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PREMIER LEAGUE



FINE FARE
LEAGUE



Action from Celtic's last visit to Kilbowie

Kilbowie
Park

Clydebank

V

CELTIC

Saturday
29th March, 1986
Kick-off 3 p.m.

40p

KILBOWIE

COMMENT

The problem again of playing in Scottish weather conditions was sure illustrated last week. The driving rain and heavy park gave us probably the worst conditions both for playing and watching this season. It certainly didn't suit our side and subsequently Campbell Money didn't have one of his busier afternoons. St. Mirren adapted better, but again showed a standard which we must reach consistently especially for next year — a standard not that far out of our reach at the moment.

The secret of most successful sides is to achieve a consistency of selection to allow a reliable team pattern. On many occasions this team effort can get you through even when not playing well. For many reasons such consistency of selection has escaped us this year and now the nucleus of our side is changing. That dreaded inevitable decline in ability to compete through advancing years is beginning to affect several of our players. It is always desirable to have a blend of youth and experience in your side but in this league physical ability is vital. That is not to say that some of our better performers have not been our older players, but as with our last visit to the Premier League it is a long season to keep battling week in week out for points. It is easy however to pick faults in our own side but replacing players with others capable of playing in this league is not easy. All of the staff at Kilbowie can see changes have to be made but maybe at times we can be over-critical. It only takes a couple of changes and a couple of results allowing confidence to return and things suddenly are not so gloomy.

Today sees our final league match of the season against Celtic. There is no doubt Celtic lack a couple of players in certain positions to enable them to dominate the League, but having said that, they have talent in their side that with such changes the jump out of the pack at the top of the League would occur. We at Kilbowie can complain about the ability to slot in new players but Celtic have rightly such high standards that finding the current players to stand in at Parkhead is not any easier. Being

past champions of Europe is a standard of the highest order. To fight to achieve such a level must always be the goal for Celtic and with their outstanding youth set up it is not often better quality players become available than those with promise in their younger ranks. Still striving to catch Hearts, plus with the backing of the magic support, we know it will be as hard as always for the Bankies to get points.

HAPPY ~~CHRISTMAS~~ EASTER

As readers probably know, today's clash should have taken place at Kilbowie in December, but due to the winter weather, was switched to Parkhead in order to make use of Celtic's under-soil heating system.

However the programme had been completely printed by the time the switch was made. In view of the costs involved, it would have been impractical to have destroyed over 3,000 programmes.

Therefore, the programmes are being issued today with this cover being added to show the correct date for the match. With all this in mind I hope you appreciate that the Christmas Greetings on the centre pages were sincerely intended, and accept more current Easter greetings instead.

NEXT HOME GAME
Fine Fare League
Premier Division

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MOTHERWELL

Saturday 5th April, 1986

LEAGUE TABLE

(Excludes Hearts' midweek victory over St Mirren).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hearts . . .	30	16	9	5	48	29	41
Dundee U.	29	14	10	5	48	24	38
Aberdeen .	29	13	10	6	50	25	36
Celtic . . .	28	12	10	6	46	36	34
Rangers . .	31	12	8	11	47	37	32
Dundee . .	30	12	7	11	38	45	31
St. Mirren .	28	10	5	13	35	43	25
Hibernian .	31	9	6	16	44	56	24
Motherwell	28	6	5	17	26	50	17
Clydebank	30	5	6	19	25	62	16