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TONIGHT we welcome Celtic for what I trust will be an entertaining game.

They are a formidable team and provide probably the toughest opening home opposition Saints have ever encountered.

As a player, I faced them on several occasions in a Saints jersey including a 2-1 win at Perth, Ian McPhee ran about 40 yards with the ball before scoring the winner, a 1-0 win at Parkhead, John Connolly scoring, and of course the 1969 League Cup Final when a Bertie Auld goal won the trophy for Celtic.

Tonight's big atmosphere will lift my players. They received a great boost from Saturday's 2-1 Easter Road win.

We wish to do as well as we can in this section.

As we are a part-time First

Division club facing three full time Premier League clubs, two of whom have present international players in their line-up, we may look like lambs to the slaughter, but we will do our best to be "Davids" against the "Goliaths" and I assure you that the players will be trying their hardest.

The win over Hibs was a fine start. We began the game well with Alistair McCoist scoring a fine individual goal early on, but lost the place a bit after Gary Murray equalised for Hibs.

We didn't play too well from then till half-time. But we did better in the second-half, and Stuart Beedie's winning goal was a good team effort.

After starting the move off by passing to John Brogan, Stuart moved quickly towards the Hibs goal as the ball travelled from John to Alistair McCoist. When Alistair's cross came over, Stuart headed it into the net.

At Muirton, the reserves had a good 2-0 win over their Hamilton counterparts. I'm trying to keep the average reserve age to around 18, and had two 16 year olds, Stephen Burke and Joe Reid, playing on Saturday. Joe scored our first goal, Gavin Redford the second.

# PICTURE GALLERY



ALLY McCOIST RECEIVING HIS MCKINLAY'S AWARD

*(Photo by courtesy of Cowper & Co.)*

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## BEFORE AND AFTER

## THE MATCH

# muirton

# WELCOME TO CELTIC

PERHAPS a special welcome should be accorded to this evening's visitors from Glasgow — not just because tonight brings the kick-off to the new season, but because five years without a visit from such a fine footballing side as Celtic is really too long a gap.

In the seasons since the last competitive game between the two sides, back in April 1976, Celtic have continued their blitz on Scotland's domestic silverware. And under Billy McNeil, the present squad look well capable of adding to Celtic Park's bulging trophy room.

Few sides have opened proceedings at Muirton Park with such an impressive list of pre-season scalps behind them. Wins over Southampton, Feyenoord and Dukla Prague, all by two goals to one incidentally, have left nobody in any doubt, both here and abroad, that Celtic are well prepared for season 1981-82.

On Saturday, though, that fine early form came to an abrupt end against St. Mirren, and no doubt tonight's Celtic team will be especially determined to avoid the ignominy of starting the season with successive defeats.

It's to Celtic's credit that they have done so well in recent years with the Parkhead emphasis very much on home-grown talent. The fact that players like Roy Aitken, Tommy Burns, Mark Reid, George McCluskey and Charlie Nicholas were all recruited from Celtic Boys' Club is testimony to the tremendous youth work carried out by the club.

Tonight's team should come from . . .  
PAT BONNER — The season has hardly had time to breathe and yet this young Irishman has had more rave reviews than The Sound of Music and Superman put together! Obviously a great prospect.

*(Continued overleaf)*

Your next Fixture  
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SATURDAY, 15th AUGUST  
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP  
ST. JOHNSTONE

v.

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## There's nothing like being home and Drybroughs.



**DANNY McGRAIN** — More than fifty Scottish caps and almost every honour in the game hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of the Celtic skipper. He's been with Celtic for fourteen years — undoubtedly one of Scottish football's all-time greats.

**WILLIE GARNER** — The big man from Aberdeen won't like reminding of Saturday's couple of "assists" against St. Mirren, and could be even more determined to prove his true form to the Celtic legions tonight.

**ROY AITKEN** — One of that rare breed of players who can be thrown into any position and turn out to be the match-winner. Signed in 1975 from Celtic Boys' Club. Likely to partner Willie Garner in the heart of the Celtic defence tonight.

