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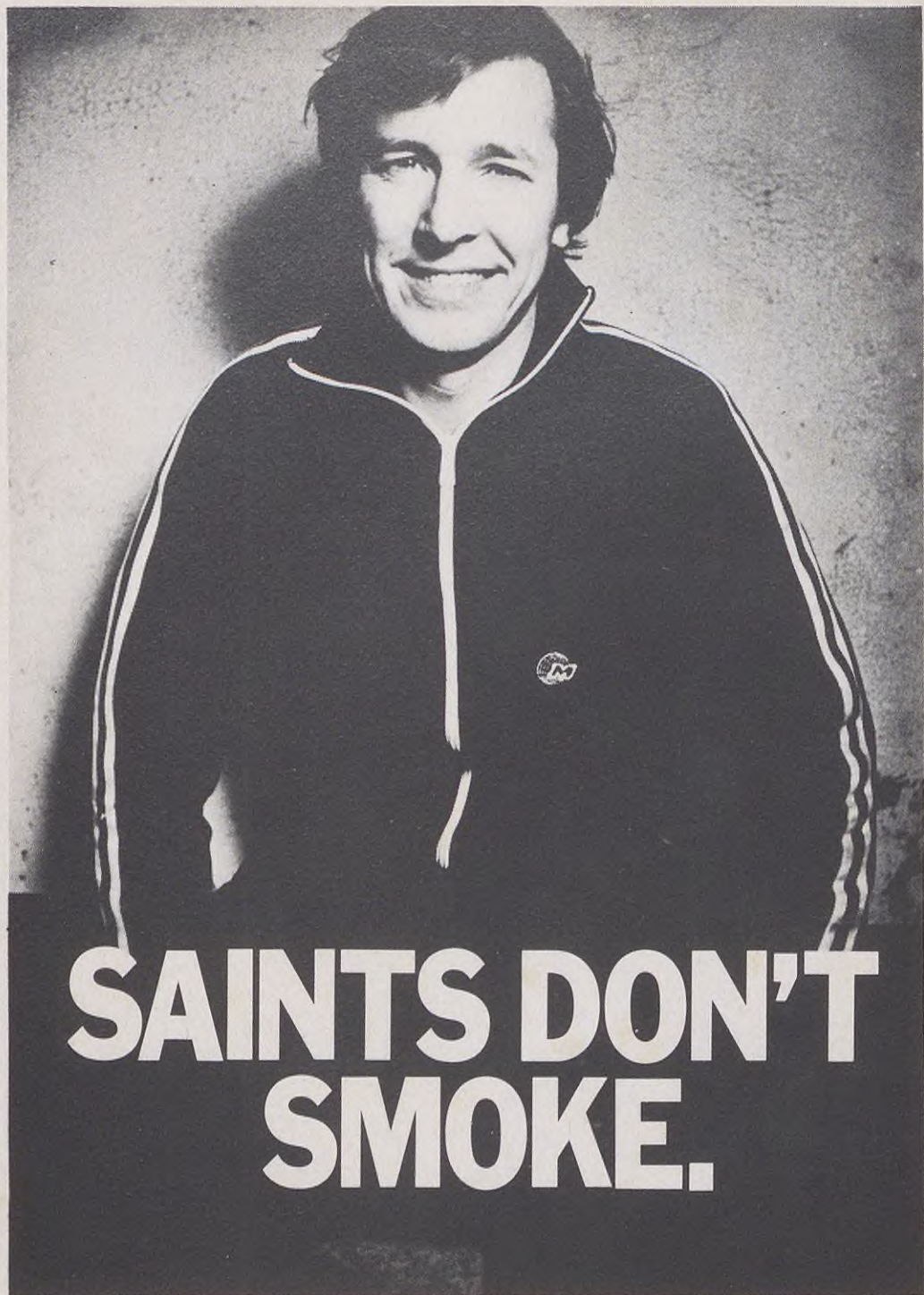


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SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1977.





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FERGIE'S VIEW

NOW LET'S GET UP THAT TABLE



ON behalf of myself and all my players I would like to thank St Mirren supporters who made the long journey down to Bristol for our Anglo Scottish Cup Final second-leg match. You gave the lads terrific backing and we're sorry we couldn't reward you with the trophy.

Naturally, I was disappointed we failed at the last stage in the Anglo Scottish Cup but pleased with the way we played at Ashton Gate.

Now we must forget about that

competition and think only of making our way up the Premier League from now until the end of the season, and think about the Scottish Cup when that time comes.

It goes without saying we'll have to produce a little bit extra today to pick up both points. Predicting a result from our two recent League Cup ties with Jock Stein's men would leave you with little choice but to choose Celtic.

We want to make up for that disappointment and the best way possible would be to go out and

record a good win over the Parkhead team.

I hope the players will have learned from the mistakes they made in those two matches, and given our fair share of luck, we can get the victory.

Certainly St Mirren won't be overawed today, but it's on occasions like these that I must ask you to give us all the encouragement you can.

