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Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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>> GORDON STRACHAN



A WARM welcome to Celtic Park for today's SPL game with Aberdeen. We've barely had enough time to draw breath after Wednesday night's match before we're back in action but this is a game we're looking forward to and one that we will be going all-out to win.

The victory over Rangers was an important one for us as we bid to retain our league title and though we left it late to get the winner, it was a victory that we thoroughly deserved.

The players gave everything from first minute to last and they got the rewards that their hard work, determination and skill merited.

Goals make all the difference in games. We saw that in our win at Fir Park last weekend and we saw it again in the 2-1 victory over Rangers. There was a good drive about the players in the midweek win and we want to keep that going today.

However, no-one needs reminding that our opponents this afternoon will provide the toughest of tests. Jimmy Calderwood's side won here at Celtic Park recently and regardless of their subsequent results, that victory will give them the confidence and belief that they can come here and get something out of the match.

But the players here have shown their character in recent weeks to keep going and we intend to maintain that until the end of the season and see then where that has taken us.

A derby game obviously has a unique atmosphere, probably enhanced by the fact that it was an evening kick-off, but it's just as important for there to be a good atmosphere today and your support is vital in this regard.

We have five league games remaining and our target remains a simple one - to win all five of these fixtures, starting with this afternoon's match against Aberdeen.



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Scottish League Winners [41 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,
1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08,
1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15,
1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22,
1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54,
1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69,
1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73,
1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81,
1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98,
2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06,
2006-07

Scottish Cup Winners [34 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, 1995,
2001, 2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67,
1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75,
1982-83, 1997-98, 1999-00, 2000-01,
2005-06

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

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Formed: 1888

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Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip colours:

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Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

Most league goals in 1 season:

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36

Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:

35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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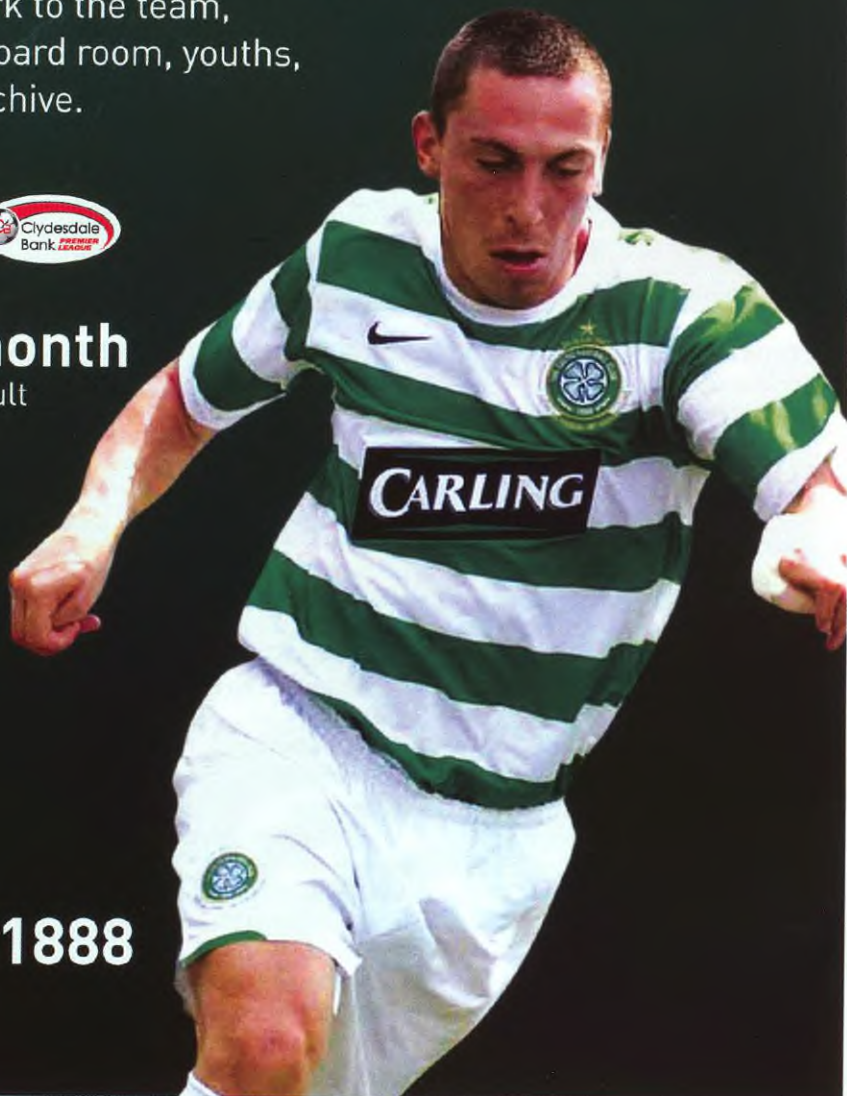
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New rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property

Disorderly conduct includes:

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 - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
 - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

>> A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

DERBY victories are always special and Wednesday night's is right up there with the best of them. It was a tremendous performance from the boys and though it might have looked as though the game was heading for a draw, this team just keeps going until the final whistle and we got our reward.

Big Jan's goal was tremendous and what a noise when it hit the back of the net. It might not have been as spectacular as Naka's strike, which is right up there as one of the goals of this or any other season, but it could prove really important, though we'll only know that come the end of the season.

It was a fantastic night at Celtic Park but we all know that we can only continue to enjoy the memory of it if we continue our winning run and that means beating Aberdeen this afternoon.

The boys did well at Fir Park last weekend and getting four goals, along with the three points, was a great boost for everyone though we'll not mention the Motherwell goal! And we took that attitude into Wednesday night's match, where everyone was up for the game from the first whistle.

We will approach today's game in the same manner, knowing that we need all three points although Aberdeen will be in the same frame of mind. And we'll well aware of just how dangerous they can be. Their victory over us here in the Scottish Cup was a big disappointment for everyone and is a timely reminder of what Jimmy Calderwood's team are capable of.

So we will go into this game fully focused on the task in hand, which is to get all three points, and we'll be looking for your help this afternoon. It's important that we all stick together for the rest of this season.

You can be assured that the players will be giving everything in every one of our five remaining league games and your support is vital.



Stephen McManus





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Celtic v Aberdeen

Where & how scored		When for & against		Where & how scored	
Close range	16			Close range	5
Inside 18yd box	48			Inside 18yd box	32
Outside 18yd box	9			Outside 18yd box	6
Shots	42			Shots	25
Headers	14			Headers	7
Volleys	5			Volleys	2
Penalties	4			Penalties	6
Free Kicks	3	Free Kicks	1		
Own Goals	5	Own Goals	2		

Last 6 results			Seasonal progress comparison			Last 6 results		
Opponents	H/A	Score				Opponents	H/A	Score
Motherwell	A	4-1				Falkirk	H	2-1
Motherwell	H	0-1				Inverness	A	4-3
Rangers	A	0-1				St Mirren	H	1-1
Gretna	A	3-0				Gretna	H	3-0
Dundee Utd	H	0-0				Rangers	A	1-3
Hibernian	A	2-0				Motherwell	H	1-1

Set pieces & discipline		Aberdeen's last 10 years		Set pieces & discipline	
Scored from free kick	6			Scored from free kick	3
Conceded from free kick	2			Conceded from free kick	4
Scored from corner	6			Scored from corner	4
Conceded from corner	1			Conceded from corner	5
Fouls committed	356			Fouls committed	435
Average per game	11.13			Average per game	13.18
Yellow cards	49			Yellow cards	49
Red cards	0			Red cards	0

Head2Head stats since 1999/00 season

Last meeting at Celtic Park				Previous meetings		Where & how goals scored		
Celtic		3-0		Aberdeen		Celtic	Aberdeen	
Vennegoor of Hesselink 14 McGeady 27, McDonald 49 Attendance 58,000 Referee McCurry				at Celtic	at Aberdeen		18 45 20 55 15 11 4 5 0	6 14 0 16 1 2 1 0 0
Brown, Caldwell, Naylor, Kennedy, McManus, Jarosik, Brown Sc, Donati (Sno 82), McGeady, McDonald (Zurawski 78), Vennegoor of Hesselink (Killen 78)				3-0 2007-08 1-0/2-1 2006-07 2-0/3-0 2005-06 2-3/3-2/2-0 2004-05 4-0/1-2 2003-04 7-0 2002-03 2-0/1-0 2001-02 6-0 2000-01 7-0/5-1 1999-00	1-3/1-5 1-0/2-1 3-1/2-2 1-0 3-1 4-0/1-1 0-2/1-0 1-1/1-0 5-0/6-0	6 14 0	Shot Header Volley Penalty Free Kick Own Goal	16 1 2 1 0 0
Booked	Donati	Booked	none	Bhoys' goals to left of results line				
Sent off	none	Sent off	none					
Att on target	14	Offsides	0					
Att off target	1	Fouls	15					
Corners	5	Att on target	1					
		Att off target	4					
		Corners	7					
		Fixture date	24/11/07					

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>> TODAY'S VISITORS

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

ABERDEEN have had their ups and downs this season and although a top-six finish and reaching the Scottish Cup semi-final would be a fair return for most teams, any high points this season have been cruelly overshadowed by the 4-3 Hampden defeat to Queen of the South.

