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# FROM THE MANAGER



**LAST week we beat Partick Thistle at Firhill. I was very pleased that we managed to come through successfully what in the past has proved to be a tricky away fixture.**

A magnificent first goal from George McCluskey was no doubt the highlight of the match. George now looks like fulfilling the promise of his early goalscoring potential which is delightful and with Frank McGarvey and Charlie Nicholas also capable of scoring at any time we must be the envy of many clubs.

Top of the league is always a good place to be and although there are still a lot of games to be played before any prizes are given out we are now building up a very useful lead. We are at home today and will obviously be looking to consolidate our position. I know, and so do the players, that there is no room for complacency and we'll be concentrating on one match at a time.

We've been involved in some great football this season and I'm glad that our last two home matches have been so entertaining for the fans. Our match against Aberdeen has been praised in every quarter, but our match against Rangers was also exciting. I can safely say that it was one of the best Old Firm matches of my time, both as a player and manager. Obviously it would have been nicer to win but I know the fans must have thoroughly enjoyed the football played that afternoon. All the ingredients were there.

We had a pleasant bonus recently when Celtic became the first Scottish club ever to win the Daily Express 5-a-side trophy. We only need to look at the quality of our opposition to see how much emphasis the big name English clubs put on the competition. It was particularly nice for Jim Lumsden, our Youth team coach, who was in charge of our side, since he has known and worked with most of our young team since their first professional games.

Today we play Dundee who have found the season difficult so far, but they can be dangerous as we all learned last week when they beat Morton 4-1. So we daren't take today's match too lightly.

We've had our injury worries this season, but Danny McGrain and Tommy Burns both now look over the worst of theirs. Our latest worry is Dom Sullivan and at the time of writing I don't know just how serious his injury is. I now look forward to the day when we have a full strength squad to choose from.

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We are all sure that more than a few of you will recognise the young man in goal.

Each of the boys will have three kicks before the match, starting at 2.45 p.m.

They will each have a further two kicks at half-time.

All the prizes have been donated by Dunlop Sports.

## JOHN DOYLE FUND

A group of Glasgow businessmen have organised a Cabaret and Buffet at Glasgow's Central Hotel on Monday, December 14, the proceeds from which will go to the John Doyle Memorial Fund. More details of this event will be given in the *View* and next week's programme.

Other donations are still coming in. The closing date for the fund is Saturday, December 19. If you would like to make a contribution send it to: John Doyle Memorial Fund, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW.

## BEAT THE WEATHER

Football fans in Scotland traditionally have a running battle with the weather at this time of year. The Celtic coaching staff and substitutes have found the answer, though. At today's game you will see them all wearing the new Celtic thermal jacket made by Edward MacBean & Co. Ltd of Kirkintilloch. No need to be jealous however as you can buy the jacket in children's and adult sizes from the Celtic Shop opposite the main stand. The jackets cost £17.75 and £10.95 so hurry and beat the Scottish weather by getting one for Christmas, or better still get someone else to buy you one!

## SHOP TALK

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## REQUEST SPOT

As you would have heard at the Rangers match, John is receiving lots of record requests and dedications through the post, but he still has room for yours. So if you'd like to wish someone Happy Birthday — maybe Tommy Burns whose birthday is coming up on the

16th — or just say hello to a friend then write to John Johnstone, Record Requests, 20 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow.



JIM McINALLY

## CELTIC REPS.

Celtic were well represented in the International Youth team during the week. Paul McStay, Jim Dobbin, Jim McNally and Paul Chalmers all featured in Andy Roxburgh's plans for the match against West Germany on Wednesday night. It is interesting to note that although these four players are still young enough to play at youth level, they can all be seen regularly in the Celtic reserves. This underlines the youthfulness of the Celtic playing staff which must promise a lengthy future at the top for the club.



