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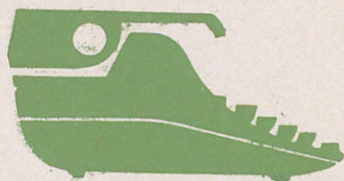
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# FROM THE MANAGER



**SATURDAY'S** performance against Hibs helped us to get over the disappointments of our two defeats in the opening matches of the League Cup campaign. The players picked up the gauntlet and attacked the Easter Road team right from the start in a most refreshing and encouraging manner.

Indeed they indicated to all and sundry that they are capable of playing football the way it should be played — in an attacking and entertaining fashion.

The game had everything you could possibly want from a football match, good goals, good teamwork and good individual performances.

We scored four excellent goals, had a beautifully executed score disallowed and with a bit of luck could have found the net with about half-a-dozen other efforts.

In short we again displayed the talent and urge we produced against St Mirren last week but snapped up a fair percentage of the chances we created. At the same time we put behind us the very disappointing performance we produced at Muirton Park last Wednesday night when our attitude and determination wasn't what it should have been.

Tonight we welcome St Johnstone to Celtic Park for the first time since I returned as manager and I'm sure this match will be an entertaining encounter.

By all accounts the Perth side were a bit unlucky not to have taken at least one point out of the game with St Mirren on Saturday and therefore lost their first game of the season.

Under manager Alec Rennie's guidance they will be keen to put one over on us again tonight so our fellows will have to be at their best to keep our qualifying hopes alive.

Certainly our only chance of remaining in the League Cup competition depends on our being able to avenge the defeats inflicted on us by St Johnstone and St Mirren in our two opening matches.

Indeed we must win all three remaining games and at the same time hope that other results help to keep the section wide open.

Whatever else happens it's fair to say that the League Cup sectional games have produced a few surprise results and that can only heighten the interest in the season ahead. **BILLY McNEILL**

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

## QUEENS PARK WITHDRAW

THE Celtic Youth Team were due to play Queen's Park youths on Sunday August 16 but unfortunately the game was cancelled. The reason? Sadly the Hampden Park club have reluctantly decided to withdraw from the youth league. Another sad sign of the times in Scottish football. Meanwhile Celtic youths meet Hamilton Accies at home this Sunday.

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## NEW REP FOR CELTIC LOTTERY

The Celtic Lottery welcomes a new representative this week. Mr Charles Kelly has joined our staff from Clyde and as a lifelong Celtic fan he is eagerly looking forward to his task of fund raising for the club. If you are interested in selling Celtic lottery tickets — for example you may own a shop or work with a group of fans — and would like one of our reps to call on you just ring 041-556 7171. Alternatively just drop into the Pools Office opposite the main stand.

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## SUPERSTAR TROPHY FOR CHARLIE

Before Saturday's match against Hibs, in which he scored two goals, Charlie Nicholas was awarded the Evening Times newspapers' Superstar trophy. The trophy, awarded by Times reporter Alan Davidson was won by virtue of Charlie's outstanding performances last season.

## MIDDLESBROUGH BID FOR McCOIST

Ally McCoist, St Johnstone's brilliant teenage goalscorer was the subject of an official transfer bid by ex-Celt Bobby Murdoch last week. Murdoch wants young McCoist for his Middlesbrough team, but may well have to fight other English clubs to get the striker's signature. Some fans may see irony in the situation that Murdoch who graced Scottish football so magnificently with his own rare ability is now one of the many English League managers trying to improve their teams by buying young talent out of our country. Meanwhile all at Celtic Park wish Bobby well in his first full season as a manager.

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## JUVENTUS MANAGER WATCHES CELTS

Juventus manager Giovanni Trapattoni, whose side Celtic play at home on September 16 in the European Cup, was suitably impressed by the team's performance last Saturday against Hibs. Signor Trapattoni was at Parkhead on a "spying" mission and one interesting feature of his visit was that unlike previous managers who have come to assess the Celts the Italian manager did not use a pad to write down copious notes. Instead he continually spoke comments into a hand-held mini-cassette recorder and this method allowed Signor Trapattoni to keep his eye on the play whilst recording his thoughts — quite a novel idea which other coaches may well consider using in future.

The Juventus manager does not intend seeing Celtic again personally before the teams

meet, however he will have the Bhoys watched against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on September 5. Celtic manager Billy McNeill will be seeing Juventus for himself when they play Torino in the Italian cup on Sunday, September 6, the day following the Aberdeen game.

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## FULL OF PRAISE

Celtic players and officials were full of praise for the condition of Muirton Park when they played St Johnstone last Wednesday night. Despite it being so early in the season when most pitches look lush the Saints' ground staff really did have their turf looking something special. Whilst sending our congratulations on the condition of the playing surface, let's hope Celtic can reverse the outcome tonight!

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## TOUGH CLASH

Tomorrow night the Celtic Reserves have a tough clash against Dundee United at Celtic Park. This follows a draw against Rangers at Ibrox and last Saturday's surprise loss in the League Cup to Partick Thistle by 3-2. In this year's handbook Bobby Lennox asks Celtic fans to support the reserve side so if you don't have anything on tomorrow night why not come along and see the youngsters in action?

The kick-off is at 7.00 p.m.

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## BEST WISHES

Two Celtic "invalids" who have been hospitalised recently, Peter Latchford and John Buckley are making good progress and hopefully will soon be back in training and playing again. In the meantime everyone at Celtic Park sends their best wishes for quick and complete recoveries.



