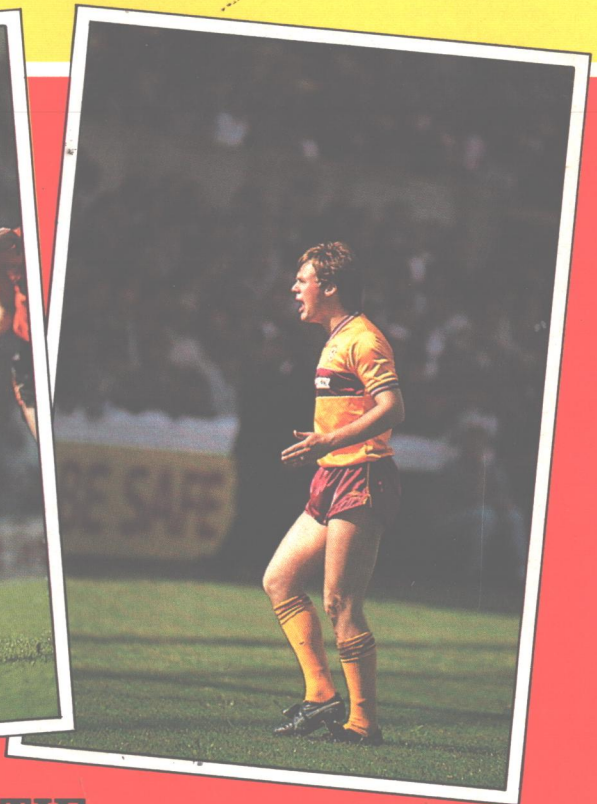




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A WARM WELCOME TO HAMPDEN

IT is indeed a pleasure to once again have the opportunity to welcome all fans to tonight's Skol Cup Semi-Final between Motherwell and Rangers. The 1987/88 Scottish Football season is barely two months old and yet already we have reached the penultimate stage of a competition that has once again captured the imagination of players, officials, the media and supporters throughout the country.

Cup Tie football always generates its own special atmosphere and the Skol Cup Competition is no different and indeed is probably unique whereby all matches are played to a finish on the night. Furthermore, winner or loser, all clubs and players can benefit from the very generous incentives package that rewards attractive and entertaining football. These ingredients have certainly been to the forefront of this year's tourney and clubs and players alike have responded magnificently to the challenge set before them.

There have been goals galore, shocks aplenty, a feast of memorable and exciting matches played and once again, turnstile operators have been working overtime as the very nature of the competition has captivated the attention of the footballing public. Already, the magnificent total of 121 goals have been scored from

34 ties, averaging 3.5 goals per game, which must surely lay claim to the highest goalscoring competition in Europe. As a result, what at first appeared to be formidable round by round incentives targets set by our sponsors, were achieved quite comfortably with clubs putting the emphasis on all-out attacking football. I would take this opportunity in congratulating all clubs and players for adopting this positive approach to the game and I trust that this attitude will continue not only for the Skol Cup Competition, but for the remainder of the season.

This healthy state of affairs is reflected in the increasing number of fans that are being attracted to watch the Skol Cup. Following a 16% increase in spectators attending the competition last season, I am pleased to confirm that the attendance graph chart continues to rise in the right direction, with a further increase in spectators compared to the same stage last season.

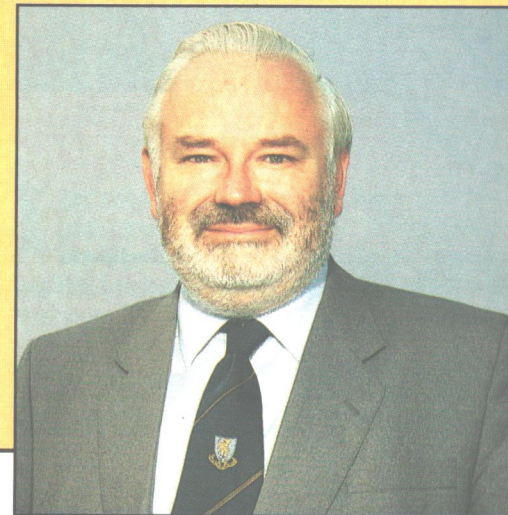
On behalf of the Scottish Football League Management Committee, I am delighted to welcome our friends from The Alloa Brewery Company Ltd., together with their invited guests, in what promises to be an epic encounter. This is the fourth year of the sponsorship between The Scottish Football League and Skol Lager and indeed the first season of a new three year agreement and this second term of sponsorship can be attributed to the very close working relationship and mutual respect that has developed between both parties during the past few years.

Tonight's match between Motherwell and Rangers promises to continue the trend of exciting matches set in the earlier rounds of the competition and each club have their own reasons in attempting to reach the Final on Sunday 28th October. Motherwell, who reached the Semi-Final stage last year, before losing out to Celtic in a Penalty Shoot Out, will I am sure, be endeavouring to go one better this season, whilst Rangers, the current holders, will be attempting to retain the trophy and please their very large and enthusiastic following. Whatever the result, the real winners tonight will be the fans, who I am certain will witness an action packed and gripping encounter.

Finally, may I take this opportunity in thanking the Committee and Staff of Queen's Park Football Club for their assistance in organising tonight's match at our National Stadium. Their assistance and willingness to co-operate are very much appreciated.

ENJOY THE MATCH!

IAN R. G. GELLATLY, C.A.
President, The Scottish Football League



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THE following attractive package of incentives is on offer for tonight's Semi-Finalists and continues Skol Lager's policy to encourage attacking goalscoring football:—

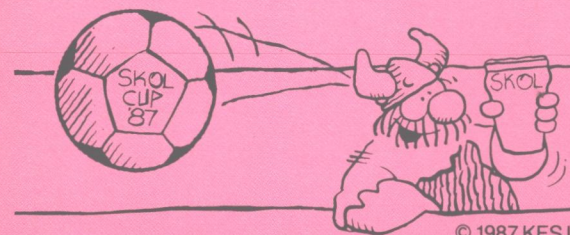
- In the two Semi-Final ties, for every goal scored up to an aggregate total of 5 goals, including extra time, but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, each goalscoring club will be awarded £200 per goal.
- If the aggregate total of goals in the two Semi-Final matches meets or betters a target of 6 goals, including extra time, but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, then Skol Lager will release a prize fund of £2,000. The fund will be divided by the total number of goals scored and each club will be awarded this amount multiplied by the number of goals they have scored.
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reaches the exceptional target of as many as 9 goals, including extra time but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark, then Skol Lager will increase the prize fund to £3,500.