JIM DOBBIN



### Peter is aiming for a victory

Ex-Celt Peter Mackie, pictured here in his Celtic Park days before his £30,000 transfer to Dundee in 1979. Peter is a skilled player who will want to put one over on his former team.

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>CELTIC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>
Aberdeen	14	7	4	3	20	14	18
Dundee Utd	13	6	4	3	25	12	16
St Mirren	14	6	4	4	21	17	16
Rangers	13	5	5	3	21	18	15
Hibernian	14	3	6	5	14	13	12
Morton	14	4	3	7	13	23	11
Airdrie	14	3	4	7	19	34	10
Dundee	14	4	1	9	22	32	8
Partick Th.	14	2	4	8	11	20	8

## MATCH

### CELTIC POOL



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Iain FERGUSON  
David BELL  
Eric SINCLAIR  
Peter MACKIE  
Danny CAMERON  
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Jim MURPHY

## HALF-TIME

<b>A</b>	AIRDRIE v RANGERS		
<b>B</b>	DUNDEE UTD v HIBERNIAN		
<b>C</b>	MORTON v ABERDEEN		
<b>D</b>	ST MIRREN v PARTICK THISTLE		
<b>E</b>	AYR UTD v RAITH ROVERS		
<b>F</b>	CLYDEBANK v QOS		
<b>G</b>	DUNFERMLINE v KILMARNOCK		

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(Dumbarton)

## SCOREBOARD

<b>H</b>	EAST STIRLING v MOTHERWELL		
<b>I</b>	HAMILTON v FALKIRK		
<b>J</b>	HEARTS v QUEEN'S PARK		
<b>K</b>	ST JOHNSTONE v DUMBARTON		
<b>L</b>	NOTTS FOREST v LIVERPOOL		
<b>M</b>	SOUTHAMPTON v MANCHESTER UTD		
<b>N</b>	WEST HAM UNITED v ARSENAL		

**SPECTATORS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE CARE - PARTICULARLY LEAVING THE GROUND AFTER THE MATCH**



Tommy Burns is easing himself back into contention for a first team spot after his recent injury. He came through a mid-week game against Queens Park well, showing a few touches of class and has made a good recovery.

CELTIC won the penalty kick competition held at half-time in the Scotland v West Germany youth international at Ibrox on Wednesday night.

The Celtic pair of Charlie Nicholas and S-form signing Peter Grant converted all six penalty kicks and with Rangers and St. Mirren only scoring a total of four.

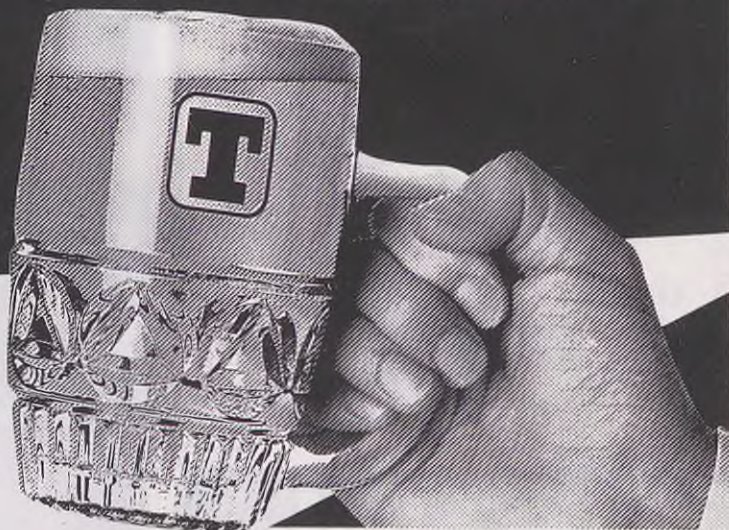
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# SCOTTISH SPORTSCENE

By  
DAVID BELL

## WHAT HAS GONE WRONG?

**SPARE** a thought as we move into the season of goodwill for Gordon Wallace, the likeable Raith Rovers manager who is experiencing in a punishing way the unpredictability and rapid change of footballing fortunes.