Davie Provan who was in sparkling form in Celtic's runaway victory over Hibs — which secured the first League Cup points.

## MATCH

### CELTIC (from)



Pat BONNER  
 Danny McGRAIN  
 Mark REID  
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## HALF-TIME

|          |                                 |  |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>A</b> | HIBERNIAN v ST MIRREN           |  |
| <b>B</b> | DUNDEE v RANGERS                |  |
| <b>C</b> | MORTON v RAITH ROVERS           |  |
| <b>D</b> | ABERDEEN v HEARTS               |  |
| <b>E</b> | AIRDRIE v KILMARNOCK            |  |
| <b>F</b> | AYR UNITED v MOTHERWELL         |  |
| <b>G</b> | PARTICK THISTLE v DUNDEE UNITED |  |

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## SCOREBOARD

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| <b>I</b> | QUEEN OF THE SOUTH v DUMBARTON |  |
| <b>J</b> | FALKIRK v ALLOA                |  |
| <b>K</b> | FORFAR v STIRLING ALBION       |  |
| <b>L</b> | BERWICK RANGERS v CLYDEBANK    |  |
| <b>M</b> | QUEEN'S PARK v CLYDE           |  |
| <b>N</b> | HAMILTON v EAST STIRLING       |  |

**SPECTATORS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE CARE — PARTICULARLY LEAVING THE GROUND AFTER THE MATCH**



Former Morton full-back Tom McNeil who joined St Johnstone in the deal that took Bobby Thomson to Cappielow.

# BELL'S

## SCOTCH

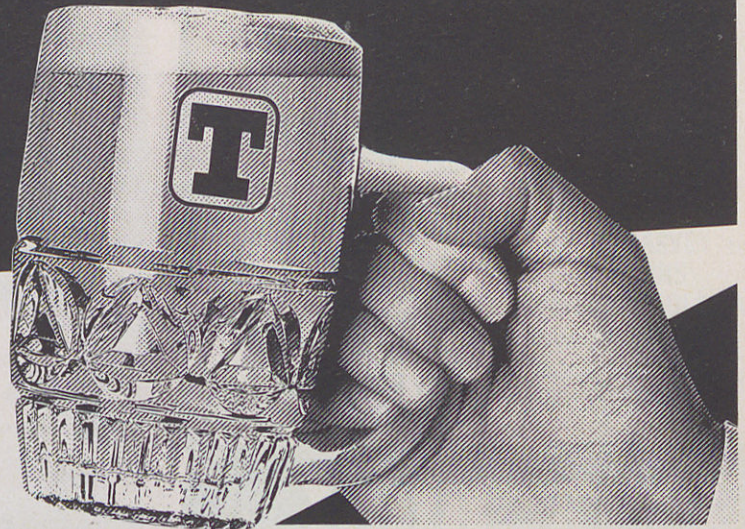
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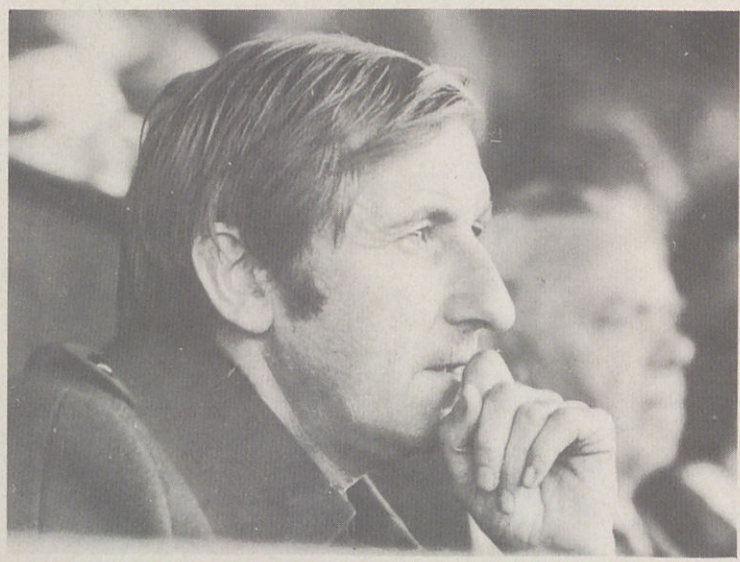
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# SCOTTISH SPORTSCENE

By  
DAVID BELL



● ALLY MacLEOD

CONTROVERSY and Ally MacLeod have been travelling companions for many years, with headline-forming outbursts from his various soccer ports of call at Ayr, Aberdeen, Park Gardens and now Motherwell.

Since his appointment at Fir Park in the wake of the Argentina exercise Ally has kept a very low profile, with the occasional outspoken comment almost a slip instead of the former expertly arranged setting.

But low profile or not Ally has found it difficult to restrain his natural exuberance while anchored in the dug-out and featured rather prominently in the proceedings while his 'Well side clashed with League Cup holders Dundee United.

For referee Hugh Alexander

found the shouts from the 'Well dug-out reaching his ears as he patrolled the middle of the field and halted play to remonstrate with the former Scotland boss.

It certainly quietened Ally, for after seeing his side go down 2-1 to United he locked himself in the home dressing room until Fir Park had been cleared of fans, visitors and guests, saying nothing to no one.

Visiting supports to Fir Park in the past season or two have attempted to aggravate the ever-confident Ally by chanting "Argentina", but in the mid-week fixture against Ayr United he experienced what must have been an irritating reminder.

