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KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 1974



JOHN HAGART says . . .

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1955-56

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1894-95, 1896-97,
1957-58, 1959-60.

Scottish League Cup Winners:

1954-55, 1958-59,
1959-60, 1962-63.

Texaco Cup Finalists:

1971.

It was so disappointing to lose both points at Arbroath last week when I felt we might, at one stage have grabbed a share.

Our unbeaten run is ended, but, it's not the end of the World or, our hopes of making the "Top Ten".

Setbacks must be expected and accepted. Naturally, players are a bit tense, and, mistakes are made. And, at Gayfield, we were heavily punished for them.

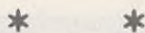
It is up to each individual to put Gayfield behind them. We have two thirds of the League programme ahead of us—and that's all important. The past is history, and, we cannot change that now . . . as much as we may like to!

I have already said that only hard work and determination will carry us up the ladder. And, I can only repeat myself!

The players are all willing, and, I cannot ask for more effort—only that their tremendous spirit can get the slice of luck to go with it—that all teams need—to start moving again.

Celtic are noted for both skill and effort, and our job won't be made any easier today.

But, they are only eleven players, as ourselves, and, if we show the same courage as we did against Rangers last month, then, we must have every hope of upsetting the odds.



The programme starts a new series today on page 5. It is called "Tip for the Top" and, is designed for our younger supporters who might be keen to sharpen their game.

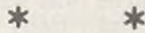
But, if it helps you, no matter your age, then we'll be just as pleased.

Each week a Hearts player will give his tip for the top. He will tell you what he feels is a top requirement for any youngster wishing to hit the limelight.

The players are happy to participate in this new venture so LOOK OUT for the series.

It starts TODAY and features Hearts Skipper Jimmy Brown who has fought his way back into the side.

It's all on page 5.



MASCOT OF THE DAY

Starting today at each home game we are having a mascot to lead the team out on to the field. We are choosing a different boy for each game and he will be chosen from the Hearts' Junior Supporters Club.

Today's lucky boy is Steven Levey, a 12-year-old George Watson's College pupil. Steven is also a member of the Tynecastle Boys Club and has been a regular attender at Tynecastle for three or four years.

Next Games at Tynecastle

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE

HEARTS RES.

v.

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SPOTLIGHT ON CELTIC

It's strange that Celtic should visit Tynecastle today, not as League leaders, but, as "seconders." So many times over the past ten years have they dominated the scene, that, we take it for granted they will be top dogs.

But, let's not kid ourselves. They are still recognised as the best moving side in Scotland—bar none!

This means Hearts have a fight and a half on their hands, and, no wonder, with such a glamorous and dangerous set of opponents to face.

Alistair Hunter has had his ups and downs since joining Celtic from Kilmarnock last year, but, now he's settled in and, showing all his international form.

In front of him there are Danny McGrain, Jim Brogan, Billy McNeill and Pat McCluskey—as formidable a barrier as you would find anywhere in Britain.

McNeill's ability in the air, of course, makes him doubly dangerous at corners and free kicks, and, we'll see a lot of him today. And, with Brogan always ready to cover, our own attack will have to be like eels to slip through.

The midfield skills of Steve Murray and Kenny Dalglish—who are formidable enough on their own—have been reinforced by the recent signing of Ronnie Glavin from Partick Thistle.

He is an all round "Goodie," but, we are just hoping he's not too much of a "Baddie" at Tynecastle.

Celtic have such a wide spread of riches it's hard to say just who might play up front today. But, with players like Dixie Deans, Bobby Lennox (who is fast becoming the Peter Pan of Scottish football), Paul Wilson, Jimmy Johnstone (who was ONLY a reserve last week), Harry Hood and defender Roddy McDonald around, no wonder why Manager Jock Stein is happy.

And, backed by their fantastic following, the green and whites, who have done so much for Scottish football, will be out to turn on the display that earned them six goals and both points against Airdrie last week.

