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- 4** Jim LAUCLAN
- 5** Kevin McGOWNE
- 6** Gary HOLT
- 7** Pat NEVIN
- 8** Mark REILLY
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- Jackie McNAMARA 4**
- Alan STUBBS 5**
- Marc RIEPER 6**
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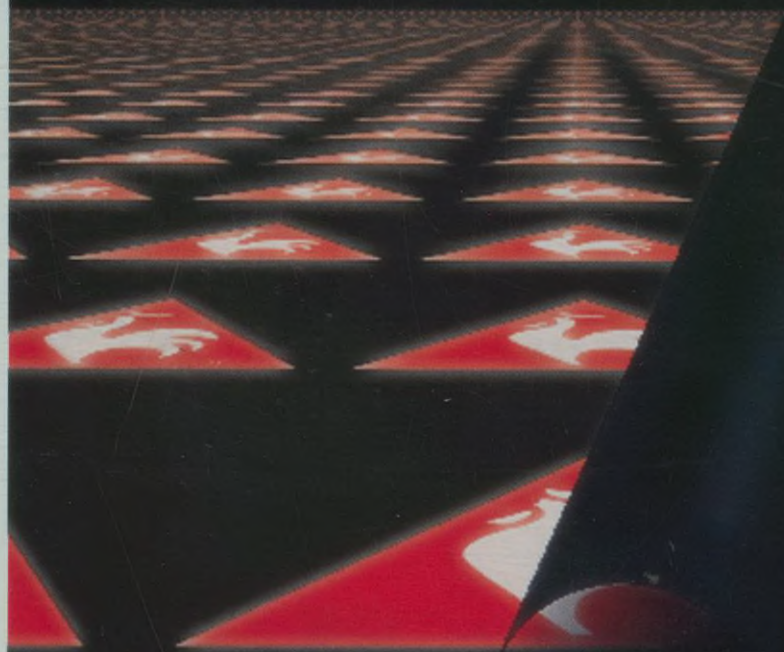
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# FROM THE TOP

**O**ur win over Dunfermline last Saturday was an important one, as it ended a run of a couple of matches in which we'd played well but hadn't taken any points. We made things difficult for ourselves last week, however, as we never really finished Dunfermline off, even after taking a 2-0 lead.

Those two strikes by Pat Nevin were a just reward for him as it's difficult coming to a new club, especially as the supporters expected a lot from him right away, but in recent weeks Pat's come through strongly. Overall I think we had over 20 attempts on goal last Saturday and we were desperately unlucky not to add to our lead. Credit to Dunfermline, though, they kept plugging away even when they were reduced to ten men, and it took a penalty save from Dragoje Lekovic to keep us in front. We had half a dozen great chances late on, with Paul Wright in particular very unlucky to hit the crossbar. Pat also blasted over a couple of times from good positions, but nobody could have grudged him his hat-trick!

Apart from Jim McIntyre and David Bagan, I now virtually have a full squad to pick from and although I wouldn't want to go back to the injury crisis we faced early in the season, competition for places causes its own problems. Quite rightly players who find themselves out of the starting line-up are banging on my door looking for a place. Paul Wright is a good case in point because Paul's now fit again and is desperate to play but Mark Roberts and Jerome Varelle have been doing well in recent weeks. I was like that myself as a player, always wanting a place in the side, and I was less than happy when I wasn't playing!

This afternoon we face a Celtic side who'll still be on a high after their Coca-Cola Cup Final win last Sunday. They gave us a bit of a going-over in the first half of the match at Celtic Park earlier in the season, but that was less than 48 hours after we'd played Nice. I prefer to look back to the last match with Celtic here, when we won 2-0. Another performance like that one would do just fine!

**Bobby Williamson, Manager**  
Kilmarnock Football Club



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# OUR VISITORS . . .

**C**ongratulations to the players, management, directors and supporters of Celtic F.C., today's visitors to Rugby Park, last Sunday they won the Coca Cola Scottish League Cup at Ibrox Stadium, impressively beating Dundee United by 3-0.

The League Cup Final win was Celtic's first in that particular competition since season 1982-83, when they beat Rangers 2-1 at Hampden Park, and it was their 10th success in 22 appearances in the final. It was a very deserved triumph, and they did so without conceding a goal in any of the five games played throughout the competition.

It meant an immediate success in domestic competition for their team manager, Wim Jansen. The modest Dutchman has quietly, but assuredly carried out a minor revolution at Celtic Park since he took office during the summer, and the hard work he and his assistant, Murdo McLeod, have put in with the rebuilding of the playing squad was proved to be "on the way" with last week's Cup win. Nobody at Celtic Park will be making rash predictions about further success, but with "the treble" a distinct possibility, then it would be foolish not to assume that they will be setting their sights on both the championship and Scottish F.A. Cup as well.

Last week's League Cup winning squad of fourteen, contained seven players signed by Wim Jansen since the summer, thus it is a further compliment to this judgement that the squad has already blended into not only a winning unit, but a trophy winning one at that!

The Premier Division championship, if of course, the top prize being sought by Celtic this season. They are currently a handful of points behind the leaders Hearts, and four points behind second place Rangers. The last few years it has been a "so near, so far" story as they have pushed Rangers nearly all the way before missing out in the closing stages. This season they hope to be more successful, but with Hearts also "eyeing up" their chances for the

title, then it looks to be an even tougher assignment than the last few seasons to win the championship. Celtic, however, are prepared for the challenge and Wim Jansen's recruits, such as Marc Rieper, Stephane Mahe, Craig Burley, Paul Lambert, Henrik Larsson, Regi Blinker and Jonathan Gould are all keen to repay his faith in them by delivering that elusive League title. The Celtic supporters certainly hope they can!

An exciting game is assured today as both Killie and Celtic require the points at stake for differing reasons. Celtic will want to continue their championship drive, whilst Killie will be hoping to move further up and away from the lower regions of the League. Thus the current holders of the Scottish F.A. Cup meet the new holders of the Scottish League Cup in a game which is vital to both in their respective quests in the Premier Division. Stand by for 90 minutes of entertaining football.

## CELTIC'S RESULTS IN 1997/98

### U.E.F.A. Cup

#### 1st Qual Round

July 23 Inter Cabletel . . . . . (A) 3-0  
Thom (pen), Johnson, Wiegborst

July 29 Inter Cabletel . . . . . (H) 5-0  
Thom (pen), Jackson, Johnson, Hannah, Hay. Agg: 8-0

#### 2nd Qual Round

Aug 12 Tirol Innsbruck . . . . . (A) 1-2  
Stubbs

Aug 26 Tirol Innsbruck . . . . . (H) 6-3  
Donnelly 2 (1pen), Burley 2, Thom, Wiegborst. Agg: 7-5

#### 1st Round

Sep 16 Liverpool . . . . . (H) 2-2  
McNamara, Donnelly

Sep 30 Liverpool . . . . . (A) 0-0  
Agg: 2-2 (lost on away goals)

### Coca Cola Scottish League Cup

#### 2nd Round

Aug 9 Berwick Rangers (Tynecastle) 7-0  
Jackson, Larsson, Blinker, Wiegborst, Thom, Donnelly 2

#### 3rd Round

Aug 19 St. Johnstone . . . (A) 1-0 a.e.t.  
Donnelly

#### 4th Round

Sep 10 Motherwell . . . . . (H) 1-0  
Larsson

### Semi Final

Oct 14 Dunfermline Athletic (Ibrox) 1-0  
Burley

### Final

Nov 30 Dundee United . . . (Ibrox) 3-0  
Rieper, Larsson, Burley

### Bells Premier Division

Aug 3 Hibernian . . . . . (A) 1-2  
MacKay

Aug 16 Dunfermline Athletic . . (H) 1-2  
Thom (pen)

Aug 23 St. Johnstone . . . . . (A) 2-0  
Larsson, Jackson

Sep 13 Motherwell . . . . . (A) 3-0  
Burley 2, Donnelly

Sep 20 Aberdeen . . . . . (H) 2-0  
Larsson 2

Sep 27 Dundee United . . . . . (A) 2-1  
Donnelly, O'Donnell

Oct 4 Kilmarnock . . . . . (H) 4-0  
Larsson 2, Donnelly, Wiegborst

Oct 18 Hearts . . . . . (A) 2-1  
Rieper, Larsson

Oct 25 St. Johnstone . . . . . (H) 2-0  
Larsson, Donnelly (pen)

Nov 1 Dunfermline Athletic . . (A) 2-0  
Blinker, Larsson

Nov 8 Rangers . . . . . (A) 0-1

Nov 15 Motherwell . . . . . (H) 0-2

Nov 19 Rangers . . . . . (H) 1-1  
Stubbs

Nov 22 Dundee United . . . . . (H) 4-0  
Thom 2 (1 pen), Larsson 2

### League Position - 3rd

| P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
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### PREVIOUS MEETING BETWEEN THE CLUBS THIS SEASON

#### 4/10/1997 Premier Division

Attendance: 48,165

**CELTIC 4** (Larsson 2, Donnelly, Wiegborst) **KILMARNOCK 0**

**Celtic:** Gould, Boyd, Mahe, McNamara, Rieper, Stubbs (Annoni), Larsson, Burley, Donnelly, Thom (McKinlay), Wiegborst (Hannah).

