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# THIS CLUB HAS HAD TO BATTLE FOR SUCCESS

WELCOME to today's match against Heart of Midlothian. I trust that all our supporters had a good Christmas and I wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Although printers' deadlines meant that this column had to be written before last week's game against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park, it would be remiss of me not to accept that the performances of the team have contributed little in the way of pleasure to our fans.

Recent results and performances have been a grave cause for concern and hurt everyone involved, none more than me.

I know the responsibilities involved in managing this club and the standards which are expected.

I know too that, in the past year, we have been very far from achieving those standards.

When things are as difficult, there are easy options but they are not necessarily the correct ones to take.

I accept that it is hard to be a Celtic supporter at the moment.

It is equally hard to be Celtic manager.

However, I do not believe in running from challenges, no matter how great they are.

I intend to work as hard as is required to solve our problems and provoke the necessary response in terms of performances on the field.

In accepting that the players, coaching staff and I have a lot of work to do to overcome our problems, I think it important that the fans too shoulder their collective responsibility.

They can help matters greatly by getting behind the team with the sort of vocal support associated with Celtic fans.

I think too that it is time to acknowledge that this club has always had to battle for success.

Nothing has ever come easily but perhaps some who have grown up with Celtic winning trophies on a regular basis find it hard to accept that a time has come when the club has to work its way up again.

I was 25 years old before I won a trophy with Celtic and I recall all too clearly the hard work and commitment required to turn around the lean years into the marvellous times of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Celtic will enjoy great success once more but, to speed up the process, it is vital that everyone pulls together at a very difficult time.



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Of emerald heroes, all one accord,  
And countless opponents put to the sword.*

*In 1957 the League Cup capture,  
The Celts on song, the fans in rapture,  
The record breaking cup-final score,  
And would you believe it — it should have been more!*

*Then 10 years later, the heirs to the throne,*

*Played with style and panache in a class of their own,*

*The ultimate honour secured with pride,*

*"Kings of Europe" — and the first British side!*

*At home, or away, on any grounds,  
The victory trail just knew no bounds,  
For nine years running, the flow and flow,*

*Of the championship legend — all-in-a-row!*

*...But there's many's a chapter as yet unwrit,  
With patience rewarded as one sees fit,  
When foes rediscover their own worst fears,*

*With the cut and the thrust of the Celtic Cavaliers!*

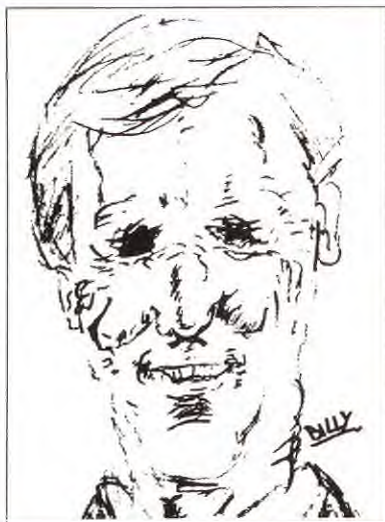
**John R Reid  
November 1990**

# 'TIC TALK...

**LONG** distance supporter Damian Brady from Askern, Doncaster in South Yorkshire was inspired to send us impressions of his Celtic favourites on seeing the existence of a Gallery slot in the programme.

The 12-year-old's contribution is a slight departure from the norm in that his subject is not a player but manager Billy McNeill, whom he has recreated in a pencil drawing.

**Keep the artistic outpourings coming, to the address given below.**



**DUE** to printers' holidays over the Christmas period we have been unable to make the Celtic programme as topical as usual, with facts and statistics all having to be collated prior to last Saturday's match.

We hope this does not spoil your enjoyment of the programme and with all the many popular features contained as normal we are confident this will not be the case.

**THE** re-styled Glasgow Cup, which as of last year is contested by the youth teams of the city's five senior clubs, has proved immensely successful for the Celtic youngsters.

To such an extent that, with their second final only weeks away, they have yet to lose any of the nine games they have played in the competition.

This is a sequence they will be hoping to extend when Partick Thistle visit Celtic Park on 9 January 1991 for the final of this year's competition.

The game has a 7.30 pm kick-off and it would certainly be a tremendous boost for the Celtic youngsters, and create an atmosphere befitting a cup-final, if a large crowd was present for what promises to be an exciting match.

**THE CELTIC PROGRAMME WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL ITS READERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

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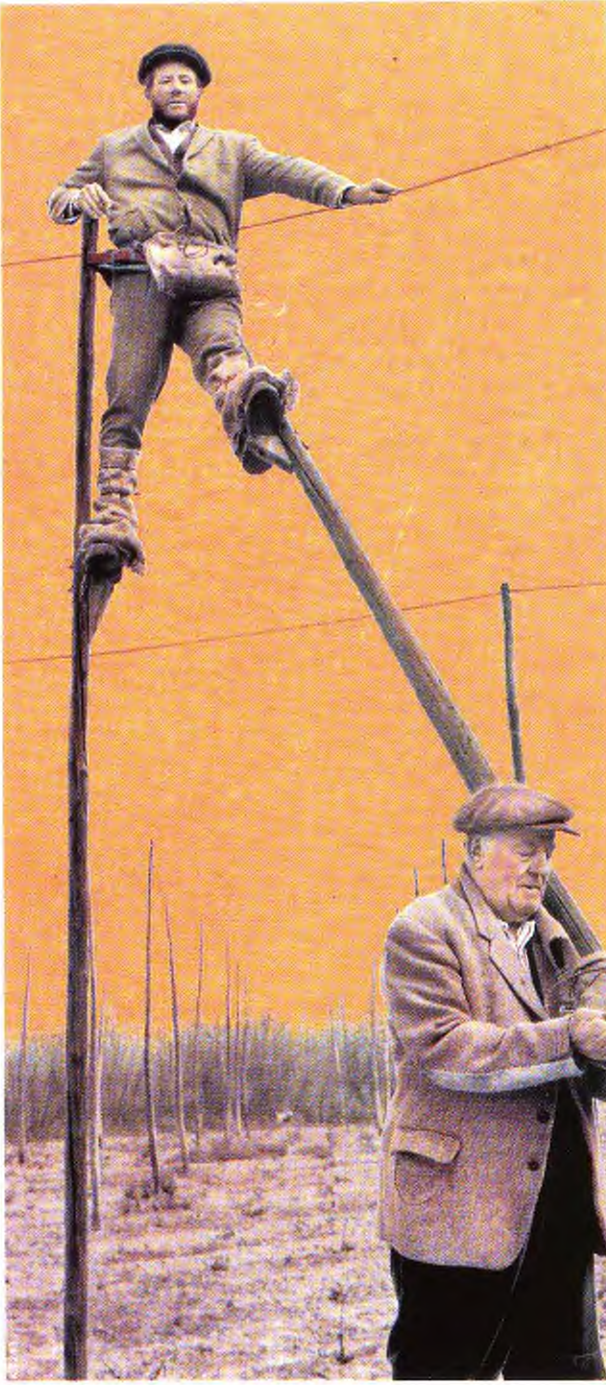
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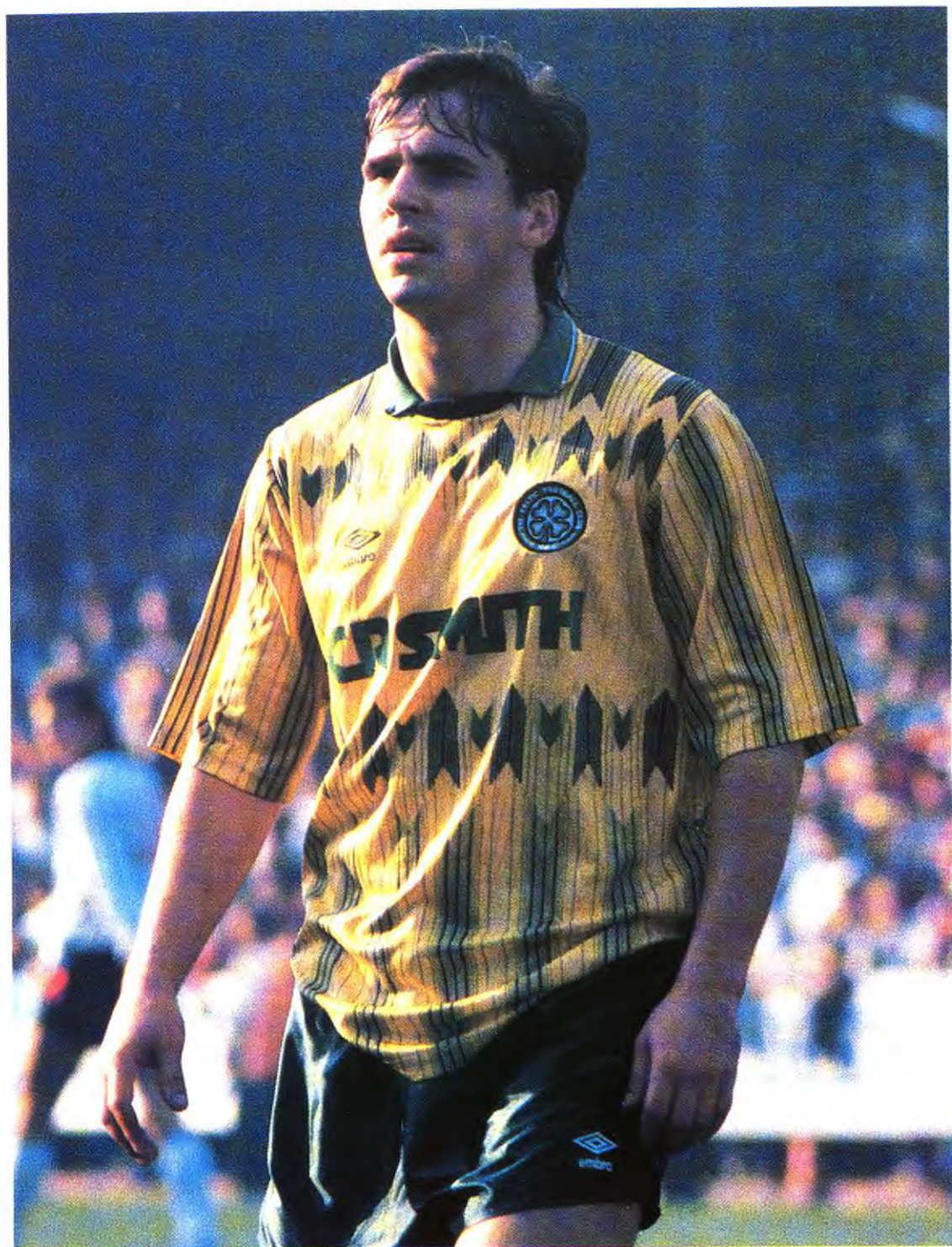
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*Dariusz Dziekanowski who will be hoping to win his place back in the side in the months ahead.*





