as they cannot pick up appearance money or bonuses while watching from the stand. It may take a few more red cards to convince everyone but the SFA are adamant that the message will get through, and the game will be better for it in the long run.

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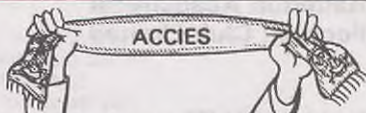
1990 SKOL CUP INCENTIVES

The Alloa Brewery Company, sponsors of the Skol Cup, are offering goalscoring incentives in this the seventh season of the Skol Cup. There is a centenary goalscoring target which seeks 100 goals to be scored over the first four rounds; a special prize for the top scoring player in the competition; a man of the match award at every game and a team performance award in each of the first four rounds. Already Skol seem on target to pay out the centenary goal scoring fund as 76 goals were scored in the first two rounds and, thus, only a further 24 are needed from the third and fourth rounds.

Front cover photo - The Accies management team of Billy McLaren (left) and Willie McLean (right).



Gaffer's Column



"Let me say that I am delighted with the good start that we have made to the season in recording two fine away victories, and it is very satisfying to have worked so hard in training and then see it paying dividends. There are no guarantees in football, but the harder we work, the more chance that things will pay off for us and that has already been proved. There is no embarrassment in saying that we cannot buy and spend at the level of some other clubs - Airdrieonians spent £500,000 last season and still didn't go up - but, on the contrary, we have experienced two competent and tidy performances in adverse circumstances and have soldiered on with ten men in each game.

I should say that whilst this is the manager's column, I must point out that Willie McLean, my Assistant Manager, is working as hard, if not more so, than anyone else and if we continue to glean as much from his experience as we have done so far, then things can only get better.

Let us spare a thought, too, for young Scott Archer who has had an unfortunate start to the season, and we will be giving him every encouragement to bet back to match fitness. The same also applies to Chris Hillcoat - I'm sure all Accies fans will be pleased to see these two young players back playing as soon as possible.

Discipline must be mentioned. We have had two men sent off in our first two matches and this is worrying. The two incidents were down to circumstances, although we must be very much aware of the job being made harder because of this. We are setting out to do things correctly and properly throughout the club and this will be most obviously displayed on a Saturday. These same principles apply tonight and we go into this game with the same manner as we shall for the remainder of the season.

See you all back for our first home league game on Saturday against Ayr United".

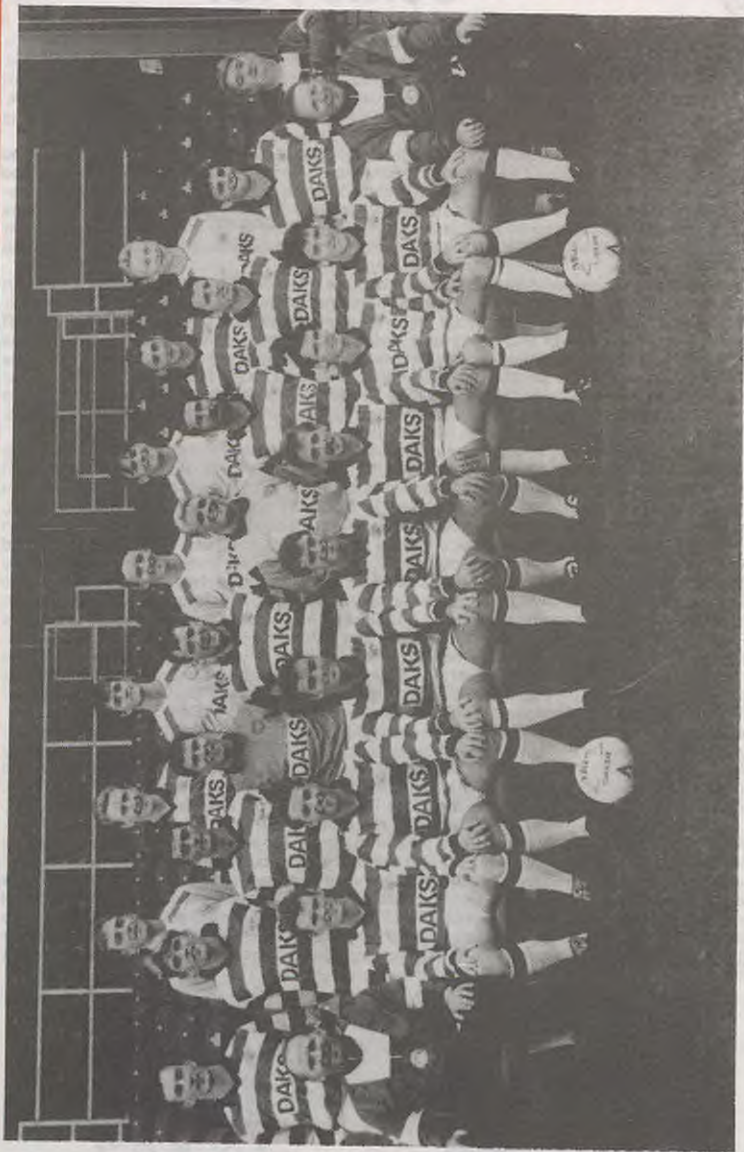
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■ Accies 1990-91. *Back row (left to right):* John Horne, Scott Archer, Scott Jackson, Jason Hardie, Stuart McLean, Mark McGinley, Kevin Bell. *Middle row:* Hugh Burns, James Weir, Andy Millen, Ian Macfarlane, John McGachie, Allan Ferguson, Colin Harris, George McCluskey, Raymond McGuigan, Frank Ness (Physiotherapist). *Front row:* Billy McLaren (Manager), Chris Hillcoat, Craig Napier, Kevin McKee, Colin Miller (Player/Coach), Steve Moore, Paul McDonald, Paddy Donaghy, Willie McLean (Assistant Manager).