- The media will select Hagar's "Man of the Match", who will be presented with an engraved Skol Cup crystal trophy.
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The current leader after the Fourth Round of the competition is Ally McCoist of Rangers who has scored 6 goals followed by Dundee's Tommy Coyne who has scored 4 goals.

Welcome to this Skol Cup Semi-Final



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I am not surprised that we have reached this important stage in the competition so rapidly because the Skol Cup is designed to get the football season off to a flying start! And this year has been no exception.

In the four weeks it takes to reach the Fourth Round stage of the Skol Cup you have enjoyed 34 exciting mid-week games, and our clubs have shown that the competition is about quality AND quantity by scoring a total of 121 goals—27 more than at the same stage in 1986. I am sure you will agree that it adds up to some great football.

As sponsors of the Skol Cup we believe in rewarding clubs for their endeavours, and our incentives package for this season was designed to encourage all 38 clubs to push up the total number of goals scored in the competition.

We are delighted that you also like to reward the clubs by increasing your support. You do this by continuing to raise Skol Cup attendances and 50,000 extra supporters have passed through the turnstiles to support the Skol Cup this season to date.

A fantastic result which shows clearly that Scottish football is flourishing, and makes us proud of our association with The Scottish Football League. This is in fact the first year of our new three year sponsorship agreement with the League and I hope that you, like Skol, will continue to support Scottish football.

Before the action begins this evening, I want to thank all the teams, who fought hard in the early rounds to provide some great football. Now we await the Semi-Finals and wish Aberdeen, Dundee, Motherwell and Rangers good luck. Only two teams will be able to look forward to the Skol Cup Final on Sunday, 25th October, but I feel sure that this evening will provide marvellous entertainment.

Look forward to seeing you at the Final.
Skol!

John Harkniz

Managing Director,
Alloa Brewery Company Ltd.



Dundee United's Paul Hegarty has been involved in several Semi-Final disappointments.

THE SEMIS

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**'The Skol Cup
 is a lusty
 soccer infant'**



ONE of the oldest unwritten laws in football is that no one remembers a defeated Semi-Finalist!

Sadly for the losing side this is invariably true. The players and the fans of the side who fail to make a Final place pack up their

tents and depart silently into the blackness of a night of defeat.

Yet, there are occasions when the Semi-Finalists, even if they have been beaten, surely deserve more than a mere postscript in the football record books.



Brian Wright scores for Motherwell in last season's penalty shoot-out against Celtic.

... THEY CAN'T ALL WIN

The Skol Cup is the newest of Scotland's major football trophies, and a lusty soccer infant.

Even although this is only the fourth season of the tourney, it's history is already fascinating.

Take the first full season of the Skol Cup, which was in season 1984-85. The format of the competition then was home and away at the Semi-Final stage, and the contestants were Hearts against Dundee United and Meadowbank, later that season relegated from the First Division, against the might of Rangers.



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A bitter Tynecastle battle between Hearts and Dundee United ended with a crime count greater than the number of goals scored.

Hearts lost 2-1 to Jim McLean's men, in a game in which two players were sent off and eight others booked.

And in the second leg, in which five players were also cautioned, the Tannadice side went on to win by three goals to one.

Meanwhile, Rangers had dumped Meadowbank 4-0 at Ibrox, but what a shock awaited the Ibrox men in the second leg which was switched to Tynecastle.

Little Meadowbank held Rangers to a 1-1 draw, thanks to a Gordon Smith goal and only a late Ally McCoist strike gave the Ibrox side a face saving draw.

But the next season Rangers had more serious Semi-Final trouble against an East

of Scotland side. McCoist missed a penalty and the Ibrox men lost 2-0 to Hibs at Easter Road, a margin too great to wipe out at home although Davie Cooper gave them a 1-0 win.

The closeness of North East derbies between Dundee United and Aberdeen was emphasised when an Eric Black goal at Tannadice, and a Frank McDougall counter at Pittodrie gave the Dons two narrow 1-0 victories.

Last season the format was changed to a one-off Semi-Final, in common with the other rounds of the competition, including in the event of a draw, 30 minutes extra time and then a penalty decider.

That's what happened when Celtic met Motherwell. The Parkhead side went into a 2-0 lead at Hampden, with goals by Brian McClair and Roy Aitken.

But Andy Walker pulled one back, and then Paul Smith scored in 88 minutes to push the match to extra time and penalties, which Celtic won 5-4.

Admitted Celtic boss Davie Hay; "We are a very lucky team to be in the Final of the Skol Cup."

The next night, also at Hampden, Rangers defeated Dundee United by 2-1. Their scorers were Ally McCoist and Ted McMinn with Iain Ferguson securing a late strike for United to hoist him to top scorer in the competition. McCoist, who celebrated his twenty-fourth birthday, said: "I can't think of a better present than to score a goal that helps take the team into a major Final."

Let's hope tonight, the four Semi-Finalists, Motherwell and Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee give us something to remember ... from both the winners and the losers!

**By RODGER BAILLIE
 (Daily Record)**

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CRAIG PATERSON is under no illusions about the task he personally faces tonight against his old club.

"Rangers probably have the two sharpest strikers in Scotland on their books and I know they will make it very difficult for me" admitted the big Motherwell defender.

"I have played alongside both Ally McCoist and Robert Fleck on many occasions and have always admired their talent.