For the disc the club's announcer chose to spin as the teams were taking the field was . . . "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina." Oops!



● JIM McLEAN

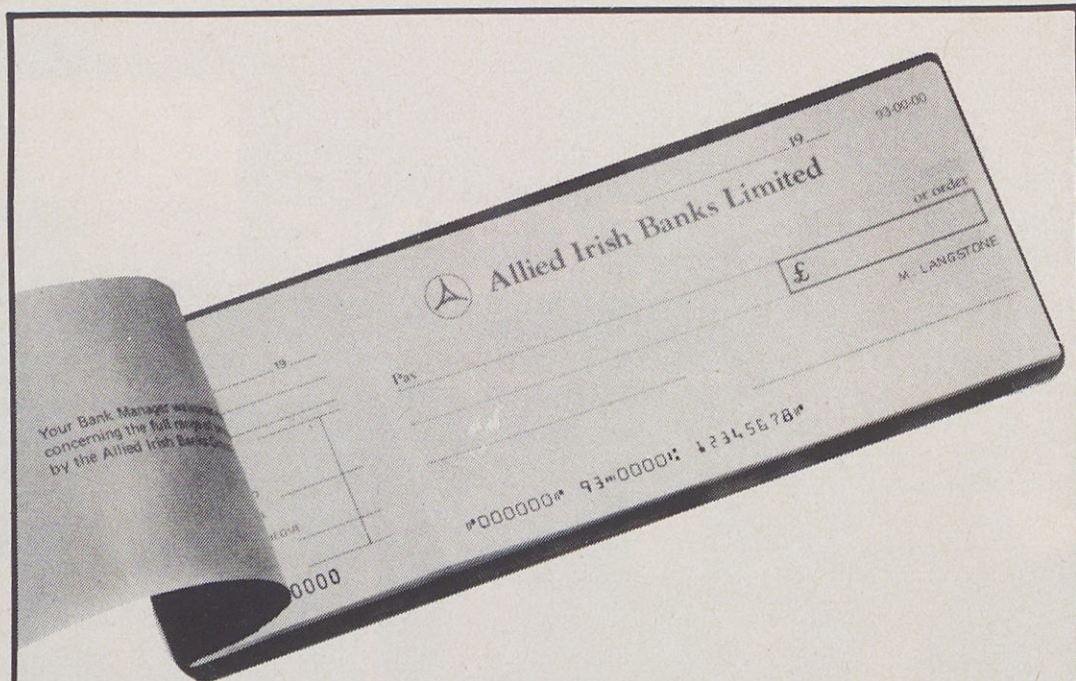
JIM McLEAN, the Dundee United manager, is a self-confessed and widely acknowledged perfectionist in his pursuit of pure footballing techniques. Even in victory he has been known to toss a few brickbats into his own camp.

Last season, he surprised most football followers by withholding optional entertainment bonus because he felt there were "certain things" about United's game which might have — and in his opinion, should have — been improved upon.

That came within a few minutes of United delivering a 6-1 Scottish Cup k.o. blow to Motherwell.

At the weekend, the perfection-seeking mind overrode the heart as he criticised his squad after they had won 2-1 to retain their 100 per cent League Cup record, secure after their section-topping spot and increase prospects of a second defence of the trophy.





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## HUTCH A-HEAD

A SCOTS-born inside forward who was written off at the start of last season as being "too old" ended the season on everyone's lips after playing a key role in taking his new club to the F.A. Cup Final.

The player was Tommy Hutchison, who kicked off his career with Alloa Athletic before taking the ticket south to Blackpool, then Coventry City, with whom he won Scotland acclaim, and more recently, Manchester City.

"Hutch" will be remembered with affection by Scots fans as the gangling left-winger with the fascinating close-in dribbling skills which foxed many a defender during our 1974 World Cup campaign under Willie Ormond's management.

But down south, "Hutch" will probably be best remembered as the player who spectacularly headed his side into the lead in an F.A. Cup final and then in similar style headed the own goal equaliser.



● TOMMY HUTCHISON

With transfer fees in England frequently hovering around the £1,000,000 mark it seems incredible that a player bought to add composure and a creative flair to the left-side attack cost a mere £47,000 in a part player-exchange deal.

Now Tommy, rejuvenated

## Joe's in the money

JOE JORDAN whose toothless grin at the moment of goal-scoring triumph prompted a leading brewery firm to use him to promote the satisfaction of their lager is now arguably the highest paid Scottish footballer.

His close season transfer to A.C. Milan boosted the Manchester United coffers by a mere £160,000 in line with E.E.C. guidelines, but pushed the brave bustling striker into the £2,000-per-week wage bracket.

But the perks don't end there for the 28-times capped six-footer from the same mining village of Cleland in Lanarkshire which gave us Jimmy Delaney: For the Jordans will enjoy free luxury accommodation and club car.

### LOYALTY

Not even the instant wealth however which accrues from his multi-million lira transfer to Milan has changed Joe's burning ambition to lead Scotland to the World Cup finals in Spain next summer.

The big centre, then with Leeds United, played a key role in helping Scotland to the finals

with his change in fortunes which he still finds difficult to believe even as he looks at the F.A. Cup runners-up medal, is keenly awaiting the new kick-off with the same enthusiasm as he did when he first went south.

Which all goes to show that Jimmy Hill, Coventry City chairman as well as BBC Sports presenter and advice-giver, is not always right . . .!



