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ST MIRREN v
CELTIC

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LEAGUE

Tuesday
12th MARCH 1991

Kick-off 7.30pm



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WELCOME TO ST MIRREN PARK!

MANAGER'S REPORT

Much has changed since the Match Magazine for this evening's match was completed, and as a result this additional four page section is supplied at no extra cost to bring fans fully up to date.

Last week was a strange one for just about everyone at Love Street, and for myself in particular. At the start of the week, we were all on a low, as a result of Tony Fitzpatrick's resignation, but with little time to dwell on such things, we put in a lot of work from that point onwards.

Training was changed around, and given the responsibility of taking full charge, I found that the players responded and put in that bit extra effort.

Saturday's match saw us make a number of changes to the team, some through choice, and some through necessity. Victor was suspended, although he comes back into the reckoning for tonight's match, and Julian Broddle called off with 'flu on Saturday.

Overall, we gave little away at the back, and I was very pleased with the performance of young Kevin McGowne, who played well at the centre of the defence. In general terms, the defence played well throughout, and it was therefore a little disappointing to see Dundee United score from the only chance they created in the whole game.

A bonus from Saturday's game was the midfield play of Norrie McWhirter. He did well in an unfamiliar position, and linked well with Paul Lambert.

The problem with going behind to a team like Dundee United is that they make it very difficult for teams to come back at them. They keep possession well, and through good organisation, they close their opponents down. In attack, Gunni Torfason had a



Caretaker Manager Gordon Smith.

rare off day, although he worked hard, and Alan Irvine won a fair share of the crosses in the air. Best performance in attack, though, was surely that from George Shaw, who was very unlucky not to score after single-handedly beating the United defence in a mazy run. Alan Main was lucky to block the shot with his leg!

In addition to having Victor available tonight, Steve Archibald is expected to be fit again, along with Kenny McDowall.

While Saturday's game resulted in another defeat, I feel that some progress was made. It will be up to the players to continue that progress against Celtic this evening, but although their form has improved in recent weeks, they can still be beaten, and two points will be our sole objective.



ST MIRREN

- 1 Campbell MONEY
- 2 Robert DAWSON
- 3 Tom BLACK
- 4 Norrie McWHIRTER
- 5 Kevin McGOWNE
- 6 Brian MARTIN
- 7 George SHAW
- 8 VICTOR
- 9 Paul LAMBERT
- 10 Gunni TORFASON
- 11 Paul KINNAIRD
- 12 Tomas STICKROTH
- 14 Steve ARCHIBALD

CELTIC

- 1 Pat BONNER
- 2 Mark McNALLY
- 3 Anton ROGAN
- 4 Chris MORRIS
- 5 Peter GRANT
- 6 Derek WHYTE
- 7 Joe MILLER
- 8 Paul McSTAY
- 9 Tommy COYNE
- 10 Gerry CREANEY
- 11 John COLLINS
- 12 Dariusz WADOWCZYK
- 14 Martin HAYES

OFFICIALS

as original Match Magazine.

Since the due date of the match against Celtic (16th February), St Mirren have played four games. The Buddies have lost three of these (0-3 to Celtic in the Scottish Cup, 3-4 to Hibs at Easter Road, and 0-1 to Dundee United at Love Street) and drawn one (2-2 at home to Dunfermline).

In addition, Tony Fitzpatrick has resigned as Manager, and former Assistant Manager Gordon Smith has been appointed caretaker boss.

