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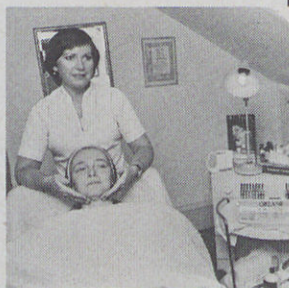
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THE FACTS ABOUT FUREY

Hibs want to answer the criticism levelled at the club in the latest issue of the *Sunday Mail*, regarding a trialist from Eire.

Chairman Tom Hart wants the supporters to know the true story about a boy called Vincent Furey and the easiest way to dismiss the attack on the good name of the club is to repeat a letter received from Mr Fred Coll, chairman of the Gweedore Football Club.

His letter, dated June 23, is repeated in full:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of one of our young players, Vincent Furey of Glenties, Co. Donegal.

Vincent is very anxious to play professional football and he cannot imagine himself playing for any club but your own.

He is going to Edinburgh in July and I wonder if you would be good enough to give him a trial when he is over. It will cost you nothing to do this as Vincent is making his own way over and is paying all his own expenses.

Vincent is a very good footballer and he is young, round about 17/18 years of age. I certainly think he would be an asset to any club as he is a very keen lad.

I would be grateful if you would consider my request and agree to give Vincent a trial when he is over.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Fred Coll

Pat Quinn replied that the boy would be given training facilities but there were no other promises and he didn't show enough to be offered a trial period. Now the record is straight.

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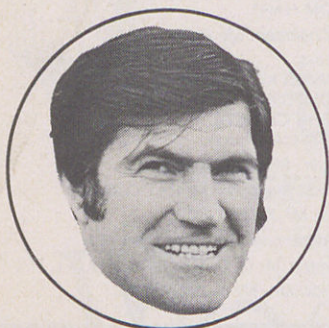
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Bertie Auld says—

THIS IS A CHANCE TO REGAIN OUR PRIDE

I missed our game against St Johnstone at Perth to take a look at certain players in the Carlisle-Preston match. There were individuals on both sides who looked quite promising but I would want to have another look before contemplating any business.

However, the report from Pat Quinn on the Muirton match confirmed my expectations that we would reverse the home result against St Johnstone.

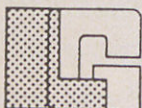
And now that we have tasted victory, I hope it will become a regular event. Certainly, there is an opportunity to regain their pride against Celtic following our heavy defeat at Parkhead.

Hibs didn't start to play until the second half in that game and then it was too late. Now I feel we are ready to obtain a good result against the champions.

They are in top form with 13 goals in three matches and that's a tremendous average but it is time Hibs showed a bit of form at Easter Road and this would be an ideal tie in which to start.

Our three cup points have been won away from home while Hibs have lost twice here. I want a return to the days when every team feared a visit to Easter Road.

So let's take it on from Saturday's success at Perth and give the confidence another lift before the start of the League card on Saturday.



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Apart from a first-half injury to Jackie McNamara, Hibs had a most satisfactory afternoon against St Johnstone at Perth on Saturday.

It was the team's first victory, Bobby Flavell's first goal for the club, and Derek Rodier's first competitive goal in the senior side.

A 2-1 margin gives the impression of a close game yet Hibs were so much in command that the difference should have been translated into four or five goals.

Such was Hibs' superiority that it must have made the spectators wonder how the result was reversed on the opening day of the season.

Gordon Rae, who has been out of luck with his finishing, cracked a fine shot against the upright and Gary Murray could have been among the scorers, too.

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Jackie McNamara was forced to retire before half-time with a heel injury and he went straight to Falkirk Infirmary after the game for an X-ray to ease his mind.

His misfortune gave teenager Peter Docherty a break, and the boy from Tynecastle Boys' Club looked the part beside Craig Paterson. He showed rare coolness and used the ball well.

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There has been no shortage of casualties lately with Stuart Turnbull and Willie Jamieson hurt in the last home game in which St Mirren scored the only goal.

Turnbull was assisted off early in the match with the same problem

as Jamieson — damaged ankle ligaments.

Both players had a hospital check-up and, happily, the knocks are not too serious. With some expert attention from Tom McNiven, the two young players should be challenging for their places again very soon.

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Ralph Callachan and Jim McArthur are back on the playing strength . . . for 28 days at least. They signed four-week agreements last week and became eligible to play immediately.

Ralph made a valuable contribution in superb conditions at Perth and his play-making was the feature of the team's performance.

A rule introduced by the Scottish League this season permits clubs to stop the wages of any player in dispute after a certain period as a safeguard for the employer.

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This is Celtic's first visit to Easter Road for 20 months due to Hibs' absence from the Premier League last season. On that occasion, the teams drew 1-1 and Hibs won their point through a classic goal by George Best.

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League football begins on Saturday and there is an extra attraction here before the game with Dundee. As champions of the First Division last season, Hibs will unfurl the flag to the delight of the fans.