Photo by Adam Law.



Celtic F.C.

Tonight's visitors did not get off to a good start as they crashed 2-0 to Motherwell in Saturday's opening league encounter at Fir Park. This came after a fine 4-0 victory over Ayr United last Wednesday and, from watching the television highlights, Celtic certainly dominated the first-half at Motherwell. However, playing with ten men following the red-carding of Dariusz Wdowczyk, Motherwell gradually took control and Billy McNeill's side got their league campaign off to a losing start.

In goal tonight will be PAT BONNER who made his Celtic debut in 1979 against Motherwell and has won 43 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Performed an admirable role in the World Cup and his penalty shoot-out save against Romania advanced the Irish to the Quarter Finals. The ever dependable CHRIS MORRIS was also a member of the Republic's squad which captured the hearts of many people. A Cornishman by birth, this 26-year-old was captured at a bargain price from Sheffield Wednesday. PAUL McLAUGHLIN may well line-up at left-back this evening, replacing the suspended Polish captain.

Paul actually made his senior debut for Clydebank as a 16-year-old against Accies, but soon turned back to juvenile football where he joined Anniesland Waverley - went senior again with Queen's Park and turned professional last year when he signed for Celtic as a 23-year-old. PETER GRANT is a determined midfielder and very much under-rated. Capped twice by Scotland, he has made a full recovery from the hepatitis virus which sidelined him last year. Sunday's TV pictures highlighted Peter as the victim of an off the ball incident. PAUL ELLIOTT has been Celtic's regular centre-half since his purchase from Italian side Pisa in 1989. Has recently learned how to score for Celtic, he is a hard, but fair, seasoned campaigner and it is a pity that he will probably be remembered for the number of cautions he has received.

DEREK WHYTE made his 150th league appearance for the club on Saturday and will celebrate his 22nd birthday on Friday. Derek is to be found as often on the fashion pages of the Sunday Mail as in the sports section! New signing from Arsenal is MARTIN HAYES who cost £650,000. An England 'B' and under-21 internationalist, he made 102 league appearances for the Gunners, scoring on 26 occasions. Born in Walthamstow, he is 24. Club captain, PAUL McSTAY has been capped 48 times by Scotland (49 if last week's league centenary is to count). Is still remembered by many for his superb performance in the Scotland/England schoolboy international at Wembley ten years ago which we won 5-4. Has exquisite on-field skills, but is perhaps not as quick as he could be. DARIUSZ 'JACK' DZIEKANOWSKI became the hero of the Celtic fans early on last season when he found the net with alarming regularity, including a memorable four goal burst in Celtic's amazing 5-4 win over Partizan Belgrade. Signed from Legia Warsaw last year, he is a Polish international. His partner up front tonight may well be returned hero CHARLIE NICHOLAS, sidelined so far this season with a slight hamstring strain. Chas is, without doubt, one of the most skilled players around, and is now a far more experienced performer as a result of his spells at Arsenal (Littlewoods Cup winner) and Aberdeen (Skol and Scottish Cup winner). Cost £450,000.

