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NO CHANGE AFTER THE VOTE ENDS IN DRAW

Last week's meeting of the 38 clubs in Scotland failed to produce a new format for next season. Nineteen wanted to change to two divisions of 16 and 22 with three up and three down but the other 19 were opposed to the idea.

Let's hope they know what they are doing to leave the present three-tier structure alone, for it is worth noting that the aggregate attendance figure for 19 games last Saturday fell below the 70,000 mark.

That works out at an average of less than 4,000 per game and that is not a happy situation. Of course, the fact that home clubs keep their own gates has helped certain members of the League but not every team.

Just as the clubs in general were split about a new deal so, too, were the 10 top sides in the Premier League. With the main teams in disagreement, there was no hope of achieving the necessary two-thirds majority.

Hibs fronted this latest scheme at the request of various boards who see no progress in the game and worry about their full-time status. How much longer can they keep it that way?

However, there was one bright item from last week and that was Scotland's goalless draw with Ireland in Belfast. Congratulations are in order to Jock Stein and his players for heading their group in such emphatic style. Good luck to them in Spain next June.

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Bertie Auld says—

"WE MUST BE BRAVER IN THE PENALTY BOX"

After our handsome victory against Morton when the four-goal margin could have been more substantial, we were back to our no-scoring ways against Partick Thistle at Firhill last week.

I have no hesitation in stating that this was our poorest effort away from Easter Road. We won a point at Ibrox and could be rated unlucky to lose to Aberdeen and St Mirren.

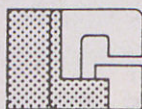
This time we were not competitive enough in midfield and poor up front. And yet it took a penalty kick — the third given against us in away matches — to settle the game.

I did not have a perfect view of the incident but some of the players felt the decision was a shade harsh and that there was no foul tackle. However, we must accept the verdict of referees at all times and get on with the job.

There were, at least, two occasions in the game when Hibs missed easy chances and what a difference it would have made to our League position if the side had managed a single goal in each of the last three away fixtures.

Hibs' players need to be braver in the box. That is the message I have passed to them this week, for there was little danger that we would earn a penalty at Firhill.

So I'm looking for greater determination and heart in our attacking play today and every week. No doubt, the bigger crowd and fine atmosphere will bring a reaction from my players who know only their best is good enough against Celtic.



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Hibs meet Hearts here on Tuesday night in the semi-final of the East of Scotland Shield in what will be the first Edinburgh derby for more than two years.

Their last clash was in the Skol Festival tournament at the start of the 1979-80 season when Hibs won 2-1 through goals by Gordon Rae and Colin Campbell.

The previous Shield meeting was in May 1978, when Hibs won by a solitary goal contributed by debutant Gerry O'Brien.

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Billy McLaren cannot play for Hibs today, nor in the next two games against Dundee and Rangers, due to an automatic SFA suspension.

He reached the 10 points mark against Morton a fortnight ago and will require to slow down on bookings to avoid another ban before the end of the season.

Hibs have formed a three-man dressing room jury at the suggestion of manager Bertie Auld to fine any player guilty of being booked for talking. Jackie McNamara, Alan Sneddon and Gary Murray are the three "wise men".

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Hibs have lost their last three away games by the same 1-0 margin with the winner coming in the second half on each occasion.

Last week's goal by Partick Thistle was earlier than those conceded to Aberdeen and St Mirren but it arose from a penalty scored by Kenny Watson.

Only a spot-kick could have separated the sides and a point would have been a reasonable return from Firhill.

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At least, there was more to cheer about after the four-goal demolition of Morton at Easter Road — the team's biggest win in the Premier

League for 2½ years when Motherwell went down by the same score at Easter Road.

To be honest, Morton escaped lightly and Gary Murray would have scored three goals instead of one with a hint of luck in the goal-mouth.

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Jackie McNamara has cause to remember the Morton game for different reasons and he'll be trying to avoid further arguments with Erich Schaedler's head.