HOW THEY STAND

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ST MIRREN	5	3	1	1	8	8	7
CELTIC	5	3	0	2	14	8	6
ST JOHNSTONE	5	2	0	3	8	10	4
HIBERNIAN	5	1	1	3	4	8	3

A BAD START AND NOW CELTIC LOOK FOR UPSET

Celtic have answered their critics with 13 goals in three games after losing their first two ties in the League Cup. So they arrive at Easter Road tonight, hoping for an upset at Paisley and another win over Hibs.

It would be a major turn-up if they made the quarter-finals following their worst ever start to a tourney in which they have a wonderful record.

A home defeat by St Mirren and a further setback against St Johnstone at Perth left them in the unusual role of outsiders. But they have come storming back and, clearly, took immense satisfaction from humbling St Mirren 5-1 at Love Street on Saturday.

Irrespective of the section outcome tonight, Celtic are ready for the League kick off and well prepared to face the might of Italian champions Juventus in the European Cup next month.

That opening day defeat was all the more disappointing for Celtic because they had prepared well on foreign soil. They undertook a hurried trip to America before conditioning themselves and then returned from Holland in triumph with a handsome trophy.

In a four-team tournament, they beat hosts Feyenoord — to gain revenge for the 1970 European Cup defeat — and were too good for Dukla Prague in the final.

Although Celtic haven't started to defend the championship which they won in runaway fashion, a new starlet has been blooded.

Centre-half Davie Moyes, former captain of the Scotland youth team, has burst into the limelight as a youngster of immense promise.

Colleagues rate him the best header of a ball at Parkhead and he looks a logical successor to manager Billy McNeill as the defensive kingpin.

It will be hard to keep him out of the side though his promotion was not expected since Celtic had bought Willie Garner from Aberdeen in the close season.

Eire goalkeeper Pat Bonner is established as the club's top goalkeeper with skipper Danny McGrain ready to lend a helping hand if required.

Tom McAdam has been moving around the defence, proving his adaptability but Roy Aitken is the recognised sweeper. This doesn't mean he has to curb his attacking instincts entirely and he likes nothing better than to charge into the opposing half.

Murdo MacLeod's explosive shooting from midfield earned him two goals against Hibs — and warned others what to expect now that he has shaken off a troublesome injury.

Dom Sullivan and Tommy Burns provide the midfield touches to keep Dave Provan, Frank McGarvey and Charlie Nicholas fully supplied.

How fortunate Celtic are to be in the position at times to leave out goal hungry George McCluskey, a forward of considerable ability as he has proved at club and Under-21 international levels. He scored a brilliant hat-trick against Saints on Saturday.



Dom Sullivan congratulates Charlie Nicholas on another Celtic goal with skipper Danny McGrain in the background.

(Scotsman picture.)

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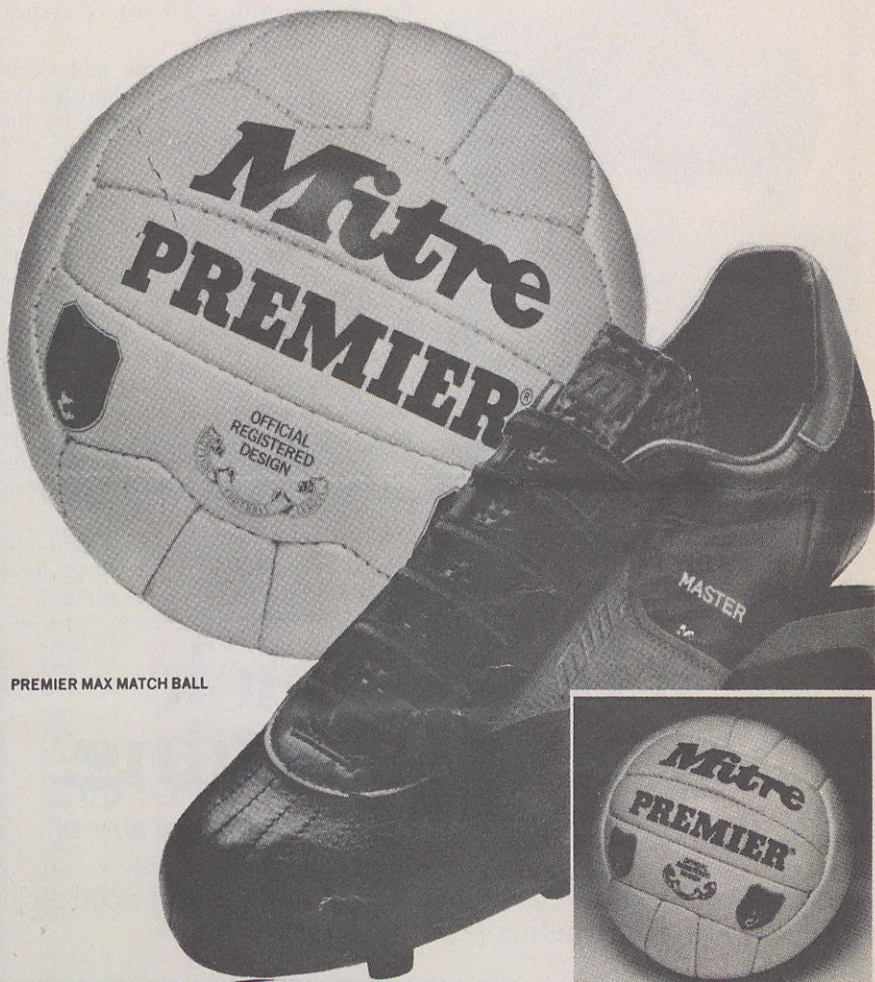
ACTION FROM THE PARKHEAD CONTEST

Scotland winger Davie Provan takes on Stuart Turnbull at Parkhead with Arthur Duncan lending support.

