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In the last two games we have seen significant progress for the team. We are still not the finished article and indeed both performances were a bit like the 'Curate's Egg' - good in parts.

The defence is now a much more secure unit and with John Clark and Jamie McGowan in dominant form we have been able to see David Elliot and David Weir get forward to support the midfield.

## GENERAL PLAY

The midfield are also starting to gel and after a few more games together we should really see the best of the quality players we have there. The only area we still need to work on is up front. We are now creating more chances but we need to start converting these to gain the win that our general play is starting to deserve.

As with everything in football you just don't know what is to come. We just seemed to be getting all our players back fit after injury and then we lose Tony Parks with a hamstring injury. This type of setback is common in football and we will

face many more of these before the season is over.

## STILL SEARCHING

The confidence and spirit within the dressing room is good as you would expect after two good performances and with a bit more belief and composure we should start to climb up the table. The search for quality to add to the squad of players already here continues and once we have one or two more players we should be in good shape for the rest of the campaign.

Tonight we welcome Celtic to Brockville and if this game is as good as some of the previous encounters everyone will be satisfied.



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# BROCKVILLE BULLETIN



## RICHARD CADETTE

There has been much speculation in the press concerning the possibility of Richard Cadette returning to Brockville. Manager John Lambie has made enquiries about the player and has indeed made an offer for him but Millwall turned the offer down and the sum they quoted as wanting meant that no business was done. Falkirk are still chasing the striker and he may even have signed by the time you read this programme.

Richard is the top scorer for Falkirk since the leagues were reconstructed in season 1974-75 with 45 goals. He is also the last Falkirk player to score a hat-trick in a game and although he left on October 31st last year he still finished third top scorer for Falkirk last season with 6 goals behind Colin McDonald who scored 10 and John Clark who grabbed 8.



## TONY PARKS

Goalkeeper Tony Parks was injured in the game against Partick Thistle.

He came for a cross that ultimately led to Partick's goal and although he got his hands to it he felt his hamstring snap.

He said: "It felt like I'd been shot. I knew right away what it was and even although I had done all my stretches it's just one of those football injuries".

He expected to be out of action for at least two weeks and everyone at Brockville wishes him all the best during his recovery period.

## FALKIRK UNDER 18'S

Our Under 18's met Hearts on Thursday September 27th at Brockville and sadly were well beaten by the margin of 3-0.

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## **MAURICE JOHNSTON 99 NOT OUT**



Super Mo's penalty goal against Partick Thistle on Saturday meant that he has now scored 99 Premier League goals. So if he scores tonight he will join a select group including - John Robertson of Hearts and Ally McCoist of Rangers as players who have scored 100 goals in the top division.

## **FALKIRK FOOTBALL ON CENTRAL FM**

The Falkirk Football Programme is back on the air on Central FM on Friday evenings at 6.30pm.

The resident hosts are Stuart Riddell and Andy Thomson who keep you up to date with all the news from Brockville.

Sandy Watson does the commentary on the games and the nostalgia spot is handled by ex-Bairn Jack McAndrew.

All four are Falkirk daft and the show is put together by another fan - Keith Hogg.

### **TUNE-IN**

So remember to tune into 103.1 on Central FM every Friday at 6.30pm and if you can't get to away game pre-match and full-time reports by Andy are also broadcast on Saturdays.

So tune in to Chris Kane and hear ALL the news.

### **STADIUM PLANS**

Due to the fact that a new stadium is planned to be developed on "green belt" ground, planning permission for this change has to be confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The joint submission of the club, Falkirk District Council and Central Regional Council was placed with the Scottish

Office on August 2, 1995.

There have been a number of delays in confirming this consent, the latest involving planning the traffic infrastructure. The decision is not expected "on or around October 20th, 1995."

### **RESERVES**

The reserves played against the Rangers Reserves at Recreation Park, Alloa on Wednesday, September 20.

Falkirk managed a fine 3-2 win in this game. Our goals were scored by Paul McGrillen and by a Trialist who scored 2.

Our reserves played Motherwell Reserves at Brockville on Monday, September 25th and were defeated 1-0.



Reserve scorer Paul McGrillen

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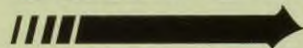
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# AROUND THE REGION

They've done it again. Stenhousemuir exceeded even their own expectations in the Scottish Cup last season with wins over St. Johnstone and Aberdeen, but those wins put the club on the mark and left everyone hungry for more.

The start to this campaign had been muted. There was no upset in the Coca-Cola Cup at Hibs and only two of their first six league matches had been won. Maybe their powers were on the wane? Not a bit of it. Duffle Mania is back with Stenny's 3-1 Challenge Cup win over Dundee at Dens Park. Ian Little, a bargain buy from Meadowbank in the summer, was again among the goals as was striker Miller Mathieson. Maybe this is the start of the bandwagon. Certainly, the Ochilview management had been disappointed in the team in the run-up to the Dens Park encounter. Partly that has been down to the injury situation, as Assistant boss, Graeme Armstrong, has pointed out.

