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MANAGER'S VIEW»»



THE LAST two results have been most heartening for the Club, I thought we played particularly well in the first 75 minutes of the match against Ayr when, with a little bit of luck, we might have been several goals ahead. As it was, Stewart MacLaren got the only goal of the Match — A reward for his great effort throughout the match.

At Aberdeen, there is no saying what might have happened had Willie Watson scored with that ninth minute penalty.

In spite of reports by some North East correspondents we played well and could have, In fact, Secured both points in a second half which saw us well on top.

One disappointing aspect of our last two games has been the bookings of centre half Willie McVie. The big fellow, who has cooled down admirably this season was most unfortunate to fall foul of the referees yet again. He will have my full backing in his appeals against the cautions.

Today I look forward to the visit of Celtic, a team which deserves our greatest respect, However we'll be having a real go in an attempt to win this one and I look forward to our usual encouragement from the fans.

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Bobby Watson



Willie Pettigrew flies through the air to head home Motherwell's opening goal.



Peter Latchford manages to block Pettigrew's first effort, but the striker ran on to prod the ball over the line.

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Bobby Graham raises his arms following the first goal and runs towards Pettigrew to congratulate him as the Celtic defence wonder what hit them.

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In the last few seasons the league games between Celtic and Motherwell have provided a standard of football that has produced all the excitement, tension and drama and goals going in 90 minutes worth of pure excitement for the fans.

Last season saw the 'Well going down 2-0 to Celtic when they met at Fir Park but revenge was sweet when, in the latter half of the season the game at Parkhead saw 'Well in fine scoring action as they won 3-2 with two fine goals coming from Willie Pettigrew and the other from Graham.

OPPOSITION

ROUND UP

CELTIC F.C.



Team Colours:
Shirt: Green and White Hoops
Shorts: White
Stockings: White

ANDY LYNCH Was bought from Hearts in 1973 but failed to make an immediate impact on the left wing. Towards the end of last season Jock Stein introduced him to the left back position and he went on to win a Scottish Cup medal in his new role.

PAT McCLUSKEY Another product of Maryhill Juniors before joining up with Celtic in 1969. This was followed with a year playing in Irish football on loan to Sligo Rovers before returning to Celtic Park. Has become a regular in the first team over the last couple of years.

JOHANNES EDVALDSSON Signed for Celtic in August having played for Valur, Iceland, the team Celtic meet in the 1st round of the European Cup Winners Cup. His brother still plays for Valur. He played last year for Holback, Denmark. Has been capped many times for Iceland, is a P.E. teacher by profession. He is affectionately known to the Parkhead fans as "Shuggie".

PETER LATCHFORD Signed for Celtic during the close season, having guested for the club earlier in the year, he had previously played all his senior football with West Bronwich Albion. His brother Dave is a keeper with Birmingham and Bob of course is a forward with Everton.

DANNY McGRAIN Stepped up from Maryhill Juniors in 1968 and served his apprenticeship in reserve football before breaking through to the first team. His consistency and continually improving form of the last couple of seasons has made him an automatic choice for the Scotland squad.

JACKIE McNAMARA Came to Celtic Park from Cumbernauld United in 1971 and looks set to make an impact on the playing scene this season having played in about eight first team matches last term. Plays mainly in mid-field but has also played occasionally at full-back.

RONNIE GLAVIN Celtic's biggest ever signing was bought from Partick Thistle during the 1974-75 season for a fee of £80,000. He took some time to settle into his new surroundings but started to find his feet as the season progressed and scored the only goal of the Scottish Cup semi-final tie with Dundee at Hampden.

PAUL WILSON Another player who arrived at Celtic Park after gaining football experience with Maryhill Juniors. Paul has been eight years at Celtic Park and took a little longer than most to claim a regular first team jersey but, with last season's consistency and goal scoring behind him, there is no looking back.

KENNY DALGLISH Stepped up with Celtic from Cumbernauld United in 1967 and served a long apprenticeship in the reserves in the shadows of the Lisbon Lions. However since he became a regular in the side about three years ago he has stamped his name on the game and has won a number of caps playing for Scotland.

TOMMY CALLAGHAN Was transferred from Dunfermline Athletic in 1968 and has been a valuable member of the Celtic player pool ever since. A utility player who is able to play well in any one of several positions he has won all the domestic honours with Celtic.

BOBBY LENNOX The 'veteran' of the Celtic side now, having joined up at Celtic Park from Ardeer Recreation in 1961. Sole survivor of the European Cup winning side, he has scored more than 250 competitive goals for the club and been capped seven times. Still has a great appetite for the game and retains his tremendous speed.

HARRY HOOD Bought from Clyde in 1969 he is another player who has handsomely repaid the transfer fee Celtic paid the Shawfield club. Plays on the wing or in mid-field with great skill and has scored a lot of goals for the club in the process.

RODDY MacDONALD Signed from Brora Rangers, the Highland League side following a recommendation from former Celt Sammy Wilson. Played in about fifteen first team games last season and could be very much in action this term.

RESERVE REVIEW

THE RESERVES have maintained their challenge at the top of the Premier Reserve league by taking 4 points from their last 3 matches against St. Johnstone (won 2-1, with Tom O'Neill and Bobby Hamilton scoring), Hibs (won 1-0, with a trialist scoring) and Rangers (losing 5-4, with Dave Ebner, Billy Dickson, Ian Taylor and Mick McManus scoring).