# TODAY'S VISITORS ...

**T**HE Hearts squad is one which relies on a considerable amount of experienced campaigners and this is nowhere better demonstrated than in the position of goalkeeper.

First choice **Henry Smith** will celebrate 10 years with Hearts next July and the 35 year old, ever-present this season, shows no signs of relinquishing his position with consistent performances seeing the former Scottish internationalist warding off any threat from no.2 **Nicky Walker** a £125,000 signing from Rangers in August 1989.

Certainly Hearts have had problems in defence this season which is strange in view of the number of proven internationalists within their ranks. Indeed only **Jimmy Sandison** who is currently occupying the right-back berth is the exception.

**Sandison** who has come through the ranks at Tynecastle has provided cover in a number of defensive and midfield positions and is currently operating in the absence of **Alan McLaren** who has been plagued with injuries for some time.

He is only now returning to the squad after his most recent set-back and the 19 year old Scottish under-21 internationalist, who has been touted as a great prospect for full international honours, must still be spoken of in the potentially good bracket.

At left-back former Celtic Boys Club youth **Tosh McKinlay** has yet to miss a match during the present league campaign and the 25 year old, who joined Hearts in a £300,000 deal from his only previous league club Dundee, is rated highly by many as a pacy, attacking full-back.

The central defensive

**JUST** over three months into his managerial spell with Hearts, Joe Jordan is finding life in the premier division a tough way to earn a living.

The fact that reports suggest his club have financial difficulties, something admitted to by chairman Wallace Mercer recently, has not helped make a hard task any easier.

For any new manager is inclined to want to shape and build a team of his own making rather than simply pick-up the pieces of what has been left to him by a predecessor.

This is however what Jordan has been forced to do and whether or not this is the reason for the less than impressive results which have followed remains unclear.

Not that Hearts have been consistently bad. Neither have they been consistently good or even mediocre because their problem is that they have not been consistently anything!

Hence whilst they have managed excellent results against the likes of Celtic, Aberdeen and Dundee United this has been offset by poor displays against opposition Hearts would be expecting to beat.

As yet then, the upturn in fortunes, which was hoped for with the introduction of Jordan to the managerial post, has not yet materialised with results and performances during and after the Alex MacDonald reign looking remarkably similar.

Like their opponents today, Hearts will be pleased to say au revoir to 1990 in the hope that the coming 12 months brings better times.

partnership of **Craig Levein** and **Dave MacPherson** is regarded by many as one of the best in the country, yet the two Scottish internationalists, both of whom represented Scotland in the 1990 World Cup finals, have looked a little unsure at times this season.

The quality of both men is not in doubt however and 25 year old **Levein**, an intelligent and composed defender who gallantly fought back to full fitness in January 1989 after two years out with an horrific knee injury, has proved the perfect foil to captain **MacPherson**.

The former Rangers defender, who signed for Hearts in July 1987 for £325,000, has proven an outstanding acquisition for the Tynecastle club with his strength, aerial presence and consistency providing a solid backbone on which to build around.

Despite recently signing a new three year deal speculation has surrounded the 26 year old's future with Hearts with financial

difficulties said to be ready to force the club to sell the £1,000,000 rated player. However this has been denied strongly.

In midfield Hearts have again obvious strengths but these have yet to gell in quite the manner the club will have wanted. More has been expected of record signing **Derek Ferguson**, a £750,000 close season signing from Rangers, but the problems which dogged his Ibrox career, injury and inconsistency have followed him to Edinburgh, meaning his talents have only been seen in fleeting glimpses.

Former Scottish internationalist **Gary Mackay** is another who has had problems with his form. Used in a variety of positions in both midfield and defence this season, he has been unable to quite recapture the impressive displays which led to his international call-up.

Almost 10 years with the club, the 26 year old is a hard working yet creative midfielder who

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Wayne Foster tries to intercept an Anton Rogan pass as John Colquhoun and Dariusz Wdowczyk look on during the last meeting between today's sides at Tynecastle in November.

certainly contributes much to the side when on his game.

**Neil Berry** is the workhouse of the Hearts midfield, a no-nonsense tackler who is often used as a man-to-man marker against Celtic. Signed from Bolton in 1984, the 27 year old has found a regular place in the side since the arrival of Joe Jordan.

Goalscoring has perhaps given Hearts their biggest headache this season, more because of injury than anything else. Last season a front three of **John Robertson**, **Scott Crabbe** and **John Colquhoun** made a lethal combination but both **Robertson** and more especially **Crabbe** have been hit with injuries this term.

**Crabbe** has had a terrible time with a viral infection which has severely limited his appearances but he looks to be on his way back.

**Robertson's** injury by comparison was minor but the 25 year old

now in his second spell at Tynecastle after a brief sojourn to Newcastle in 1988, has not hit the net with the regularity this season which has characterised his eight years with the club and has only scored three league goals.

Speedy winger **John Colquhoun** has been in fine form though and the ex-Celt, whom Hearts picked up for the bargain fee of £40,000 in June 1985, hit the winner in the last meeting of today's sides in November at Tynecastle.

**Wayne Foster** and **Ian Ferguson** have also found themselves employed up front as Hearts search for a winning combination and others on the fringes of first team involvement include experienced campaigners **Walter Kidd** — currently the longest serving player at Tynecastle having joined in 1977 — and **Eamonn Bannon** a quality midfielder who at 32 can still make a telling contribution if called upon.

