

CELTIC

v **ABERDEEN**



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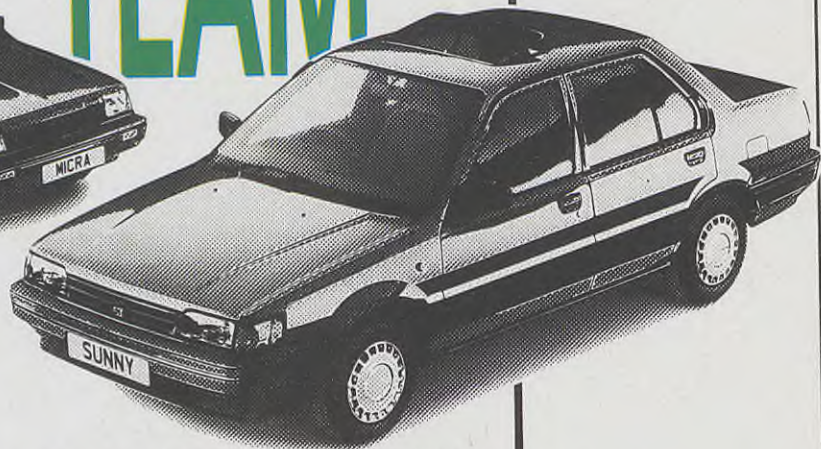
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SINCE our last home game, a great deal has been written in the press about a crisis at Celtic Park and indeed reading some of the hysterical headlines, our fans could be excused from thinking that this is the case.

The draw with St. Mirren was not the result we had hoped for but the outcome of that game hardly bore any resemblance to the level of supremacy we had enjoyed over ninety minutes of football.

Unfortunately, we fell foul of that golden rule of the game that if you do not turn the chances you make into goals, you do not win games, and, at the end of the night, it was all credit to a stubborn St. Mirren team for digging in and salvaging a point.

Following that game, we travelled to Motherwell to take on the Fir Park side who have had a fairly consistent start to their League campaign. Unfortunately, we saw another point slip from our grasp and whilst we never looked like creating too many chances in the game, we never at any time looked like losing the match.

This afternoon we entertain Aberdeen who have created some daylight between themselves and the chasing pack with some good recent performances, and it is obvious that a much more skilful and spirited performance will be needed today to narrow the gap between ourselves and the Dons.

In this connection, I can assure everyone that there is no lack of confidence in our ability to finish with

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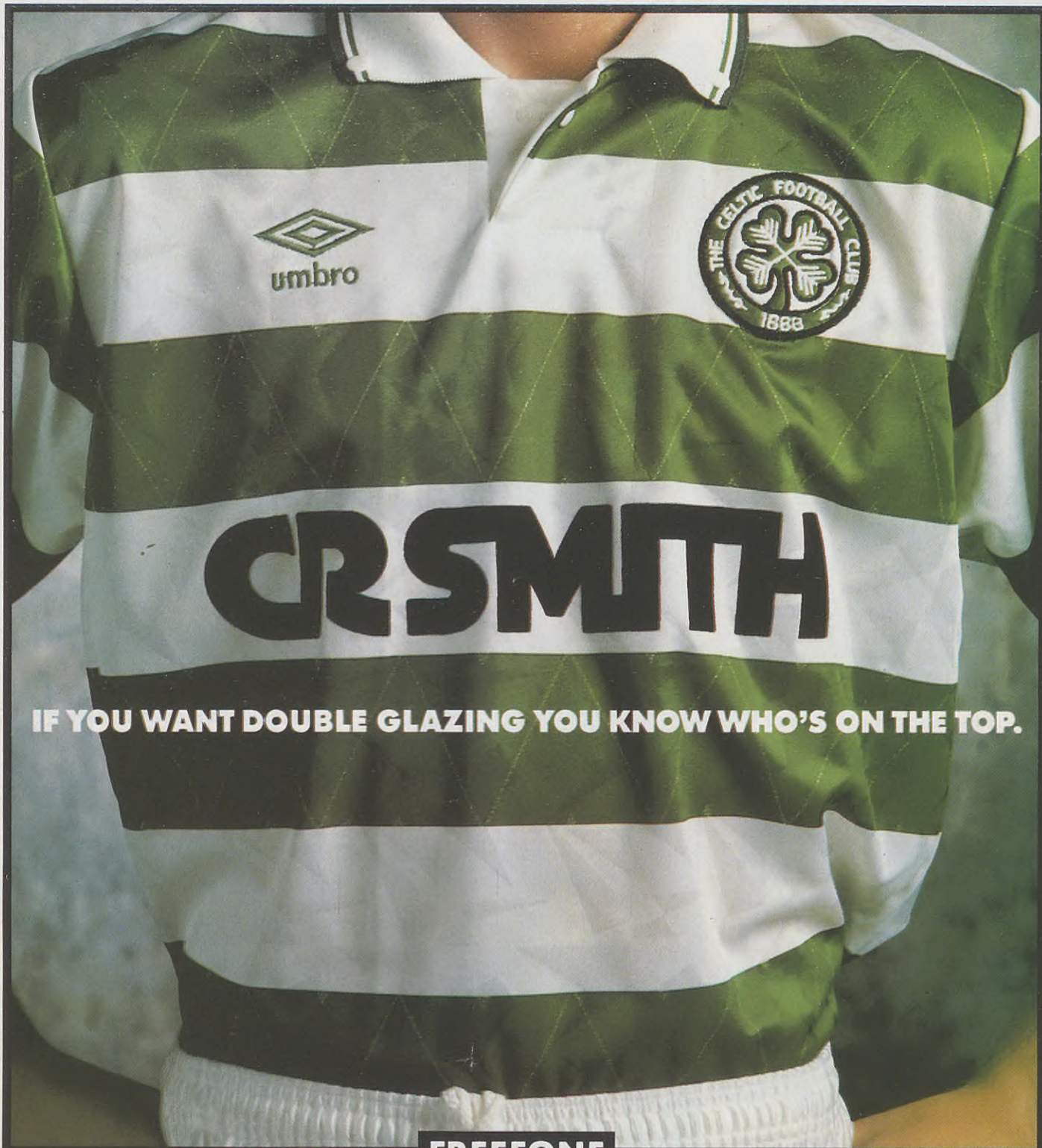
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two points from today's encounter and thereby claw ourselves back towards the top of the table.