● JOE JORDAN

in Munich in 1974 and again in Argentina in 1978; now he has set his sights on claiming a hat-trick unique among Scottish players.

That target was very much in his mind when he negotiated the move, for he has stipulated that a clause should be written into his contract with A.C. Milan that he would be made available to play for Scotland if selected.

# DOES GLASGOW DO ENOUGH?

GLASGOW is the soccer capital of Scotland. Of that there can be little doubt. But how does the city fare in its presentation of other sports? Not too well, sadly, but progress is being made steadily in certain spheres.

Whenever and wherever the topic of Scottish football creeps into any conversation it's a fair bet that Glasgow, by direct name or by inference, will figure fairly prominently as the as the chat goes on.

The fact that the city houses Scotland's national football stadium at Hampden projects its name far and wide, although this set-up may regrettably alter as the Stadium faces bills for modernisation.

Prospects of turning Hampden, loved and respected by several generations of football followers, into a super stadium in keeping with the facilities now demanded by spectators of the 1980's have been shattered by government, local and national.

## FACELIFT

Refusal to provide the kind of cash necessary, even in these days of severe budgetary control, has meant a facelift only for the stadium, doing that which is necessary to maintain safety and little spared for the niceties desired.

The prowess of Glasgow as a footballing centre has been further — and considerably — enhanced by the achievements of its two major clubs, as the Celtic-Rangers syndrome captures the imagination at home and abroad with their exploits.

The fiercely loyal support behind each concern is as widely known as the clubs them-

selves, though sadly not always for the more desirable reasons.

Partick Thistle too have added to the city's footballing offerings while Queen's Park, the only amateur club in a highly professionally demanding set-up, were in there at the beginning, steadfastly maintaining their exclusive status.

And behind the senior grade there are thousands of lads taking part every weekend in their own leagues and friendly match environment on pitches of varying shapes, dimensions and quality.

Football is alive and well. But what about other sports?

## ATHLETICS

For a city which is long overdue an international-calibre athletics track Glasgow is held in high esteem among International Amateur Athletic Federation hierarchy in its presentation of at least one aspect of its sport.

And that is in cross country where the city's parks can be put to excellent use at marginally extra cost.

Glasgow mounted the 1978 World Cross Country Championships and despite atrocious weather conditions made the championships move so slickly (even in the mud) that subsequent championships have modelled their planning on Glasgow's.

Last year, the same Bellahouston Park venue saw the World Veteran Harriers Association stage their world championships, again with resounding

success and further acclaim for the athletics city without a track!

## MARATHON

The road running aspect of athletics has established Glasgow among the elite in Europe with the Glasgow International Marathon recognised by top competitors as being among the best inner city courses in Britain.

Much of the credit for diversifying Glasgow's peominece in Sport lies with a body funded by the city council called Glasgow Sports Promotion Council which comprises members from local government, commerce, sport and press.

The G.S.P.C. with city's parks and recreation director Keith Fraser as secretary and city councillor Bailie Tom Ennis, as chairman, has also been responsible for elevating Glasgow high into the rankings of the European equestrian association.

## INTERNATIONAL

The suggestion that show jumping could be established was frowned upon in many quarters when first put forward but after six seasons the City of Glasgow Horse Show has gained international status and is currently fifth most prestigious of its kind in Western Europe.

It is now the only show in Scotland to carry full international status (and that includes the famous Highland Show at

Ingliston) and each year attracts show jumpers of the calibre of Harvey Smith and Olympic riders David Broome, Caroline Bradley, Graham Fletcher.

The Sports Promotion Council quietly and unobtrusively operates in the background from its 20 Trongate base promoting competitions if national, international and European standards to cover a miscellany of "minor" sports.

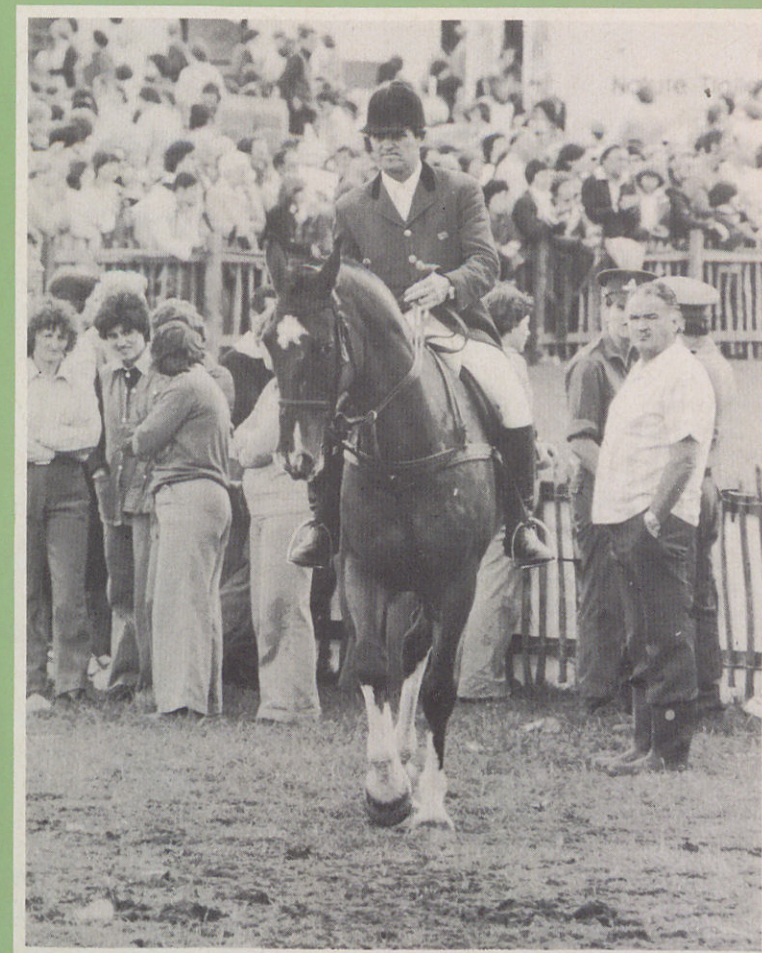
It played its part in the initial moves to bring Jim Watt's bid for the world lightweight crown to the Kelvin Hall in 1979 and was the key factor in staging the 1980 European Under-21 mens hockey championships at the Astroturf field at nearby Helenvale Stadium.

