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It's good to be involved in the game which will decide the destination of the championship, though it would have been better if Hibs had been in a position to win it.

However, there couldn't be a more exciting finish to a splendid Scottish League competition and it is bound to be a great game because meetings between Hibs and Celtic always provide the best things in football.

Whether or not Celtic achieve their title aim, I think they should be congratulated on their magnificent consistency over the past eight seasons. But, having said that, Hibs' aim this afternoon will be the same as in every other game ... to pick up two points.

If the season has not ended as well as it might have done for Hibs, we've still had a successful year by winning the League Cup and Drybrough Cup. Perhaps, our share of the honours would have been greater if John Brownlie and Alex Edwards had been available each week.

Still, younger players have benefited from the absence of these two players and I have been able to introduce a crop of 18 year olds such as Tony Higgins, Bobby Smith, Derek Spalding and Tommy Stevens.

Those boys have shown a lot of promise and they'll be all the better next season for the experience they have gained in the second half of the present campaign.

Lastly, congratulations to the Colts on winning the King Cup which last had a resting place here in 1947.

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THE DAY OF DECISION

It's very seldom that the League championship is not settled at this stage but the day of decision has arrived for Celtic and Rangers in the closest title race since Kilmarnock pipped Hearts on goal average in 1965.

There could be a goal difference photo-finish this time with Celtic requiring no more than a draw to stay on top. Of course, they could lose to Hibs and still remain champions if Rangers fail to beat East Fife at Ibrox.

Celtic have made a habit of winning here in the past and, some years ago, they clinched a League flag at Easter Road with a 3-0 victory.

This season, however, they haven't mastered Hibs in three attempts, losing twice at Hampden and drawing 1-1 at Parkhead in December. Whatever happens this afternoon, there won't be any shortage of tension or excitement.

Alan Gordon, Jimmy O'Rourke and Arthur Duncan have been Hibs' principal goalscorers during the season and they need just one goal to chalk up their century. Jimmy increased their aggregate to 99 with his contribution at Ayr last week. He is on 34, Alan has scored 42 and Arthur has pitched in with 23.

Quite a number of former Hibs players braved the cold weather at Longniddry on Sunday to compete for the Powrie Tankard—donated by the ex-director.

Tommy Preston finished in front of Lawrie Reilly and John Paterson but the surprise of the day was that director Jimmy Kerr "blew up" after starting with a birdie. He was considered to be almost unbeatable with a handicap of 13.

Derek Spalding, the 18 year old

Dundee half back, made an auspicious debut at Ayr last week. He showed plenty confidence and coolness in his first League game and was one of Hibs best players. Derek doesn't mind the daily journey from his Tayside home though it puts four hours on his working day.

Hibs set off on Wednesday for the sunshine of Spain to spend two weeks in Benidorm—the players' reward at the end of a gruelling but successful season. The holiday will be extended by a few days so that the party can take in the England-Scotland game at Wembley on May 19 and they'll travel back on the following Monday.

John Brownlie and Kenny Davidson, both broken leg victims this season, will be in the holiday party so that Tom McNiven can watch their progress.

Hibs had arranged to make a five game tour of Australia but the sponsors pulled out just as the itinerary was due. It was decided then to accept the offer of two games in Israel but, once provisional dates were agreed, Hibs were asked to postpone their visit until June.

That was no use to the club so Hibs settled for a holiday break. It's possible that one or two players will be away for less than a week because Scotland manager Willie Ormond wants his pool for the home internationals to assemble at Laros on May 7.

Hibs players will learn on Monday whether they will be required for the three matches.

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CELTIC TARGET TODAY—

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The previous best sequence of League wins was six—also by Celtic—from 1905 to 1910. Rangers won five off the reel between the wars.

Kenny Dalglish is Celtic's top scorer in domestic games this season with 35 goals. Dixie Deans has 30 and the other totals are Lennox 17, Hood 15, Johnstone 10, Murdoch 7, Hay 3, Callaghan 3, McCluskey 3, McNeill 2, Davidson 2, Wilson 1. Before being transferred to Manchester United, Macari had netted seven goals.

Last season Deans topped the list with 29 goals—six more than Dalglish.