After Jackie had been taken to hospital and detained overnight to recover from mild concussion and a lacerated mouth, a search party appeared on the pitch to look for a plate containing two teeth.

But Jackie had been assisted off with the plate in his hand. However, he required two extractions before the Firhill game.

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Goalkeeper Jim McArthur resigned for the remainder of the season last week after operating on two 28-day agreements.

But, after a lot of talking, Ralph Callachan accepted last season's terms yet again to sign his third monthly contract.

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The Scottish Programme Fair will be held at the McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, on Sunday, November 1, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Admission is 30p and more than 2,000 programme enthusiasts are expected to attend.

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Stuart Rae and Kevin Hoggan are included in the Scotland Under-16 squad for the European tie against Finland at Ayr on Wednesday night.

And goalkeeper Robin Rae has been named in the pool for a youth friendly with Ireland at Dumfries on November 10.

ONE POINT DROPPED IN EIGHT MATCHES

It seems a little odd that Celtic have dominated Scottish football since the start of the season yet find themselves eliminated from two of the three competitions in which they have taken part.

The champions have made a magnificent start to the Premier League and dropped just one point in the first eight games.

But Celtic did not qualify for the knockout stages of the League Cup, having lost section ties to both St Mirren and St Johnstone.

That was much more of a shock than their inability to beat Juventus over two games in the first round of the European Cup.

Celtic fought manfully against the Italian champions and took a single-goal lead to Turin for the second leg, in which Juventus, cleverly guided by Liam Brady, won 2-1 on aggregate.

It was no disgrace to lose so narrowly to such an experienced and well-equipped side, considering the many youngsters in the Parkhead side.

Just before the game in Italy, Celtic were dealt a severe blow when skipper Danny McGrain suffered a hair-line fracture of the ankle.

This mishap ruled him out of Scotland's World Cup team in Belfast, too, and the inspiring right-back is sidelined yet.

Just to add to manager Billy McNeill's problems, international right-winger Davie Provan has been taking specialists' advice on his knee condition.

Celtic may have the best pool of players in Scotland but they cannot afford many more injuries or the balance of the side could be upset.

Frank McGarvey, George McCluskey and Charlie Nicholas form a menacing threesome in the absence of Provan and their marksmanship is backed by the cannonball efforts of Murdo MacLeod in midfield. He scored in both League

Cup ties won by Celtic against Hibs in August.

The clever Dom Sullivan and Tommy Burns link with the hard-hitting MacLeod in midfield. Last week, however, it was a McCluskey goal which preserved Celtic's unbeaten record against Dundee United.

Davie Moyes, tipped as a star centre-half of the future, is a former youth cap now filling in for McGrain at right-back. He joined the club from Drumchapel Amateurs while Mark Reid on the left moved through the ranks from the Celtic Boys' Club.

Roy Aitken seems to have been in the team for years and only because he made the grade so quickly. The young man from Ayrshire is the club captain at the moment — a job he will fill permanently in time.

Tom McAdam, always handy in the air, is Roy's partner in defence and Pat Bonner's reputation is gaining with each performance.

Pat could be playing in Spain next summer for Eire, who have a 50-50 chance of qualifying along with Belgium from a tough World Cup section. A draw between France and Holland would be Pat's passport to the finals.

TRAGIC DEATH OF JOHNNY DOYLE

A minute's silence will be observed before today's game in memory of Johnny Doyle, the Celtic winger, who died in a tragic accident at home. Our sympathy to all concerned.



