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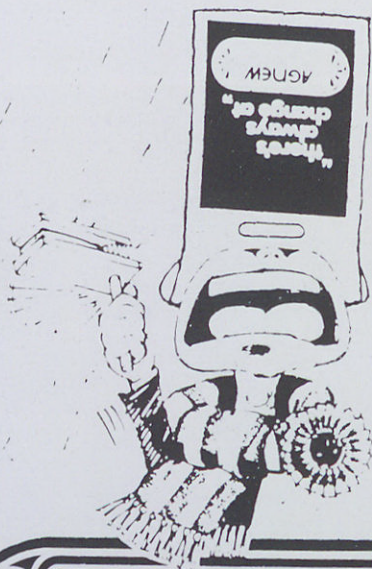


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Birthday boy. Celebrating his 25th birthday on Monday was our star forward Andy Ritchie.

Today's match ball is donated by Mitre.

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Scottish League Cup
Finalists—1963-64

Southern League Cup
Finalists—1941-42

1914 War Shield
Winners

Cappielow Comment



By **BENNY ROONEY**

SINCE the last programme we have had a couple of mixed results, recording a superb win over Aberdeen in the fourth round of the cup at Cappielow, but then falling 1-0 to Dundee United at Tannadice.

The Aberdeen win was our second consecutive victory over the League champions and was a deserved reward for a tremendous amount of work put in by the boys. Andy Ritchie's goal was also something special and it will be a long time before we see a better one.

TEAM EFFORT

Essentially, however, it was a team effort with everyone playing his part in the success that followed.

It was disappointing, therefore, when we lost to United last Saturday. I felt the boys were on the road to better things but we had a poor first half. United played so much better than us in that half and gave one of the best displays I have seen from any side in Scotland.

To our credit, however, we refused to fold and battled back in the second half. Indeed we could easily have snatched at least a draw and many people felt we had scored when John McNeil's header came down off the crossbar and appeared to cross the line. That and Drew Busby's headed 'goal' were not allowed though and United went on to win.

MOTIVATION

For today's match we must continue the form of the Aberdeen games and that second half last week. I am sure the occasion will be sufficient motivation for the players. Celtic are League leaders and favourites for the title and they will come determined to protect that lead. We will be just as determined to knock them off their perch and, if we buckle down to the job in hand and apply ourselves properly, I am confident in our ability to get a result. This would set us up nicely for our cup quarter-final next Saturday.

MORTON FAN FARE

The three Morton Supporters' Club boys' teams had no games last weekend due to the fall of snow.

The trip for the boys, together with some parents, to Brittany in France is being organised and will take place some time this summer, probably in June.



Three buses left the Supporters' Club last Saturday for the match against Dundee United at Tannadice.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID . . .

Dundee United 1 Morton 0
(Saturday 21st February, 1981)

Scottish Daily Express: "He (United manager Jim McLean) had just seen his players at their very best for half an hour, and there's no team to match them in that kind of form. But for the rest of the game they hit rock bottom."

Greenock Telegraph: "The longer the game went on the more frustrated United looked and an equaliser was a definite possibility."

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If so I would be very grateful if you would tell me how much it would cost as I have found this season's programmes very interesting.

I have made the trip to Cappielow twice since the start of the year; against Hearts in the cup, and Kilmarnock last Saturday. On both occasions I was happy with the results as I went to the replay last Wednesday in the cup.

I will be through for the next round against Aberdeen and with any luck to all the games which lead to our epic cup win.

All the best for the rest of the season, and I'll see you at Hampden in May.

Yours sincerely,
David White.

● *Your support, David, is very much appreciated. We hope to see you at Hampden in May as a privileged member of The Morton Fan Club. You will be informed personally about costs for next season's programme around July.*

*Ron Irvine,
Commercial Manager*

Quiz

- 1 In 1971 Celtic beat Rangers 2-1 in the Scottish Cup final. Only one Celtic player from that team is still playing in top level football. Who?
- 2 Which player in the current Scottish World Cup pool was the first official substitute in a match in Scotland?
- 3 Which four players have played for Scotland more than 50 times?

