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Despite some excellent entries which included Fergus McCann's bunnet, Pierre's hard hat and Mark McNally's headband, this was, without doubt, everyone's favourite!

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I WOULD like to open by thanking all Celtic supporters for the way they have thrown their full weight behind the team in the last few games.

It wasn't enjoyable to be outclassed by Paris Saint-Germain last Thursday. Having said that, it was far from all doom and gloom.

There were a number of positive things we could take from the evening - the most outstanding being the contribution of our fans, who continued to back us even when we found ourselves 3-0 down.

On Saturday at Fir Park they were every bit as vocal and supportive...and this didn't go unrewarded.

For it made the players absolutely determined not to let them down and I don't think Celtic fans who were at the game at the weekend would have gone away disappointed by the 2-0 victory - or the manner in which it was achieved.

It was nice to score our first win at Motherwell in three years and record my first win over the Lanarkshire side as manager. It is these 'bogeys' we need to keep laying to rest.

We know our supporters want nothing less than their team to be sweeping all before them at home and in Europe. Indeed they deserve this level of success. But equally we recognise these days aren't just around the corner.

Our immediate priority is to become the best team in Scotland and I believe the way we've played in recent months shows that we're heading in the right direction towards achieving that.

We are well aware that we still need two or three signings to bolster our squad but the players here have been working hard for each other and performing to a consistently high standard.

Now it's a matter of refining our style and ensuring we continue to steadily improve.

Good performances must be the foundation for good results and a victory this evening is a must.

It's amazing to think that though the new season is only three months old tonight brings our THIRD meeting with Raith Rovers in that time.

Between league and cup meetings it is possible

to face the same side SEVEN times in one season in Scotland, which seems excessive.

However until something is done to change that we just have to get on with it and cope as best we can.

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RAITH came back down to earth with a bump on Saturday after basking in the relative glory of being the only British side to find the net in Europe last week. But tonight they'll be going all out to avenge two defeats at the hands of Celts so far this season.

RAITH ROVERS worthy efforts in the European arena came to what could hardly be termed an unexpected halt when the might of Bayern Munich closed the continental door on the Starks Park side.

The only headlines that could be deemed anywhere near positive though were applied to the Fife side as the multi-million packages of every other British team last week failed to do what Raith did in the Olympic Stadium - score a goal!

However, a coming of age usually involves a hangover and Saturday seemed to present Raith with one of the European variety courtesy of 5-1 defeat by Kilmarnock at Rugby Park.

They will obviously be looking for a hair of the dog tonight but Celtic will be out to maintain their 100 per cent record against Raith this season by recording their third win over Jimmy Nicholl's men.

Nicholl has pulled the side from the First Division as champions through to Europe via their Coca-Cola Cup win over Celtic.

So although Celtic will start as favourites it is obvious that Raith will be no pushovers and will more than likely retain their 5-3-2 formation in tonight's game.

The last line of defence is supplied by Edinburgh-born Scott Thomson who made the short hop south from Forfar Athletic in 1993 and rose to prominence in last November's Coca-Cola penalty shoot-out.

The keeper is 29 today but let's hope it is him who is dishing out the presents.

The approach flanks towards Thomson's goal will probably be guarded by Davie Kirkwood and Julian Broddle in the full-back berths.

Former Airdrie player Kirkwood will be the man with the less than envious task of thwarting Celtic's left-side attack which may well have the like of Brian McLaughlin, John Collins and Tosh McKinlay swooping down on him during the 90 minutes.

Team-mate Broddle will slot in at the opposite corner and the English-born left-back may find slightly less traffic coming his way, but he will still have to be on his toes.

Saturday's three-man central defence consisted of Ronnie Coyle, Shaun Dennis and David Sinclair who will naturally be looking to stem the flow that all but drowned them at Rugby Park.

Coyle of course is no stranger to Celtic Park as he began his career here before travelling south, but since signing for Raith from Rochdale he has become an integral member of the team and old ties will mean nothing to him tonight.

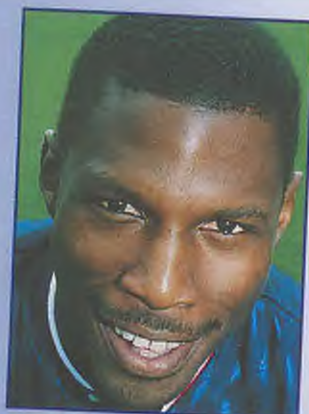
Dennis has become something of a character in Scottish football if only because his rugged exterior makes Vinnie Jones look like a Gurumi Bear, but he will be giving his

JULE IN THE CROWN..
Rovers defender Julian Broddle joined from Partick Thistle



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Rovers out to cure European hangover



IN THE RAITH...
Tony Rougier and Rovers boss Jimmy Nicholl

all to make sure the central route to goal is well and truly blocked.

The left-sider of the trio, Sinclair is another who doesn't like play to get past him so he too will be trying his best to exorcise Saturday's ghost.

Another former Celt features in the midfield in the shape of Jim McNally who of course was a stalwart at Dundee United.

His signature filed away in the cabinets at Starks Park shows just how much the Kirkcaldy side want to stay up this term and, like Coyle, he still doesn't like to be beaten by the team he supported as a boy.

Linking up with McNally will be Danny Lennon and Colin Cameron who will form the lynchpin between defence and attack.

Lennon left Hibernian to join Raith and obviously relishes being back in the Premier while Kirkcaldy-born Cameron took the scenic route to his local team as he signed from Willie McStay's old charges Sligo Rovers.

Between them they have hit 12 goals this season with Cameron topping the Raith charts on seven counters, so both will have to be kept firmly in midfield tonight.

As will bustling winger Tony Rougier, a man who caused Celts problems in the two earlier encounters this season.

Already netted at the new Celtic Park courtesy of a superb free-kick strike in the Coca-Cola-Cup tie in August.

Spearheading the attack Dunfermline-born youngsters Steve Crawford and Jason Dair and both will be keen to beat their midfield partners down in the goalscoring charts.

The two 21-year-olds joined Raith from the non-senior ranks while still in their teens and have become first-team fixtures after a relatively short period of time.

Former Motherwell defender Ally Graham, along with Ian McMillan and Alex Taylor watched the start of Saturday's match from the bench but all three will be hoping to be stripped when the game kicks off tonight.

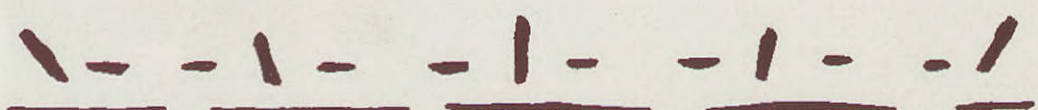


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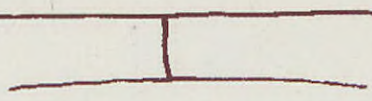
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