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MATCH MASCOT

Today's Mascot is 8 year old Kevin Pursley from Barrhead. Kevin attends Barrhead's Cross Arthurlie Primary School, and his favourite Saint is 'keeper Campbell Money.



TONY FITZPATRICK SETS THE SCENE

Since my last column, we have played Motherwell twice, with widely differing results. In the Skol Cup match at Love Street, we worked hard throughout, and despite the poor weather and slippy surface, probably deserved to win through to the next round following what was ultimately no more than a satisfactory performance.

The most satisfactory part of the whole game was, of course, our goal, and I was more than pleased to see Paul Kinnaird score in a match having seen him previously struggle to get the same luck on the field during a match as he often has in training games, where he frequently scores several! He took his goal with the confidence of a veteran, shaking off the challenge of both the goalkeeper and a defender to put the ball in the net.

Our delight in the midweek result was quickly dimmed by Saturday's League display at Fir Park. Where we had been the better team in the Cup, Motherwell refused to give up, and early on made their intentions plain. We were given little opportunity in attack, and created few chances, being well beaten in the end.

This result was followed by our Skol Cup match at Aberdeen, where again the weather was pretty awful. In this game again, we were not at our best, and lost in the end by 3-1. Our early-season victory at Ibrox was very enjoyable, but since then, little has gone right, with several players receiving treatment at the moment. We must, however, battle on, and today we welcome the League leaders to Love Street, determined that our recent run of bad results must stop here. Billy McNeill has built another excellent Celtic side, with a good blend of individual flair and overall team-work which has already paid dividends this season. Celtic, though, are not invincible, and we must set out to prove that, like Rangers, they can be beaten. It's time we started winning again!

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The player on the left is Saints' star winger Peter Weir, who has been a great asset to St Mirren since his return during last season.

Following his first spell at Love Street, Weir was, of course, a big hit with Aberdeen, where he won a variety of honours, culminating in that 1983 European Cup-Winners' Cup triumph in Gothenburg, and then latterly with Leicester City.

Happily for Saints' fans, however, Peter is now back in harness at Love Street, and is still showing the sort of form which has made him a much respected opponent for quite a number of years. Although he has yet to score this term, he was St Mirren's second-top goal-getter last season.

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1976-77

There are many St. Mirren fans who maintain that the football played by Saints during 1976-77 was the most entertaining the club has produced in the last twenty-five years. It was an era in which Alex Ferguson's drive and enthusiasm won the affection of both the supporters and the media who christened the side "Fergie's Furies".

Before the season proper started two Frank McGarvey goals gave Saints a win over a Rangers side which included Colin Stern and ex-Saint, Bobby McKean, but the League Cup was disappointing although, to be fair, St. Mirren were placed in a very tough section as Aberdeen, Ayr United, and Kilmarnock were all in the Premier League. When the League programme got under way St. Mirren were quite irresistible. After losing 2-0 at Brockville on 2nd September they did not lose again in the League until Morton won 3-0 at Cappielow on 12th March, a run of 28 successive games without defeat. These were the only defeats sustained and

Saints remained unbeaten at home in the course of the season.

Hamilton were beaten 5-2 and there were 4,000 present when league leaders Dundee were beaten 4-0 with Fitzpatrick and Stark outplaying Hutchinson and Gordon Strachan in midfield. 10,000 spectators turned up for the Renfrewshire derby at the end of October to see Saints win 5-1 thanks to doubles from McGarvey and Bobby Reid the 6'3" tall ex-Kilwinning Rangers centre half.

A month later Jack Copland made his debut in a 3-0 win over Arbroath, thus adding the final piece to Ferguson's jigsaw. He had managed to persuade the Social Club to lend him some of the £25,000 he needed to add the great experience of the ex-Dundee United player to his young side. Jack had been brought up in Paisley and played cricket for Ferguslie.