"But I think they have become even better players in the last year and that spells trouble for every defender.

**CRAIG
PATERSON**
(Motherwell)

"McCoist in particular has got his confidence back after an unsettling time at Ibrox and I am sure he will be one to watch for Scotland for years to come."

Paterson's admiration however is borne out of respect, not fear, and he plans to do everything in his power to "snuff out" the Rangers strike partnership.

"Our task will be to keep a tight rein on their attack and hit back ourselves" added the ex-Ibrox and Easter Road star.

"Fans seem to think that I must have inside knowledge of the Rangers team having been there for a few years but that is a myth.

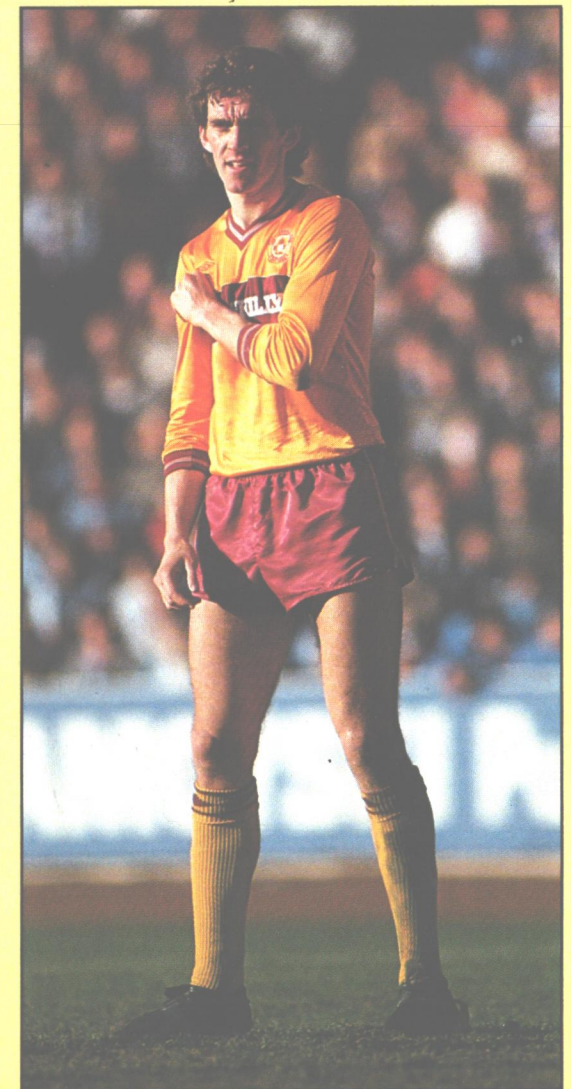
"Things have changed so much at Ibrox that it would be difficult to act on anything I might have picked up.

"It's better that Motherwell just go out and play to their own strengths. We have good players in key positions like Robby Russell, Stevie Kirk and Jamie Fairlie and we will have a go."

"You don't need motivation for a Semi-Final. If you can't go out to give your best in a game like this you shouldn't be a professional footballer.



'Our task will be to keep a tight rein on the Ibrox attack'



RANGERS

MONEY may not buy everything but, as someone once said, it's very handy for going the messages. On the theme of shopping, Rangers' Player/Manager Graeme Souness has, in the past 14 months or so, been one of the most regular customers at the soccer supermarkets not only in Scottish football but in the British game.

In comparison to Motherwell, tonight's opponents in the Semi-Final of the Skol Cup, everything about Rangers is big, including their investment in bringing success back to Ibrox.

At the last count, Souness's spending amounted to something like £2.5 million. This is quite a splurge and we cannot assume that he is finished yet.

The reality of the current situation at Ibrox is that Rangers have pioneered a trend towards importing talent and technique and have overturned the old footballing philosophy that you cannot buy success.



The evidence is clearly the other way. The Premier Championship trophy and the Skol Cup adorn the Ibrox Boardroom and the fans are again clamouring to see a team that, pre-David Holmes and pre-Souness, was in danger of losing most of its friends.

One has to say that home reared players such as Iain Durrant, Derek Ferguson, Robert Fleck and Davie McPherson (now with Hearts), did play a prolonged part in last season's successful campaign. But the greater part of the squad clearly comprised players who had been bought by the new regime or others such as Ally McCoist and Davie Cooper, signed by previous administrations.

One major signing, that of Graham Roberts from Tottenham, proved a turning point last season. Roberts was still at Spurs when Rangers won the Skol Cup last term but his recruitment by Souness strengthened the defence and helped overturn a nine point lead held by Celtic before Christmas in an unbeaten run of 16 League games on the way to the Premier Championship.

A glance at the Scottish League Review, sponsored by the Clydesdale Bank, shows that 17 of Rangers' 35 signed players at the start of the current season had been brought in from other clubs. Another, Ian McCall, from Dunfermline, has arrived since.

So whenever a difficulty arises in any department, will Souness simply reach for his well publicised cheque book

again? In the short term, maybe. Looking further ahead, this may become increasingly unnecessary. Economics impose their own restraints and not even a club like Rangers has infinite financial resources.

For this reason, clubs, within their own limitations, must pursue parallel policies. In addition to buying experience, it is incumbent on the vast majority to find part of their future manpower resources at youth level.

In addition to the big buys shown, the Light Blues' list of registered players at the start of the season also showed two 'S' Form lads and eight others signed from Rangers Amateur Boys Club.

Like their great rivals Celtic some 20 years earlier, Rangers in 1986, needed success quickly. The method of obtaining it was both imaginative and expensive. But it was surely only part of the long term plan.

Any Manager will tell you that his greatest satisfaction comes from seeing a young player progressing through the ranks and achieving first team status, perhaps even stardom.

I doubt if Graeme Souness, still relatively new to the managerial game, is any exception, I also believe that many a promising young Rangers player of the recent past failed to maintain that promise when introduced to the first team scene because many of the more experienced players were not of a sufficiently high standard to both ensure the team's success and help nurture the youngsters' possibilities.