Just under a year ago, Rovers were bristling with confidence, nestling among the promotion pack in a First Division neck-and-neck race, and going on to finish in fourth place, only two points behind runners-up Dundee.

Compare the scene today . . . a stiff away test at Ayr, bossed incidentally by Willie McLean, (whom Gordon succeeded at Kirkcaldy), with his Rovers side their morale blown, languishing on the second bottom rung of the ladder.

### CRASH LAND

What caused the crash? If only Gordon knew he would surely have pitted some of the wiles displayed so adeptly as a stylish striker with Raith, Dundee and Dundee United to full use to rectify the fault and halt the slide.

The side shows few changes from his shock-troopers of last season. Yet the team which snatched close on a half-ton of



**Gordon Wallace . . .  
manager of Raith Rovers.**

league goals last term has put away only 19 in 17 matches in the current campaign.

Perhaps the experienced campaigners have just had too much experience, yet it has been two of the "old heads" Bobby Ford (Ex-Dundee) and Willie Gibson (ex-Hearts) who have been picking up "star" notices in recent outings.

There's no easy answer to a form slump — only criticism from the terracing and the stay-at-home "Supporters".

## Briefly . . .

. . . Last Saturday's 53,777 gate at Hampden for the League Cup final was over 7000 more than attended the rest of the Scottish League card . . .



. . . The Dundee United squad received greetings in Winterslag on Tuesday from a local player with a broad Central Scotland accent, none other than Jim Tolmie, who transferred last season from Morton to Belgian side Lokeren.



. . . Twelve-year-old Tommy Perrie of Larkhall was given a real pick-me-up in hospital where is he recovering from a road accident when Charlie Nicholas and Larkhall-based McStay brothers Paul and Willie called in to hand over a Celtic strip.



**Willie McStay and Charlie Nicholas . . . a pick-me-up.**



# 'WELL ON THE WAY TO PREMIER LEAGUE

**FROM** being the punished to the praiseworthy . . . it was that kind of November for Graeme Forbes, of Motherwell.

His collective misdemeanours in October earned him a two-week suspension. Then came the obligatory playing-in outing with the Reserves where he turned in a stormer in a slightly more defensive role than usual.

But last Saturday, Davie Hay who knows a thing or three about packing aggression into attacking play from deep position, restored Forbes to his midfield "Engine room".

## INSTANT

And the effect? Within 9-seconds of the kick-off with most of his colleagues and opponents still to touch the ball he had prised open the Dunfermline defence to head the opener.

Then he had a hand (or to be more precise, a foot) in two other goals as the Fir Park men chalked up a six-goal win to push themselves way out in front as the top scoring goals machine in the seven Scottish and English divisions.

Just as relegation is vehemently banned from dressing room discussions so, too, is the term promotion. But there



**DAVIE HAY . . . displaying the midfield aggression he showed with Celtic and Scotland and now wants to instil in his Motherwell team.**

seems little doubt, even this side of Christmas, that Davie Hay will soon be returning to Park-head . . . as manager of

Premier League Motherwell.

Even if his loyalties have now changed, it will still be good to see Davie back in Paradise.

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# CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION PUT CLYDE ON PROMOTION TRAIL

By KEN SMITH

WINNING the league . . . the delightful dream of every football fan at the start of the season, and at present the eager expectation of numerous supporters in Glasgow.

But not all those who dream of league glory gather on the slopes at Parkhead.

For only a mile or so away from the ground of this Premier League club is another stadium where the talk is of league titles.

Shawfield, home of dog racing and Clyde Football Club, could at the end of the season be boasting of the Second Division title.

## AMBITION

But while Celtic and Clyde share the common ambition of chasing their own respective league titles, in many ways the similarity ends there.

Take for example Thursday night training at Shawfield, on the banks of the Clyde. There the players have to be finished by 7.30 p.m. to make way for the greyhounds!