On Christmas Day Saints fought back bravely from a two goal defeat to take a point from closest rivals, Clydebank, at Kilbowie, and on New Year's Day they won a breathtaking match against Morton 6-3

after again being 2 down. Donny McDowell was sent off along with Morton 'keeper Liddell, once with Saints, and Billy Stark netted twice from the spot.

There was great excitement when the Scottish Cup draw brought Dundee United, lying fourth in the Premier League, to Love Street for a tie which attracted 16,357 spectators. The magnificent Saints on that occasion were:- Hunter, Beckett, Johnston, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, McGarvey, Stark, Torrance (Young), Richardson, Hyslop (McDowell). In a quite stunning performance Saints missed a penalty went behind to a Sturrock goal, then stormed back to win 4-1 with two goals from Torrance and one each from Stark and McGarvey. There was a quite incredible attendance of 26,709 for the fourth round match but a brave Saints team went down 2-1 to a very physical Motherwell side.

St. Mirren clinched promotion at Kirkcaldy in early April when goals from McGarvey, Mowat and Hyslop helped them to a 3-1 win over Raith Rovers. Ten days later they made

sure they would go up as Champions by hammering Dundee 4-0 at Dens Park with Frank McGarvey claiming a hat-trick.

At the end of the season an amazing crowd of over 10,000 turned out on a Sunday afternoon to see St. Mirren, having lost the first leg 1-0, beat Morton 5-2 to win the Renfrewshire Cup.

1976-77

League Div. One:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
39	25	12	2	91	38	62	1st

Leading Scorer:

D. Hyslop (17)
F. McGarvey (17)

Scottish Cup:

Rnd 3: H v Dundee United 4-1
Rnd 4: A v Motherwell 1-2

On the opposite page, Paul Kinnaird is the Saint who is keen to get to his feet, as he has just scored his first first-team goal!

While the player had scored the odd Reserve team goal while with his previous clubs, it was remarkable that he had never netted for any top team.

The coolness he showed in dummying the goalkeeper to score the only goal against Motherwell in the Skol Cup game, though, shows that there's likely to be a few more to come!

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1977-78

In the Premier League for the first time St. Mirren's first task was to consolidate their position there, and in this they succeeded fairly comfortably.

At the start of the season Saints took part in a four team tournament at Ibrox for the Tennent Caledonian Cup and, although they lost 4-3 to West Bromwich Albion, and 2-1 to Southampton they gave a good account of themselves in both matches with rather soft penalties making the difference.

Saints gathered six points from their first five Premier League matches to establish themselves in a comfortable mid-table position and, although there was a slump around the turn of the year when four consecutive games were lost, including a 3-2 defeat at Love Street from struggling Ayr United, they were never in any serious danger of relegation. After survival was assured another bad run of three successive defeats in April caused the club to slide to an eventual eighth place.

A significant feature in the club's league form lay in their outstanding performances against Celtic from whom they took seven points out of eight. These were two 2-1 wins at Celtic Park in the second of which Jimmy Bone scored his first goal for the club. The much-travelled Bone (whose previous clubs included Celtic) had been signed from Arbroath for £30,000. Bone had been capped for Scotland against Yugoslavia. In the same match

Brian Docherty recruited from Arthurlie mainly as a winger, had an excellent game at right-back.

Possibly the side's best away performance came at Fir Park early in the season when goals from Abercromby, McGarvey, and a Fitzpatrick penalty earned Saints an emphatic win. Abercromby, recruited from schools football with St. Columba of Iona, had now established himself in the side as a strong tackling midfielder. Another excellent perform-

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ance came a week later when Saints' first Premier League match against Rangers ended in an exciting 3-3 draw, marred only by the dismissal of Tom Forsyth and some hooligan behaviour from a small section of the Rangers support.