Scotland goalkeeper Alistair Hunter—he played in Brazil last summer—was bought from Kilmarnock this season. Only Harry Hood (Clyde), Tom Callaghan (Dunfermline) and Dixie Deans (Motherwell) of the regular first team cost the club transfer fees.

Celtic were knocked out of the European Cup this season by Ujpest Dozsa, who beat them 3-0 in Budapest. That was Celtic's 44th game in the competition, having won 26, lost 11 and scored 86 goals. They have been

ever-presents in Europe since 1962-63 and taken part in 66 matches, including two Champions' Cup finals. They beat Inter Milan in 1967 and lost to Feyenoord in 1970.

Celtic play Rangers next Saturday in the Scottish Cup final. They defeated East Fife, Motherwell, Aberdeen and Dundee to reach Hampden in defence of their trophy which they have won 22 times. Already this season, Celtic competed in the final of the League Cup and Drybrough Cup.

Skipper Billy McNeill is Celtic's longest serving player with 16 years and around 650 games behind him. He has been a great leader and won every worthwhile honour in the game. Apart from numerous medals, he holds 28 caps—seven against England and played in three separate World Cup tournaments (qualifying stages). Next to McNeill, Jimmy Johnstone and Bobby Lennox have been at Celtic Park since 1961.

George Connelly is the fourth Celtic player to win the Footballer of the Year award. Others similarly honoured were Billy McNeill, Ronnie Simpson and Bobby Murdoch.

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- 3 SCHAEGLER
- 4 STANTON
- 5 BLACK
- 6 SPALDING
- 7 EDWARDS
- 8 O'ROURKE
- 9 GORDON
- 10 CROPLEY
- 11 DUNCAN
- 12

Referee—

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CELTIC

- 1 HUNTER
- 2 McGRAIN
- 3 BROGAN
- 4 MURDOCH
- 5 McNEILL
- 6 CONNELLY
- 7 JOHNSTONE
- 8 DALGLISH
- 9 DEANS
- 10 HAY
- 11 CALLAGHAN
- 12

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GORDON — STAR 'SUB' IN HAMBURG

Alan Gordon was presented with a gold lighter by ex-Hamburg and West German centre half Willi Schultz after playing in his testimonial match on Tuesday night.

Alan was introduced into the International XI at half time and had a big hand in helping the select to turn a 2-0 interval deficit into a 5-2 win.

He set up two of the goals and almost joined Lou Macari, Uwe Seeler, Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller on the scoresheet with a header that rebounded from the crossbar.

Alan flew over on Monday for the game and returned on Wednesday. Apart from the gift of a lighter, the players were allowed to keep the special strip which was supplied by Adidas and that included a pair of boots.

Obviously, it was a great honour to be chosen and the centre forward thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Gordon was runner up to George Connelly in the Player of the Year pool conducted by the Scottish Football Writers. Congratulations to the Fifer and bad luck, Alan.

The two players who drew the bulk of the votes will be in opposition today and that means a chance for everyone to show their appreciation of this pair's splendid efforts in the past season.

Pre-match music this afternoon is provided by the Bilston Glen Pipe Band.



GERRY ADAIR JOINS HIBS

Gerry Adair, a former schoolboy cap who went straight from St. Augustline's to West Bromwich three years ago, signed for Hibs last weekend and celebrated immediately with a fine goal against Ayr reserves.

In fact, he finds the net regularly for someone who plays either at centre half or midfield. He scored the second team's goal against Hearts on the previous Wednesday.

Adair almost joined Celtic after winning four school caps but yearned to try English football. Now he's back home and delighted.

Gerry is 18 and powerfully built and he could make his mark early next season.