Manager Craig Brown, who hopes to steer Clyde to the league title, has often wished that he could find another ground to train on. But the lack of floodlights has meant his search continues.

## EARLY FINISH

And so on Thursdays when the punters arrive to watch the

dogs hurl around the track, the players troop back to the dressing room.

After all it's the greyhound men who own the stadium, with the men who kick the football on a Saturday merely the tenants.

But as manager Brown maintains: "We don't lack for fitness. Training here is as hard as most, and we always make sure we have good pre-season training which helps us have a good start to the season".

When Saturday dawns at Shawfield the click of the turnstiles will only be heard in its hundreds and not the thousands as at Parkhead.

## LOYAL CORE

But even so, they are not entirely downhearted at Shawfield. For as Craig Brown points out: "We are building up a hard core of loyal supporters."

"Just a few weeks ago Celtic were playing Aberdeen at Parkhead which was the Premier Division match of the day. Motherwell were playing Queen's Park at Hampden in the best Division One game that day.

"And we were sandwiched between them playing Cowdenbeath and we still had an attendance of 700."

Nevertheless the gate takings mean that Clyde cannot throw

money around like a man with no arms.

## INEVITABLE

Selling players becomes inevitable, and in the past four seasons Clyde have made a profit of about £200,000 in their various dealings — giving them a much needed income of £1000 a week over that period.

There was for example a spindly striker by the name of Steve Archibald who went north to Aberdeen for £20,000. The manager who signed Archibald for the Dons? None other than the present Celtic boss Billy McNeill.

Said the Shawfield boss: "There were a number of managers at the time who did not rate Archibald, but I'll spare their blushes by not saying who they are".

Other transfers include Joe Ward to Aston Villa for £80,000 and Jim Boyd to Motherwell for £25,000.

The signings to Shawfield have been a bit more modest with a total of only £36,000 being spent in the past five seasons.

## LOTTERY

Thankfully a good lottery helps keep the club's financial head above water — in fact they will be one of the few clubs in Scotland which actually has any money in the bank!

Ironically although they don't have the financial worry of running Shawfield Stadium — that's down to the dogs — that means they have to work harder at keeping the bank manager happy.

Other clubs for example can use their grounds as security against bank loans. Because Clyde don't own their ground they are unable to use such financial manoeuvres.

## INCENTIVE

However if the Clyde players are not receiving the same cash rewards as their counterparts in the Premier League, one thing remains the same — the incentive to win.

Said Craig Brown: "We definitely want to play at the highest level we can. Everyone here is determined to get promotion and to stay up."

"We have a young side and I am confident they can do well in the first division if they achieve promotion".

And despite the need to balance the books, Craig Brown's ambition is to halt the sale of players.

## STARLETS

"Oh I know you can't stop the sale of players to clubs like Arsenal. But there is not any need for a player to move to a comparable part-time club. We want to hold on to players".



STEVE ARCHIBALD . . . sold by Clyde for £20,000.

Players such as keeper John Brogan, left-back Tommy McQueen and winger Pat Nevin who have been attracting admiring glances from wcouts this season.

And one to watch for in the future? Well Paul Flexney may be only 16 but already he is on the fringes of the first team.

And although much of the housing around Shawfield has

disappeared, Paul is a local boy, a pupil from nearby John Boscoe Secondary.

And instead of knocking down all the houses, many in the area are being modernised instead by the local council.

The hope around Shawfield that a rebirth in the area and in the fortunes of Clyde Football Club may be going hand in hand.

# ANGELA IS SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

A **BRIGHT-EYED** 18-year-old lass has smashed a male monopoly of an annual award sponsored by a city to honour its most meritorious achievement in amateur sport during the preceding year. And how she achieved it in style.

For such was the form chart submitted by her proposers, the Scottish Women's A.A.A. that Angela Bridgeman of Glasgow Athletic Club emerged a convincing winner in the poll, collecting the unanimous verdict of the selection panel.