Aberdeen and Celtic matches are rightly welcomed for their excitement and skill and it is to be hoped that this afternoon's confrontation will fall into that category. No-one can quarrel with Aberdeen being considered the form team at the moment but here's hoping for a real Celtic type performance this afternoon to boost our confidence.

In recent days a great deal of speculation has existed with particular references to Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns and their positions with the club. First of all, we have intimated that we will listen to offers for Roy Aitken, but as I have said before, I will continue to persuade him to stay here if possible. Do not forget that Roy's problems are not of Celtic's making and if finally he has to leave here it will be because of outside influences which everyone knows about.

The situation with Tommy Burns is quite different and stems from talks I have had with the player in the recent past. Tommy appreciated the fact that he would be used more sparingly in the future, both with the emergence of Stevie Fulton from the reserves and the arrival of Dariusz Wdowczyk from Poland. I feel Tommy will make an impact in football once his playing days are over and who knows, he may one day have a different role to play at Celtic Park.



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ANTON ROGAN	PAUL McSTAY
D. WADOWCZYK	JOE MILLER
ROY AITKEN	J. DZIEKANOWSKI
PAUL ELLIOTT	ANDY WALKER
DEREK WHYTE	JOHN HEWITT

ABERDEEN



(from)

THEO SNELDERS	JIM BETT
STUART McKIMMIE	PAUL MASON
DAVID ROBERTSON	ROBERT CORRON
BRIAN GRANT	HANS GILLHAUS
ALEX McLEISH	CRAIG ROBERTSON
BRIAN IRVINE	W. VAN DER ARK

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REFEREE:

W. M. M. CROMBIE (Edinburgh)

LINESMEN:

W. McKNIGHT (Newton Stewart)

J. M. DARROCH (Johnstone)

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Aberdeen	15	9	3	3	22	9	21
Rangers	15	8	4	3	19	10	19
Hearts	15	7	5	3	30	20	17
Celtic	15	5	4	6	18	15	16
Dundee United	15	5	4	6	19	18	16
Dunfermline	15	5	5	5	21	21	15
Motherwell	15	4	4	7	19	19	15
Hibernian	15	5	6	4	17	20	14
St. Mirren	15	3	8	4	12	31	10
Dundee	15	1	9	5	19	33	7

TODAY'S HALF-TIMES

Dundee v Motherwell
 Dunfermline v Hibs
 Hearts v Rangers
 St. Mirren v Dundee Utd
 Albion Rovers v
 Falkirk

Alloa v Airdrie
 Clydebank v Raith
 Forfar v Morton
 Hamilton v Clyde
 Partick v Ayr
 St. Johnstone v
 Meadowbank