In reaction to that defeat, a clutch of players featured on these pages will be playing their football elsewhere next season so the Celts could be facing a team intent on proving themselves today.

DEREK SOUTAR

Looked like making the No.1 spot at Pittodrie his own in the early stages of the season, but by September, Jamie Langfield was back between the sticks. However, after shifting 19 goals in five games during February, Langfield was benched and Soutar has since put in some memorable performances in the Dons' goal.

JAMIE LANGFIELD

Like Soutar, Langfield also started his professional career with a spell at Dens Park and took over from Ryan Esson at the start of last season but is now feeling the heat from his fellow keeper at Pittodrie. He knows from past experience, though, that a call from the bench could come his way at any time.

ALAN MAYBURY

Dublin-born right-back who is on loan until the end of the season from Leicester City, although he is best known north of the border for his four seasons with Hearts. It was former Tynecastle manager Craig Levein who took him south and he was back training in the Gorgie before the move to Pittodrie.

ANDREW CONSIDINE

Aberdeen-born and son of former Pittodrie defender Doug Considine, unsurprisingly this 21-year-old has played all of his professional football with his hometown team. Defenders tend to remember their rare goals but Considine won't have happy memories of his last two scoring games - he found the net in the 4-1 League Cup defeat by Dundee United and managed that feat twice in the shock 4-3 Scottish Cup reverse by Queen of the South.

JACKIE McNAMARA

Needs no introduction to Celtic fans after 10 years with the club during which he collected a clutch of various player of the year awards as well as helping the team to stop the 10 in 1997/98. Became club captain and earned a testimonial against the Republic of Ireland. Moved to Wolves in 2005 and returned north last year.

ZANDER DIAMOND

Still only 23-years-old but a veteran of well over 100 games for the Pittodrie side after making his debut in a 2-0 SPL win over Dundee United in May of season 2002/03. Since then he has gone on to captain the Scotland Under-21 side and in signing a new contract that will keep him at Aberdeen until 2011, he must be considered future skipper material for the Dons also.

DAVE BUS

Defender who arrived late in the game when he joined De Graafschap in his native Netherlands at the age of 25. Is now with the SPL side joining fellow Dutchmen Jeffrey de Visscher and Karim Touzani. His first few games were a baptism of fire, though, as the Dons lost 4-1 to Dundee United, 5-1 to Celtic and 3-1 to Hibernian.

LEE MAIR

Fighting back from injury and, ironically, he hasn't played since celebrating his first goal for the Dons a month ago in a 1-1 draw with St Mirren. Thigh trouble has kept him out since then and he will be keen to return to action for his hometown club after joining at the start of the season.

SCOTT SEVERIN

Succeeded Russell Anderson as captain at Pittodrie and the midfielder has played in both defence and attack for Aberdeen since joining from Hearts in 2004 after his contract expired. Now approaching the 150-game mark, this versatile player scored in Aberdeen's 2-0 win over Rangers, a win on the final day of last season that took the Dons into Europe.

BARRY NICHOLSON

Started at Rangers and spent five years with Dunfermline before moving north to Pittodrie where he ►

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>> TODAY'S VISITORS

is the Don who has made the most appearances this season. Grew up supporting his hometown team of Queen of the South and scored against them in the recent 4-3 Scottish Cup semi-final defeat.

STUART DUFF

Like Lee Mair, another Aberdeen-born player who spent time on Tayside with Dundee United, he was released by Craig Levein at Tannadice in January and joined his hometown club. Has made only one league start this season and has been utilised mostly from the bench although he did start in that Hampden game.

RICHARD FOSTER

Scored the final goal in Aberdeen's 4-0 hammering of FC Copenhagen and is now in his fifth season at Pittodrie after pinning down the man-marking role for the Dons. Has the knack of scoring long-range goals but they have been too rare this term with that Euro counter being his only strike of the season.

KARIM TOUZANI

Dutch midfielder of Moroccan stock who came through the famed Ajax youth system before playing for FC Utrecht and FC Twente although a pricey bid by PSV Eindhoven fell through after a training injury thanks to fellow Utrecht player Dirk Kuyt, now of Liverpool. Injury has also plagued his time at Pittodrie and he hasn't played since the Dons' cup win here a month ago.

JEFFREY DE VISSCHER

Signed a two-year deal with the Dons last May after playing with Twente Enschede, BVO Emmen (loan), Heracles Almelo (loan) and FC Graafschap in his native Netherlands. It was this Dutch winger who scored in the 1-1 draw with Celtic in the Scottish Cup at Pittodrie.

JAMIE SMITH

Another player who needs no introduction to Celtic supporters but his last game for the Dons before injury was in the 1-1 draw with the Hoops in the Scottish Cup at Pittodrie. Will be keen to get back and re-enact the form that stunned FC Copenhagen as his two goals started the 4-0 demolition job on the Danish giants.

LEE MILLER

Scorer of 11 goals this season, the striker has found the net against both of Glasgow's big two already this term in a 1-1 draw with Rangers and Celtic's 5-1 win at Pittodrie. Started his professional career at Falkirk before moving on to Bristol City where he had a loan spell at Tynecastle but opted for a move to Dundee United before making the trip to Aberdeen.

DEREK YOUNG

Returned to the team after a two-month lay-off just in time to suffer in the 4-3 Queen of the South game. The two games he played in before that were the 4-1 and 5-1 defeats at the hands of Dundee United and Celtic so he will be keen to get back on track if he plays today. Started at Pittodrie and had spells at Dunfermline, Partick Thistle and St Johnstone before returning north.

CHRIS MAGUIRE

One of the brighter prospects on the Aberdeen horizon, this Bellshill-born striker scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Falkirk that gave them a top-six finish this season. Indeed, all of his four goals this season have arrived in the last month or so with Gretna and Inverness CT also on the receiving end from him.

SONE ALUKO

On loan from Birmingham and will return there at the end of the deal after a fairly industrious season at Pittodrie where he even turned out for the youth team as Celtic defeated the Dons in the Youth Cup semi-final last week. Has represented England at Under-18 and 19 levels, and his sister, Niola, plays with Chelsea LFC and the national team.



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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: DAVID FRIEL



LAST ACTION HEROES

CELTIC'S DEADLY DUO OF SCOTT McDONALD AND JAN VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK COMBINED TO GIVE THE HOOPS A DRAMATIC INJURY-TIME VICTORY OVER RANGERS

S COTT McDONALD slumped to his knees and let out a scream of sheer joy. He had agonised for 23 minutes about what one kick of a football would do for Celtic's entire season. He needn't have worried.

When the Australian striker watched Allan McGregor spring to his left and touch his low penalty on to the post, McDonald was left numb.

There were 70 minutes on the clock. By his reckoning, he had 20 minutes to help save Celtic's season. As the clock ticked on, the tension rose.

In the end, it took a bit longer than 20 minutes, but the Hoops, and McDonald, got there as Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink grabbed a dramatic injury-time winner from his strike partner's superb assist.

"I was overjoyed for a number of reasons," smiled McDonald, as he reported for training at Lennoxton just hours after the most dramatic Glasgow derby in recent years.

"Obviously, coming to this club with the history of what happened a few years ago, it wouldn't have been nice if the league had been practically lost because of me missing a penalty.

"It was just relief and delight that we got the win we desperately needed and deserved. After losing four consecutive games to Rangers, we finally put that behind us and scored a couple of goals as well.

"I thought it was thoroughly deserved as well. You were starting to think, 'Is it going to be another one of those nights?', as it has been for the last few weeks, but it was just good to get over the line and get the goal in the last minute.

"I was just delighted to get the three points. In saying that, there was a bit of relief as well after missing the penalty. Naturally, I was disappointed with that.

