

# CELTIC V RANGERS

THE SKOL CUP



# Final



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## A WARM WELCOME



**W**ELCOME to today's Skol Cup Final between Celtic and Rangers. Old Firm matches always generate a very special atmosphere and I'm certain that today's meeting between Scottish football's oldest rivals will be no different.

Today sees the climax of the seventh full year of sponsorship of the competition by the Alloa Brewery Company Ltd. and during this period, the Skol Cup has provided Scottish football with many exciting and exhilarating matches that will remain in our memories for years to come. None more so than the last three Finals which have been magnificent encounters and which were also played in a very sporting manner.

The only other occasion that today's teams have met at this stage of the competition since it became known as the Skol Cup was back in 1986 when the trophies were won by Rangers, who secured a 2-1 victory, courtesy of a late Davie Cooper penalty goal. In total, the Old Firm have met in ten previous League/Skol Cup Finals and the Ibrox club currently lead their city rivals by six victories to four. The record books show that Rangers are also ahead in the number of Finals won since the inaugural Final in season 1946/47, having won the competition on sixteen occasions as opposed to the nine victories recorded by Celtic.

Over the past seven years, The Scottish Football League and its member clubs have developed an excellent working relationship with our friends from the Alloa Brewery Company Ltd. and their eagerness in assisting with the promotion of the competition has been of great benefit to the game in Scotland. On behalf of the Management Committee, may I extend a special welcome to John Mackenzie, his colleagues and their invited guests and trust that they enjoy another exciting and memorable Final.

The 1990 Skol Cup has continued the trend of players and officials adopting a very positive attitude and testimony of this can be shown by the fact that a very healthy average of more than 3 goals per game have been scored. Professional football is about excitement and entertainment, as well as the unexpected, and these ingredients have once again been in plentiful supply this season. Fans have responded magnificently and I am pleased to report that up to and including the Semi-Final Ties, there has been a 6.5% increase in the number of fans attending this season's competition compared with the same stage last term.

With a capacity crowd guaranteed today, the total aggregate attendance for the 37 Skol Cup Ties will exceed 390,000 paying customers, and on behalf of the Management Committee, a very special thanks for your continued enthusiastic support throughout the entire competition.

What will the outcome be today? Will Celtic end a barren spell in this competition and win it for the first time since 1982 or will the trophies (remember there are two) return to Ibrox for the fourth time in five years? Whatever the result, I am sure that both sets of players will endeavour to make this another Skol Cup Final to savour and that there will be one sure winner that will benefit this afternoon... **SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.**

HAVE A NICE DAY!

JACK STEEDMAN, *President,*  
 The Scottish Football League

## ENJOY THE GAME

**A** VERY warm welcome to all fans attending today's Final. Over the past few years, the Skol Cup competition has captured the imagination of fans throughout the length and breadth of the country and this can be borne out further by the healthy attendances reflected once again during the course of this season's competition.

The very nature of the Skol Cup ensures that all ties will be decided on the day, and this has resulted in teams adopting a very positive approach to matches in this competition. This season has been no exception with 112 goals having been scored in the 36 ties to date.

Recent Skol Cup Finals have been exciting and sporting contests with the real winners proving to be the fans. Today's Final, in this the Centenary Season of The Scottish Football League, brings together the two clubs who have to a large degree, dominated the Scottish game since the inception of the League in 1890. Their achievements not only domestically, but on the Continent in the various European competitions down through the years, have helped enhance the reputation of Scottish football abroad, and I am confident that today's Final, which will also be seen to a large television audience worldwide, will further emphasise that point.

League football has changed dramatically in terms of structure and development during the 100 years that this organisation has been in existence, and this can be further exemplified by the changes in format in this competition since it was first played for in season 1946-47. Until 1984, the early stages of the competition were played on a sectional basis, however a change in both the market forces i.e. the needs of the spectator, as well as the introduction of an enthusiastic sponsor, has seen the Skol Cup competition develop into a short, snappy knock-out formula. This has resulted in this tournament producing top quality football, excitement and entertainment with the real winner undoubtedly being the paying spectator.

An Old Firm match always generates a unique atmosphere and even more so when the two teams are competing in the Final of a domestic cup competition. I have no doubts that both sets of players will play their part in ensuring that it is another great occasion and that it will be remembered for its exciting and entertaining football.

The Final of a national cup competition involves a tremendous amount of work by a number of people, and in this respect I would like to thank most sincerely the officials and staff of Queen's Park Football Club as well as everyone at both the Alloa Brewery Company Limited and The Scottish Football League Office for their assistance in the organisation of today's match.

Finally, as I mentioned earlier, today's Final will not only be attended by a capacity crowd at Hampden but will also be witnessed by a world wide television audience of millions. Therefore, let us continue to enhance the growing reputation of Scottish supporters at Club and International level and have today's game played in a real sporting atmosphere.

PETER DONALD, *Secretary,*  
 The Scottish Football League

*'I am sure that both sides will endeavour to make this another Skol Cup Final to savour and that the real winner will be Scottish Football'*

JACK STEEDMAN

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**Front Cover:**

*LEFT: Mark Walters (Rangers)*  
*RIGHT: Dariusz Dziekanowski (Celtic)*





**J**UST as everyone may have been thinking that the Skol Cup Final was the preserve of just two clubs in Scottish football, the 1990 competition proves us wrong. Today we look forward eagerly to a Celtic v Rangers Final Tie for the first time in four years.

I'm sure everyone will agree that today's finalists have a lot to live up to in order to match the drama and excitement of the Skol Cup Finals of recent years.

I recall the Skol Cup Final in 1987 which earned its place in the record books as the first

appear that we have got the formula right. I hope that you approve of our continued commitment to the Scottish game. Certainly we are committed to the brewing, in Alloa, of Skol Lager, a high quality and award winning product.

We have entered into a new three year contract, which will guarantee Skol Cup action until 1992, and will be working closely with our friends at The Scottish Football League to maintain the high standards of the competition and like us, we hope that you will



JOHN S. MacKENZIE, O.B.E.  
Managing Director  
Alloa Brewery Company Ltd.

# SKOL — the cup that means goals!

major domestic cup Final to be decided on a penalty shoot-out. This is one of the vital ingredients which has added to the success of the Skol Cup and to quote an article in last year's programme, has created 'the most exciting competition of its kind in Britain, if not Europe'.

In 1988, the excitement was paramount as the finalists kept us hanging on until the closing minutes for the winning goal. Last year's Final was another superb match—was it to be a fourth successive Skol Cup triumph for Rangers? In fact, Aberdeen took the honours, after the third straight meeting between the two teams.

So is it fair for us to return 12 months later with hopes of the same exemplary standards of football?

I see no reason why not. In my opinion the Skol Cup competition is now surrounded by a magic which makes the clubs and players rise to the occasion. The unique and special atmosphere which only Hampden can create will motivate today's players to serve up another Skol Cup Final cracker.

Through our seven year association with Scottish football we feel we have come to understand the key elements necessary to ensure a successful cup competition. As always, we pledged a generous incentives package, £24,000 this year, to encourage the clubs and players to provide exactly what the fans want to see—goals! With an average of more than 3 goals per game to date, it would

keep coming back for more.

This season's three months of Skol Cup action will soon be over, so I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many performers in this success story: the 36 clubs, the players and management, who fought hard in the previous rounds and, with today's finalists, preserved the Skol Cup's reputation for providing matches full of dramatic and entertaining football; and of course the Old Firm, who have scored 22 goals between them to earn a place in today's Final; the Management Committee and Staff of The Scottish Football League who support and encourage our enthusiasm for the competition wholeheartedly; the President, Committee and Staff of Queen's Park Football Club whose assistance with the match arrangements and pre-match entertainment programme is invaluable; the members of the media who provide excellent coverage and take time to select the man of the match at each tie, and finally all those referees and linesmen who officiated during the competition.

Now for another Skol Cup Final. Enjoy the game!

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*'The Skol Cup has a magic which makes clubs and players rise to the occasion'*

JOHN MacKENZIE



## SKOL PRESENTS your PRE-MATCH and INTERVAL ENTERTAINMENT

- 2.00 p.m. The Skol Cup Final build up begins with a colourful and dramatic Inflatable Theatre Show, featuring a football match with a difference!
- 2.25 p.m. Mass Pipe Band and Drums provided by the Strathclyde Fire Service, Wallacestone and District, Carluke Caledonia, Linwood Caledonia and Kinning Park and led by Drum Major Iain MacPhail.
- 2.45 p.m. The Skol Cup Final Balloon release.
- 2.53 p.m. Both teams led by their respective Managers and followed by the Match Officials will be welcomed into the arena and introduced to the Presentation Party.
- 3.00 p.m. KICK-OFF
- 3.45 p.m. HALF-TIME  
During the HALF-TIME interval, the entertainment will be provided by the Mass Pipe Band and Drums.
- 3.55 p.m. SECOND-HALF



## WHAT'S ON OFFER AT TODAY'S FINAL

To encourage high scoring in today's Skol Cup Final, the following attractive package of incentives is on offer for Celtic and Rangers and continues the Alloa Brewery Company Limited's policy to encourage attacking goalscoring football:

- ★ The Winning team will receive £20,000.
- ★ The Runner-up will receive £17,500.
- ★ For every goal scored up to a total of 2 goals, including extra-time, but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, each goalscoring club will be awarded £500 per goal.
- ★ If the total number of goals scored meets or betters the Skol scoring target of 3 goals, including extra-time, but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, each goalscoring club will be awarded £750 per goal.
- ★ However, if the total number of goals scored reaches or betters the target of 5 goals, including extra-time, but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, then Skol Lager will release a prize fund of £5,000. The fund will be divided by the total number of goals scored and each club will be awarded this amount multiplied by the number of goals they have scored.



★ The media will select the Skol Cup Final 'Man of the Match' who will be presented with a matching pair of specially designed Skol Crystal Goblets commemorating the Skol Cup Trophy.

- ★ Members of the media will also be asked to guess the timing of the first goal and the guess nearest the actual time wins a Crystal Decanter and a matching set of glasses.
- ★ Skol Scoring Challenge: Throughout the competition, there has been a Scoring Challenge to find the player who scores the highest number of goals in the competition, excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark and own goals. The top goalscorer will win a holiday of his choice for two worth £1,500 plus £350 spending money.
- ★ The current leader after the Semi-Final ties of the competition is Celtic's Dariusz Dziekanowski, who has scored 4 goals. The leading challengers to Dziekanowski and whose club is involved in today's Final are Ally McCoist, Mo Johnston and Trevor Steven of Rangers who are all on the 3 goal mark.

**Go for goals  
and the prize  
is an extra  
£5,000**

*Above left:* One of the 'Stars' from today's pre-match entertainment.  
*Above centre:* The Grampian Specialist Dogs Demonstration Team from last year's pre-match entertainment.  
*Above right:* The Skol Cup Final Balloon Release.





THE **CELTIC** BOYS

# A TEAM PACKED WITH HEROES . . .

**'Celtic don't intend to make the same mistake twice'**



**C**ELTIC 4, Rangers 6. Don't be alarmed . . . this is not a fearless forecast for today's game. It's the tally in Finals between the Old Firm since the competition began 44 years ago.

And it will spur rather than upset Celtic this afternoon. Being second best is not their style but Manager Billy McNeill emphasises: 'What we want above all is a good, open game which will be sporting and exciting.'

The League Cup, sponsored now by Skol, has been something of a hoodoo for Celtic who've won nine of their 19 Final appearances. Billy McNeill badly wants to improve on this victory average—starting today.

Celtic are very much aware that Rangers have been untouchables so far as other leading clubs are concerned with a total of 16 successful Finals.

However, such statistics will only make skipper Paul McStay and his teammates more determined at Hampden.

The Celts had one of their rare trophy-less spells last term. This is not a mistake they intend to make twice.

Skol have brought new life to this first chance of the season for clubs to qualify for Europe. And being absent from the Euro scene this season has not pleased Celtic either.

The Skol bonus awards schemes for special feats by clubs and players have stepped up competition not to mention the scoring rate. There have only ever been three goalless Finals after 90 minutes.

Recent Finals have been spectacular and none more so than Celtic's last appearance in season 1986-87 when they lost 2-1 to Rangers amidst much controversy.

But Celtic will not look over their shoulders today. The future is paramount, the past merely memories.

Their pride and passion for winning will be roused to a controlled pitch as they try to adjust last season's failures in the success stakes.

They couldn't have been given a harder draw last season. Dumbarton and Queen of the South were dismissed fairly easily by 3-0 and 2-0.