**MARK REID** — Came from "nowhere" to quietly establish himself in the Celtic first team last season. Brought stability to a position which Celtic have had problems with.

**DOM SULLIVAN** — Had the choice of signing for either Celtic or Dundee United in 1979 after Aberdeen had agreed to £80,000 bids from both clubs. The lure of Celtic Park eventually ensured that his skill and strong running would be seen in a green and white Celtic jersey.

**MURDO McLEOD** — Celtic again turned to the cheque book to bring the former Scottish Under-21 cap to Parkhead. His many important goals since then have gone a long way to justifying the £100,000 fee.

**TOMMY BURNS** — Now playing some of his best football since joining Celtic back in 1975. If his present form continues, he may well have to dust down his sombrero in readiness for 1982!

**DAVIE PROVAN** — Outstanding performances on Celtic's pre-season trips will surely earmark the former Kilmarnock winger for Jock Stein's notebook — not to mention most of the Premier League's uncompromising defenders!

**FRANK McGARVEY** — Up until this season he was Scotland's costliest signing, but even the Celtic bank manager must have been delighted with the way he settled into the team. A natural goalscorer.

**CHARLIE NICHOLAS** — Such is the impact that this youngster has made on the Scottish scene that football writers up here must be dreading the day that he might decide to take his superb skills elsewhere. Charlie was even better than "Roy of the Rovers" last season!

**GEORGE McCLUSKEY** — Been at Celtic Park since 1975 but has yet to establish himself as a permanent fixture in the side. Excellent close control and deadly finishing skills mark him out as a very dangerous opponent.

**MIKE CONROY** — Another player who has found it difficult to hold down a first-team spot. A strong tackler and a fine reader of the game. Signed from Port Glasgow Juniors in 1978.

**TOM McADAM** — This brother of Ranger Colin joined Dumbarton from Dumbarton Castle Rovers and scored on his debut for Dumbarton at Perth against Saints. Moved to Dundee United and then to Celtic where he was converted from striker to central defender.

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# SEASON 1981-82 FIXTURES

1981			For	Agst
Aug. 8	Hibernian	A	2	1
Aug. 12	Celtic	H	.....	.....
Aug. 15	St. Mirren	H	.....	.....
Aug. 19	Celtic	A	.....	.....
Aug. 22	Hibernian	H	.....	.....
Aug. 26	St. Mirren	A	.....	.....
Aug. 29	Q. of South	H	.....	.....
Sept. 5	Clydebank	A	.....	.....
Sept. 8	Hearts	A	.....	.....
Sept. 12	Motherwell	H	.....	.....
Sept. 16	Ayr United	A	.....	.....
Sept. 19	Falkirk	A	.....	.....
Sept. 23	Kilmarnock	H	.....	.....
Sept. 26	Raith Rovers	H	.....	.....
Oct. 3	Dumbarton	A	.....	.....
Oct. 10	East Stirling	A	.....	.....
Oct. 17	Queens Park	H	.....	.....
Oct. 24	Hamilton Accies	H	.....	.....
Oct. 31	Dunfermline	A	.....	.....
Nov. 7	Clydebank	H	.....	.....
Nov. 14	Q. of South	A	.....	.....
Nov. 21	Ayr United	H	.....	.....
Nov. 28	Raith Rovers	A	.....	.....
Dec. 5	Dumbarton	H	.....	.....
Dec. 12	Kilmarnock	A	.....	.....
Dec. 19	Falkirk	H	.....	.....
Dec. 26	Motherwell	A	.....	.....