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Saturday
16th February 1991

Kick-off 2.00pm


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SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 1991

ST MIRREN

- 1 Campbell MONEY
- 2 Fraser WISHART
- 3 Tom BLACK
- 4 Norrie McWHIRTER
- 5 Peter GODFREY
- 6 George SHAW
- 7 VICTOR
- 8 Julian BRODDLE
- 9 Gunni TORFASON
- 10 Steve ARCHIBALD
- 11 Paul KINNAIRD
- 12 Tomas STICKROTH
- 14 Mark McWALTER

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(Edinburgh)

LINESMEN

J. M. HARDIE
(Hamilton)
and
B. ROBERTSON
(East Kilbride)

CELTIC

- 1 Pat BONNER
- 2 Mark McNALLY
- 3 Dariusz WADOWCZYK
- 4 Peter GRANT
- 5 Paul ELLIOTT
- 6 Derek WHYTE
- 7 Joe MILLER
- 8 Paul McSTAY
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WELCOME TO ST MIRREN PARK

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TODAY'S MATCHES

B&Q LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Dunfermline v Hibernian
Hearts v Dundee United
Rangers v Motherwell
St. Johnstone v Aberdeen
St. Mirren v Celtic

FIRST DIVISION

Brechin v Airdrie
Clyde v Clydebank
Dundee v Ayr United
Falkirk v Raith
Hamilton v Forfar
Kilmarnock v Partick Thistle
Morton v Meadowbank

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v Stenhousemuir
Berwick Rangers v
Queen of the South
Dumbarton v Albion Rovers
East Fife v Stirling Albion
Montrose v Cowdenbeath
Queen's Park v Arbroath
Stranraer v East Stirling

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**NEXT
MATCH
AT LOVE ST.
v DUNFERMLINE**
B&Q Premier League
Tuesday,
19th February '91,
Kick-off 7.30pm

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Saints' Commercial Manager Jack Copland is looking for any old pictures and photographs of St Mirren teams, or players in action.

As part of the continuing programme of improvements at Love Street, an artist has been commissioned to illustrate some of Saints' past.

In order to offer him some inspiration, Saints would like to hear from anyone who can offer assistance.

All pictures supplied will be returned, so please ensure before sending any items in that each has your own name and full address on the back. Please send your photos to:

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Those whose illustrations are used in the artist's composition will be notified.

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GRANDSTAND QUIZ

The Grandstand Quiz offers you the chance to win a couple of Grandstand seats for Saints next home game!

All you have to do is correctly answer the six questions featured and send them on a post card or stuck-down envelope only (entries inside envelopes are NOT acceptable!), with your own name, address, and telephone number, to:
GRANDSTAND QUIZ No. ?, St Mirren FC, St Mirren Park, Love Street, Paisley, to be received no later than the relevant closing date. The first correct entry out of the hat will receive the tickets.

Winners will be notified.

GRANDSTAND QUIZ No. 17:

1. Never Fank Manic.
Unscramble the name of a former Buddies striker!
2. Who is the new Manager of Birmingham City?
3. From whom did Frank McGarvey take over at Queen of the South?
4. In which country do Bari play?
5. Which club is known as "the Spiders"?
6. Name St Johnstone's sold ground!

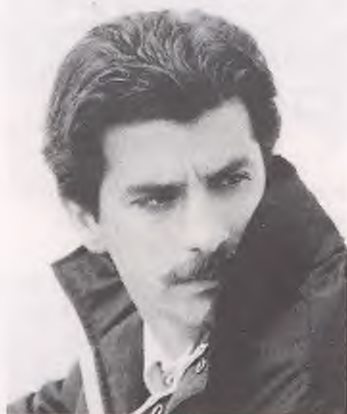
Entries to be received by:
23rd February 1991.

MATCH MASCOT



Today's Mascot is Paul Kavanagh from Paisley. Paul, who is eleven years old, attends St John Ogilvie Primary School. His favourite Saints are Tomas Stickroth, Gunni Torfason, and Campbell Money.

TONY FITZPATRICK SETS THE SCENE



Tony Fitzpatrick.

With the postponement of the previous week's match against Dunfermline, we went into last Saturday's game at Ibrox a little short on match practice.

Despite this, we did not do badly against a side generally acknowledged as currently the best in Scotland. This having been said, we were still beaten, and the main reason for the defeat was our own inability to put the ball in the net.

There can be little doubt that the side worked hard to take something from the game, and following some good outfield play, we created a number of chances during the game which we might reasonably have expected to have produced a goal or two. Rangers were certainly not invincible, and I felt that had we been sharper in attack, we could have taken at least one point from the match.