## LEAGUE RECORD for 1990-91

Date	Opponents	F	A
Aug 25	St Mirren	1	1
Sept 1	Dunfermline	0	2
Sept 8	Rangers	1	3
Sept 15	Hibernian	3	0
Sept 22	Celtic	0	3
Sept 29	Dundee United	1	0
Oct 6	Motherwell	1	1
Oct 13	St Johnstone	2	3
Oct 20	Aberdeen	0	3
Oct 27	St Mirren	1	2
Nov 3	Dunfermline	1	1
Nov 10	Celtic	1	0
Nov 17	Dundee United	1	1
Nov 24	Hibernian	1	1
Dec 1	Rangers	0	4
Dec 8	Aberdeen	1	0
Dec 15	St Johnstone	1	2



**M**IRACULOUS might be a word to describe Tommy Coyne's successful return to the Celtic first team this being no slight to the hard work and perseverance of the striker which certainly played a major part in his recall.

Surely it is simply the honest conclusion to be drawn after assessing the turn of events which pre-dated Tommy's step-back into the limelight.

For after being transfer listed in August and out of first team plans for six months it seemed likely that he had played his last game for the first team and would slip out of Celtic Park quietly after a brief stay with the club.

However fate, and the player's own continued application to his task in the reserves, decided otherwise.

Injury and loss of form to a number of Celtic's others striker certainly worked in Tommy's favour but his contribution in forcing his return should not be under-rated.

It would have been easy for the player, confined to reserve football, to accept his lot and go through the motions on the playing side.

**But instead he worked away at restoring his goalscoring confidence, which he did successfully hitting the net 10 times in 10 starts.**

In the process he won praise from Reserve Coach Bobby Lennox for his determination and 100 per cent effort in what was undoubtedly a difficult time for him.

The manner at which he grasped his chance in the first team, when it presented itself, also deserves much credit. To step into the side after a lengthy absence and hit six goals in only five starts, in a team struggling for form, is no mean feat.

"I am certainly enjoying being back in the thick of things and pleased that I have managed to do quite well," he enthuses adding, "the main thing is to keep it up."

To keep up a goal a game strike-rate would be a supreme

# ON THE SPOT



## TOMMY COYNE

**Position:** Forward.

**Date of Birth:** 914.11.62.

**Birthplace:** Glasgow.

**Height:** 6ft.

**Weight:** 10st 7lb.

**Signed:** March 1989.

**Previous Clubs:**

Clydebank, Dundee United, Dundee.

**First team debut:** March 11, 1989 v Hearts at Tynecastle (1-0).

achievement but at the moment Coyne genuinely looks capable of scoring in almost every game.

"The team in general is creating more chances and I have faith in my own abilities to believe that, if chances are being created, I will be able to put them away.

"I have been happy with my contribution and I have felt the goals I have scored have come at good times both for myself and the team.

**"For the moment then, I am fortunate to be playing regularly in the side but I am not getting carried away because there are so many strikers on Celtic's books that everything can change very quickly."**

"Andy Walker, Jacki, John Hewitt, Joe Miller and Martin Hayes will all be looking for a chance at some point and of course now Gerry Britton is pressing his claim.

"I enjoyed playing with Gerry in the reserves. He is a very good finisher, has an excellent strike rate and is one to watch for in the future."

With an absolute wealth of strikers there is certainly no room for relaxation from any of Celtic's strike force. The former Dundee man believes there are pluses and minuses to having so many players vying for, at most, three places.

"It could be seen as perhaps

### CELTIC CAREER DETAILS

	L		LC		SC		Europe		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
88-89	4(3)								4(3)	
89-90	16(5)	7	3		6	2	1		23(5)	9
Total	20(8)	7	3		6	2	1		27(8)	9

better for the manager to be so well covered but it may also make it harder for him to come up with a settled formation.

"For the pressure will be on him to make swift changes if results aren't coming because there will always be alternatives to the players that are playing.

"However this may prevent strikers from getting into any sort of rhythm with the front line is being chopped and changed all the time," he explains.

At time of writing the preferred option is a front trio of Coyne, Charlie Nicholas and Gerry Creaney. Both are relatively new playing partners for Tommy but there certainly seems to be potential in this formation though Tommy refuses to be drawn on this matter.

***"Playing alongside Charlie probably allows me a lot of space. For he seems to command a lot of respect from other teams and if they are paying close attention to him it allows me a bit of freedom.***

"He is also deft at playing that pass that opponents just will not expect and that is a great skill.

"As for Gerry, he came into the team at a hard time last year and now he is displaying the great potential he showed last season," he said.

Today will mark Celtic's last match of 1990 and it will generally be accepted that Tommy Coyne probably provided the only moment of note of lasting satisfaction in that time when he scored the only goal of the match in Celtic's triumph over Rangers in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

He smiles at this suggestion but insists: "We can't change things that have gone wrong in the past and our task at the club is to pick things up immediately. For there is unquestionably enormous talent here," he says forcefully.

Probably experiencing more lows than highs in a personal sense over the last 12 months he admits: "The players in the side last year just never got it going really."



The Scottish Cup final he agrees was perhaps the ultimate disappointment with the player who has still yet to win a major honour in the game.

"Just my luck to be involved in the first year the issue is settled on penalties. Still I am sure there will be other opportunities," he says hopefully.

Looking ahead for better times in 1991 his unsettled future, he is still on the transfer list, means speculation surrounding him is likely to continue, at least for the time being with the most recent rumour suggesting French club

Metz were ready to prepare a bid for him.

"I didn't even see that in the paper and was only told about it by a friend so I will treat that as hearsay.

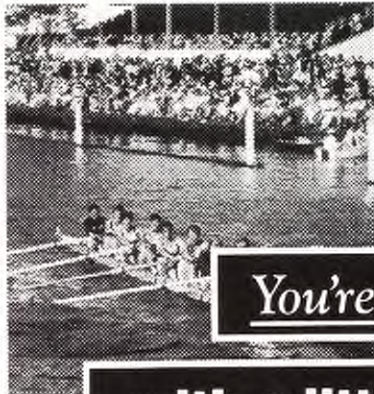
"Obviously if a club does come up with an offer it would have to be considered by the manager and then be up to me what I would want to do.

***"But there is no point even thinking about such things until they actually happen and my only concern at the moment is playing in the side every week and justifying my selection."***



