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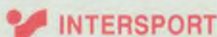
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SECRETARY'S
SLANT
by Alan C. Dick

THE new South Stand extension to the original Grandstand built in 1913 is, of course, intended to be the first phase of the ambitious plan to extend and improve the old structure with safety and comfort of spectators being the main criteria of the Directors.

The Stand, the third one to be erected at Douglas Park in the 98 years the Club has occupied the site, had to be designed within a tight budget with economy all-important, but with the necessary and essential safety standards. It has certainly been a race against time to have it completed within the first half of the 1986-87 season.

Any extension to the 1913 Stand had to adhere to the existing restrictions of the sight lines and seating profile of the old construction, yet at the same time satisfy the stringent building, fire and safety regulations demanded by Hamilton District Council and Strathclyde Region as well as the government's own guidelines on ground safety.

A fairly straightforward and economical steel structure with pre-cast concrete step units and high standard tip-up seats has provided a capacity of 700. The profile of the new stand allows for a spacious ground-floor lounge area, plus office accommodation at mezzanine level. Provision for toilets and storage space and easy access for disabled persons has been incorporated into the completed building.

Ironically, both the architect and structural engineer were born and brought up only a goal-kick from Douglas Park. While they have provided a highly professional service, they consider their involvement — in more ways than one — to be very much a 'labour of love' on behalf of the Club. Undoubtedly, the contract has received a degree of attention rather above the normal call of duty! We are indeed indebted to Mr. Bill Condie of John

Drummond & Partners, Chartered Architects, Glasgow and Mr. Jack Baillie for their sterling work on our behalf.

The main contractor and to varying degrees the many sub-contractors have all performed well within the tight programme set out. In particular, the fullest praise should go to the builders, George Wilson (Stonehouse) Ltd., and site staff at all levels whose attention to the contract was commendable.

Our ultimate aim is, of course, to extend the Stand northwards at the Scoreboard end, thus providing a seated area the full length of the pitch. This, as well as seating the Enclosure in front of the 1913 structure, will give us excellent accommodation for some 2,800 patrons on the West side of Douglas Park.

Although one or two weeks may be required to put the final (push) touches to the new Stand, it will be officially opened, bang on time, by Hamilton Provost **Sam Casserly** at 2.45 p.m. this afternoon. Mr. Casserly will cut a red ribbon between the trackside gates to the stand.

Additionally, it is a pleasure to welcome to Douglas Park today, as guests of the Club, the following:—

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ALAN C. DICK

"WHILE I wasn't exactly ecstatic with our 1-1 draw at Motherwell last Saturday, I was reasonably pleased with the way things went for once. We certainly created more chances than we've been doing of late and the fact that we kept working right to the end was a contributory factor in the snatching of a late equaliser which, I feel sure our fans will agree, was no more than we deserved.

Having sold striker Jim Liddle to Meadowbank Thistle for the same price as I paid for him five months ago, I took a chance and threw in John Mailer at Fir Park. Although not a signed player, John had played two promising trials for the Club against Hearts Reserves and Rangers Reserves. I wanted to see exactly what he could do at Premier Division level and he didn't let anyone down. He's good in the air, has a bit of pace (something we've lacked badly this season)



LAMBIE AT LARGE

John Lambie writes . . .

and is an honest worker. In football, from time-to-time, you have to gamble. John was a gamble, but it paid off. Hopefully he'll be fully signed in time to play against Celtic this afternoon.

It was good to get Alex Taylor back at Motherwell. Alex, remember, has only played five weeks football in the past 18 months, so he'll need a few games before we'll see him return to his stride.

It took a magnificent save by Jim Leighton (from Adrian Sprott's header) to prevent us

equalising late on against Aberdeen the previous week. In a match totally spoiled by the swirling wind, we gave as good as we got for long spells without ever creating too many chances.

Our away record, goals-wise, is far from being the worst in the League (Hibernian, for instance, have conceded 10 more goals away from home than we have), yet at Douglas Park we seem to be able to do nothing right. High time that was changed and why not today? Stranger things have happened, you know!"

