



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME £1

St. Johnstone

v **CELTIC**
Saturday
MARCH 5 1994
3.00 pm





Orkney caught in a single moment by **Don McCullin**.



Orkney caught in a single malt by **Highland Park**.

Match Facts

ST JOHNSTONE

Blue Shirts, white shorts, blue socks.

CELTIC

Green & white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks.

ANDY RHODES	1	CARL MUGGLETON
KEVIN McGOWNE	2	GARY GILLESPIE
SEAN McAULEY	3	TOM BOYD
PAUL RAMSEY	4	LEE MARTIN
PAUL DEAS	5	TONY MOWBRAY
JOHN INGLIS	6	PAT McGINLAY
PHILIP SCOTT	7	PAUL BYRNE
TOMMY TURNER	8	PAUL McSTAY
IAN FERGUSON	9	CHARLIE NICHOLAS
BILLY DODDS	10	WILLIE FALCONER
HARRY CURRAN	11	JOHN COLLINS
GRANT McMARTIN	sub	BRIAN O'NEILL
GUNNI TORFASON	sub	WAYNE BIGGINS
JOHN DONEGAN	sub gk	PAT BONNER

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The View from McDiarmid Park

After Monday evenings Fourth Round Scottish Cup tie against Stirling Albion manager Paul Sturrock echoed the frustration of most Saints' fans when he said he was at the end of his tether with the team's weak mental approach.

The manner in which we lost two goals after taking an early lead was extremely disappointing. Without taking anything away from Stirling Albion, whose performance was excellent, we failed to press home our advantage in two periods during the match. We held the upper hand after Billy Dodds scored each of his two goals, but failed to make it pay. In the second half Albion tired when we equalised, but instead of finishing them off, we let them get their second wind and back into the game.

In his after match comments the manager rightly praised the performance of Philip Scott. He could have justifiably included Billy Dodds as well. If the fans took anything positive away from the cup-tie it was the play of this pair. In only 12 first team games Philip Scott has shown remarkable maturity for his age, and he is improving with each game. He may have come into the side because of our long injury list, but he will be hard to dislodge. It is a pity that there is no Under 21 representative matches coming up, as he would surely merit a cap. At 19 he has, however, plenty time to get into that team.

Six goals in eight games is a good record by any standards, and this is only one reason that Billy Dodds has already become a firm favourite with the Saints fans. His goals apart, he worked tirelessly on Monday evening. Despite the close attentions of the Stirling defenders, and

some heavy punishment, they did not succeed in taking the ball from him on one occasion. His former manager, Jim Duffy, was quoted after Billy's transfer to McDiarmid Park as saying that one reason he let Dodds go was that he had been tried, unsuccessfully, with a number of striking partners. If Billy keeps up his present scoring rate no Saints fan will care whether he has a partner up front or not.



Paul Sturrock

If the rest of the Saints' players want pointers as to where they are going wrong, they need look no further than Philip and Billy. Composure on the ball, strong running off it, and sheer hard graft from all eleven players in the team will go a long way towards achieving our goals for the rest of this season.

Today we welcome Lou Macari to McDiarmid Park for the first time. Despite a lack of funding Lou has brought three new faces into the Celtic side since their last visit, and with top quality players such as Paul McStay and John Collins, they will provide tough opposition this afternoon.

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MATCH REPORTS and **PREVIEWS** **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**

Team Topics

The future of Celtic Football Club continues to hog the media headlines, with more twists and turns than Jimmy Johnstone managed in a long career at Parkhead.

I have no desire to discuss the ins and outs of the situation, or to take sides with or against any of the opposing factions. In over 30 years of following St Johnstone I have found Celtic supporters, in general, to be true football fans. They, more than supporters of any other club, have always appreciated good football, be it from their own team or the opposition.

I recall going to Parkhead in 1969, and being unable to get back on to the bus after the game because so many Celtic supporters wanted to shake our hands and tell us what a good team we had. I can also recall a match at McDiarmid Park a couple of years ago. Their team was going through a bad spell, and were losing at half-time. Despite this a large group of Celtic fans in the West Stand had a ball at the interval, singing Christmas carols to accompaniment from the Perth Silver Band. It saddens me greatly that their club is being torn apart.

