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OUR last home game was against Aberdeen and has been described in many quarters as the best Premier League match ever. I thoroughly enjoyed watching it. Both teams reached a tremendous standard of football and from our players' work rate they fully merited their victory.

Last week we played Morton at Greenock and in many ways that game was the exact opposite to the Aberdeen encounter. Never at any time did the team approach the standard of the previous week. However, after we had taken the lead when George McCluskey scored from a Charlie Nicholas pass in the second half, we were unlucky not to leave with both points.

Morton equalised with a last minute penalty and it is never pleasant to see a point slip out of your grasp at such a stage.

So much has been said and written about Old Firm matches that there isn't much new to be said about individual encounters between today's two teams. We are all assured of a great atmosphere and as always, I'm sure it will be a very exciting afternoon.

Rangers have recently come back to form as they demonstrated last week with a very convincing 4-1 victory over St Mirren. We can be assured that they'll want to continue this comeback by putting one over on us today.

We'll be looking to consolidate our position at the top of the table especially since we already beat Rangers 2-0 at Ibrox this season and to that end we'll be hoping to produce the form we showed in our last home match.

One lesson that has been learned over the past two weeks is that there is no room for relaxing in Premier League matches. Aberdeen and Morton both scored their goals against us in the very late stages and I think that the old schoolboy's advice is very apt, that a team should play until the final whistle.

Danny McGrain played for the reserves last week and again at Hawick on Monday night. He looked good and is well on his way to being fully fit again.

Finally, while wishing that everyone enjoys themselves this afternoon, I must impress upon you the need for good behaviour.

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## WALLACE'S RETURN

Willie Wallace is home on holiday from Australia just now and when he came to see us at Celtic Park he was really looking forward to playing in Allan McGraw's Testimonial with the Lisbon Lions. Although the 1967 European Cup winning side have played many exhibition matches in recent years, Willie has had to miss them because he lives out of the country. They called Allan McGraw "Mr Goals", and how fitting it is then that goalscorers like Willie pay tribute to him. It was great to see Willie back in Scotland, and back in a Celtic pool.

## HAL'S HOLIDAY

Although there was the usual big crowd at Cappielow last week for Celtic's visit, there was one significant figure missing — Hal Stewart. The Morton supremo always looks forward to the exciting matches between Celtic and Morton, but had to miss Saturday's clash because of his holiday arrangements. That was the first Celtic visit to Greenock that he had missed in 21 years.

## RECORD REQUESTS

Everyone seemed to approve of our new D.J. at the Aberdeen game. John will be back today with more chart hits and Celtic favourites. He'll also be reading out the requests he has received since the last home match. If you would like him to read out a message for you between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the next home match, write to him, John Johnstone at Record Request, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW.

## NEW CELTIC JACKET



The new jacket worn by Roy Aitken in the photograph above is now available from the Souvenir Shop. It is a green thermal bomber jacket with the official Celtic crest. All adults sizes are available at £17.75 and kids sizes are £10.95.

The Souvenir Shop will be open tomorrow between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. This is to give the many fans who we know are travelling from afar for today's match to buy some official Celtic merchandise that is available in their part of the world.

It will also give more local fans a chance to do some leisurely Christmas shopping.

## JOHN DOYLE FUND

Contributions to the John Doyle Memorial Fund have been coming into the office steadily over the past few weeks. The fund is staying open until Saturday, December 19. Any contributions should be sent to: John Doyle Memorial Fund, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW.

As well as many personal contributions, a lot of supporters clubs are organising events to raise money for the fund.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There will be much celebration at Celtic Park on Tuesday. That's when Roy Aitken has his 23rd birthday and I'm sure the players will be preparing some sort of surprise for him. We've also heard a rumour that the Post Office have been on overtime that day to deliver all the cards. Roy's hoping to start his celebration early with a victory over Rangers today. Good luck Roy.

## GOALS GALORE



● CHARLIE NICHOLAS

Goals from Danny Crainie, Charlie Nicholas, Paul Chalmers, John Halpin, David Kenny, an o.g. from Rutherford and three goals from Jim Dobbin gave Celtic a 9-1 win over Hawick Royal Albert on Monday evening. The occasion was the opening of the Hawick club's new floodlight system. Celtic are being invited to play in more and more of these gala matches and always enjoy helping out. Everywhere we go we get a great reception and no matter how small the game looks on paper we always see plenty of green and white scarves on the terracing.





