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## THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

OUR defeat at the hands of Dundee United two weeks ago has made it even more important that we win this afternoon and follow that up with a win against Rangers.

But first things first, and today's opponents Hearts have to be negotiated before looking towards any other matches.

Hearts have made a poor start to the season domestically but there have been signs recently that their excellent form in Europe has rubbed off and the points have once more started to accrue for the Edinburgh side.

Their match three weeks ago against Rangers at Tynecastle could turn out to be a watershed in their season. There they won 2-0 and followed that up with a competent 2-0 win over Hamilton Accies. Of course just prior to this Hearts had gone to Mostar and recorded a fine result to go through to the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup. So there is nothing to suggest Hearts will arrive here today as anything other than formidable opponents.

But despite our defeat by United we too have shown we have the resolve that will be important for the title race. I honestly felt we were the better team against United and were firmly in control until that rather fortuitous penalty award. We have also been boosted by the return to fitness of Peter Grant and Joe Miller with Andy Walker not far behind them. I thought Peter had a tremendous first half against United and it was only his lack of recent first team action that contributed to him firing a little in the second. Joe will also be an asset in the coming

weeks as we seek to apply pressure on the leaders.

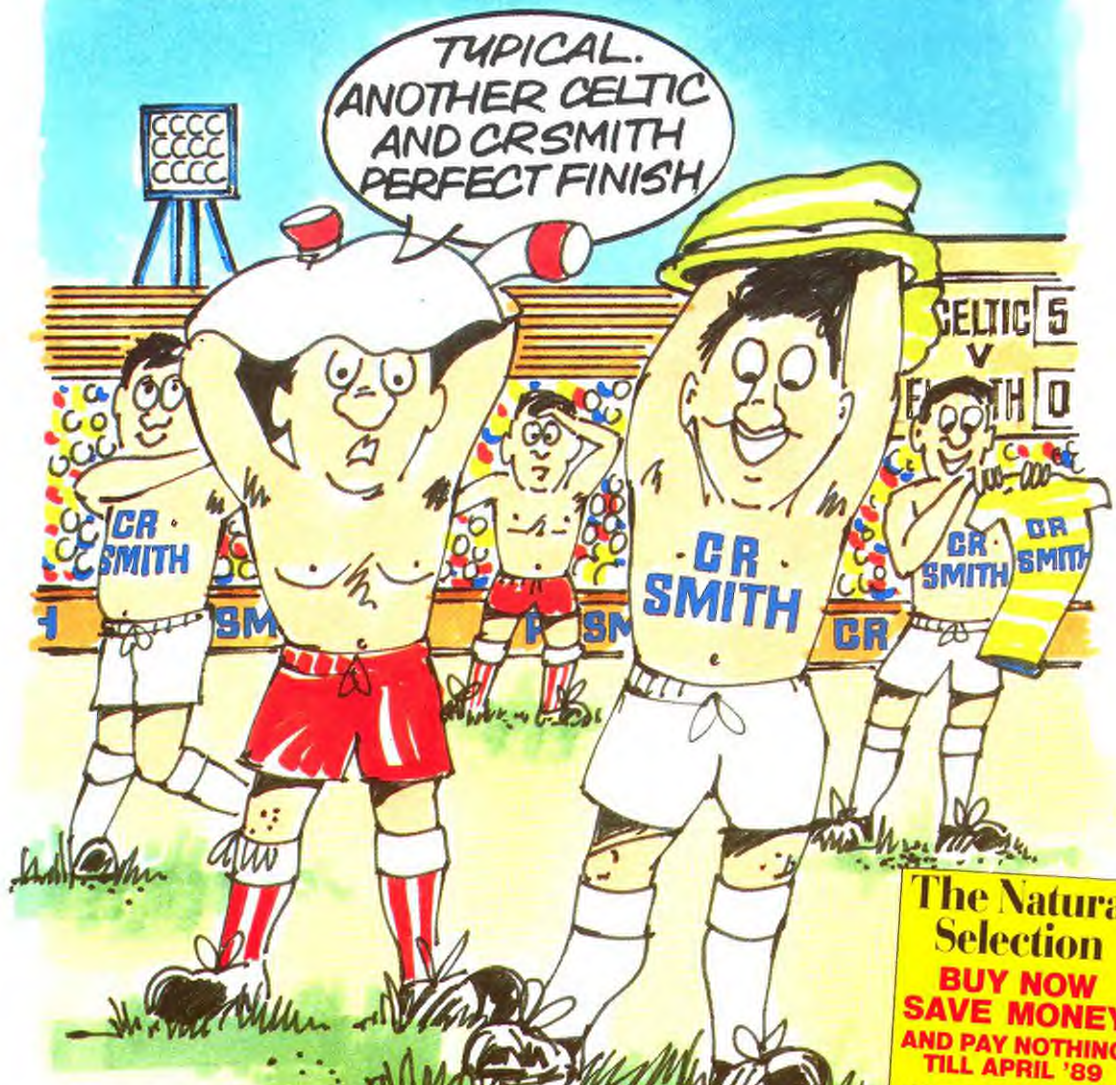
Finally I'd like to wish everyone at Celtic Park this afternoon a very happy and prosperous New Year and take the opportunity of thanking the Celtic fans for making such an important contribution to our centenary season. Its been a magnificent 12 months and its almost sad to have to turn our back on such a tremendous year for everyone connected with the club. There is little doubt its been a year that will live on in the memories of each who was privileged to witness it and play a part in it. But its time now to look ahead. This is Celtic and there will be more league and cup doubles, more dramatic victories and more exciting football in the weeks and the months and the years to come. The spirit which has fired our play last season and which has been ever present since the foundation of the club still exists and I'm sure will help us to more glory.

