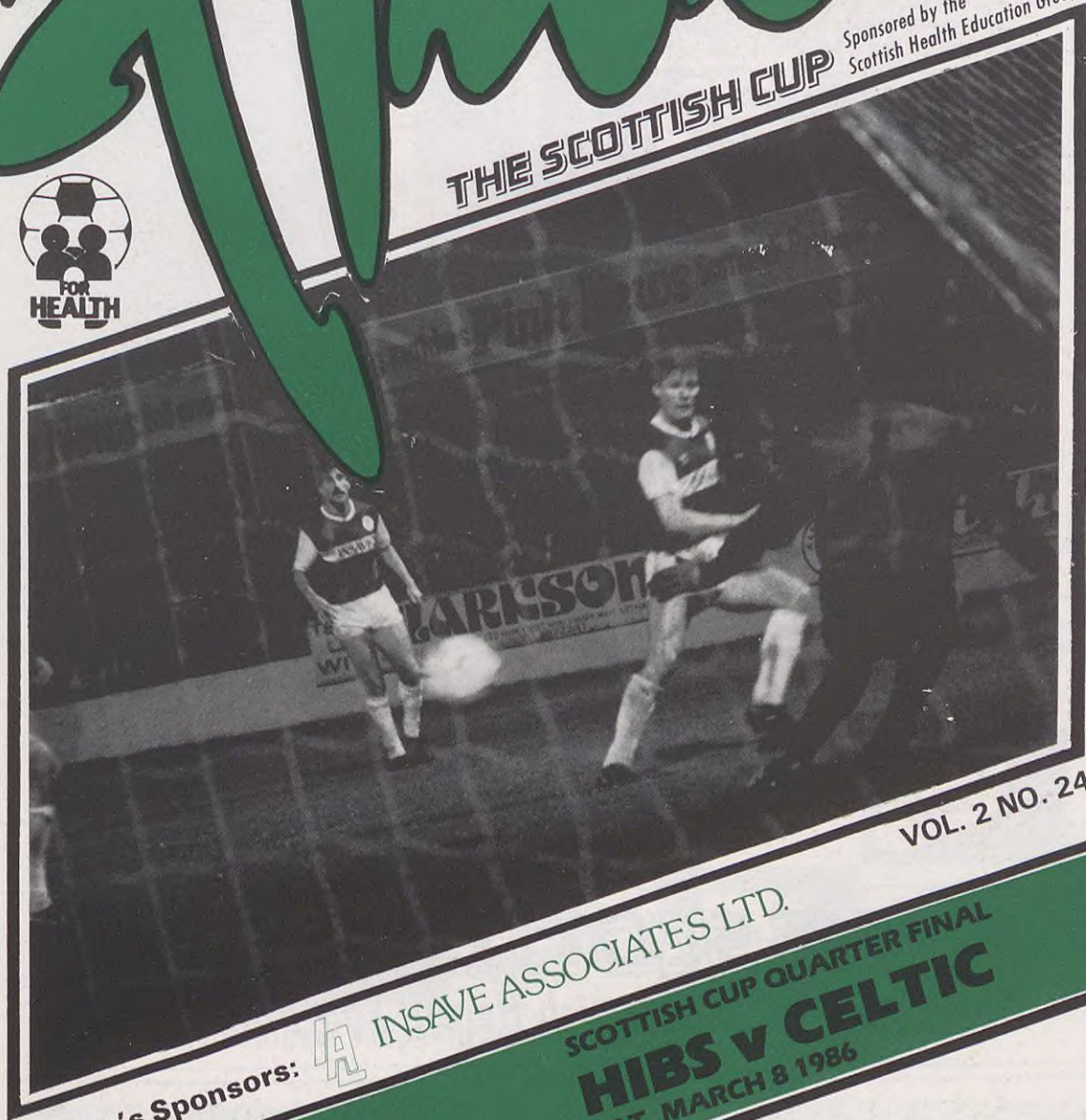



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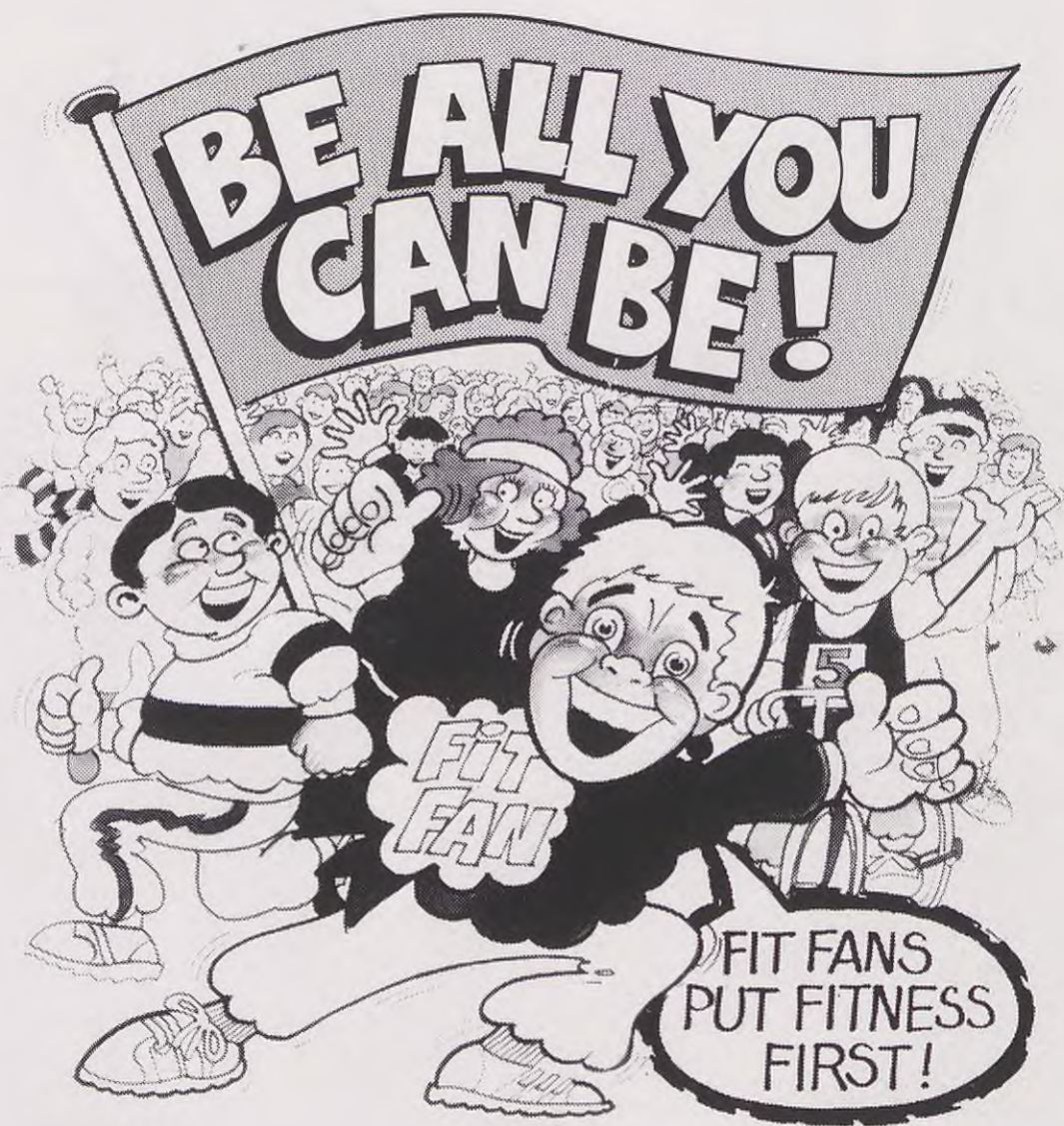
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## Blackley's BACK-CHAT



The recent results have been a disappointment to everyone connected with the club. I felt the two games against Aberdeen and Dundee United were a let-down as we certainly didn't play to the standard expected of the players. Against Rangers, there were spells when we played to something like our true form and the way we should be playing, but things will need to improve.

We're not taking our chances but we're also giving away too many "free gifts" at the back. Both the Aberdeen and Dundee United games were there for the taking and we've got to learn to dig in to get results.

Today's cup-tie offers us a break from league competition and the players know the full benefit of a cup run having been involved in the Skol Cup final earlier in the season. We have the advantage of a home

tie again and it's important that we dig in and don't stand back.

We've got to learn not to give the ball away so often and it's time we settled down to the way we were playing earlier in the season. The recent spate of bookings has been disappointing and it may just cost us dearly in the final run-in.

