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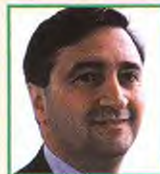
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ROLL OF HONOUR

European Cup: 1967

League Champions (35 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910,
1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938, 1954,
1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988.

Scottish Cup Winners (29 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, 1989.

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

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LIAM BRADY



A VERY warm welcome to the first game of what I hope will be an enjoyable and profitable season for the club and you, our supporters.

Earlier this week we returned from our 10-day training stint in Italy and I firmly believe that the hard work put in over there, both in training and games, will be of great benefit in ensuring that we are in peak condition for next Saturday's big kick-off.

The main priority of our trip was fitness and significant progress was made through concentrated effort from all the players who made the journey.

Undoubtedly, our poor results in the Gianni Brera Memorial Tournament mean that there is still much to be done on top of the hard work already put in.

To lose six goals in two games was very disappointing and, defensively, we will be looking for a much-improved performance against Sheffield Wednesday this afternoon.

Even so, it is important to remember the quality of the opposition we faced in the form of Atalanta and Napoli.

I am still glad that we took part in the tournament. We were given a couple of sharp lessons and it is up to us to make sure that we learn from them.

SKILFUL

With a week to go before the competitive season gets underway, the performances and results we achieve today and against Manchester United on Tuesday assume far greater importance than those in Italy.

We face a very good side this afternoon. My former Sampdoria team-mate Trevor Francis has put together a team of skilful players who put the emphasis on entertainment.

Wednesday have several top class performers, including Chris Waddle, John Sheridan, Paul Warhurst and Des Walker. The signing of

Walker for £2.7 million from Sampdoria demonstrated the club's determination to have a real say in the English championship race this term.

They were unlucky not to claim silverware last season but I believe they have every chance of putting that right in the months ahead.

We must ensure that we have just as big a part to play when the honours are distributed north of the border.

‘We must ensure we have a part to play when the honours are handed out in Scotland’

BACK

UPFRONT



CRSMITH IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK.



THE TEAMS



PAT BONNER



TOM BOYD



DARIUSZ WADOWCZYK



PETER GRANT



TONY MOWBRAY



MIKE GALLOWAY



STUART SLATER



PAUL MCSTAY



FRANK MCAVENNIE



CHARLIE NICHOLAS



JOHN COLLINS



BARRY SMITH



PAUL BYRNE



Referee:
W.S.G. Young
(Clarkston)



Linesman:
K.E. Toner
Glasgow



Linesman:
B.W. Cassidy
Glasgow

STAND-BYS:
Celtic -
Stewart Kerr
(GK), Gary
Gillespie,
Mark
McNally,
Gerry
Creaney.
Wednesday -
Kevin
Pressman
(GK), Phil
King, Nigel
Pearson,
Peter
Shirtliff.



Mascot:
Gerard McGeever



CHRIS WOODS



ROLAND NILSSON



ANDY PEARCE



DES WALKER



JOHN HARKES



PAUL WARHURST



JOHN SHERIDAN



CHRIS WADDLE



NIGEL JEMSON



MARK BRIGHT



CARLTON PALMER



GRAHAM HYDE



CHRIS BART-WILLIAMS

TODAY'S VISITORS



HIRST...£5million price tag



WADDLE... veteran ball wizard



WEDNESDAY come to Celtic Park today on the back of a season which was one long tale of what might have been. They won the sympathy of millions of fans when they reached BOTH of England's Wembley showpieces ... and lost both by a whisker.

First heartbreak came at the hands of Arsenal in the Coca-Cola Cup Final, after John Harkes had given them the lead.

Then, when they again met the Gunners in the FA Cup Final, they lost cruelly to a goal from defender Andy Linighan in the final seconds of extra-time in a replay.

But they are in great shape now – thanks to the £2.5 million signing of England defender Des Walker from Sampdoria.

Here's the rundown on the all-star line-up which Trevor Francis brings with him for this cracking curtain-raiser:

CHRIS WOODS (Goalkeeper) Born 14.11.59 in Boston, Lincs.

Started his career with Nottingham Forest and made his senior debut in a League Cup tie against Notts County in September 1977.

Played in both the League Cup Final and the replay against Liverpool in 1978 because Peter Shilton was cup-tied.

Moved to Queen's Park Rangers in July 1979 for £250,000 without making a league appearance for Forest.

Spent two seasons at Loftus Road before joining Norwich City for £225,000.

Missed only four league games in five years for the Canaries until he was lured north by Graeme Souness to sign for Rangers for a £600,000 fee.

Moved on to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1991 for £1.2m.

Capped by England at youth, under-21 and senior levels, he made his full debut against the USA in June 1985 and is firmly entrenched in the No.1 spot.

ROLAND NILSSON (Defender) Born 27.11.63 in Helsingborg, Sweden.