CURRENT PLACINGS AND GOALSCORERS

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.	Leading League Scorers
	Pl.	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A		
Celtic.....	15	7	2	0	4	1	1	36	8	25	Maurice Johnston 11, Brian McClair 11, Alan McNally 8
Dundee Utd.....	16	6	2	0	4	3	1	30	11	25	Iain Ferguson 8, Kevin Gallacher 4
Rangers.....	15	5	0	1	4	3	2	26	10	21	Robert Fleck 7, Ally McCoist 7, Davie Cooper 4
Hearts.....	16	4	4	0	3	2	3	19	12	20	Gary Mackay 4, Sandy Clark 3, John Colquhoun 3, John Robertson 3
Aberdeen.....	15	4	1	1	3	4	2	25	14	19	Billy Stark 6, John Hewitt 5, Joe Miller 3
Dundee.....	16	4	1	3	4	1	3	19	15	18	Ray Stephen 5, Graham Harvey 4
St. Mirren.....	16	4	2	3	1	3	3	13	15	15	Frank McGarvey 5, Ian Cameron 2
Falkirk.....	16	2	4	3	1	1	5	13	23	11	Ken Eadie 4, Alan Irvine 4, Peter Hetherston 2
Motherwell.....	16	1	4	3	1	3	4	15	27	11	Andy Walker 5, Steve Kirk 4, Paul Smith 2
Hibernian.....	16	2	3	3	1	2	5	16	34	11	Joe McBride 5
Clydebank.....	16	1	2	4	3	0	6	11	28	10	Mike Conroy 3, Jim Given 2, Stuart Gordon 2, Lex Grant 2
ACCIES.....	15	0	0	8	0	2	5	8	34	2	Jim Liddle (now Meadowbank Th.) 3

PREMIER STATISTICS

1986-87 . . . 1986-87



NEXT FINE FARE CARDS

Saturday, 15th November, 1986

Dundee United at Celtic
Rangers at Clydebank
Motherwell at Dundee
Falkirk at ACCIES
Aberdeen at Heart of Midlothian
Hibernian at St. Mirren

Wednesday, 19th November, 1986

Clydebank at Aberdeen
ACCIES at Dundee United
St. Mirren at Falkirk
Celtic at Hibernian
Heart of Midlothian at Motherwell
Dundee at Rangers

PICK OF THE PICS . . . PICK OF THE PICS . . . PICK



● Determination is mirrored on the face of Gerry McCabe, our £25,000 acquisition from Clydebank, as he fends off a forceful challenge by Motherwell's Raymond Farningham in last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Fir Park. Referee Ian Cathcart awaits developments.

Photo by Margaret Macdonald

CELTIC arrive at Douglas Park today following a series of major matches with two games against both Dinamo Kiev and Rangers either side of a 6-0 drubbing of Clydebank. The men from Parkhead are the current Premier Division champions and are the present leaders — on goal difference — this season. They were also runners-up to Rangers in the Skol Cup Final two weeks ago when, despite having more of the play, their indiscipline cost them dearly as they went down 2-1. Celtic gave a fair account of themselves in the home leg of their European tie against Dinamo Kiev, having disposed of Shamrock Rovers in the first round... Pat Bonner had to be at his best to keep Belanov, Yevtushenko and Yakovenko from scoring more goals. Here, with some more familiar names, is David Hay's squad for today:—

PAT BONNER (Goalkeeper) — A shade fortunate to remain on the field in the Skol Cup final following his vociferous protests after the penalty award. A vastly improved goaltender who is now the established number one for Eire. Signed from Keadue Rovers in 1978. Born in Donegal, 25.5.60.

WILLIE McSTAY (Defender) — Married at the end of last season, he has been a substitute in recent weeks. Took a while to establish himself in the side but has more or less been a regular performer under David Hay. The elder of the McStay brothers. Hamilton-born.

