

# Celtic

**V RAITH ROVERS**

**PREMIER DIVISION  
SATURDAY NOV 27,  
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**MIDWEEK ACTION  
COLOUR SPECIAL**

**Plus++Plus++Plus**



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GILLESPIE**

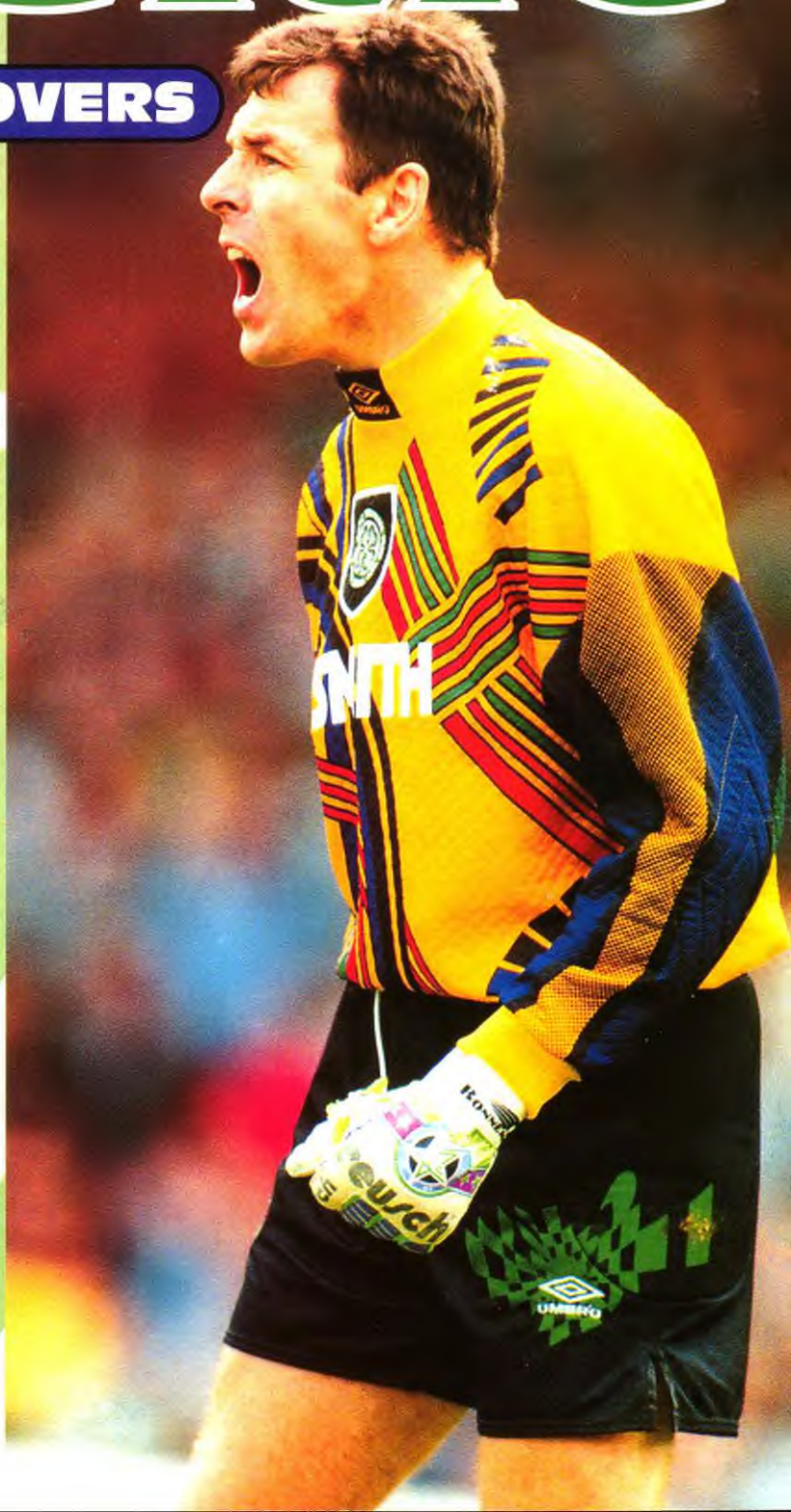


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## ROLL OF HONOUR

**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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# LOU MACARI



**T**ODAY'S visit from Raith Rovers provides us with our third successive home game and an opportunity to extend our eight-game unbeaten league run.

