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Shamrock Rovers and Glasgow Celtic have played friendly games on several occasions in the past decade but tonights game will be our first ever competitive encounter.

Celtic are in the top ten of the best known and supported clubs in the football world and for that and the obvious affinity the club has with Ireland we are proud to be their hosts in the first round of the UEFA Champions competition 1986-87.

We extend out warmest welcome to the players and officials of Celtic and especially to the thousands of fans who have travelled to Dublin for the match. We ask those people to accept our modest accommodation, to settle in and enjoy what we hope will be a great game between the champions of Scotland and Ireland.

May the best team win.



Secretary, Shamrock Rovers, F.C.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

Its European Cup football again at Glenmalure Park and tonight we are pleased to welcome the players and officials of Glasgow Celtic F.C.

We have been unlucky in recent times in that we have failed to draw one of the more glamorous European teams, but this year we are delighted to have drawn the legendary Glasgow Celtic. The players love playing European football and it is on nights like tonight we realise how privileged we are to be playing football.

This tie is full of coincidences for me personally. In 1979 I made my European Cup debut for Dundalk against Glasgow Celtic and tonight I make my debut as a manager against the same great club. I have many happy memories of that first European tie and the tremendously warm welcome we received from the Celtic fans and officials. I hope in ten years I will have similar memories of this one.

While I have watched Glasgow Celtic play this season and I can honestly say that you will enjoy their open style of football, this is an exceptionally good team. We know we are the underdogs but I am convinced we can scale the necessary heights if you the fans can get behind us the way only an Irish crowd can. Please remember however that this is a European Cup tie and is being meticulously scrutinised by UEFA. I appeal to all supporters to be on their best behaviour. The good name of Shamrock Rovers is at stake and it must not be soiled in any way.

Enjoy the game yourself and let others do likewise.

Yours in Sport,

DERMOT KEELY,

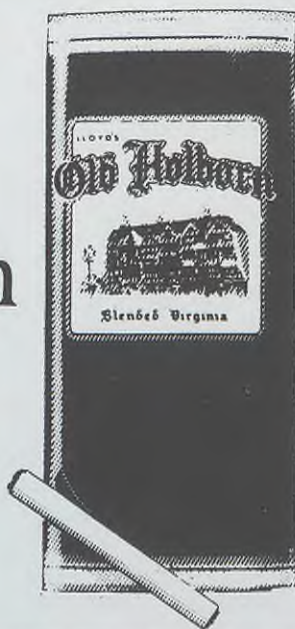
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FOCUS ON ROY AITKEN

Full Name: ROBERT SIME AITKEN.

Birthplace/Date: IRVINE, 24th NOVEMBER, 1958.

Height and Weight: 6 ft., 13 st. 4 lbs.

Married: YES, TO JANE.

Home: WEST KILBRIDE.

Nickname: SHIRLEY.

Previous Clubs: NONE.

Teams Supported as a Boy: ALWAYS A CELTIC FAN.

Football Hero of Childhood: FORMER SPURS AND ENGLAND STRIKER, MARTIN CHIVERS.

Favourite Current Player: MICHEL PLATINI.

Most Memorable Match: BEATING RANGERS 4-2 AT PARKHEAD IN MAY 1979 TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Biggest Disappointment: GOING OUT TO RAPID VIENNA IN THE CUP WINNERS CUP TIE AT OLD TRAFFORD.

Superstitions: NONE.

International Honours: CAPPED AT ALL LEVELS FOR SCOTLAND SINCE WINNING SCHOOLBOY UNDER-15 CAP.

Club Honours: 5 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS MEDALS, 3 SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS MEDALS, 1 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS MEDAL.

Favourite Other Sport: GOLF, SNOOKER AND ATHLETICS.

Favourite Other Sports Stars: STEVE CRAM AND DALEY THOMPSON.

Biggest Influence on Career: MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING HIS FATHER AND ALL MANAGERS SINCE HE STARTED PLAYING.



THE NIGHT DER BOMBER FOILED ROVERS

by A. P. DOLAN

Shamrock Rovers have a proud record in Europe and they have thrilled Irish soccer supporters many times with their magnificent performances in European competitions. Some of Rovers older supporters have fond memories of Rovers epic performances against Nice, Valencia and of course their outstanding feat in holding the magical Busby Babes to 3-2 in the second leg at Old Trafford in 1957.

Perhaps Rovers finest performance in Europe came in November 1966 when they came up against the might of Bayern Munich in the second round of the European Cup Winners Cup. Rovers had disposed of Spora Luxembourg 8-2 on aggregate in the first round and before 25,000 people at Dalymount Park on the 9th of November 1966 they faced Bayern Munich in the second round. Bayern included 3 players in their side that night that went on to win World Cup medals with West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller.

Rovers line up that night was as follows: *Smyth, Keogh, Courtney, Core, Nolan, Fullam, O'Neill, Mulligan, Tuohy, Dixon, Kearin*. Bayern opened the scoring after 17 minutes and Rovers put them under considerable pressure in their search for an equaliser. Billy Dixon hit the crossbar before half-time after Maier had failed to hold a Fullam free kick. Then on 63 minutes Dalymount erupted as Rovers equalised, Kearin started the move on the left wing and fired over a cross which was nodded down by Tuohy to the inrushing Dixon who flicked it pass Maier. Maier followed the referee to the half-way line protesting furiously that there had been an infringement on him but the referee waved him away.