In strict legal terms a football club's supporters have no rights in the company that is "their club". They are customers, just

as we all are when we go to Safeway or Tesco. But any supermarket manager will tell you that his operation will not survive without the customer coming through the door. So without touching on the emotional differences between a football club and a supermarket, I hope that those gentlemen who are in a position to determine the future of Celtic do so, and do so quickly. Moreover they must be able to demonstrate that to the supporters. The loyal fans who are still going to watch Celtic, and many who this afternoon will be boosting the profits of supermarket chains, deserve better. For supporters of all other clubs a speedy solution will enable us to read and watch what, to us, really matters - football, not finance.

Secretary Stewart Duff recently received a letter from a West Stand season ticket holder bringing to his attention some unacceptable behaviour of supporters in that area of the ground. Although the letter was anonymous, Stewart took it seriously, and corrective action was arranged with the help of stewards. A short while later a further letter was received from the same anonymous supporter pointing out that the problem had not been totally erased.

While no person should feel uneasy about bringing complaints to the attention of the club, the failure to identify themselves does not help the resolution of any problems. Valid complaints will always be taken seriously, and complainers will never be branded as trouble or mischief makers.

If the 'frustrated fan' from the West Stand contacts the club Stewart Duff will be more than happy to discuss the problem to try and find an acceptable solution for all concerned.

TODAYS MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

G. A. EVANS from Bishopbriggs

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T. BROWN from Edinburgh

East Stand Linesman

B. CHRISTIE from Aberdeen

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Around McDiarmid

TODAY'S MASCOTS

The only disappointment for today's mascots is that brothers Nicolas (pictured left) and Christopher Cherry will not see their dad in action. But that isn't unusual for Nicolas as in the first match he attended (aged 1) Paul was sent off! The brothers attend Pitcairn Primary School. Nicolas plays football for Almonvalley Boys Club. Christopher plays Soccer Sevens, where he has a reputation for playing like his dad, but surprisingly they nominate Paul Wright and Andy Rhodes as their favourite players.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP

Assuming a successful outcome to the replay with Stirling Albion, tickets for next Saturday's Fifth Round Tennents Scottish Cup tie against Aberdeen go on sale to holders of voucher number 20 (issued at the Stirling Albion tie) tomorrow from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Prices are £7 for the East Stand, and £10 for the West Stand.

Ormond Stand (Family) tickets will also be on sale, and tickets for adult males will be £6, provided they are accompanied by one of more females, under 16 males or OAP's, for whom tickets are priced at £3.

Remaining tickets go on sale at McDiarmid Park from Monday (9.00am to 5.00pm). Postal applications for tickets will be accepted, provided they are accompanied by the correct remittance and a stamped, addressed envelope.

East Stand season ticket holders should note that this will not be a Class 1 match, and normal arrangements apply.

COMMUNITY CORNER With Harry McKinlay

A NATIONAL seven-a-side football tournament for children at primary schools will take place at McDiarmid Park on Saturday 5, 12

and 19, between 9am and 1pm (heats only). The main aim of the tournament is to encourage active participation by youngsters of primary school age throughout Scotland, while at the same time promoting positive attitudes towards health and fitness. As well as enjoying a fun event, those teams reaching the finals will experience a free SFA coaching course to be held at the Inverclyde National Training Centre, Largs. There will be competitions for boys and girls, and all players will receive a certificate for their efforts. Entry fee is £5 and forms are available from Perth and Kinross Sports Development team (39911 ext 3616) and Harry

McKinlay at McDiarmid Park (26961). THE COUNTY SPORTS SOCCER SEVENS restarts tomorrow (Sunday, 6 March) and continues until 29 May.

Venues and contacts are: North Inch, Perth (Brian 0738 24909), Oakbank School, Perth (Kenny 0738 24881), Bridge of Earn Hospital Ground (Derek 0738 813167), The Myre Park, Kinross (Tony 0577 865307), Scone Thistle JFC Pavilion (Tommy 0738 51082), Guildtown Amateur FC (Ally 0821 640504), Pitlochry Recreational Ground (Alistair 0796 472925), Blairgowrie JFC Pavilion (Ian 0250 874944). Soccer sevens aims to develop the skill factor of young players in the Perthshire area, and to promote football and prepare players for the 11-a-side game. Soccer sevens will emphasise that the game is to be enjoyed by all those who take part, and is open to both boys and girls in primary schools.

A reminder to all Junior Saints Club members that want to go on the bus to the Scotland v Holland international at Hampden that tickets will be on sale at the Souvenir Shop after today's game.



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