**Kilmarnock:** Lekovic, Hamilton, Baker, Montgomerie, Whitworth, Reilly, Nevin, Mitchell (Findlay), Wright (Burke), Roberts, Henry. Sun not used: Anderson.

**Referee:** G. Simpson (Westhill).



**Jonathan Gould (Goalkeeper)** - Born 18/7/68 Paddington. Signed in August this year from Bradford City, this dependable and agile keeper has been a hard man to replace since coming into the side. The son of Welsh manager Bobby Gould, he previously served Gillingham (on loan), Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion, Halifax Town and Clevedon Town.

**Stewart Kerr (Goalkeeper)** - Born 13/11/74 Bellshill. Signed in 1993 from Celtic B.C., he has been unable to regain the first team place he held last season, due to injury problems and Jonathan Gould's outstanding form. A Scottish U21 internationalist, he had a loan spell with Brighton and Hove Albion some three seasons ago.

**Enrico Annoni (Defender)** - Born 10/7/66 Gloussand, Italy. Signed in February this year from A.S. Roma (Italy), this experienced defender is a solid performer. Capable of playing at full back or in central defence, he has also served in "Seria A" with Torino and Como.

**Malcolm MacKay (Defender)** - Born 19/2/72 Bellshill. Signed in 1993 from Queen's Park, this tall centre back is a reliable squad player, who is excellent in the air. A product of the Queen's Park youth set-up, he had four year with "the amateurs" before joining Celtic.

**Stephane Mahe (Defender)** - Born 23/9/68 Puteaux, France. Signed this summer from Rennes (France), this tall, mobile defender has fitted in well and enjoys overlapping down the left side. A French "B" internationalist, this full back had previously served Paris St. Germain and A.J. Auxerre (both France).

**Tom Boyd (Defender)** - Born 24/11/65 Glasgow. Signed in 1992 from Chelsea, he is the club captain and recently joined the S.F.A. hall of fame after gaining his fiftieth full Scottish Cap. A Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist, he can be used at full back or in central defence in a sweeping role. Previously with Motherwell, he is a product of Celtic B.C.

**Tom McKinlay (Defender)** - Born 3/12/64 Glasgow. Signed in 1994 from Hearts, "Tosh" has been the subject of transfer speculation recently. An attack minded full back, he is dangerous on the overlap, supplying crosses for his strikers. A Scottish U21 and full internationalist he previously served Dundee. Another product of Celtic B.C.

**Alan Stubbs (Defender)** - Born 6/10/71 Kirkby. Signed in 1996 from Bolton Wanderers, this tall centre back has enjoyed better luck this season than he

did last term. Cool under pressure after being signed as a trainee.

**Marc Rieper (Defender)** - Born 5/6/68 Copenhagen, Denmark. Signed in September this year from West Ham United, this tall well built centre back has formed a formidable pairing with Alan Stubbs. Strong and resolute, he is a Danish internationalist. Previously served Brondby & A.G.F. Aarhus (both Denmark).

**Jackie McNamara (Def/Mid)** - Born 24/10/73 Glasgow. Signed in 1995 from Dunfermline Athletic, this clever player is capable of performing as a defensive full back, an attacking wing back or in a wide midfield role. Pacy, with skillful touches, he is a Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist. His dad Jackie is a former Celtic player, now assistant boss with Hibernian.

**David Hannah (Def/Mid)** - Born 4/8/73 Coatbridge. Signed in 1996 from Dundee United, he is a versatile player who can turn out in a scheming midfield position or play at the heart of the defence in a sweeping role or at full back. A Scottish U21 internationalist, he was five years with United after stepping up from Hamilton Thistle.

**Craig Burley (Midfielder)** - Born 24/9/71 Ayr. Signed this summer from Chelsea, with whom he had been almost ten years after going South as a trainee. Strong, hard working midfielder, he is a Scottish U21 and full internationalist, being used more as a full back by his national manager Craig Brown. Always capable of snatching a goal with his timely late runs and powerful shot.

**Morten Wieghorst (Midfielder)** - Born 25/2/71 Glostrup, Denmark. Signed in 1995 from Dundee, this tall, slim midfielder has a deceptive style and can create chances with his strong runs at defences. A Danish U21 and full internationalist, he previously served Lyngby B.K. (Denmark).

**Phil O'Donnell (Midfielder)** - Born 25/3/72 Bellshill. Signed in 1994 from Motherwell, he has had a terrible time with injuries over the past couple of years. A powerful, hard running midfield schemer, he is a Scottish U21 and full internationalist, who can be used in a wide or central midfield role.

**Paul Lambert (Midfielder)** - Born 7/8/69 Glasgow. Signed last month from Borussia Dortmund (Germany), with whom he won a European Cup winners medal last season. A classy midfield schemer with subtle touches and silky passing skills, he previously served Motherwell and St. Mirren, moving abroad last year through the "Bosman Ruling"

from "Well. A Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist.

**Brian McLaughlin (Mid/For)** - Born 14/7/74 Bellshill. Signed in 1991 from Giffnock North A.F.C. This small dangerous winger can also be used in a creative midfield role. Possesses the natural jinking style of dribbling skill, likened to Jimmy Johnstone and Pat Nevin. A Scottish U21 internationalist.

**Andreas Thom (Mid/For)** - Born 7/9/65 Rudersdorf, Germany. Signed in 1995 from Bayer Leverkusen (Germany), he causes great problems to defences with his quick, darting runs, and is capable of both creating and scoring goals. Capped by both East Germany and Germany, he has also served other German clubs, Dynamo Berlin and T.S.G. Herzfelde.

**Tommy Johnson (Forward)** - Born 15/1/71 Newcastle. Signed in March this year from Aston Villa, this pacy front runner has not had the best of luck with injuries since joining the club. An England U21 internationalist, he previously served Derby County and Notts County. He has recently been linked with a possible move back South.

**Simon Donnelly (Forward)** - Born 1/2/74 Glasgow. Signed in 1993 from Celtic B.C., this pacy striker has had a fine season so far, and is always capable of causing problems with his busy, restless style. A Scottish U21 and full internationalist.

**Darren Jackson (Forward)** - Born 25/7/66 Edinburgh. Signed this summer from Hibernian, this fine, skillful front runner has happily recovered from a brain disorder which threatened his career earlier this season. A clever striker with great touches, he is a Scottish "B" and full internationalist. Previously served Dundee United, Newcastle United and Meadowbank Thistle.

**Henrik Larsson (Forward)** - Born 20/9/71 Helsingborg, Sweden. Signed in July from Feyenoord (Holland), he is another quick and skillful front runner who is capable of scoring and creating goals. A Swedish internationalist, he previously served Helsingborgs B.K. and Hogaborg B.K. (both Sweden).

**Regi Blinker (Forward)** - Born 2/6/69 Surinam. Signed in August from Sheffield Wednesday with Paolo Di Canio going to Hillsborough. A fast raiding winger, he is a tricky customer when on song. A Dutch U21 and full internationalist, he previously served Feyenoord and F.C. Den Bosch (both Holland), having a couple of spells with Feyenoord either side of his single season (1988-89) at Den Bosch.





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# AROUND RUGBY PARK

## WELCOME

Welcome to this afternoon's Premier League match against Celtic. The visit of Celtic to Rugby Park is always a highlight of the fixture list, and today's clash is no exception, bringing together Scotland's two Cup holders! With the vital holiday period coming up it would be a big boost for Killie to get December off to a successful start.

## SUNDAYS AT RUGBY PARK

Our three recent "Sunday Sessions" for supporters proved really popular. The afternoon gave fans the chance of a buffet lunch in the Park Suite, then the chance to have their photographs taken with the Scottish Cup, and a "mini tour" of the ground. If the demand is there it's something we could repeat - please contact the main office if you're interested.

## OFF PAT

Pat Nevin's superb double over Dunfermline certainly caused a bit of a stir, being worthy of mention on the main BBC news on Saturday night - but why couldn't they have found a more up-to-date photograph of Pat, the one they dug up from his Chelsea days was hardly flattering!

## HALF PRICE SEASONS

These will start at the Motherwell match on 3rd January. Details from the commercial office. Adults £95, Concessions £50, Child (13-16 yrs) £40, Under 13 yrs £25.

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## SUBSTITUTE

There was change to the publicised referee last weekend for our match with

Dunfermline, with Kenny Clark taking over from Bobby Orr late in the week.

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## KINDRED SPIRIT

The club video of the Scottish Cup win, "Kindred Spirit", has been reduced to £9.99 in the run-up to Christmas and is available at the Commercial Office.

## THE CUP COMETH!

The season ticks on, and the Scottish Cup is almost with us again. There are four 1st Round ties this afternoon. The 2nd Round is due on Saturday 3rd January, with the 3rd Round Draw taking place later that evening.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Kilmarnock FC invite you to the Park Suite for your Christmas festivities.