## 1982

Jan. 2	Hearts	H	.....	.....
Jan. 9	East Stirling	H	.....	.....
Jan. 16	Queens Park	A	.....	.....
Jan. 23	Scottish Cup (3rd Rd.)			
Jan. 30	Hamilton Accies	A	.....	.....
Feb. 6	Dunfermline	H	.....	.....
Feb. 13	Scottish Cup (4th Rd.)			
Feb. 20	Dumbarton	A	.....	.....
Feb. 27	Q. of South	H	.....	.....
Mar. 6	Motherwell	H	.....	.....
Mar. 13	Hamilton A.	A	.....	.....
Mar. 20	Ayr United	H	.....	.....
Mar. 27	Falkirk	A	.....	.....
Apr. 3	Hearts	A	.....	.....
Apr. 10	Kilmarnock	H	.....	.....
Apr. 17	Dunfermline	A	.....	.....
Apr. 24	East Stirling	H	.....	.....
May 1	Queens Park	A	.....	.....
May 8	Clydebank	H	.....	.....
May 15	Raith Rovers	A	.....	.....

## RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

1981			For	Agst
Aug. 8	Hamilton	H	.....	.....
Aug. 15	Falkirk	A	.....	.....
Aug. 22	Ayr United	A	.....	.....
Aug. 29	Clydebank	A	.....	.....
Sept. 5	Raith Rovers	H	.....	.....
Sept. 12	Ayr United	H	.....	.....
Sept. 19	Falkirk	H	.....	.....
Sept. 26	Raith Rovers	A	.....	.....
Oct. 3	Clydebank	H	.....	.....
Oct. 10	Hamilton	A	.....	.....
Oct. 17	League Cup Semi-Final			
Oct. 24	League Cup Final			
Nov. 7	Hearts	A	.....	.....
Nov. 14	Arbroath	H	.....	.....
Nov. 21	Hibernian	A	.....	.....
Nov. 28	Raith Rovers	H	.....	.....
Dec. 5	Cowdenbeath	A	.....	.....
Dec. 12	Aberdeen	H	.....	.....
Dec. 19	Falkirk	A	.....	.....

## 1982

Jan. 9	Dundee United	A	.....	.....
Jan. 16	Dundee	A	.....	.....
Jan. 23	East Fife	H	.....	.....
Jan. 30	Falkirk	H	.....	.....
Feb. 6	Dunfermline	A	.....	.....
Feb. 13				
Feb. 20	Cowdenbeath	H	.....	.....
Feb. 27				
Mar. 6	Arbroath	A	.....	.....
Mar. 13	Hibernian	H	.....	.....
Mar. 20	Raith Rovers	A	.....	.....
Mar. 27	Dundee United	H	.....	.....
Apr. 3	Hearts	H	.....	.....
Apr. 10	East Fife	A	.....	.....
Apr. 17	Dunfermline	H	.....	.....
Apr. 24	Aberdeen	A	.....	.....
May 1	Dundee	H	.....	.....

## TAYSIDE RESERVE FIXTURES

1981			For	Agst
Aug. 24	Arbroath	A	.....	.....
Aug. 31	Dundee United	A	.....	.....
Sept. 7	Aberdeen	H	.....	.....
Sept. 14	Forfar	A	.....	.....
Sept. 21	Brechin City	A	.....	.....
Sept. 28	Dundee	H	.....	.....
Oct. 12	Dundee United	H	.....	.....
Oct. 19	Arbroath	H	.....	.....
Oct. 26	Aberdeen	A	.....	.....
Nov. 2	Forfar	H	.....	.....
Nov. 9	Brechin City	H	.....	.....
Nov. 16	Dundee	A	.....	.....



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... DAVIE PROVAN  
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# MATCH TALK

WELL, were the wrong two teams promoted last season? Raith's win at Dens Park and our own victory against Hibs at Easter Road certainly provokes thoughts of "what might have been".

Nevertheless, from St. Johnstone's point of view, it was a cracking way to start the new season. And with tonight's visitors, Celtic, losing at home to the "other" Saints, it already looks as if our League Cup section is going to bring a barrowload of thrills and spills.

However, while Premier League clubs are due to provide our opposition for the next five games, it is worth looking forward to what will surely be the real battle of season 1981-82 — a place in the Premier League.

Everyone connected with St. Johnstone will be hoping to go one place better than last year, but around the League there's a whole clutch of clubs hoping for the same step up to Scotland's Top Ten.