## BENEFIT

Sports which have benefitted from G.S.P.C. support have been badminton, boxing, athletics, golf, snooker, weightlifting, judo, wrestling, tennis, netball, rowing, fencing and gymnastics.

While the G.S.P.C. restricts its activities to events of a national or international importance there are many other organisations successfully operating annual tournaments which keeps youngsters involved in sport.

Football, with its huge appeal of terracing and armchair fanatics — is still keeping ahead in the race for people's attention and leisure time pursuits as challenges from golf, bowling and angling increase and will



● HARVEY SMITH

continue to monopolise the newspaper headlines, Rightly so!

But below the headlines the small print may give some idea that sport is thriving in its various forms, with considera-

ble credit due to the bands of voluntary workers who give of their time to willingly organise and coach.

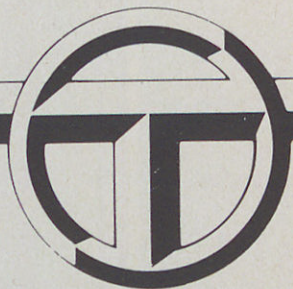
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## WELL WORTH WAITING FOR

THE sight was well worth waiting for as Gordon Strachan dictated the Aberdeen midfield so expertly against two of England's top sides in the Pittodrie pre-season tournament.

It's more than seven months since Gordon last paraded his skills in a competitive match, and with such talent as he is able to produce that's a long time to be sidelined, especially in World Cup build-up year.

A torn stomach muscle forced his withdrawal from the Aberdeen side. And when it took longer to heal than was first expected he had to be left out of Jock Stein's immediate plans.

An operation was recommended, followed by a period of rest then a slow steady comeback, with the fair-haired buzz-bomb resorting to taking long walks to ease his frustration at being kept out of football.

### COURAGE

But Gordon showed admirable gumption and courage in overcoming an injury which at one stage threatened his playing career, and is determined to keep up the self-inflicted pressure as he puts his comeback bid to the match test.

"This is a crucial period for me," said Gordon. "I've never been a quitter and with so much at stake I've no intention of



● GORDON STRACHAN

changing my attitude now. I'm desperate to play for Scotland again now that I'm back playing for Aberdeen.

"I realise that the only way to be included in Mr Stein's squad is to play my way in, and that's what I'm determined to do," said the man who notched out only goal in the 1-0 World Cup victory in Sweden a year ago.

### ENCOURAGING

The sharpness of turn and his off-the-mark acceleration normally associated with Strachan's play was perhaps not quite so evident in the opening games. Perhaps that's not entirely unexpected.

But the encouraging signs — at least for Dons fans when he is not wearing the navy blue of Scotland — were that his physical fitness and his mental aggression were never in doubt.

And those healthy indications of a comeback prompted manager Alex Ferguson, never one to hide one of his players' talents under a bushel, to proclaim that there wasn't enough money printed to compensate for his midfield ace.

## Alfie is back

AFTER a brief and sometimes stormy sojourn with Hearts, Alfie Conn is hoping to re-establish himself in Scottish football in the claret and amber of Ally MacLeod's Motherwell.

Conn, one of the few players to turn out in top flight soccer for both Celtic and Rangers, asked for close season training facilities at Fir Park, a few miles from his home and business base.

### OPPORTUNITY

The 28-year-old is believed to have impressed former Scotland boss MacLeod with his morning-and-afternoon sessions approach to training and 48 hours after the season kicked off was offered signing terms.

Naturally, he seized the opportunity, and in a half-hour outing for his new club in last Wednesday's League Cup-tie is understood to have turned in a fairly creditable performance in a front-line role.

Conn, wearing the No. 13 jersey and sporting the claret jersey outside the amber shorts, is a joint owner of an Airdrie public house with former Rangers winger Willie Henderson, and geographically looks a good move.

Could it be that Conn is the player MacLeod has in mind to fill the gap of goal-scorer from deep position created by the eve-of-the-season transfer of club captain Albert Kidd to Dundee?

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Back row left to right: Rab Kilgour, John Brogan, Joe Reid, George Tulloch, Ally Jenkins, John Weir, Stuart Beedie, Ally McCoist. Middle row left to right: Denis Lawson, coach, George Fleming, John Mackay, Doug Barron, Dan Aitchison, Robert McGregor, Tom McNeil, Malcolm Mutch, Alex Gilchrist, Jim Docherty, Charlie Bates, physiotherapist. Front row left to right: Kenny McDonald, Don McVicar, Gavin Redford, Andy Brannigan, John Pelosi, Drew Rutherford, Steve Bourke, Tom McCafferty, Jim Morton, Alex Caldwell, Raymond Day, Alex Rennie, manager.