But in the Quarter Finals they only beat Hearts in a shoot-out after extra-time with the score tied at 2-2.

However, in the Semi-Final, Ian Cameron (no relation!) scored the winner for Aberdeen and they went on to beat Rangers 2-1 in the Final which needed extra-time.

Celtic's team in that Semi—so that you can see how it has changed—was: Bonner, Morris, Rogan, Aitken, McCahill, Burns, Galloway, McStay, Dziekanowski, Coyne, Fulton (Miller) (Walker).

Manager McNeill is full of optimism for today and especially after the convincing way they beat up-and-coming Dundee United 2-0 in the Semi-Final last month.

The goals came from Gerry Creaney and Paul McStay. Creaney, first spotted by chief scout John Kelman playing for now defunct Nottingham Forest Boys' Club at Coatbridge, has been an instant success.

Billy McNeill is reluctant to burden players with advance pressure by naming key men. But he does say:

'Paul McStay has accepted fully the responsibilities of captain and I feel he has the qualities and skill to lead us to a victory.'

'Cup Finals have a habit of throwing up unexpected heroes but I have an abundance of players who could step into this role.'

McNeill, who was in six League Cup winning sides, adds: 'An Old Firm Cup Final is special. Despite the heightened tension I will stress to my players they should enjoy themselves.'

'When we drew 1-1 at Ibrox in mid-September there was good sportsmanship during the match and I would like to see this again. I'm sure Graeme Souness has similar feelings.'

'Celtic players want the fans to be entertained and will be doing their best to contribute to a memorable match.'

The competition has brought Celtic their best-ever Cup victory (7-1 against Rangers in season 1957-58) and their most unexpected defeat (4-1 to Partick Thistle in 1971-72).

The thrashing of Rangers took place before 82,293 at Hampden in a season in which they scored an amazing 84 goals but still finished behind Hearts and Rangers in the League.

They topped their initial Cup section which included Hibs, Airdrie and East Fife.

The now dead Third Lanark were soundly beaten in both legs of the Quarter Final and flustered Clyde lost 4-2 in the Semi-Final.

The Final was a nightmare for former Queen's Park centre half John Valentine who couldn't cope with three-goal Billy McPhail. He never played for the Ibrox club again.

In 10 matches in the competition Celtic scored 38 goals and Billy McPhail got 14 of them.

Against Rangers the other scorers were

Left: PAUL McSTAY  
Below: Paul Elliott in an aerial dual with Terry Butcher during an Old Firm match last season as Tommy Coyne waits to pounce.



Sammy Wilson, Neil Mochan (2) and Willie Fernie from a penalty.

Old favourite Charlie Tully, who sadly was to die in 1971 aged 47, composed a calypso to the tune of 'Island in the Sun' which was quickly on the lips of every jubilant Celtic supporter.

The memorable Celtic team was: Beattie, Donnelly, Fallon, Fernie, Evans, Peacock, Tully, Collins, McPhail, Wilson and Mochan.

The referee, the great Jack Mowat, has just retired after 60 years as whistler and supervisor.

October 23rd, 1971, was a freak day indeed. Partick Thistle pulled off one of the biggest shocks of all time by winning 4-1 and snatching their first major trophy in 50 years.

Indeed it was such a surprise that only a handful of fans turned up at Firhill to welcome the Thistle team home. TV cameramen had to go looking for people to form a crowd!

Jimmy Johnstone was injured and had to go off after 20 minutes but by then Thistle were two

up. Billy McNeill was also out because of injury and his considerable influence was badly missed.

To underline the extent of the surprise, in that season Celtic won the League by 10 points from Aberdeen and took full points in 28 of the 34 games. And their passage to the Final included two wins over Rangers at Ibrox.

They also won the Scottish Cup Final 6-1 against Hibernian and lost narrowly in the European Cup Semi to much-vaunted Inter Milan when Dixie Deans had his infamous miss in a shoot-out after 210 minutes in which neither side scored.

It was a Celtic side packed with big names: Williams, Hay, Gemmell, Murdoch, Connelly, Brogan, Johnstone (Craig), Dalglish, Hood, Callaghan, Macari.

Today's match will certainly be nothing if not intriguing.

ALEX CAMERON *Daily Record*

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# CUP 1990



**I**T MAY seem strange to talk about an Old Firm clash in terms of breaking a Skol Cup mould, but that is what today's game does.

Despite a tendency to track each other like heat seeking missiles, four years have passed since Scottish football's arch rivals met in the Final of this competition, with Rangers and Aberdeen contesting the last three.

The draw which paired the Ibrox and Pittodrie clubs in this season's Semi-Finals ended what seemed to have become a habit.

A Trevor Steven goal knocked out holders Aberdeen, and with Celtic already in the Final by virtue of their 2-0 win over Dundee United the previous evening, the stage was set for another passionate confrontation between Glasgow's giants.

In addition to seeking revenge for their defeat in the 1986 Old Firm Final, Celtic must feel the time has come for them to change another pattern which has seen Rangers hold the Skol Cup aloft at Hampden three times in four seasons.

But no matter how today's game goes, the short and snappy format of this tournament has again proved itself an unqualified success as a crowd pleaser.

There were many closely fought ties plus some giant-killing shocks from Second Division Queen of the South, who were steered to dramatic victories over Dundee and Dunfermline Athletic by Manager Frank McGarvey.

The Dumfries club's run took ex-Celt McGarvey back to Parkhead for a Fourth Round test that caught the imagination of fans all over the country.

And the fact that Celtic had to work for a 2-1 victory meant that Mac's Marvels made a Skol Cup exit with their heads held high.

It was nail-biting stuff from the start, with two of the six First Round ties — Queen's Park v East Fife and East Stirling v Dumbarton — being settled by Kicks from the Penalty Mark after extra time.

Two more games — Stranraer v Berwick and Montrose v Queen of the South — also went to extra time.

So even at this stage of the competition there was plenty of evidence to suggest that no quarter was being given or asked!

The clubs who went through to the Second Round, when the big guns became involved, were — Queen's Park, East Stirling, Cowdenbeath, Stranraer, Arbroath and, of course, Queen of the South.

But only two of them were to survive their next test.

Stranraer shocked Airdrie with a 2-1 win at Broomfield, while McGarvey's men beat Dundee in a shoot-out after extra time at Dumfries.

The other big upset was Clyde's 2-0 win over St. Johnstone, newly promoted to the Premier Division, at Perth.

But Hibs required an extra time goal from Keith Houchen to overcome Meadowbank Thistle, and Motherwell needed more than 90 minutes to dispose of Morton's challenge at Fir Park.

The Old Firm made their bow with a barrage of goals, Celtic recording a 4-0 win over Ayr United at Parkhead and Rangers scoring five times without reply against East Stirling at Ibrox.

It was Raith Rovers turn for glory in the Third Round when a George McGeachie goal gave them a 1-0 victory over Hibs at Kirkcaldy.

But that was overshadowed by Queen of the South's extra time victory over Dunfermline Athletic at East End Park.

Hearts had to wait until the 113th minute for their winning goal, scored by Scott Crabbe, against St. Mirren at Love Street.

And this time the Old Firm found it a lot more difficult to put the ball in the net. A Jacki Dziekanowski goal gave Celtic a 1-0 win at Hamilton, and Rangers produced the same scoreline against Kilmarnock at Ibrox, with Mo Johnston their marksman.

Aberdeen, who romped to a 4-0 win over Stranraer at Pittodrie, then made short work of Hearts in the Fourth Round with goals from Peter van de Ven, Paul Mason and Jim Bett (from the penalty spot) giving them a 3-0 victory.

Rangers also turned on the heat at Ibrox with a 6-2 win against Raith Rovers. Terry Butcher

Middle centre: Mo Johnston, Ally McCoist and Trevor Steven celebrate after the latter had scored Rangers' winner against Aberdeen.

Middle bottom: Celtic's new goalscoring hero Gerry Creaney in action against Dundee United.







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scored for both sides and Ally McCoist recorded a hat-trick.

The Fourth Round tie between Dundee United and Motherwell was a family affair, with the managerial brothers, Jim and Tommy, coming face to face at Tannadice.

Jim's United won 2-0 with goals from Jim McNally and Darren Jackson, and with his new breed of Tannadice Terrors shaping up well, there was a feeling on Tayside that they might be good enough to beat Celtic in the first of the Hampden Semi-Finals.

Celtic, of course, had other ideas. They also had a talented youngster of their own in 20 year old striker Gerry Creaney. And it was Creaney and captain Paul McStay who scored in a fine 2-0 victory for Manager Billy McNeill's team.

A crowd of 49,975 watched Celtic's triumph over a club who, despite the quality in their ranks, never seem able to produce their best form at Hampden.

Rangers caused a stir when they dropped captain Terry Butcher for their Semi-Final against Aberdeen.

But his absence did not prevent them from overcoming a Pittodrie side who had to cope without the presence of their Dutch striker, Hans Gillhaus, who was required for International duty.

Trevor Steven, the England midfield man, who has become such an influential figure in the Rangers team, scored the only goal of the game in the 31st minute.

The second Semi-Final, seen live on satellite TV, attracted a smaller crowd of 40,855 and there is no doubt that the later kick-off time also cut Aberdeen's travelling support.

There will be world-wide interest in today's game because of the international stature of Rangers and Celtic.

Both have fans in every corner of the globe.

But the little clubs, including those who fell at the first hurdle, have all played their part in the success of a tournament which now reaches an exciting climax.

Some, like Queen of the South, earned nights



of glory. Others had to suffer the agony of watching their dreams perish in one of those shoot-outs.

But Skol Cup winners and losers have one thing in common . . . they must all start afresh next season!

**KEN ROBERTSON**  
*Scottish Sunday Express*

## THE SKOL CUP SEASON 1990/91

### FIRST ROUND RESULTS

**Tuesday, 14th August, 1990**

Stenhousemuir 0 v 2 Cowdenbeath  
A. Ross,  
A. MacKenzie

East Stirlingshire 2 v 2 Dumbarton (A.E.T.)  
(2-2 after 90 minutes)  
G. Russell, P. Watson S. MacIver (2)

Queen's Park 3 v 3 East Fife (A.E.T.)  
(2-2 after 90 minutes)  
J. O'Brien, S. McEntegart, M. Hendry R. Scott, A. Mitchell, S. Wilson

**Wednesday, 15th August, 1990**

Montrose 1 v 2 Queen of the South  
(A.E.T.)  
(0-0 after 90 minutes)

M. Allan A. Thomson, J. McGuire

Stirling Albion 1 v 2 Arbroath  
J. Reid J. Morton, B. Mitchell  
Match played at Firs Park, Falkirk

Stranraer 4 v 3 Berwick Rangers  
(A.E.T.)  
(2-2 after 90 minutes)

G. McMillan, D. Henderson, D. George, I. Spittal T. Graham (2), K. Todd  
Match played at Somerset Park, Ayr

Above Left: Anton Rogan in high flying action against Dundee United.  
Above Right: Mark Walters holds off this challenge from Aberdeen's Peter Van De Ven.