ALEX FERGUSON

OUR COVER: *Billy Stark and Frank Munro in a tussle for the ball in the Celtic area in the last Premier League meeting between the sides.*

ASK any football fan North of the border which of the 'Old Firm' has been the stronger this season and it won't be long before he utters the word 'Rangers'. It isn't the nicest thing in the world to fall on the ears of Celtic fans and yet even they can hardly deny it.

The first disappointment of the season for them was the transfer of Kenny Dalglish to Liverpool. Then, in their first Premier League match of the season against Dundee United at Parkhead, Pat Stanton and Alfie Conn suffered serious injuries.

Pat hasn't been able to play since, while Alfie was on the sidelines for nearly two months. As a result of these early upheavals, Celtic's early season form was not good, and they picked up precious few points in their first few league matches.

But they soldiered on in the League Cup—disposing of St Mirren on their way—and so continued their remarkable record in this competition. The European Cup was a different matter. Celtic crashed out in the second round to SWW Innsbruck of Austria.

Shortly before that unhappy event, Celtic's Scotland stalwart, Danny McGrain, became another casualty. He had to have his ankle put in plaster and he hasn't played for well over six weeks. And another player of the highest class, Tommy Burns, has spent his time recently on the treatment table.

Despite all these problems and the fine form of Rangers, there still remains a chance that Celtic could retain their Championship crown. Certainly, the prospect presents a tall order and Jock Stein will be stressing to his players shortly before they take the field today that two points will be absolutely vital.

His side will probably be along the same lines as the one that played here in the League Cup last month.

PETER LATCHFORD will be in goal and every St Mirren fan who was at the above-mentioned game won't be pleased to know that, because the big Englishman was brilliant that night. Peter has now established himself as one of the best 'keepers in the country.

JOE FILLIPI, however, did not take part in either of the League Cup ties, being ineligible. He joined the Parkhead club recently from Ayr United but has the unenviable task of trying to stake a

So many blows... but the Celts will be there

first-team place at right back, in Danny McGrain's absence. **ANDY LYNCH** has been Celtic's captain of late and he'll be at left-back.

RODDY McDONALD and **FRANK MUNRO** are likely to take up position at the heart of the Celtic defence. In midfield, Jock Stein has a host of players he can rely upon.

JOHANNES EDVALDSSON has been a revelation there in recent weeks, scoring a really



● **JOHANNES EDVALDSSON**

found the form he had last season, but he is a constant threat, possessing such a powerful shot.

ALFIE CONN has been playing in a deeper role lately and as such

THE VISITORS

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● **PETER LATCHFORD**

spectacular goal against Aberdeen at Parkhead in Celtic's 3-2 victory.

ROY AITKEN gets through a power of work and he also scored a fine goal in that match.

RONNIE GLAVIN hasn't quite

has been creating scoring chances for his team mates rather than setting the scoring charts alight himself. That's not to say this colourful character won't snatch one today!

TOM McADAM wasn't in opposition against St Mirren in the League Cup, again he was ineligible. Joined Celtic from Dundee United just after the start of the season and has done well so far.

His partner up front will be the man who caused so much damage in that Love Street League Cup tie... **JOE CRAIG**. He scored twice that night and will have to be watched closely today.

On the flanks the danger will come from **PAUL WILSON** and **JOHNNY DOYLE**, both match winners when they hit form.

The Buddies do Scotland proud

ST MIRREN made the long journey to Bristol last Monday week facing the extremely difficult task of trying to pull back a 2-1 deficit in the second leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup Final at Ashton Gate. City became clear favourites when they returned from the first leg at Love Street with a one goal lead.

Well, the Buddies didn't pull it off... but they did themselves and Scottish football proud. Many people expected Alan Dick's side to stretch their lead even further on their own ground but as it turned out the game finished in a 1-1 draw, with Saints unlucky not to force the Final into extra-time.

In the first-half Donald Hunter had to produce a couple of top-class saves to keep the Scots in with a shout. But after 68 minutes Bobby Reid levelled the tie on aggregate with a remarkable overhead kick following a corner. Just two minutes later, however, Kevin Mabbutt scored what turned out to be the winning goal.

It looked as though St Mirren had equalised again when Frank McGarvey had the ball in the net but the referee ruled out the score for an infringement.

The St Mirren team was: D. Hunter, Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Hyslop, Stark, McGarvey, Abercromby, Munro. Subs: A. Hunter, Richardson.

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BRIAN DOCHERTY

BRIAN DOCHERTY was only called up by St Mirren at the end of last season, but already he's made a big impact and he's still only seventeen.

FULL NAME: Brian Docherty.

BIRTHPLACE: Johnstone.

BIRTHDATE: April 24th, 1960.

HEIGHT: 5.10.

WEIGHT: 11.0.

PREVIOUS CLUB: Arthurlie.

MARRIED: No.

CAR: No.