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## EARLY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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## MONTY MONTY

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**Saturday 20th December (Premier League)**

**KILMARNOCK v ABERDEEN**  
This is a Category "B" Match  
Admission: West and East Stands - Adults £12, Concessions (OAP's and U16's) £5; Moffat Stand - Adults £11, Concessions £5. Season ticket holders use Voucher No.12

**Saturday 27th December (Premier League)**

**HIBERNIAN v KILMARNOCK**  
Admission: South Stand - £14 adults and £6.

**Saturday 3rd January (Premier League)**

**KILMARNOCK v MOTHERWELL**  
This is a Category "C" Match  
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# MATCH REPORTS

## What the Papers Said

### On Kilmarnock v Dunfermline

"Three goals, two of which were exceptional, a missed penalty, an ordering off and lashings of goal-mouth frolics made for a compelling afternoon's entertainment"

*Scotland on Sunday*

"Kilmarnock, with the extra man, had an embarrassment of riches in possession but failed to capitalise"

*Sunday Telegraph*

"The match provided high entertainment from two sides intent on winning"

*The Herald*

**Saturday 29th November**

**Premier League**

**KILMARNOCK 2 v**

**DUNFERMLINE 1**

(Attendance: 6,667)

No boring matches for Killie at the moment! This was another gripping 90 minutes, with Killie taking a two goal lead but failing to finish off the visitors.

There was only one change in the Killie starting eleven from the side which had gone down 5-3 at Tynecastle six days before, Dylan Kerr replacing Martin Baker at left back.

It was Dunfermline who almost opened the scoring after only three minutes, Barnett heading in after a shot had hit the post, but he was ruled offside.

Encouraged by that early let-off Killie soon had a grip on the game, Mark Roberts and Jerome Vareille causing the Pars defence all sorts of problems, but for the second

match in a row it was Pat Nevin who opened the scoring in the 24th minute cutting in from the left and sending a glorious shot past Westwater, although admittedly the ball took a deflection off a Dunfermline defender on its way to the back of the net. Pat's second, in the 35th minute, was even better. After persistent play by Dylan Kerr, Pat sent in another position, but this time no Pars defender was required as the ball sailed high into the net. Killie looked to be cruising, but as has often happened this season a lapse of concentration at the back let the opposition back into the net. Within four minutes slack defending let Andy Smith in for a shot twelve yards out, and his effort went underneath Dragoje Lekovic. Just before the break Jerome Vareille was desperately unlucky to see his shot hit the crossbar and go over.

Although Killie remained the better moving side at the beginning of the second half, there were signs of slight panic at the back, and Dunfermline seemed happy to wait for their chances on the break. Their plans went astray, however, when Dave Barnett was sent off for two bookable offences within ninety seconds, firstly for a foul on Mark Roberts, then for an off-the-ball incident with the same player, spotted by the West Stand linesman. Down to ten men, Dunfermline took some credit for still moving forward at every opportunity, and they almost got their second when Jim Lauchlan was adjudged to have brought down Andy Smith in the box. Hamish French took the penalty kick, but Dragoje Lekovic dived to his right to make a fine block, with Dylan Kerr reacting first to clear the rebound.



**Pat Nevin**  
A superb double

Despite some anxious moments near the end around Dragoje Lekovic's goal, the better chances fell to Killie, with Pat Nevin (twice), Gary Holt and Ally Mitchell all going close. Westwater made a superb save to prevent Mark Roberts making it three. The best effort came from Paul Wright, on as a late substitute, who hit the crossbar with a raging shot in the dying minutes.

It would have been an injustice if the points hadn't stayed at Rugby Park, as some of the Killie leading-up work was a delight, but the inability to finish off some good moves could have cost us dear. Still, a valuable three points, and much appreciated by the home support.

**Killie:** Lekovic, MacPherson, D. Kerr, Lauchlan, McGowne, Holt, Nevin, Reilly (Henry 80), Roberts (Wright 83), Vareille, Mitchell. Sub not used: Whitworth.

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Shields, Den Bieman, Tod, Barnett, Curran, Moore (Shaw 76), Duante (Britton 82), Smith, French, Petric (Bingham 76).

**Referee:** K. Clark (Paisley).



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## KGB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The KGB Christmas Party will take place in the Grand Hall, London Road, Kilmarnock on Monday 22nd December from 2-5pm. I'm afraid that was the only date and time available at the hall. Club members

will receive details in the forthcoming newsletters. Parents, guardians and grandparents are all welcome to come along!

## KGB SPORTS CLUB

The KGB Sports Club continues to meet in the Galleon every Monday from 4-6pm. The club costs £1.50 plus centre admission for non-members.

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Coaching for girls only is being held every Saturday morning from 10am-12noon, at the Loudoun Super Sevens in Galston. These coaching sessions (at £2.00) have proved very popular. I'm now taking names for a girls only league, and all interested parties should come along on Saturday morning.

## HALF-PRICE SEASONS

Remember that half-price KFC Season Tickets will be available after the Aberdeen match, and will start for the Motherwell game on 3rd January. 13-16yrs £40; under 13yrs £25.

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DOB: 3-12-88

Fav Player: Dragoje Lekovic



**RHURRIDH MATHIESON**

DOB: 7-3-86

Fav Player: Paul Wright

## KIDS CORNER

### KIDS' KORNER

Win two tickets for a future Killie home match! Simply answer the following question and send it, with your name, age, address and telephone number to Eric Young, Kids' Competition No 9, Kilmarnock FC, Rugby Park, Kilmarnock by Friday 12th December.

#### Question:

*Who scored Kilmarnock's first league goal this season?*

### KILLIE ANAGRAM

An anagram of a present member of the Killie squad, but who?

#### MY RARE KILL

*(Answer on p29).*

### STRANGE BUT TRUE!

● Leyton Orient sacked Terry Howard on his 397th appearance for the club - at half-time during a Second Division home defeat by Blackpool in February 1995, for an "unacceptable performance"!

### WHOSE BADGE?

This is the badge of an Nationwide League Division One club, but which one?

*(Answer on p29)*



*Ray Montgomerie via cartoonist Malky McCormick as he appears on one of the website pages!*



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## The "New" Rugby Park

### The Redevelopment

Kilmarnock supporters will no doubt remember the long debate at the start of the 1990's about whether the club should redevelop the existing Rugby Park, or move to another site in the town. When the plans for a possible move to the Scott Ellis playingfields finally fell through, and the decision was taken to rebuild on the present site, the then board took the bold decision to carry out the work over just one season, while playing on through the upheaval. The bulldozers moved in after our 1-0 win over Rangers on 7th May 1994, a week before our Premier League status was secured in that first season back, and within a year the work was complete, with three new stands and the refurbishment of the existing stand.

The debate had encompassed not only how the redevelopment was to take place, but also the final capacity of the new stadium. The "wedge" shape to one end of the new East Stand is testimony to the lack of space in that corner, with the gardens to the rear of the houses in South Hamilton Street giving little scope to develop. Nor could the club build upwards, with the local residents concerned about the heights of the new stands.

St Johnstone, when building their new McDiarmid Park, had gone for a capacity of just over 10,000. Kilmarnock's average attendance for the previous season 1993-94 in the Premier League had been 9,170, but this figure included four matches against the Old Firm which naturally had had much larger crowds. If the redeveloped Rugby Park was to be used for international matches, then obviously the larger the crowd capacity the better, but that had to be balanced against a normal league attendance against say, Dundee United, of around 7,000, which would leave large swathes of empty seats. Given the restrictions in areas and height, it was decided to go for a capacity of around 18,000, split roughly into the identical Moffat and Chadwick Stands (4,400), the new East Stand (4,600) and the refurbished West Stand (4,600). In his new edition of the influential book "The Football Grounds of Great Britain", considered to be the book of football grounds, author Simon Inglis is fulsome in his praise for Rugby Park, but is critical of one aspect, the lack of leg-room (or more specifically the "seating row depth", and "clearway") which is admittedly tight. More seats or more leg-room - that was the dilemma faced at that time!

### Vindicated?

So has the decision to go for a capacity of over 18,000

(18,128 to be precise) been vindicated in practice? Of the "developed" grounds only Ibrox, Celtic Park, Hampden (when complete) and Pittodrie will have larger capacities. Ironically, the record capacity for the "new" stadium was set at 17,996, for the World Cup Qualifying tie against Estonia in March this year. Since the ground was officially opened by a match against Blackburn Rovers in August 1995, there have been nine matches here against the Old Firm:

|                  | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| v Celtic         | 14,011  | 15,900  | -       |
| (average 15,275) | 16,101  | 15,087  | -       |
| v Rangers        | 14,823  | 14,812  | 15,367  |
| (average 15,698) | 17,056  | 16,437  | -       |

The largest attendance for a Killie match, not including the Old Firm, was the 15,173 who watched the Scottish Cup tie against Hearts here in February 1996.

This season, of course, segregation arrangements have been changed, with Old Firm fans given both the Moffat and Chadwick Stands. It remains to be seen how much of a difference this will make to the attendances for these matches.

From the above it would appear as if a capacity of at least 16,000 was required. Long gone, of course, as is the case at all existing grounds, are the chances of breaking the old record attendance for Rugby Park! For many years this was given as the 34,246 who watched a League Cup game against Rangers in season 1963-64, but new research showed the record to be the 35,995 who squeezed in to watch the Scottish Cup tie against Rangers in March 1962 (with 36,000 tickets sold, wonder what happened to the five who couldn't make it?!). Of the top ten attendances at the "old" Rugby Park, nine were for matches against Rangers.

Since Killie's return to the Premier League in 1993, average league attendances at Rugby Park have been fairly steady: 1993-94 - 9,170; 1994-95 - 9,430; 1995-96 - 8,719; 1996-97 - 9,121. A 16,000 crowd this afternoon (not an unreasonable figure) would bring this season's average so far to 9,250.