**SECOND ROUND RESULTS**

**Tuesday, 21st August, 1990**

Kilmarnock 3 v 2 Clydebank (A.E.T.)  
(2-2 after 90 minutes)  
T. Spence, W. Stark G. Rowe, K. Eadie  
T. Callaghan

Motherwell 4 v 3 Morton (A.E.T.)  
(2-2 after 90 minutes)  
C. O'Neill (2), D. Arnott, D. Hopkin (2), J. Fowler  
G. Burley

Forfar Athletic 1 v 2 Raith Rovers  
C. Brewster G. McGeachie, G. Dalziel

Dunfermline Athletic 4 v 0 Albion Rovers  
R. Jack (2), P. Smith, P. O'Brien

Brechin City 0 v 2 Hamilton Academical  
H. Burns, G. McCluskey

Rangers 5 v 0 East Stirlingshire  
T. Steven, M. Hateley (2), M. Walters, M. Johnston

Airdrieonians 1 v 2 Stranraer  
E. Balfour D. George, D. Cook

Queen of the South 2 v 2 Dundee (A.E.T.)  
(1-1 after 90 minutes)  
G. Fraser, W. McGhie G. Chisholm, S. Forsyth  
Queen of the South won 4-1 on  
Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Alloa 0 v 3 Dundee United  
D. Jackson, C. Dailly, B. Welsh

St. Johnstone 0 v 2 Clyde  
M. Scott, J. Gilmour

Queen's Park 1 v 2 Aberdeen  
M. Hendry E. Jess, J. Bett

**Wednesday, 22nd August, 1990**

St. Mirren 1 v 0 Arbroath  
T. Stickroth

Celtic 4 v 0 Ayr United  
P. Elliott (2), D. Dziekanowski (2)

Falkirk 1 v 1 Partick Thistle (A.E.T.)  
(1-1 after 90 minutes)  
P. Houston G. Peebles  
Partick Thistle won 4-1 on  
Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Meadowbank Thistle 0 v 1 Hibernian (A.E.T.)  
K. Houchen

Played at East End Park, Dunfermline

**THIRD ROUND RESULTS**

**Tuesday, 28th August, 1990**

Dunfermline Athletic 1 v 2 Queen of the South (A.E.T.)  
(1-1 after 90 minutes)  
D. Irons J. McGuire, A. Thomson

Partick Thistle 1 v 3 Dundee United  
J. Charnley C. Dailly, D. Jackson, F. Van Der Hoorn

Played at Kilbowie Park, Clydebank

Rangers 1 v 0 Kilmarnock  
M. Johnston

Motherwell 2 v 0 Clyde  
N. Cusack (2)

**Wednesday, 29th August, 1990**

Aberdeen 4 v 0 Stranraer  
P. Mason (2), B. Irvine, P. Van De Ven

Raith Rovers 1 v 0 Hibernian  
G. McGeachie

Hamilton Academical 0 v 1 Celtic  
D. Dziekanowski

St. Mirren 0 v 1 Heart of Midlothian (A.E.T.)  
S. Crabbe

**FOURTH ROUND RESULTS**

**Tuesday, 4th September, 1990**

Dundee United 2 v 0 Motherwell  
J. McNally, D. Jackson

Rangers 6 v 2 Raith Rovers  
A. McCoist (3), M. Johnston, T. Butcher, T. Steven  
R. Coyle, (1 o.g.)

**Wednesday, 5th September, 1990**

Celtic 2 v 1 Queen of the South  
D. Dziekanowski, J. Miller A. Thomson

Aberdeen 3 v 0 Heart of Midlothian  
P. Van De Ven, P. Mason, J. Bett

**SEMI-FINAL RESULTS**

**Hampden Park, Glasgow**

**Tuesday, 25th September, 1990**

Celtic 2 v 0 Dundee United  
G. Creaney, P. McStay

**Hampden Park, Glasgow**

**Wednesday, 26th September, 1990**

Rangers 1 v 0 Aberdeen  
T. Steven



Above left: Trevor Steven bursts through the Aberdeen defence to score the only goal in the Semi-Final.

Above centre: Steve Fulton challenges Dundee United's Billy McKinlay.

Above right: Gerry Creaney shoots for goal despite a tackle from United's Maurice Malpas.





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# Who's who at CELTIC

By Dixon Blackstock (Sunday Mail)

**PAT BONNER.** Has rightly earned a reputation as one of the best goalkeepers in Europe with his performances for both club and country. He has won 44 caps for the Republic of Ireland and was a hero for his country during the recent World Cup. For Celtic he has been a player of consistently high quality... a fact which has just won him a new three year contract with the club. Played for the Scottish League in the Centenary match at Hampden earlier in the season and has around 480 first team games to his credit. Packie is 30, 6ft. 2in. and 13st. Born in Donegal, he joined Celtic in 1978 from Keadue Rovers.



**CHRIS MORRIS.** Another Republic of Ireland World Cup man, but he has found it a struggle to hold his first team place at Parkhead this year since his return from Italy. Quick-moving, attack-minded full back who joined Celtic from Sheffield Wednesday for £125,000 back in July 1987. Has passed the 20 cap mark for Eire. Chris is 26, he was born in Newquay, Cornwall, stands 5ft. 11in. and weighs 12st.



**DARIUSZ WADOWCZYK.** Former Polish International captain who is still a key player for his country. Now 28, he joined Celtic from Legia Warsaw in October 1989. Is heading towards the 50-cap mark, and has settled well with Celtic although injury has hampered him at the start of this season. Can play in central defence as well as left back and could be the man to feature as a replacement should Derek Whyte not recover from injury in time to play today. Warsaw-born, he is 6ft. and 11st.



**ANTON ROGAN.** Hard-working, hard-running Northern Ireland International player who always gives 100 per cent. The 24-year-old Belfast-born Rogan joined Celtic in July 1986 from Distillery and this season has been having on-going talks with Celtic about a new contract. Almost went south at the start of the season, but this didn't work out and he has fought back to win a place in the Celtic pool again. He is 5ft. 11in., 11st. 6lbs.

**PETER GRANT.** A versatile performer who puts everything into the game whether operating at full back or midfield. A product of Celtic Boys



Club, he has played more than 230 appearances for the first team since his debut as an 18-year-old in 1984. Peter is now 25, and although it looked at one point as though he would be leaving Celtic, he has settled in again as a vital player. Has two Scotland caps. He is 5ft. 9in. and 10st. 3lbs.

**LEX BAILLIE.** Solid big defender who has tended to be on the fringe of the first team over the past few seasons. Spent last summer playing in Canadian football to help him recover from a bad ankle injury. He's 24, 6ft. 2in. and 12st. and joined Celtic from Burnbank Boys Club in 1982, but his first team appearances have been limited to a couple of dozen.

**PAUL ELLIOTT.** This big, strapping 6ft. 2in., 14st. centre half has become a big favourite with the Celtic fans—but for a while was not so popular with referees as he ran up 16 bookings in his first season. Has settled this season to the style of Scottish football, which is certainly different from his last club, Pisa in Italian football. Celtic paid £650,000 for the 26-year-old former Charlton, Luton and Aston Villa player.

**DEREK WHYTE.** The talented, skilful young defender could miss out on today's Final because of a badly cut ankle received against St. Johnstone a few weeks ago. Still only 22, but he plays with a maturity that belies his youth. A former Celtic Boys Club player, he has made nearly 200 first team appearances already for his club and been capped for Scotland at full level. Can operate either in central defence or left back. He's 5ft. 11in., 11st. 5lbs.

**PAUL McSTAY.** One of the most gifted footballers in the country. He was a schoolboy star and very quickly became a senior star winning every honour in the game. Now is Celtic captain, has become a member of the exclusive 50-cap club for Scotland and has played more than 400 first team games for his club... and he was only 26 last week! When McStay plays well in midfield, Celtic play well. He is thriving on the captaincy in succession to Roy Aitken and enjoying the company of John Collins in midfield. Former Player of the Year, he is 5ft. 10in., 10st. 7lbs.



**JOHN COLLINS.** Celtic paid out a club record fee of close to £1 million to get this talented midfielder player from Hibs during the summer. He has settled into the Celtic style of play immediately. Still only 22—he was a first team man with Hibs at 17—he has already won a number of Scotland honours and was in the World Cup party in Italy. Although he did not play, he is earmarked for a permanent place in future Scotland sides. Skilled, left-sided player he was born in Galashiels is 5ft. 7ins., and weighs 10st. 10lbs.

**STEVE FULTON.** This big, fresh-faced youngster has been given his chance this season on the left or midfield for Celtic and taken it well. Fine passer of the ball, he is just 20 and was recruited from the Celtic Boys Club in 1987. Son of former Junior football legend Norrie Fulton, he was born in Greenock, is 5ft. 10ins., and weighs 11st.

**MIKE GALLOWAY.** Injury has cost the powerful ex-Hearts man his place in recent times. He was a £500,000 surprise signing from Hearts in June 1989. Operates on the right midfield where his strength can be invaluable. Previously with Mansfield and Halifax. He's 25, 6ft. and 13st. Played as a substitute for the Scotland full squad and has been capped twice as over-age player in the Under-21s.

**JOE MILLER.** Won an honoured place for ever in the hearts of Celtic fans when he scored the goal against Rangers that won Celtic the 1989 Scottish Cup Final. A very talented winger who can also operate as a striker. Celtic bought him from Aberdeen in November 1987 for £650,000 and although he has had trouble establishing himself, this season he appears fitter and stronger and relishing every minute. Glasgow-born, he's still only 22 but has been involved in Premier football for five years now. Joe is 5ft. 8in. and 10st.

**DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI.** Quickly christened Jacki by the fans and has become a firm favourite because of his clever play and spectacular goals. Was unsettled at the end of last season, but has picked up again for this term and netted four goals for Celtic in their Skol Cup



run. Born in Warsaw, he is 28 now, is over 6ft. and weighs 12st. 13lbs. Cost Celtic £600,000 from Legia Warsaw in July 1989. His four goal display against Partizan Belgrade in a European tie at Parkhead is still talked about... particularly since he still finished up in the losing team! Has won more than 50 caps for Poland.

**ANDY WALKER.** A lean, lithe 25-year-old striker with an eye for a goal. He joined Celtic from Motherwell for £300,000 in July 1987 and has been a regular scorer since, although sometimes not a regular first team man. Has clocked up more than 100 first team games and scored nearly 60 goals. Glasgow-born, he's 5ft. 8in. and 10st. 7lbs. Under-21 cap, he also appeared as substitute in the full International against England at Wembley in 1988.

**GERRY CREANEY.** No player has made a bigger impact in Scotland so far this season than the 20-year-old striker. Was called into first team duty on a permanent basis just a few weeks ago and started scoring goals straight away. Another recruit from the Celtic Boys Club, he was born in Coatbridge. He's 5ft. 10in. and 10st. 7lbs. His form won him Under-21 recognition in the game against Switzerland earlier this month and made an immediate impact scoring with his first touch of the ball.

Also standing by for Celtic are reserve goalkeeper Andy Murdoch, who had a loan spell with Partick Thistle last year; midfielder man Martin Hayes, a close-season recruit from Arsenal who has found it hard to find his feet in Premier football; former Aberdeen winger John Hewitt who has been troubled by injury since his signing in August 1989 and is only just getting back to fitness.

Plus, of course, one of Parkhead's favourite sons Charlie Nicholas who has been battling to shake off a thigh muscle injury which has prevented him taking up his expected role of key striker. Was bought from Aberdeen during the summer, where he won two Cup medals last season to go with his Littlewoods Cup medal won in his days with Arsenal and the two League badges and League Cup medal that he acquired in his first stint as a teenager with Celtic. Charlie, 28, has 20 Scotland caps.



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It glitters all the brighter when one recalls their historic success in the European Cup in 1967. This is not to mention victories in the Coronation Cup (1953) and Empire Cup (1938) which were considered to be sparkling triumphs at the time.

Napoleon, as Jimmy McMenemy was known to their legions of fans, helped drive Celtic to a succession of their early honours after joining the club from Rutherglen Glencairn at the turn of the century.

Described in his day as a 'master of deception', the Parkhead inside-forward was a star of the side which won six consecutive Championships from 1905 as well as six Scottish Cups in a 10 year cycle of success.

As durable as he was talented, McMenemy also won 12 Scottish caps in a 15-year International career which was crudely interrupted by the First World War before he moved on to Partick Thistle.

Some 15 years later, Celtic beckoned Napoleon back as coach and, by reviving an ailing side, he proved to be almost as influential in that capacity as he had been as a player.

Celtic's other imperial figure, the one they called Caesar, is of course, Billy McNeill who accomplished still more as a player by helping propel them to their nine Championships in a row from 1966, seven Scottish Cups and six League Cups in an astonishing run of 14 consecutive Finals.

Twice, he has returned to the club as Manager and, the only trophy to elude him in his second spell in charge, being the one for which Celtic vie with arch-rivals, Rangers, this afternoon.

Emperors McMenemy and McNeill had something



# 100 YEARS OF CELTIC

especially significant in common in their distinguished playing days: both served under statesmen — like Managers in Willie Maley and Jock Stein, men whose names will forever be inscribed on Celtic's roll of honour.

Maley, one of Celtic's earliest players, became Manager in 1897 and ruled in that role until his removal by the Board in 1940, by which time the club had won 30 major honours under his stewardship. Brian Wilson, M.P., records in his recent, illuminating club history — 'A Centenary with Honour' — that Celtic tired of Maley's autocratic and increasingly secretive style, hence the reason for edging him into reluctant retirement at the age of 71!

Perhaps Stein was no less autocratic although his powerful presence at Celtic Park brought the club still more riches: 25 major trophies including that aforementioned European Cup after only two years of the 13 he spent back at Parkhead.

Maley and Stein, in their different eras, nurtured many of the greatest talents ever to play for Celtic as well as the most successful.