PETER GRANT (Defender/Midfield) — Blond-haired campaigner who is equally at home at right-back or in midfield. A tough tackler who wins the ball well, but on occasions lets his temper get the better of him. Stepped up from Celtic Boys' Club in 1982. Great competitor.

DANNY McGRAIN (Defender) — Veteran full-back who appeared against Rangers last weekend and performed exceptionally well. Remains the Club skipper although he is no longer a regular in the team. Almost became Manager of Airdrieonians during the close season. Age 36½.

MURDO MacLEOD (Defender/Midfield) — Another midliner who is currently playing at full back. Murdo has taken over Tommy Burns' role at left-back following his injury against Kieve Possessor of a ferocious shot and is always likely to have a 'dig' from the edge of the

IN OPPOSITION

Visitors to the
Ducal Town



penalty box. Signed from Dumbarton in 1978.

DEREK WHYTE (Defender) — Has played admirably at left-back and centre-back this season, culminating in a grand display in the Skol Cup final. Only celebrated his 18th birthday at the end of August. Derek is a product of Celtic B.C. One for the future.

ROY AITKEN (Defender) — A 'back-four' man for his Club but a midfield inspiration for his country, Roy is a very competitive player who is in his testimonial year. Nicknamed 'Shirley', he was born in Irvine and will be 28 in a couple of weeks time. A football quiz buff.

PAUL McSTAY (Midfield) — International midfielder recently criticised by his manager for not producing performances of which he is clearly capable. A cultured, classy playmaker who has been capped at all levels by Scotland, he announced his engagement only last month. Hamilton-born.

TONY SHEPHERD (Midfield) — Created a piece of history by remaining on the field after being mistakenly sent off in the Skol Cup Final. He was also shown the red card in his only other Skol appearance at Aberdeen. Can play anywhere in midfield and is a pleasing prospect for the future. David Hay's first signing for the Club.

BRIAN McCLAIR (Midfield/Forward) — A prolific marksman who was acquired from Motherwell for £75,000 in June, 1983 as Billy McNeill's last signing. Current top scorer at Celtic Park, as he has been for the past three seasons. Hoping for a possible Scotland call-up.

MARK McGHEE (Forward) — Bought from Bundesliga side SV Hamburg last term. Only spent a short spell on the continent after several profitable years with Aberdeen, where he scored the winning goal in the 1984 Scottish Cup Final against Celtic. Has been unlucky with injuries at Parkhead. Age 29.

MAURICE JOHNSTON (Forward) — Top class striker who has a highly impressive goal-snatching record. Began with Partick Thistle scoring 41 goals in 75 matches before spending a year with Watford where he notched 23 goals in 38 League appearances. Cost £400,000 just over two years ago. Played in the same school team as Graham Mitchell.

ALAN McINALLY (Forward) — Big, robustious striker who is now establishing himself in the side and is a great favourite of the fans. Missed the 'Old Firm' match last week but should be available today. Hit a first half hat-trick against us in September, he is known to everybody as Rambo. Father, Jackie, was also a professional.

OWEN ARCHDEACON (Forward) — Slightly enigmatic attacker who has been on the substitutes' bench after losing a bit of form recently. Normally plays on the left wing and can supply perfect crosses for his fellow strikers. A product of Gourock United, Owen was called up in 1982.



Republic of Ireland internationalist Pat Bonner.



MARK SMITH (Forward) — Played in some of the earlier matches this season, but is currently in the reserves learning his trade. Another winger, he earned rave reviews while being watched by many scouts last term when with Queen's Park. Terrific pace, though light.

PAUL McGUGAN (Defender) — Giant centre-back who has not featured regularly in 1986-87 due to injury. Also spent part of last season out through injury. Paul was born in Glasgow in 1964. Stands 6'2" tall.

PIERCE O'LEARY (Defender) — Another Eire internationalist, Pierce arrived at Parkhead almost two years ago. Has been unlucky with injuries this season, but is still a valuable member of the first team squad. Formerly attached to Shamrock Rovers and Vancouver Whitecaps, he has seven caps — not white!