# FIRST TEAM FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE SEASON ...

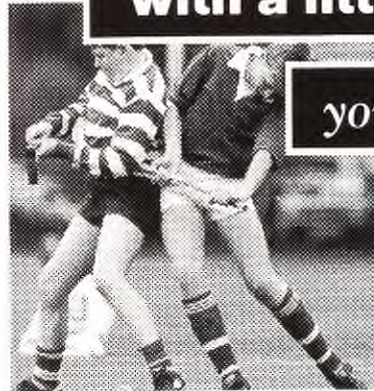
DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	SCORE	A.T.T.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aug 22	<b>Ayr United</b>	LC	4-0	21,000	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	<b>Elliott</b>	Whyte	Hayes	McSlay	<b>Dziek ski</b>	Walker	Collins	Miller(7)	Hewitt(4)
Aug 25	Motherwell	PD	0-2	17,562	Bonner	Morris	Wdowczyk	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McSlay	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	McL.ghlin(7)	Miller(10)
Aug 29	Hamilton Accies	LC	1-0	9,188	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McSlay	<b>Dziek ski</b>	Walker	Collins	Fulton	Miller
Sept 1	<b>Aberdeen</b>	PD	0-3	45,222	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McSlay	Dziek ski	Nicholas	Collins	Miller(6)	Walker(10)
Sept 5	Queen of the South	LC	2-1	18,689	Bonner	Morris	McLaughlin	Grant	Elliott	Whyte	Hayes	McSlay	<b>Dziek ski</b>	Nicholas	Collins	<b>Miller(7)</b>	Walker(10)
Sept 8	<b>Hibernian</b>	PD	2-0	29,464	Bonner	Grant	McLaughlin	Baillie	Elliott	Fulton	<b>Miller</b>	McSlay	<b>Dziek ski</b>	Walker	Collins	Creaney(7)	McCarrson(9)
Sept 15	Rangers	PD	1-1	38,543	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Grant	Baillie	<b>Whyte</b>	Miller	McSlay	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Creaney(9)	Fulton
Sept 22	<b>Hearts</b>	PD	3-0	38,409	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	<b>Miller</b>	McSlay	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Galloway(4)	<b>Creaney(10)</b>
Sept 25	Dundee Utd	LC	2-0	49,975	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	<b>McSlay</b>	Dziek ski	<b>Creaney</b>	Collins	Galloway(4)	Walker(9)
Sept 29	St Mirren	PD	3-2	20,097	Bonner	Grant	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	Grant	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Wdowczyk	Hewitt(9)
Oct 6	<b>St Johnstone</b>	PD	0-0	27,014	Bonner	Morris	Rogan	Fulton	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	Grant	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(6)	McCarrson
Oct 13	Dunfermline	PD	1-1	16,053	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Miller	<b>McSlay</b>	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(7)	Baillie
Oct 20	<b>Dundee United</b>	PD	0-0	34,363	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Miller	McSlay	Hewitt	Walker	Collins	Morris(4)	Hayes(7)
Oct 28	Rangers	LC Final	1-2aet	62,281	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	<b>Elliott</b>	Rogan	Miller	McSlay	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Hewitt(4)	Morris(7)
Nov 3	Aberdeen	PD	0-3	21,000	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	Galloway	McSlay	Dziek ski	Walker	Collins	Hayes(4)	Miller(9)
Nov 6	<b>Motherwell</b>	PD	2-1	20,317	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Baillie	Rogan	Miller	McSlay	<b>Coyne</b>	Walker	Collins	Dziek ski(10)	Galloway
Nov 10	Hearts	PD	0-1	19,189	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Baillie	Rogan	Miller	McSlay	Coyne	Walker	Collins	Dziek ski(10)	Galloway(4)
Nov 17	<b>St Mirren</b>	PD	4-1	25,666	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	<b>Baillie</b>	Rogan	<b>Miller</b>	Grant	Nicholas	<b>Creaney</b>	Collins	<b>Coyne(7)</b>	Galloway
Nov 24	<b>Rangers</b>	PD	1-2	52,361	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	<b>Elliott</b>	Baillie	Miller	Grant	Nicholas	Walker	Collins	Rogan(3)	Coyne(7)
Dec 1	Hibernian	PD	3-0	16,219	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	<b>Coyne</b>	Grant	<b>Nicholas</b>	Walker	Collins	Dziek ski	Galloway(11)
Dec 8	Dundee United	PD	1-3	14,895	Bonner	McNally	Wdowczyk	Fulton	Elliott	Rogan	<b>Coyne</b>	McSlay	Nicholas	Walker	Collins	Grant(4)	Britton(10)
Dec 15	<b>Dunfermline</b>	PD	1-2	18,915	Bonner	Grant	Wdowczyk	Galloway	Elliott	Whyte	Miller	McSlay	Coyne	Walker	Collins	<b>Nicholas(7)</b>	Morris
Dec 22	St Johnstone	PD															
Dec 29	<b>Hearts</b>	PD															
Jan 2	Rangers	PD															
Jan 5	<b>Hibernian</b>	PD															
Jan 12	Motherwell	PD															
Jan 19	<b>Aberdeen</b>	PD															
Jan 26	Scot Cup rd 3																
Feb 2	<b>Dundee United</b>	PD															
Feb 9	Dunfermline	PD															
Feb 16	St Mirren	PD															
March 2	St Johnstone	PD															



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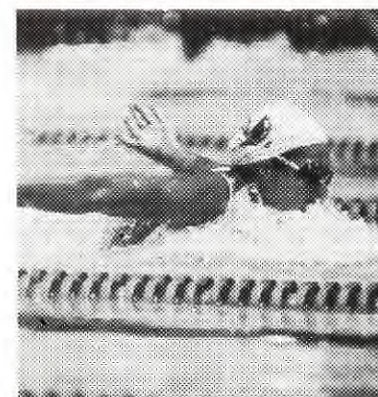
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# About Today's Game

■ HEARTS' 1-0 win in the last league meeting between the two clubs was their first victory in 12 matches against Celtic. A 2-1 win at Tynecastle in April 1988 being their best win before that.

■ SIX clubs have their largest ever attendance whilst playing against Hearts. They are Hibernian, Aberdeen, Raith Rovers, Hamilton Accies, Queen of the South and Airdrie. All the matches were in the Scottish Cup except for Hibs which was a league game.

■ HEARTS' biggest defeat is 7-0 which was inflicted on them by Hibs on New Years Day 1973 at Tynecastle. Of all the Scottish League clubs only Rangers have a smaller record defeat, which was of course the famous 7-1 League Cup final at the hands of Celtic.

■ HEARTS' biggest ever win is 15-0 against Kings Park in the Scottish Cup in 1936/37. Englishman Bill Walsh scored eight of the goals.

■ ONLY two of the Lisbon Lions were bought from other clubs. They were Ronnie Simpson from Hibs for £3,000 and Willie Wallace from Hearts, for, a then club record fee, of £30,000.

■ CELTIC and Hearts met in the semi final of the Empire Exhibition Trophy in 1938, and a goal by Johnny Crum was enough to take Celtic through to the final where they beat Everton 1-0.

## TWO GREAT GAMES OF THE PAST

THE first meeting we look at today was played on 20th November 1976. Celtic travelled to Tynecastle lying in second place in the league with Hearts struggling at the other end of the table.

The home side got off to a flyer and were two up inside 10 minutes with both goals coming from Willie Gibson. Celtic did pull one back in the 31st minute with a Roddie McDonald header but within two minutes Gibson completed his hat-trick and restored Hearts' two goal lead.

Celtic were not finished though and Bobby Lennox scored in the 36th minute to end an incredible first half 3-2 to the Edinburgh side.

The action was just as pulsating in the second period and Celtic's pressure paid off on the hour when Kenny Dalglish calmly equalized after a typical Danny McGrain run down the right wing.

The visitors were now well on top but just when it seemed Hearts would hold out for a much needed point, Ronnie Glavin volleyed home a dramatic winner, following a goalmouth scramble with only three minutes remaining.

Our second match took place almost two years ago to the day in Glasgow, and was Celtic's last game in 1988, their centenary year.

After a quiet opening 20 minutes the game burst into life when Billy Stark put Celtic ahead following a corner. Hearts soon equalized with a penalty which was converted by John Robertson.

The home side were soon back in front and before the interval Mark McGhee ran clean through and fired the ball past Henry Smith.

The second half was even more exciting than the first and Hearts were level once again on the hour and again it was that man Robertson who netted from an acute angle.

The match was now in the balance but the scales were tipped in Celtic's favour by Frank McAvennie whose persistence down the left set up Mark McGhee to head in his second and put the Bhoys 3-2 up.

With Hearts now chasing the equalizer the points were finally clinched in the final minute when Billy Stark scored with McAvennie again being the provider.



*'Hammer of the Hearts' Mark McGhee who netted a double against them two years ago.*



## LEADING FROM THE FRONT...

**I**t was a Saturday afternoon in the barber's. "The storm without nicht rair and rustle" as Rabbie Burns says in "Tam O'Shanter".

In plain language, there was a ferious gale outside, a gale which had effectively put paid to the possibility of any football that day.

Among the customers waiting for attention was a man who had clearly been elsewhere first, for he was shouting the odds about Winston Churchill, the new Queen and other sundry matters.

The other customers smiled good-naturedly and began to talk about football, as much a Scottish obsession in 1953 as it is now, and our drunken friend refused to take part in a discussion about George Young's latest injury or the particular merits of Billy Steel.

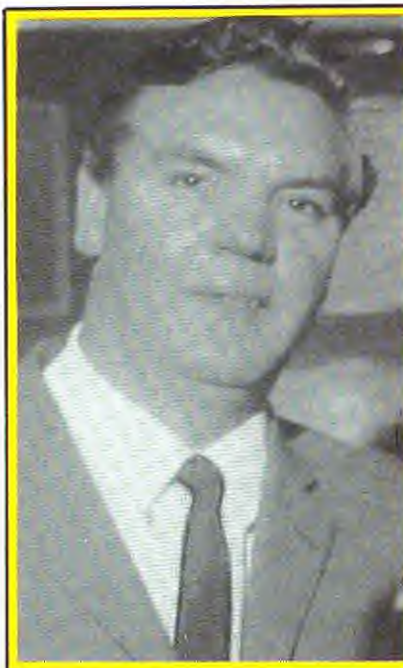
He was interested in no-one other than John McPhail. Or "John Mc-never-fail" as the man called him, waxing eloquent about the goal he had scored in the Scottish Cup final a few seasons earlier.

At this point, your writer, a precocious lad who had not yet started school, pointed out that McPhail played for Celtic.