Have Derek Ferguson and Iain Durrant, the latter now in the full Scotland squad, emerged as that rarity—home grown Ibrox players of apparently genuine quality—partly because of the calibre of the first team company they've been keeping? I believe the conclusion is inescapable.

As Celtic discovered under Jock Stein in the 60s and 70s, winning can become habit forming. They've had a taste for it lately in Aberdeen, too.

Rangers had simply been getting out of the habit. It had come to the stage where no one was surprised any more when teams went to Ibrox and won.

But the old appetites have been rekindled, on and off the park. The second, and possibly more difficult phase of Souness's remit, will be to maintain the success already achieved. Rearing and blooding youngsters, possibly a greater managerial skill than playing the transfer market, becomes much easier in a winning environment.

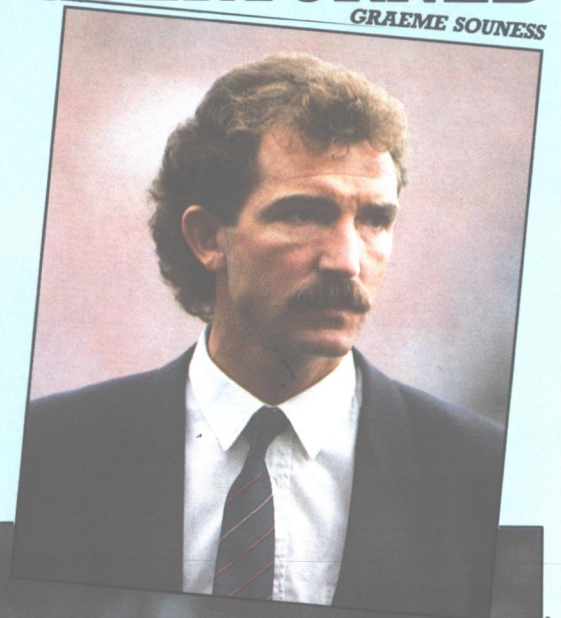
The interesting thing about football is that there are no guarantees. Rangers have already discovered in a disappointing start to their League season that other teams are simply not prepared to be passive spectators at a triumphal Ibrox march to honours.

The Skol Cup has so far brought light relief to the club and their legions of fans. Rangers' triumph in last season's Final, the first major step in Souness's rehabilitation of the club, was all the sweeter for being achieved at the expense of Celtic.

On the way to this Semi-Final, Rangers have scored twice against Stirling Albion and four times against both Dunfermline and Hearts to confirm their standing as favourites to

... THEY HAVE OVERTURNED THE OLD PHILOSOPHY

GRAEME SOUNESS



take the trophy for the third time since it was re-named four seasons ago.

Whether you're a new generation Skolar or remember the old League Cup, Rangers are the competition's record breakers, having won it 14 times since its inception after the Second World War.

Here's looking at two great Semi-Finals and a smashing Final.

SKOL!

By PHIL McENTEE (*Scottish Sunday Express*)

Rangers' defender Graham Roberts



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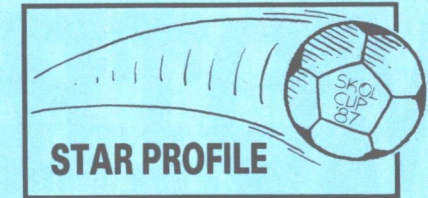
N O W A V A I L A B L E

GRAHAM ROBERTS could be described as a Semi-Final specialist.

The Rangers defender has taken part in no fewer than eight in four different competitions during his career south of the border.

And during that time he and Spurs only failed once to reach the Final itself.

Now he has set his sights on a Scottish double by first of all overcoming Motherwell tonight and then winning the Skol Cup Trophy.



'I missed out on a medal last year—I plan to rectify it this time'

GRAHAM ROBERTS (Rangers)

With a Championship medal already in the display cabinet Roberts says: "I missed out on a Skol Cup medal last year because I didn't sign until December so I plan to rectify the position this time."

"Over the years I have played in two F.A. Cup Semi-Finals against Leicester and Wolves, two European Cup Winners' Cup Semis against Barcelona, two U.E.F.A. Cup ties with Hadjuk Split and a couple of Milk Cup Semi-Finals against Liverpool.

"Only Barcelona stopped me from getting to the Final so I am reasonably happy with the record" he added.

"Mind you I hate losing any match so my approach will be exactly the same for this one as any other game.

"Rangers have made an indifferent start this season but everyone is slowly getting fit and we will eventually come good.

"We are the holders of the Skol Cup and everyone is desperate to retain it and have one trophy in the bag early in the season.

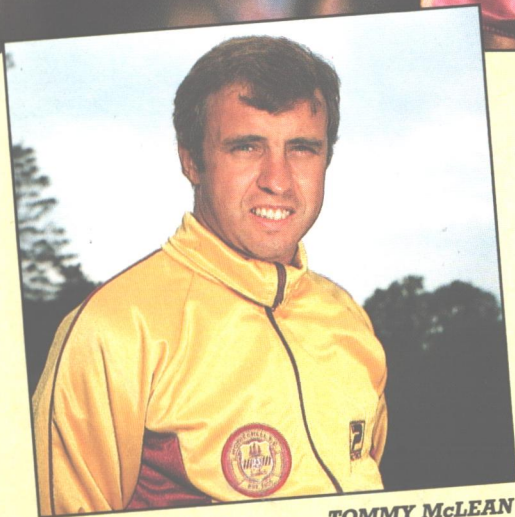
"I can't think of a better boost for any side."



MOTHERWELL



Motherwell's Brian Wright



TOMMY McLEAN

TOMMY McLEAN is a dab hand when it comes to building. In common with his famous footballing brothers Jim and Willie he has, over the years, helped build at least three new homes for himself.

And right now he is in the middle of another building programme ... the reconstruction of Motherwell to his own requirements.