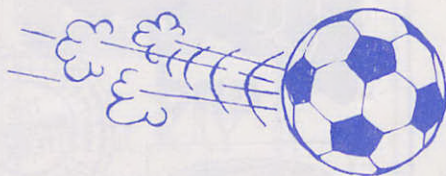
If St. Johnstone are to achieve promotion, they'll have to overcome a list of possible title contenders longer than Hen Broon!

Ayr United have made their intentions clear by paying out big money for Clyde's Jim Kean and Brian Ahearn. Kilmarnock have retained many of last season's Premier League squad and will be hoping to bounce back in one season. Motherwell, although weakened by the loss of Albert Kidd to Dundee, are strong in every department. Raith Rovers, bitterly disappointed at missing out, will be there or thereabouts come April. Then there's Hearts, and everyone knows how keen they are to get back to the Premier League!

Throw in "outsiders" like Hamilton and Dumbarton and it's not hard to see that a position near the top of the League will be as hard to achieve as England winning the World Cup . . . or even qualifying come to think of it!

First, however, there's the small matter of disposing of Celtic, Hibs and St. Mirren in the League Cup. Wonder who we'll get in the Quarter Finals?!

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# FLASH BACK

IN recent years, matches between St. Johnstone and Celtic have been like snow in the Sahara — scarce!

The last time the clubs met in a competitive match was in the inaugural year of the Premier League. Then, in what is regarded as something worse than a disastrous year for the Saints, Celtic won all four League meetings.

The matches at Parkhead ended in a 3-2 win and a 1-0 win for the home side, while at Muirton, Celtic had a good 2-1 win in September 1975, then returned the following January to come out one goal ahead in a seven-goal thriller.

Although it was only five years ago, a few names from these games should jog some memories.

Celtic, of course, had a certain Mr. Dalglish. He scored the only goal of the game in the last meeting of the teams in April, 1976. Also in the Celtic ranks were players such as Dixie Deans, Tommy Callaghan, Harry Hood and Johannes Edvaldsson — or "Big Shuggie" as he was known from Rutherglen to Reykjavik. Wearing the Royal Blue of St.

Johnstone were Iain MacDonald, Andy Kinnell, Billy Ritchie and John Stevenson. Bet there aren't many of you who remember HIM!

Tonight's League Cup match also provokes memories of one or two other encounters between the teams.

The most famous was the 1969-70 League Cup Final at Hampden in which a Bertie Auld goal saw Celtic retain the trophy for the fifth successive year. No wonder there were so many contented Perth faces when Mr. Auld's current team failed to win their opening match on Saturday!

Older terracing "punters" might remember a couple of tremendous battles back in the 1930s when Tommy Muirhead lead St. Johnstone into the fiftieth year of their existence with the finest team ever to represent Perth.

In season 1931-32, Celtic ran out 4-2 winners at Perth. Then, just three years later and with Celtic well on their way to lifting the First Division title, Saints produced the Cup shock of the day when they won 2-1 in front of a packed Parkhead crowd!

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# PLAYER PROFILE

Name	Position	Signed	Previous Club
Aitchison, Danny (20)	CD	1981	Fauldhouse United
Barron, Douglas (19)	CD	1979	Bainsford F.A.N.G.
Beedie, Stuart (20)	Mid	1981	Montrose
Brannigan, Andy (21)	Striker	1978	Port Glasgow Juv.
Brogan, John (27)	Striker	1977	Albion Rovers
Caldwell, Alex (26)	CD	1980	Dundee
Day, Raymond (17)	Mid	1981	Bishopbriggs B.C.
Docherty, Jim (24)	Striker	1980	Hearts
Fleming, George (32)	Mid	1980	Dundee United
Gilchrist, Alex (22)	Mid	1980	Dunipace Juniors
Jenkins, Ally (24)	Goal	1979	Tulliallan Juniors
Kilgour, Rab (24)	FB	1980	Hibs
Morrison, Stuart (17)	Striker	1981	Bishopbriggs B.C.
Morton, Jim (24)	Mid	1979	Berwick Rangers
Mutch, Malcolm (19)	Striker	1979	Rangers Boys Club
Mackay, John (23)	FB	1976	Dunipace Thistle
McCafferty, Tom (19)	Mid	1978	Dundee Dee Club
McCoist, Ally (18)	Mid	1979	Fir Park Boys Club
McDonald, Kenny (20)	Striker	1981	Broughty Ferry Athletic
McGregor, Robert (21)	Goal	1981	Vale of Leven
McNeill, Tom (26)	FB	1978	Morton
McVicar, Don (18)	Mid	1981	Blairgowrie Juniors
Pelosi, John (25)	Wing	1977	Glasgow Perthshire
Redford, Gavin (21)	Mid	1979	Dundee
Rutherford, Drew (27)	CD	1977	East Fife
Tulloch, George (20)	Goal	1979	Dundee United
Weir, John (29)	Mid	1978	Montrose