Enjoy yourselves and have a safe Hogmanay and New Year.

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# TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## CELTIC



Pat Bonner  
Chris Morris  
Anton Rogan  
Roy Aitken  
Mick McCarthy  
Derek Whyte  
Joe Miller  
Paul McStay  
Frank McAvennie  
Mark McGhee  
Tommy Burns  
Peter Grant  
Andy Walker

### Referee:

Mr D. D. Hope  
(Erskine)

### Linesmen:

Mr G. M. Hardie  
(Hamilton)

Mr J. P. Varndell  
(Dalgetty Bay)

## HEARTS



Henry Smith  
Walter Kidd  
Tosh McKinlay  
Brian Whittaker  
Davie McPherson  
Alan McLaren  
Ian Ferguson  
Gary Mackay  
John Colquhoun  
Kenny Black  
John Robertson  
Mike Galloway  
Eamonn Bannon

### HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

Dundee v Aberdeen  
Hamilton v Rangers  
Hibernian v Motherwell  
St Mirren v Dundee Utd  
Airdrie v St Johnstone  
Clyde v Raith Rovers  
Dunfermline v Falkirk  
Forfar v Ayr Utd  
Kilmarnock v Clydebank  
Meadowbank v QOS  
Morton v Partick Thistle

**TAKE CARE:** We urge all spectators to exercise the utmost care while leaving the ground at the end of the match. We also wish you all a safe and pleasant journey home.

#### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk.....	20	12	4	4	37	19	28
Dunfermline.....	20	11	5	4	34	22	27
Airdrie.....	20	9	8	3	35	18	26
Clydebank.....	20	9	8	3	35	18	26
St Johnstone.....	20	9	6	5	31	20	24
Morton.....	20	10	3	7	28	28	23
Forfar.....	20	7	8	5	28	24	22
Clyde.....	20	5	8	7	24	29	18
Meadowbank.....	20	5	6	9	17	23	16
Raith Rovers.....	20	6	4	10	22	31	16
Ayr United.....	20	5	6	9	28	39	16
Kilmarnock.....	20	5	6	9	22	34	16
Partick Th.....	20	6	3	11	28	37	15
Queen of Sth.....	20	1	5	14	19	44	7

#### B & Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	20	13	3	4	30	14	29
Dundee Utd.....	20	10	7	3	27	11	27
Aberdeen.....	20	8	11	1	26	17	27
Celtic.....	20	11	2	7	41	25	24
Hibernian.....	20	7	7	6	20	17	21
St Mirren.....	20	8	5	7	24	28	21
Hearts.....	20	4	8	8	20	23	16
Dundee.....	20	4	8	8	17	23	16
Motherwell.....	20	2	7	11	18	29	11
Hamilton.....	20	3	2	15	13	47	8

#### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion R.....	16	10	3	3	31	23	23
Stirling A.....	16	9	3	4	33	24	21
Cowdenbeath.....	16	8	5	3	22	19	21
Arbroath.....	16	7	6	3	27	17	20
Queens Park.....	16	6	6	4	21	15	18
Stranraer.....	16	6	6	4	25	21	18
Brechin.....	16	6	6	5	23	20	17
E. Stirling.....	16	5	6	5	30	28	16
Alloa.....	16	5	6	5	23	23	16
Montrose.....	16	6	3	7	22	22	15
East Fife.....	16	5	6	21	22	15	15
Stenhousemuir.....	16	4	4	8	18	27	12
Dumbarton.....	16	2	5	9	16	28	9
Berwick.....	16	1	1	14	12	35	3

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# NEWS BEAT



Dragan Stojkovic captures the imagination of the Celtic fans with his display in Monday's friendly.

But afterwards he insisted: "The pleasure was all mine," speaking with an interpreter the Slav superstar said: "It's a great honour for me to play at Celtic Park which I regard as the home of attacking football. Years ago my relatives told me about this attacking team called Celtic who had overcome the defences of the Italians. They also told us about a player called Jimmy Johnstone.

"Indeed my general manager Mr Dragan Dzajic played in that match and told me Johnstone was one of the best he ever saw."

Now the 23-year-old Bosnian bombshell is preparing for Yugoslavia's forthcoming international matches. And as far as he's concerned the world has yet to see the best of the Yugoslavs.