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Scotland.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: No one in particular.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our 3-3 draw with Rangers at Love Street earlier this season.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being injured against West Brom in the Tennent Caledonian Cup. That injury kept me out for two months.

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Any football programmes.

FAVOURITE GROUND: Ibrox.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alex Ferguson.

FAVOURITE GROUPS: Fleetwood Mac, Eagles.

AMBITIONS: To play regularly in the St Mirren first team, and hopefully eventually to play for Scotland.



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ST. MIRREN

- 1 Alistair HUNTER
- 2 John YOUNG
- 3 Alex BECKETT
- 4 Tony FITZPATRICK
- 5 Bobby REID
- 6 Jackie COPLAND
- 7 Derek HYSLOP
- 8 Billy STARK
- 9 Frank McGARVEY
- 10 Lex RICHARDSON
- 11 Iain MUNRO

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- 12 Billy ABERCROMBY
- 14 Peter LEONARD

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● ALLY HUNTER

REFEREE:

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CELTIC

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|---------------------|----|
| Peter LATCHFORD | 1 |
| Joe FILLIPI | 2 |
| Andy LYNCH | 3 |
| Johannes EDVALDSSON | 4 |
| Roddy McDONALD | 5 |
| Frank MUNRO | 6 |
| Johnny DOYLE | 7 |
| Tom McADAM | 8 |
| Joe CRAIG | 9 |
| Roy AITKEN | 10 |
| Alfie CONN | 11 |

SUBSTITUTES

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| Paul WILSON | 12 |
| Bobby LENNOX | 14 |

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THE LAST TIME...



Celtic came to Love Street only last month to play St Mirren in the quarter finals of the League Cup, and the Parkhead side chose Paisley to give one of their more impressive performances of this season.

Jock Stein's men left with a two goal lead thanks to a 3-1 win for the second-leg which took place a week later. It would have needed a super human effort from Saints to pull that back at Celtic Park.

But the decisive Love Street match could have been so different if Bobby Reid's header in the first minute had been a few inches lower and landed in the net instead of hitting the crossbar. Celtic, however,

were the side to strike first.

Joe Craig was the scorer and shortly before the interval Craig found the target again, giving Celts a two goal half-time lead. And just five minutes after the restart Johnny Doyle burst down the right to square the ball for Johannes Edvaldsson to net a third. Obviously, Celtic were in the driving seat.

Alex Ferguson's men, however, continued to push forward and Bobby Reid reduced the deficit not long after Edvaldsson's goal when he took advantage of a mix-up in front of the Celtic goal and poked the ball over the line.

The St Mirren team for that match was: D. Hunter, Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, Docherty,

Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Munro.

The second-leg was seven days later and Celtic made sure Saints would not peg back their lead, and goals from Paul Wilson and Johnny Doyle gave them a 2-0 win. St Mirren's side on that occasion was: A. Hunter, McGettrick, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, Stevenson, Copland, Sharp, Richardson, Munro.

There is still some consolation for St Mirren fans, however, looking back on previous encounters between the teams. They met for the first time ever in the Premier League on October 15th at Parkhead and goals from Frank Munro (OG) and Billy Stark helped Saints to a 2-1 win.



THE LAST TIME: Brian Docherty and Frank McGarvey salute St Mirren's first goal in their 2-1 win at Parkhead in October when Frank Munro put through his own net.

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HALF-TIME QUIZ

NAME SCOTLAND'S NATIONS CUP OPPONENTS

1. Which team does Celtic play in the semi-finals of the League Cup?
2. Name the other four sides in Scotland's Nations Cup section
3. Czechoslovakia are the present holders of the Nations Cup. True or False?
4. Two teams have won the European Cup three times in succession in the seventies. Who are they?
5. Kilmarnock recently appointed a new manager. Can you name him?
6. Celtic signed Johnny Doyle from Dumbarton. True or False?
7. Which team does Gordon Strachan play for?
8. Ex-Celt Willie Wallace is now coach to which Scottish club?
9. When did Celtic last win the League Cup?
10. Did Jackie Copland once play for Stranraer?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

FACTS & FIGURES

- Celtic became the first British side to win the European Cup when they beat Inter Milan 2-1 in Lisbon on May 25th, 1967.
- The record attendance at Parkhead was 92,000 to watch an Old Firm league match on Jan. 1st, 1938.
- Jimmy McGrory holds the Celtic record for the most individual league goals in one season... 50, in 1935-36.
- Ronnie Glavin was Celtic's top goalscorer last season, netting 26 times. He hit nineteen in the League, six in the Scottish Cup and once in the League Cup.
- The Parkhead side's record victory was against Dundee in Division 1, on October 26th, 1895. Celtic beat the Dens Parkers 11-0.
- Bobby Evans and Kenny Dalglish equally hold the record for Celtic's most capped players, both having played for Scotland 48 times.
- Johnny Doyle is Celtic's most expensive signing. He cost Celts £90,000 from Ayr United in March, 1976.

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