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# SCOTTISH SPORTSCENE

By  
DAVID BELL

## DANNY IS ON THE WAY BACK

**PLAYING** before a handful of diehards last Saturday afternoon was an unusual experience for a player who barely a handful of years ago was being freely rated as one of the world's top full-backs.

But the strangeness of not having an admiring audience to express their appreciation at his aggression, his competitiveness and his undoubted skills was hardly mirrored in Danny McGrain's performance.

And while his Scotland teammates were relaxing in the sun-drenched resort of Estoril on the eve of the World Cup-tie against Portugal Danny was turning out in the unlikely spot of . . . Hawick!

His appearance in what is better known as a rugby-playing village was prompted by the invitation to Celtic to provide opposition at a challenge match to hanel the official switch-on of the Royal Albert floodlights.

### OPPORTUNITY

But with Danny reaching physical fitness after receiving a hairline fracture in his leg in the match on September 26 the opportunity seemed ideal to advance his programme to attain match fitness.

It's been a hectic and demandingly disciplined comeback for the veteran defender who, with 56 international outings to his credit, is now Scotland's second most capped player behind his ex-Celtic team-mate Kenny Dalglish.

But the good news for all Celtic fans is that Danny came through the double ordeal without undue ill effects, and would appear to be close to staging a claim for a return to the top side.

### ADVISORY

And the bearded full-back, a key figure in Scotland's attempt to make it three World Cup finals in a row, was not forgotten by his "tartan" colleagues in the build-up to Portugal . . . and the World Cup finals in Spain.

For after playing his part in our Reserves' 4-0 win over Clydebank Reserves at Parkhead, Danny nipped across the city to team-up with his Scotland colleagues at a city hotel rendezvous.

And there, Danny the passenger, became Danny the experienced campaigner of three World Cup campaigns as the Players' Committee met with various agents bidding to be accepted as the official "Frontmen" for the perks patrol.



DANNY McGRAIN

The recommendations came after further meetings on Sunday that a Glasgow firm, Proscots Ltd., who undertake the perks-pushing programme on behalf of the players and manager Jock Stein.

Then, as the Scots jetted out to sunny Portugal — and to the same hotel where Celtic stayed on that memorable European Cup-winners visit to Lisbon in 1967, Danny returned home to prepare for a Reserve match at Hawick!

But Danny's chance to return to the Scotland squad will come almost certainly in the double of friendly matches lined up against Spain in Spain on February 24 and against Holland at Hampden on March 24.



**MOVING** from playing into management is a well trodden path in football. But transferring from track-suit management back into a playing strip is a much rarer occurrence. But it happened this month. A few hundred yards away at Shawfield.

The player who reversed the trend is Neil Hood, a free-scoring marksman for the "Bully Wee" in the mid-1970s on joining them from Hamilton Acas before being tempted into management with Stranraer.

Initially at Stair Park the Ayr-born striker attempted to combine a player-manager role but resigned his on-field activity after a few fruitless weeks to a screaming role from the dug-out.

A few months on he resigned the post altogether as the Wigtownshire side failed to extricate itself from the mire at the bottom of the Second Division.

But the 30-year-old Hood kept himself fit, gravitated back to Shawfield and impressed the Clyde boss Craig Brown so much with his willingness to get back into action (even with the Reserves) that he was given a first team outing.

And Neilly, forever the enthusiast, gingered up the "Bully Wee" attack so much that he could well be staking a claim for a regular spot in a fairly young side emerging down Dalrnock Road way.

**COWDENBEATH** player-manager Andy Rolland last week became Scotland's oldest player when he clocked up his 38th birthday just 48 hours before selecting himself to play sweeper against Albion Rovers.

## HOWARD SAMEROFF . . . A NAME FOR THE FUTURE

**HE IS built like Peter Shilton — a powerfully built six-footer, thick set, black curly hair and a large but safe pair of hands. Not an undistinguished comparison for a goalkeeper of 23 to live up to.**

But Howard Sameroff who is believed to be the only Jewish footballer in the Scottish League, is carrying the comparisons with dignity as he confidently produces a form card of played 3, won 3, goals conceded nil.

