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PREMIER LEAGUE



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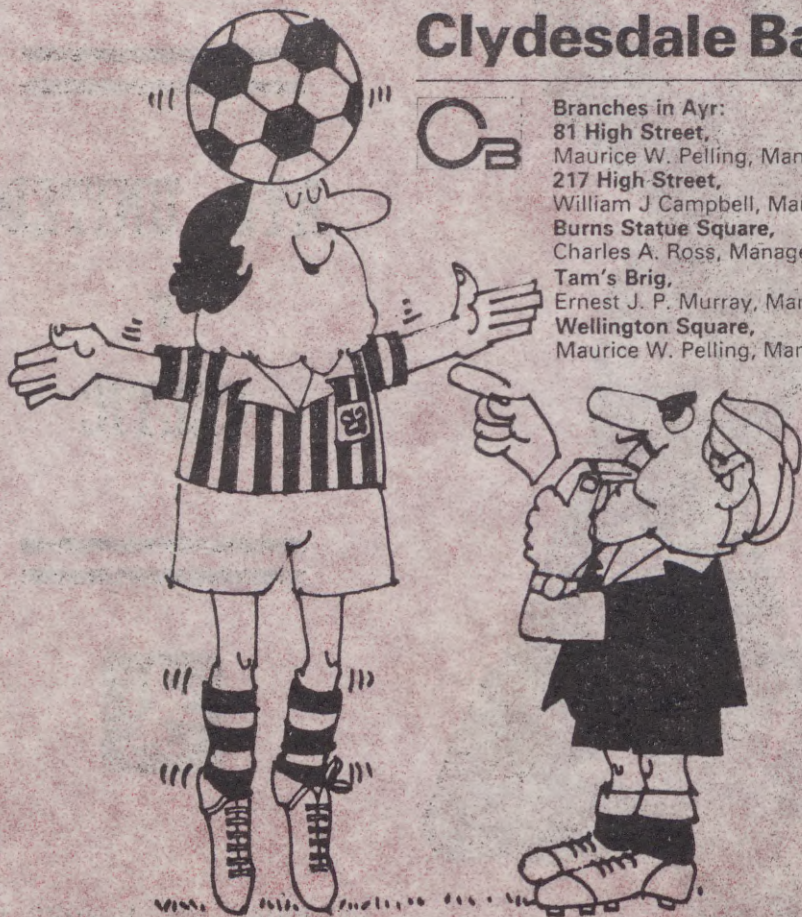
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As I see it....

I am very encouraged by the good start the team had at Firhill, especially since we did enough on Saturday to win the match. However a point away from home in the very tight Premier League has set us up well for today's game against Celtic. Normally this turns out to be a very competitive game with plenty of goals and I am sure today's match will be no exception.

Our pool of first team players has improved over the last year and I do not think we will be far short of the required number of players to be a success in the Premier League this season.

Two points at home today would give us a flying start to our home programme which we must strive to improve on last season's record.

ALEX STUART (Manager).

MEET THE HONEST MEN

Name:—JAMES BROGAN

Birthplace:—Glasgow on 5th June, 1944

Wife's name:—Joyce

Children:—Colette (11), Caroline (10), Anthony (7) and Mark (5)

Previous clubs:—Celtic and Coventry City

Favourite player:—Johnny Giles

Favourite team:—Liverpool

Most memorable match:—Celtic v Leeds at Hampden Park in the European Cup when 134,000 people were present.

Biggest disappointment:—Losing European Cup in 1970—
Celtic v Feyenoord

Biggest football thrill:—My first League Championship medal

Favourite food:—Scampi Mornay

Favourite T.V. show:—All sport, Philpott File, Starsky and Hutch

Favourite Actor:—Sidney Poitier

Favourite Actress:—Brigitte Bardot

Favourite Singer:—Rod Stewart

Pet likes:—A nice pint of lager after a merited victory

Pet dislikes:—Travelling back after defeat and people who have no desire to work for a living

Which person would you most like to meet?:—Jack Nicklaus

Professional ambition:—To help Ayr United to achieve further success in Premier Division and hopefully in Europe

Personal ambition:—To continue to live a happy and contented life

Hobbies:—Golf, Cinema, Squash, relaxing at home

Car:—Granada Ghia

Favourite colour:—Green

JIM BROGAN



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Danny McGrain: Celtic's new captain and one of the world's most entertaining Full-backs.