Jimmy McMenemy, alias Napoleon, was one of Maley's proteges. So, too, was Jimmy Quinn, the miner from Croy, who played in the same forward line during those halcyon days of the early 1900's and captured 11 caps for Scotland.

Culled from Brian Wilson's Centenary book is Maley's vivid memory of Quinn: 'a sturdy, well-knit frame... striving all the way to keep the ball in control as he charged off defenders... a sight never to be forgotten.'

Messrs. McMenemy and Quinn were soon joined by another of Maley's immortals, Patsy Gallagher, signed from Clydebank Juniors in 1911. Far from being the sturdiest of Clydeside products — indeed, he was once described as a 'shrimp of a man' — peerless Patsy was possessed of extraordinary skills.

Amongst the treasures with which he retired were four Scottish Cup medals, won between the years 1912 and 1925, the last of them being secured after he had scored a goal of breath-catching brilliance.

Dundee, for whom Patsy's son, Tommy, went on to play in the 1950's, were Celtic's opponents in the Final and leading by 1-0 with only seven nail-biting minutes remaining.

Patsy, having taken a pass from Peter Wilson, proceeded to slither past a succession of bemused defenders before one pulled him down only a yard or two from the goal-line. Without waiting to hear if the referee would blow for a penalty, Patsy caught the ball between his feet and somersaulted with it into the net. This was improvisation of the inspired sort, making for an equaliser which is still chatted and chuckled about in Celtic corners.

From each subsequent page of Celtic history pertaining to the Maley era spills another legendary name. Like that of the young Jimmy McGrory who, in fact, followed up Gallagher's Cup Final goal by scoring a stop-press winner — with his famous forehead, of course.

McGrory went on to establish scoring records during his 16 year career which may never be equalled: 410 goals in 408 games, 50 in one season (1935-36) and eight in one match (against Dunfermline Athletic in 1928).

Yet Celtic, for reasons best known to themselves, went to extraordinary lengths to sell their future Manager to Arsenal, then the all-powerful team in England, for what would have been a staggering fee at the time, £10,000.



Right: JIMMY MCGRORY

**'Jimmy McGrory's loyalty to Celtic could not be bought'**



Twice, they arranged for McGrory to meet the Arsenal Manager, Herbert Chapman, to discuss a move to Highbury. Twice, McGrory priced himself out of Arsenal's market by asking for terms which he knew even they would refuse to meet. His loyalty to Celtic could not be bought.

Having retired as a player shortly before the Second World War, McGrory was appointed Manager immediately after it. And, if his 20-year term of stewardship was not especially fruitful in terms of trophies won, it yielded many more names which illuminated the club's history.

Names like Bobby Evans, Charlie Tully, Bertie Peacock, Bobby Collins, Sean Fallon, Neilly Mochan and Willie Fernie whose greatest collective triumph still stands as one of Celtic's greatest victories: the 7-1 thrashing of Rangers in the League Cup Final of 1957.

It was in the same year that the 17 year old Billy McNeill, alias Caesar, enlisted with Celtic. He was one of the original Kelly Kids, so called after Chairman, Bob Kelly, who had long since become the dominant force at Celtic Park and envisaged an all-conquering team bearing a home-bred hallmark.

Jimmy Johnstone, Bobby Lennox, Tommy Gemmell and Bobby Murdoch were all recruited in turn to the gang but it took a man like Jock Stein, McGrory's successor in 1965, to turn the Chairman's vision into reality.

Within weeks of Stein's arrival from Hibs, Celtic squared up to the first club he had managed, Dunfermline Athletic, in the Scottish Cup Final. Twice they fell behind, twice they equalised through the wily Bertie Auld who had been signed shortly before the managerial change. Then, with only 60, nerve-shredding seconds remaining, McNeill rose to head



Below: JOCK STEIN

in a corner kick by the often under-rated Charlie Gallagher. In so doing, he secured the Cup for Celtic for the first time in 11 years and signalled the start of another great era in club history.

Celtic's successes under Stein have already been listed but their achievements of season 1966/67 can never be surpassed. For it was then that they won every trophy for which they competed, including the European Cup.

It is doubtful if Celtic had ever before produced a better side. Certainly, no club in Scotland has done so since. The craftsmanship of Murdoch and Auld provided an education for all aspiring midfield players; Johnstone's wizardry on the wing was awesome and Lennox's pace breathtaking.

Yet some of the players who duly emerged under Stein proved to be even better than some who were about to disappear. Danny McGrain, for example. A full-back with the skill and subtlety of the old-fashioned inside-forward. Kenny Dalglish, the finest, all-round



100 YEARS

Scottish player of his generation.

George Connelly, who closed his career almost before it began, Dixie Deans, Harry Hood and Davie Hay were other fine players for whom winning became a habit as Celtic's success spilled into the 1970's by when the estimable Desmond White had become Chairman.

Then came another surge of talent in the shape of Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns before Jock Stein stood down in 1978 in favour of Billy McNeill who had retired as a player following the Scottish Cup Final three years earlier.

Caesar had returned, as Napoleon had done more than 40 years earlier, and the conquests continued with Celtic winning the League Championship three times and the Scottish Cup and League Cup once within the space of five years.

Club politics drove Caesar into exile in England in 1983, just as one of his prodigies, Charlie Nicholas, was lured to London by Arsenal. But fine players remained; players like Paddy Bonner, Roy Aitken, Paul McStay, Tommy Burns, Murdo MacLeod and Davie Provan.

Pooling their strength and skill, they won the Scottish Cup and Championship in successive seasons under Davie Hay. Then Caesar returned from exile in time to guide Celtic to a double celebration by winning the Championship and Scottish Cup in a glorious climax to their Centenary year, 1988.

Jack McGinn had become Chairman by then and a proud man is he to preside over a club of such great tradition and accomplishment. He will be prouder still if Celtic beat Rangers this afternoon to etch the name of the Skol Cup on the long list of Celtic successes. A list that links the era of Caesar to the age of Napoleon.

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**'I believe it will be a Final to be remembered for all the right reasons'**

JIM McLEAN

THIS may not go down too well with the Dundee United faithful but Tannadice supremo Jim McLean is a self confessed Celtic admirer.

'I really appreciate the way Celtic go out to win all their matches, home and away,' he admitted to me in the privacy of the Manager's office at Tannadice less than a week after Celtic had eliminated United in the Semi-Final of the current Skol Cup campaign.

'Celtic just want to get out there and entertain. Their approach to the game still excites me after all these years I've been involved.'

'If I was a neutral fan instead of Dundee United's Manager, Celtic are one of the teams I'd pay money to go and watch.'

'Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United are other teams that come into the same category. That's why I believe this afternoon's Celtic v Rangers Final will be a cracker.'

'Rangers also try to play the game the proper way now. An approach based on a thoughtful studied style trying to out think and out manoeuvre the opposition.'

'In my book Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United play the type of game that will bring most success in the present Scottish set up.'

Warming to his theme Jim continued to explain his thinking. He says they all put the emphasis on technique before determination and aggression.

'Celtic play the ball on the

ground as much as possible. That's the way it should be. The air is for birds and aeroplanes. The grass is for the ball.'

'I love to see teams trying to build moves with accurate passing and skilful manipulation.'

'Played like this football really is the beautiful game Pele once described it.'

With Celtic approaching the game the way Jim advocates it should be played he isn't surprised the fans have stuck loyally behind them. Even though they didn't win a major honour last season.

'Fans appreciate the proper way. I really believe they've been re-educated in recent years. It certainly doesn't surprise me the way Celtic's fans have stayed with their team.'

'There is no substitute for skill and Celtic have it in abundance.'

Jim picks out six Celtic players he reckons hold the key to the trophy returning to the Parkhead sideboard after today's match. Pat Bonner, Derek Whyte, Paul McStay, John Collins, Joe Miller and 'Jacki' Dziekanowski.

'Bonner is one of the best 'keepers in Scotland, if not Europe. What I really admire about him is the way he wants to command his entire penalty area. Give me a goalie like this every time. One who is prepared to accept responsibility.'

'He is criticised for losing the odd cross ball. But he's bound to lose a few. After all he comes further off his line than most. I'll



# 'CELTIC PLAY BEAUTIFUL

# THE GAME'

says JIM McLEAN, Manager of Dundee United F.C.

always go for a 'keeper who commits himself fully rather than one who opts for the safety of his goal line.'

'Whyte is definitely under-rated. For my money he is one of the outstanding defenders in Scottish football. Although he's been in Celtic's first team a long time, people tend to forget he's still in his early '20's.'

'He can definitely develop into a really top class player.'

'McStay and Collins are my type of midfield players. They lay the emphasis on passing and possession. There may be a slight question mark about their strength.'

'In our Semi-Final against Celtic, they gave us the opportunity to play. We didn't accept it and in the end Celtic thoroughly deserved to win although it was all about who scored the first goal.'

'Miller is playing with bags of confidence just now. I love to see a winger in full flow and on his day Miller is one of the most exciting players in the country.'

'There is no doubt the signing of Charlie Nicholas has made Dziekanowski much more consistent. I reckon Celtic are getting 50 per cent more out of him now than they did last season because he knows Charlie is breathing down his neck.'

Dziekanowski has certainly played a major part in Celtic reaching this Final. He's their leading scorer in the tourney with four goals to date. It goes without saying he'd love to add to his tally this afternoon.

Celtic's other scorers in the Skol Cup are Paul Elliott with two goals and Joe Miller, Paul McStay and Gerry Creaney who are all on the one goal mark.

McLean hasn't seen much of 20-year-old Creaney but admits, 'He played really well against us and scored the all important opening goal.'

'It followed an accurate cross from Joe Miller on the right. Creaney showed excellent aggression to score with a header.'

'He really is having an outstanding spell at the moment, scoring plenty of goals.'

In reaching today's Final Celtic have used 19 different players in just four ties. They've only conceded one goal en route, to Queen of the South at Parkhead.

Obviously it's difficult to predict just what Celtic's starting line-up will be.

What is sure is this 'Old Firm' clash has all the makings of a classic.

Jim McLean doesn't want to stick his neck out and predict a winner. However, he does admit, 'I'm thoroughly looking forward to the game. As I said earlier both Celtic and Rangers play the game the way football is meant to be played.'

'I hope I'm right in predicting it will be a Final to be remembered for all the right reasons.'

BILL McFARLANE  
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Left: JOHN COLLINS  
Below: PAUL McSTAY



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*'The last three Skol Cup Finals have been showpiece games. It would be good to have another Hampden Final the rest of the world can admire'*

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# THEY WANT THE CUP BACK AT IBROX

**'Manager Graeme Souness sets great priority on success at home in Scotland'**

IT HAS become an annual event for Rangers' Manager Graeme Souness to bring his players to Hampden for the Skol Cup Final. Since Souness returned from Italy to take over as Ibrox boss he has led the team to FIVE successive Finals... and he has won three of the four so far played.

Last season, Rangers lost the iron grip they had held on the trophy when they lost to Aberdeen in the third successive Skol Cup Final clash between these two sides.

This season as they have marched through the tournament without even the hint of a stumble, they defeated Aberdeen in the Hampden Semi-Final when Trevor Steven scored the only goal of that game.

Now, today, they face a repeat of the first of the Finals in the trophy laden Souness years—a clash with Celtic, the other half of the Old Firm.

And while so many of the Souness men are now veterans of this competition, there are, as always, new faces on parade in the multi million pounds Rangers team.

The biggest of all today, would have been Russian International star Oleg Kuznetsov, signed at the start of the month and who was looking forward in his attempt to win his first winners' medal in Scottish soccer.

However, the one time Dynamo Kiev centre-half, who joined Rangers on October 9th, limped off with knee ligament damage during the Ibrox club's Premier Division match against St. Johnstone at Perth eight days ago and at the time of writing looked certain to miss today's Final.

Souness tracked Kuznetsov for almost a year, negotiating for month after month after month in a bid to land the player he admired so

much. Agreement was reached during the World Cup in Italy when the Rangers' boss made a hush hush visit to the Russian training camp to speak to the player and to Soviet officials. Before finally reaching Glasgow, though, Kuznetsov had to help his club to another Russian Championship success. Once that had been achieved he jetted to Berlin and then to Britain.

Souness says: 'He is a world class player and that is why I was prepared to wait for his signature. After waiting for so long to get a player of his ability, this injury is a real blow to the club.'

The decision by Kuznetsov to join Rangers is another boost to the Scottish game—now greatly admired overseas. The Russian could have gone to Italy. Or even to France. But he declared: 'Rangers are a big club—one of the biggest in Europe and that was the main reason that I came here.'