The Glasgow-born 'keeper has had experience of playing for the Israeli side Maccabi but as he had already given a signing promise to 'Well boss Ally MacLeod he returned to play for Kirkintilloch Rob Roy.

Ally called up the part-timer just over a month before he was fired from the Fir Park job, and gave him an outing in the Lanarkshire Cup before returning him to the Reserves to serve his apprenticeship.

But even with irregular matches — Motherwell had not joined the Scottish Reserve League at that stage — Howard's form was enough to convince Davie Hay that when Hugh Sproat injured his back in training he could take over.

His First Division baptism came at Dumfries where an early wonder save gave him the confidence he needed. Another blank sheet was returned against Queen's Park at Hampden. And again against Kilmarnock last Saturday.

Howard, nicknamed "Smir-

noff" by the Fir Park fans who are having difficulty in replacing "Sameroff" in the "Hughie-Hughie-Sproat chant", was faced with divided support when Scotland played Israel in the World Cup ties.

But in the end the "tartan" trait won through as the part-timer from Glasgow's South Side decided that Scotland will be the land where he will make his mark. And what better could he seek than three clean sheets in a row.

**ATTENDANCE** at the Youth International between Scotland and West Germany an attractive fixture without incentives, could qualify for a passport to an all-expenses paid trip to view a top English First Division match.

Tickets, priced 60p, are already on sale at city schools for the game at Ibrox on Wednesday, December 2, with British Caledonian whisking the winner and one parent south to take in the Brighton v Aston Villa match on December 28.

The young Scots, under Andy Roxburgh's eager eye, boosted their hopes by beating Ireland in Dumfries on Tuesday of last week, a match in which our young winger Steve Chalmers netted one of the goals.

The West Germans, the new world champions, were the only side to beat the young Scots last season, and that by the only goal in Monaco.

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A MIDFIELD player virtually unknown outside his native Fife at a time when Martin Peters was being hailed as an ace in England's World Cup-winning pack has just replaced Sir Alf Ramsay's golden boy as manager at Sheffield United.

And the influence of the hard-working and ambitious Ian Porterfield has been immense, hinting more than slightly that he could repeat at Bramall Lane the extraordinary feats he effected at the less fashionable Rotherham.

Ian, whose is probably best remembered for scoring that

F. A. Cup final glory goal for Sunderland to make them the first Second Division side to win the cup in 42 years, joined Rotherham after an unsatisfactory comeback at Sunderland.

#### CAR CRASH

In mid-1975, some 18 months after his Wembley "moment", he skidded a few minutes from his home, was thrown from his car and fractured his skull. His life, not only his playing career, was in doubt. But he pulled through.

The keen-as-mustard midfielder was out for 15 months and the club did not appear over

## IAN AIMS TO PUT SHEFFIELD UNITED BACK ON TOP

enthusiastic for him to maintain his bid for a top team spot. He did reclaim that spot in the promotion-winning side of 1970. But there was a doubt.

Disillusionment crept into his approach. Did Sunderland really want him back as a player? The nagging triggered off a desire to leave the Wearside area he and his family had grown to love and accept as their home.

#### APPOINTMENTS

In 1977, Ian moved to Sheffield Wednesday where Jackie Charlton was boss. An instant appointment as captain was followed a year with the posting of player-coach. Then the post at Rotherham became vacant.

Charlton predictably wasn't anxious to see Porterfield depart. But the management potential was so obvious and Ian moved on. He was even short-leeted for the Sunderland post awarded last season to Alan Durban.

But Ian remained at Rotherham, steering them from the lower reaches of the Third Division when he joined them to the Second Division in a breath-taking 18 months spell.

Then he was on the move again . . . this time to Sheffield United who had tumbled into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

And at his elbow to emphasise that "made in Scotland" tag is Shotts-born John McSeveney, a former Sunderland and Hull City coach and brother of former Motherwell right-back Willie McSeveney, later the 'Well Reserve coach.

