

League Cup
2nd round, 2nd leg
Saturday 27 August, 1983
Kick-off 3pm

CELTIC



v

BRECHIN
CITY



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME **20p**

MEET THE NEW CELTS

DURING the close season, and since the start of the new season, Celtic have signed three new players. Here briefly is an introduction to these players.

BRIAN WHITTAKER

Born in Glasgow on September 23, 1956, Brian signed for Partick Thistle in 1974 from Sighthill Amateurs. Since then he has played in various defensive positions for the Maryhill club but is most comfortable in the left-back position.

At 6' 1" and 11 stone 9 lbs, Brian signed for Celtic on Friday, August 19 of this year in a deal that took John Buckley to Firhill.

JIM MELROSE

Another native of Glasgow, born on October 7, 1958, Jim has had a more colourful career than our two other new signings.

A goalscorer of note with Partick Thistle, he went to Jock Wallace's Leicester City in the English First Division and continued to make a name for himself by putting the ball in the net. His favourite of all his goals scored with Leicester is the one which gave them a 2-1 victory over English footballing giants, Liverpool, at Anfield.

Jim signed for Celtic on Saturday, August 13 from Coventry City and by doing so followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Jim McDade, who was on Celtic books in 1939.

The 5' 9", 10 stone 4 lbs striker scored his first goal for Celtic last Saturday at Easter Road on his Premier League debut.



BRIAN McCLAIR

From Bellshill, Brian left school and went to play football in the midlands of England with Aston Villa. He returned to Scotland in 1981 to sign for Motherwell.

Since then, Brian has split his time between his football and his studies at Glasgow University.

Brian scored a good number of goals with Motherwell last season, but unfortunately the two that will be most memorable to Celtic fans are a penalty and a very late winner when Celtic went down 2-1 to the Fir Park side during a visit to Motherwell.

Brian signed for Celtic on Monday, June 20 only days after returning from the Under-19's World Cup in Mexico where he represented Scotland.

At 5' 10" and 10 stone 6 lbs, Brian scored his first goal for Celtic during the pre-season visit to the continent, but he delighted the fans by scoring against Partick Thistle in his first Celtic game on Scottish soil.

TODAY'S SPECIAL PROGRAMME

YOU will no doubt have noticed by now that this programme is different from the usual match-day magazine sold at Celtic Park. Work is not yet finished on our programme for the coming season and this one was specially designed for our regular programme buyers who like to keep their collections complete. We will return to our usual kind of programme for next week's Premier League match against Rangers.

From the Manager

MY opening few weeks as manager of Celtic have seen us involved in a varied assortment of games since we returned from our trip to the continent.

We opened in front of a crowd of almost 10,000 against Partick Thistle at Firhill with young Danny Crainie and new boy Brian McClair spearheading our attack. They scored one goal each to give us victory on a night that saw not a particularly entertaining match but one on which the players did what was needed of them to win the tie.

This took us into the final of the Glasgow Cup and had us involved in an Old Firm match even before the season had properly started.

I was really disappointed for our fans at the end of this match. We lost 1-0 and there was nothing in the match that gave me any real pleasure.

The following Tuesday we were hosts to Tottenham Hotspur and the crowd of over 25,000 who turned out were treated to a great game of football.

The final score was 1-1 and while I believe we could have won the match, Tottenham deserved something for the amount they had put into the game.

I was very proud of the Celtic support during this game. Your support of Celtic and sporting applause for both sides prompted much praise from the Spurs officials. Thanks for keeping up the good name of Celtic.

Last Saturday saw us travel to Easter Road in Edinburgh to face Hibernian in our first Premier League match. We continued with the same team who had started against Spurs and they did enough to give us our first two points of the season.

We took a break from League football after that match to travel to Brechin in the League Cup. Today we are at home in the second leg of this tie.

Commitment is a word I have used often over the last few weeks and the players know that I am looking for full effort in every match. Today will be no exception.

DAVID HAY

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Back row (left to right) Eadie, Stewart, Neilson, Paterson, Lesslie, Centre J. Sunter (Trainer), Scott, Watt, Hay (Capt.), Wilson, Alexander, Elvin, J. Ritchie (Coach). Front Reid, Campbell, Fleming (Player/Manager), Mackie, Young, Simpson.