4 In what year was the Premier League formed?

- 1 Lou Macari (Manchester United).
- 2 Archie Gemmill, then of St Mirren, v Clyde in 1966.
- 3 Kenny Dalglish, Denis Law, George Young and Billy Bremner.
- 4 1975.

Answers:

As I See It . . .

By Arthur Montford



A MORTON-CELTIC match is always a special occasion and I can remember many a game over the years between the two clubs which has provided excitement, drama, controversy, but above all GOALS.

And when all the talking about the modern game finally stops and you actually get down to it, GOALS are really what the fans want and what they talk most about.

Andy Ritchie's incredible effort against Aberdeen was an example. My London Week-End Television colleague Ian St John tells me that the screening of that goal was the undoubted highlight of his programme last Saturday, "On the Ball". And it's likely that a re-run of those two goals Charlie Nicholas scored for Celtic against Rangers at Parkhead last Saturday will cause a great deal of discussion also.

Natural goalscorers are hard to find, particularly these days amidst the tight marking and overwhelming desire among teams not to lose goals, rather

than the far more natural motivation to SCORE goals.

The art of the natural goal-getter, still the most valued player in football, has always been deceptively simple. I remember the late Johnny Crum of Celtic and Morton telling me that so far as he was concerned it was simply a case of being in the right place at the right time. For a small man Crum was a marvellous finisher who somehow managed to get to those tempting crosses floated over by players like Tommy Adams and Johnny Kelly.

Gerd Muller of West Germany who has scored more World Cup goals than anybody else was also a lethal finisher, despite the fact that he was relatively lightly built. But when you think of the number of times he was sniffing around the box looking for crumbs and converted half-chances to goals, then you have the true art of the genuine goalscorer.

To-day's battle between Morton and Celtic will provide many exciting contrasts — the natural skill of Neil Orr and the midfield drive of Roy Aitken . . . the deceptive grace and power of Andy Ritchie and the close-in killer touch of Charlie Nicholas.

I'd say Roy Baines and Pat Bonner are in for a busy afternoon.



PROVOST'S MESSAGE

IT IS a great pleasure for me to be asked to present a message to the supporters of Greenock Morton Football Club in this programme.

Morton Football Club over many years has brought great enjoyment to its supporters. This year has been no exception and we were all tremendously proud when Morton were victorious over Aberdeen on Saturday, 14th February, allowing them to go one stage nearer the winning of the Scottish Cup.

During these troubled times the success of our team does a great deal to help us forget for a moment the many difficulties which face our community. The Club will readily agree that their progress depends to a large extent on the enthusiasm of those who turn out regularly to see their team and I thank all the supporters who, this year, have contributed so much to the success of Greenock Morton.

I know that Greenock Morton Football Club is doing all in its power to encourage youth to participate and we have seen instances of this in their invitation to Primary schools to bring parties of school children to the Stadium on Saturdays and also with the displays by youngsters at half-time, and I congratulate them on their initiative.

If we wish football to survive in Scotland and to regain our international reputation then we must do all we can to encourage these youngsters to continue to come to football matches, although this does raise the problem of terracing behaviour which we are all subjected to when attending matches at some grounds. It is not good enough to say that we all want a great national team. We must also look to the wider aspects of the game if people are to return to the terraces in the number we would all like to see.

Scotland has a tremendous future in football if we all play our part fully and this can only be achieved by teamwork of supporters and the Club itself. My desire is to see Greenock Morton achieving their just reward for the amount of effort given by Benny Rooney and his team and I wish most sincerely the Greenock Morton every success in the future.

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Provost



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THE CLUB WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE

EVERY year around Christmas time Football Writers take the brakes off and 'have a go' by telling us what they really think. Jim Blair of the Daily Record is no exception as he wrote his end of the year story in true nautical style, under the heading — "Don't Rock the Boat". He started off by picking a few likely lads and dubbed them as the 'Freebooters of Scottish Football'.