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FRIENDLIES

July 30	Ross County (A)	4-0	G. Rae 3, Callachan
Aug. 1	Inverness Caley (A)	2-0	G. Rae, MacLeod
Aug. 2	Sunderland (H)	3-0	Callachan, MacLeod, Rodier.
Oct. 5	San Jose Earthquakes (H)	3-1	Rodier 2, Schaedler

LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 8	St Johnstone (H)	1-2	Murray.
Aug. 12	St Mirren (A)	0-0	
Aug. 15	Celtic (A)	1-4	Duncan
Aug. 19	St Mirren (H)	0-1	
Aug. 22	St Johnstone (A)	2-1	Flavell, Rodier
Aug. 26	Celtic (H)	1-4	Paterson

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aug. 29	Dundee (H)	2-0	Murray, Rae
Sep. 5	Rangers (A)	2-2	MacLeod, Rae
Sep. 12	Airdrie (H)	1-1	Flavell
Sep. 19	Aberdeen (A)	0-1	
Sep. 26	St Mirren (A)	0-1	
Oct. 3	Dundee United (H)	1-1	Duncan
Oct. 10	Morton (H)	4-0	Murray, MacLeod, Callachan, Flavell
Oct. 17	Partick Thistle (A)	0-1	

PREMIER LEAGUE

Oct. 31	Dundee	Feb. 20	St Mirren
Nov. 7	RANGERS	Feb. 27	CELTIC
Nov. 14	Airdrie	Mar. 6	Partick Thistle
Nov. 21	ABERDEEN	Mar. 13	MORTON
Nov. 28	ST MIRREN	Mar. 20	Dundee
Dec. 5	Dundee United	Mar. 27	RANGERS
Dec. 12	Morton	Apr. 3	Airdrie
Dec. 19	PARTICK THISTLE	Apr. 10	ABERDEEN
Dec. 26	Celtic	Apr. 17	Dundee United
Jan. 2	DUNDEE	Apr. 24	ST MIRREN
Jan. 9	Aberdeen	May 1	Celtic
Jan. 16	AIRDRIE	May 8	PARTICK THISTLE
Jan. 30	Rangers	May 15	Morton
Feb. 6	DUNDEE UNITED		

(Team in capitals indicate Home Match.)

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	8	7	1	0	20	7	15
Aberdeen	8	5	1	2	13	8	11
Rangers	7	3	3	1	11	8	9
St Mirren	8	3	2	3	11	12	8
Morton	8	4	0	4	8	10	8
Dundee United	7	2	3	2	12	8	7
HIBERNIAN	8	2	3	3	10	7	7
Airdrie	8	2	1	5	13	24	5
Dundee	8	2	0	6	14	21	4
Partick Thistle	8	1	2	5	4	11	4



Morton goalkeeper throws himself at the feet of Ally MacLeod to avoid the loss of another goal in Hibs' last home game. And (below) Bobby Flavell guards the goal-line to keep out an effort from Frank McGarvey when Celtic were here in the League Cup.

Evening News and Scotsman pictures



Although Hibs had no representative in the World Cup squad in Ireland, the club had a small share in two other international successes last week.

Centre-half Craig Paterson was in the Scotland Under-21 pool for the deciding game in Denmark and Tom McNiven worked with the training staff.

The Scots managed the 1-1 draw necessary to reach the quarter-finals so there should be further trips in store for the pair.

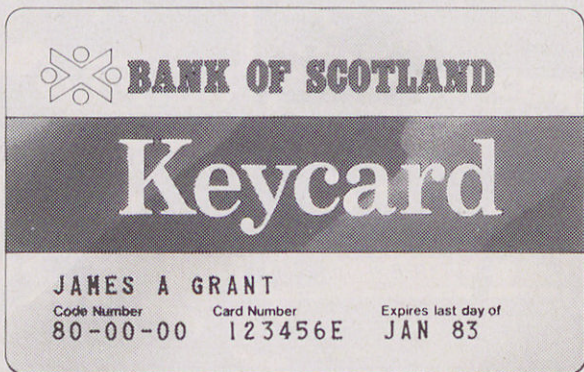
And Stuart Rae, the skilful young midfield player, was in the under-age team which beat Finland 2-1 away in the first leg of their European tie. On the whole, not a bad week for Scotland on the international scene.



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JOHN CONNOLLY SCORES TWICE FOR RESERVES

John Connolly was instrumental in guiding the reserves to victory in the first League match of the East Section against Dundee at Easter Road last Saturday.