JOHN BLACKLEY,  
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Cover pic: FLASHBACK to the last time Hibs and Celtic met in a cup tie as Gordon Durie nets our extra-time equaliser in the Skol Cup quarter-final earlier this term.



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# INSAVE PLAYER of the YEAR

Alan Rough still leads the Insave POY chart but Steve Cowan has gained some ground on the Hibs' number one. The order of the top eight has not changed since the last home match.

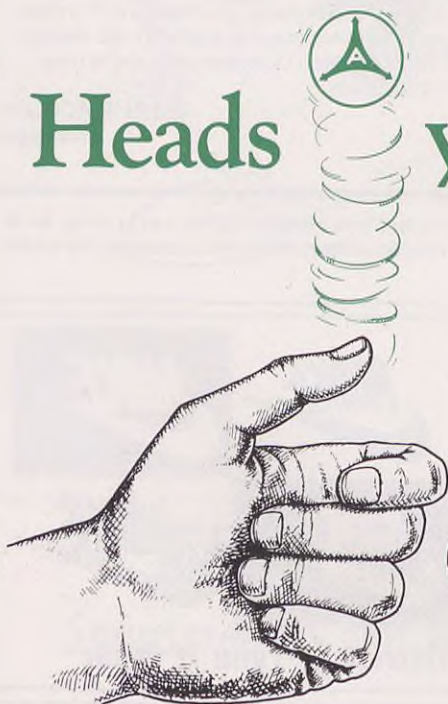
Latest standings:

	Points
1. Alan Rough	232
2. Steve Cowan	223
3. Gordon Hunter	220
4. Alan Sneddon	218
5. Paul Kane	215
6. Gordon Chisholm	214
7. Gordon Durie	204
8. Iain Munro	200



Alan Rough

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# Easter Road Action



Left, Steve Cowan contests this high ball with Alex McLeish during the recent league clash here. Above right, action at the other end, and this time it's Mark Fulton's turn to clear his lines while, below, Joe Tortolano gets over this cross against Dundee United, despite the attentions of Richard Gough.

Pics by Iain White

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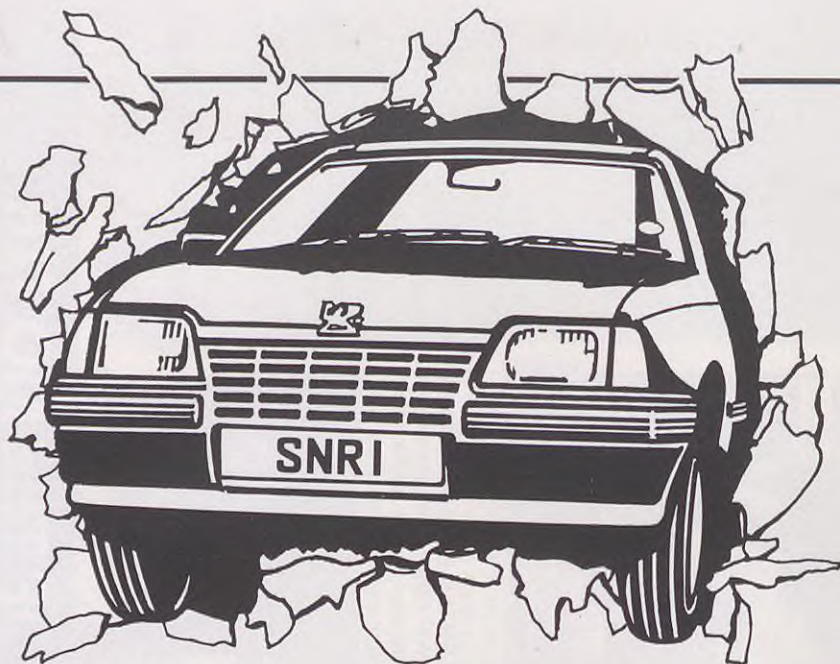
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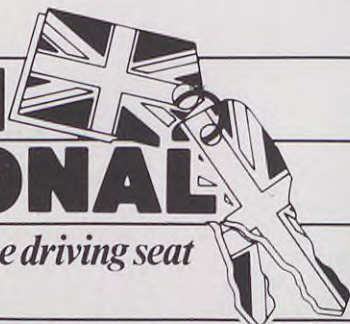
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