Although the date of their formation is normally given as 1888, Celtic were actually founded in November, 1887 ... writes Scott Struthers. They have won many honours in their near one hundred year history. Celtic became the first British club to lift the European Cup when Inter Milan were downed 2-1 in Lisbon in 1967. They were also

runners-up to Feyenoord in the same competition in 1970.

The Division One championship has been captured 29 times, including a world record equalling 'nine in a row' from 1965-66 to 1973-74. The Premier Division title has gone to Parkhead on five occasions — 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982 and 1986. Celtic have also been runners-up five times.

The Scottish Cup has been won on 27 occasions, the latest being the 2-1 defeat of Dundee United in 1985. The 'Bhoys' have been losing finalists a further 15 times. The Club has enjoyed much success in the League Cup, winning the trophy nine times and losing in 10 finals. This included reaching a record 14 finals in succession from 1964-65 to 1977-78 inclusive. During this spell, Celtic won the competition five seasons on the trot, followed by only one victory from the next eight finals.

Danny McGrain is the Club's most honoured player with 62 Scotland caps, while Jimmy McGrory holds the record for most League goals in a season netting 50 in 1935-36.

LEAGUE RECORD SINCE RECONSTRUCTION

Season	Div.	Pl.	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Pos.
1975-76	P	36	21	6	9	71	42	48	2nd
1976-77	P	36	23	9	4	79	39	55	1st
1977-78	P	36	15	6	15	63	54	36	5th
1978-79	P	36	21	6	9	61	37	48	1st
1979-80	P	36	18	11	7	61	38	47	2nd
1980-81	P	36	26	4	6	84	37	56	1st
1981-82	P	36	24	7	5	79	33	55	1st
1982-83	P	36	25	5	6	90	36	55	2nd
1983-84	P	36	21	8	7	80	41	50	2nd
1984-85	P	36	22	8	6	77	30	52	2nd
1985-86	P	36	20	10	6	67	38	50	1st
1986-87	P	15	11	3	1	36	8	25	1st

Follow Accies' Premier challenge in the

HAMILTON ADVERTISER

SCOTLAND'S PREMIER WEEKLY



The fans' favourite

TRANSFER FRONT

THE Club has failed in an imaginative bid to lure Manchester City's unsettled Sammy McLroy — Northern Ireland's World Cup skipper in 1982 and 1986 — north on a short term contract.

Midfield ace Sammy (32), capped 87 times, has recently been playing in Sweden on loan to IFK Gothenburg from City, but that arrangement ceased when the Swedish season terminated last month.

Said the Maine Road club's Tony Book, "Sammy would prefer to remain in the Football League rather than uproot himself at the moment. He shouldn't be long in finding someone down here."

Oh well, don't say we didn't try!

One player who did join the Club this week was 25 year-old striker John Mailer. A native of Killearn in Stirlingshire, John was signed on Tuesday after three impressive trials, one of them as a non-contract performer in the first team (at Motherwell last weekend).

A second time around senior, John, a farmer, joined Dumbarton from Campsie Black Watch in 1980 and has subsequently turned out for junior combines Kirkintilloch Rob Roy, Maryhill and Glasgow Perthshire, from whom he was acquired for a small fee.

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing on the Swedish 'front'. Manager John Lambie had this to say on Wednesday, "We're looking at a central defender and an attacker, and an intermediary, acting on behalf of the Club, is currently talking to the players concerned."

"One way or the other, we would hope to know by the end of next week. In the meantime, it's a case of wait and see, I'm afraid."

YOUTH CUP DRAW

The draw for the Second Round of the 1986-87 BP Scottish Youth Cup resulted in these pairings:— St. Mirren or Stirling Albion v Motherwell, Queen of the South v Celtic or ACCIES, Ayr United v Queen's Park, Kilmarnock v Rangers or Clyde, Morton v Stranraer, Falkirk v Dundee United or Raith Rovers, Dundee or Arbroath v Ross County and Heart of Midlothian or St. Johnstone v Aberdeen (holders).