### Stop Press . . .

As well as in the new "Sports Division" Superstore, Killie souvenirs will also be on sale in the "Sports Division" shop in the Burns Mall.

Legendary left back Alan Robertson, holder of the record number of league appearances for KFC will make this afternoon's half-time draw.

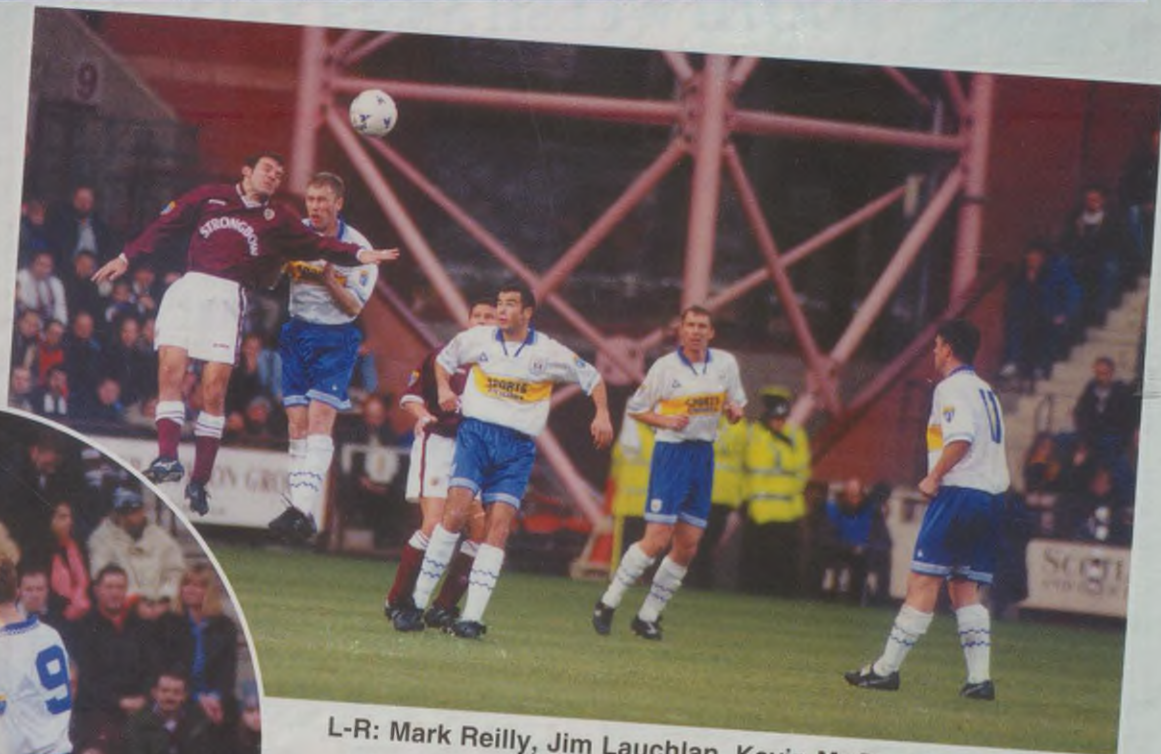
The Ray Montgomerie book "Monty-Monty" was launched in the Park Suite on Friday. Ray will be signing copies of his book in the new Sports Division store tomorrow, Sunday, from 2-4pm and also next Friday, 12th December, at the Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, from 12.30-2pm.



# HEARTS 5 v KILMARNOCK 3



Pat Nevin, scorer of the first Killie goal, in action at Tynecastle



L-R: Mark Reilly, Jim Lauchlan, Kevin McGowne, Ally Mitchell



Pat Nevin celebrates the opening goal



Jerome Varelle takes on the Hearts' defence



Penalty? Stephen Frail clearly traps Jerome Varelle's leg, but no penalty this time







# RESERVES

## PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE 1997/98

|                           |               |     |     |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| Tue 5 Aug                 | ABERDEEN      | (H) | 2-0 |
| Sat 16 Aug                | Rangers       | (A) | 2-1 |
| Mon 25 Aug                | HIBERNIAN     | (H) | 3-1 |
| Tue 2 Sep                 | Motherwell    | (A) | 1-2 |
| Wed 10 Sep                | DUNFERMLINE   | (H) | 0-3 |
| Mon 15 Sep                | DUNDEE UNITED | (H) | 0-0 |
| Tue 30 Sep                | Hearts        | (A) | 0-3 |
| Tue 14 Oct                | St Johnstone  | (A) | 2-1 |
| Tue 28 Oct                | Hibernian     | (A) | 2-3 |
| Tue 4 Nov                 | RANGERS       | (H) | 1-1 |
| Wed 12 Nov                | MOTHERWELL    | (H) | 1-2 |
| Mon 24 Nov                | HEARTS        | (H) | 1-0 |
| Thu 4 Dec                 | Dunfermline   | (A) |     |
| w/c 8 Dec                 | Celtic        | (A) |     |
| w/c 15 Dec                | ST JOHNSTONE  | (H) |     |
| w/c 22 Dec                | Aberdeen      | (A) |     |
| w/c 5 Jan                 | Motherwell    | (A) |     |
| w/c 12 Jan                | DUNDEE UNITED | (H) |     |
| w/c 19 Jan                | Hearts        | (A) |     |
| w/c 26 Jan                | HIBERNIAN     | (H) |     |
| w/c 2 Feb                 | DUNFERMLINE   | (H) |     |
| w/c 9 Feb                 | St Johnstone  | (A) |     |
| w/c 16 Feb                | Rangers       | (A) |     |
| w/c 23 Feb                | CELTIC        | (H) |     |
| w/c 2 Mar                 | ABERDEEN      | (H) |     |
|                           | CELTIC        | (H) |     |
|                           | Dundee United | (A) |     |
| <b>RESERVE LEAGUE CUP</b> |               |     |     |
| Tue 18 Nov                | QUEENS PARK   | (H) | 4-0 |
|                           | Rangers       | (A) |     |

## RESERVE APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 97/98

|                   | PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE |       | RESERVE LEAGUE CUP |       |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
|                   | Apps                   | Goals | Apps               | Goals |
| ANDERSON, Derek   | 7                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| BAGAN, David      | 5                      | 1     | -                  | -     |
| BAKER, Martin     | 3                      | -     | 1                  | -     |
| BATTY, Jason      | 2                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| BURKE, Alex       | 5                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| CASSULE, Luis     | 3                      | 2     | -                  | -     |
| DAVIDSON, Stuart  | 2(+6)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| DOIG, Kevin       | 2(+2)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| FINDLAY, Billy    | 6(+1)                  | -     | 1                  | -     |
| FINNIGAN, Paul    | 1(+1)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| FOWLER, James     | 0(+1)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| GRAHAM, Martin    | 1                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| HAMILTON, Stephen | 8                      | -     | 1                  | -     |
| HAY, Gary         | 8(+3)                  | -     | 1                  | 1     |
| HENRY, John       | 3                      | -     | 1                  | -     |
| HOLT, Gary        | 2                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| KERR, Alan        | 3                      | 1     | -                  | -     |
| KERR, Dylan       | 2                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| LAUCLAN, Jim      | 4                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| LEKOVIC, Dragoje  | 0                      | 1     | 1                  | -     |
| LENNOX, Rod       | 0(+2)                  | 1     | -                  | -     |
| McCLELLAND, John  | 1                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| McCUTCHEON, Gary  | 8(+3)                  | 3     | 1                  | -     |
| McGOWNE, Kevin    | 1                      | -     | 1                  | -     |
| MacPHERSON, Gus   | 3                      | -     | 1                  | -     |
| MELDRUM, Colin    | 6                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| MITCHELL, Ally    | 1                      | 1     | -                  | -     |
| MORRISON, Steven  | 0(+1)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| NEVIN, Pat        | 3                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| O'NEILL, Martin   | 8                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| REILLY, Mark      | 1                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| ROBERTS, Mark     | 8                      | 2     | -                  | -     |
| SKILLING, Mark    | 1(+1)                  | -     | 1                  | -     |
| STRAIN, Adam      | 2                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| VAREILLE, Jerome  | 2                      | 1     | -                  | -     |
| VINCENT, Robert   | 6(+2)                  | -     | -                  | -     |
| WHITWORTH, Neil   | 5                      | -     | -                  | -     |
| WRIGHT, Paul      | 4                      | 2     | 1                  | 3     |
| Trialists         | 5                      | -     | -                  | -     |

Last week's scheduled Premier Reserve League match against Dunfermline was due to be played on thursday afternoon at Rosyth. A report will appear in our next issue. Next week the Reserves are on their travels again, to play Celtic in Glasgow.

No date yet for our Reserve League Cup quarter-final tie against Rangers. It's hoped that the match will take place at Ibrox, and it's due to be played before 31st December.

### Reserve League Cup 3rd Round results so far:

Kilmarnock 4 v Queens Park 0; Rangers 2 v Dundee United 1; St Johnstone 1 v Hamilton 1 (Hamilton won 4-3 on penalties); Hearts 5 v Stirling Albion 4.

### The Quarter-Final draw:

Celtic or Motherwell v Hibernian or St Mirren; Hamilton v Aberdeen or Albion Rovers; Hearts v Dunfermline or Forfar Athletic; Rangers v Kilmarnock.

New Zealand born goalkeeper Jason Batty has been released from his short-term contract.