Now in his fourth season as Boss at Fir Park, the ex-Kilmarnock, Rangers and Scotland winger reckons that he has had some 30 players in and out of the club over that period in his determined bid to build a Motherwell side with the ability and ambition to keep challenging the top teams.

"Motherwell had just been relegated when I left Morton to take over at Fir Park, and a lot of the players had lost ambition.

... LOOKING FOR A CHANGE OF LUCK

"And with the club's finances in a poor way, the only building route for me to follow at first was buying in some experience at a low price ... players costing about £5,000 who could do a job for the club in the short term.

"But it has always been my plan to develop the side by adding better quality players whenever there was enough money available.

"Our finances are not perfect yet, but they have improved a lot and that has let me go out and purchase players I want".

Which is why the likes of ex-Hibs and Rangers centre-half Craig Paterson now forms the central defensive partnership alongside former Celtic man Tom McAdam.

It's a pairing which gives 'Well height, strength and experience in a vital area.

"Their experience at the top level will be important to us this season, and probably in tonight's Semi-Final as well" says Manager McLean.

"They can pass on a lot to the younger players around them".

Mind you, players like full back Fraser Wishart and midfield Tommy Boyd have picked up a fair bit experience already despite their comparative youth—both are just 22.

"This will be Tommy's fourth Semi-Final at Hampden" says Manager McLean. "And Fraser played against Celtic in last year's Semi".

Boyd, incidentally, came to Motherwell via the Youth Training Scheme and Manager McLean remains a supporter of the Y.T.S. and still has a number of youngsters on his books.

Motherwell's plans have been strengthened by this season's arrival of the gifted Bobby Russell from Rangers.

A skilful player with a scoring touch, Bobby's experience in 10 years at Ibrox at all levels, including some memorable European sorties, will be an asset to 'Well in their battle to ensure that they stay in the Premier Division this season where three teams are due to drop out.

But although Premier survival remains Motherwell's No. 1 priority, Manager McLean wouldn't mind a wee change in Cup luck to get his men into the Skol Final.

"Luck has been against us in the Semis of both the Skol and Scottish Cups in the past few years" says Tommy.

"Last year against Celtic we lost 5-4 on a penalty shoot-out after the game was level at 2-2 at the end of extra-time.

"A wee touch of luck and it might have been different.

"It was the same a couple of years back in the "Scottish" when we drew 1-1 with Celtic in a game we could have won. Then, as so often happens, we were overpowered in the replay.

"Semi-Finals are a bonus to us, not just from a financial point of view. The whole team and the fans and the area around Motherwell gets a lift. The place has been buzzing".

Motherwell, of course, lost bright young striker Andy Walker to Celtic for this season.

"Andy is potentially a top class player, an Internationalist.

"But the first priority is the survival of Motherwell as a club, and we had to sell.

"At the time Billy McNeill said he felt he had paid a premium in the fee of £375,000. I wonder if he feels that now?"



"Andy will develop well with Celtic. For us he was a kind of luxury player, we simply couldn't get the ball into the box often enough for him".

Full back Fraser Wishart is another who attracted a lot of interest last season, and at one point Manager McLean believed he would lose the full back before Walker.

Newest recruit for 'Well is goalkeeper Cameron Duncan, a strapping 21-year-old picked up on a free transfer from Sunderland. But his signing was no accident—he was at one time with the local boys club and Manager McLean had kept track of him over the years and moved in quickly when the 'keeper became available.


By DIXON BLACKSTOCK
(Sunday Mail)




MOTHERWELL



**Cameron Duncan
Fraser Wishart
John Philliben
Craig Paterson
Tom McAdam
Tom Boyd
Ray Farningham
Robert Russell
Paul Smith
Steve Kirk
Gordon Mair
John Gahagan
Jamie Fairlie
Brian Wright
Alex Kennedy
Derek Murray**



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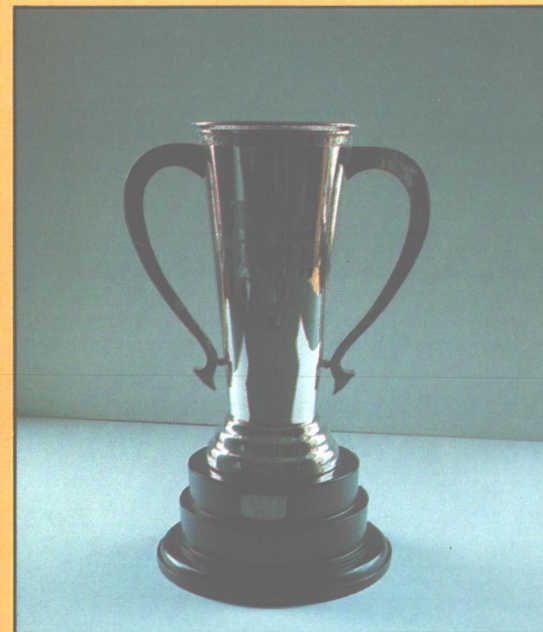
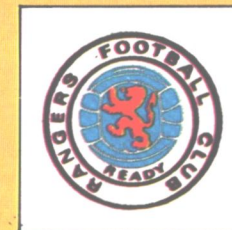


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RANGERS




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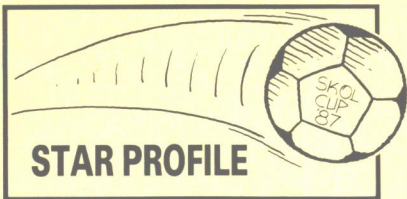
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'My last Hampden visit was one to remember—I would love this one to be the same.'

WHEN Tom McAdam left Celtic he thought he had waved farewell to any hopes of ever playing in another Cup Final.

But tonight, the skilful central defender who will be the oldest Motherwell player on the park, is just 90 minutes away from a dream.

"When you reach 33 and have left one of the big clubs to join a provincial side, you don't really expect to be involved in Hampden Finals" admits McAdam.

"It's not that the ambition isn't there, but quite honestly the chances are always high that you will go out long before the Semi-Final stage."

"I never expected Motherwell would get so far but now that we are here we intend to have a real go.