Signed in November 1989 from IFK Gothenburg in a £375,000 deal and has been a regular since.

A former Swedish youth international, he forced his way into the Gothenburg side early in 1986 and made his full international debut against USSR later that year.

ANDY PEARCE (Defender) Born 20.4.66 in Bradford-on-Avon.

A £500,000 close season signing from Coventry City.

CARLTON PALMER (Defend-



er/midfielder) Born 5.12.65 in Rowley Regis.

Began as a WBA YTS trainee in August 1983 and made 131 appearances for Albion before Ron Atkinson paid £750,000 for him in February 1989. Capped by England at under 21, B and full levels.

DES WALKER (Defender) Born 26.11.65 in Hackney, London.

Let go by Spurs as a kid, he joined Nottingham Forest as an apprentice and made his Football League debut against Everton in March 1984.

Made 264 league appearances before a £1.5m move to Sampdoria.

Capped by England at under 21 and full levels and is now a first choice.



PETER SHIRTLIFF (Defender) Born 6.4.61 in Hoyland.

In his second spell at Hillsborough. Initially joined Wednesday as an apprentice and made 222 appearances before joining Charlton Athletic in July 1986 for £125,000.

Spent three years there before returning in a £900,000 deal.

Missed both finals last season through injury.

PAUL WARHURST (Defender/Forward) Born 26.9.69 in Stockport.

Joined Manchester City as a trainee in July 1986 and was sold for £10,000 to Oldham Athletic two years later.

Established himself as a defender in 1989/90 before moving to Hillsborough in July 1991 for £750,000.

PHIL KING (Defender) Born 28.12.67 in Bristol.

Began his career as an apprentice with Exeter City in May 1984.

Within a month of turning pro, he had made his Football League debut against Halifax Town.

Made 24 (+3) league appearances

TODAY'S VISITORS



SHERIDAN...
Ireland ace



WARHURST...
goal machine

for Exeter before his performances clinched a move to Torquay United in July 1986.

Slotting into the No.3 shirt, he immediately showed such promise that Swindon Town paid £155,000 for him in February 1987.

In November 1989 he joined the Owls for £400,000.

Capped by England at B level.

CHRIS BART-WILLIAMS (Midfielder) Born 16.6.74 in Sierra Leone.

Started out with Leyton Orient as a trainee in July 1990.

Made his Football League debut as a sub against Grimsby Town in October 1990 at the age of 16 years and four months - Orient's youngest ever debutant.

A player with great potential, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in November 1991 for £275,000 plus Chris Turner going to Orient.

Will be looking for a regular first team place this season, having been used sparingly in the past.

Capped by England at youth and under 21 levels.

GRAHAM HYDE (Midfielder) Born 10.11.70 in Doncaster.

Joined Wednesday as a trainee in June 1985 having been an associated schoolboy since January 1985.

Signed professional forms in June 1986, but had to wait over three years to make his Football League debut in September 1991 against Manchester City.



JOHN HARKES (Midfielder) Born 8.3.67 in New Jersey.

Spotted playing for the University of North Carolina and USA national side.

Played several trials for British sides - including Celtic - before a £75,000 fee to the US Soccer Federation took him to Hillsborough.

Made his League debut against Oldham Athletic in November 1990. A regular for the past two seasons and an integral member of the USA World Cup squad.

JOHN SHERIDAN (Midfielder) Born 1.10.64 in Manchester.

Started his career as an associated schoolboy with Manchester City in 1978 but was released and joined Leeds United.

Made his Football League debut against Middlesbrough in November 1982 and, after seven years at Elland Road, joined Nottingham Forest in a £650,000 move.

However his stay at the City Ground lasted just four months and without a league appearance to his name, he moved to Wednesday, and first team football, for £500,000.

Through parental qualification has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth, under-21 and full levels, making his debut against

Romania in March 1988.

CHRIS WADDLE (Forward) Born 14.12.60 in Felling.

One of the most exciting English players of the last decade is enjoying a renaissance in the twilight of his career and last season won the Football Writers' Player of the Year.

Began his senior career with Newcastle United, signing from Tow Law Town in July 1980 for £1,000.

Made his league debut against Shrewsbury Town in October 1980 and spent five years at St James' Park before a £590,000 transfer to Tottenham Hotspur in June 1985.

A £4.25m fee in July 1989 took Chris to French side, Olympique Marseille, where he won three championship medals in three seasons.

Just over a year ago he returned to English football in a £1m move to the Owls. Capped at under 21 and full levels for England, with 62 appearances.



MARK BRIGHT (Forward) Born 6.6.62 in Stoke.

Began his senior career with Port Vale, signing from Leek Town in October 1981 and making his league debut against York City in May 1982.