"I've been playing it over and over in my mind, but I suppose it's always easy to think about what you should have done afterwards.

"The goalkeeper has made a decent save and it's hit the post as well, and I just didn't get that bit of luck I needed at the time.

"But we stuck at it and full credit to everyone. As a team we stuck at it and got the rewards.

"For Jan's goal, I don't know what was going through my mind. When Gary Caldwell chipped the ball to the back post, I saw Jan and I knew he would be in there.

"Obviously, you don't know if you will manage to get it over the defender's head, but I was looking to put it into a



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dangerous area and thankfully Jan was able to stick away the header."

McDonald has now been at Celtic for almost 10 months but that was his first taste of a Glasgow derby at Paradise. His verdict? Let's just say he can't wait for April 27 and the next encounter.

He said: "It was great to play my first derby at Celtic Park. Playing in front of the big crowd was fantastic and after the good result last weekend, I felt we showed the right attitude and showed people how much it means to us.

"We've been disappointed with losing games as much as anyone, but we wanted to show that we're still fighting and that we still want to win this league. It was great and everyone was well up for the occasion against Rangers.

"For me, it was just like another European night all over again. The atmosphere was electric, the conditions were

perfect to play in and I enjoyed every minute of it - apart from one obvious moment."

With the derby match consigned to the history books, Celtic now turn their attention to the remaining five games - starting with today's SPL clash with Aberdeen.

The two sides have already met five times this season. Celtic have won three, drawn one and lost one - in the recent Scottish Cup replay.

McDonald said: "It's important that we keep the momentum going. Every game is more important than the last one and they are all cup finals now. We'll go out there and give everything in our games.

"Aberdeen will be disappointed coming off the back of the Scottish Cup semi-final result and they will be looking to put that right. They beat us the last time at Celtic Park as well, so

we know we are in for a game.

"It's going to be difficult, but as Massimo Donati said in the last Matchday Programme, it would be great if we have a European-type atmosphere for the last five games.

"That could make a huge difference between now and the end of the season, because you saw how big a part the fans played on Wednesday.

"There's a feel-good factor about the club just now and we have to go out and impose ourselves on the game, like we did against Motherwell and Rangers. Hopefully we can come out on top."

With Rangers playing in the Scottish Cup tomorrow (Sunday), Celtic have the chance to move back to the top of the SPL by winning today and McDonald admits that gives the game even more importance. ▶

MAIN INTERVIEW

He said: "It's massive for us and it would be great to go ahead in the league, but let's just concentrate on the task in hand first.

"I don't want to look too far ahead and think about this and that. I just want to concentrate on the Aberdeen match.

"This is my first season at Celtic and maybe at times I've started to think too far ahead and look at things. That's dangerous and it's important that we take one game at a time and then move on."

With 27 goals to his name or 28 - "Mick McManus is claiming the first goal at Motherwell last week, but I got the final touch" - McDonald has been a revelation for Celtic and

has been satisfied with his first season in the Hoops.

He was recently honoured by his fellow professionals with a nomination for the SPFA Player of the Year award, but admits that team glory would far outweigh any personal trophies.

"It was great to be nominated and I've been delighted to score that number of goals for Celtic," he said. "It's been nice.

"But in all honesty, I'm more concerned about the team's success than what I do. I just want to help bring success to Celtic Football Club.

"That's my job - I want to win things with the team, because that's what football is all about."



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ON THIS DAY IN

WORDS: GREGOR KYLE

2003

CELTIC travelled to Tynecastle on this day in 2003 with one eye on the league title and the other on the impending second leg of the UEFA Cup semi-final against Boavista in Portugal.

And despite taking the lead against Hearts through Henrik Larsson just before the hour mark, the home side fought back and came out 2-1 winners thanks to an injury-time goal from Austin McCann.

It was a blow to Celtic's title aspirations though they had little time to think too much about it as just five days later they faced Boavista for a place in the UEFA Cup final.

The first leg at Celtic Park had finished 1-1, giving the Portuguese side a slight advantage going into the game in Oporto, but they didn't have Henrik Larsson.

And when the Super Swede struck with just over 10 minutes of the match remaining, it gave Martin O'Neill's side a 1-0 victory and a place in the final in Seville.

1986

IN 1986 Davie Hay's men were homing in on one of the most dramatic and celebrated title triumphs in the club's history with a 2-0 win over Hibernian at Celtic Park.

Owen Archdeacon and Brian McClair scored the goals to give the Hoops the points, though they left it late.

Archdeacon grabbed the first on 80 minutes and then, with just three minutes remaining, McClair fired home the second.

The crowd of 15,966 were also lucky enough to witness Celtic's 7,000th league goal when McClair scored.

It was one of 120 goals McClair scored for the Hoops in 199 appearances between 1983-87, ensuring his place as one of Celtic's all-time great strikers.

1975

ON this day in 1975 a young Celt took the first steps of what would be a long and distinguished career with his beloved Hoops.

Tommy Burns was just 18 when he made his first-team debut for Celtic, coming on as a substitute for Paul Wilson in the 2-1 defeat to Dundee at Celtic Park.

He would go on to make a total of 500 appearances for the club, scoring 81 goals. He later returned in the mid-1990s as manager, and more recently has been Head of Youth and first-team coach.

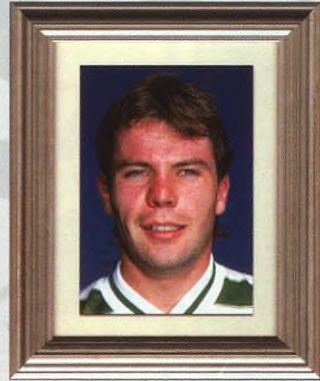
A genuine Celtic legend, Tommy Burns remains in every Celtic supporters' thoughts at this time.

1972

CELTIC faced old adversaries, Inter Milan, in the semi-final of the European Cup on this night in 1972.

The first game in the San Siro had finished goal-less, and when the same result was produced at Celtic Park, even after extra-time, the tie had to be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

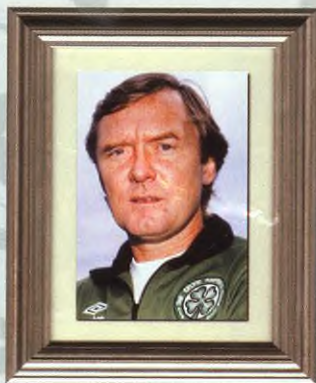
Sadly for the Hoops, it was the Italians who went through 5-4 on penalties to face Ajax in the final. ►



From left to right: Owen Archdeacon and Brian McClair



HENRIK LARSSON



Above: Davie Hay

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TOMMY BURNS



GEORDIE LIVINGSTONE

1909

CELTIC, on their way to a fifth consecutive league title, beat Hearts at Tynecastle on this day in 1909.

Jimmy McMenemy was the hero for the Hoops, scoring both goals to give Celtic all the points.

April 1909 was a busy month for Celtic, with 10 league games and two Scottish Cup games (the final and the replay) to be played in the calendar month. It included six league games in nine days, of which they only lost one, and all without any talk of an extension to the season! Those were the days...

1902

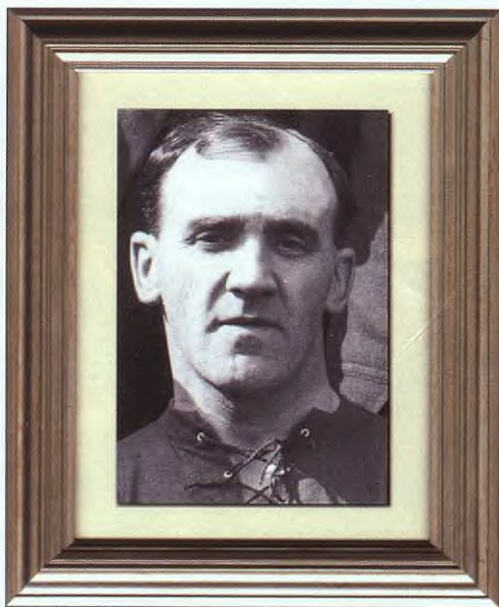
CELTIC'S first action on this day came in an Inter-City League match against Queen's Park in 1902.

The Celts beat Queen's Park 3-1, thanks to goals from Geordie Livingstone and a double from Johnny Campbell.

Livingstone only played one season for Celtic, making 23 appearances and scoring seven league and Scottish Cup goals.

In season 1901/02, he also scored four goals in a 5-0 thrashing of Rangers in the Inter-City League.