What a motley crew Jim selected for this adventure, apart from myself, there was Bertie Auld, Jim Farry, John Greig, Billy McNeill, Bobby Watson and Ernie Walker. We were all given appropriate names, then handed over to their caricature artist, and from then on it was no-holds-barred. I was depicted as 'The Ancient Mariner' — long time Director of 'Greenock Maritime', and if I ever catch up with this artist guy he can have my 'freeboot' any time.

The point of this story is that I could not understand why Jim Blair should call me 'ancient' as I have never felt that way — then I remembered that fatal day, and the look he gave me, on the last occasion Celtic were at Cappielow. The date was October 18th and Tom Robertson was in Majorca playing tennis (but wishing he was at Cappielow) so I had to take over the part of his duties. Picture the scene — we had a 15,000 vociferous crowd, the noise was tremendous, and so was the game — then it all happened. Just before the start of the second half I was called away to attend to a wee problem at the main gate, and when I returned to my seat I had no idea that Celtic had scored a third goal in the 47th minute. I sat down thinking that it was still 0-2 and when, as I thought, we equalised just before

the end with a goal from Ian Cochrane — there I was, on my feet, shouting "Blow the Whistle Ref". I even congratulated the players and left the dressing room thoroughly convinced that we had gained a point with a 2-2 draw. What a disappointment it was to learn that after all these years — I didn't even know the score! So perhaps Jim Blair was right after all!

Some folk may not agree, but I know my football, and I just want to tell you that Morton's best result this season was on 22 November — not the fact that we beat Airdrie 3-1, but that we were able to hold on to both our Managers. To be honest, I must admit that I have never known two more dedicated individuals to the game of football than Benny Rooney and Mike Jackson.

Our Commercial Enterprises also, are now being expertly handled, and things look most encouraging in that department.

After 106 years in business, surely Morton have proved that they can compete at the top level of Scottish Football, and, as we are now in the process of building the old stadium to house thousands of new customers, we certainly NEED YOU. Yes, YOU, the loyal supporters to help us engender a real Inverclyde Community Effort to develop the new MORTON FAN CLUB for the start of the next season.

Every effort must be made to encourage Boys and Girls, Mums and Dads, Bachelors and Girl Friends, Old and Young, to join in the "Campaign for Success", which we hope to introduce at an early date.

Meantime, just 'keep rootin' for the old Club with a bright future.

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SPOTLIGHT

WE welcome Celtic to Cappielow this afternoon as League leaders and slight favourites for the championship this season.

Title-holders Aberdeen have faltered in recent weeks and, indeed, we could be said to have done Celts a favour a fortnight ago when we beat the Dons at Pittodrie.

That win led to the Parkhead side going to the top of the Premier League and they will obviously be determined to maintain that position today.

There is always also much more to playing Celtic or Rangers than applies to any other Scottish club. One plays the tradition as well as the team. This tradition and the huge support which backs the club can so often be a crucial factor in matches.

Celtic's tradition can only be rivalled by Rangers. The Parkhead side have enjoyed tremendous success over the years. Pride of place must go to their European Cup triumph of 1967 when they became the first British club to lift the famous trophy.

If the present team is not quite up to that standard — and frankly no-one is in Scottish football at present — it is certainly one with the potential for continued improvement.

In goal today for Celtic will be Irishman **Pat Bonner** who has taken over from Englishman Peter Latchford. A steady goalkeeper, this youngster has the ability to become one of the best goalkeepers Celts have ever had.

Right back and captain in 1974 World Cup man **Danny McGrain**. Danny is one of



Roy Aitken turns away in delight after scoring against Morton in a previous encounter between the clubs.

the best full backs ever to don Celtic or Scotland colours. Now coming towards the last chapter in an illustrious career Danny is still a fine player and a member of the Scottish international squad.

ON CELTIC

Left back is youngster **Mark Reid**. This 19-year-old has established himself in the team and looks set to become a top class player.