No less than 42 different players have played in the Reserve team already this season, including four Frenchmen, an Icelander, a Portuguese, a Yugoslavian, a New Zealander and a couple of Englishmen!

A quiet week, then, for the Reserves, which gives us some time to dig into the archives to resurrect the Killie career of our new Chief Executive Ian Welsh. As a young left-sided footballer he never played for the first team but had two full seasons in the Kilmarnock Reserves side in 1970-71 and 1971-72. He had actually made his debut the season before, in March 1970 as a trialist inside-left in a 0-0 draw with Hibs at Rugby Park.

In 1970-71 he made 33 (+ 1 sub) appearance in Reserve League, RLC and 2nd XI Cup matches, and in 1971-72 played 27 (+ 3 sub) times, and even managed a goal, in a 1-1 draw at Motherwell in a Reserve League tie!

### PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE TABLE 1997-98

|               |    |   |   |   |    |   |    |    |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|
| Hearts        | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 22 | - | 9  | 25 |
| Rangers       | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 26 | - | 14 | 24 |
| Motherwell    | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 22 | - | 24 | 23 |
| Dundee United | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 25 | - | 15 | 21 |
| Celtic        | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 22 | - | 19 | 21 |
| St Johnstone  | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 18 | - | 20 | 19 |
| Kilmarnock    | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 15 | - | 17 | 17 |
| Dunfermline   | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | - | 25 | 12 |
| Aberdeen      | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 11 | - | 18 | 9  |
| Hibernian     | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 12 | - | 28 | 9  |



# QUIZ

1. Coca-Cola have sponsored the League Cup in England since 1993. Which club have won two of the five finals since?
2. Since the war, only four players with surnames starting with "N" have played for Scotland. Pat Nevin is one, but can you name the others?
3. Which defender won 34 caps for Scotland between 1972 and 1978 whilst with Aberdeen and Manchester United?
4. In which city did Aberdeen beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the 1983 European Cup-Winners Cup Final?
5. Which set of three brothers all played for Southampton against Sheffield Wednesday in October 1988?
6. Who were the two Hearts players suspended for ten matches in 1994 by the SFA after being sent off for fighting with each other in a pre-season friendly match?
7. Which English League club play at Underhill Stadium?
8. What football first occurred in the Hull City v Manchester United Watney Cup match in August 1970?
9. From which club did Liverpool sign Patrick Berger?
10. What football "instituition" sat for the first time in January 1963 (during the "big freeze" of that winter - there's a clue!)?

(Answers on page 29)



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# YOUTHS

## SCOTTISH YOUTH LEAGUE (Under 18) 1997/98

|        |     |                 |     |     |
|--------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Mon 1  | Sep | Dunfermline     | (A) | 1-1 |
| Sat 13 | Sep | FORFAR ATHLETIC | (H) | 1-1 |
| Wed 17 | Sep | Hibernian       | (A) | 4-4 |
| Thu 2  | Oct | Aberdeen        | (A) | 3-1 |
| Tue 14 | Oct | Cowdenbeath     | (A) | 2-2 |
| Sat 18 | Oct | MOTHERWELL      | (H) | 5-2 |
| Fri 31 | Oct | Hearts          | (A) | 0-1 |
| Sat 15 | Nov | STENHOUSEMUIR   | (H) | 5-1 |
| Wed 26 | Nov | RANGERS         | (H) | 1-2 |
| w/c 8  | Dec | Forfar Athletic | (A) |     |
| w/c 15 | Dec | HIBERNIAN       | (H) |     |
| w/c 19 | Jan | Motherwell      | (A) |     |
| w/c 26 | Jan | ABERDEEN        | (H) |     |
| w/c 2  | Feb | Celtic          | (A) |     |
| w/c 9  | Feb | COWDENBEATH     | (H) |     |
| w/c 16 | Feb | Dundee          | (A) |     |
| w/c 23 | Feb | HEARTS          | (H) |     |
| w/c 9  | Mar | Stenhousemuir   | (A) |     |
| w/c 16 | Mar | DUNDEE UNITED   | (H) |     |
| w/c 23 | Mar | Rangers         | (A) |     |
|        |     | CELTIC          | (H) |     |
|        |     | DUNDEE          | (H) |     |
|        |     | Dundee United   | (A) |     |
|        |     | DUNFERMLINE     | (H) |     |

## BP YOUTH CUP

|        |     |                     |     |     |
|--------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Sun 26 | Oct | Hawick Royal Albert | (A) | 4-1 |
| Thu 20 | Nov | ABERDEEN            | (H) | 0-2 |

## YOUTH APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1997/98

|                    | Scottish Youth League |       | BP Youth Cup |       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                    | Apps                  | Goals | Apps         | Goals |
| BINGHAM, Craig     | 7(+2)                 | 1     | 2            | 2     |
| CANNERO, Peter     | 5(+2)                 | -     | 2            | -     |
| DAVIDSON, Stuart   | 6                     | 2     | 1            | -     |
| ELLIOT, Tony       | 4                     | -     | -            | -     |
| FINNIGAN, Paul     | 3(+1)                 | 1     | -            | -     |
| FOWLER, James      | 6(+2)                 | 1     | 1            | -     |
| FULTON, Mark       | 3(+1)                 | -     | 1(+1)        | -     |
| GIBSON, Gary       | 6(+1)                 | 1     | 2            | -     |
| LASSLEY, Keith     | 0(+1)                 | -     | -            | -     |
| LOUDON, Liam       | 0(+2)                 | -     | -            | -     |
| LUNDY, James       | 0(+1)                 | -     | -            | -     |
| McCALLUM, Alistair | 1                     | -     | -            | -     |
| McCLELLAND, John   | 9                     | 1     | 2            | -     |
| McDONALD, Gary     | 7(+2)                 | 2     | 1(+1)        | 1     |
| MILLER, Derek      | 3                     | -     | -            | -     |
| MOORE, Gary        | 7(+1)                 | -     | 2            | -     |
| MORRISON, Steven   | 2(+3)                 | -     | -            | -     |
| REID, Willie       | 0(+1)                 | 1     | -            | -     |
| ROSS, Colin        | 0(+1)                 | -     | 0(+2)        | -     |
| SMITH, Alan        | 1                     | -     | -            | -     |
| STRAIN, Adam       | 8                     | -     | 2            | -     |
| STRAIN, Chris      | 9                     | 8     | 2            | 1     |
| TAIT, Graeme       | 6                     | 2     | 1(+1)        | -     |
| WILLIAMS, David    | 1(+1)                 | -     | 1(+1)        | -     |
| WOODS, Jamie       | 5(+4)                 | 2     | 2            | -     |

## Wednesday 26th November, Scottish Youth League Kilmarnock 1 v Rangers 2

After the disappointment of their defeat in the BP Youth Cup against Aberdeen, it wouldn't have been a surprise if the youngsters had shown an adverse reaction in this league match against Rangers at Portland Park, Troon, but they turned in a reasonable performance in a narrow defeat.

Rangers had the better of the first half, and led 2-0 at the break, but Kilie improved in the second half, pulling a goal back through James FOWLER, and almost saving the game late on.

*A. Strain, Cannero, Miller, Moore, McClelland, Bingham (Lassley), C. Strain, Fowler, MacDonald (Woods), Tait (Fulton), Williams.*

Dunfermline called off this week's scheduled league match, so the Under 18 side had no match.

## SCOTTISH YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

|                 |    |   |   |   |    |   |    |    |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|
| Aberdeen        | 9  | 7 | 1 | 1 | 39 | - | 13 | 22 |
| Dundee United   | 8  | 6 | 2 | 0 | 18 | - | 6  | 20 |
| Rangers         | 9  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 22 | - | 11 | 18 |
| Celtic          | 6  | 5 | 0 | 1 | 22 | - | 9  | 15 |
| Hearts          | 8  | 5 | 0 | 3 | 11 | - | 8  | 15 |
| Kilmarnock      | 9  | 3 | 4 | 2 | 22 | - | 15 | 13 |
| Motherwell      | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 14 | - | 25 | 13 |
| Dunfermline     | 8  | 3 | 2 | 3 | 22 | - | 14 | 11 |
| Forfar Athletic | 9  | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8  | - | 19 | 8  |
| Dundee          | 7  | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 | - | 13 | 7  |
| Stenhousemuir   | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 | - | 36 | 7  |
| Hibernian       | 8  | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 | - | 21 | 4  |
| Cowdenbeath     | 9  | 0 | 1 | 8 | 12 | - | 33 | 1  |

## LATEST FIXTURES

### Under 16

|        |             |     |     |
|--------|-------------|-----|-----|
| 23 Nov | Motherwell  | (H) | 2-3 |
| 30 Nov | QOS         | (H) |     |
| 07 Dec | Falkirk     | (A) |     |
| 14 Dec | Dunfermline | (H) |     |

### Under 15

|        |              |     |     |
|--------|--------------|-----|-----|
| 23 Nov | St Johnstone | (A) | 5-4 |
| 30 Nov | Rangers      | (H) |     |
| 07 Dec | Motherwell   | (H) |     |
| 14 Dec | Hibernian    | (A) |     |



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# BITS AND PIECES

PRESENTED WITH THE SUNDAY POST - MARCH 11, 1938



Not a programme cover this issue, but instead a "Souvenir of a Famous Victory" from 1938! Kilmarnock's 2-1 win in a Scottish Cup tie at Celtic Park certainly caused a shock, especially as we'd lost 8-0 in the league at that venue a couple of months earlier. Under new manager, ex-Celtic favourite Jimmy McGrory, Killie were struggling against relegation, but beat both Celtic and Rangers on their way to a Scottish Cup final meeting with East Fife. The "Sunday Post" issued an eight page brochure on the victory over Celtic, giving pictures and a round-up of the Killie team, most of whom were part-time, with the squad including painters, a chimney-can maker, a meter fitter, and a builder, and a very "non p.c." photo of goalkeeper John Hunter lighting up a cigarette! Not particularly easy to obtain nowadays and a very unusual item.