"As far as I am concerned all the

TOM McADAM (Motherwell)



pressure is on Rangers. We are the underdogs and to my mind that gives us the edge.

"Having been in this situation many times over the years with Celtic I believe it is harder going into a Semi-Final or Final itself as favourites.

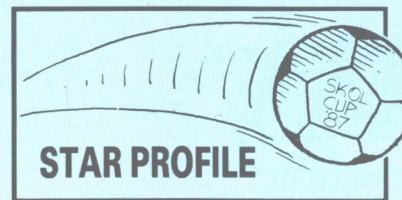
"You are on a hiding to nothing because if you win people expect it and if you don't then you are crucified."

McAdam, who was part of Celtic's 1982 League Cup winning team and their 1985 Scottish Cup winning side, also feels the men from the Lanarkshire steel town can

spring a surprise tonight.

"My last Hampden visit was one to remember and I would love this one to be just as significant.

"We are a good Cup team with plenty of heart and skill and I wouldn't be too surprised if we managed to sneak a victory . . . after all we have got this far."



JUST under a year ago Iain Durrant held the Skol Cup and League Cup in either hand as he made the victory lap around Hampden.

Rangers had of course won both trophies after beating Celtic 2-1 and it is a memory Durrant takes into tonight's clash with Motherwell.

The midfield marvel, who is now part of the International scene, set the Ibrox side up for glory last season by scoring the opening goal in that Old Firm win.

Now, just one step away from another Cup Final appearance, Durrant is desperate to deliver the goods again.

"I only managed to score a handful of goals last season so I want to better that tally this time around" revealed the 20-year-old.

"The bosses have encouraged me to get among the goals more often and it is one aspect of my game that I have been concentrating on in recent weeks.

"The double I got against Hearts in the Fourth Round has given me the taste for more and I would obviously like the chance to hit the net again in this years' Final!"

Durrant, who says nothing scares him, is



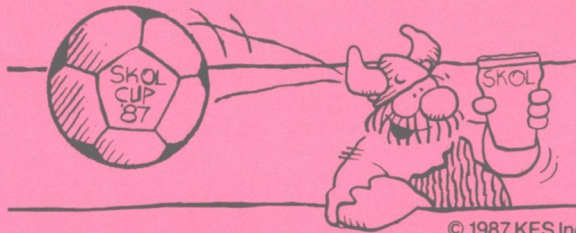
IAIN DURRANT (Rangers)

under no illusions however about the sort of performance that will be needed tonight to make sure of a place in the Final.

"Tommy McLean and Tom Forsyth will have Motherwell fired up for this one and you can be guaranteed they will make it hard for us.

"We will start the game expecting a tough Cup tie. They have a lot of experienced players like Craig Paterson and Tom McAdam and I for one won't be taking anything for granted."

'I have been encouraged to get among the goals in recent games — I hope I am successful'



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The ROAD to the SEMI-FINAL

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RANGERS

Second Round—19th August, 1987

(H) Motherwell 3, Airdrieonians 1
Motherwell: Duncan, Wishart, Murray, Kennedy, McAdam, Boyd, Fairlie, Kirk, (Wright), Smith, Russell, Mair, (Gahagan).
Scorers: Mair; Fairlie; Boyd.

Third Round—26th August, 1987

(H) Motherwell 4, Albion Rovers 0
Motherwell: Duncan, Wishart, Murray, Paterson, Kennedy, Boyd, Fairlie, Kirk, (Wright), Smith, Russell, (Gahagan), Mair.
Scorers: Kirk; Russell (2); Edgar (o.g.).

Fourth Round—1st September, 1987

(H) Motherwell 1, Hibernian 0
Motherwell: Duncan, Wishart, Murray, Paterson, McAdam, Boyd, Fairlie, (Russell), Farningham, Smith, Kirk, (Wright), Mair.
Scorer: Fairlie.

Second Round—19th August, 1987

(A)* Stirling Albion 1, Rangers 2
Rangers: Woods, Nicholl, Munro, Roberts, Souness, Butcher, Kirkwood, (McGregor), Falco, McCoist, Durrant, Phillips.
Scorers: Falco; McCoist.
 *Match played at Brockville Park, Falkirk.

Third Round—26th August, 1987

(A) Dunfermline Ath. 1, Rangers 4
Rangers: Woods, Nicholl, Phillips, Roberts, Souness, (McGregor), Butcher, Ferguson, (Fleck), Falco, McCoist, Durrant, Cooper.
Scorers: McCoist (3); Falco.

Fourth Round—2nd September, 1987

(H) Rangers 4, Heart of Midlothian 1
Rangers: Woods, Nicholl, Munro, Roberts, Phillips, McGregor, Ferguson, (Cohen), Fleck, McCoist, Durrant, Cooper.
Scorers: Durrant (2); McCoist (2).

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Three Cheers for

By BRIAN SCOTT (*Daily Mail*)



THE mere mention of Skol is enough to inspire three hearty cheers from Scottish strikers, Ally McCoist of Rangers, Gordon Durie, ex Hibs and now Chelsea, and Dundee United's Iain Ferguson.

Successive winners of the Skol Cup's individual scoring competition, this talented trio have enjoyed the luxury of basking in the sunshine at the sponsors' considerable expense.

McCoist discovered that his five goals in season 1984-85 provided him with a passport to paradise—the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies. It was, he recalls, everything he could have imagined a Caribbean holiday to be, with several unexpected novelties pitched in.

When he tired of sunbathing, for example, he tried scuba diving. When he had swum enough for one day, he went horse riding. All this as well as an endless flow of hospitality, due in no small measure to the fact that Skol have a brewery on the former British Colony.

Durie, who scored 8 goals to win the competition the following season, collected £1,400 worth of travel

vouchers which he used to holiday in Spain whilst Ferguson, last season's winner with five goals, won a cruise to the Scandinavian Islands.

Because of Dundee United's commitments he had to exchange his tickets for a holiday on the Med. but that was no reason for him to complain!