He later went on to play for Rangers between 1906-09.



Above: Jimmy McMenemy

HELLO

- 1903** Lawman Eliot Ness, who led the team of officers known as 'The Untouchables', is born in Chicago.
1972 Former Brazilian internationalist, Rivaldo, now of AEK Athens, is born in Paulista.
1979 Actress Kate Hudson, the daughter of Goldie Hawn, is born in Los Angeles.
1981 Hayden Christensen, better known as the young Darth Vader in the recent *Star Wars* movies, is born in Vancouver.

GOODBYE

- 1989** Daphne du Maurier, the playwright and authoress whose short story, *The Birds*, was made into a classic movie by Alfred Hitchcock, dies in Cornwall.
1992 Comedian, Frankie Howerd, best known for his role in *Up Pompeii*, dies in London aged 75.

TIMELINE

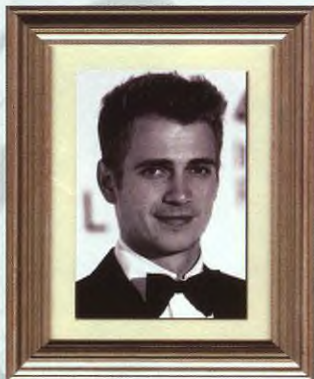
- 1909** Joan of Arc is beatified.
1956 Prince Rainier III of Monaco marries film actress Grace Kelly in the Cathedral of Monaco.
1971 Launch of the Russian Salyut 1, first space station.

NO. 1s ON THIS DAY

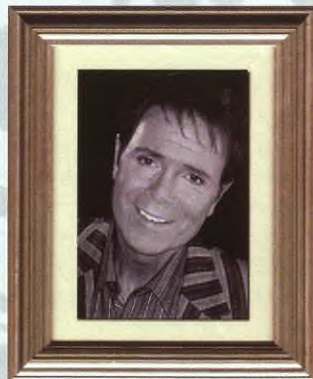
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| 1955 | Tennessee Ernie Ford | <i>Give Me Your Word</i> |
| 1960 | Lonnie Donegan | <i>My Old Man's A Dustman</i> |
| 1965 | Cliff Richard | <i>The Minute You're Gone</i> |
| 1970 | Dana | <i>All Kinds Of Everything</i> |
| 1975 | The Bay City Rollers | <i>Bye Bye Baby</i> |
| 1980 | The Detroit Spinners | <i>Working My Way Back To You</i> |
| 1985 | USA For Africa | <i>We Are The World</i> |
| 1990 | Madonna | <i>Vogue</i> |
| 1995 | Take That | <i>Back For Good</i> |
| 2000 | Craig David | <i>Fill Me In</i> |
| 2005 | Tony Christie ft Peter Kay | <i>(Is This The Way To) Amarillo</i> |



Above: Kate Hudson



Above: Hayden Christensen



Above: Cliff Richard

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EIGHT GRAND OLD TEAM TO SUPPORT

FRANCIS HOLLYWOOD was seeing stars during the week when, not only did he see the Celts beat Rangers in dramatic circumstances, he also won the Paradise Windfall.

He travelled home to Livingston **EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS** richer after his winning ticket was drawn out

by 12-year-old Paul McLellam from Dundee.

The Hoops were already 1-0 up at that point and, of course, went on to win the game 2-1, giving Francis a double celebration.

The winning number was V3405 and the other winner numbers were M3348, J3802, F1545 and G3963.



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MASCOT DELIGHT FOR CHRISTOPHER

WEDNESDAY night was a dream come true for eight-year-old Christopher Kelly from Glasgow as he led out the Hoops before their magical 2-1 win over Rangers at Celtic Park.

Young nine-year-old Aaron Jack from Hamilton may not have been as ecstatic come the end of the evening but he would have loved leading out his Ibrox heroes before the game as well.

Christopher had the widest smile at the end of the end of the 90 minutes though - in fact the vast majority of the stadium were grinning from ear to ear at the end of the 90 minutes.





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CELTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Vote in the Celtic fans' award and YOU could win the opportunity to be there on the night

THE ravages of time come to us all and even nippers like Aiden McGeady can't stop the clock as he is no longer in the running for Celtic's Young Player of the Year.

So he can't pick up the award that he won last year but the good news is that he must be considered as one of the main contenders for this year's Celtic Player of the Year prize, sponsored by Kier Homes.

Last year's winner, Shunsuke Nakamura, wrapped up the honour even before he magically slotted home the dramatic late championship winner at Rugby Park, so the Japanese wonderboy will again be in the running this year.

It's not all about scoring goals though, and while a raft of Celts do their best to rattle them in at one end, Artur Boruc is doing his damndest at the back to keep them out and the ever-popular 'keeper is sure to bag a few votes this term even if he isn't likely to bag a few goals.

One player who fits into both categories, though, is Scott McDonald who has been terrorising defences throughout the country since he first donned the Hoops.

The striker is just one new Bhoys who could pull in votes this year as the likes of Scott Brown, Georgios Samaras, Massimo Donati, Andreas Hinkel and Barry Robson will join him in the running for the first time.

They have teamed up with longer-serving Celts such as Stephen McManus, Gary Caldwell, Lee Naylor, Paul Hartley

and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink among others in vying for this season's Celtic Player of the Year award.

The full list of candidates and their appropriate codes are on this very page so get voting now and, you never know, YOU could also be a winner.

But, no matter who wins the award, you can join the first-team squad and management at Celtic Park on Sunday, May 18 for this prestigious event at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow.

All will be revealed during the exclusive black-tie awards ceremony.

Remember, if you vote you could win the chance to be there on the night for FREE!

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Artur Boruc	CELTPTY 1
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Bobo Balde	CELTPTY 6
Scott Brown	CELTPTY 8
Georgios Samaras	CELTPTY 9
Jan V. Of Hesselink	CELTPTY 10
Paul Hartley	CELTPTY 11
Mark Wilson	CELTPTY 12
Derek Riordan	CELTPTY 14
Evander Sno	CELTPTY 15
Steven Pressley	CELTPTY 17
Massimo Donati	CELTPTY 18
Barry Robson	CELTPTY 19
Mark Brown	CELTPTY 21
Joe Dumbe	CELTPTY 24
Shunsuke Nakamura	CELTPTY 25
Scott McDonald	CELTPTY 27
Chirs Killen	CELTPTY 33
John Kennedy	CELTPTY 41
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YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

A NEW and bright young star is guaranteed to step up to the podium this year and claim the Young Player of the Year award, with record-breaking three-time winner, Aiden McGeady, no longer in the running.

With the Irishman having turned 22 this season he is no longer eligible, leaving an impressive list of on-form young hopefuls to fight it out for the accolade.

Two recognised first-team players, Evander Sno and Darren O'Dea, are both in the hunt, with 19-year-old right back Paul Caddis another firm favourite, having stole the show on his debut against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park and produced a solid performance in the home game against Barcelona in the UEFA Champions League.

Willie McStay's reserve side is also well represented in the list of nominees, with Ryan Conroy, Scott Cuthbert and Michael McGlinchey having been involved with the first team in recent years, while Scott Fox, Mark Millar and Diarmuid O'Carroll having emerged as outstanding and consistent performers this season.

Also in the running are Under-19 stars, Kevin Cawley and Richie Towell, with the diminutive Cawley top scorer for John McLaughlan's youths and the 16-year-old Towell having surpassed every expectation.



YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Darren O'Dea
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PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

THIS award is one the most anticipated of the evening and one that every player wants to get his hands on.

The Players' Player of the Year award, sponsored by Celtic FC Money, is chosen by the Celtic squad and in recent years it has proved to be a close-run affair.

Last time around Artur Boruc and Shunsuke Nakamura quickly forged ahead as the front-runners, with the Japanese playmaker completing a clean sweep of the annual gongs when he pipped Boruc at the post.

This year there are a number of outstanding candidates, with Celtic's world-class goalkeeper again in the running while several others are also jostling for pole position.

Aiden McGeady has emerged as another favourite, but several others are gathering support in the squad and there could well be a surprise winner on the evening. All will be revealed on the night!



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SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

**v Falkirk
Falkirk Stadium (11/8/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 1**

Celtic's second league game of the season also saw the Hoops get off the mark in the scoring charts after the disappointment of a goal-less draw against Kilmarnock on the opening day of the season. Falkirk were the opposition and after just four minutes they took the lead through Michael Higdon. But a goal either side of half-time put the Celts in front before Shunsuke Nakamura stepped up with 10 minutes to go to make the points secure with a trademark free-kick. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink was brought down just outside the box, with the Falkirk defender red-carded as a result, and Naka stepped up to fire home another sublime set-piece.