## READY TO RETURN

"Our real problem has been not being able to pick our best team", he said, "Last season we had a strong side who were playing consistently and it wasn't necessary to change things. This season those injuries have led to selection problems. Kenny Brannigan hasn't played for us so far, Adrian Sprott's been out long-term and Max Christie is still way short of being ready to return. When we get those things sorted out we'll be a lot happier."

The Warriors have gone into the transfer market to fill the roles of those experienced players. Midfielder Colin Scott came from East Stirlingshire and former Under-21 international

Paul Hunter recently signed from Cowdenbeath.

Now, though the doubts have cleared and the cup final, should they get past the winner of the Livingston Stirling Albion quarter final, awaits.

## GENUINE

At Forthbank, Stirling manager Kevin Drinkell thinks his side have just that bit further to go to establish their credentials as genuine promotion contenders.

The Beanos have made an average start and the boss believes that only a good run of form will bring the confidence they need. "Consistency is the key," said the former Brockville striker, "That was our problem in the early part of last season and it was only in the last dozen games that we got things going. Once we did, though, things fell into place and we only missed out on promotion on the last day. That's got to be our aim again but I feel that we're maybe one result away from achieving it."

His point was borne out by recent events. A 2-0 win over Ayr United couldn't be built on at Stranraer where a 0-0 draw was better than nothing, but with draws putting teams at a disadvantage, Albion find themselves seven points adrift of leaders East Fife. On the other side of Falkirk hope springs eternal. Shire started the campaign as one of the Third Division promotion favourites but had the stuffing knocked out of them by five inexplicable defeats. However, a note of defiance was struck by striker Peter Dwyer.

"We don't want to dwell on what's past. We know we're good enough to be challenging and once we get that first win then we're sure we'll turn the

corner. There's a long way to go and it's not beyond us to make the deficit up".

A 2-2 draw at Arbroath wasn't what they wanted but a last-minute Michael Geraghty goal made sure that it wasn't six straight league defeats and allowed Shire to jump over Albion Rovers in the league table.

Confidence at Firs Park could also be helped by the return of popular defender Gordon Russell from Stenhousemuir. He gave Shire ten years service before moving The Warriors in a £20,000 deal but didn't fit in then six months later he's back to where he started. Overall, though, Shire have a tough fight to make up the ground on teams like Livingston who had a 100% record after six games.

## UNAVAILABLE

Alloa have, like Shire, failed to live up to pre-season expectations. The Wasps beat a strong Raith Rovers team in a summer friendly and Forfar in the Coca-Cola Cup, but four defeats in their first six matches have left them a bit deflated. Particularly confidence sapping was the 5-0 home defeat at the hands of Caley Thistle. Manager Pat McAulay has had to contend with the unavailability of his best defenders, Keith McCulloch and Willie Newbigging, but his forwards lack of goals is just as great a concern. Danny Diver and Barrie Moffat are both proven scorers at Third Division level which make their tally of four goals in six games all the more surprising and worrying.

Last season all four Central sides had their own promotion chances but missed out. On current form a promotion challenge for any of them would be a bonus.



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# EXPANDING YOUR COLLECTION

Part 5 of a series by  
**John Litster,**  
Editor of "Programme  
Monthly" magazine

After a few months, or a season's collecting, the pile of programmes that constitutes an early collection will begin to topple over and become scattered over the bedroom floor. Setting up a method of storing programmes is an important intermediate step in a programme collection.

Storing flat is not recommended – programmes come in all shapes and sizes and stacking them one on top of another will cause corners to curl. Better to store them upright, but adequately supported to ensure that they are completely vertical, and not curling at the bottom, (standing) edge.

A shoe box is the traditional method of storing programmes initially, although that was when they were A5 (small) in size and before today's brochure-sized Cup Final and other big match issues. A larger style of box, of strong cardboard, such as whisky or wine cartons, are ideal, having the additional benefit of being fully enclosed with top flap, thereby keeping out the sunlight which discolours over a period of time.

There are basic rules for looking after programmes – keep them free of creases, folds and any writing, marks or blemishes. Keep them out of direct sunlight, and in a dry, well ventilated environment. Damp conditions will lead to rusting staples and mould forming on the pages, leading to an unpleasant "musty" smell. Too much sunlight and lack of ventilation will lead to paper

yellowing and becoming brittle and flaking. Cellars are not recommended, attics are not ideal, in fact it is not too fanciful to recommend that a programme collection's living conditions should match those of its owner.

At the match, take a plastic bag to keep the programme dry and free of folds and creases and don't write team selections/half-time scores etc. on the pages.

In the next article, we will expand upon the storage of a programme collection, and in particular those valuable and rare issues, and discuss the inclusion of match reports etc. without marking or writing on the pages of the programme.

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