Such ebullient behaviour earned half a crown (12 and a half pence) from the intoxicated gentleman, much to the amusement of the assembled clientele.

**John McPhail was indeed the stuff of legend. Dark, thickset, brawny and handsome, Phail was the hero that Celtic Park so desperately needed in these grim post-war years.**

For this was a time when success was elusive, relegation was once (at Dens Park) narrowly avoided and serious questions were being asked as to whether the club had the will to re-instate



**"Big Captain John" McPhail was a player who had supporters praying he would play, so says David W. Potter.**

*John McPhail (pictured left) during his time with The Celtic View.*

itself once more as the dominant power in the land.

More than one Celtic historiographer has told us about the hush that descended on the crowd of that time as the teams were being read out over the loudspeakers, particularly when the announcer came to McPhail's position.

This tells us two things. One was the repeated struggles that McPhail had to find form and fitness while the other was the anxiety of his loyal fans in case he had not made it.

His finest hour must be the Scottish Cup final of 1951. He had not played in the first team since the semi-final triumph over Raith Rovers three weeks previously and, as the vast crowd rolled up to Hampden on that sunny April day, nobody really knew whether "big captain John" would be playing or not.

You see the newspapers, then as now, were known to print rubbish.

**Imagine then the scene with over 131,000 inside the massive Hampden arena. Celtic's last real honour had been in 1938, and the result was that unless you were about 20 at least, you had no clear recollection of the winning of an honour.**

The opponents were Motherwell, against whom there had been epic Scottish Cup finals 20 years earlier.

The intervening two decades had probably been the most important ones in the history of the world, but that mattered not a hoot to those green-and-white legions who waited with bated breath for the name "McPhail" to be read out.

When it came, the roar was such that one would have thought that the Scottish Cup was won already.

# ... JOHN McPHAIL



*John McPhail's finest hour ... proudly displaying the Scottish Cup after victory in the 1951 final. His jubilant team-mates from left are Hunter, Weir, Rollo, Collins, Beattie, Boden, Fallon, Tully and Peacock.*

The game was far too tense to be a classic, but it was McPhail who got the only goal in the first half. This goal is now happily available to us on video and is an excellent example of a good striker's goal.

It was to be one of the few memorable pieces of good football in the 90 minutes and was enough to give Celtic a much sought-after triumph.

Although he was mainly a centre forward, he also played at inside right and left and even at left half which was, in fact, where he played in the Coronation Cup of 1953.

His main contribution to that epic triumph was in defence as wave upon wave of Hibs pressure swept the Celtic goalmouth in a second half that seemed to last about three hours.

Until, that is, Jimmy Walsh eased the pressure with a late second counter.

***During his 15 years at Celtic Park he was forever plagued by injury and a recurring weight problem.***

All sorts of unkind remarks were made about him, but such was his value to the team that whenever he was available he was usually picked.

As far as injuries went, he picked up a few (centre forwards often do), and had the misfortune to be a slow healer.

### **Sadly**

The word "slow" was also applied to him in other contexts as well, and this was particularly true of him after 1951, when he had clearly passed his peak.

He played five times for Scotland, scoring three goals for them too, but sadly he never got his chance against England.

In 1956, he retired from the game and was replaced almost immediately by his brother Billy

whose claim to fame was of course his hat-trick in the 7-1 League Cup final win over Rangers.

John stayed in touch with Celtic and football, however, for he became a football journalist and indeed played a significant part in the early days of "The Celtic View."

There was something about John McPhail which represented a whole era. He was a bustling "rumble-them-up" type of centre forward in the tradition of Jimmy Quinn and Jimmy McGrory, which sadly we just don't see nowadays.

He also injected, in 1951, a spot of glory into Celtic Football Club at the time when it needed it.

***The memory will forever remain of "big captain John", as he was known in legend and in song, being carried shoulder high holding the 1951 Scottish Cup aloft in triumph.***



# RESERVES — FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE SEASON

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	SCORE	COMP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aug 25	Motherwell	H	7-1	P	McLean	Dolan	McCahill	Beattie	Roagan	Creaney <sup>2</sup>	Galloway	Fullon	Hewitt	Britton	Coyne <sup>3</sup>	Mathie (7)	McCar sn(10)
Aug 28	Rangers	A	0-2	W	McLean	Dolan	McCahill	McNally	Galloway	Rogan	Mathie	O'Neill	Britton	Roche	McCarrison	Beattie(5)	Donaghy(10)
Sept 1	Aberdeen	A	4-2	P	McLean	McNally	Baillie	McCahill	Beattie	O'Neill	Galloway	Fullon	Hewitt	Coyne <sup>3</sup>	Britton	McCar sn(11)	Roche
Sept 3	Queen of the South	A	*8-1	W	Trailist	Dolan	Campbell	McCahill	Baillie	Donaghy	Creaney <sup>2</sup>	O'Neill	McCarrison	Trailist	Trailist	Trailist(8)	Beattie
Sept 6	Queens Park	A	6-0	W	McLean	McNally	Fullon	McCahill	Beattie	McCahill	Coyne <sup>2</sup>	Creaney	Britton	Trailist	Hewitt	O'Neill(7)	McCars n(4)
Sept 8	Hebman	A	4-1	P	McLean	Morris	McNally	McCahill	Beattie	Hayes	Donaghy	O'Neill	Rogan	Nicholas	coyne	Britton(5)	Roche
Sept 15	Rangers	H	2-3	P	McLean	Dolan	McCahill	Galloway	McCahill	McNally	Galloway	O'Neill	McCarrison	Donaghy	coyne(9)	Britton	Britton
Sept 17	Airrie	H	6-3	W	Murdoch	McNally	McCahill	Galloway	McCahill	Beattie	Creaney <sup>2</sup>	R. McStay	McCarrison	Hewitt	Fullon	Britton(4)	Trailist(4)
Sept 22	Hearts	A	4-1	P	McLean	McNally	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Baillie	Wdowczyk	Hayes	O'Neill	McCarrison	Nicholas	Fullon	Coyne <sup>10</sup>	Britton
Sept 24	Ayr United	A	1-0	W	Murdoch	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	O'Neill	McCahill	Beattie	B. McLaughlin	Donaghy	McCarrison	Nicholas	Hewitt	Hastie(2)	Trailist(11)
Sept 29	St Mirren	H	3-1	P	McLean	McNally	Baillie	McCahill	McCahill	Hayes <sup>2</sup>	O'Neill	Galloway	Coyne	Britton	Campbell	Dolan(10)	Donaghy(11)
Oct 6	St Johnston	A	1-1	P	McLean	McNally	Baillie	Galloway	McCahill	P. McLaughlin	Hayes	Walker	Coyne	Britton	McCarrison	Britton(9)	McCahill(1)
Oct 11	Clydebank	A	2-1	W	Murdoch	McNally	Campbell	Donaghy	McCahill	Beattie	Mathie	Donaghy	Britton	McCarrison	Mathie	Hastie(8)	Smith
Oct 13	Dunfermline	H	1-5	P	McLean	McNally	McCahill	Galloway	McCahill	Roche	Hayes	O'Neill	McCarrison	Nicholas	Mathie	Donaghy(6)	Britton(11)
Oct 17	Stranraer	H	7-1	W	Murdoch	McNally	Campbell	Galloway	Baillie	Beattie	Donaghy	O'Neill	Britton	Nicholas	Hewitt	Hastie(10)	B. McLaughlin(11)
Oct 20	Dunfermline	A	3-2	W	Murdoch	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	Beattie	McCahill	McBroe	Hastie	McCarrison	Coyne	Hayes	Donaghy(4)	Mathie(10)
Oct 22	Falkirk	H	2-1	W	Murdoch	McNally	Campbell	Roche	Beattie	McCahill	McBroe	Donaghy	Britton	McCarrison	Coyne	Britton(10)	Dolan
Oct 25	Motherwell	A	2-0	P	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	Baillie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	McCarrison	McCarrison	McCarrison	Hastie(8)	Dolan
Oct 29	Hamilton A	A	2-2	W	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Roche	Baillie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	Coyne	McCarrison	Hastie	McCarrison(7)	Roche
Nov 3	Aberdeen	A	*2-1	P	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Roche	Baillie	McCahill	McCarrison	Donaghy	McCarrison	Hastie	Hastie	Dolan(7)	O'Neill(8)
Nov 5	Morton	A	3-0	W	McLean	McNally	Campbell	Roche	Beattie	McCahill	McCarrison	R. McStay	McCarrison	Hastie	Hastie	O'Neill(8)	McCarrison(10)
Nov 10	Hearts	H	3-2	P	McLean	Morris	P. McLaughlin	Roche	Beattie	McCahill	Mathie	Donaghy	McCarrison	Hastie	Hastie	O'Neill(8)	McCarrison(10)
Nov 13	Albion Roy	A	5-0	W	Murdoch	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	McCahill	Beattie	Mathie	Donaghy	McCarrison	Hastie	Hastie	O'Neill(8)	McCarrison(10)
Nov 17	St Mirren	A	3-1	P	McLean	Morris	P. McLaughlin	Roche	McCahill	Beattie	Mathie	R. McStay	McCarrison	Hastie	Hastie	O'Neill(8)	McCarrison(10)
Nov 20	Kilmarnock	H	1-5	W	McLean	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	McCahill	Whyte	Mathie	Roche	McCarrison	Walker	Walker	Donaghy	Hastie
Nov 24	Rangers	A	0-2	P	Murdoch	Morris	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	McCahill	McCahill	Mathie	O'Neill	McCarrison	Walker	Walker	Britton(9)	Roche(11)
Nov 26	Partick Thistle	A	2-0	W	Murdoch	Morris	Beattie	Galloway	Whyte	McCahill	Mathie	Walker	Hayes	Hayes	Hayes	R. McStay(6)	McCarrison(7)
Dec 1	Hibernian	H	2-0	W	Murdoch	Morris	P. McLaughlin	Dolan	Baillie	McCahill	Mathie	P. McStay	Walker	Hewitt	Hewitt	O'Neill(6)	McCarrison(7)
Dec 5	Dumbarton	H	*1-1	W	McLean	Dolan	McCahill	Galloway	Baillie	Whyte	Hayes	P. McStay	Britton <sup>4</sup>	Hewitt	Hewitt	R. McStay(8)	O'Neill(2)
Dec 8	Dunfermline United	H	1-0	P	Murdoch	Morris	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Baillie	Whyte	Hayes	Walker	Dzek ski	Hewitt	Hewitt	Mathie	O'Neill
Dec 11	Q. of the South	A	4-1	W	Trailist	Dolan	P. McLaughlin	O'Neill	McCahill	Roche	Mathie	Donaghy	Britton <sup>3</sup>	Mathie	Mathie	Campbell	B. McLaughlin(6)
Dec 15	Dunfermline	A	5-0	P	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	R. McStay	Baillie	McCahill	McCahill	Roche	Britton <sup>3</sup>	Fullon	Hayes	O'Neill	Donaghy
Dec 19	Rangers	H	4-7	W	Murdoch	McNally	P. McLaughlin	Galloway	McCahill	Whyte	Mathie	R. McStay	Britton	Walker	O'Neill	McCarrison(8)	Donaghy