GOLDEN GOAL

This season the Golden Goal prize money has been greatly increased. The first prize has doubled from £20 to £40 for the exact time of the first goal scored. In addition £5 is given for the exact time of every other goal. Tickets will be available from two kiosks situated outside the Centenary Club on match days as well as the usual stances inside the ground. Tickets will also be available at half-time.

We are extremely grateful this year to have for the first time sponsors for the Golden Goal.

Tip for the Top

The midfield man—a mixture of the old fashioned inside forward and wing half—is often the lynch pin around whom the team loses or wins. Hearts skipper Jimmy Brown knows all about it, and, stresses a **MUST** for any youngster with ambition.

“Concentration is the key to any good midfield player. He’s the link man, the poor dogsbody who is expected to initiate attacks, and, at the same time, be back in defence, kicking balls off the goal-line.



JIMMY BROWN

“If you don’t like hard work, and, being in the thick of things, then a linksman’s job isn’t for you.

“Along with the concentration you must put in, is the ability to read the game’s changing pattern around you. You must know, or sense, the moment to break through to boost your attack. Or, if the move doesn’t “feel” right then you must be able to back-pedal a bit and dig in again.

“This ability to read a game is something you can work on, but only if you can **CONCENTRATE FULL TIME** on the whole game and not be distracted.

“This ability can mean a vital goal for your side when the breaks are needed.

“At the same time, the ability to read an opponent or movement of play, can save your legs miles of overtime, and, at the same time, see your pals out of trouble.

“Hard work never killed any player so the best of success.”

HAPPY DUO

I had a long chat with two former Hearts, Jimmy Cook and Willie Wallace prior to the Dumbarton match, and, they are both enjoying life at Boghead.

Jimmy, who was also with Killie for many seasons, was, in fact offered full-time terms, but, he’s enjoying life and work in West Lothian, and has decided to remain part-time.

Willie, of course, went on to further honours with Celtic after leaving Hearts. Now, he’s playing in the middle of the field, and, says “I’ll play there until I’m fifty.”

Tynecastle Topics

INJURIES DON'T HELP MATTERS!

Only a third of the season has passed, but, already almost a full team of "pool" players have, or still are, seriously injured.

At present centre half John Galacher has only recently returned to remedial work after breaking a leg against Falkirk in the quarter-final of the League Cup, second leg, at Brockville on September 25.

Full back Ian Sneddon is sidelined with a serious knee ligament injury received against Rangers on October 26 at Tynecastle. And it is still not known when he will restart training.

Drew Busby is still off with injured arm muscles received at Somerset Park earlier this month. He may, or may not, be back in action again this week.

Also sidelined is goalkeeper Dave Graham who has an arm in plaster, and is not expected back until at least next month.

On top of this manager John Hagart has had five other players out of contention at one time or another. They are:

Jim Jefferies (knee), Jimmy Cant (ankle), Jimmy Brown (ribs), Alan Anderson (cheekbone) and Eric Caruthers (knee).

Boss Hagart isn't complaining, but he's hoping that "Someone Up There" might like him (and the club) in the remaining fixtures.

The going is tough enough without being minus so many experienced regulars all at once!

CENTENARY GIFT

Hearts chairman, Bill Lindsay, on behalf of the club, was the recipient of a lovely Silver Salver from Arbroath at Gayfield last week to mark the Tynecastle club's Centenary Year.

Gayfield chairman Dave McKechnie opened the proceedings, but, left the eventual hand-over to committee man Jimmy Milne, who is well remembered at Tynecastle for his par-excellence displays at centre half during the 'fifties.

GOAL FAMINE ENDED

Our front picture shows the sheer joy Tommy Murray got from scoring the opening goal against Dumbarton two weeks ago.

And, Tommy had something to celebrate, for, it was his first competitive goal in nineteen months—his last such goal being against Motherwell at Fir Park on February 19, 1973 when he wore the number 11 jersey.