Be warned Scotland.



## DIRECTORY

**Directors** — John C. McGinn (Chairman), Kevin Kelly (Vice-Chairman), James M. Farrell MA LLB, Christopher White CA, Thomas Grant. **Manager:** Billy McNeill. **MBE:** First Team Coach: Tommy Craig; Reserve Team Coach: Bobby Lennox. **MBE:** Physiotherapist: Brian Scott. **Secretaries:** Desmond White & Co. **Commercial Manager:** John C. McGinn. **Chief Scout:** John Kelman.

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### Scottish Cup Winners (28 times):

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988.

### League Cup Winners (9 times):

1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982.

**Empire Exhibition Cup:** 1938.

**St Mungo Cup:** 1951.

**Coronation Cup:** 1953.

**European Cup:** 1967.

**Record Victory:** 11-0 v Dundee (Division 1) October 1895.

**Record defeat:** 0-8 v Motherwell (Division 1) April 1937.

**Most individual League goals in a season:** 50 James McGran (1935-36).

**Highest aggregate score:** James McGran 397 (1922-1939).

**Most capped player:** Danny McGran 62 times for Scotland.

# EURO SPOTLIGHT

By Roddy  
Stewart

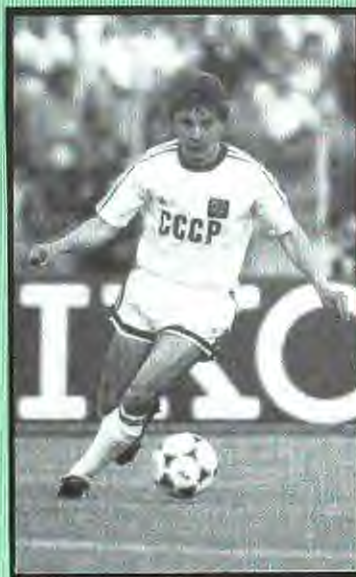
## Alexander Zavarov

POSSIBLY no transfer in recent years has caught the imagination as much as the £3.5 million deal that took Alexander Zavarov from Dynamo Kiev to Juventus. At one time it was ironically said that dissidents found it easier to leave the Soviet Union than footballers but recently the effects of 'glasnost' have also seemed to permeate through to sport within that country.

In August Zavarov became the first Russian playing at the height of his powers to be given permission to move to a club in the west and naturally the interest created by the transfer was enormous. Juventus had monitored his superb displays throughout the European Championships and signed him ostensibly to follow in the footsteps of Michel Platini, a player whose creativity and vision had not been replaced since his departure twelve months earlier.

Alexander Zavarov's life as a footballer in Turin contrasts strongly with his humble beginnings in the Ukraine district of the U.S.S.R. As a boy his talent stood out and in typical Russian fashion he was sent to a special sports school to enhance this ability. His path to football glory was not a smooth one as the first two clubs he played for, on either side of his national service, were relegated!

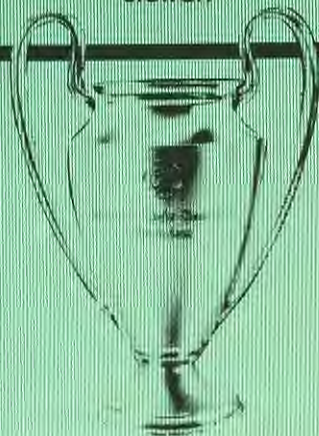
After turning down a move to Dynamo Kiev it appeared that his career had suddenly ground to a premature end as he and another Russian under-21 teammate were sus-



pending for life for persistent drunkenness.

After a years absence from the game he was granted an amnesty by the Soviet football authorities and did not hesitate when given a second opportunity to join Kiev. Along with other new players such as Igor Belanov and Pavel Yakorenko Zavarov became an influential part of a side that lifted the National Cup and then the championship itself.

In between those successes Dynamo defeated Athletic Madrid in the Cup Winners Cup final and Zavarov used this match to herald his arrival as a player of international stature. Playing an attacking game from midfield he not only orchestrated one of the finest team displays in a European final for many years, but also opened the scoring in only four minutes with a fine



opportunistic header.

The following season Kiev reached the quarter final of the European Cup defeating Celtic in the second round. Unfortunately, Zavarov chose Celtic Park to highlight the more unpleasant aspect of his game as his recklessly late tackle was responsible for sidelining Tommy Burns for almost six months.

By the time the 1986 World Cup had arrived, Alexander Zavarov was a permanent fixture in the Soviet national side. He gave a good account of himself in Mexico and enhanced his reputation with his thoughtful play in the European Championships.

### BLEMISH

Those performances were responsible for his transfer to Juventus and since his arrival in Turin Alexander Zavarov has had little problem in adjusting to the Italian game. Like his French predecessor he has found the net on a regular basis and only a recent last minute ordering off has blemished his excellent beginning.

It is said that due to his sturdy build and dark curly hair that his international teammates nicknamed him Maradona.