PAUL HARTLEY

**v Spartak Moscow
Luzhniki Stadium (15/8/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 2**

Paul Hartley's only goal for Celtic so far proved to be a vital one as it helped the Hoops qualify for the group stages of the UEFA Champions League. Spartak Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium was the venue and on the artificial surface, Gordon Strachan's side put on an impressive performance to secure a 1-1 draw in the first leg of this qualifying round game. Hartley's goal came on 21 minutes and was set up by Scott McDonald. The Australian striker latched on to a ball down the right-hand and curled in a superb ball that Hartley, appearing in the box from midfield, met with a powerful header, giving the Spartak goalkeeper no chance.

SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

**v Inverness Caley Thistle
Celtic Park (15/9/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 3**

It was a five-star showing from Celtic as they swept Inverness Caley Thistle aside, hitting five goals without reply. Shunsuke Nakamura weighed in with another spectacular strike though this one wasn't from a set-piece. There was just under an hour on the clock and the Hoops were already winning 2-0 when Naka stepped up with a superb goal. Picking up a lay-off from Scott McDonald the Japanese playmaker stepped forward and unleashed a stunning 30-yard effort that was in the top corner before the Caley keeper even had time to move. It was the goal which made the points secure for Celtic, who went on to add another two goals before the end of the game.

SCOTT McDONALD

**v AC Milan
Celtic Park (3/10/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 4**

Another dramatic night of European football at Celtic Park saw Gordon Strachan's side snatch a late win against the UEFA Champions League holders. Celtic had taken the lead through captain Stephen McManus before AC Milan equalised thanks to a controversial penalty award. And the game was heading for a draw before Scott McDonald netted the winner. The ball was played into Scott Brown inside

the penalty area and the midfielder slid a pass back out to Gary Caldwell. His precise shot was well saved by Milan's goalkeeper, Dida, but McDonald was first to re-act and pounced on the ball to score the last-gasp winner and defeat the European champions.

MASSIMO DONATI

**v Shakhtar Donetsk
Celtic Park (28/11/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 5**

Celtic left it late again to secure another three points in the UEFA Champions League and give them a great chance of progressing to the last 16 of the competition for a second consecutive season. This time it was Massimo Donati who was the Hoops hero. With the score tied at 1-1, Celtic pushed forward in search of an injury-time winner. Aiden McGeady jinked his way past the Shakhtar Donetsk defender on the right-hand side and steered the ball back across to Donati on the edge of the box. The Italian midfielder fired a first-time shot through the crowded penalty area and into the back of the net, sparking scenes of wild celebration at Celtic Park.

AIDEN MCGEADY

**v Falkirk
Celtic Park (11/12/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 6**

Hat-trick hero Aiden McGeady was in sparkling form as Celtic defeated Falkirk 4-0. He scored the first of his three



goals just before half-time and then the pick of the bunch came on the 68th minute when the Irishman conjured a goal up out of nothing. Picking the ball up wide on the left-hand side, McGeady dribbled across the edge of the Falkirk penalty box before curling an exquisite shot beyond the reach of the Falkirk goalkeeper and into the far corner of the net. For good measure, he made it 4-0 and completed his hat-trick with eight minutes of the match remaining in what was an impressive Man of the Match performance.

GEORGIOS SAMARAS
v Kilmarnock
Rugby Park (2/2/08)
Vote **CELTGOTS 7**

A debut goal from the Greek internationalist as Celtic crushed Kilmarnock 5-1 at Rugby Park to move into the next round of the Scottish Cup. The Hoops were leading 4-1 when Georgios Samaras made his first

appearance, coming on as a substitute for two-goal hero Scott McDonald. And with five minutes of the match remaining, Samaras opened his goalscoring account for Celtic. He collected the ball on the right-hand side of the pitch and glided in past several Kilmarnock defenders before coolly passing the ball into the net from just inside the box. It was a superb finish from the striker and one appreciated by the Celtic support at Rugby Park.

SCOTT McDONALD
v Aberdeen
Pittodrie (10/2/08)
Vote **CELTGOTS 8**

Scott McDonald was the man who scored the goal but this counter, a header at the far post just a couple of yards out, will forever be remembered for a sublime piece of skill from Aiden McGeady. The Irishman was outstanding throughout the afternoon

as Celtic crushed Aberdeen 5-1 and this goal just three minutes after half-time was a bit special. McGeady took a Nakamura pass inside the box and despite being surrounded by Aberdeen defenders, spun past them with an audacious turn before chipping the ball to the back post where McDonald was lurking to head the ball home. McDonald took the acclaim for having finished the move but it was McGeady's outrageous piece of skill which took many of the plaudits.

BARRY ROBSON
v Aberdeen
Pittodrie (10/2/08)
Vote **CELTGOTS 9**

Barry Robson wrote himself into the Celtic history books when he became the first Hoops player to score with his first ever kick of the ball for the club. Coming on as a substitute for Shunsuke Nakamura with 16 minutes of the match remaining, Robson's first



act was to take a free-kick that Celtic had been awarded some 25 yards out. This would normally be Nakamura territory but Robson proved to be more than an able deputy, stepping up and curling a left-foot shot into the back of the Aberdeen net to make it 5-1 for Celtic and ensure his unique place in the club's long and illustrious history.

JAN VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK

v Barcelona

Celtic Park (20/2/08)

Vote CELTGOTS 10

A night of high drama at Celtic Park as the Hoops hosted Barcelona in the first leg of their UEFA Champions League last 16 clash. And despite the Catalan giants dominating proceedings from the start of the game, it was Celtic who took the lead after 16 minutes. Following good work between Aiden McGeady and Scott McDonald, the Australian striker laid the ball back to Lee Naylor, whose first-time cross was perfectly met by the head of Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, who showed great anticipation in getting between the Barca defenders to bullet home the ball and give the Hoops a 1-0 lead, much to the delight of the Celtic support.

SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

v St Mirren

Love Street (24/2/08)

Vote CELTGOTS 11

Another Shunsuke Nakamura late show which gave Celtic a 1-0 victory over St Mirren at Love Street. The Japanese midfielder, who had come on as a substitute for Barry Robson, won the free-kick himself with just three minutes of the match remaining and the game still goal-less. Dusting himself down, Naka stepped forward and, from the edge of the box, curled in a perfect ball that evaded the St Mirren goalkeeper and nestled in the back of the net to give Celtic the three points. It was another moment of magic from the Japanese genius and proved once again just how valuable he is to the Celtic cause.

LEE NAYLOR

v Hibernian

Easter Road (1/3/08)

Vote CELTGOTS 12

If you're only going to score one goal for Celtic then you may as well make it a good one and that's exactly what Lee Naylor did in this game at Easter Road. With the game level at 0-0, the defender decided to open his account for the Hoops, gathering the ball just inside the Hibernian half, surging forward and then, having got the break of the ball after trying to play in Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, fired home a superb finish with his weaker right-foot that gave Celtic a 1-0 lead. No-one was more surprised at the goal than Naylor himself but he was happy to take the acclaim from his equally surprised but still delighted team-mates.



TOP GOALSCORER OF THE YEAR

THE award for Top Goalscorer of the Year, once again sponsored by Ladbrokes, is one that will only be settled when the dust settles on the season.

At the moment, however, the front runner is Scott McDonald, who has been in impressive form throughout this, his first season with Celtic.

McDonald's nearest rival for the title is Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, who has also hit double figures during this campaign.