Close season signing JOHN COLLINS cost a reported £1 million from the troubled Hibernian. Capped at youth, U-21 and full level by Scotland, he is a borders lad who hails from the rugby country of Galashiels. ANDY WALKER has started Celtic's last two matches, but the former Baillieston and Motherwell forward could find himself on the bench tonight if Charlie Nicholas passes a fitness test. Capped once by Scotland, he needs only three more league goals for his half century in the SFL. Midfielder MIKE GALLOWAY prefers to play in the thick of the action in midfield - where he is undoubtedly effective - rather than on the right side of the park. Played in England with Mansfield and Halifax before moving north to Hearts. Joined Celts in a big money move last year. Little JOE MILLER is a favourite of the Parkhead faithful, and this was demonstrated following the Skol Cup semi against Aberdeen last year. There was a big outcry when Joe was subbed after having come on as a substitute. Up and coming midfielder STEVE FULTON - nephew of Grade Two referee John Fulton - has recently resolved to go on a diet so he can maintain the high fitness standards set by Tommy Craig and Billy McNeill. Aged 20, the Greenock born lad has made 19 league appearances for the club.



■ Polish striker Dariusz Dziekanowski - pacy attacker.



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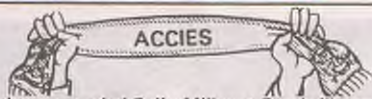
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Club Chatter



NEWSDESK

Colin Harris skipped the side in the absence of the suspended Colin Miller at Brockville on Saturday. . . Our under-18 side recorded a 4-1 victory over Garrowhill at the weekend, this after losing 5-3 to Partick Thistle last Wednesday. . . 18-year-old striker Scott Duncan has been farmed out to local junior side Blantyre Vics this season while youth team goalkeeper Chris Adamson has turned out in Vics last two matches. . . Allan Ferguson and Colin Miller have recently been involved as part of the SFA Playball Courses. . . Manager McLaren took in last Wednesday's Falkirk v Partick Thistle match, as did Hugh Burns, while Assistant Manager Willie McLean was at Parkhead to see Celtic play Ayr United. . . Accies had spies covering Celtic's first team and reserve matches against Motherwell on Saturday. . . Alex O'Hara was signed on Saturday morning after being released by Morton and made his Accies debut at 4.11pm on the league match at Brockville. "I'm very pleased to have signed a player with the amount of experience that Alex has", commented Billy McLaren. . . Martin Scott, a regular in our reserves in the early part of last season, scored Clyde's first goal as they defeated St. Johnstone in the Skol Cup last week. . . Our Supporters Club team were playing a friendly on the astro turf outside Brockville against their Falkirk counterparts just as the Accies team bus arrived on Saturday. I'm afraid to report that the Bairns' fans won 8-3. . . Scott Archer will be in plaster for a further three weeks after damaging his medial ligament in his right knee in the Brechin match eight days ago. The young defender suffered a similar injury to the other knee in the second round last season. . . The reserve match due this week against Partick Thistle has been postponed due to both club's involvement in the Skol Cup. We will face Dumbarton in our first match, which will probably be next Tuesday at Douglas Park. The following week's match - against Rangers (away) on September 10th - has already been postponed, as have three other Rangers reserve fixtures, as the Ibrox side are taking part in an under-19 tournament in Casale Italy. Rangers are playing their home Reserve League West matches at two junior venues - Shotts Bon Accord's Hannah Park and Prestonfield, home of Linlithgow Rose. Both seem strange choices, to say the least. . . The next Supporters Club monthly meeting will be in the Bobby Reid suite at 6.30pm this Sunday. . . Graham McLean, an Accies goalkeeper in the 1970's, has joined the club as a part-time coach. . . As the reserves have not played any matches yet there is no reserve page in tonight's programme. It will re-surface in Saturday's programme against Ayr United by which time we still won't have played any second eleven matches. . . Andy Millen collected an engraved tankard as the sponsors 'Skol Man of the Match' at Brechin last Tuesday.