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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Sept.	2	Aberdeen	(A)	0-1	
	9	Hearts	(H)	2-0	Cropley, Stanton.
	16	East Fife	(A)	1-0	Gordon.
	23	Dundee United	(H)	3-1	Gordon 2, Copland, o.g.
	30	St. Johnstone	(H)	3-2	O'Rourke 2, Gordon.
Oct.	7	Dundee	(A)	0-1	
	14	Airdrie	(H)	5-2	O'Rourke 3 (1 pen.), Gordon, Duncan.
	21	Partick Thistle	(A)	3-1	Gordon 2, Duncan.
	28	Dumbarton	(A)	2-2	Duncan, Gordon.
Nov.	4	Kilmarnock	(H)	4-1	Stanton 2, Duncan, O'Rourke.
	11	Morton	(A)	3-0	O'Rourke 3 (2 pen.).
	18	Rangers	(H)	1-2	Stanton.
	25	Arbroath	(A)	3-2	Gordon 2, Duncan.
Dec.	2	Falkirk	(H)	3-0	Duncan, Gordon, Stanton
	16	Ayr United	(H)	8-1	Gordon 3, O'Rourke 3, Cropley, Stanton.
	23	Celtic	(A)	1-1	Gordon.
	30	Aberdeen	(H)	3-2	Stanton, O'Rourke, Gordon.
Jan.	1	Hearts	(A)	7-0	O'Rourke 2, Gordon 2, Duncan 2, Cropley.
	6	East Fife	(H)	1-0	Gordon
	13	Dundee United	(A)	0-1	
	27	Dundee	(H)	1-1	Gordon
Feb.	10	Airdrie	(A)	4-0	Gordon 4.
	21	St. Johnstone	(A)	3-1	Duncan, Gordon, Schaedler.
Mar.	3	Dumbarton	(H)	5-0	Cropley 2, Gordon, Hamilton, Duncan.
	10	Kilmarnock	(A)	2-2	Higgins, Stanton.
	13	Partick Thistle	(H)	2-0	Cropley (pen.), O'Rourke.
	17	Morton	(H)	2-1	Gordon, Higgins.
	24	Rangers	(A)	0-1	
	31	Arbroath	(H)	0-0	
Apr.	7	Falkirk	(A)	0-1	
	10	Motherwell	(A)	1-1	Higgins.
	14	Motherwell	(H)	0-1	
	21	Ayr United	(A)	1-1	O'Rourke.

DRYBROUGH CUP—Beat Celtic 5-3 in final after extra time.

LEAGUE CUP—Beat Celtic 2-1 in final.

SCOTTISH CUP—Lost 2-1 to Rangers in 4th round replay.

CUP WINNERS' CUP—Lost 5-4 to Hajduk in third round.

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JOHN FRASER with the reserves

Today's game against Celtic in Glasgow is likely to determine which of the two teams will finish second in the Reserve League. Hibs have had a splendid run in the last two months, losing only to Hearts who have had the sign on us this season.

We have been beaten four times and drawn once in these "derby" games and Hibs haven't played well in any of the matches. I think the younger players regard the games as being something special and become too tense to show their real ability.

Anyhow, the team performed much better last Saturday in beating Ayr—last season's champions—without any trouble. Alex McGhee, who worked hard in attack with Laurie Dunn, scored one of the goals with John Hazel and Gerry Adair on target, too. The latter played powerfully in midfield and confirmed the promise of earlier appearances.

STAN VINCENT on the colts

Well done, lads. Our third team won the King Cup here on Monday night in a cliffhanger final against Edinburgh University. Neither team scored in 120 minutes so it was a penalty finish—after Willie Muldoon had missed from the spot just after half time in the regulation 90 minutes.

However, Hibs had a 100 per cent record when the strain was on and won 7-6 when goalkeeper Bobby Robertson stopped the students' seventh try.

It said a lot for the training and tuition that the boys receive from John Fraser and Bertie Auld that they came out on top after a punishing marathon.

They beat Hearts, Gala, Eyemouth and University to win the trophy and, though they were younger and smaller, the colts had more ability.