The next Programme Fair in Scotland will take place on Sunday 4th January in Hamilton. Fuller details in our issue v Aberdeen.

The home issue v Dundee United is now sold out, but copies of last week's programme v Dunfermline are still available.

## Programme Collecting for Non-Anoraks!

A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY magazine describing the different varieties of programmes that can form a collection.

### 12. FIRST AND LAST

In the last programme, we concentrated on "Last Season in the League" programmes; this week, we have the happier task of describing those programmes of clubs newly elected to Scottish League football. First thoughts would turn to Ross County and Caledonian Thistle in this respect, although closer scrutiny of post war Scottish League history would discover that Clydebank, Berwick Rangers, Stranraer and Meadowbank Thistle have all been added in the last half century.

Both Berwick Rangers and Stranraer were prolific programme producers in their "pre-league days", when they competed against reserve teams in 'C' Division of the Scottish Football League. This was continued into their membership of the Second Division of the Scottish League, although any programme from the decade of the 1950s will inevitably attract offers, rather than be placed for straight sale on a dealer's catalogue.

Meadowbank Thistle's first season in the League, 1974/75, saw an interesting sequence of programmes, with their first League match (against Alloa on 11th September 1974) seeing a special programme produced. This too attracts offers, but far rarer are the folded programmes issued for Meadowbank's League Cup matches, against Albion Rovers and Brechin City (twice, once postponed).

The modern trend of copious pre-season friendlies saw the first League match programmes of both Ross County and Caledonian Thistle in 1994/95 by no means the first programmes of these clubs in that season. Keen collectors of "first in league" would therefore be attracted to the friendly

match issues whose claim to fame is "first as League club".

As mentioned in the last programme, the movement of clubs from their traditional stadia has also widened the scope of this kind of collecting, and hence either "first in new ground", or official ground opening programmes make an interesting subject to collect. St Johnstone were first to relocate, and their first match in McDiarmid Park (a League game against Clydebank) and the official opening fixture against Manchester United a couple of months later, are collectable programmes. Stirling Albion, Livingston and Clyde all come into the same category, with their new stadia, and no doubt there are more to come within the next few years. Then there are the tenant clubs - and the first programmes issued by Clyde (at Firhill and Douglas Park), Hamilton Accies (at Firhill and Cliftonhill), Stirling Albion (at Ochilview), Airdrie (at Broadwood) and Clydebank (at Boghead) are items to look out for, although in years to come it will take an eagle-eyed dealer to spot the significance of these otherwise ordinary-looking League programmes.

The comings and goings of the English League - with Wimbledon, Oxford United, Cambridge United, Wycombe Wanderers, Hereford United, Wigan Athletic, Barnet and Scarborough all joining the league in the last 35 years - tend to dominate this section of programme collecting, but as we have seen above, there is still sufficient scope for some interesting programmes to be accumulated from "first seasons" north of the border.

"Programme Monthly" contains up to 100 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting, and is available priced £1.90 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL; or an introductory copy of a recent edition can be obtained by sending a 1st class stamp to that address.



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## *"Man of the Match"* **AWARDS**

**KILMARNOCK v DUNFERMLINE**  
*29th November 1997*

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| <b>3</b> | <b>Pat Nevin</b>       |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Jerome Vareille</b> |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Mark Roberts</b>    |

## **TABLE STANDINGS SO FAR THIS SEASON**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| MARK ROBERTS . . . .   | 12 |
| JEROME VAREILLE . . .  | 10 |
| ALEX BURKE . . . . .   | 7  |
| PAT NEVIN . . . . .    | 6  |
| GARY HOLT . . . . .    | 6  |
| DRAGOJE LEKOVIC . . .  | 5  |
| ALLY MITCHELL . . . .  | 5  |
| PAUL WRIGHT . . . . .  | 4  |
| STEPHEN HAMILTON . .   | 4  |
| RAY MONTGOMERIE . .    | 4  |
| DYLAN KERR . . . . .   | 4  |
| KEVIN MCGOWNE . . . .  | 3  |
| MARK REILLY . . . . .  | 3  |
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www.enterprise.net/kilmarnockfc

## Premier League Attendances '97-98 (Average - Highest - Lowest)

|               |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Rangers       |        |        |
| 49,236        | 50,082 | 48,257 |
| Celtic        |        |        |
| 48,290        | 49,509 | 46,206 |
| Hearts        |        |        |
| 14,549        | 16,977 | 13,415 |
| Aberdeen      |        |        |
| 13,091        | 18,205 | 9,000  |
| Hibernian     |        |        |
| 11,843        | 15,550 | 9,559  |
| Dundee United |        |        |
| 8,905         | 12,600 | 6,883  |
| Kilmarnock    |        |        |
| 8,287         | 15,367 | 6,588  |
| Motherwell    |        |        |
| 8,046         | 12,018 | 5,036  |
| Dunfermline   |        |        |
| 7,305         | 12,627 | 5,374  |
| St Johnstone  |        |        |
| 6,785         | 10,265 | 4,566  |

## Association

There has been a slight delay with the second edition of the Association magazine "Kissin the Squirrels" but it's hoped that it will be available soon, priced £1.50.

The KFCSA can be contacted at PO Box 26007, Kilmarnock KA3 1YA.

## Ardrassan & District SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 11.45 from Victoria Bar, Saltcoats. Phone Jim Crawford on 01294 468816.

## Auld Hoose SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 11.30 from Auld Hoose, Titchfield Street. Phone 523843.

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Bus for McDiarmid Park - Dundonald 12.00 then pick up points in Dreghorn, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock (Western Rd), Kilmaurs, Stewarton. Phone 01292 268311.

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12.40; Masonic Arms, Beith 12.50. Phone Tom 504277 or Steven 685343. Bus for home matches.

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## Kadikoi SC

Buses leave from the Kadikoi Bar, Bonnyton Road. Phone 534196.

## Killie Club SC

Two buses for McDiarmid Park 12.15 from Rugby Park. Phone 528280.

## Masons' Arms SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 11.30 from Henrietta Street, Galston. Phone 820957.

## Mauchline & District SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park leaves Catrine 12.15, Mauchline 12.30. Bus for home matches 1.30 & 2.00. Phone 551164.

## New Oak SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 12.30 from Dean Street. Phone 529863.

## Portmann SC

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## Riccarton SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 11.00 from Riccarton Bowling Club. Phone 541838.

## Saltcoats SC

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## Springhill SC

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## Travel Club

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## Woodgrove SC

Bus for McDiarmid Park 12.30 from

Wardneuk Shopping Centre. Phone 522145 or 528185.

## "Persons with a Disability" Association

Contact Secretary John Toal on 01292 288905.

## The Killie Exile Magazine

December issue now available. Details from Philip Hall, 11 Tower Street, Bridlington, Colchester CO7 0AL.

## AWAY DAYS

### ST JOHNSTONE

#### Saturday 13th December

Admission: North Stand (visiting support) Adults £12, Juvenile/OAP £8. St Johnstone also have a Family Section in the South Stand, prices - Adult Male £10, Female/Juvenile/OAP £5.

By Road: Approx 80 miles (allow 1½ hours).

Ground: Follow the A9 to Inverness on Perth City Bypass, then follow "Football Stadium" signs at Inveralmond Roundabout. Club car park charges £2 for cars (coaches free), unfortunately other car parking in immediate area is very limited. Ground tel no. 01738 626961.

Recent Record: Killie have only ever played three times at McDiarmid Park. We won both the Premier League matches, in 1994-95 by 1-0, Bobby Williamson scoring the only goal on the first visit, Gus MacPherson the second time round. The only other meeting was in a Scottish Cup replay in February 1993, Saints winning 1-0.

## Kids' Quiz Answers (from page 15)

Anagram - Mark Reilly  
Whose Badge? Wolverhampton Wanderers.

## Quiz Answers (from page 22)

1. Aston Villa. 2. Steve Nicol, Charlie Nicholas, Dave Narey. 3. Martin Buchan. 4. Gothenburg. 5. Danny, Ray & Rodney Wallace. 6. Craig Levein and Graeme Hogg. 7. Barnet. 8. It was the first competitive match in Britain to be decided by a penalty shoot-out. 9. Borussia Dortmund. 10. The Pools Panel.



