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WAYSIDE COMMENT

A hat-trick for manager Stewart

AIRDRIEONIANS on Saturday recorded their third win in three outings against St. Johnstone since the former Perth boss Jackie Stewart became manager at Broomfield.

The performance by the Diamonds pleased our manager, for they finished strongly and did not show signs of rustiness that many people thought they might after the weather-enforced break.

The 2-1 scoreline flattered the Muirton men, with the Diamonds' pressure deserving a wider winning margin than the 55-second goal by Willie McCulloch and the clincher by McVeigh.

It was good to get back into action under suitable conditions, and the thought of facing Celtic before a big "gate" in a Scottish Cup-tie provided its own motivation this week.

"This is a one-off occasion," said Jackie. "We won't have to ponder about the need for points and how that will help or hinder us in the League — this is a different atmosphere altogether.

"If you want to see Airdrieonians' name go into the hat for the next round, then go out there and give it all you've got ... that's the theme I've been thumping home to players in training this week."

SIGNING

MANAGER Jackie Stewart has signed a young goalkeeper during the freeze-up — John Brian, of Glasgow United. In 1976, while at Shawlands Academy, John won Under-18 Schools' caps against England and Wales.

BELATED 'FIRST-FOOTERS'

BROOMFIELD lies about 600 feet above sea-level, which perhaps explains the hefty back-log of fixtures ... our worst pile-up for many years.

For those who have lost count, the reckoning is: Montrose (A), East Fife (H), Raith Rovers (A), Hamilton Acas. (H), Queen of the South (A), Clydebank (H) and Morton (H).

Despite the January 29 date-line, Celtic are our "first-foot" for 1977, our last League game having been the victory over Falkirk on December 18.

Nevertheless, our play showed ample evidence of their fitness last Saturday on a very heavy Muirton pitch.

And for that, our manager and his training staff deserve the credit for maintaining their standard during the long spell without a game.

We did manage to fit in a friendly on January 8 at Stenhousemuir when the Diamonds won 3-2, with Whiteford, Walker and an "o.g." counting. This game was for both teams a good warm-up before the return to serious business of gathering League points.