Wednesday's vitally important win over Motherwell cut their lead over us to just two points and keeps us firmly in the picture.

I didn't feel we were ever in danger of failing to win the game so long as we didn't do anything silly at the back.

We got away with the only mistake we made in the first half and I thought we were well worth the points.

Pat McGinlay did well in scoring the two goals. It is pleasing to see a midfielder get into those positions and convert chances.

Any team seeking to win things needs people capable of popping up to score when it's not going to be a day for forwards to get the goals. Pat does that for us and it's an invaluable quality.

## Rampaged

I was also pleased with Brian O'Neil's contribution in attack. He rampaged through the middle and was a real handful for the Motherwell defence.

The Partick Thistle game apart, we had scored only four goals in seven home games this season and that had to be a cause for concern.

Wednesday was very satisfactory all-round for us as I was also successful in bringing Wayne Biggins to the club as my first signing.

I thought he would sit in the stand but put him on the bench and he ended up contributing to the second goal. I'm confident he can make a big contribution in future.

Today I welcome a former Manchester United team-mate Jimmy Nicholl and his team to Celtic Park.

**‘ We need players like Pat McGinlay who can pop up and score vital goals from midfield ’**

Jimmy's done a great job at Stark's Park, continuing the good work begun there by Frank Connor.

I'm pleased to see him doing so well in management and hope we'll be able to chat over a soft drink after the game - with us having added two more points to our total and extended our unbeaten run.



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# THE TEAMS



**PAT BONNER**



**SCOTT THOMSON**



**GARY GILLESPIE**

**Referee:**  
I Taylor,  
Edinburgh

**JOHN MCSTAY**



**TOM BOYD**

**JASON ROWBOTHAM**



**PETER GRANT**

**Linesman:**  
J.M. Dunne,  
Barrhead

**RONNIE COYLE**



**MARK McNALLY**

**SHAUN DENNIS**



**PAT MCGINLAY**

**Linesman:**  
J.B. Reig,  
Castle Douglas

**DAVID SINCLAIR**



**RUDI VATA**

**STAND-BYS:**  
Celtic -  
Gordon  
Marshall (GK),  
Barry Smith,  
Tony  
Mowbray,  
Frank  
McAvennie.  
Raith Rovers  
- Tom Carson  
(GK), Julian  
Broddie,  
George  
McGeachie.

**JIMMY NICHOLL**



**PAUL MCSTAY**

**GORDON DALZIEL**



**GERRY CREANEY**

**PETER HETHERSTON**



**CHARLIE NICHOLAS**

**ALLY GRAHAM**



**JOHN COLLINS**

**JASON DAIR**



**MIKE GALLOWAY**

**STEVE CRAWFORD**



**BRIAN O'NEIL**

**Mascot:**  
Peter Crolla,  
Lockerbie

**COLIN CAMERON**



# ++MEET MY MATES++



COYLE ... Twin in parliament?



DAIR ... Rovers' pizza boy

Ever wanted to be a fly on the wall in the away dressing room? Well now's your chance - as our spy in the camp steps out of the shadows. Taking you on a tour of the Stark's Park boot room today is Rovers' prolific striker **GORDON DALZIEL**.



**SCOTT THOMSON** has the skinniest legs I've ever seen - I call him Skeleton. He's not the most handsome lad in the world either as the gaffer made clear in the papers once, but Scott just looked silly when he tried to deny it!

To his credit he's been trying to build himself up a bit in the gym recently - I hear he's up to 7st 3lbs now.

**JOHN McSTAY** is undoubtedly the most famous McStay in the Premier League.

He's Mr Leader at the club. If we organised a team bungee jump, he'd insist on being at the front of the queue.