Tommy's last home competitive goal was against Dundee at Tynecastle on December 23, 1972.

The long famine, however, is over, and, I am sure there are more goals left in the locker of the "Wee Man" who is playing some of his best football since coming to Hearts.

He did, of course, lay on the second goal for Ralph Callachan, which proved to be the winner, after Dumbarton had scored in the second half. And, he scored again against Arbroath last week.

You can take it Tommy, I didn't believe the scurrilous rumour that Donald Ford was trying to spread that it was your first goal since 1965.

Who'd have enemies with friends like that!

Daily Record picture

LEAGUE DEBUT

Billy Bennett, who played against Berwick Rangers recently in the East of Scotland Shield at Tynecastle, made his League debut at Gayfield last week, after Alan Anderson was a late call off.



BILLY BENNETT

The youngster, who joined Hearts from Invergow Boys' Club last year, proved that, with more experience, he will be "knocking on the door."

Unfortunately, at Gayfield it was "one of those days" for a few of his more experienced defensive team mates.

BON VOYAGE PETER AND THANKS!

The Hay brothers, "of the enclosure," donated today's match ball for the game against Celtic.

The brothers particularly wanted this game, for, it is the last home match before Peter leaves for New Zealand.

In their letter to the club they wish everyone, especially manager John Hagart, the very best of luck throughout the rest of the season.

This is a typical, and, a very kind gesture by two of Hearts' most fervent supporters. Thanks lads, and, the best of luck to you Peter in your trip to the "Upside Down World."

However, we still expect to hear from you now and again!

WATCH IT ROY!

Full back Roy Kay was sporting a lovely wrist watch last week—thanks to his wife Linda who won it in the club's "Terrible Trio" draw.

Roy tells me he's allowed to wear it at the weekends, but, has to hand it over during the week. However, I can't see a full back giving anything away.

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SAD SANDY

Sandy Burrell has been in the wars again—this time with a dislocated finger . . . thanks to some high jinks by his team mates.



SANDY BURRELL

The injury happened at Silverknowes after training when a few of the "Mob" grabbed Sandy and threw him in the nearby Firth of Forth. He landed awkwardly, and, hence the injury, which, in the earlier part of last week, required a stiff strapping.

However, it wasn't enough to keep him out of the Cup tie at Gayfield and he played again in the reserve game at Tynecastle last Saturday.

Davie Dick was also thrown in the drink at the same time, but, escaped injury.

HAPPY NIGHT OUT

New boss John Hagart was the recipient of a large and beautiful inscribed celebration cake two weeks ago just after Hearts' home victory over Dumbarton.

The presentation was made during an evening out by the backroom staff to a local hotel dinner-dance, with the band playing "Congratulations."

Afterwards, the Hearts party, and, all the other guests, shared the cake and toasted the new appointment.

Earlier, the evening, which was arranged and paid for by Willie Montgomery (at least that's what everyone else is hoping), had got off to a good start with a two-point win over Dumbarton.



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2. ROY KAY	H. ALEXANDER	2. DANNY McGRAIN
3. SANDY BURRELL	(Kilmaunock)	3. JIM BROGAN
4. JIMMY CANT	Linesmen:	4. STEVE MURRAY
5. ALAN ANDERSON	C. McBETH	5. BILLY McNEILL
6. JIM JEFFERIES	(Aberdeen)	6. PAT McCLUSKEY
7. KENNY AIRD	Orange Flag	7. KENNY DALGLISH
8. JIMMY BROWN	J. RUSSELL	8. RONNIE GLAVIN
9. DONALD FORD	(Grangemouth)	9. DIXIE DEANS
10. TOMMY MURRAY	Red Flag	10. BOBBY LENNOX
11. RALPH CALLACHAN		11. PAUL WILSON
12.	KICK-OFF 3.00 P.M.	12.
14.	RESULT	14.
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