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The Celtic team which takes the field this afternoon will probably not show many changes from last season, despite the departure of Kenny Dalglish. A player of Kenny's tremendous talent will obviously be missed but Jock Stein has a great pool of players to choose from. The present side is a good blend of experience and youth.

Peter Latchford has proved himself to be one of the best keepers in Scotland, despite being an Englishman. Little needs to be said of Danny McGrain, his play speaks for him and we congratulate him on being made captain of the side. Andy Lynch, Pat Stanton and Roddy McDonald proved to be a solid defence last season and our forwards will have to look sharp today. Roy Aitken showed that he had tremendous talent last season and looks set for a great career. Ronnie Glavin and Johannes Edvaldsson can play in midfield but take scoring chances as well. Young Tommy Burns is proving a really good midfield player and Joe Craig and John Doyle are really sharp up front. Bobby Lennox, now fully fit, will be challenging for a place. Alfie Conn, at present injured, and Paul Wilson are also available in the big pool.

Danny McGrain, Celtic's new captain and one of the world's most entertaining full-backs.

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WILLIE KELLY	3
RIKKI FLEMING	4
ALEX McANESPIE	5
ROBERT HANNAH	6
WALKER McCALL	7
JIM McSHERRY	8
DANNY MASTERTON	9
DAVY McCULLOCH	10
GORDON CRAMOND	11
Subs:	
	12
	14

Referee:

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Celtic

1 PETER LATCHFORD
2 DANNY McGRAIN
3 ANDY LYNCH
4 PAT STANTON
5 RODDY McDONALD
6 ROY AITKEN
7 RONNIE GLAVIN
8 J. EDVALDSSON
9 JOE CRAIG
10 TOMMY BURNS
11 BOBBY LENNOX
Subs:
12
14

SCORE CHECK

A Clydebank v Aberdeen	.....	G Hearts v Dundee	.....
B Dundee United v St. Mirren	.....	H Morton v Alloa	.....
C Motherwell v Partick Th.	.....	J Q.O.S. v Hamilton	.....
D Rangers v Hibernian	.....	K St. Johnstone v East Fife	.....
E Airdrie v Montrose	L Stirling A. v Kilmarnock
F Arbroath v Dumbarton	M Clyde v Stenhousemuir

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Scottish Daily Express



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One of John Greig's better jokes concerned the way that two successive Rangers defeats would be treated in what has become known as the media. "Crisis at Ibrox," the headlines would scream. John replied: "It's the 72nd crisis for Rangers in the last three seasons."

The point he was making was that for Rangers everything is black and white. And the same can be said of Scottish football in general

The prophets of doom are never very far away. The players aren't what they were. Tactics have replaced skill. Grounds are in decay. Bingo attracts more customers than the big ball. Football is dying.

I don't see much signs of the gloomier predictions coming true and would say right at the start of the season that football is still the greatest game and still, penny for penny, the best entertainment value in Scotland.

Consider the issues at stake in the next few months. Will Scotland qualify for the World Cup? Will Celtic and Rangers repeat earlier European triumphs? How will St. Mirren and Clydebank fare in the Premier League? Can Hearts and Dundee come back into the sort of company those famous clubs deserve?

Will Joe Harper or Willie Pettigrew score the most goals? Will the young ones like Paul Sturrock, Tony Fitzpatrick, Davie Cooper step into Scottish jerseys? Who will win the Championship, the League Cup and the Cup. The man who cannot get excited about those issues and personalities is the kind of fellow who thinks Frank Sinatra can sing "nane".

Of course, the start of season excitement can turn into midwinter gloom as some clubs fall by the wayside, but that is football. At the moment we extend best wishes to everyone and make this small plea to managers and players.

All fans are interested in only one commodity—goals. They are not concerned about retreating defences. A barrowload of goals so substantial that goalkeepers are suffering from backache before the end of August is the grandest tonic the game could have.

Meanwhile sit back and enjoy the greatest Scottish show on earth.

RESERVE NEWS

Ayr United 3, Partick Thistle 2

Ayr United:—Connaghan, Murphy, Connor, Walker, McAllister, Tait, Newman, Hyslop, McLelland, Sim, McCutcheon; Subs: Junior, A. N. Other.