TODAY'S  
VISITORS

# St. JOHNSTONE

**MUIRTON PARK in Perth has been a little bit of a football back-water in recent seasons since St Johnstone were relegated from the Premier League. However with their brilliant and narrowly unsuccessful bid to regain Premier League status last season combined with the fright they gave Rangers in the Scottish Cup it's no surprise that they have opened this season by providing one or two surprises.**

They got off to a flyer by defeating Hibs at Easter Road in their opening League Cup match and followed that up with a convincing win over Celtic last Wednesday night.

It's true to say that Celtic didn't find anything like their true form at Muirton Park but the Saints went about their task with the correct attitude and got the result they deserved.

By all accounts only a controversial decision in the closing minutes of their game with St Mirren on Saturday robbed them of a share of the points.

Manager Alex Rennie has worked wonders with the St Johnstone staff and under his guidance and encouragement they must have a very good chance of claiming one of the promotion places this season.

Tonight's team will almost certainly come from the following pool of players:

**George Tulloch** — Saints have Scotland's smallest and tallest senior goalkeeper, George at five foot eight and a half inches is the smallest. The holder of a record 15 Scottish Schoolboy caps, George started his senior career at Everton where his team-mates in the youth side included Welsh international full-back Kevin Ratcliffe and Scottish under-21 international left winger Joe McBride. But he was released as he was not thought big enough and discarded by his next club Dundee United as they thought he might not make the grade. He signed for Saints the next day in July 1979. Weighs 11 stone 6 lbs and was born on February 23, 1961. Works as an apprentice fitter in Edinburgh.

**John MacKay** — The club's longest serving player having joined them from Dunipace Thistle

in November 1975. Two years 11 months later he left for football across the Atlantic, but after playing for Toronto Blizzard and Cleveland returned to Saints in September 1979. This enthusiastic lad plays at right back but has also played in the centre of defence, his favourite position — and at Ayr last season played in goal after George Tulloch had been carried off injured. Works as a driver at Larbert's Bellsdyke Hospital. Is five foot nine inches and weighs 11 stone 3 lbs. Was born on December 15, 1957.

**Tom McNeil** — Joined Saints from Morton in July, 1978 in an exchange deal which also saw the Perth club receiving money with Bobby Thomson going to Morton. This hard tackling left-back has an extremely powerful left foot shot with which he has scored several spectacular goals for Saints. Lost his place at the start of last season to Rab Kilgour but won it back. Born August 2, 1955, stands five foot eleven inches and weighs 12 stone 7 lbs. Junior club was Johnstone Burgh.

**Rab Kilgour** — Went to Hibs from Whitehill Welfare and signed for Saints on a free transfer from the Easter Road side in June 1980. Made first-team appearances for Saints at right and left back. Born October 20, 1956, he weighs eleven stone and is 5 foot 10 inches tall.

**Drew Rutherford** — Born October 4, 1953, this six foot, 13 stone central defender joined Saints from East Fife in March 1977. The captain of the side; he works as a driver with the National Coal Board in Cowdenbeath and lives in Dunfermline. Won Scottish Under-15 Schoolboy Caps where his team-mates included Derek Johnstone, Andy Anderson, Stevie Hancock and Billy Kellock. His first senior club was Arsenal where he played in midfield for their reserves alongside Eddie Kelly and Jon Sammels. Drew broke an ankle then fell out with Arsenal and left there in 1970. Pat Quinn, then East Fife boss, signed him for the Methil club and converted him to the centre of defence.

**Alec Caldwell** — This Edinburgh lad, who works with a Perth printing firm, was signed by Saints in July 1980 after being released by Dundee. Plays as a central defender and has proved to be a fine signing by the Perth club. Born October 23, 1954, stands six foot tall and weighs 12 stone 3 lbs. Was with Edinburgh side Melbourne Thistle before signing for Dundee.



**John Weir** — This hard tackling right sided midfielder who can also play at right back, did not start playing football seriously until his late teens. Before that he followed the fortunes of Dundee F.C. Born on February 25, 1952, John was with Dundee's Fairfield Junives before signing for Brechin. It was during his Glebe Park spell that he had trials with Aston Villa, but an injury gave him little chance to show what he could do. He returned to Brechin from whom he joined Montrose and then Saints in March 1978. Lives and works in Dundee. Son Stephen has been a Saints mascot.

**George Fleming** — A Saints coach and midfield player of vast experience having been with Hearts and Dundee United for many seasons. Joined Hearts in July 1964 from Salvesen Boys' Club. Five foot eight George started his career as a striker with Hearts but made his name as a midfield player with Dundee United with whom he won a League Cup winners medal in 1979-80. Host of the Eagle Public House in Broughty Ferry, George, who was born on September 23, 1948, weighs 11 stone 4 lbs.

**Jim Morton** — Saints paid £30,000 to Berwick for the former Brechin player in November 1979. They also paid the same to Ayr for the now departed Walker McCall. The fee is a Saints record. Saints turned down two Hibs bids for this left sided midfielder before the start of the season. He started with Dundee's North End Juniors. Born October 29, 1956, he weighs 10 stone 8 lbs and stands five foot nine inches tall. Scored 10 goals last season.