NEW STAR JOHN COMMENTS

It was a goal by 18-year-old striker John Horne that gave Accies victory in our opening league match at Falkirk on Saturday, but the fair-haired attacker was then red-carded by referee Sandy Roy in the 49th minute following consultation with linesman Derek Doig. As a result he will miss tonight's Skol Cup tie through suspension and this is something that has upset our recent signing. "I'm very disappointed that I will be missing out on the Celtic game", said a sad-faced John. "I was attached



■ John Horne - upset at missing out on the action tonight.

to Celtic's nursery side, Giffnock North, last season and it would have been a dream come true for me to have played against Celtic, and, who knows, maybe even to score the winner. On a different note, though, I will say that I never expected to be involved in the first team plans so soon. When I came here I wanted to do well in the reserves, bang in a few goals, and then push for a place in the first team, but I didn't think for a minute that I would be involved from the outset. My ambition now is to maintain my place, but I'll have to win it back after tonight. Obviously, I have made a big step up from juvenile football to the First Division in just a couple of months, but already I feel a better player for it. The pace is, naturally, a lot different, and I feel I have gained an extra yard as a result of the hard work that has been done in training". And John's thoughts on his first goal for Accies? "I was just delighted to score, and I'm sure that the Hamilton fans could see that from my reaction. I had a couple of chances to lay the ball off, but big Toby (George McCluskey) shouted at me to keep going myself, so I ran on and just hit it in". Thanks, John, and I'm sure all Accies fans wish you a successful time at Douglas Park,



Above Colin Harris has the attentions of Wimbledon's Eric Young (left) and Terry Phelan (right), while, below, James Weir rises with Halifax's David Evans as Hugh Burns, Paul Futcher (6), Tommy Graham (8) and Colin Harris (7) look on.

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21. 8.90	at Brechin City (Skol 2)	2-0	504	Ferguson	McKee	Miller	Millen	Archer	Burns	Harris	Weir	McCluskey	McGinley	Donaghy	Moore(5)	Horne(11)
25. 8.90	at Falkirk	1-0	3226	Ferguson	McKee	Napier	Millen	Weir	McGinley	Harris	Horne	McCluskey	Burns	McDonald	Moore(9)	O'Hara(10)

29. 8.90	CELTIC (Skol 3)
1. 9.90	AYR UNITED
5. 9.90	Skol Cup 4
8. 9.90	KILMARNOCK
15. 9.90	at Morton
18. 9.90	DUNDEE (7.30pm)
22. 9.90	at Partick Thistle
29. 9.90	BRECHIN CITY
6.10.90	at Raith Rovers
10.10.90	CLYDE (7.30pm)
13.10.90	AIRDRIEONIANS
16.10.90	B & Q Cup 2
20.10.90	at Clydebank
27.10.90	at Meadowbank Thistle
3.11.90	FORFAR ATHLETIC
10.11.90	at Ayr United
17.11.90	FALKIRK
24.11.90	at Clyde
1.12.90	RAITH ROVERS
8.12.90	at Brechin City
15.12.90	PARTICK THISTLE
22.12.90	MEADOWBANK
29.12.90	at Forfar Athletic
2. 1.91	at Airdrieonians
5. 1.91	CLYDEBANK
12. 1.91	at Kilmarnock
19. 1.91	MORTON
26. 1.91	Scottish Cup 3
2. 2.91	at Dundee
9. 2.91	at Ayr United
16. 2.91	FORFAR ATHLETIC
23. 2.91	Scottish Cup 4
2. 3.91	at Brechin City
9. 3.91	MEADOWBANK
16. 3.91	at Falkirk
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6. 4.91	PARTICK THISTLE
13. 4.91	at Morton
20. 4.91	RAITH ROVERS
27. 4.91	at Clydebank
4. 5.91	CLYDE
11. 5.91	DUNDEE



While the first team entertained Northampton on 11th August, an Accies XI went south to Castle Douglas to play Threave Rovers. We won 7-0 with George McCluskey netting a quite magnificent hat-trick. Above, both sides are pictured before the game. The Accies players are, Back row: Stuart McLean, James Weir, Ian Macfarlane, Chris Adamson, Scott Jackson and Stephen Carr; Front row: Scott Cramb, Chris Hillcoat, Jason Hardie, Kevin Bell, Stewart Mourning, Raymond McGuigan, George McCluskey and John McGachie.