**OUR
VISITORS**

are

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● IAN FLEMING —
player/manager.

DEREK NEILSON — 5' 10" goalkeeper signed in 1980 from Dundee United. Lives in Edinburgh.

KEN EADIE — Close-season signing from Kilmarnock. 22 years of age. 5' 10" forward. Previously with Johnstone Thistle.

IAN STEWART — Strong tackling midfielder player. Signed as a defender from Forfar Athletic two years ago.

IAN PATERSON — 27 year-old 5' 11" forward previously with Hearts. Has been four seasons at Glebe Park.

GERRY LESSLIE — City's most expensive signing at £15,000 from Dundee United. 5' 11" defender, lives in Dundee.

DOUG SCOTT — Close season signing from Dundee, where he spent two years after stepping up from Downfield Juniors.

DAVID WATT — Right full-back signed from Carnoustie Panmure in 1975. Now City's longest-serving player.

JOHN HAY — Club Captain signed from Falkirk two years ago. Was previously with Hearts. 25 years of age.

ROBERT WILSON — 5' 10" defender, called up from junior club Broughty Athletic at the start of this season.

MARK ALEXANDER — Another close-season signing from near-neighbours Forfar Athletic. 18 years of age, and lives in Dundee.

CHARLIE ELVIN — Elegant midfielder signed from Highland League side Keith five years ago.

BRIAN REID — Another good servant to the club, having been signed from Arbroath in 1975. Plays in defence or midfield.

IAN CAMPBELL — Prolific goalscorer since joining the club from Cowdenbeath in 1977, with more than 120 goals to his credit.

IAN FLEMING — Club player/manager signed last year from Dundee. Previously with Aberdeen and Sheffield Wednesday. Will miss today's match through suspension.

GEORGE MACKIE — Stylish midfielder player signed from Albion Rovers two years ago. 29 years of age. Lives in Edinburgh.

JOHN YOUNG — Close season signing from St Mirren. Experienced defender. Also lives in Edinburgh.

GUS MALONE — 24-year-old midfielder player signed last season from Tayport Amateurs.

SCOTT SIMPSON — 19 years of age. Joined the club from Dundee United last season. Previously with St Columba's Boys' Club.

**FACT FILE
ON
BRECHIN
CITY**



● JOHN HAY

IN THE PAST

THIS will be Brechin City's first visit to Celtic Park, and, indeed, before Wednesday night Celtic had only lined up against Brechin on two occasions.

The first of these was in the Scottish Cup second round of 1926-27. Celtic won 6-3 and the game went along these lines:

'CELTIC pressed strongly at the opening, and Brodie in the Brechin goal had a hard time for the first ten minutes keeping McInally and McGrory out. The home defence, however, played strongly, and Ramsay, racing away, tested the Celtic 'keeper with a hard shot.

Celtic returned pressing hard, and three corners were smartly cleared by Brodie. City kept their end up well, and Lindsay had another good try, which Shevlin saved well.

Brechin then raced away, and great enthusiasm prevailed when Gentles scored.

City were shortly back on the defensive again, and the continued pressure led to McGrory scoring. Keeping up the pressure another goal was soon added, McGrory again being the scorer.

Celtic now kept Brechin confined to their own end, Thomson, McInally and McGrory testing Brodie who continued to save well. Maintaining the pace, Celtic al-

ways had the home defence in trouble and it was only their superb defence that prevented further scoring.

In the second half Celtic continued their smart work to take their total to six, and Brechin gained great credit for their plucky display.'

1950

AGAIN in the Scottish Cup, this time the first round, Celtic travelled to Brechin in season 1949-50. They returned to Glasgow with a 3-0 victory under their belts.

In his book, *The Celtic Story*, James Handley remembers that match as follows:

'THE first round of the Scottish Cup gave Celtic a fixture at Brechin. For a ground that could accommodate only 6,000 fans and was not properly enclosed applications for tickets soon ran into five figures. The Celtic Board informed the Scottish Football Association and Brechin City of their predicament and expressed their willingness, if Brechin were agreeable, to have the venue changed, say to Arbroath, on the score of public safety. A certain section of the Press elected to detect coercion in this suggestion, and Celtic therefore withdrew from the joint application.'

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