**Andy Brannigan** — One of the many lads brought to the Perth club by their West of Scotland scout, former referee Alec McClintock, who also discovered amongst others Gordon Smith, Alex MacDonald, John Connolly, Bobby Thomson and Alistair McCoist for Saints. Signed in June 1978 after playing only a few games for Port Glasgow Juniors, this youngster has yet to command a regular first-team place. Can also play the centre of defence and up front. Born December 10, 1959, is five foot eleven inches tall and weighs 11 stone 11 lb.

**Alex Gilchrist** — This midfielder who can also play at full back, was first spotted by Saints boss Alex Rennie when he was under review by Hearts. Alex was the Tynecastle Club's assistant boss at the time. Also interested Airdrie before becoming Alex Rennie's first signing for St Johnstone in May 1980. Came from Dunipace Juniors and made several first-team appearances last season. Born May 20, 1959, he weighs ten stone 6 lbs and stands five foot eight tall.

**John Pelosi** — Another Saint with ties with Aston Villa, John joined the Birmingham club from Glasgow's Possilpark Y.M. in 1972 when he was 16. At 18 Villa asked him to stay for six more months as they had not decided whether to keep him, but he decided to come home and joined

Motherwell whose boss then, Ian St. John, had been tipped off about John by Villa's Ian Ross, but soon afterwards Willie McLean took over at Fir Park and agreed to John's request for a free transfer nine months later. This winger then joined Ashfield Junives and moved to Glasgow Perthshire Juniors before joining up at Perth. A whisky bond foreman in Glasgow who scored five times last season, John was born on February 29, 1956, weighs 10 stone 8 lbs and is five foot eight inches tall.

**Alistair McCoist** — One of Scotland's most exciting youngsters, Alistair has been watched by a host of top clubs. With 22 goals was second top scorer in the Scottish First Division last season. Has also scored consistently for the Scottish Youth team. Saints pipped Rangers for his signature in February 1978, when he was playing for Fir Park Boys' Club. Works at the tax centre in East Kilbride and is a great fan of Liverpool. Born September 24, 1962, he stands five foot nine inches and weighs 10 stone 12 lbs.

**John Brogan** — Prior to this season, John had scored 74 goals for Saints since joining them from Albion Rovers for £7,000 in February 1977. A sharp player inside the penalty box. Lives in the Hamilton area and is a driver-storeman with a central heating firm. Was born on March 9, 1953, is five foot nine inches tall and weighs 11 stone 2 lbs. Before turning senior he played for Toll Star Amateurs and Blantyre Celtic Juniors.

**Jim Docherty** — Started his career at East Stirling whom he joined from Fauldhouse Juniors in November 1977. Scored 32 goals in 48 games before being transferred to Chelsea for £50,000 in January 1979. Made his Chelsea debut in a 0-0 draw against Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in front of 42,000 fans. But played only twice more, against West Brom and Q.P.R. because Chelsea were in financial bother and could not afford to pay East Stirling the £1,000 each for his first 20 games as promised as an extra part of the transfer deal. Signed for Chelsea by Danny Blanchflower but after being released by Geoff Hurst he had nine signing offers, eight from Scottish clubs. He decided to join Dundee United and made his debut for them as a substitute against Dundee. Then substituted himself in a match against St Mirren and soon moved to Hearts. Saints boss Alex Rennie was interim boss at Tynecastle at that time. Despite prolific reserve scoring rate, Hearts decided to let him go and Alex Rennie, by then the St Johnstone boss, signed him in September 1980.

**Stuart Beedie** — Midfielder who can also play up front, Stuart cost Saints £20,000 from Montrose in June 1981. Several other clubs were keen on him. Born August 16, 1960 he stands five foot 10½ inches tall and weighs 11 stone. Played for Aberdeen Sunnybank before joining Montrose.

# NO MORE THAN FANS DESERVE . . .

**I WAS delighted to see that the lads had such a convincing win on Saturday after our disappointing start to the League Cup. It was just what we needed and is no more than our fans deserve.**

In these days of falling attendances, it's great to know that Celtic have such a loyal support. At times their enthusiasm is so great that it overflows on to the park and gives the players an extra lift when it is really needed. A good example of this is my own favourite memory with Celtic so far — simply known as the 4-2 game. That was when we had to fight back to beat Rangers and clinch the League title for season 1978-79. We finished the game with only ten men on the park, but the tens of thousands of voices behind us played a big part.

My father, too, has fond memories of Celtic Park. He was a player there for seven years and his experience at all levels of football, as well as his guidance, has been invaluable throughout my career. This made the day I signed for Celtic a big day, apart from the achievement of an ambition, because it stopped all the teasing and leg pulling I got from my dad.

Going to Celtic at first was a great pleasure, but I often used to stop and think, "Why me? What have I done to be so lucky?" It wasn't hard to settle in, though, thanks to all the players, especially Johnny Doyle and Roy Aitken, who went out of their way to make me feel welcome.

Players often find the step up from junior to senior football a bit of a strain, again I was lucky in this respect. Before I went full-time with Celtic, I was a full time youth worker. This meant that most of my work was done in the evening and I was free to train with the full-time staff.

The question of summer football in Scotland is one that crops up regularly. Personally I don't think this would have anything to offer the game. The harder surface, for one thing, would make it difficult to play the traditional Scottish game. We played on Astro-turf during our American visit, I didn't like that surface either, it seemed to take a lot of the natural flow out of the game and I found it very difficult to stay close to a man on it.