Scored 11 goals in 21 (+13) appearances for the Valiants before joining Leicester City in July 1984 for £33,000.

Joined Crystal Palace for a bargain price of £375,000 in 1986 and formed a deadly striking partnership with Ian Wright.

Moved to Hillsborough in September 1992, with Paul Williams plus cash going to Palace.

DAVID HIRST (Forward) Born 7.12.67 in Cudworth.

This £5 million rated striker started his career as an apprentice at Barnsley in 1984 and made his debut against Charlton in August 1985, while still on the groundstaff.

Spent only one season at Oakwell, scoring nine goals in 27 (+2) appearances, before Wednesday gambled on his potential and paid £200,000 for him in August 1986.

Capped by England at youth, under 21 and full levels.

NIGEL JEMSON (Forward) Born 10.8.69 in Preston.

Began his career with his local club, Preston North End, as a trainee in August 1986.

Made his Football League debut in 1986 and joined Nottingham Forest in March 1988 in a £150,000 deal.

An £800,000 transfer took him to Hillsborough in September 1991, but is not yet a regular first team choice.

DID YOU KNOW?

WEDNESDAY got their name because that was the only day their earliest players could get off work to play - it was half-day closing in Sheffield ... Their last major honour was the 1991 Rumbelows Cup, when a John Sheridan goal beat Manchester United ... Before that, you have to go back to 1935, when they won the FA Cup, beating

West Bromwich Albion 4-2 ... Hillsborough was one of the venues for the 1966 World Cup Finals ... During the 1970s, they went through a string of managers. One, Jack Charlton, said: "I didn't mind my name being written in chalk on the office door - It was the sponge hanging next to it which bothered me." ... Wednesday

changed away from their famous stripes for a spell in the 60s and 70s to play in a blue and white version of the Arsenal strip ... Famous fans include Labour MPs Roy Hattersley and Joe Ashton and playwright Colin Welland ... Their record attendance is 72,841 for an FA Cup 5th Round tie with Man City in 1934.

THIS IS YOUR LIFESTYLE

JOHN COLLINS was never out of the newspapers during the close season...

But the midfielder didn't hang about in Scotland to read about the waves his out-of-contract status was creating.

Instead, he spent the summer jetting round the globe with wife Susan and eight-month-old toddler Julia.

The 25-year-old enjoyed THREE holidays, taking short breaks in Jersey and Madeira as well as a working holiday in Lake Placid.

Looking tanned and healthy, John insists that the speculation over his future didn't get in the way of enjoying his first family holidays since becoming a father last November.

He stated: "I had a really enjoyable summer and didn't let the contract situation concern me.

"I've said all along that there is no point in worrying about my present position because eventually things will work themselves out.

"Because I know too that when they do, unlike many of fellow professionals who've found themselves freed by their clubs and been unable to fix themselves up elsewhere, I'll have a future in the game."

His coaching efforts over in Lake Placid may also have guaranteed that he even has a future in the game AFTER he hangs up his boots.

For Collins was enlisted as the resident soccer professional for a week at the famous ski resort and loved trying his hand at passing on his skills.

He said: "It was great stuff. There were nearly 200 kids

JOHN COLLINS



all in who were split into groups of about 20.

"I was in residence for a week and spent each morning going round the groups, passing on tips and helping them learn through the Coerver method which I'd genned up on before going out there.

"It wasn't hard work, I had the afternoons to myself and it was just good fun.

"It also allowed me to indulge in another one of my favourite hobbies of mountain biking and I cycled round the groups.

"Lake Placid was used for the Winter Olympics in the 1980s and so the facilities there are first rate.

"We stayed at a huge mansion owned by the man who got me involved in the coaching.

"It's only a holiday home for him and he spends about two weeks of the year there - if I owned a house like that I'd be looking to hang out more than

two weeks of the year in it!"

Collins does admit that a coaching career after his playing days are over is something that does appeal to him.

He said: "I've always fancied myself as the managerial type. But I think seriously about the game and have strong notions about how it should be played.

"I also invest a lot of importance in preparing thoroughly and being professional in my attitude to the game."

However, John also loves life away from football and he reveals that the highlight of his summer was a visit to New York, the Big Apple being only a short trip from Lake Placid.

He said: "We spent three days in New York and it blew my mind. Susan and I were just left gasping at the size and bustle of the place when we stepped onto the streets for the first time.

"It was an incredible place and I'll be back there the first opportunity I get."

John admits that he was worried about how daughter Julia would cope with all the travelling but, in the event he needn't have worried.

He said: "We must have made around a dozen flights and she didn't cry once.

"And that was her cutting two teeth at the time! She's such a good-natured little girl.

"Susan and I can't stop thinking about how lucky we are."

Another favourite haunt of the Collins' turned out to be the Channel Islands.

He said: "It was great to get a week break out in Jersey

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