No. 4 could be former Aberdeen player **Dom Sullivan**. Since signing from Aberdeen in 1979 has been troubled by injury problems. He is now back in the side, however, and is a key man in midfield.

No. 5 is former Dundee United striker **Tom McAdam**. He was switched to centre back upon his arrival at Parkhead and quickly became one of their most consistent players.

Alongside McAdam in the centre of the defence is Scotland cap **Roy Aitken**. Tall, powerful player who can also operate in midfield.

No. 7 is local boy **Davie Provan**. This talented winger has played for Scotland and is one of the best crossers of the ball in Scotland.

Another local lad is midfielder player **Mike Conroy**. Mike used to play for Port Glas-

gow Juniors. Has proved to be a very useful utility player for Celtic. He played a major role in their Scottish Cup triumph last season.

No. 9 is former St Mirren and Liverpool striker **Frank McGarvey**. He never got a chance to show his worth in the Liverpool first team. Has taken time to settle in at Parkhead but is now showing all his old form. Small, but quick and very sharp inside the penalty area.

No. 10 and the principal play maker in the Celtic team is the cultured **Tommy Burns**. When he ticks so too do Celtic. He is a fine passer of the ball and is very fast.

Completing the line up is young **Charlie Nicholas** who burst on to the scene this season with devastating impact. Hugely talented and a player with a great future. Has scored some marvellous goals this season.

Substitutes could be from striker **George McCluskey**, 21-year-old **John Weir** and winger **John Doyle**.

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CELTIC F.C. 1980-81 — Back row (left to right): Mark Reid, John Weir, Tom McAdam, Peter Latchford, Pat Bonner, Roy Aitken, Roddie McDonald, Charlie Nicholas. Front row, Mike Conroy, Frank McGarvey, Don Sullivan, Davie Provan, Danny McGrain, Tommy Burns, Murdo MacLeod, Johnny Doyle, George McCuskey.

Picture courtesy Celtic View.



Reserve Review

BY EDDIE MORRISON

Disappointing

OUR last match was played last Friday night at Cappielow when we drew 0-0 with Partick Thistle in a match we should really have won.

Both sides were fairly experienced and we had first team pool members Roddie Hutchison and Bobby Houston in the team.

Hutchison had a fine game, playing in midfield and later up front as did Jim Wilkie, but it was essentially a good team display. I felt we played all the football and were unlucky not to score.

Our match today is against Ayr United Reserves at Ayr. We will be looking for revenge here for a 2-0 defeat at Cappielow earlier this season.



Roddie Hutchison — fine display for the Reserves.

RESERVE LEAGUE

West Section

1980

August

9—CELTIC	H 1-1
16—St. Mirren	A 1-2
23—AYR UNITED	H 0-2
30—Dumbarton	A 0-3

September

6—CLYDEBANK	H 1-0
13—Kilmarnock	A 2-4
18—QUEENS PARK	H 3-0
27—Partick Thistle	A 0-3

October

4—Rangers	A 0-6
11—AIRDRIE	H 0-2
18—Celtic	A 2-3
29—ST MIRREN	H 0-2

November

5—Motherwell	A 2-1
8—HAMILTON	H 3-1
15—Clydebank	A 5-0
22—Clyde	A 0-1

Second XI Cup, First Round

26—Motherwell	A 3-2
29—RANGERS	H 1-2

December

6—Queens Park	A 0-1
13—KILMARNOCK	H 1-4
19—PARTICK THISTLE	H Post

1981

January

3—CLYDE	H Post
10—Airdrie	A 0-2
17—MOTHERWELL	H Post

Second XI Cup, Second Round

26—CLYDEBANK	H 6-4
31—Hamilton	A 1-0

February

4—DUMBARTON	H 0-5
20—PARTICK THISTLE	H 0-0
28—Ayr United	A

March

14—*Reserve League Cup	
21—Reserve League Cup	
28—Reserve League Cup	

April

4—Reserve League Cup	
11—Reserve League Cup	

*Section:

Ayr United
Kilmarnock
Morton
St. Mirren

PROFESSIONAL YOUTH FIXTURES

SECTION ONE — 3rd AUGUST—30th NOVEMBER

1980

August

5 Celtic	A 3-4
17—HAMILTON	H 1-1
24—Partick Thistle	A 2-2
31—AYR UNITED	H 3-0

September

8—Clyde	A 0-2
14—ST MIRREN	H 6-3
21—Motherwell	A Post
29—Clydebank	A 4-1

October

6—CLYDEBANK	H 1-1
13—CELTIC	H 0-1
26—Hamilton	A Post

November

3—PARTICK THISTLE	H 1-1
9—Ayr United	A 0-2
17—CLYDE	H 0-1
23—St Mirren	A Post.

December

1—MOTHERWELL	H Post.
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SECTION TWO — 1st FEBRUARY 1981 — 17th MAY 1981

February

1—CELTIC	H 1-2
15—Hamilton	A 5-2
22—PARTICK THISTLE	H 6-0

March

1—Ayr United	A
8—CLYDE	H
15—St. Mirren	A
22—MOTHERWELL	H
29—Clydebank	A

April

5—CLYDEBANK	H
12—Celtic	A
19—Hamilton	H
22—Partick Thistle	A
26—AYR UNITED	H

May

3—Clyde	A
10—ST MIRREN	H
17—Motherwell	A

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GOALSCORERS

FIRST TEAM

	League	League Cup	Scottish Cup	Anglo/Scot Cup	Drybrough Cup	Pennine/Leeds Cup	Total
Andy Ritchie	6	1	1	4	1	0	13
Bobby Thomson	3	0	1	1	3	0	8
Jim Tolmie	3	0	1	2	1	0	7
Jim Rooney	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Roddie Hutchison	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
Drew Busby	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
John McNeil	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ian Cochrane	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Joe McLaughlin	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
George Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bobby Houston	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tommy Bryce	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

RESERVES

Andy Ritchie	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	6
Tommy Bryce	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	5
Eddie McNab	4	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	4
Eddie Gavigan	3	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	3
Stewart Mauchlen	2	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	2
Liam Kennedy	2	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	2
Martin Doak	2	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	2
Bobby Thomson	0	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Barrie Smith	1	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	1
Jim Tolmie	1	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	1
Danny Docherty	1	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	1
John Lamont	1	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	1
Joe Gillies	0	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Own goals	0	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	25	18	2	5	54	28	38
Aberdeen	25	14	8	3	45	17	36
Rangers	24	10	10	4	41	21	30
Dundee United	25	11	8	6	44	29	30
St Mirren	24	9	7	8	35	30	25
Partick Thistle	25	8	8	9	20	27	24
Morton	26	8	7	11	27	39	23
Airdrie	24	5	9	10	22	36	19
Hearts	24	3	5	16	19	42	11
Kilmarnock	24	2	6	16	16	54	10

Cup Competitions

DRYBROUGH CUP 1980

July	Attendance	H			
26—ALBION ROVERS	2,965	H	4	2	Ritchie (pen), Thomson (2), Tolmie
Semi-Final					
30—ABERDEEN	4,068	H	2	4	Thomson, Scott

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP 1980

August					
3—Falkirk	2,000	A	2	2	Ritchie (2, 1 pen)
5—FALKIRK	2,365	H	5	1	Tolmie (2), Thomson, Ritchie, Hutchison
Second round					
September					
16—Notts County	3,558	A	0	2	
October					
1—NOTTS COUNTY	2,885	H	1	1	Ritchie (pen)

LEAGUE CUP

August					
13—Ayr United	3,515	A	2	1	Ritchie, Hutchison
20—AYR UNITED	2,453	H	0	2	

FRIENDLY

August					
30—St Johnstone	860	A	2	0	Tolmie, Cochrane

1981

RENFREWSHIRE CUP FINAL

January					
15—ST MIRREN (1st leg)	980	H	2	2	Bryce, Houston
20—St Mirren (2nd leg)	1,750	A	0	4	