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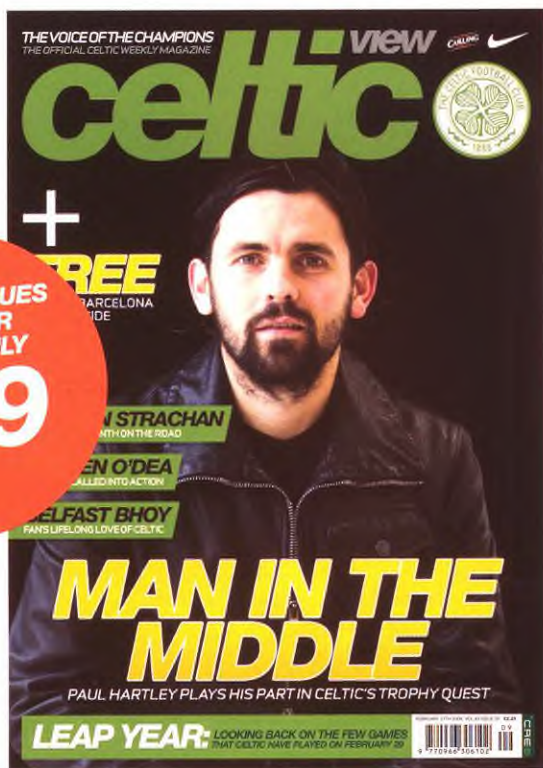
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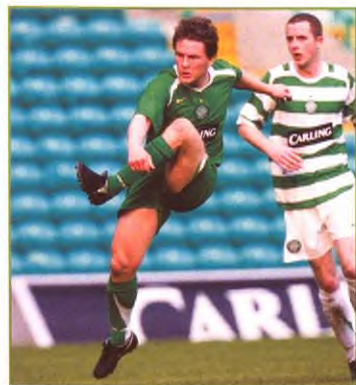
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UNDER-14s

THE Under-14s Youth Academy have just returned from a fantastic week at Qatar's visionary sports academy, Aspire which is still in its infancy and only opened in 2004.

Although I have now been a guest at Aspire with Celtic for the third time on this recent trip, my coaching colleague John Gallagher was visiting for the first time and was absolutely blown away by the state-of-the-art facilities and the friendship shown by the Aspire staff.

In what has already been a memorable season for the U14s, who were the first youth academy age group to use Celtic's new coaching facility in Lennoxton in 2007, the trip to Qatar had been something that the players had looked forward to since confirmation at the start of the season that this particular age group was travelling there, and after hearing the stories of the U17s' trip earlier in the season with Joe McBride.

The trip gave the players the opportunity to understand life as a full-time footballer where we stayed in accommodation within the academy. The combination of sports science, dietary control and coaching allows anyone in their individual sporting field to progress to the highest level possible. The week at Aspire was football intensive combining all of these elements.

Fourteen of the U14 youth squad were on the trip with Jack Hendry stepping up from the U13s and Paul George coming over from Ireland to make up the squad of 16. The two lads added greatly to both on and off field experiences and their contribution was welcomed by the coaches.

In all, we played three games over the week against Aspire U15s and U14s which were very tight contests and played in great spirit. We also had the opportunity to coach morning and afternoon in both the indoor and outdoor facilities which are second to none.

We must also thank Aspire for organising the trips to the desert which allowed the players to ride on camels,

go on 4 x 4 adventure rides and also to the local shopping centres in Doha which allowed the lads to buy presents to bring home for their families.

Due to the great name of Celtic Football Club in world sport, this is actually the fourth time that Celtic Youth Academy had been invited to Aspire and the bond between this world-leading sporting facility and Celtic Youth Academy grows and grows.

One interesting aspect of the trip was the facility for analysing the games. Aspire filmed all the games and then provided a seminar room for our players to watch them. This was fantastic for analysing team shape, movement and some of the good and not so good aspects of our play.

The first game was played in the Khalifa National Stadium, which has a capacity of 50,000 and was fully renovated for the Asian Games in 2006. The stadium is stunning with a playing surface to match and for the players it was an experience they will never forget.

The other two games were played on the Aspire outdoor grass parks. The distinctive Aspire dome which was designed by the same architect who designed the Olympic Stadium for Montreal and the Parc Des Princes Stadium in Paris, was utilised for most of our coaching sessions as the temperatures outside were high.

The dome has four multi-purpose arenas, a 200-metre athletics track, full size football pitch, squash courts, swimming and dive pools, combat arena and a gymnastics hall all under one roof and seating for 16,000 spectators in all, and is the largest sports dome in the world.

The week-long trip was an experience never to be forgotten by the players, coaches and physiotherapists Niam Mohammed and scout Robert Wilson

On the domestic front the U14s have performed well this year and over the next two months the youth academy staff will sit down with the parents and

players to assess their performance and progress and plan their future within the Academy.

Some of the performances produced this season by the team have been to an exceptional standard and the performance of all the players (Bernard Junior Coll, Islam Feruz, Marcus Fraser, John Herron,

Christian McKenna, Christopher McInnes, Joseph Chalmers, Andrew Robertson, Shane Rook, James Wightman, Michael Miller, Liam Keiller, Aiden Fulton, Jack Smith and David McAliden), has been a joy to watch. They have also been very good players to coach as they are always wanting to learn more about the "beautiful game".





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GROUNDNS FOR CELEBRATION

McDIARMID PARK, CELTIC PARK, PITTODRIE AND NOW HAMPDEN - JASON MARR HAS PLAYED IN THEM ALL LATELY, NOW IF HE COULD ONLY REMEMBER WHAT TO DO AFTER SCORING A GOAL

JASON MARR has experienced an array of football highs over the last few weeks. Now he wants to top it all off by lifting the Scottish Youth Cup.

Fresh from captaining Scotland Under-19s in a European Championship qualifier against Denmark, the Celtic youth-team skipper guided his side past Hibernian and Aberdeen and into the Scottish Youth Cup final.

And not content with turning in a faultless defensive performance as Celtic beat the Dons 2-1 at Pittodrie, Marr also weighed in with the winning goal in a dramatic finish to the semi-final.

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Next up is Hampden and Rangers in Wednesday's Youth Cup final. When he leads Celtic out at the national stadium, a sense of pride will rush through him.

But that will pale in comparison to the elation he would feel should the Hoops beat their city rivals and secure a record 10th Scottish Youth Cup.

"To lead the boys out at Hampden will be brilliant, but to win it would be the perfect way to finish off the season," he said.

"There is a real determination in the squad to win the cup. We have had some good results recently and been really consistent in the tournament. Now we want to try and finish it off.

"Personally, the last few weeks have been brilliant. I've played at Celtic Park and Pittodrie with Celtic, and at McDiarmid Park with Scotland.

"Now we've got Hampden to look forward to again. On a

personal level, this is my final season with the youth team and I can't think of a better way to end my time at this level."

As the youths reported for a warm-down hours after returning from Aberdeen earlier this week, Marr's winning goal was the talk of Lennoxton.

"He rose like a salmon" was the shout from one of his team-mates as he took a seat inside one of the training ground's meeting rooms and talked through the goal, with more than a hint of modesty.

Marr said: "Michael Tidser went to take the free-kick on the wing and I nodded to indicate where I was going to

run to. He put it exactly where I wanted it and the header sailed in.

"The feeling? It was different class. I don't score many and I think the last goal I scored was last February - against Rangers, when I got two.

"To be honest, it had been that long since I'd scored that I didn't know how to celebrate. I just ran away and the boys mobbed me.

"There were only 15 minutes to go at that point and although Aberdeen did have a good chance after the goal, we were quite comfortable in the closing stages."

The Pittodrie win came just days after Marr's side had turned on the style to leave Hibs reeling in a 4-1 quarter-final demolition. The defender admits the performance was up there with the best he's ever been involved in.

"I thought we were outstanding in the Hibs game," he said. "Some of the football was excellent, we created a lot of ▶

chances and scored a lot of goals. I don't think you could have asked for any more from the boys.

"We were on a massive high before the game, because we were playing at Celtic Park and we knew there would be a big crowd there. It was good to put on a show.

"Going up to Pittodrie, it was much the same. We had won there in the semi-final last season and we knew what to expect.

"There were a lot of fans cheering them on, but we did well to get the early goal and that settled us. We took a lot of confidence from that goal, used the ball well and played some good stuff.

"Losing the equaliser was a blow, but we couldn't let that get to us. We had to go again and start from scratch.

"We were up against a few players who regularly play in the Aberdeen first-team, but the boys saw that as a test. We weren't overawed, we wanted to show what we can do and prove ourselves. It was a great win."

While Marr is one of the most experienced members of the Celtic youth squad, he has been joined by a number of new recruits this season and insists he can see them improving on a daily basis.

He said: "The younger boys have done well and the whole squad is on a high going into the final. We're a young team and we can only get better. For the boys who will be staying on with the youths, this will have been brilliant for them."

Now for Rangers and Wednesday's final. Marr was one of a handful of players who were involved in the final last season, when Celtic lost 5-0.

It goes without saying that they are out to make sure that doesn't happen again and will do their utmost to ensure the Hampden final is memorable for all the right reasons this time around.

"Coming off the park last year, I felt physically sick," he said. "We know what it feels like to lose like that and we never want it happen again.

"It will be a tough game - we know that. But we have defeated some good sides to get this far and we will go into the game on a high. We're all up for the challenge."