Last week Hibs drew with Civil Service who needed only a point from the game to become East of Scotland champions.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	33	25	3	5	90	28	55
Rangers	33	25	4	4	72	30	54
Hibs	33	19	7	7	74	30	45
Dundee	33	17	8	8	66	41	42
Aberdeen	33	16	7	11	59	33	41
Dundee U.	33	17	11	5	55	47	39
Ayr	33	15	10	8	49	51	38
East Fife	33	11	14	8	46	52	30
St. Johnstone	33	10	14	9	51	64	29
Hearts	33	12	16	5	37	48	29
Motherwell	33	10	14	9	37	48	29
Morton	33	10	15	8	46	51	28
Arbroath	33	9	16	8	39	62	26
Partick	33	9	16	8	36	52	26
Falkirk	33	7	15	11	36	54	25
Kilmarnock	33	7	19	7	38	69	21
Dumbarton	33	5	17	11	39	71	21
Airdrie	33	4	21	8	34	74	15

COVER PICTURE

Director Tommy Younger empties a bottle of champagne into the King Cup, held by Colts' skipper Peter Douglas who scored with two of the seven penalties in the dramatic finish against Edinburgh University.

Evening News picture.

GOALSCORERS

Gordon, 42, O'Rourke 34, Duncan 23, Stanton 13, Cropley 10, Brownlie 5, Hamilton 4, Higgins 4, Own Goal 3, Edwards 2, McEwan 2, Blackley 1, Murray 1, Schaedler 1—145.

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HIBS' RECORD

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Saturday, April 14—Hibernian 0, Motherwell 1 (Millar, pen.).

Hibernian — McArthur; Stevens, Schaedler; Higgins, Black, Stanton; Edwards, Smith, Gordon, Cropley, Hazel.

Motherwell—McRae; Whiteford, Wark; Watson, McCallum, Goodwin; Jim Muir, Lawson, Goldthorp, McNally, Millar.

Referee—C. H. Hutton, Dunfermline.

Saturday, April 21 — Ayr United 1 (McLean), Hibernian 1 (O'Rourke).

Ayr United — Stewart; Wells, Murphy; Fleming, McAnespie, Filippi; Doyle, Mitchell, Ingram, McLean, McCulloch.

Hibernian — McArthur; Bremner, Schaedler; Stanton, Black, Spalding; Edwards, O'Rourke, Gordon, Smith, Duncan.

Referee—R. Gordon, Glasgow.

RESERVE LEAGUE

Saturday, April 14 — Motherwell 1, Hibernian 2 (O'Rourke, McEwan).

Hibernian — Herriot; Minford, McMillan; Salton, Newman, McEwan; Hamilton, Bremner (Dunn), Newman, O'Rourke, Duncan.

Wednesday, April 18 — Hearts 2, Hibernian 1 (Adair).

Hibernian — Robertson; Minford, McMillan; Adair, Spalding, Stevens (Dunn); Hamilton, Higgins, McGhee, Smith, Hazel.

Saturday, April 21 — Hibernian 3 (Hazel, Adair, McGhee), Ayr United 0.

Hibernian — Herriot; McMillan, Minford; Salton, McEwan, Adair; Murray, Hamilton, McGhee, Dunn, Hazel.

EAST OF SCOTLAND LEAGUE

Saturday, April 14 — Hibernian 1 (Hardie), Civil Service Strollers 1.

Hibernian — Robertson; Reynolds, Wallace; Callan, Douglas, Miller; Wilson, Muldoon, Hardie, McLaughlin, Thomson.

Saturday, April 21 — Vale of Leithen 2, Hibernian 1 (Hardie).

Hibernian — Robertson; Reynolds, Wallace; Callan, Douglas, Miller; Wilson, Muldoon, Hardie, McLaughlin, Thomson.

KING CUP—Final

Monday, April 23 — Hibernian 7 (Douglas 2, Thomson 2, Wallace, Miller, Harley), Edinburgh University 6. Penalty decider—0-0 after extra time.

Hibernian — Robertson; Reynolds, Wallace; Callan, Douglas, Miller; Wilson, Muldoon, Hardie, McLaughlin (Harley), Thomson.

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'NEWS' PENALTY FINAL

Which school will succeed Penicuik High as winners of the "Evening News" penalty kick competition? Before today's game the final will be contested between Holy Rood and West Calder.

John Kinane, of Holy Rood, is the only boy to achieve a "full house" of 10 penalties during the competition and he'll be looking for another maximum. His goalkeeping colleague is Billy Wilcox and the Holy Rood pair will wear purple.

Goalkeeper Billy Saunders and Harry Meikle represent West Calder, whose colours are red and white. The trophy will be presented by Hibs director Tommy Younger.

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