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ANNIVERSARY TO BE FORGOTTEN!

Thursday was the 21st anniversary of our blackest hour — an 11-1 First Division hiding by Hibernian at Easter Road on 6th November, 1965, our record defeat.

The only other time we've conceded a double-figure tally was to today's visitors, Celtic, in a League Cup, quarter-final (1st leg) tie in Glasgow on 11th September, 1968.

In front of a near 20,000 crowd and the cameras of STV, Celtic, incredibly, had just two marksmen — Bobby Lennox and Steve Chalmers — each of whom netted on five occasions for a stunning 10-0 victory!

This is the lone time that two players from the same side have both gone 'nap' in a League Cup fixture.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

On last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Motherwell in front of a 3,349 crowd:—

Sunday Post — "The solitary point Accies have nursed for six weeks doesn't look just so lonely this morning — late though their equaliser was! Like most derbies, this was a hard game and for a long time it looked like neither side would score."

Sunday Mail — "Hamilton doubled their Premier League points total in one fell swoop at Fir Park. They showed admirable fighting spirit for a side which has yet to win a game. And it paid off in the closing stages with their equaliser."

Sunday Express — "All credit to Hamilton who worked hard. They set off at a lively pace, but Motherwell began to assert themselves. Accies were level in 83 minutes when Bobby Barr crossed for substitute Gerry Phillips to bundle the ball over the line."

RANGERS DATE

With Rangers winning 1-0 against Boavista in Oporto on Tuesday night in the UEFA Cup, Second Round (2nd leg) tie for an aggregate 3-1 scoreline, it means that our visit to Ibrox Stadium on Premier Division duty will not now take place in 1986.

The match, originally postponed on 25th October due to Rangers' Skol Cup Final involvement the following day, is now likely to be fitted in on Wednesday, 7th January, sandwiched between our trips to Celtic and Falkirk. It should certainly be a 'red-hot' start to 1987, what with the Ne'erday visit from deadliest rivals, Motherwell, into the bargain.

1986-87 GOAL COUNT

First Team

Home Goals — 4

Scoreboard end: 2 (first half 1, second half 1);
Clydesdale Street end: 2 (first half 0, second half 2).
Away Goals — 5 (first half 2, second half 3).

Reserve Team

Home Goals — 13

Scoreboard end: 7 (first half 3, second half 4);
Clydesdale Street end: 6 (first half 4, second half 2).
Away Goals — 10 (first half 5, second half 5).

Figures up to and including 1st November, 1986.



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TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE



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

November, 1937 — First Division shock-troops for the past two seasons, Arbroath, visited Douglas Park on the corresponding Saturday 49 years ago and came away with a thoroughly deserved 2-2 draw, writes Stewart Turner.

The 'Red Lichtlies' even held the initiative in the early stages and were a shade unfortunate only to be on level terms at the interval. It was Lowe who opened the scoring for Arbroath in 17 minutes when goalkeeper Jimmy Morgan was drawn out of position by Brand, but just on the half-time whistle Jimmy King notched the equaliser from close range.

In the concluding period, the same player gave Accies an early lead, yet strangely, the homesters seemed content to sit on this advantage rather than go for further goals. However, it was to prove a costly mistake, for with just 14 minutes remaining ex-Celt McNally nipped in between Bobby Wallace and Jackie Cox to make it 2-2 following good leading up work by Lowe.

Accies: Morgan; Wallace, Scott; Cox, Lowe, Thomson; King, Keddie, Wilson, Harrison, McNea.

This draw left Hamilton in 15th place with 13 points from 16 matches — dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Today's visitors, Celtic, meanwhile, recorded an emphatic 6-0 home victory over Partick Thistle on the same Saturday. The Celtic marksmen were Crum (10th, 65th min.), Buchan (13th), Carruth (46th, 47th) and Geatons (55th).