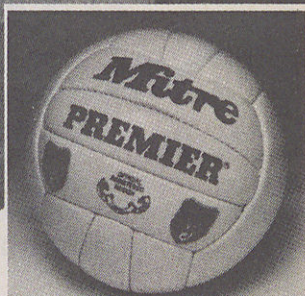
In the second of the shots, Billy McLaren and Frank McGarvey hit the deck.

(Scotsman pictures)



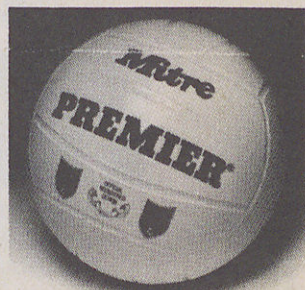


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GORDON BYRNE

After two goalless draws, Hibs made headway in the Reserve League Cup at the weekend with a 2-0 victory against Airdrie.

Goals by Gordon Byrne and Carlo Crolla made it a good first half for the boys, who were guided along by the influential play of Jim McArthur and Ally MacLeod.

Ricky Haddow, from Coatbridge YMCA, was a tireless centre-forward who kept the Airdrie defence on the hop. Brian Rice had a useful game at left-back and the two substitutes, Tom Kelly and Kevin Hoggan went on in the second half.

Peter Docherty, a first-team member on Saturday, was in the Colts team 24 hours later against St Mirren at Paisley. This game ended in a 1-1 draw, the same score-line as their previous match with Partick Thistle at Whitburn.

Byrne flicked home a clever goal and this draw means that the boys have taken four points from three games.

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Aug. 2	Sunderland (H)	3-0	Callachan, MacLeod, Rodier.

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

PREMIER LEAGUE

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

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	LEAGUE CUP		OTHER GAMES		TOTAL	
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals
McNAMARA	5	0	3	0	8	0
G. RAE	5	0	3	0	8	0
MURRAY	5	1	3	0	8	1
DUNCAN	5	1	3	0	8	1
TURNBULL	4	0	3	0	7	0
SNEDDON	4	0	3	0	7	0
DONALDSON	5	0	2	0	7	0
PATERSON	3	0	3	0	6	0
MACLEOD	3	0	3	2	6	2
CALLACHAN	3	0	3	2	6	2
McLAREN	5	0	0	0	5	0
FLAVELL	5	1	0	0	5	1
RODIER	2	1	3	1	5	2
RICE	1	0	3	0	4	0
DOCHERTY	1	0	2	0	3	0
CONNOLLY	2	0	1	0	3	0
JAMIESON	2	0	0	0	2	0
McARTHUR	0	0	1	0	1	0
KOROTKICH	0	0	1	0	1	0
HENDRY	1	0	0	0	1	0

TEAM CHECK

UNDER-18 LEAGUE

Sunday, August 9—

Motherwell 1, Hibernian 7 (Byrne 3, S. Rae, Hoggan, Korotkich, Irvine).

Hibernian — R. Rae; Aitchison, Anderson; Crolla, Docherty Kelly; S. Rae, Byrne, Irvine, Korotkich, Hoggan.

Sunday, August 23—

St Mirren 1, Hibernian 1 (Byrne).

Hibernian — R. Rae, Crolla, Rice, Kelly, Docherty, Aitchison, Korotkich, S. Rae, Haddow, Byrne, Hoggan.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Wednesday, August 19—

Hibernian 0, St Mirren 1 (McDougall).

Hibernian — Donaldson, Sneddon, Turnbull (Hendry), McLaren (Murray), Paterson, McNamara, Flavell, Rae, Connolly, Jamieson, Duncan.

St Mirren — Thomson, Beckett, Abercromby, Fitzpatrick, McCormack,

Copland, McDougall, Stark, Bone, Richardson, Scanlon.

Referee — W. Knowles, Inverurie.

Saturday, August 22—

St Johnstone 1 (McDonald), Hibernian 2 (Flavell, Rodier).

St Johnstone — Tulloch, Mackay, Kilgour (McDonald), Weir, Rutherford, Caldwell, Brannigan (Docherty), McCoist, Morton, Fleming, Brogan.

Hibernian — Donaldson, Sneddon, Flavell, McLaren, Paterson, McNamara (Docherty), Callachan, Rae, Rodier, Murray, Duncan.

Referee — B. Robertson, East Kilbride.

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP

Saturday, August 15—

Hibernian 0, Dundee 0.

Hibernian — R. Rae; Brazil, Hendry; Aitchison, Rice, Crolla; Irvine (Newman), S. Rae, Byrne (Munro), Rodier, Korotkich.

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