Anything from raffles to nights out, he feels as if he has to take charge.

Gerry McNee said on Scotsport recently that **JASON ROWBOTHAM** would become a household name before long.

I know Gerry is always right, but I'm constantly reminding Jason that no-one in MY house has ever heard of him!

We all call him an English git, despite the fact that he's Welsh - but he's sounds English so that's all that matters, isn't it?

Actually the way he tackles he'd be more at home in the Welsh **RUGBY** team.

**RONNIE COYLE** still sees going to Parkhead as a bit special because he played so many reserve games there in 1979. But he's especially excited this



time because he's arranged for a ticket to be left for his twin brother, George Robertson MP!

**SHAUN DENNIS** is the quiet guy in the team. He's been linked with a move to Celtic a few times in the past and the rumour sweeping Kirkcaldy at the moment is that he might be on for a trial there - if another 14 centre halves die of some mystery disease!



**GEORGE McGEACHIE** is known as the lonesome man because he's the only part-timer with the squad at the moment.

He trains on his own but I haven't got the faintest idea what he does.

I think the boss probably just sends him out to do a paper round in Kirkcaldy to keep him in shape.

He's been a bit unlucky not to have featured much since he was sent off recently.

When we went on holiday to Spain at the end of last season, **DAVID SINCLAIR** showed his genius by changing all his cash into Portuguese money before we left!

Then he wondered why no-one would sell him anything when we arrived at the hotel.

Davie is absolutely hyper and can't sit on his backside for a minute.

If we ever get a day off he goes in and trains because he can't sit



# ++MEET MY MATES++



**LEGENDARY ... BODY BUILDER**  
**Nicholl ... Thomson**

still and constantly needs to be on the go.



**WHAT** can I say about the gaffer, **JIMMY NICHOLL** that won't upset or offend him?

Tremendous ball control, great passer, great athlete, workaholic – and, purely by coincidence, the man who gives me a game every week.

**STEVEN CRAWFORD** is our star Scotland under-21 hamper carrier.

I've heard very good reports about him after his trip to Malta last week – I understand he didn't drop the kitbags once.

After such an impressive performance, definitely one to look out for in the future.

**PETER HETHERSTON** has a huge family who are all Celtic daft, he's been a Celtic supporter since the day he was born and probably his dog is a fan as well.

It's just a pity he was never good enough to play for them, though. What a shame.



**IT** was reported recently that **JASON DAIR** has a lot of clubs looking at him – the Miners Welfare club, the Services club ...

The poor lad is known as Pizza face around the club because he has a bit of an acne problem.

A ball once hit him in the face in training and everyone within 30 yards had to suffer!

All I can say about **ALLY GRAHAM** is that he is £120,000 worth of **LIES!**

All he ever does is tell giant porkies to everyone and then turn round and say 'It's a fact.'

The only reason he gets away with it is because he's the biggest – but he just uses that as an excuse to get the front seat in the car all the time.

And he is the worst header of a ball I've ever seen for a big guy – he has a head like a traffic cone. And he's a big liar, by the way...

**COLIN CAMERON** is known as Mickey to everyone at the club, but even he doesn't know

why.

Personally I call him Aled Jones because despite the fact he's 21, his voice still hasn't broken yet.

It's hilarious when he's shouting for a ball during a game – all you hear is this wee squeak out on the wing.

**TOM CARSON** is the fattest minibus driver in Britain and probably the fattest goalkeeper as well.

The only time I ever saw Tom before he came to Stark's Park was driving the minibus for Dundee's reserves.

He likes to call himself The Frame, but it's what's built round the frame that makes me laugh.



**JULIAN BRODDLE** applied for a place in the Guinness book of Records for most reserve games played in one career.

He's been with almost every club in Britain in his dazzling career and has managed to get most of the managers that he's played under sacked as well.

No-one will go near him again – definitely a high risk player.

Finally, there's no way I'm going to slag myself

I'm going to take enough stick when the players read this anyway without giving them any more ammunition.