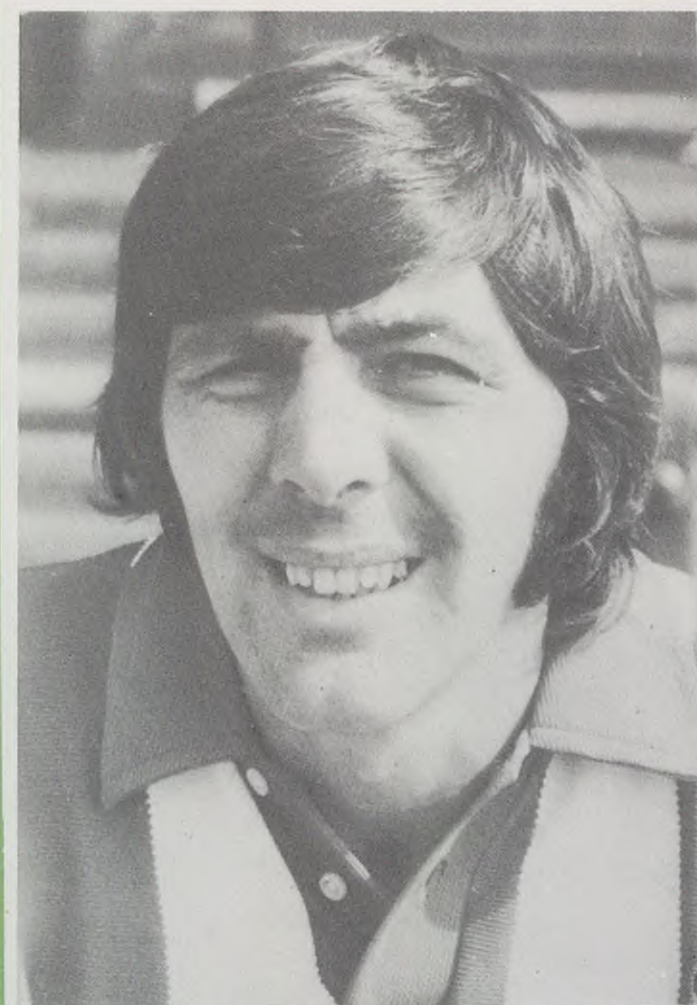
The casual air prompted by the easy-going Peters was soon electrified by the determined "live-wire" Porterfield. Now 16 games into the league championships Sheffield United top the division, having lost only twice.

The environment at Bramall Lane matches Porterfield's drive and ambition, with the already impressive stand being extended to seat a further 9500, executive suites, biggest TV gantry outside Wembley and a luxury press room.

And there amid that potential with home "gates" averaging 15,000 sits in his plush managerial office Ian Porterfield, while his more famous predecessor Martin Peters drifts into soccer oblivion.

#### NO IMPACT

It's strange how football can play tricks on its finest exponents, but managerial failure among members of Ramsay's "robots" has not been restricted to Peters, once hailed by Sir Alf as a player "ten years ahead of his time."



. . . and the present manager Ian Porterfield.



Former Sheffield United manager Harry Haslam . . .

Gordon Banks, Terry Cooper, Nobby Stiles, Geoff Hurst, Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore and Alan Ball have all parted company with their clubs without making nearly as much impact in the dug-out as they did on the field.

The one exception to that rule of thumb is one of the

players in the England squad of the 1960s whom the Scots fans loved to hate and he used to love them expressing their feelings is "giraffe neck" Jack Charlton.

Ironically, big Jack is based not so many metres from Porterfield . . . at Sheffield Wednesday!

# Colin's big game brings together the Joe McBride double-act

SCOTTISH football in general and Rangers fans in particular paid tribute to long-serving Colin Jackson last Sunday at a testimonial match against Everton to recognise his 18 years with our "Old Firm" rivals.

The silver-haired Aberdonian who has been known to use the shoulders of a centre-forward or three as a stepping stone to success turned out against the Merseysiders and scored one of the spot kicks in the penalty kick decider.

The Ibrox occasion saw a rare father-and-son double-act in Scottish football, with former Celtic favourite Joe McBride, somewhat more round than in his goal-snatching Parkhead days, sharing the same field as his teenage son Joe.

But there was an interval between their outings as Joe turned out with John Fallon, Dixie Deans, Jimmy Johnstone and Harry Hood in an "Old Firm" five-a-side pre-match clash and Joe Jr., appeared on Everton's left-flank against Rangers.



Colin "Bomber" Jackson, whose testimonial game last Sunday against Everton at Ibrox brought together the Joe McBride family act.