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LEAGUE TABLE - FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading League Marksmen
Airdrieonians	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	Owen Coyle 2, Graeme Harvey 1, John Watson 1
Raith Rovers	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	Gordon Dalziel 2, Alan Logan 1, Martin Nelson 1
Clydebank	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	Ken Eadie 1
ACCIES	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	John Horne 1
Meadowbank	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	John Perry 1
Ayr United	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	Ross Scott 1
Dundee	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Billy Dodds 1
Forfar Athletic	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Craig Brewster 1
Partick Thistle	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Jim Charnley 1
Clyde	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	Nil
Falkirk	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	Nil
Kilmarnock	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	Nil
Brechin City	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	Nil
Morton	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	Nil

STATISTICS

	90-91		Accies Career	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Scott Archer	1	0	28(3)	2
Hugh Burns	2	1	7	2
Stephen Carr	-	-	4(5)	1
Paddy Donaghy	1	0	8(9)	1
Allan Ferguson	2	0	82	0
Colin Harris	2	0	80(1)	20
Chris Hillcoat	-	-	16	0
John Horne	1(1)	1	1(1)	1
Ian Macfarlane	-	-	1	0
George McCluskey	2	1	31(1)	9
Paul McDonald	1	0	82(24)	5
John McGachie	-	-	51(15)	14
Mark McGinley	2	0	5(1)	1
Raymond McGuigan	-	-	6(12)	0
Kevin McKee	2	0	151(8)	6
Stuart McLean	-	-	0(2)	0
Paul Martin	-	-	43(3)	1
Andy Millen	2	0	2	0
Colin Miller	1	0	64(1)	1
Steve Moore	0(2)	0	2(11)	0
Craig Napier	1	0	64(1)	6
Alex O'Hara	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
James Weir	2	0	61(16)	1

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HUGH BURNS

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Birthplace: Lanark
Date: 13/12/65
Height/Weight: 6'0"/12st.
Previous clubs: Cambuslang Rangers, Rangers, Leeds(loan), Hamilton(loan), Hearts, Dunfermline(loan), Dunfermline, Fulham(loan).
Favourite English team: Leeds United - my uncle, Tommy Henderson, used to play for them.
Do you agree with penalty shoot-outs? Yes - professionals are paid to handle pressure.
Honours won: Skol Cup winners medal (1983-84), two Premier Reserve League winners' medals, four Scotland under-21 caps, several youth and schoolboy caps.
Appearances/Goals for Accies: 7/2
Would you like to stay in the game once your playing days are over? No. I've always fancied owning my own pub.
If you weren't a footballer, what would you like to have done? I wouldn't have minded being a bank manager.

Holiday spot over the summer: Crete.
Any superstitions? I always put my pants on last.
Outstanding youngster at club: Kevin Bell looks a good prospect.
Favourite film: Pretty Woman.
Musical taste: Luther Vandross, George Benson, Wet Wet Wet.
Pre-match meal: Fish and beans.
What is your current ambition in football? To get back to the level of fitness I had two years ago.
Who is the best goalkeeper you have seen? Henry Smith of Hearts.
Do you regularly attend Scotland home games? No, I've lost a bit of interest since I dropped out of the under-21s squads.
Which country impressed you most during the World Cup? England because they proved to people that they can play.
Which ground would you most like to play on? Cliftonhill - on a wet, cold winter's night. (Ed. note - The reserves are due there at the end of November. That's one name pencilled in already!)



Previous Meetings

Accies and Celtic have met on 26 occasions since the war (excluding unofficial matches in season 1945-46). The results have gone like this:-