Then he added: 'I believe I can adapt more easily to the Scottish style of play. And I know that the Scottish League is a stronger one than the Soviet First Division.'

This afternoon in the tense and frantic atmosphere which surrounds every Old Firm clash, Kuznetsov's presence would certainly have played a major part in the Ibrox club's attempt to win their fourth Skol Cup in five years.

Says Souness: 'When we played Dynamo Kiev in the European Cup three years back we played very aggressively—some of their players did not handle that too well. But Oleg did and his calmness under pressure would have been an added bonus, especially in a highly charged Old Firm atmosphere.'

Of course, there have been other signings too, since last season's Final. For instance, the two men who dominated the midfield in the win over Aberdeen in this season's Semi-Final—Nigel Spackman and Terry Hurlock—have never played in a Skol Cup Final before. Nor has another of the recent signings, striker Mark Hateley, and an even fresher face, Dutch winger Pieter Huistra.

The arrival of Hateley from Monaco—another Souness coup which took place during the World Cup Finals last summer—again underlines the growing awareness of our domestic game across Europe. It's doubtful if the former England International striker would have placed his faith in a country whose reputation was sagging. No, Hateley is here for the same reason as Kuznetsov—they know that there is a boom in the game in Scotland. They know there is strength in depth in the Premier Division. They know there is fierce competition and they know, also, that there are big rewards for success.

On their way to this Final, Rangers have scored thirteen goals and lost only two in their four matches. Against East Stirling they scored FIVE. Against Kilmarnock they could manage only ONE. Against Raith Rovers they scored SIX—but it was in that Ibrox clash that

they also lost the only TWO goals they have conceded so far. Their hardest game was against Aberdeen and that Trevor Steven goal gave them a win they deserved on the night.

It is significant that Rangers' goals have been shared around this season—midfield man Steven has scored three as have strikers Ally McCoist and Mo Johnston. The other main front man at Ibrox, Hateley, has scored twice while Mark Walters and Terry Butcher have managed one apiece.

Manager Graeme Souness sets great priority on success at home in Scotland. He

will want to see the Skol Cup in the Ibrox trophy room again. The year it has been at Pittodrie will be looked upon by the Rangers' players and supporters as a loan period only.

That is why this afternoon promises to be another epic Final with all the skill and excitement which have been seen in the last three Finals in particular. All of these were showpiece games. It would be good to have another match the rest of the world can admire at Hampden today.

KEN GALLACHER  
*The Sun*

**'The stars like Kuznetsov and Hateley come to Scotland because our football is booming'**

Left: OLEG KUZNETSOV — Made his debut for Rangers against St. Mirren.  
Below: MARK HATELEY



KEVIN McCARRA of the SCOTLAND on SUNDAY looks at the future of the Old Firm as viewed by the men at the top—Celtic's JACK MCGINN and DAVID MURRAY of Rangers



## ALL GEARED UP FOR A NEW CENTURY



**A**T this moment most people will have difficulty believing there will be other days and other games once this intriguing Skol Cup Final has been decided. Those who run clubs are obliged to take the long view. Old Firm Chairmen David Murray and Jack McGinn were able to put aside their concern with today's contest to look at the prospects for their sides beyond 4.40 this afternoon.



Above: IBROX STADIUM —  
The home of Rangers F.C.  
Right: CELTIC PARK —  
The home of Celtic F.C.



Recent years have been crammed with extraordinary change for football in general and Rangers in particular. It might have seemed that no one could have anticipated such developments but David Murray, who took control of the club two years ago, believes that the foresight of his predecessors has left Rangers unusually well-prepared for the new era which the Taylor Report initiated.

'We are grateful to the men who were on the Board back in the Seventies. They spent £10 million rebuilding Ibrox then but it would take at least £25-30 million to do the same job now. I sometimes wonder what the effect might have been if they had used the money to bring Cruyff and Beckenbauer here instead but there's no doubt they provided a great foundation for everything we hope to do.'

Beyond questions of mortar and money, though, Murray recognises that the future of the club depends on the judgment of individuals. In this respect, he suggests, Rangers possess an enviable asset. 'Everything we have achieved is down to Graeme Souness. I don't think he has had the credit he's due for bringing Oleg Kuznetsov here. When you consider the £4 million Sampdoria are paying for Mikhailichenko, £1.4 million for Oleg looks like good business.'

David Murray is convinced that Rangers must remain active in the international transfer market. Equally, he is under no illusions as to the redoubtable resources of the other bidders. Rather than deterring him the thought of the £35 million Juventus have recently spent on new players fuels his desire for involvement in Europe.

'I think everyone now realises that we charge much less for football in this country than they do on the continent. At £4 for the enclosure we offer the cheapest admission price in the Premier Division. It would take more European matches to bring in the money which would let us sign the elite players. Our game with Bayern Munich here last season produced record gate receipts of £400,000.'

'I'm pleased to hear that the Quarter Final stage of the European Cup will probably be divided into two groups of four from next season, guaranteeing three home games for each team which gets that far. Football is changing and there is a wider outlook. Only 40% of Rangers' support comes from Glasgow these days so we have really become a Scottish team. Like ourselves Celtic are a great club and perhaps there will be Old Firm games in Europe one day.'

'We will go on trying to match the continentals by developing on the commercial front. Our Pools had a turnover of £5 million last year and of the £10 million the club brought in less than half was from gate receipts. The rest was from the commercial side.'

The Old Firm is supposed to be about conflict, not convergence, but Jack McGinn also underlines the need for external sources of income and recalls one of Celtic's early steps in that direction.

'In this country we were slow to follow English football's example in commercial matters. By Scottish standards our club shop was opened early on but our younger fans would probably find it hard to believe there wasn't one before 1979. Areas like that must be developed and we have recently appointed a Commercial Manager and a Financial Controller.'

The funds those new employees can supply will be especially welcome as Celtic plan their new stadium. McGinn is wary of rash commitments but ambitious proposals are known to be under review.

'We have looked at about eight schemes so far. The problem is to raise the money in a way which will not put an impossible burden on the club in the years ahead. I can say that we intend to give the fans a stadium fit for the next century which will be a bit different and a bit special.'

In the light of the £6 million and more spent on assembling the current playing staff, Celtic's determination to compete at the highest level cannot be doubted. McGinn acknowledges the expenditure but stresses that Celtic are committed to their traditions as well. 'You have to remember that we have sold players as well as bought them but however you count it a lot of money is involved. Your hand shakes when you have to sign some of these cheques. I can't say whether we'll continue spending on that scale. We are putting a great emphasis on the youth policy at the club.'

As McGinn reflects on the exciting side which has begun to emerge he points to the difficulties sportsmen currently face and to the great value the support of the fans has for Celtic. 'Nowadays there's a terrible demand for instant success and it goes far beyond football. It used to be a



OLD FIRM CHAIRMEN:  
Left: DAVID MURRAY (Rangers)  
Right: JACK MCGINN (Celtic)

tremendous achievement to win any medal at the Olympics but now no one cares who came second even though they might have been 'slaughtered' by only a hundredth of a second.

'It can make a tremendous difference when people get behind you. With the exception of John Collins, the players who won the Semi-Final were the same ones who received dog's abuse last season. We have the makings of an excellent side for the future.'

'It's a young team as well. There was a lot of coverage of Dundee United's youngsters but the two sides in the Semi-Final each had an average age of about 23.'

It would have been cruel not to let the Chairmen consider the Skol Cup Final a little. They both hoped for a spectacular and sporting occasion before concluding with the same phrase: 'And I hope we win.' Even in the future some things will stay the same.





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# Who's who at RANGERS

By Dixon Blackstock (Sunday Mail)

**CHRIS WOODS.** Age 30. Cost Rangers a then record £600,000 for a goalkeeper when he was recruited from Norwich in July 1986. He was the first of the English brigade to make the journey north to join Graeme Souness. And has probably been the most important, for the England International 'keeper has had many crucial saves over the years to help his club to Championship and Skol Cup wins. Formerly with Nottingham Forest and Q.P.R. and is expected to take over the No. 1 spot for England after understudying Peter Shilton for years. Born in Boston, Lincolnshire, he is 6ft. 2in. and weighs 12st. 8lbs.

**BONNY GINZBURG.** The 25-year-old Israeli International 'keeper joined Rangers from Maccabi of Tel Aviv 15 months ago to provide cover for Woods. Hasn't had many opportunities but has looked solid when given the chance. Born in Tel Aviv, he is 6ft. and 12st. 3lbs.

**GARY STEVENS.** Age 27. Another England World Cup man he cost Rangers £1 million when they brought him from Everton in July 1988. Won League and Cup honours with Everton, who he joined as a schoolboy. A pacy player who likes to go forward. Born in Barrow in Furness, he is 5ft. 11in. and 10st. 11lbs.

**STUART MUNRO.** Age 28. Don't come any better in the bargain buy stakes. Cost Rangers a mere £30,000 when Jock Wallace signed him in 1984 from Alloa. A determined, courageous player who has battled his way not just into a first team place but International recognition as well. His enthusiasm is appreciated by the fans to the extent that he wins more Player of the Year awards from supporters' clubs than any other man at Ibrox. Born Falkirk. 5ft. 8in. and 10st. 5lbs.

**RICHARD GOUGH.** Now 28 and a 50-cap man for Scotland despite being born in Stockholm of a Swedish mother and brought up as a boy in South Africa. Dad Charlie is a proud Scot and made sure junior was brought up the same way. Has been troubled recently by a nagging foot



injury which has meant his missing a few games for club and country. Arrived at Ibrox at the third attempt three years ago in a £1.5 million transfer from Tottenham where he had gone a year earlier from Dundee United. Was at Ibrox as a teenager then Rangers had a big bid for him turned down before he went south. 6ft., 12st.

**TERRY BUTCHER.** The giant Englishman has become a legend with the Rangers fans since he came north from Ipswich for £725,000 in August 1986. At 6ft. 4in. and 14st. he is an imposing figure, and although he lost his first team place at the end of September, his popularity with the fans is undiminished. Played for England in three World Cups and won 77 caps, although he has now decided to retire from International football. His time at Ibrox has seen him involved in a lot of controversy and he has had to battle back from a broken leg. He's now 32.

**OLEG KUZNETSOV.** Rangers Manager Graeme Souness finally got his man when the 27-year-old red-haired Russian defender arrived at Ibrox three weeks ago to complete a protracted £1.4 million transfer from Dynamo Kiev. The 6ft. Russian is rated one of the best central defenders in the World, and can also play in midfield. Can score, too, as he showed when Kiev visited Rangers for a pre-season friendly in August. Has won nearly 60 caps for his country.

**JOHN BROWN.** The 28-year-old Brown is a handy man to have around. He can play in any defensive or midfield role and can be relied on to give 100 per cent every time. A wee bit of fiery temperament to go with the red hair. Formerly with Hamilton, he was signed from Dundee for £350,000 in January, 1988. He's 5ft. 11in., 11st. 12lbs.

**NIGEL SPACKMAN.** The 29-year-old Englishman cost Rangers half a million pounds when they bought him from London club Q.P.R. almost a year ago. A non-stop runner and worker he has a lot of experience behind him having played with



Bournemouth, Chelsea and Liverpool where he won a League Championship medal. Born in Romsey, he's 6ft. 1in., 12st. 4lbs.

**TREVOR STEVEN.** After a slow start to his Ibrox career, the 27-year-old Berwick born English Internationalist has now become one of the most influential midfield players in the country. Quick-thinking, quick-footed and always on the move. Decided by a Compensation Commission, Rangers paid £1.5 million to Everton for him in July 1989, but Manager Souness reckons it was worth every penny. Formerly an apprentice with Burnley, he joined Everton in 1983 and won a number of honours with the Merseyside club. He's 5ft. 8in., 10st. 9lbs.

**IAN FERGUSON.** Injury has hampered the 23-year-old Glaswegian in the past season, slowing down what looked like being a bright career at Ibrox after an £850,000 transfer from St. Mirren in February 1988. He won his first full cap against Italy in a friendly and this was followed by World Cup honours against Cyprus and France in the two vital winning matches which helped Scotland make the 1990 Finals. But health and injury problems have halted his progress. He shot to fame with the only goal in the 1987 Scottish Cup Final when St. Mirren beat the fancied Dundee United. 5ft. 10in., 10st. 11lbs.