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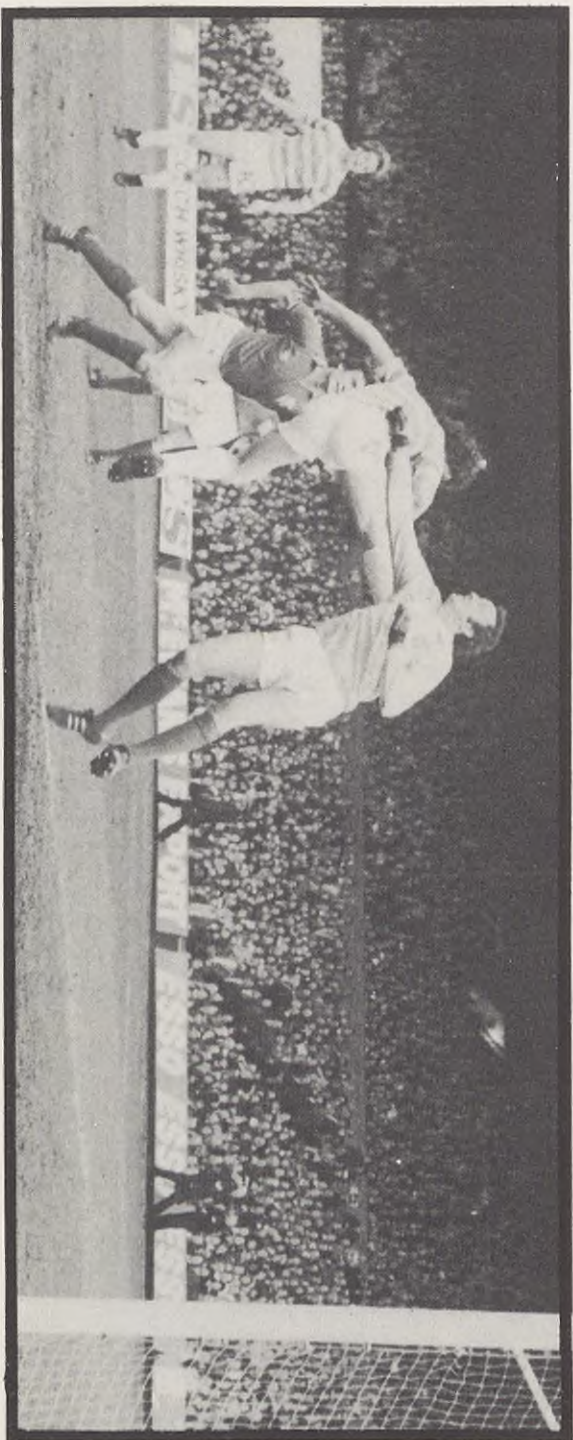
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# RANGERS

**WE welcome Rangers to Celtic Park this afternoon for the first 'Old Firm' clash of the season in the East End of the city.**

In the only previous meeting of the two sides this season, at Ibrox in September, Celtic emerged victorious by a 2-0 margin and they'll be all out today to produce a repeat performance of that result.

Rangers, having qualified for the final of the League Cup in which they meet Dundee United at Hampden next Saturday and having registered a convincing victory over St Mirren at Ibrox next Saturday will be seeking revenge.

League meetings between the two famous Glasgow clubs are almost always described as championship deciders. However in the case of today's fixture it just isn't true, because the Premier League campaign hasn't reached the halfway stage and a great deal can happen between now and the end of the season.

Let's all hope that today's match will be a good, exciting encounter providing all that's good in football and that the fans of both clubs will demonstrate to the world that despite their intense rivalry they can behave themselves at an 'Old Firm' game.

The Rangers line-up today will come from the following list of players.

**Jim Bett** is an impressive midfield player who took a somewhat indirect route to

becoming a Rangers' player, having spells with Dundee and Airdrie before sampling the Continental scene with Valur (Iceland) and Lokeren (Belgium). Joined the Club in the summer of 1980 and subsequently was claimed to be one of the top players in this country, being capped at under-21 level.

**Davie Cooper** is a very entertaining player with a dangerous left foot. He joined Rangers from Clydebank in 1977 and has won all the domestic honours. Gave an outstanding performance in Rangers' 4-1 Scottish Cup final win over Dundee United in May.