Nice work, as they say, but the sponsorship spin-off for individual players represents only a fraction of the benefits enjoyed by clubs competing in the Skol Cup.

It is surely not overstating the facts to say that many of them would have more difficulty in making their books balance without the generous credits paid out by the sponsors.

As Scottish League Secretary, Jim Farry, commented lately, "Sponsorship is now an integral part of the game. It is no longer the icing on football's cake."

The League and Skol are currently enjoying the fourth year of their profitable union, a new, three year deal worth in the region of £500,000 having been agreed in May.

SKOL!

Broken down, this figure offers a minimum £130,000 this season with additional incentives for everybody involved.

St. Johnstone, for example, collected a tidy bonus of £2,000 for being the most successful Second Division club in the tournament. Having beaten Alloa in the First Round, they caused one of the major shocks by beating St. Mirren in the Second before losing to Aberdeen in Round Three.

When he stepped forward to collect his club's cheque at a recent Hampden presentation, St. Johnstone Manager, Alex Totten, commented, "Clubs like us need every penny we can get and this money from Skol will be of considerable benefit to us."

Clyde were present at the same ceremony, collecting a bonus of £1,500 for being the most successful First Division team in the tournament. It went without saying that they were just as grateful for the windfall.

The novel addition to the incentive scheme—worth £7,000—is represented by the team scoring challenge; one which the sponsors' Free Trade Sales Director, Alan Aitken, said at the launch, "challenges every club to push up the total number of goals in each Round."

"This", he added, "continues our policy to encourage attacking, entertaining football which we hope will delight the Scottish fans and maintain the reputation of the Skol Cup as a really exciting competition."

The First Round scoring target was duly set at 18 goals, but the six ties surpassed that figure by 5, so that Skol had to pay out £1,000 to the competitors.

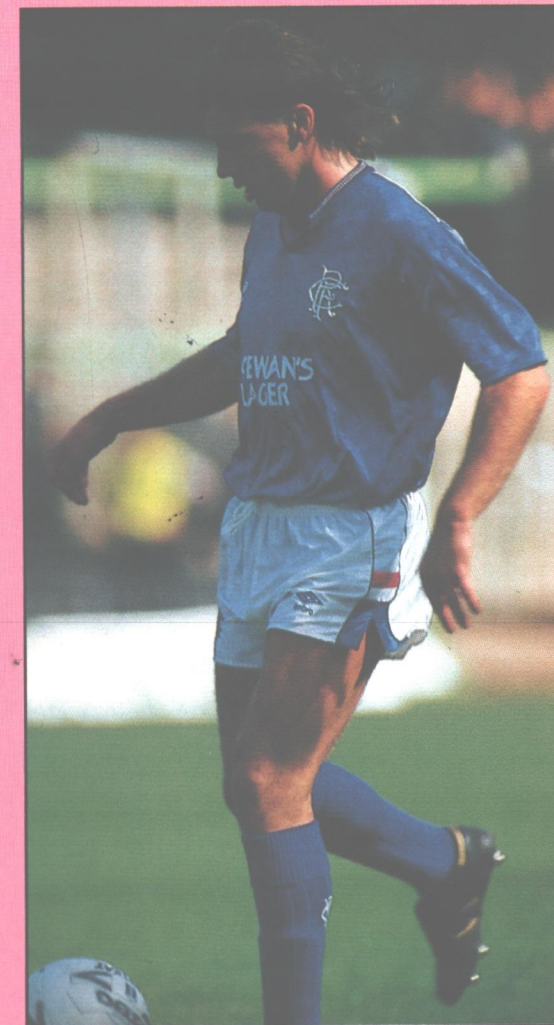
The incentive for the Second Round, featuring 16 ties, was 48 goals and again the target was overtaken—this time by 10—meaning an additional £2,500.

Needless to say, fans revelled in the flood of goals which washed into the Third Round with 30 being scored—six more than the challenge demanded. Hence, a pay-out of £2,000.

Alas, the Fourth Round failed by two goals to meet their target but Skol, being generous and understanding, paid out anyway so nobody was heard to complain!

For the record at this Semi-Final stage, the top scoring teams are Rangers with 10 goals, closely pursued by Aberdeen who have scored only one fewer. They, like their respective opponents, Motherwell and Dundee, are pleased to note that the scoring incentives have not dried up either.

Every goal in their ties up to an aggregate of 5 (includ-



Will Ally McCoist win the Skol Scoring Challenge for a second time?

ing extra time but not Kicks from the Penalty Mark) is worth £200. If the aggregate number of goals is six or more (including extra time but not Kicks from the Penalty mark), Skol will release a prize fund of £2,000. Indeed, if the aggregate number of goals scored meets or betters 9 goals (including extra time but excluding Kicks from the Penalty Mark) Skol will increase the prize fund to £3,500.

If the incentive scheme sounds just a shade complicated, it gives an indication of how much work the sponsors put in to devise it in the first place. But, to be sure, club accountants will have worked out the figure long ago.

No doubt, too, leading scorers like the aforementioned McCoist and Tommy Coyne of Dundee know what is at stake for them. McCoist currently leads the individual scoring challenge with six goals and might be forgiven for dreaming once more of the Caribbean...