# ACTION REPLAY



More Tynecastle action - Mark Roberts shields the ball



Marco again, scoring Killie's third goal from the penalty spot





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|  | 1   | 2      | 3       | 4           | 5         | 6           | 7            | 8            | 9        | 10        | 11          | S            | S         | S            |             |            |
|--|-----|--------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>AUG</b> Sat 2 A Aberdeen                        | 0-0 | 14,041 | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Mitchell | Findlay   | Wright      | McIntyre+    | Bagan*    | Vareille+    | Nevin*      | O'Neill    |
| Sat 9 A East Fife CCC 2                            | 2-0 | 963    | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Mitchell | Findlay   | Wright      | McIntyre+    | Bagan*    | Vareille+(1) | Burke*      | Nevin*     |
| Thu 14 H SHELBORNE CWC Qual Rd, 1st Leg            | 2-1 | 9,041  | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Mitchell | Findlay   | Wright(2)   | McIntyre*    | Burke     | Vareille*    | Nevin+      | O'Neill    |
| Wed 20 A Stirling Albion CCC 3                     | 2-6 | 2,154  | Meldrum | MacPherson  | Baker     | Anderson    | McGowne      | Reilly       | Nevin    | Findlay+  | Wright(1)   | Vareille(1)  | Burke*    | Mitchell+    | McIntyre*   | A Kerr     |
| Sat 23 A Hibernian                                 | 0-4 | 9,559  | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Bagan    | Mitchell  | Wright*     | Vareille+    | Nevin*    | McIntyre+    | Hamilton*   | Findlay*   |
| Thu 28 A Shelbourne CWC Qual Rd, 2nd Leg           | 1-1 | 5,000  | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Mitchell | Findlay   | McIntyre(1) | Bagan        | Nevin*    | Vareille*    | Burke       | Wright     |
| <b>SEP</b> Sat 13 A Dundee United                  | 2-1 | 6,883  | Meldrum | Montgomerie | Baker     | Whitworth   | McGowne      | Reilly       | Nevin    | Findlay   | Wright+(2)  | Mitchell     | Vareille* | Bagan*       | Vincent*    | Roberts+   |
| Thu 18 A OGC Nice (CWC, 1st Rd, 1st Leg)           | 1-3 | 10,812 | Meldrum | MacPherson  | Baker     | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Mitchell | Findlay*  | Wright(1)   | Vareille+    | Nevin*    | Bagan*       | Roberts+    | O'Neill*   |
| Sun 21 A Dunfermline                               | 1-1 | 5,374  | Meldrum | MacPherson  | Baker     | Whitworth   | McGowne      | Montgomerie+ | Mitchell | Reilly    | Wright(1)   | Vareille     | Bagan*    | Nevin        | Roberts+    | Burke*     |
| Wed 24 H RANGERS                                   | 0-3 | 15,367 | Meldrum | MacPherson  | Baker+    | Whitworth   | McGowne      | Reilly       | Bagan*   | Mitchell  | Wright*     | Vareille     | Burke     | Roberts*     | Vincent+    | Nevin*     |
| Sat 27 H HEARTS                                    | 0-3 | 7,875  | Meldrum | MacPherson  | Whitworth | McGowne     | Montgomerie+ | Reilly       | Mitchell | Hamilton  | Wright*     | Vareille     | Nevin*    | Roberts*     | Bagan+      | Burke*     |
| <b>OCT</b> Thu 2 H OGC NICE (CWC, 1st Rd, 2nd Leg) | 1-1 | 8,402  | Lekovic | MacPherson  | D. Kerr   | Whitworth   | McGowne      | Reilly(1)    | Mitchell | Bagan*    | Wright      | Vareille*    | Burke     | Henry*       | Nevin+      | Roberts*   |
| Sat 4 A Celtic                                     | 0-4 | 48,165 | Lekovic | Hamilton    | Baker     | Montgomerie | Whitworth    | Reilly       | Nevin    | Mitchell* | Wright+     | Roberts      | Henry     | Burke+       | Findlay*    | Anderson   |
| Wed 8 H MOTHERWELL                                 | 2-1 | 6,588  | Lekovic | Hamilton    | D. Kerr   | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Nevin    | Henry*    | Wright      | Vareille(1)+ | Burke(1)  | Whitworth*   | Mitchell*   | Roberts+   |
| Sat 18 H ST JOHNSTONE                              | 0-1 | 6,572  | Lekovic | Whitworth*  | D. Kerr   | Montgomerie | McGowne      | Reilly       | Nevin    | Henry     | Vareille    | Roberts      | Burke+    | Mitchell*    | McCutcheon+ | Holt*      |
| Sat 25 H HIBERNIAN                                 | 2-1 | 7,541  | Meldrum | McGowne     | D. Kerr   | Montgomerie | Whitworth    | Reilly       | Nevin    | Henry*    | Roberts(1)+ | Vareille     | Burke     | Mitchell+    | Findlay*    | Holt*      |
| <b>NOV</b> Sat 1 A Rangers                         | 1-4 | 49,413 | Meldrum | McGowne     | Reilly    | Montgomerie | Whitworth    | Holt         | Nevin+   | Henry     | Roberts*    | Mitchell(1)  | Burke     | Vareille*    | Findlay     | Anderson+  |
| Sat 8 A Motherwell                                 | 1-0 | 5,346  | Meldrum | Lauchlan    | Holt      | Montgomerie | Whitworth    | Reilly       | Nevin    | Mitchell  | Roberts(1)* | Vareille     | Burke     | Henry*       | Findlay     | MacPherson |
| Sat 15 H DUNDEE UNITED                             | 1-3 | 7,402  | Meldrum | Lauchlan    | Holt      | Montgomerie | Whitworth    | Reilly       | Nevin    | Mitchell  | Roberts(1)+ | Vareille     | Burke*    | Wright+      | McGowne*    | Henry*     |
| Sun 23 A Hearts                                    | 3-5 | 14,238 | Lekovic | MacPherson  | Baker     | Lauchlan    | McGowne      | Reilly       | Nevin    | Holt(1)   | Roberts(1)  | Vareille     | Mitchell  | Wright       | Henry       | Whitworth  |
| Sat 29 H DUNFERMLINE                               | 2-1 | 6,667  | Lekovic | MacPherson  | D. Kerr   | Lauchlan    | McGowne      | Holt         | Nevin    | Reilly*   | Roberts+    | Vareille     | Mitchell  | Wright+      | Henry*      | Whitworth  |
| <b>DEC</b> Sat 6 H CELTIC                          |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 13 A St Johnstone                              |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 20 H ABERDEEN                                  |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 27 A Hibernian                                 |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| <b>JAN</b> Sat 3 H MOTHERWELL                      |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 10 A Dundee United                             |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 17 H Hearts                                    |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 24 SC3   |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 31 A Dunfermline                               |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| <b>FEB</b> Sat 7 H ST JOHNSTONE                    |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 14 SC4   |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 21 A Celtic                                    |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Tue 24 H RANGERS                                   |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 28 A Aberdeen                                  |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| <b>MAR</b> Sat 7 SC Q/F                            |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 14 A Hearts                                    |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 21 H DUNFERMLINE                               |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 28 A St. Johnstone                             |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| <b>APR</b> Sat 4 H CELTIC (SC S/F)                 |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 11 A Motherwell                                |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 18 H DUNDEE UNITED                             |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 25 H ABERDEEN                                  |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| <b>MAY</b> Sat 2 A Rangers                         |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 9 H HIBERNIAN                                  |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |
| Sat 16 SC Final                                    |     |        |         |             |           |             |              |              |          |           |             |              |           |              |             |            |

Other unused subs: v Shelbourne (H) Meldrum; Hamilton, Bagan, Roberts; v Shelbourne (A) Meldrum, Hamilton, Roberts, Anderson; v OGC Nice (A) Lekovic, Whitworth, Hamilton; v Nice (H) Meldrum, Findlay, Hamilton, Montgomerie.

## SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

|               |    |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|---|---|----|---|----|----|
| HEARTS        | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 35 | - | 17 | 33 |
| RANGERS       | 15 | 9  | 5 | 1 | 41 | - | 18 | 32 |
| CELTIC        | 14 | 9  | 1 | 4 | 26 | - | 12 | 28 |
| DUNDEE UNITED | 14 | 5  | 4 | 5 | 27 | - | 24 | 19 |
| DUNFERMLINE   | 15 | 5  | 4 | 6 | 21 | - | 32 | 19 |
| ST JOHNSTONE  | 15 | 5  | 3 | 7 | 16 | - | 22 | 18 |
| KILMARNOCK    | 15 | 5  | 2 | 8 | 15 | - | 32 | 17 |
| HIBERNIAN     | 15 | 3  | 4 | 8 | 21 | - | 24 | 13 |
| MOTHERWELL    | 15 | 3  | 4 | 8 | 20 | - | 27 | 13 |
| ABERDEEN      | 14 | 2  | 5 | 7 | 14 | - | 28 | 11 |