And her athletics achievements say a lot for the lass who was born in London of Trinidad-born parents and brought to Glasgow as a four-month-old babe carrying the flag of a city where top athletic facilities are non-existent.

In the past six months Angela, a first year student reading bio-chemistry at Glasgow University, has won the Western District and Scottish 400 metres titles, claimed 4th place in the European Junior championships and won a Great Britain cap.

She was officially installed as Glasgow's Sportsperson of the year 1981 at the City Chambers on Tuesday night when Lord Provost Michael Kelly switched his allegiance from football (and Celtic) for a few hours to toast the trophy winner.

Angela's success, incidentally, is the first recorded by a female athlete since that other track star Moira Walls received the award. And that was away back in 1969, 11 male-winners ago.

## Briefly . . .

EX-CELT **Jimmy Sirrel** has hit out at suggestions that his testimonial match was a signal for him to quit as Notts County manager after steering them from the fourth Division to the First . . .



. . . Former St. Mirren left-back **Iain Munro**, still nurturing hopes of a Scotland recall has been named the new captain of struggling Sunderland because, says Boss Alan Durban, he is a "Better shouter" than club captain Jeff Clarke



. . . When Stirling Albion manager **Alex Smith** splashed out £10,000 to transfer Paul Lection from Falkirk it was the first time in 12 years of management that he had bought a player. He formerly bossed Stenhousemuir for five years



. . . While one player doesn't make a team, the waygoing of left-back **Steve Nicol** to Liverpool has certainly affected Ayr United's form, for they haven't won a game since the lad moved to Anfield for a handsome six-figure fee . . .



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# YOUNG CELTS ARE THE FIVE-A-SIDE WEMBLEY WIZARDS

A VERY young Celtic side of Charlie Nicholas, Danny Crainie, Willie McStay, John Weir, Willie Garner and the ever youthful Peter Latchford took on the might of the English First Division at Wembley on Wednesday, 25 November and beat them all.

The occasion was the annual Daily Express 5-a-side competition and by winning Celtic became the first Scottish club ever to do so.

In the first round they beat Watford 3-0 with goals from Danny Crainie, Charlie Nicholas and Willie McStay. Their second round match was against a Manchester United side including names like Robson, Macari, Wilkins and Stapleton. The young Celts beat this expensive side by two goals to nil, scorers this time were Nicholas and Crainie.

They only had one goal scored against them in the entire competition, that was in the third round by Alan Brazil of Ipswich. Brazil was joined by first team players Osman, Muhren, Cooper and McCall, but two goals from Nicholas and one from Crainie were enough to put Celtic in the final.

A single goal by Charlie Nicholas was enough to beat a Southampton side led by English international hero Kevin Keegan and to bring the trophy back to Scotland for the first time.

The television commentator talked continuously about Charlie Nicholas, and Danny Crainie also featured well in the TV coverage.

Jim Lumsden who was in charge of the team had this to say: "The pressure was really off us after the first round. When we got that first game behind us we could then settle to play as we knew we could. I knew that if the boys disciplined themselves they would be as good as anyone there.

"Danny Crainie and Charlie Nicholas linked very well. They've played together since Boys' Club days and I only hope that their understanding of each other's play will serve the Celtic first team in the future. I wouldn't like to single out one player, everyone played his part."



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VISITORS

# DUNDEE

## Morale-boosting win is their target

**DUNDEE have been in and out of the Premier League with peculiar regularity since its formation in 1975.**

Since being promoted this season they are again finding things difficult and are hovering dangerously around the foot of the table. Their 4-1 victory over Morton last week, however, illustrated that they are not going to go back down without a fight.

Celtic have visited Dens Park this season where we won 3-1, but Dundee were unlucky to meet Celtic on a day when they clicked so well. Today we welcome them to Glasgow and they will no doubt be out to boost their morale with a victory against the league leaders.