**TERRY HURLOCK.** A hard-working, hard-tackling Englishman who was bought from Millwall a few weeks back for £300,000. Has won three 'B' caps for England and played for a number of other English clubs including West Ham, Brentford and Reading. A sturdy 5ft. 9in. and 13st., he's now 32. A real Londoner, born in Hackney, and is the owner of an East End Pub which is now hooked into satellite TV to let the customers watch 'mine host' in Rangers' televised matches.

**ALLY McCOIST.** Celebrated his 28th birthday last month and his wedding this month! The former St. Johnstone and Sunderland striker has become one of the most popular players in the



country with ALL fans because of his bright and breezy personality and ability to score goals for club and country. Joined Rangers in 1983 for £185,000 and has never stopped scoring. Last season he became the club's record scorer in post-war League games. He's 5ft. 10in. and 12st.

**MO JOHNSTON.** Now 27, Mo has been a character and success with every club he has joined... Partick Thistle, Watford, Celtic, Nantes in France and now Rangers. His move to Ibrox in July 1989 was dubbed the transfer of the decade after he had seemed set to join his old club Celtic but instead switched to Rangers in a £1.5 million deal. Scored 17 goals in his first season and helped Scotland to the World Cup Finals with vital strikes. But has now retired from International football. 5ft. 9in., 10st. 7lbs.

**MARK HATELEY.** The big 28-year-old Englishman landed at Ibrox at the third attempt. Graeme Souness twice before tried to buy him before succeeding in June of this year. The deal cost Rangers an initial half million pounds, but they could end up paying more to French club Monaco depending on the number of games he plays. Has vast experience, having started his career with Portsmouth before moving on in big-money deals to A.C. Milan in Italy then Monaco. Has 24 caps. 6ft. 1in., 12st.

**MARK WALTERS.** This 24-year-old Englishman is one of the old school of tricky wingers. Cost Rangers half a million pounds from Aston Villa in December 1987 and has more than paid his way with goals, skills and crowd entertainment. Can operate on either wing. 5ft. 9in., 10st. 12lbs.

**PIETER HUISTRA.** Another winger with that old time look. Jinks and turns with some style and can score as well. He has five full caps for Holland and would have more but for injury. Joined Rangers from Twente Enschede a couple of months ago for £300,000. Pieter is 23, and played previously for Groningen and Veendam before joining Enschede. He's 5ft. 11in. and 11st.



RANGERS are the most successful club in the history of Scottish football—just edging out their great Old Firm rivals.

So, it's appropriate—and hardly surprising—that Celtic should provide the opposition today as the first major competition of the season is decided at Hampden, which for over a century has virtually been a second home to these two footballing giants.

A glance at Rangers' record over 117 years in the business provides confirmation of the stunning contribution they have made to the game.

They have won the League Championship in its two guises, First Division and Premier Division, 40 times. The Scottish Cup has been in their trophy room on 24 occasions.

And the trophy at stake today the Skol Cup—formerly the League Cup—has been collected 16 times.

On top of which, of course, there was a European triumph in 1972 when on a Barcelona night both famous and infamous, the Cup Winners' Cup was grasped courtesy of a 3-2 victory over Moscow Dynamo.

But there are lies, damned lies, and statistics and the baldness of these figures can't explain the energy, ambition, self-belief, and pure hard work that has gone into establishing Rangers as one of the world's most famous clubs.

From humble beginnings they have emerged as an institution known and often revered wherever the game is played—a role model for countless others throughout the planet.

There are Rangers of various forms scattered all over the world, inspired and given birth by the legend that is the Glasgow original.

Naturally, none will ever be able to aspire to the standards set by the Scottish version but at least they have a target to aim for.

For sure, the young men who started it all in the summer of 1873 couldn't have envisaged the stature of the present club with its list of triumphs, fame, and one of Europe's finest stadiums.

A new craze was sweeping the country late in 19th century Victorian Britain and the obsession of young men in an austere climate was football. But even then ambition characterised the club and a group of youngsters, mostly from Gareloch, had had enough of playing for a team known as Argyle and decided to strike out on their own.

The McNeill brothers, William, Moses and Peter, were the driving force and the first title was the Rangers Association Football Club, the word 'Association' eventually being dropped.

Enough money for kit having been collected by the committee, royal blue jerseys, white shorts (or knickers as they were known then) and blue and white stockings were worn when Rangers first took the field at Flishers Haugh on Glasgow Green, their first ground.

But there were problems with invaders trying to steel the territory for their own matches and the club were quickly on the move, first to

Below: BILL STRUTH



# 100 YEARS OF RANGERS

Burnbank on the North side of the city and then to Kinning Park in 1876.

Eleven years later there was another flitting and the first Ibrox Park was opened on August 20, 1887—Preston North End, then England's most formidable club—emphasising the growing stature of Rangers by travelling North for the inaugural game.

But even though that first Ibrox was generally regarded as a fine, progressive ground it simply wasn't big enough to accommodate the club's appeal to the Glasgow public and just three years later they were on the move to the site of the present stadium.

Rangers were 6 years into their life when the first trophy was won. Clearly precocious, they lifted the now-defunct Glasgow Charity Cup in 1879 beating the also defunct Vale of Leven in the Final.

So even then it was obvious Rangers had a liking for success, to the extent they entered the English Cup just three years after their formation and reached the Semi-Finals before going out to eventual winners Aston Villa on neutral territory at Crewe.

But major success wasn't too far away and the first Championship was won by this young club in the inaugural season of the League in 1890-91. Granted, it had to be shared with Dumbarton after the sides hadn't been able to separate themselves after a play-off—both having taken 29 points from 18 matches.

Rangers were never to look back and their first Scottish Cup triumph duly came in 1894. The opponents? No prizes for guessing that the green and white of Celtic had by then formed the great rivalry that has sustained the two clubs and the Rangers supporters at Hampden

Left: WILLIE WADDELL



today won't object if there is a repeat of the scoreline, 3-1.

There was a treble (the first of many) before the turn of the century. In season 1896-97 the Scottish Cup, the Glasgow Cup, and the Charity Cup were won by a club who had now firmly established themselves as a major power in the game alongside Queen's Park and Celtic and the trophies just kept rolling in.

There were four successive Championships in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902, possibly inspired by their decision to emphasise their ambition by becoming a limited company in the last years of the old century. Even then Rangers had a healthy respect for money and the success it could promote.

In these early, formative years, William Wilton was Manager and it's remarkable how few bosses the club have had in over a century. Just Wilton, Bill Struth, Scot Symon, Davie White, Willie Waddell, Jock Wallace (twice), and Graeme Souness.

So, while it is surely the most demanding job in Scottish football it is also one of the safest—just so long as the trophies are delivered.

In that respect Struth has to be regarded as the club's most successful gaffer. His record speaks for itself.

Appointed after the death of Wilton, Struth was in charge from 1920 until 1954 and in that time Rangers won 18 Championships, 10 Scottish Cups, two League Cups and an enormous haul of Glasgow and Charity Cups. Throw in the

*'Souness has had a few hard acts to follow as Rangers' Manager'*



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Victory Cup in 1946 and it is clear Struth has to go down as one of world football's most formidable Managers.

He signed many outstanding players, but probably the most significant moment of his career came in 1936 when, for £2 a week, he persuaded a powerfully built schoolboy to join the club.

He couldn't have guessed Willie Waddell would go on to occupy that grand office at the top of Ibrox's marbelled hallway—or that Waddell would develop into the forward-thinker behind today's magnificent stadium.

Although Ibrox was the most modern ground in the country in the '70s, Waddell managed to glimpse the future and while other prominent figures in the game were adamant that supporters would always want to stand he was able to predict trends.

He foresaw the need for smaller, more compact, and virtually all-seated grounds—and, of course, he has been shown to be 100 per cent correct in his analysis.

When Rangers started to remodel Ibrox in the '70s the cost was £12 million but to do a similar job today around £50 million would be needed, yet another indication of the forward thinking that has always characterised the club.

The old Ibrox once held over 118,000 supporters for an Old Firm match (in January, 1939) but it can't have been much fun to stand in such cramped conditions.

Contrast that with the luxury of today's

Below: JOCK WALLACE



ground and the intelligence and foresight of Waddell can be gauged.

So, Souness has had a few difficult acts to follow but in his four and a half years in charge he has shown he is more than capable.

The trophies have continued to roll into Ibrox, but more significantly Souness has dragged Rangers into a new era. He has recognised the widening frontiers of football, signing players no matter their nationality or religion.

Under the current regime of Souness and owner-Chairman David Murray—Rangers are geared up to take on Europe's wealthiest clubs.

But the Scottish side of the business remains the priority and that is why today they will be totally committed to a Skol Cup triumph.

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**'Mark Walters and Pieter Huistra are two players who can win games'**

ALEX SMITH

ASKING a beaten football Manager to assess his team's conquerors is rather like trying to persuade a householder who has just been robbed to rate the performance of the burglars.

But the hurt of Semi-Final defeat had subsided, if not entirely disappeared, by the time Alex Smith of Aberdeen came to cast a critical eye over Rangers, the Pittodrie club's opponents in the Skol Cup for the last four years.

Two Final defeats by the narrowest of margins and another in that Semi last month by a single goal from Trevor Steven could surely have been enough to have left the Aberdeen Manager with marked reluctance to have anything to do with a discussion of Rangers, in the way that people who have suffered from food poisoning can never again look at the food that caused it.

But Smith has always been far too sensible to allow any temperamental nonsense to get in the way of what had to be done and his comments on the old foe are all the more candid and revealing for his readiness to comply.

'The overall strengths of Rangers,' he said, 'begin with their teamwork. They like to keep possession and, very importantly, they don't panic when they have possession. You'd be amazed at the teams who can't really handle being in control of the ball.'

'They also have good players in the proper areas, in those departments where damage can be done to opponents. Trevor Steven is a prime example, but there are others, such as Mark Walters on his day.'

'Much of their success has been based on not losing goals and, if they seemed to be conceding more than normal in the early weeks of the season, they stopped giving them away when they changed from a five-man defensive system

and returned to a solid back four.

'As far as weaknesses are concerned, they don't have many. But I have to be perfectly honest here and tell you that I'd rather not highlight what weaknesses I believe they may have. We've got a fair bit of the season to go trying to exploit them and there is no point in giving them any advantages.'

'There is also the point, though, that I consider Aberdeen to be an outstanding team and when you think of the great Skol matches our clubs have been involved in over the years, it speaks for itself that Rangers don't have many weaknesses to spot.'

Smith's assessment of Rangers individually could not include latest Ibrox recruit Oleg Kuznetsov, since he hasn't had the chance to study the £1.4 million recruit from Dynamo Kiev.

'But obviously from his International record and the very fact he is a World Cup man means he is a quality player and it's unfortunate that his injury looks like preventing him from playing in such a prestigious game.'

'Chris Woods has proved himself time and time again and you have to be an outstanding goalkeeper to be the first choice for England.'

'They always have a clutch of great keepers. His greatest asset is the instinctive save. He didn't get real credit for the one he made from Robert Connor in the Semi-Final against us.'

'But I am sure if we had scored, we would be in the Final and not Rangers'.

Alex has a high regard for the Rangers rearguard.