## LOWDOWN++LOWDOWN

### SCOTT THOMSON

Age 27, signed from Forfar Athletic, 6ft, 11st 9lb

### JOHN McSTAY

Age 27, signed from Motherwell, 5ft 9.5in, 10st 12lb

### JASON ROWBOTHAM

Age 24, signed from Plymouth, 5ft 10in, 11st 7lb

### SHAUN DENNIS

Age 23, signed from Lochgelly Albert, 6ft 1in, 13st 7lb

### GEORGE McGEACHIE

Age 34, signed from Dundee, 5ft 11.5in, 11st 12lb

### RONNIE COYLE

Age 29, signed from Rochdale, 5ft 11in, 12st 9lb

### JIMMY NICHOLL

Age 36, signed from Dunfermline, 5ft 10in, 11st 10lb

### PETER HETHERSTON

Age 29, signed from Falkirk, 5ft 9in, 10st 7lb

### GORDON DALZIEL

Age 31, signed from East Stirling, 5ft 10.5in, 10st 13lb

### ALLY GRAHAM

Age 27, signed from Motherwell, 6ft 30in, 12st 7lb

### JASON DAIR

Age 19, signed from Castlebridge, 5ft 11in, 10st 8lb

### STEVEN CRAWFORD

Age 19, signed from Rosyth Recreation, 5ft 10in, 10st 7lb

### DAVID SINCLAIR

Age 24, signed from Portadown, 5ft 11in, 12st 10lb

### JULIAN BRODDLE

Age 29, signed from Partick Thistle, 5ft 9in, 12st 8lb



# LIFESTYLE+LIFESTYLE+

**GARY GILLESPIE** admits that his attitude towards attempting to carve out a life after football has mellowed with age.

And the wisdom that's come along with this greater maturity has taught him the debt that he owes to his wife Susan.

For the player concedes that now that he's in the autumn of his career, staying in the game after hanging up his boots holds more appeal than when he was younger.

Which could mean the need for continued support from his partner, with Gary believing that football and a family – the Gillespie clan being sons Ryan 11 and Richard 10 and twin daughters Ruth and Rachel, 5 – are not always a natural mix.

He explained: "When you're a professional footballer you have to be single minded and look after yourself and that makes it difficult to be a full-time father.

"Of course I'd like to think I've done my bit, but Susan must really take the credit for bringing up the children.

"Maybe that's one of the reasons I wasn't sure about wanting to stay in the game.

"Four or five years ago I'd have said that I'd definitely no intentions of doing so once I'd finished playing.

"But now I think I would and I believe that the 18 years experience of top level football is as good a background for going into coaching as you could get.

"I've never seen the merits of coaching schools and courses but believe that by putting together what I've learned from the various managers I've worked under I could come up with a winning formula."

However all such thoughts are very much in the future and it might well be that by the time Gary is bawling instructions from the track his two sons will have followed their dad into the world of professional football.

Gary said: "Both are very keen on the game and Ryan's at the age when he's started to come along to our home matches.

"He and Richard play for Aston Villa Boys' Club in Bothwell and both enjoy it.

## THIS IS YOUR LIFESTYLE



GARY GILLESPIE

"It gives them the chance to meet other boys their own age as well as get a game of football.

"But it's far too early to be able to tell if they've a future in football and I'd never push them in that direction.

"If anything because I'm in the game I'd tend towards the other way.

"You just have to look at football these days and see the aspirations of countless youngsters dashed because of the incredibly high fall-out rate.

"It is important not to fill kids heads with big ideas of making it, only for them to be heartbroken.

"It's a tough business and even talent in itself is not enough, you need luck as well."

Gary feels blessed with the latter in abundance considering himself very privileged to have played for two of Britain's most famous clubs.

He said: "I'm grateful to Falkirk for giving me my start in football and the move to Coventry was great because they have a good set-up and give youngsters a chance.

"I'll always be indebted to them and they helped me play at the highest level.

"For without any disrespect to  
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