Dundee do not have a very good away record so far this season but manager Donald Mackay has confidence in the ability of his men. His team today will come from these players:

**Alan Blair** played last week against Morton. This goalkeeper is a part-time player who normally works as a P.E. teacher. He was signed during last season and played a good part in Dundee's promotion to the Premier League.

**Robert Geddes** was the regular goalkeeper until injury knocked him out for the season in December last year. He is now back to full fitness and on form. He has been with Dundee since 1977.

**Leslie Barr** is a strong attacking full back who often pushes his team forward when that bit of extra effort is needed. He joined Dundee from Montrose in 1978.

**Robert Glennie** played for Aberdeen until returning to play in his native Dundee in 1978. Robert is a powerful defender.

**Ian MacDonald** was signed for £50,000 just after Dundee were promoted. He is a vastly experienced centre half having played for St Johnstone and Carlisle before coming to Dundee.

**George McGeachie** signed from Bo'ness United in 1977. George is a very versatile player and is strong in the tackle.

**Brian Scrimgeour** has played all his football for Dundee clubs having signed from Dundee Violet. He has now firmly established himself in the first team.

**Cammy Fraser** is a well-known name in Scottish football due to the number of goals he has scored in the past. He joined Dundee from Hearts in 1980 for £61,000. Cammy is a Dundee lad.

**James Murphy** had a spell with Celtic on his way to Dens Park. He has also played for Queen of the South and Bellshill F.C. James joined Dundee in 1978 and has represented

Scotland at Junior level.

**Iain Ferguson** is a centre forward who has scored many important goals, not only for Dundee, but also for Scotland where he has experience at both Schoolboy and Youth levels.

**Ian Fleming** played for Aberdeen and Kilmarnock before going south to Sheffield Wednesday. It cost Dundee 45,000 to bring him back to Scotland in 1980.

**Peter Mackie** went to Dundee from Celtic Park in 1979 for £30,000. Peter is a midfield player who can also make good use of the wing.

**David Bell** is a very talented teenager who has become a regular in the Dundee midfield this season.

**Chic McLelland** is an experienced defender. He joined Dundee from Motherwell having previously played with Aberdeen. He is a steady uncomplicated worker.

**Albert Kidd** is Dundee's record signing at £80,000. He was born and bred in Dundee but started his playing career with Brechin before moving to Arbroath. Albert has scored a lot of goals.

**Danny Cameron** is another local boy who normally plays as a left back. Last week, however, he played in the number 11 jersey and he also captained the victorious Dundee side.





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# WHAT DANNY WANTS FOR XMAS

Any of you who have ever read the reserve scene will be familiar with the name Danny Crainie. The 19-year-old always features prominently, if not through scoring then by setting up scoring chances for his team mates. Danny also displayed some of his passing and close play skills on TV last week when he played a big part in Celtic's 5-a-side win at Wembley. Today Danny is the first of this season's reserve players to be spotlighted in the programme.

I PLAYED for one season with the Celtic Boys' Club before signing with Celtic and this is my second season in the reserves.

My most memorable game for Celtic so far is the final of a youth tournament in Holland in 1979, in which we beat Feyenoord 6-2 and I scored four goals. It's always nice to score and I think anybody would find it hard to forget a game when they scored four times. I've been scoring regularly so far this season which must mean that Bobby Lennox's decision to play me up front is paying off. Personally I'd prefer to play in midfield but any job I'm asked to do at Celtic Park is the job I'll try to do.

In fact I've had probably the least glamorous job at the park to do in the past. I was part of the ground staff here before going full time and very often had to polish the boots. Those early days here made me aware of just how friendly a set up there is at Celtic Park. Some days, for example, Billy McNeill would appear with a ball under his arm and take us out for a game of keepie-up or something. I felt privileged just to meet him but to be kicking a ball about with him was more than I could have asked for.

Charlie Nicholas was on the ground staff at the same time as me and we've become very good friends since then. We spend a lot of our leisure time together and when I'm not taking his sweetie money from him across the snooker table we like to listen to music or go to see live groups such as U2 and Ultravox.