Just before full time after a great through ball by Fullam, Maier saved at the upright from Tuohy. Bayern had put Rovers under a lot of pressure towards the end in search of the winner but a stout-hearted Rovers defence in which Smyth, Keogh and Nolan were outstanding held them out.

Two weeks later in the return leg at Munich played on a pitch covered with snow and ice Rovers looked finished with the Germans scoring twice in the first 12 minutes through Brenniger and Olhauser. But Rovers defence tightened things up and there was no further scoring before half-time. In the second half Rovers were a different team as they came forward and threw everything at the Germans.

Bobby Gilbert a replacement for Core hit the Bayern crossbar with a thunderous effort from 30 yards. After 53 minutes another Gilbert thunderbolt took a deflection off Beckenbauer and ended up in the net. Within five minutes Rovers were level when Tuohy ran at the Bayern defence went past a few defenders and calmly buried it pass Maier. Rovers were now technically ahead as their two away goals would have counted double and seen them through in the event of a tie.

Bayern attacked relentlessly but magnificent defensive play by Fullam and Ronnie Nolan kept them out until with seven minutes to go Muller broke Rovers hearts when he pounced on a cross from Koulmann to score the winner. Rovers were only seven minutes away from a place in the quarter-finals and when you consider that Bayern Munich went on to win the competition that year beating Glasgow Rangers 1-0 in the final after extra-time it puts Rovers performance against Bayern into perspective.

After the match Rovers player-manager Liam Tuohy said to the press when asked for his views on the game. "The lads were magnificent, coming from behind like that when we were 2 goals down. If they were full time players like the Germans and had their training facilities I think we could sweep through Europe. I told the lads at half-time that Bayern could be rattled if we scored a goal and they proved it superbly".

As we look forward to tonight's game with Celtic wouldn't it be marvellous if Dermot Keely can be as proud as Liam Tuohy was those 20 years ago after tonights game.

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SHAMROCK ROVERS PEN PICTURES

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JODY BYRNE (*Goalkeeper*): Joined Rovers in 1983 taking over from Alan O'Neill. In three seasons Jody has made a total of 125 appearances for the Hoops missing only one league game. Came to Rovers from Dundalk, before that he was with Cambridge Boys. Age 23.



HARRY KENNY (*right-full*): Talented full back who came to Rovers in 1978 from junior side Villa United. 'H' is now in his ninth season at Glenmalure Park which makes him the longest serving player currently at the club. He has schoolboy and youth international honours to his credit. Age 24.

ANTO WHELAN (*centre-half*): A fine centre-half who is now in his second stint with Rovers. Anto played last season with Cork City and was possibly their best player. Former clubs St. Josephs Boys, Bohemians and Man. United. Youth and international caps. Age 26.



KEVIN BRADY (*left-full*): Scored for Rovers in last seasons FAI Cup final against Waterford United. Signed for Rovers in 1983 from Bohemians, before that 'Gaff' was with St. Martins and Stella Maris. Kevin, who comes from Harmonstown has made a total of 64 appearances for Rovers. Age. 24.

DERMOT KEELY (*centre-half*): Appointed player-manager of Shamrock Rovers last May following the departure of Jim McLaughlin. Previous clubs: Home Farm, St. Patricks Athletic, Dundalk, Glentoran, UCD. Dermot has won four league medals and four FAI Cup medals. He also won an IFA Cup medal with Glentoran. One of the most ever feared centre halves to play in the League of Ireland. Age 32.



PETER ECCLES (*centre-half*): Signed in 1978 from St. Brendans. Since then Peter has been in and out of the first team but following the departure of Jacko McDonagh last year Peter made a permanent place in the defence for himself. Won gaelic football and hurling honours with St. Finbarrs, Cabra. Was capped for the Republic of Ireland against Uruguay last April in Dublin. Age 24.

MICK NEVILLE (*centre-half*): Mick joined Rovers in 1983 from Drogheda United. Before that he was an amateur with Home Farm. Mainly a midfield player but has also performed with great satisfaction as a full back and centre half. Mick was voted as the Supporters Club 'Player of the Year' for the 1985/86 season. Age 25.



JOHN COADY (*midfielder*): A great club man and ever so popular with rank and file supporters. John originally signed for Rovers in 1982 as a centre forward but best came to fame as a left full. He has also played in midfield for the Hoops. Previous clubs Rangers and YMCA. Age 26.

PAT BYRNE (*midfielder*): Now in his fourth season at Milltown. He has made a total of 118 appearances for Rovers. Former clubs Bohemians, Philadelphia Fury, Leicester City, Hearts. Pat has international, inter league and schoolboy honours to his credit. Has made eight senior appearances for Ireland. Originally from Walkinstown, Dublin. Age 30.



PAUL DOOLIN (*midfielder*): Tennents P.F.A.I. Player of the Year 1985/86 season. Paul joined Rovers in June 1985 from Bohemians where he had played first team football for four years. Signed for Bohemians from John Bosco, Drimnagh. One of the most gifted midfielders in the country. Age 23.

LIAM O'BRIEN (*midfielder*): An outstanding midfield player and a natural footballer. Destined to play football at the highest level. Liam signed for Rovers from Bohemians in 1983. Originally played for Cambridge boys and Stella Maris. Was also capped for Ireland against Uruguay. Youth international and League of Ireland U-21 honours to his credit. Age 21. Liam was the Soccer Writers 'Personality of the Year' last season.