28.8.46 Accies 2 Celtic 2 (First Division); 5.10.46 Accies 2 Celtic 2 (League Cup); 26.10.46 Celtic 3 Accies 1 (League Cup); 28.12.46 Celtic 2 Accies 1 (First Division); 5.9.53 Accies 2 Celtic 0 (First Division); 13.3.54 Accies 1 Celtic 2 (Scottish Cup); 26.4.54 Celtic 1 Accies 0 (First Division); 5.3.55 Celtic 2 Accies 1 (Scottish Cup); 20.11.65 Celtic 5 Accies 0 (First Division); 19.3.66 Accies 1 Celtic 7 (First Division); 11.9.68 Celtic 10 Accies 0 (League Cup); 25.9.68 Accies 2 Celtic 4 (League Cup); 11.9.74 Celtic 2 Accies 0 (League Cup); 25.9.74 Accies 2 Celtic 4 (League Cup); 22.9.80 Accies 1 Celtic 3 (League Cup); 24.9.80 Celtic 4 Accies 1 (League Cup); 30.1.85 Accies 1 Celtic 2 (Scottish Cup); 6.9.86 Celtic 4 Accies 1 (Premier Division); 8.11.86 Accies 1 Celtic 2 (Premier Division); 3.1.87 Celtic 8 Accies 3 (Premier Division); 28.3.87 Accies 2 Celtic 3 (Premier Division); 24.8.88 Celtic 7 Accies 2 (Skol Cup); 3.9.88 Celtic 2 Accies 1 (Premier Division); 5.11.88 Accies 0 Celtic 8 (Premier Division); 7.1.89 Celtic 2 Accies 0 (Premier Division); 8.4.89 Accies 2 Celtic 0 (Premier Division).

Well, only two victories and two draws in all these encounters. Not a happy state of affairs! Many present today will recall the last meeting of the sides, only sixteen months ago, and Celtic had just been acclaimed as unofficial British Champions following their victory over Liverpool in the Dubai Super Cup. The Parkhead club had Tommy Craig in charge as Billy McNeill was on a scouting mission, and Accies, already officially relegated, recorded a sensational 2-0 victory. (In fact Tommy Craig doesn't have too good a record in managing sides against Hamilton, as he was in charge of Hibs when we recorded our first ever win in the Premier League, by 3-1 at Easter Road on 29.11.86). So it was Accies who became 'British Champions' as two goals by Stuart Gordon dumped Celtic. Of the teams which played that game, there are six players from each side almost certain to be involved tonight. For Accies, Allan Ferguson, Kevin McKee, Craig Napier, Colin Miller, Colin Harris and Paul McDonald will trot out, while Celts have World Cup hero Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Peter Grant, Joe Miller, Paul McStay and Andy Walker.

Accies and Celtic last met in the Skol Cup two years ago and, by coincidence, that was also in the third round, but the venue was Parkhead. Before a crowd of 23,109 Celtic ran out winners by 7-2. Scorers were Andy Walker (2), Frank McAvennie (2), Tommy Burns, Billy Stark and Owen Archdeacon while Jamie Fairlie notched two inside 60 seconds for Accies. The teams in that match were:- Celtic - Andrews, Morris, Rogan, Aitken, McCarthy, Grant, Miller, McStay (Stark), McAvennie, Walker (Archdeacon), Burns. Accies - Allan Ferguson, McKee, Kerr, McNaught, Jamieson (Speirs), Collins, Fairlie, Harris, Scott (McCabe), Roseburgh, McDonald.

The last time that Accies met Celtic in the League Cup (or Bell's League Cup, as it was then known) at Douglas Park was ten years ago. The game had been delayed due to Celtic's involvement in the Preliminary Round of the European Cup Winner's Cup against Diosgyeri Miskolc of Hungary, so it was on Monday, 22nd September 1980 that the following sides lined up in the Third Round, First Leg:- Accies - Rikki Ferguson, Frew, Brown (McAdams), Alexander, McDougall, Marshall, McDowall, Graham (McManus), Fairlie, Wright, McGrogan. Celtic - Bonner, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, Macleod, Provan, Sullivan, Doyle, Burns, Nicholas.

It is interesting to note the current whereabouts of those players. For Accies Rikki Ferguson is a postman in Prestwick, Jim Frew left Irvine Meadow as coach last year and is now retired, John Brown is with Rangers, Eric Alexander was recently transferred from Larkhall Thistle to Petershill, Alan McDougall lines up for English non-league side Mangotsfield United, Gary Marshall is attached to Forth Wanderers, Garry McDowall, brother of St. Mirren's Kenny, is playing in Australia, Bobby Graham is working in Wishaw, Jamie Fairlie was freed by Clyde in May and has joined Livingston United as player/coach, Brian Wright is with Partick Thistle, Joe McGrogan has now retired with Vale of Leven being his last port of call, Peter McAdams is footing it for Baillieston and Mick McManus, who joined Montrose from Accies, finished up with Fife junior side Glenrothes.