I had a great chance to relax during the summer — I went to Majorca with Charlie Nicholas, Willie McStay and Danny Crainie — and now I'm looking forward to the season ahead. We are playing in the European Cup this season and I'm confident that we can adapt and do well, particularly after our success in the Feyenoord tournament. It takes me one step nearer my ambition, anyway. To play for Celtic in a major European final.

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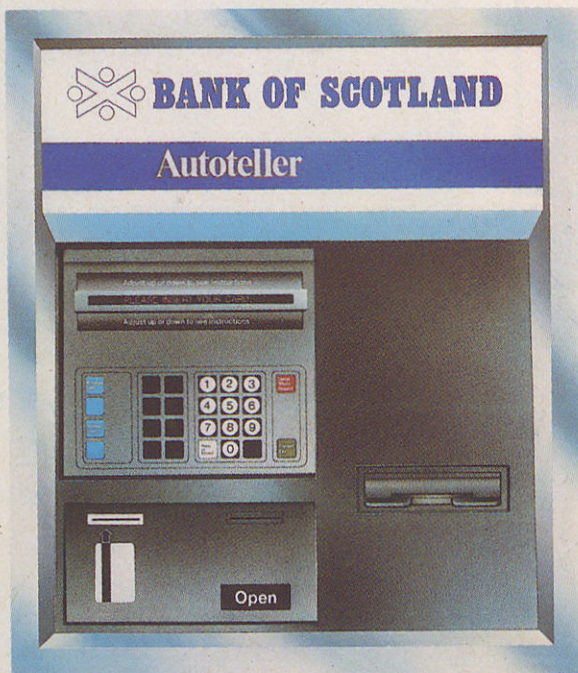
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## Reserve Scene

By BOBBY LENNOX

**ON Saturday we lost by three goals to two at Firhill and in fact we were lucky to come out of the game losing by such a narrow margin.**

Partick Thistle went ahead after about half an hour with the only goal scored in the first half and that goal only came about from bad defensive play on our part.

However the real knock-out blows came immediately after the interval. Two minutes after the break Thistle scored a second goal and one minute later they extended their lead to three goals to nil.

At this point we looked to be heading for a bit of a drubbing but we weathered the storm and kept Thistle at bay.

With only about five minutes remaining we opened our account when Davie Kenny scored with a crashing shot following a free kick. Before the end the score line was given a more respectable look when substitute Paul Chalmers scored but by then it was too late to even salvage a point.

### FIGHTING QUALITIES

The simple explanation for this defeat is that the reserve team didn't play well at all.

In fact I would go as far as to say that it was quite the worst they have played since I took over in charge of the team.

However this will help them realise that when things aren't going smoothly you sometimes have to show another side to your make-up. The side that requires fighting qualities to get you through difficult matches when your backs are against the wall.

Everyone knows that our young reserve team players have shown remarkable progress in the last couple of years.

The game at Firhill was just another lesson to be added to their education and if they can learn something from this defeat then that is something that may be salvaged from a shocking display.

I don't like to be too critical of individual players but the senior players in the side, John Doyle, Willie Garner and Mike Conroy could possibly have made a greater contribution in this match in which the team was struggling from the start.



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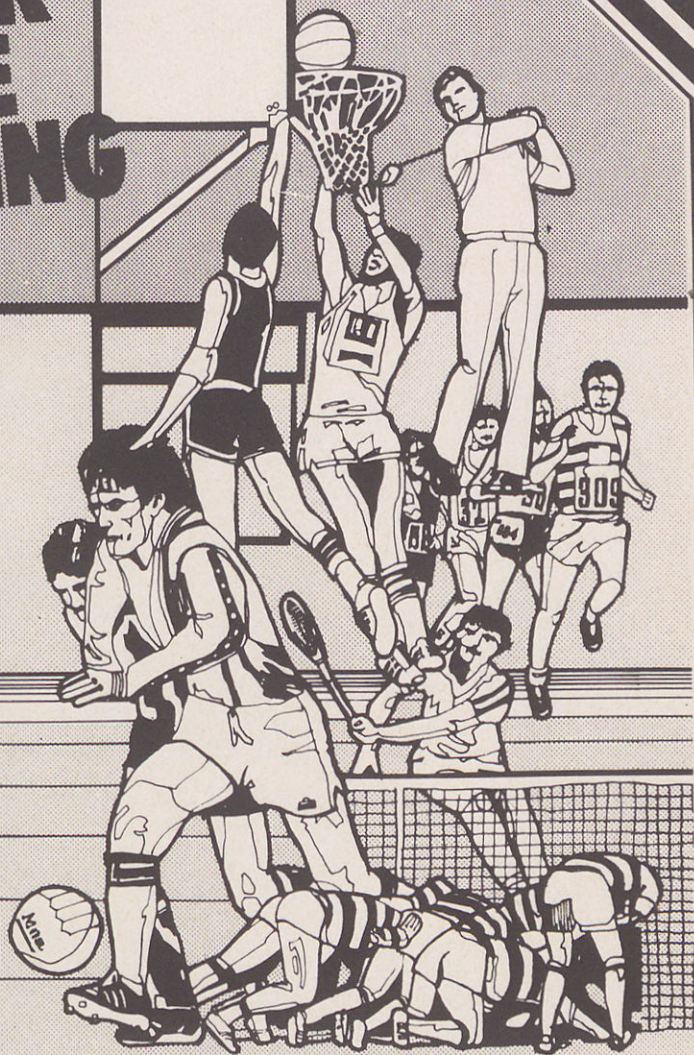
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