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
St. Johnstone	17	11	1	5	37	19	27
Partick Thistle	17	9	1	7	35	17	25
Airdrieonians	17	11	3	3	33	17	25
Hamilton	17	6	4	7	22	24	19
Raith Rovers	17	7	7	3	22	26	17
Falkirk	17	5	6	6	26	24	16
Clydebank	17	6	7	4	31	30	16
Clyde	17	5	5	6	19	19	16
Alloa	17	4	6	7	28	29	15
Ayr United	17	4	6	7	24	29	15
Morton	17	2	5	10	15	20	14
Meadowbank	17	3	7	7	17	24	13
Forfar Athletic	17	1	9	7	19	33	9
Albion Rovers	17	1	9	5	15	17	9



AROUND THE CLUB

NEXT Wednesday sees Celtic take a break from Premier League activity, with a real glamour friendly against old European adversaries Ajax.

The last time the clubs met was in the European Cup in 1982 in a magnificent tie that Celtic won over the two legs. A memorable 2-2 draw at Celtic Park was followed by a 2-1 win for Celtic in Amsterdam in a thrilling match regarded as one of Celtic's best ever European performances.

With both Celtic and Ajax two teams who put the accent on skillful, attacking football, Wednesday night promises to be a treat.

The match will kick off at 7.30pm and normal league prices will apply.

NEWS BEAT

LAST weekend marked the sad death of an old ex-Celtic player.

Jimmy McMillan played for the club in the 30's alongside the great Jimmy Delaney. He was signed as a winger from Blairhow Thistle and to this day he still holds the record for the most goals scored in a single season in Junior football.

After several years with Celtic he was transferred to Chelsea but he retained fond memories of the club.

He was a popular old gent in his home village of Menstrie, Clackmannanshire and would often entertain fellow villagers with stories of his old Celtic days.

In his later years he did not enjoy good health and last Sunday he passed away at the age of 76.

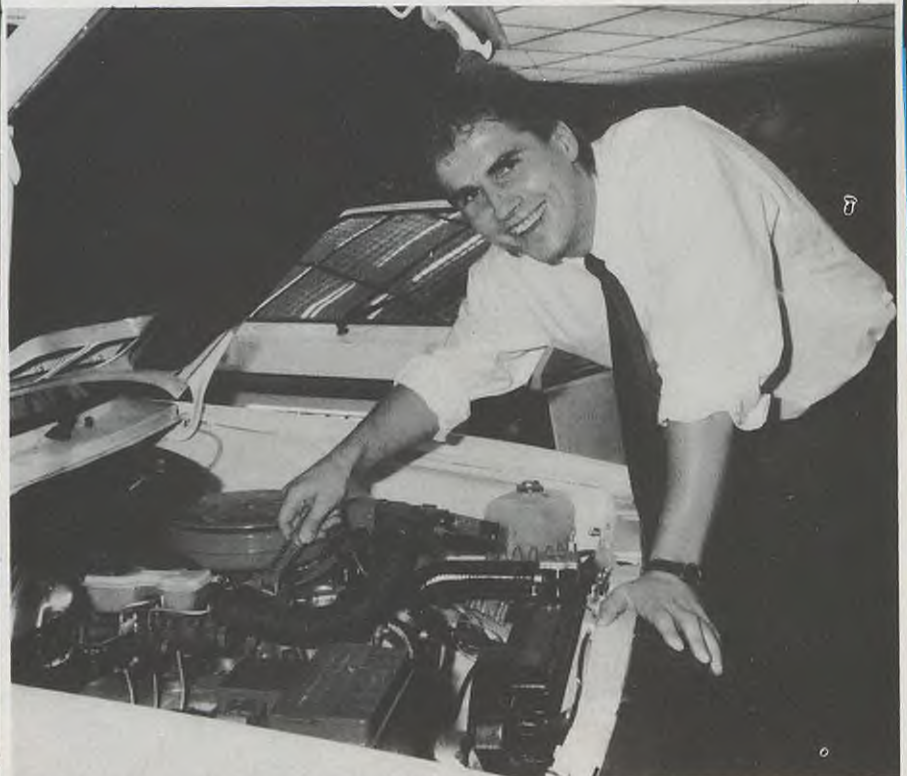
We extend our sympathies to all his family and friends.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!



Jacki was on hand at the Scottish Motor Show held in the S.E.C.C. recently, to give F.S.O's Polonez car some fine tuning. Jacki was well equipped for the task as his Dad has worked in the F.S.O's Warsaw factory for the past fifteen years.