Reigning champions Rangers also had a convincing win when they dumped struggling Kilmarnock 4-1 at

Ibrox Stadium. Smith (2) and Venters (2) for Rangers and Hendry grabbed the goals.

Over at Fir Park, League leaders Motherwell could only manage a 2-2 draw with Dundee. For the home side, Ogilvie and Ellis scored and for the 'Dark Blues', Coats and Smith (penalty).

First Division standings as at 6th November, 1937:

Top	Played	Points
Motherwell	16	23
Rangers	14	22
Hearts	15	22
Celtic	15	21
Bottom		
Hibernian	15	12
Kilmarnock	15	11
Clyde	16	9
Morton	15	7

RESULTS — SEASON-BY-SEASON

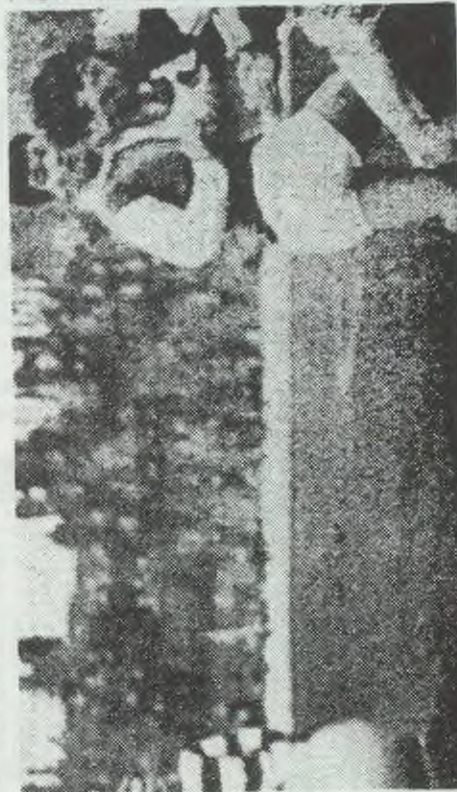
Continuing our League results (with dates) back to the Club gaining admission to the Second Division of the SFL in place of Renton in October, 1897:-

PART 77 — 1972-73 (Division Two)

Home	Opponents	Away
Sep. 9	3-3 Albion Rovers	Jan. 1 2-2
Dec. 2	0-3 Alloa	Apr. 7 0-4
Jan. 27	4-1 Berwick Rangers	Oct. 7 0-3
Mar. 31	5-1 Brechin City	Nov. 25 4-1
Nov. 4	2-2 Clyde	Mar. 10 0-0
Sep. 23	1-4 Clydebank	Apr. 25 2-1
Jan. 6	3-0 Cowdenbeath	Sep. 16 2-3
Mar. 17	2-1 Dunfermline Ath.	Nov. 11 2-7
Oct. 21	5-2 East Stirling	Feb. 20 4-0
Dec. 30	4-0 Forfar Athletic	Sep. 2 0-1
Apr. 28	2-0 Montrose	Dec. 23 0-2
Sep. 20	1-0 Queen of South	Sep. 13 1-2
Sep. 6	2-0 Queen's Park	Sep. 27 2-1
Nov. 18	3-3 Raith Rovers	Mar. 24 0-2
Apr. 14	1-2 St. Mirren	Dec. 9 1-7
Feb. 10	0-0 Stenhousemuir	Oct. 14 2-0
Mar. 3	3-2 Stirling Albion	Oct. 28 1-2
Sep. 30	3-0 Stranraer	Apr. 11 0-1

Table entry: Pl.36, W.16, D.6, L.14, F.67, A.63, Pts.38, Pos. 7th (out of 19).

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Action from a match which, quite frankly, we'd rather forget. With Jim Small close at hand, Hibernian's Jimmy O'Rourke (centre) shoots his side 2-0 ahead at Easter Road 21 years ago this weekend — 6th November, 1965. The final score, whisper it... Hibernian 11, Accies 1.