The reserves started their league campaign last Saturday with an impressive win over Partick at Dam Park. Ex-Celtic player Denis Connaghan was in nets. Our team was mainly made up with new signings and the youngsters looked very promising indeed.

The boys showed tremendous fighting spirit to come back from behind twice. The scorers were Robert Connor, Steve McLelland and a trialist.

This season's reserve fixtures are the reverse of the Premier League.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Name the only club to defeat Ayr United last November?
 2. Who captained Scotland in last season's home international series?
 3. St. Johnstone's manager came from an English non-league club. Which?
 4. Which two other Scottish clubs did Jock Stein manage before moving to Celtic?
 5. Which club play at Shielfield Park?
 6. The managers of the Welsh and Irish international squads are?
 7. From which club did Derby County sign Archie Gemmill?
 8. How many times have Benfica been in the European Cup Final?
 9. In what year was FIFA formed?
 10. In which cup did Celtic and Liverpool meet in 1966 and what were the scores?
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What the papers said

Partick Thistle 2 — Ayr United 2 (McCall, Masterton)

Partick Thistle—Rough; Hansen, Whittaker; Campbell, Marr, Gibson; Houston, Melrose (McQuade), Love, Somner, Craig.

Ayr United—Sproat; Rodman (Filippi), Kelly; Fleming, McAnespie, Hannah; McCall, McSherry, Masterton, McCulloch, Cramond.

Referee—E. Pringle.

. "Full marks to Ayr United for a battling display against Partick Thistle at Firhill to go home with a point that few could grudge them.

Twice behind, they hit back to draw level. The "honest men" were a well-drilled side. Their defence had the answer to all that Thistle could throw at them.

Sproat's handling was immaculate, Rodman and Kelly never put a foot wrong at full back. Fleming and McAnespie operated a most effective partnership and new boy Hannah always used the ball well.

Ayr had tremendous twin strikers in McCall and Masterton, and how fitting each of them should be on target! Cramond was another live wire in the Ayr attack and a menace every time he got the ball "

John Reid, Sunday People

. "Ayr, twice behind at Firhill, proved they have nothing to learn about fighting spirit by gaining a well-deserved point.

They were never overawed by Thistle and indeed the Glasgow club's opening goal in 25 minutes was against the run of play "

Sunday Mail

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Aberdeen;
2. Bruce Rioch;
3. Waterlooville;
4. Dunfermline and Hibs;
5. Berwick Rangers;
6. Mike Smith and Danny Blanchflower;
7. Preston North End;
8. Three;
9. 1904;
10. Cup Winners Cup—Celtic Park, Celtic 1, Liverpool 0, Anfield—Liverpool 2, Celtic 0.

UNITED DATA



ANGLO/SCOTTISH CUP

August
 F A Pts.

10—Hibernian (a) 1 2
 22—Hibernian (h)

LEAGUE CUP 1977

August
 30—Queen's Park... (h)

September
 3—Queen's Park... (a)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

August
 13—Partick Thistle (a) 2 2 1
 20—Celtic (h)

27—St. Mirren (a)

September
 10—Aberdeen (h)

17—Motherwell ... (a)

24—Rangers (a)

October
 1—Dundee United (h)

8—Hibernian (a)

15—Clydebank (h)

22—Partick Thistle (h)

29—Celtic (a)

November
 5—St. Mirren (h)

12—Aberdeen (a)

19—Motherwell ... (h)

26—Rangers (h)

December
 3—Dundee United (a)

10—Hibernian (h)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

January
 F A Pts.

2—St. Mirren (a)

7—Aberdeen (h)

14—Motherwell (a)

21—Rangers (a)

February
 28—SCOTTISH CUP 3rd ROUND

4—Dundee United (h)

11—Hibernian (a)

18—SCOTTISH CUP 4th ROUND

25—Clydebank (h)

March
 4—Partick Thistle (h)

11—Celtic (a)

18—St. Mirren (h)

25—Aberdeen (a)

April
 1—Motherwell ... (h)

8—Rangers (h)

15—Dundee United (a)

22—Hibernian (h)

29—Clydebank (a)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

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Aberdeen	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Ayr United	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Partick Thistle	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Celtic	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Clydebank	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
St. Mirren	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Dundee United	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hibernian	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
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Rangers	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

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