Most of the Celtic side are still playing as well. Pat Bonner will be in goal tonight, Alan Sneddon is with Hibs, Danny McGrain, who went on to play for Accies, is coach with Clydebank, Roy Aitken is in England with Newcastle United, Tom McAdam, who also played for Accies, is player/coach with Airdrieonians, Murdo Macleod plays in the Bundesliga with Borussia Dortmund, Davy Provan retired through illness and now commentates for Radio Clyde, Dom Sullivan, caretaker manager of Falkirk last season is now player/coach with Rob Roy, Johnnie Doyle was tragically killed in an accident at his home, Tommy Burns will be here with his Kilmarnock team-mates in ten days time, while Charlie Nicholas should also be involved tonight, although he has been with Arsenal and Aberdeen over the past seven years.



■ Paddy Donaghy in action with Stuart Miller of Whitehill Welfare in our closed door friendly win (above), and Kevin Bell bears down on Halifax goalkeeper David Brown (below).

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■ Accies former Celtic striker, George McCluskey, scorer of our second goal at Glebe Park last Tuesday.

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Euro-Soccer Round-Up

A look at some of the happenings on the continent over the close season:

French champions Marseilles are favourites for the League Championship across the Channel. The French League actually re-started on 21st July. Marseilles chairman Bernard Tapie has made several changes to a team that already featured World Cup stars Carlos Mozer of Brazil and England's Chris Waddle. Heading the list of new signings is Yugoslav Dragan Stojkovic, bought from Red Star Belgrade for a record \$8.85m. . . . Elsewhere in France, Dutch striker Wim Kieft has turned his back on Bobby Robson's PSV Eindhoven. He will be spearheading Bordeaux's challenge . . . Prince Rainier's team, AS Monaco, have signed Rui Barros from Juventus . . . Strange happenings in Eastern Europe. In Yugoslavia the football authorities were given some worries when a Third Division match between Kotor and Bokeljan had to be abandoned because a circus had failed to leave the local stadium on schedule. Fans arriving at the ground found elephants, lions and monkeys parading in one of the penalty areas! . . . Meanwhile in Poland referee Marian Dusza was breathalysed following a local derby between the two Poznan sides, Lech and Olympia. After the match, which Olympia won 3-2, Damian Lukasik, captain of defending champions Lech accused the referee of being inebriated - but no trace was revealed on the breath test.

The unification of German football moved a big step nearer with two important agreements between the East and West federations. Clubs from the East are to join the powerful West German Bundesliga from the start of next season. The GDR will also withdraw from the qualifying matches for the 1992 European Championships. The two Germanies were drawn in the same section, so the Group 5 qualifier on November 21st in Leipzig will now be played as a friendly. If the two German leagues were to be unified now, the two East German clubs to gain promotion to the reformed Bundesliga would be leaders Rot-Weiss Erfurt, 2-1 winners at Chemi Halle last week, and Stahl Brandenburg. The next six clubs in the Oberliga would go into a restructured, regionally organised German Second Division. However, the remaining six clubs - including top names Dynamo Dresden and Carl Zeiss Jena - would face amateur football.

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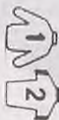
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1. Who is the new manager of Aston Villa ?
2. Which football league club moved ground over the summer ?
3. Who refereed the World Cup Final ?
4. Who scored both Accies goals in our 2-0 victory over Celtic 16 months ago ?
5. Against which team did Billy McNeill make his last competitive appearance for Celtic ?
6. Who scored the goals in the F.A. Charity Shield eleven days ago ?
7. Which side defeated Celtic in the Skol Cup semi-final last season ?
8. Which side won the Junior Cup this year ?

Answers below



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ANSWERS: 1, Jozef Venglos from Czechoslovakia; 2, Walsall, who now play at Bescot Stadium; 3, Edgardo Codesal Mendez of Mexico; 4, Stuart Gordon; 5, Airdrieonians in the 1975 Scottish Cup Final; 6, John Barnes (Liverpool) and Russell Beardsmore (Man Utd); 7, Aberdeen, 1-0 in the semi-final; 8, Hill o' Beath Hawthorn.

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