# RESERVE SCENE

**A**S a whole succession of Celtic reserves have made significant impacts in the top team this season, it should not be forgotten that Paul McLaughlin was the first to do so in the current campaign.

The solid left-back's consistent performances, both last term and in this year's pre-season matches, were rewarded with a run of five games in the first team, one as substitute, in the opening month of this term.

"A dream come true," is how the Celtic-supporting McLaughlin describes the experience, adding: "the time that I was a part of the first team just flew in.

"It was unbelievable also the amount I learned in that short time. The experience gained by playing for a club like Celtic at the top level is invaluable.

"I was grateful for the chance to show what I could do at the highest level and I would like to think I did alright in the games I played," he suggests.

When apparently on the brink of an Old Firm baptism of fire at Ibrox, though, Paul found himself instead having to settle for a role as spectator.

"It was a pity," he said. "The Rangers game seemed to come up too quickly when, if I had perhaps had another few weeks in the first team, I would have been better equipped to be selected.

"Even though it was disappointing not to play, I appreciated the fact that the gaffer had me sitting on the bench just to sample the atmosphere from an involved point of view.

"And I can tell you that, even from there, the whole occasion was just awesome," he says.

Paul has undoubtedly had to go about making an impression at a top club the hard way.



## PAUL McLAUGHLIN

**Position:** Defender.

**Date of Birth:** 9.12.65.

**Birthplace:** Johnstone.

**Height:** 5ft 11in.

**Weight:** 11st 9lb.

**Signed:** May 1989.

**Previous Clubs:**

Queen's Park, Clydebank.

**First team debut:** August 25, 1990  
v Motherwell (A) (came on as sub in 2-0 defeat)

Joining Queen's Park as an 18-year-old he was pitched in to a tough second division where he remained for five years until picked up by Celtic, a chance at which he jumped.

It also meant that by the time he broke through to the first team earlier this year he was not in his first flushes of youth.

Though not that many of the media noticed.

"It was strange that when I was in the first team the assumption made on the television and in the papers was that I was a "youngster."

"My age was quoted from anything between 19 and 21 when in fact I was 24. Not that I was bothered, mind you!" he smiles.

He readily admits that, with Anton Rogan's future at the club unsettled and Dariusz Wdowczyk fit again after an early season injury, his task in winning his place back is a little more difficult.

However he insists: "If I can

perform well for the reserves it will provide me with the launching pad to push my way back in.

"I feel that I have settled back into a groove in the reserves after what I will say was a difficult re-adjustment. Going from playing in front of full houses to a few hundred people is quite a step down!"

"Not that I do not enjoy playing with both the premier reserves and the west league side because they are both excellent teams as pole position in their respective leagues proves.

"Coming from a background in the second division where games were very physical, one of the enjoyable aspects of playing with Celtic is the fact that they play skilful football.

"Indeed the reserve teams are teeming with talented players and I'm sure that, in addition to seeing more of Gerry Britton, over the next few seasons Celtic supporters will see the likes of Brian Raymond McStay and Declan Roche staking claims on a first team place.



\*as at Friday 21 December.

## APPEARANCES

### FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	PREMIER DIV			SKOL CUP			TOTAL		G
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	
P. Bonner	17			5			22		
J. Collins	17			5			22		
P. Grant	15	+1		5			20	+1	
P. Elliott	13		1	5		3	18		4
P. McStay	13		2	5		1	18		3
A. Rogan	13	+1		2			15	+1	
J. Miller	12	+3	4	2	+2	1	14	+5	5
G. Creaney	12	+3	4	2		1	14	+3	5
D. Dziekanowski	9	+1	1	5		4	14	+1	5
S. Fulton	12			2			14		
D. Wdowczyk	11			2			13		
D. Whyte	7		1	4			11		1
C. Morris	4	+1		3	+1		7	+2	
A. Walker	4	+1		2	+2		6	+3	
C. Nicholas	5	+1	2	1			6	+1	2
L. Baillie	6		1				6		1
T. Coyne	5	+2	6				5	+2	6
M. Hayes	2	+2		3			5	+2	
M. McNally	5						5		
P. McLaughlin	2	+1		2			4	+1	
M. Galloway	2	+4			+1		2	+5	
J. Hewitt	1	+3			+2		1	+5	
G. Britton		+1						+1	
D. McCarrison		+1						+1	

### RESERVE TEAM

PLAYER	PREMIER DIV			WEST			TOTAL		G
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	
S. McCahill	13	+1	1	12			25	+1	1
P. McLaughlin	13		3	7		2	20		6
A. Mathie	10	+1	2	8	+1		18	+2	2
M. McNally	11			7			18		
G. Britton	5	+6	6	12	+1	20	17	+7	26
M. Hayes	12		6	4		2	16		8
A. Murdoch	8			8			16		
D. McCarrison	7	+5	2	8	+2	9	15	+7	11
B. O'Neil	8	+2	2	7	+4	7	15	+6	9
L. Baillie	10		2	5		1	15		3
M. Donaghy	6	+2		8	+1	2	14	+3	2
R. McStay	8	+1		6	+1	1	14	+2	1
D. Roche	6	+2		8			14	+2	
M. McLean	9			5			14		
B. Dolan	3	+1		10	+1	1	13	+2	1
J. Beattie	5			8			13		
M. Galloway	8		2	5		1	13		3
T. Coyne	8	+2	8	2		2	10	+2	10
J. Hewitt	6		3	3			9		3
A. Walker	6		3	3		2	9		5
C. Morris	7			1			8		
C. Nicholas	6		2	2		1	8		3
K. Campbell				7		1	7		1
S. McBride		+1		6		2	6	+1	2
D. Whyte	2			4			6		
S. Fulton	3		1	2		1	5		2
W. Hastie	1			3	+3		4	+3	
G. Creaney	1		2	3		4	4		6
A. Rogan	2		1	1			3		1
D. Wdowczyk	2			1		1	3		1
P. McLaughlin				2	+2		2	+2	
D. Dziekanowski	1			1		1	2		1
P. McStay				1			1		
trialists				6	+3	1	6	+3	1
own goals			1			1			2