Everyone has a favourite player at some time and many years ago when I was lucky enough to be picked as 'Celtic Boy' in the 'View' I chose mine as George Connelly. He was just such a class player, very cool and really effective. Tommy Burns, too, is another player I'd compare to any in the world. A player I'd like to play against is Ossie Ardiles of Spurs. I'd like the challenge, to know just exactly how hard it is to keep tabs on him.

The most recent highlight in my playing career was being in the winning side at the Daily Express 5-a-sides at Wembley. We played against some big names, but I think the secret of our success was not to get overawed.

Ambition now? To play for the Celtic first team, that's all I've ever really wanted.



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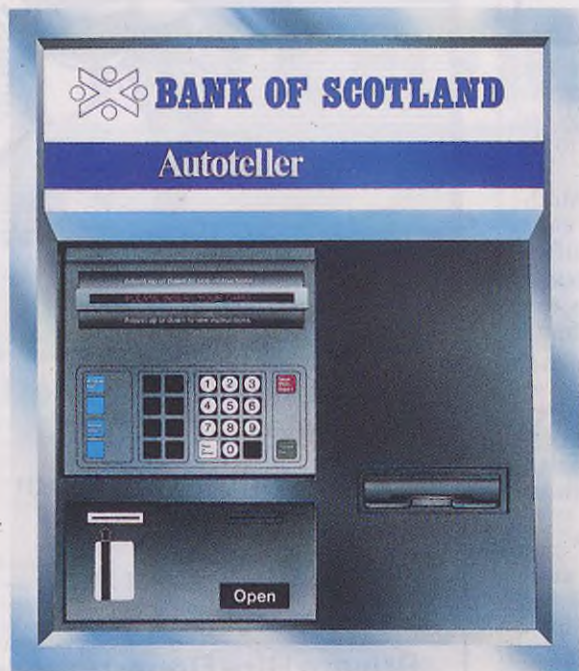
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## Reserve Scene

SINCE the last programme we've played two league matches as well as our first game in this season's Scottish Second Eleven Cup. We picked up three league points and beat Falkirk 3-1 in the cup.

The first of these matches was away to Motherwell and I felt we were a bit unlucky to come away with only one point. Although our outfield play was magnificent for the first 20 minutes we failed to go ahead and it was really thanks to a great performance from young Martin Stanton later in the first half that we managed to go in level at half-time.

Fifteen minutes into the second half we were a goal down when a Motherwell striker scored from what I considered to be an offside position. This was when our boys really started to work hard.

Our equaliser came 20 minutes from time when Paul McStay headed a John Halpin cross past the defenders and then ran on to put the ball past the 'keeper. It was as good a goal as you are likely to see anywhere.

Only two days later on Monday, 23 November we travelled to Falkirk to open our Cup campaign and for the first time in a few seasons we managed to go through to the second round.

We were a goal down after only ten minutes, but I would say that wind and generally bad weather conditions were more to blame than our defence. This goal only served to make our boys more determined and to work harder and when Danny Crainie put us level with a 20 yard shot in the 20th minute we looked winners all the way.

We went in at half-time 2-1 up having gone ahead when Danny Crainie put a ball through for Charlie Nicholas to shoot into an empty net. It was Danny again who scored our third, this time after some great play by John Halpin.

After another short rest, three days this time, we were at home to Kilmarnock in the league and had a very convincing 3-0 victory.

The scoresheet stood blank at the interval, but after John Halpin scored in the 60th minute it was Celtic's game all the way.

Our second goal came from a very fine solo effort by young full back Jim McNally. He broke through on the left, cut into the box and his shot left the keeper with no chance. A few minutes from time a Danny Crainie goal really sealed the points for us.

I've been very pleased with these performances and Danny McGrain, who played in all three of these matches, seems to have fully recovered from his injury.



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