Hibs won 3-2 and John scored the first and third goals, apart from helping his younger colleagues through the game.

It was a welcome result for Hibs, who were pipped in the League Cup group by Dundee. The Dens' second team took three points off Hibs in that competition so it was a useful achievement to beat them.

Dundee twice drew level with typical tenacity but Connolly took up good position to receive a pass from substitute Brian Rice and the team stayed in front.

Colin Kelly, the ex-Hibs' goalkeeper, played well for Dundee, bringing off three very smart saves.

Right-back Martin Munro had another good game in the home defence which was disturbed through the departure of Aitchison with a recurring back complaint.

In the end, though, Connolly was the difference between the sides. His roving commission meant that Dundee didn't know where to find him and John made splendid use of the ball.

This was a far better Hibs' performance than the one against Hearts at Tynecastle which wound up our League Cup schedule.

Hearts won by three goals and the defeat could have been heavier with a number of players absolutely out of touch. Manager Bertie Auld was there and informed the reserves what is expected of them as challengers to the first-team pool.

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COMMERCIAL COMMENT

from ALAN HART

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I had intended to run a special quiz this week for school children, offering 300 free tickets for the next home game. But this has been held over until the November 7 issue so that the pupils from six schools will be our guests at the match against Aberdeen later in the month.





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	PREMIER LEAGUE		OTHER GAMES		TOTAL	
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals
DUNCAN	8	1	10	1	18	2
MURRAY	8	2	10	1	18	3
RAE	7	2	10	4	17	6
SNEDDON	8	0	9	0	17	0
CALLACHAN	8	1	8	2	16	3
McNAMARA	7	0	9	0	16	0
PATERSON	8	0	7	1	15	1
McLAREN	8	0	7	0	15	0
FLAVELL	8	2	7	1	15	3
MACLEOD	7	2	7	2	14	4
RODIER	4	0	7	4	11	4
McARTHUR	8	0	1	0	9	0
TURNBULL	1	0	8	0	9	0
DONALDSON	0	0	8	0	8	0
SCHAEDLER	4	0	1	1	5	1
CONNOLLY	2	0	3	0	5	0
DOCHERTY	1	0	4	0	5	0
RICE	0	0	4	0	4	0
HENDRY	0	0	2	0	2	0
JAMIESON	0	0	2	0	2	0
KOROTKICH	0	0	1	0	1	0
R. RAE	0	0	1	0	1	0

TEAM CHECK

PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday, October 10—

Hibernian 4 (Murray, Flavell, MacLeod, Callachan), Morton 0.

Hibernian — McArthur; Flavell, Schaedler; McNamara (Sneddon), Paterson, McLaren; Callachan, Rodier, Murray, MacLeod, Duncan.

Morton — Baines; Hayes, Holmes; Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr; Docherty, McNeill, Busby, Hutchison (Houston), Ritchie.

Referee — W. McLeish, Stonehouse.

Saturday, October 17—

Partick Thistle 1 (Watson, pen.), Hibernian 0.

Hibernian — McArthur; Flavell, Schaedler; McNamara, Paterson, McLaren (Sneddon); Callachan, Rodier, MacLeod, Duncan, Murray (Rae).

Partick Thistle — Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker; Anderson, Dunlop, Watson; Park, McDonald, Johnston, Doyle, Clark.

Referee — H. Alexander, Irvine.

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP

Saturday, October 3—

Airdrie 0, Hibernian 2 (Jamieson 2).

Hibernian — R. Rae; Munro, Turnbull (Rice); Brazil, Docherty, Hendry; Korotkich, Irvine, Jamieson, S. Rae (Crolla), Connolly.

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP

Friday, October 9—

Hearts 3, Hibernian 0.

Hibernian — Donaldson; Munro, Turnbull; Brazil, Docherty, Korotkich; Rae, Jamieson, Connolly, Byrne, Hendry.

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ST MIRREN	HAMILTON
D RANGERS	L ARBROATH
MORTON	BERWICK RANGERS
E AYR UNITED	M CLYDE
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