While Wednesday's final will be one of Marr's last games with the youths, the Glasgow-born defender has much to look forward to.

Already this season, he has been involved with the reserve squad and he will hope to make the step up successfully next term. His involvement with the Scotland squad is another bonus.

"Playing with Scotland has been great," he said. "You're in with some of the best young players and you take a lot of experience from that, which you can then pass on to the younger boys at Celtic.

"I'm also looking forward to hopefully moving up to the reserves full-time. I feel settled in the central defensive role and I just want to keep improving."

THE SCOTTISH YOUTH CUP

*The Youth Cup started in season 1983/84 and Celtic were the very first winners in a 2-0 win over Rangers.

*Celtic have played in 12 previous finals, winning a record nine and losing only three.

*The finals Celtic lost were to Aberdeen in 1984/85 and 2000/01 and Rangers last season.

*This is Celtic's third successive final.

*Rangers have played in nine finals, winning four and losing five.

*Celtic and Rangers have met in four previous finals with the Hoops winning three and losing only one.

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THE FINAL FRONTIER

CELTIC UNDER-19 COACH JOHN McLAUGHLAN IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YOUTH CUP FINAL AGAINST RANGERS AT HAMPDEN

JOHN McLAUGHLAN scanned Celtic's hectic Scottish Youth Cup fixture list and knew that it would test the fitness and attitude of his players to the full.

Then Tommy Burns walked up to the Under-19s coach and said: "John, before you know it, you'll be in the final". He was absolutely right.

At the end of March, Celtic were practically in Scottish Cup limbo. They had a quarter-final against Hibernian to arrange, knowing that a win in that game would set up a semi-final at Pittodrie against Aberdeen.

The winners of that tie would then face Rangers in the final at Hampden on Wednesday, April 23. The Ibrox side had booked their place at the national stadium as far back as March 30.

For the Celtic players, it was all there waiting for them, but they would have to earn it the hard way. That they did is a credit to their own ability and the guidance of the managerial duo McLaughlan and Tony Taylor.

"It's been a fantastic few weeks for the boys and they've handled it well," said the Celtic coach as he previewed this week's derby final.

"When I think back to the situation three weeks ago, when we still had to find a venue and date for the Hibs game, the final seemed a long way off.

"I was talking to Tommy about it and he just smiled and said that it would all come round so quickly, that we'd be going to Hampden before we knew it.

"That's turned out to be the case and the boys now have the chance to go and compete against Rangers in a national final. It's a big chance and I just want them to go out and do themselves justice."

On April 9, as Celtic finally prepared for their quarter-final against Hibernian at Celtic Park, McLaughlan would have given his players the same message - do yourselves justice.

For many, this was the first time playing at Paradise. Some 600 fans were there and not just family and friends - there were many other Celtic fans out to catch a glimpse of the future.

On a balmy night, the young players responded with a mature, disciplined, often exceptional performance as they romped to a 4-1 win. Danny Lafferty, Kevin Cawley and Cillian Sheridan (2) were all on target.

McLaughlan said: "The Hibs game gave the boys a lot of belief, because they put on a good show at Celtic Park. Winning breeds confidence and that set us up for Aberdeen in quarter-final.

"That was another big test for the boys and they passed it again. Neil Lennon came up with us and he was singing their praises after the game.

"The pitch was like a beach and Aberdeen put out a strong team. Chris Maguire and Sone Aluko, who had started for them against Queen of the South, both played, as did Josh Walker.

"But the boys more than matched them in the 2-1 win. Kevin Cawley put us ahead early on and that settled the boys. They passed the ball well on a terrible surface.

"Aberdeen did come back into it and got the equaliser, but we kept our composure and were rewarded when Jason Marr scored the winner with a tremendous header.

"It's a long road down from Aberdeen, but it's even longer when you don't win. However, the boys deserved their win and it was a good trip home."

What made the past two results even more pleasing for McLaughlan were the individual displays of many youngsters who have blossomed over the past few months.

While the established youth players led by example, 16-year-olds like Richie Towell, Luca Santonocito, Declan Bunting and Grant Gallacher all excelled in pressurised situations.



"The younger lads have pleased me and that's because they have bought into what we are trying to do here," he said.

"Tommy Burns has a great structure in place and it's up to the boys where they go. We will point them in the right direction, but they have to put in the work.

"They've handled big games well and now they have the biggest of them all - a national final against their biggest rivals. They have to be composed and compete."

So what of Wednesday's final? A year is a long time in football and the Celtic youth team will naturally hope to avenge last year's final, which saw Rangers win 5-0.

The Ibrox youngsters have had another successful season, winning the youth league, but Celtic have also impressed and are unbeaten in all competitions since September.

It promises to be a fascinating clash and Celtic have achieved their first target by getting there. Now for the hard part of actually bring the cup back to Paradise for a record 10th time.

"Last year was hard to take," said McLaughlan. "Losing a game like that against your biggest rivals is never easy and Celtic were slaughtered as a club for that score.

"But one result doesn't make years and years of success at youth level irrelevant. The club has won countless youth trophies in the last 10 years and I think we've shown again this year that can keep producing good players.

"The players must take great credit for the way they have stayed together and returned to the final again. Now, it's up to them to take this a step further.

"It will be a big occasion for them but they have handled big occasions in the last few weeks and that will stand them in good stead for what is to come.

"It's not everyday you get to represent Celtic against Rangers in a Scottish Cup final. That's what the boys have got to look forward to and it's up to them to make the most of it."



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10 mins

The first clear opportunity arrived when Shunsuke Nakamura put Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink through but his first touch allowed Allan McGregor to come out and block the effort.

20 mins

Celtic Park erupted as a Gary Caldwell pass was latched on to by Nakamura and he unleashed a ferocious whipping shot that swerved from right to left before hitting the back of the net.

55 mins

All of Celtic's good work seemed to be on the line when the visitors broke forward down the right and Nacho Novo managed to steer the ball beyond Artur Boruc.

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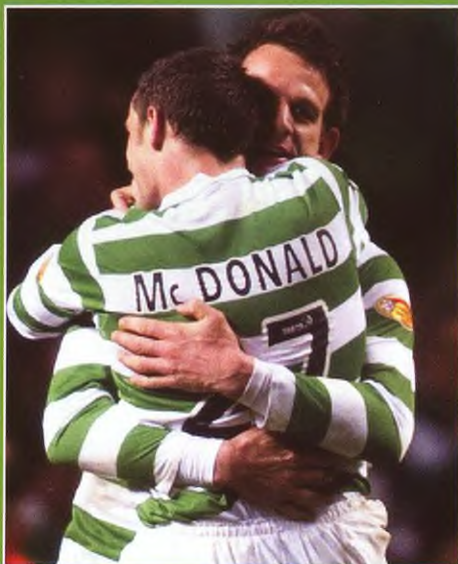
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70 mins

Celtic had the ideal opportunity to regain the lead when Carlos Cuellar handled a Nakamura shot on the line and was red-carded but, first McGregor's hand and then the post stopped Scott McDonald's spot-kick from reaching the target.

93 mins

Justice was seen to be done when Caldwell and McDonald combined to tee up Vennegoor of Hesselink for a header just a yard from goal and the big Dutchman made no mistake to give Celtic a dramatic last-gasp winner.

95 mins

The referee's whistle brought the house down as Celtic claimed another three points in their bid to win a third successive championship.



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>> NEXT ONE UP

Sunday, April 27, 2008
Celtic Park
(kick-off 12.30pm)

Rangers

CELTIC'S penultimate home game of the SPL campaign is next weekend when Rangers visit for the second time in little over a week-and-a-half.

The stadium is still reeling from the last-gasp victory over the Ibrox side and those in green and white who witnessed the occasion will be looking for more of the same next Sunday.

And with Rangers free from SPL duty before then, the Celts will be hoping for a three-point boost from today's game against Aberdeen to keep up the strongest challenge for the title in this final run-in.

The Hoops were unlucky in the recent 1-0 defeat

in the South Side of Glasgow and had a point to prove in midweek.

A superbly wonderful strike from Japanese Wonderbboy Shunsuke Nakamura marked his first strike against Rangers - a goal he and thousands of others clearly enjoyed.

Celtic's second and winning goal came from Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink with a more than timely header near the end and that was Dutchman's first goal against the Ibrox side.

Here's hoping they get their second goals in the big derby match next weekend - and we wouldn't mind if any more Celts decide to get on the scoresheet as well.