## PROVISIONAL SIGNINGS

Bourke, Steve (16)	Mid	1981	St. Columbas B.C., Dundee
Drummond, Gordon (17)	Goal	1981	Bothvenner Juv., nr. Falkirk
Duff, Alan (17)	FB	1979	Jeanfield Juveniles
Reid, Joe (17)	Striker	1981	Bishopbriggs B.C.
Sidey, Fraser (19)	CD	1979	Jeanfield Juveniles

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The SAINTSCLUB MUIRTON TRAVEL CLUB has had an encouraging start and to avoid disappointment Members are requested to purchase bus tickets by the day before the match if at all possible.

Your Match Day Programme for Season 1981-82 has additional pages and will contain additional information which we are sure you will find of interest. Regrettably it has been necessary to increase the price to 25p.

## HALF TIME SCORES

A	St. Mirren	v.	Hibernian		
B	Rangers	v.	Dundee		
C	Raith Rovers	v.	Morton		
D	Hearts	v.	Aberdeen		
E	Kilmarnock	v.	Airdrie		
F	Motherwell	v.	Ayr United		
G	Dundee United	v.	Partick T.		
H	Dumbarton	v.	Q. of South		
J	Brechin City	v.	Cowdenbeath		
K	Alloa	v.	Falkirk		
L	Stirling Albion	v.	Forfar Ath.		
M	Clyde	v.	Queens Park		
N	Clydebank	v.	Berwick		
P	Dunfermline	v.	Montrose		
R	East Stirling	v.	Hamilton		
S	Albion Rovers	v.	East Fife		

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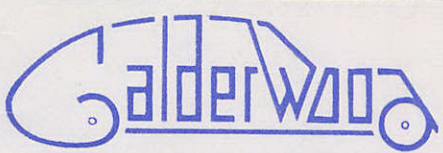


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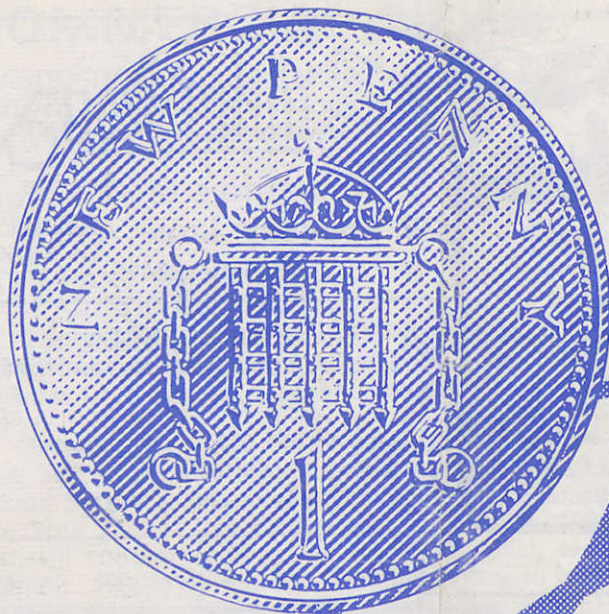


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