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

| Player        | League |   | European CWC |   | Coca Cola League Cup |   | KFC Total |    |
|---------------|--------|---|--------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------|----|
|               | Apps   | G | Apps         | G | Apps                 | G | Apps      | G  |
| Anderson D    | 0(1)   | - | -            | - | 1                    | - | 73(2)     | 2  |
| Bagan D       | 4(2)   | - | 2(1)         | - | 1                    | - | 29(4)     | -  |
| Baker M       | 7      | - | 3            | - | 2                    | - | 12        | -  |
| Burke A       | 7(3)   | 1 | 2            | - | 1(1)                 | - | 26(10)    | 4  |
| Findlay W     | 2(3)   | - | 3            | - | 2                    | 1 | 29(14)    | 2  |
| Hamilton S    | 3(1)   | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 10(1)     | -  |
| Henry J       | 5(2)   | - | 0(1)         | - | -                    | - | 87(17)    | 12 |
| Holt G        | 4(2)   | 1 | -            | - | -                    | - | 36(14)    | 2  |
| Kerr A        | -      | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 2(2)      | -  |
| Kerr D        | 4      | - | 1            | - | -                    | - | 37(1)     | -  |
| Lauchlan J    | 4      | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 18(2)     | 1  |
| Lekovic D     | 7      | - | 3            | - | 1                    | - | 109       | -  |
| McCutcheon G  | 0(1)   | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 0(1)      | -  |
| McGowne K     | 12(1)  | - | 4            | - | 2                    | - | 53(2)     | 1  |
| McIntyre J    | 1(1)   | - | 2            | 1 | 1(1)                 | - | 46(4)     | 11 |
| MacPherson A  | 7      | - | 4            | - | 2                    | - | 283(2)    | 13 |
| Meldrum C     | 8      | - | 1            | - | 1                    | - | 21        | -  |
| Mitchell A    | 12(3)  | 1 | 4            | - | 1(1)                 | - | 233(23)   | 34 |
| Montgomerie R | 12     | - | 3            | - | 1                    | - | 307(19)   | 8  |
| Nevin P       | 12(2)  | 4 | 2(2)         | - | 1(1)                 | - | 15(5)     | 4  |
| O'Neill M     | -      | - | 0(1)         | - | -                    | - | 0(1)      | -  |
| Reilly M      | 15     | - | 4            | 1 | 2                    | - | 202(17)   | 7  |
| Roberts M     | 8(5)   | 4 | 0(2)         | - | -                    | - | 25(42)    | 10 |
| Skilling M    | -      | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 100(7)    | 11 |
| Vareille J    | 12(2)  | 1 | 2(2)         | - | 1(1)                 | 2 | 15(5)     | 3  |
| Vincent R     | 0(2)   | - | -            | - | -                    | - | 0(2)      | -  |
| Whitworth N   | 10(1)  | - | 1            | - | -                    | - | 82(1)     | 2  |
| Wright P      | 8(2)   | 3 | 3            | 3 | 2                    | 1 | 94(5)     | 42 |

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Premier Division**  
 Aberdeen v St Johnstone; Dundee United v Dunfermline;  
 Hearts v Motherwell; Kilmarnock v Celtic  
 (Playing tomorrow: Rangers v Hibernian)
- First Division**  
 Ardie v Dundee; Falkirk v Partick Thistle; Raith Rovers v  
 Morton; St Mirren v Hamilton; Stirling Albion v Ayr United
- Third Division**  
 Arbroath v East Stirling
- Tennents' Scottish Cup, 1st Round**  
 Cowdenbeath v Montrose; East Fife v Stranraer; Fraserburgh v  
 Clyde; Inverness CT v Whitehill Welfare



# LOOKING BACK

**K**ilmarnock's Scottish League Record against Celtic reads as follows:-

|             | P   | W  | D  | L  | F   | A   |
|-------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Old Div 1/A | 122 | 20 | 25 | 77 | 142 | 313 |
| Premier     | 33  | 3  | 10 | 20 | 21  | 68  |
|             | 155 | 23 | 35 | 97 | 163 | 381 |

**The Last Rugby Park Scottish League Meeting Between The Clubs**  
11-3-1997 Att: 15,087

**Premier Division**  
**KILMARNOCK 2**

(Wright, Burke)

**CELTIC 0**

*Killie: Meldrum, MacPherson, D. Kerr, Montgomerie, McGowne, Reilly, Bagan (McKee), Henry, Wright (Brown), McIntyre, Burke. Sub not used: Hamilton.*

*Celtic: Kerr, Annoni, McKinlay, McNamara, Mackay (McLaughlin), Brant (Donnelly), O'Donnell, McStay, Stubbs, Thom, Cadete. Sub not used: Hannah.*

*Referee: G.T. Clyde (Bearsden).*

**Previous December Scottish League Meetings**

(Killie's scored first)

|            |       |            |       |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 16-12-1899 | A 3-3 | 22-12-1934 | H 2-3 |
| 28-12-1901 | A 2-4 | 25-12-1937 | A 0-8 |
| 31-12-1904 | A 1-3 | 10-12-1955 | A 2-0 |
| 29-12-1906 | H 2-2 | 26-12-1959 | H 2-1 |
| 21-12-1907 | A 1-4 | 31-12-1960 | A 2-3 |
| 04-12-1909 | A 1-2 | 03-12-1966 | H 0-0 |
| 17-12-1910 | A 0-2 | 21-12-1968 | A 1-1 |
| 23-12-1922 | A 2-1 | 20-12-1969 | A 1-3 |
| 08-12-1923 | H 1-1 | 04-12-1971 | A 1-5 |
| 25-12-1926 | A 0-4 | 28-12-1974 | H 0-1 |
| 14-12-1929 | H 1-1 | 18-12-1982 | H 0-4 |
| 20-12-1930 | H 0-3 | 02-12-1995 | A 2-4 |

**December Matters Of Fact**

1. The first Celtic Park league meeting was in 1899, and it ended in a 3-3 draw. This result has only occurred on one other occasion between the clubs. On 9-1-1937 they drew 3-3 at Rugby Park.

2. Killie's 2-1 win at Celtic Park in 1922, only their third in 24 visits, set them on the way to their only ever "League Double" over Celtic. Some 6 weeks later, on 3-2-1923, Killie won 4-3 at Rugby Park to make the "Double".

3. Celtic's 8-0 win over Killie on

Christmas Day 1937 gave Jimmy McGrory, the former Celtic player and new Killie manager, the worst possible start to his managerial career. He soon turned matters round, and 10 weeks later, Killie returned to Celtic Park in the Scottish FA Cup on 5-3-1938, and duly beat Celtic 2-1!

4. Killie's 2-0 win at Celtic Park on 10-12-1955 remains their last win over Celtic at that ground. They have made 32 league visits, 2 Scottish FA Cup and 3 League Cup visits since, without having recorded a win against Celtic.

5. When Killie won 2-1 on Boxing Day 1959, it started a run of 6 home games without a defeat against Celtic in the league. They drew 2-2 the following season, with Killie then winning 3-2, 6-0, 4-0 and 5-2 over the next 4 seasons.

6. Celtic's 3-1 win at Celtic Park in 1969 will be best remembered by Killie fans as the game in which the veteran wing half, Frank Beattie, received the broken leg which cruelly curtailed his career. He didn't return to the first team until 20 months later, but only played in 5 League Cup ties and one league game before retiring at the end of 1971-72 season.

**The Last Occasion . . .**

Kilmarnock recorded a December win over Celtic on Boxing Day 1959 in an old Division 1 encounter, here at Rugby Park.

The full time policy which had been introduced by Killie during the summer of 1959 was beginning to show positive results, and after a poor start to their League campaign, things had begun to improve with 8 wins and only 2 defeats (from the top sides Hearts and Rangers) from their previous 10 games. The loss of Joe McBride, sold to Wolves, had given manager Willie Waddell a headache, and he had been desperately seeking to find a replacement for him. Youngsters Tom Brown and Billy Cook had been tried, but the Killie boss had been after an experienced striker. Scottish internationalist Jackie Mudie (Blackpool) turned down a move north prior to Killie's 2-1 away win over Clyde the previous week. Approaches to Hearts for Willie Bauld and to Leceister City for ex-Celtic Jimmy Walsh had also been rejected,

but just before Christmas he successfully acquired the services of Andy Kerr from Manchester City, and he made his debut against Celtic. The 29 year old internationalist had cost only £6,000..

The indifferent season being suffered by the visitors, Celtic, was shown by their 10th place in the league after 17 games. They had 17 points, 4 behind Killie, who were in 5th place. There was a hope, however, that Celtic had turned the tide after having won 3-0 away to St Mirren the previous week, their first win for over a month, after 2 draws and 2 defeats. Celtic were unchanged, whilst Andy Kerr for Billy Cook at centre forward was Killie's only change from the previous week.

A disappointing travelling support kept the crowd down to 15,948 but the Celtic fans who were present gave their side plenty of encouragement in the early stages as their heroes took the game to Killie. Jim Richmond, in only his third game for Killie, put in a timely tackle to thwart Alec Byrne, and Jimmy Brown saved well from John Colrain and Neil Mochan. The home side began to press back and with Bertie Black looking in impressive form, Killie began to push for the opening goal. It came in 30 minutes and it was the debut man, Andy Kerr, who scored after a melee in the penalty area. Celtic stormed back and in 44 minutes, Neil Mochan, a converted full back, struck the equaliser after good work by Bertie Auld.

The second half turned out to be a dourly fought affair, with both sides having plenty of chances to take the lead. It was Killie who took the upper hand in the final 10 minutes and in the 85th minute they scored the winner, and it was man of the match Bertie Black who scored after Jackie McNally caused problems in the Celtic defence with a through ball. The line-ups in that 2-1 win for Killie nearly 38 years ago were:

*Killie: Brown, Richmond, Watson, Beattie, Toner, Kennedy, Wentzel, McNally, Kerr, Black, Muir.*

*Celtic: Haffey, McKay, Kennedy, McNeill, Evans, Peacock, Auld, O'Hara, Colrain, Mochan, Byrne.*

*Referee: R. Morris (Grangemouth).*



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