## TABLES

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	17	11	4	2	37	11	26
Aberdeen	17	8	7	2	27	15	23
Dundee Utd	17	9	5	3	24	13	23
St. Johnstone	17	7	5	5	24	23	19
Celtic	17	6	4	7	22	22	16
Motherwell	17	4	5	8	21	21	13
Dunfermline	17	3	7	7	19	26	13
Hearts	17	4	5	8	16	27	13
Hibernian	17	3	7	7	9	24	13
St. Mirren	17	3	5	9	13	30	10

### PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	17	13	1	3	47	23	27
Rangers	17	12	2	3	36	17	26
Dundee Utd	17	11	2	4	36	17	24
Aberdeen	16	7	1	8	39	35	15
Motherwell	14	7	1	6	21	22	15
St. Johnstone	17	5	5	7	21	27	15
St. Mirren	16	3	6	7	19	28	12
Hibernian	17	6	0	11	14	30	12
Dunfermline	17	2	5	10	18	34	9
Hearts	16	3	3	10	13	31	9

### RESERVE LEAGUE WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	16	12	1	3	64	25	25
Clydebank	15	11	1	3	40	21	23
Rangers	14	10	1	3	39	20	21
Ayr United	15	9	3	3	30	23	21
Kilmarnock	14	8	2	4	41	17	18
Airdrie	14	7	3	4	27	27	17
Morton	14	7	1	6	30	31	15
Stranraer	17	7	1	9	31	36	15
Partick Thistle	14	5	4	5	25	22	14
Hamilton Acas	14	5	4	5	23	24	14
Clyde	11	4	4	3	21	16	12
Dumbarton	15	5	2	8	25	48	12
Falkirk	13	3	4	6	24	20	10
Albion Rovers	17	3	3	11	22	43	9
Q.O.S.	16	2	1	13	20	59	5
Queen's Park	15	1	1	13	13	44	3

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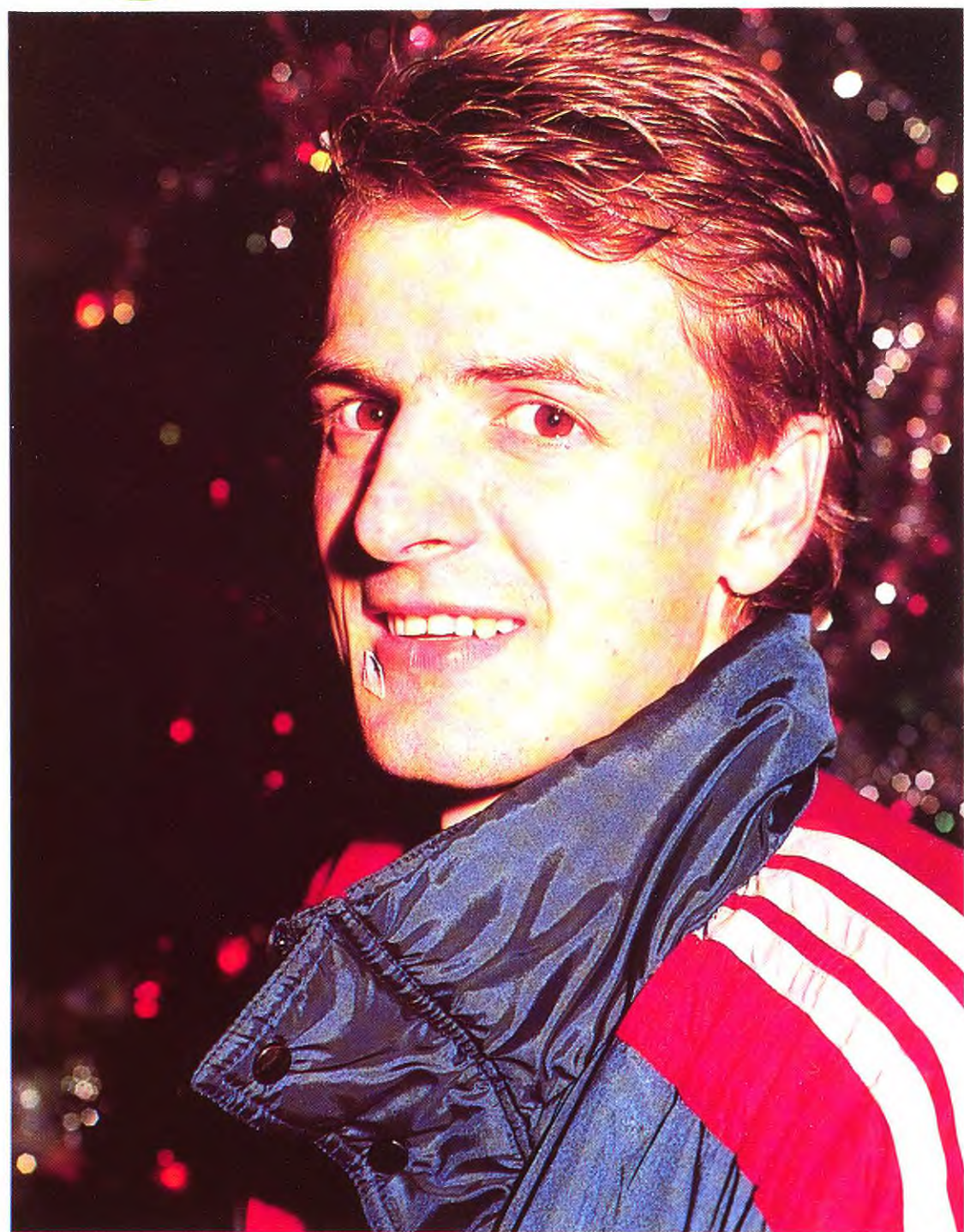
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# OFF THE BALL...

with **DARIUSZ WDOWCZYK**

**I**n the past few days whilst families throughout the country have been indulging in a traditional Scottish Christmas, Dariusz Wdowczyk and his family have been following the customary Polish version of the Yuletide proceedings.

Dariusz, his wife Iwona and their children Rafal, who is seven and two year old Ola, will be spending their second Christmas outside their native Poland and to help them celebrate the occasion Dariusz's parents will be making the trip from Warsaw.

Speaking the week prior to Christmas Dariusz explained the differences he had noted between the Scottish and the Polish style of celebrations.

"The first difference is that our Christmas begins on December the 24th and this is the day when we put up the tree and have the whole family together."

"We have a big meal consisting of fish, salad and potatoes though no turkey because we are not allowed to eat meat on this day because of its special religious significance."

"We do have cakes and rich sweets however," he adds though not the mince pies and Christmas puddings which have become so synonymous with Christmas in the West.

For the very mention of these two delicacies brings a look of utter bemusement to the Polish star's face!

Whilst not quite assimilated into the Scottish way with regard to Christmas celebrations, in almost all other respects he is very much at ease in his adopted home.

To the extent that, when asked about a newspaper report which suggested he was taking English lessons, he reacts indignantly.

"Why do you think I should take lessons? Can you not understand my English?" he enquires with a broad

grin.

"I do not take lessons but my wife Iwona attends classes at Anniesland College."

"If there is anything I do not understand I ask my son Rafal. For whilst I speak English he has learned to speak Scottish," he quips about the youngster, who attends school over here and has picked up the language very quickly because of it.

Very much a family man he admits to enjoying spending time with his children, taking them swimming and shopping in town which, he says, provides a "quieter" time than shopping in Poland.

A fan of satellite television there is one type of programme he finds especially watchable.