**Ally Dawson** was appointed Rangers captain towards the end of last season and went on to lead the Club to their Scottish Cup triumph just a matter of weeks later. Joined Rangers from school in 1975 and soon earned a place in the first team pool, showing all the skill and tenacity which were to lead to him being acknowledged as one of the top full-backs in the game.

**Colin McAdam** is the brother of Celtic's Tom and became the first player to have his transfer value set by the arbitrary tribunal when he moved from Partick Thistle to Rangers in the summer of 1980 after having previously seen service with Dumbarton and Motherwell. In his first season with Rangers, Colin finished top scorer with 23 goals. Has played as a centre-half in the reserves recently.

**Peter McCloy** was signed from Motherwell in 1970, Peter has since won every medal in

Scottish football, in addition to playing in Rangers' European Cup-Winners' Cup winning team. Being one of the tallest men in the game, he is rarely troubled by high balls and is renowned for his massive clearances which have led to goals on many occasions. Peter has won 4 full caps.

**John MacDonald** is recognised by many as the most exciting prospect in Scottish football. John came to the fore two years ago and has since maintained his early promise. Scored 18 goals last season, including a fine double in Rangers' Cup final triumph, and there is every indication that he will go on to establish himself as a great player in the years ahead. A Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 internationalist.

**Ian Redford** is a strong running player who is equally at home up front or in midfield. Formerly with Dundee, he had the traumatic experience of missing a last minute penalty kick in last term's Cup final but shrugged off that disappointment and was outstanding in the replay. Scored 13 goals last term and has played for Scotland at Youth and Under-21 level.

**Robert Russell** was signed from Shettleton Juniors four years ago after being rejected by Sunderland. Bobby soon won a first team place and proved himself to be a valuable asset. Won 'Man of the Match' awards in both the 1978 and 1979 Scottish Cup finals and has also won under-21 honours.



**Gregor Stevens** is a former Motherwell and Leicester City player who was signed from the English Club in 1979. A strong hard tackling player, he took some time to establish himself as a regular first team choice but towards the end of last season turned in some excellent performances to earn himself an extended run in the side. Has been capped at under-23 international level. Has just returned after a six-game suspension.

**Tom Forsyth** has been a regular in the Ibrox side since signing from Motherwell in 1972. He scored the winning goal in the Club's 3-2 win over Celtic in the 1973 Scottish Cup final but his consistency in Rangers' rearguard was the trademark which saw him drafted into the Scotland squad. Played in the World Cup in Argentina in 1978 and in all, has won 22 Caps.

**Colin Jackson** has been a great Club servant who signed from Aberdeen Sunnybank in 1963, making him a Rangers player before several of his younger colleagues were even

born. Commanding in the air, Colin has scored several memorable goals — none more so than his last gasp winner in the 1979 League Cup final. The big defender has shown no indications of relinquishing his first team place. Has won 6 Caps, and had his Testimonial match against Everton last weekend.

**Sandy Jardine** is another player who has been a great servant to the Club, joining up in 1965 from Edinburgh Athletic. Played in several positions before establishing himself as one of the best full-backs in the world, playing in both the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals and showing up well in Rangers' 1967 and 1972 appearances in European Cup-Winners' Cup finals. Has won every honour the domestic game has to offer and, with 40 International appearances to his credit, is the most capped player at Ibrox.

**Willie Johnston** is currently in his second spell at Ibrox coming back after an eight year absence. A two-goal hero of the Club's Cup Winners' Cup triumph in Barcelona in 1972, he is recognised as one of the fastest men in football, and his

speed and ball control set up countless scoring chances. Has won 22 Caps.

**Derek Johnstone** burst on to the scene in 1970, scoring the only goal in the League Cup final while still only 16-years-old, and went on to win every domestic honour in addition to a European Cup-Winners' Cup medal. Also achieved a unique 'Player of the Year' double in 1978, being voted top man by both the P.F.A. and the Football Writers. He has shown himself to be equally at home playing in either defence, midfield or attack. Derek has 14 Caps.

