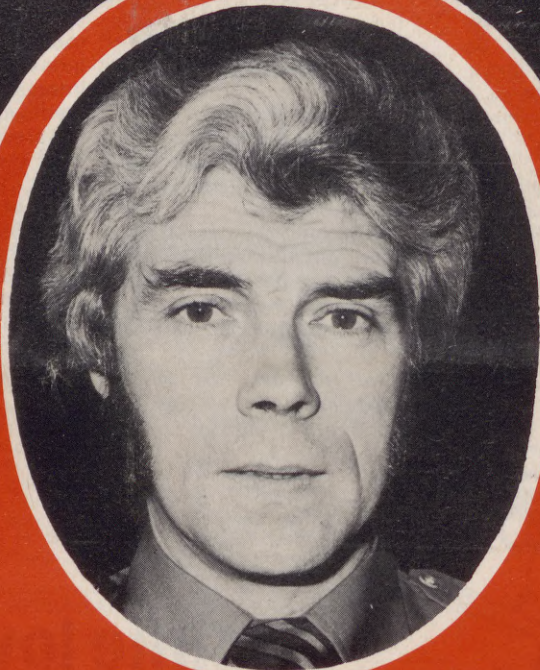


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The battle to stay among the elite is certainly tough but there is a long, long way to go yet.

Two or three results in this very small league puts an entirely different complexion on the relative positions.

● **COVER PIC:** *Bill Munro, the Bankies manager, who believes his players will respond to the atmosphere today. See story on opposite page.*

## Behind the Scenes

Certainly everybody is working hard behind the scenes. The boys are learning more about the big survival game every week.

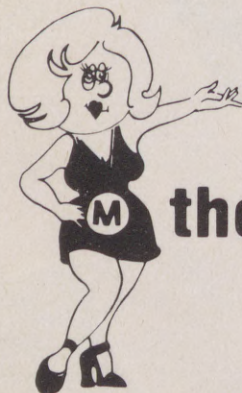
The difference between the Premier League and the First Division is great enough but the sheer sustained pressure of the top league compared with the second division,

where the Bankies were two short seasons ago, is enormous. But we will have a real go.



The "Doc" is a very familiar figure in the Bankies dressing room. The club is very lucky indeed to have the support, interest and very considerable medical assistance of one of the areas leading consultants.

If you add the help of the "Doc" to the unquestioned skills of Physiotherapists Tony Lenachan and Gerry McIlwham, and remember that Captain Jim Fallon is also a physiotherapist, the boys are well served in that department.



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# BANKIES SPOTLIGHT

## The 'Mystery' of Kilbowie!

**THERE'S** no truth in the rumour Clydebank are considering hiring a private detective to tell them the mystery of Kilbowie this season.

Even though manager Bill Munro and his players feel that the side play better away from home, it is a fact that five of their seven Premier League points have been won at Kilbowie.

"It's certainly an intriguing situation," says the Bankies boss, "but it is a fact that clubs always look to pick up the vast majority of their points at home. The smaller pitch suits us more than the bigger clubs. I only hope we pick up a lot more here in the future.

"Today's game against Celtic has caught me in two minds. I don't know whether to be glad or sorry that we are facing them. On the one hand it will be hard, very hard, and because we are at the bottom of the league, all our matches are hard.

"One thing I do know. The players won't need to be motivated for this game, nor for next Saturday's clash against Rangers. The big crowds will give plenty of atmosphere to Kilbowie and that will spur on the players.

"They gave the 'Old Firm' a run for their money when they played them earlier in the season and I expect them to do so again this afternoon and next Saturday as well."

### GEORGE BOUND FOR AUSTRALIA

The Bankies have freed George Donaldson, the ex-Rangers and Hearts player who was with them on a month's loan.

He was released last week and is off to Australia to try his luck there. All the best, George.

### BANKIES SIGN YOUNG PIVOT

Clydebank have signed a young centre-half by the name of Gerry Sharkey, at present playing with Paisley juvenile

side, Ferguslie United.

Gerry played in the recent reserve match against Partick Thistle and was the Bankies star man. However he won't be called up straight away. He will remain with his juvenile side until the end of their Scottish Cup interests.

### A 'NIGHTMARE' FOR HIBS...

Hibs must be dreading the prospect of another two Reserve matches against the Bankies. They have met twice in the league so far and the Easter Road side have lost 12 goals... eight of which have been scored by two players!

Gavin Murray hit four against them in the 7-1 win at Kilbowie in August after coming on as a sub with only 20 minutes to go! and Brian Miller notched another four against them in the 5-2 victory at Easter Road a few weeks ago.

#### RESERVE APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

CODE:—RL—Reserve League; RLC—Reserve League Cup; 2 XI CUP—Second Eleven Cup.

	APPEARANCES				Total	SCORERS				Total
	RL	RLC	2 XI	CUP		RL	RLC	2 XI	Cup	
King	14	2		1	17					
MacCormack	2	1			3	1				1
Colgan	6	2			8	1	1			2
O'Rourke	12	2		1	15	2				2
Larnach	1				1					
Ronalds	7	2		1	10			1		1
Callaghan	4			1	5					
Miller	10			1	11	6				6
McCallan	2	2			4	2	1			3
Bradbury	10				10	1				1
Murray	7	1			8	5				5
Jervis	12	2		1	15					
McNaughton	3	1			4	2				2
Gourlay	5	1			6					
Fanning	7	2		1	10			1		1
Hay		1			1					
Abel	1	1			2					
McLaughlin	9			1	10	1				1
O'Brien	9			1	10					
Donaldson	5				5	1				1
Hall	2				2					
Lumsden	2			1	3					
Houston	8	2		1	11	1	1			2
Trialists	1	2			12					



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