However, overshadowing the results of these matches was the broken leg sustained by Tom O'Neill in the match against Hibs Reserves. 19-year-old O'Neill, signed last season from Shotts Bon Accord, had broken the same ankle in a reserve fixture at Perth only 10 months ago and had fought his way back to fitness and to first team contention after 20 Reserve matches this season. O'Neill was the leading reserve team scorer this season with 9 goals to his credit and had figured once on the subs bench with the first team in a League Cup Tie against Clyde at Shawfield. This is a tough blow for young Tom who was one of the bright youngsters pushing for a place in the strong first team pool at Fir Park.

The teams for the three Reserve matches since our last edition of the Fir Park news were:

v St. Johnstone (a):
Muir; White, Farrell, W. Watson, Kennedy; Hamilton, Goldthorp, O'Neill; McIlwraith, McAdam, McManus.

Subs: Ebner, Barrowman.

v Hibernian (h)
Muir; Farrell, W. Watson, Leishman, Kennedy; Newman, Hamilton, O'Neill; Gray, Goldthorp, McManus.

Subs: Barrowman, Buchanan

v Rangers (h)

Muir; Farrell, Dickson, Leishman,

Kennedy; Ebner, Hamilton, Taylor; Newman, Goldthorp, McManus.

Subs: Barrowman, Buchanan.

Last week's game against Rangers Reserves was the classic example of a game of two halves. Our lads "beat" a strong Ibrox side 4-1 in the second half, yet lost the match by 5-4 because of a shocking first half display which saw Stein, Robertson, McDougall and Scott put Rangers 4 up. Assistant Manager, Craig Brown, said, "I've never seen our lads so inept as in that first half against Rangers Reserves and yet I can't recall 'keeper Jim Muir having one real save. Every shot on target found the net. It's just as well there was a second half improvement! Indeed, had the ref not denied us a glaring penalty in the last few minutes when Bobby Hamilton was upended, we might have salvaged a draw."

The defeat by Rangers was a bad blow to the Reserves title hopes as they slipped to 4 points behind the Ibrox side in the Premier Reserve League, which reads:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	16	11	1	4	48	25	23
Dundee	17	10	3	4	45	27	23
Motherwell	16	8	3	5	37	33	19
Aberdeen	16	8	2	6	39	22	18
Dundee United	16	7	4	5	32	29	18
Celtic	15	7	1	7	34	35	15
Hibernian	15	6	1	8	30	33	13
Hearts	15	3	4	8	28	33	10
Ayr United	15	4	0	11	20	45	8
St. Johnstone	14	3	1	10	16	45	7

NEWSBAR

Second XI Cup

Following their victory over Rangers in the previous round of the 2nd XI cup, our Reserves new meet Hibs at Easter Road in the Quarter Finals of the competition. The winners of this tie travel to play either Clyde or Aberdeen in the Semi-final.

Now that his junior side, Cambuslang Rangers, are out of the Scottish Junior Cup, our provisionally signed 'keeper with the evangelical name of Billy Graham has been called up. A student accountant at Glasgow Tech., Billy has been spending his college holiday training every day with the Fir Park full timers.

Also working at his game each morning is 16 year old Jimmy Lindsay who is an apprentice player with us. Jimmy is leading scorer in Willie McCallum's Fir Park Boys' Club Under 18 side and, after his daily stint with Joe Wark & Co., he helps the Fir Park groundstaff.

Groundsman, Andy Russell, that irrepressible character, was admitted to Ward 19 at Law Hospital last week with what has been described as 'heart strain'. We all wish Andy a speedy recovery to full health.

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Date	FIXTURES	SCORE F . A	GOALSCORERS
Aug 4th	Dundee (A-S) home	1-1	McVie
" 6th	Dundee (A-S) away	1-0	Gardner
" 9th	Clyde (LC) home	2-0	Pettigrew, Millar
" 13th	Airdrie (LC) away	1-2	Davidson
" 16th	Rangers (LC) away	1-1	Wark
" 20th	Airdrie (LC) home	2-0	Pettigrew (2)
" 23rd	Rangers (LC) home	2-2	R. Watson, Pettigrew
" 27th	Clyde (LC) away	2-1	Goldthorp, Taylor
" 30th	Ayr Utd. home	1-1	Stevens
Sept 6th	Aberdeen away	2-2	Pettigrew(2)
" 13th	Celtic home	1-1	Davidson
" 17th	Balcburn (A-S) away	0-0	
" 20th	Dundee Utd. away	1-1	Millar
" 27th	Hearts home	1-1	Pettigrew, Pettigrew
" 30th	Blackburn (A-S) home	2-1	Davidson, Pettigrew
Oct 4th	St. Johnstone away	1-2	Pettigrew
" 11th	Hibernian home	2-1	Pettigrew, Stevens
" 18th	Rangers home	2-1	Pettigrew, Davidson
" 21st	Fulham (A-S)	1-1	Pettigrew
" 25th	Dundee away	6-3	Pettigrew (4), Taylor (2)
Nov 1st	Ayr Utd Away	0-2	
Nov 4th	Fulham (A-S) home	2-3	Taylor, Graham, Pettigrew
Nov 8th	Aberdeen home	3-0	Pettigrew 2
Nov 15th	Celtic away	0-2	McIlwraith, Davidson
Nov 22nd	Dundee Utd home	2-1	Pettigrew, Gardner 2
Nov 29th	Hearts away	3-3	Pettigrew, Miller
Dec 6th	St. Johnstone away	2-0	
Dec 13th	Hibs away	0-1	Pettigrew, McLaren
Dec 20th	Rangers away	3-2	Pettigrew, Graham
Dec 27th	Dundee home	3-2	
Jan 1st	Ayr home	1-0	MacLaren
Jan 3rd	Aberdeen away	—	



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