Saints' participation on the Anglo-Scottish Cup allowed supporters the chance to see some interesting encounters and also brought the abundantly talented George Best to Love Street in a Fulham shirt. In one of the most entertaining Cup-ties seen at Love Street for many years the 10,000 spectators ignored the driving rain to applaud some great play from both sides. George Best did score with a ranging 25-yarder but Saints won 5-3 on the night and 6-4 on aggregate, the goals coming from McGarvey (2), Docherty, and two own goals. The team was:- D. Hunter, Beckett, Young, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Abercromby, Hyslop. Saints overcame Notts County in the semi-final but lost the final 3-2 on aggregate to Bristol City. Saints made an early exit from the Scottish Cup but reached the quarter finals of the League Cup where Celtic had an aggregate 5-1 win. There was a gala night in December when Saints celebrated their centenary season with a visit from Liverpool who won on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

The season ended in sensational fashion with the sacking of Alex Ferguson for what the board described as "serious breaches of contract". In the space of twenty-four hours Ferguson had taken over at Aberdeen and within a week Saints had appointed Jim Clunie, Southampton's Coach and former St. Mirren centre-half, as manager.

1977-78

Scottish Premier League:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
39	11	8	17	52	63	30

Leading Scorer:
F. McGarvey (17)

Scottish Cup:

Rnd 3: R3 H v Kilmarnock 1-2

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Our first ten puzzlers today provide you with the names of ten of the Scottish squad for the 1982 World Cup Finals. We want to know which clubs those players were with in the summer of '82!

1. Graeme Souness.
2. Gordon Strachan.
3. John Robertson.
4. Kenny Dalglish.
5. Davie Provan.
6. Steve Archibald.

7. Alan Brazil.
8. Ray Stewart.
9. Joe Jordan.
10. Alex McLeish.
11. Can you name the St Mirren player who was in the squad?
12. Which Scotland player scored the goal of the tournament?
13. Who was the only Aston Villa player in the squad?
14. For which of his many clubs was Andy Gray then play-

- ing?
15. Which Liverpool central defender was in the party?
 16. Partick Thistle provided one player. Who was he?
 17. One of the full-backs was one of two brothers who played for the same club. Name him!
 18. Alan Brazil's club provided

19. Which former Birmingham player, then with Nottingham Forest, was in the party?
20. A player whose transfer once fell through because of a hole-in-the-heart was there too. Name him!

20 QUESTIONS

BY ANDREW SWANN - 20 ANSWERS ON PAGE 23!

VIEW ON TWO

BY MARK SCOTT

Well, last week it happened! 1,755 saw it, and many others didn't as Kilmarnock finally broke their duck in the Second Division, beating East Stirling 2-0 in what was a rather poor game. I was actually toying with the idea of going, but with calls for a boycott, I eventually stayed at home! Willie Watters and Ray Montgomerie were the scorers against an spiritless East Stirling side, who had new Manager Alan Mackin in charge for his first match. The proposed boycott of the Rugby Park game did not, it seems, attract any significant numbers, but it is sad to see such fervent supporters having to resort to such tactics in an effort to derive a decision or two from their club's Directors. We can only hope that the whole takeover saga at Killie is resolved quickly, as many of the fans are now so fed up with the situation that they're staying away fairly regularly. Former Love Street hero Lexy Richardson was again the star man for Arbroath last weekend, scoring

his side's late equaliser in the Division's game of the day against League leaders Brechin City. A small crowd of 650 saw third-placed Arbroath take the lead after 35 minutes, when Mark Bennet waltzed through to put the ball behind keeper Lawrie. Brash equalised for City in 52 minutes, as tempers became a little frayed. Brechin took the lead through Manager's son Paul Ritchie, who headed home. Ian Gibson, once of Dundee United and St Johnstone, was then stupidly sent off. He was booked for a tackle on Wardell when he opened his mouth once too often! Elsewhere, a hat-trick from Brian Thorp and a brace from Scott Porteous helped Berwick to a 5-1 win at Dumbarton. Another team who scored five was Stirling Albion, although only 567 were there to see them beat Queen of the South. At the bottom, Cowdenbeath still have to get off the mark, and as they visit Kilmarnock today, it seems likely they'll be in the same position at quarter-to-five tonight!

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