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- CL - Champions League
- SC - Scottish Cup
- CIS - CIS Insurance Cup

CELTIC STATS 07/08

FIXTURES & RESULTS



CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE 2007/08									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	
1 Rangers	31	24	3	4	74	26	75	+48	
2 Celtic	33	23	5	5	75	23	74	+52	
3 Motherwell	32	16	4	12	42	39	52	+3	
4 Dundee Utd	33	14	8	11	48	38	50	+10	
5 Hibernian	33	14	8	11	47	38	50	+9	
6 Aberdeen	33	12	8	13	43	53	44	-10	
7 Falkirk	33	11	9	13	40	44	42	-4	
8 Hearts	33	11	9	13	42	48	42	-6	
9 Inverness CT	33	11	3	19	41	58	36	-17	
10 Kilmarnock	33	8	9	16	34	46	33	-12	
11 St Mirren	32	8	9	15	22	48	33	-26	
12 Gretna	33	4	5	24	29	76	7*	-47	

* Gretna deducted 10 points

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

	SPL LEAGUE	SCOTTISH CUP	LEAGUE CUP	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
B BALDE	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
A BORUC	25 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
P CADDIS	0 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
G CALDWELL	31 (0) 1	4 (0) 1	2 (0) 0	9 (1) 0
R CONROY	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S CUTHBERT	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
M DONATI	21 (3) 3	3 (1) 0	2 (0) 0	7 (3) 1
P HARTLEY	19 (4) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	9 (0) 1
A HINKEL	12 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
B HUTCHINSON	0 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
J JAROSIK	6 (2) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	5 (0) 1
J KENNEDY	5 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	4 (1) 0
C KILLEN	2 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	1 (4) 0
M BROWN	8 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
S McDONALD	30 (1) 21	4 (0) 3	2 (0) 1	8 (2) 2
A McGEADY	30 (1) 7	4 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	8 (2) 1
M McGOVERN	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
P McGOWAN	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S McMANUS	33 (0) 3	4 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	10 (0) 1
K MILLER	1 (1) 3	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
K MIZUNO	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S NAKAMURA	19 (2) 6	4 (0) 1	0 (0) 0	5 (1) 0
L NAYLOR	29 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
J O'BRIEN	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
D O'DEA	3 (2) 0	1 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0
J P DOUMBE	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
S PRESSLEY	5 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0
D RIORDAN	2 (6) 1	0 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (1) 0
B ROBSON	4 (6) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 1
G SAMARAS	4 (7) 3	0 (3) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 0
S BROWN	31 (0) 3	3 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
E SNO	3 (9) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (1) 0	0 (5) 0
J V O HESSELINK	27 (1) 14	4 (0) 3	2 (0) 1	7 (1) 1
M WILSON	6 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	4 (1) 0
M ZURAWSKI	1 (4) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (3) 0

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CBPL	04 AUG	KILMARNOCK	0-0	58,730	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
SPL	11 AUG	FALKIRK	4-1	6,329	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
UCL G3	15 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	67,000	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
SPL	18 AUG	ABERDEEN	3-1	16,232	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	25 AUG	HEARTS	5-0	57,300	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
UCL G3	29 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	57,854	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	01 SEPT	ST MIRREN	5-1	7,840	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	15 SEPT	INVERNESS CT	5-0	56,020	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
UCL	18 SEPT	SHAKHTAR DONETSK	0-2	30,000	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	23 SEPT	HIBERNIAN	2-3	16,125	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
CIS	26 SEPT	DUNDEE	2-1	8,203	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR
CBPL	29 SEPT	DUNDEE UNITED	3-0	57,006	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
UCL	03 OCT	AC MILAN	2-1	58,643	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
CBPL	07 OCT	GRETTA	2-1	6,011	BORUC HARTLEY CALDWELL
CBPL	20 OCT	RANGERS	0-3	50,428	BORUC O'DEA CALDWELL
UCL	24 OCT	BENFICA	0-1	35,000	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	27 OCT	MOTHERWELL	3-0	57,633	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CIS	31 OCT R4	HEARTS	0-2	21,492	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	03 NOV	KILMARNOCK	2-1	8,260	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR
UCL	06 NOV	BENFICA	1-0	58,214	BORUC NAYLOR CALDWELL
CBPL	24 NOV	ABERDEEN	3-0	58,350	M BROWN CALDWELL KENNEDY
UCL	28 NOV	SHAKHTAR DONETSK	2-1	59,146	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	01 DEC	HEARTS	1-1	16,454	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY
UCL	04 DEC	AC MILAN	1-1	38,409	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	08 DEC	ST MIRREN	1-1	55,747	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	11 DEC	FALKIRK	4-0	54,291	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	16 DEC	INVERNESS CT	2-3	7,004	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	22 DEC	HIBERNIAN	1-1	58,016	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	26 DEC	DUNDEE UNITED	2-0	12,357	M BROWN CALDWELL BALDE
CBPL	29 DEC	GRETTA	3-0	57,171	BORUC CALDWELL BALDE
SFA	12 JAN	STIRLING ALBION	3-0	32,310	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	19 JAN	KILMARNOCK	1-0	56,618	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	27 JAN	FALKIRK	1-0	6,803	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR
SFA	02 FEB	KILMARNOCK	5-1	6,491	BORUC CADDIS NAYLOR
CBPL	10 FEB	ABERDEEN	5-1	14,651	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	16 FEB	HEARTS	3-0	56,738	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
UCL	20 FEB	BARCELONA	2-3	58,345	BORUC CADDIS CALDWELL
CBPL	24 FEB	ST MIRREN	1-0	7,213	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	27 FEB	INVERNESS CT	2-1	56,787	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	01 MAR	HIBERNIAN	2-0	15,735	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
UCL	04 MAR	BARCELONA	0-1	75,002	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
SFA	09 MAR	ABERDEEN	1-1	10,909	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	12 MAR	DUNDEE UNITED	0-0	45,000	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
SFA	18 MAR	ABERDEEN	0-1	33,506	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	22 MAR	GRETTA	3-0	3,561	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	29 MAR	RANGERS	0-1	50,325	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	05 APR	MOTHERWELL	0-1	58,624	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	13 APR	MOTHERWELL	4-1	9,771	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	16 APR	RANGERS	2-1	58,964	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL
CBPL	19 APR	ABERDEEN			
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>> HALF-TIME QUIZ

- Against which two clubs since the war have Celtic clinched the Scottish League Championship on **THREE** occasions?
- Which five members of the Aberdeen side that won the ECWC in 1983 would later manage sides in the SPL?
- Who remains the only British player to score two hat-tricks in the UEFA Champions League tournament?
- Which club did Celtic defeat to win the 100th Scottish Cup final in 1985?
- Which two English clubs did Neil Lennon play for before returning to Celtic in a coaching capacity?
- On how many occasions did Aberdeen win the Scottish Premier Division under the management of Alex Ferguson?
- Who was the last Celtic player to win a Scottish Cup winner's medal and then an FA Cup winner's medal in England?
- Who is the only Celtic player to have the distinction of winning **ELEVEN** League Championship medals with the club?
- Which Aberdeen player remains the only man to score a Premier Division hat-trick against Celtic at Celtic Park, doing so in February 1983?
- On how many occasions did Celtic win the Glasgow Cup under the management of Jock Stein?
- Which two British sides in the last four years have met on three occasions in the UEFA Champions League semi-final?
- Who was the first non-Scottish player to be the top league goalscorer in a season for Celtic?
- Who is the only British player to be awarded the European Player of the Year title on two occasions?
- Which Aberdeen player holds the record as the oldest man to play in a Scottish Cup final?
- Who are the only two Celts this season to have netted in all three domestic competitions as well as in Europe?



ANSWERS 1. St Mirren 1982, 1986, 2001; Kilmarnock 1969, 2004, 2007; 2. Gordon Strachan (Celtic); Alex McLeish (Rangers); Willie Miller (Aberdeen); Mark McChee & Eric Black (Motherwell); 3. Andy Cole (with Manchester United); 4. Dundee United; 5. Nottingham Forest & Wycombe Wanderers; 6. Three times: 1979/80, 1983/84, 1984/85; 7. Brian McClair; 8. Bobby Lennox; 9. Eric Black; 10. Four times; 11. Liverpool & Chelsea; 12. Andy Payton: 1992/93 (13 goals); 13. Kevin Keegan, 1978 & 1979; 14. Jim Leighton: 1999/2000 (41 years, 9 months); 15. Scott McDonald & Jan Venegoor of Hesselink.

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