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SKOL CUP FACTS AND FIGURES

- ★ This is the 42nd year of the competition and Rangers have the astonishing record of having appeared in 29 of these previous Semi-Final encounters.
 - ★ In comparison, this will only be Motherwell's seventh appearance in a League/Skol Cup Semi-Final, including their second successive appearance, having been beaten in a penalty shoot-out by Celtic last season.
 - ★ The Ibrox club's track record in League/Skol Cup Semi-Final Ties is indeed very impressive, having won 19 previous Semi-Final encounters. On the other hand, the Lanarkshire outfit have emerged as victors on only two occasions.
 - ★ This is the first ever meeting between the two clubs at this stage of the competition.
 - ★ Last season's Semi-Final Tie between Motherwell and Celtic at Hampden Park created history although 'Well fans will not want to be reminded. History was created as it became the first major domestic Semi-Final Tie in Scotland to be settled by a penalty shoot-out. After a dramatic comeback by Motherwell to square the match at two goals each, after Celtic had led 2-0, no further goals were scored in the extra time period, resulting in a penalty decider. Motherwell's John Philliben was the unlucky player not to score to give Celtic a 5-4 "penalty" victory.
 - ★ Motherwell Manager Tommy McLean gained 3 Winners' medals during his career with Rangers.
- He played a prominent part in the Ibrox club's victories over Celtic (twice) in seasons 1975/76 and 1977/78 and Aberdeen in season 1978/79.
- ★ Motherwell's defensive duo of Craig Paterson and Tom McAdam have already experienced the thrill of winning a League/Skol Cup Winners' medal. Paterson gained two Winners' medals with Rangers in successive seasons, the first of his two successes being in the 1983/84 season, when he played in the Rangers team that beat Celtic 3-2 in the Final. The following year, he captained Rangers to a narrow 1-0 Cup Final victory over Dundee United. Tom McAdam, on the other hand, gained his only League Cup Winners' medal with Celtic in season 1982/83, as the Parkhead club emerged 2-1 victors.
 - ★ Of all the players playing tonight, Davie Cooper has by far, won the most number of League/Skol Cup Winners' medals. The talented International winger has the distinction of having played in seven previous League/Skol Cup Finals, gaining six League/Skol Winners' medals.
 - ★ Eight of Motherwell's players have played in all of the Lanarkshire side's Skol Cup Ties so far this season—Cameron Duncan, Fraser Wishart, Derek Murray, Tom Boyd, Jamie Fairlie, Steve Kirk, Paul Smith and Gordon Mair.
 - ★ The Ibrox club have six players who have played in their three previous Skol Cup Ties—Chris Woods, Jimmy Nicholl, Graham Roberts, Ally McCoist, Iain Durrant and Jimmy Phillips.

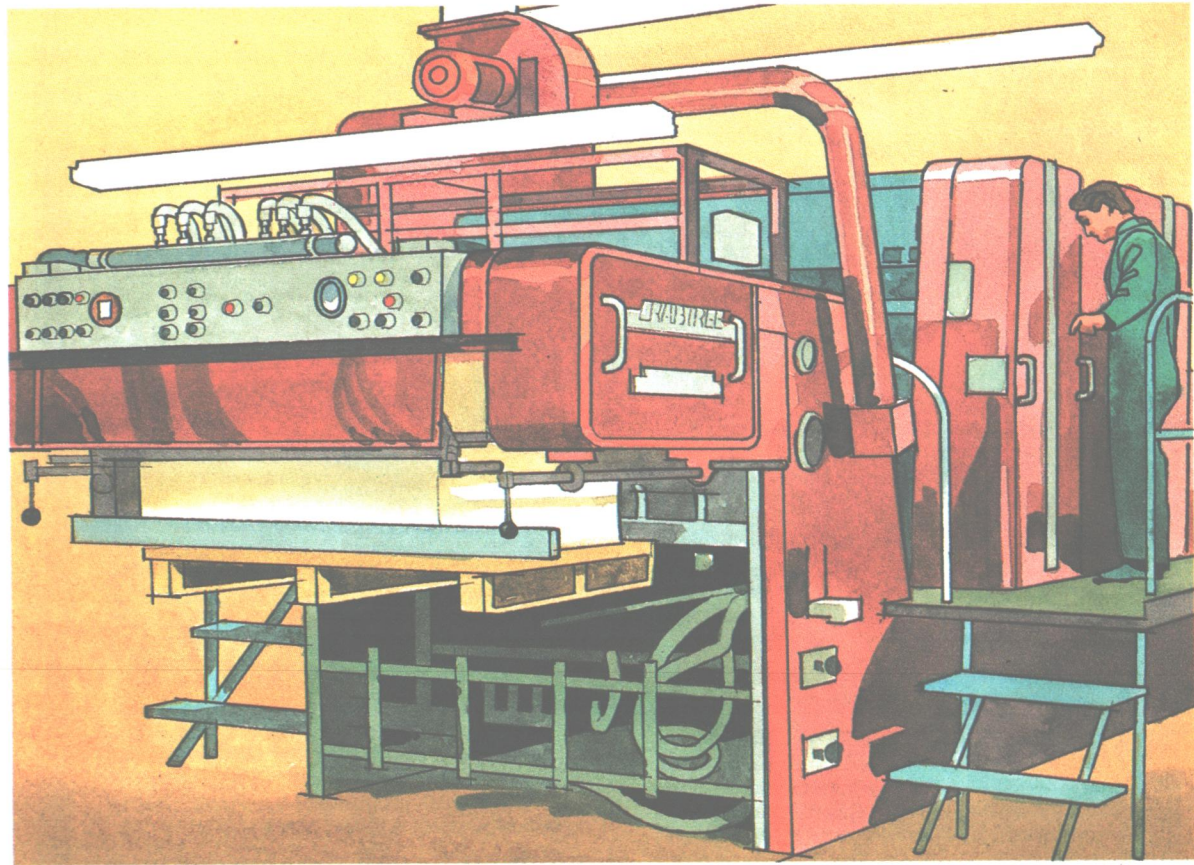
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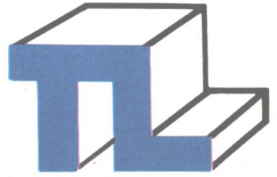


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Picture A: Referee Bob Valentine together with Rangers' Ally Dawson and Davie Cooper. (1984 Final)
Picture B: Aberdeen's Billy Stark in an aerial dual with Hibernian's Mark Fulton. (1985 Final)



Picture C: Dons' Eric Black shoots for goal despite a late challenge from Hibs' Colin Harris. (1985 Final)
Picture D: Rangers' captain Terry Butcher powers a header towards the Celtic goal. (1986 Final)