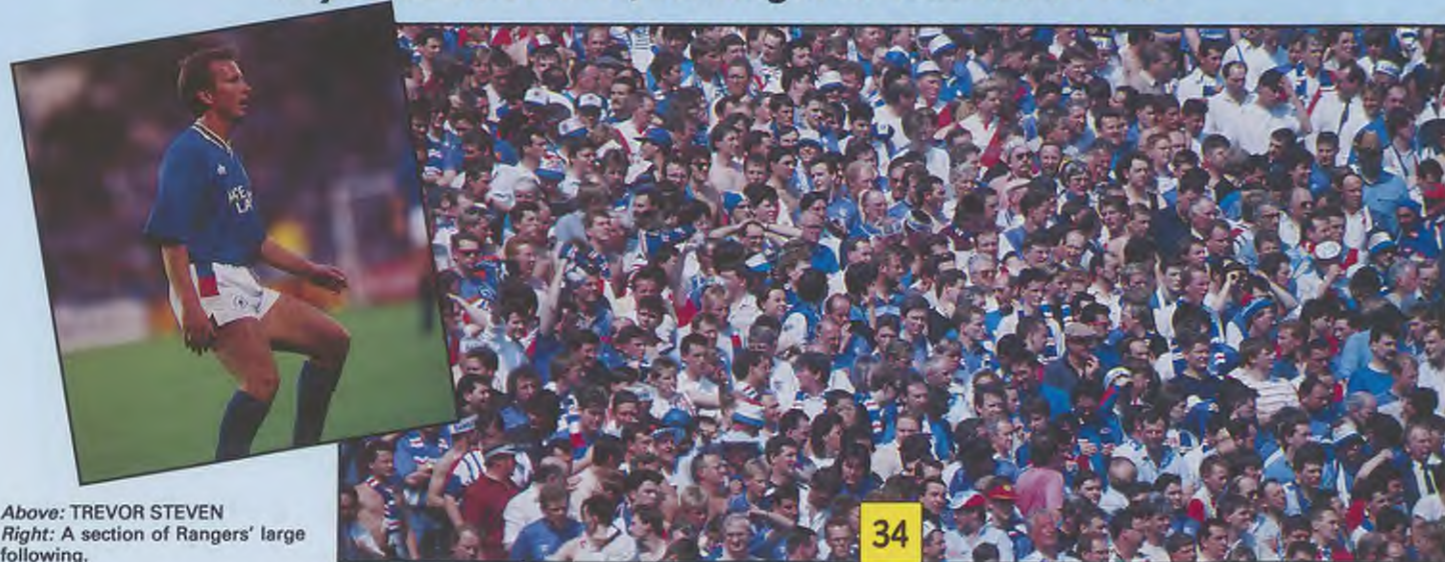
'Gary Stevens is a quick, athletic full back who patrols his touchline with endless stamina. He's brave and uses the ball well, while on the other side Stuart Munro is the kind of player every Manager loves to



# RANGERS ARE WHO NEVER

# A TEAM PANIC

says ALEX SMITH, Manager of Aberdeen F.C.



Above: TREVOR STEVEN  
Right: A section of Rangers' large following.



have in his team.

'He's totally reliable, steady and dependable. He rarely gets the credit he deserves.'

'Because he does a variety of jobs, he is not celebrated in the same way as the others.'

'The same applies to John Brown. He is in a similar category, and I'll bet Graeme Souness is glad to have both.'

The arrival of Kuznetsov has coincided with Terry Butcher's slip from the captain pedestal he has occupied since his transfer from Ipswich.

'It will be interesting to see what happens. Butcher has had an outstanding career at club and national level. Totally commanding and admired wherever he has played' says Alex.

'But I think he is happiest in a back four set-up rather than three, with the full backs pushing forward.'

'He and Richard Gough were a strong partnership. Gough is exceptionally fit, strong, fast and athletic and is particularly sound in the air.'

'What the set-up will be in the future with the Russian arriving remains to be seen'.

Alex believes the Rangers midfield will be members of the all-England club.

'Trevor Steven has been a great signing for Rangers. He's quick, a good crosser of the ball. He can make passes... and as he showed against us can go through and score goals. Good control and a lovely temperament'.

But the Pittodrie boss acknowledges the contribution made by the other English midfield pair of Terry Hurlock and Nigel Spackman.

'They are hard working players, who close people down fast, make tackles and play the simple ball to a team-mate who will take it further. And they can score the occasional goal when it's required'.

Up front, Manager Smith breaks the Ibrox set-up into the makers and the takers.

'Rangers have two players in Mark Walters and Pieter Huistra who can win games.'

'Walters can do the damage on the left or the right wing, while Huistra is quite simply a left winger.'

'They are both quick and dangerous. They can score, too, but like most players who are clever on the ball they find it hard to be consistent because of the attention they get from defenders'.

The Dons boss lumps Ibrox strike pair Mo Johnston and Ally McCoist together... 'because they both have the same qualities'.

'They are lively and dangerous with the half-chance. Both work hard but they need quick service into the penalty area if they are to capitalise on their menace.'

'Basically they complement perfectly the way Rangers play.'

'Big Mark Hateley offers Rangers an alternative. He is opposite to the other two.'

'He offers himself to the diagonal ball so that he can head it down to a team-mate. But he can also make his own runs from right or left of the goal and get a shot in'.

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*'He was born to end up in charge of Celtic'*



# McNEILL

**T**O THE thousands at Hampden Park today, it might appear that Billy McNeill and Graeme Souness have as much in common as Mrs. Thatcher and Rab C. Nesbitt. But there is more to bind them together than keep them apart.

If Celtic or Rangers ever needed to advertise the post as Manager—about as likely as that Glasgow layabout becoming a member of the Government—it would carry a line saying 'Only proven winners need apply.' And that would apply to both the present bosses.

They were both brought up in hard schools. They went on to be respected players for their clubs and country. They both knew the job of handling the European Cup. They now know the frustrations of managing two of the most famous football clubs in the world.

If there is a difference between them, it is that McNeill seemed almost born to end up one day in charge of Celtic. But only Souness's intimate family knew that he had long harboured the secret desire to walk into Ibrox, the club he had supported as a boy.

How Souness came to Rangers is a story that will become one of the great myths when we are all long gone—but it's true. He was being interviewed for a B.B.C. documentary series 'Only a Game', a history of Scottish football. With the serious business over, but the camera still running, he was asked if he might end up his days back home.

The wanderer, who had pursued his career at Middlesbrough, Spurs, Liverpool and Sampdoria, said: 'Only to Rangers'. It was quite enough for the Ibrox club to pull off one of its greatest coups and tempt a man who was still captain of Scotland to take over at Ibrox.

For McNeill, it had been different. When he retired from playing after the Scottish Cup Final against Airdrie in 1975, it seemed only a matter of time before he became Manager of the only club for whom he ever played. Jock Stein could not go on forever so he started his apprenticeship at Clyde, had a successful time at Aberdeen and then, to the surprise of absolutely no-one, took over at Parkhead when Stein moved on.

The stints which followed at Manchester City and Aston Villa could not ever tarnish the conviction that his real home was in the East End of Glasgow. When he returned for the second time—recruited in a Clydebank car park to replace Davie Hay—it seemed a natural turn of events.

So the last few words of advice today will be given by men who, either by taking the high road or the low road, have ended up in precisely the jobs they wanted, an unusual occurrence in the game of football where chance, circumstance or mere coincidence often determines your place of employment.

They both made it very plain what their ambitions were as soon as they put their feet under the Managers' chairs. In April 1986 Souness's immediate reaction was 'I will bring quality players to the club.' Within months Terry Butcher and Chris Woods started to prove that, unlike birds, footballers migrate northwards.

When McNeill walked into Parkhead in May



*'He promised quality, and that is what he has bought'*



# SOUNESS

1987, he did not have to say any more nor any less than these first words to the fans: 'Rangers have thrown down the gauntlet. Now it's up to me and everyone else to pick it up.' The stage was set for some of the most absorbing seasons in Old Firm history, of which today's Final is just the latest chapter.

But if both men share a burning desire to win—and no wise man would approach whichever of the pair ends up as a loser this afternoon until the dust has finally settled—then it would be wrong to believe that the two Managers share the same philosophy on the way the game should be played.

Souness, conditioned by his years at Anfield when the English club were patently the best in Europe, is welded to the belief that the game is largely about maintaining possession by high quality passing. That, in older days, was called push and run. His first signings — and all the statistics since — point to the fact that this policy works only in front of a cast-iron defence.

McNeill is constrained by Celtic's history of being a club which attacks from all positions at all times. It was such a singleminded belief that allowed McNeill to lead the club to its greatest triumph, the 1967 European Cup, by overwhelming Inter Milan, the arch disciples of dreary defensive play.

Neither should it be thought that each man is dealing from the same pack of cards. There is no doubt that Rangers ability to reach for the chequebook has given them an advantage during the Souness era and three Championships out of four prove that money, if allied to good sound sense, can count.

But Celtic's magnificent Cup and League double during their Centenary Year of 1988 also proved that motivation and sheer spirit can upset the money markets and the Old Firm confrontations will never be decided by the chequebook alone. That makes both Managers' jobs both endlessly interesting, occasionally frustrating.

It is always wrong to see any football match as some kind of High Noon between the bosses. As Tommy Docherty pointed out memorably, once the players cross the white line, they are in their own. And as both McNeill and Souness would be the first to tell you in Old Firm weeks, their job is made easier because no player has to be reminded of how important the occasion is.

But the fire in their bellies will burn brightly. Their need to win, not only for the sake of their players and their supporters, is fuelled by a personal desire to be a winner. Anyone who saw either man play will realize that the attitude which separates the Champions from the contenders is there in the hearts of both of them.

It dawns on me that if the rest of us brought the same kind of resolution and commitment to our daily grind, then this would be a very different country in which to live. In short Messrs. McNeill and Souness could teach us all a thing or two. On the other hand, the territory they occupy might be too uncomfortable a bed of nails for most of us.

IAN ARCHER (Mail on Sunday)



# SKOL CUP FACT FILE 1990 . . .

## Cup Final Snippets

- ★ Today's Final is the eleventh occasion that the 'Old Firm' have met at this stage of the League/Skol Cup competition and the Ibrox club currently lead their Glasgow rivals by six victories to four.
- ★ The previous occasion that both clubs met in the Final of this competition was on 26th October, 1986 when a late Davie Cooper penalty goal gave Rangers a 2-1 victory.
- ★ Celtic's last success against Rangers in the Final of this competition was eight years ago when on the 4th December, 1982, first half goals from Charlie Nicholas and Murdo MacLeod secured a 2-1 win.
- ★ Rangers, on the other hand, have enjoyed considerable success in this competition in recent seasons and today will see the Light Blues appear in their fifth successive League/Skol Cup Final. Indeed, including the 1981-82 competition, today will see Rangers appearing in their ninth Final in ten seasons.
- ★ Celtic boss Billy McNeill enjoyed tremendous success as a player in the League Cup competition captaining the Parkhead club to six victories in the Final including five in a row from season 1965-66 until season 1969-70. During that period, McNeill skippered the Parkhead club to victories over Rangers (twice), Dundee, Hibernian and St. Johnstone. His sixth and final cup winners' medal was also against Hibernian, when in season 1974-75 he led his team to a 6-3 triumph.
- ★ During his short spell as a player in Scotland, Ibrox boss Graeme Souness never managed to gain a League/Skol Cup Winners' medal. However, his track record as a Manager since joining Rangers in 1986 is second to none and this will be Rangers fifth successive Skol Cup Final appearance under Souness, winning three of the previous four Final appearances.

## WHERE THE SPONSORSHIP MONEY HAS GONE

### CENTENARY GOALSCORING TARGET

To celebrate the Centenary of The Scottish Football League, a target of 100 goals was set for clubs to score in Rounds 1 to 4. A prize fund of £10,000 was offered and clubs and players alike responded magnificently with a total of 109 goals being scored from 34 ties played. That resulted in a tremendous average of 3.2 goals per game and as a result Skol were so delighted with the goals bonanza that the Skol cash pot was increased to £10,900, resulting in each goalscoring club being rewarded with a minimum of £100 per goal.

The breakdown is as follows:

### FIRST ROUND

- £400 Stranraer for scoring 4 goals.
- £300 Berwick Rangers, East Fife and Queen's Park for scoring 3 goals each.
- £200 Arbroath, Cowdenbeath, Dumbarton, East Stirlingshire and Queen of the South for scoring 2 goals each.
- £100 Montrose and Stirling Albion for scoring 1 goal each.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs — £2,500.

### SECOND ROUND

- £500 Rangers for scoring 5 goals.
- £400 Celtic, Dunfermline Athletic and Motherwell for scoring 4 goals each.
- £300 Dundee United, Kilmarnock and Morton for scoring 3 goals each.
- £200 Aberdeen, Clyde, Clydebank, Dundee, Hamilton Academical, Heart of Midlothian, Queen of the South, Raith Rovers and Stranraer for scoring 2 goals each.
- £100 Airdrieonians, Falkirk, Forfar Athletic, Hibernian, Partick Thistle, Queen's Park and St. Mirren for scoring 1 goal each.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs — £5,100

### THIRD ROUND

- £400 Aberdeen for scoring 4 goals.
- £300 Dundee United for scoring 3 goals.
- £200 Motherwell and Queen of the South for scoring 2 goals each.
- £100 Celtic, Dunfermline Athletic, Heart of Midlothian, Partick Thistle, Raith Rovers and Rangers for scoring 1 goal each.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs — £1,700.

### FOURTH ROUND

- £600 Rangers for scoring 6 goals.
- £300 Aberdeen for scoring 3 goals.
- £200 Celtic, Dundee United and Raith Rovers for scoring 2 goals each.
- £100 Queen of the South for scoring 1 goal.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs — £1,600.