Greater attention has in the meantime been devoted to shooting practice during training sessions, and this will hopefully be reflected in today's game. The players continue to be encouraged to get shots on target from any position, and the more attempts on goal we have, the greater the likelihood of scoring goals.

Celtic have, by their own high standards, not had the best of seasons to date, but there have been signs lately that they are returning to something more like their usual form. It will be important today that we make sure that Tommy Coyne does not get too near goal, as he is the player who has carried Celtic through in recent months.

Ideally, though, I would prefer that we played well, and let Celtic worry about us!

ROUTE TO CELTIC PARK

The 4th round draw for the Scottish Cup has provided Saints with an interesting encounter at Celtic Park.

This match, which should be the tie of the round, has been selected by B-Sky-B as their live match, and has thus been re-scheduled for Tuesday, 26th February, with an 8.00pm kick-off.

Unlike Saints' last satellite television match, which of course was at Pittodrie, the travel distance involved this time makes the game a more practical prospect for Buddies fans to attend, despite the late evening kick-off. It is hoped that Saints fans will come along and support the side "live"!



Routes to away games are kindly supplied by the AA's Home Routes Dept, Bristol.

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Tuesday, 26th February 1991.

**Celtic v St Mirren
Celtic Park.**

**Tennents Scottish Cup,
4th round tie.
Kick-off 8.00pm**

Leave Paisley by A741 (signs Renfrew).

In 1.3 miles cross road bridge & follow signs Glasgow to join motorway M8 to junction 24.

In 0.8 miles branch left, leaving main Motorway (signs City Centre South).

In 1.3 miles at T-junction (end of motorway) turn right A8.

GLASGOW.

Leave by Gallowgate, A89.

In 1.5 miles, turn right into Janefield Street unclassified.

CELTIC F.C. (on right).

Total mileage 10.5 miles.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR TEAM'S GAME IS CALLED OFF?

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Buddies fan **Mark Scott** looks back at a blank weekend for football fans, and examines alternative forms of entertainment for a Saturday afternoon...

Last week was a cracker! There were forty-eight games postponed between the Scottish and English Leagues due to inclement weather, and this gave many fans around the country the chance to get out the skis and sledges, and head for the slopes.

Deep snow was covering most of the country, and Christmas was in the air once again. A magical time; children with rosy cheeks, and a nation focussing on the weather rather than war. There is little the British like more than talking about the weather. While the snow was falling last week, the news programmes would show people struggling to the shops, farmers digging out sheep, cars sliding on the roads, and children throwing snowballs. The watching public lap it up, and discuss how their area had fared relative to the rest of the country.

One aspect which is always

mentioned is how the weekend's sporting fixtures are to be affected.

In summer, we sit idly on Saturday afternoons, desperate to watch a game of football. In winter it can be much the same! The weather last week tore apart the football card and prompted the Pools Panel to sit and come up with their opinions. Thousands who would otherwise have attended a game were left twiddling their thumbs. There was always the telly, of course, but there wasn't a lot on it either. BBC's Grandstand were only left with snooker and basketball for their viewers. The snooker, a match between Jimmy White and Scotland's Stephen Hendry didn't last long, and so there was only basketball left. Not exactly gripping stuff for the average footie fan!

Scottish television were showing a 1971 film entitled "Bless This House", starring Terry Scott, June Whitfield, and Sid James. Not a bad cast, and in any event better than basketball...

If the weather's bad today, deprived football fans will at least have the Calcutta Cup rugby match between Scotland and England at Twickenham. In fact, some may even watch this in preference to heading out in the freezing cold whether their football team is playing or not.

That, though, is selling your

football club short. Being a supporter is something which is taken on for life, through thick and thin, good weather and bad. When the motoring authorities recommend that only essential trips are made in periods of bad weather, it should be made clear that following your favourites is essential!

There can be few better examples of how to follow a team through thick and thin than the fans of today's visitors. Celtic fans have rightly earned the reputation as being among the most loyal in the country, a fact they have proved beyond doubt in recent months.

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