**Alex Miller** joined Rangers from Clydebank Strollers in 1967 and has since proved to be a great utility player. Has established a reputation as a penalty kick expert and is accepted as something of a Club 'handyman', stepping in to occupy any breach when required. A strong tackler with a powerful shot, Alex showed great courage in the 1971 Scottish Cup final, playing for more than an hour with a broken jaw.

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**THE only time I don't enjoy an Old Firm game is when Celtic are beaten, then I feel twice as bad as I normally do after a defeat. So today's match will be really special to me.**

I remember all my games against Rangers, but the one that really sticks out in my mind was only my third game for Celtic.

At the time everything was going great and it looked as though we were well on course for the League title. In fact a lot of critics reckoned that if we beat Rangers then we'd win the League. Anyway, the game was tied at 0-0 with only three minutes to go and I managed to get up to head the winner. Well, you can imagine how I felt, isn't it every schoolboy's dream to score the winner for his team against their arch rivals in the dying minutes?

That goal served another purpose, too. I'd just returned from second team football in England and I wasn't as fit as I'd liked to have been and managing to score such an important goal gave me a tremendous lift.

As everyone knows, my spell in England wasn't too successful. When I was at St Mirren I was like a big fish in a small pond, but at Liverpool I was a very small fish in an enormous ocean. I never really settled at Liverpool and although I was with the club considered by many to be the best in Europe, the thought of playing for Celtic was always in my head.

The main difference I can see between the Scottish and the English game is that in Scotland we play more direct to goal. In England they seem to be more patient and wait for scoring chances. I think our style must be much better to watch — it is certainly much better to play in.

The fans in Scotland seem to play a bigger part as well. Today, for example, both sets of fans will be anxious for goals and they'll let the players know it. That means that both teams will go forward and play attacking football. That's how I like it, it means that the front players get much more room to play.

My job is scoring goals and I'm often asked which one I enjoyed most or will remember longest. I don't think I'm going to be given the chance to forget my hat-trick against St Mirren. Every time I turn on the TV someone seems to be talking about them and of course I'm very proud of them, but I've had as much pleasure from scoring others. Goals in important games always mean that bit more and I'm sure everyone would admit that they enjoy goals that seem to come from nothing.

My job before I became a full-time footballer was as a joiner and I did quite enjoy it. Even now



I enjoy the chance to do some joinery around the house. Most of my time, however, is spent playing with my two boys Paul Francis who is two-and-a-half and nine-month-old Sean. When they grow up I'd like one of them to be a golfer and the other to be a tennis player. There's plenty of money in both of these sports, but I'm afraid Paul hasn't showed any interest yet. All he ever wants to do is kick a ball.

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## Reserve Scene

ALTHOUGH we have taken full points from our last two games, our performances have been in direct contrast to each other.

The first of these two was while the first team were turning in a great display against Aberdeen. We travelled away to Dumfries to play Queen of the South and won 4-0, but I was very disappointed with the all round team play. Our finishing in particular was very poor and we missed many scoring chances before going ahead in the 30th minute.

John Halpin was the scorer after he had made a great run down the left. The rest of our goals came from Paul McStay and our young trialist who scored twice.

The trialists' first and our second came from some great midfield play by John Weir and Danny Crainie and was well struck from 15 yards.

Paul scored his just one minute into the second half and again it was well struck from outside the box. In the 80th minute our fourth was scrambled home by the trialist during some confusion in the goalmouth.

The score might make it look like a good display, but I didn't even need to open my mouth afterwards — the players knew they hadn't played well.

Last week's match against Clydebank was a different story. We went in 0-0 at half-time after missing a penalty when John Buckley was pulled down in the box. Our second half performance was tremendous and was enough to give us another 4-0 victory.

We started the second 45 minutes well when Danny Crainie sent a lovely left foot shot into the net from 15 yards in only one minute.

10 minutes later our second goal came from a Danny Crainie corner. Danny sent over the cross, Willie Garner flicked it on and Paul Chalmers scored with a great first time volley.

It only took another minute for the boys to go three ahead. Again the scorer was Paul Chalmers, this time it came from John Buckley who sent a great ball in from the left.

The fourth came with less than ten minutes left to play. Danny Crainie picked up a great pass from John Weir and put it away, with his left foot again.

I was very pleased with that performance, the team played very well in every department. Danny McGrain was in the team and looked very strong in his tackling which must be good news for every Celtic fan.



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