### TEAM PERFORMANCE OF THE ROUND: Rounds 1 to 4

For each of the first four rounds, Andy Roxburgh selected the team which displayed the most outstanding football skills, based on the number of

goals scored and the overall level of performance and sportsmanship.

The outstanding club in each round was awarded with a cash bonus of £1,000 and they are as follows:

- First Round — East Stirlingshire
- Second Round — Clyde
- Third Round — Queen of the South
- Fourth Round — Aberdeen

### SEMI-FINALS

- £750 Celtic for scoring 2 goals.
- £300 Rangers for scoring 1 goal.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs £1,050.

Total Incentive Monies Paid to Clubs up to and including the Semi-Finals — £15,950.

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### First Round Losers — £2,500

Berwick Rangers, Dumbarton, East Fife, Montrose, Stenhousemuir and Stirling Albion.

### Second Round Losers — £3,000

Airdrieonians, Albion Rovers, Alloa, Arbroath, Ayr United, Brechin City, Clydebank, Cowdenbeath, Dundee, East Stirlingshire, Falkirk, Forfar Athletic, Meadowbank Thistle, Morton, Queen's Park and St. Johnstone.

### Third Round Losers — £5,000

Clyde, Dunfermline Athletic, Hamilton Academical, Hibernian, Kilmarnock, Partick Thistle, St. Mirren and Stranraer.

### Fourth Round Losers — £7,000

Heart of Midlothian, Motherwell, Queen of the South and Raith Rovers.

### Losing Semi-Finalists — £10,000

Aberdeen and Dundee United.

## Round By Round Goals Analysis

First Round	No. of goals scored 25	Ties played 6
	Average per game 4.2	
Second Round	No. of goals scored 51	Ties played 16
	Average per game 3.2	
Third Round	No. of goals scored 17	Ties played 8
	Average per game 2.1	
Fourth Round	No. of goals scored 16	Ties played 4
	Average per game 4	
Semi-Finals	No. of goals scored 3	Ties played 2
	Average per game 1.5	
Total No. of goals scored 112		
Ties played 36		
Average per game 3.1		

## RANGERS LEAD 6-4 IN OLD FIRM FINALS

In the 44 previous League/Skol Cup Finals, the Old Firm have met on 10 occasions at this stage. To date, Rangers lead 6-4, their most recent success against their Parkhead rivals being in October, 1986 when a late Davie Cooper penalty goal secured a 2-1 victory. Celtic's last triumph against their old foes in the Final was coincidentally, also the last occasion that they won this trophy, when goals by Murdo MacLeod and Charlie Nicholas helped the Celtic Park outfit to a 2-1 win. For the record, the successful winning line-ups of both clubs in Old Firm League/Skol Cup Finals are as follows:

### CELTIC

- 19th October, 1957 — Celtic 7 Rangers 1  
Beattie, Donnelly, Fallon, Fernie, Evans, Peacock, Tully, Collins, McPhail, Wilson, Mochan.  
Scorers: Mochan (2), McPhail (3), Wilson, Fernie (pen.).
- 23rd October, 1965 — Celtic 2 Rangers 1  
Simpson, Young, Gemmill, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Johnstone, Gallagher, McBride, Lennox, Hughes.  
Scorer: Hughes 2 (2 pen.).
- 29th October, 1966 — Celtic 1 Rangers 0  
Simpson, Gemmill, O'Neill, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Johnstone, Lennox, McBride, Auld, Hughes (Chalmers).  
Scorer: Lennox.
- 4th December, 1982 — Celtic 2 Rangers 1  
Bonner, McGrain, Sinclair, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, McStay, (Reid), McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.  
Scorers: Nicholas, MacLeod.

### RANGERS

- 24th October, 1964 — Rangers 2 Celtic 1  
Ritchie, Provan, Caldwell, Greig, McKinnon, Wood, Brand, Millar, Forrest, Baxter, Johnston.  
Scorer: Forrest (2).
- 24th October, 1970 — Rangers 1 Celtic 0  
McCloy, Jardine, Miller, Conn, McKinnon, Jackson, Henderson, MacDonald, Johnstone, Stein, Johnston.  
Scorer: Johnstone.
- 25th October, 1975 — Rangers 1 Celtic 0  
Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Stein, Parlane, Johnstone, Young.  
Scorer: MacDonald.
- 18th March, 1978 — Rangers 2 Celtic 1 (A.E.T.)  
Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Hamilton, (Miller), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper, (Parlane).  
Scorers: Cooper, Smith.
- 25th March, 1984 — Rangers 3 Celtic 2  
McCloy, Nicholl, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, McPherson, Russell, McCoist, Clark, (McAdam), MacDonald, (Burns), Cooper.  
Scorers: McCoist (3) (2 pen.).
- 26th October, 1986 — Rangers 2 Celtic 1  
Woods, Nicholl, Munro, Fraser, (MacFarlane), Dawson, Butcher, Ferguson, McMinn, McCoist, (Fleck), Durrant, Cooper.  
Scorers: Durrant, Cooper (pen.).

## LEAGUE CUP FINALS . . . THE COMPLETE RECORD

Year	Results	Attendances
1946-47	Rangers v Aberdeen 4-0	82,584
1947-48	East Fife v Falkirk 4-1	30,664
(after 1-1 draw, 52,781)		
1948-49	Rangers v Raith Rovers 2-0	53,359
1949-50	East Fife v Dunfermline Athletic 3-0	38,897
1950-51	Motherwell v Hibernian 3-0	63,074
1951-52	Dundee v Rangers 3-2	91,075
1952-53	Dundee v Kilmarnock 2-0	51,830
1953-54	East Fife v Partick Thistle 3-2	88,529
1954-55	Heart of Midlothian v Motherwell 4-2	55,640
1955-56	Aberdeen v St. Mirren 2-1	44,103
1956-57	Celtic v Partick Thistle 3-0	31,126
(after 0-0 draw, 58,973)		
1957-58	Celtic v Rangers 7-1	82,293
1958-59	Heart of Midlothian v Partick Thistle 5-1	59,960
1959-60	Heart of Midlothian v Third Lanark 2-1	57,974
1960-61	Rangers v Kilmarnock 2-0	82,063
1961-62	Rangers v Heart of Midlothian 3-1	47,553
(after 1-1 draw, 88,635)		
1962-63	Heart of Midlothian v Kilmarnock 1-0	51,280
1963-64	Rangers v Morton 5-0	105,907
1964-65	Rangers v Celtic 2-1	91,523
1965-66	Celtic v Rangers 2-1	107,609
1966-67	Celtic v Rangers 1-0	94,532
1967-68	Celtic v Dundee 5-3	66,660
1968-69	Celtic v Hibernian 6-2	72,420
1969-70	Celtic v St. Johnstone 1-0	73,067
1970-71	Rangers v Celtic 1-0	106,263
1971-72	Partick Thistle v Celtic 4-1	82,740
1972-73	Hibernian v Celtic 2-1	71,696
1973-74	Dundee v Celtic 1-0	27,974
1974-75	Celtic v Hibernian 6-3	53,848
1975-76	Rangers v Celtic 1-0	58,806
1976-77	Aberdeen v Celtic 2-1	69,268
1977-78	Rangers v Celtic 2-1	60,168
1978-79	Rangers v Aberdeen 2-1	54,000
1979-80	Dundee United v Aberdeen 3-0	28,984
(after 0-0 draw, 27,299)		
1980-81	Dundee United v Dundee (Bell's League Cup) 3-0	24,466
1981-82	Rangers v Dundee United (Bell's League Cup) 2-1	53,795
1982-83	Celtic v Rangers 2-1	55,372
1983-84	Rangers v Celtic 3-2	66,369
(After extra time — 2-2 after 90 mins.)		
1984-85	Rangers v Dundee United (Skol Cup) 1-0	44,698
1985-86	Aberdeen v Hibernian (Skol Cup) 3-0	40,065
1986-87	Rangers v Celtic (Skol Cup) 2-1	74,219
1987-88	Rangers v Aberdeen (Skol Cup) 3-3	71,961
(Rangers won 5-3 on Kicks from the Penalty Mark)		
1988-89	Rangers v Aberdeen (Skol Cup) 3-2	72,122
1989-90	Aberdeen v Rangers (Skol Cup) 2-1	61,190
(After extra-time — 1-1 after 90 minutes)		

## Cup Final Snippets

- ★ Celtic set an incredible record in this competition by playing in 14 successive League Cup Finals between seasons 1964-65 until 1977-78 (inclusive). Also during that period, the Bhoys created a competition record, winning five successive Finals between 1965-66 and 1969-70.
- ★ Rangers' striker Ally McCoist seems to have a particular liking for this competition, having won five winners' medals to date. He will no doubt be determined to be on the winning side today, and apart from trying to help Rangers to their 17th tournament success, he will also be attempting to move closer to his former teammate Davie Cooper's record haul of seven League/Skol Cup winners' medals.
- ★ Celtic have appeared in 20 previous Finals, winning the trophy on nine occasions. However, their last success was back in season 1982-83, coincidentally against Rangers, when they won 2-1.
- ★ This will be Rangers 23rd Final appearance, having won the competition a record 16 times. Indeed, in recent seasons the Ibrox club have almost been a permanent fixture in the League/Skol Cup Final, and today will see them appearing in their ninth Final out of the last ten played.
- ★ Celtic have used a total of 19 players in their 4 Skol Cup ties to date. Seven of these players have been ever present during the Parkhead club's route to the Final—Pat Bonner, Peter Grant, Paul Elliott, Derek Whyte, Paul McStay, Dariusz Dziekanowski and John Collins. Andy Walker has also played in all of Celtic's Skol Cup ties, although two of these appearances were as substitute.
- ★ On the other hand, Rangers have used 4 players fewer during their successful advance to today's Skol Cup Final. Six of the players have been ever present in the Light Blues four Skol Cup ties—Chris Woods, Gary Stevens, Richard Gough, Nigel Spackman, Trevor Steven and Mo Johnston.





# IT'S A HAMPDEN RETURN DATE FOR JIM

Interview by DIXON BLACKSTOCK (Sunday Mail)

**T**HIS is Stewarton referee Jim McCluskey's first major Final. But he does not anticipate quite the same problems he faced when he tackled his first major assignment.

For a start Jim won't be scared to walk into the dressing rooms to inspect the boots. He explains: 'The first job I received when I became a F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. referee three years ago was in Denmark.

'And it was a WOMEN'S International between Denmark and Sweden. When it came time to inspect the boots, I just couldn't knock and charge on in the way we do with normal games.

'I had to knock, ask to be invited inside and give the players time to prepare themselves'.

There clearly wasn't much chance of jersey swapping in that game!

Since that initial and unusual introduction, the Stewarton man has handled European ties involving Dundalk and Red Star Belgrade and a meeting between East German side Magdeburg and Hops of Finland. Plus a couple of Under-21 matches.

'I was also lucky enough to have the England-Denmark friendly International at Wembley last May, and that was a tremendous experience.

'Just like a player, it is a dream for a referee to make an appearance at Wembley'.

Now he is looking forward to his second big Hampden date of the season. Jim was in charge of the Centenary game between Scotland and The Scottish Football League at the start of the season.

**'The ladies kept him waiting on his big day'**

'It was interesting, and there was a lot of good football. But I expect that the atmosphere to be slightly different this afternoon'!

Jim, who is one of three partners in a civil engineering company that currently employs around 70 people, will prepare for today's match in his usual way . . . breakfast, a walk for the papers, a cup of tea and a couple of scones around 11 a.m.

'And that's it until after the game. I make a point of not having any lunch'.

This lean and keen trend is reflected in Jim's approach to refereeing. Apart from a busy work schedule which sees him spend half his time in the office and the other half out on building sites, he makes a point of running the five and a half miles from the office to his home on a Monday; trains with the other referees on a Tuesday and plays a game of squash on a Thursday.

'You have to be fit to referee in the Premier Division. It is so fast and so demanding that you must be able to match the pace' he says.

Jim is a former Airdrie player . . . having spent three years at Broomfield where he featured at centre half or right back.

'Only one first team game, mind you' he says. 'Airdrie had a good lot of defenders at that time. Players like Jim Black and Derek Whiteford'.

A knee injury received in Junior football with Shotts put him out of the game and after a year on the sidelines he decided to answer a newspaper advert and take up refereeing.

That was 12 years ago. And he has enjoyed every minute since. For the past seven years he has been Grade One, and has handled two Skol Cup Semis and one Scottish Cup Semi.

'But today is the big one so far. I want to enjoy it. And I hope everyone else does' he says.



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