"I mostly like watching quiz shows which I think are fun and entertaining. *The Crystal Maze* is a particular favourite, especially with my son," this rather obscure choice being almost Channel Four's answer to *The Krypton Factor*.

Now out of his native country for 13 months he still likes to keep in touch with events back home.

"I have only been back to Poland for two or three days since my transfer so I rely on television and newspapers for my information."

"So I am looking forward to my parents coming to catch up on the latest developments," he states.

The major happening recently in the country was the election of Lech Walesa as president and Dariusz admits to worries on this score.

"It is only my opinion but it was not good that Walesa only got a smallish percentage of the first ballot because this showed the people are not united.

"I am not sure if he is best for our country but we will see," he ends.

## QUICK QUIZ

1. When was the last time today's team met in a Cup Final?
2. Who scored the goals the last time both teams met at Celtic Park?
3. Name two of the present Hearts staff who played in Pat Stanton's Testimonial.
4. What teams were they playing for?
5. Who scored a hat-trick for Hearts against Celtic in 1976 and still ended up on the losing side?
6. What was the final score?
7. Who will Mike Tyson be fighting on March 18?
8. Where will the fight take place?
9. Who holds the Scottish international rugby points record?
10. Who have Hearts' UEFA Cup victors Bologna drawn in the quarter final?

### ANSWERS

1. Scottish Cup 1955/56, Hearts 3 Celtic 1; 2. Joe Miller (two) and Gerry Creaney; 3. Joe Jordan and Eamonn Bannon; 4. Jordan (Hibernian), Bannon (Celtic); 5. Willie Gibson; 6. Hearts 3 Celtic 4; 7. Donovan "Razor" Ruddock; 8. Las Vegas; 9. Gavin Hastings (286); 10. Sporting Lisbon.

### My top three records ...

1. Bohemian Rhapsody
2. Careless Whisper
3. Private Dancer

Queen  
George Michael  
Tina Turner



“Much progress has been made at a number of clubs recently in bringing women and children back to watching football by creating separate family areas.”

*Lord Justice Taylor in his Final Report into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster.*

Fourteen Scottish Football League clubs have built family areas with help from The Football Trust and a number have made special provision for supporters with disabilities. Three have launched comprehensive community programmes using a Trust funded full sized artificial pitch for local use. In addition, the Trust has developed a further eleven similar community projects in partnership with Scottish local authorities.

The Football Trust is helping the game implement the Taylor Report and investing in projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.



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# SCORING POINTS

**A**S the year of our lord nineteen hundred and ninety nine draws its dying breath, that time has come upon us once more when we reflect on the highs and lows of the previous 12 months.

In a footballing sense at least, most Celtic supporters would prefer to forget rather than reflect on a period which has brought unrelenting misery with regard to the fortunes of their team.

*For the last year has been one of the worst in the history of Celtic Football Club with only eight league games won out of a possible 33, both Scottish Cup and League Cup finals lost in agonising circumstances and behind-the-scenes turmoil with boardroom upheavals and bitterness the like of which has never been seen in the modern day runnings of the club.*

Moving swiftly along though ... how did football fair in a general sense in 1990?

It being a World Cup year, perhaps the best way of judging the current state of the game is by determining the merits of the most recent global football extravaganza.

If this is the case, then the modern-day game can be filed under the UNHEALTHY category because Italia '90, supposedly showcasing the best footballers in the world, all too often failed to lift itself above idiocy.

Worse it was (un)memorable for demonstrating that the game had plumbed new depths of cynicism with professional fouls, play-acting and off-the-ball incidents becoming the norm.

The actual entertainment value of the play itself was often dire, with goals a rare commodity and free-flowing play all but extinct.

Equally depressing was the media's reaction to the tournament. Both television



*The crying Paul Gascoigne .. oh no, he's even made it into the Celtic programme!*

channels displayed an English bias which was nauseous in the extreme.

Their xenophobic reactions, especially to all things Argentinian and in particular Beelzebub himself Deigo Maradona, bordered on fascism.

Just as distressing was the hype surrounding one Paul Gascoigne, the reverberations of which are still being felt even now.

## Sanity

*It was left to a drunken ex-footballer in the shape George Best to bring some sanity to the Gazza hysteria when he said on live television that the player was a very good one but not a great — comments which saw him summarily booed by a studio audience!*

The depths to which press reporting of football has sunk were also, alas, very evident in the Scottish newspapers' reaction to their national side's efforts.

The "build 'em up, knock 'em down brigade" were out in full force as the descriptions of the Scottish side ranged from "national disgrace" to "brave heroes."

Crucified to a quite unmerited extent, certain newspapers

included match reports and comment pieces which suggested the writers were indulging in an anatomical examination of the contents of a convulsed stomach rather than analysing the events of a football game.

The fact that every World Cup match was played in all-seated stadia also highlighted another salient issue which has been at the forefront of football discussions this year.

That, with UEFA and FIFA both seeing future football matches played in all seating grounds, the financial problems this creates for the majority of clubs in Britain alone are enormous.

If Celtic, one of the biggest clubs in Britain, have been given a sums headache in attempting to make their ground all-seater then the difficulties for clubs at the other end of the game seems almost insurmountable.

*There seems to be just no way that a small club with average gates between anything from a few thousand to a few hundred can raise the millions required to make their stadia fulfil the new regulations which will be coming into force in the next few years.*

The bottom line might be that these clubs will be forced either to consider ground sharing at best or extinction in the blackest scenario.

Undoubtedly, the year currently drawing to a close might well be seen as the year when football, a game which seems firmly entrenched in its roots in the early 1900s, was forced to face-up to the demands of the 21st century.

Whether or not it can successfully do so is something which only the next few years will determine.

*In the meantime, 1990? Good riddance to you!*

**ANDREW H SMITH**



# On this day in history ...

■ 1984 — Premier Division: Celtic 1 Dundee Utd 2. Celtic took the lead through a Tommy Burns goal in 22 minutes.

This held until midway into the second half when strikes by Paul Sturrock and Richard Gough within six minutes of each other made it 2-1 to United.

Celtic might have taken a point from the match had Maurice Johnston not missed a penalty. Attendance: 22,894.

■ 1979 — Premier Division: Rangers 1 Celtic 1. Peter Latchford had three times to deny Rangers a lead in the first half. He was less fortunate however when Rangers did actually score.

In the 73rd minute he slipped going for a cross and had no chance with the resultant header from Derek Johnstone.

Celtic's reply was immediate.

One minute after Rangers had scored a Don Sullivan free kick was headed on by Roy Aitken for Bobby Lennox to score.

Celtic were denied a second



John Hughes ... scored twice against Falkirk 18 years ago today.

## December 29th

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half penalty when an Aitken shot hit Gregor Stevens on the arm. Attendance 34,000.

■ 1973 — First Division: Celtic 6 Dunfermline 0. A veritable route by Celtic which starred three Celtic greats. Dixie Deans scored the first, then Kenny Dalglish and Deans again before half-time.

Harry Hood hit a double, with one goal either side of Dalglish's second. Attendance 21,000.

■ 1962 — First Division: Celtic 2 Falkirk 1. John Hughes scored both the goals just either side of the interval. Falkirk's only strike came from John Lambie 16 minutes from time. Attendance 18,000.

■ 1956 — First Division. Hibernian 3 Celtic 3. Twice Celtic pulled back to draw level in this game.

Vincent Ryan cancelled out Fraser's opener for Hibs in the first half and Eric Smith netted the second only after Thomson had put the Edinburgh side ahead once more.

A minute after Smith had equalised Neil Mochan put Celtic ahead.

Predictably this was to be matched by another goal this time by Laurie Reilly nine minutes from time to leave the



Tommy Burns — an early strike six years ago today.

game all square. Attendance 31,000.

■ 1951 — Division A: Aberdeen 3 Celtic 4. Celtic came out winners in this exciting match at Pittodrie.

The match started at a frantic pace and within a minute Bobby Collins had put Celtic in front from the penalty spot.

Three minutes later Baird equalised but 20 minutes after this Collins hit back again through a penalty, followed a few minutes later by an own goal from Aberdeen full back McKenna.

Celtic led 3-1 at half time and Jimmy Walsh scored what proved to be the winner midway through the second half.

Aberdeen did force their way back late in the game when Don Emery slotted away the third penalty of the match eight minutes from time and with less than a minute to go Harry Yorsten got the Dons third. Attendance 25,000.

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