SCOTTISH CUP

January					
24—HEARTS (3rd round)		H	0	0	
28—Hearts (3rd round—replay)		A	3	1	Tolmie, Rooney, Thomson
February					
14—ABERDEEN (4th round)	8,578	H	1	0	Ritchie
March					
7—CLYDEBANK (Quarter final)		H			

PREMIER FIXTURES

PREMIER LEAGUE

1980

August

	Attendance			
9—Celtic	19,058	A	1 2	Ritchie
16—ST MIRREN	6,704	H	1 4	Hutchison
23—Dundee United	5,339	A	1 1	Anderson

September

6—Aberdeen	8,799	A	0 6	
13—KILMARNOCK	3,249	H	2 0	Cochrane, McNeil
20—Heart of Midlothian	6,000	A	1 0	McNeil
27—PARTICK THISTLE	4,248	H	1 2	Ritchie

October

4—RANGERS	14,143	H	2 2	Busby, Ritchie (pen.)
11—Airdrie	3,154	A	0 1	
18—CELTIC	14,433	H	2 3	Ritchie, Cochrane
25—St. Mirren	7,462	A	1 1	Rooney (pen.)

November

1—DUNDEE UNITED	3,275	H	0 2	
8—Partick Thistle	3,179	A	0 0	
15—HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	3,521	H	2 2	McLaughlin, Rooney
22—AIRDRIE	3,444	H	3 1	Tolmie, Thomson, Ritchie (pen.)
29—Rangers	17,155	A	1 0	Tolmie

December

6—ABERDEEN	5,307	H	1 0	Rooney
13—Kilmarnock	2,483	A	3 3	Thomson (2), Busby
20—Heart of Midlothian	5,946	A	0 0	
27—PARTICK THISTLE	5,354	H	2 0	Tolmie, Hutchison

1981

January

1—ST. MIRREN	7,161	H	1 3	Ritchie (pen.)
3—Celtic	15,205	A	0 3	
10—RANGERS	11,976	H	0 2	
17—Airdrie	A	Post		
31—KILMARNOCK	3,697	H	1 0	Rooney

February

7—Aberdeen	11,115	A	1 0	Busby
21—Dundee United	A	0 1		
28—CELTIC	H			

March

14—AIRDRIE	H			
21—HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H			
28—Partick Thistle	A			

April

4—ABERDEEN	H			
11—Kilmarnock	A			
18—DUNDEE UNITED	H			
25—St. Mirren	A			

Teamcheck

MORTON

- 1 ROY BAINES
- 2 DAVIE HAYES
- 3 JIM HOLMES
- 4 JIM ROONEY
- 5 JOE McLAUGHLIN
- 6 NEIL ORR
- 7 JOHN McNEIL
- 8 JOHN MARR
- 9 DREW BUSBY
- 10 JIM TOLMIE
- 11 ANDY RITCHIE
- 12 IAN COCHRANE
- 14 BOBBY HOUSTON

CELTIC

- 1 PAT BONNER
- 2 DANNY McGRAIN
- 3 MARK REID
- 4 DOM SULLIVAN
- 5 TOM McADAM
- 6 ROY AITKEN
- 7 DAVIE PROVAN
- 8 MIKE CONROY
- 9 FRANK McGARVEY
- 10 TOMMY BURNS
- 11 CHARLIE NICHOLAS
- 12 MURDO MacLEOD
- 14 GEORGE McCLUSKEY

Half-time scores

A	Aberdeen St Mirren	E	Berwick Stirling A	I	Falkirk Ayr Utd
B	Hearts Partick Th	F	Clydebank Hamilton	J	Motherwell St Johnstone
C	Kilmarnock Dundee Utd	G	Dundee Dumbarton	K	Raith R E Stirling
D	Rangers Airdrie	H	Dunfermline Hibs	L	Ayr Utd Res Morton Res

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Standside linesman:
R. ORR
(Paisley)

Referee:
W. ANDERSON
(East Kilbride)

Far side linesman:
J. LOWRIE
(Dundee)